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1.Under which scheme, financial support of Rs. 15 lakh will be provided for one-time treatment of rare diseases as per the National draft policy on Rare Disease ?

1. Prime Minister Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojna
2. Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana
3. Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi scheme
4. Shramew Arogya Nidhi Yojana
5. None of these

Answer-3) Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi scheme

Explanation:

On January 14, 2020 the govt has released the National draft policy on Rare Disease in which financial support of Rs. 15 lakh will be provided under the Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi scheme for one-time treatment of rare diseases. Beneficiaries: The scheme benefit is limited to people below Poverty Line (BPL) and also 40% of the population eligible as per Ayushman Bharat- Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana(AB-PMJAY) norms for treatment in government tertiary hospitals only.

2. Which bank has unveiled India's largest API (Application Programming Interfaces) banking portal with nearly 250 APIs ?

1. State Bank of India (SBI)
2. Axis Bank
3. ICICI Bank
4. HDFC Bank
5. None of these

Answer-3) ICICI Bank

Explanation:

On January 14, 2020, ICICI (Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India) bank, an Indian multinational banking and financial services company has launched India's largest API (application programming interfaces) Banking portal called 'ICICI Bank API Banking portal' (<https://developer.icicibank.com/>), which consists of 250 APIs & allows bank's partner companies across the globe to sign up on it, create an application, select the application, test it out and get the sample code.

3. Which Bank will provide \$88 million loan pact for Assam Inland Water Transport Project ?

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

Answer-2) World Bank (WB)

Explanation:

On January 16, 2020 the Government of India, the Govt. of Assam and the World Bank(WB) signed a loan agreement of \$88 million for implementation of the Assam Inland Water Transport Project (AIWTP) to modernize passenger ferry sector of Assam which runs on rivers including the Brahmaputra river in Assam. Loan signing: The loan agreement from the Indian side was signed by Sameer Kumar Khare, Additional Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance and by Mr Junaid Kamal Ahmad, Country Director (India), World Bank on behalf of the WB.

4. Who was appointed as the Chairman of 11 member Committee constituted to draft the National Water Policy ?

1. Dr Mihir Shah
2. Shashi Shekhar
3. Ramesh Chandra Panda
4. Tushaar Shah
5. None of these

Answer-1) Dr Mihir Shah

Explanation:

On January 14, 2020 Dr Mihir Shah, professor at the Shiv Nadar University, Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh has been appointed as the chairman of the 11-member committee to draft the National Water Policy(NWP) and will have to submit the report within 6 months from the date of constitution. The committee was established by the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation of govt. of India.

5. Which country has appointed, Mikhail Vladimirovich Mishustin as Prime Minister on January 16, 2020 ?

1. China
2. Russia
3. Japan
4. Germany
5. None of these

Answer-2) Russia

Explanation: On January 16, 2020 the Russian lawmakers have approved Russian President Vladimir Putin's proposed candidate Mikhail Vladimirovich Mishustin, the head of the Federal Tax Service, as the next prime minister of the country. He replaced Dmitri Anatolyevich Medvedev who resigned from his post. Mass resignation: Putin proposed major changes in the constitution of Russia that would spread political power more evenly. Shortly after the proposed changes by Putin, Dmitri Medvedev resigned as Prime Minister (PM). Along with Medvedev the Russian cabinet also made a mass resignation.

6. Name the Indian Cricketer, who was awarded as the ODI (One Day International) Cricketer of the Year for the first time in 16th edition of ICC awards 2019 .

1. MS Dhoni
2. Rohit Gurunath Sharma
3. Virat Kohli
4. Shikhar Dhawan
5. None of these

Answer-2) Rohit Gurunath Sharma

Explanation:On January 15, 2020, the International Cricket Council (ICC) has announced the list of ICC award winners for the year 2019 to recognise and honor the best international cricket players of the previous 12 months. Indian opener Rohit Gurunath Sharma became ODI (One Day International) Cricketer of the Year for the first time.

7. Who heads the Special Investigation Team (SIT), that probed the 1984 anti-sikh riots cases ?

1. P. B. Gajendragadkar
2. Mehr Chand Mahajan
3. SN Dhingra
4. Bijan Kumar Mukherjea
5. None of these

Answer-3) SN Dhingra

Explanation: On January 15, 2020, the Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the 1984 anti-sikh riots cases was headed by retired Delhi High Court judge Justice SN Dhingra. The Government has accepted the guidance of the special investigation team that had investigated 186 cases of the 1984 anti-sikh riots and appropriate actions will be taken under law. Solicitor General Tushor Mehta, appearing on behalf of the centre comprising of Chief Justice SA Bobde and Justices BR Gavai and Surya Kant, accepted the SIT recommendations and take appropriate action.

