

NATIONAL NEWS

Four Indian cities to launch clean air project:

Lucknow and Kanpur in **Uttar Pradesh** and Pune and Nashik in **Maharashtra** will launch the 'Clean Air Project in India' (CAP India) initiative to improve the air quality in the cities.

First Banana Container Train sent to JNPT for Exports:

Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (**APEDA**), along with **Andhra Pradesh** and one of the largest member of exporter of bananas, dispatched the first shipment of 890 MTs of high-quality bananas from Andhra Pradesh to JNPT in **Mumbai**. Banana clusters were built in **Anantpur & Kadapa** districts of AP.

President Kovind to inaugurate 34th Surajkund Mela:

President Ram Nath Kovind will visit Haryana to inaugurate the 34th Surajkund International Crafts Mela at Faridabad. The year partner country is **Uzbekistan** and **Himachal Pradesh** is the theme-state.

Kala Ghoda Arts Festival to be celebrated in Mumbai:

Kala Ghoda Arts Festival is the country's largest multicultural festival is celebrated annually in **Mumbai**, Maharashtra. This year, the event will be held from 1 February to 9 February 2020 and marks the 21st year of the festival.

3-day Narmada Mahotsav at Amarkantak:

Madhya Pradesh, three-day Narmada Mahotsav is being started in the picturesque plains of Amarkantak on the occasion of Narmada Jayanti. Local tribal art and culture will be duly demonstrated during Amarkantak Narmada Mahotsav-2020.

Nagoba Jatra festival celebrated in Telangana:

Nagoba Jatra tribal festival was celebrated in the state of **Telangana**. The festival is prominently celebrated in Keslapur village, Indervelly Mandal, Adilabad district of **Telangana**.

Amazon India partners with Eastern Railways to set up kiosk in Sealdah Railway station:

Amazon India has entered a partnership with Eastern Railways to set up a pick-up kiosk at the buzzing **Sealdah railway station** in Kolkata, West Bengal. This follows after the successful pilot of pickup kiosks in 4 railway stations across Mumbai in 2019.

Telangana tops country in sustainable growth goals:

Telangana has emerged as the best performing state in promoting inclusive and sustainable

economic growth and decent work for all on Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) India Index 2019, according to **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)** India.

Uttar Pradesh's Chandauli district tops NITI's Aspirational District ranking:

Chandauli district in Uttar Pradesh has topped the list of aspirational districts ranked by the government think tank Niti Aayog in December. **Belangir** (Odisha) and **YSR** (Andhra Pradesh) have been placed at the second and third positions, respectively.

APEDA signs MoU to set up a Liason Office in Guwahati, Assam:

APEDA (Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority) signed MoU with **CSIR-CFTRI** (Council of Scientific and Industrial Research-Central Food Technological Research Institute).

Minister of North East Development chairs Ujh (National) Multipurpose Project:

Minister of North Eastern Development Dr Jitendra Singh chaired the Ujh Multipurpose (National) Project in **Jammu and Kashmir**. The meeting was attended by the Ministry of Jal Shakti, Ministry of Power and other officers from state government of Punjab.

Over 73 lakh youth trained under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana:

Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Minister of State RK Singh said that over 73 lakh candidates were trained under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana. Skill training was based on **the National Skill Qualification Framework and industry** led standards.

Ministry of Labour & Employment launched Portal Santusht:

'Santusht'-Implementation Monitoring Cell (IMC) has been constituted in the Office of Minister of State (I/C) for Labour & Employment in January 2020. Its aim is to promote effective delivery of public services & implementation of policies of the ministry.

Andhra Pradesh has launched a doorstep pension delivery :

Govt of Andhra Pradesh (AP) has launched a doorstep pension delivery scheme named **YSR Pension Kanuka**. Under the scheme various welfare pensions will be delivered to the pensioners. The old age pensioner's age has also been reduced from **65 to 60 years**.

Coastal Security Exercise "Matla Abhiyan" conducted by Indian Navy:

The Indian Navy recently launched a unique coastal security exercise **Matla Abhiyan** in the **Sunderbans** region **Kolkata**. The exercise was

conducted to create awareness about the coastal security to the local community.

Bhubaneswar-Varanasi Direct Daily Flight operations commencement marks the 250th route under RCS-UDAN:

Alliance Air, a wholly owned subsidiary of Air India began the direct daily flight operations from Bhubaneswar to Varanasi under the RCS-UDAN marking it as the **250th** route under UDAN. Varanasi is the religious & tourist hub of India & BHU is present there.

Madhya Pradesh bags first position for implementation of PMMVY:

Madhya Pradesh has bagged the 1st position for the implementation of **Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana**. Women & Child Development **Minister Smriti Irani** will present the award. **Indore** district has bagged the **1st place** for better performance of the scheme. Incentive of **5000 Rs** is given to pregnant women under the PMMVY.

India International leather fair - ITPO (India Trade Promotion Organisation) :

The 35th edition of India International Leather Fair (IILF) Chennai, will be held at Chennai Trade Centre, Nandambakkam, **Chennai**.

Defence Expo 2020 Starts in Lucknow :

The five-day event will be inaugurated by Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** in the presence of Union Defence Minister and Local **MP Rajnath Singh**. The main theme of DefExpo India-2020 will be "**India: the emerging defence manufacturing hub**".

Ministry of Tourism to develop 15 thematic circuits in the country:

Under the scheme 15 thematic circuits have been identified for the development. Ministry also identified **17 Iconic Sites** in the country.

Swadesh Darshan & PRASHAD schemes help in tourism growth.

3rd Defence Attaches Conference held in New Delhi:

Rajnath Singh announced the creation of 10 new Defence Wings so that 10 more Defence Attaches could be appointed. Government has introduced a new scheme to promote defence exports through Defence Attaches.

India's Biggest Rural Technical Festival 'Antahpragnya 2020' In Telangana:

India's biggest rural technical festival '**Antahpragnya 2020**' was held in **Rajiv Gandhi University of knowledge Technologies (RGUKT)**

The festival was held for 3 days from 31st January to February 1, 2020. The theme for the year 2020 was "**Spot and encourage rural tech innovators**".

East Asia Summit on Maritime Cooperation to be held in Chennai:

The Ministry of External Affairs is to organize East Asia Summit in **Chennai**. This is the fifth time the conference is being held in India.

38 Cr bank accounts opened under Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana till January 2020:

Around 38 Crore bank accounts have been opened under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY), till January 2020, Minister of State for Finance- Anurag Thakur announced. **PMJDY** was launched on 28th August 2014.

Karnataka CM launches Janasevaka scheme for home delivery of govt services:

Karnataka launched Janasevaka programme under the **Sakala scheme** in a few municipal corporation wards to ensure home delivery of various services like **ration cards & senior citizen identity cards**.

Atal Innovation Mission collaborates with Ministries to stimulate Innovation in various sectors:

Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) joined hands with several ministries such as MSME, agriculture, food processing and also with **NITI Aayog** to stimulate innovation in India. The mission aimed to showcase government funded innovations.

Pink City-Jaipur receives World Heritage Certificate from UNESCO:

Pink City of Rajasthan, Jaipur, received World Heritage Certificate from the UNESCO. Jaipur's **Parkota** has been listed in the World Heritage sites of UNESCO.

India - Central Asia Business Council held in New Delhi:

The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (**FICCI**) made a partnership with 5 of the epic industry bodies of Central Asian countries for **India - Central Asia Business Council** in New Delhi.

Cabinet approves setting up a new Major Port at Vadhavan in Maharashtra:

Cabinet has given its in-principle approval for setting up a Major Port at **Vadhavan** in **Maharashtra**. A Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) will be formed with JNPT as the lead partner with equity participation equal to or more than **50%** to implement the project.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi sets target of USD 5 billion for defence exports in next 5 years:

During the Def Expo 2020, PM said that government has set a defence export target of **USD 5 billion** in the next 5 years. The eleventh edition of the mega defence event is being held in **Lucknow** with the theme-**India: The Emerging Defence Manufacturing Hub**.

Intivadhakey Pension scheme covered 94% of beneficiaries: Andhra Pradesh:

The '**Intivadhakey Pension**' programme-started as a door-delivery pension-was launched in 13 districts of **Andhra Pradesh**. The scheme has covered **94%** of about **60 lakh** pensioners within a few days, said the Govt. This is the 1st of its kind in India.

President Ram Nath Kovind presents International Gandhi Awards for Leprosy:

President Ram Nath Kovind Presenting the International Gandhi Awards for Leprosy to **Dr N.S. Dharmashaktu** and the Leprosy Mission Trust in **New Delhi**.

Jammu and Kashmir admin renames PHE&IFC dept as 'Jal Shakti Dept':

Jammu and Kashmir administration on Thursday accorded sanction to renaming of the **Public Health Engineering and Irrigation and Flood Control Department** as the '**Jal Shakti Department**'.

22nd edition of India International Seafood Show (IISS) 2020 commenced in Kochi, Kerala:

A 3-day long 22nd edition of India International Seafood Show (IISS), 2020 based on the theme "**Blue Revolution- Beyond Production to Value Addition**" has commenced at Hotel Grand Hyatt in Kochi, **Kerala**.

MPEDA proposes **Rs 2500 crore** project to **Modernise Fishing Harbours**.

Sanatkada festival celebrated in Lucknow:

Sanatkada festival, a well-curated four-day festival of arts, crafts, food and performances, will be celebrated and focuses on different theme each year. Most events take place in the Safed Baradari building in **Kaiserbagh, Lucknow**.

India and African nations sign 'Lucknow Declaration' for enhanced collaboration:

India & 50 African countries adopted the '**Lucknow Declaration**', at the 1st India-Africa Defence Minister's Conclave held on the side-lines of the ongoing Def Expo.

Ayushman Bharat-PMJAY wins national 'Gold' award for sustainable e-Governance initiative:

AB-PMJAY (Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana) has been awarded gold under Category-1 for "Excellence in Government Process Re-engineering for Digital Transformation" for e-governance 2019-20 at 23rd National Conference on e-Governance.

National Conference on e-Governance 2020 concluded:

National Conference on e-Governance 2020 concluded in **Mumbai** with deliberations on transforming governance using digital technologies.

Uttar Pradesh govt to launch internship scheme for school college students:

UP govt will introduce an internship scheme for students of class **10 & 12**. Each youth who will do internship for 6 months & 1 year will be given **Rs 2,500** as honorarium every month. Central share-**Rs 1500**, State share- **Rs 1000**.

Tamil Nadu govt decides to declare Cauvery Delta Region as protected special agricultural zone:

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister **Edappadi Palaniswamy** has said, the Cauvery Delta Region in the state will be declared a protected special agricultural zone. He laid the foundation

stone for what is touted as Asia's largest livestock farm at **Thalaivasal** village near **Salem**.

I-T dept launches e-calculator to compare due tax under new, old regime:

I-T Department launched an **e-calculator** for individuals to estimate their tax liability if they opt for the new tax slabs, without claiming deductions & exemptions, for ITR filing as stated in the Budget. **5%** tax is levied on an annual income of **2.5-5 lakh**.

BBIN nations deliberate on MoU for implementation of motor vehicle agreement:

BBIN nations **Bangladesh, Bhutan, India** and **Nepal** are deliberate on a proposed MoU for implementation of the **Motor Vehicle Agreement** for regulation of passenger, personal and cargo vehicular traffic among the countries.

Maharashtra ranks first among 18 states in justice delivery system capacity:

India Justice Report-2019 prepared by Tata Trusts, among 18 large and mid-level states surveyed, Maharashtra topped the list, followed by **Kerala, Tamil Nadu**. Among states with a population less than 1 Crore, **Goa** ranked first followed by **Sikkim**.

Kaamya Karthikeyan: Mumbai Girl becomes the youngest to climb Mt Aconcagua:

Kaamya Karthikeyan became the youngest girl to climb the highest peak in **South America, Mt Aconcagua**. Kaamya Karthikeyan is a Class VII student studying in Navy Children School.

First Disha Police Station inaugurated in Andhra Pradesh to work on violence against women:

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister **Jagan Mohan Reddy** inaugurated the **first Disha Police Station**. The police stations are first of their kind in the state and will deal with crimes against women.

Hornbill festival begins with aim to raise awareness for bird conservation:

The 1st-ever hornbill festival in **Tripura** has begun with an aim to raise awareness among people for bird conservation. Chief Minister **Biplab Kumar Deb** inaugurated the 2-day festival at Barmura Eco park. The Hornbill family includes about 55 living species.

BEL signs tripartite MoU with Elbit & GRSE for Unmanned Surface Vessels:

BEL (Bharat Electronics Limited) has signed a tripartite MoU with **Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Ltd (GRSE) & Elbit Systems**, Israel at Def Expo 2020. It is meant for the development & customisation of Elbit's **Unmanned Surface Vessels (USV)** for the requirements of the Indian Navy.

Army Major Anoop Mishra develops bulletproof helmet that can stop AK-47 bullets:

Indian Army Major Anoop Mishra has developed first of its kind bulletproof helmet that can stop AK-47 bullets round from a distance of **10 meters**. The "**ballistic helmet**" has been developed under project **Abhedya**.

World's Cheapest Gun Shot Locator developed by Indian Army:

The Indian Army's College of Military Engineering with a private firm developed the gun shot locators called "Parth". The cost of the device developed is around **3 lakhs**. It can locate the location of a bullet from a distance of **400 meters**.

Uttarakhand's First Heli Services under UDAN flagged off:

Civil Aviation ministry operationalized the 1st ever helicopter services from **Dehradun's** Sahastradhara helipad to Gauchar, and Chinyalisaur under the Regional Connectivity Scheme - **Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik**. This will boost the tourism sector in this region.

Hunar Haat inaugurated in Indore, Madhya Pradesh:

In Madhya Pradesh, Governor **Lalji Tandon** has inaugurated Hunar Haat in **Indore**. The Hunar Haat is organized by the **Ministry of Minority Affairs**.

Haryana Launches Rs.1500 crores Mukyamantri Parivar Samridhi Yojana:

Chief Minister **Mr.Manohar Lal Khattar** launched **Mukyamantri Parivar Samridhi Yojana scheme** on the mark of successful 100 days of the present state government. The scheme is about providing financial assistance of **Rs.6000** to the families below the poverty line.

National Water Conference to be held in Bhopal:

In Madhya Pradesh, a National Water Conference is going to be held in the capital **Bhopal** to solve water crisis. There was plenty of water in the state before due to rivers like **Narmada, Chambal, Son, Betwa** and **Sindh**.

1000 Kudumbashree hotels to serve meals at Rs 25 in Kerala:

Kerala's Finance Minister T.M. Thomas Isaac has unveiled an initiative of setting up 1,000 '**Kudumbashree**' hotels to provide subsidised Kerala meals at **Rs 25**.

IIT Madras & AIIMS Mangalagiri to collaborate for patient safety, quality healthcare delivery:

Indian Institute of Technology Madras (**IIT-M**), in Tamil Nadu and All India Institutes of Medical Sciences (**AIIMS**) Mangalagiri in Andhra Pradesh has announced to collaborate in areas such as **patient safety** and **quality healthcare**.

Hyderabad Metro Rail becomes Country's 2nd Largest Operational Metro Project:

Chief Minister of Telangana State **Mr. K.Chandrashekhar Rao** flagged off new Metro line from Jubilee Bus Station (JBS) to Mahatma Gandhi Bus Station (MGBS) covering of **11 Kilometers** becomes India's **2nd largest** Metro Rail Network of total operational distance of **69.2kms**, only next to **Delhi Metro Rail** Network having an operational distance of **231kms**.

Top 20 Smart Cities to help bottom 20 as Sister Cities:

Housing & Urban Affairs Ministry has paired up 20 best performing cities with the 20 bottom cities & they will work as **sister cities**.

Ahmedabad, Nagpur, Tiruppur ranked 1st,2nd & 3rd respectively as the best performing cities, as per the internal rankings. **Varanasi** is paired up with another holy city **Amritsar**.

Haryana launches 'Reading Mission' initiative for students:

The state government of Haryana has launched an initiative called '**Reading Mission- Haryana**'. The initiative was launched to encourage reading habit among the young students of the state.

Rajasthan to create separate identity card for the transgender community:

A major initiative by the **Rajasthan Government** to connect the transgender community with the mainstream society has been undertaken. Separate identity cards will be issued for transgenders in the state to get the benefit of **government jobs & schemes**.

Kerala to host global meet on climate change, ocean health:

ClimFishCon 2020, a 3-day international conference on the impact of climate change on 'hydrological cycle, ecosystem, fisheries and food security' will begin on 12 February in **Kochi**.

Mumbai, Kolkata see highest women, child trafficking cases: NCRB study:

The highest incidence of children & women being trafficked were observed from the cities of **Mumbai & Kolkata**, according to the National Crime Records Bureau study.

DGT Proposes to Issue Digital E-Credentials or E-Certificates:

Directorate General of Training, Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship proposes to issue digital **e-Credentials/e-Certificates** which are freely portable for candidates but continue to allow print and other visual forms for human consumption.

Andhra Pradesh signs MoUs with 11 institutions to help agriculture sector:

Andhra Pradesh signed MoUs with 11 reputed institutes in the country as knowledge partners in the presence of CM **YS Jagan Mohan Reddy**.

Disaster Management Exercise of BIMSTEC NDRF begins in Bhubaneswar:

The National Disaster Response Force of Government of India is to host the second BIMSTEC Disaster Management Exercise-2020 (BIMSTEC DMEx-2020). The exercise is to be held in **Bhubaneswar, Odisha**.

The exercise is held under the Theme: **A Cultural Heritage Site that suffers severe damage in the Earthquake and Flooding or Storm**

Lightweight New bullet proof jacket named "Bhabha Kavach" developed by BARC:

Bhabha Atomic Research Centre developed a new bullet proof jacket called Bhabha Kavach. The jackets are to be used by the **Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)**. The nominal weight of the jacket is **6.8kg**.

Mumbai to get India's largest air quality monitoring network:

The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation will develop an air quality monitoring network across 90 locations in **Mumbai**, making it the largest

network in India. **Delhi** has 38 air quality monitors in present.

MeitY (Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology) grants Rs 44 lakh to 8 Warangal start-ups under TIDE scheme:

Warangal-based tech incubator SRIx has disbursed grant-in-aid worth Rs **44 lakh** to 8 start-ups under the **Technology Incubation and Development of Entrepreneurs (TIDE) 2.0**

Web Portal launched to provide star rating of coal mines:

Ministry of coal launched web portal in **New Delhi** to provide star rating of coal mines. Based on the star rating the highest scoring mines are to be awarded. Ministry of Coal has set target of **1 billion tonnes** by **2023-24**.

Sangeet Natak Akademi to compile National List of Intangible Cultural Heritage:

Sangeet Natak Akademi (SNA) is collaborating with Zonal Cultural Centers of Ministry of Culture, for preparing a list of ICH elements for National List of Intangible Cultural Heritage.

Jitendra Singh to launch CPGRAMS Reforms at the National Workshop on e-Office in Delhi;

Jitendra Singh will launch the **CPGRAMS** (Central Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System) Reforms at the National Workshop on e-office in **New Delhi**. Extension of implementation of e-office in Subordinate offices of ministries will be discussed.

Uttar Pradesh cabinet approved Ground Water Act, 2020:

Uttar Pradesh approved the **Ground Water Act-2020**. The act aims to **improve ground water level**. It makes the registration of submersible pumps & rainwater harvesting in all private schools & colleges mandatory. The farmers need not pay fees to use the pumps.

National Security Guard organises 20th International Seminar against terrorism at Manesar, Haryana:

National Security Guard (NSG) has organised the 20th International Seminar on "*Comprehends the Evolving Contours of Terrorism & IED Threat-Wayahead for the Security Community*" at **Manesar, Haryana**.

Odisha Govt Signs MoU With HDFC Bank To Boost Startups:

Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Department under Odisha government signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the **HDFC Bank** to provide smart banking solutions to Startups in the state.

Ayushman Bharat beneficiaries to get assistance of up to Rs 15 lakh under Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi:

Ayushman Bharat beneficiaries not covered under various packages of the insurance programme and requiring high-cost treatment will be able to get financial assistance of up to **15 lakhs** under the **Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi (RAN)** scheme. Ayushman Bharat Yojana, Launched: **25 September 2018**

'Engiexpo 2020' to be held in Vadodara, Gujarat:

The 6th edition of the mega industrial exhibition 'Engiexpo 2020' is being organised in Vadodara, Gujarat. The three-day mega exhibition will be organised by the **Federation of Small-Scale Industries (FSSI)**, to promote 'Made in India' products.

President of Portugal Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa arrives in New Delhi:

Portugal President **Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa** arrived in India on a 4-day visit. The 2 countries have active & growing cooperation in the field of economy & business, science & culture, & they share convergences on international Issues.

Union Cabinet approves Pesticide Management Bill 2020:

The legislation will promote organic pesticides in the country. It has also given in-principle approval for capital infusion of 2,500 crore rupees in 3 Public Sector (**Oriental, National & United India Insurance**) General Insurance Companies.

India to host 13th COP of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals in Gujarat:

Ministry of Information and Broadcasting **Shri Prakash Keshav Javadekar** announced that the 13th Conference of Parties (COP) of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species (CMS) of Wild Animals, an Environment Treaty Supported by **United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)** is going to hosted by India at **Gandhinagar** in **Gujarat**.

Great Indian Bustard (Gibi) is chosen as official Mascot.

The theme for the CMS COP 13 in India is, **"Migratory species connect the planet and we welcome them Home"**.

Amit Shah to inaugurate 'Conference on Combating Drug Trafficking' for BIMSTEC Partner Nations:

Union Home Minister Amit Shah will inaugurate a two-day 'Conference on Combating Drug Trafficking' for BIMSTEC Partner Nations in **New Delhi**. The conference is being organized by **Narcotics Control Bureau**.

15th Finance Commission Forms Panel for Separate Defence And Internal Security Fund:

15th Finance Commission constituted a **5member** group on Defence & Internal Security. The panel will examine whether a separate mechanism for funding of defence & internal security.

First Inter-City Electric Bus to operate between Mumbai and Pune:

First inter-city electric bus was launched between Mumbai and Pune twice every day. It was launched by the Union Transport Minister **Nithin Gadkari**.

Government renames two Famous Institute after Sushma Swaraj:

Pravasi Bharatiya Kendra a cultural centre was renamed **Sushma Swaraj Bhavan** in honour of the late foreign minister. Foreign Service Institute

has also been renamed the **Sushma Swaraj Institute of Foreign Service**.

Gandhinagar railway station in Gujarat to be the 1st in India to add 5-star hotel above the tracks:

Chairman of the Indian Railway Board, **Sri Vinod Kumar Yadav**, Indian Railways has planned to prepare **5- Star Hotel**.

India's President Shri Ram Nath Kovind awarded President's Colour to Indian Naval Station Shivaji:

Shri Ramnath Kovind, President of India & Supreme Commander of IAF (Indian Armed Forces), awarded **President's colour** (highest military honour) to INS (Indian Naval Station) Shivaji, Lonavala, Maharashtra.

"Apiary on Wheels" launched: A Unique Concept to help bee keeping, achieve National Honey Mission:

Ministry of MSME (Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises) launched "Apiary on Wheels". It is a unique concept framed by **KVIC (Khadi and Village Industries Commission)**. The main aim of "Apiary on Wheels" is to make migration easy.

Manipur CM launches 'Anganphou Hunba' programme at Arapti Mayai Leikai in Imphal East:

Manipur Chief Minister **N Biren Singh** government has prepared a 260-crore rupee project to provide irrigation facilities by pumping ground water and is awaiting the Centre's approval.

New Delhi to hosts National Organic Food Festival:

Government of India is to host National Organic Food Festival at the National Capital. The festival is first of its kind around 150 women entrepreneurs are to participate in the festival.

Arvind Kejriwal to take oath as Chief Minister of Delhi for third Consecutive term:

Aam Aadmi Party Convenor Arvind Kejriwal will take oath as Chief Minister of Delhi on 16 February for the third time. Lieutenant Governor **Anil Baijal** will administer the oath of office and secrecy to Mr. Arvind Kejriwal and his Cabinet colleagues.

Prime Minister participated in Kashi Ek Roop Anek held at Varanasi:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi participated in the program named '**Kashi Ek Roop Anek**' held at **Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh**. He interacted with artisans and craftsmen and distributed kits and financial assistance to artisans and craftsman from different crafts.

Kerala Chief Minister launches "Yodhavu" mobile app to combat drug menace:

Yodhavu-a mobile app through which the public can inform police about drug abuse and its distribution, was launched by Chief Minister **Pinarayi Vijayan** as part of efforts to curb the growing menace in the State.

Union Food Processing Industries Minister inaugurates India Pavilion at GulFood 2020 in Dubai:

Union Minister for Food Processing Industries, **Smt. Harsimrat Kaur Badal** inaugurated the India Pavilion at 25th Edition of the GulFood 2020, **Dubai**.

Seed sowing festival 'Lui-Ngai-Ni' celebrated at Ukhrul, Manipur:

The Naga tribes of Manipur celebrated their seed sowing festival 'Lui-Ngai-Ni', under the theme **"Oneness through Culture"**, with much fanfare at Tangkhul Naga Long ground in Ukhrul. Festival Lui-Ngai-Ni reflects the rich cultural heritage of the **Nagas**.

"Global Investor Summit" for the first time in Jammu and Kashmir:

The Government of India is making preparation in full swing for the Global Investors Summit to be held in Jammu and Kashmir in April 2020.

