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NATIONAL NEWS:

CM Shivraj Singh Chauhan launches Jeevan Shakti Yojana in MP:

CM Shivraj Chauhan launched the **Jeevan Shakti Yojana**. Under this scheme, women in urban areas can earn by making masks at home. The government will pay **Rs 11 per mask**.

Assam govt launches new medicine delivery scheme called 'Dhanwantari':

The Assam state government has launched a special scheme called '**Dhanwantari**', under which locally unavailable medicines will be delivered to patients at home by **MPWs (Multipurpose Health Workers)**, ASHA (Accredited Social Health Activist) workers.

This medicine is free up to 200 rupees & can be availed by calling **104**.

Jagan Mohan Reddy re-launches zero interest loan scheme for Women SHGs:

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister **Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy** re-launched zero interest loan scheme for Women Self-Help

Groups(SHG) by releasing a sum of **Rs 1, 400 crore** to **8.78 lakh** SHGs.

Each SHG will receive a sum ranging from **Rs 20, 000 to Rs 40, 000** towards the interest component on their loans

COVID-19: CISF launches 'e-office' app for movement of files:

Central Industrial Security Force(CISF) launched '**e-karyalay**' an electronic office application to enable the movement of files and documents without physical touch so as to prevent coronavirus infection.

An **e-office application**, that enables movement of files and documents without physical touch, has been launched for usage in the **1.62 lakh** personnel-strong **CISF** to prevent coronavirus infection. It will enable officials to work from home.

NAFED to distribute about 6 lakh metric tonne pulses to 20 Cr households for 3 months under PM Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana:

NAFED (National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation) will distribute **5.88 lakh** metric tonnes pulses to **20 Crore** households under National Food Security Act through ration shops for 3 months.

Most of the beneficiaries will receive the quota for the 1st month within April or latest by the 1st week of May.

NTPC launches Hydrogen Fuel bus and car project for Leh and New Delhi:

NTPC Ltd, India's largest power producer & a central PSU under **Ministry of Power**, has invited Global Expression of Interest to provide 10 Hydrogen Fuel Cell based electric buses & an equal number of Hydrogen Fuel Cell based electric cars in Leh and Delhi.

The EoI has been issued by NTPC **Vidyut Vyapar Nigam**.

Narendra Singh Tomar issued guidelines for SVAMITVA scheme and SOP for e-Gram Swaraj:

Minister of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj, **Narendra Singh Tomar** issued guideline of the **SVAMITVA Scheme** aimed at providing people residing in Rural parts with the right to document their residential properties & **SOP (Standard Operating Procedure)** regarding the e-Gram Swaraj Yojana.

Thuthukudi airport in Tamilnadu upgraded to level 3:

The **Thuthukudi airport** in Tamil Nadu, near the strategically important Bay of Bengal coast, has been upgraded to level 3 by the **Airport Authority of India**. This signifies a rise in the operational potentials of the airport and increases the scope of getting more funds for expansion activities.

The airport run way is at present being extended to **3115 metres** to enable bigger planes to use it. Plans are also in the pipeline for starting hopping flights to nearby destinations like **Trivandrum, Kochi, Madurai etc.**

Assam govt announced Rs.50 lakh insurance cover to journalists:

Assam State government has announced an insurance cover of **Rs.50 lakh** for the frontline **journalists** who have been bravely covering COVID-19 against all odds, risking their lives. The announcement was passed by Chief Minister **Sarbananda Sonowal**.

Gujarat govt launches unique initiative 'Umbare Aanganwadi' to help children during lockdown:

Gujarat state Government has launched an unique initiative called **Umbare**

Aanganwadi (means doorstep Aanganwadi) under **ICDS (Integrated Child Development Services)** programme to reach out to children during the lockdown.

Under this initiative, the state will offer ready to eat **nutritious** food packets through AMUL (an Indian dairy cooperative society) to children between **3-6 years of age**.

Neyveli Lignite Corporation commences coal production at Talabira-II & III Opencast Coal Mine:

NLC India has commenced coal production at its **Talabira-II** and **III** Opencast Coal Mine in **Odisha**. The Talabira II and III coal mines were allotted to this **Navratna firm** in 2016 to meet the requirement of its existing and future coal-fired power plants.

NLC achieved renewable energy capacity of **1404 MW** in **2019-20**.

Andhra Pradesh launches pharmacy app for surveillance on cold, fever patients:

Concerned over steady rise in Coronavirus positive cases, **Andhra Pradesh** Government began tracking patients who

could be suffering from cold and fever. It has launched a customised mobile application- '**Covid Pharma**' for pharmacies across the state.

Andhra Pradesh CM launched Jagananna Vidya Deevena Scheme:

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister **YS Jagan Mohan Reddy** launched the **Jagananna Vidya Deevena scheme**, to provide **100%** fee reimbursement to all students.

The reimbursed amount will directly be credited into the accounts of the mothers of the students in four instalments annually.

Chief Minister also announced a helpline number, **1902**.

Government task force lays out Rs 111-lakh-crore infra investment road map:

Task force under economic affairs secretary submitted its final report on the "**national infrastructure pipeline**" to fin min. It pledged **71%** of the expenditure for energy, roads, urban development & railways, & envisaging a key role for private investors.

Kerala Starts 'Ayur Raksha' Clinics At Govt Hospitals:

Kerala government has set up **Ayurveda bodies** at the state, regional and district levels for a COVID-19 prevention programme and started '**Ayur Raksha**' clinics at government hospitals at district and taluk levels.

Smt. Harsimrat Kaur Badal holds video conference with FICCI and leading industry members:

Union Minister of Food Processing Industries, **Smt. Harsimrat Kaur Badal** chaired a video conference with Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (**FICCI**) & its members to discuss the current outlook of food processing industry and requirements.

Secretary General of FICCI: **Dilip Chenoy**.

ADB gives \$ 346 million loan for power sector in rural Maharashtra:

Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a **USD 346 million** loan to Indian government to provide reliable power connection in rural areas of **Maharashtra**. The loan will support the state government's high voltage distribution system (HVDS) program.

Agra Smart City of UP launched GIS dashboard to monitor COVID-19 hot-spots:

Agra Smart City created a GIS (**Geographic Information Systems**) dashboard to show various hotspots, heat maps, positive cases, recovered cases, etc of COVID-19. This dashboard developed on **IGiS** platform is an indigenous technology which brings GIS, Image Processing, Photogrammetry & CAD.

Cauvery Water Management Authority brought under the Jal Shakti Ministry: Central government:

The central government has brought the **Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA)** under the **Jal Shakti Ministry**, which was earlier under the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and **Ganga Rejuvenation**. For NIP projects, the Centre would invest **39%** of the projected expenditure while states' share would be **40%**, followed by the private sector with **21%**.

AYURAKSHA programme was organized for Delhi Police:

A programme titled AYURAKSHA "**Corona Se Jung- Delhi Police Ke Sang**" was organized for Delhi Police personnel at New Delhi on 30 April. The programme aims to fight against corona through simple and time tested Ayurveda immunity-boosting measures.

The **AYURAKSHA** programme was organized by the **All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA)**, under the Ministry of Ayurvedic, Yoga, and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, and Homeopathy (**AYUSH**) and Delhi Police.

J&K administration inks MoU with Tata Technologies to built 2 CIIT centers:

The **Jammu and Kashmir (J&K)** administration has signed an MoU with Tata Technologies limited to set up 2 **Centres for Invention, Innovation, Incubation and Training (CIIITs)**, one each at Government Polytechnic Colleges at Jammu and Baramulla with a cost of **Rs 360 crore**.

IMD releases new list of upcoming cyclone names over North Indian Ocean:

The IMD has released **169** new names for the tropical cyclones in the Indian Ocean Region. The names were contributed by 13 countries namely **India, Sri Lanka, Maldives, Myanmar, Oman, Thailand, Qatar, UAE, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Pakistan, Bangladesh & Iran.**

DST launches "YASH" with focus on COVID-19:

National Council for Science & Technology Communication (**NCSTC**), Department of Science & Technology (DST) has launched a programme on health and risk communication "**Year of Awareness on Science & Health (YASH)**" with focus on COVID-19.

Manipur black rice, Gorakhpur terracotta bagged GI tag:

Black rice of Manipur, also called the **Chak-Hao, Gorakhpur Terracotta** and **Kadalai Mittai** of **Kovilpatti** bagged Geographical Indication tag. Chak-Hao, a scented glutinous rice cultivated in Manipur over centuries, is characterised by its special aroma.

Kovilpatti kadalai mittai is manufactured in **Kovilpatti** and adjacent towns and

villages in **Thoothukudi district, Tamil Nadu.**

Tripura govt to launch agri entrepreneur facilitation desk to boost economy:

Tripura government has announced the launch of an agro-based entrepreneurship facilitation desk in a bid to boost primary sectors, such as **agriculture**, after nationwide lockdown restrictions.

The state cabinet has approved the setting up of the desk, which will operate from the Directorate of **Horticulture** and **Soil Conservation** in the state capital, **Agartala.**

Ministry of Coal launches Project Monitoring Unit for facilitating early operationalisation of coal mines:

Minister of Coal **Pralhad Joshi** has launched a **Project Monitoring Unit** for facilitation of early operationalisation of coal mines allocated by the Government. This is an important step forward to promote **Ease of Doing Business** as it will support in obtaining timely approval to operationalise the mines.

National Board for Wildlife Permits Coal Mining in Dehing Patkai Elephant Reserve in Assam:

National Board for Wildlife has recommended that part of 59 hectares reserve forest land that is a part of **Dehing Patkai Elephant Reserve** be used for opencast coal mining by **North-Eastern Coal Field of Coal India Limited** while the rest of the area may be considered for underground coal mining.

Union minister Nitin Gadkari launches 'MSME Bank of Ideas, Innovation and Research' portal:

Union Minister of Road transport & Highways & MSME, Shri Nitin Jairam Gadkari has launched '**MSME Bank of Ideas, Innovation and Research**' portal (<http://ideas.msme.gov.in/>) along with 'Ayush Entrepreneurship Development Program' through Video Conference.

Through the portal, the registered users can upload their ideas and innovations regarding the **micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME)** sector within **5-6 Minutes** to raise money (crowd funding) from venture capitalists

CSIR-NCL innovates Digital IR Thermometer to help mitigate COVID-19:

Digital IR thermometer is one of the important innovations recently announced by **CSIR** (Council of Scientific and Industrial Research) and **National Chemical Laboratory** in **Pune**.

The CSIR - NCLs Venture Centres incubate BMek headed by **Prateek Kulkarni** has developed this handheld digital IR thermometer.

PM Modi to participate in NAM Summit through Video Conferencing:

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** will participate in the Virtual **Non-Aligned Movement (NAM)** Summit through Video Conferencing. The summit will discuss and decide on the enhanced coordination of the member states in their fight against the coronavirus pandemic.

Maharashtra becomes first state in India to provide free & cashless insurance cover to its people:

Maharashtra announced that all citizens will be covered under the state government's health scheme, and it will be the first state to provide free and

cashless insurance protection to its people. **85%** of the state's population was covered under **MJPJAY (Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Jan Arogya Yojana)**.

NMCG & NIUA organized IDEathon on 'The Future of River Management':

National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) under the Ministry of Jal Shakti and **National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA)** organized an **IDEathon** on '**The future of River Management**' to explore how the COVID-19 crisis can shape River Management strategies f

200 new mandis from 7 states join e-NAM for marketing of agricultural produce:

200 new mandis from 7 states joined the e-NAM platform for marketing of Agricultural produce bring the total number of **e-NAM mandis** in the country to 785. It is for the first time that Karnataka has been added to the list of e-NAM states.

Five more States, UTs integrates with National Cluster under 'One Nation, One Ration Card' plan:

Consumer Affairs Minister **Ram Vilas Paswan** approved the integration of five

more States and UTs with the National Cluster under the One Nation, One Ration Card plan.

These States and UTs are Uttar **Pradesh**, **Bihar**, **Punjab**, **Himachal Pradesh** and **Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu**.

Green nod to Rs 922 crore new Parliament complex:

Green nod has been given to construction of the new Parliament building at a cost of **Rs 922 Crore**. Environment ministry's Expert Appraisal committee cleared the controversial project in its April 22-24 meeting. Existing Building was constructed 93 years ago.

The Parliament House was designed by **Lutyens and Baker**.

CSIR's Kisan Sabha App to connect farmers to supply chain:

Council of Scientific and Industrial Research has launched "**Kisan Sabha App**" to connect farmers to supply chain and freight transportation Management System. It aims to provide the most economical and timely logistics support to the farmers.

Government hikes MSP for 49 Minor Forest Produce:

Government has raised the minimum support price for Minor Forest Produce of 49 items. Tribal Affairs Ministry said, the increase across various items of **Minor Forest Produce (MFP)** ranges from **16% to 66%** to provide an immediate momentum to procurement.

Union Minister of Tribal Affairs: **Arjun Munda**

Kashmir Saffron receives GI Tag:

The **Saffron** cultivated in the **Kashmir valley**-known as a spice, cosmetics and health rejuvenator- has received Geographical Indication Tag. **Gorakhpur Teracotta**, **Kovilpatti Kadalai Mittai** and **Black rice** of Manipur also received GI tag recently.

It is the only saffron in the world that is grown at 1, 600 m.

Ministry of Shipping launches new website-shipmin.gov.in:

Ministry of Shipping **Mansukh L. Mandaviya** has revamped its website **shipmin.gov.in**. The new website is based on open source technology and is deployed on NIC cloud **Meghraj**.

The website is designed as per **GIGW** issued by Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances.

'The Saras Collection' launched on government e-marketplace portal to showcase daily utility products by rural SHGs:

The Union Minister for Rural Development and Panchayati Raj & Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, **Narendra Singh Tomar**, launched **'The Saras Collection'** on the Government e Marketplace (GeM) portal portal to showcase daily utility products by rural SHGs.

It is a unique initiative of GeM and **DAY-NRLM**.

Bamboo Conclave held through video Conference:

Minister of State for North East Development **Jitendra Singh** attended the **Bamboo Conclave** held through video conference to boost the economy of the country with the help of Bamboo resources. The making of **Agarbatti** was one of the key discussions of the conclave. The restructured National Bamboo mission was approved in **2018**.

Himachal Pradesh govt to launch employment scheme for urban areas:

Looking to revive the coronavirus-hit economy of the state, the Himachal Pradesh government decided to launch a programme- **Mukhya Mantri Shahari Rojgar Guarantee Yojna** - guaranteeing at least 120 days employment to the those living in urban areas.

Indian Railways starts Shramik Special Trains:

As per the guideline issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs, which has decided to run **"Shramik Special"** trains from **"Labour Day"** (May 1, 2020), to move migrant workers, pilgrims, tourists, students and other persons stranded at different places due to lock down. Indian railways has already run the first such train with 1, 200 passengers from **Hyderabad** to **Jharkhand**.

Ministry of Tourism holds its 14th webinar 'Bengal by the Himalayas' under Dekho Apna Desh Webinar Series:

The 14th session of Ministry of Tourism **Prahlad Singh Patel** has named a titled, **'Bengal by the Himalayas'** under

Dekho Apna Desh Webinar Series was a presentation by **Shri Supratim (Raj) Basu**, Help Tourism Pvt. Ltd which took the participants to the attractions of **Darjeeling**.

Health minister Dr Harsh Vardhan launches multimedia guide 'COVID Katha':

Union Health Minister **Dr Harsh Vardhan** launched "**COVID Katha**", a multimedia guide on the Covid-19 disease. 'COVID Katha' provides consolidated and authentic information on the global crisis to the masses in an interesting and interactive mode.

Indian Navy launches operation 'Samudra Setu' to return Indians stranded abroad:

Indian Navy announced Operation '**Samudra Setu**' to repatriate Indian citizens who were stranded overseas because of the global grounding of airlines due to the COVID-19 pandemic. **INS Jalashwa** and **INS Magar** are currently enroute to the port of Male.

Chief of the Naval Staff: **Admiral Karambir Singh**.

Jharkhand launches three schemes for rural job creation:

Chief Minister, **Hemant Soren** launches three schemes, **Birsa Harit Gram Yojana (BHGY)**, **Neelambar Pitambar JAL Sammriddhi Yojana (NPJSY)** and **Veer Sahid Poto Ho Khel Vikas Scheme (VSPHKVS)**.

To provide wage employment for the workers in the rural area devised in convergence with the **Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MNREGA)** in the presence of rural development minister **Alamgir Alam**, water resources minister **Mithilesh Thankur** and other administrative officials

India rolls out 'Vande Bharat Mission' to bring back Indians stranded abroad:

Air India will operate 64 repatriation flights for a week from May 7 while the Navy deployed two ships as India rolled out a massive evacuation plan '**Vande Bharat Mission**' to bring back thousands of its nationals stranded abroad due to the coronavirus-triggered lockdown.

Civil Aviation Minister: **Hardeep Singh Puri.**

West Bengal govt launches exit app for stranded people of other states:

West Bengal state Home Secretary, **Alapan Bandopadhyay** announced that the WB Government (govt) launched an **"exit app"** for people of other states who are stranded in the state due to the lockdown and want to return to their native place.

Himachal Pradesh to launch Nigah Scheme:

Himachal Pradesh State Government is to launch the **"Nigah"** Scheme to properly sensitize and educate family members of people coming from other states so that social distancing is effectively maintained. The announcement was made by Chief Minister **Jai Ram Thakur.**

Under **Nigah Scheme**, a team of ASHA workers, health workers, and Anganwadi workers would visit the family members of persons arriving from other states.

Uttar Pradesh launched Ayush Kavach app to boost immunity through Ayurveda:

Uttar Pradesh state government unveiled the **Ayush Kavach app** that will provide health-related tips and information about ayurvedic medicines amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ayush Kavach mobile app will help people access prescriptions to strengthen their resistance through the ancient mode of Yoga and Ayurveda of India.

IIT Launches India's first COVID-19 test bus in Mumbai:

The **Indian Institute of Technology(IIT) Alumni** Council launched a "COVID-19 test bus" in Mumbai, Maharashtra and inaugurated by Chief Minister **UddhavThackery**, Health Minister **Rajesh Tope** and **Praveen Pardeshi**

India launches GARUD portal for fast-track approval to COVID-19 related drone operations:

The union civil aviation ministry and the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) have launched **GARUD (Government Authorisation for Relief**

Using Drones) portal for fast-track approval to government agencies for COVID-19-related drone operations.

Karnataka announces Rs 1, 610 cr package for farmers, construction workers, weavers, auto & taxi drivers:

Karnataka state government announced a **1610 crore** rupees package for farmers, construction workers, weavers, auto and taxi drivers. He also announced a new **Naikar Samaan Yojana** that will provide 2000 rupees financial assistance to the weavers.

Ministry of Tourism launched DekhoApnaDesh logo design contest:

The Ministry of Tourism launched the '**DekhoApnaDesh**' logo design contest on the **MyGov platform**. The objective of this contest is to have a logo for the DekhoApnaDesh campaign coming out of the creative ideas of the citizens of the country.

DekhoApnaDesh is an initiative of the Ministry of Tourism which was launched by Union Minister for Tourism (IC) **Prahlad Singh Patel** at **Konark, Odisha**.

Uttar Pradesh suspends majority of labour laws to attract investment:

Uttar Pradesh government has suspended many labour laws in the state for **3 years** with a view to attract investment & to help both existing & new industrial units. It has also decided to establish **Japanese** help desk to attract the investment from **Japanese companies**.

Tamil Nadu raises retirement age of government employees from 58 to 59:

In **Tamil Nadu**, the retirement age of the government staff, teachers and those in public sector units has been raised by a year from **58** to **59**. The order comes in the wake of reports of loss of revenue due to the pandemic.

J&K: National Webinar on 'Education and Leadership During A Crisis' organized to deal with COVID-19 crisis:

A two-day National Webinar on '**Education and Leadership During A Crisis**', being organised by School of Education, Central University, Jammu, under Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya

National Mission on Teachers and Teaching scheme began in **Jammu**.

Chittaranjan Locomotive Works produces automatic medical trolley to serve patients in hospitals without human contact:

Chittaranjan Locomotive Works in **West Bengal** is mostly engaged in manufacturing of Railway engines. To deal with the Corona threat CLW has produced an automatic medical trolley which can reach to patients in hospital **without human contact**.

Medical trolley can provide medicines through **remote control**.

Madhya Pradesh becomes the first state in country to provide Mid-Day Meal ration:

The Central Government appreciated that Madhya Pradesh (MP) has become the first state in the country to provide a **mid-day meal ration**.

Manoj Shrivastava, Additional Chief Secretary Panchayat and Rural Development, informed that this information has been given in the review meeting conducted by the Central Government

Sanjeevani: Unique vehicle developed at local level in Madhya Pradesh:

In **Madhya Pradesh**, in a first of its kind initiative, a unique vehicle named "**Sanjeevani**" has been developed at the local level. With the help of this vehicle, health workers can investigate any suspected patients without coming into the contact of him.

Tripura Chief Minister launches online portal scholarships.gov.in:

In Tripura, Chief Minister **Biplab Kumar Deb** has launched an online portal scholarships.gov.in under '**Mukhyamantri Yuba Yogayog Yojana**'.

Government will provide **Rs. 5, 000** to 14, 608 youths who are in final year in colleges or Universities as a grant for Smart Phones.

India has more internet users in rural areas than urban: IMAI report

Internet users in rural areas surpassed those in urban areas for the first time, according to the '**Digital in India**' report by the **Internet & Mobile Association of India (IAMAI)**.

As of last November, there were **227 million** active internet users in rural areas which is 10% more than around **205 million** in urban areas. In total, **India** had **504 million** active internet users.

Delhi has registered the highest Internet penetration, while **Kerala** ranks second.

Indian Navys PPE clears certification by INMAS:

Indian Navy designed and produced **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**. The PPE was tested and approved by the Institute of Nuclear Medicine and Allied Sciences (**INMAS**), **Delhi** which is a DRDO organization tasked with the testing and certification of PPE. It is certified to be mass-produced and used in clinical COVID-19 situations.

Gujarat creates a fund of Rs 100 crore for COVID start-ups:

The **Gujarat** government has announced to help the start-ups who would join the battle against Covid-19 with their knowledge and expertise by creating a fund of **Rs 100 crore**. As many as 31 such startups are supported by this fund.

Yogi Adityanath launches 'Pravasi Raahat Mitra' app for migrant Workers:

Chief Minister Of Uttar Pradesh **Yogi Adityanath** launched the '**Pravasi Raahat Mitra**' mobile application developed by the state revenue department in collaboration with **United Nation Development Program** to provide support for the migrant workers of **Uttar Pradesh** in other states to access the advantages of the government schemes.

Uttar Pradesh becomes first state to provide facility of beds with ventilators in each district:

Uttar Pradesh has become the first state in the country to provide the facility of beds with **ventilators in hospitals** of all 75 districts of state. In order to curb the spread of COVID-19 in every village through community surveillance, the government has constituted a Village Supervision Committee or **Gram Nigrani Samiti**.

ASHA workers to get Rs 50 lakh death cover amid Covid-19 outbreak in Chandigarh:

Accredited social health activists (ASHA workers) families will receive **Rs 50 lakh** in case they succumb to Covid-19, announced the state health department. They will receive a monthly allowance of Rs 1, 000 for performing their duties.

They will get **Rs 1, 500** for conducting door-to-door survey.

Tiger population in Sunderbans rises to 96:

The latest estimation of tiger numbers in the Indian **Sunderbans** indicates an increase in the population of big cats. According to the West Bengal Forest Department, the tiger count for the year 2019-20 rose to **96**, from **88** in 2018-19. Sunderbans delta spread over **India** and **Bangladesh**.

TRIFED & Art of Living Foundation collaboration to provide Free Ration Kits to Needy Tribes India Artisans:

Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India, **TRIFED** under Ministry of Tribal Affairs and Art Of Living, AOL Foundation have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to collaborate in programmes of each

organisation for promoting Tribal Enterprises.

The Art of Living Foundation has agreed to provide Free Ration Kits to Needy Tribes India Artisans.

Black panther spotted in Goa's Netravali sanctuary:

A **Black panther** was spotted in Goa's **Netravali sanctuary**. While the area is a known habitat of tigers, this is for the first time a Black Panther has been captured in camera in Netravali sanctuary. Netravali is an important tributary of **River Zuari**.

Road construction worth Rs 15 lakh crore in next 2 years; Auto scrapping policy soon: Nitin Gadkari

A focus on enhancing liquidity in auto business is required by exploring cheaper credits including foreign capital.

During the meeting it was also informed that **MoRTH** officials are finalizing the **scrappage** policy for old vehicles as early as possible that will help in cost reduction.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurates 80 km link road for Kailash Mansarovar through VC:

Defence Minister **Shri Rajnath Singh** has inaugurated **80km** strategically crucial

road link connecting **Lipulekh pass** (China Border) with Dharchula in Uttarakhand through video conferencing (VC).

It will help pilgrims visiting **Kailash Mansarovar** in Tibet as it is around 90 kms from the **Lipulekh pass**.

Giriraj Singh awards Startup India-Animal Husbandry Grand Challenge winners:

Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, **Giriraj Singh** awarded the winners of "**Startup India-Animal Husbandry Grand Challenge**".

The Animal Husbandry Startup Grand Challenge was launched by the **Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying**, in partnership with **Startup India**.

Bengaluru launches Pranavayu programme to create awareness on need to self-examine respiratory health:

Prana Vayu programme launched by the city Corporation in **Bengaluru** has been creating awareness through advertisements in media about the need to carry out **self-examination** for early

detection of any ailment that could aggravate the situation if contracted.

It is an attempt to help people with **low oxygen level** in blood.

MHRD announces modifications in the PMRF Scheme boost research in the country:

HRD Ministry announced amendments in the Prime Minister's Research Fellowship Scheme including reduction in the required **GATE Score** & introduction of lateral entry option to attract students. It is also creating a dedicated **Research and Innovative Division**.

Union HRD Minister: **Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'**.

Jharkhand govt bans Pan Masala for 1 year:

Jharkhand government has banned 11 brands of **Pan Masala** for one year in the state. The order was passed by the Commissioner of Food Safety in the state, **Nitin Kulkarni**.

The state had collected **41** samples of Pan Masala belonging to different brands from different districts to test and analyse during the year **2019-20**.

India launches Mission Sagar to assist island nations in Eastern Indian Ocean:

India launched **Mission Sagar** as part of the government's outreach initiative towards five Island nations in the Indian Ocean amidst the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Indian Naval Ship **Kesari** has departed for **Maldives, Mauritius, Seychelles, Madagascar and Comoros**, to provide Food Items, COVID related Medicines including HCQ Tablets and **Special Ayurvedic Medicines** with Medical Assistance Teams embarked.

Tamil Nadu forms panel under ex RBI Governor C Rangarajan to improve fiscal position:

Tamil Nadu govt set up the high – level committee has **21** members to examine **fiscal** challenges facing the state owing to the pandemic and suggest the way forward to improve its fiscal position he committee, which will also consist of Finance Secretary **S Krishnan** as coordinator.

MP Home Minister launches country's first ever 'FIR Aapke Dwar' Yojana:

Madhya Pradesh is the first state in the country to launch the scheme. According to the scheme people need not be required to visit a police station to lodge an **FIR**. It has been started as a pilot project in **23 Police Stations**.

Atal Pension Yojana marks 5 years of implementation:

Atal Pension Yojana (APY) was launched in **2015** by PM Modi with an objective of delivering old age income security particularly to the workers in the unorganised sector and Government providing a guarantee of minimum pension after **60 years** of age.

Education dept with Doordarshan starts online classes for School children:Jharkhand

The State Education Department & **Doordarshan** started online classes & educational programs to provide education to students of the state through video & thematic lectures. The lectures are designed for students from class 1 to 12.

Classes to be available online on **YouTube** channel of **Doordarshan**

National Gallery of Modern Art launches a virtual program 'NGMA Ke Sangrah Se' to showcase artworks:

National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA) New Delhi, has launched a virtual program called "**NGMA KE SANGRAH SE**" to showcase an iconic and rare collection of artifacts from its repository.

The event is based on various weekly/daily themes & for the current week, the theme is '**Artist by Artists**' and dedicated it to Poet **Rabindranath Tagore**, whose 159th birth anniversary was celebrated on 7th May 2020.

Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' launches Central University of Odisha helpline 'Bharosa' to help students in distress:

Union HRD Minister launched the Central University of **Odisha** Helpline '**Bharosa**' to relieve distress of student community during the pandemic. The helpline aims at providing Cognitive Emotional Rehabilitation Services to all University Students of **Odisha**.

MSME Ministry launches CHAMPIONS portal:

MSME Ministry has launched CHAMPIONS portal **www.Champions.gov.in**, a

technology-driven control room-cum-management information system.

CHAMPIONS (Creation and Harmonious Application of Modern Processes for Increasing the Output and National Strength).

National infant mortality rate at 32, Madhya Pradesh worst performer:

According to the data released by the Registrar General of India, the national birth rate in 2018 stood at 20, and death & infant mortality rates stood at 6.2 and 32, respectively. **Madhya Pradesh** has the worst infant mortality rate while **Nagaland** has the best.

Kerala is the only state with an IMR in single digits at 7. It is also the only state which has now achieved the United Nations' (UN's) **Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)** target for IMR reduction, set at eight for the year 2020.

Consumer Affairs dept partners with 2 start-ups to power 'Suraksha Store initiative':

Dept of **Consumer Affairs** partnered with tech start-ups **Safejob** and **Seekify** to use technology to prevent the spread

of Covid-19 at the local **Kirana stores**. The objective is to educate store owners about safety guidelines & protocols to be followed. The protocols were decided by **FSSAI & MHA**.

Jitendra Singh addresses Indo-Bangladesh Virtual Conference organised by ASSOCHAM:

Union Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) Minister of State Independent Charge (I/C) Jitendra Singh addresses the Indo-Bangladesh 'Virtual Conference' organised by Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India(**ASSOCHAM**).

Uttarakhand CM launches 'HOPE', a portal for unemployed youth to get jobs:

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat launched a portal aimed at creating employment avenues for the trained youth as well as offering them **skill development** opportunities to increase their employability. **HOPE** stands for **Helping Out People Everywhere**.

It can help employers find human resources as per requirements.

New initiative by Railways and Postal dept for door delivery, pick up of parcels:

In a first of its kind initiative in the country, the **Thiruvananthapuram** division of **Southern Railways** and **Postal department** in **Kerala** entered into a tie-up for door delivery and **pick up of parcels** to help people during the lockdown.

Sothern Railway Headquarters: **Chennai, Tamil Nadu**.

KVIC to implement "Vocal for Local" initiative; Issues Guidelines:

Prime Minister **Modi** recently announced **"Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan"**. Under the scheme, around 20 lakh crore rupees have been allocated. Along with the scheme, the Prime Minister also announced "Vocal for Local".

The **KVIC** (Khadi and Village Industries Commission) has come forward to become **"Vocal for Local"**.

Child, maternal malnutrition leads to 68.2% of under-five deaths: Lancet study:

Child and maternal malnutrition was the predominant risk **factor** in India as it

attributed to **68.2%** of under-5 deaths while low birth weight and short gestation led to 83.0% of neonatal deaths in 2017. Highest number of under-five and neonatal deaths in 2017 were reported in **Uttar Pradesh** followed by **Bihar**.

If the U5MR trends estimated up to 2017 were to continue, the projected U5MR for India would be 29.8 per 1000 livebirths in **2025**.

Narendra Singh Tomar held meeting Pesticide Manufacturing Industry representatives to prevent locust attacks:

The Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare **Narendra Singh Tomar** held a meeting with representatives of the Pesticide Manufacturing Industry through video conferencing to check the strategy to prevent locust attacks on agricultural fields.

Government of India is taking several measures to ensure uninterrupted sowing and harvesting operations amid lockdown.

Madhya Pradesh CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan re-launched Sambal Yojana for dalits tribals and poor:

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister **Shivraj Singh Chouhan** re-launched **Sambal Yojana** to strengthen the lives of the poor and Scheduled Caste(SC) and Scheduled Tribe(ST) communities by providing them social security cover, right from birth to death. He transferred **Rs 41.33 crores** to **1903** beneficiaries account.

Dr Harsh Vardhan participates in 32nd Commonwealth Health Ministers' meeting via Video conference:

Health Minister participated in the **32nd Commonwealth Health Minister's** Meeting through VC. He highlighted the pro-active measures taken by India towards COVID-19 management. The theme was "Delivering a co-ordinated Commonwealth COVID-19 response".

There are **54 member** countries in the commonwealth.

Kerala launches portal for non-residents to book cabs for home:

Kerala Tourism launched an online platform to enable non-residents **Keralites** to book vehicles of tour operators to travel back to the state. Keralites stranded in other parts of the

country can submit enquiries through the department's website.

Gujarat govt forms six-member committee to revive post-CoVID economy:

Gujarat, the most Industrialised state in India, has set up a **six-member** committee of experts to deliberate on economic revival measures, including fiscal restructuring, in the post-COVID-19 pandemic scenario and provide comprehensive suggestions.

Committee is headed by former finance secretary, **Hasmukh Adhia**.

Gujarat CM announces Atma-Nirbhar Gujarat Sahay Yojana:

Gujarat announced **Atma-Nirbhar Gujarat Sahay Yojana**, a scheme for **small shop keepers** and **self-employed** hit by the lockdown. Under the scheme, one lakh rupees **collateral-free loan** will be given at two per cent for the beneficiaries for three years.

Over **10 lakh** self-employed & shop keepers to be benefited.

Haryana and J&K to provide tap water to every household by Dec 2022: Jal Jeevan Mission:

Jammu & Kashmir and the state Government of **Haryana** have planned to provide tap connection to supply water to all rural families by December **2022** under the **Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)**. While the national target has been set for the year **2024-25**.

West Bengal govt launches Matir Smristi scheme:

West Bengal government launched **Matir Smristi scheme** to utilise 50, 000 acres of barren land in six districts for income-generating activities like **horticulture** and **pisciculture**. The scheme will benefit around **2.5 lakh** people in rural Bengal.

Finance Minister announce measures for relief and credit support to MSMEs and Business to support Indian Economy's fight against COVID-19:

FM **Nirmala Sitharaman** shared the first instalment of the mega **Rs 20 lakh crore** package with the focus today being on the relief to the **MSME sector**.