8. In which Air force Station, India's 1st Sukhoi-30 fighter squadron will be inducted ?

1. Kochi, Kerala
2. Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh (AP)
3. Bengaluru, Karnataka
4. Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu (TN)
5. None of these

Answer-4) Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu (TN)

Explanation: On 12 January 2020, As per the Chief of the Indian Air Force (IAF), Air Chief Marshal Rakesh Kumar Singh (RKS) Bhadauria, the induction ceremony of a Sukhoi-30 MKIs (Su-30 MKI) squadron in the southern skies will take place in the presence of Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh at Thanjavur in Tamil Nadu (TN) on January 20, 2020.

9.Name the Indian tele-communication satellite that was launched from Guiana space center, French Guiana,South America to provide high quality television, telecommunications and broadcasting services .

1. GSAT-30(Geosynchronous Satellites)
2. GSAT-31(Geosynchronous Satellites)
3. GSAT-32(Geosynchronous Satellites)
4. GSAT-33(Geosynchronous Satellites)
5. None of these

Answer-1) GSAT-30(Geosynchronous Satellites)

Explanation:On January 17,2020 Arianespace, French Company launched a pair of communication satellites as its first launch in 2020. Ariane 5 rocket consists of ISRO(Indian Space Research Organization) communication satellite GSAT-30(Geosynchronous Satellites) and EUTELSAT KONNECT for the European satellite operator Eutelsat (European Organization of Telecommunication by Satellite S.A) from Guiana space center, French Guiana,South America. AIM:To provide high quality

television, telecommunications and broadcasting services. The 3,357 Kg GSAT-30 derives its heritage from ISRO's earlier INSAT/GSAT (Indian National Satellites/Geosynchronous Satellites) satellite series and will replace INSAT-4A in orbit equipped with 12 C (covers Gulf countries, Asian and Australian countries) and 12 Ku band (covers Indian mainland and island) transponders.

10. Name the villages of Uttar Pradesh, that is set to become India's first 'Model Sports villages' as a part of 'Adarsh Khel Gram' program of Institute of Management Technology (IMT) Ghaziabad, UP along with Non Governmental Organization, 'Sports: A Way of Life' .

1. Kisarua and Chandau
2. Hansigunj and Jirauliya
3. Ughaiti and Maujampur
4. Bahadurpur and Kheri Viran
5. Ughaiti and Chandau

Answer-4) Bahadurpur and Kheri Viran

Explanation: On January 16, 2020 Two villages namely Bahadurpur and Kheri Viran of Uttar Pradesh (UP) has set to become India's first 'Model Sports villages' as a part of Institute of Management Technology (IMT) Ghaziabad, UP 'Adarsh Khel Gram' program in association with NGO(Non Governmental Organization)' Sports: A Way of Life' to evolve sports culture and increase sports literacy in the country.

11. What is the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of India for the year 2019-20, as per United Nations (UN)'s 'World Economic Situation and Prospects (WESP) 2020' report ?

1. 5.5%
2. 5.7%
3. 5.3%
4. 5.1%
5. 5.2%

Answer-2) 5.7%

Explanation: On January 16, 2020, According to the 'World Economic Situation and Prospects (WESP) 2020' report released by the United Nations (UN), it has slashed India's GDP (Gross Domestic Product) growth forecast for the year 2019-20 by 1.9% to 5.7%. Earlier in 2019, it had projected GDP growth rate of 7.6% for FY 2019-20. Similarly, on January 18, 2020, United Nations (UN), has revised the India's GDP (Gross Domestic Product) growth forecast for the year 2019-20 to 5%.

12. What was the theme of the 10th edition of World Future Energy Summit (WFES) 2020 ?

1. Theme – “Rethinking Global Consumption, Production, and Investment”
2. Theme – “Embracing the Future, Welcoming Disruption”
3. Theme – “Driving the Global Energy Transformation”
4. Theme – “Valuing Energy Storage for Off-grid Renewable Energy Systems”
5. Theme – “Smart Energy products and technologies”

Answer-1) Theme – “Rethinking Global Consumption, Production, and Investment”

Explanation:

Recently the 10th edition of World Future Energy Summit (WFES)2020 hosted by Masdar renewable energy company, was held at Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates(UAE) from January 13-16, 2020. The theme for the year 2020 was “Rethinking Global Consumption, Production, and Investment”.

13.Name the largest airborne exercise conducted by Indian Army in the northeastern theatre recently .

