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JAN. BEST CURRENT AFFAIRS 2020

1. Which city topped in the 5th edition of Swachh Survekshan League 2020 (Quarter 1 and Quarter 2) having more than 10 lakh population?

1. Nashik, Maharashtra
2. Surat, Gujarat
3. Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
4. Indore, Madhya Pradesh
5. None of these

Answer-4) Indore, Madhya Pradesh

Explanation:

On December 31, 2019 the union minister of State (MoS-Independent Charge) Housing and Urban Affairs

(MoHUA) Shri Hardeep Singh Puri, has announced the results of Swachh Survekshan League 2020 (Quarter 1 and Quarter 2) at an event in New Delhi. During the event, the 5th edition of the Swachh Survekshan 2020 (urban cleanliness survey), which is to commence from 4 January 2020 by MoHUA was also rolled out. >10lakh population: Among the cities with more than 10 lakh population categories, Indore ranked 1st in both quarter 1 and quarter 2. It is also to be noted that West Bengal alone did not participate in the Swachh Survekshan League 2020.

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2. Who heads the task force, that prepared the Rs. 102 lakh crore “National Infrastructure Pipeline for the year 2019-20 to 2024-25”? 1. Narendra Modi

2. Girish Murmu
3. Atanu Chakraborty
4. Nirmala Sitharaman
5. None of these

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Answer-3) Atanu Chakraborty

Explanation:

On December 31, 2019 the union Minister of Finance Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman released a report of the task force on National Infrastructure Pipeline for 2019-2020 to 2024-2025 (NIP 2019-25) in order to achieve the \$5

trillion economy by 2024-25. Based on the information compiled by the task force headed by Economic Affairs Secretary Atanu Chakraborty, Rs 102 lakh crores has been projected on the capital expenditure in infrastructure sectors in India during the fiscals 2020 to 2025. The capital expenditure will be shared by the Centre, States and the private sector in the ratio 39:39:22 respectively.

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3. Who chairs the 7-member Group of Ministers (GoM) that reviews the crop insurance scheme, “Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)”?

1. Nirmala Sitharaman
2. Rajnath Singh

3. Amit Shah
4. Prakash Javadekar
5. None of these

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Answer-2) Rajnath Singh

Explanation:

On December 28, 2019, The central Government has formed a 7-member group of ministers (GoM) headed by Defense Minister Rajnath Singh to review the crop insurance scheme ,“Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)” & make suggestions to improve it according to the needs of the farmers.The group also includes Home Minister (HM) Amit Shah and Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar and Minister of State for

Agriculture, Finance, Tribal Affairs and Animal Husbandry.

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4. Which city is set to host the 14th Global healthcare summit in the year 2021?

1. Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh (AP)
2. New Delhi, Delhi
3. Mumbai, Maharashtra
4. Kolkata, West Bengal
5. None of these

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Answer-1) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh (AP)

Explanation:

On December 31, 2019, The American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (AAPI), a professional association for Indian American physicians, is set to organize a 3-days long 14th Global Healthcare Summit (GHS) in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh (AP) from January 3, 2021 for the 1st time. Over the past few years, AAPI has been collaborating with several professional medical associations & made key role in addressing diabetes with the launch of Sevak programme and CPR-

AED (Proper cardiopulmonary resuscitation-automated external defibrillator) training.

5.Name the 5th department that was created under Ministry of Defence (MoD) after a change in Government of India (Allocation of Business), Rules 1961.

1. Department of Defence
2. Department of Military affairs (DMA)
3. Department of Defence Production
4. Department of Defence Research and Development
5. None of these

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Answer-2) Department of Military affairs (DMA)

Explanation:

Department of Military affairs (DMA) was the newly created department. The new department works for the unity of the three forces Army, Navy and Air Force and will also monitor the services except capital acquisitions according to prevalent rules and procedures. The DMA is the 5th department in the Ministry of Defence (MoD) and was created after a change in Government of India (Allocation of Business), Rules 1961. The other existing 4 departments under MoD are the Department of Defence, the Department of Defence Production, the

Department of Defence Research and Development and the Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare. Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) Gen Bipin Rawat will be the head of the newly created Department of Military affairs (DMA).

6. Which became the first state in India to pass a resolution scrapping the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA)?