Chief of Defence Staff aims to set up Air Defence Command by June 2020:

CDS Gen **Bipin Rawat** is aiming to set up the first integrated tri-services command for handling the air defence of the entire country by **June 2020** which will be headed by an Indian Air Force (IAF) officer.

Haryana govt announces Rs six crore to those winning gold medals at Olympics:

Haryana government has decided to give **6 crore** rupees to players of the state that bag gold medals at the Olympic Games.

Chief Minister **Manohar Lal Khattar** said, **3 crore** rupees will be given to those winning gold medals at Asian Games and **1.5 crore** rupees to the winners of yellow metal at Commonwealth Games.

World class National Maritime Heritage Complex will be developed at Lothal, Gujarat:

The MoU on National Maritime Heritage Complex, **Lothal** will pay the way for cooperation between the two countries for showcasing common Maritime Heritage.

Prime Minister Modi inaugurates 50 projects worth 1000 crores in Varanasi:

PM Modi inaugurated more than 50 projects that are worth 1000 crores in **Varanasi**. It included 430 beds in a hospital at Banaras Hindu University, flagging off of Maha Kaal Express, 100year celebration of Jagadguru Vishwaradhya Gurukul and unveiling statue of Deendayal Upadhyay.

Airports Authority of India signs concession agreements with Adani Group for 3 airports:

Adani Enterprises said it has signed concession agreements with Airports Authority of India (**AAI**) for operations, management and development of Ahmedabad, Lucknow and Mangalore airports. The concession period is **50 years** from the commercial operation date.

BioAsia Summit 2020 to be held in Hyderabad:

Telangana is hosting Bio-Asia Summit 2020 in Hyderabad 2020. The main objective of the summit is to explore the capabilities of Life

Science Companies and their investments. They will focus on the needs of the evolving **Life Science industry**. Theme- **Today for Tomorrow**. Partner Country - **Switzerland**.

4th National Conference of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima yojana: National Conference of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima yojana was held in **Udaipur, Rajasthan**. Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare Secretary- **Sanjay Agarwal** inaugurated the conference, with 140 member participation. PMFBY was launched on **18 February 2016**.

South Central Railways zone becomes 1st in India to have energy-neutral stations:

The Indian Railways South Central Railways (SCR) zone has become the 1st zonal railway in the country to have functional **"energy neutral"** railway stations on the network.

Jammu and Kashmir to host 3-day Global Investors summit in Srinagar:

Seeking to attract businesses to Jammu and Kashmir, the state administration announced a three-day **Global Investors** summit to be held in **Srinagar**.

Donald Trump to inaugurate world's largest cricket stadium in Ahmedabad :

The World's Biggest Cricket Stadium, the Motera Stadium in Ahmedabad renamed as the **Sardar Vallabhbhai Stadium** will be inaugurated by US President Donald Trump during his visit to India. The stadium has a capacity of 1.10 lakh people.

India assumes presidency of UN body on Migratory Species for 3 years:

India assumed COP Presidency for the next **3 years** with a focus on Collaborative Approach to tackle Biodiversity Issues. The 13th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on **Migratory Species** has begun in **Gandhinagar** with leaders from 130 countries.

"2020" is said to be the **Super Year for Environment**.

65th Filmfare Awards 2020 in Guwahati, Assam:

The 65th Filmfare Awards 2020 was held at Indira Gandhi Athletic Stadium in **Guwahati, Assam**. **Zoya Akhtar's** directorial **'Gully Boy'** emerged as big winner as it bagged several awards including the prestigious best film award. **Ranveer Singh** bagged Best Actor's trophy for his performance in Gully Boy, while **Alia Bhatt** won the Best Actor in a Leading Role (Female) for the same film.

Kala Kumbh: Exhibition to promote GI crafts and Heritage of India held in New Delhi:

Ministry of Textiles organized **"Kala Kumbh"**. It is an exhibition to promote GI (Geographical Indication) crafts and heritage of India. These exhibitions are sponsored by the Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts.

Govt to facilitate doubling of milk processing capacity by 2025:

Govt will facilitate doubling of milk processing capacity from over 53 mn tonnes to 108 mn tonnes by 2025. In India, milk production is growing by 6.4% during the last 5 years &

increased from over 146 mn tonnes in 2014-15 to over 187 mn tonne in 2018-19.

Delhi Police integrated with Uber launched "Himmat Plus app":

Delhi Police along with Uber launched **"Himmat Plus app"**, at the Indira Gandhi International (IGI) airport, New Delhi, to ensure safety and security of the people travelling in cabs.

Indian pharma & biotech industry expected to grow to 100 billion dollars by 2025:

Union Minister for Commerce and Industries **Piyush Goyal** has said that the Indian pharma and biotech industry is expected to grow to **100 billion dollars by 2025** from the current size of about 40 billion dollars

Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses to be renamed as Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses:

Union Government has decided to rename the Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (**IDSA**) as Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses.

The decision has been taken to honour the commitment and legacy of former **Defence Minister** and **Padma Bhushan** awardee Manohar Parrikar.

EAM to inaugurate Indian Pavilion at 70th Berlin International Film Festival in Germany:

External Affairs Minister **Dr S Jaishankar** will inaugurate Indian Pavilion at 70th Berlin International Film Festival in **Germany**. India Pavilion will provide a platform to popularize Indian cinema in the overseas market and facilitate new business opportunities.

India's sugar export may cross 5 million tonne this year:

India's sugar export may cross **5 million tonnes** in the marketing year ending September 2019, on higher demand from overseas amid a global deficit of 8-9 mn tonne, ISMA said. For the current year, the govt has allowed export of 6 mn tonne of sugar under **MAEQ** (Maximum Admissible Export Quota).

Cabinet approves formation of 22nd Law Commission, PMFBY reforms, and Assisted Reproductive Technology Regulation Bill:

Cabinet has approved of the formation of the 22nd Law Commission. Now farmers can enrol in the **Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)** on a voluntary basis.

Delhi's IGI Airport has become the first single-use plastic-free airport of India :

"Indira Gandhi International Airport" of Delhi has been declared by the Delhi International Airport Ltd as India's first single-use plastic-free airport.

Union Cabinet approves constitution of 12-member 'Technology Group':

The Union Cabinet has approved the formation of an empowered **"Technology Group"**. The Cabinet-approved group will consist of 12 members with the Principal Scientific Adviser to Government of India serving as its Chair. Professor **K. VijayRaghavan** is the Principal Scientific Adviser.

NITI Aayog organizes North East Sustainable Development Goal Conclave 2020 in Assam:

NITI Aayog is to organize North East Sustainable Development Goal Conclave 2020 in Assam between February 24, 2020 and February 26, 2020. The Conclave is to be held in the state capital Guwahati.

Lithium reserve found in Mandya near Bengaluru:

Researchers of India's Atomic Energy Commission have found lithium reserves of 14,100 tonnes in Mandya, Bengaluru, Karnataka. Lithium is a rare metal used for manufacturing batteries for electric vehicles.

Govt approves Rs 4,558cr scheme for the dairy sector:

The government approved a Rs 4,558-crore scheme to promote the dairy sector which will benefit about 95 Lakhs farmers. The Cabinet has also decided to raise the benefit under the interest subvention scheme from 2 per cent to **2.5 per cent**.

India's foodgrain production hits record high 291.95 million tonnes for 2019-20 crop year:

India is set to harvest a record wheat production of **106.21 million tonne** in 2019-20 crop year on the back of good rains. Wheat production has been rising **year-on-year (YoY)** and the previous record of 103.60 million tonne.

Govt to formulate national action plan on business and human rights:

Corporate Affairs Ministry is undertaking **"rigorous consultations"** with stakeholders for formulating a National Action Plan on Business and Human Rights.

Northern Frontier Railway Construction built India's tallest pier bridge on February 2020 in Manipur:

Northern Frontier Railway construction has constructed India's tallest railway pier bridge. It is built across the **Makru river** in the Tamenglong district of **Manipur**.

Structure of the Bridge Total amount spent was Rs283.5 crore. It is 100m tall similar to a 33 storey building. Width 555m is a part of 111km Jiribam-Tupul-Imphal new broad-gauge line.

Vice President inaugurates four-day Indian Students' Parliament in New Delhi:

Vice President **M Venkaiah Naidu** has urged the younger generation to join politics in a big way. Inaugurating the four-day Indian Students' Parliament in **New Delhi**.

Ganga Kayak Festival celebrated in Uttarakhand:

8th edition of the **"Ganga Kayak festival"** was inaugurated by MLA (Member of the Legislative Assembly) Vinod Kandari in Devprayag, **Uttarakhand**. The festival was celebrated for 3 days.

The festival was organized by the **Uttarakhand Tourism Development** Board and The Adventure Sports Society witnessed participation of 45 males and 6 women athletes from Russia, Australia and Nepal.

Uttarakhand:

Capital- Dehradun.

Chief Minister (CM) - Trivendra Singh Rawat.

Governor- Baby Rani Maurya.

Services of Kashi Mahakal Express begins from Varanasi:

Services of Kashi Mahakal Express 3rd private train of Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) begins from Varanasi.

Train service will link the three Jyotirlinga Omkareshwar near Indore, Mahakaleshwar, in Ujjain and Kashi Vishwanath in Varanasi. This is also the first overnight journey train run by IRCTC.

Chief Regional Manager of IRCTC: Ashwini Shrivastava.

Headquarters of IRCTC: New Delhi.

Union Minister of Railway: Piyush Goyal.

New Delhi hosts Symposium on Emerging Opportunities for Indian Textiles and Crafts:

New Delhi hosts the Symposium on Emerging Opportunities for Indian Textiles and Crafts which was chaired by Union Minister of Textiles and Women and Child Development Smriti Zubin Irani.

Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts under the aegis of Ministry of Textiles, Government of India organized the Symposium on Emerging Opportunities for Indian Textiles and Crafts.

Smart City Mission: Centre devises 20:20 model to boost laggard cities:

Centre has devised a 20-20 model to pair the top 20 cities with the bottom 20 and help the laggard cities to kick-start the smartening up process by borrowing technical know-how and financial studies before the 5th anniversary of Smart City Mission.

No.1 Ahmedabad has been paired with Chandigarh, ranked 81

Tamil Nadu govt to celebrate former CM Jayalalitha's birth anniversary as 'State Girl Child Protection Day' on Feb 24:

Tamil Nadu (TN) Chief Minister(CM), Karuppa Gounder Palanisamy (known as Edappadi K. Palaniswami), the state government will celebrate the birth anniversary of former CM Jayaram Jayalalitha on February 24 as 'State Girl Child Protection Day' in honor of the passion with which she worked for the well-being of children, especially girls.

When the orphan girl residing in government-run homes completes 21 years of age, the state government of Tamil Nadu will deposit Rs 2 lakh in the bank in their name to help them get a better life in society after they leave the government homes.

The state Government also increased the monthly amount paid to the foster parents of the girls to Rs 4,000 from Rs 2,000.

50% subsidy for 'Ulemas' to buy two-wheelers, pension doubled

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister (CM) Palaniswami has announced a 50 % subsidy for 'ulemas' (Muslim scholars who are recognized as having specialist knowledge of Islamic sacred law) to purchase a new two-wheeler and increase their pension to Rs 3,000 from Rs 1500

EESL, BSNL in MoU for 1000 public EV charging stations :

State-owned Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) has signed an MoU with BSNL (Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited) for installing 1000 public charging stations for Electric Vehicles.

EESL will set up public charging stations in 1000 BSNL sites in a phased manner & also entire upfront investment on the services pertaining to the MoU, along with the operation and maintenance of the charging infrastructure.

Haryana govt to open Atal Kisan - Majdoor canteens to provide meals at concessional rate:

Haryana government will open Atal Kisan - Majdoor canteens in all mandis and sugar mills across the state to provide affordable and cheap meals to farmers and labourers at a concessional rate of 10 rupees per plate.

Governor of Haryana: Satyadev Narayan Arya

Tripura Tea Board organizes 'Run for India Tea' event :

Tripura hosts the "Run for India Tea" which was organized in collaboration by Tripura Tea Development Corporation (TTDC) and Tea Board of India.

The event aims to further promote and popularise Tripura tea alongside India tea and to boost the tea industry in the state. The event was followed by a colourful tableau procession which featured the participation of large number of tea workers wearing traditional dresses.

Mansukh Mandaviya lays foundation stone of lighthouse in Rameswaram:

Union Minister of State for Shipping Mansukh Laxmanbhai Mandaviya has laid the foundation stone for a 50-metre high modern lighthouse at Dhanushkodi in Rameswaram, Tamil Nadu.

5th lighthouse in the region is located opposite to the old church that was destroyed in a cyclone in 1964.

Centre releases Rs 19,950 crore as GST compensation to states, UTs:

Central Government has released 19,950 crore rupees as GST compensation to states which gets to a total of over 1.20 lakh crore rupees paid by the government towards GST compensation to the states during current fiscal

Minister of State Finance: Anurag Singh Thakur

22 km long India road show with 28 stages to welcome US President Trump in Ahmedabad:

US President Donald Trump will begin his first official trip to India from Ahmedabad on 24th February. President Trump and Prime Minister Narendra Modi will participate in the India roadshow to begin the visit.

It is a 22-kilometre route from Ahmedabad airport to Sardar Patel Stadium in Motera, Gujarat.

Railway Board Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav launches HRMS Mobile Application;

Chairman, Railway Board, Shri Vinod Kumar Yadav launched HRMS Mobile App which has been designed and developed by Centre for Railway Information System (CRIS). All employees of Indian Railways can now see data

related to their service and communicate with administration for any changes, if required.

Mobile Application allows employee to view his historical data since his date of joining in Railways including details related to his Increments, Promotions, Awards, Transfers, Postings, Leave, Training, and composition of Family as per records and Nominations for retirement benefits.

Indian Railways launches joint research initiatives with University of Birmingham:

The programme that has been launched leads to dual M.Sc. that would see NRTI students obtaining two post graduate degrees from both institutions, after spending a year studying at each institution from academic year 2020-2021 National Rail Transport Institute was set up in 2018 at Vadodara

PM Modi to inaugurate first-ever Khelo India University Games in Odisha :

Prime Minister will declare open the first-ever Khelo India University Games in Odisha through video conferencing. The multi-disciplinary sporting event will take off with a mega launch at the Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium in Cuttack.

The event will be attended by several dignitaries and sportspersons, including Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik and Union Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju.

As many as 3,400 athletes from 159 universities across the country will vie for top honours in 17 disciplines, including rugby which is among the six-team events.

The sports disciplines will include archery, athletics, boxing, fencing, judo, swimming, weightlifting, wrestling, badminton, basketball, football, hockey, table tennis, tennis, volleyball, rugby and kabaddi.

Shyama Prasad Mukherji National Rurban Mission completes four years:

Fourth Anniversary of the launch of Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission (SPMRM) was observed on 21st February 2016, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had launched the Mission with the vision to deliver catalytic interventions to rural areas on the threshold of growth.

The Mission aims at transforming these Rurban clusters by stimulating local economic development, enhancing basic services and creating well planned Rurban clusters.

Union Ministers Harsimrat Kaur Badal, Smriti Irani jointly inaugurate National Organic Food Festival:

Food Processing Industries Minister Harsimrat Kaur Badal and Women and Child Development Minister Smriti Irani jointly inaugurated National Organic Food Festival in New Delhi.

The three-day festival aims at strengthening organic market and encouraging women entrepreneurs engaged in manufacturing of organic produce.

Theme of the festival: "Unleashing India's Organic Market Potential"

Myanmar President U Win Myint will be on 4-day State Visit to India :

President of Myanmar U Win Myint will be on a four-day State Visit to India. Mr. U Win Myint will

be accompanied by the First Lady Daw Cho Cho. The visiting dignitary is expected to visit **Agra** and **Bodh Gaya** following his official meetings in **New Delhi**.

PM Modi to inaugurate two-day International Judicial Conference 2020 in New Delhi:

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** will inaugurate a two-day International Judicial Conference 2020 organised by Supreme Court in **New Delhi**. Union Law Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad and Chief Justice Sharad Bobde will also be present on the occasion.

The theme of the International Judicial Conference 2020 is "**Judiciary and the changing world**".

Chitra Bharati Film Festival to begin today at Gujarat University in Ahmedabad:

The three-day festival, known as the **Chitra Bharati Film Festival (CBFF)** will begin this evening at **Gujarat University** in **Ahmedabad**. This will be the third edition of the festival- the first was held in Indore, Madhya Pradesh, in 2016, and the second at Delhi's Siri Fort Auditorium in 2018.

Gujarat Chief Minister **Vijay Rupani** and Bollywood filmmaker **Subhash Ghai** will inaugurate the **CBFF**

National Museum hosts 'Historical Gastronomica - The Indus Dining Experience' exhibition:

National Museum in **New Delhi** is hosting a unique exhibition on India's ancient food history called "**Historical Gastronomica - The Indus Dining Experience**" till the 25th of this month that goes back to over **5000 years ago**.

The event is curated jointly by the National Museum and One Station Million Stories (**OSMS**) - is based on archaeological research, museum artifacts and their characteristics.

President Kovind inaugurates the Huddle 2020 event in Bengaluru:

President Kovind inaugurated the 4th edition of **The Huddle**, The Hindu's annual thought conclave, in **Bengaluru**. The 2-day event would feature 15 sessions & 32 speakers, from the world of politics, business, academics, sports, entertainment and the arts

14th President of India: **Ram Nath Kovind**

Department of Telecommunications launches '5G Hackathon':

Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has launched '**5G Hackathon**' in association with government, academia and industry stakeholders. Aimed at shortlisting of India's cutting-edge ideas, that can be converted into workable 5G products and solutions.

Winners of the various phases will share a total prize pool of **2.5 crore** rupees. Minister of State for Communications, E&IT: **S. Shamrao Dhotre**

Railway customers can now converse in Hindi through 'ASKDISHA' chatbot:

In order to resolve queries of railway passengers, the Indian Railways Catering and Tourism Corporation Limited (**IRCTC**) has now powered voice enabled '**ASKDISHA**' to converse with customers in **Hindi language**.

Railways had introduced AI-based '**ASKDISHA**' chatbot in **2018**

Geological Survey of India discovers gold deposits of over 3,000 tonnes in Sonbhadra district of Uttar Pradesh:

Geological Survey of India (GSI) has discovered gold deposits to the tune of around **3,000 tonnes** in **Sonbhadra district** of **Uttar Pradesh**, almost five times India's current reserve of the **yellow metal**.

Work on finding gold reserves in Sonbhadra was started almost two decades back in **1992-93** by the GSI, he said, adding that auctioning of these blocks through e-tendering would start soon. The deposits in **Son Pahadi** is estimated to be around 2,943.26 tonnes, while that at Hardi block is around **646.16 kilograms**, the official said.

Ministry of MSME launches national level awareness programme:

Union Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises has launched a **National Level Awareness Programme (NLAP)** 2020. Objective of the NLP is to spread awareness about schemes & activities undertaken by the Ministry & its attached organisations

MSME Minister of State: **Pratap Chandra Sarangi**

Harsh Vardhan inaugurates New Institutional Campus at NIPHTR in Navi Mumbai:

Minister of Science & Technology, Health and Family Welfare and Earth Science **Dr. Harsh Vardhan** inaugurated a New Institutional Campus at the National **Institute of Public Health Training & Research (NIPHTR)** at **Navi Mumbai**.

The centre is in the process of having another **157 medical colleges** across the country. Dr. Harsh Vardhan also stated that the centre has over 80 thousand MBBS seats and has improved strength of medical colleges and paramedics and allied health services, public health and mechanism.

Over Rs 50,000 Cr released by centre to farmers under PM-KISAN scheme so far:

The PM-KISAN scheme launched on **24th February 2019**, is to provide income support to all landholding farmers' families across the country and enable them to meet expenses related to agriculture as well as domestic needs. Under the Scheme, **six thousand rupees per year** is transferred in installments directly into the bank accounts of the farmers.

Centre has released **50,850 crore rupees** to farmers the scheme so far. As on the 20th of this month, **8.46 crores farmer families** have been given the benefits.

US Prez Trump's visit to India is expected to focus on several key areas:

US President **Donald Trump's** visit to India is expected to focus on several key areas, including **economic** and **energy ties**. Whether in countering terrorism or in ensuring a peaceful and prosperous Indo-Pacific, India and the US have unprecedented convergence of interests. It is a strategic partnership based on shared values and geared towards the 21st century.

Bilateral trade between India and US is expected to cross **150 billion dollars** for the first time this

year. Two way merchandise trade stood at around 87 billion dollars. Of this, India's goods exports to the US were valued at 54 billion dollars.

The US has emerged as a key partner for India in the field of energy. It is now also **India's 6th largest** source of **crude oil imports**, with hydrocarbon imports rising to 7 billion dollars in the last two years.

Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar launches PM KISAN mobile App; reiterates Govt's commitment for doubling farmer's income by 2022:

On the 1st anniversary of launch of Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (**PM-KISAN**), Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar today launched **PM KISAN mobile application**.

Mr Tomar reiterated Government's commitment for doubling farmer's income by 2022. He said, **PM KISAN** will play important role in **doubling farmer's income**.

He also said, several initiatives like promoting organic farming and promoting export of agri-products are being done by the Government to boost income of farmers. He said, sufficient budget has been allocated by Government for Agriculture and farmers related schemes.

Mr Tomar informed that on 29th of this month, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will attend an event on **1st Anniversary of PM KISAN** in **Chitrakoot** in **Uttar Pradesh**. The Minister said, lakhs of farmers will be given kisan credit card on the occasion.

GSI denies discovery of 3000-tonne gold deposits in UP's Sonbhadra:

Geological Survey of India (GSI) has said there has been no discovery of gold deposits estimated to be around **3,000 tonnes** in **Uttar Pradesh's Sonbhadra district**.

In a release, the GSI clarified that it has not estimated such kind of vast resource of gold deposit in Sonbhadra district. It informed that GSI, Northern region has carried out several exploration works for gold but the results were not encouraging.

GSI has estimated a probable category resource of 52806.25 tonnes of Ore with 3.03 grams per tonne for a strike length of **170 meters** in Sonaphari area of Sonbhadra district.

It clarified that the total gold which can be extracted from the total resource of 52806.25 tonnes of ore is approximately 160 kg and not 3350 tonnes.

PM Modi, US Prez Trump to jointly address Namaste Trump event at Motera stadium:

US President **Donald Trump** will arrive in **Ahmedabad** today on a two-day visit to India. He will be accompanied by his wife Melania, daughter Ivanka, son-in-law Jared Kushner and top brass of his administration. In Ahmedabad, he will visit **Sabarmati Ashram** and take part in a roadshow with Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The two leaders will jointly address over one lakh people at the **Namaste Trump event** at **Motera cricket stadium, Ahmedabad, Gujarat**.

A cultural extravaganza will be organised at the stadium during the Namaste Trump event. US president along with PM Modi will participate in roadshows on his way from the airport to Sabarmati Ashram and from there to the newly-built Motera stadium. Dance groups and singers from different parts of the country will perform on

stages that are dotting the **22-km route of the roadshow**.

Bollywood singers Kailash Kher and Parthiv Gohil, and Gujarati folk singers like Kirtidan Gadhvi, Gita Rabari, Purushottam Upadhyay and Sairam Dave will perform at the Motera cricket stadium.

Bengaluru Metro to buy 112 Gen2 elevators: Otis Elevator Co. announced it has been selected to provide **112 Gen2 elevators** for the **2nd phase** of the **Bengaluru Metro project**.

The Metro projects second phase is expected to be completed by **2023**. It will cover **27 stations** connecting the city's manufacturing and tech hubs.

International Judicial Conference was held in New Delhi:

International Judicial Conference was held in **New Delhi** and was addressed by Prime Minister **Shri Narendra Modi**.

Highlights:

- i) The topic of the one-day conference is **"Judiciary and The Changing World"**.
- ii) Also, the theme of **'Gender Just World'** was introduced at the conference.
- iii) They discussed the changes made by GoI to bring gender equality including recruitment of women in military service, changes in the selection process of fighter pilots, and the freedom to work at night in the mines.
- iv) The need for technology to deliver speedy justice was emphasized. The government has made an effort to connect every court of the country to the e-court Integrated Mission Mode Project.
- v) So far, **1500 obsolete laws** have been **abolished** in the country. Also, many new laws to strengthen the society have been enacted.
- vi) Centre has established National Judicial Data Grid, in order to make Court's procedure easier.

National Integration Camp themed Ek Bharat-Shreshth Bharat inaugurated in Sikkim:

National Integration Camp (NIC) themed **Ek Bharat-Shreshth Bharat** was inaugurated at the Indian Himalayan Centre for Adventure and Eco-tourism Institute at **Chemchey**, South **Sikkim**.

The camp is being organized by Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan, Sikkim. Lok Sabha MP from Sikkim **Indra Hang Subba** inaugurated the camp.

Five-day training course on Vessel Search Technique begins in Chennai:

A five-day training course on **Vessel Search Technique** being organized by the **Indian Coast Guard** jointly with the **Australian Border Force** began in **Chennai**.

The programme is set to bolster efforts of both the countries for realizing the common national maritime objectives of ensuring **safety and security at sea**.

US President Donald Trump and First Lady visit Taj Mahal in Agra:

President Donald Trump and his family members visited **Taj Mahal** at Agra in **Uttar Pradesh**. They spent around one hour at the historic monument. President Trump wrote in the **visitor's book** of the Taj that The **Taj Mahal**

inspires awe and it is a timeless testament to the rich and diverse beauty of Indian culture.

President Trump and his family were received by Governor Anandi Ben Patel and Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath at the airport.

