

# CURRENT AFFAIRS June 2020 PART 3

## JUNE 17<sup>th</sup> 2020

1. India's 1st natural gas trading platform "Indian Gas Exchange (IGX)" was launched by Dharmendra Pradhan recently. Where is the HQ of IGX located?

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

Answer & Explanation

Answer-4) New Delhi

Explanation:

India's first nationwide online delivery-based natural gas trading platform, "Indian Gas Exchange (IGX)" has been launched by Union Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Dharmendra Pradhan during an e-ceremony (virtual). It has been launched on the lines of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision to provide clean, affordable, sustainable and equitable supply of energy to every citizen. Notably, IGX will work as a wholly owned subsidiary of the India Energy Exchange (IEX), which is India's energy market platform. Headquarters of IGX located in New Delhi.

2. EPFO has launched multi-location claim settlement facility recently. The EPFO functions under which ministry?

- 1) Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
- 2) Ministry of Labour and Employment
- 3) Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises
- 4) Ministry of Finance
- 5) Ministry of Home Affairs

Answer & Explanation

Answer-2) Ministry of Labour and Employment

Explanation:

The Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) under Ministry of Labour and Employment has launched Multi-location claim settlement facility. This new facility has replaced the old using system of geographical jurisdiction for claim process. On current pandemic crisis COVID 19, multi-location claim facility tends to improve service delivery and ensure social security for its more than 6 crore subscribers.

3. Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) launched the 'e-Office' application developed by National Informatics Centre (NIC) recently. CBIC functions under which department of finance ministry?

- 1) Department of Economic Affairs
- 2) Department of Expenditure
- 3) Department of Revenue
- 4) Department of Financial Services
- 5) Department of Investment and Public Asset Management

Answer & Explanation

Answer-3) Department of Revenue

Explanation:

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC), Chairman M. Ajit Kumar launched the 'e-Office' application in over 500 CGST and customs offices across India, on 15th June at New Delhi. The e-Office is a Mission Mode Project(MMP) under the e-Governance of India. e-Office has been developed by the National Informatics Center(NIC), and supported by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG). CBIC functions under Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance.

4. Which state/UT has signed 12 MoUs recently to attract the investment worth Rs 16,030 crores?

- 1) Gujarat
- 2) Tamil Nadu
- 3) Madhya Pradesh
- 4) Jammu & Kashmir

5) Maharashtra

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) Maharashtra

Explanation:

Maharashtra signed 12 Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) with 12 domestic and foreign companies for Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) worth Rs 16,030 crores. It is a part of the Magnetic Maharashtra 2.0 initiative.

5. Manipur government has inaugurated three projects undertaken by the State Public Health Engineering Department recently. Who is the CM of Manipur?

1) Hemant Soren

2) Neiphiu Rio

3) Pema Khandu

4) Sarbananda Sonowal

5) Biren Singh

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) Biren Singh

Explanation:

Manipur Chief Minister (CM) N. Biren Singh inaugurated three projects undertaken by the State Public Health Engineering Department (PHED) through Video Conferencing (VC) from the Chief Minister's Secretariat Imphal.

6. Which state has adopted 'Flatted Factory Model' to ensure the availability of industrial land?

1) Gujarat

2) Tamil Nadu

3) Uttar Pradesh

4) Jammu & Kashmir

5) Maharashtra

Answer & Explanation

Answer-3) Uttar Pradesh

Explanation:

The Uttar Pradesh State Industrial Development Authority (UPSIDA) of the Government of Uttar Pradesh decided to adopt the scheme of Flatted Factory Model, to ensure the availability of industrial land which means that non-polluting industries can operate in Multistoried buildings.

7. Which payments bank has launched 'Suraksha Salary Account' for MSMEs recently?

- 1) India Post Payments Bank
- 2) Jio Payments Bank
- 3) Fino Payments Bank
- 4) Paytm Payments Bank
- 5) Airtel Payments Bank

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) Airtel Payments Bank

Explanation:

Airtel Payments Bank launched 'Suraksha Salary Account' for the micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs). The account will enable the MSMEs & other organisations to make cashless payments & provide financial security to their employees.

8. Central government has infused capital of Rs 5,298 crore to which company/Organisation?

- 1) Export-Import Bank of India (EXIM Bank)
- 2) Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)
- 3) National Housing Bank (NHB)
- 4) Industrial Finance Corporation of India (IFCI)
- 5) India Infrastructure Finance Company Ltd (IIFCL)

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) India Infrastructure Finance Company Ltd (IIFCL)

Explanation:

India Infrastructure Finance Company Limited (IIFCL) announced the government infused equity share capital of Rs 5,297.60 crore in the company on March 30.

9. The FOREX reserve of India crossed \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the 1st time as per RBI data (in June 2020).

- 1) 600 billion
- 2) 450 billion
- 3) 500 billion
- 4) 550 billion
- 5) 400 billion

Answer & Explanation

Answer-3) 500 billion

Explanation:

In accordance with the weekly statistical data released by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), India's foreign reserves crossed the \$500 billion mark as the nation had forex reserves of \$501.7 billion as of June 5, 2020 a rise of \$8.22 billion in a week. India's forex reserves comprise foreign currency assets (FCAs), gold reserves, special drawing rights (SDRs), and India's reserve position with the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

10. Which company has appointed as auditor for the next three years for PM-CARES?

- 1) SARC & Associates
- 2) BDO International
- 3) Ernst & Young
- 4) RSM International
- 5) Price Waterhouse Coopers

Answer & Explanation

Answer-1) SARC & Associates

Explanation:

The Trustees of the Prime Minister's Citizens Assistance and Relief in Emergency Situations (PM CARES) fund appointed SARC & Associates, New Delhi based Chartered Accountants as its auditors for the next three years.

11. Mukhammedkalyi Abylgazyev resigned from the post of Prime minister of Kyrgyzstan recently. What is the capital of Kyrgyzstan?

- 1) Nur-Sultan
- 2) Dushanbe
- 3) Ashgabat
- 4) Tashkent
- 5) Bishkek

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) Bishkek

Explanation:

Kyrgyzstan's Prime Minister Mukhammedkalyi Abylgazyev (52) resigned, amid ongoing criminal investigation into whether the government illegally sold radio frequencies. He was appointed as prime minister by President Sooronbai Jeenbekov after succeeding Sapar Isakov in April 2018. Kyrgyzstan: Capital– Bishkek; Currency– Kyrgyzstani Som.

12. Name the Indian NGO which has won the Biodiversity award 2020 presented by Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation.

- 1) Kutumb Foundation
- 2) Deccan Development Society
- 3) Self Employed Women's Association
- 4) Sayfty social society
- 5) Socio Economic and Educational Development Society

Answer & Explanation

Answer-2) Deccan Development Society

Explanation:

The Deccan Development Society (DDS), Hyderabad Based non-governmental organisation won the Biodiversity award 2020 and a grant of 40000 Euros (approx. Rs. 35 Lakhs) of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation for the contribution of DDS women in rehabilitation of degraded lands and to promote biodiversity.

13. What is India's rank based on number of nuclear warheads present in a country, as per SIPRI Yearbook 2020 (US topped with 5800 nuclear warheads)?