1. West Bengal
2. Andhra Pradesh
3. Kerala
4. Uttar Pradesh
5. None of these

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Answer-3) Kerala

Explanation:

On December 31, 2019 the state govt. of Kerala became the 1st state in the country to pass a resolution scrapping the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA). The resolution was moved by Kerala's Chief Minister Shri Pinarayee Vijayan and was seconded by the Leader of Opposition Ramesh Chennithala. It was also stated during the assembly that when the Citizenship Act was passed in 1955, it followed all international conventions. But the present act passed by the central govt was claimed to have not followed the international conventions.

7.Name the app launched by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor, Shri Shakti anta Das that would help visually impaired people to identify denomination of currency notes.

1. “VANIA” (Visually Aided Note Identifier Application)
2. “MVANI” (Mobile app for Visually Aided Note Identifier)
3. “VANI” (Visually Aided Note Identifier)
4. “MANI” (Mobile Aided Note Identifier)
5. None of these

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Answer – 4) “MANI” (Mobile Aided Note Identifier)

Explanation:

On January 1, 2020 the 25th Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Shri Shaktikanta Das launched a mobile app named “MANI” (Mobile Aided Note Identifier) that would help visually impaired people to identify denomination of currency notes correctly. The currency notes will be scanned using a mobile phone’s camera. The most interesting feature of the app is that it can also be used offline after installation. The audio output is available in both Hindi and English languages.

8.Name the first & youngest Indian tribal women in the World, who scaled six mountain peaks in six continents.

1. Santosh Yadav
2. Malavath Poorna

3. Bachendri Pal
4. Dicky Dolma
5. None of these

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Answer-2) Malavath Poorna

Explanation:

18-years-old Malavath Poorna from Telangana scaled Mt Vinson Massif, the highest mountain peak in Antarctica at 4,892 meters and becomes the first and youngest tribal women in the World to scale six mountain peaks in six continents. She is the daughter of agriculturist of Pakala tribal hamlet of Nizamabad district in

Telangana. Sekhar Babu Bachinepally is her coach. 'Poorna', a biography of Poorna Malavath was written by Aparna Thota.

9. Which bank has appointed, S Sundar as Interim Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO)?

1. Bank of Baroda (BoB)
2. Canara Bank
3. State Bank of India (SBI)
4. Lakshmi Vilas Bank (LVB)
5. None of these

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Answer-4) Lakshmi Vilas Bank (LVB)

Explanation:

S Sundar has appointed as interim Managing Director and CEO of Lakshmi Vilas Bank (LVB) which is effective from January 1, 2020. The bank's MD and CEO, Parthasarathi Mukherjee resigned his post on August, 2019 and the post was left vacant. According to the bank Sundar will be in charge until April 30, 2020 or until new MD assumes the charge. He was serving the bank as Chief Financial Officer from 27.04.2018 till 31.12.2019. He

holds a Bachelor's Degree in Commerce and is a Chartered Accountant and has an experience of 41 years.

10. What is the Integrated help line number launched by Indian Railways for quick grievance and enquiries by the passengers during journeys?

1. 149
2. 152
3. 143
4. 139
5. None of these

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Answer-4) 139

Explanation:

On 3rd January 2020, The Indian Railways launched an integrated helpline number 139 for quick grievance and enquiries by the passengers during journeys. It is an integrated form of existing helpline numbers (except 182) particularly to avoid the inconvenience over multiple helpline numbers and will be easy to connect with Railways for all their needs during travel. The helpline number will be available in 12 languages and it will be based on an interactive voice response system and it can also be used for general complaints, accidents and safety issues.

11. Where did Shri Vijay Ramniklal Rupani unveiled the 50 feet tall, “World’s 2nd largest statue of Sardar vallabhbhai Patel” recently?

1. Mumbai, Maharashtra
2. Ahmedabad, Gujarat
3. New Delhi, Delhi
4. Kolkata, West Bengal
5. None of these

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Answer-2) Ahmedabad, Gujarat

Explanation:

On January 3, 2020 the Chief Minister of Gujarat Shri Vijay Ramniklal Rupani unveiled the world's 2nd largest statue of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel at Sardardham campus near Vaishnodevi circle in Ahmedabad, Gujarat. This bronze statue which is 50 feet tall weighing 70,000 kilograms was built at a cost of Rs 3.25 crores. Padma Bhushan awardee Ram Vanji Sutar (Sculptor) who designed the world's tallest statue has built this world's second tallest statue too.