Govt approves constitution of 22nd Law Commission:

Government has formally announced the constitution of the **22nd Law Commission**. The law panel advises the government on complex legal issues and has a **term of three years**.

The chairperson **usually** is a **retired Supreme Court judge** or a **retired chief justice of a high court**. The term of the previous commission had ended on August 31, 2018. Union Cabinet had last week given its nod to reconstitute the panel.

Andhra CM Jagan Mohan launches 'Jagananna Vasthi Deevana' scheme to provide financial assistance to Students:

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister **Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy** launched another scheme named after himself, called **'Jagananna Vasthi Deevana'**, under which a financial assistance of **Rs 2,300 crore** would be provided to students pursuing various post- intermediate courses to meet hostel and mess expenses.

The Chief Minister launched the programme in Vizianagaram district in north coastal Andhra. In all 11,87,904 students pursuing ITI, polytechnic, under-graduate and post-graduate education would benefit from the scheme, according to the Chief Minister's Office.

While ITI students would get **Rs 10,000** each, polytechnic students would get **Rs 15,000** and under-graduates and post-graduates **Rs 20,000** each, according to the CMO.

A unique **bar-coded smart card** would be issued to each **beneficiary** to draw the benefits of the **JVD scheme**. The card contains complete details of the student.

J&K to set up Tribal Research Institute by next fiscal year:

Union Territory of **Jammu and Kashmir** will set up a **Tribal Research Institute (TRI)** by **next fiscal year** to promote **tribal practices and their art, culture and languages**.

Secretary Cooperative and Tribal Affairs, Abdul Majid Bhat said in Srinagar that Tribal Research Institute will be a centre of excellence.

Ek Bharat Shreshta Bharat: J&K Youth group visits Tamil Nadu:

Under **Ek Bharat Shreshta Bharat programme**, a group of 46 youth including seven girls drawn from 11 districts of Jammu and Kashmir was in **Tamil Nadu** on a 13-day visit to the paired state.

The tour of the youth under the programme concluded with an impressive and colourful closing ceremony at the conference hall of Youth Hostel in **Adyar, Chennai**.

Advisor to LG J&K, Farooq Khan flags off youth exchange programme 'Watan Ko Jano':

Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, **Farooq Khan** flagged off a group of students from across **Jammu and Kashmir** and **Ladakh** Union Territories for a ten day tour **'Watan Ko Jano'**, a youth exchange programme.

International conference on EMMDA at NCMRWF, Noida:

An international conference on **"Ensemble Methods in Modelling and Data Assimilation (EMMDA) "** began on 24 February 2020 at **NCMRWF, Noida, India**.

The conference will be held from 24-26 February. It was inaugurated by **Dr. Harsh Vardhan**, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Science and Technology, Earth Sciences.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Nepal creates Guinness World Record for highest altitude fashion show event:

Nepal has set an all new Guinness World Record for the highest altitude fashion show event ever held. The Mount Everest Fashion Runway, organized by **RB Diamonds & KASA Style** in support of Nepal Tourism Board, was held at 5340 metres height at **Kala Patthar**.

Maldives readmitted and becomes 54th member of Commonwealth :

Ibrahim Mohamed Solih, President of the Maldives announced that Maldives has once again become a member of the Commonwealth family.

NTPC raises Samurai loan worth \$750 million for new projects:

NTPC, India's largest power generator has raised syndicated Japanese Yen loan (JPY) worth **\$750 million** (around Rs5,367 crore). The raised fund will be used to reduce air pollution in power projects across the country.

India, Maldives sign five MoUs for establishing Addu Tourism zone:

India & Maldives signed 5 MoUs for establishing the Addu Tourism zone in 5 islands of Addu atoll at a cost of **USD 2.49 mn**.

2019 Global Go To Think Tank Index Report:

Global Go To Think Tank Index Report (GGTTI), by the Think Tanks and Civil Societies Program (TTCSP) of the Lauder Institute at the **University of Pennsylvania**, United States (US) was released.

As per the report India's **Observer Research Foundation (ORF)** was ranked at 27th place among 176 global think tanks. The report was topped by **Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (CEIP)** of US.

Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina inaugurates month long Ekushey Book Fair:

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina of Bangladesh inaugurated the month long Ekushey Book fair in **Dhaka**. **Ekushey** fair is the biggest and longest book fair of Bangladesh. It is organised every year in February commemorating the martyrs of the language movement.

India's Ambassador to UAE assumes responsibility of India's Co-Chair of Expo-2020 Dubai Committee:

FICCI is the industry partner of the Indian Government for its participation in Expo-2020 **Dubai**. Theme **"Connecting Minds, Creating the Future"** and its three sub-themes - **Opportunity, Mobility and Sustainability** - Expo-2020.

Pakistan, Somalia declare locusts a 'national emergency' after worst locust invasion:

Somalia is the 1st country to make such a declaration & its declaration aims to intensify the national effort to combat these insects.

The Prime Minister (PM) of **Pakistan** Imran Khan has also declared a **national emergency** due to the massive locust's attack.

Indian Oil Corporation signs Mou for Russian owned Rosneft:

Russian state-owned firm Rosneft signed an agreement with Indian Oil Corporation for exporting **2 million** tonne of Urals-grade crude oil to India.

India, Norway ink 4 MoUs in field of research, higher education:

India & Norway signed 4 MoUs in the field of research & higher education to strengthen bilateral alliance. One was signed between the IIT Delhi & UiT-the Arctic University of Norway, for cooperation in fields such as **bio-photonics & diagnostic tools**.

India-South Korea hold meeting to enhance Bilateral Security Cooperation:

India and South Korea discussed ways to enhance bilateral **security cooperation** in the field of defence industries and research and development.

India becomes second largest steel producer of Crude Steel:

As per World Steel Association data, India became the **second** largest steel producer of crude steel after **China** in 2018 and 2019, by replacing Japan. **USA & South Korea** ranked 4th and 5th positions, respectively.

Prince Charles launches children's protection fund for India:

The Prince of Britain, **Prince Charles** has recently unveiled a new children's protection fund for India. The trust was founded to fight poverty in South Asia.

Virat Kohli retains top spot as the most valuable celebrity in 2019: Duff & Phelps:

Virat Kohli retained the top spot in the celebrity brand valuation rankings released by **Duff & Phelps**, for the third year in a row. Bollywood actor **Akshay Kumar** bagged the second spot. **Deepika Padukone & Ranveer Singh** held the third spot.

Train route between Dhaka & Siliguri expected to open by June 2020:

Bangladesh Railway Minister **Nurul Islam Sujan** has said that the train route between **Dhaka and Siliguri** is expected to be open by June this year. This train route is of **seven-kilometer** long train route.

HAL signs MoU with Israel Aerospace Elbit Systems for digital head-up displays for fighter planes:

Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) for the 1st time, will sign a partnership pact with **Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI)** at the Def Expo 2020 in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh. This pact is signed for manufacture advanced Unmanned Combat Aerial Vehicles (UCAVs) in India.

AIIB Sanctioned \$3 billion Loan to Andhra Pradesh for development projects:

The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) offered to extend a \$3 billion loan to **Andhra Pradesh** for development projects.

Philip Barton appointed Britain's new High Commissioner to India:

Britain appointed career diplomat Philip Barton as its High Commissioner to India to succeed Dominic Asquith.

Airbus signs aircraft services MoU with Adani Defence and Aerospace:

Airbus India and **Adani Defence** signed an agreement on to leverage synergies in aerospace and aircraft services, a fast-growing sector that is estimated to generate annual business worth USD 6.3 billion in the country by 2025.

Joaquin Phoenix wins best actor trophy, Renee Zellweger best actress in Oscars 2020:

Joaquin Phoenix & Renee Zellweger won the best actor & actress trophies respectively at the 92nd Academy Awards ceremony at Dolby Theatre in **Los Angeles**. Director **Bong Joon Ho** bagged the best director Oscar for his sensational class satire '**Parasite**'.

Parasite- 1st foreign-language movie to win Best film award.

Africa Union Summit held at Addis Ababa:

The African Union Summit was held in **Addis Ababa, Ethiopia** to tackle terrorism in the continent. **Theme: "Silencing the Guns: Creating Conducive Conditions"**.

ADB approved \$2 million fund amount to combat nCoV:

Asian Development Bank (**ADB**) has approved to sponsor **\$2 million** as funding to combat the outbreak of **novel coronavirus (nCoV)**. ADB has also partnered with **World Health Organisation (WHO)**.

India-UK to hold joint military exercise 'Ajeya Warrior':

India and United Kingdom will conduct their **fifth** edition of joint military exercise '**Ajeya Warrior-2020**' at **Salisbury Plains** in United Kingdom from February 13-26.

United States-India Strategic and Partnership Forum held in Washington:

US-India Strategic and Partnership Forum in **Washington** has said that bilateral trade between India and the US has got momentum in recent times and it is moving in favour of Washington.

CCI approves formation of Joint venture between M&M and FMC:

Competition Commission of India approves formation of a joint venture between **Mahindra & Mahindra** and **Ford Motor** and the transfer of the automotive business of Ford India to the Joint venture.

Karen Pierce appointed first female British ambassador to US:

Dame Karen Pierce, the UK's permanent representative to the UN, has been appointed Britain's ambassador to US, becoming the **first**

woman to hold the position - the most prominent in the diplomatic service.

Amazon invests 1.5 billion USD for two Data Centres under Data Centre Policy of Telangana:

The E-Commerce Giant **Amazon Web Services** has planned to invest **1.5 billion USD** to set up two data centres in **Hyderabad**. The private firm will be helped by the Telangana Government under its Data Centre Policy.

WHO officially names Coronavirus disease as "Covid-19":

World Health Organization (WHO) has officially named the disease caused by the new coronavirus as "**Covid-2019**". The new name "Covid-2019" has been taken from the word's "corona", "virus" and "disease", with 2019 representing the year in which it emerged.

India and Iceland Signs MoU on Sustainable Fisheries Development:

Union Cabinet gave its approval for the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) b/w India and Iceland in the field of sustainable fisheries development.

43rd Session of International fund for Agricultural Development:

The International Fund for Agricultural Development (**IFAD**) of the United Nations works to address hunger and poverty in developing countries. The **43rd** session of the governing council of IFAD was held at **Rome**.

Ananth Technologies first Indian private firm to build foreign-owned satellites:

Aerospace firm Anand technologies (ATL), **Hyderabad**, has signed a deal to build **6 foreign-owned** satellites in India. This is the 1st time a private firm is making satellites for global customers. The firm will soon open a satellite making facility in **Bengaluru**.

Facebook launches 'We Think Digital' programme:

Facebook launched its '**We Think Digital**' programme, under which the social media giant will provide digital literacy training to **1 lakh women** across seven states.

Google launches internet safety campaign to celebrate Safer Internet Day:

Google India has launched a public outreach campaign termed **Pehle Safety** in order to build awareness around best practices for staying safe online in the country.

United Kingdom Minister Alok Sharma to lead UN climate summit:

Indian-origin **Alok Sharma** was named the new UK Minister in charge of the crunch UN climate talks to be hosted by **Britain**.

India and Portugal sign 14 agreements in areas including defence, culture and yoga:

India and Portugal signed 14 agreements to boost cooperation in a range of areas including **defence, investment, transport, ports, culture, industrial, intellectual property rights** and **yoga**.

INS Jamuna deployed on Hydrographic Survey off coast Sri Lanka:

The Indian Naval Ship (INS) Jamuna has been deployed in the shores of Sri Lanka to carry out a joint Hydrographic survey. The survey is to be conducted for 2-month time period

Cabinet Approves amendment of DTAA with Sri Lanka:

India's Union Cabinet has approved amendments to the existing Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement with Sri Lanka, aimed at curbing tax evasion.

India and Thailand marching hand-in-hand to foster business relations:

Asia One Magazine and URS Media organized a Networking Meet called India-Thailand: **Today, Tomorrow, Together** collaboration with the India Thai Chamber of Commerce (ITCC) at Sathon, Bangkok.

India attends Munich Security Conference in Germany:

The Munich Security Conference is being held in Germany between 2020 February 14-16. Conference was attended by External Affairs minister **S Jaishankar** representing India. Munich Security Conference (MSC) will discuss a theme coined as "**westlessness**".

India attends 3rd Global Conference on Road Safety held in Stockholm, Sweden:

Minister of Road Transport and Highways **Nitin Gadkari** represented India at the 3rd global Conference on Road Safety. The Conference aimed at achieving Global Goals **2030**. The conference was held in collaboration with **WHO** and **World Bank**.

Thailand hosts 13th Asian Business & Social Investor Forum 2020 & 4th Asia's Greatest Brands & Leaders 2020:

13th edition of **Asian Business & Social Investor Forum** 2019-20 & 4th edition – Asia's Greatest Brands & Leaders 2019-20 held at the Marriott Marquis Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand with the aim to improve investment in India and Asia.

Government of India and World Bank signed loan agreement of 450 million USD:

India and **World Bank** signed a **USD 450 million** loan agreement to support the Atal Bhujal Yojana (ABHY) -**National Groundwater Management Improvement Programme** to arrest the country's depleting groundwater levels and strengthen groundwater institutions.

UAE becomes 1st Arab Nation to issue license to operate a reactor at its Nuclear power plant:

United Arab Emirates representative to the International Atomic Energy Agency **Mr. Hamad al-kaabi** announced that the National Nuclear Regulator has issued an Operating license for a reactor at its Barakah nuclear power plant and becomes the 1st arab country in the world to operate a nuclear power plant.

Hindi is 3rd most spoken language in the world with 615 million speakers after English, Mandarin:

Hindi is the 3rd most spoken language of the world in 2019 with **615 million** speakers. The

22nd edition of the world language database Ethnologue stated **English** at the top of the list with 1,132 million speakers. **Chines Mandarin** is at the second position with 1,117 million speakers. **Bangla** has been ranked as the 7th most spoken language of the world.

India becomes 2019's 5th largest economy in World Population Review Report:

US-based think tank World Population Review, **India** has become the **fifth** largest in the world with a GDP (Gross Domestic Product) of \$2.94 trillion overtaking the UK (United Kingdom) and France in 2019.

The list has been topped by the **United states** (US) with \$21.44 trillion GDP.

India and Norway strengthen partnership on blue economy:

Union minister **Harsh Vardhan** & Norway's Minister for Climate & Environment-**Sveinung Rotevatn**, opened the India-Norway Task Force on **Blue Economy** for Sustainable Development. They also commenced a new collaboration on Integrated Ocean Management & Research.

Ashraf Ghani secures 2nd term as President of Afghanistan:

Ashraf Ghani has won a second term as President of Afghanistan. **Ashraf Ghani** and **Abdullah Abdullah** head a fragile national unity government that was put together under the US pressure after both leaders claimed victory in Afghanistan's 2014 elections.

Bangladesh to sign Free Trade Agreement with Nepal:

Bangladesh and Nepal have agreed to sign a **Free Trade Agreement (FTA)** to enhance the trade between the two countries. Bangladesh has also agreed to allow Nepal to use the **Saidpur airport** located in its northernmost district of **Nilphamari** close to Nepal.

Barry O'Farrell appointed as new high commissioner to India:

Australia has appointed former NSW (New South Wales) premier **Barry O'Farrell** as the next high commissioner to **India**. Barry O' Farrell will be the successor of **Harinder Sidhu**.

"Bezos Earth Fund" launched by Jeff Bezos to combat climate change:

"**Bezos Earth Fund**" has been launched by Amazon CEO **Jeff Bezos**. The fund will aim to help preserve and protect the natural world against the climate change. He has committed to contribute **\$10 billion** through the fund.

CEO of Amazon: **Jeff Bezos**.

Amazon was established on **5th July 1994**.

Headquarters: **Washington, USA**.

Dhaka hosts the Seminar on Indian Defence Equipment:

High Commission of India in Bangladesh organized the Seminar on Indian Defence Equipment in **Dhaka** which was attended by 12 Indian firms. Aim of the seminar was to pursue further cooperation between **India** and **Bangladesh** in the field of **defence technologies**.

Women entrepreneurship can create 170 million jobs: 'Women Entrepreneurship in India—Powering the economy' report:

In accordance with the report titled '**Women Entrepreneurship in India** – Powering the economy with her' by Bain & Company and Google, Indian women entrepreneurs can generate transformational employment in India with 150–170 million job opportunities, which is more than **25%** of the new jobs required for the entire working age population by **2030**.

The report is based on responses from more than 60 female entrepreneurs and a granular survey with more than **1,100 women** across rural, semi-urban and urban India.

GMR-Groupe ADP deal for airport business gets Competition Commission nod:

Competition Commission of India has given approval for GMR group's proposed **49%** stake sale in its airport business to France's Groupe ADP. Clearance is through the green channel, which allows for an automatic system for speedy approval of combinations

Competition Commission of India is a **statutory body**

US surpasses China as India's biggest trading partner at \$87.95 billion:

The **US** has **surpassed China** to become **India's top trading** partner, showing greater economic ties between the two countries. According to the data of the commerce ministry, in 2018-19, the bilateral trade between the **US** and **India** stood at **\$87.95 billion**.

During the period, India's two-way commerce with **China** aggregated at **\$87.07 billion**.

US-India to sign defence deal worth \$3 billion, says US President:

The United States and India will seal **multi-billion dollar defence** deals in Delhi on Tuesday, President Donald Trump announced as he addressed the **Motera Stadium** in **Ahmedabad**. "We will seal defence deals worth **\$3 billion**," the US President said at the **Namaste Trump event** in Ahmedabad.

Bangladesh records sharp decline in Child malnutrition: UNICEF Survey

The child malnutrition rate in **Bangladesh** has **declined** sharply over the **last six years**. The finding was reported in the **Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey (MICS) 2019**, jointly conducted by the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) and **UNICEF**.

- The rate of chronic malnutrition among children measured by the stunting level among them has come down from 42 percent in 2013 to **28 percent** in 2019.
- The **percentage of underweight children below 5** also declined from about 32 percent to **22.6 percent** over the same period.
- The **infant mortality rate** has also declined from 46 to **34 per thousand** live births between 2012-13 and 2019.
- The survey reports that the percentage of **children of school entry age** who enter the first grade of primary school marked a sharp upward trend from 33 percent in 2012-13 to **61.4 percent** in 2019.
- However, the **availability of Children's books** declined from 8.8 percent to **6.1 percent** during this period. The incidence of violent

disciplining of children has shown an upward trend during this period.

- The data for the Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey (MICS) 2019 was collected between January and June of 2019.

'G20 finance ministers', central bankers to meet in Riyadh:

Riyadh is hosting the inaugural **G20 finance ministers** and central bank governors' meeting on Feb. 22. The ministers and governors will come from G20 countries and invited countries, as well as heads of international and regional organizations.

The meeting will be chaired by Saudi Finance Minister **Mohammed Al-Jadaan** and **Ahmed Alkholifey**, chairman of the Saudi Arabian Monetary Authority. They will also discuss the priorities of the Saudi G20 presidency under the theme of **"Realizing Opportunities of the 21st Century for All."**

BANKING AND ECONOMICS

RBI Monetary Policy keeps repo rate unchanged at 5.15%

RBI Monetary Policy Committee decided to keep repo rate unchanged at 5.15%. It also decided to continue with the accommodative stance as long as it is necessary to revive growth.

RBI expects the GDP to grow by **6%** next year
Policy Repo Rate: **5.15%**

Reverse Repo Rate: **4.90%**

Marginal Standing Facility Rate: **5.40%**

Bank Rate: **5.40%**

CRR: **4%**

SLR: **18.25%**

Sovereign Gold Bond Scheme 2019-20 (Series IX) :

The issue price of the Bond during the subscription period shall be Rs **4,070** (Rupees Four Thousand Seventy only) – per gram with Settlement date.

The Government of India in consultation with the Reserve Bank of India has decided to allow discount of **Rs 50** (Rupees Fifty only) per gram from the issue price to those investors who apply **online** and the payment is made through **digital** mode.

Economic Survey 2019-20 projects growth at 6 to 6.5 per cent for next fiscal:

Economic Survey 2019-20 has projected economic growth at **6 to 6.5%** in fiscal year starting 1st of April this year. It has put current fiscal growth at **5 per cent** & said the fiscal deficit target for current fiscal may need to be relaxed to revive growth. Industrial sector registered a growth of **0.6%** in 2019-20.

Indian Bank launched two-tailor made credit products for textile sector:

Indian Bank has announced the launch of two tailor made credit products i.e., **Corporate Loan** and **Ind Surya Shakthi** which will be available across the country for the benefit of the textile sector.

Bank of Baroda signed pact with CARE Ratings to assess the credit quality of SMEs:

Existing credit quality and prospective SME customers of the bank will be assessed by the

rating agency by processing and analyzing structured, unstructured and new data streams.

NABARD approved loan worth Rs 140 crore at low interest to Punjab Agri Development Bank:

National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has given its approval for loan worth **Rs 140 crore** at low interest rate to **Punjab State Agricultural Development Bank (PSADB)**.

Canara Bank MD & CEO R.A. Sankara Narayanan retires:

Canara Bank announced that its Managing Director (M.D) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Sankara Narayanan (60) has retired, because Narayanan attains the age of **"superannuation"** (which means completing the age for retirement).

RBI Introduces 'Low KYC' To Help Fintech Companies Retain Customers:

This will be done by a mechanism giving customers an option to convert their **'minimum KYC'** accounts to the RBI's newly introduced 'low KYC' PPI (Prepaid Payment Instrument) accounts.

Insurance cover on bank deposits increases from Rs one lakh to five lakhs:

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) said in a statement that the cover is provided by the Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (**DICGC**), a wholly owned subsidiary of the RBI.

Insurance cover on bank deposits has been increased to **five lakh** rupees from **one lakh** rupees.

Cabinet approves amendment to bring Cooperative Banks under RBI Regulation:

Union Cabinet approved to bring regulation of cooperative banks under Reserve Bank of India. In order to achieve this, the Cabinet approved amendments to **banking regulation act 1949**.

RBI extends debt recast window for small borrowers by 9 months:

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) extended the deadline for a one-time restructuring scheme of **small business** loans by another **nine months** to 31 December.

Unemployment rate in India was 6.1% in 2017-18 as per new PLFS:

As per the new Periodic Labour Force Survey (**PLFS**) being conducted by the **Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation** (MosPI), the labour force participation is 36.9 % and the rate of unemployment for 2017-18 is **6.1%**.

RBI Announces the roll out of a New Digital Payment Index:

Reserve Bank of India has announced the creation of a **digital payments index** (DPI) by **July 2020**. The index will assess and capture the extent of digitalization of payments effectively. **Fiscal deficit** is budgeted to decline to **3.5%** of GDP for **2020-21**.

RBI will conduct its first-ever long-term repo operations (LTROs) :

RBI will conduct first repo operations on February 17 of Rs **25,000 crore** for three years, followed

by a one-year LTROs of an equivalent amount on **February 24**.

PhonePe to create world's biggest ATM network of 2 million in India:

PhonePe says it will by the end of this year create an **Automated Teller Machine (ATM)** network of 2 million. PhonePe will not charge for the service and it has set a withdrawal limit of **Rs 1,000** for now.

Government to Reintroduce FRDI Bill:

The government is in the process of reintroducing the **Financial Resolution and Deposit Insurance (FRDI) Bill**, but the timeline has not been decided by Finance Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman**.

Deposit insurance cover was only **Rs 1 lakh** at the time, In the recent Budget, the government increased deposit insurance cover to **Rs 5 lakh**.

RBI to conduct "Financial Literacy Week 2020" :

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) will conduct the **"Financial Literacy Week 2020"** from February 10 to February 14, 2020.

The theme of the Financial Literacy Week 2020 is **"Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) "**.

SEBI issues guidelines for alternative investment funds benchmarking:

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has issued guidelines for benchmarking the performance of **Alternative Investment Funds** (AIFs) with a view to streamlining disclosure standards and helping investors in assessing scheme performance.

Religare Group to sell Equity In Health Insurance Arm to Kedaara Group for Rs 400 Crore:

Religare Enterprises Ltd. is set to sell part of stake in its health insurance subsidiary Religare Health Insurance Company Ltd. to the Kedaara group for **Rs 400 crore**. The transaction is expected to be completed within the financial year 2020-21.

PFRDA doubles minimum net worth for pension fund managers to 50 crores:

The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (**PFRDA**), the regulator of the **National Pension System (NPS)**, has doubled the minimum net worth criterion for pension fund managers to **50 crores** from the **25 crore** stipulated earlier.

Lending from CRR buffer to get 5-year exemption:

The RBI has said that the special lending window with **Cash Reserve Ratio** exemption will be open from **14th of February** for six months ending **31st of July**, and incremental loans disbursed under this facility will have CRR exemption for the **next five years**.

NIFM, Faridabad renamed 'Arun Jaitley National Institute of Financial Management':

The Centre has decided to rename the National Institute of Financial Management, Faridabad, as **'Arun Jaitley National Institute of Financial Management'** (**AJNIFM**).

RBI publishes draft framework for New Umbrella Entity (NUE) for retail payment systems:

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) published draft framework to set up new pan-India **New Umbrella Entity (NUE)** for retail payment systems.

Union Ministry of Finance has notified 'Printing of One Rupee Currency Notes Rules, 2020':

Union Ministry of Finance has notified 'Printing of One Rupee Currency Notes Rules, 2020' which will feature bilingual signature of **Shri Atanu Chakraborty**, Secretary, Ministry of Finance. One Rupee Currency Note size **9.7 x 6.3 cms**. The **pink green colour** note will have a design of grains, which depicts the **"agricultural dominance of the country"**.