- 1) 3
- 2) 4
- 3) 6
- 4) 5
- 5) 7

Answer & Explanation

Answer-3) 6

Explanation:

In accordance with the "SIPRI Yearbook 2020-Armaments, Disarmament and International Security" of Swedish think tank, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), from 2019 there is an increase in the nuclear weapons stockpile of India and China. The number of nuclear warheads in the Indian arsenal pegged at 150 in comparison to the 2019 report (on the basis of 2018) when India had 130-140. Importantly, in April 2020, SIPRI had identified India as the 3rd largest military spender in the world, behind the United States (US) and China. Following table shows the number of warheads of top rankers (as of January 2020):

Rank	Country	Nuclear Warheads
1	US	5800*
2	Russia	6375
3	UK	215
6	India	150

14. The New Delhi based Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved the acquisition of which among the following company by MacRitchie Investments Pte. Ltd?

- 1) 91Streets Media Technologies Private Limited
- 2) Ascent Health and Wellness Solutions Private Limited
- 3) API Holdings Private Limited
- 4) Both 1) and 2)

5) All the 1), 2) and 3)

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) All the 1), 2) and 3)

Explanation:

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) approves acquisition by MacRitchie Investments Pte.Ltd. (MacRitchie) in 91 Streets Media Technologies Private Limited(91Streets), Ascent Health and Wellness Solutions Private Limited (Ascent) and API Holdings Private Limited (API) under section 31(1) of the competition Act, 2002.

15. The International Day of Family Remittances was observed every year on \_\_\_\_\_.

1) June 18

2) June 21

3) June 24

4) June 22

5) June 16

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) June 16

Explanation:

Every year on June 16 The International Day of Family Remittances (IDFR) is celebrated across the country. The day recognizes the migrants' contributions (about 200 million migrants) to improve their family members (800 million) lives back home & to create a future of hope for their children.

16. When was world wind day observed annually?

1) June 18

2) June 15

3) June 24

4) June 21

5) June 12

Answer & Explanation



Answer-2) June 15

Explanation:

June 15th of every year is observed as Global Wind Day to discover, encourage and create awareness about the renewable natural form of energy and the advantages of the use of wind energy like, reducing emission, improving air quality and generating employment.

17. The 500-year-old submerged temple was found under which river in Odisha recently?

- 1) Mahanadi River
- 2) Brahmani River
- 3) Baitarani River
- 4) Bhargavi River
- 5) Bahuda River

Answer & Explanation

Answer-1) Mahanadi River

Explanation:

Deepak Kumar Nayak, Project Assistant of Indian National Trust for Art & Cultural Heritage (INTACH) with Rabindra Rana, heritage enthusiast of Odisha located the 500-year-old submerged temple in the Mahanadi river near Baidesar in Padmavati area, Cuttack, Odisha.

18. 'Schizothorax sikusirumensis' which was discovered in Arunachal Pradesh recently is a variety of which species?

- 1) Bird
- 2) Turtle
- 3) Fish
- 4) Bat
- 5) Dolphin

Answer & Explanation

Answer-3) Fish

Explanation:

A new species of fish, ‘Schizothorax sikusirumensis’ discovered in Arunachal Pradesh by Dr. Keshav Kumar Jha, Associate Professor & Head, Department of Zoology, Jawaharlal Nehru College, Pasighat. The fish species is from genus Schizothorax.

19. Name the portal which was launched by West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee to help IT professionals.

- 1) Champions
- 2) Udyam Sakhi
- 3) Karmo Bhumi
- 4) Akshay Urja
- 5) Meghasandesha

Answer & Explanation

Answer-3) Karmo Bhumi

Explanation:

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee launched Karmo Bhumi, a job portal to help Information Technology (IT) professionals who have lost their jobs after the outbreak of COVID-19 and returned to the state. The portal will enable them to get employment in the state.

20. Kanha National Park is located in which state?

- 1) Gujarat
- 2) Tamil Nadu
- 3) Madhya Pradesh
- 4) Jammu & Kashmir
- 5) Maharashtra

Answer & Explanation

Answer-3) Madhya Pradesh

Explanation:

The Kanha National Park in Madhya Pradesh, which was shut since March-end due to COVID-19 outbreak, has reopened for tourists recently (June 2020).

21. Which is the first airport in India to deploy a tech-enabled smart automatic irrigation system (SAIS)?

- 1) Devi Ahilya Bai Holkar Airport
- 2) Kempegowda International Airport
- 3) Chandrapur Greenfield Airport
- 4) Kushok Bakula Rimpochee Airport
- 5) Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport

Answer & Explanation

Answer-2) Kempegowda International Airport

Explanation:

A weather-based smart automatic irrigation system (SAIS), a tech-enabled process, has been deployed at Bangalore International Airport (BIAL) to manage its sprawling 100-acre landscape. The BIAL is the first airport in India to deploy a tech-enabled smart irrigation system. The first-of-its-kind system can be controlled from an app on a mobile phone. The SAIS irrigates plants based on the calculation of various parameters, including evapotranspiration (ET), soil moisture and weather conditions, said a press release issued by BIAL, the operator of Kempegowda International Airport.

22. The first population estimation exercise of the Indian Gaur was carried out in Nilgiris forest division. Nilgiris is located in which state?

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

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) Tamil Nadu

Explanation:

Recently, the first population estimation exercise of the Indian Gaur (Bison) was carried out in the Nilgiris Forest Division, Tamil Nadu. World Wide Fund for

Nature India assisted the exercise and highlighted that there are estimated 2,000 Indian gaurs across the division.

23. Keibul Lamjao National Park is located in which state?

- 1) Meghalaya
- 2) Nagaland
- 3) Mizoram
- 4) Assam
- 5) Manipur

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) Manipur

Explanation:

The Keibul Lamjao National Park is a national park in the Bishnupur district of the state of Manipur in India. It is 40 km<sup>2</sup> in area, the only floating park in the world, located in North East India, and an integral part of Loktak Lake.

24. Where is the HQ of International Criminal Court located?

- 1) London
- 2) Geneva
- 3) Hague
- 4) Budapest
- 5) Rome

Answer & Explanation

Answer-3) Hague

Explanation:

US president Donald Trump authorized sanctions against International Criminal Court (ICC) officials involved in investigations into possible war crimes by US troops or those of its allies recently. The HQ of ICC located at Hague, Netherlands.



25. Where is the HQ of International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) located?

- 1) Rome
- 2) Hague
- 3) Geneva
- 4) New York
- 5) Vienna

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) Vienna

Explanation:

The UN nuclear watchdog's governing body began meeting on Monday as a row brews over Iran's refusal to allow access to two sites where nuclear activity may have occurred in the past. The Vienna-based International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) expressed "serious concern" in a report earlier this month that Iran has been blocking inspections at the sites.

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1. India extended financial aid of Rs. 2.33 Cr to construct sanitation facility in Pashupatinath temple located in which country?

- 1) Tibet
- 2) Bhutan
- 3) Burma
- 4) Nepal
- 5) Sri Lanka

Answer & Explanation

Answer-4) Nepal

Explanation:

India has extended its financial aid by NR (Nepalese rupee) 37.23 million for the construction of the sanitation facility for the pilgrims at the Pashupatinath Temple in Kathmandu, Nepal. With this the total outlay of the project reaches Rs 2.33 crore which will be constructed under the Nepal-Bharat Maitri: Development Partnership as a high impact community development scheme by India.

2. Sports ministry planned to establish Khelo India State Centres of Excellence (KISCE) under the Khelo India Scheme to enhance India's performance in Olympics. Who is the present Youth Affairs & Sports minister?

