

GENERAL AWARENESS-CURRENT AFFAIRS MONTH OF MARCH-2020

List of Important Days

- March 01 - World Civil Defence Day.
- March 01 - Zero Discrimination Day.
- March 03 - World Wildlife Day. (Theme - "Sustaining all life on Earth")
- March 03 - World Hearing Day. (Theme - "Hearing for life: Don't let hearing loss limit you")
- March 04 - National Security Day.
- March 04 - National Safety Day. (Theme - "Enhance Health & Safety Performance by Use of Advanced Technology")
- March 1 To 7 - Janaushadhi Week. (Theme - "Suvidha Se Sammaan")
- March 06 - National Dentist's Day.
- March 10 - CISF Raising Day.
- March 11 - No Smoking Day.
- March 12 - World Kidney Day. (Theme - "Kidney health for everyone everywhere - from prevention to detection and equitable access to care")
- March 13 - World Sleep Day. (Theme - "Better Sleep, Better Life, Better Planet")
- March 14 - Pi Day.
- March 18 - Global Recycling Day. (Theme - "Recycling Heroes")
- March 18 - Ordnance Factories observe their 219th Foundation Day.
- March 20 - World Sparrow Day. (Theme - "I LOVE Sparrows")
- March 20 - French Language Day.
- March 20 - World Day Of Theatre For Children And Young People.
- March 21 - International Day Of Happiness. (Theme - "Happiness For All")
- March 21 - World Down Syndrome Day. (Theme - "We Decide")
- March 21 - International Nowruz Day.
- March 21 - World Poetry Day.
- March 21 - International Day Of Forests. (Theme - "Forests and Biodiversity")
- March 22 - World Water Day. (Theme - "Water and Climate Change")
- March 23 - World Meteorological Day. (Theme - "Climate and Water")
- March 24 - World Tuberculosis Day. (Theme - "It's Time")
- March 24 - International Day For The Right To The Truth Concerning Gross Human Rights Violations And For The Dignity Of Victims.
- March 25 - International Day Of Solidarity With Detained And Missing Staff Members. (Theme - "Confronting Slavery's Legacy of Racism Together")
- March 27 - World Theatre Day.
- March 28 - World Earth Hour Day.

Reserve Bank of India

- **Bank credit growth** declined to **8.5 per cent** in January from 13.5 per cent in the year-ago period led by a sharp slowdown in loans to the services sector, according to RBI data.
- The Reserve Bank of India received **1.71 trillion** in the third long-term repo operation (LTRO) conducted for an amount of 25,000 crore.
- Global agency **OECD** (Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development) lowered its **India's GDP growth** forecast to **5.1 percent** from the earlier projection of 6.2 percent for 2020 on concerns of impact of deadly coronavirus on the domestic as well as the global economy.
- Reserve Bank of India Governor Shaktikanta Das said that **SWIFT action** has been taken by the RBI in coordination with Govt of **India** for the **restructuring of Yes Bank**.
- RBI has received **Rs 27,096 Crore** worth of bids in the fifth long-term repo operations conducted for an amount of Rs 25,000 Crore with a tenure of 3 years under **Operation Twist**.
- RBI opens **dollar-swap window**-StartThere is global instability in financial markets due to the spread of COVID 19 (Coronavirus), which may lead to a slowdown in growth.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is all set to infuse Rs. 10,000 crore liquidity in the banking system by buying government securities through **Open Market Operations** (OMO) on March 20, 2020.
- RBI issued new guidelines for **payment aggregators**.
 - MCR reduced for new PAs to **Rs 15 Crore from Rs 100 Crore**.
- RBI extended authorization to **Vakrangee Ltd** for **White Label ATMs** till Mar 31, 2020.
- Reserve bank of India extended the regulatory restrictions on **Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative Bank** (PMC) Bank by another **three** months.
- RBI said bank credit to registered NBFCs towards agriculture, MSEs & housing sector up to prescribed limits will be treated as **priority sector loans** during the next FY starting April.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) governor Shaktikanta Das announced a massive 75 basis points cut in **repo rates** as a measure to counter the economic slowdown caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - Repo & reverse repo rates by 75 and 90 basis points respectively. Repo rate now stands at 4.40% from 5.15% and reverse repo stands at 4% from 4.9% Earlier.
 - **Repo Rate: 4.40%**
 - Reverse Repo Rate: 4%
 - Marginal Standing Facility Rate: 4.65%
 - Bank Rate: 4.65%
 - Cash Reserve Ratio: 3%
 - Statutory liquidity ratio (SLR): 18.25%
- RBI said that all banking institutions can offer a **3-month moratorium** on all loans for a period of **3 months**.
- RBI infuses **Rs.374,000cr** liquidity shot.
- RBI offers **Rs.11,772 Crore** to Banks through **Repo Auction**.

State Bank of India

- **SBI** has entered into an agreement to acquire 6.825% stake in **Zero Mass**. As part of the deal, the Bank has sold its entire stake in A Little World to the Zero Mass.
- **State Bank of India** (SBI) became the 1st bank to launch COVID 19 **emergency credit line** (CECL) to provide funds to businesses affected by the infectious coronavirus.