Royal Bank of Scotland to rebrand bank as NatWest Group:

Royal Bank of Scotland Group's new boss, **Alison Rose**, is abandoning the bank's three-century-old name and slashing its markets business as the state-controlled lender steps away from its tumultuous past.

SEBI rolls out system to detect misuse of client securities by brokers:

Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) introduced a system to monitor and detect misuse of client securities by stockbrokers. Under the new system, an online register will record brokers' holdings of client securities.

ICAI to set up Sustainability Accounting Standards Board:

ICAI will set up a Sustainability Accounting Standards Board to help companies in achieving **sustainable development goals**. With the proposed standards, there would be disclosure requirements for companies in terms sustainable development goals of the UN.

LIC Housing Finance adopts Google Cloud for newly launched App with HomY Mascot:

LIC Housing Finance Ltd. has partnered with **Google Cloud** to host its next-generation **digital mobile platform** which is expected to better serve the needs of **home loan** applicants.

RBI estimates GDP to expand at 6% in FY21:

Reserve Bank of India projected the economy to expand by **6 per cent** during the next financial year, pegging it at the lower end of the GDP growth estimate of the Economic Survey. The survey, tabled in Parliament last month, estimated the GDP growth during FY21 at **6-6.5** per cent.

Government to infuse Rs 1,300 Crore in Exim Bank next fiscal:

Government has decided to pump **Rs 1,300 Cr** into state-owned Exim Bank to fund its business growth. Last year, the government doubled its authorised capital from **Rs 10,000 Cr** to **Rs 20,000 Cr**. Exim Bank is the principal export credit agency in India.

Moody's cuts India 2020 GDP forecast to 5.4%:

Moody's Investors Service slashed India's growth forecast to **5.4 percent** for 2020 from **6.6**

percent projected earlier on slower than expected economic recovery.

Bajaj Finance among top 10 most-valued firms on BSE:

Bajaj Finance Ltd replaced **State Bank of India** to become India's **tenth** most-valued firm by market capitalisation on the BSE.

Reliance Industries Ltd is the country's most valued company with a market cap of 9.48 trillion, followed by **Tata Consultancy Services Ltd** (8.26 trillion) and **HDFC Bank Ltd** (6.73 trillion).

PAN will become inoperative after March 31 if not linked with Aadhaar:

Permanent Account Number will become inoperative if it is not linked with Aadhaar by **March 31, 2020**, the Income Tax department has said. PAN is a 10-character **alphanumeric** number.

General Insurance Corporation of India gets license from Bank of Russia for reinsurance business:

India's reinsurance company, **General Insurance Corporation of India** (GIC) has received the license from Central Bank of the Russian Federation (Bank of Russia) to commence reinsurance business in Russia.

SEBI decides to permit the use of regulatory sandbox:

SEBI has decided to permit the use of **regulatory sandbox**, a system that will allow live testing of new products, services and business models by market players on selected customers.

HDFC Bank, Mastercard, SAP Concur join hands to manage spending in corporate sector:

HDFC Bank, Mastercard and SAP Concur have joined hands for spending management services for the corporate sector. The corporate credit card will enable seamless integration of all business-related spend into SAP Concur offerings.

IDBI Bank, UCO Bank, Central Bank seek RBI nod to exit PCA framework:

IDBI Bank, UCO Bank, and Central Bank of India have approached the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), seeking permission to exit the **prompt corrective action (PCA)** framework.

Gujarat govt signs MoU with SBI to facilitate MSME loans:

State Government of **Gujarat** has signed an MoU (memorandum of understanding) with **State Bank of India (SBI)**, through which the bank will provide working capital to entrepreneurs aims to start new MSME (Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises) within **15 days** of making an application.

Kotak Mahindra Bank promoters get RBI nod to cap voting rights, pare stake:

Private sector lender **Kotak Mahindra Bank** informed stock exchanges that the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has given its final approval to the bank's proposal on stake reduction in the bank and capping the promoters' **voting rights**.

Axis Bank inks pact with Max Life to raise stake:

Axis Bank and **Max Financial Services** signed a confidentiality & exclusivity arrangement to explore the possibility of the private sector lender entering a long-term strategic partnership with Max Life Company Ltd.

Axis Bank

HQ: **Mumbai**

Tagline: **Badhti Ka Naam Zindagi**

Chairman: **Rakesh Makhija**

SEBI redefines 'pledge' to protect client securities:

Securities & Exchange Board of India has amended the SEBI (Depositories and Participants) Regulations by including an additional explanation that states that **'pledge'** would also refer to 're-pledge of securities for margin or settlement obligations.'

SEBI Chairperson: **Ajay Tyagi**

Customers will no longer get Rs 2,000 currency notes at Indian Bank ATMs:

According to a circular issued by the lender's digital banking division on February 17, cash dispensation from Rs 2,000 currency cassettes would be disabled at all ATMs and cash recyclers on March 1

Customers would no longer get **Rs 2,000** denomination notes at Indian Bank ATMs, with the lender advising its branches to immediately stop loading that currency at its ATMs and cash recyclers.

Forex reserves rise by \$3.091 bn to record \$476.092 bn:

According to the RBI data, India's foreign exchange reserves swelled by \$3.091 billion to a lifetime high of **\$476.092 billion**, which is mainly due to the rise in foreign currency assets. Country's reserve position with the IMF declined by \$9 mn to \$3.590 bn

Gold reserves rose by **\$344 million** to **\$29.123 billion**

Six of top-10 Indian firms lose Rs.29,487 cr in m-cap, Bharti Airtel worst hit:

Indian companies, market valuation of Indian firms, Bharti Airtel m-cap, Reliance Industries M-cap, TCS market valuation, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Infosys, BSE, NSE

Six of the 10 most valued domestic firms suffered a combined erosion of **Rs.29,487 crore** in market valuation last week, with **Bharti Airtel** emerging as the **biggest loser**.

TCS, HDFC, HUL, HDFC Bank and RIL were the other bluechip firms which witnessed a drop in their market capitalisation (m-cap), while Infosys, Bajaj Finance, Kotak Mahindra Bank and ICICI Bank finished with gains.

Bharti Airtel's valuation tumbled **Rs.10,692.9 crore** to reach Rs.2,97,600.65 crore.

Lotteries to attract uniform 28% GST rate from March 1:

This **28% GST rate** will be applicable to state-run and authorised lotteries from **March 1**, according to a notification.

The **GST Council**, led by Finance Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman**, had in December last year decided to increase the rate as well as implement a single rate for lotteries. Buyers of tickets for

lotteries would now have to shell out **28 per cent**.

According to notification issued by the revenue department, the GST rate on supply of lotteries has been amended to 14 per cent and a similar percentage will be levied by the states. As a result, total GST on lotteries will increase to 28 per cent.

The lottery industry had sought a **uniform tax rate** on lotteries following which a group of ministers were set up to suggest the GST rate.

Microsoft, SBI to create opportunities for underserved youth in BFSI industry:

Microsoft India announced partnership with **SBI Foundation** to create **opportunities for youth with disabilities** in the **banking, financial services and insurance (BFSI)** sector. Through the three-year programme, Microsoft and SBI Foundation, will **train youth living with disabilities** to better prepare them for integration into the **BFSI workforce**. It also advances cross-industry advocacy efforts to drive inclusion for and hiring of people living with disabilities.

In its first year, the programme aims to **upskill 500 youth** for BFSI jobs across five major geographies --Bengaluru, Chennai, Hyderabad, Mumbai and the National Capital Region. The programme will be driven in collaboration with various government organisations, industry skilling bodies and non-profit organisations.

SBICAP Ventures vetting 18 realty projects for Rs 3,000-crore funding:

SBICAP Ventures is vetting last-mile funding to 18 stuck residential projects with a potential disbursement of **Rs 3,000 crore**. The **total value** of these projects is **Rs 22,000 crore**. Irfan Kazi, chief investment officer of SBICAP Ventures, said investment panel of fund had met four times.

The disbursement **in two projects — one in Mumbai and other in Bengaluru** — having 640 housing units has been done. The fund had looked at 300 projects across the country, Kazi told media on the sidelines of a real estate summit organised by the **Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)**.

NABARD sanctions over Rs 400 cr to boost infrastructure in J&K:

National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (**NABARD**) has sanctioned an amount of over **400 crore rupees** to the Union Territory of **Jammu and Kashmir** during the current financial year for giving **boost to the infrastructure in the rural areas**.

An amount of 143.66 crore rupees has been sanctioned for implementation of 38 water supply schemes. The sanction includes augmentation of 27 existing water supply schemes and construction of 11 new water supply schemes. These water supply schemes are aimed at providing safe and potable drinking water to rural households. The schemes will benefit over 3.5 lakh people across 86 villages in 17 districts. An amount of 47.11 crore rupees has been sanctioned towards improving the Animal and Sheep Husbandry sectors.

It includes construction of Cattle Breeding Farm at Chatha Jammu. NABARD has also sanctioned 209.87 crore rupees for construction of 82 rural roads and 3 bridges earlier this year.

GMR Infra rallies after CCI nod to partner with Groupe ADP:

Shares of **GMR Infrastructure Ltd (GIL)** jumped 12.50% after anti-trust body **Competition Commission of India (CCI)** approved the company's proposal to sell 49% stake in its airport business--**GMR Airports Ltd (GAL)** --to **France's Groupe ADP**.

GIL has signed a share purchase agreement with Groupe ADP, which will hold **49% stake** in GAL for an equity consideration of **Rs.10,780 crore**. This will value GAL at Rs.22,000 crore

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Researchers from IIT Madras develops AI technology to convert brain signals of speech-impaired humans into English language:

A team of researchers lead by Vishal Nandigana, Assistant Professor, Fluid Systems Laboratory, Department of Mechanical Engineering, **IIT Madras**, is working on this area of research, the Institute said in a press statement.

World's First Transcatheter Mitral Valve Approved in Europe:

Abbott Tandyne **Transcatheter Mitral Valve Implantation (TMVI)** system received European CE mark. It is the 1st **Transcatheter Mitral Valve Replacement (TMVR)** technology to gain commercial clearance in the world. This treats significant mitral regurgitation.

World's largest solar telescope reveals Sun's turbulent surface:

Daniel K. Inouye Solar Telescope (DKIST), the world's largest solar telescope has captured first highest-resolution image of the Sun's turbulent surface at Hawaiian island of Maui and the telescope has a **13-foot mirror**.

DST launches SATHI Initiative for building strong S&T infrastructure:

To address the need for building professionally managed & strong Science & Technology infrastructure in the country which is readily accessible to academia, start-ups, industry and R&D labs, the Dept of Science & Technology launched a scheme called **SATHI (Sophisticated Analytical & Technical Help Institutes)**.

Government proposes 5% health cess on import of medical devices:

To achieve the twin objectives of supporting local manufacturers & generating funds to create health infrastructure, the Budget has imposed a 5% health cess on import of medical devices. Estimates show that it would generate about **Rs 2000 Crore** investment.

Medical devices now under Drugs and Cosmetics Act:

Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has brought medical devices within the regulatory ambit, treating them as a category of 'drugs' for the purpose of regulating them under the **Drugs and Cosmetics Act (DCA)**. A list of **37 devices** has been included.

New low-cost vaccine against swine fever:

The **ICAR** (Indian Council of Agricultural Research) 's Indian Veterinary Research Institute

(IVRI) has developed cell culture Classical Swine Fever vaccine.

L&T MBDA Missile Systems sets up missile integration facility in Coimbatore,Tamil Nadu

Engineering & Construction Company L&T (Larsen & Toubro Limited) and European defence major **MBDA Missile Systems** have set up a missile integration facility in **Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu (TN)**.

IIT Hyderabad research team identified 'AIM4' molecule to treat ALS:

A drug molecule that help in the treatment of **Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS)**, a rare disease of the nervous system, has been identified by researchers at the IIT Hyderabad. With no known drugs to treat ALS the molecule code named '**AIM4**' raises expectations.

NASA astronaut Christina Koch returns to Earth after record-setting stay in space:

Christina Koch has spent **328 days** on International Space Station ISS, surpassing the previous record of **289 days** held by fellow American **Peggy Whitson**.

Fingopay to launch biometric finger vein payment technology:

Biometric VeinID platform Fingopay will soon launch an open banking retail pilot with payments company Reflow. The partnership enabled the Fintech to successfully complete the world's first **bank-to-bank, face to face** payment using **Finger VeinID**.

National Institute of Technology Trichy develops a mobile app for Self Help Group products:

National Institute of Technology (NIT), Trichy, Tamil Nadu has developed **Thirumathikart** a mobile app for **SHG** (Self Help Group) products. The main objective of the app is to empower women and help them access market opportunities in a seamless manner.

ISRO to launch 10 Earth Imaging Satellites in 2020 including first Geo Imaging Satellite-1:

The country will send up an unusually large number of **10 earth observation (EO)** satellites during 2020-21, according to the latest annual report of the Indian Space Research Organisation for 2019-20. It includes the first **Geo Imaging Satellite, GISAT-1**.

Election Commission & IIT Madras join hands to develop new technology for voting:

Election Commission has collaborated with **IIT Madras** to work on a new technology which will allow electors to vote from far away cities without going to the designated polling station of their constituencies.

5G smartphones to make up 15% of market in 2020: Report:

A research report by **Strategy Analytics** has claimed that the number of 5G smartphones is expected to grow more than tenfold to reach 199 million shipments worldwide which translates to an estimated **15 per cent** of all smartphone shipments, up from just 1 per cent in 2019.

The report also estimates that China, the United States, South Korea, Japan and Germany will account for 90 per cent of all 5G smartphone sales.

Seven in 10 organisations report hacking attempts via IoT devices: Survey:

According to the survey conducted by Extreme Networks, **Seven in 10 organisations** have reported either a successful or attempted hack to their systems via their Internet of Things (IoT) devices

It surveyed 540 IT professionals across industries in North America, Europe, and Asia Pacific, and found that **84 per cent of organisations** have IoT devices on their corporate networks.

The survey also highlighted that enterprises underestimate insider threats: 55 per cent of IT professionals believe the main risk of breaches comes mostly from outside the organisation and over 70 per cent believe they have complete visibility into the devices on the network.

Ministry of Railways launches online Chatbot ASKDISHA:

Ministry of **Railways** upgraded services of Artificial Intelligence (AI) based **ASKDISHA** chatbot to converse with Railway customers in the **Hindi language**.

It aims to resolve **queries of railway passengers** over the internet pertaining to various services offered. IRCTC also plans to launch ASKDISHA in more languages along with many other additional features in the near future.

Birla Estates launches interactive AI powered ChatBot LIDEA on WhatsApp:

Birla Estates recently launched an interactive AI Powered ChatBot solution **LIDEA** for its customers on **WhatsApp**. The solution is aimed at providing information of its projects to users who are evaluating residential developments of Birla Estates, says the company.

LIDEA is conceived to provide authentic information and answers the queries around Birla Estates developments and debuts with its Whitefield, Bengaluru project- **Birla Alokya**.

The solution is built to be accessible on WhatsApp and will be accessible 24x7.

APPOINTMENTS

S. No	Name	Designation
1	Pramod Agrawal	Chairman of Coal India Limited
2	Shaktikanta Das	Asia Pacific central banker of the year
3	Amitabh Bhatt	CEO of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
4	Gopal Baglay	High Commissioner of India to Sri Lanka
5	Deepa Malik	President of Paralympic Committee of India
6	LV Prabhakar	MD and CEO of Canara Bank
7	Albin Kurti	Prime Minister of Kosovo
8	Mohammed Allawi	Prime Minister of Iraq
9	Jeff Weiner	Executive Chairman of LinkedIn
10	Rishabh Pant	Brand ambassador of JSW Steel

11	Thomas Gottstein	CEO of Credit Suisse
12	Rajesh Magow	CEO of MakeMyTrip
13	Atul Gupta	President of Institute of Chartered Accountants of India
14	Sarthak Behuria	Senior Advisor of Reliance Industries Ltd
15	Srinath Narasimhan	CEO of Tata Trust
16	Rajiv Bansal	Chairman & Managing Director of Air India
17	Rishi Sunak	UK Finance Minister
18	Vinay Dube	CEO of GoAir
19	Debasish Panda	Financial Services Secretary
20	G Narayanan	Chairman of NSIL(New Space India Limited)
21	Robin Singh	UAE's Director of cricket
22	Sanjay Kothari	Central Vigilance Commissioner
23	Bimal Julka	Chief Information Commissioner
24	Supratim Bandyopadhyay	PFRDA (Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority) Chairman
25	Mahant Nriyaya Gopal Das	President of Ram Mandir Trust
26	Sanjay Jalona's	CEO and MD of L&T Infotech
27	Sunil Gurbaxani	MD and CEO of Dhanlaxmi Bank
28	Amarjeet Sinha and Bhaskar Khulbe	Advisers to Prime Minister Narendra Modi

AWARDS AND HONOURS:

Theatre artist Sanjna Kapoor receives French honour:

Thespian Sanjna Kapoor was awarded the French honour of **Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres'** (Knight of the Order of Arts and Letters) for her outstanding contribution to theatre. She currently runs the Mumbai-based theatre company 'Junoon'.

65th Amazon Filmfare Awards 2020 in Guwahati, Assam:

The 65th edition of Amazon Filmfare Awards 2020 was held at Indira Gandhi Athletic Stadium in **Guwahati, Assam**.

The event was hosted by **Karan Kumar Johar**(often referred to as KJo)

Zoya Akhtar's directorial '**Gully Boy**' emerged as big winner as it bagged several awards including the prestigious best film award.

Ranveer Singh bagged Best Actor's trophy for his performance in Gully Boy, while **Alia Bhatt** won the Best Actor in a Leading Role (Female) for the same film.

Here is the complete winners list of 65th Filmfare Awards:

S.No	Award Name	Won By
1	Best Film	Gully Boy
2	Best Director	Zoya Akhtar for Gully Boy
3	Best Film (Critics)	Article 15 (Anubhav Sinha) and Sonchiriya (Abhishek Chaubey)
4	Best Actor In A Leading Role (Male)	Ranveer Singh for Gully Boy
5	Best Actor (Critics)	Ayushmann Khurrana for Article 15
6	Best Actor In A Leading Role (Female)	Alia Bhatt for Gully Boy
7	Best Actress (Critics)	Bhumi Pednekar and Taapsee Pannu for Saand Ki Aankh
8	Best Actor in a Supporting Role (Female)	Amruta Subhash for Gully Boy
9	Best Actor in a Supporting Role (Male)	Siddhant Chaturvedi for Gully Boy
10	Best Music Album	Zoya Akhtar-Ankur Tewari for Gully Boy Mithoon, Amaal Mallik, Vishal Mishra, SachetParampara and Akhil Sachdeva for Kabir Singh
11	Best Lyrics	Divine and Ankur Tewari for Apna Time Aayega (Gully Boy)
12	Best Playback Singer (Male)	Arijit Singh for Kalank Nahi (Kalank)
13	Best Playback Singer (Female)	Shilpa Rao for Ghungroo (War)
14	Best Debut Director	Aditya Dhar for Uri: The Surgical Strike
15	Best Debut Actor	Abhimanyu Dassani for Mard Ko Dard Nahi Hota
16	Best Debut Actress	Ananya Pandey for Student Of The Year 2, Pati Patni Aur Woh
17	Best Original Story	Anubhav Sinha and Gaurav Solanki for Article 15
18	Best Screenplay	Reema Kagti and Zoya Akhtar for Gully Boy
19	Best Dialogue	Vijay Maurya for Gully Boy
20	Lifetime Achievement Award	Ramesh Sippy
21	Excellence In Cinema	Govinda

22	RD Burman Award For Upcoming Music Talent	Sashwat Sachdev for UR
23	30 Years of Outstanding Contribution to Bollywood Fashion	Manish Malhotra

Noted Bhajan Singer Munna Master is awarded a Padma Shri:

Munna has been singing bhajans for 30 years now, a family tradition that began with his father, **Gaffur Khan**. He has penned various Ram-Krishna bhajans and his book 'Shri Shyam Surabhi Vandana' is quite popular in the area.

Journalist Yusuf Jameel won 2019 PEN Gauri Lankesh Award for Democratic Idealism:

Senior journalist Yusuf Jameel from **Jammu & kashmir (J&K)** won the 2019-20 PEN Gauri Lankesh Award for Democratic Idealism for his outstanding contribution in journalism.

Amulya Mica chosen as Most Promising Brand 2019 at 7th MSME Excellence Award in New Delhi:

Amulya Mica (Purbanchal Laminates Pvt Ltd), spear-headed by its Managing Director Rakesh Agarwal, was chosen as the Most Promising Brand of the Year Award 2019, Gold Category during the 7th edition of the MSME Excellence Award. The award & summit was organised by the **Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM)** is at Le Maiden in **New Delhi**.

Sam Mendes' war drama '1917' dominates Baftas 2020:

Sam Mendes' **'1917'** ruled the 73rd edition of **BAFTAS** (British Academy of Film & Television Arts) with **7 wins**, including best film, best British film & best director. **Joaquin Phoenix & Renee Zellweger** won the best actor & actress awards respectively. **Micheal Ward** was named the Bafta rising star.

Vinod Shukla wins 1st Mathrubhumi Book of the Year award:

Noted Hindi poet-novelist and Sahitya Akademi honouree Vinod Kumar Shukla has won the inaugural Mathrubhumi Book of the Year award for his translated book **"Blue Is Like Blue"**.

Waheeda Rehman to be honoured with Kishore Kumar Samman:

Waheeda Rehman is one of the most popular leading ladies of Hindi cinema. She will be honoured with **Madhya Pradesh** Government's National Kishore Kumar Samman.

Babenco: Tell Me When I Die by Barbara Paz bags Golden conch award for best documentary film:

16th edition of Mumbai International Film Festival (MIFF) 2020, the oldest international event for non-feature films in South Asia, was held at Nehru Centre Auditorium, Worli, Mumbai, **Maharashtra**.

Saima Yunus Khan becomes first Indian to receive IADR Fellowship:

Dr Saima Yunus Khan, Chairperson, Dept of Paediatrics & Preventive Dentistry of Dr Z A Dental College, **Aligarh Muslim University** became the 1st Indian to be granted with the famous International Association of Dental Research John Clarkson Fellowship.

Big Bang Boom Solutions wins prestigious SKOCH Award:

Big Bang Boom Solutions Pvt Ltd (BBBS), start-up company in the defence sector was awarded the prestigious **SKOCH** Award for **"Boron Nitrate Based Personal Hybrid Combat Armour"** at New Delhi, India.

Manoj Das to receive Mystic Kalinga Literary Award 2020:

The prestigious Mystic Kalinga Literary Award (Indian and Global Languages) is to be presented to the noted **Odia** and **English** writer Manoj Das.

73rd BAFTA 2020 in London: 73rd British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA) Awards 2020 ceremony, popularly referred to as BAFTA Awards 2019.

First World War drama **'1917'** won the Best Film award, which was directed by Sam Mendes. The film 1917 won 7 awards including best picture & director for **Sam Mendes**, the 1st time he has been honoured for direction by the British academy.

BAFTA 2020 Winners list:

S.No	Category	Winner
1	Best film	1917
2	Outstanding British film	
3	Best cinematography	
4	Best production design	
5	Best sound	
6	Best special visual effects	
7	Best director	Sam Mendes (for 1917)
8	Best leading actress	Renée Zellweger (Judy)
9	Best leading actor	Joaquin Phoenix (Joker)
10	Best supporting actress	Laura Dern (Marriage Story)
11	Best supporting actor	Brad Pitt (Once Upon A Time In Hollywood)
12	Best original score	Joker
13	Best casting	Joker
14	Best film not in the English language	Parasite
15	Best original screenplay	Parasite
16	Outstanding debut by a British writer, director or producer	Bait (Mark Jenkin-Writer/Director Category), Kate Byers, Linn Waite (Producer category)

17	Best documentary	For Sama
18	Best animated film	Klaus
19	Best adapted screenplay	Jojo rabbit (by Taika Waititi)
20	Best editing	Le Mans '66
21	Best costume design	Little women
22	Best make up & hair	Bombshell
23	Best British short animation	Grandad was a romantic
24	Best British short film	Learning to skateboard in a warzone (if you're a girl)
25	EE Rising star award	Michael Ward
26	Bafta Fellowship award	Kathleen Kennedy (American film producer)

Singareni CMD N Sridhar receives Bharatiya Mahantam Award at Bangkok:

Singareni Chairman and Managing Director **N. Sridhar** received the prestigious Bharatiya Mahantam Puraskar 2019-20, at the 13th Asian Business and Social Forum conference held on at **Bangkok, Thailand**.

The International Olympic Committee selects Gopichand for the Lifetime Award:

Pullela Gopichand National coach for the Indian Badminton team has received the International Olympic Committee's (IOC) Coaches **Lifetime Achievement Award** in Male Category of the year 2019.

South Indian Bank bags 2 Awards at IBA Banking Technology Awards:

Indian Bank Association's 15th Annual Banking Technology Conference, Expo and Awards 2020 held in **Mumbai, Maharashtra** in that **South Indian Bank** Has Bagged Two Awards at the Banking Technology category. South Indian Bank emerged winner in the **'Most Customer Centric Bank Using Technology'** category and runner up in the **'Best Payments Initiative'** category for Small Banks.

Bio Asia 2020 announces Genome Valley Excellence Award:

American immunologist and oncologist **Dr. Carl H June** and Novartis CEO **Dr. Vasant Narsimhan** will be presented the Genome Valley Excellence Award of BioAsia 2020. The function will be organized by the Telangana government annual global biotechnology & life sciences forum.