- 1) Santosh Kumar Gangwar
- 2) Kiren Rijiju
- 3) Rao Inderjit Singh
- 4) Raj Kumar Singh
- 5) Shripad Yesso Naik

Answer & Explanation

Answer-2) Kiren Rijiju

Explanation:

The Sports Ministry prepared to establish Khelo India State Centres of Excellence(KISCE) under the Khelo India Scheme and identified 8 state owned

sports facilities to upgrade as KISCE. Kiren Rijju is the present Youth affairs & Sports minister.

3. Andhra Pradesh's (AP) finance minister has presented the state budget for Rs 2.24 lakh crore for the FY 20-21 recently. Who is the governor of AP?

- 1) Banwarilal Purohit
- 2) Ramesh Bais
- 3) BiswaBhusanHarichandan
- 4) Anandiben Patel
- 5) TamilsaiSoundararajan

Answer & Explanation

Answer-3) BiswaBhusanHarichandan

Explanation:

Finance Minister of Andhra Pradesh (AP) BugganaRajendranath presented the AP state budget for Rs 2.24 lakh crore for the FY20-21. With this, AP became the first Indian state to convene its Legislative Assembly and Council which will adopt a budget for FY21 amid the Covid-19 pandemic. Apart from this, AP Governor BiswabhusanHarichandan addressed the Assembly through video conference, which is also another first for the country.

4. The Serum Institute of India has signed agreement with UNICEF & GAVI to supply Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV) to low income countries. Where is SII located?

- 1) Pune
- 2) Gurugram
- 3) Hyderabad
- 4) Noida
- 5) New Delhi

Answer & Explanation

Answer-1) Pune

Explanation:



The Pune based Serum Institute of India(SII), leading manufacturer of immunobiological drugs and vaccines signs a new supply agreement with United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and Vaccine alliance Gavi's procurement partner to supply Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine(PCV) to low income countries all over the world.

5. India has joined an initiative namely Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (GPAI) recently as a founding member. GPAI will be supported by Secretariat, to be hosted by which organisation?

- 1) World Trade Organization (WTO)
- 2) World Health Organization (WHO)
- 3) United Nations Organization (UNO)
- 4) Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)
- 5) International Labour Organization (ILO)

Answer & Explanation

Answer-4) Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)

Explanation:

India has joined the first-of-its-type initiative namely Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (GPAI) as a founding member to support responsible and human-centric development and use of Artificial Intelligence (AI). With this, India became the 15th founding member of GPAI which also include the United States (US), the United Kingdom (UK), European Union (EU), Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, Republic of Korea, Slovenia, and Singapore for launch of GPAI. GPAI will be supported by a Secretariat, to be hosted by Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) in Paris, France as well as by two Centers of Expertise- one each in Montreal, Canada and Paris.



6. How many people fell into acute food insecurity (approx) since February 2020 as per Rome based FAO report?

- 1) 20 million
- 2) 55 million
- 3) 40 million
- 4) 45 million
- 5) 30 million

Answer & Explanation

Answer-4) 45 million

Explanation:

According to the report titled “Policy Brief: The Impact of COVID-19 on Food Security and Nutrition” released by Italy based Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), around 45 million people were fall into acute food insecurity since February 2020 due to of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, of which a majority of 33 million people reside in South and Southeast Asia, and most of the remainder in Sub-Saharan Africa.

7. Name the unmanned submersible of China which has dived to the world’s deepest ocean point.

- 1) Falcon-1
- 2) Dong Fang-1
- 3) Tianlian-1
- 4) Ziyuan-1
- 5) Haidou-1

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) Haidou-1

Explanation:

China’s unmanned submersible named ‘Haidou-1’ has dived to a depth of 10,907 metres at the world’s deepest ocean point in pacific-ocean, setting a new record for the country during which samples from the deep sea and high-definition images of the geological environment were collected.

8. The 1st ever distribution of assistive aids & devices to divyangjan held through virtual platform under ADIP Scheme recently. The ADIP scheme is initiative of which ministry?

- 1) Ministry of Home Affairs
- 2) Ministry of Health and Family Affairs
- 3) Ministry of Social justice and Empowerment
- 4) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- 5) Ministry of Panchayat Raj

Answer & Explanation

Answer-3) Ministry of Social justice and Empowerment

Explanation:

In this endeavor adopting all the preventive measures, a Virtual ADIP Camp for free distribution of assistive aids and devices at Block level for Divyangjans under the Assistance to Disabled persons for purchasing / fitting of aids / appliances (ADIP) scheme of Government of India was organized at Talwandi Bhai Block of Firozpur District in Punjab today. This is the first camp being organized by the ALIMCO under DEPwD, M/o Social Justice and Empowerment under the ADIP Scheme of the Government of India after opening of lockdown with the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) approved by the Government of India. ADIP Scheme is one of the major initiative of the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India.

9. Which bank has approved to provide 2nd loan of \$750 million to India under COVID-19 Crisis Recovery Facility (CRF)?

- 1) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)
- 2) New Development Bank (NDB)
- 3) Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- 4) World Bank (WB)
- 5) None of these

Answer & Explanation

Answer-1) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)

Explanation:

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank(AIIB) approved a 2nd loan of USD 750 million to India under the bank's USD 10 billion COVID-19 Crisis Recovery Facility(CRF); this loan is co-financed by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to assist India to fight against COVID-19 & its impact on poor. The loan aims to strengthen India's economic aid for businesses, expand social safety nets for the needy & the health care systems.

10. Name the Insurance company which has collaborated with tech firm TropoGo Limited to launch India's 1st 'Pay as you Fly' insurance for drone-owners.

- 1) Reliance General Insurance Co. Ltd.
- 2) L&T General Insurance Co. Ltd.
- 3) HDFC ERGO General Insurance Co. Ltd.
- 4) Future Generali India Insurance Co. Ltd.
- 5) Tata AIG General Insurance Co. Ltd.

Answer & Explanation

Answer-3) HDFC ERGO General Insurance Co. Ltd.

Explanation:

HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company, the country's third-largest non-life insurance provider has joined hands with UK based tech firm TropoGo Limited to launch India's 1st 'Pay as you Fly' insurance for drone-owners in India.

11. Who headed the panel formed by SEBI to suggest measures to strengthen enforcement of SEBI?

- 1) Amit Kumar
- 2) Anil Dave
- 3) TN Manoharan
- 4) KD Mishra
- 5) Tapan Roy

Answer & Explanation

Answer-2) Anil Dave

Explanation:

In order to strengthen the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBIs) enforcement mechanism and also to improve its system of recovery of siphoned off money, the SEBI committee headed by former Supreme Court Judge Anil Dave has proposed a method of quantification of profit made by the defaulter and loss caused to investors in a 424-page exhaustive report.

12. NABARD has made its maiden investment in Mumbai-based rural fintech startup Jai Kisan recently. Where is the HQ of NABARD located?

- 1) Pune
- 2) Hyderabad
- 3) Mumbai
- 4) Kolkata
- 5) Gurugram

Answer & Explanation

Answer-3) Mumbai

Explanation:

NABVENTURES Fund I, the investment arm of Mumbai based NABARD, has made its maiden investment in Mumbai-based rural fintech startup Jai Kisan as part of a ₹30 crore funding round.