1. Ajeya Warrior
2. Winged Raider
3. Shatrujeet
4. Himalayan Warrior
5. Emerald Mercury

Answer-2) Winged Raider

Explanation:

On January 10, 2020 the Indian Army(IA) conducted its biggest airborne exercise 'Winged Raider'. The exercise comprised of more than 500 soldiers of Special Forces troops in the northeastern theatre and involved all kinds of air transport platforms of the Indian Air Force (IAF). The name Winged Raider was chosen due to its multidimensional nature of the exercise and demonstrated the operational readiness of paratroopers.

14. Who received the highest civilian honour of Australia, 'Order of Australia honour'?

1. Mallika Srinivasan
2. Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw
3. Shobhana Bhartia
4. Savitri Jindal
5. Leena Tewari

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Answer-2) Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw

Explanation:

On January 17, 2020 Australia has conferred its highest civilian honour, the Order of Australia honour to Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, founder and chairperson of bio-pharmaceutical company Biocon and appointed as an honorary member in the general division of the Order of Australia by Australia's High Commissioner to India Ms. Harinder Sidhu at a ceremony in Leela Palace, Bengaluru, Karnataka. She is the fourth Indian citizen to be awarded Australia's highest civilian honour. Award contribution: The award is given to foreign nationals who have extraordinarily contributed to Australia or for humanity.

15. Who was appointed as the new Vice Chief of Army Staff (VCOAS) ?

1. Satinder Kumar Saini
2. Abhay Krishna
3. Devraj Anbu

4. Cherish Mathson

5. Ranbir Singh

Answer-1) Satinder Kumar Saini

Explanation: On January 15, 2020 Southern Army Commander Lieutenant General Satinder Kumar Saini appointed as the new Vice Chief of Army Staff (VCOAS). He will take charge on January 25, 2020. He succeeded Lieutenant General Manoj Mukund Naravane, who was promoted as the Chief of Army Staff.

16. What was the theme of the “28th edition of the New Delhi World Book Fair 2020 (NDWBF 2020)” ?

1. Theme – ‘Indigenous Voices: Mapping India’s Folk & Tribal Literature’
2. Theme – ‘Gandhi: The Writers’ Writer’
3. Theme – ‘Books for Readers with Special Needs’
4. Theme – ‘Towards 100 years of Indian Cinema’
5. Theme – ‘Kathasagara: Celebrating Children’s Literature’

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Answer-2) Theme – ‘Gandhi: TheWriters’ Writer’

Explanation:The 28th edition of the New Delhi World Book Fair 2020 (NDWBF 2020) was held at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi from January 4-12, 2020. It was inaugurated by Union Minister of Human Resource Development (MHRD) Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal ‘Nishank’. The theme of NDWBF 2020 book fair was ‘Gandhi: TheWriters’ Writer’ celebrating 150 years of Mahatma Gandhi. Since 2013, the NDWBF is organised by National Book Trust (NBT) in association with India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO), Ministry of Commerce(MoC) under Memorandum of Understanding(MoU) with ITPO.

17. What is the rank of India as per the World Economic Forum (WEF)’s report “The Global Social Mobility Report 2020: Equality, Opportunity and a New Economic Imperative” ?

1. 70th
2. 74th
3. 76th
4. 78th

5. 80th

Answer-3) 76th

Explanation:

On January 20, 2020 the World Economic Forum (WEF) released 1st edition of a report titled “The Global Social Mobility Report 2020: Equality, Opportunity and a New Economic Imperative”. The global social mobility index (GSMI) of 82 countries were launched in this report. As per the Index, India ranked in the 76th position with a score of 42.7.

18. Which Indian city is connected with Biratnagar of Nepal through 2nd Integrated Check Post (ICP) inaugurated by Prime Minister (PM) of India, Shri Narendra Modi along with the PM of Nepal Shri Khadga Prasad Sharma Oli ?

1. Purnia (Bihar)
2. Begusarai (Bihar)
3. Jogbani (Bihar)
4. Darbhanga (Bihar)

5. Saharsa (Bihar)

Answer-3) Jogbani (Bihar)

Explanation: On January 21, 2020 the Indian Prime Minister (PM) Shri Narendra Modi along with the PM of Nepal Shri Khadga Prasad Sharma Oli jointly inaugurated the 2nd Integrated Check Post (ICP) at Jogbani – Biratnagar of India (in Bihar state) and Nepal respectively through video conference. Jogbani – Biratnagar acts as an important trade point between the two nations and is equipped with modern facilities.

