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Awards & Honors

- Who has been honoured with the 50th Dadasaheb Phalke Award?**
[A] Shahrukh Khan
[B] Aamir Khan
[C] Amitabh Bachchan
[D] Rishi Kapoor
Correct Answer: [C] Amitabh Bachchan
Explanation: The 50th Dadasaheb Phalke Awards honored legendary actor Amitabh Bachchan with India's highest film honor for his stupendous contribution to Indian cinema, in New Delhi. President Ram Nath Kovind presented the Award to Mr. Bachchan.
- Who among the following has been declared by the United Nations as "Most Famous Teenager of The Decade" in its 'Decade in Review' report?**
[A] Greta Thunberg
[B] Malala Yousafzai
[C] Logan Guleff
[D] Gaten Matarazzo
Correct Answer: [B] Malala Yousafzai
Explanation: The United Nations has declared Pakistani education activist and Nobel laureate Malala Yousafzai as "Most Famous Teenager of The Decade" in its 'Decade in Review' report.
- Who among the following has won the 100 Global Child Prodigy Award for singing in most languages during one concert and the longest live singing concert by a child?**
[A] Lydia Sebastian
[B] Priyanshi Somani
[C] Akrit Jaswal
[D] Sucheta Satish
Correct Answer: [D] Sucheta Satish
Explanation: Sucheta Satish has won the 100 Global Child Prodigy Award for singing in most languages during one concert and the longest live singing concert by a child.
- Krishnamachari Srikkanth & _____ will be conferred with the CK Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Award by BCCI for their contributions to Indian cricket**
[A] Jhulan Goswami
[B] Mithali Raj
[C] Anjum Chopra
[D] Deepti Sharma
Correct Answer: [C] Anjum Chopra
Explanation: Krishnamachari Srikkanth & Anjum Chopra will be conferred with the CK Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Award by BCCI for their contributions to Indian cricket.
- Who among the following was awarded the Global Bihar Excellence Award 2019?**
[A] Syed Zahoor Qasim
[B] Prafulla Desai
[C] Amritlal Nagar
[D] Piyush Jaiswal
Correct Answer: [D] Piyush Jaiswal
Explanation: Piyush Jaiswal was awarded the Global Bihar Excellence Award 2019. This award was presented by Rajya Sabha MP and Padma Shri Awardee Dr CP Thakur and Bihar Women Commission president Dilmani Devi in Patna to promote women empowerment.
- Which of the following cantonment boards tops the Swachh Survekshan 2020?**
[A] Delhi Cantonment Board
[B] Ambala Cantonment Board
[C] Jhansi Cantonment Board
[D] Jalandhar Cantonment Board
Correct Answer: [A] Delhi Cantonment Board
Explanation: Delhi Cantonment Board tops Swachh Survekshan 2020 list among the best Cantonment Boards category.
- Which city has topped the cleanliness charts for two consecutive quarters among cities with over 10 lakh population as per Swachh Survekshan 2020?**
[A] Bhopal
[B] Navi Mumbai
[C] Rajkot
[D] Indore
Correct Answer: [A] Bhopal
Explanation: Indore has topped the cleanliness charts for two consecutive quarters among cities with over 10 lakh population as per Swachh Survekshan 2020.
- Which city has topped the cleanliness charts for two consecutive quarters among cities with 1 lakh to 10 lakh population as per Swachh Survekshan 2020?**
[A] Chandrapur
[B] Rajkot
[C] Jamshedpur
[D] New Delhi
Correct Answer: [C] Jamshedpur
Explanation: Jamshedpur has topped the cleanliness charts for two consecutive quarters among cities with 1 lakh to 10 lakh population as per Swachh Survekshan 2020.
- Who will receive the Indira Gandhi prize for popularization of science for the year 2020?**
[A] G. Venkataraman
[B] R. Ramanujam
[C] [D] Balasubramanian
[D] Jayant V Narlikar
Correct Answer: [B] R. Ramanujam
Explanation: Chennai-based computer scientist R. Ramanujam will receive the Indira Gandhi prize for popularisation of science for the year 2020. The prize was instituted by Indian National Science Academy in 1986 and is given once in three years to either a career media professional or a career scientist who has made outstanding contributions to science popularization in English or in other languages.