Rs 3 lakh crore Emergency Working Capital Facility for Businesses, including MSMEs

Rs 20, 000 crore Subordinate Debt for Stressed MSMEs

Rs 50, 000 crore equity infusion through MSME **Fund of Funds**

New Definition of MSME and other Measures for MSME

No Global tenders for Government tenders of upto **Rs 200 crore**

Extending the Employees Provident Fund Support for business and organised workers for another **3 months** for salary months of June, July and August 2020

EPF Contribution to be reduced for Employers and Employees for 3 months to **10%** from **12%** for all establishments covered by EPFO for next 3 months

Rs. 30, 000 crore Special Liquidity Scheme for **NBFC/HFC/MFIs**

Rs. 45, 000 crore Partial credit guarantee Scheme 2.0 for **Liabilities of NBFCs/MFIs**

Rs 90, 000 crore **Liquidity Injection** for DISCOMs

Relief to Contractors given by extension of up to **six months** for completion of contractual obligations, including in respect of EPC and concession agreements

Relief to Real Estate Projects the registration and completion date for all registered projects will be extended up to **six months**.

Tax relief to business as pending income tax refunds to charitable trusts and non-corporate businesses and professions to be issued immediately

Reduction in Rates of **"Tax Deduction at Source"** and **"Tax Collected at Source"** by **25%** for the remaining period of FY 20-21

Due Dates for various tax related compliances extended

Arjun Munda launches 'Goal' programme of MoTA for digital skilling of tribal youth in partnership with Facebook:

Union Minister for Tribal Affairs **Arjun Munda** launched the **"GOAL (Going Online As Leaders)"** programme of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA) in partnership with **Facebook** at a Webinar
40 gharials released in Ghaghara river amid lockdown:

40 gharials were released in the **Ghaghara river** by **Uttar Pradesh** forest division, amid the nationwide lockdown

due to the novel coronavirus disease. They are critically endangered in the International Union for Conservation of Nature Red List of Species.

MHRD launched e-Governance platform, SAMARTH:

Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) has developed an e-Governance platform, **SAMARTH** Enterprises Resource Planning (ERP), under the National Mission of Education in Information and Communication Technology Scheme (**NMEICT**).

The aim of the e-Governance platform, SAMARTH, is to provide quality education to students across all Universities & **Higher Education Institutions (HEIs)**.

Delhi Police gets India's first 'Thermal Corona Combat Headgear' to enhance social distancing:

Delhi Police has inducted in service India's first **thermal detection headgear** that will enhance the social distancing while still enabling the policemen to perform their duties.

Indian Robo Store group in partnership with the Delhi Police has invented this

headgear that has been given the name -
- **Thermal Corona Combat Gear (TCCH)**.

The wearer of the headgear will be able to scan the elevated body temperature-EBT. It will help in thermally scanning individuals from a safe distance of **10m to 15m**.

Investment Capacity of India in renewable sector reached 500-700 billion USD:

The **Institute of Energy Economics and Financial Analysis** published a study according to which India has increased its potential for renewable energy in **solar power** in the country. The **Bhadla Solar Park** in **Rajasthan** is the largest solar park in the world. India target to install **175 GW** of renewable energy by **FY2021-22**.

Dr Harsh Vardhan dedicates COVID-19 testing machine COBAS 6800 to the nation:

Dr Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, visited the National Centre for Disease Control in **Delhi**, and dedicated the **COBAS 6800** COVID-19 testing

machine to the nation. It performs RT-PCR tests for COVID-19.

COBAS requires a minimum BSL2+ containment level for testing.

Government introduces Interest subvention on Working Capital Loans for Dairy sector:

Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying has introduced a new scheme **"Interest subvention on Working Capital Loans for Dairy sector"** for supporting Dairy Cooperatives and Farmer Producer Organizations (**SDC&FPO**) engaged in dairy activities.

The scheme has made provisions for providing interest subvention of **2% per annum**, with an additional incentive of 2% per annum interest subvention to be given in case of prompt and timely repayment/interest servicing.

A budgetary provision of **Rs 100 Crore** earmarked for this and will be implemented during **2020-21**.

Madhya Pradesh launches Charan Paduka initiative for migrant labourers:

In Madhya Pradesh, in a first of its kind of initiative, **Charan Paduka campaign** has been started for the **migrant labourers** passing through the state. Under this, migrant labourers going barefoot are **providing shoes and slippers** to reduce their pain.

Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan: One TV channel each for Class 1 to 12:

Digital education initiative for students called PM e-Vidya to be launched which will be an earmarked **TV channel** per class from **1 to 12**. Also, top 100 universities to be permitted to automatically start online courses by 30 May 2020.

National Foundational **Literacy & Numeracy Mission** to be launched.

Five-member panel formed to probe Vizag gas leak: Andhra Pradesh:

Andhra Pradesh government has formed a 5-member high-powered committee led by **Neerabh Kumar Prasad** to probe into the causes behind the leakage of styrene gas from the LG Polymers India Ltd located at RR Venkatapuram in Visakhapatnam. The

panel required to submit its final report within one month.

The gas leak had claimed 12 lives and left more than 200 people ill after they inhaled the styrene gas.

Rajnath Singh approves Rs 400-crore defence testing infrastructure scheme:

To provide private sector defence and aerospace companies affordable facilities to test and validate weaponry they are designing, Union Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** approved a **Defence Testing Infrastructure Scheme (DTIS)** with an outlay of Rs **400 crore**.

Each project to receive **75%** of its cost as government funding.

e-NAM reaches milestone of 1000 Mandis across 18 States, 3 UTs:

The **pan-India** electronic agriculture trading portal, **e-NAM** has reached milestone of one thousand Mandis across 18 States and three Union Territories.

The **38 new Mandis** include 19 from **Madhya Pradesh**, 10 Mandis from **Telangana**, four from **Maharashtra** and one each in **Gujarat, Haryana, Punjab, Kerala and Jammu and Kashmir**.

Government to spend Rs.8100 crore for enhanced VGF for social sector infra creation:

Government would provide **30% viability gap funding (VGF)**, against the **20%** given earlier for social infrastructure projects, to help boost private sector investment in social infrastructure projects with a total outlay of **Rs 8, 100 crore**.

Minister of State for Finance: **Anurag Singh Thakur**.

India's Ultra Mega Solar Parks a \$700-bn investment opportunity:

India's ultra-mega solar parks have attracted foreign capital and provided investors with an opportunity to join a **\$500-700 billion** renewable energy and grid infrastructure investment boom in the coming decade, according to the latest report by **Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis (IEEFA)**.

Government implements Shekatkar Committee recommendations related to creating border infrastructure:

Union Government has implemented Lt. General **D B Shekatkar Committee's**

recommendations related to creating border infrastructure. These were related to road construction leading to socio-economic development in the border areas along India's border with China.

The Shekatkar Committee submitted a total of 99 recommendations.

Government of West Bengal announces new schemes- 'Sneher Porosh' & 'Prochesta':

The Chief Minister of **West Bengal** launched two schemes '**Sneher Porosh**' to provide support for the migrant workers and '**Prochesta**' to help the workers of the unorganized sector of Bengal to enable them to earn their living in the lockdown situation.

Prochesta Scheme is to provide wages to all **daily wage workers**.

Karnataka launches incubator for cyber security start-ups in India:

Karnataka launched its first cyber security-specific accelerator programme '**H.A.C.K.**'. The programme is implemented by **CySecK**, which is state's **Centre of Excellence in Cyber Security** meant to create a cyber-safe environment for industry collaboration.

Gujarat mandates digital payment for home delivery in Ahmedabad:

Preventing the spread of Covid-19 through currency notes, **Gujarat** government has mandated digital payment for all home delivery services in the worst-hit city of **Ahmedabad** and also issued protocol to be followed by the delivery persons.

Acer India Launches 'Back To School' 2020 Campaign:

Acer has launched its Back to School 2020 campaign and will provide zero down-payment and **2 years** additional warranty plus one-year accidental damage protection free of charge for all students buying laptops between **May 11** and **June 30, 2020**.

Government launches National Test Abhyas mobile app for candidates to take mock tests for JEE Main and NEET:

Union HRD Minister **Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank** launched a new mobile app named - the "**National Test Abhyas**". The App has been developed by National Testing Agency-NTA to enable candidates

to take mock tests for upcoming exams such as **JEE** Main and **NEET**.

Jammu and Kashmir government promotes e-learning under Samagra Shiksha to facilitate students during lockdown:

The Jammu and Kashmir government has initiated a slew of measures under its "**Samagra Shiksha programme**" to facilitate students with complete access to education through technological interventions and other viable means in the wake of the COVID-19 lockdown.

Army's "Game-Changing" Proposal To Allow 3-Year Tenure For Civilians:

The **Army** is considering a proposal to allow civilians, including young working professionals, to join the force for **three years** as officers and in other ranks in areas like logistics and front-line formations.

Initially, **100 officers** and **1, 000 men** are being considered for recruitment. The proposal suggests several measures to incentivize this scheme like a **tax-free income** for **3 years**.

Ministry Of Housing and Urban Affairs announces results of Star rating of garbage free cities:

Ministry Of Housing and Urban Affairs (MOHUA) announced the results of the Star Rating of **Garbage Free Cities**, for the assessment year **2019-2020**, where **6 Cities** were rated **5 Star**, 65 Cities rated 3 Star and 70 Cities rated 1 Star out of **141 cities** & also launched the revised protocol for the Star Rating of Garbage Free Cities.

The government released a rating of cities for their garbage management, giving the top "**5-star garbage-free**" tag to six cities including **Ambikapur, Indore, Navi Mumbai, Rajkot, Surat** and **Mysore**. A total of 141 cities have been rated and 70 cities got 1-star.

Jaipur based company 'Club First' develops India's first service robots "Sona 1.5 and Sona.5":

Jaipur-based company '**Club First**' has developed India's first service robots named as "**Sona 1.5 and Sona.5**" to help health workers in conducting a thermal screening of the people amid COVID-19 crisis. The robot which is **95**

per cent made in India is the first in the world to be based on spine technology.

Uttar Pradesh govt presents Rs 5.12 lakh cr budget in state assembly:

The **Uttar Pradesh** government presented a **Rs 5, 12, 860.72 crore** budget for FY 2020-21 in the state assembly. The size of the budget is **Rs 33, 159** crore more than the last year's budget, has provisions worth Rs 10, 967.87 crore for new schemes.

Punjab govt promulgates 'Punjab Good Conduct Prisoners Amendment Ordinance, 2020':

Punjab Government promulgated '**The Punjab Good Conduct Prisoners (Temporary Release) Amendment Ordinance, 2020**'. As per new provisions, the temporary release of the prisoners has been allowed beyond the maximum period of 16 weeks in a calendar year.

J&K starts an initiative 'SUKOON' - COVID-19 Beat the Stress:

In order to spread awareness about the psychological impact of lockdown and measures to be adopted to overcome them, Department of Information and Public Relations, **Jammu and Kashmir**

has started an initiative '**SUKOON**' - COVID-19 Beat the Stress".

. Uttar Pradesh launches start-up fund, signs MoU with SIDBI to promote aspiring entrepreneurs:

In order to mobilize the youth of the state towards entrepreneurship, UP Chief Minister **Yogi Adityanath** launched the '**Uttar Pradesh Startup Fund**' handing over the first installment of **Rs 15 crore** to **Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)**.

Health Minister Harsh Vardhan to Step Up as Head of WHO Executive Board:

Union Health Minister **Harsh Vardhan** is set to take over as the chairman of the Executive Board of the World Health Organization. The board consists of **34 members** and India's health minister will be succeeding Japan's **Dr Hiroki Nakatani**.

The proposal to appoint a nominee from India as the new chairman of the WHO Executive Board was reportedly signed by the World Health Assembly consisting of **194 nations**.

"Tatpar" scheme in Ranchi to transport migrant workers:

'Tatpar' programme was launched by the **Ranchi** district, Jharkhand administration to ease their tiresome journey on foot.

Under the programme, officials collect information about those walking on national highways or on any other road to provide them **transport facilities**.

'Mee Annapurna' initiative launched for farmers welfare across Maharashtra:

Government of **Maharashtra** announced a **3 year** empanelment of insurance companies and intermediaries for implementation of crop insurance scheme, the **Integrated Risk Insurance Brokers Limited (IRIBL)**, announced '**Mee Annapurna**' for farmers welfare across Maharashtra

Government approves use of Coir Geotextiles for rural road building:

Government approved the use of **Coir Geotextile** in rural road construction and it will give a big boost to the coir industry, Union Minister for Road Transport and Medium Small Micro Enterprises (MSME)

Nitin Gadkari.

Coir Geotextiles will be used for the construction of rural roads under the **Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY-III)**.

About **1674 km** road will be constructed using Coir Geo textiles in 7 states namely- **Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Kerala, Maharashtra, Odisha, Tamil Nadu and Telengana** with a cost of around **Rs.70 Crore**.

Ministry of Defence inks MoU with eGov Foundation for online management of Cantonment Boards:

Ministry of Defence has signed an MoU with **eGov Foundation** for online management of Cantonment Boards. The joint initiative sees **Directorate General Defence Estates (DGDE)**, Ministry of Defence and eGov Foundation working together to drive e-governance.

Rajiv Gandhi University to host Central Centre of Excellence on Sports Science Education and Research:

Union Youth Affairs and Sports Ministry has selected **Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU)** at **Rono Hills**, near here, to establish a centre of excellence on Sports

Science Education and Research under the ministry's scheme of **National Centre of Sports Sciences and Research (NCSSR)**.

However, this reduction in contribution will not be applicable to Central and State PSUs (public sector undertakings) or to establishments controlled by **Government or State Governments**.

Cabinet approves Rs 20, 050cr scheme for fisheries sector: Blue Revolution:

The total investment under the "**Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY)**", the central share would be Rs 9, 407 crore, state share of Rs 4, 880 crore and beneficiaries' share of Rs 5, 763 crore,

The objective of **PMMSY** is to create direct employment opportunities to 15 lakh people in the sector, **double income** of fish farmers and workers by **2024** besides addressing the critical gaps in the fisheries sector and increase fish production to **22 million** tonne by **2024-25** through sustainable and responsible fishing practices.

Cabinet approves Rs 3 lakh cr emergency credit line for MSME; loans at 9.25% rate:

The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved additional funding of up to **Rs 3 lakh crore** at a concessional rate of 9.25 per cent through the **Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS)** for the MSME sector hit hard by the coronavirus crisis.

Under the scheme, **100 per cent** guarantee coverage will be provided by **National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company (NCGTC)** for additional funding of up to **Rs 3 lakh crore** to eligible MSMEs and interested MUDRA borrowers, in the form of a guaranteed emergency credit line (**GECL**) facility.

Centre launches scheme to solarise entire Konark Temple, Konark town:

The scheme envisages setting up of the **10-MW** grid connected solar project and various solar off-grid applications such as solar trees, solar drinking water kiosks and off-grid solar power plants with battery storage, with a 100 per cent **central financial assistance (CFA)**

support of around **Rs. 25 crore** from the Government of India through the **MNRE**.

Chhattisgarh government launches Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Nyay Yojana:

Chhattisgarh Chief Minister **Bhupesh Baghel** launched the **Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Nyay Yojana (RGKNY)** on the death anniversary of former prime minister Rajiv Gandhi in Raipur. Acc. to the government, about 19 lakh farmers of the state will be benefitted by this scheme.

Madhya Pradesh Government begins Didi Vehicle Service for rural women:

In the tribal-dominated **Jhabua district** of **Madhya Pradesh**, the women of **Rural Livelihood Mission** have started **Didi Vehicle Service** for rural women for the safe delivery. This vehicle service is completely free.

Arpit Tiwari of Livelihood Mission said that this vehicle will also be available for other **emergency services**.

AndhraGreens portal to facilitate e-commerce of fruits and vegetables in Andhra Pradesh:

Andhra Pradesh government launched a website to procure & sell fruits online as part of supporting the horticulture

farmers in the state. Through **Kalgudi digital** platform, **AndhraGreens.com** is a farmer-to-consumer e-commerce portal specialized in **fruits, vegetables & spices**.

Union HRD Minister launches Online Masters Programme in Hindi of IGNOU:

Union HRD (Human Resource Development Minister) **Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank** launched IGNOU'S (Indira Gandhi National Open University) Online Programme for **Master of Arts (MA)** in **Hindi**, through facebook live session

Centre clears OIL plans for drilling in Assam's Dibru Saikhowa Park:

Oil India Limited said that Ministry of Environment accorded environment clearance for extension of drilling for hydrocarbon exploration in **Dibru Saikhowa National Park** in **Assam** as part of Centre's target to reduce 10% imports & Northeast Vision 2030.

Rajnath Singh participates in MSMEs E-conclave "SIDM MSME Conclave 2020":

Defence minister **Rajnath Singh** said the lockdown to combat the coronavirus disease (Covid-19) had hit the **manufacturing sector**, disrupted supply chains and the defence industry had also been affected due to the strict confinement measures.

SIDM MSME Conclave 2020 was jointly organized by the **Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers (SIDM)**, **Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)** and the department of defence production.

Dr. Harsh Vardhan represents India in NAM Health Ministers virtual meet:

Dr. Harsh Vardhan, the Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, attended the **Non-Aligned Movement (NAM)** Health Minister's meeting on May 20 which took place through a video conference.

NAM Health Minister's virtual meet was chaired by **Ogtay Shiraliev**, Minister of Health, **Republic of Azerbaijan**.

Govt extends 'Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana' by 3 yrs till Mar 2023:

The Union Cabinet extended the **Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana (PMVVY)**, a social security scheme for senior citizens, for three years till **March, 2023**.

The assured rate of return for fiscal **2020-21** has been pegged at **7.4 per cent** per annum and thereafter to be reset every year.

Chhattisgarh to observe May 25 as Jhiram tribute day:

Chhattisgarh government will observe **May 25** as '**Jhiram Shraddhanjali Diwas**' to pay tribute to Congress leaders who were killed in a Maoist attack in Bastar district on this day in 2013 as well as other victims of Naxal violence

Government releases Rs 170 crore as MGNREGA wages:

Department of **Rural Development & Panchayati Raj** has disbursed **Rs 170 Cr** into the accounts of beneficiaries under MGNREGA. It has disbursed around Rs 183 crore to benefit the poor which have been otherwise rendered jobless due to the prevailing lockdown.

MGNREGA scheme was introduced in the year **2006**.

Madhya Pradesh CM to inaugurate 'Everybody will get employment' scheme:

In **Madhya Pradesh**, Chief Minister **Shivraj Singh Chouhan** will inaugurate the '**Everybody will get employment**' scheme through video conferencing. Under this scheme, MNREGA job cards will be distributed to the labourers.

Under '**Shram Siddhi Abhiyan**', labourers will be registered under skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled categories and work will be provided..

Andhra Pradesh CM launches Rs 1, 110 crores 'ReStart' to revive MSME sector:

Andhra Pradesh government launches **ReStart** to revive MSME sector Andhra Pradesh(AP) 's Chief Minister(CM) **Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy** has launched **Rs 1, 110 crores 'ReStart'** a new programme to support & boost the **Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise**(MSME) sector in the State.

Sports Authority Gujarat sign an MoU TCLL to train 2000 athletes:

Sports Authority Gujarat signed an MoU with the **Times Centre for**

Learning Limited (TCLL) to impart training for personality and skill development for aspiring athletes in the state. This will be the first-of-its-kind training in the State.

The MoU aims to train over **2000** young and aspiring athletes across Gujarat in areas such as **Anand, Nadiad, Tapi, Porbandar, Surat, and Himmat Nagar.**

Government launches five initiatives on International Day of Biodiversity:

International Day for Biological Diversity, Union Environment, Forest, and Climate Change Minister **Prakash Javadekar** launched five key initiatives towards conservation of biodiversity.

➤ This year's International Day for Biological Diversity theme is "**Our solutions are in nature**".

➤ The "**Biodiversity Samrakshan Internship Programme**" was launched. It aims at engaging 20 students in post graduate programme for a period of 1 year.

➤ The **United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)** campaign called Illegal Trafficking of Endangered Species

was launched. The campaign is called **"Not All Animals Migrate by Choice"**.

➤ The Wildlife Crime Control Bureau campaign called **Not All Animals Migrate by Choice** was launched.

➤ A Webinar series was launched. The series was on **"Biodiversity Conservation and Biological Diversity Act, 2002"**.

➤ The **World Wildlife Fund Model Conference of Parties** was launched. It includes younger generation. This will engage them towards imprint of humanity towards biodiversity.

Mizoram cabinet grants industry status to sports:

Mizoram becomes the **1st** state to give industry status to sports. State sports minister **Robert Romawia Royte** said the cabinet has cleared the proposal by state **sports** and **youth** service department to grant sports an **industry status**, which according to him, was a significant move to take forwards the segment in a more systematic and sustainable manner.

Uttarakhand releases report on conservation of endemic, threatened floras:

Uttarakhand is the first state to release a report highlighting its conservation

efforts to save over 1, 100 **rare plants** from extinction. Around 1, 145 species are conserved of which **46** species are endemic & **68** species are rare, endangered or threatened. Around **386 species**, conserved, have medicinal properties.

Tamil Nadu begins work on implementing Solar Fence Farmland Protection Programme:

Tamil Nadu government has started preliminary works for implementing the **unique Solar Fence Farmland Protection Programme**, under the Central Agriculture Improvement Scheme.

Former SC judge Justice Sikri inaugurates Indian Dispute Resolution Centre:

Former Supreme Court Judge **Justice A K Sikri** inaugurated **Indian Dispute Resolution Centre (IDRC)**, which provides a paperless dispute resolution environment. IDRCs are located at strategic commercial places in the country with its head office in **New Delhi**. It is India's first **ADR (Alternative Dispute Resolution) Centre**.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS:

Australia cancels premier multilateral air combat training exercise Pitch Black 2020:

Australia has informed India that their premier multilateral air combat training exercise **Pitch Black 2020** scheduled from July 27 to August 14 has been cancelled due to the COVID-19 situation. The next edition of Pitch Black is scheduled in **2022**.

IAF for the 1st-time deployed fighter aircraft in 2018 edition.

UK unveils 100% state-backed 'Bounce Back Loan Scheme' for small businesses:

UK has unveiled a 100 per cent state-backed '**Bounce Back Loan Scheme**' for the small businesses to help them tide through the coronavirus pandemic lockdown. Qualifying small businesses can apply online to borrow **2, 000- 50, 000 pounds** as interest-free loans.

Pak Navy successfully test-fires anti-ship missiles in North Arabian Sea:

The **Pakistani Navy** has successfully test-fired a series of anti-ship missiles in

the **North Arabian Sea** from surface ships, fixed and rotary wing aircraft. The announcement was made by Pakistan Navy spokesperson Rear Admiral **Arshid Javed** and didn't reveal the details of the drill.

Mazumdar-Shaw recognised among world's top 20 inspirational leaders in Biopharma:

Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, Biocon Chairperson has been recognized as one of the world's top 20 inspirational leaders in biopharmaceuticals in The Medicine Maker '**Power List 2020**' for her contribution to the world of medicine as an innovative business leader.

Group: Small molecules, biopharmaceuticals & advanced medicine.

EAM Jaishankar to participate in BRICS Foreign Ministers meeting on response to COVID-19 pandemic:

The foreign ministers of the BRICS grouping discussed measures to combat COVID-19. External Affairs Minister **Shri S Jaishankar** represented India at the meet. The video conference was hosted by Russia as it is the current rotating head.

BRICS countries are **Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa.**

11th Session of Petersberg Climate Dialogue held via video conferencing:

The 11th session of **Petersberg (Germany)** Climate Dialogue witnessed India along with 30 other countries deliberating over ways and means to tackle the challenge of reinvigorating economies and societies after COVID-19.

Prakash Javadekar represented India.

USAID announces 3 million USD to support India's efforts to combat COVID-19:

The **United States Agency of International Development (USAID)**, one of the leading aid agency of the government of United States has announced an additional grant of **3 million USD** in addition to the 2.9 million USD announced to help India to fight against the COVID-19 pandemic and to fund the **PAHAL project**, an innovative financial platform.

UN launches 6.7 billion US dollar global appeal to fight COVID-19:

UN and partner agencies have launched a **\$6.7-billion** global appeal to fight the

COVID-19 pandemic, more than trebling an earlier appeal made by the UN chief, with special focus on more **vulnerable countries & combating food insecurity & gender-based violence.**

Iran introduced new Currency to tackle inflation:

Iranian Parliament authorized the replacement of rial with another basic unit of currency called the **Toman**. Each Toman will be worth **10, 000 rials** under the new system. **Gheran** is another new denomination. 100 Gheran makes a Toman.

Bangladesh gets 500 million-dollar ADB loan to manage COVID-19 impact:

The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** approved an additional loan of **500 million** dollar to Bangladesh to manage the impact of Corona virus on its economy and public health. 1.5 million workers, mostly women, in export industries will receive salary support.

ADB had approved **\$100 million** concessional loan for **Bangladesh.**

AIIB grants \$500 mn loan to India to deal with coronavirus disaster:

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) has approved a loan worth of **\$500** million for India's '**COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health Systems Preparedness Project**' to assist nation's efforts to stop the risk posed by coronavirus (Covid-19).

Co-financed by the **World Bank** (WB), the loan will help India to scale up efforts to restrict the transmission of instances, strengthen the public health system.

WHO and UN Postal agency release commemorative postage stamp on 40th anniversary of eradication of smallpox:

In May 1980, the **33rd** World Health Assembly issued its official declaration that the world is free from **smallpox**. It ended after a **10-year** global effort that involved thousands of health workers around the world to administer half a billion vaccinations.

WHO released first "State of the World's Nursing Report – 2020" stating a global shortfall of 5.9 million nurses:

Countries facing greatest shortfall of nurses are in **Africa, South East Asia**

and the **WHO** Eastern Mediterranean region as well as some parts of Latin America.

One in every **eight nurses** practices in a country other than the one where they were born or trained.

The report estimates that countries experiencing shortages need to increase the total number of nurse graduates by on average **8%** per year.

NDB provides USD 1 billion loan to India to fight COVID-19 pandemic:

The Shanghai-based **New Development Bank** of the **BRICS** (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa) countries have fully disbursed \$1 billion emergency assistance loan to India.

To help it contain the spread of COVID-19 and reduce human, social and economic losses caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The '**Emergency Assistance Program Loan**' to India was approved by the NDB Board of Directors on 30 April

Centre for Disease Control of the US commits \$3.6 million to India:

To help fight the spread of COVID-19, the US **Centre for Disease Control** and Prevention committed **\$3.6 million** to the

Indian govt. The funds are also meant to be used to support the development of Infection Prevention and Control centres of excellence.

US CDS, a federal agency is headquartered in **Atlanta, Georgia**.

India attends SCO meeting through video conference:

External Affairs Minister of India Shri **S Jaishankar** represented India at **SCO** (Shanghai Cooperation Organization) foreign minister meet. The meet was attended by foreign ministers through video conferencing.

The preparation of the SCO Summit in **St Petersburg, Russia** was also discussed. It is scheduled to be conducted on **June 9-10, 2020**.

UNWTO Predictions: 60-80 Percent Decline In International Arrivals For 2020:

The coronavirus pandemic has resulted in a **22 percent** fall in international tourist arrivals for the first quarter of 2020. The latest data from the **United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO)** shows that the crisis could further cause an annual decline between

60-80 percent as compared to 2019. The consistent decline in travellers has put millions of jobs at risk.

Deforestation rate globally declined between 2015 and 2020: FAO report

According to the **Global Forest Resources Assessment (FRA) 2020** released by the United Nations **Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)**, the forest loss rate in 2015-2020 has declined to an estimated **10 million** hectares down from **12 million** hectares in 2010-2015.

Piyush Goyal participates in virtual session of G20 trade ministers:

Union Commerce and Industry Minister **Piyush Goyal** attended a video conference meeting of commerce ministers of **G-20 countries**.

The meeting was called to discuss ways to minimise disruption to trade and global supply chains which have been affected by the **COVID-19 pandemic**.

Israel names street in Tel Aviv after Rabindranath Tagore on his 159th birth anniversary:

Israel named a street in **Tel Aviv** after Indian poet Rabindranath Tagore on his **159th** birth anniversary to honor his

valuable contributions in the field and to mankind.

Israel: PM Benjamin Netanyahu To Continue 5th Term In Office:

Israel's Prime Minister **Benjamin Netanyahu** has secured a historic **fifth** straight term to form his government, after a controversial power-sharing deal with rival-turned-partner **Benny Gantz**.

President **Reuven Rivlin** officially granted Netanyahu, two-week mandate to form his government, following which, Netanyahu announced the formation of his coalition government on 17 May 2020.

Centre, WB govt, AIIB sign agreement for USD 145 million project to improve irrigation in West Bengal:

Government of India, West Bengal Government and the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (**AIIB**) signed a loan agreement for a **145 million dollar** project to improve irrigation services and flood management in the Damodar **Valley** Command Area in **West Bengal**.

Union Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan participates in 73rd World Health Assembly online session:

Union Health Minister **Dr Harsh Vardhan** participated in the 73rd **World Health Assembly (WHA)** via video conferencing. A session of the WHA, the decision-making body of the **WHO**, began its first-ever teleconference due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

India provides USD 2 million aid to UN agency working for Palestinian refugees:

India, by the ROI, has given **\$2 million** in aid to the **United Nations Relief and Works Agency** working for the welfare of Palestinian refugees in support of its core programmes and services, including education and health, amidst the coronavirus crisis.

Nepal approves new map including Lipulekh, Kalapani, Limpiyadhura amidst border row with India:

Nepal's Cabinet has endorsed a new political map showing **Lipulekh, Kalapani** and **Limpiyadhura** under its territory, amidst a border dispute with India.

The move announced by Foreign Minister **Pradeep Kumar Gyawali** came weeks after he said that efforts were on to

resolve the border issue with India through diplomatic initiatives.

Saudi Arabia replaced Iraq as top oil supplier to India in April:

Saudi Arabia replaced **Iraq** as the top oil supplier to India in April after a gap of three months as refiners in **Asia's third largest** economy were drawn by deep discounts on Saudi crudes. UAE retained the No.3 spot followed by **Nigeria**. India's oil imports in April totalled **4.63 mn. barrels per day**.

India's steel output declined by 65%:

World Steel report:

World Steel Association released the World Steel Report. According to the report, the crude steel report of India declined by **65%**. During April 2020, the steel output of India was **3.13 million tonnes**.

The report also says that the global steel output declined by 13%. In April 2019, the global steel output was **157.67 million tonnes**. In April 2020, the output declined to **137.09 million tonnes**.

India and Israel join forces to develop rapid testing system to fight Coronavirus:

India and **Israel** will put in joint research and development efforts for rapid testing of coronavirus to enable normalisation of life amid the pandemic. The two sides discussed joint **R&D** for rapid diagnosis based on big data and artificial intelligence.

India builds state-of-the-art training facility for Ugandan defence forces:

The Indian Association Uganda (IAU), in association with the Indian Military Advisory and Training Team there, handed over a state-of-the-art military training facility to **Uganda Peoples Defence Forces (UPDF)**. The war game centre, named '**INDIA**', was inaugurated by Gen.

BANKING AND ECONOMY:

RBI's 7th Bi-monthly Monetary Policy Statement for 2019-20; RBI cuts repo rate by 40 bps to 4 per cent:

RBI cut the **repo rate** by 40 basis points from 4.4 per cent to **4 per cent**, reducing the **reverse repo rate** at **3.35 per cent** to maintain accommodative stance. The six-member Monetary Policy Committee voted **5:1** in favour of 40 bps cut in interest rate.

Reduce the policy repo rate under the **liquidity adjustment facility (LAF)** by 40 bps to 4.0 per cent from 4.40 per cent with immediate effect.

Marginal standing facility (MSF) rate and the Bank Rate stand reduced to 4.25 per cent from 4.65 per cent

RBI to extend **15, 000 crore** rupee line of credit to **EXIM Bank**.

Policy Repo Rate	: 4.00%
Reverse Repo Rate	: 3.35%
Marginal Standing Facility Rate:	4.25%
Bank Rate	: 4.25%
CRR	: 3%
SLR	: 18.00%

Remittances to India likely to drop by 23% this year: World Bank

The **World Bank** has said that remittances to India are likely to drop **by 23 per cent** from **83 billion** US Dollars last year to **64 billion** US Dollars this year due to the Coronavirus pandemic, which has resulted in a global recession.

Transcorp becomes the 1st non-bank company to receive RBI nod to enter into co-branding arrangements:

The Leading forex and payment solutions provider **Transcorp International Ltd(TIL)** becomes the 1st non-bank company to receive Reserve Bank of India(RBI) nod to enter into co-branding arrangements for prepaid Instruments.

It has also launched its multi-wallet **RuPay**-powered prepaid cards which allow corporate houses to pay wages, incentives, reimbursements & recurring payments to their employees or beneficiaries

CARE Ratings projected 1.1%-1.2% GDP growth in FY21; declined for FY20 to 4.7% from 5%:

CARE Ratings has projected **1.1%-1.2%** GDP growth in FY21 and reduced forecast

for FY20 to 4.7% from 5%. **Gross Value Added (GVA)** has been estimated to grow at 1.4% for FY21. Overall growth is expected to be driven only by the government expenditure.

CARE has assessed 8 sectors for GDP projection of FY21.

World Bank in collab with AIMA organises virtual workshop on 'Contract Management during Emergency Situations':

Workshop on Contract Management during Emergency situations organized by World Bank & All India Management Association for Project Management Unit of **Jhelum Tawi** Flood Recovery Project which is implementing USD **250 Million** Flood Recovery in J&K.

HDFC buys 6.43% stake in Reliance Capital:

Mortgage Firm **HDFC** acquired **6.43%** stake in debt-trapped Reliance Capital by invoking pledged shares. These shares were acquired pursuant to invocation of a pledge by a security trustee on behalf of the corporation.

HDFC Bank CEO: **Aditya Puri**.

Franklin Templeton Mutual Fund winds up 6 debt mutual fund:

Investors in these **six schemes** will not be able to buy or sell the schemes anymore. NO SIP/STP/SWP will work on these schemes anymore. Since there are no takers in the market the company is not able to sell its investments.

Franklin Templeton HQ: **San Mateo, CA, USA**.

Lieutenant Governor of J & K: **Girish Chandra Murmu**.

UNCTAD predicts \$3.4 trillion debt for developing countries amid Covid-19:

Developing countries' repayments on their public external debt alone will soar to between **\$2.6 & \$3.4** tn in 2020 & 2021, the UNCTAD has said in a new report while calling for a global debt deal to prevent COVID-19 pandemic from spreading economic disaster.

RBI announces Rs 50, 000-crore Special Liquidity Facility for mutual funds:

RBI decided to open a special liquidity facility of **Rs 50, 000 Cr** for mutual funds to ease liquidity pressure on mutual funds. Under the SLF-MF, RBI shall

conduct repo operations of 90 days tenor at fixed repo rate. The scheme is available from April 27.

SIDBI launches special liquidity scheme for MSMEs:

Small Industries Development Bank of India launched a special liquidity scheme for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises through banks including Small Finance Banks, Non-Banking Financial Companies including fintech NBFCs and Microfinance Institutions.

