

CURRENT AFFAIRS - PART 2 - JUNE 2020**JUNE 6th CURRENT AFFAIRS**

1. Which ministry has launched the “Nagar Van” scheme on the occasion of World Environment Day (June 5)?

- 1) Ministry of Science and Technology
- 2) Ministry of Earth Science
- 3) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- 4) Ministry of Tribal Affairs
- 5) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

Answer & Explanation

Answer-3) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

Explanation:

“Nagar Van” (Urban forest) Scheme launched virtually by the Central Govt. on June 5, the occasion of the World Environment Day 2020 (WED) announced the implementation to develop urban forests across the country over the span of 5 years. Stressing on the substance theme of “Biodiversity” by the United Nation’s Environment Programme (UNEP), The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change celebrated the day by announcing the initiative on urban forests in India. As Urban forest are seemingly the best way to bridge the gap of climate change. The ministry of environment, forest and climate change (MoEFCC) will launch ‘Nagar Van’ scheme.

2. What is the unemployment rate of India in accordance with annual Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) of National Statistical Office between July 2018 – June 2019?

- 1) 6.1%
- 2) 5.8%
- 3) 5.5%
- 4) 5.1%
- 5) 4.8%

Answer & Explanation

Answer-2) 5.8%

Explanation:

In accordance with the annual Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) for [July 2018 – June 2019] of National Statistical Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), India's unemployment rate fell between July 2018 and June 2019 to 5.8% from 6.1% during the same period of 2017-18 while the Indian economy grew 6.1% in 2018-19, slower than the 7% expansion recorded the year before.

3. Which state/UT introduced MoU monitoring mechanism (planned to launch portal named 'Nivesh Mitra') for implementation of investment proposals and tracking of MoUs?

- 1) Madhya Pradesh
- 2) Gujarat
- 3) Telangana
- 4) Maharashtra
- 5) Uttar Pradesh

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) Uttar Pradesh

Explanation:

Uttar Pradesh introduces a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU Monitoring Mechanism) to achieve efficient implementation of investment proposals by guiding interested investors and to track the signed MoUs. UP will launch a new MoU tracking portal integrated with Nivesh Mitra, single window system.

4. Name the country which proposed the name "Nisarga" to cyclone which hit part of India's west coast (Gujarat & Maharashtra).

- 1) India
- 2) Bangladesh
- 3) Thailand
- 4) Myanmar
- 5) Laos

Answer & Explanation

Answer-2) Bangladesh

Explanation:

Cyclone Nisarga, which intensified into a severe cyclonic storm in the Arabian Sea, expected to hit the coasts of Gujarat, Maharashtra. Over coastal Maharashtra weakened into a Cyclonic Storm, dropped heavy rains and winds gusting up to 120km (75 miles) per hour as a category 4 cyclone near the coastal city of Alibag (Maharashtra). The name Nisarga was suggested by Bangladesh.

5. RBI has created Payments Infrastructure Development Fund (PIDF) of worth _____ to boost digitalization.

- 1) 1000 Crore
- 2) 750 Crore
- 3) 500 Crore
- 4) 1250 Crore
- 5) 1500 Crore

Answer & Explanation

Answer-3) 500 Crore

Explanation:

To encourage the deployment of Points of Sale (PoS) infrastructure in smaller cities and towns, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has created a Rs 500-crore (\$66 million) Payments Infrastructure Development Fund (PIDF), in which it will start with an initial contribution of Rs 250 crore & the remaining half of the amount will be installed by card issuing banks and card networks working in the country.

6. Which private sector bank launched “summer treats” campaign recently?

- 1) HDFC Bank
- 2) ICICI Bank
- 3) AXIS Bank
- 4) YES Bank
- 5) RBL Bank

Answer & Explanation

Answer-1) HDFC Bank

Explanation:

The Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited (HDFC) Bank, a Mumbai based private sector bank has launched a special campaign ‘Summer Treats’ with offers to meet the changing needs of merchants as well as salaried and self-employed customers.

7. What will be the India’s growth in the year FY21 as per Survey of Professional Forecasters (SPF) sponsored by RBI?

- 1) -2%
- 2) -2.5%
- 2) -3%
- 4) -1.5%
- 5) -3.5%

Answer & Explanation

Answer-4) -1.5%

Explanation:

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has released the results of 3 surveys’ namely - Consumer Confidence Survey (CCS) – May 2020; Survey of Professional Forecasters (SPF) on Macroeconomic Indicators (64th round) and Inflation Expectations Survey of Households (IESH) – May 2020. As per this survey, India’s gross domestic product (GDP) growth may contract by 1.5 % for the current fiscal year (FY21).

8. Which country has signed MoU with India in June 2020 for Mutual Logistics Support Agreement (MLSA) to increase military inter-operability?

- 1) Singapore
- 2) United States
- 3) Japan
- 4) Australia
- 5) United Kingdom

Answer & Explanation

Answer-4) Australia

Explanation:

Canberra, Australia and New Delhi, India signed Mutual Logistics Support Agreement (MLSA) to increase military inter-operability through defence exercises between the two countries. Means, this agreement enables both nations to access military bases for logistics support.

9. Name the Indian who has been appointed as the senior advisor at World Bank recently.

- 1) Brajendra Navnit
- 2) Ravi Kota
- 3) Lekhan Thakkar
- 4) Rajeev Topno
- 5) H Atheli

Answer & Explanation

Answer-4) Rajeev Topno

Explanation:

Cabinet's Appointment committee approved the appointments of Rajeev Topno, the private secretary to the prime minister as Senior Advisor to the Executive Director (ED), World Bank & Brajendra Navnit, the Joint Secretary in the Prime Minister's Office (July 2014 – September 2019) as Ambassador and Permanent Representative of India (PRI) to the World Trade Organisation (WTO) & will be posted at the Permanent Mission of India (PMI) to the WTO, under the Department of Commerce. He replaced JS Deepak at the PMI whose two-year extended term ended on May 31.

10. Who was appointed as India's permanent representative to WTO recently?

- 1) Brajendra Navnit
- 2) Ravi Kota
- 3) Lekhan Thakkar
- 4) Rajeev Topno
- 5) H Atheli

Answer & Explanation

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11. K. Shanmugam gets 3-month extension as the chief secretary of which state?

- 1) Andhra Pradesh
- 2) Tamil Nadu
- 3) Madhya Pradesh
- 4) Goa
- 5) Telangana

Answer & Explanation

Answer-2) Tamil Nadu

Explanation:

Centre approves the 3-month extension (August 1- October 31) of Tamil Nadu Chief Secretary K. Shanmugam, a 1985-batch Indian Administrative Service(IAS) officer who assumed charge on June 30, 2019, after the retirement of incumbent Girija Vaidyanathan. K. Shanmugam was to retire from service on July 31, 2020.

12. Who has been named as the EY world entrepreneur of the year 2020?

- 1) Dilip Shanghvi
- 2) Shiv Nadar
- 3) Narayana Murthy
- 4) Uday Kotak
- 5) Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw

Explanation:

Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw (67), Executive Chairperson of India-based Biocon Limited was named as EY World Entrepreneur of the year 2020 for her contribution to improve access to affordable life-saving medicine & transform the world in one of its kind virtual entrepreneurship award ceremony. She became the 3rd Indian to win this award, after Uday Kotak of Kotak Mahindra Bank (2014) and Narayana Murthy of Infosys Technologies Limited (2005).

13. Who is the only Indian ranked among the Forbes 100 world's highest-paid celebrities 2020 (Kylie Jenner topped the list)?

- 1) Akshay Kumar
- 2) Salman Khan
- 3) Shahrukh Khan
- 4) Priyanka Chopra
- 5) Alia Bhatt

Answer & Explanation

Answer-1) Akshay Kumar

Explanation: According to the Forbes 100 world's highest-paid celebrities 2020, Bollywood actor Akshay Kumar (52) ranked 52nd with estimated earnings of USD 48.5 million (M) & is the only Indian featured on the list. The list is topped by 22 years old Kylie Jenner, model who earned USD 590M.