19. Name the city, that will be made as the judicial capital of Andhra Pradesh if “Andhra Pradesh Decentralization and Inclusive development of All Regions Bill-2020” gets approval .

1. Kurnool
2. Vizianagaram
3. Anantapur
4. Nellore

5. None of these

Answer-1) Kurnool

Explanation: On January 20, 2020 Andhra Pradesh (AP) Government has passed Andhra Pradesh Decentralization and Inclusive development of All Regions Bill-2020 for the tri-capital system. The bill proposes to make Visakhapatnam as the executive capital, Amaravati as the legislative capital and Kurnool as the judicial capital of Andhra Pradesh.

20. What is the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth of India for the year 2019 as per the International Monetary Fund (IMF), revised from 6.1% on January 20, 2020 ?

1. 4.8 %
2. 5.7 %
3. 5 %
4. 5.5 %

5. 5.2 %

Answer-1) 4.8 %

Explanation: On January 20, 2020, The International Monetary Fund (IMF), an international organization, in its World Economic Outlook 2020, has reduced India's economic growth forecast for 2019 to 4.8 % from 6.1% predicted earlier in October 2019. The growth projections have been lowered, citing pressure from non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) and weak income growth in rural India. On January 22, 2020, India Ratings and Research (Ind-Ra), the Indian subsidiary of Fitch group, has estimated the Indian economy to grow at a 5.5% rate in fiscal year-FY 21 (2020-21), which is slightly higher than the 5% GDP (Gross Domestic Product) growth rate estimate for FY20 (2019-20).

21. Who was appointed as the Managing Director (MD) of the State Bank of India (SBI) for a period of three years on January 20, 2020 ?

1. Rajnish Kumar
2. Challa Sreenivasulu Setty
3. Dinesh Kumar Khara
4. P. K. Gupta
5. Arijit Basu

Answer-2) Challa Sreenivasulu Setty

Explanation: On January 20, 2020 the Government of India (GOI) has appointed Challa Sreenivasulu Setty as the Managing Director (MD) of the State Bank of India (SBI) for a period of three years. He is currently serving as the Deputy Managing Director (DMD) of the SBI. The proposal of the Department of Financial Services (DFS), Ministry of Finance, GOI to appoint Setty as the MD of the SBI is approved by the Appointment Committee of Cabinet (ACC).

22. Who was appointed as the Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Bank of Baroda (BoB) on January 20, 2020 ?

1. PS Jayakumar
2. S. L. Jain
3. Vikramaditya Singh Khichi

4. Murali Ramaswami

5. Sanjiv Chadha

Answer-5) Sanjiv Chadha

Explanation: Sanjiv Chadha was appointed as the Managing Director(MD) & Chief Executive Officer(CEO) of Bank of Baroda on January 20, 2020 . He served as the Deputy Managing Director (DMD) at State Bank of India (SBI) and will replace P.S. Jayakumar whose term came to an end after his 1 year extension ended in October 2019. Atanu Kumar Das was appointed as the Managing Director(MD) & Chief Executive Officer(CEO) of Bank of India on January 20,2020. Atanu Kumar Das served as the Executive Director (ED) of the Bank of India (BOI) and hence promoted as the MD & CEO of Bank of India (BOI) following its vacancy since july last year. Lingam Venkat Prabhakar was appointed as the Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Canara Bank on January 20, 2020. Prabhakar served as the Executive Director (ED) of the Punjab National Bank (PNB) and he will be replacing R A Sankara Narayanan who will be retired at the end of January 31, 2020.

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23. Name the Indian Cricketer, who became the fastest batsman to reach 11,000 runs in ODI cricket & also became the fastest cricketer to complete 5000 runs in ODIs as skipper surpassing MS Dhoni record .

1. Jasprit Bumrah
2. Virat Kohli
3. Rohit Sharma
4. K. L. Rahul
5. Shikhar Dhawan

Answer-2) Virat Kohli

Explanation: Indian captain Virat Kohli broke the record of former captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni in the 3rd and final match of the series against Australia held in Bengaluru, Karnataka. He became the fastest captain to complete 5000

runs in ODIs. He achieved this feat by hitting a four off Mitchell Starc. Dhoni had scored 5000 runs in 127 innings. At the same time, Kohli reached in his feat by just 82nd innings. Ricky Ponting of Australia arrived in 131 innings. Indian captain Virat Kohli also held the record for being the fastest captain to score 11,000 international runs. He scored 11,208 international runs as captain, surpassed the previous record held by MS Dhoni with 11,207 runs. Kohli has played 199 innings as captain, while Dhoni had played 330.