Tenor of these loans will be **90 days**.

Ind-Ra cuts India's FY21 GDP growth further to 1.9%, lowest in 29 years:

India Ratings has further slashed its growth expectations for the economy to **1.9%** for the ongoing fiscal, down from **3.6%** in March. This will be the lowest GDP growth in the last 29 years and assumes that the partial lockdown will continue till mid-May.

Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation region to post 2.7% economic contraction in 2020:

APEC region is expected to post a **2.7%** economic contraction in **2020** due to the impact of the novel coronavirus, the most

significant fall since the near-zero growth rate logged in 2009 during the global financial crisis, according to the APEC Secretariat.

Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum has **21 members**.

India's holding of US govt securities hits record high of \$177.5 bn in Feb:

India's holding of US government securities jumped by over \$13 billion in a month to record high of **\$177.5 billion** at the end of February. In the last one year since February 2019, the overall holding of India has jumped by a staggering **USD 33.2 billion**.

ADB approves 1.5 billion USD for India to fight COVID-19:

Asian Development Bank unveiled a \$1.5 billion Covid-19 package for India and is in discussions with the government on further aid for specific sectors. Earlier this month, the World Bank had provided a **\$1 billion** package for the healthcare sector.

Axis Bank to buy 29% stake in Max Life Insurance for Rs 1, 600 crore:

Axis Bank will acquire an additional **29%** stake in Max Life Insurance for an

estimated price of **Rs 1, 592 crore**, raising its total holding in the life insurer to 30% after the completion of the deal. Max Financial Services will hold the remaining 70% in JV.

Axis is looking to purchase around 556 million shares of Max.

Moody declined India's growth estimate to 0.2% for CY 2020 from 2.5%:

Moody also forecasted India's growth for 2021 at **6.2%**. The projection of GDP of G-20 advanced economies as a bloc is also declined by **5.8%** in 2020.

India Post delivers cash worth Rs 412 crore in doorstep banking revolution:

India Post has delivered cash worth **Rs.412 cr.** at doorstep delivery. This service is provided by the department irrespective of the bank in which the holder has an account or a village without a branch. This has been made possible due to **AePS** facility of IPPB.

MD and CEO of India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) : **Suresh Sethi.**

Banks borrow Rs.2, 000 crore from RBI for mutual funds:

Commercial banks have borrowed **Rs.2, 000 crore** from the liquidity window that was offered by the **RBI** for **mutual funds (MFs)**. RBI had announced a special window of Rs.50, 000 cr. for mutual funds in view of the redemption pressure that the fund houses are facing.

KVGB launched 'Vikas Abhaya' loan scheme:

Karnataka Vikas Grameen Bank (KVGB), a regional rural bank headquartered in Dharwad, has launched a loan scheme "**Vikas Abhaya**" to provide relief to borrowers whose business activities are disrupted on account of the Covid-19 pandemic.

RBI extends regulatory benefits under SLF-MF scheme to all banks:

RBI has initiated a special liquidity facility of **Rs 50, 000 crore** for MFs. The bank claiming these extended regulatory benefits will not be required to avail back-to-back funding from the central bank under the **SLF-MF scheme.**

The bank claiming these extended regulatory benefits will be required to submit a weekly statement containing

consolidated information on entity-wise and instrument-wise loans and advances

Moody's slashes India's growth estimate to 0.2% for 2020 from 2.5%:

Moody's Investors Service slashed India growth forecast for calendar year 2020 to **0.2 per cent**, from 2.5% projected in March. For 2021, the rating agency expects India's growth to rebound to **6.2%**. China is projected to grow 1% in 2020 and 7.1% in 2021.

RBI cancels licence of Mumbai-based The CKP Co-operative Bank:

Reserve Bank of India cancelled the licence of Mumbai-based **The CKP Co-operative Bank Ltd.** in view that the financial position of the bank is highly adverse & unsustainable.

With this process of paying the depositors as per **DICGC Act, 1961** will happen. Every depositor is entitled to repayment of upto, **Rs 5 Lakh**.

USD 400 million multi-year financial support to India: World Bank:

The **World Bank's** Board of Executive Directors has approved a **USD 400** million multi-year financial support to help **India**

enhance its coastal & marine resources, protect marine resources & coastal populations from pollution, erosion, sea-level rise, and improve livelihood opportunities for coastal communities over the next decade.

Over 99% of CKP Co-Op Bank's depositors to get full repayment: RBI:

RBI said that over **99%** of **CKP Co-Op** Bank's 1.32 lakh depositors will get full money through DICGC. On liquidation, every depositor is entitled to repayment of his deposits up to a monetary ceiling of Rs 5 lakh from DICGC as per usual terms & conditions.

Whatsapp payments to roll out with ICICI, HDFC and Axis Bank UPI handles by May end:

Whatsapp is set to roll out its Payment facility in India in loop with three private sector lenders, namely ICICI, HDFC and Axis Bank. Whatsapp currently has a user base of **400 million** customers whereas UPI has above 100 million users under it.

SIDBI Launches SME Service Platform To Boost Digitisation, Credit Access:

Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) is launching an **SME service platform** to facilitate the **digitisation** of small businesses and make access to credit easier for those caught in a cash crunch owing to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The platform would also include several features to help **micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs)** resume their operations remotely.

India's unemployment rate climbs to 27.1%, 121.5mn out of work: CMIE

According to **Centre for Monitoring of Indian Economy (CMIE)**, 91.3 million including daily wagers and those working with small traders were out of jobs in April followed by 18.2 million employment loss of entrepreneurs, and 17.8 million among salaried class.

DBS Bank slashes India's FY21 GDP forecast to 1% from 1.5%:

The general government (the Centre and States) deficit is likely to rise to 10-10.5% of GDP in FY21 vs around 6% of GDP earlier. Public debts level to rise from **70% of GDP to 75-80%.**

Creation of a **special purpose vehicle (SPV)** is required to directly purchase corporate bonds (to arrest widening spreads vs government securities and temper volatility)

Nabard disburses Rs 12, 767cr to state cooperative banks, RRBs for onlending:

The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (**NABARD**) has disbursed **Rs 12, 767 crore** to state cooperative banks and regional rural banks for onlending to farmers. The loans are being offered for one year at an interest rate of **4.8 per cent.**

Public Sector Banks sanction loans worth Rs 5.66 lakh Cr for more than 4181000 accounts during March-April:

PSBs have sanctioned loans worth **5.66 lakh crore** rupees for more than 41 lakh 81 thousand accounts during March-April this year. These borrowers are from **MSME**, Retail, Agriculture & Corporate sectors, waiting for disbursement soon after lockdown lifts.

India's unemployment rate shoots up to 27.11% amid COVID-19 crisis:

CMIE:

According to the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE) the country's unemployment rate rose to **27.11%** for the week ended May 3 due to the COVID-19 crisis, up from the under **7%** level before the start of the pandemic in mid-March.

SBI cuts benchmark lending rate by 15 basis points:

SBI slashed benchmark lending rate by **15 basis** points and introduced Special Deposit Scheme for senior citizens with higher interest rate. With that, the marginal cost of funds-based lending rate comes down to **7.25%**, from **7.40%** with effect from 10th May.

SBI has introduced a new product '**SBI Wecare Deposit**'.

Cooperative Banks come under SARFAESI Act:

Cooperative Banks established under a State Law or Multi-State Level Societies come within the ambit of the **SARFAESI, 2002**. The Act prescribes a procedure for faster recovery of dues.

Co-op banks come under the definition of 'Banking Company'.

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Nomura predicts Indian GDP to contract by 5.2% in FY 21:

Nomura and **Goldman Sachs** have cut their growth projections for India in the financial year 2020-21 (FY21). Nomura has lowered India's FY21 GDP growth forecast to **-5.2%** vs **-0.4%** earlier. Goldman Sachs expects the economy to contract 0.4 per cent in FY21.

Central Board of Direct Taxes amends Rule 44G of Income Tax Rules 1962:

CBDT amended 44G of **Income Tax Rules, 1962** for making an application to invoke the mutual agreement procedure in Form no. 34. These rules will be called

Income-tax (8th Amendment) Rules, 2020.

FY21 fiscal deficit likely at 5.8%, growth to slip to 0.5% says report:

Bank of America estimated the fiscal deficit to come at **5.8%** of the GDP in FY21 as against the budget target of 3.5%. It has also revised down their GDP growth estimate to **0.5%** for the current fiscal year, as against the earlier estimate of **1.5%**.

RBI extends interest subsidy scheme for exporters till March 31, 2021:

Exporters get the subsidy under the '**Interest Equalisation Scheme for pre and Post Shipment Rupee Export Credit**', a scheme announced in November 2018 & this applies to all exports to the MSME sector. It has been extended till March 31, 2021.

India to grow at 1.2% in CY20, global GDP to shrink by 3.2% : UN

In the **World Economic Situation and Prospects** released by UN, it had slashed India's projected growth rate to **1.2%** in 2020 and forecast that the global economy will contract sharply by **3.2%**

unleashing a recession unseen since the Great Depression of 1930s.

Fiscal deficit to balloon to 7.9% in FY21:

With the Government **Rs 20 lakh** Crore stimulus package, the country's fiscal deficit is likely to be more than double to **7.9 per cent** in the current financial year, according to an SBI research. The earlier estimate for the FY21 was **3.5%** of the GDP.

World Bank approves 1 billion USD to support India's combat against COVID-19:

World Bank approves **Rs 7500 crore** (1 billion USD) to increase India's COVID-19 Social Protection response Program to help the nation's efforts in providing assistance for the poor and needy who are affected by the pandemic.

Government raises FDI limit in defence production to 74% from 49%:

Finance Minister **N Sitharaman** announced raising the **Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)** limit in the defense sector under the automatic route from **49% to 74%**. Also, Ordnance Factory

Boards to be corporatised for better management & eventually get listed in stock markets.

NABARD Sanctions Special Liquidity Support Of Rs.1500 Crore For The Farmers Of Punjab:

NABARD has sanctioned **Rs 1, 500 crore** for Punjab to ensure continuous credit flow to farmers, through state cooperative banks. This is part of NABARD's **Rs 25, 000 crore** nationwide SLF, made available ensure the flow of credit to farmers during the pandemic.

Canara Bank launches special gold loan business vertical:

Canara Bank, the fourth-largest public sector lender launched a special business vertical dedicated for gold loans. The Bank's gold loan products are aimed at providing a quick, hassle-free experience for customers with **low-interest cost** till **30 June 2020**.

NABARD disburses Rs 20, 500 crore to coop banks, RRBs:

NABARD has disbursed **Rs 20, 500 crore** to **cooperative banks** and **RRBs** for on-lending to farmers. The amount is a part of the Rs 25, 000 crore of special

refinance facility provided by RBI to NABARD for refinancing RRBs, cooperative banks and **MFIs**.

Kotak Mahindra Bank becomes first Indian lender to allow video KYC:

Kotak Mahindra Bank has introduced **video-KYC** facility for customers opening savings account on **Kotak 811** - the banks digital banking platform. The private lender is the first Indian bank to offer video based **"zero-contact"** onboarding service.

Fino Payments Bank to partner with NBFCs to source loans in rural areas:

Fino Payments Bank (FPB) is planning to partner with two-three **non-banking finance companies (NBFCs)** to source loans for them in rural areas.

The bank is expecting good appetite for loans from rural India, where 80 per cent of its **4-odd lakh** touch-points are located.

FIEO expects 20% fall in export during FY21 over coronavirus pandemic:

The **Federation of Indian Export Organisations(FIEO)**, apex body of exporters informed that Indian exports

are expected to fall by **20%** in the current fiscal, in value terms it will be around **USD 50 to 60 billion** & also imports due to COVID-19 pandemic.

Finance ministry exempts B2B firms from using only BHIM, RuPay for accepting payments:

The finance ministry exempted companies with a turnover of over **Rs.50 crore** and involved in only **B2B** transactions from the requirement of accepting payments only by electronic modes like **RuPay or BHIM-UPI**.

ICICI Bank launches special FD scheme for senior citizens:

Private sector lender **ICICI Bank** announced a special fixed deposit scheme for senior citizens, which offers a higher interest rate.

Named '**ICICI Bank Golden Years FD**', the scheme offers senior citizens an interest rate of 55 per annum for deposits up to Rs.2 crore with tenure of more than five years to **10 years**.

HDFC Bank launches special FD scheme for senior citizens:

Private sector lender, **HDFC Bank** launched an FD scheme for seniors called

'**Senior Citizen Care FD**'. According to this scheme, the bank is offering an additional 75 basis points for deposits with more than 5-year tenors with investments up to **Rs 5 crore**.

HDFC CEO: **Aditya Puri**.

IRDAI allows Union Bank of India to continue 30% holding in IndiaFirst Life Insurance:

Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has allowed **Union Bank of India's** proposal to continue with its **30 percent** holding in **IndiaFirst Life Insurance** with the condition that the lender will hold no control in the management of the insurer.

Union Bank of India:

Headquarters: **Mumbai, Maharashtra**

MD & CEO: **Rajkiran Rai G.**

Edelweiss Mutual Fund to launch second tranche of Bharat Bond ETF:

Edelweiss Asset Management announced the launch of the second tranche of **Bharat Bond ETF** in July with two new series after initial series in December last year.

Bharat Bond ETF programme is an initiative of the government's **Department of Investment and Public Asset Management** which has given the mandate to Edelweiss AMC to design and manage the product.

Canara Bank releases emergency credit facilities for MSMEs:

Canara Bank has announced '**CANARA CREDIT SUPPORT**' for all of their borrowers who have been affected by COVID-19.

The bank has sanctioned nearly 6 lakh loans amounting to **Rs 4, 300 crore** under agriculture, SHGs and Retail categories.

ICRA pegs GDP growth at 1.9% in Q4 and 4.3% in FY20:

ICRA projected economy to grow by **1.9%** in the fourth quarter against 5.8 a year ago and **4.3%** in 2019-20 against 6.1% in 2018-19. Earlier, the second advance estimates of the government pegged the growth at 5% in 2019-20, but analysts doubted that number.

ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS:

IIFL Wealth Finance buys L&T Capital Markets for Rs 230 crore:

L&T Finance Holdings has sold its wholly-owned subsidiary L&T Capital Markets (LTCM) to IIFL Wealth Finance for **Rs 230 crore**. As at end-March 2019, LTCM had total income of Rs 124.81 crore while the net worth stood at Rs 82.45 crore.

ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund Bharat-22 ETF picks shares worth Rs.59 crore in NALCO:

ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund Bharat-22 ETF picked up shares worth nearly Rs 59 Cr in **National Aluminium Company** through an open market transaction. As per the data on NSE, over 1.71 Cr shares were purchased at an average price of Rs 34.43 apiece.

Flipkart partners with Meru to facilitate door-step delivery of essentials:

Flipkart has partnered with ride-hailing cab operator **Meru** to facilitate door-step delivery of essentials to the e-commerce firm's customers. The service will be available across **Bengaluru, Delhi-NCR** and **Hyderabad**.

GSK plans to sell Rs 28, 000 crore stake in Hindustan Unilever:

After completion of the merger between **GlaxoSmithKline(GSK)** Consumer Healthcare and **Hindustan Unilever Ltd** (HUL), GSK is reportedly planning to sale its **\$3.7 billion** (Rs 28, 000 crore) stake in HUL. GSK owns 5.7 per cent stake in Hindustan Unilever Ltd.

MyGov, VMate collaborates to disperse information on Covid-19:

Short video application (app) **VMate** joined hands with the Government's citizen engagement platform **MyGov** to support the Central Government efforts against the spread of Coronavirus pandemic.

Manulife picks 49% stake in Mahindra AMC for Rs 265 crore:

Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services (Mahindra Finance) said global financial services group **Manulife** has acquired 49 per cent stake in its wholly owned subsidiary **Mahindra Asset Management Company**. This agreement was announced in June 2019. Manulife has invested **\$35 million** to pick up 49% stake.

Polycab India acquired 50% stake in Ryker from Singapore-based Trafigura:

Polycab India has acquired 2, 60, 10, 000 (i.e. balance 50% equity shares) of face value of **Rs.10/- each** held by Trafigura, Singapore ('Trafigura') in Ryker Base. The purchase consideration is likely to be around US \$ 4 Million (Rs 300 million).

Private equity firm Silver Lake to invest Rs 5, 655.75 Cr in Reliance Jio Platforms:

US private equity firm **Silver Lake** will invest **Rs 5, 655.75 Crore** in **Jio Platforms** for a **1.15%** stake, the 2nd deal after Facebook's share acquisition plan less than two weeks ago. Silver Lake has **\$40-b** in combined assets under management and committed capital.

BDL partners with IIT-Kanpur to manufacture ventilators for COVID-19 treatment:

Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL), a defence Public Sector Undertaking (PSU), has signed a MoU **NOCCA Robotics**, an incubated start-up of the **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kanpur**

for the large-scale manufacturing of ventilators.

PNB Housing Finance signs MoU with IIT Delhi:

PNB Housing Finance has signed a MoU with **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi**. The initiative will support critical R&D of a unique prototype material to be used in manufacturing sustainable (washable and reusable) **PPE** (Personal Protective Equipment) surgical gowns and masks.

Wipro signs MoU with Maharashtra govt to change Pune campus in 450-bed COVID-19 hospital:

To help **Maharashtra** citizens tackle Covid-19 cases, IT-giant **Wipro** has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the state's government. Wipro has decided to change its IT campuses in **Hinjewadi, Pune**, to a 450-bed intermediary care COVID-19 hospital.

Coir Board signed MoU with IIT-Madras for setting up Centre of Excellence for coir applications:

Coir Board signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian **Institute of Technology- Madras (IIT-**

Madras) on **7 May**. The aim was to establish a **Centre of Excellence (CoE)** for the application of Coir exclusively or in combination with other **natural fibres**.

Tata Consumer Products ties up with Domino's Pizza, Zomato to deliver essential goods:

Tata Consumer Products (TCPL) has partnered with food delivery platforms like **Domino's Pizza** and **Zomato** to strengthen its direct distribution model and ensure steady supply of its essential products. They aim to safeguard people's health.

ICMR partners India Post for delivery of COVID-19 testing kits to labs:

India Post has entered into a tie-up with the **ICMR** for delivery of its COVID-19 testing kits to **200 additional** labs designated for coronavirus testing across the country. ICMR has set a target of carrying out around **1 lakh** tests across the country **per day**.

Communications and IT Minister: **Ravi Shankar Prasad**.

FHRAI collaborates with FSSAI to train hospitality professionals:

Industry body Federation of Hotel & Restaurant Associations of India (**FHRAI**) said it has initiated a training programme on COVID-19 preparedness in collaboration with food safety regulator **FSSAI** for hospitality professionals across the country.

Volvo partners with Luminar for LiDAR tech; plans to sell self-driving cars by 2022:

Volvo company is partnering with tech firm **Luminar** to make use of their **LiDAR** (Light Detection and Ranging) & perception technology for the next generation of Volvo cars. Next-generation of cars will be built on the **SPA 2 modular** vehicle architecture that goes into production in **2022**.

Japan's Nippon Life, AXA eye strategic investment in IndusInd Bank:

Private lender **IndusInd Bank Ltd** is in discussions with at least three strategic investors, including Japan's **Nippon Life** and Europe's **AXA Group**, as the bank plans to raise more than **\$500 million** to shore up its balance sheet, said two people aware of the development.

Federal Bank and MoneyGram tie up for direct-to-bank account credit service:

MoneyGram Payment Systems has tied up with **Federal Bank** to offer a cost-effective **direct-to-bank** account credit option for customers. Through this partnership, customers can receive deposits directly in their bank accounts without leaving their homes.

Federal Bank has over **15%** share of country's remittance market.

PepsiCo India ties up with Swiggy:

In a bid to strengthen availability of its snack brands at a time when the country is grappling with the Covid-19 pandemic, **PepsiCo India** has entered into a distribution partnership with **Swiggy** to launch Lay's and **Kurkure e-stores** on the app.

ACT Grants partners with Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, others to combat Covid-19:

The **Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation**, the Michael and Susan Dell Foundation and Wadhwani Foundation have joined **Action Covid-19 Team (ACT)** Grants as donors and will extend the outreach of the

initiative. ACT is an Indian not-for-profit grant.

GCPL acquires balance 25% stake in Kenya-based Canon Chemicals:

FMCG major **Godrej Consumer Products Ltd (GCPL)** announced the acquisition of the balance **25%** stake in **Kenya-based Canon Chemicals Ltd** for an undisclosed sum. Through this transaction, Canon Chemicals would now be a wholly-owned subsidiary of the company.

Godrej Group firm had earlier acquired **75%** stake in the company.

NRAI partners with DotPe to build tech platform for online payments:

National Restaurants Association of India (NRAI), the apex body of the F&B industry, has partnered with fintech start-up **DotPe** to build its own tech platform that would enable them with online payments for **digital ordering, bill settlements, and contactless dining.**

General Atlantic to invest Rs.6, 598.38 cr. for 1.34% stake in Jio Platforms:

General Atlantic, a leading global growth equity firm, has agreed to invest

Rs.6598.38 crores in **Jio Platforms Ltd** for a 1.34% stake, valuing the company at Rs.5.16 lakh crore. With this Jio Platforms raised Rs.67194.75 crores from leading technology investors.

CSIR joins hands with IIIT-H and Intel:

CSIR is working with Intel India and **IIIT - Hyderabad** to help achieve faster and less expensive COVID-19 testing and coronavirus genome sequencing to understand the epidemiology and AI-based risk stratification for patients with co-morbidities.

Facebook acquires Giphy to integrate with Instagram:

Facebook acquired **Giphy**— a popular website for making and sharing animated images or GIFs. Giphy will now work as part of the **Instagram** team. Its GIF library will be integrated with the photo-sharing application as well as with Facebook's other apps.

Tata to buy out PepsiCo's stake in JV NourishCo Beverages:

Tata Consumer Product Ltd to acquire the stake of **PepsiCo** in their joint venture NourishCo Beverages. NourishCo, a 50:50

joint venture of TCPL and PepsiCo, operates in the healthy hydration space and has brands like Tata Gluco Plus and Tata Water Plus.

NourishCo formed in 2010 as joint venture between **TCPL & PepsiCo**.

Ircon signs MoU with RZD International for joint development of railways:

Ircon International (IRCON) signed a Memorandum of Understanding with **RZD International** LLC to explore opportunities for joint development of railways and infrastructure projects in **Asia, Africa** and **Latin America**.

Microsoft acquires Softomotive to expand low-code robotic process automation capabilities:

Microsoft CEO **Satya Nadella** confirmed that the company has acquired **Softomotive**, a software robotic automation platform. It would become part of Microsoft's **Power Automate** platform.

WHO and International Olympic Committee sign MoU to promote health through sport:

International Olympic Committee (IOC) and **WHO** Director signed a new Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) at the WHO headquarters in **Geneva**. The two organizations have been working together since 1984, leading numerous joint initiatives.

Flipkart partners with Bajaj Allianz to offer digital motor insurance to its customers:

Flipkart partnered with **Bajaj Allianz General Insurance Company (BAGIC)** to offer **digital motor insurance policy** to customers of e-commerce major. This enables consumers to purchase the motor-insurance policy using the **Flipkart mobile application**.

IBM ties up with Intellect Design Arena to launch cloud services for banks, financial institutions:

Banking and insurance products company **Intellect Design Arena Ltd** and **IBM** have collaborated to launch the **Intellect iTurmeric FinCloud** on IBM's public cloud.

"iTurmeric FinCloud — a Cloud-ready, API-first, **microservices**-based platform — enables banks and financial institutions

to progressively modernise while ensuring business continuity without the risk of rip and replacement.

ONGC and NTPC to Form JV for Renewable Energy Business:

The **Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited** & India's largest power generation utility **NTPC** are planning to set up Joint Venture company for **renewable energy business**. This will enable both companies achieve their targets in renewable energy sector.

KKR to invest Rs 11, 367 crore in Jio Platforms for 2.32% stake:

Private equity firm **KKR** is set to invest Rs 11367 crore in **Jio Platforms** for a **2.32% stake**. This will be the fifth investment in Reliance company business in rapid succession, following Facebook, Silver Lake, Vista Equity Partners and General Atlantic.

Tata Power arm TPIPL acquires 10% equity in ABV, total stake now 50%:

Tata Power International Private Ltd (TPIPL) has acquired **10%** stake in Adjaristsqali Netherlands BV from the International Finance Corporation for USD 150, 000 (about Rs 1.13 crore). The 10%

stake acquisition has increased TPIPL's shareholding in ABV to **50%**.

Samsung and Facebook partner to enable offline retailers go Digital in India:

Samsung India has partnered with leading social media and technology firm **Facebook** to train offline retailers go digital in a big way. For consumer, this initiative will help them access product information and allow them to purchase **Galaxy smartphones** through the social media pages of their local retailers.

Intel acquires Rivet Networks, the maker of 'Killer' WiFi cards:

Intel has bought the company behind the popular Killer brand of Wi-Fi products found in laptops from Alienware, Dell, Lenovo, HP and more. **Rivet Networks**, which was previously acquired by Qualcomm in 2011, makes **network interface cards (NICs)**.

CCI approves acquisition of Emami Cement Limited by Nuvoco Vistas Corporation Limited:

Competition Commission of India approves acquisition of **100%** of the total issued and paid up share capital of **Emami Cement Ltd**, on fully diluted basis, by **Nuvoco Vistas Corp Ltd**. NVCL is a Nirma promoter group company engaged in manufacturing and sale of variety of grey cements.

Indian Tobacco Company signs Share Purchase Agreement to acquire Sunrise Foods:

The **ITC (Indian Tobacco Company) Limited** has entered into a Share Purchase Agreement to acquire **100%** of equity share capital of Sunrise Foods Private Ltd, dealing with spices, under the trademark '**Sunrise**'. The ITC's Aashirvaad is one of leading producers and exporters of spices.

Fintech startup Zaggie ties up with Visa for innovative payments solutions for SMEs:

Fintech startup Zaggie partnered with payments technology major **Visa** to launch innovative payment solutions. Under this, both companies will jointly create solutions for small and medium enterprises and start-ups to improve productivity and efficiency.

Maruti Suzuki ties up with Cholamandalam Investment & Finance; launches 'Buy-Now-Pay-Later Offer':

Maruti Suzuki India partnered with **Cholamandalam Investment & Finance Company Ltd** to provide customised auto retail financing solutions to retail buyers. The new solution '**Buy-Now-Pay-Later Offer**' is aimed to provide customers with easy financing options.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY:

IIT-Delhi develops web dashboard to predict coronavirus spread in country:

IIT Delhi developed a web-based dashboard for tracking & predicting the spread of COVID-19 in India. **PRACRITI** (Prediction & Assessment of Corona Infections & Transmission in India) dashboard will provide the R_0 (*Number of people to whom virus spreads from a single person*) values of each district & state in India.

R0- IICT to collaborate LAXAI Life Sciences to reduce dependency on China for active pharma ingredients:

Indian Institute of Chemical Technology (IICT), Hyderabad, has collaborated with Hyderabad-based integrated pharmaceutical company, **LAXAI Life Sciences**, to develop and manufacture Active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs) and drug intermediates.

CSIR-NBRI scientist develops herbal decongestant spray on mask to protect from suffocation:

Scientists at the **CSIR-National Botanical Research Institute (NBRI), Lucknow**, have developed an herbal decongestant spray that helps in clearing the windpipe and congestion by removing the mucus or cough leading to ease of breathing.

Reason- Collection of CO₂ & humidity in the mask's inner cavity.

SCTIMST develops Chitra Magna, an innovative RNA extraction kit:

Chitra Magna, an innovative RNA extraction kit, has been developed by Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences & Technology, an Institution under the **Department of S&T**, as an innovative technology for isolating RNA from swabs for COVID 19 tests.

SARS-COV-2, the causative virus of COVID-19, is an RNA virus.

IIITM-K developed an AI-based search engine for COVID-19 research:

Indian Institute of Information Technology and Management - Kerala has developed an AI Semantic search engine to enable researchers to get deeper insights into scientific studies,

especially when they need to find an early solution to the COVID-19.

Named '**www.vilokana.in**', which in Sanskrit means '**finding out**'.

Team led by IIT Bombay student develops low-cost mechanical ventilator Ruhdaar:

Team led by **IIT Bombay** student has developed low-cost mechanical ventilator Ruhdaar. Design has been incubated at Design Innovation Centre, IUST, Pulwama. The project head Zulqarnain, a first-year student of Industrial Design Centre of IIT Bombay.

KGMU becomes 1st govt hospital in country to launch plasma therapy for COVID-19:

A 58-year-old doctor became the first coronavirus patient in **Uttar Pradesh** to receive plasma therapy as an experimental treatment for the disease at the **King George Medical University (KGMU) Lucknow**. It is an experimental procedure for COVID-19 patients.

Patient was administered **200 ml** plasma.

USGS releases first complete geologic map of the Moon:

The **USGS (United States Geological Survey)** has released the first complete **geologic map** of the **Moon**, providing a truly comprehensive look at our nearest cosmic neighbour. The team created the map using a mix of Apollo-era maps.

LIGO detects first merger of two unequal-mass black holes:

For the 1st time since it started functioning, the gravitational wave observatories at **LIGO (Laser Interferometer Gravitational Wave Laboratory)** scientific collaboration have detected merger of 2 unequal-mass black holes which are **2.4 bn** light years away. The black holes were 20 and 40 times the mass of the sun.

IIT-Bhubaneswar develops multi-surface sanitizer to disinfect devices:

IIT-Bhubaneswar has designed multi-surface sanitizer using **UV light** for the disinfection of devices in the combat against COVID-19. When the infected object was placed into the chamber, it gets exposed to UV light & will be disinfected within **15 minutes**.

It was developed based on the results available for **SARS CoV-1**.

Durgapur-based CSIR lab develops Robotic device "HCARD":

HCARD (Hospital Care Assistive Robotic Device) is developed by **Durgapur-based CSIR lab**, Central Mechanical Engineering Research Institute. It will help frontline healthcare workers in maintaining physical distance from those infected by coronavirus.

IIT Kanpur develops sensor-based covid-19 sanitisation box:

To help sanitisation of essential commodities used at home, the **Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur (IIT-Kanpur)** has developed a corona killer box. The box can sanitise all kinds of vegetables, fruits, sugar, milk, pulses, mobiles, and currency.

Central University of Punjab(CUPB) launches Covid-19 information portal:

Central University of Punjab, Bathinda has launched a **"unique"** COVID-19 information portal at CUPB City Campus, on which most of the "authentic information & sources are available for the references, research, & common understanding of the phenomenon".

SNBNCBS develops Nanomedicine to alter oxidative stress to treat viral infections including COVID-19:

Scientists at **S. N. Bose National Centre for Basic Sciences, Kolkata** have developed cost-effective **nanomedicine** that promises treatment of a number of diseases by altering oxidative stress in the body. It may provide hope in India's fight against COVID-19.

It can decrease/ increase **Reactive Oxygen Species (ROS)** in body.

Janaushadhi Sugam app to access generic medicine benefits 325000 users:

"**Janaushadhi Sugam**" a mobile application developed by the Bureau of Pharma PSUs of India(BPPI) under the Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, Government of India for the **Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP)**.

IIG develops new simulation code to study electric field structure in Earth's Magnetosphere":

Scientists at the **Indian Institute of Geomagnetism** have developed a

generalized one-dimensional fluid simulation code capable of studying a wide spectrum of coherent electric field structures in near-earth plasma environment or earth's magnetosphere.

US Scientists discover 1st known aquatic Dinosaur 'Spinosaurus aegyptiacus':

According to the study published in the journal Nature, a team of United States scientists have discovered a carnivorous **swimming dinosaur** named '**Spinosaurus aegyptiacus**' at the **Kem Kem region** of the Moroccan Sahara in **North Africa**.

Spinosaurus is said to be lived about **95 million** years ago.

IIT Hyderabad to collaborate with Hong Kong firm to create venture ecosystem:

IIT-Hyderabad has planned to collaborate with a Hong Kong-based financial firm **New Frontier Capital Management**, to establish a global network for ventures as well as to create a venture ecosystem. Objective is to promote innovation, research & incubation.

Firm has a worldwide presence including in **Tokyo** and **Singapore**.

Russia to launch its 1st satellite 'Arktika-M' to monitor Arctic climate & environment:

Russia will be launching its 1st **Arktika-M satellite (Remote-sensing & emergency communications satellite)** to monitor the Arctic climate & environment on 2020.

The second **Arktika-M** satellite is also under development and its launch is scheduled for **2023**. Satellite will be launched using a Soyuz-2.1b carrier.

NIAB develops portable 'ECovSens' tool for diagnosis of COVID-19 antigens from saliva:

Leading scientists from the Hyderabad-based **National Institute of Animal Biotechnology (NIAB)** have developed a portable device called '**eCovSens**' that can be used for detecting COVID-19 antigens from saliva samples of suspected coronavirus patients.

'**ECovSens**' can detect the corona infection in just **30 seconds**.

UV Blaster: DRDO develops WiFi-enabled UV disinfection tower:

DRDO has developed an **ultraviolet (UV)** disinfection tower that can be used for rapid and chemical-free disinfection of infection-prone areas. It is likely to prove useful at a time when the novel coronavirus pandemic has disrupted normal life across India.

BharatPe launches two apps to limit the need to touch handsets for checking transactions:

BharatPe announced 2 additional features on its app for the merchants- "**Paisa Bolega & BharatPe Balance**". With Paisa Bolega, shopkeepers can hear aloud instant confirmation of all payments received through their **BharatPe QR**, without touching the phone

CSIR-IGIB and TATA Sons sign MoU for licensing 'KNOWHOW' for rapid diagnosis of Covid-19:

An MoU was signed between **CSIR's (Council of Scientific and Industrial Research)** constituent lab, **Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology (CSIR-IGIB)** and TATA Sons for licensing of 'KNOWHOW' for FNCAS9 Editor Linked Uniform Detection Assay (FELUDA) for rapid diagnosis of Covid19.

Long March 5B: China's new Rocket launched successfully:

China has launched a new rocket along with a prototype deep-space spacecraft. Aboard the **Long March 5** was a special prototype spacecraft that is somewhat akin to the deep-space Orion capsule **NASA** has been developing to people to the Moon and beyond.

Astronomers find Jupiter-like Cloud Bands on closest Brown Dwarf:

A team of astronomers has discovered that the closest known **brown dwarf, Luhman 16A**, shows signs of cloud bands similar to those seen on Jupiter and Saturn. Brown dwarfs are objects heavier than planets but lighter than stars. They typically have **13 to 80** times the mass of Jupiter.