Rank	Name	Earnings in million
52	Akshay Kumar(52)	USD 48.5
1	Kylie Jenner(22)	USD 590
2	Kanye West(42)	USD 170
3	Roger Federer(38)	USD 106

14. Who hosted the virtual global vaccine summit which was organized by the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization (GAVI)?

- 1) Donald Trump
- 2) Narendra Modi

- 3) Seth Berkley
- 4) Scott Morrison
- 5) Boris Johnson

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) Boris Johnson

Explanation:

The virtual Global Vaccine Summit hosted by UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson in which business leaders, UN agencies, civil society, government ministers, Heads of State and country leaders participated from over 50 countries. The Summit was organised by the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunisation (Gavi).

15. What was the amount that was pledged by PM Modi to Global Vaccine Alliance GAVI?

- 1) USD 10 million
- 2) USD 15 million
- 3) USD 20 million
- 4) USD 25 million
- 5) USD 50 million

Answer & Explanation

Answer-2) USD 15 million

Explanation:

The Global Vaccine Summit organised by the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunisation (Gavi) saw Prime Minister Modi offer India's support by pledging 15 million USD to the cause.

16. The 1st ever virtual leader's summit was held between India and Australia recently. Who is the PM of Australia?

- 1) Donald Trump
- 2) Narendra Modi
- 3) Seth Berkley
- 4) Scott Morrison
- 5) Boris Johnson

Answer & Explanation

Answer-4) Scott Morrison

Explanation:

The first India-Australia virtual leader's summit was held between Indian Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi and his Australian counterpart Scott Morrison. The focus of the meet was to further strengthen the bilateral ties in areas like healthcare, trade and defence. It should be noted that this was PM Narendra Modi's first virtual bilateral summit, while Australia has held such a summit with Singapore in March, 2020. India, Australia signed seven agreements after the meet.

17. The 51st annual Davos meeting will be conducted by the World Economic Forum (WEF) in January 2021. What is the theme for the event?

- 1) Creating a Shared Future in a Fractured World
- 2) The Great Reset
- 3) Responsive and Responsible Leadership
- 4) Globalization 4.0
- 5) Mastering the Fourth Industrial Revolution

Answer & Explanation

Answer-2) The Great Reset

Explanation:

The 51st annual Davos meeting to be held in January 2021 by the World Economic Forum (WEF). WEF to adopt a new twin-summit format by bringing together leaders from across the globe for an in-person and well as virtual dialogues with the theme: 'The Great Reset'.

18. SEBI has rearranged the commodity derivatives advisory committee recently. Who Chairs the committee?

- 1) Aliasgar S Mithwani
- 2) Vijay Sardana
- 3) S Sivakumar
- 4) Madan Sabnavis
- 5) Ashok Dalwani

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) Ashok Dalwani

Explanation:

Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) rearranged the Commodity derivatives advisory committee and appointed Ashok Dalwani, Retired IAS officer as the chairman and Aliasgar S Mithwani, Chief General Manager of SEBI as Secretary of the 17-member committee.

19. Which Institute ranked top among the Indian institutes in THE Asia university ranking (Tsinghua University topped the overall ranking)?

- 1) Indian Institute of Technology – Delhi
- 2) Indian Institute of Technology – Kanpur
- 3) Indian Institute of Science
- 4) Indian Institute of Technology – Bombay
- 5) Institute of Chemical technology

Answer & Explanation

Answer-3) Indian Institute of Science

Explanation:

In the Times Higher Education (THE) Asia University Ranking launched on 4th June 2020, Indian became the Third most represented country with 8 institutes in the top 100. Indian Institute of Science (IISc) with 36th position on the list retains its top position in India.

20. Abu Dhabi based Mubadala is going to buy _____% stake in Jio platforms.

- 1) 2.11
- 2) 1.85
- 3) 1.21
- 4) 2.32
- 5) 5.31

Answer & Explanation

Answer-2) 1.85

Explanation:

The Abu Dhabi-based sovereign investor, Mubadala is all set to buy 1.85% stake in Jio Platforms, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Reliance Industries (RIL), for Rs 9,093.60 crore. The investment from Mubadala comes in Jio Platforms at an equity value of Rs 4.91 lakh crore and an enterprise value of Rs 5.16 lakh crore.

21. CCI has given its approval to merger Fiat Chrysler with which company?

- 1) Peugeot S.A
- 2) Tata Motors
- 3) Hero MotoCorp
- 4) Bajaj Auto Limited
- 5) Chevrolet

Answer & Explanation

Answer-1) Peugeot S.A

Explanation:

Competition Commission of India (CCI) has given its nod to the proposed merger between French car maker Peugeot S.A (PSA) and Fiat Chrysler Automobiles N.V (FCA).

22. Find the country which is going to host AFC (Asian Football Confederation) Women's Asian Cup 2022.

- 1) China
- 2) Vietnam
- 3) India
- 4) Japan
- 5) Bangladesh

Answer & Explanation

Answer-3) India

Explanation:

Asian Football Confederation (AFC) granted the hosting rights of the AFC Women's Asian Cup 2022 to India for the 1st time since 1979. The tournament is likely to be held in the 2nd half of the year. The event will serve as the final

qualification tournament for the 2023 Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) Women's World Cup.

23. The World Environment Day (WED) was observed every year on June 5. What is the theme for WED 2020?

- 1) "Air pollution"
- 2) "Beat Plastic Pollution"
- 3) "Connecting People with Nature"
- 4) "Biodiversity"
- 5) "Go Wild for Life"

Answer & Explanation

Answer-4) "Biodiversity"

Explanation:

June 5th of every year is celebrated as the World Environment Day since 1974 in more than 100 countries. This is a United Nations flagship day to promote and encourage the involvement of the government, businesses, celebrities and citizens to focus on environmental issues. The activities of World Environment Day 2020 will be hosted by Colombia in partnership with Germany. Theme of World Environment Day 2020 is "Biodiversity".

24. Which country hosts World environment day 2020 (June 5) along with Germany?

- 1) Russia
- 2) Georgia
- 3) Qatar
- 4) Peru
- 5) Colombia

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) Colombia

Explanation:

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encourage the involvement of the government, businesses, celebrities and citizens to focus on environmental issues. The activities of World Environment Day 2020 will be hosted by Colombia in partnership with Germany. Theme of World Environment Day 2020 is “Biodiversity”.

25. The Volga river is located in which country?

- 1) Germany
- 2) Croatia
- 3) Russia
- 4) Uganda
- 5) Argentina

Answer & Explanation

Answer-3) Russia

Explanation:

The Volga is the longest river in Europe with 3,531 km length and a catchment area of 1,360,000 km². It is also Europe’s largest river in terms of discharge and drainage basin. The river flows through Central Russia and into the Caspian Sea, and is widely regarded as the national river of Russia.

26. Who is the union minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change?

- 1) Rajnath Singh
- 2) Amit Shah
- 3) Nirmala Sitharaman
- 4) Prakash Javadekar
- 5) Nitin Gadkari

Answer & Explanation

Answer-4) Prakash Javadekar

Explanation:

Prakash Javadekar is an Indian politician. He is a member of the Bharatiya Janata Party and currently serving as the Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Minister of Information and Broadcasting and Minister of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises.

27. Where is the HQ of World Economic Forum located?

- 1) Cologne
- 2) Rome
- 3) Washington DC
- 4) London
- 5) New York

Answer & Explanation

Answer-1) Cologne

Explanation:

The World Economic Forum, based in Cologne-Geneva, Switzerland, is an NGO, founded in 1971.

28. Where is the HQ of Asian Football Confederation located?

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

Answer & Explanation

Answer-1) Kuala Lumpur

Explanation:

The Asian Football Confederation (AFC) is one of the six continental confederations within FIFA and is the governing body of association football in Asia and Australia. The HQ of AFC is located at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

29. What is the capital and currency of Germany?

- 1) Bonn & Pound
- 2) Rome & Euro
- 3) Tokyo & Yen
- 4) Amsterdam & Pound
- 5) Berlin & Euro

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) Berlin & Euro

Explanation:

The capital and currency of Germany is Berlin & Euro respectively.

JUNE 7th CURRENT AFFAIRS

1. The “#iCommit” initiative launched on the occasion of world environment day June 5 is headed by which public sector company?