24. Name the first Airport in India, that acquired Disabled Aircraft Recovery Equipment (DARE) from KUNZ GmbH to recover disabled aircraft up to Code F category and enabling faster resumption of operations .

1. Kempegowda International Airport (KIA)
2. Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport (LGBIA)
3. Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA)
4. Jay Prakash Narayan International Airport (JPNIA)
5. Cochin International Airport (CIA)

Answer-1) Kempegowda International Airport (KIA)

Explanation: On 14th January 2020, An agreement was signed by The Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL) to acquire Disabled Aircraft Recovery Equipment (DARE) to enhance operational capabilities and to reduce downtime during runway emergencies. The Bangalore International Airport Limited (BIAL) has signed an agreement with a German based company KUNZ GmbH to manufacture, supply, commission and maintain the specialized equipment for Kempegowda International Airport (KIA), Bangalore. This will make Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) the first airport in the region to acquire such facility to recover disabled aircraft up to Code F category and enabling faster resumption of operations.

25. Name the first state in India that implemented agricultural land leasing policy recently.

1. Maharashtra
2. Uttarakhand
3. Assam
4. Gujarat
5. West Bengal

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Answer-2) Uttarakhand

Explanation: Uttarakhand has become the first state in India which has made a policy to lease agricultural land. After the approval of Rashtrapati Bhavan, the state government has issued the order. Under this leasing policy, instead of giving land on a 30-year lease, the concerned farmer will get the rent for the land. By this policy any institutions, company, firm or NGO can take farm lands of maximum 30 acres in villages for lease for a period of 30 years and the government land around farm land can be taken for lease by paying the fee with the permission of the District Magistrate.

26. Name the country, that assumes the chairmanship of Group of 77 (G77) for the year 2020 from the State of Palestine recently.

1. Guyana

2. Bolivia
3. Thailand
4. South Africa
5. Egypt

Answer-1) Guyana

Explanation: Guyana takes over chairmanship of the Group of 77 (G77) for the year 2020. It assumes the chairmanship of the Group from the State of Palestine. The United Nations (UN) celebrates its 75th anniversary in 2020. The G77 is the largest intergovernmental organization of developing countries in the UN. It was designed to promote its members' collective economic interests and create an enhanced joint negotiating capacity in the UN.

27. Who was conferred with the 'Champions of Change Award-2019' for social welfare (Aspirational Districts) by Former President Pranab Mukherjee recently ?

1. Deepa Venkat
2. Hemant Soren
3. Manish Shisodia

4. Acharya Balakrishnan

5. Anurag Thakur

Answer-2) Hemant Soren

Explanation: On January 20, 2020 Jharkhand CM (Chief Minister) Hemant Soren was conferred with 'Champions of Change Award-2019' for social welfare (Aspirational Districts) by Former President Pranab Mukherjee at a function in New Delhi.

Award Contribution: The award is contributed to Hemant for his work in the Barhait and Dumka assembly constituencies in the state. Other awardees are:

1. Shri Manish Shisodia (Deputy Chief Minister of Delhi), (Education)

2. Shri Anurag Thakur (Minister of State MoS Finance & Corporate Affairs), Social Welfare

3. Shri Acharya Balakrishnan (Patanjali), Social Welfare

4. Ms. Shilpa Shetty & Raj Kundra (Swachh Bharat).

5. Smt I. Deepa Venkat (Social Welfare), Swarna Bharat Trust, Andhra Pradesh.

6. Shri Suresh Oberoi & Sister Shivani (Culture) (The Awakening of Brahma Kumaris)

7. Smt. Geeta Koda (Member of Parliament MP, Lok Sabha), Social Welfare (Aspirational Districts)

8. Shri Allu Arvind (Social welfare) – Andhra Pradesh

28. Who will chair the, “National Startup Advisory Council” that will provide measures to build a strong ecosystem for new innovations and start-ups in India?

1. Prakash Javadekar
2. Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu
3. Piyush Vedprakash Goyal
4. Nitin Gadkari
5. Nirmala Sitharaman

Answer-3) Piyush Vedprakash Goyal

Explanation:

On January 21, 2020 The Central Government announced the structure of the National Startup Advisory Council, chaired by the Union Minister of Commerce and Industry (MoCI) Shri

Piyush Vedprakash Goyal. The council will provide measures to build a strong ecosystem for new innovations and start-ups in the country. AIM: The council aims to increase the economic growth and generate large scale employment opportunities in India.