CSIR launches Compendium of Indian Technologies to tackle COVID-19 pandemic:

A 'Compendium of Indian Technologies for Combating COVID-19 (Tracing, Testing and Treating)' prepared by NDRC (**National Research Development Corporation**) was launched by Dr. Shekhar C. Mande, Director General,

CSIR, and Secretary, DSIR, Govt. of India at CSIR Headquarters, New Delhi.

DRDO lab develops automated UV systems to sanitise electronic gadgets, papers & currency notes:

Hyderabad based Defence Research and Development Organisation (**DRDO**) lab has developed automated Ultraviolet systems, called **Defence Research Ultraviolet Sanitiser (DRUVS)** to sanitise electronic gadgets, papers and currency notes.

It provides 360-degree exposure of UV to objects placed inside.

IIT-Delhi startup launches reusable antimicrobial mask NSafe:

With increasing demand for face masks to contain transmission of deadly COVID-19 virus, **IIT (Indian Institute of Technology) - Delhi** startup company named **Nanosafe** solutions has developed and launched an antimicrobial and washable face mask "**NSafe**" that can be reused upto 50 launderings

CFTRI develops Spirulina groundnut Chikki to boost immunity during pandemic:

The **Mysuru**-based Central Food Technological Research Institute, **CFTRI** developed by Spirulina groundnut **Chikki**, provides micro-nutrients & boost the immunity of people during the time of a pandemic. It is rich in micro-nutrients.

Mahindra Launches Digital Car Buying Platform 'Own-Online' To Boost Sales Amid Covid-19 Crisis:

Mahindra & Mahindra (M&M) has launched an integrated online platform that will provide end-to-end sales experience for prospective buyers amid the coronavirus pandemic.

Under the new initiative Own-Online, a customer can **finance, insure, exchange, accessories** and own a company vehicle, in four simple steps, from the comfort of their homes.

Parakh: DRDO- DFRL's mobile microbial containment lab handed over to MMCRI:

Defence Food Research Laboratory (DFRL), an Indian defence laboratory of the **Defence Research and Development Organisation** (DRDO), has handed over an innovative, state of the art Mobile Microbial Containment

(BSL-3) Laboratory '**PARAKH**' to the **Mysuru Medical College and Research Institute** (MMCRI) to test samples of coronavirus (Covid-19).

Vijay Rupani Launches India's First PPE Kit Seam Sealing Machine In Rajkot:

Macpower CNC Machines Ltd, a Rajkot (Gujarat) based manufacturer of CNC (Computerized Numerical Control), has made India's 1st indigenous hot air seam sealing machine used to manufacture **personal protective equipment (PPE)** kits.

The make in India machine, manufactured with the guidance of doctors at **Indian Medical Association** (IMA), was launched by Gujarat chief minister **Vijay Rupani**.

China launches 2 satellites to test space-based communications technology:

China successfully launched two satellites to test the space-based **Internet of Things (IoT)** communications technology.

The satellites, Xingyun-2 01 and 02, were launched by a Kuaizhou-1A (KZ-1A)

carrier rocket from the **Jiuquan Satellite** Launch Centre in northwest China.

Brakes India gears up to make ventilators to fight Covid-19:

Part of the TVS Group, **Brakes India** is manufacturing low-cost automated respiratory assist device '**Sundaram Ventago**' along with partners like Sundaram Medical Foundation, **IIT-Madras**, Kauvery Hospital, Madras Medical College and with guidance from **MIT, Boston**.

Astronomers of the University of Canterbury discovered new one in a million Super-Earth:

Team of Astronomers at the **University of Canterbury(UC), New Zealand**, led by **Dr. Antonio Herrera Martin** and Associate Professor Michael Albrow discovered a new rare new **Super-Earth planet** towards the centre of the galaxy which is one of the planets similar to the size and orbit compared to the Earth.

'United We Fight': ICCR's Musical Creation to Fight COVID-19:

Bringing together composers, musicians and singers from across India, contributing recordings from homes,

Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) unveiled a musical creation "**United We Fight**". This song spreads the message of '**Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam**'.

NIT Kurukshetra Implements Enterprises Resource Planning (ERP), SAMARTH:

SAMARTH is an Open Standard Open Source **Architecture, Secure, Scalable** and **Evolutionary Process** Automation Engine for Universities and Higher Educational Institutions. It caters to faculty, students and staff at University/Higher Educational Institutions.

SAMARTH has now been implemented at **NIT, Kurukshetra in Haryana**.

Tencent launches video conferencing app VooV Meeting in India:

China's **Tencent** launched **VooV Meeting**, a Zoom-like video conferencing platform with advanced features across Apple App Store and Google Play in more than 100 countries. The app allows attendees a duration per meeting of 9999 minutes without any charges.

The platform supports up to **25 attendees** at a time.

IIT-Gandhinagar develops COVID-19 dashboard to help contain community infection post lockdown:

Researchers at Indian **Institute of Technology (IIT) - Gandhinagar** (IITGN), Gujarat, have developed an interactive COVID-19 dashboard named **"MIR AHD Covid-19 Dashboard"**, that can help administrators, hospitals as well as public in planning optimised testing for the novel coronavirus and containing community infection in various post-lockdown scenarios.

NIPER-Guwahati developed innovative 3D products to contain COVID-19 spread:

National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research-Guwahati (NIPER-G) has developed two products, **3D-printed** hands-free object & 3D-printed antimicrobial face-shield, to help in the fight against the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic.

IISc develops antimicrobial composite material and testing protocols for PPEs:

A team from **Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru (IISc)** has developed a three-layered antimicrobial composite material of low-cost for making masks. The material of N95 masks is designed to cut off particles of the size of **0.3 micrometres** to about **95%** efficiency.

Indian Navy Commissions Seventh MK IV Landing Craft Utility, IN LCU L57:

Lt. General **PS Rajeshwar**, Commanding-in-Chief of Andaman & Nicobar Command, has commissioned the **103rd Landing Craft Utility** (LCU) MK IV class vessel **'INLCU L 57'** into the Indian Navy at **Port Blair**.

It was the 7th in the series of 8 such vessels being indigenously made by **Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited (GRSE)** for the Navy.

Italy develops 'iFeel - you' bracelet for Social Distancing:

The Genoa-based Italian **Institute of Technology (IIT)** has developed **"iFeel - You"**, an intelligent bracelet to help with social distancing. It uses a radio

signal when another bracelet is approaching and does not use GPS & cannot track the user's location.

ARCI jointly develop biodegradable metal implants for use in humans:

Scientists at International Advanced Research Centre for Powder Metallurgy & New Materials, **ARCI** & **Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute of Medical Sciences** developed new generation Iron-Manganese based alloys for biodegradable metal implants for use in humans.

South Central Railway develops robotic device to assist in patients care in hospitals:

South Central Railway zone has developed a robotic device, "**RAIL-BOT**" (R-BOT) to assist in hospital management functions towards patient care during the pandemic. It is used to provide medicines, medical accessories without any need for physical contact.

Tata Motors' JLR rolls out first Range Rover made under social distancing measures:

The first **Range Rover** made under new social distancing measures in place to

combat coronavirus drove off the production line at the Tata Motors' owned **Jaguar Land Rover's** manufacturing plant in **Solihull** in the West Midlands region of England following a recent temporary pause in production due to the pandemic.

Bharat Biotech and Thomas Jefferson partner on Covid-19 vaccine:

Vaccine manufacturer **Bharat Biotech** and **Thomas Jefferson University of Philadelphia** have signed an exclusive deal to develop a new vaccine candidate for COVID-19 at Jefferson with the support from the Department of Biotechnology, Bharat Biotech aims for human trials in early December 2020.

Researchers on CSIRO develop heat resistant' corals to fight bleaching:

The team included researchers from **CSIRO**, Australia's national science agency, the **Australian Institute of Marine Science (AIMS)** and the University of Melbourne has successfully developed a potential agent that could help coral reefs increase their heat tolerance, as per the report by **Commonwealth Scientific and**

Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO).

Tata Capital launches voicebot 'TIA' on Whatsapp:

Tata Capital has launched the voicebot "TIA" on **WhatsApp**. The voicebot offers a range of services to its customers like opting for a new loan or getting queries resolved etc. TIA, the Voicebot is also available on Alexa and also as a Chatbot.

Airtel acquires stake in conversational AI startup Voicezen:

Bharti Airtel has acquired a strategic stake in **Voicezen**, an early stage startup focused on conversational **AI technologies**. The acquisition has been made by the company under Airtel Startup Accelerator Program.

IIT Guwahati discovers new ways to prevent memory loss due to Alzheimer:

The research team at **IIT Guwahati** studied the neurochemical principles of **Alzheimer's** and explored ways to prevent accumulation of neurotoxic molecules in brain associated with short-term memory loss. It can help prevent or reduce short-term memory losses.

India has **3rd highest** number of patients after **China** and **USA**.

Agappe Chitra Magna: Made-In-India Medical Tech That Will Make COVID-19 Tests Cheaper, Faster And More Accurate :

Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Science and Technology (SCTIMST), Trivandrum with **Agappe Diagnostics Ltd**, Cochin, a vitro diagnostics manufacturing company organised the commercial launch of The Agappe Chitra Manga, a magnetic nanoparticle-based **RNA extraction Kit** for the detection of COVID-19 at the Biomedical Technology Wing of SCTIMST.

IIT-M researchers develop low cost Solar Parabolic Trough Collector for use in desalination, space heating, space cooling:

Researchers at the **Indian Institute of Technology-Madras (IIT-M)** have developed a low cost Solar '**Parabolic Trough Collector**' (PTC) system for concentrating solar energy with industrial applications in areas such as desalination, space heating and space cooling, among others.

Patanjali to launch e-commerce platform to sell swadeshi goods:

Yoga guru Baba Ramdev-led **Patanjali Ayurved** is getting ready to launch its e-commerce platform "**OrderMe**" to sell swadeshi-only items within the next 15 days.

While the products will be delivered by the company free of cost within a few hours, users will also be offered **24X7** free medical advice from around 1, 500 doctors of Patanjali and **yoga tutorials**.

Australian researchers achieve world's fastest Internet speeds:

Researchers from **Monash, Swinburne, and RMIT universities** of **Australia** have successfully tested and recorded the **world's fastest internet** data speed.

The researchers achieved this from a single optical chip – capable of downloading **1000 high definition** movies in a split second, as per the Swinburne Institute's official release.

Indian Navy's 'breathable' PPE kit 'NavRakshak':

The **Indian Navy's** indigenously-made PPE kit, "**NavRakshak**", made for enhancing comforts of the health workers

under Indian conditions, is helping fight the war against COVID in a better and effective manner. Navrakshak translates to a "novel protector".

It is made with an innovative '**breathable**' fabric material.

US Navy successfully tests a laser weapon that can destroy aircraft mid-flight:

United States Navy warship has successfully tested a new high-energy **laser weapon** that can destroy aircraft mid-flight. According to the Navy, lasers, can be called directed energy weapons, can be effective defences against **drones** or **armed small boats**.

APPOINTMENTS

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RBI extends Madhavan Menon's term as part-time Chairman of CSB Bank:

CSB Bank said the Reserve Bank of India has extended the term of appointment of **Madhavan Menon** as the part-time Chairman of the Bank till July 21, 2020. Extension is in terms of Section 10B (1A) (i) of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.

US President Donald Trump nominates Indian American as US envoy to OECD:

US President **Donald Trump** has nominated senior Indian American diplomat Manisha Singh as America's next envoy to the **Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development**. She is currently Assistant Secretary of State for Economic and Business Affairs.

Bureaucratic reshuffle in govt, Tarun Bajaj appointed DEA Secretary:

Rural Development Secretary **Rajesh Bhushan** has been appointed as the **Officer on Special Duty (OSD)** in the

Health and Family Welfare Department in the rank of secretary.

Nagendra Nath Sinha will be the new Secretary of Rural Development Department in place of **Bhushan**.

Information and Broadcasting Secretary **Ravi Mittal** has been moved out as Secretary, Department of Sports.

Justice Dipankar Datta sworn in as Chief Justice of Bombay High Court:

A senior judge of the **Calcutta High Court** (HC) **Justice Dipankar Datta** was sworn-in as the new Chief Justice of Bombay HC on 28 April. The oath of office was administered by Governor of Maharashtra **Bhagat Singh Koshiyari** at Raj Bhavan.

Justice Dipankar Datta will replace Justice **Bhushan Pradyumna Dharmadhikari** whose term as Chief Justice ended on 27 April 2020.

Former finance secretary Rajiv Kumar appointed PESB chief:

Former finance secretary **Rajiv Kumar** has been appointed as the chairperson of the **Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB)**. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet headed by PM Modi has

approved his appointment to the post for a period of **3 years**.

Suresh N. Patel takes oath as Vigilance Commissioner:

Suresh N. Patel took oath as Vigilance Commissioner, he was administered the oath of office by **Shri Sanjay Kothari**, Central Vigilance Commissioner. He was the Managing Director & CEO of **Andhra Bank** and was an Executive Director in Oriental Bank of Commerce.

Tenure of Vigilance Commissioner is of **four years**.

PNB housing appoints Neeraj Vyas as interim MD & CEO as incumbent Sanjaya Gupta steps down:

Punjab National Bank (PNB) Housing Finance Limited appointed independent director **Neeraj Vyas** as the Interim Managing Director(MD) and Chief Executive Officer(CEO) for the period of eight months effective from 28th April.

Neeraj Vyas is currently an independent director in the board of the company, following the early retirement of PNB housing Finance managing Director **Sanjaya Gupta** whose tenure as MD and CEO.

Former Karnataka batsman J Arunkumar named as USA national team coach:

Former Karnataka cricketer **J. Arunkumar**, 45 years old, was appointed as the head coach of the **USA** (United States of America) men's national team. He was the successor of interim coach **James Pamment**.

Indian Oil names Shrikant Vaidya as new Chairman:

India's largest state-run oil refiner & fuel retailer- **Indian Oil** names **Shrikant Madhav Vaidya** as Chairman. Currently, he is the director of refineries in the company & will succeed **Sanjiv Singh**, who demits office on June 30. He is a Chemical Engineer.

T S Tirumurti appointed India's Permanent Representative to the United Nations:

T S Tirumurti an Indian Foreign Service officer of 1985 currently serving as the Secretary, Economic Relations in the Ministry of External Affairs was appointed as the permanent representative of India to the **United Nations** at New York,

succeeding **Syed Akbaruiddin** following his retirement

India appoints new Ambassadors to Qatar & Bahrain:

Deepak Mittal has been appointed India's next Ambassador to Qatar, while **Piyush Srivastava** goes to **Bahrain** in the same capacity, as per an official release of Ministry of External Affairs. The new appointees are of the 1998 batch of Indian Foreign Service.

Google ropes in former Axis Bank CEO Shikha Sharma for its payments business:

Google Pay, the digital payments arm of tech giant Google, has roped in former Axis Bank CEO **Shikha Sharma** as an advisor. Google offers UPI based payments in India in partnership with 4 major banks- **HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank, Axis Bank and State Bank of India.**

Yes Bank appoints Neeraj Dhawan as chief risk officer with immediate effect:

Yes Bank has appointed **Neeraj Dhawan** as its chief risk officer with immediate effect for a period of **three years**. Prior to this, Dhawan was holding

the position of chief risk officer for retail and business banking at Yes Bank.

Yes Bank CEO: **Prashant Kumar**

Professor Shobana Narasimhan of JNCASR elected as International Member to American Academy of Arts and Science:

Professor Shobhana Narasimha head of the Computational Nanoscience group from the ***Theoretical Science Unit (TSU), Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR)***, an autonomous institute under the Department of Science and Technology of the Government of India has been elected as an International Honorary Member to the American Academy of Arts and Science

Tata Motors JLR CEO Ralf Speth elected Fellow of UK's Royal Society:

Professor Sir **Ralf Speth**, the Chief Executive of Tata Motors-owned **Jaguar Land Rover (JLR)**, has been elected a Fellow of the prestigious Royal Society in the UK. The honour is in recognition of Speth's advocacy for UK R&D.

NTPC appointed Ramesh Babu as director:

State-owned power giant **NTPC** (National Thermal Power Corporation Limited) appointed **Ramesh Babu V** as director (operations). He was the successor of **Prakash Tiwari** who retired on April 30, 2020.

Before his appointment Babu served as the **Executive Director** (ED) to the CMD (Chairman and Managing Director) while also working on system

RBL Bank appoints Deepak Kumar as Chief Risk Officer:

RBL Bank announced that it has appointed **Deepak Kumar** as the Chief Risk Officer (CRO) of the bank for a period of **two years** who will replace **Ramnath Krishnan**. Kumar has served as the Chief General Manager of the **State Bank of India (SBI)**.

Professor Shobhana Narsimhan Elected To American Academy Of Arts And Sciences:

Professor **Shobhana Narasimhan** from the Theoretical Sciences Unit (TSU) at the Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR), has been elected as an International Honorary

Member to the American Academy of Arts and Science.

Sanjay Kumar Jha assumes charge as CMD, Midhani:

Sanjay Kumar Jha, Director (Production & Marketing) of Mishra Dhatu Nigam Ltd (MIDHANI), assumed charge as its Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) in **Hyderabad**. Jha served in **Department of Atomic Energy** (DAE) for more than 27 years.

Flipkart appoints Sriram Venkataraman as CFO Flipkart Commerce:

Flipkart has appointed **Sriram Venkataraman** as Chief Financial Officer for Flipkart Commerce (Flipkart and Myntra), effective immediately.

Sriram will be responsible for key finance operations and functions at Flipkart and Myntra, including Tax & Treasury.

Trump nominates Indian American as US representative to IBRD:

U.S. President **Donald Trump** has nominated Indian American **Ashok Michael Pinto** as a representative to the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

Pinto was nominated as US Alternate Executive Director of **IBRD** for a term of two years. He is the Counselor at the US Department of the Treasury.

Max Bupa Health Insurance appoints Krishnan Ramachandran as MD & CEO:

Max Bupa Health Insurance has appointed **Krishnan Ramachandran** as MD & CEO. Krishnan has 23 years of experience across health insurance, healthcare & life sciences industry. Last he served as CEO of Apollo Munich Health Insurance. He succeeded **Ashish Mehrotra**.

National Fertilizer appoints new Non-official Independent Director:

State-run **National Fertilizers Ltd (NFL)** announced the appointment of **Pandya Ashwinkumar Balvantray** as Non-official Independent Director on the Board of the Company. His appointment will be for three years.

Chairman & Managing Director of NFL is **Manoj Mishra**

Standard Chartered Bank appoints Kusal Roy as head of retail banking:

Standard Chartered Bank India has appointed **Kusal Roy** as its head of retail

banking. Prior to joining Standard Chartered Bank, he was the managing director and chief executive at Tata Capital Financial Services Ltd.

Ajinkya Rahane appointed ELSA Corp India brand ambassador:

Indian Test team vice-captain **Ajinkya Rahane** has been named as the brand ambassador of ELSA Corp India, a global Edu-tech company.

He was appointed as ELSA Corp's brand ambassador for **India**, Middle East, **ANZ** and **SAARC**.

IES Officer Negi assumes charge as Director General of Labour Bureau:

D P S Negi, a 1985 batch IES (Indian Economic Services) officer has assumed charge as Director General (DG) of Labour Bureau in the Ministry of Labour and Employment by replacing **B N Nanda**. In addition, he also takes charge as Senior Labour & Employment Advisor of the ministry.

DEA Secretary Tarun Bajaj nominated to RBI Central Board:

Government has nominated **Tarun Bajaj**, Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, as a Director

on the Central Board of Reserve Bank of India. He replaces Atanu Chakraborty to the position in the RBI.

Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury reappointed as chairperson of Parliament's public Accounts Committee:

Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, Congress Leader of Lok Sabha was reappointed as Chairperson of the Parliament's Public Accounts Committee (PAC) by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla. PAC is the oldest parliamentary committee first constituted in 1921.

Mustafa al-Kadhimi sworn in as prime minister of Iraq:

Iraq's prime minister-designate **Mustafa al-Kadhimi** was sworn in as the country's new prime minister after weeks of political negotiations. **Al-Kadhimi**, 53, has headed the Iraqi Intelligence Service since June 2016.

UNEP extends Dia Mirza's term as Goodwill Ambassador till 2022:

United Nations Environment Programme extended environmentalist and actor-producer **Dia Mirza's** term as its National Goodwill Ambassador for another two years till the end of **2022**.

She is also a United Nations Sustainability Development Goals Advocate.

Narinder Batra's Term As FIH President Extended To May 2021:

Narinder Batra will remain President of the International Hockey Federation (FIH) until May 2021.

The **Executive Board** (EB) of the International Hockey Federation (FIH) has decided to postpone the 47th FIH Congress, initially planned on 28 October-1 November 2020 in New Delhi, to **May 2021**.

Kumar Sangakkara set for 2nd term as MCC President:

Former Sri Lanka skipper **Kumar Sangakkara** is set to serve his second term as the president of **Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC)**.

He became the first **non-British** President of the club when he assumed office on October 1 last year. **Sangakkara** is all set to enter an elite list of people who have served multiple terms.

Wipro CEO and MD Abidali Z Neemuchwala steps down:

Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Managing Director **Abidali Z Neemuchwala** of Wipro Limited has decided to step down due to family commitments.

Neemuchwala will continue to hold the office of CEO and Managing Director until a successor is appointed for a smooth transition and to ensure that business continues as usual.

Shri Indu Shekhar Chaturvedi assumes charge as Secretary, Ministry of New & Renewable Energy:

Shri **Indu Shekhar Chaturvedi** (IAS) assumed charge as new Secretary, Ministry of New & Renewable Energy. He succeeded Shri **Anand Kumar** in the Ministry who earlier took charge Secretary, Ministry of Culture.

He has worked with the Govt of **Jharkhand** & Govt of India.

IAS officer Manoj Ahuja appointed new CBSE Chairperson:

IAS officer **Manoj Ahuja** has been appointed as the Chairperson of the **Central Board of Secondary Education** (CBSE). He will replace **Anita Karwal**.

V Vidyavathi appointed as chief of Archaeological Survey of India:

The **Archaeological Survey of India** (ASI) got a new Director-General with the appointment of IAS officer **V. Vidyavathi**, according to Appointments Committee of the Cabinet. She will be serving in the rank of Additional Secretary to the Government of India.

Commonwealth Games gold-medallist boxer Akhil Kumar re-inducted into NADA panel :

Former Commonwealth Games gold-winning boxer **Akhil Kumar** has been re-inducted into the NADA's Disciplinary Panel.

The **Arjuna award-winning** Olympian is among the most accomplished names in Indian boxing and has also been the government observer for the sport between **2017** and **2019**.

Roberto Azevedo quits as WTO chief a year early:

The Head of the **World Trade Organization** (WTO) **Roberto Azevedo**, a former diplomat from Brazil, has decided to resign, a year before his term expires. He has been the Director-General

of WTO since September 2013 and will step down on August 31st.

Zubair Iqbal appointed MD J-K Bank, Chibber to continue as chairman:

The **Jammu and Kashmir** administration approved the appointment of senior vice president of HDFC Bank **Zubair Iqbal** as its new managing director. **R K Chibber** will continue as the bank's chairman for the next three years. Iqbal will have a **three-year** tenure.

Disney's Head of Streaming Is appointed as C.E.O of TikTok:

The Walt Disney Company's top streaming executive, **Kevin Mayer**, resigned to become the chief executive of **Tik Tok**, a Chinese-owned company.

Dilip Oommen is new President of Indian Steel Association:

Dilip Oommen, CEO, Arcelor Mittal Nippon Steel India has taken over as President of the **Indian Steel Association (ISA)**. He is appointed to the position for the next 2 years. His appointment comes after the resignation of **T V Narendran**, MD of Tata Steel.

Moeketsi Majoro sworn in as Lesotho's new prime minister:

Moeketsi Majoro has been sworn in as **Lesotho's** prime minister following the resignation of his embattled predecessor, **Thomas Thabane**.

Majoro, who was previously served as the finance minister of the country, took the oath at the king's palace in front of dignitaries.

Lesotho: Capital: **Maseru** Currency: **Lesotho loti**

Ayush Secretary Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha gets two years extension:

Ayurveda expert **Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha** has got two years extension as the secretary, **Ministry of Ayush**. He was in 2017 appointed special secretary in the Ministry of Ayush (Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy) for three years.

Franklin Templeton appoints Kotak Mahindra Bank to assist in monetization of assets of six shut schemes:

Franklin Templeton Trustee Services has appointed **Kotak Mahindra Bank** as an independent adviser to assist Franklin Templeton Asset Management (India) Private Ltd with all portfolio actions in six

funds being wound up, including monetising their assets.

Govinda Rajulu Chintala appointed as chairman of NABARD:

The Appointments Committee of the Union Cabinet has appointed **Govinda Rajulu Chintala** as the Chairman of **National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)**.

He is presently serving as the **Chief General Manager** at NABARD and will remain on the post till his superannuation in July 2022. Presently, **Dr. Harsh Kumar Bhanwala** is serving as the Chairman of NABARD.

Shaji K V and **P.V.S Suryakumar** have been appointed as **Deputy Managing Directors (DMD)** of **NABARD**.

Rajesh Goel appointed as director general of NAREDCO:

Realtors body **National Real Estate Development Council (NAREDCO)** has appointed **Rajesh Goel** as director general (DG) of the association.

Earlier, Goel was serving as the chairman and managing director, **Hindustan Prefab Ltd.**

World Bank appoints financial crises expert Carmen Reinhart as chief economist and Vice President:

The **World Bank** appointed financial crisis expert **Carmen Reinhart** as its new **vice president** and **chief economist**, leaning on the expertise of the former **International Monetary Fund** executive as the Covid-19 pandemic plunges the global economy into the deepest recession since the Great Depression.

Former IAS Officer B R Sharma appointed as Chairman of J&K PSC:

J&K Government has appointed **B R Sharma**, former IAS Officer, as Chairman Public Service Commission for the UT of J&K.

Lieutenant Governor **G C Murmu** has appointed **B R Sharma** as PSC Chairman who shall hold the position of the Chairman, Public Service Commission till he attains the age of sixty two years.

Alibaba's Jack Ma resigns from SoftBank board:

Alibaba co-founder **Jack Ma** will resign from **SoftBank Group board**, in the

latest departure by a high-profile ally of CEO Masayoshi Son.

SoftBank will propose three new appointments to the board, including group Chief Financial Officer **Yoshimoto Goto**, at its annual general meeting on June 25. The number of board members will expand to 13.

Sangita Dhingra Sehgal named president of Delhi State Consumer Commission:

Delhi High Court judge, Justice **Sangita Dhingra Sehgal** has tendered her resignation from the post following her appointment as President of the **Delhi State Consumer Dispute Redressal Commission**. The retirement age of a high court judge is **62 years**.

TS Tirumurti, India's New Permanent Representative To UN Presents takes charge:

TS Tirumurti, India's new Permanent Representative to the **United Nations**, presented his credentials virtually as he assumed charge as the Ambassador amid the coronavirus pandemic.

A 1985-batch Indian Foreign Service officer, Tirumurti succeeds Ambassador

Syed Akbaruddin, who retired on April 30 and returned to Hyderabad.

Jahnabi Phookan appointed as National President of FICCI FLO:

Assam-based entrepreneur Jahnabi Phookan has been appointed as the National President of **FICCI Ladies Organization (FLO)**, the women wing of the leading industry chamber of the country.

Phookan took over from outgoing National President **Harjinder Kaur Talwar** at the **36th** FLO Annual Session in presence of Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla.

Indian economist Abhas Jha appointed as World Bank's Practice Manager for Climate Change in South Asia:

Abhas Jha has been appointed by the **World Bank** to a key position on climate change and disaster management in South Asia, the global lender said. Jha's appointment comes at a time when **Cyclone Amphan** has badly hit **West Bengal, Odisha in India & Bangladesh**.

AWARDS
and
RECOGNITIONS:

Joe Biden wins Ohio's Presidential Primary:

In United States, **Joe Biden** won **Ohio's Presidential Primary**, clinching a contest that was less about the Democratic nomination and more about how states can conduct elections in the era of the Corona virus.

Karnataka tops in total installed renewable capacity: CRISIL

Research report:

According to a **CRISIL** Research report, **Karnataka** retained its 1st position in terms of total installed renewable capacity in FY20 followed by **Tamil Nadu(2nd) & Gujarat(3rd)**.

The top 3 states in overall solar energy capacity addition are- **Rajasthan**, **Tamil Nadu** and **Karnataka** & in wind energy- **Gujarat**, **Tamil Nadu** and **Maharashtra**.

Manipuri doctor Thangjam Dhabali Singh conferred 'Order of Rising Sun' by Japan:

Thangjam Dhabali Singh, Manipuri allopathic doctor, was conferred with "**Order of Rising Sun- Gold and Silver Rays**" by the **Japan** government for promoting a better understanding of Japan in India and deepening ties between 2 countries.

Nikkei Asia Prize 2020 to IIT Madras prof for work on water filters:

Prof. T. Pradeep of IIT Madras has been honoured with **the Nikkei Asia Prizes (NAP) 2020** in the science and technology category.

NAP are awarded annually in three areas- **Economic and Business Innovation, Science and Technology and Culture and Community**.

Richard Hadlee Medal goes to Ross Taylor, Southee bags Test prize:

New Zealand Batsman **Ross Taylor** was honoured with **Sir Richard Hadlee Medal** for the third time for excelling across formats. **Tim Southee** bagged the **top Test prize**.

Taylor went past Stephen Fleming's tally to become the leading run-scorer for New Zealand in Tests.

Kim Cotton was named the **Umpire of the Year**.

Marcus Wallenberg Prize 2020: 'Nobel Prize of Forest Research':

Joseph J Landsberg, Richard H Waring & Nicholas C Coops share the 2020 MW Prize for a model to predict forest growth in a changing climate. Satellite imagery offers the possibility to scale up the model to show how environmental conditions affect the forests.

Indian-origin girl Vaneeza names NASA's 1st Mars helicopter as 'Ingenuity':

A 17-year old Indian-origin girl **Vaneeza Rupani** has named the 1st helicopter to be built for Mars as '**Ingenuity**' after she submitted her essay in **NASA's** (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) 'Name the Rover' competition.

NASA's mars rover '**Perseverance**' & '**Ingenuity**' are scheduled to launch in **July 2020** and will land in February 2021 in the Jezero Crater of Mars.

Padma Shri awardee Thalappil Pradeep named for **25th Nikkei Asia Prizes 2020 in S&T:**

IIT-Madras Professor & Padma Shri awardee **Thalappil Pradeep** named for 25th Nikkei Asia Prizes 2020 in S&T.

The prize includes a cash component of **3 Million Yen** and an award certificate and is scheduled to be awarded in Tokyo, Japan later 2020.

It should be noted that **Nikkei Asia Prizes** are awarded in three categories.

J&K photojournalists secure Pulitzer 2020 for 'striking images of life':

Associated Press news agency's photographers **Dar Yasin, Mukhtar Khan,** and **Channi Anand** secured the **2020 Pulitzer Prize** (*Honour for US-based journalists & organisations*) in feature photography for 'striking images of life' by covering the crackdown in Kashmir post the revocation of Article 370.

Vladimir Putin awards commemorative World War II medal to North Korean leader Kim Jong-un:

Russian embassy in Pyongyang, North Korea announced that the Russian President **Vladimir Putin** has awarded North Korean Leader **Kim Jong-un** a commemorative war medal marking the

75th anniversary of the victory over Nazi Germany.

Professor Saurabh Lodha received 2020 Young Career Award in Nano Science and Technology:

Professor **Saurabh Lodha** from Electrical Engineering, IIT Bombay, received the Young Career Award in Nano Science & Technology for the year 2020.

The award is instituted by the **Department of Science and Technology** (DST), Government of India.

Danseuse Leela Samson to head JCB Prize for Literature 2020 jury:

Noted Bharatanatyam dancer, former chairperson of Sangeet Natak Akademi and author **Leela Samson** will head the five-member jury for the **Rs.25 lakh** JCB Prize for Literature 2020.

Sania Mirza Becomes First Indian to Win the Fed Cup Heart Award:

Sania Mirza played an integral role in India securing a first-ever place in the **Fed Cup** playoffs. She won the doubles match & helped secure a win over Indonesia. She also received **\$ 2, 000** which she donated to the relief fund.

She clinched the women's doubles title at **Hobart International**.

Journalist Siddharth Varadarajan among recipients of Deutsche Welle Freedom of Speech Award:

Indian journalist **Siddharth Varadarajan** was one of 17 recipients of the Freedom of Speech Award presented by German public news outlet Deutsche Welle, for showing **"outstanding commitment to human rights and freedom of expression in the media"**.

The announcement came on World Press Freedom Day.

Anunta won VMware 2020 Regional Partner of the Year Award:

Anunta received the VMware 2020 **Regional Partner of the Year Award** for the **Services Excellence category**.

Anunta was recognized for its **demonstrable achievements** using its skills and services capabilities, including consulting, managed, and subscription services, to help customers maximize the value received from their **VMware investments**.

Hazaribag's iconic Sohrai tribal art gets GI tag:

Jharkhand received the GI tag for its **Sohrai – Kohvar** art form. Mainly practised by tribal women of remote villages in **Hazaribag district**, these traditional and ritualistic paintings are made only with naturally available soils of different colours.

Geographical Indications Registry is headquartered in **Chennai**.

Telangana's Telia Rumal given GI tag:

Telia Rumal is created using the traditional handloom process and not by any other mechanical means. Telia Rumals were worn as a veil by princesses at the erstwhile court of the **Nizam of Hyderabad**, and as a **turban cloth** by Arabs in the Middle East.

Vice Admiral GM Hiranandani Memorial Rolling Trophy 2020:

Lieutenant commander **Akshay Kumar** of Anti-Submarine Warfare School of **Southern Naval Command (SNC)** at Kochi was awarded the coveted Vice Admiral **GM Hiranandani Memorial Rolling Award for the year 2020**. The trophy was instituted in the year 2013.

India's Chief Hydrographer Vice Admiral Vinay Badhwar wins UK award:

Vice Admiral **Vinay Badhwar**, the **National Hydrographer** to the government of India, has been honoured with the **2019 Alexander Dalrymple Award** in recognition of his outstanding contribution to Indian hydrography and across the wider Indian Ocean region.

Tom Hanks, 'Game of Thrones,' Cardi B, LeBron James Among Winners: Webby Awards:

Jimmy Fallon, Greta Thunberg, Malala Yousafzai, Tom Hanks, Cardi B, LeBron James, Lil Nas X, Dolly Parton, Ronan Farrow, Game of Thrones and Celine Dion are among the winners of the 24th annual Webby Awards, which honor the best of the web.

United Nations: India's KHUDOL declared one of Top 10 Global Initiatives to fight COVID-19:

United Nations listed the **KHUDOL** initiative of **Manipur** as one of the top 10 global initiatives to fight against COVID-19.