Recent Appointments

- Who among the following has been appointed by Appointments Committee of the Cabinet as the first chairman of National Medical Commission?**
[A] Aarti Sharma
[B] Harpal Singh
[C] S. N. Dwivedi
[D] Suresh Chandra Sharma
Correct Answer: [D] Suresh Chandra Sharma
Explanation: The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has appointed Professor Suresh Chandra Sharma as the first chairman of National Medical Commission.
- Who among the following has been appointed as its new Chairperson & Managing Director by Shipping Corporation of India?**
[A] Pravin Kumar Purwar
[B] Harjeet Kaur Joshi
[C] Ajay Tyagi
[D] Dakshita Das
Correct Answer: [B] Harjeet Kaur Joshi
Explanation: Shipping Corporation of India has appointed Harjeet Kaur Joshi as the new Chairperson & Managing Director of the company.
- Who among the following has been re-appointed as the Inspector General, Border Security Force (BSF), up to June 27, 2021?**
[A] Raman Srivastava
[B] Abhinav Kumar
[C] U K Bansal
[D] Subhash Joshi
Correct Answer: [B] Abhinav Kumar
Explanation: The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet approved the proposal of Ministry of Home Affairs for extending the deputation tenure of IPS Abhinav Kumar, Inspector General, Border Security Force (BSF), up to June 27, 2021, in relaxation of IPS Tenure Policy.
- Who among the following has been re-appointed as the Chairman of Railway Board for one year?**
[A] Piyush Goyal
[B] Ashwani Lohani
[C] Sudhir Bhargava

- [D] V K Yadav
Correct Answer: [D] V K Yadav
Explanation: The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the re-employment of V K Yadav as the Chairman of Railway Board.
- Who among the following has been appointed as the country's first Chief of Defence Staff (CDS)?**
[A] Karambir Singh
[B] Manoj Mukund Naravane
[C] Bipin Rawat
[D] Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria
Correct Answer: [C] Bipin Rawat
Explanation: General Bipin Rawat has been appointed as the country's first Chief of Defence Staff (CDS).
 - Who among the following took charge as the 28th Chief of Army Staff?**
[A] Birender Singh Dhanoa
[B] Karambir Singh
[C] Manoj Mukund Naravane
[D] Bipin Rawat
Correct Answer: [C] Manoj Mukund Naravane
Explanation: General Manoj Mukund Naravane took charge as the 28th Chief of Army Staff.
 - Who among the following has been given the "additional" charge to head Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)?**
[A] Vivek Johri
[B] Sunil Arora
[C] S S Deswal
[D] Rajesh Chandra
Correct Answer: [C] S S Deswal
Explanation: S S Deswal has been given the "additional" charge to head Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF).
 - Who recently took charge as SEBI Executive Director?**
[A] Babita Rayudu
[B] Rajiv Kumar
[C] Balvinder Nakai
[D] Udai Shanker Awasthi
Correct Answer: [A] Babita Rayudu
Explanation: G Babita Rayudu took charge as its executive director.

India's rank in different indexes

- What is India's current rank in the Global economy?**
[A] 3rd
[B] 4th
[C] 5th
[D] 6th
Correct Answer: [C] 5th
Explanation: According to a report released by UK based Centre for Economics and Business Research (CEBR), India will overtake Germany in 2026 to become the world's fourth largest economy.
- What is India's rank in the Sustainable Development Goals Index 2019-20?**
[A] 35
[B] 41
[C] 49
[D] 57
Correct Answer: [D] 57
Explanation: NITI Aayog released Sustainable Development Goals Index 2019-20.

Government Schemes

1. **Name the project recently started by Kolkata Police which aims to provide self-defence training to girls studying in schools and colleges in the city.**

[A] Suputri
[B] Namrata
[C] Sukanya
[D] Surekha

Correct Answer: [C] Sukanya

Explanation: Kolkata Police has started the 3rd edition of 'Sukanya' project which aims to provide self-defence training to girls studying in schools and colleges in the city.