India's renowned Feminist scholar & activist Gita Sen wins Dan David Prize 2020:

Gita Sen an Indian feminist scholar, activist has won the prestigious **Dan David Prize 2020** under **"present"** category for her path-breaking work in the fields of population policies, reproductive and sexual health, women's rights, poverty, labour markets and global governance.

Rajendra Indraman Singh and Dr Sohini Sastri won Indian Achievers Award 2020:

Rajendra Indraman Singh Founder & Chairperson of Priyadarshini Group of Schools & Colleges has been awarded the Indian Achievers

Award (IAA) in recognition of his "Outstanding Contribution to Indian Education".

Election Commission gets 'Silver' award for Excellence in Govt Process re-engineering for digital transformation:

The Election Commission of India has been awarded "Silver" for Excellence in Government Process re-engineering for digital transformation for the year 2019-20 from Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG), Government of India.

92nd Academy awards 2020 (Oscars 2020) held in Los Angeles, US:

92nd Academy Awards ceremony 2020 (commonly known as Oscars), presented by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences (AMPAS), honored the best films of 2019 was held at the Dolby Theatre in Hollywood, Los Angeles, California, United States(US).Highlights of the 92st Academy Awards:

i) The ceremony was hosted by actor and singer Billy Porter, award-winning journalist and talk show host Tamron Hall, supermodel Lily Aldridge and film critic Elvis Mitchell.

ii) Actor Zachary Robin Gottsagen, starring in the 2019 comedy-drama "The Peanut Butter Falcon, has created history as 1st Oscar presenter with down syndrome, a genetic disorder that includes certain birth defects, learning problems, and facial features.

iii) American actor, producer, and environmentalist **Joaquin Rafael Phoenix** clichéd the **best actor trophy** for his performance in "Joker", whereas American actress, **Renée Kathleen Zellweger** won the **best actress** for "Judy".

iv) Actress Natalie Portman with dual Israeli and American citizenship, wore a black cape embroidered with last names of female directors that were snubbed from the Best Directors nominations by the Academy.

v) For the 1st time Bong Joon Ho created history by becoming the first Asian and South Korean filmmaker to bag the Academy Award for best original screenplay for his genre-defying "Parasite", while filmmaker Taika Waititi bagged the Oscar in the adapted screenplay category.

vi) American computer animation studio **Pixar** won its 10th animated feature Oscar with "Toy Story 4", directed by Josh Cooley.

vii) Icelandic musician Hildur Gudnadottir becomes 3rd female composer to win Oscar for original score for Todd Phillips's cinematic marvel 'Joker'.

viii) English cinematographer, **Roger Alexander Deakins** won the Oscar for **best cinematography** for **World War I** drama 1917.

ix) South Korean comedy thriller film "Parasite" has bagged the **best international film Oscar**, the 1st Korean film to do so.

S. No	Category	Winner
1	Best Motion Picture of the year	Parasite – Kwak Sin Ae and Bong Joon Ho (Producers)
2	Actor in a leading role	Joaquin Phoenix for Joker

3	Actress in a leading role	Renée Zellweger for Judy
4	Actor in a supporting role	Brad Pitt for Once Upon a Time in Hollywood
5	Actress in a supporting role	Laura Dern for Marriage Story
6	Animated feature film	Toy Story 4 – Josh Cooley, Mark Nielsen and Jonas Rivera
7	Cinematography	Roger Deakins for 1917
8	Costume Design	Jacqueline Durran for Little Women
9	Directing	Bong Joon Ho for Parasite
10	Documentary (Feature)	American Factory- Steven Bognar, Julia Reichert and Jeff Reichert
11	Documentary (Short subject)	Learning to Skateboard in a Warzone- Steven Bognar, Julia Reichert and Jeff Reichert
12	Film Editing	Michael McCusker and Andrew Buckland
13	International Feature Film	Parasite (South Korea) Directed by Bong Joon Ho
14	Make-up and hairstyling	Bombshell-Kazu Hiro, Anne Morgan and Vivian Baker
15	Music (original score)	Joker-Hildur Guðnadóttir
16	Music (original song)	(I'm Gonna) Love Me Again, Rocketman-Music by Elton John; Lyric by Bernie Taupin
17	Production Design	Once upon a Time...in Hollywood- Production Design: Barbara Ling; Set Decoration: Nancy Haigh
18	Short Film (animated)	Hair Love-Matthew A. Cherry and Karen Rupert Toliver
19	Short Film (live action)	The Neighbors' Window-Marshall Curry
20	Sound Editing	Ford v Ferrari – Donald Sylvester
21	Sound Mixing	1917 – Mark Taylor and Stuart Wilson
22	Visual Effects	1917 – Guillaume Rocheron, Greg

		Butler and Dominic Tuohy
23	Writing (adapted screenplay)	Jojo Rabbit – Screenplay by Taika Waititi
24	Writing (original screenplay)	Parasite – Screenplay by Bong Joon Ho, Han Jin Won; Story by Bong Joon Ho

Laureus world sports awards 2020 in Berlin, Germany: Sachin Tendulkar collects sporting moment of the year 2000-2020:

Laureus World Sports Awards 2020 was held in Berlin, Germany. Indian former international cricketer **Sachin Ramesh Tendulkar's** 2011 World Cup-winning moment was voted the Laureus Sporting Moment of 2000-2020.

This moment of Sachin has been titled 'Carried on the Shoulders of a Nation'. Tendulkar became the first Indian sportsperson to win Laureus.

Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw wins EY Entrepreneur of the Year award for 2019:

Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, chairperson and managing director, **Biocon**, was named the EY Entrepreneur of the Year 2019 at the 21st edition of the awards. She will now represent India at the **EY World Entrepreneur of the Year Award (WEOY)** in **Monte Carlo**.

62nd Annual Grammy Awards 2019 held in Los Angeles, US:

On January 26, 2020 the 62nd edition of the Annual Grammy Awards 2019 was held at the Staples Center in Los Angeles city of California in the United States(US). The awards were given in recognition for the best recordings, compositions, and artists covering the period from October 1, 2018 till August 31, 2019. The event was hosted by American musician, singer and composer Alicia Keys (original name Alicia Augello-Cook). The awards were presented in 84 categories. The key highlights of the awards are as follows:

62nd Annual Grammy Awards:

i) Michelle Obama: Former United States (US) first lady Michelle Obama was honoured with the best spoken word album of the year award at the Grammy awards for the book "Becoming". Her husband and Former US President Barack Obama earlier has won two Grammy awards in the same category for his memoirs Dreams from My Father (2006) and The Audacity of Hope (2008).

Michelle is also the **2nd first lady** (wife of a president) to have won a **Grammy**.

Former President Bill Clinton's wife Hillary Clinton was the 1st second lady to win a grammy in the same category for her book "It Takes a Village" in 1997.

ii) **Billie Eilish:** American **singer** and **songwriter** Billie Eilish Pirate Baird O'Connell became the 1st artist to win the Record of the Year, Album of the Year, Song of the Year, and Best New Artist in the same year itself since American singer-songwriter Christopher Cross in 1981. She also became the youngest person to win all four top Grammys on the same night. Eilish and her brother Finneas Baird O'Connell received the most awards, with five wins each.

iii) **Singer Lizzo** wins 3 grammy awards and dedicated to Basketball star Kobe Bryant who

along with his daughter, was killed in a helicopter crash.

iv) The Recording Academy's 2020 Special Merit Awards recipients include Lifetime Achievement Award honorees, who are Chicago, Roberta Flack, Isaac Hayes, Iggy Pop, John Prine, Public Enemy, and Sister Rosetta Tharpe. Ken Ehrlich, Philip Glass and Frank Walker will receive Trustees Award honors, and George Augspurger is being recognized with the Technical GRAMMY Award recipient. A special award presentation ceremony and concert celebrating the honorees will be held on April 18, 2020, at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium, California, US.

48 sportspersons conferred with State Govt's prestigious Shiv Chhatrapati Award in Maharashtra:

In Maharashtra, 48 talented sportspersons were conferred with State Government's prestigious Shiv Chhatrapati Award for the year 2018-19 in a glittering ceremony held at Gateway of India in South Mumbai.

The recipient included 23 sportsmen and 25 women athletes including Kabaddi player Rishank Devadiga, wrestler Abhijit Katke and Hockey player Akash Chikte among others.

Five coaches were bestowed with awards for best coach/mentor, while wrestling coach Pandharinath Pathare from Pune was honored with the the lifetime achievement award.

Chhatrapati Awards in adventure category and for para athletes to Prabhat Koli for sea swimming.

- Chief Minister Uddhav Thackrey and Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar presented the awards to the winners.

- On the occasion, Chief Minister also launched Go Girl scheme. Sportsmen from the state, who took part in Khelo India Youth Games in January and won, were also felicitated at the awards function.

Adline Castelino wins Miss Diva Universe 2020:

Adline Castelino has been crowned as the winner of LIVA Miss Diva Universe 2020 competition held at Mumbai.

Castelino, who hails from Mangalore, was crowned by Vartika Singh, the winner of the previous edition.

She was closely followed by Aavruti Choudhary of Jabalpur who was bestowed with the title of Miss Diva Supranational by her predecessor Shefali Sood. Pune's Neha Jaiswal was crowned Miss Diva Runner-up by Roshni Sheoran.

Castelino will go on to represent the country at Miss Universe later this year, while Aavruti Choudhary will be India's contender for Miss Supranational pageant.

The jury for the pageant included actor and former Miss Universe Lara Dutta, Antonia Porsild, Asha Bhat, designers Shivan Bhatiya, Narresh Kukreja and Nikhil Mehra, and actors Yami Gautam, Aditya Roy Kapur and Anil Kapoor.

CSIR-CDRI Scientist Dr. Niti Kumar gets SERB Women Excellence Award-2020:

Dr Niti Kumar, Senior Scientist from Division of Molecular Parasitology and Immunology, CSIR-CDRI, Lucknow has received SERB Women Excellence Award-2020. Award will be conferred by the President of India during National

Science Day Celebrations on February 28, 2020, in Vigyan Bhawan.

Ranking

India Ranks 40th Among 53 Countries in International Intellectual Property Index:

This year's annual IP Index, brought out by the US Chamber of Commerce Global Innovation Policy Center (GIPC), included 53 countries India scored 38.46% in 2020.

US ranked first followed by UK, Sweden, France, Germany and Ireland.

India ranks 131 on "child flourishing index":

India stands at 131 in terms of flourishing and at 77 on sustainability index in a report released by a Commission of World Health Organization (WHO), UNICEF and The Lancet.

The top three countries are Norway, South Korea and The Netherlands.

Central African Republic, Chad, Somalia and Niger are at bottom.

India ranked 35th in Worldwide Education for The Future Index (WEFFI) 2019, Finland tops:

Worldwide Education for The Future Index (WEFFI) 2019 ranked India in 35th position, whereas in 2018 it was ranked 40th position.

WEFFI report is created by Economist Intelligence unit and commissioned by Yidan Prize foundation. The index is topped by Finland, followed by Sweden in second place and New Zealand in third place.

India ranks 77th on sustainability: UN Report

India ranked 77th on a sustainability index that considers per capita carbon emissions & 131st on a flourishing ranking that measures the best chance at survival and well-being for children. Report was commissioned by WHO, UNICEF & Lancet medical journal

Report assessed the capacity of 180 countries

BOOKS & AUTHORS

"Calcutta Nights" – Book reveals Kolkata's best kept secrets:

Rajat Chaudhri, translated the book "Calcutta nights" (originally 'Raater Kolkata') into English and was published by Niyogi Books. The book was first written in Bengali by Hemendra Kumar Roy, famous bengali writer and was published in 1923.

Pop singer Lord J launches his Autobiography Book "Lord J: Lord of Anonymity" :

Lord J is the 1st and only Anonymous singer in the world. Lord J was born in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, Lord J is a Self-Taught singer and Lyric writer in an Anonymous way, and he is a world-famous celebrity without revealing his identity to the world.

Vice President released the book 'A Child of Destiny':

Shri Muppavarapu Venkaiah Naidu released a Book titled 'A Child of Destiny' Autobiography penned by Professor Koneru Ramakrishna Rao at GITAM (Gandhi Institute of Technology and Management) University Vishakapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.

Dharmendra Rai, Mind Map & Brain Literacy trainer launched his book "The Thin Mind Map":

Dharmendra Rai, Mind Map & Brain Literacy trainer launched his book "The Thin Mind Map". The book is designed to be an expert in mind mapping. Dharmendra Rai was the first person in the world to talk on TEDx on creativity & mind mapping.

Abhinav Kashyap releases 'The Crossfire of Love', a novel by US-based author Dhiren Tiwari:

Filmmaker and screenwriter Abhinav Kashyap of the 'Dabangg' fame recently unveiled the novel 'The Crossfire of Love', a racing psychological romantic thriller by US-based author Dhiren Tiwari.

Penguin published the Book "Chanakya Niti: Verses on Life and Living" translated by A.N.D. Haksar:

Indian Diplomat Aditya Narayan Dhairyasheel Haksar has translated the famous aphorisms(sayings) of the ancient master of statecraft Chanakya or Kautilya from Sanskrit to current existing languages for the readers and the book titled as "Chanakya Niti: Verses on life and Living" and it has been published by Penguin Random House India.

Union Minister Shri Prakash Javadekar unveils an annual reference book India/Bharat 2020:

Union cabinet Minister for the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Shri Prakash Javadekar has released the 64th Edition of the book "The Reference Annual-India/Bharat-2020" in both English and Hindi and released the e-version of the book.

The book consists of the information about India and its developments, progress and achievements of various Government Ministries, Departments and Organisations during the year 2019.

The book has been published by the Publications Division (India) along with New Media Wing (Ministry of Information and Broadcasting).

OBITUARY

Noted activist Vidya Bal dies at 84 in Pune:

The Veteran Feminist, Social Activist & writer Vidya Bal passed away at the age of 84. She was a forefront fighter for women equality with men. She was the founder of 'Nari Samata Manch'.

Former India basketball captain Matthew Satya Babu passes away:

Matthew Satya Babu, a former Indian basketball captain passed away at the age of 79 in Chennai, Tamil Nadu (TN).

Urdu poet Ajmal Sultanpuri passed away at 97:

Ajmal Sultanpuri, urdu poet passed away at the age of 97 in Sultanpur, Uttar Pradesh (UP) due to age related illness.

Famous Punjabi writer Jaswant Singh passed away at 101:

Jaswant-Singh-Kanwal The Eminent Punjabi Writer, Novelist and Sahitya Academy Awardee

Jaswant Singh Kanwal (101), passed away in his native village Dhudike, Moga district in Punjab.

Author Mary Higgins Clark, known as 'Queen of Suspense', passed away at 92:

Author Mary Higgins Clark American author Mary Theresa Eleanor Higgins Clark also known as "Queen of Suspense" passed away at the age of 92 in Naples, Florida, US (United States).

Eminent Punjabi novelist Dalip Kaur Tiwana passed away at 84:

Padma Shri awardee and renowned Punjabi novelist, Dalip Kaur Tiwana passed away at the age of 84 due to old age ailments.

Former Assam Assembly speaker Pranab Gogoi passes away:

Congress MLA and former Assam Assembly speaker Pranab Gogoi died at 84. Gogoi was elected from the constituency for four consecutive terms since 2001.

Famous Odia poet Rabindranath Singh passed away at 89:

Famous Odia poet and freedom fighter Rabindranath Singh, 89 years old, passed away at Khapuria, Cuttack, **Odisha**. He was born on 27 January 1931 at Jagatsinghpur district, **Odisha**.

Hollywood veteran actor Kirk Douglas passes away in US:

Hollywood legend and veteran actor Kirk Douglas passed away today at Beverly Hills, **California** in US. He was 103.

Former Karnataka Minister D. Manjunath passed away at 92:

Former Karnataka Minister D. Manjunath, 92 years old passed away in **Karnataka**, Bengaluru due to age-related ailments.

Famous cricket journalist & film historian Raju Bharatan passed away at 86:

Famous cricket journalist and film historian **Raju Bharatan**, 86 years old, passed away at Mumbai, **Maharashtra**. He is also the writer for the Hindu and Sportstar and a popular radio commentator for India's cricket matches.

Desperate Housewives star Orson Bean 'dies aged 91:

American actor and comedian Orson Bean has died. He received a Tony nod for the 1962 Comden-Green musical *Subways Are for Sleeping*.

Renowned thinker, writer P Parameswaran passes away in Kerala:

Writer and the founder director of Bharatiya Vichara kendram P Parameswaran passed away this morning at Ottapalam in **Kerala**.

Padma Shri awardee Giriraj Kishore passes away:

Well-known **Hindi** novelist and Padma Shri awardee **Giriraj Kishore** passed away in Kanpur, following a cardiac arrest at his residence.

American Author Roger Kahn dies at 92:

Roger Kahn known for his best-selling book in 1972 "The Boys of Summer" passed away at Nursing home in Mamaroneck, **New York**, U.S due to age related ailments.

Journalist Nandu R Kulkarni passed away at 70:

Famous journalist **Nandu R Kulkarni**, 70 years old, passed away in Mumbai, **Maharashtra**.

Fashion designer Wendell Rodricks passes away:

Popular fashion designer **Wendell Rodricks** has passed away at the age of 59. He was a Padma Shri awardee.

Former TERI Chief and environmentalist RK Pachauri dies at 79:

Rajendra Kumar Pachauri, the former chief of The Energy and Resources Institute, passed away at the age of 79.

Japanese Baseball Player Katsuya Nomura Passed away:

Katsuya Nomura, a mainstay of the baseball world in post-war Japan who was one of the country's greatest catchers before going on to a long second career as a manager.

Actor and former MP Tapas Pal passes away in Mumbai:

Popular Bengali film actor and former Trinamul Congress **MP Tapas Pal** died at a private hospital in Mumbai.

American actress Lynn Cohen passes away at 86:

Lynn Cohen, American actress, best known for playing the role of Magda on "Sex and the City" series, passed away at the age of 86 at New York, US (United States).

Golfer Mickey Wright passed away at 85:

Hall of famer Mary Kathryn **Mickey Wright**, was an American LPGA (Ladies Professional Golf Association) Tour professional golfer, passed away at the age of 85.

Famous journalist M.S. Mani passed away at 79:

Former Chief-editor of Kerala Kaumudi (Malayalam daily) and kala kaumudi (magazine) chief editor M.S. Mani passed away at the age of 79 in Thiruvananthapuram, **Kerala**.

Veteran Kannada actor Kishori Ballal, passed away at 82:

Veteran Kannada actor **Kishori Ballal** passed away at the age of 82 in Bengaluru, due to her age-related illness. She hailed from Dakshina Kannada district, **Karnataka**.

Former FICCI president & Executive Chairman of KCP Group V L Dutt passed away at 82:

Velagapudi Lakshmana Dutt former FICCI (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry) President & Executive Chairman of KCP Group passed away at the age of 82 in **Chennai, Tamil Nadu**.

Larry Tessler, computer engineer behind 'cut, copy and paste', passes away:

Larry Tesler the computer engineer most commonly known as the developer of the 'cut, copy and paste' functions, and 'find and replace', for user-friendliness in applications like the word processor, passed away at the age of 74

Former Karnataka Minister C Channigappa passes away in Bengaluru:

Former Karnataka Minister and JD(S) leader **C Channigappa** passed away in Bengaluru on Friday after a prolonged illness at the age of 57. Channigappa was a three-time MLA from Koratagere. Earlier, he served as the **Forest Minister** of Karnataka

Tripura's Seven-time MP Bajubian Reang passed away:

Tripura seven-time CPI-M parliamentarian, **Bajubian Reang** passed away at the age of 79 years. He became an MLA in the year 1967 from Congress party & later he joined the CPI (M).

Former India footballer Chatterjee passes away:

Former Indian **footballer** Ashok Chatterjee died recently. Chatterjee was part of the bronze medal winning squad in the Merdeka Cup in 1965 and 1966.

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Bala Devi signs with Rangers, becomes first Indian woman footballer to play professionally in the world:

Scottish team **Rangers** signed Bala Devi from Manipur Police on an 18-month-deal. She became the **1st** Indian woman to become a professional footballer in the world.

Flame-Throated Bulbul 'Rubigula' official mascot for Goa 2020 National Games:

Goa will be hosting the **36th** edition of the National Games.'Rubigula', Flame-Throated Bulbul, has been unveiled as the official mascot for the Goa 2020 National Games in **Panaji, Goa**.

Mo O'Brien becomes 1st deaf person to row across Atlantic Ocean:

A 60-year-old pharmacy worker **Mo O'Brien** has become the first deaf person on record to row an ocean by finishing a **3,000-mile** journey across the Atlantic.

Christine Sinclair becomes all-time top scorer with 185 goals in international soccer:

Christine Margaret Sinclair, 36 years old, Canadian soccer player, became the all-time top scorer with **185 goals** in international soccer. Sinclair surpassed the record of American **Abigail Wambach** who scored 184 goals.

Indian boxer's bag six gold at Golden Girl Championship in Sweden:

India's junior youth dominated the ring at the Golden Girl Championship in Boras, **Sweden**, claiming 14 medals, including **six** golds.

Prachi Dhankar won 'Best Boxer' award in the junior category.

Australian Open: American Sofia Kenin wins her first Grand Slam title:

American Sofia Kenin won her 1st Grand Slam title with victory over Spain's **Garbine Muguruza** at the Australian Open.Kenin is the youngest Australian Open champion since Russian Maria Sharapova in 2008.

BCCI names 3member Cricket Advisory Committee:

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) announced the appointment of its three-member Cricket Advisory Committee. The committee comprises **Madan Lal, Rudra Pratap Singh and Sulakshana Naik**. The term of appointment will be for one year.

Sourav Ganguly is BCCI's 39th President.

Adarsh, Shreya win double titles at National Shooting trials:

Haryana's Adarsh Singh and Madhya Pradesh's Shreya Agrawal won double titles at the ongoing national trials for rifle and pistol disciplines in **Thiruvananthapuram**.

Novak Djokovic wins his record 8th Men's singles title:

Serbia's Novak Djokovic won his record 8th Men's singles title in Australian Open at Rod Laver Arena in Melbourne. He beat first-time Australian Open finalist **Dominic Thiem** of **Austria**.

BCCI President Sourav Ganguly to be Goodwill Ambassador of Indian team at Tokyo Olympics:

Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has invited BCCI President Sourav Ganguly to become the Goodwill Ambassador of the Indian contingent at the Tokyo Olympics Games 2020.

Avishek becomes youngest Cricket Association Bengal president

Former BCCI president late Jagmohan Dalmiya's son Avishek became the 18th and the youngest president of **Cricket Association Bengal (CAB)**. Avishek, 38, was holding the post of joint secretary before his elevation.

Mizoram win Junior National Football Championship for Dr BC Roy Trophy:

Mizoram won the final by beating Punjab in Junior National Football Championship for Dr BC Roy Trophy at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, **Shillong**.

Rohit Rajpal to continue as India's Davis Cup captain:

Rohit Rajpal will continue as India's non-playing **Davis Cup** captain while veteran Leander Paes, too, has retained his place in the six-member squad picked for the tie against Croatia.

Bangladesh beat India to win maiden Under-19 World Cup:

Bangladesh beat **India** by three wickets to win maiden ICC U-19 World Cup cricket title by Duckworth-Lewis method in **South Africa**.

Ladakh Scouts Regimental Centre Red wins 1st Khelo India Ice Hockey tournament:

Ladakh Scouts Regimental Centre (LSRC) Red won the first Men's section Khelo India Ice Hockey tournament 2020 by defeating Indo Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) team 3-2 in final match.

Haryana thrashes SAI to win 10th Hockey Senior Women National Championship:

Haryana thrashed Sports Authority of India (SAI) 6-0 to win the 10th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship 2020 (A Division) title at **Kollam**.

Australia clinches ICC women's championship trophy 2020:

Australia were awarded the ICC (International Cricket Council) Women's Championship trophy 2020, which they maintained by winning victories in the eight-team one-day championship between **2017** and **2020**.

Ankita Raina wins 18th career doubles title in ITF women's tennis event 2020 held in Thailand:

Ankita Ravinderkrishan Raina, an Indian professional tennis player along with her partner **Bibiane Schoofs** of the Netherlands, won the finals of the ITF (International Tennis Federation) Women's doubles held in **Nonthaburi, Thailand**.

Aditya Mehta won National Snooker championship :

Aditya Mehta from **Mumbai**, Maharashtra won the National Snooker championship held at **Pune**. He defeated multiple time world champion **Pankaj Advani**. In Women's Snooker Finals, **Vidya Pillai** from Madhya Pradesh won the title.

Armand Duplantis sets pole vault world record in Poland:

European champion **Armand Duplantis** set a pole vault world record at a World Athletics Indoor Tour meeting in **Poland**. The USA-born Swede, 20, cleared **6.17m**.

India's Lalremsiami named as 2019 FIH Women's Rising Star of Year:

India forward **Lalremsiami** has been named as the 2019 FIH Women's Rising Star of the Year by the **International Hockey Federation**.

Gulmarg all set to host five-day National Winter Games from March 7:

World-famous **Ski** destination Gulmarg is all set to host a five-day national winter games event from 7th March under the banner of Khelo India.

Premier Badminton League 2020 in Hyderabad, Telangana:

Bengaluru Raptors become champions for 2nd time in a row. It is led by World Championships bronze medallist **B. Sai Praneeth** and World No. 2 **Tai Tzu Ying**.

Sophie Devine becomes 1st cricketer to hit 5 successive 50-plus scores in T20 International:

New Zealand captain **Sophie Devine** has become the first international cricketer to score five consecutive 50-plus scores in T20I cricket, surpassed **Mithali Raj, Brendon McCullum** and **Chris Gayle** who all had **four straight fifty-plus** scores to their name in the shortest format of International Cricket.