Other Banks

- **SBI Cards and Payment Services** has raised **Rs 2,769 Crore** from 74 anchor investors, ahead of its initial share sale, starting on March 2.
- State-owned **Allahabad Bank** announced a cut of up to **40 basis points** in interest rate on external benchmark-linked products.
- **State Bank of India (SBI)** and private major **HDFC Bank** have jointly bagged the '**Bank of the Year**' award at Business Today-Money Today Financial Awards 2020.
 - **HDFC** has also bagged the 'Best Large Bank' and 'Best Fintech Engagement' award.
 - On the other hand, **SBI** won the award for 'Best in Rural Outreach'.
 - **Kotak Mahindra Mutual Fund** emerged the 'Best Fund House Overall' and 'Best Fund House Debt'.
 - **Axis Mutual Fund** won the award for 'Best Fund House Equity'.
 - **ICICI Lombard General Insurance** bagged the award for the 'Best General Insurance Provider'.
- **YES Bank** said that it will resume its full banking services from 6 P.M. on March 18.
- Reserve Bank has opened an **emergency line** of credit of around **Rs. 60,000 crore** to **Yes Bank** to meet any liquidity crisis in paying back its depositors.
- **Bank of Baroda** has rolled out its 'Stay Safe, Bank Safe' initiative to encourage customers to bank digitally. Zero charges on digital transactions for 3 months.
- **Karur Vysya Bank (KVB)** has launched "**Enkasu**", a pre-paid card in Karur, Tamil Nadu.
- **Jana Small Finance Bank** launches UPI QR-based loan installment **Payment** facility.
- **Indian Bank** rolls out **5 Special Emergency Loans** to Covid 19-hit customers.

Insurance

- **Flipkart** and **Aegon Life Insurance** joined hands to sell comprehensive insurance solutions for customers looking for **instant digital policies** with a sum assured of up to Rs.10 lakh.
- **DBS Bank India Limited**, a wholly owned subsidiary of DBS (Development Bank of Singapore) Bank Ltd, has entered into the partnership with **Bharti AXA General Insurance Company Ltd** to launch a complimentary insurance for customers of DBS treasures.
- **SIDBI** to provide loans up to **Rs.50 Lakh** to MSEs manufacturing medical supplies to fight **COVID-19**.

Supreme Court

- Supreme Court set aside the complete **ban on cryptocurrency** imposed by the Reserve Bank of India.

Election Commission

- **Election Commission** has decided to allow usage of **indelible ink** on persons for stamping for home quarantine by health authorities in view of COVID-19.

Central Government

- Centre has approved road & highways development projects **worth Rs 2,185 Crore** for **Puducherry**.
- Union Government is implementing **POSHAN Abhiyaan** across the country to address the problem of **malnutrition**.
- To bridge a temporary cash flow mismatch, the Government, in consultation with the Reserve Bank of India, has decided to mobilize **Rs.51,000 crore** more through auction of **Treasury-Bills (T-Bills)** during the remaining period of quarter ending March 2020.
 - Earlier estimated cost of borrowing via T-Bills- Rs 24,000 Cr.

- The Government says **Rs 6.16 Lakh Crore** investment approved under **Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana** (Urban).
- Cabinet approved **3 schemes** to enable large scale electronics manufacturing & attract fresh investments worth at least Rs.50,000 crore in the sector.
- Union Cabinet approved continuation of the process of **recapitalization** of **RRBs** by providing **minimum regulatory capital** up to 2020-21 for those RRBs which are unable to maintain minimum CRAR of 9%, as per the regulatory norms prescribed by the Reserve Bank.
 - Rs.670 Cr will be used for the RRBs Recapitalization scheme.
- Government is to launch **CoWin-20** to track individuals by their **smartphone locations** & curb the community spread of COVID-19.

States

- **Maharashtra** State government is set to become **single-use plastic-free** by **1 May 2020**.
- Tamil Nadu govt has planned **2 textile parks**, in **Tuticorin & Salem**.
- **Maharashtra** has informed that **Rs. 4,807 Cr** have been deposited into the bank accounts of 7.65 lakh farmers under the Mahatma Phule farm loan waiver scheme.
- **Uttar Pradesh** government announced that will **pay Rs 900** per month to farmers willing to keep stray **cattle**.
- **Manipur** Chief Minister N. Biren Singh has announced the biggest ever scheme for the welfare of **sportspersons and artists** of the State.
- **J&K** announces **Rs 5 Lakhs** free **Health Insurance** for **Residents**.
- **Uttarakhand** government abolished **reservation** in **promotion** in the state government jobs.
- **Uttar Pradesh** CM Yogi Adityanath has announced sum of **Rs 1,000** would be provided to each of the 20.37 lakh **construction workers** registered with the labour department to each of the 15 lakh self employed cart owners, small shop owners and rickshaw pullers.
- National Health Mission **Tamil Nadu** has launched a **web portal** - <http://stopcoronatin.in/> to provide updates on **Covid-19** & has a link to global cases by the Center for Systems Science and Engineering at Johns Hopkins University, which monitors the Covid-19 cases.
- **Gujarat** Police is equipped with **taser guns** in order to ensure safety and security of the public.
- In **Tamil Nadu**, a new district is going to be formed after bifurcating the **Nagappattinam** district. The new 38th district will be headquartered at **Mayiladuthurai**.
- Tamil Nadu CM Edappadi K Palaniswami said that, to attract new investments into the state, an **Electric Vehicle park** will be set up at **Manalur SIPCOT Industrial Estate** near Chennai at an expected cost of Rs 148 Cr.
- **Odisha** Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik launched "**Mo Jeeban (My Life) Programme**" and urged people to take a pledge to stay indoors.
- India's cleanest city **Indore** becomes first city in india to use **Drones** to sanitize the city.
- **Odisha** Government announced that it is readying to set up the **largest Covid-19 hospital** in India due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 in the country.

Place in the News

- **National Chambal** sanctuary in **Madhya Pradesh** has been declared as an **eco-sensitive** zone by the central government.
- Bridge constructed by BRO (Border Roads Organization) over **Teesta River** in North Sikkim opened for traffic.