2. **Name the helpline service recently launched by UPSRTC (Uttar Pradesh State Road Transport Corporation) for safety of the women passengers.**

[A] Yogita
[B] Durga
[C] Shivani
[D] Damini

Correct Answer: [D] Damini

Explanation: UPSRTC (Uttar Pradesh State Road Transport Corporation) has launched 'Damini' helpline service considering the safety of the women passengers. As the extension of 'Nirbhaya Yojana' the unique number "81142-77777" has been subscribed for this helpline.

3. **The Reserve Bank of India has launched a mobile app "MANI" which helps the visually challenged people to identify the denomination of a currency note. MANI stands for?**

[A] Mobile Aided Note Identifier
[B] Mobile Automated Note Identifier
[C] Mobile Artificial Note Identifier
[D] Mobile Auditor Note Identifier

Correct Answer: [A] Mobile Aided Note Identifier

Explanation: The Reserve Bank of India has launched a mobile app "Mobile Aided Note Identifier (MANI)" which helps the visually challenged people to identify the denomination of a currency note.

Indian Politics

1. **Ministry of External Affairs announced the setting up of new emerging and strategic technologies (NEST) division. Who is minister of MEA?**

[A] Arjun Munda
[B] Nirmala Sitharaman
[C] Ravi Shankar Prasad
[D] Subrahmanyam Jaishankar

Correct Answer: [D] Subrahmanyam Jaishankar

Explanation: The External affairs minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar announced the setting up of new emerging and strategic technologies (NEST) division. The division will work to increase investment coordination among the states of the country and also with the foreign countries.

2. **Who has inaugurates the World Book Fair 2020 held in New Delhi?**

[A] Thawar Chand Gehlot
[B] Smriti Zubin Irani
[C] Narendra Singh Tomar
[D] Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank

Correct Answer: [D] Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank

Explanation: The World book fair 2020 is organised by the National Book Trust (NBT) in association with ITPO, will be inaugurated by Union Human Resource Development (HRD) Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank.

3. **The Union Ministry of Science and Technology have awarded Swarna Jayanti Fellowships. Who is the**

present Union Minister of Science and Technology?

[A] Smriti Zubin Irani
[B] Subrahmanyam Jaishankar
[C] Harsh Vardhan
[D] Ravi Shankar Prasad

Correct Answer: [C] Harsh Vardhan

Explanation: Harsh Vardhan is the incumbent minister at Ministry of Science & Technology, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and Ministry of Earth Sciences.

4. **Name the ministry which has announced the results of the 1st and 2nd quarters of the Swachh Survekshan 2020.**

[A] Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
[B] Union Ministry of Panchayati Raj
[C] Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
[D] Union Ministry of Rural Development

Correct Answer: [A] Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

Explanation: The Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) has announced the results of the 1st and 2nd quarters of the Swachh Survekshan 2020.

5. **CBIC has announced that it has paid Rs 1,12,000 crore as Integrated Goods and Services Tax (IGST) refunds to exporters. Who is the Chairman of CBIC?**

[A] Pranab Kumar Das
[B] Pramod Chandra Mody

- [C] P K Mishra
[D] Ajay Kumar Bhalla

Correct Answer: [A] Pranab Kumar Das

Explanation: CBIC has announced that it has paid Rs

1,12,000 crore as Integrated Goods and Services Tax (IGST) refunds to exporters. Chairman of CBIC is Pranab Kumar Das.

Sports

1. **The 63rd National Shooting Championship was held in?**

- [A] Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
[B] Patna, Bihar
[C] Dehradun, Uttarakhand
[D] Hyderabad, Telangana

Correct Answer: [A] Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh

Explanation: The 63rd National Shooting Championship was held in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.

2. **Name the Indian all-rounder who has announced his retirement from all forms of cricket.**

- [A] Yusuf Pathan
[B] Dinesh Karthik
[C] Irfan Pathan
[D] Suresh Raina

Correct Answer: [C] Irfan Pathan

Explanation: Indian all-rounder Irfan Pathan has announced his retirement from all forms of cricket.

3. **Name the Indian shooter who has won the men's 10 metres air pistol gold medal at the 63rd National Shooting Championship in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.**

- [A] Anish Bhanwala
[B] Saurabh Chaudhary
[C] Sarabjot Singh
[D] Abhishek Verma

Correct Answer: [B] Saurabh Chaudhary

Explanation: Indian shooter Saurabh Chaudhary has won the men's 10 metres air pistol gold medal at the 63rd National Shooting Championship in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.