Indian hockey captain Manpreet Singh named Player of the Year 2019 by IHF:

The Indian men's hockey team captain Manpreet Singh was named Player of the Year for 2019 by the International Hockey Federation.

Amit Panghal ranked No 1 by IOC's Boxing Task Force rankings for Olympic Qualifiers:

World silver-medallist **Amit Panghal** has been ranked number one in the **52-kilogram** category for Olympic Qualifiers, making him the first Indian

pugilist in over a decade to achieve the global top position in the category.

Bhawna Jat sets new national record in 20-kilometer race walk category:

Bhawna Jat qualified for the 2020 Olympics after setting a new national record in the 20 km race walk category at the National Championships in **Ranchi, Jharkhand**.

India settles for bronze at Badminton Asia Team Championships:

Indian **Men's team** settled for bronze at the Badminton Asia Team Championships after losing to 2-time defending champions **Indonesia** in the semi-finals at **Manila, Philippines**.

Lakshya Sen won over world No.7 Asian games champion Jonatan Christie in the 2nd singles encounter.

Joshna Chinappa clinches 77th Senior National squash Championship:

India's squash ace **Joshna Chinappa** has clinched 77th Senior National Championship in woman's category at the ISA courts in **Chennai**. With the win, she claimed her 18th title in the career. **Saurav Ghosal** won in the Men's category bagging his 13th title.

Vidit Gujrathi beats Ragger, jumps to top spot in Prague Chess:

Vidit S Gujrathi won over Austrian Grand Master Markus Ragger in the 3rd round of the Prague chess festival to jump to the top spot in the master's category.

Indian athletes clinch 3 medals in World Snowshoe Championship:

Indian athletes finished with 3 medals in different categories in the World SnowShoe Championship at **Myoko, Japan**. Ayan Bin Shahnaz bagged silver, while Zain Ali & Muzamil Hussain Mir-all from Kashmir-bagged bronze medals in their respective categories.

India to host 2021 junior men's Hockey World Cup:

India will host next year's Junior Men's World Cup. The International Hockey Federation (FIH) announced this at **Lausanne in Switzerland**.

Jammu and Kashmir to host its first-ever Indoor National Rowing Championship :

Jammu and Kashmir would be hosting its first-ever Indoor National Rowing Championship. This was announced by Principal Secretary of Department of Education and Technical Education **Navin Kumar Choudhary**.

Koneru Humpy wins Cairns Cup Chess Tournament in US:

World rapid champion **Koneru Humpy** claimed her second title in the last two months by winning the Cairns Cup Chess Tournament at St Louis in **USA**.

Asian Wrestling Championship begins in New Delhi :

Asian Wrestling Championship will begin in **New Delhi**. It will be held at the KD Jadhav Hall of Indira Gandhi Stadium. The event will have a total of 30 weight classes, 10 each in Freestyle Men, Women, and Greco Roman.

NADA bans javelin thrower Amit Dahiya for four years:

National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) has banned javelin thrower **Amit Dahiya** for four years for evading sample collection and trying to cheat officials during the 2nd National Javelin Throw Open Championship 2019 held at SAI Centre in **Sonipat**.

India claims five silver, six bronze medals at 2020 Asian Youth and Junior Weightlifting Championships:

India claimed five silver and six bronze medals at the ongoing 2020 Asian Youth and Junior Weightlifting Championships in **Tashkent, Uzbekistan**.

In 45kilogram category, **K V L Pavani Kumari** won silver medals in both youth girls and junior women section.

"United by Emotion" to be 2020 Tokyo Olympics Motto:

Tokyo Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic games revealed the official motto, **"United by Emotion"**, which reflects the "universal values" and "unifying power of sport", for the upcoming 2020 Olympics to be held in **Tokyo, Japan**

FIFA U-17 Women's Football World Cup to be hosted in 5 cities in November:

Union Sports Minister **Kiren Rijiju** launched an event in **New Delhi** to unveil the five host cities for the FIFA Under-17 Women's Football World Cup which kicks off on 2nd of November.

The matches of the world cup will be held in five cities including **Ahmedabad, Bhubaneswar, Guwahati, Kolkata** and **Navi Mumbai**.

Sunil Kumar wins gold in 87-kg Greco Roman category in Asian Wrestling Championships:

Greco Roman wrestler **Sunil Kumar** opened India's medal account in the Asian Wrestling Championships at **New Delhi** by winning Gold. The seasoned grappler beat **Azat Salidinov** from Kyrgyzstan in the final of the 87 kg category

AIFF receives 'Grassroots Charter Bronze Level' membership of AFC:

All India Football Federation (AIFF) has received the "Grassroots Charter Bronze Level" membership of the Asian Football Confederation (AFC). The Asian sport's governing body has confirmed this in a letter to the AIFF General Secretary **Kushal Das**.

Indian wrestlers win three bronze medals in Greco-Roman events:

Aditya Kundu and **Hardeep** have won a bronze medal each in their respective weight categories as Indian wrestlers bagged five medals in Greco-Roman events of the **Asian Wrestling Championships** in **New Delhi**.

Ashu won a bronze in 67kg category, **Aditya** and **Hardeep** also bagged the medals of same colour in the 72kg and 97kg respectively.

India to host AFC Women's Asian Cup in 2022:

India will host the 2022 AFC Women's Asian Cup. The Women's Committee of the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) announced this in **Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia**.

AFC Women's Committee Chairperson Mahfuza Akhter Kiron**Divya Kakran wins a gold medal at Asian Wrestling Championships:**

Divya Kakran became only the 2nd Indian woman to win a gold medal at the Asian Wrestling Championships defeating junior world champion **Naruha Matsuyuki** in **New Delhi**. **Navjot Kaur** had become the **1st** Indian woman to win a gold medal at 2018 championship

Pinki, Sarita Mor won gold in 55kg, 59kg respectively

P V Sindhu wins 3rd successive ESPN's Female Sportsperson of the Year award:

P V Sindhu won the ESPN's **Female Sportsperson of the Year** award for a **3rd consecutive time** while young shooter **Saurabh Chaudhary** bagged the honour in the **male category**.

Chess player **Koneru Humpy** won the award for the **Comeback of the Year**

Manu Bhaker-Saurabh Chaudhary grabbed **Team of the Year** honour

Brazil Para badminton International 2020 in Sao Paulo:

India finish with **11** medals Badminton World Federation (BWF), the international governing body for the sport of badminton has organized **Brazil Para badminton International 2020 in Sao Paulo, Brazil**.

The tournament consists of Men's Singles, Doubles, Women's Singles, Doubles & Mixed Doubles play. India ended its campaign with 11 medals (4 Gold, 5 Silver, 2 Bronze).

China emerged the most successful team with **8 gold** medals.

Indian **para-badminton** player **Pramod Bhagat** from Odisha claimed 2 gold medals for India at the Championship in men's singles SL3 and men's doubles SL3-SL4 categories along with **Manoj Sarkar**.

Sakshi Malik wins silver, Vinesh Phogat gets bronze at Asian Wrestling Championship:

Indian women team registered its best-ever performance at the Asian Wrestling Championship returning with **eight medals** in **New Delhi**. **Sakshi Malik** claimed silver while **Vinesh Phogat** dominated her bronze medal play-off after losing to **Mayu Mukaida**.

Ross Taylor becomes first player in the world to play 100 matches in all three formats:

Veteran New Zealand batsman **Ross Taylor** became the first player in the world to play **100 matches** in **all three formats of cricket**. The landmark achievement came as he took the field against India in the opening Test at Basin Reserve in Wellington.

Taylor was presented his 100th Test cap by former New Zealand wicket-keeper **Ian Smith** before the match.

The 35-year-old played his **100th** T20 International against India last month. He has also played **231 ODIs** for New Zealand. The right-handed batsman is already his country's leading run-scorer in Test and ODI.

Pragyan Ojha announces retirement from international, 1st-class cricket:

Indian left-arm spinner **Pragyan Ojha** announced retirement from international and first-class cricket with immediate effect. The 33-year-old last played for India in 2013 during **Sachin Tendulkar's** farewell Test against the West Indies in Mumbai.

In all, he played 24 Tests between 2009 and 2013 in which he took 113 wickets. From 18 ODIs, he grabbed 21 wickets. He also played six T20 Internationals

Olympic hockey champion Danson-Bennett retires:

Great **Britain** women's field hockey captain **Alex Danson-Bennett** announced her retirement from the sport due to head injury.

The 34-year-old was a member of the British team that won gold at the 2016 Rio Olympics where she was the joint top-scorer.

Russia to host new edition of AIBA World Cup 2020:

Russia will be the first country to host the new format of **AIBA Team World Cup in 2020**.

AIBA Executive committee members voted in favour to approve the **Russian bid** at its **meeting in Budapest**.

The tournament will be coinciding with the 75th anniversary of the victory in World War II under the motto **"Boxing for peace"**.

The final is scheduled for October in the city of **Nizhny Novgorod**, Russia. The best national teams all over the world will take part in the edition.

FC Goa become first Indian club to play in AFC Champions League group stage:

FC Goa became the first team India to qualify for the group stage of the **AFC** (Asian Football Confederation) **Champions League 2021** when it defeated **Jamshedpur FC** in an Indian Super League at the **JRD Tata Sports Complex** in **Jamshedpur, Jharkhand**.

India to host Commonwealth Shooting and Archery Championships in January 2022:

India will host the **Commonwealth Shooting and Archery Championships** in **January 2022**. The medals from the two events will be counted for ranking of competing nations at the **Birmingham Games**. However, the medals will be added to the final tally one week after the conclusion of the Games.

The Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) announced this decision after the three-day **Executive Board meeting in London**. The two events will be held in **Chandigarh** in **January 2022** while the **Birmingham Commonwealth Games** is scheduled from **27th of July to 7th of August, 2022**.

Ladakh all set to host first-ever Khelo India Winter Games:

The Union Territory of **Ladakh** is all set to host the first-ever **Khelo India Winter Games**. In the presence of Ladakh Lieutenant Governor **R K Mathur**, Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports **Kiren Rijiju** will inaugurate the games on **Tuesday, 25th Feb** at **NDS Indoor Ice Hockey Rink** in **Leh**.

- c) Mumbai d) Guwahati
e) Shimla
Q.14) Who won the 'Best Boxer' award in the junior category, at the Golden Girl Championship held in Sweden?
a) Lashu Yadav
b) Rudy Lalhmimguani
c) Ethoibi Chanu Wangjam
d) Prachi Dhankar
e) Mahi Raghav
Q.15) Which ministry has constituted the Implementation Monitoring Cell (IMC) named 'Santusht' to promote effective delivery of public services?
a) Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises
b) Ministry of Development of North-East Region
c) Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs
d) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
e) Ministry of Labour & Employment
Q.16) Which country readmitted and becomes 54th member of Commonwealth family?
a) Myanmar b) Maldives
c) UAE d) Bhutan
e) Bangladesh
Q.17) NTPC raises Asia's largest Japanese yen loan worth___?
a) \$650 million b) \$870 million
c) \$750 million d) \$900 million
e) \$550 million
Q.18) Which state has launched a doorstep pension delivery?
a) Andhra Pradesh b) Telangana
c) Karnataka d) Tamil Nadu
e) Sikkim
Q.19) Who has been named the Central Banker of the Year?
a) Raghuram Rajan b) Bimal Jalan
c) Urjit Patel d) Shaktikanta Das
e) N. K. Singh
Q.20) Which IIT develops AI technology to convert brain signals of speech-impaired humans into English language?
a) IIT Guwahati b) IIT Hyderabad
c) IIT Delhi d) IIT Tiruchy
e) IIT Madras
Q.21) Which film was selected as the Best film in the 73rd edition of Baftas that took place in London, UK?
a) The Irishman
b) Once upon a time in Hollywood
c) 1917
d) Joker
e) Black Widow
Q.22) Which Bank signed pact with CARE Ratings to assess the credit quality of SMEs
a) Indian Bank b) Canara Bank
c) State Bank of India d) UCO Bank
e) Bank of Baroda
Q.23) Which city hosted the Third Defence Attaches Conference?
a) New Delhi b) Mumbai
c) Pune d) Lucknow
e) Hyderabad
Q.24) "Babenco: Tell Me When I Die", which won the 'Golden Conch Award for Best Documentary Film' at the Mumbai International Film Festival 2020, is a film of which country?
a) South Korea b) France
c) Belgium d) Brazil
e) Russia
Q.25) What is the health cess that to be levied on the import of medical devices, as per the Union Budget 2020 proposals?
a) 1 b) 2

- c) 3 d) 4 e) 5
Q.26) L&T MBDA Missile Systems (LTMMSL) has recently set up a missile integration facility at which state?
a) Karnataka b) Kerala
c) Andhra Pradesh d) Tamil Nadu
e) Telangana
Q.27) Who won the 1st Mathrubhumi Book of the Year award?
a) Rajiv Khanna b) Farhan Akhtar
c) Vinod Shukla d) Himesh Kumar
e) Sarath Sharma
Q.28) Waheeda Rehman to be honoured with Kishore Kumar Samman by which government?
a) Maharashtra b) Odisha
c) Rajasthan d) Madhya Pradesh
e) Telangana
Q.29) Canara Bank appointed ___ as The MD and CEO?
a) Lakshmi Narayan
b) Indhuja Ravichandran
c) LV Prabhakar d) T Latha
e) Bharat Mahadev
Q.30) Who appointed as the new Prime Minister of Kosovo?
a) Ramush Haradinaj b) Albin Kurti
c) Kaqusha Jashari d) Daut Jashanica
e) Nikolla Shkreli
Q.31) Recently Pranab Gogoi passed away. He related with?
a) Sports b) Acting
c) Politics d) Writing
e) Singing
Q.32) Who will be Goodwill Ambassador of the Indian team at Tokyo Olympics?
a) Marykom b) Tajindarpal Singh
c) Sourav Ganguly d) Sachin Tendulkar
e) P V Sindhu
Q.33) Which Indian city is set to play host to the 15th East Asia Summit conference, 2020?
a) New Delhi b) Mumbai
c) Chennai d) Hyderabad
e) Lucknow
Q.34) What is the latest Insurance cover increases from Rs one lakh to _____ on bank deposits provided by the Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC) ?
a) 2 Lakhs b) 5 Lakhs
c) 3 Lakhs d) 10 Lakhs
e) 12 Lakhs
Q.35) Which state government recently launched a scheme called 'Janasevaka' to home-deliver various government services to citizens?
a) Kerala b) Jharkhand
c) Madhya Pradesh d) Karnataka
e) Odisha
Q.36) The Union Cabinet of India recently approved amendments to bring which category of banks under the regulation of Reserve Bank of India?
a) Cooperative Banks b) Finance Companies
c) Small Finance Banks d) Payment Banks
e) Public Sector Banks
Q.37) Who becomes the first Indian to receive International Association of Dental Research Fellowship?
a) Ahmad Khan b) LV Prabhakar
c) Saima Yunus Khan d) N Kumar
e) Harida Das
Q.38) What is the India Rank in International Intellectual Property Index released by Global Innovation Policy Center?
a) 40 b) 44
c) 43 d) 51 e) 53

- Q.39) Which start-up company in the defence sector was awarded the prestigious SKOCH Award?
a) United Way b) F5 Solution
c) General partnership
d) Chevron Corporation e) Big Bang Boom
Q.40) Who becomes youngest Cricket Association Bengal president?
a) Irfan Pathan b) Munaf Patel
c) Avishek d) Mohamad Rafiq
e) Anil Kumble
Q.41) Who won the Australian Open Tennis,2020 Women's title?
a) Elise Mertens b) Karolina Pliskova
c) Petra Martic d) Garbine Muguruza
e) Sofia Kenin
Q.42) Which state bags first position for implementation of PMMVY (Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana) ?
a) Telangana b) Rajasthan
c) Maharashtra d) Sikkim
e) Madhya Pradesh
Q.43) Name the Coastal Security Exercise conducted by Indian Navy?
a) Matla Abhiyan b) Operation Him
c) Operation Vijay d) Coastal Guard
e) None of the Above
Q.44) Who clinched the Australian Open Men's singles title?
a) Novak Djokovic b) Daniil Medvedev
c) Roger Federer d) Dominic Thiem
e) Rafael Nadal
Q.45) Which country will host the Ekushey Book Fair every year in February commemorating the martyrs of the language movement?
a) Vietnam b) Nepal
c) Bangladesh d) Maldives
e) India
Q.46) Operating ratio is a measure of the portion of revenue that goes into meeting the expenses. What is the estimated operating ratio of Indian Railways in the FY 2019-20?
a) 99.62% b) 98.44%
c) 98.41% d) 97.51%
e) 96.41%
Q.47) Prime Minister Narendra Modi sets target of _____ for defence exports in next 5 years?
a) USD 20 billion b) USD 5 billion
c) USD 10 billion d) USD 15 billion
e) USD 25 billion
Q.48) JSW steel has appointed Indian cricketer _____ as its brand ambassador.
a) Rishabh Pant b) K L Rahul
c) M S Dhoni d) Rohit Sharma
e) Shikhar Dhawan
Q.49) Which state government launched the India's first door-delivery of pension programme- 'Intivadhakey Pension'?
a) Karnataka b) Maharashtra
c) Andhra Pradesh d) Madhya Pradesh
e) Telangana
Q.50) Reserve Bank of India (RBI), recently extended the deadline for a one-time restructuring scheme of small business loans by another _____months.
a) 5 months b) 8 months
c) 10 months d) 7 months
e) 9 months
Q.51) Which Indian celebrity is at the top spot in the latest brand valuation study by Duff & Phelps?
a) Akshay Kumar b) P V Sindhu
c) Deepika Padukone d) Virat Kohli
e) Salman Khan

- Q.52) Which state clinched Junior National Football Championship for Dr BC Roy Trophy at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Shillong?
 a) Meghalaya b) Manipur
 c) Mizoram d) Nagaland
 e) Tripura
- Q.53) Kirk Douglas passed away at 103 in California. He was a renowned _____?
 a) Actor b) Cricketer
 c) Footballer d) Scientist
 e) Writer
- Q.54) NASA astronaut Christina Koch returns to Earth after record-setting stay in space. She has spent _____ days on International Space Station (ISS).
 a) 328 days b) 289 days
 c) 418 days d) 385 days
 e) 398 days
- Q.55) Who among the following has been appointed as Britain's new High Commissioner to India?
 a) Dominic Asquith b) Philip Barton
 c) John Major d) Tony Blair
 e) Ross Taylor
- Q.56) The theme for Economic Survey 2019-20 is _____.
 a) Financial Inclusion b) Farmer's Growth
 c) Women in Business d) Wealth Creation
 e) Infrastructure Rise
- Q.57) Which famous writer was recently selected for the Mystic Kalinga Literary Award (Indian and Global Languages) ?
 a) Chetan Bhagat b) Manoj Das
 c) Arundhati Roy d) Anita Desai
 e) Amitav Ghosh
- Q.58) Which city plays host to the 22nd India International Seafood Show, after a gap of 12 years?
 a) Mumbai b) Hyderabad
 c) New Delhi d) Kochi
 e) Vishakhapatnam
- Q.59) President Ramnath Kovind Presented the International Gandhi Awards for Leprosy To ____?
 a) N.S. Dharmashaktu b) M.S.Ramanujam
 c) Micheal Ward d) Barry Keoghan
 e) N Ram Kumar
- Q.60) Sanatkada festival to be celebrated in ____?
 a) Mumbai b) Manipur
 c) Lucknow d) Odisha
 e) Jharkhand
- Q.61) Which bank Sanctioned \$3 billion Loan to Andhra Pradesh for development projects?
 a) Asian Development Bank
 b) World Bank
 c) New Development Bank
 d) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
 e) International Monetary Fund
- Q.62) Which Private limited company to create world's biggest ATM network of 2 million in India?
 a) Google Pay b) PhonePe
 c) Paytm d) Freecharge
 e) Mobikwik
- Q.63) Government to Reintroduce FRDI Bill. 'D' Denotes?
 a) Demand b) Draft
 c) Deposit d) Development
 e) Derivative
- Q.64) _____ will conduct the Financial Literacy Week 2020?
 a) SEBI b) IRDAI
 c) RBI d) Finance Ministry
 e) NABARD

- Q.65) The budget has pegged fiscal deficit at _____ % for current fiscal year.
 a) 2.3 % b) 3.3 %
 c) 4.5 % d) 3.8 %
 e) 5.1 %
- Q.66) Ayushman Bharat-_____ bagged national 'Gold' award for sustainable e-Governance initiative.
 a) PMKSY b) PMJDY
 c) PMJJBY d) PMSBY
 e) PMJAY
- Q.67) Indian Army Major _____ has developed bulletproof helmet that can stop AK-47 bullets.
 a) Anoop Mishra b) Anoop Govil
 c) Satendar Saini d) Rajput Singh
 e) R K Sharma
- Q.68) Which of the following PSUs, recently signed tripartite MoU with Elbit & GRSE for Unmanned Surface Vessels?
 a) BHEL b) GAIL
 c) BEL d) SAIL
 e) NTPC
- Q.69) Who among the following received Bharatiya Mahantam Award at Bangkok?
 a) M V Gowtama b) Rashmi Saluja
 c) R N Varun d) N. Sridhar
 e) M Dhinesh
- Q.70) Which of the following states topped among 18 states in justice delivery system capacity?
 a) Madhya Pradesh b) Gujarat
 c) Manipur d) Mizoram
 e) Maharashtra
- Q.71) PFRDA, recently doubled minimum net worth for pension fund managers from 20 crore to _____ crore.
 a) 25 b) 30
 c) 40 d) 50 e) 35
- Q.72) Which city hosted the National Conference on e-Governance 2020?
 a) Mumbai b) New Delhi
 c) Lucknow d) Kanpur
 e) Nagpur
- Q.73) Where did the 10th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship 2020 (A Division) title took place?
 a) Nashik, Maharashtra
 b) Kollam, Kerala
 c) Amristar, Punjab
 d) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
 e) Ludhiana, Punjab
- Q.74) Bangladesh won the 2020 ICC U19 Cricket World Cup held in South Africa, defeating _____.
 a) Australia b) South Africa
 c) England d) India
 e) Sri Lanka
- Q.75) Which among the following state is organizing hornbill festival for the first time, with an aim to raise awareness among people for bird conservation?
 a) Nagaland b) Meghalaya
 c) Tripura d) Manipur
 e) Odisha
- Q.76) Which is the first foreign language movie that won the Best film Oscar awards?
 a) 1917 b) The Irishman
 c) Parasite d) Joker
 e) Once upon a time in Hollywood
- Q.77) Which country hosted the annual African Union Summit of the year 2020?
 a) Nigeria b) South Africa
 c) Ethiopia d) Ghana
 e) Morocco

- Q.78) Which state government has decided to create a separate identity card for the transgender community?
 a) Madhya Pradesh b) Uttar Pradesh
 c) Rajasthan d) Karnataka
 e) Andhra Pradesh
- Q.79) Who has been selected as the 2019 FIH Women's Rising Star of the Year by the International Hockey Federation?
 a) Lalremsiami b) Julieta Jankunas
 c) Rajani Etimarpu d) Carla Rebecchi
 e) Rani Rampal
- Q.80) Which state is hosting the 3-day international conference on climate change and ocean health-ClimFishCon 2020?
 a) Karnataka b) Gujarat
 c) Tripura d) Kerala
 e) Rajasthan
- Q.81) Which city is hosting the 7 Nation BIMSTEC Disaster Management Exercise-2020 in the month of February 2020?
 a) Bhubaneswar, Odisha
 b) Bhilai, Chhattisgarh
 c) Aurangabad, Maharashtra
 d) Meerut, Uttar Pradesh
 e) Patna, Bihar
- Q.82) Which is the selected location for establishing the Amazon Web Services' two data centres in India with an investment of USD 1.5 billion?
 a) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
 b) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
 c) Hyderabad, Telangana
 d) Kolkata, West Bengal
 e) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Q.83) Which state government recently launched the 'Reading Mission' initiative for students?
 a) Maharashtra b) Meghalaya
 c) Gujarat d) Himachal Pradesh
 e) Haryana
- Q.84) American Factory, which won the Oscar for the best feature-length documentary, was produced by which famous American personality?
 a) Hillary Clinton b) Donald Trump
 c) Barrack Obama d) George W. Bush
 e) None of the Above
- Q.85) 'We Think Digital' is a digital literacy program of which global technological company?
 a) Twitter b) Facebook
 c) Whatsapp d) Google
 e) LinkedIn
- Q.86) The official mascot chosen for the 13th edition of Conference of Parties (COP) of the Conservation of Migratory Species (CMS) is _____.
 a) Asiatic Elephant
 b) Great Indian Bustard
 c) Marine Turtle
 d) Amur Falcon
 e) Humpback Whale
- Q.87) 'PehleSafety' is an Internet safety campaign of which major technological company?
 a) Microsoft b) Wipro
 c) Google d) Apple
 e) Facebook
- Q.88) The Union Ministry of Finance has released the notification of "Printing one-rupee currency note rules, 2020". The One rupee note feature will have the signature of _____.
 a) Shaktikanta Das
 b) Niramala Sitharaman
 c) Rajiv Kumar
 d) Ajay Bhusan Pandey
 e) Atanu Chakraborty

Q.89) Which Indian bank has won "Most customer centric bank using technology" and "Best Payments Initiative" awards in 15th Indian Banks' Associations' Banking Technology awards 2020?
 a) ICICI Bank b) South Indian Bank
 c) HDFC Bank d) Axis Bank
 e) Yes Bank