13. Which company has signed Climate pledge (initiative Amazon and Global Optimism) to become Net-Zero carbon by 2040?

- 1) TCS
- 2) IBM
- 3) Infosys
- 4) CTS
- 5) Capgemini

Answer & Explanation

Answer-3) Infosys

Explanation:

Infosys partnered with Amazon and Global Optimism and signed the Climate Pledge, an initiative by Jeff Bezos, founder of Amazon and Christiana Figueres,

founder of Global Optimism and former United Nations Climate chief to become net-zero carbon by 2040, ten years ahead of the Paris Agreement.

14. Find the Indian start-ups which were part of the List of Technology Pioneers of 2020, released by the World Economic Forum (WEF)?

- 1) Stellapps
- 2) Zestmoney
- 3) Snapdeal
- 4) Both 1) and 2)
- 5) Both 1) and 3)

Answer & Explanation

Answer-4) Both 1) and 2)

Explanation:

Two Indian startups Stellapps and Zestmoney were featured in the List of Technology Pioneers of 2020, released by the World Economic Forum(WEF) which consist of pioneers addressing the global issues with advanced technologies.

15. Name the BCCI's 1st ombudsman who has got 1-year extension as ethics officer and Ombudsman.

- 1) PK Mishra
- 2) VK Singh
- 3) Tarun Vijay
- 4) RS Chaudhary
- 5) DK Jain

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) DK Jain

Explanation:

The tenure of former supreme court judge DK Jain as the ethics officer and ombudsman of Board of Control for Cricket in India(BCCI) got a 1year extension in June 2020 due to the current covid-19 situation. He was the first-ever ombudsman of BCCI appointed by the supreme court in February 2019.

16. What is India's rank in largest recipient of FDI in 2019 as per "World Investment Report 2020" released by UNCTAD (US topped)?

- 1) 7
- 2) 8
- 3) 9
- 4) 6
- 5) 5

Answer & Explanation

Answer-3) 9

Explanation:

In accordance with the "World Investment Report 2020" by United Nation's (UN) trade body, the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), India has become the 9th largest recipient of foreign direct investment (FDI) in 2019 after receiving \$51 billion last year.

Rank	Country	Amount
1	United States (US)	246 bn
2	China	141 bn
3	Singapore	92 bn
9	India	51 bn

17. Which country ranked top in World Competitiveness Index 2020 prepared by International Institute for Management and Development (IMD) (India – 43rd)?

- 1) Iceland
- 2) Morocco
- 3) Switzerland
- 4) Denmark
- 5) Singapore

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) Singapore

Explanation:

According to the World Competitiveness Index 2020, which ranked performance of 63 economies across the globe, prepared by Switzerland-based International

Institute for Management and Development (IMD)'s World Competitiveness Center (WCC), the Indian economy remained at 43rd position this year.

Rank Country Name

43rd India

- 1 Singapore
- 2 Denmark
- 3 Switzerland

18. Which zone of Indian Railways has installed an Automated Ticket Checking & Managing Access (ATMA) machine recently in Nagpur station?

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

Answer & Explanation

Answer-4) Central Zone

Explanation:

Indian Railways' Central Railway zone has installed an Automated Ticket Checking & Managing Access(ATMA) machine, 1st of its kind at Nagpur station. The machine has been introduced at the station under the New, Innovative Non-Fare Revenue Ideas Scheme(NINFRIS) policy to prevent transmission of COVID-19.

19. The 4th edition of Asian youth para games is going to be held in which country in December 2021?

- 1) China
- 2) Nepal
- 3) Japan
- 4) India
- 5) Bahrain

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) Bahrain

Explanation:

The Asian Paralympic Committee(APC) announced that the 4th Asian Youth Para Games will take place in Bahrain from December(1-10) 2021. The event will be organised in partnership with the National Paralympic Committee(NPC) of Bahrain with the support of the local government.

20. Who authored the book titled ‘Klara and the Sun’?

- 1) Kazuo Ishiguro
- 2) Bob Dylan
- 3) Alice Munro
- 4) Peter Handke
- 5) Olga Tokerczuk

Answer & Explanation

Answer-1) Kazuo Ishiguro

Explanation:

Nobel Prize winner(2017) Kazuo Ishiguro(Japan born british author) will release his new novel ‘Klara and the Sun’ & will be published by Faber & Faber in the United Kingdom, Alfred A. Knopf in the United States and Knopf in Canada on March 2, 2021. This is the first novel by him since he was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature.

21. Raj Mohan Vohra who passed away in June 2020 is a renowned \_\_\_\_\_.

- 1) Actor
- 2) Army Personnel
- 3) Painter
- 4) Architect
- 5) Minimalist

Answer & Explanation

Answer-2) Army Personnel

Explanation:



MahaVir Chakra(MVC) awardee, Lieutenant general (Lt Gen) Raj Mohan Vohra passed away at 88 due to COVID-19. He was born in 1932 in Shimla.He received the MVC in 1972 for his role in the Battle of Basantar(Part of 1971 India-Pakistan war). He also received the Param VishishtSeva Medal.

22. Achyut Kashinath Sinai Usgaonkar who is in news in June 2020 is a renowned \_\_\_\_\_.

- 1) Actor
- 2) Sand Artist
- 3) Painter
- 4) Poet
- 5) Politician

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) Politician

Explanation:

Former Goa, Daman & Diu Cabinet Minister Achyut Kashinath Sinai Usgaonkar, passed away at 92 in the Goa Medical College and Hospital (located near Panaji) due to age-related ailments.

23. When was the World day to combat desertification and drought observed annually?

- 1) June 20
- 2) June 18
- 3) June 17
- 4) June 21
- 5) June 19

Answer & Explanation

Answer-3) June 17

Explanation:

June 17th of every year since 1995 is observed as the World day to combat desertification and drought to educate the general public on the international efforts to fight against desertification and to promote the United Nations Convention to

Combat Desertification's (UNCCDs) motto "Healthy land = Healthy people". The theme of World day to combat desertification and drought 2020 is "Food. Feed. Fibre. – the link between consumption and land".

24. IM Vijayan who is in news recently is associated with which sport?

- 1) Kabaddi
- 2) Wrestling
- 3) Hockey
- 4) Cricket
- 5) Football

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) Football

Explanation:

The All India Football Federation (AIFF) has recommended former India captain IM Vijayan for Padma Shri, the country's fourth highest civilian award. The 51-year-old former striker, who scored 40 goals in 79 matches for India since making his debut in early 90s, won the Arjuna award in 2003.

25. Grand Anicut dam is located in which state?

- 1) Karnataka
- 2) Tamil Nadu
- 3) Andhra Pradesh
- 4) Kerala
- 5) Telangana

Answer & Explanation

Answer-2) Tamil Nadu

Explanation:

The Grand Anicut Dam, on the Cauvery river, near Trichy, was formally declared open by Tamilnadu to ensure adequate availability of water for mitigating close to three and a half lakh hectares of farm land in the Delta region.

26. Christian Coleman who is in news recently is associated with which sport event?

- 1) Shot Put
- 2) Wrestling
- 3) Weightlifting
- 4) 100m running
- 5) Javelin Throw

Answer & Explanation

Answer-4) 100m running

Explanation:

Reigning world 100 meters champion Christian Coleman is facing a two-year suspension after revealing he missed a drugs test.

27. Where is the HQ of OECD located?

- 1) London
- 2) Vienna
- 3) Paris
- 4) Geneva
- 5) Rome

Answer & Explanation

Answer-3) Paris

Explanation:

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

28. The HQ of Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank(AIIB) located at?

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

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) Beijing

Explanation:

The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) is a multilateral development bank headquartered at Beijing, China.