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12.Which state has celebrated Ritualistic festival, 'Lai Haroba' recently?

1. Manipur
2. Nagaland
3. Tripura
4. Mizoram
5. None of these

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Answer-3) Tripura

Explanation:

Lai Haroba, a ritualistic festival observed by Manipuri meitei communities began in Agartala. The five-day long festival was inaugurated by Speaker of State legislative Assembly, Rebati Mohan Das. Lai Haroba was celebrated through oral literature, music, dance and rituals. A cultural troupe from Manipur came and performing manipuri martial arts, folk music and folk dances. The festival was organized by: Department of Information and Cultural Affairs, Government of Tripura. Puthiba Lai Haraoba Committee and Puthiba Welfare & Cultural Society, Agartala.

13. Which state government has launched India's first online platform called "e-Gazette portal" (<http://egazetteodisha.nic.in>), designed and developed by the NIC (National Informatics Centre)?

1. Assam
2. Odisha
3. Uttar Pradesh
4. West Bengal
5. None of these

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Answer-2) Odisha

Explanation:

On January 2, 2020, The State Government of Odisha has launched an online platform called “e-Gazette portal”(<http://egazetteodisha.nic.in>), a first-of-its-kind initiative in India designed and developed by the NIC(National Informatics Centre) for all departments. With this, the Gazette notifications are now available as error-free and paperless under one platform.

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14.Name the 1st nation in the world, that ban ‘reef-toxic’ sun cream to save corals and sea life.

1. Nauru

2. Marshall Islands
3. Kiribati
4. Palau
5. None of these

Answer-4) Palau

Explanation:

Palau has become the first nation to ban sun cream which damages the coral reefs, sea life and are toxic to juvenile wildlife species. It is the Pacific Island country in the Western Pacific Ocean near Philippines. The sun cream consists of oxybenzone and octinoxate absorbs UV (UltraViolet) rays which causes water more acidic, makes

corals susceptible to bleaching and agitating fish stocks. Following Palau, Hawaii bans sun cream comes into effect from 2021.

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15. Which country has become the largest source of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) (\$8 billion investments) in India during the first half of FY2020?

1. Japan
2. Mauritius
3. United States (US)
4. Singapore
5. None of these

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Answer-4) Singapore

Explanation:

On January 2, 2020, according to the data released by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in India rose 15% to \$26 billion in the first half of FY2020 (Fiscal year 2020). Singapore continued to be the largest source of FDI in India during the first half of FY2020 with \$8 billion investments. The inflow of FDI during April-September of 2018-19 stood at \$22.66 billion. The data in brief are as follows: Other top FDI sourcing countries

to India:Singapore was followed by Mauritius (\$6.36 billion), the United States(US) (\$2.15 billion), the Netherlands (\$2.32 billion), and Japan (\$1.78 billion) in the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th place respectively.

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16. Who was appointed as the 1st Chairman of NMC (National Medical commission) on January 2, 2020?

1. Mahesh Verma
2. Rajendra Pandey
3. Suresh Chandra Sharma
4. Rakesh Kumar Vats
5. None of these

Answer-3) Suresh Chandra Sharma

Explanation:

On January 2, 2020 Delhi AIIMS' Professor Suresh Chandra Sharma appointed as the 1st ever Chairman of NMC (National Medical commission). Sharma was the head of ENT(ears, nose,throat) head-surgery department of AIIMS(All India Institute of Medical Sciences) in New Delhi.The Committee also appointed Dr Rakesh Kumar Vats, Secretary General, Board Of Governors, Medical Council of India as Secretary of NMC.The Chairman and the Secretary of NMC will serve for a period of 3 years or till the age of 70 years.

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17. In which of the following Indian city, Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) will establish its 2nd launch port to launch small satellite vehicles?

1. Kochi, Kerala
2. Bengaluru, Karnataka
3. Hyderabad, Telangana
4. Thoothukodi, Tamil Nadu
5. None of these

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Answer-4) Thoothukodi, Tamil Nadu

Explanation:

The second launch port of ISRO (Indian Space Research Organisation) will be established in Thoothukodi district of Tamil Nadu to launch small satellite vehicles. This will come up in 2300 acres. On the lines of GPS navigation system developed by America, the Indian navigation system called Navic with the indigenous atomic clock will be operational with mobile phone manufacturers coming forward to install the regional navigation device.