KHUDOL is an initiative of a NGO called **Ya All**. Under the initiative, the NGO provides food, hygiene and health of LGBTQ community, daily wage workers, people with **AIDS**.

HSL India Wins ET Iconic Brand for Year 2019-20:

Hahnemann Scientific Laboratory (India) Pvt Ltd, popularly known as **HSL (India)** wins Economic Times **Iconic Brand for the year 2019-20**.

As a yearly ritual, Economic Times brings together the most iconic brands that have gained traction not just in India but also globally for their track **record of excellence**, in the process carving out a distinct identity that resonated with audiences.

RANKING:

IIT Kharagpur ranked 57th in THE's 2nd edition of Impact Rankings 2020:

IIT Kharagpur has been ranked **57th** in the **Times Higher Education's (THE)** global list that ranks institutes of higher education in terms of their social and political impact framed around the United Nations' 17 sustainable development goals (SDG).

The list includes 766 universities across 89 countries.

India is world's 3rd largest military spender; expense rose by 6.8% in 2019:

The **US, China and India** were the world's three biggest military spenders in 2019, followed by Russia and Saudi Arabia. The two Asian countries made it to the top three for the first time, the **Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)**.

Total global spending rose to almost **\$2 trillion** in 2019.

India installs 7.3 GW of solar power in CY 2019 & secures world's 3rd largest solar market: Mercom

Mercom India Research has released a data report, India Solar Market Leaderboard 2020, which reveals the solar industry market leaders that emerged during the calendar year (CY) 2019. India is the **third-largest solar market** in the world as per the report.

India ranks 53rd in budget transparency, accountability in IBP survey:

India has been placed at **53rd** spot among 117 nations in terms of budget transparency & accountability, according to the Open Budget Survey conducted by **International Budget Partnership**. India's Budget process bagged a transparency score of 49 out of 100.

Chhattisgarh tops among other states in providing employment under MGNREGS:

Chhattisgarh has topped the list of states in providing employment to over 18 lakh unskilled labourers under the **Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS)**. Around **77.85 lakh** people are engaged in work under the MGNREGS scheme.

Chhattisgarh provided employment to **18.51 lakh** workers.

India is placed 3rd among countries in scientific publication: NSTMIS Survey:

The **National Science and Technology Management Information (NSTMIS)** survey on Research and Development Statistics and Indicators 2019- says that India ranks 3rd globally in the scientific publication. USA and China occupied the first two ranks.

Bengaluru airport voted as best regional airport in India & Central Asia:

The **Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru** has won this year's SKYTRAX Award for Best Regional Airport in **India** and **Central Asia**. It was voted as the best Regional Airport for the third time in four years at the **2020 World Airport Awards**.

Previously, this airport was adjudged the best in **2011 & 2012**.

Singapore Changi Airport crowned the "World's Best Airport":

For the **eighth** consecutive year, **Singapore's Changi Airport** has been

named the world's best at the awards run by research firm Skytrax. Asian airports dominated the top 10, with Japan's 4 of the country's airports nominated for the top award.

India Moves Up at 74th Rank in Global Energy Transition Index:

India has moved up two positions to rank **74th** on a global "**Energy Transition Index**" with improvements on all key parameters of economic growth, energy security and environmental sustainability.

Sweden has topped the Index for the **third consecutive year**.

Naomi Osaka becomes world's highest-paid female athlete:

Japanese tennis star **Naomi Osaka** has become the highest-paid **female athlete** in the world, topping American great **Serena Williams**. Osaka earned **\$37.4 million** in the last twelve months from prize money and endorsements, \$1.4 million more than Williams.

BOOKS AND AUTHORS:

Uma Balasubramaniam Newest Book on India's Unsung Hero: Sayajirao Gaekwad III: The Maharaja of Baroda
Uma Balasubramaniam's book titled "**Sayajirao Gaekwad III: Maharaja of Baroda**", a historic epic published by **Rupa publication**.

About how a Maratha farmer's 13-year-old boy becomes the **King of Baroda** and also how the fate twists for the favourite son of the British empire gets himself to the brink of being deposed by the British.

A book titled "The Room Where It Happened: A White House Memoir" authored by John Bolton:

A book titled "**The Room Where It Happened: A White House Memoir**" authored by **John Bolton**. The date of the book release has been pushed back from May 12, 2020 to June 23, 2020, on Amazon.com and Barnes & Noble bookseller company. The book was published by an American publishing company **Simon & Schuster**.

A new book "Shivaji in South Block: The Unwritten History of a Proud People":

A New book named **"Shivaji in South Block: The Unwritten History of a Proud People"** written by journalist **Girish Kuber** talks about Maharashtra's evolution from the past to the modern times and its contribution to the tapestry of the country's culture, politics, history and society.

Union Culture Minister released e-book 'Prof. B. B. Lal -India Rediscovered' to mark the centenary year of Prof B. B. Lal:

Shri Prahlad Singh Patel, Union Culture Minister, released an e-book **'Prof. B. B. Lal- India Rediscovered'** in **New Delhi**, on the occasion of centenary year (100th birthday) of the great archaeologist Professor Braj Basi Lal.

A book titled as Vijyant at Kargil: The Life of a Kargil War Hero authored by Colonel VN Thapar and Neha Dwivedi:

The book titled as **'Vijyant at Kargil: The Life of a Kargil Hero'** authored by Vijyant's father **Colonel VN Thapar** and writer **Neha Dwivedi**, a martyr's

daughter. Its e-book will be released on May 15. It is published by Penguin Random House

Vadhan's new book "Fear of God" deals with corruption vigilantism law:

The story of **"Fear of God"** weaves law, corruption, vigilantism and courtroom drama to follow the three central characters who are looking to achieve the same thing but through different means.

It is written by **Vadhan**, whose real name is **Bommadevara Sai Chandravadhan** and published by **TreeShade Books**

This is Vadhan's third novel after "Agniputr: When Agni First Spoke" and "Shatru".

Prince Harry-Meghan Markle's biography 'Finding Freedom' to be published in August:

The first biopic on Prince Harry and Meghan Markle's life, titled 'Finding Freedom: Harry and Meghan and the Making of A Modern Royal Family' has been topping the pre-order charts. The book would be published on August 11, 2020.

'Finding Freedom' is a biopic, written by royal reporters Omid Scobie and Carolyn

Durand. The book promises to dismantle the rumours revolving around Harry, the Duke of Sussex and Meghan, the Duchess of Sussex. It promises to bring the true story of Harry and Meghan forward.

Fang Fang's 'Wuhan Diary' offers eyewitness account of life in China during COVID-19 outbreak:

An eyewitness account of events as they unfolded in Wuhan is now available as an e-book. The book called **"Wuhan Diary: Dispatches from a Quarantined City"** is a compilation of online diary entries and social media posts by Chinese Literary writer **Fang Fang**.

Union HRD Minister e-Launches "Psycho-Social Impact of Pandemic & Lockdown and How to Cope With":

Union HRD Minister Shri **Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'** Launches print as well as e-editions of the set of seven titles on **"Psycho-Social impact of pandemic & lockdown and how to Cope With"** under the corona studies series published by National Book Trust India.

Ruskin Bond's new book 'Hop On: My Adventures on Boats, Trains and

Planes' released on his 86th birthday:

The book is titled Hop On: My Adventures on Boats, Trains and Planes authored by **Ruskin Bond**. He turned 86 and he celebrated it by releasing a new book which takes the audience through his adventures on boats, trains and planes.

In this book, Ruskin Bond narrates the most memorable travel adventures from his childhood. The illustrations are made by **Samrat Halder** and published by **Speaking Tiger's children's imprint Talking Cub**.

OBITUARY NEWS:

Senior Congress leader Badruddin Sheikh passes away following COVID19 infection:

Senior Congress leader and councillor in Amdavad Municipal Corporation **Badruddin Sheikh** passed away late last night following COVID19 infection. He had also served as State Congress spokesperson and Leader of opposition in AMC in past.

Former Governor, Veteran Congress Leader Devanand Konwar Passes Away in Guwahati:

Former Governor of Bihar and Tripura and veteran Congress leader **Devanand Konwar** died of old age ailments at his Guwahati residence. He was 86. He had also served as governor (additional charge) of West Bengal from December 2009 to January 2010.

Veteran photojournalist Ronny Roy passes away:

Veteran sports photojournalist **Ronojoy 'Ronny' Roy** passes away following a cardiac arrest.

Popularly known as '**Ronny**', he was associated with Bengali daily Aajkaal since 1990s and covered the ICC WorldCup in England last year.

Ex-NASA administrator James Beggs passes away:

Former NASA administrator **James M. Beggs**, passed away. He led the agency during the early years of the space shuttle program and resigned after the Challenger disaster killed seven astronauts in 1986.

Bollywood actor Irrfan Khan dies at 54:

Bollywood actor **Irrfan Khan** passed away at the age of **54 years**. He went on to deliver memorable performances in films such as The Life of Pi, Slumdog Millionaire, The Mighty Heart and **Jurassic World**. His last film was Angrezi Medium.

He had won **IIFA** and **Filmfare Award** multiple times.

Veteran Bollywood actor Rishi Kapoor passes away at 67

Veteran Bollywood actor **Rishi Kapoor** passed away at 67. The actor, known for his work in films like Bobby and Chandni,

was treated in New York for cancer and returned to Mumbai last year. The actor's last Bollywood film was the 2018 film 102 Not Out.

Former Liverpool striker Michael Robinson passed away at 61:

The former Brighton & Liverpool striker **Michael Robinson**, who finished his career at **Osasuna**, has died aged 61. Robinson was part of the Liverpool squad who won a league, League Cup & European Cup treble in 1984. He won 24 Republic of Ireland caps.

Indian football legend and former captain Chuni Goswami dies aged 82:

Former India football captain **Chuni Goswami**, who led India to the 1962 Asian Games gold, passed away in Kolkata. Goswami played 50 matches for India as a footballer from 1956 to 1964. India finished runners-up in 1964 Asian Cup under his leadership.

Freedom fighter Padma Shri Gandhian Hema Bharali passed away at 101:

Freedom fighter and **Padma Shri Gandhian Hema Bharali** well known as Freedom Activist, social worker,

Sarvodaya leader passed away on 29th April 2020, due to prolonged illness at her home in Guwahati, Assam at the age of 101. She was born in Assam on 19th February 1919.

Writer and columnist RV Smith, known for his books on Delhi, passed away at 81:

On April 30, 2020, Eminent author and columnist **Ronald Vivian Smith** passed away at the age of 81 in Delhi, due to age-related ailments. He was born in 1938 in Agra, Uttar Pradesh (UP).

South African anti-apartheid activist Denis Goldberg passed away at 87:

South-African anti-apartheid activist **Denis Theodore Goldberg** passed away at the age of 87 due to lung cancer and diabetes in Cape Town, South Africa. He was born on April 11, 1933, in Cape Town, South Africa (SA).

Justice Ajay Kumar Tripathi passed away due to COVID-19 disease:

Justice **Ajay Kumar Tripathi**, former Chief Justice of Chhattisgarh HC, died after suffering cardiac arrest at AIIMS in Delhi. He had also served as an Additional Advocate General in Bihar. Later, he was

elevated as Additional Judge of the Patna High Court.

Noted playwright Bijay Mishra passed away at 83:

Noted playwright, dramatist, scriptwriter and film director **Bijay Mishra** of Odisha passed away at the age of 83 due to age-related ailments in Bhubaneswar, **Odisha**.

Kannada poet KS Nissar Ahmed passes away:

Renowned Kannada poet **KS Nissar Ahmed** passed away. Nissar had won several awards including Rajyotsava Award in 1981, Padma Shri in 2008.

Former Union Minister Dalit Ezhilmalai passed away at 74:

Former Union Minister of State for Health **Dalit Ezhilmalai** was passed away at 74 in his residence in **Chennai, Tamil Nadu** due to cardiac arrest he did not have any obvious illness.

Pixar Director Rob Gibbs passed away:

Veteran director, story artist and writer of many Pixar films **Rob Gibbs** passed away at the age of 55 years, who is well known

for successful **Pixar films**, including Toy Story 2, Finding Nemo, Monsters.

Former Greek health minister, cardiologist Kremastinos passes away:

Greece's former health minister, cardiologist and university professor **Dimitris Kremastinos**, has passed away because of the new coronavirus. He was 78.

Kremastinos, who was currently serving as parliament vice-president and was a member of the center-left **KINAL party**.

Eminent historian Hari Shankar Vasudevan passes away:

Eminent historian **Hari Shankar Vasudevan** passed away due to novel coronavirus. He was 68.

He was considered one the foremost names in Russian and Central Asian history.

KFH Tournament founder Pandanda Kuttappa passes away:

Founder of **Kodava Family Hockey Tournament**, **Pandanda Kuttappa** passed away. He was a former State Bank of India employee and an ex-first division hockey referee, Pandanda Kuttappa has

bestowed the **Karnataka Rajyothsava award** in 2015.

Former Minister Ratnakar Rao passes away:

Congress veteran and former minister **Juvvadi Ratnakar Rao** passed away due to age-related illness.

Ratnakar Rao was elected to **Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly** thrice in 1989, 1999 and 2004 from Buggaram assembly constituency and served as a Minister for Endowments between 2006 and 2009.

Actor Shafique Ansari Passes Away in Mumbai:

Actor **Shafique Ansari** rose to prominence with his work in several episodes of television show Crime Patrol. The actor resided in **Mumbai** and passed away after battling with cancer. He was also a member of Cine & TV Artistes' Association.

Former national table tennis champion Manmeet Singh Walia passed away:

Former national table tennis champion, **Manmeet Singh Walia** passed away after suffering from a prolonged illness in

Montreal, Canada. Manmeet is remembered for his consistent form in the Indian table tennis circuit during the 1980s.

Jerry Stiller, US comedian and Seinfeld actor, dies at 92:

Jerry Stiller, an actor, comedian and father of **Ben Stiller** passed away at the age of 92 from natural causes in the United States of America(USA). He was born on June 8, 1927 in **New York, United States of America.**

Former National TT champion Manmeet Singh Walia passed away at 58:

Former National Table Tennis (TT) champion **Manmeet Singh Walia**, passed away at the age of 58 in **Montreal, Canada.** He became the national champion in 1989 when he beat **S Sriram** in the men's singles final in **Hyderabad.**

Professional sumo wrestler Shobushi dies at 28 after contracting Covid-19:

Japan Sumo Association (JSA) confirmed the death of wrestler as **Shobushi**, whose real name was **Kiyotaka Suetake.** He is reported to

have been the first sumo wrestler to die from the virus, and the first person in his 20s to die in Japan from Covid-19.

Former JDS MP Raja Rangappa Nayak passes away at 61:

Former JDS (Janata Dal [Secular]) MP (Member of Parliament), **Raja Rangappa Nayak**, passed away at the age of 61 in Bengaluru, Karnataka. He had represented the Raichur constituency, Karnataka, & was elected in the Lok Sabha elections held in 1996.

PK actor Sai Gundewar passes away:

Bollywood actor **Sai Gundewar**, who has worked in a couple of movies including Aamir Khan-starrer PK, Saif Ali Khan's Bazaar and Rock On, passed away after a prolonged battle with brain cancer.

Veteran Bengali author, Sahitya Akademi winner Debesh Roy passes away at 84:

Veteran Bengali author **Debesh Roy**, who was conferred the Sahitya Akademi award for his novel '**Teesta Parer Brittanto**', died at a private hospital. He won the Sahitya Akademi award for his novel 'Tista Parer Brittanto' in 1990.

Padma Bhushan Awardee and Bangladesh's National Professor, Anisuzzaman, Passes Away:

Padma Bhushan recipient and Bangladesh's National Professor **Anisuzzaman** passed away at the age of 83 in Dhaka, Bangladesh. He was born on February 18, 1937, in Calcutta, Bengal Presidency, British India and shifted to Bangladesh soon after the partition in 1947.

Little Richard, rock'n'roll pioneer, passed away at 87:

Little Richard, architect of **rock 'n' roll**, has passed away at the age of 87 years in Tullahoma, Tennessee due to bone cancer, who was a Grammy Award **winner** and an inductee to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1986.

Former Miss America, sportscasting pioneer Phyllis Ann George has passed away:

Phyllis George, a broadcast television pioneer who became the first female co-anchor of the football pregame show "**The NFL Today**," has died. She was 70. She had been crowned the 50th Miss America in 1971.

Iran's OPEC governor Hossein Kazempour Ardebili passes away:

Iran's OPEC governor **Hossein Kazempour Ardebili** passed away at age 67 after falling into a coma following a **brain hemorrhage**.

Marathi writer, playwright, Ratnakar Matkari passes away:

Veteran **Marathi** writer and playwright **Ratnakar Matkari**, 81, who tested positive for Covid-19, passed away. He is considered a pioneer of the children's drama movement in Marathi.

Actor Sai Gundewar passed away at 42:

Actor **Sai Gundekar** passed away at the age of 42 years due to brain cancer in the United States(U.S), who was known for his appearances in shows like Survivor and Splitsvilla, as well as acting in films PK and Rock On!.

Veteran Musician Purushothaman passes away

Veteran Drums player, music conductor and percussionist **Purushothaman** passed away. He was 65 years old and has been working with Isai Gnani Ilayaraja for over 40 years.

Spiritual leader Dev Prabhakar Shastri, popularly called 'Daddaji' passes away

Noted spiritual leader **Dev Prabhakar Shastri**, popularly called '**Daddaji**', passed away after lung and kidney ailments. He was from **Madhya Pradesh**.

Christian apologist Ravi Zacharias passes away at 74:

Renowned Christian apologist and author **Ravi Zacharias** passed away at the age of 74. Zacharias was born in the south Indian city of Madras (now Chennai) in 1946, into an Anglican family. In 1984, he founded Ravi Zacharias International Ministries (RZIM).

Eminent homeopathic doctor S. Vidyaprakash passes away:

Eminent homeopathic doctor **Dr. S. Vidyaprakash** (60) passed away. He is the son of Alappuzha native and Akkarakkattil family member Dr. KS Prakash and and Dr Vidyavathy Amma. KS Prakash was the former principal of Kozhikode Homeo College.

Spiritual leader Dev Prabhakar Shastri dies in Katni:

Noted spiritual leader **Dev Prabhakar Shastri**, popularly called "Daddaji", died night at "Daddadham" in Katni in Madhya Pradesh. He was undergoing treatment in Delhi and was 82 years old.

Jharkhand Congress MLA Rajendra Prasad Singh dies at 75:

Rajendra Prasad Singh, the Congress MLA of Bermo constituency of Bokaro district and former Health and Finance Minister of Jharkhand died due to illness in a hospital in **Gurugram**. Mr Singh represented the Bermo Assembly for the sixth time.

Former Tamil Nadu football player and coach R Shanmugam passes away:

Former Tamil Nadu football player and coach **R Shanmugam** passed away due to age-related illness. Shanmugam had also played for Mohun Bagan in 1968.

Three-time Olympic gold medal winner Balbir Singh Sr passes away:

One of India's greatest hockey players, **Balbir Singh Sr**, died at a hospital here on Monday after battling multiple health issues for over two weeks. The legend was 96 and is survived by his daughter Sushbir

and three sons Kanwalbir, Karanbir, and Gurbir.

Eight-time Grand Slam winner Ashley Cooper dies at 83:

8-time Grand Slam-winning Australian tennis player **Ashley Cooper** has died. The Australian, Wimbledon and U.S. singles titleholder, was part of the golden era of Australian men's tennis in 1950s winning four Grand Slams singles titles and four in doubles.

Renowned vocalist Shyamala G Bhave passes away at 79:

Renowned vocalist **Shyamala G Bhave**, who had an equal command over **Hindustani** and **Carnatic** music, passed away. She was 79. Her mother Lakshmi Bhave was also a classical vocalist.

Former Uttar Pradesh minister Naipal Singh passes away:

Former **Uttar Pradesh** minister Naipal Singh passed away. Mr. Singh had served in the State cabinet headed by Kalyan Singh and Rajnath Singh. In 2014, he became a member of parliament from Rampur Lok Sabha seat.

Former Inter coach Gigi Simoni passes away at 81:

Former Inter head coach **Gigi Simoni**, who led a Ronaldo-inspired team to **UEFA Cup** glory in 1998, has passed away at the age of 81. Simoni had a well-travelled coaching career and guided seven teams and promotions from Serie B to the Italian topflight.

Egyptian acclaimed sculptor Adam Henein passes away at 91:

Acclaimed Egyptian artist **Adam Henein**, who joined ancient pharaonic themes with sleek modernism in sculptures that often portrayed birds and other animals, died. He was 91.

Eminent pulmonologist Dr JN Pande died:

Dr Jitendra Nath Pande, an eminent pulmonologist and former head of the Department of Medicine at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences in Delhi, who had tested positive for COVID-19 earlier this week, has passed away. He was 79.

SPORTS NEWS:

Former Pakistan skipper Sana Mir announces retirement from international cricket:

Former Pakistan women's skipper **Sana Mir** announced her retirement from international cricket, ending a 15 year long illustrious career. Mir featured in 226 international matches for Pakistan, including 137 as captain from 2009 to 2017.

Olympic doubles silver medallist Boe announces retirement from badminton:

Former doubles world number one **Mathias Boe** of **Denmark** has announced his retirement from **badminton** at the age of 39. Boe, silver medallist in the men's doubles at the **2012 Olympic** Games in **London**, had been the oldest active player at elite level.

Middle distance runner Khatun handed 4-year ban for dope flunk:

Middle distance runner **Jhuma Khatun** has been banned for four years by the **Athletics** Integrity Unit of the world governing body for testing positive for a

banned substance- steroid- in a nearly two-year-old doping case which the **NDTL (National Dope Testing Laboratory)** had failed to detect.

Pakistan's Umar Akmal gets three-year ban for match-fixing approach:

Controversial Pakistani batsman **Umar Akmal** was banned from all forms of cricket for **3 years** after pleading guilty to failing to report **match-fixing** approaches. The batsman's ban is effective from February 20, when he was provisionally suspended by **Pakistan Cricket Board**.

AIBA moves 2021 world boxing championships to Belgrade:

The **2021 Men's World Boxing Championships** have been moved to Belgrade from New Delhi, the International Boxing Association (AIBA) said. AIBA said it had terminated India's contract after it did not pay an agreed host fee.

India among 5 teams seals direct qualification for Women's World Cup 2021:

The **International Cricket Council (ICC)** has announced that **India, New**

Zealand, Australia, England and South Africa have sealed a direct berth for the quadrennial 50-over **Women World Cup 2021** to be held in **New Zealand** and scheduled from February 6 to March 7 in 2021.

FIFA launches #WeWillWin campaign for health workers:

Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA), Switzerland based international governing body, has launched a campaign called "**#WeWillWin**", a special video to pay tribute to health workers and other professionals who ensure the society continues to function among COVID-19 pandemic.

India slips to 3rd Position in ICC test ranking; Australia tops:

India has lost its top spot & has slipped to the **3rd position (114)** for the first time since 2016 in the International Cricket Council (ICC) test rankings, **Australia (116)** topped the rank, followed by **New Zealand (115)**.

Former world snooker champion Peter Ebdon retires from sport:

Former World Snooker champion **Peter Ebdon** has retired from the sport to avoid having to endure daunting spinal surgery. Peter Ebdon won the 2002 world title, beating Stephen Hendry in an 18-17 final thriller. He was also a two-time runner-up.

He was the recipient of **WPBSA's** Newcomer of the Year award.

BWF postpones World Championship 2020 to November 2021:

Badminton World Federation (BWF) postponed Badminton World Championship **2020** to the November 29 to **December 5, 2021**. which is traditionally held in August and other Qualifiers for the Olympics are rescheduled. The tournament will take place at the **Caroline Marin Stadium, Huelva, Spain**.

CGF postpones 7th season of 2021 Commonwealth Youth Games to 2023:

Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) has postponed the 7th season of Commonwealth Youth Games **2021**, scheduled to take place from August 1 – 7 2021 in Port of **Spain, Trinidad and**

Tobago, to the year **2023** following a clash with Tokyo Olympic 2020 dates postponed by a year due to the coronavirus (Covid-19) epidemic.

FINA postpones 2021 Fukuoka world championships to May 2022:

The **2021** World Aquatics Championships in Japan will now be held in **2022**, the sport's governing body **FINA (International Swimming Federation)** said. It was initially scheduled for the summer of 2021 from July 16 to August 1 in the **Japanese city of Fukuoka**.

Discus thrower Sandeep Kumari banned for 4 years by WADA after testing positive for methenolone:

Discus thrower **Sandeep Kumari** has been slapped with a four-year ban by **WADA's** (World Anti-Doping Agency) Athletics Integrity Unit for flunking a dope test, nearly two years after her sample was deemed clean by the NDTL (National Dope Testing Laboratory).

Jhuma Khatun was also handed a **four-year** ban.

TIU bans Egyptian tennis player Youssef Hossam for life in match-fixing cases:

Tennis Integrity Unit (TIU) has banned Egyptian tennis player **Youssef Hossam (21)** for life after being involved in a number of match-fixing and corruption cases.

SAI forms 6-member panel to prepare SOP for phased resumption of training:

Sports Authority of India (SAI) has formed a six-member committee to prepare a **Standard Operating Procedure** for a phased resumption of training across sporting disciplines at all the centres once the coronavirus-forced national lockdown is lifted.

The six-member panel will be headed by SAI secretary **Rohit Bharadwaj** and will have CEO **Target Olympic Podium Scheme** (TOPS) **Rajesh Rajagopalan**, Executive Director (Operations) **SS Roy**, **SS Sarla**, Col **BK Nayak** and Assistant Director TOPS **Sachin K** as members.

Paralympics silver medallist Deepa Malik announces retirement:

Paralympics silver medallist **Deepa Malik** announced her retirement to hold her post as the President of the **Paralympic Committee of India** in accordance with the **National Sports Code**.

FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup in India to be held from Feb 17 to Mar 7 in 2021:

The FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup, which was originally scheduled to be held later this year in India, has been moved back to early **2021**. Five venues – **Ahmedabad, Bhubaneswar, Guwahati, Kolkata and Navi Mumbai** – had already been finalised.

Swedish Coach **Thomas Dennerby** in charge of the Indian team.

French cyclist Remy Di Gregorio banned by UCI for 4 years following 'super-EPO' positive test:

Remy Di Gregorio, a French road bicycle racer, has been banned for 4 years by the **International Cycling Union** (UCI) for using a form of banned blood-boosting hormone **EPO** (Erythropoietin) during a long-distance trip from Paris to Nice during a doping test on March 8, 2018.

China Wins FIDE Chess.com Online Nations Cup

China won the inaugural FIDE Chess.com **Online Nations Cup**. Their Superfinal with the **USA** ended 2-2 with **China** having draw odds for winning the round-robin phase.

India finished at **5th** rank. Co-organized by **FIDE** and **Chess.com**, the event had a peak of over a million concurrent viewers across all languages and broadcast partners.

Anil Kumble-led ICC Committee calls for ban on saliva to shine ball:

Anil Kumble-led panel ICC Cricket Committee recommended banning the use of **saliva to shine** the ball among several other changes to ICC regulations to mitigate the risks posed by the COVID-19 virus.

The committee also recommended that two **non-neutral umpires** (both from the host nation) should be appointed for a short period of time.

NADA provisionally suspends Savita Kumari, Ankit Shishodia for violating anti-doping rules:

National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) provisionally suspended powerlifters **Savita Kumari** and **Ankit Shisodia** for violating anti-doping rules. Athletes were given an opportunity to present themselves before the **Anti-Doping Disciplinary Panel (ADDP)** and explain their cases on the date and time fixed by the panel for a hearing.

Spanish Striker Aritz Aduriz Announces Retirement from Football:

Athletic Bilbao striker **Aritz Aduriz** announced retirement from football. He played for Spanish clubs Valladolid, Mallorca and Valencia, and is club's sixth-highest scorer with **172 goals**. He was a member of Spain's squad at the 2016 European Championship.

US tennis star Jamie Hampton announces retirement:

Former World Top 25 and **US** tennis star **Jamie Hampton** has announced her retirement from professional tennis.

The 30-year-old last played an official match six years ago, as she suffered numerous injuries after reaching a career-high ranking of **World No.24** in July of 2013.

IMPORTANT DAYS:

DATE	DAYS	THEME
May 01	International Labour Day	-
May 02	International Astronomy Day	-
May 03	World Press Freedom Day	"Journalism without Fear or Favour".
May 04	International Fire-fighter's Day	-
May 05	World Asthma Day	"Enough Asthma Deaths".
May 05	International Day of the Midwife	"Midwives with women: celebrate, demonstrate, mobilise, unite – our time is now".
May 05	World Hand Hygiene Day	"SAVE LIVES: Clean your hands"
May 06	International No Diet Day	-
May 07	World Athletics Day	-
May 08	World Red Cross day	-
May 08	World Thalassemia Day	"The dawning of a new era for thalassaemia: Time for a global effort to make novel therapies accessible and affordable to patients".
May 09	World Migratory Bird Day	"Birds Connect Our World."
May 10	International Mother's Day	-
May 11	National Technology Day	"Focusing on Rebooting the economy through Science and Technology".
May 12	International Nurses Day	"A Voice to Lead – Nursing the World to Health".

May 15	International Day of Families	"Families in Development: Copenhagen & Beijing + 25".
May 15	National Endangered Species Day	-
May 16	Armed Forces Day	-
May 16	National dengue day	-
May 16	International Day of Living Together in Peace	-
May 17	World Telecommunication and Information Society Day	"Connect 2030: ICTs for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) ".
May 17	World Hypertension Day	"Measure Your Blood Pressure, Control It, Live Longer"
May 18	International Museum Day	"Museums for Equality: Diversity and Inclusion".
May 20	World Bee Day	"Save the Bees".
May 20	World Metrology Day	"Measurements for Global Trade".
May 21	International Tea Day	-
May 21	National Anti-Terrorism Day	-
May 23	International Day to End Obstetric Fistula	"End gender inequality! End health inequities! End Fistula now!"
May 23	World Turtle Day	-
May 24	National Commonwealth Day	-

May 25	International Missing Children's Day	-
May 25	World Thyroid Day	
May 28	International Day of Action for Women's Health	"Each for Equal"
May 29	World Digestive Health Day	"Gut Microbiome: A Global Perspective"
May 29	International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers	"Women in Peacekeeping – A Key to Peace"
May 31	Anti-Tobacco Day or World No Tobacco Day	"Protecting youth from industry manipulation and preventing them from tobacco and nicotine use".

VOCABULARY:

Q.1) DETENTE (noun) :

Meaning: the easing of hostility or strained relations, especially between countries.

Synonyms: agreement, peace, amity, concord.

Antonyms: disruptive, antagonism, antipathy, hostility.

Example: The policy of detente was scrapped and the objective was increasingly to roll back the Soviet Union.

Q.2) RAVENOUS (adjective) :

Meaning: (of hunger or need) very great; voracious.

Synonyms: insatiable, greedy, gluttonous, edacious.

Antonyms: content, sated, satiated, satisfied.

Example: No matter what type of stressful situation I'm facing, my body responds by eating everything in sight because of my ravenous appetite.

Q.3) DENIZEN (noun) :

Meaning: a person, animal, or plant that lives or is found in a particular place.

Synonyms: inhabitant, occupant, resident, tenant.

Antonyms: visitor, emigrant, evacuee, expatriate.

Example: The author of Atlanta's latest guidebook is a longtime denizen of the city who knows all the best places to visit.

Q.4) RESORT(verb) :

Meaning: turn to and adopt (a course of action, especially an extreme or undesirable one) so as to resolve a difficult situation.

Synonyms: expedient, recourse, makeshift, substitute.

Antonyms: abstain, dodge, halt, shun.

Example: Excluded from parliament by the fatal error of his youth, he was compelled to resort to indirect means of working out his plans by influencing public men.

Q.5) SPLURGE (verb) :

Meaning: to spend extravagantly or ostentatiously.

Synonyms: squander, fling, dissipate, disburse.

Antonyms: accumulate, hoard, conserve, preserve.

Example: I feel like splurging on a new dress.

Q.6) INCONCEIVABLE: (adjective) :

Meaning: not capable of being imagined or grasped mentally; unbelievable.

Synonyms: implausible, improbable, incredible, incogitable.

Antonyms: plausible, reasonable, tenable, conceivable.

Example: When I looked at my outrageous hospital bill, I blinked at the inconceivable amount.

Q.7) REFRACTORY (adjective) :

Meaning: stubborn or unmanageable.

Synonyms: recalcitrant, obstreperous, insubordinate, intractable.

Antonyms: obedient, manageable, amenable, compliant.

Example: Most teenagers go through a refractory phase where they don't want to listen to authority figures.

Q.8) CONTENTIOUS (adjective) :

Meaning: causing or likely to cause an argument; controversial.

Synonyms: disputable, debatable, moot, vexed.

Antonyms: agreeable, nonbelligerent, pacific, peaceful.

Example: This last piece of evidence is particularly contentious and likely to feature prominently in the appeal.

Q.9) SACK (verb) :

Meaning: dismiss from employment.

Synonyms: bounce, discharge, dismiss, terminate,

Antonyms: recruit, employ, engage, hire.

Example: They made him pay for his offense by giving him the sack.

Q.10) DILATORY (adjective) :

Meaning: slow to act

Synonyms: sluggish, slothful, lax, slack.

Antonyms: fast, prompt, brisk, quick.

Example: They were dilatory in providing the researchers with information.

Q.11) EXORBITANT (adjective) :

Meaning: (of prices and demands) much too large

Synonyms: enormous, outrageous

Antonyms: cheap, good

Example: The interest charged on most credit cards is exorbitant.

Q.12) VIABLE (adjective) :

Meaning: capable of working successfully; feasible.

Synonyms: Applicable, feasible, possible, usable

Antonyms: impossible, unfeasible, unlikely

Example: They are considered only to the extent that they are viable consumers.

Q.13) PURITANICAL (adjective) :

Meaning: having or displaying a very strict or censorious moral attitude towards self-indulgence.

Synonyms: prudish, puritan, prim, priggish.

Antonyms: lecherous, indulgent, indecent, debauched.

Example: It just shows that those endless puritanical bromides about the perils of fixating on individual designers are wasted breath.

Q.14) ARRANT (adjective) :

Meaning: used to say how bad something is.

Synonyms: utter, absolute, complete, thorough.

Antonyms: dubious, questionable, restricted, uncertain.

Example: Because of her ardent devotion to her family, she volunteered to go to the labor camp with them.

Q.15) SUBJUGATE :

Meaning: to treat yourself, your wishes, or your beliefs as being less important than other people or their wishes or beliefs

Synonyms: conquer, enslave

Antonyms: lose, release

Example: Reporters must subjugate personal political convictions to their professional commitment to balance.