## CURRENT AFFAIRS June 2020 PART 3

### JUNE 19<sup>th</sup> 2020

1. What is the percent increase in formal employment in India in 2019-20 compared to 2018-19 as per EPFO payroll data?

- 1) 21.8%
- 2) 30.7%
- 3) 23.4%
- 4) 28.6%
- 5) 25.2%

Answer & Explanation

Answer-4) 28.6%

Explanation:

According to the payroll data of EPFO (Employees' Provident Fund Organization), an organization tasked to assist the Central Board of Trustees, Employees' Provident Fund, the formal employment in India saw a 28.6 % increase at 78.58 lakh in 2019-20 as compared to only 61.12 lakh added in 2018-19.

2. Which state has observed Mask day on June 18, 2020?

- 1) Karnataka
- 2) Tamil Nadu
- 3) Andhra Pradesh
- 4) Maharashtra
- 5) Gujarat

Answer & Explanation

Answer-1) Karnataka

Explanation:

BS Yediyurappa, Chief Minister of Karnataka announced that Karnataka will observe 18th June 2020, as “Mask Day” to create awareness to the general public on the importance of wearing a mask, using sanitizers, washing hands and maintaining social distancing against COVID-19.

3. Which state/UT has changed the name of Agriculture Production Department to Agriculture Production & Farmers Welfare Department?

- 1) Puducherry
- 2) Manipur
- 3) Jammu & Kashmir
- 4) Assam
- 5) Goa

Answer & Explanation

Answer-3) Jammu & Kashmir

Explanation:

The Jammu & Kashmir Administration approved the Agriculture Production Department’s proposal to change its nomenclature to “Agriculture Production & Farmers Welfare Department” and announced new rules for appointments to various posts.

4. Name the state which issues ordinance to defer payment of employees & pensioners.

- 1) Telangana
- 2) Haryana
- 3) Uttar Pradesh
- 4) Maharashtra
- 5) Manipur

Answer & Explanation

Answer-1) Telangana

Explanation:

The state Government of Telangana has promulgated the Telangana Disaster and Public Health Emergency (Special Provisions) Ordinance 2020 which allowed it to defer salaries and pensions of its employees, pensioner, institution, any person (ready contract or outsourcing employees) and other dues in the event of disaster and public health emergency in the State.

5. India become the non-permanent member of UNSC for \_\_\_\_\_ term recently for the period of 2021-2022.

- 1) 5th
- 2) 8th
- 3) 3rd
- 4) 7th
- 5) 11th

Answer & Explanation

Answer-2) 8th

Explanation:

India was elected unopposed for an 8th term as a non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) for two years (2021-22) starting January 2021 by gaining 184 votes in the 193-member General Assembly. Along with India, Mexico, Ireland and Norway were also elected. India was the only candidate for the lone seat from the Asia-Pacific category.

6. What will be the objective of India during its tenure in UNSC (2021-22)?

- 1) SORTS
- 2) NORMS
- 3) 3T
- 4) 5R
- 5) PICK

Answer & Explanation

Answer-2) NORMS

Explanation:

India's overall objective during this tenure in the UN Security Council will be the achievement of N.O.R.M.S: New Orientation for a Reformed Multilateral System.

7. RBI proposed to increase minimum Net owned funds (NOF) of Housing finance companies from 10 Crores to \_\_\_\_\_ Crores.

- 1) 15
- 2) 25
- 3) 20
- 4) 30
- 5) 50

Answer & Explanation

Answer-3) 20

Explanation:

In exercise of powers conferred under Section 29A (1) (b) of NHB Act, 1987, RBI proposes to increase the minimum NOF for HFCs from the current requirement of Rs10 crore to Rs 20 crore in order to strengthen their capital base. Existing HFCs will get one year to reach the level of Rs 15 crore and two years to increase it to Rs 20 crore.

8. As per SEBI's recent amendment, promoters who own 25% or more and voting rights are allowed to increase shareholding up to \_\_\_\_\_% in a year.

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

Answer & Explanation

Answer-4) 10

Explanation:

After exercising the powers conferred under section 30 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992 (15 of 1992), the board of SEBI has amended the regulation 3, in sub-regulation (2) of Securities and Exchange Board of India

(Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) Regulations, 2011 (SEBI-SAST) to enhance the acquisition limit for promoters of a listed company. The amendment allows promoters owning 25% or more of the shares or voting rights in a company to increase his shareholding by up to 10% in a year in comparison to the earlier 5% limit.

9. Name the home finance company which launched affordable housing loan scheme named 'SARAL'.

- 1) ICICI Home Finance Company Limited
- 2) Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Limited
- 3) REPCO Home Finance Limited
- 4) Aadhar Housing Finance Limited
- 5) Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited

Answer & Explanation

Answer-1) ICICI Home Finance Company Limited

Explanation:

ICICI Home Finance Company Limited (HFCL) launched SARAL, a special affordable housing loan scheme to finance homes in urban and rural areas. The beneficiaries are women, lower, middle income customers and economically weaker sections, with a maximum household income up to Rs 6 lakh per annum.

10. Bank of Baroda (BoB) planned to fully digitalize lending operations & to create a new vertical 'digital lending department'. Who is the MD & CEO of BoB?

- 1) Sanjiv Chadha
- 2) Hasmukh Adhia
- 3) Atanu Kumar Das
- 4) Lingam Venkat Prabhakar
- 5) Pallav Mahapatra

Answer & Explanation

Answer-1) Sanjiv Chadha

Explanation:



Bank of Baroda, India's 3rd largest lender to fully digitise its lending operations including home, agriculture, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), personal and auto loans. The bank has set up a new vertical, digital lending department at the corporate office, which will have substantial overlap with various credit verticals including Retail, MSME, Agri & service verticals like Analytics centre, Risk Management, Marketing. BoB MD & CEO is Sanjiv Chadha.

11. The Housing Finance Company's housing loans must account for at least 50% of HFCs' assets of which at least \_\_\_% should be individual housing loans. The HFCs which doesn't follow the criterion will be treated as NBFC – Investment and Credit Companies (NBFC-ICCs).

- 1) 90
- 2) 80
- 3) 25
- 4) 50
- 5) 75

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) 75

Explanation:

In another proposal, housing loans must account for at least 50% of HFCs' assets of which at least 75% should be towards individual housing loans. HFCs which do not fulfil this criterion will be treated as NBFC – Investment and Credit Companies (NBFC-ICCs) and will be required to approach the RBI for conversion of their Certificate of Registration from HFC to NBFC-ICC. In order to remain working as HFC, they would have to follow a roadmap to make 75% of their assets individual housing loans. The target has been set at 60% by March 31, 2022, 70% by March 31, 2023, and 75% by March 31, 2024.

12. Which company has partnered with Karnataka bank to launch a health insurance policy to cover COVID-19?

- 1) United India Insurance Company Limited
- 2) The Oriental Insurance Company Limited

- 3) The New India Assurance Company Limited
- 4) Universal Sompo General Insurance Company
- 5) TATA AIG General Insurance Company Limited

Answer & Explanation

Answer-4) Universal Sompo General Insurance Company

Explanation:

Karnataka Bank in partnership with Universal Sompo General Insurance Company has launched a health insurance policy. The policy aims to cover the individuals' COVID-19 pandemic related health expenses.

13. Find the insurance company which has collaborated with East Consultancy Services to offer Aadhaar-based paperless offline e-KYC service.