- 1) State Express Transport Corporation (SETC)
- 2) United Electrical Industries Limited (UEIL)
- 3) Energy Efficiency Services Ltd (EESL)
- 4) Heavy Engineering Corporation Ltd (HECL)
- 5) None of these

Answer & Explanation

Answer-3) Energy Efficiency Services Ltd (EESL)

Explanation:

As a part of World Environment Day (WED) celebrations, Minister of State (IC) (Power, New & Renewable Energy) Raj Kumar Singh has initiated the “#iCommit initiative” for building an energy resilient future. This initiative is headed by Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL), under the administration of the Ministry of Power.

2. Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways Nitin Gadkari, has launched the ‘Prevention of Human and Animal Mortality on Highways’. The campaign is initiative of which world organization?

- 1) World Bank (WB)
- 2) International Labour Organization (ILO)
- 3) United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)
- 4) United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- 5) United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

Answer & Explanation

Answer-4) United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Explanation:

On the occasion of World Environment Day (June 05, 2020), Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH) Shri Nitin Gadkari has launched the UNDP (United Nations Development Programme) national awareness campaign on 'Prevention of Human and Animal Mortality on Highways' through a video conference with the aim to reduce or eliminate cases of death on the roads.

3. Which India state has highest number of tiger population in the country as per National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA)?

- 1) Goa
- 2) Madhya Pradesh
- 3) Maharashtra
- 4) Uttar Pradesh
- 5) Gujarat

Answer & Explanation

Answer-2) Madhya Pradesh

Explanation:

In accordance with the official data provided by National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) as a reply to RTI (right to information) query, 750 tigers have died in the country in the last eight years i.e. between 2012 and 2019 due to poaching and other causes. The state of Madhya Pradesh has topped these figures with highest casualties at 173. 38 were due to poaching, 94 natural deaths, 19 under scrutiny, six due to the unnatural causes and 16 seizures. Notably, Madhya Pradesh has the highest number of 526 tigers in the country.

4. Which city was included in Delhi-Katra expressway which is part of Bharatmala Pariyojana?

- 1) Amritsar
- 2) Morena
- 3) Chandigarh
- 4) Ranchi

5) Raipur

Answer & Explanation

Answer-1) Amritsar

Explanation:

Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari accepted the Punjab state government's demand for including Amritsar in an expressway project that will connect Delhi and Katra, Jammu & Kashmir. In this regard, a Greenfield connectivity will be developed in Punjab stretch of Delhi-Amritsar-Katra expressway to Amritsar City from Nakodar in Jalandhar (Punjab) via five historic towns of Sultanpur Lodhi, Goindwal Sahib, Khadoor Sahib and Tarn Taran.

5. DPIIT has revised public procurement order to encourage 'Make in India' initiative recently. The DPIIT functions under which ministry?

- 1) Rural Development ministry
- 2) Home Affairs ministry
- 3) Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries ministry
- 4) Commerce and Industry ministry
- 5) Road Transport and Highways ministry

Answer & Explanation

Answer-4) Commerce and Industry ministry

Explanation:

To encourage the Make in India initiative and to increase the income and employment generation the Department of Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade(DPIIT) revised the public procurement order,2017 on 29th May 2019. The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) is a central government department under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

6. Which state/UT government has proposed Dinkar yojana in the state/UT budget?

- 1) Maharashtra
- 2) Gujarat
- 3) Punjab
- 4) West Bengal

5) New Delhi

Answer & Explanation

Answer-2) Gujarat

Explanation:

Gujarat Deputy Chief Minister and Finance Minister Nitin Patel presented a Rs 2,17,287 crore budget for the financial year 2020-21, which is higher by Rs 12,472 crore over the previous Budget in 2019-20. Dinkar scheme announced a to provide electricity supply during the day time for irrigation for next 3 years.

7. Name the public sector bank which has created separate vertical for Financial Inclusion and Micro Market (FI&MM) recently (The Division was headed by Sanjeev Nautiyal).

1) Punjab National Bank

2) Indian Overseas Bank

3) Allahabad Bank

4) EXIM Bank

5) State Bank of India

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) State Bank of India

Explanation:

State Bank of India (SBI) has created a separate Financial Inclusion and Micro Market (FI&MM) vertical within the bank with an exclusive focus to provide financial services to people engaged in agriculture and allied activities and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs). The new wing will be headed by deputy managing director (DMD) of the bank Sanjeev Nautiyal at the national level.

8. Who was appointed as the 1st ever brand ambassador of IIFL Finance?

1) Rohit Sharma

2) MS Dhoni

3) KL Rahul

4) Ajinkya Rahane

5) Virat Kohli

Answer & Explanation

Answer-1) Rohit Sharma

Explanation:

R. Venkataraman, Managing Director and Co-Promoter of IIFL Group announced that the Vice-Captain of Indian Cricket Team, Rohit Sharma signed and became the first brand ambassador of the IIFL Finance.

9. Name the person who was appointed as the 1st Indian origin Chair of BAFTA.

- 1) Jyoti Prasad Agarwala
- 2) Dasari Ramathilakam
- 3) Vemuri Gaggaiah
- 4) Ardeshir Irani
- 5) Krishnendu Majumdar

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) Krishnendu Majumdar

Explanation:

The British Academy of Film and Television Arts(BAFTA) appointed Emmy-winning television producer of 'Hoff The Record' Krishnendu Majumdar as its chairperson for the next 3 years. He becomes the 1st Indian origin Chair from the United Kingdom (UK) in its 73 year-long history & is also the youngest chair in 35 years. He succeeds Pippa Harris who will continue as a deputy chairperson.

10. Find the airport which received Platinum Recognition (under 15-35 MPPA) in ACI Asia-Pacific Green Airports recognition 2020.

- 1) Indira Gandhi International Airport
- 2) Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport
- 3) Rajiv Gandhi Hyderabad International Airport
- 4) Devi Ahilya Bai Holkar Airport
- 5) Kushok Bakula Rimpochee Airport

Answer & Explanation

Answer-3) Rajiv Gandhi Hyderabad International Airport

Explanation:

World Environment Day, In Asia-Pacific Annual Green Airport Recognition 2020 Airports Council International (ACI) awarded the highest Platinum Recognition to GMR led Rajiv Gandhi Hyderabad International Airport (RGHIA) for their effective water management under the 15-35 Million Passengers per annum (MPPA) category.

11. Army commanders conference 2020 was conducted at which state/UT?

- 1) Goa
- 2) Tamil Nadu
- 3) Kerala
- 4) Karnataka
- 5) New Delhi

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) New Delhi

Explanation:

The Army Commanders' Conference, an apex level biannual event's First phase of the Conference was conducted at South Block, New Delhi from 27 to 29 May 2020, which facilitates conceptual level deliberations culminating in important policy decisions. The second phase of the conference scheduled from 24 to 27 June 2020.

12. When was world pest day observed annually?

- 1) March 18
- 2) April 12
- 3) May 24
- 4) June 6
- 5) July 30

Answer & Explanation

Answer-4) June 6

Explanation:

World Pest Day or World Pest Awareness Day is celebrated every year on June 6 to raise awareness of how pest management helps preserve the quality of life.

13. UN Russian Language Day was celebrated every year on _____.

- 1) June 6
- 2) June 7
- 3) June 8
- 4) June 9
- 5) June 10

Answer & Explanation

Answer-1) June 6

Explanation:

June 6th is annually celebrated as the Russian Language Day by the United Nation(UN) to promote and support Multilingualism and cultural diversity and to celebrate the birthday of the famous Russian poet Alexander Puskin who was born on 6th June 1799. The First UN Russian Language Day was celebrated in 2010.

14. The International Day for the Fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated fishing was observed on June 5 annually since which year?

- 1) 2010
- 2) 2018
- 3) 2020
- 4) 2015
- 5) 2014

Answer & Explanation

Answer-2) 2018

Explanation:

June 5th is annually observed as the International Day for the Fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated(IUU) fishing to ensure the sustainability of the fisheries to stop the illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing activities. The first International Day for the fight against IUU fishing was observed in 2018.