18. Which game along with “Cycling” will be included for the first time in the 3rd Khelo India Games 2020, that is to be held in Guwahati, Assam?

1. Boccia
2. Croquet
3. Lawn bowls
4. Bocce
5. None of these

Answer-3) Lawn bowls

Explanation:

On 2nd January 2019, Chief Executive Officer of “Khelo India Games” has announced the inclusion of “Lawn bowls” and “Cycling” in the 3rd edition of Khelo India

Games. These two games will be included in the event for the first time. Around 6500 athletes from 37 teams will take part in the 3rd edition of Khelo India youth games in Guwahati, Assam which is scheduled to be held from 10th of January to 22nd of February at Indira Gandhi Stadium.

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19. World Health Organisation (WHO) has designated 2020 as _____ .

1. International Year of Sustainable Tourism for Development
2. International Year of Light and Light-based Technologies
3. International Year of Nurse and Midwife
4. International Year of Indigenous Languages
5. None of these

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Answer-3) International Year of Nurse and Midwife

Explanation:

The executive board of the World Health Organisation(WHO) has designated 2020 as International Year of Nurse and Midwife in honour of 200th birth anniversary of Florence Nightingale. The WHO will also launch first-ever State of the World's Nursing report in 2020 prior to the 73rd session of the World Health Assembly.

20.Name the division, that was formed by Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) to deal with new and emerging technologies.

1. NEST – Neutrality, Emerging and Strategic Technologies

2. NEST – Network, Emerging and Strategic Technologies

3. NEST – New, Emerging and Strategic Technologies

4. NEST – National, Emerging and Strategic Technologies

5. None of these

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Answer-3) NEST – New, Emerging and Strategic Technologies

Explanation:

On January 1, 2020 The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has set up a New, Emerging and Strategic Technologies (NEST) division which helps to deal with new and emerging technologies. NEST helps to partner with 5G and artificial intelligence areas of other countries. Under NEST, central government allows data sharing of various network makers in which Huawei shares its customer details with Chinese government under 5G trails.

21. Where was the India's 1st of its kind turtle rehabilitation centre inaugurated?

1. West Bengal
2. Gujarat
3. Uttar Pradesh
4. Bihar
5. None of these

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Answer-4) Bihar

Explanation:

A 1st of its kind rehabilitation centre for freshwater turtles is to be inaugurated in January 2020 in the Bhagalpur forest division of Bihar. This centre spread over half a hectare will be able to shelter 500 turtles at a time. The centre will also treat turtles that are sick, severely injured or smuggled, and then be returned safely into its natural habitat.

22.I-STEM website was launched recently, Expand I–STEM?

1. Innovation in Science Technology and Engineering facilities Map
2. Invention in Science Technology and Engineering facilities Map
3. Indian Science Technology and Engineering facilities Map
4. International Science Technology and Engineering facilities Map

5. None of these

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Answer-3) Indian Science Technology and Engineering facilities Map

Explanation:

Prime Minister launched the Indian Science Technology and Engineering facilities Map (I-STEM) Portal during ISC. The portal is designed to be the gateway for researchers to locate specific type of facility they need for their Research and development (R&D) work in India.

23. Who won the '100 Global Child Prodigy Award 2020' in the "singing" category for singing 120 languages?

1. Aditi Singh Sharma
2. Sucheta Satish
3. Jonita Gandhi
4. Shilpa Rao
5. None of these

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Answer-2) Sucheta Satish

Explanation:

On January 3, 2020, A Dubai-based Indian girl, Sucheta Satish (14), who sings in 120 languages, has won the '100 Global Child Prodigy Award 2020' in the category of singing. The award ceremony was held in Ashok Hotel, Delhi. Sucheta, a student in Dubai Indian High School, was awarded along with 99 other child prodigies at the awards, which was attended by chief guest Nobel Peace Prize (2014) winner Shri Kailash Satyarthi.

24. Under which scheme, a total of 171 hospitals de-pannelled & Rs. 4.5 crore penalty was imposed for committing fraud and indulging in malpractices?