Q.16) ADROIT:

Meaning: very skillful and quick in the way you think or move

Synonyms: adept, artful

Antonyms: clumsy, awkward

Example: She was adroit at removing my armor, which she did well and beautifully.

Q.17) EXORBITANT:

Meaning: (of prices and demands) much too large

Synonyms: enormous, outrageous

Antonyms: cheap, good

Example: The interest charged on most credit cards is exorbitant.

Q.18) PROTAGONISTS (noun) :

Meaning: the leading character or one of the major characters in a play, film, novel, etc.

Synonyms: supporter, upholder

Antonym: opponent

Example: For the next nine years he was the protagonist of Reform.

Q.19) BRUTAL (adjective) :

Meaning: savagely violent.

Synonyms: savage, cruel

Antonym: gentle, humane

Example: The writer describes the dangers of drugs with brutal honesty.

Q.20) EMBLAZON (noun) :

Meaning: conspicuously inscribe or display a design on.

Synonyms: decorate, embellish

Antonyms: disfigures, deform

Example: My crafty sister-in-law was able to emblazon my t-shirt with a glittery monogram.

Q.21) VALIANT (Adjective) :

Meaning: possessing or showing courage or determination.

Synonyms: brave, fearless, courageous, valorous

Antonyms: cowardly, irresolute

Example: Firemen are valiant individuals who put their lives on the line to save others.

Q.22) RELEGATE (Verb) :

Meaning: assign an inferior rank or position to.

Synonyms: downgrade, banish, exile, degrade

Antonyms: upgrade, promote

Example: If you don't want your boss to relegate you to the status of unemployed, you'd better watch what you say on social media.

Q.23) Infringe:

Meaning: actively break the terms of (a law, agreement, etc.).

Synonyms: violate, breach, break, transgress, violation

Antonyms: obey, comply, follow, observe

Example: They claim that his use of the name infringes on their copyright.

Q.24) Traceable :

Meaning: able to be found or discovered.

Synonyms: trackable, referable, attributable, identifiable, recognizable

Antonyms: untraceable, faint, imperceptible, invisible

Example: We will need to trace the electrical wires through the walls.

Q.25) Encrypt :

Meaning: convert (information or data) into a code, especially to prevent unauthorized access.

Synonyms: encode, encipher, code, inscribe

Antonyms: interpret, decode, decipher, decrypt, translate

Example: The software will encrypt the message before it is sent. Phrase:

Q.26) Validity :

Meaning: the quality of being logically or factually sound; soundness or cogency.

Synonyms: effectiveness, efficacy, legitimacy, authenticity, effectivity

Antonyms: falsity, invalidity, falsehood, absurdity

Example: Some researchers have questioned the validity of the test results.

Q.27) Feasible :

Meaning: possible to do easily or conveniently.

Synonyms: possible, practicable, workable, viable

Antonyms: impossible, unsustainable, unfeasible, impractical

Example: The government has now made it feasible for tourists to spend as long as a month in the country.

Q.28) Monger:

Meaning: denoting a dealer or trader in a specified commodity.

Synonyms: trader, dealer, merchant, trafficker, vendor

Antonyms: customer, payer

Example: The Iranian President the US to "abandon war mongers and warmongering policies, " in an apparent reference to Bolton, who pushed for more aggressive action against Iran.

Q.29) Threshold :

Meaning: a strip of wood or stone forming the bottom of a doorway and crossed in entering a house or room.

Synonyms: limit, boundary, door, brink, verge

Antonyms: end, closure, finish

Example: If your income rises above a certain threshold, your tax rate also rises.

Q.30) Contingency :

Meaning: a future event or circumstance which is possible but cannot be predicted with certainty.

Synonyms: emergency, incident, chance

Antonyms: certainty, reality, truth

Example: Mike had talked about contingency plans for the catastrophe.

Q.31) DEFIANT :

Meaning: characterized by defiance; boldly resistant or challenging:

Synonyms: aggressive, audacious, bold, challenging, contumacious, daring

Antonyms: acquiescent, obedient, respectful, submissive

Q.32) ENDORSE (verb) :

Meaning: to approve, support, or sustain

Synonyms: advocate, affirm, approve, back, commend, confirm, defend, favor.

Antonyms: attack, censure, criticize, deny, disagree

Example: In some cases, public employee unions even pushed private-sector unions to endorse Republicans.

Q.33) MACHINATIONS (noun) :

Meaning: crafty schemes; plots; intrigues.

Synonyms: conspiracy, intrigue, ploy, ruse, stratagem

Antonyms: frankness, honesty, ignorance

Example: The con artist's victims quickly fell for his easy money machination.

Q.34) PROMPT (adjective) :

Meaning: done, performed, delivered, etc., at once or without delay.

Synonyms: urge, spur, instigate, impel.

Antonyms: delayed, late, later, slow, sluggish

Example: There is cautious optimism that this prompt action may have helped avert a broader outbreak.

Q.35) ATROCITIES (noun) :

Meaning: the quality or state of being extremely or shockingly wicked, cruel, or brutal.

Synonyms: barbarity, horror

Antonyms: good behavior, kindness, pleasantness

Example: In the popular drama of Punch, we observe a perfect climax of atrocities and horrors.

Q.36) IMPUNITY (noun) :

Meaning: exemption from punishment.

Synonyms: immunity, dispensation, exception, exemption.

Antonyms: denial, prohibition, veto, imprisonment, incarceration

Example: My work may be of none, but I must not think it of any, or I shall not do it with impunity.

Q.37) SOLIDARITY (noun) :

Meaning: union or fellowship arising from common responsibilities and interests, between classes, peoples, etc.

Synonyms: agreement, consensus, harmony, support, teamwork

Antonyms: disagreement, antagonism, discord.

Example: No solidarity of advancement exists in the species as a whole.

Q.38) EGALITARIAN (noun) :

Meaning: a person who adheres to equality beliefs.

Synonyms: democratic, equitable, even-handed.

Antonyms: elitist.

Example: Indians pride themselves on an egalitarian society open to all.

Q.39) PATRONAGE (noun) :

Meaning: a condescending manner or attitude in granting favors, in dealing with people.

Synonyms: aegis, auspices, backing, encouragement, financing.

Antonyms: attack, blockage, disapproval, discouragement, harm.

Example: There were hundreds of other things in the great city, but they had their share of patronage.

Q.40) ALACRITY (noun) :

Meaning: cheerful readiness, promptness, or willingness.

Synonyms: alertness, avidity, briskness, cheerfulness, dispatch, eagerness

Antonyms: apathy, coolness, discouragement, indifference

Example: His alacrity of manner and quick step justified this opinion.

Q.41) RECUPERATE (Verb) :

Meaning: recover from illness or exertion.

Synonyms: recover, convalesce, mend, revive

Antonyms: deteriorate, worsen

Example: Hopefully Jean will recuperate quickly and be able to leave the hospital soon.

Q.42) SUFFICE (Verb) :

Meaning: be enough or adequate.

Synonyms: serve

Example: Since I only have thirty dollars, this amount must suffice for my weekly food purchases.

Q.43) SAVVY (Noun) :

Meaning: shrewdness and practical knowledge; the ability to make good judgments.

Synonyms: shrewdness, acumen, acuity, sagacity

Antonyms: inexperience, ignorance

Example: When the savvy investor sold his stock before its value dropped, he made a very profitable transaction.

Q.44) PRISE (Verb) :

Meaning: use force in order to move, move apart, or open (something).

Synonyms: force, wrench, twist

Example: Joe was trying to prise the cap off a bottle of painkillers

Q.45) PARAGON (Noun) :

Meaning: a person or thing viewed as a model of excellence.

Synonyms: epitome, standard, ideal, embodiment

Example: As a paragon of purity, a nun would never dress inappropriately.

Q.46) DENUDE (Verb) :

Meaning: strip (something) of its covering, possessions, or assets.

Synonyms: divest, deprive, bare, uncover

Antonyms: cover

Example: He proceeded to denude the statue, fronting the church bishop's podium.

Q.47) VENERATE (Verb) :

Meaning: regard with great respect; revere.

Synonyms: revere, adulate, haallow, exalt

Antonyms: despise

Example: Many people attend church services to venerate God.

Q.48) COPIOUS (Adjective) :

Meaning: abundant in supply or quantity.

Synonyms: abundant, superabundant, plentiful, ample, profuse

Antonyms: sparse

Example: It takes a copious amount of food to suppress my hungry appetite.

Q.49) SCUPPER (Verb) :

Meaning: prevent from working or succeeding; thwart.

Synonyms: ruin, wreck, devastate, destroy

Antonyms: further, promote

Example: They worry it could be used to scupper merger and acquisition deals.

Q.50) TORMENT (Noun) :

Meaning: severe physical or mental suffering.

Synonyms: suffering, torture, pain, anguish

Antonyms: pleasure, joy

Example: Every day when he got on the bus, the bully began to torment the quiet child.

Q.51) SISYPHEAN (Adjective) :

Meaning: Referring to a task that can never be finished

Synonym: futile, fruitless

Antonym: effective, useful

Example: It's a difficult task, maybe even a Sisyphean one, but it's a challenge for someone to do.

Q.52) IGNOMINY (Noun) :

Meaning: Public shame or loss of Honor

Synonym: shame, disgrace

Antonym: honor, pride

Example: If defaulters don't come forward, they will face charges and the public ignominy of being named.

Q.53) FRAUGHT (Adjective) :

Meaning: Filled with or attended with

Synonym: charged, laden

Antonym: empty, devoid

Example: Her birthday was fraught with awkward moments when her family saw her blue hair.

Q.54) UNHINGE(Verb) :

Meaning: Disturb in mind or make uneasy or cause to be worried or alarmed

Synonym: distract, disturb

Antonym: pacify, mollify

Example: He was snide too, bringing up how much of a hound Mitch was and how that might unhinge any woman's mind.

Q.55) SLOVENLY(Adjective) :

Meaning: Careless, untidy or dirty in appearance or habits.

Synonym: sloppy, messy

Antonym: dapper, smart

Example: Despite her basic beauty, she has a slovenly appearance, as though some strange magnetism randomly attaches clothes to her body every morning.

Q.56) QUITTANCE(Noun) :

Meaning: Discharge from a debt or an obligation.

Synonym: payment, requital

Antonym: captivity, corner

Example: Lane smiled almost affably as he tossed the quittance upon the table.

Q.57) HYPERBOLIC(Adjective) :

Meaning: Enlarged beyond truth or reasonableness; of or relating to a hyperbola.

Synonym: exaggerated, hyperbola

Antonym: reduced, knockdown

Example: I was writing in a hyperbolic reverie while closing myself off from at least half of his excellence.

Q.58) OPEROSE(Adjective) :

Meaning: Characterized by an effort to the point of exhaustion.

Synonym: laborious, hard

Antonym: absorbing, engaging

Example: An operose and expensive establishment of a supreme court was made, and charged upon the revenues of the country.

Q.59) Insouciant:

Meaning: showing a casual lack of concern

Synonym: nonchalant, untroubled, unworried,

Antonym: anxious, concerned

Example: His insouciant handling of the oil spill in the Gulf is under fire from all sides.

Q.60) SUPPURATE(Verb) :

Meaning: Cause to ripen and discharge pus.

Synonym: fester, decay

Antonym: invest, enlist

Example: If that scrape on your hand starts to suppurate, you might want to go to the doctor.

Q.61) Vitiate (Verb) :

Meaning: spoil or impair the quality or efficiency of.

Synonym: poison, spoil, stain, tarnish, touch, taint

Antonym: Clean, honor, purify

Example: When peers and bullies apply pressure, it can vitiate the moral character of young people and lead them down the wrong path.

Q.62) Accolade (Noun) :

Meaning: an award or privilege granted as a special honor or as an acknowledgment of merit.

Synonym: honor, recognition, privilege, award, gift, title

Example: Mrs. Smith is such a great teacher that she is always getting one accolade after another.

Q.63) Vernacular (Noun) :

Meaning: the language or dialect spoken by the ordinary people of a country or region.

Synonym: everyday language, spoken language, colloquial speech, slang

Example: To hold the interest of the community, the playwright penned his play using only the local vernacular.

Q.64) Valedictory (Noun) :

Meaning: a farewell address.

Synonym: farewell, goodbye, leaving, parting, departing, going away, last, final

Example: On the last day of school, seniors wrote a valedictory stating what they would miss about high school and read it in front of the class for their final grade.

Q.65) Interdict (Noun) :

Meaning: an authoritative prohibition, in particular

Synonym: prohibition, ban, bar, veto, proscription,

Antonym: corroborate, support

Example: Because I failed most of my classes last term, my parents will probably interdict me from working this semester.

Q.66) Perjury (Noun) :

Meaning: the offense of willfully telling an untruth or making a misrepresentation under oath.

Synonym: violation of an oath, giving false evidence/testimony, bearing false witness/testimony, forswearing oneself, making false statements, willful falsehood

Example: The mother who lied about her son's whereabouts will soon face trial for perjury.

Q.67) Plagiarize (Verb) :

Meaning: take (the work or an idea of someone else) and pass it off as one's own.

Synonym: infringe the copyright of, pirate, steal, poach, borrow,

Example: Professional writers who plagiarize can be taken to court and ordered to pay damages.

Q.68) Chronic (Adjective) :

Meaning: continuing or occurring again and again for a long time, happening or

existing frequently or most of the time, always or often doing something specified

Synonym: natural; persistent, regular,
Antonym: unaccustomed, unused; intermittent, occasional

Example: He suffers from chronic arthritis.

Q.69) Adjudicate (Verb) :

Meaning: to make an official decision about who is right in a dispute

Synonym: adjudge, judge, arbitrate, decide, determine

Example: You should never adjudicate a major decision when you are under the influence of alcohol.

Q.70) Punctilious (Adjective) :

Meaning: showing great attention to detail or correct behavior.

Synonym: meticulous, conscientious, careful, diligent, attentive,

Antonym: careless, easy-going, slapdash

Example: While I enjoy cleanliness, I am not so punctilious that I get upset about a little dust on my furniture.

Q.71) SUBVERT (verb) :

Meaning: undermine the power and authority of (an established system or institution).

Synonyms: destabilize, unsettle, overthrow, depose.

Antonyms: dignify, exalt, honor, ameliorate.

Example: She subverted my noble desire to do a good deed without reward.

Q.72) SACK (verb) :

Meaning: dismiss from employment.

Synonyms: bounce, discharge, dismiss, terminate,

Antonyms: recruit, employ, engage, hire.

Example: Any official found to be involved would be sacked on the spot.

Q.73) SUBTERRANEAN (adjective) :

Meaning: secret; concealed.

Synonyms: covert, subversive, sunken, private.

Antonyms: aboveground, surface, open, palpable.

Example: The robbers are digging a subterranean path that will allow them to enter the bank from underneath the vault's floor.

Q.74) USHER (verb) :

Meaning: show or guide (someone) somewhere.

Synonyms: lead, accompany, conduct, assist.

Antonyms: retract, conclude, cease, stop.

Example: A nurse ushered us into the hospital room.

Q.75) ENVIRON (verb) :

Meaning: surround; enclose.

Synonyms: encircle, envelop, cloak, swathe.

Antonyms: unbridle, free, open, release.

Example: The stone circle was environed by an expanse of peat soil.

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Q.77) CLINCH (verb) :

Meaning: to make final, definite, or beyond dispute.

Synonyms: settle, conclude, finalize, wrap up.

Antonyms: confuse, unsettle, release, unfasten.

Example: Her work on the project should clinch her a promotion.

Q.78) FUNGIBLE:

Meaning: (of goods contracted for without an individual specimen being specified) replaceable by another identical item; mutually interchangeable.

Synonyms: compatible, **Synonymous**

Antonyms: different, dissimilar

Example: The two automobiles are not fungible because one vehicle is worth more than the other vehicle.

Q.79) ODIIOUS:

Meaning: extremely unpleasant; repulsive.

Synonyms: revolting, repulsive, repellent, repugnant

Antonyms: delightful, pleasant, agreeable, charming

Example: The athlete got arrested for participating in the odious sport of dogfighting

Q.80) CYNICAL:

Meaning: doubtful as to whether something will happen or whether it is worthwhile.

Synonyms: skeptical, doubtful, distrustful, suspicious

Antonyms: optimistic, credulous

Example: She may be cynical about the film industry, but ultimately she has no intention of biting the hand that feeds her.

Q.81) INIMICAL:

Meaning: unfriendly; hostile.

Synonyms: hostile, unfriendly, antagonistic, ill-disposed, unkind

Antonyms: friendly, warm

Example: It may have become inimical to our happiness.

Q.82) TIZZY:

Meaning: a state of nervous excitement or agitation.

Synonyms: acrimony, animosity, annoyance, chargin

Antonyms: calm, calmness, delight, ease

Example: Her mother was in a tizzy over Liz's divorce.

Q.83) COVERT:

Meaning: not openly acknowledged or displayed.

Synonyms: secret, furtive, clandestine, surreptitious

Antonyms: overt, above board

Example: Every measure, both overt and covert, is being taken against terrorists.

Q.84) ASTUTE:

Meaning: having or showing an ability to accurately assess situations or people and turn this to one's advantage.

Synonyms: shrewd, sharp, sharp-witted, razor-sharp, acute

Example: A good leader must be an astute judge of ability.

Q.85) FRIVOLOUSUS:

Meaning: not having any serious purpose or value.

Synonyms: flippant, glib, waggish

Antonyms: serious, practical, important

Example: Isabelle was a frivolous little fool, vain and flighty.

Q.86) IRASCIBLE:

Meaning: having or showing a tendency to be easily angered.

Synonyms: irritable, quick-tempered, short-tempered, bad-tempered, ill-tempered

Antonyms: cool, cheerful

Example: He was recognized to be highly jealous and irascible.

Q.87) IGNOMINY:

Meaning: public shame or disgrace.

Synonyms: shame, humiliation, embarrassment, mortification

Antonyms: honor

Example: He feared the ignominy of being exposed as a spy.

Q.88) 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

Q.89) EXPEDITIOUS (Adjective) :

Meaning: done with speed and efficiency.

Synonyms: speedy, swift, quick, rapid, fast; prompt

Antonyms: slow

Example: The man was saved because of the doctor's expeditious diagnosis.

Q.90) INHERENT (adjective) :

Meaning: existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute.

Synonyms: intrinsic, innate, fundamental, basic.

Antonyms: superficial, exterior, extraneous, extrinsic.

Example: Even as a youngster, Janice showed she had an inherent talent to be a great singer.

Q.91) CONDIGN (adjective) :

Meaning: appropriate to the crime or wrongdoing; fitting and deserved.

Synonyms: earned, merited, warranted, justified.

Antonyms: undeserved, undue, unfair, unjust.

Example: Condone punishment was rare when the criminal was a man of high social standing.

Q.92) 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.

Q.93) 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.

Q.94) DIMINUTION (Noun) :

Meaning: a reduction in the size, extent, or importance of something.

Synonyms: curtailment, contraction, constriction, restriction, limitation

Antonyms: increase, expansion, growth
Usage: The diminution of cafeteria monitors has resulted in an increase in food fights at the high school.

Q.95) ROIL (Verb) :

Meaning: make (someone) annoyed or irritated.

Synonyms: disturb, rile

Antonyms: aid, calm

Example: The man's hateful speech was just enough to roil up the already uneasy crowd.

Q.96) 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.

Q.97) 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.

Q.98) RANCOUR (Noun) :

Meaning: bitterness or resentfulness, especially when long-standing.

Synonyms: bitterness, spite, hate, hatred, resentment, malice

Antonyms: amicability

Example: Even though my mother despised her twin sister, she always spoke about her without rancour.

Q.99) 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.

Q.100) SCOFF (Verb) :

Meaning: speak to someone or about something in a scornfully derisive or mocking way.

Synonyms: mock, deride, ridicule

Antonyms: flatter, praise, compliment

Example: The rude little rich girl thought it was fun to scoff at the poor children at her school.

CURRENT AFFAIRS QUIZ:

Q.1) Name the Indian state which has launched 'Dhanwantari' scheme under which locally unavailable medicines will be delivered to patients at home.

- a) Manipur
- b) Goa
- c) Sikkim
- d) Nagaland
- e) Assam

Q.2) Which Indian state's CM has re-launched the zero-interest loan scheme for Women Self-Help Groups?

- a) Andhra Pradesh
- b) Bihar
- c) Haryana
- d) Jharkhand
- e) Odisha

Q.3) Name the Bank which partnered with All India Management Association (AIMA) to organize workshop named "The Contract Management during Emergency situations".

- a) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
- b) Standard Chartered Bank
- c) World Bank
- d) New Development Bank

e) Asian Development Bank

Q.4) Name the first non-bank company which gets RBI nod to enter into co-branding arrangements for prepaid Instruments.

- a) Transcorp International Limited
- b) Indian Oil Corporation
- c) Simpleclick International Limited
- d) Yatra International Limited
- e) Etihad guest International Limited

Q.5) Name the institute which topped among Indian institutes in Times Higher Education (THE) 's 2nd edition of Impact rankings 2020 (University of Auckland ranked top).

- a) IIT Kanpur
- b) IIT Kharagpur
- c) IIT Bombay
- d) IIT Madras
- e) IIT Calcutta

Q.6) Which among central armed police force (CAPF) has launched 'e-karyalay' (e-office) application to enable the movement of files and documents without physical touch.

- a) Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)
- b) Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)
- c) Border Security Force (BSF)

d) National Security Guard (NSG)

e) Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)

Q.7) In which Indian Navaratna CPSE the ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund Bharat-22 ETF picks up share worth Rs.59 Crore?

- a) Power Finance Corporation (PFC)
- b) Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)
- c) National Aluminium Company (NALCO)
- d) NBCC (India) Limited
- e) National Mineral Development Corporation (MMDC)

Q.8) Which Indian institute has developed the first probe free real time PCR diagnostic assay for detecting the COVID-19?

- a) IIT-Mandi
- b) IIT-Delhi
- c) IIT-Roorkee
- d) IIT-Bhopal
- e) IIT-Kanpur

Q.9) Indian Institute of Information Technology and Management, of which state has developed semantic search engine "Vilokana" to enable researchers to get deeper insights into scientific studies?

- a) Tamil Nadu
- b) Karnataka

c) Kerala

d) Telangana

e) Maharashtra

Q.10) Olympics silver medallist of Denmark, Mathias Boe has announced retirement recently. He belongs to which sports?

a) Shooting

b) Swimming

c) Rowing

d) Badminton

e) Archery

Q.11) Cricketer Sana Mir who announced retirement recently, is the former captain of which country?

a) India

b) Pakistan

c) Bangladesh

d) West Indies

e) Afghanistan

Q.12) The world malaria day was observed annually on April 25. What is the theme for world malaria day 2020?

a) "End Malaria For Good"

b) "LET'S Close The Gap"

c) "Invest in the future: defeat malaria"

d) "Ready to Beat Malaria"

e) "Zero Malaria Starts with Me"

Q.13) L&T Finance Holdings has sold its wholly-owned subsidiary L&T Capital Markets (LTCM) to _____ for Rs 230 crore.

a) Angel Broking

b) IIFL Wealth Finance

c) Kotak Securities

d) Edelweiss Group

e) Motilal Oswal

Q.14) Scientist at which Institute have developed the herbal decongestant spray on mask to protect from suffocation?

a) National Botanical Research Institute, Lucknow

b) Indian Institute of Agricultural Biotechnology, Ranchi

c) International Institute of Biotechnology & Toxicology, Tamil Nadu

d) Institute of Bioinformatics and Applied Biotechnology, Bangalore

e) Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Biotechnology, Trivandrum

Q.15) Which country recently launched its first military satellite 'NOOR'?

a) Iraq

b) Iran

c) Afghanistan

d) Israel

e) Palestine

Q.16) RBI has announced a Special Liquidity Facility for Mutual Funds to the tune of _____ crore with a view to ease liquidity pressures and prevent erosion of the Net asset value of funds due to redemption.

- a) 15, 000
- b) 35, 000
- c) 20, 000
- d) 25, 000
- e) 50, 000

Q.17) Which state government has launched the Jivan Shakti Yojana for women to prepare masks at home in urban areas to earn profit ?

- a) Kerala
- b) Tamil Nadu
- c) Madhya Pradesh
- d) Haryana
- e) Punjab

Q.18) Which company has become India's largest power plant to achieve 100 percent Plant Load Factor ?

- a) MTPL Ramagundam
- b) Mundra Thermal Power Station
- c) KSK Mahanadi Power Project
- d) Tiroda Thermal Power Station

e) NTPC Vindhyachal

Q.19) The Union Government has appointed _____ as the new Secretary in the Department of Economic affairs, Ministry of Finance.

- a) Preeti Sudan
- b) Tarun Bajaj
- c) Ravi Mittak
- d) Amit Khare
- e) Anita Karwal

Q.20) Which of the following country is Top in the list of worlds' top five military spender in 2019, as per the SIPRI data?

- a) Russia
- b) Germany
- c) USA
- d) Russia
- e) China

Q.21) Which state's government hospital becomes 1st in the country to launch plasma therapy for COVID-19?

- a) Uttar Pradesh
- b) Telangana
- c) Kerala
- d) Gujarat
- e) Maharashtra

Q.22) SIDBI recently launched special liquidity scheme for MSMEs with the loan tenor of _____ days.

- a) 90 days
- b) 40 days
- c) 60 days
- d) 45 days
- e) 30 days

Q.23) Which Airforce hosts the multilateral air combat training exercise Pitch Black biennially?

- a) Nepalese
- b) Russian
- c) Australian
- d) German
- e) US

Q.24) RBI recently extended Madhavan Menon's term as part-time Chairman of _____ Bank till July 21, 2020.

- a) Axis Bank
- b) Federal Bank
- c) KVB Bank
- d) CSB Bank
- e) Dhanlaxmi bank

Q.25) Jhuma Khatun has been recently banned for four years. She is related with which of the following fields?

- a) Wrestling

b) Hockey

c) Badminton

d) Athletics

e) Boxing

Q.26) Devanand Konwar who recently passed away was a well-known _____.

- a) Biologist
- b) Politician
- c) Footballer
- d) Actor
- e) Novelist

Q.27) Former cricketer Graeme Watson who passed away at the age of 75 played for which country ?

- a) New Zealand
- b) Australia
- c) Sri Lanka
- d) England
- e) South Africa

Q.28) What is the India Ratings' GDP growth forecast of India for the FY21?

- a) 2.5%
- b) 1.9%
- c) 3.1%
- d) 1.5%
- e) 3.6%

Q.29) World Day for Safety and Health at Work is observed on?

a) April 21

b) March 26

c) June 14

d) April 28

e) March 17

Q.30) Which Indian state which has launched a unique initiative named 'Umbare Aanganwadi' to help children during lockdown.

a) Karnataka

b) Kerala

c) Odisha

d) Gujarat

e) Bihar

Q.31) What will be the contraction in growth in Asia Pacific region for 2020, as per report titled 'APEC in the Epicentre of COVID-19' released by Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) ?

a) 2.5%

b) 2.7%

c) 1.9%

d) 1.6%

e) 1.2%

Q.32) Who among the following is the part of Texere Publishing Limited's "The Medicine Maker Power List 20 For 2020"?

a) Glenn Saldanha

b) Dilip Shanghvi

c) Umang Vohra

d) Sharvil Pankajbhai Patel

e) Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw

Q.33) Name the Indian private sector bank which has acquired additional 29% stake (total 30%) in Max Life Insurance for Rs. 1592 crores (approx).

a) Yes Bank

b) Axis Bank

c) HDFC Bank

d) ICICI Bank

e) CUB Bank

Q.34) Mobile App named 'Covid Pharma' to trace people buying medicines for fever, cold was launched by which state?

a) Andhra Pradesh

b) Maharashtra

c) Madhya Pradesh

d) Haryana

e) Chhattisgarh

Q.35) Name the PSU which has called for global expressions of interest (EoI) to provide 20 Hydrogen Fuel Cell (FC) based electric buses & electric cars to operate them in Delhi and Leh.

a) Steel Authority of India

b) Indian Oil Corporation Limited

c) Power Grid Corporation of India
d) Coal India Limited
e) NTPC Limited
Q.36) R V Bhuskute who passed away recently is _____.

- a) Freedom fighter
- b) Environmentalist
- c) Theatre Actor
- d) Photographer
- e) Painter

Q.37) Which state government launched Jagananna Vidya Deevena scheme to provide 100% fee reimbursement to all students in the state?

- a) Tamil Nadu
- b) Andhra Pradesh
- c) Maharashtra
- d) Gujarat
- e) Kerala

Q.38) Which Indian Institute of Technology developed a multi-surface sanitizer to disinfect devices in the combat against COVID-19?

- a) IIT- Guwahati
- b) IIT- Kanpur
- c) IIT- Bombay
- d) IIT- Bhubaneswar
- e) IIT- Kharagpur

Q.39) Which Pakistani player was banned from all forms of cricket for 3 years after pleading guilty to failing to report match-fixing approaches?

- a) Shoaib Malik
- b) Babar Azam
- c) Umar Akmal
- d) Mohammad Hafeez
- e) Babar Azam

Q.40) The foreign ministers of the BRICS grouping recently discussed measures to combat COVID-19. Who is the current BRICS Head?

- a) Brazil
- b) South Africa
- c) India
- d) Russia
- e) China

Q.41) Name the IIT which has designed 'Warbot' which can deliver medicines and food to COVID-19 patients.

- a) IIT Delhi
- b) IIT Bombay
- c) IIT Roopar
- d) IIT Mandi
- e) IIT Kharagpur

Q.42) The Asian Development Bank has approved to provide USD 346 loan for

which state to provide better power connection in rural areas?

- a) Goa
- b) Himachal Pradesh
- c) Gujarat
- d) Maharashtra
- e) Punjab

Q.43) What is will be India's growth forecast for the calendar year 2020 as per report titled "Global Macro Outlook 2020-21 (April 2020 update) " released by Moody?

- a) 0.9%
- b) 0.7%
- c) 0.2%
- d) 1.6%
- e) 1.2%

Q.44) Name the former finance secretary who has been appointed as the chairman of Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) for 3 years.

- a) KapilDevTripathi
- b) TN Krishnamoorthy
- c) Mahadev Singh
- d) Ajay Bhusan Pandey
- e) Rajiv Kumar

Q.45) Who has been appointed as the MD&CEO of Punjab National Bank (PNB) Housing Finance Limited?

- a) Neeraj Vyas
- b) Sanjaya Gupta
- c) Ramesh Kumar
- d) Farook Khan
- e) Gokula Krishnamurthy

Q.46) Suresh N Patel has been appointed as the vigilance commissioner in Central Vigilance Commission (CVC). He is the former chief of which Bank?

- a) Andhra Bank
- b) Allahabad Bank
- c) Canara Bank
- d) Syndicate Bank
- e) Bank of Baroda

Q.47) J Arunkumar from Karnataka has been appointed as the head coach of which nationalmen's cricket team?

- a) Singapore
- b) Malaysia
- c) Oman
- d) USA
- e) Nepal

Q.48) Name the Indian state which topped in terms of total installed

renewable capacity in FY20, as per CRISIL research report.

- a) Tamil Nadu
- b) Gujarat
- c) Karnataka
- d) West Bengal
- e) Maharashtra

Q.49) With which app the MyGov has partnered to support the Central Government efforts against the spread of Covid-19 pandemic.

- a) VMate
- b) HeloApp
- c) iMovie
- d) TikTok
- e) Kwairt

Q.50) Name the country which will host 2021 men's world boxing championship (Because of termination of agreement, India lost hosting rights).

- a) Russia
- b) Hungary
- c) Georgia
- d) Serbia
- e) Uzbekistan

Q.51) Indian women's team has qualified for ODI women's world cup 2021. Name

the country which is going to host the tournament.

- a) New Zealand
- b) South Africa
- c) Australia
- d) England
- e) Bangladesh

Q.52) Name the person who has authored the book titled "Sayajirao Gaekwad III: Maharaja of Baroda".

- a) Uma Balasubramaniam
- b) Sudha Murty
- c) Chetan Bhagat
- d) Ruskin Bond
- e) Vikram Seth

Q.53) Irrfan Khan who passed away recently is _____.

- a) Law Maker
- b) Painter
- c) Freedom fighter
- d) Actor
- e) Cyclist

Q.54) Recently in April 2020, Indian has extended \$150 million foreign currency swap support to which among the following country?

- a) Bangladesh
- b) Sri Lanka

c) Bhutan

d) Nepal

e) Maldives

Q.55) Which Indian Institute of Technology developed a sensor-based covid-19 sanitisation box to help in sanitisation of essential commodities used at home?

a) IIT-Bombay

b) IIT- Guwahati

c) IIT-Kanpur

d) IIT- Delhi

e) IIT-Kharagpur

Q.56) As on 30th April 2020, Commercial banks have borrowed how much amount of money from the liquidity window that was offered by the RBI for mutual funds (MFs) ?

a) Rs 5000 Crores

b) Rs 3000 Crores

c) Rs 1000 Crores

d) Rs 4000 Crores

e) Rs 2000 Crores

Q.57) Which state government has started 'Ayur Raksha' Clinics at Government hospitals to provide preventive medicines and other health support?

a) Madhya Pradesh

b) Kerala

c) West Bengal

d) Himachal Pradesh

e) Karnataka

Q.58) Who represented India in the 11th session of Petersburg Climate Dialogue held via video conferencing?

a) Prakash Javadekar

b) Ramvilas Paswan

c) Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi

d) Harsh Vardhan

e) Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'

Q.59) Who has been appointed by India as the new ambassador to Qatar ?

a) Pravin Jindal

b) Arun Sharma

c) Raveesh Kumar

d) Piyush Srivastava

e) Deepak Mittal

Q.60) Shrikant Madhav Vaidya has been appointed as the Chairman of _____.

a) Bharat Petroleum

b) Hindustan Petroleum

c) Nayara Energy

d) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation

e) Indian Oil Corporation

Q.61) Who has been appointed as India's next Ambassador to Bahrain?

- a) Deepak Mittal
- b) Piyush Srivastava
- c) Vinay Mohan Kwatra
- d) Santosh Jha
- e) Manpreet Vohra

Q.62) Chuni Goswami who passed away at the age 82 was a well-known _____.

- a) Politician
- b) Journalist
- c) Musician
- d) Footballer
- e) Cartoonist

Q.63) Who represented India in the G20 Digital Economy Ministers meet held through video conference?

- a) Prakash Javadekar
- b) Subrahmanyam Jaishankar
- c) Ravi Shankar Prasad
- d) Dharmendra Pradhan
- e) Amit Shah

Q.64) India ranked ____ spot among 117 nations in terms of budget transparency and accountability, according to the International Budget Partnership survey.