15. Which country is going to host 2022 FIFA World Cup?

- 1) Qatar
- 2) UAE
- 3) Kuwait
- 4) Iran
- 5) Brazil

Answer & Explanation

Answer-1) Qatar

Explanation:

Qatar is set to inaugurate a third football stadium completed for the 2022 FIFA World Cup.

16. Who is the current chairperson of National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA)?

- 1) Prakash Javadekar
- 2) Pralhad Joshi
- 3) Nitin Gadkari
- 4) Smriti Irani
- 5) Pralhad Singh Patel

Answer & Explanation

Answer-1) Prakash Javadekar

Explanation:

The National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) was established in December 2005. Environment Minister is the Chairman of the NTCA. The present Environment minister is Prakash Javadekar.

17. Who headed the ‘Comprehensive Financial Services for Small Businesses and Low-Income Households’ committee which recommended horizontal and vertical banking system?

- 1) Tapan Roy
- 2) Raghuram Rajan
- 3) Arvind Subramanian

4) Nachiket Mor

5) Usha Thorat

Answer & Explanation

Answer-4) Nachiket Mor

Explanation:

As we know that RBI (Reserve Bank of India) has been promoting financial inclusion under the two pronged system namely- Horizontally Differentiated Banking System (HDBS) and Vertically Differentiated Banking System (VDBS) as per the recommendations of the committee on 'Comprehensive Financial Services for Small Businesses and Low-Income Households' headed by Shri Nachiket Mor.

18. Where is the HQ of BAFTA located?

1) New Delhi

2) Sydney

3) Wellington

4) Seoul

5) London

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) London

Explanation:

The HQ of BAFTA is located at London, United Kingdom.

19. Kanha Tiger reserve is in which state?

1) Goa

2) Madhya Pradesh

3) Maharashtra

4) Uttar Pradesh

5) Gujarat

Answer & Explanation

Answer-2) Madhya Pradesh

Explanation:

Kanha National Park located in the madla/ balaghat districts of Madhya Pradesh is the finest tiger reserve of India.

JUNE 8th CURRENT AFFAIRS

1. Which Centre/organization signed Letter of Intent (LoI) with Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) to promote innovation in India.

- 1) Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR)
- 2) Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)
- 3) University Grants Commission (UGC)
- 4) All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE)
- 5) None of these

Answer & Explanation

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

Explanation:

Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) have signed a letter of intent (LoI) to promote innovation in the country in the presence of Dr Rajiv Kumar, Vice Chairperson, Niti Aayog, Shri Amitabh Kant, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Niti Aayog and Dr Shekhar C Mande, Director-General (DG) CSIR and other senior officials from both the organizations.

2. “Healthy and Energy Efficient Buildings” is the initiative of EESL along with which agency/organization?

- 1) New Zealand Agency for International Development(NZAID)
- 2) Japan International Cooperation Agency(JICA)
- 3) US Trade and Development Agency (USTDA)
- 4) United States Agency for International Development (USAID)
- 5) None of these

Answer & Explanation

Answer-4) United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

Explanation:

Under the Market Integration and Transformation Program for Energy Efficiency (MAITREE) Program, an announcement was made by the partnering of the Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) and the U.S. Agency for International Development's (USAID) to launch the "Healthy and Energy Efficient Buildings" that will pave way for a greener and healthier workplace on the occasion of the World Environment Day (June 5).

3. Which state/UT has launched India's 1st "online waste management platform" recently.

- 1) Madhya Pradesh
- 2) West Bengal
- 3) Gujarat
- 4) Maharashtra
- 5) Andhra Pradesh

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) Andhra Pradesh

Explanation:

Andhra Pradesh(AP) Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy launched India's 1st "online waste management platform" of Andhra Pradesh Environment Management Corporation(APEMC) on the occasion of World Environment Day to ensure 100% safe disposal of industrial toxic wastes. The State Department of Environmental Management, APEMC, will take over responsibility of the online platform.

4. Union government has announced no new schemes will be launched till _____.

- 1) January 1, 2021
- 2) June 30, 2021
- 3) December 31, 2021
- 4) August 31, 2021
- 5) March 31, 2021

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) March 31, 2021

Explanation:

The Union Finance Ministry has asked all ministries and departments to not initiate any new scheme in the current financial year as there is a need to use resources prudently in the wake of the COVID-19 crisis. Only funds for schemes under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Package, the Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan package and any other special package or announcement would be allocated, according to an office memorandum by the Department of Expenditure under the Finance Ministry. Any scheme that has already been approved for the current financial year, including those schemes for which in-principle approval has been given, will remain suspended till March 31, 2021 or further orders.

5. The US International Development Finance Corporation (USIDFC) is planning to invest _____ (in USD) in Indian firms.

- 1) 350 million
- 2) 500 million
- 3) 250 million
- 4) 100 million
- 5) 150 million

Answer & Explanation

Answer-1) 350 million

Explanation:

To support multiple projects in India, The US International Development Finance Corporation (USIDFC) is planning to invest 350 million USD in sectors of finance, health infrastructure, renewable energy and food security space also look to empower smallholder dairy farmers, generate solar power increase access to education. It is one of the largest approvals made by the Board of Directors.

6. NABARD provided Rs. 270 crores as the Special Liquidity Facility (SLF) to which bank?

- 1) Baroda Rajasthan Kshetriya Gramin Bank
- 2) Assam Gramin Vikash Bank
- 3) Andhra Pradesh Grameena Vikas Bank
- 4) Central Madhya Pradesh Gramin Bank

5) Himachal Pradesh Gramin Bank

Answer & Explanation

Answer-2) Assam Gramin Vikash Bank

Explanation:

National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) provided Rs 270 crore Special Liquidity Facility(SLF) to Assam Gramin Vikash Bank in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic to support the agricultural activities of the farmers. This support & separate line of credit will enable to intensify farmers crop production.

7. ISRO has signed MoU with which institute for cooperation in Space Situational Awareness, Astrophysics?

1) ARIES

2) GEMINI

3) VIRGO

4) TAURUS

5) LEO

Answer & Explanation

Answer-1) ARIES

Explanation:

For the cooperation in the Field of Space Situational Awareness(SSA) and Astrophysics, The Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO), Bengaluru signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Aryabhata Research institute of Observational Science (ARIES), Nainital.

8. Who has been appointed as the UNADAP's 'Goodwill Ambassador to the Poor'?

1) Nethra

2) Krithika

3) Chitra

4) Divya

5) Karthika

Answer & Explanation

Answer-1) Nethra

Explanation:

The United Nations Association for Development and Peace(UNADAP) appointed 13-year-old Madurai girl Nethra as its ‘Goodwill Ambassador to the Poor’ as she persuaded her father C. Mohan, a salon owner who spent his savings Rs 5 lakhs for his daughter’s education. Also, helping with essentials to nearly 1,500 families despite his salon being closed for 2months as part of COVID-19 lockdown with no other income during the period.

9. The G7 Summit 2020 which was postponed to September/November 2020 will be hosted by which country?

- 1) Canada
- 2) Japan
- 3) United States
- 4) Germany
- 5) France

Answer & Explanation

Answer-3) United States

Explanation:

US President Donald Trump has suggested to expand the G7 (Group of Seven), which is an outdated group and he proposed to add India, Australia, South Korea and Russia to be included into the group naming it as G10 or G11. He also postponed the next meeting of the G7 to September or November which will be hosted by US.

10. Name the person who heads the task force formulated by GoI to examine matters pertaining to age of motherhood, and related issues.

- 1) Najma Akhtar
- 2) Vasudha Kamath
- 3) Vinod Paul
- 4) Jaya Jaitly
- 5) Dipti Shah

Answer & Explanation

Answer-4) Jaya Jaitly

Explanation:

Central Government of India has formulated a task force to examine matters pertaining to age of motherhood, imperatives of lowering MMR, improvement of nutritional levels and related issues. It will be headed by Ms. Jaya Jaitly. The Task Force will be provided secretarial assistance by the NITI (National Institution for Transforming India) Aayog and will submit its report by 31st July, 2020.