4. **Indian paddler _____ became world no.1 in the latest International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) rankings in the Under-21 men's singles category.**

- [A] Mouma Das
[B] Soumyajit Ghosh
[C] Manav Thakkar
[D] Harmeet Desai

Correct Answer: [C] Manav Thakkar

Explanation: Indian paddler Manav Thakkar became world no.1 in the latest International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) rankings in the Under-21 men's singles category.

5. **Name the Indian mountaineer, who recently conquering Mt. Vinson Massif, Antarctica's highest mountain peak?**

- [A] Gurmeyum Anita Devi
[B] Santosh Yadav
[C] Premlata Agarwal
[D] Malavath Poorna

Correct Answer: [D] Malavath Poorna

Explanation: Indian mountaineer Malavath Poorna, the youngest girl to have climbed the world's highest

mountain Mt. Everest 5 years ago, accomplished another feat by conquering Mt. Vinson Massif, Antarctica's highest mountain peak (4,987 mts).

6. **In which city, 4th All India Police Judo Cluster Championship 2019 was held?**

- [A] Jaisalmer
[B] Guwahati
[C] Mathura
[D] New Delhi

Correct Answer: [D] New Delhi

Explanation: Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, inaugurating the 4th All India Police Judo Cluster Championship 2019, in New Delhi.

7. **Who among the following is the present President of Ice Hockey Association of India?**

- [A] K Natrajan
[B] V K Johri
[C] Anup Kumar Singh
[D] K. L. Kumar

Correct Answer: [D] K. L. Kumar

Explanation: The Ice Hockey Association of India (IHAI) is the governing body of ice hockey in India. The current President of the Association is K. L. Kumar.

8. **Chief Executive Officer of "Khelo India Games" has announced that "Lawn bowls" and "_____" will be included in the 3rd edition of Khelo India Games.**

- [A] Shooting
[B] Cricket
[C] Cycling
[D] Basketball

Correct Answer: [C] Cycling

Explanation: Chief Executive Officer of "Khelo India Games" has announced that "Lawn bowls" and "cycling" will be included in the 3rd edition of Khelo India Games.

9. **The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has withdrawn its boycott call for the 2022 Commonwealth Games to be held in?**

- [A] Tokyo
[B] Beijing
[C] Moscow
[D] Birmingham

Correct Answer: [D] Birmingham

Explanation: The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has withdrawn its boycott call for the 2022 Commonwealth Games to be held in Birmingham.

10. **Who has been picked as captain of ESPN Cricinfo's ODI and Twenty20 teams of the decade?**

- [A] Steven Smith
[B] Virat Kohli
[C] Aaron Finch
[D] MS Dhoni

Correct Answer: [D] MS Dhoni

Explanation: ESPN Cricinfo picked Charismatic former India captain MS Dhoni as captain of ODI and Twenty 20 teams of the past decade, while skipper Virat Kohli was named as the leader in Tests.

11. **Who recently became only the fourth batsman to hit six sixes in an over in T20 cricket?**
[A] Leo Carter

[B] Tim Seifert

[C] Daniel Flynn

[D] Craig Cachopa

Correct Answer: [A] Leo Carter

Explanation: Canterbury batsman Leo Carter hit six sixes in an over on January 5, becoming only the fourth batsman to achieve the feat in T20 cricket, both domestic and international.

International

1. **In which of the following year World Health Organization designated the “Year of Nurse and Midwife”?**

[A] 2021

[B] 2023

[C] 2025

[D] 2020

Correct Answer: [D] 2020

Explanation: In the honour of 200th birth anniversary of Florence Nightingale, the World Health Organization designated the year 2020 as the “Year of Nurse and Midwife”.

2. **Iran’s supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei named the Deputy Head of the Revolutionary Guards’ foreign operations arm _____ to replace Qasem Soleimani as its commander.**

[A] Abolhassan Banisadr

[B] Mohammad-Ali Rajai

[C] Mohammad Khatami

[D] Esmail Qaani

Correct Answer: [D] Esmail Qaani

Explanation: Iran’s supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei named the Deputy Head of the Revolutionary Guards’ foreign operations arm Esmail Qaani to replace Qasem Soleimani as its commander.