- 1) Life Insurance Corporation of India
- 2) Max Life Insurance Company
- 3) HDFC Life Insurance Company
- 4) ICICI Prudential Life Insurance
- 5) Tata AIA Life Insurance Company

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) Tata AIA Life Insurance Company

Explanation:

Tata AIA Life Insurance partnered with East Consultancy Services to offer Aadhaar-based paperless offline e-Know Your Customer (KYC) service. This tie up helps to service the customer during the COVID-19 pandemic crisis.

14. Who has been elected as the President of 75th UN General Assembly (1st person from Turkey to become UNGA president)?

- 1) María Fernanda
- 2) Tijjani Muhammad-Bande
- 3) Peter Thomson
- 4) Miroslav Lajčák
- 5) Volkan Bozkir

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) Volkan Bozkir

Explanation:

Volkan Bozkir (69) from Turkey was elected as the president of the 75th United Nations (UN) General Assembly. He is the 1st Turkish to hold this post. He will hold the post for 1 year. Volkan Bozkir will succeed Tijjani Muhammad-Bande when the annual session opens on September 15, 2020.

15. Kubatbek Boronov was appointed as the president of which country?

- 1) Uzbekistan
- 2) Tajikistan
- 3) Kyrgyzstan
- 4) Pakistan
- 5) Kazakhstan

Answer & Explanation

Answer-3) Kyrgyzstan

Explanation:

Kubatbek Boronov (55) was appointed as Kyrgyzstan's Prime Minister. Kyrgyzstan's President Sooronbai Jeenbekov signed an order to appoint him. He succeeded Mukhammedkalyi Abylgazyev who resigned on June 15 following accusations of corruption.

16. Which edition of Academy awards (Oscar) scheduled on February 2021 was postponed to April 2021?

- 1) 87th
- 2) 88th
- 3) 91st
- 4) 93rd
- 5) 97th

Answer & Explanation

Answer-4) 93rd

Explanation:

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences on Monday announced that the 93rd Academy Awards, originally scheduled for February 28, 2021, has been pushed back to April 25 of the same year due to coronavirus concerns. This is the first time in 40 years that the ceremony is being rescheduled.

17. The scientists of NASA has observed 5th state of matter for the 1st time in space (Published in Journal Nature). What is the 5th state of matter?

- 1) Solid
- 2) Liquid
- 3) Gas
- 4) Plasma
- 5) BEC

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) BEC

Explanation:

According to the research published in the journal Nature, a team of scientists at NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration)'s Cold Atom Lab (CAL), have found for the first time in space the evidence of 'Fifth State of Matter' (also known as Bose-Einstein condensates (BEC)). This special state of matter occurs when the atoms of some elements are cooled to absolute zero (0 Kelvin or  $-273.15^{\circ}$  C).

18. Who authored the novel titled 'A Burning'?

- 1) Mirza Waheed
- 2) Nikita Lalwani
- 3) Sujatha Gidla
- 4) Megha Majumdar
- 5) Neel Mukherjee

Answer & Explanation

Answer-4) Megha Majumdar

Explanation:

The Penguin Hamish Hamilton released the “A Burning”, debut novel of Megha Majumdar. The 32-year-old New York’s writer who was born and raised in Kolkata. The book is about the lives of three characters, Tommy Orange, Yaa Gyasi and Jhumpa Lahiri who want to rise to the middle class, to political power, to gain fame in the film industry and how their lives changed in Indian society.

19. Former lok sabha MP, Madhavrao Balwant Patil who passed away recently is the founder of which bank?

- 1) Cosmos Cooperative Bank
- 2) Janalaxmi Cooperative Bank
- 3) Saraswath Cooperative Bank
- 4) Shamravu Vithal Cooperative Bank
- 5) Abhudyaya Cooperative Bank

Answer & Explanation

Answer-2) Janalaxmi Cooperative Bank

Explanation:

Madhavrao Balwant Patil, Former Lok Sabha Member and the founder of Janalaxmi Cooperative Bank passed away due to short illness at the age of 80 in Nashik, Maharashtra. He was born on 21st January 1940 in Nashik, Maharashtra.

20. When was sustainable gastronomy day observed annually?

- 1) June 15
- 2) June 27
- 3) June 18
- 4) June 24
- 5) June 21

Answer & Explanation

Answer-3) June 18

Explanation:

June 18th of every year is observed as the sustainable gastronomy day to celebrate seasonal ingredients and producers, preserve wildlife and culinary traditions. On this day, The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

(UNESCO), the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and United Nations General Assembly(UNGA) facilitate the day in collaboration with the United Nations(UN) organizations and their member states with other international organizations works to create an awareness to the general public on their contribution in sustainable development.

21. The Autistic pride day was observed on June 18 every year. Which symbol represents neurodiversity?

- 1) Red hands
- 2) Rainbow infinity
- 3) Green Rolls
- 4) Pink ribbon
- 5) Blue tie

Answer & Explanation

Answer-2) Rainbow infinity

Explanation:

June 18th of Every year is celebrated as the Autistic Pride Day to create awareness about Autism and to create space for the people with autism to be themselves and celebrate their neurodiversity and differences. In 2005, the first autistic pride day was celebrated in Brazil by the Aspies for Freedom (AFF) created by Gareth & Amy Nelson and became a global event. A rainbow infinity symbol is used to represent neurodiversity which symbolizes the infinite possibilities in the lives of autistic people.

22. Jim Corbett national park is located in which state?

- 1) Assam
- 2) West Bengal
- 3) Arunachal Pradesh
- 4) Maharashtra
- 5) Uttarakhand

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) Uttarakhand

Explanation:

Corbett National Park in Uttarakhand is set to reopen for the public after coronavirus outbreak.

23. What is the number of permanent countries present in UNSC?

- 1) 15
- 2) 7
- 3) 10
- 4) 5
- 5) 11

Answer & Explanation

Answer-4) 5

Explanation:

The Security Council is the only UN body that can make legally binding decisions like imposing sanctions and authorizing the use of force. This 15-member council has 5 permanent veto-wielding members and 10 non-permanent members. Permanent members– China, France, Russian Federation, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

24. What is the capital and currency of Turkey?

- 1) Damascus & Pound
- 2) Ankara & Lira
- 3) Tehran & Rial
- 4) Athens & Euro
- 5) Tripoli & Dinar

Answer & Explanation

Answer-2) Ankara & Lira

Explanation:

The capital and currency of Turkey are Ankara and Turkish Lira.

25. When was world crocodile day observed annually?

- 1) June 15
- 2) June 27
- 3) June 18
- 4) June 17
- 5) June 21

Answer & Explanation

Answer-4) June 17

Explanation:

World Crocodile Day is celebrated on 17th June. The day is a global awareness campaign to highlight the plight of endangered crocodiles and alligators around the world. The habitat of crocodile found in Odisha's Bhitarkanika National Park & West Bengal's Sundarbans.

26. M Chinnaswamy Stadium is located in which state?

- 1) Karnataka
- 2) Tamil Nadu
- 3) Andhra Pradesh
- 4) Maharashtra
- 5) Gujarat

Answer & Explanation

Answer-1) Karnataka

Explanation:

The M. Chinnaswamy Stadium is a cricket stadium located in Bangalore, Karnataka.



# CURRENT AFFAIRS June 2020 PART 3

## JUNE 20<sup>th</sup> 2020

1. PM Narendra Modi has launched the two stage electronic auction of 41 coal blocks for commercial mining recently. The e-auction was initiated by Coal ministry in association with which organization?