11. Which company planned to buy additional 0.93% stake (1.15% stake bought earlier) in Jio platforms recently?

- 1) Mubadala
- 2) Silver Lake
- 3) Vista Equity Partners
- 4) General Atlantic
- 5) KKR

Answer & Explanation

Answer-2) Silver Lake

Explanation:

Following the investment of Abu Dhabi's Mubadala Investment Company in Reliance's Jio Platforms, US (United States) private equity company Silver Lake partners announced an investment of Rs 4,546.80 crore for an additional 0.93 % stake in Jio Platforms, a subsidiary of Asia's richest man Mukesh Ambani-controlled Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL).

12. Which organization/Centre developed the "Safe online learning in the times of COVID-19" booklet along with UNESCO to raise awareness to students and teachers about online safety?

- 1) National Board of Accreditation (NBA)
- 2) National Book Trust (NBT)
- 3) Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)
- 4) National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT)

5) Educational Consultants (India) Limited (EdCIL)

Answer & Explanation

Answer-4) National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT)

Explanation:

Union Minister for Human Resource Development (HRD) Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank launched information booklet “Safe online learning in the times of COVID-19” digitally to raise awareness to students and teachers about online safety & ensure timely action in cases of cyberbullying in New Delhi. The booklet is developed by The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) and United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) New Delhi Office.

13. Which data sharing website was blocked by Government of India recently?

- 1) SmartTransfer
- 2) Firefox Send
- 3) WeTransfer
- 4) Xender
- 5) ShareIt

Answer & Explanation

Answer-3) WeTransfer

Explanation:

The government has ordered internet service providers to block the computer file-sharing website WeTransfer due to security reasons. The order issued by the Department of Telecom on May 18 directed all ISP to block two download links on the Dutch website WeTransfer and also the entire website www.wetransfer.com.

14. What is the amount that was allocated for the Jal Shakti mission in Budget 2020?

- 1) 11,500 Cr
- 2) 10,000 Cr
- 3) 10,500 Cr
- 4) 12,000 Cr

5) 12,500 Cr

Answer & Explanation

Answer-1) 11,500 Cr

Explanation:

Government approves Rs 11,500 cr for Jal Jeevan Mission for FY21. The government has approved a budgetary allocation of Rs 11,500 crore for Jal Jeevan Mission for the year 2020-21.

15. Name the storm which hits El Salvador and Guatemala recently.

1) Hanna

2) Arthur

3) Bertha

4) Fay

5) Amanda

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) Amanda

Explanation:

Rains from Tropical Storm Amanda left at least 17 dead and seven missing while causing extensive damage across El Salvador and Guatemala that pushed thousands of people into shelters amid the coronavirus pandemic. EL Salvador Interior Minister Mario Durán said Monday some 7,000 people were scattered across 154 shelters. He said a quarter of the rain that the country normally receives in a year fell in 70 hours.

16. Sri Venkateswara National Park is located in which state?

1) Kerala

2) Telangana

3) Andhra Pradesh

4) Tamil Nadu

5) Karnataka

Answer & Explanation

Answer-3) Andhra Pradesh

Explanation:

Sri Venkateshwara National Park is a national park and biosphere reserve in Andhra Pradesh, India.

17. Who is the president of Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR)?

- 1) Finance Minister
- 2) Prime Minister
- 3) Science Minister
- 4) Home Minister
- 5) Environment Minister

Answer & Explanation

Answer-2) Prime Minister

Explanation:

Prime Minister of India will hold the post of president of Council of Scientific & Industrial Research.

18. Where is Aryabhata Research institute of Observational Science (ARIES) located?

- 1) Nainital
- 2) Kanpur
- 3) Mandi
- 4) Ranchi
- 5) Bhopal

Answer & Explanation

Answer-1) Nainital

Explanation:

Aryabhata Research Institute of Observational Sciences is a leading research institute in Nainital, Uttarakhand which specializes in Astronomy, Astrophysics and Atmospheric Sciences.

19. Where is the HQ of NABARD located?

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

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) Mumbai

Explanation:

National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has its head office at Mumbai, India.

JUNE 9th CURRENT AFFAIRS

1. The cabinet of which state has approved to give state anthem status to “Bande Utkala Janani” poem?

- 1) Bihar
- 2) Odisha
- 3) West Bengal
- 4) Assam
- 5) Manipur

Answer & Explanation

Answer-2) Odisha

Explanation:

The Cabinet of Odisha chaired by Naveen Patnaik, the Chief Minister of Odisha approved the proposal to give the status of State anthem to “Bande Utkala Janani”, a poem written by Katakabi Laxmikanta Mohapatra in 1912.

2. Name the plantation drive which was launched by Madhya Pradesh government on the occasion of World Environment Day (June 5).

- 1) Thank Earth
- 2) Thank Green
- 3) Thank Prithvi
- 4) Thank Mom
- 5) Thank Land

Answer & Explanation

Answer-4) Thank Mom

Explanation:

Madhya Pradesh has started a plantation drive named “Thank Mom” on the premises of its Social Justice and Disabled Welfare Directorate on World Environment Day. As per the instruction from Commissioner Renu Tiwari, a variety of plants such as Neem, Guava, Mango, Moonlight, Parijat and Tulsi were planted with a plate in the name of each employee’s mother.

3. What is the coal production target of Western Coalfields Ltd (WCL) by FY 26-27?

- 1) 100 MT
- 2) 150 MT
- 3) 75 MT
- 4) 50 MT
- 5) 175 MT

Answer & Explanation

Answer-1) 100 MT

Explanation:

Western Coalfields Ltd (WCL), the subsidiary of Coal India Ltd (CIL) has opened trilogy (three) of new coal mines in Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh with total capital expenditure (Capex) of Rs 849 crores. These will generate direct employment for 647 people. WCL has set a target to increase its coal production to 100 million tonnes (MT) by 2026-27. Importantly, it also has a sub-target of 75 MT of coal production by FY 23-24.

4. The central government has modified public procurement norms to give maximum preference to companies whose goods and services have ____ % or more local content.

- 1) 50
- 2) 45
- 3) 40
- 4) 35
- 5) 30

Answer & Explanation

Answer-1) 50

Explanation:

In accordance with the revised Public Procurement (Preference to Make in India), Order 2017, the government has modified public procurement norms for giving maximum preference to companies whose goods and services have 50% or more local content.

5. Which state has launched “Mukhyamantri Shahri Path Vyavasayi Utthan Yojana” recently.

- 1) Telangana
- 2) Madhya Pradesh
- 3) Tamil Nadu
- 4) Karnataka
- 5) Uttar Pradesh

Answer & Explanation

Answer-2) Madhya Pradesh

Explanation:

Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh launched Street Vendor Registration Portal <http://www.mpurban.gov.in/> and “Mukhyamantri Shahri Path Vyavasayi Utthan Yojana” and transferred Rs 300 crore to the urban local bodies.

6. Which company has signed the United Nations Global Compact's (UNGC) initiative to reduce the CO2 emissions?

- 1) TCS
- 2) Tech Mahindra
- 3) CTS
- 4) L&T
- 5) Infosys

Answer & Explanation

Answer-2) Tech Mahindra

Explanation:

Tech Mahindra Ltd, an IT subsidiary of the Mahindra Group has joined 155 global companies by inking a joint declaration with United Nations (UN) Global Compact urging governments to align their COVID-19 recovery efforts with the latest climate science.

7. Who is the 1st Indian to receive the Richard Dawkins Award 2020?

- 1) Gulzar
- 2) Praseon Joshi
- 3) Javed Ahktar
- 4) Kaifi Azmi
- 5) Sahir Ludhianvi

Answer & Explanation

Answer-3) Javed Ahktar

Explanation:

Javed Ahktar, renowned poet, lyricist and writer became the first Indian to receive the Richard Dawkins Award 2020 for critical thinking, holding religious principles up to scrutiny, advancing human progress and humanist values.

8. Which state (among larger states) has ranked top in the State Food Safety Index for 2019-20 released by FSSAI?

- 1) Tamil Nadu
- 2) Maharashtra
- 3) Uttar Pradesh
- 4) Gujarat
- 5) Madhya Pradesh

Answer & Explanation

Answer-4) Gujarat

Explanation: The 2nd State Food Safety Index (SFSI) for 2019-20 of Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has been topped by Gujarat among larger states and by Goa among smaller states. It was announced during a webinar conducted on the occasion of “World Food Safety Day” on June 7, 2020 on the theme “Food Safety is everyone’s business”.