Personalities

- Abu Dhabi-based Indian retail tycoon **M A Yusuff Ali** has become the first Indian to receive **Saudi Arabia's premium residency**.

Defence and National Security

- **RaIDer-X**, a new explosive detection device, was unveiled at the National Workshop on Explosive Detection (NWED-2020) in **Pune**.
- The annual **African Lion** military exercise became the latest casualty of the global novel coronavirus pandemic with this year's event being canceled.
- Honourable Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in his Budget Speech on 1st February 2018 had announced setting up of **two Defence Industrial Corridors** in the country.
 - In pursuance to the said announcement, it has been decided to develop one such corridor in **Uttar Pradesh**.
- Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) approved procurement of **83 indigenous Tejas fighter** aircraft for **Indian Air Force**.
- The first ever **HADR** (Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief) exercise between the **Indian** and **Myanmar** Air Force (MAF) culminated at Air Force station Bamrauli, **Uttar Pradesh**.
- **Indian Navy** has established a **Quarantine Camp** at **INS Vishwakarma** in Eastern Naval Command (ENC) for Indian nationals being evacuated from COVID-19 affected countries.
- **India** and **France** conduct joint patrols for the first time.
- **United Arab Emirates** – **U.S.** Marines and Emirati forces held a major military exercise named "**Native Fury**".

Committees/Commissions

- 15th Finance Commission has constituted a committee to review the **fiscal consolidation roadmap** of the general government.
 - The committee, to be headed by chairman of the Finance Commission, **NK Singh**, will recommend a debt & fiscal consolidation roadmap for FY 2021-25 for the government.
- **Insurance Regulation and Development Authority** (IRDAI) instituted a 16-member committee headed by **Pravin Kutumbe** to further strengthen its guidelines on corporate governance.
- Government set up a 21 member high-level technical committee of **public health experts** to guide the people in preventive & control activities of **COVID-19**.
 - The committee is headed by NITI Aayog member **V K Paul** & is co-chaired by Union Health Secretary- **Preeti Sudan**, Director General Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)- **Balram Bhargava**.

Schemes/Initiatives

- Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh inaugurated **the 'Pension Adalat'** and National Pension System (NPS) Awareness and Grievance Redressal Programme in **Jammu**.
- Lok Sabha Speaker **Om Birla** launching the '**Suposhit Maa Abhiyaan**' in his constituency Kota, **Rajasthan**.
 - Newborn and pregnant women healthy is the main objective of the '**Suposhit Maa Abhiyaan**'.
- Prahlad Singh Patel will launch the multilingual **Incredible India website** in **New Delhi**.
- Union Minister Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi inaugurated "**Hunar Haat**" in **Ranchi, Jharkhand**.
- Minister Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar launched '**Humsafar**' mobile application in **New Delhi**, which delivers diesel to doorstep of bulk users.

- **Tamil Nadu** govt launched the **Tamil Nadu Health System Reform Programme (TNHSRP)** in **Chennai**.
 - The Programme will be implemented with funding support from the **World Bank**.
- The 2nd phase of the **Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen)**, which has an outlay of **Rs 1,40,881 Cr**, was launched by Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat.
- Minister Shri Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurated **ROPAX service** from Bhaucha Dhakka, **Mumbai** to Mandwa, Alibag in **Maharashtra**.
 - ROPAX service is a 'Water Transport Service Project', under Eastern Waterfront Development.
- Small Industries Development Bank of India (**SIDBI**) launches "**Swavalamban Express**" to promote business aspirants.
- **MyGov Corona Helpdesk** launched on **Whatsapp** to provide **COVID-19 Information**.
- **EMC 2.0 Scheme** will help india become a mobile manufacturing hub.
- National Book Trust functioning under Ministry of Human Resources and Development launched **Stay Home India with Books** initiative.
- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitaraman launched **Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana**.
 - The scheme is an economic help package for people in the country to fight against COVID-19 and its effects.

Summit/Conference

- 19th edition of **World Productivity Congress** will be held on May 6 to May 8, 2020 at the Bangalore International Exhibition Centre, **Bangalore**.
- **Indian Science Congress** association (ISCA) announced that **Pune** will host the annual session of **108th** Indian Science Congress on January 3-7, 2021 at Symbiosis International University's Lavale campus.
 - Theme - "Science and Technology for Sustainable Development with Women Empowerment" .
- **India Pharma 2020 and India Medical Device 2020** Conference and Exhibition has been scheduled to be held at **Gandhi Nagar, Gujarat** from 5-7 of March 2020.
- **Singapore** has rescheduled the **7th World Cities Summit (WCS) 2020** to 20 - 24 June 2021 due to the outbreak of COVID-19
 - Theme - "Liveable and Sustainable Cities: Adapting to a Disrupted World".
- **Indian** government announced the postponement of the country's 1st summit on Artificial Intelligence (AI), '**RAISE 2020- Responsible Artificial intelligence (AI) for Social Empowerment**' to October 5-6, 2020.

Agreement/Deal/Signed

- **Indian Air Force** and **Savitribai Phule Pune University** entered into an academic collaboration by signing a Memorandum of Understanding to establish a '**Chair of Excellence**' at Department of Defence & Strategic Studies.
- **IIT Mandi** along with the Enabling Women of Kamand (EWOK) Society signed a MoU with **NABARD** (National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development) for develop **farmer** friendly tech.
- Cabinet nod the MoU between **India** and **Cote d'Ivoire** in field of health.
- **APEDA** (Agricultural and Processed Food Export Development Authority) signed MoUs with various organizations for implementation of **Agri Export Policy**.
- **Microsoft & Accenture** said that they were teaming up to help deepen the reach of entrepreneurs and start-ups that are focused on **social impact and sustainability**.