1. Rashtiya Swasthiya Bima Yojana (RSBY)
2. Ayushman Bharat health insurance scheme
3. Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS)
4. Universal Health Insurance Scheme (UHIS)
5. None of these

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Answer-2) Ayushman Bharat health insurance scheme

Explanation:

On January 03, 2020 the National Health Authority(NHA) which is the apex body regulating and implementing Ayushman Bharat health insurance scheme, Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB- PMJAY) has de-empanelled a total of 171 hospitals and also imposed penalty of Rs 4.5 crore on hospitals for committing fraud and indulging in malpractices under the Ayushman Bharat health insurance scheme.

25. How many States have finalized action plan for Agriculture Export Policy (AEP) to enhance exports?

1. 5
2. 6
3. 7
4. 8
5. None of these

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Answer-4) 8

Explanation:

On January 5, 2020, as per Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), eight states namely Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Kerala, Nagaland, Tamil Nadu, Assam, Punjab, and Karnataka finalized an action plan for Agriculture Export Policy (AEP) to enhance exports.

26.Name the 1st state in India that shortlist migrants from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan for eligibility under the new Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) 2019.

1. Maharashtra
2. Uttar Pradesh (UP)
3. Gujarat
4. Tamil Nadu
5. None of these

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Answer-2) Uttar Pradesh (UP)

Explanation:

On January 05, 2020 Uttar Pradesh (UP) became the 1st state in India to conduct an exercise to shortlist migrants from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan for eligibility under the new Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) 2019. This exercise will also eventually identify the people living illegally in UP. All the 75 district magistrates of UP have been asked to track down migrants from the above three countries who have settled without citizenship for decades. Migrants from Pakistan and Bangladesh were

reported to be found mainly in Lucknow, Hapur, Rampur, Shahjahanpur, Noida and Ghaziabad cities of UP.

27. Who will chair the group of ministers that will discuss and examine the proposed National Tariff Policy 2016?

1. Nirmala Sitharaman
2. Narendra Modi
3. Rajnath Singh
4. Amit Shah
5. None of these

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Answer-4) Amit Shah

Explanation:

Amit Shah has been announced to head the Group of Ministers (GOM) to discuss and examine the proposed National Tariff Policy 2016. Before being sent to Shri Amit Shah, the draft policy was first sent for approval to the cabinet secretariat. The policy if implemented, will bring a major reform in the stressed power sector but is opposed the states govts and discoms (Distribution Companies) due to clauses like penalties for load shedding. GoM: The interministerial group will have 10 ministers comprising of 8 ministers in the cabinet rank and 2 ministers with independent charge.

28.Name the most powerful military commander of Iran, who was killed by the American airstrike at Baghdad International Airport in Iraq.

1. Qassem Soleimani
2. Hassan Nasrallah
3. Mohammad Javad Zarif
4. Abu Azrael
5. None of these

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Answer-1) Qassem Soleimani

Explanation:

On January 03, 2020 Iran's most powerful military commander, General Qassem Soleimani, who was the head (since 1998) of the Quds Force, a unit of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) was killed in an American drone airstrike at Baghdad International Airport in Iraq. The airstrike was conducted by the order of United States(US) President Donald Trump. Soleimani was seen as the 2nd most powerful person in Iran after Iran's supreme leader Sayyid Ali Hosseini Khamenei. Reason for airstrike: The drone strike came days after US(United States) embassy in Baghdad was attacked by protestors. Previously in April 2019, the US also designated Iran's Revolutionary Guards and its Quds Force as foreign terrorist organisations.

29.Name the 1st of its kind Standardised Health Insurance Products (SHIP) introduced by Insurance

**Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)
that must be offered by all general and standalone
health insurers with effect from April 1, 2020.**

1. Arogya Swasthiya
2. Arogya Scheme
3. Arogya Rashtiya
4. Arogya Sanjeevani
5. None of these

Answer-4) Arogya Sanjeevani

Explanation:

On January 02, 2020 the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has mandated all

the health and General Insurance Companies (GICs) to offer 1st of its kind standardised health insurance products (SHIP) in the name “Arogya Sanjeevani” policy with effect from April 1, 2020. All the health products offered by those companies will be succeeded by this name. It is to be noted that no health insurance companies will mention any other name other than the standard name of Arogya Sanjeevani in any of the documents.

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30. Who was elected as the President of Guinea-Bissau ?