3. **_____ top commander General Qassim Soleimani has been killed in a U.S. drone strike in Baghdad.**

[A] Oman

[B] Syria

[C] UAE

[D] Iran

Correct Answer: [D] Iran

Explanation: Iran’s top commander General Qassim Soleimani has been killed in a U.S. drone strike in Baghdad.

4. **President of Nepal launched the “_____” during the ceremony held at historic Dasaratha Rangashala in Kathmandu.**

[A] Atithi Devo Bhav 2020

[B] Country of Mountains 2020

[C] Visit Nepal Year 2020

[D] Stay With Nepal 2020

Correct Answer: [C] Visit Nepal Year 2020

Explanation: President of Nepal launched the “Visit Nepal Year 2020” during the ceremony held at historic Dasaratha Rangashala in Kathmandu.

5. **Name the Pacific nation which has become the first country to ban sun cream which is harmful to corals and sea life.**

[A] Palau

[B] Nauru

[C] Tuvalu

[D] Micronesia

Correct Answer: [A] Palau

Explanation: The Pacific nation of Palau has become the first country to ban sun cream which is harmful to corals and sea life.

6. **Who among the following has won the Guinea-Bissau’s presidential elections held recently?**

[A] Jose Mario Vaz

[B] Domingos Simoes Pereira

[C] Umaro Cissoko Embalo

[D] Aristides Gomes

Correct Answer: [C] Umaro Cissoko Embalo

Explanation: Umaro Cissoko Embalo has won the Guinea-Bissau’s presidential election.

7. **Fausta, which recently died in Tanzania, was the world’s oldest?**

[A] Elephant

[B] Rhino

[C] Turtle

[D] Tiger

Correct Answer: [B] Rhino

Explanation: Fausta, a female black rhino, who was believed to be the world’s oldest rhino has died at the age of 57 in a Tanzanian conservation area. Fausta died of natural causes in captivity in Ngorongoro Crater, which lies in Ngorongoro Conservation Area of Tanzania.

8. **Which prize has been launched by Britain’s Prince William to encourage solutions to tackling climate change?**

[A] Earthshot Prize

[B] Cavalier Prize

[C] Climateculture Prize

[D] Savearth Prize

Correct Answer: [A] Earthshot Prize

Explanation: Britain’s Prince William has announced “the most prestigious environmental prize in history” in a bid to galvanise a decade of action to repair the planet. The Earthshot Prize aims to encourage and inspire people across the world to find innovative new solutions to one of the gravest problems facing the Earth.

9. Which country has recently declared Fire Emergency in one of its states?

- [A] Brazil
- [B] Australia
- [C] South Sudan
- [D] Chile

Correct Answer: [B] Australia

Explanation: The leader of Australia's eastern New South Wales state has declared a week-long state of emergency in response to the escalating bushfire threat. PM Scott Morrison had to cut short a visit to one fire-hit town after being heckled by angry residents.

Indian Affairs

1. India's largest private sector port operator, Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd has agreed to buy a 75% stake in Krishnapatnam Port Co. Ltd. The port is located in?

- [A] Tamil Nadu
- [B] Gujarat
- [C] Telangana
- [D] Andhra Pradesh

Correct Answer: [D] Andhra Pradesh

Explanation: India's largest private sector port operator, Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd has agreed to buy a 75% stake in Krishnapatnam Port Co. Ltd., located in Andhra Pradesh.

2. In which state of India 2nd tallest statue of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel unveils?

- [A] Madhya Pradesh
- [B] Gujarat
- [C] Maharashtra
- [D] Uttar Pradesh

Correct Answer: [B] Gujarat

Explanation: Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani unveils the 2nd tallest statue of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in the world at Ahmedabad. 50 feet tall bronze statue with a weight of 70 thousand kilograms has been unveiled at the Sardardham campus near Vaishnodevi Circle in Ahmedabad.

3. Which of the following state recently appointed two 'Disha Special Officers'?

- [A] Gujarat
- [B] Andhra Pradesh
- [C] Telangana
- [D] Maharashtra

Correct Answer: [B] Andhra Pradesh

Explanation: The Andhra Pradesh government-appointed Indian Administrative Service (IAS) official Dr Kritika Shukla and Indian Police Service (IPS) official M Deepika, as Special Officers for implementing the Andhra Pradesh Disha Act 2019.