Q.90) Which state government, recently constituted State Commission for Backward Classes?
 a) Odisha b) Madhya Pradesh
 c) Manipur d) Kerala
 e) Goa

Q.91) Who has been elected as New President of Institute of Chartered Accountants of India?
 a) Nihar Jambusaria b) Amitesh Bhatnagar
 c) Sanjay Seth d) Atul Gupta
 e) Rajesh Chawla

Q.92) Srinath Narasimhan has been named CEO of _____?
 a) Tata Consultancy Services
 b) Tata Trusts
 c) Ford Motor Company
 d) JSW Steel
 e) Tata Motors

Q.93) Odisha Govt, recently signs MoU with _____ to Boost Startups.
 a) Yes Bank b) Bank of India
 c) Axis Bank d) HDFC Bank
 e) ICICI Bank

Q.94) Ayushman Bharat beneficiaries are set to get assistance of up to Rs _____ lakh under Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi (RAN).
 a) 20 lakhs b) 30 lakhs
 c) 15 lakhs d) 10 lakhs
 e) 12 lakhs

Q.95) Who among the following has been appointed chairman and managing director of Air India?
 a) Raj Kumar b) Rishi Sunak
 c) S. A. Dave d) Rajiv Bansal
 e) Debasish Panda

Q.96) UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson has appointed Indian origin _____ as new finance Minister?
 a) Rishi Sunak b) Alok Sharma
 c) Rohan Murty d) Priti Patel
 e) Lakshmi Venu

Q.97) _____ recently rolled out system to detect misuse of client securities by brokers.
 a) SIDBI b) IRDAI
 c) RBI d) SEBI
 e) NSE

Q.98) Rajendra Kumar Pachauri passed away recently. He was a renowned _____.
 a) Industrialist b) Ornithologist
 c) Politician d) Environmentalist
 e) Writer

Q.99) Who has been named Player of the Year 2019 by International Hockey Federation (IHF) ?
 a) Arthur van Dorren b) Gagan Ajit Singh
 c) Manpreet Singh d) Sandeep Singh
 e) Shukla Sharma

Q.100) Who among the following appointed as CEO of GoAir airlines?
 a) Siddhartha Mohanty
 b) Guruprasad Mohapatra
 c) Vinay Dube
 d) Rajiv Bansal
 e) Jeh Wadia

Q.101) 'Apiary on Wheels' is an initiative of which statutory body of India?
 a) National Green Tribunal
 b) National Commission for Woman

c) Khadi and Village Industries Commission
 d) SEBI
 e) None of the Above

Q.102) Union transport minister Nitin Gadkari, recently inaugurated the first inter-city electric bus service, between Mumbai and _____
 a) Nagpur b) Lucknow
 c) Pune d) Hyderabad
 e) Agra

Q.103) _____ has partnered with Google Cloud to host its next-generation digital mobile platform.
 a) LIC Housing Finance Limited
 b) HDFC Housing Finance
 c) PNB Housing Finance Limited
 d) Indiabulls Housing Finance Limited
 e) L&T Housing Finance Limited

Q.104) Which state launches 'Anganpou Hunba' programme at Arapti Mayai Leikai?
 a) Meghalaya b) Tripura
 c) Manipur d) Gujarat
 e) Nagaland

Q.105) Royal Bank of Scotland to rebrand bank as _____?
 a) Central Bank of Scotland
 b) Bank of Scotland
 c) NatWest Group
 d) Royal Group
 e) None of the Above

Q.106) ISRO space scientist _____ becomes chairman of New Space India Limited.
 a) M Muruganatham b) G Narayanan
 c) J Pradeep d) G Siva Shakthi
 e) H Naren Kumar

Q.107) India's renowned Feminist scholar & activist _____ wins Dan David Prize 2020
 a) Gita Sen b) Raveena Seth
 c) Priyanka Sharma d) Monisha Gupta
 e) Shipa Sharama

Q.108) Who clinched the 77th Senior National Championship title in woman's category?
 a) Sunayna Kuruvilla
 b) Joshna Chinappa
 c) Aishwarya Khubchandani
 d) Tanvi Khanna
 e) None of the Above

Q.109) Which city is hosting the bilateral Conference of Parties meetings in the month of February 2020?
 a) Agra, Uttar Pradesh
 b) Siliguri, West Bengal
 c) Gandhinagar, Gujarat
 d) Dehradun, Uttarakhand
 e) Jodhpur, Rajasthan

Q.110) Which state celebrates Seed sowing festival 'Lui-Ngai-Ni'?
 a) Meghalaya b) Mizoram
 c) Odisha d) Manipur
 e) Tripura

Q.111) Which state launched the "Yodhavu" mobile app to combat drug menace?
 a) Telangana b) Maharashtra
 c) Karnataka d) Kerala
 e) Tamil Nadu

Q.112) The National Institute of Technology (NIT), Trichy's newly launched app - Thirumathikart is meant for?
 a) MSME sector b) Self Help Group
 c) Low income farmers d) BPL card holders
 e) Industrial workers

Q.113) Election Commission has collaborated with which organization to work on a new technology which will allow electors to vote from

far away cities without going to the designated polling station?
 a) IIT Madras b) IIT Guwahati
 c) IIT Delhi d) IIT Kanpur
 e) IIT Bombay

Q.114) Fingopay has partnered with which payments company to launch biometric finger vein payment technology?
 a) Amazon b) Reflow
 c) Paytm d) Paypal
 e) Myntra

Q.115) What is the latest GDP growth cast of Moody's for the FY 2020?
 a) 5.5 % b) 6.6 %
 c) 5.8 % d) 5.4 %
 e) 6.1 %

Q.116) Which is the country partner for the Bio-Asia Summit 2020 in Hyderabad?
 a) Russia b) UAE
 c) Switzerland d) Portugal
 e) Germany

Q.117) Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Memorial Centre and the 63-ft tall statue of Pt Deendayal Upadhyaya are located in the Indian city of?
 a) Varanasi b) Nashik
 c) Pune d) Gandhinagar
 e) Lucknow

Q.118) The National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC) is to be set up in which Indian state?
 a) Agra, Uttar Pradesh
 b) Siliguri, West Bengal
 c) Lothal, Gujarat
 d) Dehradun, Uttarakhand
 e) Jodhpur, Rajasthan

Q.119) "Global Investor Summit" for the first time to be held in _____?
 a) New Delhi b) Jharkhand
 c) Mumbai
 d) Jammu and Kashmir e) Himachal Pradesh

Q.120) RBI estimates how much GDP to expand at in FY21?
 a) 6% b) 5%
 c) 5.2% d) 6.3%
 e) 5.4%

Q.121) Which private limited replaced State Bank of India to become India's tenth most-valued firm by market capitalisation on the BSE.
 a) HDFC Bank
 b) Axis Bank
 c) Reliance Industrial Limited
 d) Bajaj Finance Limited
 e) Tata Consultancy Services

Q.122) Union government has decided to rename the Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSA) in the honour of?
 a) Arun Jaitley
 b) Sushma Swaraj
 c) Manohar Parrikar
 d) Atal Bihari Vajpayee
 e) APJ Abdul Kalam

Q.123) Ashraf Ghani has won a second term as the President of _____?
 a) Turkmenistan b) Kyrgyzstan
 c) Kazakhstan d) Uzbekistan
 e) Afghanistan

Q.124) Who won the 2020 Annual Laureus Sportsman of the year Award, established to honour the greatest and most inspirational sporting triumphs of the year?
 a) Rafael Nadal b) Tiger Woods
 c) Lionel Messi d) Sachin Tendulkar
 e) Cristiano Ronaldo

Q.125) Hindi ranked _____ as the most spoken language of the world in 2019 according

a) cut, copy and paste b) find and replace
 c) Both A & B
 d) Powerpoint Templates e) All A,B & D
 Q.161) Koneru Humpy won the ESPN award for the Comeback of the Year category. She is a famous _____ player.
 a) Tennis b) Badminton
 c) Chess d) Golf
 e) Boxing
 Q.162) Under the Central government's 20:20 model for Smart Cities Mission, top ranking Ahmedabad has been paired with which of the following cities?
 a) Noida b) Bhubaneswar
 c) Chandigarh d) Patna
 e) Ranchi
 Q.163) _____ Railway Construction built India's tallest pier bridge on February 2020 in Manipur
 a) Eastern b) Western
 c) Southern d) Northern Frontier
 e) South Eastern
 Q.164) Ganga Kayak Festival celebrated in _____?
 a) Uttar Pradesh b) Tripura
 c) Manipur d) Gujarat
 e) Uttarakhand
 Q.165) _____ hosts Symposium on Emerging Opportunities for Indian Textiles and Crafts
 a) Mumbai b) Hyderabad
 c) New Delhi d) Pune
 e) Lucknow
 Q.166) Mansukh Mandaviya lays foundation stone of lighthouse in _____?
 a) Rameswaram, Tamil Nadu
 b) Mumbai, Maharashtra
 c) Pune, Maharashtra
 d) Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
 e) Hyderabad, Telangana
 Q.167) Indian Railways launches joint research initiatives with which University?
 a) Massachusetts Institute of Technology
 b) Stanford University
 c) University of Cambridge
 d) University of Michigan
 e) University of Birmingham
 Q.168) Sunil Gurbaxani's appointment as _____ MD and CEO
 a) Dhanlaxmi Bank b) Union Bank of India
 c) Karnataka Bank d) Canara Bank
 e) Indian Bank
 Q.169) Former _____ State Minister C Channigappa recently passes away.
 a) Andhra Pradesh b) Tamil Nadu
 c) Kerala d) Karnataka
 e) Telangana
 Q.170) Who won the ESPN's Female Sportsperson of the Year award for a 3rd consecutive time?
 a) Saina Nehwal b) Juwala Kutta
 c) P V Sindhu d) Geeta Phogat
 e) Ashwini Ponnappa
 Q.171) Which among the following wildlife sanctuaries is situated in Nagaland?
 a) Fakim Wildlife Sanctuary
 b) Bhamragarh Wildlife Sanctuary
 c) Khawnglung Wildlife Sanctuary
 d) Abohar Wildlife Sanctuary
 e) Narpuh Wildlife Sanctuary
 Q.172) Where is the Headquarters of UNESCO?
 a) Paris b) Berlin
 c) Geneva d) Brussels
 e) Colombo
 Q.173) Which has become the first train in India to become to have aircraft-style bio-vacuum toilets?

a) Amaravati Express
 b) Ajanta Express
 c) Akal Takht Express
 d) Kalka-Delhi Shatabdi
 e) None of the Above
 Q.174) Who is the Brand Ambassador of Mobile Premier League (MPL) ?
 a) Rahul Dravid b) Virat Kohli
 c) Rohit Sharma d) Hardik Pandya
 e) Rishab Pant
 Q.175) Ajay Bisaria has been appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to which country?
 a) United Kingdom b) Latvia
 c) Poland d) Canada
 e) Russia
 Q.176) Which among the following state is organizing hornbill festival for the first time, with an aim to raise awareness among people for bird conservation?
 a) Nagaland b) Meghalaya
 c) Tripura d) Manipur
 e) Odisha
 Q.177) Which state government has decided to declare Cauvery Delta Region as protected special agricultural zone?
 a) Karnataka b) Kerala
 c) Tamil Nadu d) Telangana
 e) Andhra Pradesh
 Q.178) Which is the first foreign language movie that won the Best film Oscar awards?
 a) 1917 b) The Irishman
 c) Parasite d) Joker
 e) Once upon a time in Hollywood
 Q.179) Which is the highest peak in South America and outside of Asia?
 a) Mount Aconcagua b) Mount Mercedario
 c) Mount Pissis d) Mount Cerro Bonete
 e) Mount Galan
 Q.180) Which country hosted the annual African Union Summit of the year 2020?
 a) Nigeria b) South Africa
 c) Ethiopia d) Ghana
 e) Morocco
 Q.181) The headquarter of Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) is in _____.
 a) Vienna b) Paris
 c) Nairobi d) Rome
 e) Geneva
 Q.182) February 12 to February 18, 2020 celebrated as _____ week?
 a) Financial Literary Week
 b) National Productivity week
 c) Road Safety Week
 d) Children's mental health week
 e) World Immunisation week
 Q.183) Which of the following lakes is located in Gujarat?
 a) Bhimtal b) Loktak
 c) Vembanad d) Nalsarovar
 e) Chilika
 Q.184) What is the Currency of Iceland?
 a) Franc b) Euro
 c) Peso d) Krona
 e) Shilling
 Q.185) World Radio day to be celebrated on?
 a) January 13 b) February 20
 c) February 13 d) March 11
 e) August 22
 Q.186) Amit Panghal, who was seen in news recently, is a famous personality associated with which sports?
 a) Wrestling b) Boxing

c) Shooting d) Golf
 e) Snooker
 Q.187) Sirohi National Park is located in _____.
 a) Andhra Pradesh b) Telangana
 c) Manipur d) Meghalaya
 e) Rajasthan
 Q.188) Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium is located in which of the following states?
 a) Hyderabad b) New Delhi
 c) Mumbai d) Lucknow
 e) Chennai
 Q.189) CII celebrates 125 years anniversary on Feb 1. First "I" denotes?
 a) Industry b) Indian
 c) International d) Investment
 e) Insolvency
 Q.190) Who becomes all-time top scorer with 185 goals in international soccer?
 a) Megan Rapinoe
 b) Abigail Wambach
 c) Christine Margaret Sinclair
 d) Lucy Bronze
 e) Alex Morgan
 Q.191) Matthew Satya Babu recently Passes away. He belongs to?
 a) Politician b) Actor
 c) Painter d) Dramatist
 e) Sports Person
 Q.192) Geological Survey of India has discovered gold deposits to the tune of around 3,000 tonnes in which state?
 a) Uttar Pradesh b) Tamil Nadu
 c) Karnataka d) Maharashtra
 e) Gujarat
 Q.193) _____ recently announced retirement from international, 1st-class cricket
 a) Murali Vijay b) Amit Mishra
 c) Shivam Dube d) Pragyan Ojha
 e) Mayank Agarwal
 Q.194) National Museum hosted 'Historical Gastronomica - The Indus Dining Experience' exhibition at _____
 a) Noida b) Chennai
 c) New Delhi d) Mumbai
 e) Chandigarh
 Q.195) PM Modi to inaugurate two-day International Judicial Conference 2020 in _____?
 a) Mumbai b) Noida
 c) New Delhi d) Kolkata
 e) Lucknow
 Q.196) Who among the following have been appointed as Advisers to PM recently?
 a) Nripendra Misra b) Bhaskar Khulbe
 c) Amarjeet Sinha d) Both A & B
 e) Both B & C
 Q.197) 15 clusters in _____ have recently been selected under Phase 3 of Rurban Mission?
 a) Tripura b) Manipur
 c) Amritsar d) Jharkhand
 e) Raipur
 Q.198) Forex reserves of India rose to a record \$ _____bn as per RBI (approx)
 a) 421 b) 476
 c) 446 d) 401
 e) 542
 Q.199) Competition Commission of India has given approval for GMR group's proposed 49% stake sale in its airport business to Groupe ADP of which country?
 a) Italy b) Germany
 c) France d) Russia
 e) Austria

- d) Jammu and Kashmir e) Ladakh
 Q.238) International conference on "Ensemble Methods in Modelling and Data Assimilation (EMMDA) " began at _____.
 a) Delhi b) Lucknow
 c) Noida d) Kanpur
 e) Mumbai
 Q.239) In child malnutrition rate, which country has declined sharply over the last six years?
 a) India b) Sri Lanka
 c) Bhutan d) Bangladesh
 e) Pakistan
 Q.240) Which country is hosting the inaugural G20 finance ministers 2020?
 a) South Africa b) Japan
 c) UAE d) Saudi Arabia
 e) Russia
 Q.241) NABARD sanctions over ____ to boost infrastructure in J&K?
 a) RS 100 Cr b) RS 200 Cr
 c) RS 300 Cr d) RS 400 Cr
 e) RS 500 Cr
 Q.242) How many sportspersons conferred with State Govt's prestigious Shiv Chhatrapati Award?
 a) 21 b) 48
 c) 52 d) 36 e) 44
 Q.243) Who is crowned as the winner of LIVA Miss Diva Universe 2020?
 a) Aavriti Choudhary b) Vartika Singh
 c) Anntonia Porsild d) Adline Castelino
 e) Lara Dutta
 Q.244) Who won SERB Women Excellence Award-2020?
 a) Nikhil Mehra b) Niti Kumar
 c) Anil Kapoor d) Shivan Bhatiya
 e) Narresh Kukreja
 Q.245) Who released the book 'Who is Bharat Mata' which was authored by Prof Purushottam Agrawal?
 a) Narendra Modi b) Ramnath Kovind
 c) Venkaiah Naidu d) Manmohan Singh
 e) Amit Shah
 Q.246) Ministry of Railways upgraded services of Artificial Intelligence (AI) based chatbot _____.
 a) ASKDIKSHA b) ASKDIYA
 c) ASKDISHA d) ASKDIVA
 e) ASKDEEKSHA
 Q.247) Which firm launched an interactive AI Powered ChatBot solution LIDEA for its customers on WhatsApp?
 a) Google b) Microsoft
 c) Amazon d) Birla Estates
 e) Flipkart
 Q.248) Whish among the followings is set to host the first-ever Khelo India Winter Games?
 a) Ladakh b) Delhi
 c) Assam d) Odisha
 e) Jammu and Kashmir
 Q.249) Who is emerged as champion in the 34th Cannes Open?
 a) Stany G.A. b) Nihal Sarin
 c) Aryan Chopra d) Arjun Erigaisi
 e) Gukesh D
 Q.250) Divya Kakran belongs to which of the following sports?
 a) Hockey b) Boxing
 c) Badminton d) Weight lifting
 e) Wrestling
 Q.251) Ashok Chatterjee, died recently belongs to which profession?
 a) Football b) Cricket
 c) Badminton d) Journalist
 e) Writer and novelist

LEGEND QUIZ ANSWER KEY

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BANKING AWARENESS

- Q.1) which of the following ratio shows the amount of currency that people hold as a proportion of aggregate deposits?
 a) Debit Deposit Ratio
 b) Currency Deposit Ratio
 c) CASA Ratio
 d) Credit Deposit Ratio
 Q.2) Which of the following authorities appoint Banking Ombudsman?
 a) Ministry of Finance, Government of India b) Individual Commercial Banks
 c) Reserve Bank of India
 d) Indian Banks' Association
 Q.3) The Bank of Rajasthan was merged with which of the following banks?
 a) ICICI Bank
 b) HDFC Bank
 c) ING Vysya
 d) Kotak Mahindra Bank
 Q.4) Addition of Product taxes and deduction of product subsidies from GVA basic prices will provide
 a) GVA factor cost b) GVA market price
 c) GDP factor cost d) GDP market price
 Q.5) _____panel of the RBI has recommended that the revised economic capital framework will be reviewed every five years.
 a) Usha Thorat b) Bimal Jalan
 c) Nachiket Mor d) Y V Reddy
 Q.6) Government, along with three other mergers has decided to merge Canara Bank and Syndicate Bank making it _____ largest bank entity.
 a) 2nd b) 3rd
 c) 4th d) 5th
 Q.7) Which of the following term denotes a currency which is hyper-sensitive and fluctuates

- frequently often with political & economic situations?
 a) Hard Currency b) Hot Currency
 c) Soft Currency d) Easy Currency
 Q.8) As per recent notification by NPCI,MDR has been revised to 0.30% with a maximum cap of Rs.100 per transaction. 'D' in MDR stands for_____.
 a) Digital b) Discount
 c) Discreet d) Developed
 Q.9) RBI has extended deadline for PPIs to become full KYC complaint, from _____months to_____ months.
 a) 12, 16 b) 9, 12
 c) 18, 24 d) 24,30
 Q.10) In which of the following payment system(s) is the user required to provide Indian Financial System Code (IFSC) during transactions?
 a) Real Time Gross Settlement
 b) National Electronic Funds Transfer
 c) Credit card and Debit card transactions
 d) Both A & B
 Q.11) Which of the following can act as Issuing and Paying Agent for the issuance of Commercial Paper?
 a) Corporates
 b) Foreign Institutions
 c) Scheduled Bank
 d) Non-Scheduled Bank
 Q.12) Which of the following entities recently announced the establishment of the first global green bond fund?
 a) IMF, Deutsche Asset Management
 b) ADB, BNP Paribas Investment Partners
 c) NDB, New York Life Investment Management
 d) None of these
 Q.13) As per the RBI annual report, Banking fraud cases have witnessed a rise by over how much percentage (approx.) in FY-19 over FY-18?
 a) 70% b) 78%
 c) 80% d) 85%
 Q.14) Which organisation recently underwent an agreement with Steel Users Federation of India for the launch of steel futures?
 a) National Stock Exchange
 b) Multi-commodity Exchange
 c) Ahmedabad stock exchange
 d) Bombay Stock Exchange
 Q.15) SBI, recently raised up to Rs _____ Crore By Issuing Basel-III-Compliant Bonds.
 a) 2134 b) 3105
 c) 4567 d) 5798
 Q.16) ICAAP is a process which helps banks in India to assess the capital requirement under BASEL norms. What is 'I' in ICAAP?
 a) Internal b) Investment
 c) Industry d) Integrated
 Q.17) The "India Microfinance Equity Fund" is operated through _____.
 a) MUDRA Bank b) SIDBI
 c) RBI d) Scheduled banks
 Q.18) Among the following which are the Indian credit bureaus?
 a) CIBIL TransUnion b) Experian
 c) Equifax d) All of the above
 Q.19) RBI has bought _____ crore of long-term securities in fourth special open market operation and has sold Rs 2950 crore of short term bonds.
 a) Rs 8000 b) Rs 5000
 c) Rs 12000 d) Rs 10,000
 Q.20) The fund transfers through the NEFT system occurs in how many batches in 24 hours?
 a) 12 b) 23

- c) 24 d) 48
 Q.21) What does M stand for in the recently launched 'MANI' app by RBI?
 a) Money b) Mobile
 c) Merchant d) Members
 Q.22) According to RBI, the interest rate linked to an external benchmark has to be revised at least once in how many months?
 a) One month b) Two Months
 c) Three Months d) Four Months
 Q.23) RBI has increased the timeline for the conversion of minimum KYC detail for prepaid payment instruments (PPIs) to full KYC compliant PPIs from 18 months to _____? the
 a) 6 months b) 12 months
 c) 18 months d) 24 months
 Q.24) The Reserve Bank of India has recently revised the 'Supervisory Action Framework' of which category of banks?
 a) Public Sector Banks
 b) Private Sector Banks
 c) Foreign Banks
 d) Urban Cooperative Banks
 Q.25) What is 'first A' stands for in GAAR?
 a) Account b) Asset
 c) Anti d) Audit
 Q.26) What is the maximum amount that can be remitted through Nepal Remittance Scheme?
 a) INR 25,000 b) INR 50,000
 c) INR 75,000 d) INR 100,000
 Q.27) What is 'first A' stands for in DTAA(a tax law) ?
 a) Avoidance b) Average
 c) Audit d) Asset
 Q.28) The fintech NBFCs should have less than _____ percentage of non-performing assets to be eligible for funding assistance.
 a) 15% b) 9%
 c) 4% d) 8%
 Q.29) What is the maximum FDI limit in the Small Finance Banks?
 a) 35% b) 51%
 c) 100% d) 74%
 Q.30) Index of Eight Core Industries doesn't measure the performance of _____.
 a) Coal b) Iron
 c) Cement d) Fertilizer
 Q.31) EPFO is likely to appoint _____ as fund managers.
 a) SBI MF b) HSBC AMC
 c) UTI AMC d) All of the above
 Q.32) National Securities Depository Limited was established in which year?
 a) 1990 b) 1994
 c) 1992 d) 1996
 Q.33) Special Drawing Rights refer to an international type of monetary reserve currency created by _____.
 a) RBI b) IMF
 c) WEF d) UN
 Q.34) ASBA is a supplementary process for applying to public issues. In ASBA, 'B' denotes
 a) Bill b) Blocked
 c) Bridge d) Basel
 Q.35) A government panel headed by Akhilesh Ranjan has recommended cutting the corporate tax rate to _____ for all companies.
 a) 25% b) 30%
 c) 15% d) 20%
 Q.36) What is the minimum maturity period of the loan under the Liberalised Remittance Scheme?
 a) 2 years b) 5 years
 c) 6 months d) 1 year

- Q.37) _____ is an online address unique to each customer which can be used instead of providing bank account every time.
 a) IFSC b) MMID
 c) VPA d) UPI
 Q.38) The fintech NBFCs should have less than _____ percentage of non-performing assets to be eligible for funding assistance.
 a) 15% b) 9%
 c) 4% d) 8%
 Q.39) Interest Rates are the rates that banks offer to their depositors. Which among the following is NOT a factor for determining the interest rates?
 a) Government borrowings
 b) Supply of Money
 c) Current Account Deficit
 d) Demand for Money
 Q.40) Which of the following accounts can be held in the form of current account only?
 a) EEFC Account b) RFC Account
 c) NRE Account d) NRO Account
 Q.41) QIP is a process that was introduced by SEBI so as to enable the listed companies to raise finance. What is 'P' in QIP?
 a) Procurement b) Penalty
 c) Public d) Placements
 Q.42) What is the maximum investment limit of Senior Citizen Savings Scheme?
 a) Rs. 20 Lakh b) Rs. 10 Lakh
 c) Rs. 25 Lakh d) Rs. 15 Lakh
 Q.43) In the context of MUDRA Banks, which of the following statements is correct?
 a) It is a wholly-owned subsidiary of SIDBI
 b) It lends directly to the micro-entrepreneurs/individuals
 c) It has a paid-up capital of Rs 750 crore
 d) Only A & C
 Q.44) FCNR(B) Account can be held in the form of a term deposit. What is the maximum term limit for those accounts?
 a) 15 years b) 12 years
 c) 10 years d) 5 years
 Q.45) What is the minimum Capital Adequacy ratio to be maintained by small finance banks in India?
 a) 10% b) 12%
 c) 15% d) 20%
 Q.46) What is the applicable limit for social infrastructure loans under priority sector?
 a) 1 crore b) 2 crores
 c) 5 crores d) 3 crores
 Q.47) The Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development (MSMED) Act was passed in which year?
 a) 2007 b) 2003
 c) 2000 d) 2006
 Q.48) Which bank has launched a co-branded 'Small Business MoneyBack Credit Card' for small traders in collaboration with CSC?
 a) ICICI Bank b) HDFC Bank
 c) Bandhan Bank d) DBS Bank
 Q.49) In which of the following years Reserve Bank Information Technology Private Limited (ReBIT) was found?
 a) 2013 b) 2014
 c) 2015 d) 2016
 Q.50) The Ombudsman Scheme for Non-Banking Financial Companies has introduced under which section of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934?
 a) Section 46A b) Section 45L
 c) Section 45A d) Section 58C

BANKING ANSWER KEY

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ENGLISH VOCABULARY

1) ENVOY (noun)

Meaning: a messenger or representative, especially one on a diplomatic mission.