- To bring in better synergy in the activities, Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (**APEDA**) has signed a MoU with Small Farmers Agribusiness Consortium (**SFAC**).
- **Indian Armed Forces** operating under Ministry of Defence signed an agreement with the **Israel Weapons Industry**.
 - According to the agreement, India is to procure 16, 479 LMG (Light Machine Guns) for Rs 880 crores. The LMG are used as squad automatic weapons.
- **India** signs agreement with **USA** for supply of arms (procurement of Helicopters and Self Protection Suite).
- **L&T Technology Services** And **IIT-Kanpur** sign MoU for research in **Cybersecurity** Programs.
- **Gujarat** government MoU signed with flying car-maker **PAL-V** (Personal Air Land Vehicle) of The Netherlands gears up to set up a manufacturing unit in India.
- The Union cabinet approved signing of an **extradition treaty** between **India & Belgium**.
- Automotive manufacturer **Toyota Motor Corp** and **Nippon Telegraph & Telephone Corporation** will form a capital tie-up to work together in smart-city development, making large investments in each other.
- **Hindustan Unilever** signed an agreement with **Glenmark Pharmaceuticals Ltd** to acquire its intimate hygiene brand **VWash**.
- Cabinet approves MoU between **India** and **Germany** in **Railway Sector**.
- **Solar Energy Corporation of India** and **NTPC** will sign an agreement with the Rajasthan government for setting up two 5,000-MW renewable energy parks.
- Japanese government funding agency **JICA** has signed agreements totalling **Rs 15,295 Cr** with the Indian government for **three mega rail infrastructure projects**.

Meet/Visit

- Minister Mansukh Mandaviya chaired 3-day **Ports Review Meeting** Chintan Baithak in Mamallapuram, Tamil Nadu which concluded on 1 March 2020.
- A high level meeting of the **Group of Ministers (GoM)** on **COVID-19** was held under the chairpersonship of Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan in **New Delhi**.
- Union HRD Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank chaired a meeting on **Research in Indian Traditional Knowledge Systems** in **New Delhi**.

Bills

- The government introduced the **Companies (Amendment) Bill 2020** in the Lok Sabha. Bill will help in doing ethical and honest business in the country.
- The Government of **India** will provide **107.01 million** Nepali Rupees for three new school buildings in Nepal.

Fund

- Under the CSR initiatives, Security Printing & Minting Corporation of India contributed **Rs 1 Crore** towards **National Sports Development Fund** under the Target Olympic Podium Scheme for the top athletes of the Country selected for Tokyo Olympics & beyond.
- **Asian Development Bank** will provide a total of **USD 4 million** (about Rs 29 crore) to help developing countries in Asia and Pacific to fight the outbreak of novel coronavirus (COVID-19).
- Financial assistance to the tune of **Rs 1.51 crore** has been sanctioned to **Kaziranga National Park** during the financial years 2018-19 and 2019-2020 under Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA), Change Babul Supriyo said.

- **World Bank** has unveiled a **12-billion-dollar** aid package that will provide fast-track funds to help countries combat the coronavirus outbreak.
- **National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)** has infused **1.46 lakh crore** rupees in the rural banking system during the current fiscal.
- PM Modi proposed the creation of **COVID 19** emergency fund for **SAARC**. India pledged **\$10 million** toward a Covid-19 emergency fund.
- **WhatsApp** announced the global launch of the **WhatsApp Coronavirus Information Hub** in partnership with the World Health Organization, UNICEF and UNDP, besides a **\$1 million** donation to the Poynter Institute's International Fact-Checking Network (IFCN).
- **Afghanistan** and **Maldives** pledged to contribute **USD 1.2 million** to the **SAARC** (South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation) Corona Emergency Fund.
- **World Bank** and **Asian Development Bank** have committed to providing **USD 588 million** to Pakistan for its emergency response.
- **UN** will create a **fund** to prevent the spread of COVID-19 & support the treatment of patients globally. **Norway** suggested to create the global coronavirus fund.
- **Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation** issued a circular granting one-time dispensation for utilizing funds under the Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) to address the challenges in the fight against **Coronavirus**.
- PM Modi announced allocation of **Rs 15000 crore** to strengthen healthcare infrastructure to fight **coronavirus** in India.
- To provide relief to farmers affected due to the lockdown, government would transfer in the first week of April the first instalment of **Rs 2,000** to each of 8.69 crore beneficiaries under the **PM-KISAN** scheme.
- Govt offers **Rs 1,500** to **Women Jan Dhan Account holders**, free cylinders under **Ujjwala Scheme**.
- Finance Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** announced that the Centre is considering increasing **wages** under the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005 (MNREGA) by **Rs 2,000** per worker.
- **International Monetary Fund** projected a contraction of global output in 2020 and recovery in 2021 as it asked the leaders of the G-20 countries to back a doubling of its **USD 50 billion** emergency financing capacity in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- High-Level Committee under the Chairmanship of Home Minister **Amit Shah** has approved additional **Central assistance** of over **Rs 5,751 Cr**.

Economy

- **India's foreign exchange** swelled by 5.69 billion US dollars to reach an all-time high of 487.23 billion dollars in the week ended 6th March 2020.
- **Fitch Ratings** in its Global Economic Outlook 2020 has declined **India's** growth forecast to **5.1%** for FY 2020-21 due to the coronavirus outbreak.
 - For FY 2021-22, Fitch has projected India's growth at 6.4%.
- **CRISIL** downgraded **India's** Gross Domestic Forecast (GDP) for fiscal 2021 to **5.2%** from 5.7% due to the coronavirus pandemic.
- International rating agency **Moody's** downgraded **Indiabulls Housing Finance** with a negative outlook, citing challenges in raising funds.
- If the 21-day long national lockdown leads to **80% production loss**, the economy will take a hit of Rs. 35,000-40,000 Cr daily, shaving off Rs. 6.3-7.2 lakh Cr cumulatively, says **CARE Ratings**.