29. Name the firm that acquired Uber Eats valued at about \$350 million (nearly Rs 2,485 crore) recently .

1. Faaso
2. Freshmenu
3. FoodPanda
4. Zomato
5. Swiggy

Answer-4) Zomato

Explanation:

On January 21, 2020, Zomato, an Indian restaurant aggregator and food delivery startup has acquired Uber's food delivery business in India, Uber Eats in an all-stocks deal valued at about

\$350 million (nearly Rs 2,485 crore).As part of the deal, Uber will now hold only 9.99 % shares of Zomato & UberEats will discontinue operations and direct restaurants, delivery partners. Further, all of Uber Eats' customers will be directed to Zomato platform.

30. Which country was affected by “Novel coronavirus (nCoV)” recently ?

1. Philippines
2. Malaysia
3. China
4. Indonesia
5. None of these

Answer-3) China

Explanation:On January 20, 2020 the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare(MoHFW) of govt. of India has initiated various measures as a precaution for the recent outbreak of the

2019 Novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) in China. The Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) has been asked to facilitate thermal screening at the international airports of Delhi, Mumbai(Maharashtra), Kolkata (West Bengal), Chennai(Tamil Nadu), Bengaluru (Karnataka), Hyderabad(Telangana) and Cochin (Kerala) under the guidelines of the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO).

31.What is the capital of the newly merged Union Territory (UT) Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu ?

1. Daman
2. Diu
3. Dadra
4. Nagar Haveli
5. Silvassa

Answer-1) Daman

Explanation:After the parliament passed a bill to merge two Union territories(UTs) Daman and Diu, and Dadra and Nagar Haveli into a single UT, CCEA has now approved the proposed amendments/extension/repeal in the following Acts and

Regulations dealing with Goods and Services Tax (GST), Value Added Tax (VAT) and State Excise, and for designation of Daman as Headquarter of UT of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu on January 26,2020. The amendments are as follows:

Amendments/repeals/extensions:

Current Act Name of act after being amended/repealed or extended
Central Goods and Service Tax Act, 2017. To be amended as Central Goods and Service Tax (Amendments) Regulation, 2020.

Union Territory Goods and Service Tax Act, 2017.

To be amended as Union Territory Goods and Service Tax (Amendments) Regulation, 2020.

Dadra and Nagar Haveli Value Added Tax Regulation, 2005. To be amended as Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu Value Added Tax (Amendments) Regulation, 2020.

Daman and Diu Value Added Tax Regulation, 2005. To be repealed as Daman and Diu Value Added Tax (Repeal) Regulation, 2020.

Goa, Daman and Diu Excise Duty Act, 1964. To be amended as Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu Excise Duty (Amendment) Regulation, 2020.

Dadra and Nagar Haveli Excise Duty Regulation, 2012. Dadra and Nagar Haveli Excise Duty (Repeal) Regulation, 2020.

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32. Where did Minister of External Affairs (MEA) Shri Subrahmanyam Jaishankar inaugurate the first convention centre in Africa, "Mahatma Gandhi convention centre" (MGICC) ?

1. Rwanda
2. Mali
3. Niger
4. Benin
5. Republic of Chad

Answer-3) Niger

Explanation: On January 21, 2020 India's Minister of External Affairs (MEA) Shri Subrahmanyam Jaishankar and Nigerian President Mahamadou Issoufau inaugurated the first convention centre in Africa namely "Mahatma Gandhi convention centre" (MGICC) established at the state of Niger in Western Africa by India to honour the memory of 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. This is the 1st centre established in Africa by India under grant assistance. Mr. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar was the first Indian-foreign Minister to visit the West-African country during his national trip visit to Niger (West Africa) and Tunisia (North Africa).

33. Name the 1st Indian telecom operator that has recently launched UPI (Unified Payments Interface) payments space.

1. Tata Indicom
2. Idea Cellular
3. Bharti Airtel Limited
4. Reliance Jio
5. Vodafone Idea

Answer-4) Reliance Jio

Explanation: On January 20, 2020 telecom operator Reliance Jio of the Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) has become the 1st Indian telecom operator to launch UPI (Unified Payments Interface) payments space. Thus Reliance Jio will now compete with other private UPI payment providers such as Paytm, Google Pay and PhonePe. As of now, Reliance Jio is India's largest telecom operator. As per reports, users cannot use their existing UPI ids to avail this service. Instead, they will have to create a new JIO UPI Id.