1. Baciro Djá
2. Carlos Gomes Júnior
3. Umaro Mokhtar Sissoco Embalo
4. Domingos Simões Pereira
5. None of these

Answer-3) Umaro Mokhtar Sissoco Embalo

Explanation:

Umaro Mokhtar Sissoco Embalo won the West African state of Guinea-Bissau's Presidential election. He succeeded President Jose Mario Vaz. Umaro belongs to Madem G15 party. Embalo served as Prime Minister

between 2016 and 2018. Embalo is nicknamed as “The General”, a reference to his rank as reserve brigadier quit from the army in the early 1990s. He defected former ex-Prime Minister Domingos Simoes Pereira of African Party for the Independence of Guinea and Cape Verde (PAIGC).

31. Which country will host the Commonwealth Games Shooting and Archery events under the aegis of the Commonwealth Games (CWG) Friendship Program in March 2022?

1. Thailand
2. Russia
3. Germany

4. India
5. None of these

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Answer-4) India

Explanation:

On January 4, 2020 the Sports Ministry has given 'in principle' approval to hold the Commonwealth Games shooting and archery events in India. These events will be held under the aegis of the Commonwealth Games (CWG) Friendship Program in March 2022. Last year CWG has decided to exclude Shooting event in 2022 CWG but

Indian Olympic Association (IOA) was against the decision. India won 66 medals including 26 golds in 2018 CWG in Gold Coast, Australia and also won 16 medals in Shooting event.

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32. Which state government launched the “Mukhyamantri karmchari swasthya bima yojana” for the welfare of all 12.55 lakh employees of the state?

1. Madhya Pradesh (MP)
2. Maharashtra
3. West Bengal
4. Assam
5. None of these

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Answer-1) Madhya Pradesh (MP)

Explanation:

On January 5, 2020, Madhya Pradesh (MP) state Cabinet led by its Chief Minister (CM), Kamal Nath has approved the Mukhya Mantri Karmchari Swasthya Bima Yojana

(Chief Minister Employees Health Insurance Scheme) implementation from April 1, 2020, for the welfare of all 12.55 lakh employees of the state. Benefits of the scheme: Under this, Rs 5 lakh for general illness and 10 lakhs for critical illness & Cashless treatment facility up to Rs 10,000 per annum in OPD (Outpatient Department) will be provided / free medicines will be distributed.

33. Which 2 Countries participated in the naval exercise named 'Naseem-Al-Bahr', that held in Goa recently?

1. India and Russia
2. India and Oman
3. India and Japan
4. India and United Arab Emirates (UAE)

5. None of these

Answer-2) India and Oman

Explanation:

On January 05,2020 2 ships of the Royal Navy of Oman (RNO) arrived at Mormugao Port in Goa to participate in the 12th edition of the Indo-Oman bilateral naval exercise 'Naseem-Al-Bahr '. The meaning of the biennial exercise Naseem-Al-Bahr that has been conducted since 1993 between India and Oman is sea breeze.Participating ships:Among the Indian Navy ships(INS) Beas and Subhadra are participating while 2 naval ships of the RNO

i.e, RNOV (Royal Navy of Oman Vessel) Al Rasikh and RNOV Khassab are participating.

34.Which state has celebrated the 4th edition of the Buxa Bird Festival 2020 recently?

1. Gujarat
2. Arunachal Pradesh (AR)
3. West Bengal (WB)
4. Andhra Pradesh (AP)

5. None of these

Answer-3) West Bengal (WB)

Explanation:

On January 7, 2020, A 3-day long 4th edition of the Buxa Bird Festival 2020 has begun in Buxa National Park in the Alipurduar district of West Bengal(WB).The festival, organized by West Bengal Forest Department, will see the participation of around 50 people, including prominent ornithologists, birdwatchers and bird enthusiasts from Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh and Delhi.Till now, the presence of

More than 300 rare species of birds has been noticed in Buxa National Park.

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35. Where did India has set up the New World-Class Facility center for training astronauts?

1. Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
2. Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
3. Challakere, Karnataka
4. Hyderabad, Telangana

5. None of these

Answer –3) Challakere, Karnataka

Explanation:

The new World- Class facility center for training astronauts will come up in India in the next three years at Challakere in Chitradurga district of Karnataka. The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has proposed Rs 2700 crore, to set its young House Space Flight Centre (HSFC) in Bengaluru, Karnataka, which will be the single-top for all space related activities for space travelers. By these facilities the cost of sending Indian astronauts to foreign countries for such facilities can be reduced. Four pilots of India will train at the “Yuri Gagarin Cosmonaut Training Centre” in Russia for Gaganyaan mission 2022.