- **CRISIL and ICRA** sharply lowered their GDP growth forecast for FY21. While CRISIL has lowered growth projection by 170 basis points, ICRA's cut is in the range of 50-100 bps.
 - **CRISIL** slashed forecast for FY21 to **3.5%** from 5.2%.
 - **ICRA** GDP growth to ease from **4.4%** in FY20 to 4.2% in FY21.
- Financial services company **Moody's Investors** slashed its estimate of India's GDP growth during 2020 calendar year to **2.5 percent**, from an earlier estimate of 5.3 percent.
- India's economic growth may fall sharply to **2.6%** in 2020-21 due to lockdown amid the COVID-19 pandemic, SBI Ecowrap said.
 - GDP growth for 2019-20 could also see a downward revision from 5% to **4.5%**, with growth in Q4 of the current financial year at 2.5%.
 - The total cost of lockdown is at least Rs 8.03 lakh crore.

Companies/Industry

- Auto manufacturer **Mahindra & Mahindra** plans to enter the shared mobility services segment with the launch of a cab aggregator, called **Alyte**, for corporates.
- Social media company **Facebook** has launched a new consumer marketing campaign, called '**More Together**', in India.
- **Accenture** opened its third **Innovation Hub** in India, in **Pune** expanding its innovation capabilities for clients.
- US based software storage firm **DataCore** plans to set up a global **R&D centre** in **Bangalore**, which will its largest center globally after the US.
- **India** has emerged as the fifth largest business hub for the \$37.2 billion American beverage giant, The **Coca-Cola** Company, and is on its way to becoming the **third-largest market** for the company.
- **OPPO** announced its foray into financial services with '**OPPO Kash**' that offers users to invest in mutual funds, along with free credit reports, personal loans up to two lakh, business loans up to 2 crore and screen insurance.
- **Zomato** announced the launch of a co-branded credit card along with **RBL and Master Card**.
- State-owned **NBCC** received National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) approval to takeover debt laden **Jaypee Infratech**, restoring hopes of homebuyers finally getting their promised flats in next four years.
- **IBM, Amazon, Google** partner with **US Govt** to provide resources for **Coronavirus Research**.
- **Amazon.com Inc** is teaming up with a research program funded by **Bill Gates** to pick up and deliver **coronavirus test kits** in Seattle.
- **Reliance Industries** in collaboration with the **Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation** has set up India's first **COVID-19 dedicated hospital** in **Mumbai** that includes a negative pressure room that helps in preventing cross-contamination and helps control infection.
- **Cognizant** Technology Solutions has entered into an agreement to acquire **Lev**.
- **US (United States) Center of Disease Control** partnered with **Microsoft's Azure** healthcare bot service has introduced an AI (Artificial Intelligence) based bot named "**Clara**" [the coronavirus self-checker].
- **Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd (M&M)** has teamed up with two public sector undertakings (PSUs) to work with an existing manufacturer of high spec **ventilators** to help simplify design and scale up capacity, in the wake of the Coronavirus outbreak in the country.

Taxation/Trade

- Government has collected over **one lakh five thousand crore** rupees as **Goods and Services Tax** in February this year which is **eight percent** more than the GST collected in the same month of last year.
- 39th GST council meet on '**Know Your Supplier**'. GST on **Mobile Phones** hiked to **18%**.
- Last date for filing **Income Tax Return** for FY 2018-19 extended till June 30.
 - PAN-Aadhar linking have also been extended till 30th June.

Space

- Astronomers have discovered **17 new planets**, including a potentially habitable Earth-sized world, by combing through data gathered by **NASA's Kepler space telescope**, which was launched in 2009.
 - One such rare planet is named as KIC-7340288 b.
- ISRO's Young Scientist Programme **YUVIKA 2020's** registration has gone up to 1 lakh 53 thousand from 74 thousand.
- **SpaceX** plans first manned flight to space station in **May**.

Science and Technology

- Scientists from **Institute of Nano Science and Technology (INST)** develops starch-based '**Hemostat**' material to stop rapid blood loss during accidents.

Health/Diseases/Drugs

- The Health Ministry has issued a toll-free number **1075** for the public for inquiry about **coronavirus**.
- Swiss firm **Roche Diagnostics India** received the license for conducting **coronavirus tests** after approval from DCGI.
 - It became the 1st private firm to get such permission after the govt. decided to allow accredited private labs to test for COVID-19.
- First Made in India **Test Kit to diagnose COVID-19** got the commercial approval by the CDSCO (Central Drugs Standard Control Organization).
- A man in **Yunnan** Province of China died shortly after he was tested positive for **Hanta** virus.
- **National Health Authority (NHA)** has decided to cover **Covid-19 treatment** of the poorest of the poor in private hospitals under **Ayushman Bharat**- the central government's health insurance scheme for the deprived, launched on September 2018.
- **Goa** became 1st Indian state to launch a digital self-assessment test tool called **Test Yourself Goa** for COVID-19 to help people to identify whether they are at risk of being infected by coronavirus without having to physically visit a healthcare facility.
- **Nagpur Municipal Corporation** with the support of **HLL Lifecare** developed **Covid-19 App** for the benefit of the symptomatic citizens having problem of cough, fever & difficulty in breathing.
- **India** is set to start **antibody tests** for the coronavirus to confirm whether a person had previously been infected with the virus, a move that will help understand the epidemiology of Covid-19 in the nation.
- Health Ministry categorizes **Hydroxychloroquine** as schedule **H1 Drug**.