- 1) Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI)
- 2) Electronic Component Industries Association (ELCINA)
- 3) National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM)
- 4) Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)
- 5) Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM)

Answer & Explanation

Answer-1) Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI)

Explanation:

On the lines of the announcement made by the Central government under the 20 Lakh crore Aatma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan, on June 18, 2020, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched the two stage electronic auction of 41 coal blocks for commercial mining through video-conference. The process of this e-auction was initiated by the Ministry of Coal in association with FICCI as an industry partner under the provisions of Coal Mines (Special Provisions) Act, 2015 and Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957. It should be noted that this auction has opened India's coal sector for private players.

2. Who heads the project management cell formed by Ministry of New & Renewable Energy to attract investment in green energy sector?

- 1) Sangita Reddy
- 2) Anil Kumar Jain
- 3) Amitesh Kumar Sinha
- 4) Ravi Shankar Nanjundiah
- 5) Renu Swarup

Answer & Explanation

Answer-3) Amitesh Kumar Sinha

Explanation:

The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) has set up a Project Development Cell (PDC) under its joint secretary Amitesh Kumar Sinha to attract investment in clean energy, especially in the solar sector.

3. Which state has provided most number of employment under MGNREGA as per government data released on June 15, 2020?

- 1) Jharkhand
- 2) Odisha
- 3) Bihar
- 4) Rajasthan
- 5) Uttar Pradesh

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) Uttar Pradesh

Explanation:

In accordance with the official government data, on June 15, 2020, Uttar Pradesh (UP) has provided employment to 57,12,975 workers in 56,981 village panchayats of the state under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), making it the top Indian state to provide highest employment under MGNREGS. This employment is 18% of the total work generated under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) in the country.

4. As per India's 1st report on climate crisis titled "Assessment of climate change over the Indian region" prepared with the support of Earth science ministry, what is the increase in average temperature of India during the period 1901-2018 (in °C)?

- 1) 0.7
- 2) 1.1
- 3) 4.4
- 4) 3.5
- 5) 2.8

Answer & Explanation

Answer-1) 0.7

Explanation:

India released its first national report on the state of the climate crisis titled “Assessment of climate change over the Indian region” prepared with the support of the Ministry of Earth Science(MoES) and edited by the scientists of the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology(IITM), Pune. Note: This report is published as an open access book by Spring Nature. The average temperature of India has raised by 0.7 degree celsius in 1901 – 2018 due to the emission of greenhouse gases(GHG) and projected to rise by 2.7 degree Celsius by 2099 in the best care scenario and in the worst case scenario a rise will 4.4 degree Celsius.

5. Union minister Harsh Vardhan has launched India’s 1st I-Lab mobile diagnostic unit for testing COVID-19. The lab is created by which company with the support of Department of Biotechnology?

- 1) Polymed Medical Devices
- 2) Transasia Bio-Medicals Ltd.
- 3) Lotus Surgicals Limited
- 4) Andhra Pradesh Med-tech Zone
- 5) Trivitron Healthcare

Answer & Explanation

Answer-4) Andhra Pradesh Med-tech Zone

Explanation:

In order to provide COVID-19 testing access to rural inaccessible areas of India, the Minister for Science & Technology, Earth Sciences and Health & Family Welfare Harsh Vardhan inaugurated and flagged off India’s first I-Lab (Infectious disease diagnostic lab) from New Delhi as a part of DBT-AMTZ COMManD [COVID Medtech Manufacturing Development] Consortia. I-Lab is a mobile testing facility that has been created by the Andhra Pradesh Med-tech Zone (AMTZ) team with the support of Department of Biotechnology (DBT) under the National Biopharma Mission being implemented by the Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC).

6. Which state/UT has launched 'First Bell' initiative for online classes in the state schools?

- 1) Kerala
- 2) Tamil Nadu
- 3) Goa
- 4) Assam
- 5) Punjab

Answer & Explanation

Answer-1) Kerala

Explanation:

Classes for State school students, under the name First Bell, will get under way on June 1 through the KITE Victers channel and other online mechanisms. The Kerala Infrastructure and Technology for Education (KITE) has brought out the timetable for conducting the classes.

7. Tata Power signed agreement with which state to develop 100 MW solar project?

- 1) Telangana
- 2) Uttarakhand
- 3) Madhya Pradesh
- 4) Maharashtra
- 5) Bihar

Answer & Explanation

Answer-4) Maharashtra

Explanation:

Tata Power Renewable Energy Limited (TPREL) has received a letter of award from Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Co Ltd. (MSEDCL) to develop a 100 MW solar project in Maharashtra.

8. India will hold the presidency of United Nations Security Council (UNSC) during which month of the year 2021?

- 1) August
- 2) November
- 3) September
- 4) December
- 5) July

Answer & Explanation

Answer-1) August

Explanation:

India will serve as the president of the United Nation Security Council (15-Member) for the month of August 2021, which has been elected as a non-permanent member of the Security Council for two years (2021-22). Following the English alphabetical order of the member states' names, the presidency of the Council is held by each of the members in turn for one month.

9. The central government has approved to provide fund of Rs 1,829 for implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission for which state?

- 1) Telangana
- 2) Uttarakhand
- 3) Madhya Pradesh
- 4) Maharashtra
- 5) Bihar

Answer & Explanation

Answer-4) Maharashtra

Explanation:

The Centre has approved funding of 1,829 crore rupees for the effective implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission in Maharashtra for 2020-21 on the basis of the Annual Action Plan (AAP) for 2020-21 presented by Maharashtra to the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation. Also Rs 1,189.40 Crore was allocated for Karnataka & 156.61 Crore Tripura in FY 2020-21.

10. India's economy will contract by \_\_\_\_\_ in 2020-21 as per estimation of Asian Development Bank in its report titled Asian Development Outlook.

- 1) 4%
- 2) 5.5%
- 3) 5%
- 4) 4.5%
- 5) 6%

**Answer & Explanation**

Answer-1) 4%

**Explanation:**

In accordance with the Asian Development Outlook (ADO) by Asian Development Bank (ADB), for FY20-21, Indian economy is projected to contract by 4% in fiscal year (FY) 2020, ending on 31 March 2021, before growing 5.0% in FY2021.

11. Who has been appointed as the ambassador of JSW cement's marketing campaign 'Leaders Choice'?

- 1) Sourav Ganguly
- 2) Sachin Tendulkar
- 3) Sunil Chhetri
- 4) Both 1) and 2)
- 5) Both 1) and 3)

**Answer & Explanation**

Answer-5) Both 1) and 3)

**Explanation:**

JSW Cement, a part of JSW Group, signed former Indian cricket captain Sourav Ganguly the current president of Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) and Sunil Chhetri, captain of India's National Football Team & Bengaluru FC as their brand ambassadors for their marketing campaign Leaders Choice in West Bengal, Bihar and Odisha.

12. According to 69th edition of “Statistical Review of World Energy 2020” released by BP plc, what is India’s rank based on amount of energy consumption in 2019?

- 1) 8
- 2) 6
- 3) 3
- 4) 4
- 5) 7

Answer & Explanation

Answer-3) 3

Explanation:

According to the 69th edition of “Statistical Review of World Energy 2020”, which collects and analyses energy data for 2019, released by UK (United Kingdom) based oil and gas company BP plc, India was the 2nd major market after China to increase primary energy consumption in the year 2019. On the other hand, India’s energy consumption in 2019 was the 3rd largest (34.06 EJ-an increase of 2.3%) only after China (141.70 EJ) and United States (94.65 EJ). Despite, the rate of growth in energy consumption in the year 2019 has been slower than in 2018.