34. Name the 1st Woman & 13th President of Greece, who was elected on January 22, 2020 .

1. Marietta Giannakou
2. Anna Diamantopoulou
3. Katerina Sakellaropoulou
4. Maria Damanaki
5. Maria Euthymiou

Answer-3) Katerina Sakellaropoulou

Explanation: On January 22, 2020 independent candidate Katerina Sakellaropoulou (63 years), became the 1st Woman President of Greece elected by the Greece's Parliament for a period of 5 years. She will be officially sworn in as Greece's 13th President in April, 2020. She will succeed Prokopis Pavlopoulos, the current president. Katerina is the Council of State (Supreme Administrative court of Greece) studied law in Athens (Greece) and completed her postgraduate studies at the Sorbonne in Paris, France. She was born on 30 May 1956 in Thessaloniki, Greece and the daughter of Supreme Court Judge.

35. Who was appointed as the Prime Minister (PM) of Lebanon ?

1. Hassan Diab
2. Michel Aoun
3. Gebran Bassil
4. Saad Hariri
5. Nawaf Salam

Answer-1) Hassan Diab

Explanation: On January 22, 2020, Lebanon President Michael Naim Aoun announced the formation of a new Government due to anti-government protests for the last several months. The new Government (govt) will be headed by Prime Minister (PM) Hassan Diab, a 60-year-old professor at the American University of Beirut, Lebanon. The New Government consists of 20 member technocrats. Formation of the new government was announced after the Hezbollah party & its allies made a deal to tackle the country's worst economic crisis in a decade.

36. Name the state government, that secured the top spot in the 'SKOCH State of Governance 2019' .

1. Maharashtra
2. Assam
3. West Bengal
4. Andhra Pradesh
5. Gujarat

Answer-5) Gujarat

Explanation: On January 22, 2020, According to the 'SKOCH State of Governance 2019' report, Gujarat gained the top spot on the back of better performance in Health, Education, Power and e-Governance segments.

Gujarat, which was ranked 5th in 2018 replaces 2018 leader West Bengal.

The projects undertaken by the states, have performed the best in terms of rankings across 22 different parameters have been listed as STARS.

Top 3 Star states include:

<u>Rank</u>	<u>State Name</u>	<u>Project</u>
1	Gujarat	104 projects
2	Maharashtra	50 projects
3	West Bengal	20 projects

Gujarat is also ranked top in terms of governance category (leaving Tamil Nadu to the 2nd) & other sectors including tourism and culture , e-Governance, Health, Education, Power Infrastructure.

37. Name the 1st motorsports personality, who was awarded with the Rashtriya Bal Puraskar award 2020 .

1. Yash Aradhya
2. Jehan Daruwala
3. Advait Dheodhar
4. Armaan Ebrahim
5. Aditya Patel

Answer-1) Yash Aradhya

Explanation: On January 22, 2020 the President of India Shri Ram Nath Kovind conferred the 2020 annual Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar to 49 children in the age group of 5-18 in New Delhi. Yash Aradhya (17 years) of Bengaluru, Karnataka created history by becoming the 1st motorsports personality to be awarded the Rashtriya Bal Puraskar.

38. Which is the 'most polluted Indian city' with 322 µg/m³ (micrograms per cubic meter) of PM₁₀ (Particulate matter) pollutants in 2018 as per the Greenpeace India report for 2018 ?

1. Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh
2. New Delhi, Delhi
3. Chennai, Tamil Nadu

4. Lunglei, Mizoram

5. Jharia, Jharkhand

Answer-5) Jharia, Jharkhand

Explanation: The Greenpeace India report for 2018 was released based on the National Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Programme (NAMP), on January 21, 2020. Jharia in Jharkhand which is known for Coal-belching is the most polluted Indian city with 322 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ (micrograms per cubic meter) of PM10 (Particulate matter) pollutants in 2018, according to the report analysis of 287 cities across the country. Out of 287 cities 231 cities were severely polluted.

39. What is the rank of India in the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU)'s 12th edition of the 'Democracy Index 2019: A year of democratic setbacks and popular protest' ?

1. 45th

2. 51st

3. 49th

4. 40th

5. 55th

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Answer– 2) 51st

Explanation: On January 22, 2020, According to the 12th edition of the 'Democracy Index 2019: A year of democratic setbacks and popular protest', released by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU), India has slipped 10 ranks to 51st spot with the score of 6.90 in this index, which provides a blueprint for the current state of democracy in 167 nations.

Top 3 & Bottom 3 countries in the Index:

Rank Country Score

51st India 6.9

1 Norway 9.87

2 Iceland 9.58

3 Sweden 9.39

165 Central African Republic 1.32

166 Democratic Republic of the Congo 1.13

167 North Korea 1.08

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40. Name the Indian city, that hosts the 3rd edition of Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG) 2020 .