4. Which of the following state recently launched 'Cyber Safe Women' initiative?

- [A] Kerala
- [B] Maharashtra
- [C] Uttarakhand
- [D] Assam

Correct Answer: [B] Maharashtra

Explanation: Maharashtra Government has launched a 'Cyber Safe Women' initiative under which awareness camps will be held across all the districts of the state regarding cyber safety.

5. Which of the following state became the 1st state in the country to pass a resolution against the Citizenship

Amendment Act?

- [A] Andhra Pradesh
- [B] Kerala
- [C] Karnataka
- [D] Tamil Nadu

Correct Answer: [B] Kerala

Explanation: Kerala became the 1st state in the country to pass a resolution against the Citizenship Amendment Act. The resolution was moved by Kerala's Chief Minister Pinarayee Vijayan and was seconded by the Leader of Opposition Ramesh Chennithala.

6. The Indian Railways has renamed its security force RPF (Railway Protection Force) as _____.

- [A] Indian Railway Protect Force Service
- [B] Indian Railway Preservation Force Service
- [C] Indian Railway Protection Force Service
- [D] Indian Railway Safeguard Force Service

Correct Answer: [C] Indian Railway Protection Force Service

Explanation: The Indian Railways has renamed its security force RPF (Railway Protection Force) as Indian Railway Protection Force Service. The ministry has accorded organised Group A status to RPF and renamed it.

7. The Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change released the biennial "India State of Forest Report (ISFR)", in New Delhi. The report is published by?

- [A] Geological Survey of India
- [B] Forest Research Institute
- [C] Forest Survey of India
- [D] Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education

Correct Answer: [C] Forest Survey of India

Explanation: The Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change released the biennial "India State of Forest Report (ISFR)", in New Delhi. The report is published by the Forest Survey of India.

8. According to the India State of Forest Report, area-wise which state has the largest forest cover in the country?

- [A] Haryana
- [B] Madhya Pradesh
- [C] Punjab
- [D] Odisha

Correct Answer: [B] Madhya Pradesh

Explanation: According to the India State of Forest Report, area-wise, Madhya Pradesh has the largest forest cover in the country.

9. According to the India State of Forest Report 2019, which state has the largest forest cover as percentage of total geographical area?

- [A] Sikkim

- [B] Assam
- [C] Manipur
- [D] Mizoram

Correct Answer: [D] Mizoram

Explanation: According to the India State of Forest Report 2019, Mizoram (85.41%) has the largest forest cover as percentage of total geographical area.

10. **According to the India State of Forest Report 2019, there is an increase of _____ in the carbon stock of country as compared to the last assessment of 2017.**

- [A] 82.6 million tonnes
- [B] 72.6 million tonnes
- [C] 62.6 million tonnes
- [D] 42.6 million tonnes

Correct Answer: [D] 42.6 million tonnes

Explanation: According to the India State of Forest Report 2019, there is an increase of 42.6 million tonnes in the carbon stock of country as compared to the last assessment of 2017.

11. **Which state showed the maximum increase in forest cover as per the India State of Forest Report 2019?**

- [A] Karnataka
- [B] Haryana
- [C] Assam
- [D] Gujarat

Correct Answer: [A] Karnataka

Explanation: The top 3 states showing increase in forest cover are Karnataka (1,025 sq. km) followed by Andhra Pradesh (990 sq km) and Kerala (823 sq km).

12. **The extent of bamboo bearing area of the country has been estimated _____ hectare.**

- [A] 12 million
- [B] 16 million
- [C] 20 million
- [D] 24 million

Correct Answer: [B] 16 million

Explanation: The extent of bamboo bearing area of the country has been estimated 16 million hectare.

13. **What is the new name of Pragati Maidan metro station?**

- [A] Kendriyametro station
- [B] Pradhan Mantri metro station
- [C] Ujjwal Shakti metro station
- [D] Supreme Court metro station

Correct Answer: [D] Supreme Court metro station

Explanation: The Pragati Maidan metro station will now be known as Supreme Court metro station, while Mukarba Chowk in Jahangirpuri will be known as Shaheed Captain Vikram Batra Chowk.