13. Saudi Arabia’s public investment fund has bought \_\_\_\_\_% stake in jio platforms for Rs 11,367 Crores recently.

- 1) 1.15
- 2) 0.93
- 3) 1.85
- 4) 1.34
- 5) 2.32

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) 2.32

Explanation:

Reliance Industries Limited (RIL)’s Jio Platforms stepped into 11th deal with Saudi Arabia’s Public Investment Fund (PIF), who bought 2.32% stake in Jio Platforms for Rs 11,367 crores. With this investment, Jio Platforms has raised Rs 115,693.95

crores (1.15 lakh crores) from leading global investors since April 22, which is the largest continuous fund raised by a company in the world.

14. The Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved the acquisition of Metso Oyj's minerals business by Outotec Oyj under which section of competition act, 2002?

- 1) Section 32 (3)
- 2) Section 31 (1)
- 3) Section 32 (2)
- 4) Section 31 (2)
- 5) Section 32 (1)

Answer & Explanation

Answer-2) Section 31 (1)

Explanation:

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved the acquisition of Metso Oyj's (Metso) minerals business by Outotec Oyj (Outotec) under section 31(1) of the Competition Act, 2002.

15. NASA Astronomers discovers 240-year-old neutron star named 'Swift J1818.0–1607' recently. The study was published in which journal?

- 1) Astronomy & Geophysics
- 2) The Astrophysical Journal
- 3) The Astronomical Journal
- 4) Astronomy & Astrophysics
- 5) Astrophysics and Space Science

Answer & Explanation

Answer-2) The Astrophysical Journal

Explanation:

Astronomers at the US (United States) based space agency NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) have discovered the youngest known magnetar (a type of neutron star) named "Swift J1818.0-1607" about 16,000 light



years away from Earth. The study has been published in the Astrophysical Journal Letters.

16. Which Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) has developed herbal infusion technology to help marginal farmers in mid-Himalayan region?

- 1) IIT Kharagpur
- 2) IIT Roorkee
- 3) IIT Calcutta
- 4) IIT Madras
- 5) IIT Mandi

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) IIT Mandi

Explanation:

Researchers of Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Mandi have developed an herbal infusion technology, as a source of income for local marginal farmers in the mid-Himalayas.

17. Who authored the book titled “The Family and The Nation” along with Acharya Mahapragya?

- 1) VP Singh
- 2) Manmohan Singh
- 3) Pranab Mukherjee
- 4) Pratibha Patil
- 5) APJ Abdul Kalam

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) APJ Abdul Kalam

Explanation:

The Prime Minister recently mentioned one of his books – “The Family and The Nation” which was written by Acharya Mahapragya along with Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam.

18. B.P.R. Vithal Baru who passed away in June 2020 is a renowned \_\_\_\_\_.

- 1) Cricketer
- 2) Sand Artist
- 3) Photographer
- 4) Actor
- 5) Economist

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) Economist

Explanation:

Veteran economist & member of the 10th Finance Commission, IAS B.P.R. Vithal Baru passed away at 93 in Hyderabad due to old age-related ailments. He was born in 1926. He was influential in shaping the demand for Telangana state through his essay titled “The Telangana Surpluses: A Case Study”.

19. KR Schidanandan who passed away recently is a scriptwriter and Filmmaker in which language?

- 1) Tamil
- 2) Telugu
- 3) Malayalam
- 4) Hindi
- 5) Kannada

Answer & Explanation

Answer-3) Malayalam

Explanation:

KR Sachidanandan (Sachy), Malayalam script writer & director passed away due to cardiac arrest and hypoxic brain damage in Jubilee Mission Hospital, Thrissur. He was a native of Kodungallur, Thrissur.

20. Journalist & Freedom fighter Dinu Ranadive who is in news recently is a founder-editor of which journal?

- 1) Samyukta Maharashtra Patrika
- 2) Loksatta Arthbramha

3) Chitrlekha Marathi

4) Champak – Marathi

5) Heartfulness Patrika

Answer & Explanation

Answer-1) Samyukta Maharashtra Patrika

Explanation:

Veteran journalist and freedom fighter Dinu Ranadive passed away at 95 in his residency in Dadar, Maharashtra due to a short illness. He was born in 1925 in Dahanu tehsil of adjoining Palghar district, Maharashtra. Dinu Randive in the 1950s started his career as the founder-editor of “Samyukta Maharashtra Patrika”.

21. The International day for the elimination of sexual violence in conflict was observed on June 19 annually since which year?

1) 2009

2) 2012

3) 2017

4) 2020

5) 2015

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) 2015

Explanation:

19th June 2020 marks the 6th international day for the elimination of sexual violence in conflict which is observed every year to create awareness about the conflict related sexual violence. The day was established by the United Nations General Assembly(UNGA) in 2015.

22. World Sickle Cell Day was observed every year on \_\_\_\_\_.

1) June 20

2) June 18

3) June 17

4) June 19

5) June 21

Answer & Explanation

Answer-4) June 19

Explanation:

Every year on June 19 the World Sickle Cell Day is observed to increase public knowledge & understanding about sickle cell disease. The day also aims to put forth the challenges faced by these patients, their families and caregivers. The 1st day was celebrated on June 19, 2009.

23. Which state observe 19th Great June Uprising Day every year?

- 1) Meghalaya
- 2) Nagaland
- 3) Manipur
- 4) Assam
- 5) Mizoram

Answer & Explanation

Answer-3) Manipur

Explanation:

Manipur observes the 19th Great June Uprising Day in memory of the 18 people who lost their lives on 18th June 2001 in the June uprising to protect the territorial integrity of Manipur.

24. Who is the present minister of Earth science?

- 1) Harsh Vardhan
- 2) Rajnath Singh
- 3) Amit Shah
- 4) Jual Oram
- 5) Prakash Javadekar

Answer & Explanation

Answer-1) Harsh Vardhan

Explanation:

Dr. Harsh Vardhan is the Minister of Science and Technology and the Minister of Earth Sciences & Minister of Health and Family Welfare.

25. Yaosang festival is celebrated in which state?

- 1) Meghalaya
- 2) Nagaland
- 3) Manipur
- 4) Assam
- 5) Mizoram

Answer & Explanation

Answer-3) Manipur

Explanation:

Yaosang is a festival celebrated in Manipur for five days in spring, starting on the full moon day of the month of Lamda (February–March).

26. What is the constituency of Union minister Harsh Vardhan?

- 1) Hardwar
- 2) Nagpur
- 3) Lucknow
- 4) Amethi
- 5) Chandni Chowk

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) Chandni Chowk

Explanation:

The Constituency of Union Health and Family Welfare minister & Earth Science Minister & Science and Tech Minister Harsh Vardhan is Chandni Chowk, Delhi.

27. Ellora caves is the UNESCO heritage site located in which state?

- 1) Gujarat
- 2) Maharashtra
- 3) Kerala
- 4) Tamil Nadu
- 5) Telangana

Answer & Explanation



Answer-2) Maharashtra

Explanation:

Ellora is a UNESCO World Heritage Site located in the Aurangabad district of Maharashtra, India.

28. Which city is called as financial capital of India?

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

Answer & Explanation

Answer-4) Mumbai

Explanation:

Mumbai is also called as the financial capital of India.