Rank Winner

Large States

- 1 Gujarat
- 2 Tamil Nadu
- 3 Maharashtra

9. What is India’s rank in Environment Performance Index (EPI) 2020 released jointly by Yale University and Columbia University (1 – Denmark)?

- 1) 168
- 2) 175
- 3) 129
- 4) 87
- 5) 63

Answer & Explanation

Answer-1) 168

Explanation: According to the biennial Environment Performance Index (EPI) 2020 released jointly by Yale University and Columbia University, India has ranked 168 out of 180 countries with a score of 27.6 out of 100. While the Denmark has been topped the list with a score of 82.5. Here's the list of top 3 nations in EPI 2020:

Rank	Country Name	EPI score
1	Denmark	82.5
2	Luxembourg	82.3
3	Switzerland	81.5
168th	India	27.6

10. The Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA) has bought _____% stake in Jio platforms for Rs 5,863.50 crores.

- 1) 3.21
- 2) 2.08
- 3) 0.93
- 4) 2.32
- 5) 1.16

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) 1.16

Explanation:

Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA), one of the world's biggest sovereign wealth funds, has invested Rs 5,863.50 crore for a 1.16 % stake in Jio platforms, a subsidiary of Asia's richest man Mukesh Ambani-controlled Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL).

11. The scientists at International Advanced Research Centre for Powder Metallurgy and New Materials has developed magnetocaloric material for the treatment of which disease?

- 1) Pneumonia
- 2) Parkinson
- 3) AIDS
- 4) Tuberculosis

5) Cancer

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) Cancer

Explanation:

A team of Scientists from the International Advanced Research Centre for Powder Metallurgy and New Materials (ARCI), an autonomous R&D Centre of Department of Science and Technology (DST) has developed a magnetocaloric material (a rare-earth-based material that can be heated or cooled by applying or removing a magnetic field) that can be used in the treatment of cancer.

12. The world archery has postponed 2020 World Archery Field Championships to 2022. Where is the HQ of World Archery located?

1) London

2) Paris

3) Amsterdam

4) Vienna

5) Lausanne

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) Lausanne

Explanation:

The World Archery(WA) and Yankton organising committee decided to postpone the 2020 World Archery Field Championships which was scheduled on September 2020 at the National Field Archery Association(NFAA) Easton Yankton Archery Centre(NEYAC), the world's largest archery centre. This decision will extend up to 2022 for safeguard of athlete's well-being & also restrictions due to COVID-19 pandemic outbreak. Yankton is set to host the 2021 World Archery Championships. WA: Headquarters– Lausanne, Switzerland.

13. Salwa Eid Naser who is in news recently is associated with which sport?

- 1) Pole Vault
- 2) 400m running
- 3) Long jump
- 4) Discus Throw
- 5) Wrestling

Answer & Explanation

Answer-2) 400m running

Explanation:

Women's 400 metres world champion Salwa Eid Naser of Bahrain has been handed a provisional suspension for failing to make herself available for anti-doping tests, the Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU) said on Friday.

14. Ved Prakash Marwah who passed away recently is a former governor of which state?

- 1) Mizoram
- 2) Manipur
- 3) Jharkhand
- 4) Both 1) and 2)
- 5) All the 1), 2) and 3)

Answer & Explanation

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

Explanation:

Former Delhi police commissioner and former Governor of Mizoram, Manipur and Jharkhand, Ved Prakash Marwah, IPS, passed away at the age of 87 in a private hospital in Mapusa town in North Goa where he was admitted three weeks ago due to a fall. He was born on 15th September 1934 in Peshawar, British India.

15. Chiranjeevi Sarja who passed away recently is a renowned _____.

- 1) Athlete
- 2) Banker
- 3) Actor
- 4) Architect
- 5) Sand Artist

Answer & Explanation

Answer-3) Actor

Explanation:

Kannada actor Chiranjeevi Sarja passed away at 39 due to a cardiac arrest at a private hospital in Bengaluru. He is the grandson of Kannada late actor Shakti Prasad & the nephew of multilingual actor Arjun Sarja.

16. The world oceans day (WOD) is observed every year on June 8. What is the theme for WOD 2020?

- 1) “Our Oceans, Our Future”
- 2) “Innovation for a Sustainable Ocean”
- 3) “Preventing Plastic Pollution”
- 4) “Gender and the Ocean”
- 5) “Control the pollution”

Answer & Explanation

Answer-2) “Innovation for a Sustainable Ocean”

Explanation:

Every year on June 8 World oceans day, the United Nations (UN) day is celebrated across the world to inform the public about the impact of human activities on the ocean, create a global citizens’ movement for the ocean, and mobilize & unite the world’s population for the sustainable management of the world’s oceans. The theme of 2020 is “Innovation for a Sustainable Ocean”.

17. The Brain Tumor Day observed annually on June 8. Which color ribbon is the international symbol for the solidarity with brain tumor patients?

- 1) Grey
- 2) Pink
- 3) Red
- 4) Blue
- 5) Yellow

Answer & Explanation

Answer-1) Grey

Explanation:

June 8th is annually celebrated as the World Brain Tumor Day which was initiated by the Deutsche Hirntumorhilfe (German Brain Tumor Aid) in 2000 to pay respect to all the brain tumor patients and their families. Note: The grey ribbon is the international symbol for the solidarity with brain tumor patients.

18. The Theme of World Food Safety Day 2020 is “Food Safety, everyone’s business”. The day was celebrated every year on _____.

- 1) June 4
- 2) June 8
- 3) June 7
- 4) June 10
- 5) June 6

Answer & Explanation

Answer-3) June 7

Explanation:

The Second World Food Safety Day was celebrated to promote actions that support food security, human health, agriculture and sustainable development and prevent, detect and manage foodborne diseases. The First World Food Safety Day was celebrated on 7th June 2019. The Theme of World Food Safety Day 2020 remains the same as the theme of 2019 “Food Safety, everyone’s business”.

19. Name the app which is India's first indigenous wireless physiological parameters monitoring system for the COVID-19 affected patients (launched by Jitendra Singh).

- 1) COVID PUSH
- 2) COVID BEEP
- 3) COVID HIT
- 4) COVID PULL
- 5) COVID DEEP

Answer & Explanation

Answer-2) COVID BEEP

Explanation:

Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) medical college, Hyderabad in collaboration with Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Hyderabad and the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR), Hyderabad, and Electronics Corporation of India Limited (ECL) have developed India's first indigenous wireless physiological parameters monitoring system for the COVID-19 affected patients namely "COVID BEEP" app. It is an acronym for Continuous Oxygenation & Vital Information Detection Biomed ECIL ESIC Pod. It has been virtually launched by Union Minister for Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), Dr. Jitendra Singh along with Minister of State for Home Affairs, Gangapuram Kishan Reddy, Dean ESIC Medical College, Prof. Srinivas M.

20. Name the app which was launched by Karnataka along with Varunamitra web portal to provide real-time information and alerts on weather, rainfall, flooding.

- 1) Umang
- 2) Dark Sky
- 3) WeatherBug
- 4) NOAA
- 5) Meghasandesha

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) Meghasandesha

Explanation:

Karnataka Revenue Minister R. Ashoka launched Meghasandesha App & Varunamitra web portal to provide real-time information and alerts on weather, rainfall, flooding in Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike(BBMP) jurisdiction. These were developed by Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre(KSNDMC), in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Science(IISc) under the project ‘Urban Flood Model’(UFM) for the city.

21. Which state has launched the Online Shramik Employment Exchange ‘Raj Kaushal Portal’ recently?

- 1) Telangana
- 2) Madhya Pradesh
- 3) Tamil Nadu
- 4) Karnataka
- 5) Rajasthan

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) Rajasthan

Explanation:

Rajasthan Chief Minister(CM) Ashok Gehlot launched the Online Shramik Employment Exchange, ‘Raj Kaushal Portal’ developed by the department of Information and Technology(IT) and Rajasthan Skill & Livelihoods Development Corporation(RSLDC) through video conference.