Education

- Indian Institute of Technology **Madras** is organizing India's first **Global Hyperloop Pod Competition** to increase awareness and enthusiasm about **Hyperloop** in India.

- **IIT Gandhinagar** launches **Project 'Isaac'** to engage students in creative projects during Corona Lockdown.

Transport/Cars/Scooters

- **Indian railways** launched its First **"Restaurant on Wheels"** at Asansol Station (division of Eastern railway), **West Bengal**, for railway passengers and citizens of the city.
- Union Railway Minister Piyush Goyal announced that **Banihal to Katra railway link** to be completed by **2022** which is part of the Udhampur- Srinagar-Baramulla rail link project.
- **Indian Railways** focuses on world-class stations. The Indian Railway Stations Development Corporation Limited is developing a first-of-its-kind **'Form Based Codes'** for the development of railway land with support from Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation.

Festival

- Minister **Thaawarchand Gehlot** will inaugurate the Exhibition-cum-Fair **'EKAM Fest'** organized by National Handicapped Finance Development Corporation (NHFDC) to promote craftsmanship & products of Divyang Artisans & Entrepreneurs.
 - "Ekam"-Entrepreneurship, Knowledge, Awareness, Marketing.
- 35th edition of **AAHAR – the Food and Hospitality fair** began in **New Delhi**.
- **Ugadi** is the New Year's Day for the Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana states in India celebrated on March 25.

Appointments/Election (or) Latest who is who?

- Malaysia, the King Sultan Abdullah Sultan Ahmad Shah has appointed seasoned politician **Muhyiddin Yassin**, a former interior minister and president of the Bersatu party as the new **Prime Minister**.
- Former Union finance secretary **Subhash Chandra Garg** has been appointed as **advisor to Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister** Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy for resource mobilization.
- The **World Vegetable Center** (WorldVeg) has appointed **Ramakrishnan (Ram) M Nair** as the Regional Director for its South and Central Asia operations.
- **Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu** has claimed victory in the general elections.
- **Publicis Groupe India** announced the appointment of **Unny Radhakrishnan** as chief executive of its digital agency Digitas India.
- **Aegon Life Insurance** announces the appointment of **Naveen Bachwani** as its chief operating officer.
- Bengaluru-based IT firm **Mindtree** has appointed **Dayapatra Nevatia** as the Chief Operating Officer (COO) of the company effective on March 2, 2020.
- Leading Indian American health policy consultant **Seema Verma** has been appointed as one of the key members of the **White House Coronavirus Task Force** constituted by US President Donald Trump to combat the deadly disease COVID-9 that has infected many people.
- **Sudhanshu Pandey**, Additional Secretary at the Department of Commerce, assumed additional charge as CMD (Chairman & Managing Director) of **MMTC** (Metals & Minerals Trading Corporation).
- **Arjun Ranga**, the CEO of N Ranga Rao & Sons, has been elected president of the **All India Agarbathi Manufacturers Association**.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the appointment of **Ajay Bhushan Pandey** as the new **Finance Secretary** in Ministry of Finance.

- Former India spinner **Sunil Joshi** was named **chairman** of the **national selection panel** by the BCCI's Cricket Advisory Committee (CAC) in Mumbai.
- **Future Lifestyle Fashions** said that its board had approved the redesignation of **Kishore Biyani**, the company's managing director, as non-executive vice chairperson.
- Ministry of **External Affairs** announced Senior diplomat **Sanjay Kumar Panda** has been appointed as India's **Ambassador to Turkey**.
- The **Election Commission** of India appointed **Hirdesh Kumar** as the new Chief Electoral Officer of the Union Territory of **Jammu and Kashmir**.
- Government nominated former Chief Justice of India (CJI) **Ranjan Gogoi** to Rajya Sabha.
- Iraqi President Barham Salih has appointed **Adnan al-Zurfi** as the country's new **prime minister-designate** in the latest bid to resolve a months-long political crisis.
- **Andhra Pradesh** government appointed former CMD of Air India **Ashwani Lohani** as the Chairman of the AP Tourism Development Corporation, assigning him the rank of a Cabinet minister.
- **Salesforce** names former SBI chairperson **Arundhati Bhattacharya** as India CEO.
- **Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation** appointed **Noel Quinn** as Chief Executive Officer.
- Reserve Bank of India has appointed **R Gandhi** and **Ananth Narayan Gopalakrishnan** as additional **directors** to the board of private sector lender **YES Bank** for a period of two years.
- **Ajay Kumar** has been appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to the Republic of **Uganda**.
- **IndusInd Bank** CEO **Romesh Sobti** will move into a full-time **advisory role** at the bank after his retirement on March 24.
 - **Sumant Kathpalia** newly appointed CEO of IndusInd Bank.
- **International Data Corporation** (IDC) announced the appointment of **Vasant Rao** as MD for IDC India and South Asia, effective March 18, 2020.
- **GoAir** has appointed **Sanjiv Kapoor** as **Advisor**.
- **Madhya Pradesh**, senior BJP leader **Shivraj Singh Chauhan** has become **Chief Minister** of the state for the fourth time.
- **Maharashtra** Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari appointed Justice **Bhushan P Dharmadhikari** as the Chief Justice of Bombay High Court.
- **Iqbal Singh Bains** was appointed as **Madhya Pradesh Chief Secretary** by the newly-sworn Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan of the state.
- **Walmart** India has elevated **Sameer Aggarwal** to the position of Chief Executive Officer, Best Price Stores.
- IRS officers **KM Prasad** and **SK Gupta** appointed Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) Board Members.
- **Facebook** named the U.S. Treasury's former deputy secretary, **Robert Kimmitt**, to its board as lead independent director, effective immediately.
- Government of India's flagship fitness movement "**Fit India**" has teamed up with Bollywood actress and fitness icon **Shilpa Shetty Kundra**.