- a) 44th
- b) 53rd

c) 88th

d) 57th

e) 63rd

Q.65) Which bank launched 'Vikas Abhaya' loan scheme?

- a) Karnataka Vikas Grameen Bank
- b) Karur Vysa Bank
- c) Union Bank
- d) Tamilnadu Grama Bank
- e) Canara Bank

Q.66) Which Indian state/UT police has along with All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) has jointly run the program called 'Ayuraksha'?

- a) Tamil Nadu
- b) Delhi
- c) Puducherry
- d) Maharashtra
- e) Haryana

Q.67) Who was appointed India's Permanent Representative to the United Nations?

- a) T S Tirumurti
- b) Piyush Srivastava
- c) Syed Akbaruddin
- d) Deepak Mittal
- e) None of the Above

Q.68) The terracotta work of Gorakhpur & Kovalpatti kadalai-mittai has got GI tag recently, along with Chak-Hao, the black rice of which Indian state?

- a) Tamil Nadu
- b) Kerala
- c) Uttar Pradesh
- d) Manipur
- e) Sikkim

Q.69) National Board for Wild Life (NBWL) has allowed to use a part of the Dehing Patkai Elephant Reserve for coal mining recently. The Elephant reserve is located in which state?

- a) Himachal Pradesh
- b) Telangana
- c) Assam
- d) Goa
- e) Nagaland

Q.70) Name the 1st Indian tennis player who has been won the Fed Cup Heart Award from the Asia/Oceania Zone?

- a) Leander Paes
- b) Mahesh Bhupathi
- c) Vijay Amritraj
- d) Rohan Bopanna
- e) Sania Mirza

Q.71) Name the person who has built named the 1st helicopter to be built for Mars as 'Ingenuity' by NASA in 'Name the Rover' competition.

- a) Tanishq Abraham
- b) P Sanjana
- c) Vaneeza Rupani
- d) Arshdeep Singh
- e) Advait Kolarkar

Q.72) Which Indian state government hospital has deployed robot named "KARMI-Boot" which was developed by ASIMOV robotics.

- a) Kerala
- b) Tamil Nadu
- c) Karnataka
- d) Goa
- e) Telangana

Q.73) Name the person who authored the book titled "Shivaji in South Block: The Unwritten History of a Proud People".

- a) Sudha Murthy
- b) Chetan Bhagat
- c) Uma Balasubramanian
- d) Girish Kuber
- e) Aravind Panagariya

Q.74) Ronald Vivian Smith who died in April 2020 is _____.

a) Architect

b) Footballer

c) Painter

d) Writer

e) Physician

Q.75) Ministry of shipping has launched reconstructed website (shipmin.gov.in), based on open source technology and is deployed on the National Informatics Centre (NIC) cloud named _____.

a) Mahadooh

b) Badalraj

c) Varuna

d) Meghraj

e) Ghataraj

Q.76) Name the Indian state which has launched telemedicine facility at North Eastern Indira Gandhi Regional Institute of Health and Medical Sciences (NEIGRIHMS).

a) Manipur

b) Meghalaya

c) Assam

d) Sikkim

e) Nagaland

Q.77) Which country has conferred Manipuri doctor, Thangjam Dhabali Singh

with "Order of Rising Sun- Gold and Silver Rays"?

a) Indonesia

b) South Korea

c) China

d) Japan

e) Thailand

Q.78) Name the person who authored the book named "The Room Where It Happened: A White House Memoir".

a) Dana Vachon

b) Alice Walker

c) KaminMohammadi

d) John Bolton

e) Ralph Ellison

Q.79) _____ has roped in former Axis Bank CEO Shikha Sharma as an advisor.

a) Yes Bank

b) PayTm

c) Amazon Pay

d) Google Pay

e) Phone Pay

Q.80) _____ bagged Silver at Asia Sustainability Reporting Awards 2019.

a) DBS Bank India

b) Axis Bank

c) Thomas Cook India

d) Google India

e) None of the Above

Q.81) _____ was, recently honoured with Sir Richard Hadlee Medal.

a) Stephen Fleming

b) Kane Williamson

c) Ross Taylor

d) Tim Southee

e) Daniel Vettori

Q.82) What is India's rank on the National Science and Technology Management Information's 2019 survey based on Research and Development Statistics and Indicators?

a) First

b) Fifth

c) Second

d) Third

e) Fourth

Q.83) Which of the following became the first state in India to provide free & cashless insurance cover to its people?

a) West Bengal

b) Uttar Pradesh

c) Maharashtra

d) Karnataka

e) Gujarat

Q.84) World Champion Peter Ebdon has recently announced his retirement. He is related with which of the following fields?

a) Discus throw

b) Table Tennis

c) Snooker

d) Golf

e) Weightlifting

Q.85) Who released the e-book 'Prof. B. B. Lal -India Rediscovered' to mark the centenary year of Prof B. B. Lal?

a) Jitendra Singh

b) Kiren Rijiju

c) Shripad Yesso Naik

d) Prahalad Singh Patel

e) Rao Inderjit Singh

Q.86) Yes Bank has recently appointed whom as the chief risk officer with immediate effect?

a) Praveen Sharma

b) Nilesh Khanna

c) Nirmal Singh

d) Shashi Thakur

e) Neeraj Dhawan

Q.87) RBI has recently canceled the license of The CKP Co-operative Bank based in which of the following cities?

a) Kolkata

- b) Delhi
- c) Mumbai
- d) Mysuru
- e) Chennai

Q.88) Which of the following is the theme for World Press Freedom Day?

- a) Journalism without Fear or Favour
- b) Everyone can be a Journalist
- c) Journalism with Dignity
- d) Protection for Journalists
- e) Journalism with Valour

Q.89) Council of Scientific and Industrial Research has launched _____ App to connect farmers to supply chain.

- a) Kisan Unnati
- b) Kisan Rojgar
- c) Kisan Mandi
- d) Kisan Sabha
- e) Kisan Vandana

Q.90) Which ministry launched The Future of River Management "IDEAthon"?

- a) Ministry of Ayush
- b) Ministry of Jal Shakti
- c) Ministry of Science & Technology
- d) Ministry of Earth Science
- e) None of the Above

Q.91) Which of the following bank has appointed Deepak Kumar as Chief Risk Officer?

- a) Ujjivan Small Finance Bank
- b) Yes Bank
- c) RBL Bank
- d) Kotak Mahindra Bank
- e) ICICI Bank

Q.92) Which country holds the Presidency of NAM 2020?

- a) India
- b) Oman
- c) Azerbaijan
- d) Ethiopia
- e) China

Q.93) Name the Indian state which has decided to launch 'Mukhya Mantri Shahari Rojgar Guarantee Yojna' for urban employment (120 days of employment).

- a) Himachal Pradesh
- b) Chhattisgarh
- c) Goa
- d) Tamil Nadu
- e) Bihar

Q.94) Ramesh Babu V has been appointed as the Director of operations of which Indian public sector company?

a) National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC)

b) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC)

c) Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL)

d) Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL)

e) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)

Q.95) The Badminton World Federation (BWF) has postponed world championship 2020 to November 2021. The tournament will take place in which country?

a) Thailand

b) India

c) Malaysia

d) China

e) Spain

Q.96) Which IIT has collaborated with Hongkong based New Frontier Capital Management company to create venture capital?

a) IIT Hyderabad

b) IIT Madras

c) IIT Delhi

d) IIT Bombay

e) IIT Ropar

Q.97) Which country which plans to launch its 1st satellite to monitor Arctic

climate & environment named "Arktika-M" by December 2020.

a) China

b) Russia

c) Japan

d) India

e) United States

Q.98) Sandeep Kumari who has been banned for 4 year by World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) is associated with which sports?

a) Discus Throw

b) Shot Put

c) Javelin Throw

d) Middle distance runner

e) Gymnastic

Q.99) The International Firefighters' Day (IFFD) was observed annually on ____.

a) July 8

b) May 4

c) May 15

d) April 14

e) June 2

Q.100) What is the name of voice-based applications which was launched by BharatPe recently to avail facilities without touching mobile phones.

a) Paisa Bolega

b) BharatPe Balance

c) BharatPe Paisa

d) Both a) and b)

e) Both b) and c)

Q.101) Which of the following firm developed Wi-Fi-enabled UV disinfection tower- UV Blaster?

a) All India Institute of Medical Sciences

b) Indian Council of Medical Research

c) Physical Research Laboratory, Gujarat

d) Defence Research and Development Organisation

e) Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore

Q.102) Which is the scheme involved in the 'Saras Collection facility' launched on government e-marketplace portal to showcase daily utility products by rural SHGs?

a) Make in India Scheme

b) DAY-NRLM

c) PM Mudra Yojana

d) Skill India Mission

e) Stand Up India Scheme

Q.103) Krishnan Ramachandran has been appointed as the MD & CEO of _____.

a) Apollo Munich Health Insurance

b) Manipal CIGNA Health Insurance

c) Max Bupa Health Insurance

d) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance

e) Star Health and Allied insurance

Q.104) Which all are the banks with which WhatsApp is planning to roll out its Payment facility in India?

a) HDFC, Federal, KVB

b) Federal, South Indian, KVB

c) Axis, South Indian, HSBC

d) KVB, HSBC, ICICI

e) ICICI, HDFC, Axis

Q.105) Who has been appointed as the head of the Standard Chartered Bank's retail banking?

a) Arvind Kapil

b) Kusal Roy

c) Gauri Nair

d) Sidharth Rath

e) Byron Grote

Q.106) NABARD recently disbursed Rs 12, 767 crore to state cooperative banks and regional rural banks for on lending to famers. How much is the interest charged on this?

a) 7.4%

b) 3.9%

c) 4.8%

d) 5.8%

e) 3.3%

Q.107) Who has been appointed as the new Non-official Independent Director of National Fertilizers Ltd (NFL) ?

- a) Devinder Singh Ahuja
- b) Virendra Nath Datt
- c) Ashutosh Arora
- d) Pandya Ashwinkumar Balvantray
- e) Manoj Mishra

Q.108) Who has been nominated by President Trump as a representative to the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development ?

- a) Neeraj Jain
- b) Jeyandran Venugopal
- c) Rajesh Magow
- d) Ashok Michael Pinto
- e) Kinshuk Bairagi

Q.109) Who has been appointed as the new Chief Financial officer of Flipkart and Myntra ?

- a) Bhagya Shetty
- b) Sriram Venkataraman
- c) Sanjay Baweja
- d) Vishakha Lall
- e) Vikram Sharma

Q.110) Sport's governing body FINA has postponed the 2021 Fukuoka world championships to May ____.

- a) 2023
- b) 2022
- c) 2024
- d) 2025
- e) 2026

Q.111) Who received the 2020 Young Career Award in Nano Science and Technology?

- a) Manohar Vartak
- b) Wangikar khan
- c) Naresh Patwari
- d) Saurabh Lodha
- e) Pramod singh

Q.112) Which country awarded Kim Jong Un a commemorative war medal to recognize the North Korean leader's role in preserving the memory of the country?

- a) Georgia
- b) Russia
- c) Kazakhstan
- d) China
- e) Germany

Q.113) _____ launched Operation Samudra Setu?

- a) Indian Air

b) Indian Army

c) NITI Aayog

d) Indian Navy

e) NSG

Q.114) Which state government launched the Nigah Scheme?

a) Uttarakhand

b) Assam

c) Himachal Pradesh

d) Uttar Pradesh

e) Maharashtra

Q.115) Which state launched the Ayush Kavach app?

a) Maharashtra

b) Andhra Pradesh

c) Uttarakhand

d) Uttar Pradesh

e) Himachal Pradesh

Q.116) Who has been appointed as the head of the five-member jury for the Rs.25 lakh JCB Prize for Literature 2020?

a) Leela Samson

b) Deepika Sorabjee

c) Ramu Ramanathan

d) Aruni Kashyap

e) Tejaswini Niranjana

Q.117) PNB Housing Finance has signed a MoU with which IIT, to support critical

R&D of a unique prototype material to be used in manufacturing PPE surgical gowns and masks?

a) IIT-Delhi

b) IIT-Kanpur

c) IIT- Bombay

d) IIT-Roorke

e) IIT- Madras

Q.118) Who has been named as the brand ambassador of global Edu-tech company ELSA Corp India?

a) Jasprit Bumrah

b) Rishabh Pant

c) Rohit Sharma

d) Ajinkya Rahane

e) Virat Kohli

Q.119) Whom among the following has been appointed as the Director on the Central Board of Reserve Bank of India?

a) Subhash Chandra Garg

b) Rajiv Kumar

c) Ashutosh Sharma

d) TV Somanathan

e) Tarun Bajaj

Q.120) Which state government announced the new 'Naikar Samaan Yojana' to provide 2000 Rs financial assistance to the weavers?

a) Punjab

b) Tamil Nadu

c) Odisha

d) Karnataka

e) Rajasthan

Q.121) Who has been appointed as the Director general of Labour Bureau in Ministry of Labour and Employment?

a) D P S Negi

b) A B Pandey

c) A S Mishra

d) T N Ramakrishnan

e) B N Nanda

Q.122) Who has been re-appointed as the chairman of Parliament's public accounts committee.

a) Anto Antony

b) Abdul Khaleque

c) Sonia Gandhi

d) Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury

e) Kumbakudi Sudhakaran

Q.123) Tennis player Youssef Hossam was banned from the sport for life by Tennis Integrity Unit (TIU – headquartered at London) recently. He belongs to which country?

a) Serbia

b) India

c) Egypt

d) Australia

e) Sweden

Q.124) Name the person who authored the book titled 'Vijyant at Kargil: The Life of a Kargil Hero'.

a) VN Thapar

b) Neha Dwivedi

c) Vijaya Gupta

d) Both a) and b)

e) Both b) and c)

Q.125) Who among the following has been honoured with the 40 Most Influential Asian Under 40 recognition ?

a) Amarendra Sahu

b) Raghav Chandra

c) Shrenik Ghodawat

d) Abhiraj Bhal

e) Varun Khaitan

Q.126) Mustafa al-Kadhimi has been recently sworn in as the Prime Minister of _____.

a) Afghanistan

b) Iraq

c) Libya

d) Israel

e) Iran

Q.127) _____ launched DekhoApnaDesh logo design contest amid lockdown.

- a) Ministry of Culture
- b) Ministry of Environment
- c) Ministry of Tourism
- d) Ministry of Home Affairs
- e) None of the Above

Q.128) PNB Housing Finance has signed an MoU with which educational institution to support R&D activities related to covid-19 ?

- a) IIT Bombay
- b) IIT Hyderabad
- c) IIT Delhi
- d) IIT Mandi
- e) IIT Roorkee

Q.129) Which organization has prepared a 'Compendium of Indian Technologies for Combating COVID-19'?

- a) National Research Development Corporation
- b) National Innovation Foundation
- c) Science and Engineering Research Board
- d) Council of Scientific and Industrial Research
- e) Indian Council for Medical Research

Q.130) Which state government launched an online portal scholarships.gov.in under 'Mukhyamantri Yuba Yogayog Yojana'?

- a) Tripura
- b) Assam
- c) Mizoram
- d) Nagaland
- e) Meghalaya

Q.131) Madhya Pradesh developed a unique vehicle_____ for health workers to investigate any suspected patients without coming into the contact of him.

- a) Rakshan
- b) Sanjeevani
- c) Amrut
- d) Akash
- e) Kavach

Q.132) Which Bank recently approved an additional loan of 500 million dollar to Bangladesh to manage the impact of Corona virus on its economy and public health?

- a) ADB
- b) EIB
- c) IBRD
- d) AIIB
- e) IMF

Q.133) Chittaranjan Locomotive Works recently produced an automatic medical trolley to serve patients in hospitals without human contact. Where is CLW located at?

- a) Chhattisgarh
- b) Sikkim
- c) Odisha
- d) West Bengal
- e) Bihar

Q.134) Who is the National Goodwill Ambassador United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) ?

- a) Ameesha Patel
- b) Lara Dutta
- c) Dia Mirza
- d) Priyanka Chopra
- e) Anushka Sharma

Q.135) Coir Board signed MoU with _____ for setting up Centre of Excellence for coir applications.

- a) IIT-Roorkee
- b) IIT-Kanpur
- c) IIT-Madras
- d) IIT-Ahmedabad
- e) IIT-Kharagpur

Q.136) Which state passed ordinance to suspend most labour laws for 3 years?

- a) Maharashtra
- b) Madhya Pradesh
- c) Telangana
- d) Uttar Pradesh
- e) Kerala

Q.137) When is the World Red Cross Day?

- a) June 30
- b) April 20
- c) February 11
- d) March 10
- e) May 8

Q.138) Which state raises retirement age of government employees from 58 to 59?

- a) Karnataka
- b) Jharkhand
- c) Andhra Pradesh
- d) Tamil Nadu
- e) Madhya Pradesh

Q.139) Rob Gibbs passed away. He was a/an_____.

- a) Director
- b) Politician
- c) Cricketer
- d) Painter
- e) Journalist

Q.140) _____ becomes the first state in country to provide Mid-Day Meal ration?

a) Maharashtra

b) Rajasthan

c) Goa

d) Tripura

e) Madhya Pradesh

Q.141) What is the worth of road construction target of India for next 2 years as per Road Transport & Highways minister Nitin Gadkari?

a) 10 Lakh crores

b) 15 Lakh crores

c) 5 Lakh crores

d) 20 Lakh crores

e) 25 Lakh crores

Q.142) Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has inaugurated 80km strategically crucial road link connecting Lipulekh pass with Dharchula. Lipulekh Pass is route between India and china (Tibet) is in which state?

a) Arunachal Pradesh

b) Meghalaya

c) Uttarakhand

d) Assam

e) Manipur

Q.143) Name the mobile app which was launched by Uttar Pradesh government for migrant workers.

a) Naadi

b) Exit App

c) Garurd

d) Pravasi Raahat Mitra

e) COVA

Q.144) Which of the following companies has recently launched the solar-powered mobile swab collection units?

a) Tata Solar

b) LG India

C) Vikram Solar

d) Loom Solar

e) Selco Solar

e) Mumps

Q.145) Hari Shankar Vasudevan, who passed away recently was an eminent _____.

a) Biologist

b) Geologist

c) Psychiatrist

d) Archaeologist

e) Historian

Q.146) Which City launches Pranavayu programme to create awareness on need to self-examine respiratory health?

a) Chennai

b) Bengaluru

c) Hyderabad

d) Lucknow

e) Mumbai

Q.147) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Managing Director _____ of Wipro Limited has decided to step down.

a) Rajesh Kumar

b) Abidali Z Neemuchwala

c) Karthick Reddy

d) Prakash Gupta

e) Gowtham Kumar

Q.148) What is the amount of loan that was sanctioned by the Public Sector Banks in March - April?

a) Rs. 2 Lakh Core

b) Rs. 4. 44 Lakh Crore

c) Rs. 5.66 Lakh Crore

d) Rs. 3.15 Lakh Crore

e) Rs. 5.44 Lakh Crore

Q.149) Centre launched Mission _____ for assistance to Indian Ocean nations amid COVID crisis.

a) Samudra Setu

b) Vikrant

c) Sagar

d) Aditya

e) Samrat

Q.150) Which State Government recently banned Pan Masala for 1 year?

a) Madhya Pradesh

b) Karnataka

c) Gujarat

d) Jharkhand

e) Tripura

Q.151) _____ develops automated UV systems to sanitise electronic gadgets, papers & currency notes.

a) ICMR

b) CSRI

c) DRDO

d) CFTRI

e) IIT- Lucknow

Q.152) ICMR has partnered with _____ for mass scale production of the ELISA test kits.

a) Cipla

b) Zydus Cadila

c) Ipca Laboratory

d) Lupin Limited

e) NCSRI

Q.153) Narinder Dhruv Batra to continue as president till May 2021 at international federation of which sports?

a) Cricket

b) Hockey

c) Kabaddi

d) Shooting

e) Boxing

Q.154) Name the Indian who has been conferred with Deutsche Welle Freedom of Speech Award 2020 among with 17 journalists from 14 countries.

- a) Prannoy Roy
- b) Shekar Gupta
- c) Arnab Goswami
- d) Sudhir Chaudry
- e) Siddharth Varadarajan

Q.155) The Sports Authority of India (SAI) has formed 6-member committee to prepare SOP for resumption of sports coaching and activities. Name the person who heads the committee.

- a) SS Roy
- b) BK Nayak
- c) Rajesh Rajagopalan
- d) Sachin K
- e) Rohit Bharadwaj

Q.156) Name the person who authored the book titled "Fear of God" under pen name Vadhan.

- a) Sandhya Ramakrishnan
- b) Bomma devara Sai Chandravadhan
- c) Raja Gopala Krishnan
- d) Sudha Krishnamurthy
- e) Uma Balasubramanian

Q.157) Which laboratory of DRDO has handed over the mobile COVID-19 testing lab named "PARAKH" to Mysuru Medical College and Research Institute (MMCRI) ?

- a) Laser Science & Technology Centre (LASTEC)
- b) Advanced Systems Laboratory (ASL)
- c) Defence Bio-engineering & Electro-medical Laboratory (DEBEL)
- d) Centre for Air Borne System (CABS)
- e) Defence Food Research Laboratory (DFRL)

Q.158) Which Indian metro city has registered the highest number of Internet users in accordance with the study by Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI) ?

- a) Kolkata
- b) New Delhi
- c) Mumbai
- d) Chennai
- e) Bengaluru

Q.159) Name the Indian cricket who has been appointed as the brand ambassador of education technology company ELSA corp.

- a) Ajinkya Rahane
- b) Jaspreet Bumrah

c) Rohit Sharma

d) MS Dhoni

e) Virat Kohli

Q.160) Which of the following is voted as the 'Best Regional Airport' in India and Central Asia?

a) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport

b) Indra Gandhi International Airport

c) Mangalore International Airport

d) Kempagowda International Airport

e) Rajiv Gandhi International Airport

Q.161) Which of the following state's Home Minister launched the country's first-ever 'FIR Aapke Dwar' Yojana?

a) Maharashtra

b) Madhya Pradesh

c) Uttar Pradesh

d) Bihar

e) Rajasthan

Q.162) What is the Fiscal Deficit target for India for FY21 as estimated by Bank of America?

a) 3.5%

b) 4.3%

c) 5.3%

d) 5.8%

e) 3.6%

Q.163) Who has been appointed as the Secretary of Ministry of New & Renewable Energy?

a) Rajiv Kumar

b) Raj Kumar Singh

c) Traun Bajaj

d) Indu Shekhar Chaturvedi

e) Ramesh Kumar

Q.164) Who is the first Indian to win the Fed Cup Heart Award?

a) Virat Kohli

b) P V Sindhu

c) Sachin Tendulkar

d) M S Dhoni

e) Sania Mirza

Q.165) Who of the following announced his/her retirement recently to hold her post as the President of the Paralympic Committee of India?

a) Mariyappan Thangavelu

b) Farman Basha

c) Deepa Malik

d) Devendra Jhajharia

e) Amit Kumar Saroha

Q.166) Where is Changi Airport, the world's 'Best Airport' located?

a) China

b) Thailand

c) Maldives

d) Singapore

e) Malaysia

Q.167) The Jharkhand State Department partnered with which of the following to start online classes for school children?

a) MeITY

b) Local Schools of Jharkhand

c) Doordarshan

d) MHRD

e) None of the Above

Q.168) Which department which has partnered with start-ups named 'Safejob' and 'Seekify' to power Suraksha Store Initiative.

a) Department of Agriculture and Co-operation

b) Department of Commerce

c) Department of Agricultural Research and Education

d) Department of Food and Public Distribution

e) Department of Consumer Affairs

Q.169) Name the world organization which in partnership with International Council of Nurses (ICN) and Nursing Now has released the first "The State of the World's Nursing 2020" report.

a) Amnesty International

b) United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

c) Commonwealth of Nations

d) World Health Organisation (WHO)

e) World Economic Forum (WEF)

Q.170) _____ is set to serve as president of Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) for the 2nd term (May 2020).

a) Chris Gayle

b) Sachin Tendulkar

c) Kumar Sangakkara

d) Sunil Gavaskar

e) Ricky Ponting

Q.171) Which of the following is the only big state to have achieved the SDG Goal in terms of IMR?

a) Tamil Nadu

b) Karnataka

c) Kerala

d) Maharashtra

e) Odisha

Q.172) Andhra Pradesh government recently set up a high-powered committee to probe the Vizag gas leak Incident. Who is the head of the committee?

a) Vinay Chand

b) Neeraj Kumar Prasad

c) Karikal Valaven

d) Vivek Yadav

e) RK Meena

Q.173) Who has been appointed as the chairman of CBSE?

a) Manoj Ahuja

b) Supratim Bandyopadhyay

c) Anita Karwal

d) Indu Shekhar Chaturvedi

e) Anand Kumar

Q.174) Name the digital conference launched by Science and Technology minister Harsh Vardhan on occasion of national technology day May 11, 2020?

a) IMAI

b) RESTART

c) Innovation AI

d) RAISE

e) Digital India

Q.175) Name the Indian state which has highest number of Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) as per Sample Registration System (SRS) bulletin based on data collected for 2018 by Registrar General of India ?

a) Bihar

b) Maharashtra

c) Chhattisgarh

d) Madhya Pradesh

e) Kerala

Q.176) Which company which has made India's 1st indigenous hot air seam sealing machine used to manufacture personal protective equipment (PPE) kits?

a) Chiron CNC

b) Macpower CNC

c) CATE company

d) Averex CNC

e) Jothi CNC

Q.177) Which country is going to host the FIFA U-17 women's world cup in February 2021?

a) Argentina

b) South Africa

c) India

d) Spain

e) Germany

Q.178) France based Remy Di Gregorio who was banned from participating the sport for 4 years is associated with which sports?

a) Cycling

b) Gymnastic

c) Rugby

d) Football

e) Squash

Q.179) Jerry Stiller who passed away recently is a renowned _____.

- a) Law Maker
- b) Architect
- c) Actor
- d) Pop Singer
- e) Social Reformer

Q.180) When was International Nurses Day 2020 with the theme "Nurses: A voice to lead- Nursing the World to Health" observed on _____.

- a) May 5
- b) May 12
- c) May 8
- d) May 17
- e) May 3

Q.181) Manmeet Singh Walia who passed away recently was a champion of which of the following sports?

- a) Table Tennis
- b) Squash
- c) Tennis
- d) Golf
- e) Badminton

Q.182) Who has been appointed as the Director-General of the Archaeological Survey of India?

- a) Usha Sharma

b) Ajay Kumar

- c) Manoj Ahuja
- d) V Vidyavathi
- e) Anita Karwal

Q.183) Which of the following Indian states recorded the highest Under-Five deaths in child and maternal malnutrition in 2017?

- a) Kerala
- b) Uttar Pradesh
- c) Odisha
- d) Bihar
- e) Tamil Nadu

Q.184) The iconic Sohrai tribal art got a GI tag recently. With which of the following states does the art belong?

- a) Telangana
- b) Jammu & Kashmir
- c) Rajasthan
- d) Karnataka
- e) Jharkhand

Q.185) Which zone of the railways partnered with Postal dept for door delivery and pick up of parcels to help people during the lockdown?

- a) Southern
- b) Western
- c) Northern

d) North Western

e) South Eastern

Q.186) Which of the following state's Chief Minister launched a portal, called 'HOPE' for unemployed youth to get jobs?

a) Uttar Pradesh

b) Rajasthan

c) Uttarakhand

d) Karnataka

e) Bihar

Q.187) What is the rank of India in World Economic Forum (WEF) 's global Energy Transition Index (ETI) 2020 which was topped by Sweden?

a) 34

b) 49

c) 74

d) 57

e) 98

Q.188) 'United We Fight' was a musical album released by _____.

a) World Economic Forum

b) Indian Council for Cultural Relations

c) UNICEF

d) World Health Organisation

e) World Trade Organisation

Q.189) Who among the following has been re-inducted into the NADA's Disciplinary panel?

a) Pinki Rani

b) Vijender Singh

c) Ranveer Singh

d) Akhil Kumar

e) Mary Kom

Q.190) The Sundaram Medical Foundation of TVS group and which IIT has jointly developed low-cost, automated respiratory assistance device named "Sundaram Ventago"?

a) IIT Kolkata

b) IIT Madras

c) IIT Delhi

d) IIT Bombay

e) IIT Kanpur

Q.191) Manmeet Singh Walia who passed away recently is associated with which sports?

a) Badminton

b) Hockey

c) Table Tennis

d) Billiards

e) Tennis

Q.192) Along with which organization the ICMR has initiated a population-based

'sero-survey' in selected districts to monitor COVID-19 prevalence?

- a) Center for Disease Dynamics, Economics & Policy
- b) Council of Scientific & Industrial Research
- c) National Centre for Disease Control
- d) Centre for Science and Environment
- e) Centre for Chronic Disease Control

Q.193) What is the grant that was provided by Shanghai based BRICS' New Development Bank as loan to India to fight COVID-19 (May 2020) ?

- a) USD 5 Billion
- b) USD 3 Billion
- c) USD 2 Billion
- d) USD 1 Billion
- e) USD 10 Billion

Q.194) The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) of which country has promised USD 3.6 million to India to combat against the COVID-19?

- a) United States
- b) Germany
- c) Spain
- d) Italy
- e) Cuba

Q.195) The astronomers of which university has discovered a new rare new Super-Earth planet?

- a) Stanford University
- b) Yale University
- c) University of Canterbury
- d) Tsinghua University
- e) Duke University

Q.196) Tencent, a Chinese tech giant launched which of the following apps in more than 100 countries recently?

- a) VooV Meeting
- b) Slack
- c) GoTo Meeting
- d) Group Call
- e) Internet Meeting

Q.197) Robert Azevedo has announced his resignation. He was the chief of which of the following?

- a) United Nations World Tourism Organization
- b) World Economic Forum
- c) World Trade Organization
- d) World Health Organization
- e) Federation of Indian Export Organisations

Q.198) _____ was awarded the Vice Admiral GM Hiranandani Memorial Rolling Trophy 2020?

- a) Ashok Kumar
- b) M S Pawar
- c) Admiral Karambir Singh
- d) Akshay Kumar
- e) Karnam Singh

Q.199) MoneyGram Payments Bank has tied up with which of the following banks for direct-to-bank account credit service?

- a) Bandhan Bank
- b) Karnataka Bank
- c) ICICI Bank
- d) HDFC Bank
- e) Federal Bank

Q.200) According to the latest announcements by the Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, the 'One Nation, One Ration card' Scheme will be fully operational pan India by _____.

- a) April 2021
- b) March 2021
- c) June 2020
- d) May 2021
- e) December 2021

Q.201) which of the following states under the chairmanship of Hasmukh Adhia has

formed a committee to revive the post-CoVID economy?

- a) Karnataka
- b) Tamil Nadu
- c) Kerala
- d) Gujarat
- e) Uttar Pradesh

Q.202) Which of the following states has launched the 'Matir Smristi' scheme?

- a) Andhra Pradesh
- b) Gujarat
- c) Karnataka
- d) West Bengal
- e) Maharashtra

Q.203) Which of the following institutes has recently implemented the Enterprises Resource Planning (ERP), SAMARTH?

- a) Central University of Jammu & Kashmir
- b) IIT Madras
- c) IIM Bangalore
- d) IIT Roorkee
- e) NIT Kurukshetra

Q.204) The EPF contribution is reduced for businesses and workers for three months to from the existing 12% to ____% for all establishments covered by EPFO.

- a) 11
- b) 10

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| c) 9 | c) January 1, 2021 |
| d) 8 | d) April 1, 2021 |
| e) 6 | e) June 30, 2020 |
| Q.205) What is the amount that was allocated from PM CARES Fund Trust to fight COVID-19 pandemic? | Q.208) Who represented India at the second G20 Virtual Trade and Investment Ministers Meeting held through video conferencing? |
| a) Rs. 1500 Crore | a) Harsh Vardhan |
| b) Rs. 3100 Crore | b) Pralhad Joshi |
| c) Rs. 2000 Crore | c) Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi |
| d) Rs. 2500 Crore | d) Subrahmanyam Jaishankar |
| e) Rs. 2700 Crore | e) Piyush Goyal |
| Q.206) According to World Health Organization (WHO) 's Global Nutrition Report 2020, India is one among 88 countries to miss global nutrition targets set by _____. | Q.209) Which is the Central Government's target year to provide tap connection to supply water to all rural families under the Jal Jeevan Mission? |
| a) 2024 | a) 2021-22 |
| b) 2025 | b) 2024-25 |
| c) 2022 | c) 2023-24 |
| d) 2023 | d) 2025-26 |
| e) 2026 | e) 2029-30 |
| Q.207) Reserve Bank of India has extended the interest subsidy period for exporters under 'Interest Equalisation Scheme for pre and post shipment Rupee Export Credit' to which date? | Q.210) CSIR-Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology and _____ have tied up with Vins Bioproducts Ltd to develop antibody fragment-based immunotherapy for treatment for Covid-19 pandemic. |
| a) March 31, 2021 | a) University of Hyderabad |
| b) December 31, 2020 | b) IIT- Guwahati |

c) University of Rajasthan

d) IIT- Madras

e) None of the Above

Q.211) Who launched the e-Governance platform, SAMARTH?

a) Ministry of Tourism

b) Ministry of Science & Technology

c) Ministry of Human Resource Development

d) Ministry of Culture

Q.212) 'The Global Information Technology Report' is published by which among the following organizations?

a) International Monetary Fund

b) World Bank

c) World Economic Forum

d) Financial Action Task Force

e) Bank for International Settlements

Q.213) Who launches 'Goal' programme of MoTA for digital skilling of tribal youth in partnership with Facebook?

a) Rajnath Singh

b) Piyush Goyal

c) Arjun Munda

d) Harsha Vardhan

e) Amit Shah

Q.214) PepsiCo India ties up with which food delivery company to launch Lay's and Kurkure e-stores on the app?

a) Swiggy

b) Zomato

c) Uber eats

d) Fast Food

e) Both (a) and (b)

Q.215) _____develops COVID-19 dashboard to help contain community infection post lockdown.

a) IIT- Hyderabad

b) IIT- Madras

c) IIT- Guwahati

d) IIT-Gandhinagar

e) IIT- Kanpur

Q.216) Debesh Roy passed away. He was a/an_____?

a) Author

b) Actor

c) Politician

d) Cricketer

e) Journalist

Q.217) Under the Atmanirbhar package announced by the government recently, how much is the liquidity support provided for DISCOM sector?

a) Rs.50, 000-crore

b) Rs.110, 00 0-crore

c) Rs.70, 000-crore

d) Rs.60, 000-crore

e) Rs.90, 000-crore

Q.218) IBM has tied up with which company to launch cloud services for banks and financial institutions to modernise and ensure business continuity ?

a) Cholamandalam

b) Power Finance corporation

c) Muthoot Finance

d) HDB Finance service

e) Intellect Design Arena

Q.219) Which of the following states launched 'Charan Paduka', an initiative for migrant labourers?

a) Madhya Pradesh

b) Uttar Pradesh

c) Maharashtra

d) Rajasthan

e) Bihar

Q.220) Which of the following organisations has inked a loan agreement for a \$145 million irrigation project with the Government of India and West Bengal?

a) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank

b) World Bank

c) Asian Development Bank

d) New Development Bank

e) IMF

Q.221) NABARD recently sanctioned Rs 1, 500 crore to ensure credit flow to farmers to which of the following states, amid the pandemic?

a) Tamil Nadu

b) Karnataka

c) Punjab

d) Andhra Pradesh

e) Maharashtra

Q.222) The Rajesh Kumar Chibber is re-appointed as the chairman of J&K bank for 3 years. Name the person who has been appointed as the MD of J&K bank?

a) Murali M. Natrajan

b) Shyam Srinivasan

c) Shikha Sharma

d) Polali Jayarama Bhat

e) Zubair Iqbal

Q.223) Who headed the Group of Ministers (GoM) panel which proposes land pooling to corporatize agriculture & merging MGNREGA with skilling programmes.

a) Rao Inderjit Singh

b) Thawar Chand Gehlot

c) Mahendra Nath Pandey

d) Raj Kumar Singh

e) Santosh Kumar Gangwar

Q.224) Name the person who heads the 5-member high powered committee formed by Andhra Pradesh government to investigate leakage of styrene gas from the LG Polymers India Ltd in Visakhapatnam.

a) Neerabh Kumar Prasad

b) Vinay Chand

c) Karikal Valaven

d) RK Meena

e) Vivek Yadav

Q.225) Who has been appointed as the chairman of the Jammu and Kashmir Bank?

a) Rajesh Kumar Chibber

b) Monica Dhawan

c) Sonam Wangchuk

d) Zubair Iqbal

e) Arun Kumar Mehta

Q.226) Who has authored the book, 'Wuhan Diary: Dispatches from a Quarantined City'?

a) Yiyun Li

b) Eileen Chang

c) Fang Fang

d) Ma Jian

e) Can Xue

Q.227) Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana is operated under which of the following ministries?

a) Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare

b) Ministry of Finance

c) Ministry of Food Processing Industries

d) Ministry of AYUSH

e) Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers

Q.228) The government raised the FDI limit in defense production to _____ from 49%.

a) 90%

b) 66%

c) 74%

d) 85%

e) 100%

Q.229) Digital education initiative for students called _____ to be launched which will be an earmarked TV channel per class from 1 to 12.

a) PM e-Schools

b) PM e-Shiksha

c) PM e-Gyaan

d) PM e-Kaksha

e) PM e-Vidya

Q.230) Which of the following institute has developed a three-layered antimicrobial composite material of low-cost for making masks?