14. **Which country has commenced world's largest ever vaccination programme to control FMD?**

- [A] Russia
- [B] USA
- [C] India
- [D] Canada

Correct Answer: [C] India

Explanation: India commences world's largest ever vaccination programme to control FMD & Brucellosis in 2019; Aims to provide unique Pashu Aadhar to 535 million animals .

15. **Which state has recently launched a mobile application called "Disha"?**

- [A] Odisha
- [B] Uttarakhand
- [C] Andhra Pradesh
- [D] Goa

Correct Answer: [C] Andhra Pradesh

Explanation: The Andhra Pradesh Police have come up with a new initiative to check crimes against women in the State. From now onwards, police will offer free transportation for women and the elderly during night hours. This is an emergency assistance to public, especially for women and senior citizens.

Festivals and Venues

1. **The women's science congress aims to provide a single platform for women working in different arena of science and technology to showcase their achievements and experiences. The congress was inaugurated in?**

- [A] Guwahati
- [B] Kolkata
- [C] Mumbai
- [D] Bengaluru

Correct Answer: [D] Bengaluru

Explanation: The women's science congress aims to provide a single platform for women working in different arena of science and technology to showcase their achievements and experiences. The congress was inaugurated in Bengaluru.

2. **In which state observed his ritualistic festival "Lai Haraoba"?**

- [A] Meghalaya

- [B] Tripura
- [C] Assam
- [D] Arunachal Pradesh

Correct Answer: [B] Tripura

Explanation: In Tripura, Lai Haraoba, a ritualistic festival observed by Manipuri meitei communities began in Agartala.

3. **Which city will host the 107th edition of the Indian Science Congress?**

- [A] Bengaluru
- [B] Chennai
- [C] Hyderabad
- [D] Mumbai

Correct Answer: [A] Bengaluru

Explanation: Bengaluru will host the 107th edition of the Indian Science Congress.

4. **The torch relay of the Khelo India Youth Games was launched recently. The 3rd edition of the tournament**

will be held in?

- [A] Guwahati, Assam
- [B] Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- [C] Patna, Bihar
- [D] Agartala, Tripura

Correct Answer: [A] Guwahati, Assam

Explanation: The torch relay of the Khelo India Youth Games was launched recently. The 3rd edition of the tournament will be held in Guwahati, Assam.

5. **The 11-day long 'Dhanu Jatra' begins at Bargarh in?**

- [A] Assam
- [B] Sikkim
- [C] Bihar

[D] Orissa

Correct Answer: [D] Orissa

6. **14th Global Healthcare Summit will be organized at which city?**

- [A] Visakhapatnam
- [B] Puducherry
- [C] Coimbatore
- [D] Madurai

Correct Answer: [A] Visakhapatnam

Explanation: Visakhapatnam will host the prestigious three-day 14th Global Healthcare Summit from January 3, 2021.

Important Days and Themes

1. **Which day was observed every year as 'World Braille Day'?**

- [A] 1 January
- [B] 2 January
- [C] 3 January
- [D] 4 January

Correct Answer: [D] 4 January

Explanation: The world Braille Day is observed annually on 4 January. World Braille Day celebrated since 2019, is observed to raise awareness of the importance of Braille as a means of communication in the full realization of the human rights for blind and partially sighted people.

2. **What is the theme of annual World Book Fair 2020 held in New Delhi?**

- [A] Manushi— Books Written on and by Women
- [B] Gandhi: The Writers' Writer
- [C] Suryodaya: Emerging voices from North East India
- [D] Books for Readers with Special Needs

Correct Answer: [B] Gandhi: The Writers' Writer

3. **The 5th Ice Hockey Association of India (IHAI) National Ice Hockey Championship-2020 has begun in _____.**

- [A] Mussoorie, Uttarakhand
- [B] Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir
- [C] Leh, Ladakh
- [D] Nainital, Uttarakhand

Correct Answer: [C] Leh, Ladakh

Explanation: The 5th Ice Hockey Association of India (IHAI) National Ice Hockey Championship -2020 has begun in Leh, Ladakh.