Resignation/Dismissed/Retired/Quit

- The chief executive of Nokia, **Rajeev Suri**, is stepping down after just over half a decade at the helm of the Finnish network company.

- **New Zealand** all-rounder **Andrew Malcolm Ellis** (37) announced his retirement from Canterbury cricket after 18 years of his career.
- **Kamal Nath** has resigned as the **Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh**.
- Reserve Bank of India deputy governor **NS Vishwanathan** has quit three months ahead of his retirement in June due to health reasons.

Deaths

- Veteran athletics coach and Dronacharya awardee **Joginder Singh Saini** passed away.
- Former India hockey player **Balbir Singh Kullar**, who was a part of the 1968 Olympics bronze-winning team, has died.
- **Jack Welch**, the former Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of General Electric who led the company for over two decades, has died at the age of 84.
- Uttar Pradesh BJP MLA **Virendra Singh Sirohi** from Bulandshahr passed away.
- World's oldest man, **Chitetsu Watanabe** of Japan, has passed away at 112.
- Veteran historian **Dr S Shettar** recently passed away in Bengaluru.
- Veteran Konkani writer and dramatist **Richard John Paisv** recently passed away.
- Veteran journalist in Gujarati-language and pioneer of the Asian media in the United Kingdom, **Ramniklal Solanki** recently passed away.
- Head of the Bangladesh **Bouddha Kristi Prachar Sangha Sanghanayaka Suddhananda Mahathero** passed away in Dhaka.
- Former UN chief **Javier Perez de Cuellar** died in his native Peru.
- Veteran journalist and former Rajya Sabha member **Patil Puttappa** passed away.
- **Dr Puthussery Ramachandran** a Veteran Malayalam poet, a scholar of Dravidian linguistics and a teacher passed away.
- The former world champion boxer and trainer, **Roger Mayweather** passed away.
- Indian football player **Pradip Kumar Banerjee** passed away.
- Legendary country music singer **Kenny Rogers**, best known for global hits such as "Lucille", "Lady", "The Gambler" and "Islands in the Stream", passed away.
- Tamil actor, writer & director **Meenakshi Sundaram Ramasamy Viswanathan**, popularly known as Visu, passed away.
- Former Real Madrid president **Lorenzo Sanz** dies of **Coronavirus**.
- Former India midfielder **Abdul Latif**, who was also a key member of bronze medal winning team at the 1970 Bangkok Asian Games died in Guwahati.
- **Albert Uderzo**, co-creator and illustrator of the 'Asterix' comic book series, has died at the age of 92. The hugely popular comic follows the adventures of Gaulish warriors.
- **Nawab Banoo**, famous Bollywood actress passed away at the age of 87 in Mumbai, Maharashtra. She was also known as Nimmi.
- Renowned chef **Floyd Cardoz**, who ran the successful 'Bombay Canteen', 'O Pedro' and 'Bombay Sweet Shop' in Mumbai and was the magician behind New York's 'Tabla', passed away.
- Veteran photographer & Padma Shri (2010) awardee **Nemai Ghosh** passed away.
- **Rajyogini Dadi Janki**, Chief of Brahmakumaris Sansthan, the world's largest spiritual organization run by women, passed away.

- Artist and architect **Satish Gujral**, renowned for his versatility across different mediums, has passed away.

Awards/Honours

- Rally driver **Gaurav Gill** took home a special award at the **Federation of Motor Sports Club of India Awards**.
- Forest Man of India & environmentalist Padma Shri Jadav '**Molai**' **Payeng** is honoured with the 6th annual **Swami Vivekananda Karmayogi** award 2020 for his consistent efforts in creating a manmade forest through afforestation.
- **Lalit Kala Akademi's** 61st annual awards will be conferred by **President Ram Nath Kovind** to **15 artistes** at the Rashtrapati Bhavan.
- Chairman of The Hyatt Foundation Tom Pritzker announced **Yvonne Farrell** and **Shelley McNamara** as the winners of **Pritzker Architecture prize 2020**.
- The 2019 **Chameli Devi Jain Award for Outstanding Women Mediaperson** for the year has been awarded to independent journalist **Rohini Mohan** and The Wire's senior editor **Arfa Khanum Sherwani**.
- Journalists **Prachi Salve** of India spend & **Pradeep Dwivedi** of Dainik Jagran has been selected for the 1st prize in the **Road Safety Media Fellowship 2019**.
- Indian mountaineer **Satyarup Siddhanta** hails from Kolkata, West Bengal, entered '**Limca Book of Records**' (LBR) for his extraordinary achievements, as the first Indian to climb the highest volcanoes of each of the 7 continents.
- **Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters** has awarded the **Abel Prize** for 2020 to **Hillel Furstenberg**, Hebrew University of Jerusalem & **Gregory Margulis**, Yale University, USA.
- **Zoya Akhter** honoured with **IIFTC Tourism Impact Award 2020** during the 8th India International Film Tourism Conclave (IIFTC) held in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- Indian-origin American author **Ruchika Tomar** is named as the winner of the annual **PEN/Hemingway Award 2020** for her 1st novel (debut) "A Prayer for Travelers".