22. Name the company which has launched ‘Sodar’ app to help people maintain social distancing.

- 1) IBM
- 2) Microsoft
- 3) Facebook
- 4) Google
- 5) Twitter

Answer & Explanation

Answer-4) Google

Explanation:

Google is trying to do its bit in helping people maintain their social distance. The tech giant has launched a new app that will help people maintain distance in real life using augmented reality. The app has been developed under Experiments with Google and is not available on the Google Play Store but can be side-loaded separately. The app called ‘Sodar’.

23. What is the capital and currency of Romania?

- 1) Budapest & Forint
- 2) Kyiv & Hryvnia
- 3) Belgrade & Dinar
- 4) Sofia & Lev
- 5) Bucharest & Leu

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) Bucharest & Leu

Explanation:

The capital and currency of Romania are Bucharest and Romanian leu respectively.

24. Where is the HQ of Western Coalfields Ltd (WCL) located?

- 1) Pune
- 2) Gandhinagar
- 3) Ahmedabad
- 4) Mumbai
- 5) Nagpur

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) Nagpur

Explanation:

The HQ of Western Coalfields Ltd (WCL) located at Nagpur, Maharashtra.

25. Where is main campus of International Advanced Research Centre for Powder Metallurgy and New Materials (ARCI) located?

- 1) Hyderabad
- 2) Chennai
- 3) Bengaluru
- 4) Kochi
- 5) Amaravati

Answer & Explanation

Answer-1) Hyderabad

Explanation:

Welcome to ARCI International Advanced Research Centre for Powder Metallurgy and New Materials (ARCI) established in the year 1997, is an Autonomous Research and Development Centre of Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India with main campus at Hyderabad spread about 95 acres of land and with operations in Chennai and Gurgaon.

26. Bori Wildlife Sanctuary is in which state/UT?

- 1) Jammu & Kashmir
- 2) Madhya Pradesh
- 3) Tamil Nadu
- 4) New Delhi
- 5) Rajasthan

Answer & Explanation

Answer-2) Madhya Pradesh

Explanation:

The Bori Wildlife Sanctuary is a wildlife sanctuary in Hoshangabad District of Madhya Pradesh state in central India.

27. Kempegowda International Airport is in which state?

- 1) Telangana
- 2) Madhya Pradesh
- 3) Tamil Nadu
- 4) Karnataka
- 5) Uttar Pradesh

Answer & Explanation

Answer-4) Karnataka

Explanation:

Kempegowda International Airport is an international airport serving Bengaluru, the capital of the Indian state of Karnataka.

June 10th CURRENT AFFAIRS

1. India assured to reconstruct 56 schools in which country?

- 1) Bhutan
- 2) Myanmar
- 3) Sri Lanka
- 4) Nepal
- 5) Bangladesh

Answer & Explanation

Answer-4) Nepal

Explanation:

The Embassy of India and the Central Level Project Implementation Unit (CLPIU) of the Ministry of Education, Nepal signed 7 Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) for re-building 56 higher secondary schools. Included areas in the MOU for the reconstruction of schools are located in Gorkha, Nuwakot, Dhading, Dolakha, Kavrepalanchowk, Ramechhap and Sindhupalchowk district of Nepal.

2. Gairsain was declared as the summer capital of which state/UT?

- 1) Uttarakhand
- 2) Jammu & Kashmir

- 3) Haryana
- 4) Rajasthan
- 5) Andhra Pradesh

Answer & Explanation

Answer-1) Uttarakhand

Explanation:

Uttarakhand Governor Baby Rani Maurya approved the declaration of Bhararisen(Gairsain) in Chamoli district as the state's summer capital in compliance with the provisions of clause (3) of Article 348 of the Constitution of India. Dehradun (the largest city) will remain the winter capital.

3. The Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) has operationalised 2 newly sanctioned twin commands at Chandigarh & Guwahati recently. Where is HQ of ITBP located?

- 1) New Delhi
- 2) Goa
- 3) Maharashtra
- 4) Arunachal Pradesh
- 5) Manipur

Answer & Explanation

Answer-1) New Delhi

Explanation:

Due to the standoff between Indian and Chinese forces, the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) has operationalised its newly sanctioned twin commands viz. western headquartered at Chandigarh and eastern at Guwahati to streamline operations, intelligence, deployment, and administrative movement of its troops along the 3,488 km-long Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China. The ITBP HQ located at New Delhi.

4. India planned to launch its first coal trading platform 'Coal exchange'. Who is the present coal minister?

- 1) Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi
- 2) Mahendra Nath Pandey
- 3) Dharmendra Pradhan
- 4) Gajendra Singh Shekhawat
- 5) Pralhad Joshi

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) Pralhad Joshi

Explanation:

As India is the world's second-largest producer of coal, it has decided to set up its first coal trading platform -a sort of 'Coal exchange', where a large number of sellers and buyers can get together to trade coal as a commodity. It is to be noted that the coal ministry is likely to initiate auctions of about 50 coal blocks for commercial coal mining on June 11, 2020. Pralhad Joshi is the present coal minister.

5. World bank has granted Rs. 1950 cr to which state to combat COVID-19?

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

Answer & Explanation

Answer-3) West Bengal

Explanation:

According to the Chief Minister (CM) of West Bengal Mamata Banerjee, the World Bank (WB) has granted loan worth of Rs. 1,950 crores to the state for tackling coronavirus (COVID-19) situation and developmental work.

6. Name the digital payment platform, which has partnered with ICICI Lombard to launch first of its kind travel insurance & domestic trip insurance.

- 1) PhonePe
- 2) PayTm
- 3) Google Pay
- 4) Freecharge
- 5) JioMoney

Answer & Explanation

Answer-1) PhonePe

Explanation:

Flipkart-owned digital payments platform PhonePe along with ICICI Lombard, the non-life insurance company launched ‘first of its kind’ travel insurance, domestic multi-trip insurance to provide a stress-free travel experience to customers by covering risks associated with all modes of travel within the country (road, rail and air within the country) from the time a customer leaves home, till the time of return.

7. What will be the growth of India in FY2020-21 as per World Bank’s Global Economic Prospect (GEP) June 2020?

- 1) -4.8%
- 2) -4%
- 3) -2.5%
- 4) -2%
- 5) -3.2%

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) -3.2%

Explanation:

The Washington based multilateral lender, World Bank in its latest edition of the Global Economic Prospect (GEP) June 2020 analytical chapters reports states that India’s growth is contract by 3.2% (so growth is -3.2%) for FY20-21. It was lower from 4.2% which forecasted in FY2019-20 at the end of March 2020.

8. According to World bank's report, global economy will contract by ____% in 2020.

- 1) 5.2
- 2) 3.2
- 3) 1.2
- 4) 4.2
- 5) 2.3

Answer & Explanation

Answer-1) 5.2

Explanation:

Acc. to the World Bank, the massive shock of the COVID-19 Pandemic and lockdown measures for its containment will lead to a contraction of the global economy by 5.2% in 2020.

9. Find the digital technology company which has partnered with UNDP, HCCB for plastic waste management Project named 'Prithivi'.

- 1) TCS
- 2) Infosys
- 3) Recykal
- 4) Wipro
- 5) HCL

Answer & Explanation

Answer-3) Recykal

Explanation:

Recycling plays an important role in enhancing the circular economy. However, lack of awareness poses challenges towards management of plastic waste and recycling. In order to overcome this situation, Recykal, a digital technology company in the waste management space collaborated with United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Hindustan Coca-Cola Beverages Pvt Ltd (HCCB) for Project Prithvi, a joint initiative for developing sustainable plastic waste management practices in the country.

10. Which country has signed MoU with India to develop strong cooperation and promote strategic intervention in the power sector?

- 1) Germany
- 2) Denmark
- 3) Argentina
- 4) Nepal
- 5) Japan

Answer & Explanation

Answer-2) Denmark

Explanation:

To develop strong cooperation and promote strategic intervention in the power sector, an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) on the Indo-Denmark Cooperation between the Ministry of Power, Government of the Republic of India and the Ministry for Energy, Utilities and Climate, Government of the Kingdom of Denmark was signed on 5th June 2020. The MOU was signed by the Secretary (Power), Sanjiv Nandan Sahai and Ambassador of Denmark to India, Freddy Svane.