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36.Which state will organize the 1st edition of Zo Kutpui festival 2020 across 10 states in India?

1. Uttar Pradesh
2. Mizoram
3. Nagaland
4. West Bengal
5. None of these

Answer-2) Mizoram

Explanation:

In a bid to unify different tribes of Mizo community, the state Government of Mizoram will organize the 1st edition of Zo Kutpui festival 2020 across 10 states in India & also in countries such as Maryland in the US (United States), Tahan in Myanmar and Bangladesh from January 9, 2020. The 1st such festival, organized by the Mizoram tourism department, would be held at Vanghmun, a hub of Mizos in neighbouring Tripura, from January 9 – 11, 2020. Then festival will carry forward to other states which have a significant Mizo population.

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37.Name the 1st Urban Cooperative Bank (UCB) that received Reserve Bank of India (RBI)'s approval to function as Small Finance Bank (SFB).

1. Indore Swayamsiddh Mahila Co-Operative Bank
2. Buldana Urban Co-Operative Bank Limited
3. Shivalik Mercantile Co-operative Bank Ltd
4. Arihant Urban Co-Operative Bank Limited
5. None of these

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Answer-3) Shivalik Mercantile Co-operative Bank Ltd

Explanation:

On January 06,2020 the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), gave approval to Uttar Pradesh based Shivalik Mercantile Co-operative Bank Ltd to convert to a small finance bank (SFB). With this, Shivalik Mercantile became the 1st urban cooperative bank (UCB) to be converted into an SFB since the release of reformed RBI guidelines which came out 2 years ago. Grant of License: The RBI will grant licence to Shivalik Mercantile bank for the

commencement of banking business under Section 22 (1) of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 as an SFB.

38.Primary (Urban) Co-operative Banks (UCBs), will be kept under Supervisory Action Framework (SAF) if the net Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) exceeds _____ %.

1. 8%
2. 7%
3. 10%
4. 6%
5. None of these

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Answer-4) 6%

Explanation:

On January 7, 2020, Inorder to better manage the stressed UCBs, India's Central Bank, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has released its final Supervisory Action Framework (SAF) tightening norms for Primary (Urban) Co-operative Banks (UCBs). An UCB will be kept under supervisory action framework when its net non-performing assets (NPAs) exceed 6% of its net advances. As soon as this threshold is breached, RBI will take multiple actions, depending on severity of stress. UCBs may also come under the scanner when its Capital to Risk-weighted Assets ratio (CRAR) falls below 9 %.

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39. Which city will host the 1st edition of the 2020 Khelo India University Games (KIUG) from February 22nd to March 1, 2020?

1. Guwahati, Assam
2. New Delhi, Delhi
3. Bengaluru, Karnataka
4. Bhubaneswar, Odisha
5. None of these

Answer-4) Bhubaneswar, Odisha

Explanation:

On January 06, 2020, Bhubaneswar, Odisha has been selected to host the 1st edition of the 2020 Khelo India University Games (KIUG) which will be held from February 22nd to March 1, 2020, at Bhubaneswar's KIIT University (Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology University). The Union Sports Minister Shri Kiren Rijiju and Odisha's Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik unveiled the logo and jersey of Khelo India University Games during an event in Bhubaneswar. Mascots of the 1st edition of the 2020 Khelo India University Games (KIUG): 'Jay and Bijay'.

40. Which organization will observe 2020 as the 'Year of Mobility'?

1. Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)
2. Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)

3. Border Security Force (BSF)
4. Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF)
5. None of these

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Answer-1) Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)

Explanation:

The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) will observe 2020 as the 'Year of Mobility'. It aims for the creation of more residential units and the implementation of various welfare measures for the troops. It will focus on sports

and physical fitness leveraging modern gadgetry and constructing infrastructure to their families.

41.Sunita Lakra was in news recently, she belongs to which sport?

1. Hockey
2. Cricket
3. Football
4. Badminton
5. None of these

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Answer – 1) Hockey

Explanation:

Sunita Lakra was in news recently because she announced retirement recently. She belongs to Hockey. Indian women's hockey team defender Sunita Lakra, who was part of the 2018 Asian Games silver-winning side, announced her international retirement, citing a knee injury. However, she will continue to represent in domestic hockey and play for NALCO (National Aluminium Company Limited), Odisha. Sunita has so far played 139 matches for India that also included the 2014 Asian Games bronze medal.