- a) IIT Delhi
- b) IIT Mumbai
- c) IIT Madras
- d) IISC Bengaluru
- e) IIT Hyderabad

Q.231) CSIR partnered with Intel India and which IIIT to develop a faster and cost efficient COVID-19 diagnostic solution to understand epidemiology?

- a) IIIT – Delhi
- b) IIIT – Guwahati
- c) IIIT – Bengaluru
- d) IIIT – Bhopal
- e) IIIT – Hyderabad

Q.232) Benjamin Netanyahu has been appointed as the Prime Minister of which of the following countries for the fifth time?

- a) Iran
- b) Turkey
- c) Saudi Arabia
- d) Israel
- e) Iraq

Q.233) Which of the following countries developed a bracelet named 'iFeel - You' for users to follow social distancing?

- a) Germany
- b) Italy
- c) Slovenia
- d) United States
- e) France

Q.234) Name the state which has launched the first cyber security accelerator "H.A.C.K" for start-ups in India.

- a) Tamil Nadu
- b) Telangana
- c) Andhra Pradesh
- d) Kerala
- e) Karnataka

Q.235) Gujarat government has made digital payment mandatory in which city?

- a) Rajkot
- b) Gandhinagar
- c) Surat
- d) Ahmedabad
- e) Porbandar

Q.236) Which bank has launched a special business vertical dedicated for gold loans to meet the financial needs of its customers recently (May 2020) ?

a) Indian Bank

b) Canara Bank

c) SBI

d) Union Bank

e) Allahabad Bank

Q.237) Which of the following institutes disbursed Rs 20, 500 crore to coop banks, RRBs for on-lending to farmers?

a) IBRD

b) NABARD

c) RBI

d) NDB

e) AIIB

Q.238) Which of the following companies acquired Giphy, a popular website for making and sharing animated images or GIFs?

a) Facebook

b) Microsoft

c) Google

d) Snapchat

e) Wipro

Q.239) _____ signed an MoU with RZD International LLC to explore opportunities for joint development of railways and infrastructure projects

a) BICON

b) SNAP

c) IRCON

d) DELTA

e) STAR

Q.240) What was the theme of the International Museum Day celebrated on May 18th every year?

a) Museums for Equality: Diversity and Inclusion

b) Museums and Cultural Landscapes

c) Museums as Cultural Hubs: The future of tradition

d) Museums and contested histories: Saying the unspeakable in museums

e) Hyperconnected museum: New approaches, new publics

Q.241) The National Restaurants Association of India has partnered with which company to build its own tech platform for online payments and digital ordering ?

a) BharatPe

b) PayTm

c) PhonePe

d) Google Pay

e) DotPe

Q.242) The low profile ceremony to commission the Seventh MK IV Landing

Craft Utility, IN LCU L57 was held in _____.

- a) Kochi
- b) Port Blair
- c) Visakhapatnam
- d) Mumbai
- e) Kolkata

Q.243) Who will represent India at the WHO's 73rd World Health Assembly to be held on May 18?

- a) Ramnath kovind
- b) Nirmala Sitharaman
- c) Harsh Vardhan
- d) Venkaiah Naidu
- e) Rajnath Singh

Q.244) Which of the following states recently promulgated the 'Good Conduct Prisoners Amendment Ordinance, 2020'?

- a) Madhya Pradesh
- b) Maharashtra
- c) Punjab
- d) Tamil Nadu
- e) Gujarat

Q.245) Who was awarded the 2019 Alexander Dalrymple Award in recognition of his outstanding contribution to Indian hydrography?

- a) Yashwant Prasad

b) Vinay Badhwar

c) Ajit Kumar P

d) S. K. Chand

e) D. K. Dewan

Q.246) Which state/UT which has initiated measures under "Samagra Shiksha programme" to facilitate students access to education through technological interventions recently (May 2020).

- a) Punjab
- b) Odisha
- c) Jammu & Kashmir
- d) Puducherry
- e) Gujarat

Q.247) Which country which has approved the new political map which includes India's Lipulekh, Kalapani and Limpiyadhura under its territory.

- a) Pakistan
- b) China
- c) Bangladesh
- d) Myanmar
- e) Nepal

Q.248) Which of the following companies has acquired Byte Prophecy to Enhance AI and Digital Analytics Capabilities?

- a) Hewlett-Packard
- b) Cognizant

c) Acer

d) Accenture

e) Google

Q.249) Who has been recently appointed as the new CEO of the Chinese owned company, Tik Tok?

a) Kevin Mayer

b) Bobby Murphy

c) Orlando Bloom

d) Evan Spiegel

e) Sachin Hansel

Q.250) Who is the new President of the Indian Steel Association?

a) T V Narendran

b) Bhaskar Chatterjee

c) Dilip Oommen

d) Anup Kashyap

e) Priya Relan

Q.251) Which of the following railways developed the robotic device named 'RAIL-BOT' to assist in patients care in hospitals?

a) South Eastern Railway

b) Central Railway

c) Northeast Frontier Railway

d) South Central Railway

e) Western Railway

Q.252) Which company which has developed India's 1st service robots named as "Sona 1.5 and Sona.5" to help health workers.

a) Sigma Data

b) Club first

c) SoluLab

d) Quytech

e) Dew Solutions

Q.253) Who heads the ICC cricket committee which has recommended the ban of using saliva to shine the ball.

a) Rahul Dravid

b) Kumar Sangakkara

c) Ricky Ponting

d) Stephen Fleming

e) Anil Kumble

Q.254) Which company recently acquired robotic process automation platform Softomotive?

a) IBM

b) Google

c) Samsung

d) Microsoft

e) Amazon

Q.255) Franklin Templeton has appointed which of the following banks to monetize assets in six wound-up?

a) ICICI Bank

b) Yes Bank

c) RBL Bank

d) Kotak Mahindra Bank

e) Axis Bank

Q.256) Sports ministry has selected Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU) to establish Centre of Excellence (CoE) in sports science. RGU is located in_____.

a) Gangtok, Sikkim

b) Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh

c) Shillong, Meghalaya

d) Agartala, Tripura

e) Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh

Q.257) Which app has been launched by the Union HRD Minister to take mock tests for JEE Main, NEET 2020 ?

a) NEET Test App

b) National Exam App

c) Test your Skills

d) Mobile testing app

e) National Test Abhyas

Q.258) Which state recently launched start-up fund & signed MoU with SIDBI to promote aspiring entrepreneurs?

a) Uttarakhand

b) Bihar

c) Uttar Pradesh

d) Odisha

e) Karnataka

Q.259) Name the Ayush Secretary recently got two years extension.

a) Amitesh Bhatnagar

b) Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha

c) Ajit Singh Yadav

d) Balendu Prakash

e) Vikram Chauhan

Q.260) Ravi Zacharias passed away recently. He was a renowned_____.

a) Director

b) Actor

c) Cricketer

d) Singer

e) Author

Q.261) _____has signed an MoU with eGov Foundation for online management of Cantonment Boards.

a) Ministry of Sports

b) Ministry of Home Affairs

c) Ministry of External Affairs

d) Ministry of Defence

e) Ministry of Culture

Q.262) Flipkart partners with which insurance provider whom to offer digital motor insurance to its customers?

a) Max Bupa

b) Aditya Birla

c) Bajaj Allianz

d) Religare

e) Muthoot Finance

Q.263) Who has recently been appointed as the new WHO Executive Board chairman?

a) Dr VK Paul

b) Dr Hiroki Nakatani

c) Ramesh Chand

d) Ashwini Kumar Chaubey

e) Dr Harsh Vardhan

Q.264) Which bank has launched a special gold loan business vertical aimed at providing hassle free credit in times of financial emergency ?

a) SBI

b) Canara Bank

c) UCO

d) Axis

e) HDFC

Q.265) Who sworn in as Lesotho's new prime minister?

a) Moeketsi Majoro

b) Thomas Thabane

c) Pakalitha Mosisili

d) Maesiah Thabane

e) Maaparankoe Mahao

Q.266) Govinda Rajulu Chintala appointed as chairman of _____.

a) SIDBI

b) IRDAI

c) NABARD

d) NCLT

e) SEBI

Q.267) NADA provisionally suspends Savita Kumari, Ankit Shishodia for violating anti-doping rules. They belong to which Sport?

a) Power lifting

b) Wrestling

c) Boxing

d) Shot put

e) Badminton

Q.268) Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Nyay Yojana is an initiative of which of the following states?

a) Rajasthan

b) Chattisgarh

c) Bihar

d) Orissa

e) Madhya Pradesh

Q.269) Which of the following writer has released his new "Hop On: My Adventures on Boats, Trains and Planes" ?

a) Arundhati Roy

b) Chetan Bhagat

c) Kiran Desai

d) Ruskin bond

e) Arvind Adaiga

Q.270) 'Mee Annapurna' program is associated with which of the following states?

a) Madhya Pradesh

b) Maharashtra

c) Karnataka

d) Rajasthan

e) Odisha

Q.271) Where is Konark temple, where the centre is planning to completely solarise, located?

a) Rajasthan

b) Tamil Nadu

c) Uttar Pradesh

d) Odisha

e) Kerala

Q.272) Rural Livelihood Mission began Didi Vehicle Service for safe delivery of rural women. Which of the following states has launched this?

a) Odisha

b) West Bengal

c) Uttar Pradesh

d) Madhya Pradesh

e) Chhattisgarh

Q.273) Who has been appointed as director general of NAREDCO ?

a) Kumar Anand

b) Rajesh Goel

c) Anuj Kumar

d) Raman Singh

e) Naresh Mehta

Q.274) Which of the following bank has partnered with NBFCs to source loans in rural areas ?

a) Axis

b) SBI

c) Fino Payments Bank

d) ICICI

e) HDFC

Q.275) Who has been appointed as the Chairman of J&K Public service commission?

a) Raj Singh

b) Krishna Singh

c) Sunil Mehta

d) BR Sharma

e) Anand Verma

Q.276) The government of which state has launched the 'Startup Fund' to encourage youth for entrepreneurship ?

a) Kerala

- b) Tamil Nadu
c) Punjab
d) Uttar Pradesh
e) Haryana

Q.277) 1What is the maximum limit of the demand deposits that can be made in a Payment Bank in India?

- a) Rs. 1 Lakh
b) Rs. 2 Lakhs
c) Rs. 4 Lakhs
d) Rs. 3 Lakhs
e) Rs. 5 Lakhs

Q.278) ONGC and _____ have decided to Form JV for Renewable Energy Business.

- a) NTPC
b) IOC
c) CIL
d) GAIL
e) SAIL

Q.279) ICICI Bank launched 'ICICI Bank _____ Years FD' for senior citizens.

- a) Silver
b) Bronze
c) Golden
d) Diamond
e) Citizen

Q.280) Shyamala G Bhave passed away recently. She was a renowned_____.

- a) Activist
b) Politician
c) Vocalist
d) Author
e) Scientist

Q.281) According to the Federation of Indian Export Organisations, exports from India is expected to fall by _____% in FY21.

- a) 13
b) 11
c) 10
d) 20
e) 25

Q.282) The Central government has cleared the plan of drilling for hydrocarbon exploration in which of the following national parks ?

- a) Campbell Bay National Park
b) Bannerghatta National Park
c) Bandhavgarh National Park
d) Anshi National Park
e) Dibru Saikhowa National Park

Q.283) Baba Ramdev Led Patanjali has launched which E-Commerce Platform to

Supply Swadeshi Goods and made-in-India items in the country ?

- a) BuyBharat
- b) BuySwadesi
- c) GetNow
- d) OrderMe
- e) OrderSwadeshi

Q.284) Which institution has discovered new ways to prevent memory loss or reduce short-term losses related to Alzheimer disease ?

- a) IIT Madras
- b) IIT Delhi
- c) IIT Guwahati
- d) IIT Hyderabad
- e) IIT Kharagpur

Q.285) Who has been named as the Chief economist and Vice President of the World Bank ?

- a) Olusoji O. Adeyi
- b) Pablo A. Acosta
- c) Anabela Abreu
- d) Carmen Reinhart
- e) Eric Abel

Q.286) What is the amount extended by RBI to the EXIM bank to help meet its foreign currency resource requirement ?

- a) 10, 000 crore

b) 12, 500 crore

c) 15, 000 crore

d) 13, 000 crore

e) 14, 000 crore

Q.287) Which of the following company is all set to launch the second tranche of Bharat Bond ETF?

- a) Kotak Mahindra Mutual Fund
- b) Edelweiss Mutual Fund
- c) Principal Mutual Fund
- d) Axis Mutual Fund
- e) Mirae Asset Global Investments

Q.288) The Union Government has extended the 'Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana' by how many years, with a focus on providing a minimum pension to senior citizens ?

- a) 5 years
- b) 4 years
- c) 3 years
- d) 8 years
- e) 7 year

Q.289) _____develop low cost Solar Parabolic Trough Collector for use in desalination, space heating, space cooling.

- a) IIT Madras
- b) IIT Delhi

- c) IIT Guwahati
- d) IIT Hyderabad
- e) IIT Kharagpur

Q.290) What is the revised reverse repo rate?

- a) 3.65 per cent
- b) 4.00 per cent
- c) 3.35 per cent
- d) 4.25 per cent
- e) 3.15 per cent

Q.291) IRDAI has allowed which bank to continue with 30% holding in IndiaFirst Life Insurance with the condition that the lender will hold no control in the insurer's management ?

- a) SBI
- b) UCO Bank
- c) Axis Bank
- d) Union Bank of India
- e) HDFC

Q.282) Who has been appointed as the National President of FICCI Ladies organisation ?

- a) Smriti Puri
- b) Harjinder Kaur
- c) Jayanti Dalmia
- d) Jahnabi Phookan
- e) Ujwala Singhania

Q.293) Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister has inaugurated which scheme to provide jobs to labourers under skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled categories ?

- a) Shram Utthan Abhiyan
- b) Shram Rozgar Abhiyan
- c) Shram Naukri Abhiyan
- d) Shram Seva Abhiyan
- e) Shram Siddhi Abhiyan

Q.294) Which company has recently won the Economic Times Iconic Brand for Year 2019-20 ?

- a) Ranbaxy
- b) Pfizer
- c) Cipla
- d) HSL India
- e) Mankind

Q.295) Tennis star Jamie Hampton who announced his retirement recently, belongs to which country ?

- a) France
- b) Germany
- c) Sweden
- d) Finland
- e) USA

Q.296) The high-level panel is formed to recommend reforms in India's drug

regulatory system. Who is the head of this panel?

- a) Ashwini Kumar Choubey
- b) Harsh Vardhan
- c) Rajesh Bhushan
- d) Narendra Modi
- e) Rajnath Singh

Q.297) Zaggie, a Payments company partnered with which of the following companies to launch innovative payment solutions?

- a) VISA
- b) MasterCard
- c) PayPal
- d) RuPay
- e) Paytm

Q.298) United Nations listed the KHUDOL initiative of _____ as one of the top 10 global initiatives to fight against COVID-19.

- a) Tripura
- b) Manipur
- c) Meghalaya
- d) Assam
- e) Sikkim

Q.299) Who was appointed to the key World Bank position on Climate Change, Disaster Management in South Asia?

- a) Mari Pangestu
- b) Abhas Jha
- c) Shaolin Yang
- d) Denis Robitaille
- e) Anna Bjerde

Q.300) Which among the following has become the highest paying female athlete in the world ?

- a) Carolina Marin
- b) PV Sindhu
- c) Naomi Osaka
- d) Serena Williams
- e) Maria Sharapova

Q.301) Maruti Suzuki ties up with Cholamandalam Investment & Finance and launched which of the following initiatives?

- a) Car at your door
- b) We are a Click Away
- c) Buy Now; Pay Later
- d) Buy from your Home
- e) None of the Above

Q.302) When is the Commonwealth Day in India?

- a) 21 July
- b) 1 August
- c) 24 May
- d) 30 April

- e) 10 June
Q.303) Institute of Himalayan Bioresource Technology (IHBT) is located in the Indian state of _____.
a) Uttar Pradesh
b) Uttarakhand
c) Himachal Pradesh
d) Haryana
e) Sikkim
Q.304) What is the interest rate offered Pradhan Mandri Vaya Vandana Yojana scheme?
a) 8.4%
b) 7.4%
c) 5.9%
d) 7.8%
e) 7.6%
Q.305) When is International Missing Children's Day Celebrated?
a) May 22
b) May 25
c) May 24
d) May 26
e) May 23
Q.306) When did the MGNREGA scheme launched in India?
a) 2006
b) 2014
c) 2004
d) 2001
e) 2011
Q.307) Where is it headquarters of International Finance Corporation (IFC) ?
a) Paris, France
b) Geneva, Switzerland
c) The Hauge, Netherlands
d) Washington, USA
e) Berlin, Germany
Q.308) Which of the following state governments has proposed to help startups by creating a fund of Rs. 100 crores?
a) Uttar Pradesh
b) Tamil Nadu
c) Kerala
d) Maharashtra
e) Gujarat
Q.309) What is the amount of compensation that will be provided to the families of ASHA workers who succumb to CoVID 19, as announced by the Government of Chandigarh?
a) Rs. 50 Lakh
b) Rs. 10 Lakh
c) Rs. 25 Lakh
d) Rs. 70 Lakh

e) Rs. 20 Lakh

Q.310) What is the theme of 2020 World Migratory Bird Day?

- a) Birds Connect Our World
- b) Protect Birds: Be the Solution to Plastic Pollution
- c) Unifying our Voices for Bird Conservation
- d) Their Future is our Future
- e) A Healthy Planet for Migratory Birds and People

Q.311) Who awarded Startup India-Animal Husbandry Grand Challenge winners?

- a) Ram Vilas Paswan
- b) Giriraj Singh
- c) Radhakrishnan
- d) Rajenthra Balaji
- e) Harsha Kumar

Q.312) Which institution has partnered with the ICMR for delivery of COVID-19 testing kits to 200 labs in the country ?

- a) Delhivery
- b) India Post
- c) Flipkart
- d) Amazon
- e) DTDC

Q.313) TRIFED has collaborated with which foundation to provide Free Ration Kits to Needy Tribes India Artisans ?

a) BNI Misner Charitable Foundation

b) Swades Foundation

c) Action Aid India

d) Art of Living

e) Ashoka-Innovators For The Public

Q.314) Name the country which launched the 'Long march 5B' rocket to space which has the aim to operate a permanent space station and send astronauts to the moon.

- a) Spain
- b) Germany
- c) Russia
- d) India
- e) China

Q.315) Nomura predicts Indian GDP to contract by how much per cent in FY 21?

- a) 5.2%
- b) 3.2%
- c) -2.5%
- d) 2.5%
- e) 0.4%

Q.316) Who has been appointed as the head of the panel by the state of Tamil Nadu to which will examine its fiscal challenges and suggest measures to improve the fiscal position?

- a) Rangarajan
- b) Y Venugopal Reddy
- c) D Subbarao
- d) Raghuram Rajan
- e) None of the above

Q.317) WHO and UN Postal agency released a commemorative postage stamp on 40th anniversary of the eradication of which of the following diseases?

- a) Measles
- b) Smallpox
- c) Polio
- d) Rubella

Q.318) Which of the following states has accorded 'industry' status to sports?

- a) Assam
- b) Sikkim
- c) Manipur
- d) Nagaland
- e) Mizoram

Q.319) Which of the following banks has announced credit support for all their borrowers who have been affected by covid-19 ?

- a) ICICI
- b) Axis Bank
- c) UCO
- d) Canara Bank
- e) SBI

Q.320) Recently RBI reduced the repo rate to how much percent?

- a) 4.0%
- b) 3.75%
- c) 4.15%
- d) 4.05%
- e) 4.45%

BANKING AWARENESS QUIZ:

Q.1) _____ is the rate of interest on which banks base their lending rates. Usually loans are given at a rate higher than the base rates and saving rate is below the base rate

- a) Base Rate
- b) Repo Rate
- c) Bank Rate
- d) Reverse Repo rate
- e) None of these

Q.2) _____ is written by an individual to transfer amount between two accounts of the same bank or a different bank and the money is withdrawn from the account

- a) Demand Draft
- b) Memo
- c) Cheque
- d) Credit Card
- e) None of these

Q.3) _____ is the distribution of insurance products and the insurance policies of insurance companies by banks as corporate agents through their branches

- a) Insurance
- b) Cross Selling

- c) Mutual Funds
- d) Bancassurance
- e) None of these

Q.4) When an account has insufficient funds the cheque is not payable and is returned by the bank with a reason "Exceeds arrangement" or "funds insufficient" is called _____

- a) Clearing of cheque
- b) Bouncing of a cheque
- c) Transfer of cheque
- d) Reply of cheque
- e) None of these

Q.5) _____ is an increase in the quantity of money in circulation without any corresponding increase in goods thus leading to an abnormal rise in the price level

- a) Inflation
- b) Imports
- c) Exports
- d) Deflation
- e) None of these

Q.6) _____ is the amount of Funds borrowed by the government to meet the expenditures.

- a) Capital Deficit

- b) Fiscal Deficit
- c) Current Account Deficit
- d) Current Loan
- e) None of these

Q.7) _____ is a name given to Credit cards, Debit cards, ATM cards and International Cards issued by banks

- a) Net Cards
- b) Money Cards
- c) Pay Cards
- d) Plastic Cards
- e) None of these

Q.8) _____ is account of nominal interest which can only be used for personal purpose and which has some restrictions on withdrawal

- a) Personal Account
- b) Current Account
- c) Bank Account
- d) Demat Account
- e) None of these

Q.9) _____ is the rate of interest charged by a central bank to commercial banks on the advances and the loans it extends

- a) Repo Rate
- b) Reverse Repo Rate
- c) Interest Rate

d) Liquidity rate

e) Bank Rate

Q.10) _____ is a contraction in the supply of circulated money within an economy

a) Monopoly

b) Equilibrium

c) Inflation

d) Surplus

e) Deflation

Q.11) _____ is a general term used to describe the services provided by a group of networked bank branches

a) Net Banking

b) Core Banking

c) Retail Banking

d) Money Banking

e) None of these

Q.12) _____ is an account that can be opened generally for business purposes with no restrictions on withdrawals and no interest paid

a) Current Account

b) Savings Account

c) Fixed Deposit Account

d) Demat Account

e) None of these

Q.13) _____ are loans given by a bank on which repayments or interest payments are not being made on time

a) Bad Assets

b) Return Assets

c) Non Performing Assets

d) Good Performing Assets

e) None of these

Q.14) _____ is a loan that is made for a very short period of a few days only with a low rate of interest

a) Commodity money

b) Plastic Money

c) Notice Money

d) Call money

e) None of these

Q.15) _____ is the amount of funds that a bank keeps with the Reserve Bank of India

a) Statutory Liquidity Ratio

b) Repo Rate

c) Reverse Repo Rate

d) Base Rate

e) Cash Reserve Ratio

Q.16) What is P in PCA?

a) Public

b) Price

c) Payment

d) Prompt

e) None of these

Q.17) What is I in LEI?

a) Income

b) Interest

c) Index

d) Intimate

e) Identifier

Q.18) What is P in PCR?

a) Public

b) Post

c) Prompt

d) Primary

e) None of these

Q.19) What is F in FEMA?

a) Financial

b) Foreign

c) Fiscal

d) Fast

e) First

Q.20) What is B in IBP?

a) Balance

b) Borrowing

c) Branch

d) Banking

e) Bond

Q.21) What is an acronym of MUDRA?

a) Medium-scale Units Developing Research Agency

b) Management of Units Delivery Research Association

c) Micro Units Development & Refinance Agency

d) Middle Unfunded Development & Refinance Agency

e) None of these

Q.22) What is the purpose of SIDBI?

a) To provide short term lending to industries

b) To provide refinance facilities

c) To develop MSME sector

d) All of the above

e) None of the above

Q.23) _____ is a term used by life insurers to describe the process of assessing risk

a) Representative

b) Insurer

c) Assuring

d) Underwriting

e) None of these

Q.24) Compensation paid by an organization for out-of-pocket expenses incurred or overpayment made by an

employee, customer, or other party is called _____

- a) Insured amount
- b) Arbitration
- c) Reimbursement
- d) Retention
- e) None of these

Q.25) _____ is compensation for damages or loss. Indemnity in the legal sense may also refer to an exemption from liability for damages

- a) Repatriation
- b) Depreciation
- c) Consideration
- d) Assignment
- e) Indemnity

Q.26) Termination of the policy due to failure of the payment of required renewal premium is called _____

- a) Omission
- b) Completion
- c) Unpaid
- d) Lapse
- e) None of these

Q.27) _____ is an agreement given by the beneficiary to make periodic payments which continue during the

survival of the annuitants or for specific period

- a) Allowance
- b) Guarantee
- c) Annuity
- d) Warranty
- e) None of these

Q.28) _____ in an insurance policy is a promise by the insured party that statements affecting the validity of the contract are true

- a) Guarantee
- b) Warranty
- c) Surety
- d) Insured
- e) None of these

Q.29) _____ is designed to help protect you from major claims and lawsuits and as a result it helps protect your assets and your future

- a) Liability insurance
- b) Self insurance
- c) Umbrella insurance
- d) Safe insurance
- e) None of these

Q.30) The person who is more specialists in the mathematics of insurance who can do all calculations includes rates,

reserves, dividends and other statistics is called _____

- a) Insurer
- b) Actuary
- c) Surveyor
- d) Developer
- e) None of these

Q.31) A _____ bond is a form of insurance protection that covers policyholders for losses that they incur as a result of fraudulent acts by specified individuals

- a) Fidelity
- b) Surety
- c) Insured
- d) Safety
- e) None of these

Q.32) _____ bond is defined as a contract among at least three parties: the obligee: the party who is the recipient of an obligation

- a) Fresh bond
- b) Register bond
- c) Foreign bond
- d) Fidelity bond
- e) surety bond

Q.33) _____ in insurance means a request, from the proposer to the insurer, for giving protection against a risk.

- a) Conversion
- b) Proposal
- c) Suggestion
- d) Obligation
- e) None of these

Q.34) _____ is an insurance industry practice in which an insurer takes action retroactively to cancel a policy holder's coverage by citing omissions or errors in the customer's application

- a) Rescission
- b) Endorsement
- c) Mortgage
- d) Comprehensive
- e) None of these

Q.35) The Amount you have to pay out of pocket for expenses before the insurance company will cover the remaining costs is called _____

- a) Deductible
- b) Cancellation
- c) Collectable
- d) Renewable
- e) None of these

Q.36) _____ is a local government official who estimates the value of real property within a city, town, or village's boundaries

- a) Estimator
- b) Processor
- c) Developer
- d) Assessor
- e) None of these

Q.37) The Banking ombudsman has been powered to pass an award of Rs _____lakh.

- a) 10
- b) 20
- c) 15
- d) 25
- e) 30

Q.38) _____period is the provision in most loan and insurance contracts that allows payment to be received for a certain period of time after the actual due date

- a) Policy
- b) Premium
- c) Notice
- d) Additional
- e) Grace

Q.39) A profit from the sale of property or an investment is called _____

- a) Business Gain
- b) Capital Gain
- c) Net Gain
- d) Gross Gain
- e) None of these

Q.40) A bank or financial institution that processes credit or debit card payments on behalf of a merchant is called _____

- a) Lending Bank
- b) Sponsored Bank
- c) Acquiring Bank
- d) All of the above
- e) None of these

Q.41) The nominal value of a security stated by the issuer is called as _____

- a) Par Value
- b) Sell Value
- c) Market Value
- d) Face Value
- e) None of these

Q.42) Which committee established by the Central Bank governors of the Group of ten countries in 1974 that seeks to

improve the supervisory guidelines that central banks or similar authorities impose on both wholesale and retail banks?

- a) BASEL Committee
- b) FEDERAL Committee
- c) UNION Committee
- d) SWIFT Committee
- e) None of these

Q.43) Property that a borrower offers a lender to secure a loan is called as _____

- a) Mortgage
- b) Sponsor
- c) Gift
- d) Bilateral
- e) Collateral

Q.44) One hundredth of one percentage point, basically used in expressing differences of interest rates, which is known as?

- a) Interest Point
- b) Nominal Point
- c) Basis Point
- d) Base Point
- e) None of these

Q.45) The portion of a company's profit allocated to each outstanding share of common stock is called as _____

- a) Value per share
- b) Earnings per Share
- c) Price per share
- d) Demand per share
- e) None of these

Q.46) _____ is the ratio of a bank's capital to its risk

- a) Capital Fund Ratio
- b) Capital Risk Ratio
- c) Capital Profit Ratio
- d) Capital Adequacy Ratio
- e) None of these

Q.47) A value which exists as part of something, such as the value of an option is called as _____

- a) Market Value
- b) Face Value
- c) Par Value
- d) Sell Value
- e) Intrinsic Value

Q.48) The first sale of stock by a private company to the public is called _____

- a) Junk Bond
- b) Offer Bond

c) Primary Bond

d) Initial Bond

e) None of these

Q.49) The suspension of repayment of Debt, or Interest, for a specified period of time is called as _____

a) Bounce

b) Moratorium

c) Mortgage

d) Suspension

e) None of these

Q.50) Which value is called as nominal value of a bond?

a) Market Value

b) Face Value

c) Sell Value

d) Par Value

e) None of these

BANKING ANSWER KEY

Q.1) a, Q.2) c, Q.3) d, Q.4) b, Q.5) a, Q.6) b, Q.7) d, Q.8) c, Q.9) e, Q.10) e, Q.11) b, Q.12) a, Q.13) c, Q.14) d, Q.15) e, Q.16) d, Q.17) e, Q.18) a, Q.19) b, Q.20) c, Q.21) c, Q.22) d, Q.23) d, Q.24) c, Q.25) e, Q.26) d, Q.27) c, Q.28) b, Q.29) c, Q.30) b, Q.31) a, Q.32) e, Q.33) b, Q.34) a, Q.35) a, Q.36) d, Q.37) b, Q.38) e, Q.39) b, Q.40) c, Q.41) d, Q.42) a, Q.43) e, Q.44) c, Q.45) b, Q.46) d, Q.47) e, Q.48) a, Q.49) b, Q.50) d,

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Q.1) e, Q.2) a, Q.3) c, Q.4) a, Q.5) b, Q.6) e, Q.7) c, Q.8) b, Q.9) c, Q.10) d, Q.11) b, Q.12) e, Q.13) b, Q.14) a, Q.15) b, Q.16) e, Q.17) c, Q.18) e, Q.19) b, Q.20) c, Q.21) a, Q.22) a, Q.23) c, Q.24) d, Q.25) d, Q.26) b, Q.27) b, Q.28) b, Q.29) d, Q.30) d, Q.31) d, Q.32) e, Q.33) d, Q.34) a, Q.35) e, Q.36) a, Q.37) d, Q.38) d, Q.39) c, Q.40) d, Q.41) c, Q.42) d, Q.43) c, Q.44) e, Q.45) a, Q.46) a, Q.47) d, Q.48) c, Q.49) a, Q.50) d, Q.51) a, Q.52) a, Q.53) d, Q.54) e, Q.55) c, Q.56) e, Q.57) b, Q.58) a, Q.59) e, Q.60) e, Q.61) b, Q.62) d, Q.63) c, Q.64) b, Q.65)

a, Q.66) b, Q.67) a, Q.68) d, Q.69) c,
Q.70) e, Q.71) c, Q.72) a, Q.73) d, Q.74)
d, Q.75) d, Q.76) b, Q.77) d, Q.78) d,
Q.79) d, Q.80) c, Q.81) c, Q.82) d, Q.83)
c, Q.84) c, Q.85) d, Q.86) e, Q.87) c,
Q.88) a, Q.89) d, Q.90) b, Q.91) c, Q.92)
c, Q.93) a, Q.94) a, Q.95) e, Q.96) a,
Q.97) b, Q.98) a, Q.99) b, Q.100) d,
Q.101) d, Q.102) b, Q.103) c, Q.104) e,
Q.105) b, Q.106) c, Q.107) d, Q.108) d,
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