11. Who has honored with “NASA Distinguished Public Service Medal” recently?

- 1) Rajiv Kumar
- 2) VK Paul
- 3) C K Naidu
- 4) RK Chetty Pandipati
- 5) Renjith Kumar

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) Renjith Kumar

Explanation:

Renjith Kumar, Engineer from Kerala and Indian Entrepreneur based in Virginia is honoured with NASA’s highest form of recognition for a non-governmental individual “NASA Distinguished Public Service Medal” for his service to NASA through executive leadership, engineering contribution, technical excellence and customer satisfaction.

12. Who chaired the Committee on Development of Housing Finance Securitisation Market in India?

- 1) Harsh Vardhan
- 2) TN Manoharan
- 3) Nandhan Nilakeni
- 4) VK Paul
- 5) Tapan Roy

Answer & Explanation

Answer-1) Harsh Vardhan

Explanation:

RBI has proposed two draft documents titled “Draft Comprehensive Framework for Sale of Loan Exposures” and “Draft Framework for Securitisation of Standard Assets” consisting of guidelines applicable to all Scheduled Commercial Banks; All India Financial Institutions and, all Non-Banking Financial Companies. The revised guidelines include the recommendations of the Committee on Development of Housing Finance Securitisation Market in India chaired by Dr. Harsh Vardhan and the Task Force on the Development of Secondary Market for Corporate Loans chaired by Thothala Narayanaswamy Manoharan, which were set up by the Reserve Bank in May, 2019.

13. The scientists from Max Planck Institute for Solar System Research have discovered a new planet named KOI-456.04 & its host star called Kepler-160. 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 Max Planck Institute for Solar System Research (MPS) in Göttingen (Germany), the Sonneberg Observatory, the University of Göttingen, the University of California, and NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) led by MPS, have discovered a new planet named KOI-456.04 & its host star called Kepler-160 by using Kepler Space Telescope. The research has been published in the journal Astronomy and Astrophysics & lead author of the study was Dr Rene Heller.

14. Name the world's 1st 'Internet-controlled' robot which was specially designed for COVID-19 hospitals.

- 1) M-Bot
- 2) Mobot
- 3) I-Bot
- 4) Coro-bot
- 5) COMBat

Answer & Explanation

Answer-4) Coro-bot

Explanation:

A 23-year old Thane engineer, Pratik Tirodkar, founder of a start-up PNT Solutions, Dombivali developed the world's 1st 'Internet-controlled' robot named 'Coro-bot' to address the needs of the hospitals treating COVID-19 patients. It is deployed for the 1st time in Holy Cross Hospital, Kalyan, Maharashtra.

15. Defence Institute of Advanced Technology (DIAT) have developed 'ANANYA' nanotechnology based disinfectant spray to fight COVID-19. Where is DIAT located?

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

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) Pune

Explanation:

The Defence Institute of Advanced Technology (DIAT), Pune developed “ANANYA” water based disinfectant spray with nanotechnology assisted formulation. This can be used by the general public and healthcare workers and can be used for individual and large scale purposes.

16. Name the pod which was designed, developed and inducted by Indian Air force for evacuation of critical patients with infectious diseases.

- 1) AIRPact
- 2) ARPIT
- 3) HeliPod
- 4) Plodder
- 5) ASPALT

Answer & Explanation

Answer-2) ARPIT

Explanation:

ARPIT (Airborne Rescue Pod for Isolated Transportation) was designed, developed and inducted by the Indian Air force (IAF) for the evacuation of critical patients with infectious diseases from high altitude area, isolated and remote places.

17. Gomathi Marimuthu who is news recently is associated with which sport event?

- 1) 800m running
- 2) Wrestling
- 3) Cricket
- 4) Shooting
- 5) Badminton

Answer & Explanation

Answer-1) 800m running

Explanation:

Athletics Integrity Unit(AIU) banned Gomathi Marimuthu, 31-year-old athlete from Tamil Nadu who won the gold medal for 800m in the 2019 Asian Championship, in

Doha, Qatar for 4years from 17th May 2019 to 16th May 2023 after testing positive for banned substances. The titles, rankings, points and prizes won by Gomathi from 18th March 2019 to 17th May 2019 will be forfeited and her results will be annulled.

18. Amit Panghal and Vikas Krishnan who are in news recently is associated with which sport?

- 1) Boxing
- 2) Tennis
- 3) Badminton
- 4) Wrestling
- 5) Weightlifting

Answer & Explanation

Answer-1) Boxing

Explanation:

The Boxing Federation of India on Monday nominated world silver-medallist Amit Panghal and the seasoned Vikas Krishan for the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna award, picking only Olympic-bound names as its nominees for the annual honours. Panghal (52kg), also an Asian Games champion, has not won any national sports award.

19. Former union minister Arjun Charan Sethi who passed away in June 2020, belongs to which state?

- 1) West Bengal
- 2) Assam
- 3) Manipur
- 4) Meghalaya
- 5) Odisha

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) Odisha

Explanation:

Former Union Water Resources Minister (2000 to 2004) Arjun Charan Sethi passed away at 79 due to his short illness in a private hospital at Bhubaneswar. He is an 8-time member of parliament(MP) from Bhadrak Lok Sabha constituency. He was born on 18 Sep 1941 & hails from Bhadrak, Odisha.

20. Hamza Koya who passed away recently is associated in which sport?

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

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) Football

Explanation:

Former Santosh Trophy National Football Championship player, Hamza Koya has passed away at the age of 61 years after undergoing plasma therapy for Covid-19 infection in Kerala, who played as a wing-back position and represented Maharashtra in Santosh Trophy from 1981 to 1986.

21. Name the mobile app which was developed by IIT Guwahati's students for seamless and contactless air travel.

- 1) Airbot
- 2) Corrid
- 3) Tickle
- 4) Breeze
- 5) Flyzy

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) Flyzy

Explanation:

A group of Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)-Guwahati students has developed a mobile application called "Flyzy" for seamless and contactless air travel. The aim of

the mobile app is to provide contactless boarding, keeping in mind the easier baggage drop, manageable parking, better shopping experience.

22. What does 'L' in LEI denotes?

- 1) Loan
- 2) Land
- 3) Liquidity
- 4) Legal
- 5) Leverage

Answer & Explanation

Answer-4) Legal

Explanation:

No corporate loan sanctions, renewals without LEI code: IRDAI. Chennai: The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has asked insurers not to grant loan renewals or enhancements if the borrowers do not get the LEI code from the Legal Entity Identifier (LEI) India Ltd.

23. Which among the following was known as Asia's version of Noble prize?

- 1) Pulitzer awards
- 2) BAFTA awards
- 3) WOW Awards
- 4) Ramon Magsaysay awards
- 5) Booker Prize

Answer & Explanation

Answer-4) Ramon Magsaysay awards

Explanation:

A Philippine peace award has been cancelled this year due to the coronavirus pandemic, marking only the third disruption in six decades for the annual prize regarded as an Asian Nobel. The Manila-based foundation that hands out the Ramon Magsaysay awards said recently it has no choice "with the COVID-19 pandemic practically immobilizing the world."

24. Who is the Prime Minister of Armenia?

- 1) Nikol Pashinyan
- 2) Binali Yildirim
- 3) Ali Asadov
- 4) Giorgi Gakharia
- 5) Hassan Rouhani

Answer & Explanation

Answer-1) Nikol Pashinyan

Explanation:

Armenian PM Nikol Pashinyan has recently announced that he was infected with COVID-19. The capital and currency of Armenia are Yerevan & Armenian Dram respectively.

25. Name the tropical storm which hits Louisiana (US state) recently.

- 1) Hanna
- 2) Arthur
- 3) Bertha
- 4) Fay
- 5) Cristobal

Answer & Explanation

Answer-5) Cristobal

Explanation:

Tropical Storm Cristobal made landfall in southeast Louisiana US state recently.

26. What is the expansion of MRR?

- 1) Medium Retention Requirement
- 2) Minimum Retention Requirement
- 3) Minimum Retire Requirement
- 4) Minimum Retention Registration
- 5) Maximum Retention Requirement

Answer & Explanation

Answer-2) Minimum Retention Requirement



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Explanation:

The Expansion of MRR is Minimum Retention Requirement.