Synonyms: delegate, diplomat, emissary, minister

Antonyms: receiver

2) UNSCATHED (adjective)

Meaning: without suffering any injury, damage, or harm.

Synonyms: intact, safe, unscarred, secure.

Antonyms: hurt, injured, harmed, wounded.

3) PRAGMATISM (noun)

Meaning: the quality of dealing with a problem in a sensible way that suits the conditions that really exist, rather than following fixed theories, ideas, or rules.

Synonyms: prudence, expediency, sensibleness, practicality.

Antonyms: idealism, inappropriateness, impracticality, timidity.

4) PARRY (Verb)

Meaning: answer (a question or accusation) evasively.

Synonyms: evade, sidestep, avoid, dodge

Antonyms: attract, allow, confront, encounter

5) PLUCKY (adjective)

Meaning: having or showing determined courage in the face of difficulties.

Synonyms: courageous, intrepid, valiant, valorous.

Antonyms: timid, timorous, gutless, frightful.

6) PROLIFERATION (Noun)

Meaning: rapid increase in the number or amount of something

Synonyms: generation, propagation

Antonyms: reduction

7) ABERRATION (Noun)

Meaning: a departure from what is normal, usual, or expected, typically an unwelcome one.

Synonyms: anomaly, deviation, divergence, abnormality, irregularity, variation,

Antonyms: normality, usualness, conformity, regularity

8) EMBLAZON (verb)

Meaning: conspicuously inscribe or display a design on.

Synonyms: decorate, embellish

9) PROCLIVITY (Noun)

Meaning: a tendency to choose or do something regularly; an inclination or predisposition towards a particular thing.

Synonyms: liking, inclination, tendency, leaning

Antonyms: disinclination, dislike, antipathy, hate

10) REMINISCE (Verb)

Meaning: indulge in enjoyable recollection of past events.

Synonyms: recall, remind

Antonyms: disregard, ignore

11) FACET (Noun)

Meaning: a particular aspect or feature of something.

Synonyms: angle, appearance, character, feature, front

Antonyms: back, rear

Example: The yoga philosophy maintains that the breath is the most important facet of health.

12) STINT (Noun)

Meaning: a limited period of work or a limited time in a specific job or profession.

Synonyms: assignment,, duty, job, spell, stretch

Antonyms: entertainment, failure, fun, pastime, stagnation

Example: I want to finish this stint, so as to have the afternoon off.

13) MANDATE (noun)

Meaning: an official order or commission to do something.

Synonyms: instruction, directive, direction, decree, command

Antonyms: encourage

Example: They carried out the governor's mandate to build more roads.

14) INCIPIENT (Adjective)

Meaning: in the beginning stages.

Synonym: nascent,, basic, beginning, commencing, elementary, fundamental

Antonym: developed, grown, mature

Example: He, too, was found to be suffering from incipient tuberculosis.

15) PROTRACTED (adjective)

Meaning: lasting for a long time or longer than expected or usual.

Synonyms: expanded, lasting, prolonged, sustained.

Antonyms: abbreviated, abridged, curtailed, shortened.

Usage: Three years of long and protracted negotiations characterized the proposals for an indoor-events arena.

16) CONFLATE (verb)

Meaning: combine (two or more sets of information, texts, ideas, etc.) into one.

Synonyms: amalgamate, converge, unify, fuse.

Antonyms: divide, part, separate, rupture.

Usage: To conflate art and science, teachers must design activities that blend the two.

17) EERILY (adverb)

Meaning: in a strange and frightening manner.

Synonyms: hauntingly, creepily, scarily, spookily.

Antonyms: dulcetly, pleasingly, pleasantly, agreeably.

Usage: In front of him stood a masked man clutching a knife in one hand, grinning eerily at him.

18) POLYMATH (noun)

Meaning: a person of wide knowledge or learning.

Synonyms: intellectual, genius

Antonyms: Fool, illiterate

Usage: His CV reads something like a masterclass in being a polymath: he was an accomplished musician and designer.

19) Molder (verb)

Meaning: Slowly decay or disintegrate, especially because of neglect.

Synonym: decay, decompose

Antonym: Renew, restore

Usage: if you store your books in the damp basement of your uncle's house, they are sure to molder.

20) Dearth (Noun)

Meaning: A scarcity or lack of something.

Synonym: meagreness, scantiness

Antonym: abundance, a surfeit

21) ATTUNE (Verb)

Meaning: Bring into accord, harmony, or sympathetic relationship

Synonym: adapt, acclimatize

Antonym: dis harmonize

Usage: A new parent has to attune to a baby's schedule and personality.

22) IRRREFUTABLE (Adjective)

Meaning: Impossible to disapprove or deny.

Synonym: unquestionable, incontrovertible,

Antonym: unreliable

Usage: I had to admit her argument had an irrefutable logic to it.

23) DEMEANOR (Noun)

Meaning: Behavior towards others.

Synonym: attitude, appearance

Antonym: Propriety, proper

Usage: When playing poker, don't let your demeanor give away how good your cards are.

24) BEACON (noun)

Meaning: a light or other visible object serving as a signal, warning, or guide at sea, on an airfield, etc.

Synonym: bonfire, smoke

Antonym: blacken, darken

Usage: There stands on the shore the familiar beacon of the Cloch.

25) SURREPTITIOUSLY (adverb)

Meaning: in a way that attempts to avoid notice or attention; secretly.

Synonym: restricted, hidden

Antonym: open, overt

Usage: He made a surreptitious recording with a concealed hand-held

26) machine SHOEED (verb)

Meaning: make (a person or animal) go away by waving one's arms at them, saying 'shoo', or otherwise acting in a discouraging manner.

Synonym: scam, begone

Antonym: attack, arrive

Usage: Martha shooed me away.

27) DEMEAN (verb)

Meaning: cause a severe loss in the dignity of and respect for (someone or something).

Synonyms: degrading, humiliating, inglorious, abject

Antonyms: admire, elevate, honor, laud

Usage: We should not demean any profession.

28) RELENT (verb)

Meaning: to cease resistance (as to another's arguments, demands, or control).

Synonyms: concede, give in, submit, succumb.

Antonyms: combat, confront, counter, defy.

Usage: Because my mother is very angry, she won't relent on my severe punishment.

29) REVERE (verb)

Definition: feel deep respect or admiration for (something)

Synonyms: respect, admire, cherish, appreciate.

Antonyms: blaspheme, desecrate, profane, violate.

Usage: If you want to achieve any goal, revere the process & success will follow.

30) PROFANE (adjective)

Meaning: vulgar and inappropriate

Synonyms: coarse, nasty

Antonyms: kind, polite

Usage: They have profaned the long-upheld traditions of the Temple.

31) SLUMBER (verb)

Meaning: sleep.

Synonyms: coma, dormancy, stupor, doze

Antonyms: consciousness, activity, energy

Example: They were rather of the sort that closes solemnly in slumber with majestic effect.

32) INDIGNATION (noun)

Meaning: anger or annoyance provoked by what is perceived as unfair treatment.

Synonyms: displeasure, exasperation, fury, ire

Antonyms: calm, cheer, delight, happiness

Example: Eudora's countenance kindled with indignation, as she listened to what Milza had told.

33) SHUNT(Verb)

Meaning:to push or shove something

Synonyms: avoid, deter

Antonyms: aid, allow

Example: It's unfortunate that our society tends to shunt older workers to retire before they are ready.

34) VITRIOLIC (Adjective)

Meaning: filled with bitter criticism or malice.

Synonyms: acrimonious, rancorous, bitter, caustic, mordant

Antonyms: pleasant, kind

Example: The newspaper launched a vitriolic attack on the president.

35) DECRY (Verb)

Meaning: publicly denounce.

Synonyms: denounce, condemn, criticize, censure, damn, attack

Antonyms: praise, overrate

Example: He is impatient with those who decry the scheme.

36) SULKY (Adjective)

Meaning: morose, bad-tempered, and resentful; refusing to be cooperative or cheerful.

Synonyms: Sullen, surly, pouting, petulant

Antonyms: cheerful, amiable

Example: Jay was quite sulky at the graduation party, but he tried to hide his apathetic attitude.

37) INTERDICT (Noun)

Meaning: an authoritative prohibition, in particular

Synonym: prohibition, ban, bar, veto, proscription,

Antonym: corroborate, support

Usage: Because I failed most of my classes last term, my parents will probably interdict me from working this semester.

38) FRACTIOUS (adjective)

Meaning: irritable and quarrelsome.

Synonyms: grumpy, cantankerous, peevish, irascible.

Antonyms: amicable, docile, affable, genial.

Usage: During the concert, police officers were on hand just in case the crowd became fractious.

39) CONFLATE (verb)

Meaning: combine (two or more sets of information, texts, ideas, etc.) into one.

Synonyms: amalgamate, converge, unify, fuse.

Antonyms: divide, part, separate, rupture.

Usage: To conflate art and science, teachers must design activities that blend the two

40) REPRISAL(Noun)

Meaning: an act of retaliation.

Synonym: retaliation, counterattack

Antonym: pardon, remission

Usage: He felt secure enough in his information that he announced his opinion on the matter without fear of reprisal.

41) CULMINATION (noun)

Meaning: the highest or climactic point of something, especially as attained after a long time.

Synonym: climax, pinnacle, peak.

Antonym: nadir, base, bottom.

Usage: Their arrest was the culmination of an operation in which 120 other people were detained.

42) EVANGELIZE (noun)

Meaning: to try to convert (a group or area) to a different religion.

Synonym: lecture, platitudinize, preach, preachify, sermonize

Antonym: deconvert, dissuade, endure, hold, idle, keep

Usage: The missionaries set out to evangelize the world.

43) ABDICATE (Verb)

Meaning: (of a monarch) renounce one's throne.

Synonyms: resign, retire

Antonyms: keep, come, continue

Usage: Because the mother chose to abdicate her role as a parent, her children have become the terrors of the neighborhood

44) INEFFABLE (adjective)

Meaning: too great or extreme to be expressed or described in words.

Synonyms: inexpressible, indescribable, marvelous, wonderful

Antonyms: definable, describable, utterable

Example: There was a spring in his step, and ineffable calmness dressing his sun-brown face.

45) INFAMOUS (adjective)

Meaning: having a negative reputation

Synonyms: hateful, vile

Antonyms: gentle, good

Example: The singer is infamous for his loud costumes.

46) HIATUS (Noun)

Meaning: a pause or break in continuity in a sequence or activity.

Synonyms: pause, break, interval, interruption, suspension

Antonyms: closure, juncture, misfortune

Example: The professor will take his family on a long vacation during his hiatus.

47) REMINISCE (Verb)

Meaning: indulge in enjoyable recollection of past events.

Synonyms: recall, remind

Antonyms: disregard, ignore

Example: As soon as the veterans get together, they reminisce about their service days.

48) DEBASE (Verb)

Meaning: reduce (something) in quality or value; degrade.

Synonyms: degrade, demean, disgrace, undermine

Antonyms: enhance

Example: The politician tried to debase his rival's good reputation by spreading false rumors about him.

49) DETERRENT (noun)

Meaning: a thing that discourages or is intended to discourage someone from doing something.

Synonyms: disincentive, discouragement

Antonyms: incentive, encouragement

Example: The nuclear deterrent has maintained an uneasy peace.

50) UNLEASH (verb)

Meaning: cause (a strong or violent force) to be released or become unrestrained.

Synonyms: discharge, free, release

Antonyms: hold, keep, restrain

Example: He suddenly realized how puny man was against the forces man could unleash.

51) PHISHING (noun)

Meaning: The fraudulent practice of sending emails purporting to be from reputable companies in order to induce individuals to reveal personal information

Synonyms: spoofing

Antonyms: debunking, exposing

Example: phishing is often used to gain a foothold in corporate or governmental networks as a part of a larger attack.

52) STIFLE (Verb)

Meaning: prevent or constrain (an activity or idea).

Synonyms: constraint, hinder, hamper, impede

Antonyms: encourage

Example: She put her hand over her mouth to stifle the cough.

53) EPHEMERAL (Adjective)

Meaning: Lasting for short time

Synonyms: Temporary, Short-lived, transient.

Antonyms: long-lived, enduring, everlasting, eternal, perpetual.

Example: time is ephemeral so don't waste it.

54) AMELIORATE (Verb)

Meaning: To make better

Synonyms: Amend, better, improve, upgrade

Antonyms: worsen, reduce, diminish

Example: The editor ameliorated the manuscript with his changes.

55) RELENT (verb)

Meaning: to cease resistance (as to another's arguments, demands, or control).

Synonyms: concede, give in, submit, succumb.

Antonyms: combat, confront, counter, defy.

Example: Because my mother is very angry, she won't relent on my severe punishment.

56) INURE (verb)

Meaning: accustom (someone) to something, especially something unpleasant.

Synonyms: accustom, habituate, acclimatize, adapt.

Antonyms: enervate, enfeeble, debilitate, incapacitate.

Usage: The hardship of army training inured her to the rigors of desert warfare.

57) RATIFIED (verb)

Meaning: confirmed or made official

Synonyms: approve, confirm

Antonyms: deny, destroy

Example: The proposal was ratified by the concerned authority.

58) BAGATELLE (Noun)

Meaning: A thing of little importance

Synonyms: Frivole, Nothing

Antonyms: Succeed, Importance

Example: I would like to point out that that sum is a mere bagatelle of the whole revenue.

59) ARDOR (Noun)

Meaning: Enthusiasm or passion

Synonyms: Emotion, warmth

Antonyms: apathy, indifference

Example: He had been a painter throughout his life, but he never had a vision of painting with such ardor and desire.

60) COGNIZANT (adjective)

Meaning: having knowledge or awareness.

Synonyms: informed, judicious, knowledgeable, observant

Antonyms: ignorant, indifferent, senseless, thoughtless

Example: The writer of this letter was cognizant of them, and had sent it that they might be removed.

61) INTERIM (noun)

Meaning: the intervening time.

Synonyms: provisional, acting, caretaker

Antonyms: finished, permanent, continual

Example: In the interim, the Colonel sent one day to know if he would drill the regiment.

62) TRAMMEL (Noun)

Meaning: restrictions or impediments to freedom of action.

Synonyms: restraint, constraint, curb, check, impediment,

Antonyms: help, assistance

Example : Protesters refused to let anyone trammel their first amendment rights and pushed for freedom and equality for all.

63) OBFUSCATION(Noun)

Meaning: the action of making something less clear and less easy to understand, especially intentionally

Synonyms: bafflement, confusion

Antonyms: clarity

Example : She criticized the company's deliberate obfuscation of its finances.

64) EXTOL (Verb)

Meaning: praise enthusiastically.

Synonyms: eulogize, acclaim

Antonyms: criticize

Example: I got angry when my mother would extol my brother's accomplishments and ignore all the good things I did.

65) SKEW (verb)

Meaning: suddenly change direction or position.

Synonyms: pitched, slanted, slanting, tilted, tipping, uneven.

Antonyms: maintain, straighten

Example : The window, in the skew side of the room, had shabby red curtains.

66) DISSIDENCE (Noun)

Meaning: disagreement over a matter

Synonyms: contention, disagreement, discordance, disharmony, dispute

Antonyms: agreement, approval, authorization, concurrence

Example : So much is said nowadays about the dissidence of the spiritual and intellectual worlds.

67) SLEW (Noun)

Meaning: The definition of a slew is a large quantity of something.

Synonyms: abundance, aggregation, batch, bunch, bundle, multiplicity, plenty

Antonyms: individual, lack, debt, ditch

Example : He's got a float and a slew of balloons!

68) REDEEM (Verb)

Meaning: gain or regain possession of (something) in exchange for payment.

Synonyms: retrieve, regain, recover

Antonyms: forfeit, lose, abandon

Example : At the end of Janet's car lease she will redeem it for another Honda

69) INCHOATE (adjective)

Meaning: just begun and so not fully formed or developed; rudimentary.

Synonyms: budding, inceptive, incipient, nascent.

Antonyms: developed, full-fledged, evolved, ripened.

Example : If only you could come up with a complete plan and not just an inchoate idea!

70) Laxity (noun)

Meaning: lack of strictness or care

Synonyms: slackness, laxity, lassitude, slack, laxness, lethargy

Antonyms: attend to, mind, carefulness, keep track, pay up

Meaning: Laxity in the observance of this rule will result disastrously.

71) Demolish (verb)

Meaning: to easily defeat someone

Synonyms: annihilate, bulldoze, crush, decimate

Antonyms: build, construct, create

Example: He harangued the Indians, and exhorted them to demolish the fort.

72) convict (verb)

Meaning: declare (someone) to be guilty of a criminal offence by the verdict of a jury or the decision of a judge in a court of law.

Synonyms: captive, felon, prisoner, culprit

Antonyms: cite, commend, endorse

Example: A person who has been convicted of a criminal offense.

73) Impend (verb)

Meaning: be about to happen.

Synonyms: advance, approach, brew, forebode

Antonyms: gone, Past, distant, later

Example: We have no thought to impede the paths to closer relationship.

74) Saffron (noun)

Meaning: an orange yellow flavoring, food colouring, and dye made from the dried stigmas of a crocus.

Synonyms: amber, bisque, blond, buff

Antonyms: achromatic, healthy, unsensational

Example: The yellow seeds of lilies will answer nearly the saffron's purpose.

75) Credibility (noun)

Meaning: the quality of being trusted and believed in.

Synonyms: chance, integrity, prospect, reliability

Antonyms: unlikelihood, implausibility, improbability

Example: The art and practice of selling one's credibility for future delivery.

76) Persecution (noun)

Meaning: hostility and ill-treatment, especially because of race or political or religious beliefs; oppression.

Synonyms: expulsion, ill-treatment, imprisonment, killing

Antonyms: happiness, joy, help, stimulation

Example: Grief and persecution had in a former instance inspired her with the love of solitude.

77) Earnest (adjective)

Meaning: resulting from or showing sincere and intense conviction.

Synonyms: ardent, diligent, fervent, heartfelt

Antonyms: apathetic, cold, cool, dispassionate

Meaning: As Philothea turned towards her companion, she met Aspasias's earnest gaze.

78) Unison (noun)

Meaning: simultaneous performance or utterance of action or speech.

Synonyms: conjunction, co-occurrence, concurrence, coincidence

Antonyms: competition, incompatibility, disenfranchise

Example: It is desirable to have these experiments at least worked by the class in unison.

79) Abrogate (verb)

Meaning: repeal or do away with (a law, right, or formal agreement).

Synonyms: abolish, annul, invalidate, nullify, quash

Antonyms: approve, enact, pass, permit

Example: To abrogate one iota of his power was to abrogate the whole.

80) Beckons(verb)

Meaning: appear attractive or inviting.

Synonym: entice, invite

Antonym: repel, turn off

Example: She was beckoning them in to shore.

81) Moot (Adjective)

Meaning: subject to debate, dispute, or uncertainty.

Synonyms: debatable, arguable, problematic, contentious

Antonyms: certain, definite

Example: It is again a moot point whether India's ASAT test and its positioning as a critical element in India's strategic defense capability, will have the desired impact that the nation's leaders hope for.

82) Adhere

Meaning: to continue to obey, believe in, or support something, esp. a custom or belief

Synonyms: comply, heed

Antonyms: disobey, ignore

Example: College coaches have to adhere to the rules about recruiting high school students.

83) Invigorate (Verb)

Meaning: to give life, vigor, or spirit to

Synonym: amp (up), animate, brace, energize, enliven, fillip, fire

Antonym: damp, dampen, deaden, dull, kill

Example: The fresh air and sunshine invigorated the children after a long winter indoors.

84) Garner (Verb)

Meaning: gather or collect (something, especially information or approval).

Synonyms: gather, collect, accumulate, amass, assemble

Antonyms: disperse, distribute

Example: the church members are trying to garner enough funds to purchase the pastor a new house.

85) Proclivity (Noun)

Meaning: a tendency to choose or do something regularly; an inclination or predisposition towards a particular thing.

Synonyms: liking, inclination, tendency, leaning

Antonyms: disinclination, dislike, antipathy, hate

Example: His proclivity for cooking made him a big hit in the homeowner's association.

86) Repine (verb)

Meaning: feel or express discontent; fret.

Synonyms: mope, languish, despondent, lament.

Antonyms: complacent, fulfilled, rejoice, contented.

Example: The soldiers repine for their families when they are stationed overseas.

87) Embellish (verb)

Meaning: to make something sound or look better or more acceptable than it is in reality

Synonyms: adorn, deck

Antonyms: lessen, reduce

Example: Grandma likes to embellish her knitting by hiding secret messages in the pattern.

88) Culling (Verb)

Meaning: select from a large quantity; obtain from a variety of sources.

Synonyms: elect, select, choose, pick.

Antonyms: reject, disapprove, repudiate, spurn.

Example: In nine months, we as a group, tracked an unknown number of missing children, culling out two hundred and eleven How attempted to locate.

89) TREPIDATION (noun)

Meaning: a feeling of fear or anxiety about something that may happen.

Synonyms: fear, apprehension, dread, fearfulness.

Antonyms: contentment, bravery, happiness, delight.

Usage: As the earthquake bared down, I was overpowered with trepidation.

90) NAB (verb)

Meaning: catch (someone) doing something wrong.

Synonyms: seize, apprehend, arrest, restrain.

Antonyms: emancipate, free, liberate, unchain.

Usage: A bank robber was nabbed because he made the classic mistake of returning to the scene of the crime.

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92) ARTICULATE

Meaning:able to express thoughts and feelings easily and clearly

Synonyms:expressive, eloquent

Antonyms: misrepresented, unclear

Example:She gave a witty, entertaining, and articulate speech. FURTIVE : चुराया हुआ

Meaning: Done in a quiet and secretive way to avoid being noticed

Synonyms: shady, sneaky

Antonyms: honest, open

Example:The look in his eyes became furtive

93) PUMMEL

Meaning:to hit someone or something repeatedly, esp. with your fists

Synonyms:bash, batter

Antonyms:lose, surrender

Example:She hates watching boxers pummel and be pummeled in the ring.

94) PRUDENCE (Noun)

Meaning: the quality of being prudent; cautiousness.

Synonyms: wisdom, judgment, sagacity, shrewdness

Antonyms: folly, recklessness

Example: Maybe you'll exercise a little more financial prudence next time.

95) DOLE (Noun)

Meaning: benefit paid by the state to the unemployed.

Synonyms: unemployment benefit, allowance, welfare

Example: Though he is receiving unemployment, Gary wants to find a job so he can get off the dole immediately. POLEMICAL (Adjective)

Meaning: of or involving strongly critical or disputatious writing or speech.

Synonyms: critical, hostile, bitter, polemic, virulent

Example: Unlike most academic philosophy much of it is personal, polemical, poetical or allusive.

96) INSISTENCE (Noun)

Meaning: a solemn and often public declaration of the truth or existence of something

Synonyms: affirmation, assertion, asseveration, avouchment, declaration, profession, protestation

Antonyms: disavowal

Usage: We got to know by the continued insistence that there was a massive cover-up by the government.

97) EGALITARIAN (Noun)

Meaning: one who advocates or practices social equality.

Synonyms: democrat, leveler

Antonyms: snob, snoot

Usage: As egalitarians, some people have always promoted policies for equal pay.

98) ENCOMPASS (Verb)

Meaning: to form a circle around

Synonyms: circle, compass, embrace, encircle, enclose

Antonyms: exclude, leave (out), miss out

Usage: A necklace of sapphire-blue lakes encompasses the town.

99) PRIGGISH (adjective)

Meaning: self-righteously moralistic and superior.

Synonyms: smug, sanctimonious, moralistic, prudish.

Antonyms: broad-minded, permissive, overstrung, uptight.

Usage: After living with his wife for 30 years, the husband was tired of the nagging and demands made by his priggish woman.

100) AIL (verb)

Meaning: trouble or afflict (someone) in mind or body.

Synonyms: trouble, bother, burden, distress.

Antonyms: heartiness, robustness, soundness, wholeness.

Usage: All patients can do is trust that the strangers on their health care team are competent and caring enough to do their best to help correct whatever ails the patient.