4. **What will be the theme of the 107th edition of the Indian Science Congress to be held in Bengaluru?**

- [A] Science and technology: nation development
- [B] Science and technology: rural development
- [C] Science and technology: state development
- [D] Science and technology: urban development

Correct Answer: [B] Science and technology: rural development

Explanation: The congress has chosen 'science and technology: rural development' as its theme for the 107th edition of the Indian Science Congress.

5. **Guru Gobind Singh's birth anniversary is celebrated on which date?**

- [A] 1st January
- [B] 2nd January
- [C] 3rd January
- [D] 4th January

Correct Answer: [B] 2nd January

Explanation: On January 2, 2019, India celebrated the birth anniversary of Guru Gobind Singh. He is considered to be the 10th Guru of Sikhs. He was born on January. Guru Gobind Singh founded Sikh Warrior community called Khalsa in 1699. He introduced five Ks in Sikhism.

Obituaries

1. **Name the 14th Governor of Karnataka and the former Comptroller and Auditor General of India, who passed away recently.**

- [A] Vajubhai Vala
- [B] Arif Mohammed Khan
- [C] T N Chaturvedi
- [D] Lal Ji Tandon

Correct Answer: [C] T N Chaturvedi

Explanation: 14th Governor of Karnataka and former Comptroller and Auditor General of India, T N Chaturvedi passed away recently.

2. **What is the name of Eminent Assamese dramatist, litterateur and social activist who has passed away recently?**

recently?

- [A] K B Siddaiah
- [B] K P S Menon
- [C] Ratna Ojha
- [D] H L Trivedi

Correct Answer: Kadri Gopalnath

Explanation: Eminent Assamese dramatist, litterateur and social activist Ratna Ojha passed away. He had introduced street plays in Assam in 1971 with his skit 'Kokaideo' to revive the theatre movement in the state that was fading with the death of his mentor Phani Sarma.

3. **Name the Nationalist Democratic Progressive Party (NDPP) leader and Nagaland Assembly Speaker who passed away recently.**

- [A] Kongkham Robindro
- [B] Y. Khemchand Singh
- [C] Neiphiu Rio
- [D] Vikho-o Yhoshu

Correct Answer: [D] Vikho-o Yhoshu

Explanation: The Nationalist Democratic Progressive Party (NDPP) leader and Nagaland Assembly Speaker Vikho-o Yhoshu passed away.

4. **Alajangi Viswanath Swamy, who recently died at 91 was a famous person of which profession?**

- [A] Lawyer
- [B] Mathematician
- [C] Writer
- [D] Social Activist

Correct Answer: [D] Social Activist

Explanation: Noted social activist and former Rajya Sabha member from Odisha, Alajangi Viswanath Swamy, dies at 91. He was elected to the Rajya Sabha the Upper house of Indian Parliament from Odisha as an Independent candidate.

Miscellaneous

1. **Name the Neutral pronoun which has been voted word of the decade by US language experts recently.**

- [A] They
- [B] I
- [C] We
- [D] You

Correct Answer: [A] They

Explanation: Neutral pronoun 'they' has been voted word of the decade by US language experts.

2. **Who among the following designed the world's 2nd tallest statue of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel at Ahmedabad, Gujarat?**

- [A] Sadanand Bakre
- [B] Anish Kapoor
- [C] Ram V. Sutar
- [D] G. Ravinder Reddy

Correct Answer: [C] Ram V. Sutar

Explanation: The statue of Sardar Patel has also been designed by Padma Bhushan Ram V. Sutar, the same sculptor who had designed the Statue of Unity.

3. **_____ has retired from the post of Director General of CRPF, India's largest paramilitary force.**

- [A] Vivek Johri
- [B] R R Bhatnagar
- [C] Vivek Johr
- [D] Tushar Mehta

Correct Answer: [B] R R Bhatnagar

Explanation: R R Bhatnagar has retired from the post of Director General of CRPF, India's largest paramilitary force.

4. **Which country recorded highest number of babies born globally on New Year's Day?**

- [A] China
- [B] Indonesia
- [C] India
- [D] Vietnam

Correct Answer: [C] India

Explanation: Nearly 4,00,000 babies were born around the world on New Year's Day with India recording the highest number of these births worldwide at 67,385. An estimated 3,92,078 babies were born around the world on New Year's Day, according to UNICEF. Of this, an estimated 67,385 babies were born in India, the most globally. China comes in second with 46,299 births.

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