42. Darlipali Super Thermal Power Station is located in which state?

1. Gujarat
2. Delhi
3. Odisha
4. West Bengal
5. None of these

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Answer – 3) Odisha

Explanation:

Darlipali Super Thermal Power Station is located in Odisha. It was in news recently because the State-owned NTPC has launched the 800-mw unit of its Darlipali Super Thermal Power Project in Odisha. With this, the total installed capacity of NTPC and NTPC group has become 49,695 MW and 58,156 MW respectively.

43.Humpy Koneru was in news recently, she is associated with which sport?

1. Badminton
2. Chess
3. Tennis
4. Cricket
5. None of these

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Answer-2) Chess

Explanation:

On December 31, 2019, Humpy Koneru (32), an Indian chess grandmaster from Andhra Pradesh, has settled 12th overall in the 2-day FIDE World Blitz competition 2019 held at the Luzhniki Stadium in Moscow, Russia. She ended the tournament with 10.5 points out of 17 games. Kateryna Lagno (13 points) of Russia and Magnus Carlsen of Norway (16.5 points) retained their titles in the Women's and Men's Blitz Championships respectively.

44. Who is the first Indian Origin Prime Minister of Ireland?

1. Enda Kenny
2. Boris Johnson
3. Simon Coveney
4. Leo Varadkar
5. None of these

Answer – 4) Leo Varadkar

Explanation:

Leo Varadkar is the first Indian Origin Prime Minister of Ireland. He was in news recently because he had visited Goa to celebrate New Year and he also visited Maharashtra to visit his ancestral village.

45. What is the tagline of Bank of Baroda (BoB)?

1. India's International Bank
2. Relationship Beyond Banking

3. A Tradition of Trust
4. One Family One Bank
5. None of these

Answer – 1) India's International Bank

46. Manav Thakar becomes the world's No.1 player recently, he is associated with which sport?

1. Archery
2. Table Tennis
3. Tennis
4. Badminton
5. None of these

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Answer-2) Table Tennis

Explanation:

Manav Thakar 19 years old young Indian table tennis player who jumped nine places and become the world's No.1 player U-21 (Under-21) Men's single category rankings released by the ITTF (International Table Tennis Federation). Thakar won The U-21 men's singles title at the ITTF Challenge Plus Benemax-Virgo North American Open in Markham, Canada by defeating Argentina's player Martin Bentancor. Among other Indians, Sathiyam has retained his 30th spot in the senior category, while Achanta Sharath Kamal ranked at 33rd position. Among women, India's Manika Batra was static at the 61st position.

47. Who is the Managing Director of Export-Import (Exim) Bank?

1. T. S. Tirumurti
2. K. Rajaraman
3. David Rasquinha
4. Anand Singh Bhal
5. None of these

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Answer – 3) David Rasquinha

48. Mahadaya Wildlife Sanctuary is located in which state?

1. Assam
2. Gujarat
3. West Bengal
4. Goa
5. None of these

Answer – 4) Goa

Explanation:

Mahadayi Wildlife Sanctuary is located in Goa. It was in news recently because the carcass of a tiger was found in Sanctuary. During the last tiger census, the presence of big cats was reported in the Mahadayi Wildlife Sanctuary, with experts claiming these were ones traveling from nearby Bhimgad and Hanshi-Dandeli sanctuaries.

49. Who is the President of Indian Olympic Association (IOA)?

1. Narinder Batra
2. Kuldeep Vats
3. Karan Chautala
4. Rajeev Mehta
5. None of these

Answer – 1) Narinder Batra

50.Name the scheme launched by government of India that distributes over 36.13 crore LED bulbs across the country.

1. Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Jyoti Yojana
2. Unnat Jyoti by Affordable LEDs for All (UJALA)
3. Pradhan Mantri Gramin Awaas Yojana
4. Prime Minister Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojna
5. None of these

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Answer- 2) Unnat Jyoti by Affordable LEDs for All (UJALA)

Explanation:

Unnat Jyoti by Affordable LEDs for All (UJALA) was launched under which over 36.13 crore LED bulbs were distributed across the country. Recently UJALA and Street Lighting National Programme (SLNP) of the central government completed five successful years of illuminating the country today. This has resulted in estimated energy savings of 46.92 billion kilowatt-hour per year.

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