1. Chennai, Tamil Nadu
2. Mumbai, Maharashtra
3. Bhubaneswar, Odisha
4. New Delhi, Delhi
5. Guwahati, Assam

Answer-5) Guwahati, Assam

Explanation: The 3rd edition of Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG) 2020 was held at Karmabir Nabin Chandra Bordoloi Indoor Stadium in Guwahati, Assam with the participation of over 10,000 students. Vijay the Tiger and Jaya the Black buck were the mascots of the tournament. Maharashtra clinched Khelo India Youth Games 2020 champions trophy with a collection of 256 medals (78 gold, 77 silver and 101 bronze).

41. Which state celebrates the festival 'Chapchar Kut' recently ?

1. Assam
2. Mizoram
3. Meghalaya
4. Gujarat
5. None of these

Answer-2) Mizoram

Explanation:

On January 14, 2020 Government of Mizoram along with the organizing committee under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Zoramthanga has decided to celebrate the 'Chapchar Kut', the biggest and most important festival of the Mizos, on March 6, 2020. The two- days festival is celebrated under the theme "Promotion of Mizos' culture and moral code".

42. Who is the foreign Minister of Denmark ?

1. Nicolai Wammen
2. Dan Jørgensen
3. Peter Kofod
4. Jeppe Sebastian Kofod
5. None of these

Answer – 4) Jeppe Sebastian Kofod

Explanation:Jeppe Sebastian Kofod is the foreign Minister of Denmark.He visited India to participate in 5th edition of the

Raisina Dialogue 2020. He met Minister of External Affairs (MEA) of India Shri S. Jaishankar and held discussions on 'Green Strategic Partnership' between the two countries.

43. Which country has operationalised the world's largest radio telescope, "Five-hundred-meter Aperture Spherical radio Telescope" (FAST) recently ?

1. India
2. China
3. Russia
4. Japan
5. None of these

Answer – 2) China

Explanation: China operationalised the world's largest radio telescope with a diameter of half-a-kilometre. The "Five-hundred-meter Aperture Spherical radio Telescope" (FAST) is a single-dish telescope and is located in southwest China's Guiyang city, the capital of Guizhou province. The telescope has a receiving area of around 30 football fields.

44. Who is the President of Guatemala ?

1. Alejandro Giammattei
2. Jimmy Morales
3. Alejandro Maldonado
4. Otto Pérez Molina
5. None of these

Answer – 1) Alejandro Giammattei

Explanation: Alejandro Giammattei sworn in as the President of Guatemala. He won the 2019 election and assumed office on January 14, 2020.

45. Which state celebrates the “Magh Bihu festival” recently ?

1. West Bengal
2. Assam
3. Odisha
4. Uttar Pradesh
5. Gujarat

Answer-2) Assam

Explanation: On January 15, 2020 Magh Bihu, an auspicious harvest festival is being celebrated in Assam. Magh Bihu falls in the local month of 'Magh' during mid-January. It is also called 'Bhogali Bihu' or 'Maghor Bihu' as it is celebrated with community feasts after the annual harvest takes place. The night before 'Magh Bihu' is called 'Uruka' meaning the night of feasts. The villagers make bamboo huts called 'Bhelghor' or community kitchen where they begin with the preparations for the festival.

46. Where is the headquarters of United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) located ?

1. Washington D.C., United States (U.S.)
2. Paris, France
3. Geneva, Switzerland
4. Vienna, Austria
5. None of these

Answer – 3) Geneva, Switzerland

47. Ravi Kumar Dahiya is seen in news recently, he belonged to which sport ?

1. Badminton
2. Weight Lifting
3. Chess
4. Wrestling
5. None of these

Answer – 4) Wrestling

Explanation: Ravi Kumar Dahiya belongs to Wrestling. He was in news recently because he won gold medal in the 61kg freestyle in 1st UWW (United World Wrestling) Matteo Pellicone Rome Ranking Series 2020 .

48. Who is the Director General of Geological Survey of India (GSI) ?

1. Shri S N Meshram
2. Sushil Kumar
3. Pralhad Joshi

4. Reena Sinha Puri

5. None of these

Answer – 1) Shri S N Meshram

49. Name the life insurance scheme that was launched by government of India in May 2015 .

1. Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana

2. Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY)

3. Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-dhan (PM-SYM)

4. Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN)

5. None of these

Answer – 2) Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY)

50. Where is the headquarters of Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDAI) located ?

1. Mumbai, Maharashtra
2. Kolkata, West Bengal
3. Chennai, Tamil Nadu
4. New Delhi, Delhi
5. Hyderabad, Telangana

Answer – 5) Hyderabad, Telangana

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