Sports/Game

- **Khelo India University Games** concluded in Bhubaneswar, Odisha. **Panjab University**, Chandigarh took home the champions trophy-winning 46 medals including 17 gold, 19 silver, and 10 bronze.
- **Rafael Nadal** wins **Mexican Open** title after beating **Taylor Fritz**.
- Shuttlers **Tasnim Mir** & **Mansi Singh** won a bronze medal each in the girls' singles Badminton event at the **Yonex Dutch Junior International 2020**. The event held at Haarlem, Netherlands.
- 68th **All India Police Athletic Championship-2019** began at Bhanu in Panchkula District of Haryana.
- **Shafali Verma**, the teenage Indian batting sensation, has gained the top spot in the **ICC women's T20 International rankings**, riding on her stellar run at the ongoing World Cup.
 - Among the Indian bowlers, **Poonam Yadav** moved up four places, to eighth rank.
 - In the all-rounder's rankings, India's **Deepti Sharma** has advanced nine places to seventh rank, the first time that she is among the top 10 in the all-rounders' list.
- **Badminton Asia Championships** have been moved out of novel coronavirus outbreak epicentre, **Wuhan**, to the Philippines capital **Manila**.
- Ace Indian paddler **Achanta Sharath Kamal** wins the **ITTF Challenger Plus Oman Open** in Muscat.

- In Badminton, Taiwan's shuttler **Tai Tzu Ying** clinched her third women's singles title of the **All England Championships** at Birmingham in **United Kingdom**.
- **Cricket Australia** is planning to host the men's **T20 World Cup** as per schedule in October despite the COVID-19 pandemic causing a collapse of sports events worldwide.
- **Janani Narayanan** from Tamil Nadu (TN) and **Vrinda Rathi** from Mumbai were named in the International Panel of ICC (International Cricket Council) Development **Umpires**.
- **ATK** (Atlético de Kolkata) claimed an unprecedented 3rd **Indian Super League** title triumph with a 3-1 victory by beating Chennaiyin FC.
- **Canada** becomes first country to withdraw from **2020 Tokyo Olympic**.
- World Governing body **FIFA** (Federation Internationale de Football Association or International Federation of Association Football) has selected Indian Football **Captain Sunil Chhetri** among 28 other stars for its COVID-19 Campaign.
 - The campaign is called "Pass the message to kick out Corona Virus".

Report

- **India's unemployment rate** rose to **7.78%** in February, the highest since October 2019, and up from 7.16% in January, according to data released by the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE).
- **Indian men's hockey team** has climbed to the **fourth** position, their highest since the inception of the **FIH** (International Hockey Federation) world rankings in 2003, in the recently released chart.
 - World champions **Belgium** remains in Top position, with **Australia 2nd** and the **Netherlands 3rd** also holding their positions in the top three.
- **Tamil Nadu** has topped in **disbursement of agriculture credit** by giving away loans worth **Rs 1,63,289 Cr** out of a total of Rs 10,33,183 Cr distributed across India till December 31 this fiscal.
 - **Andhra Pradesh & Uttar Pradesh** were 2nd & 3rd in agricultural credit disbursals.
- According to the Union Minister of State (Independent) for tourism and culture the central government has included grand **Konark Sun Temple**, the **UNESCO** (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) world heritage site in Odisha & Statue of Unity in Gujarat in the Iconic Tourist Sites list, taking the total number of such places from 17 to 19.
- United Nations released the **World Happiness Report** on the International Day of Happiness, 2020.
 - **Finland** ranked first in the report and **India** ranked **144**.
- **India** has become the **third-largest electricity producer** in the world, as its power generation has increased to 34% by 2017 compared to seven years ago.
- **India** ranks **120th** globally and 25th among 43 countries in the Asia-Pacific region.
 - **Singapore** overtook Hong Kong as the **world's freest economy** for the first time since 1995 in the latest Heritage Foundation Index of Economic Freedom.
- For the year 2019, the state of **Maharashtra** has **donated** the highest number of organs which resulted in beneficial for 449 patients.
 - The state overtook **Tamil Nadu** and **Telangana** in the field of organ donation.

General - National

- Products worth **Rs 22 lakh** sold in State Level KVIC Exhibition under Prime Minister Employment Generation Programme.
- **Women** account for **over 81 per cent** of the total beneficiaries under the 'Stand Up India' scheme with loans worth **Rs 16,712 crore** sanctioned for them in nearly 4 years' time, the finance ministry said.
- **TRIFED**, the Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India launched "Tech for Tribal" initiative. The initiative aims at providing entrepreneurship skills to the tribal people.

- Government of **United Kingdom** has become the first co-chair of the Governing Council on the India-led global climate initiative '**Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI)**'.

General - International

- **China** took over as president of the **UN Security Council** for the month of **March 2020**, pledging to promote solidarity & cooperation in this capacity.
- **Luxembourg** in Europe has become the first country to make all forms of **public transport free**.
- **IMF** recently launched the '**IMF Policy Tracker**'.
 - The platform will provide all the key economic responses launched by Governments all over the world to fight against Corona Virus.

Books and Authors

- '**My Encounters in Parliament**' authored by **Bhalchandra Mungekar** (economist) released.
- Nitin Gadkari presented the book '**Invincible - A Tribute to Manohar Parrikar**' to President Ram Nath Kovind at the Rashtrapati Bhawan on the first death anniversary of Manohar Parrikar.
 - The "Invincible - A Tribute to Manohar Parrikar" was authored by **Tarun Vijay** and released by defence minister Rajnath Singh on 16th March 2020.
- A new book entitled '**Messiah Modi: A Great Tale of Expectations**' written by senior journalist & author **Tavleen Singh** has been released.
- Senior Journalist Chander Suta Dogra launched her 2nd book- "**Missing in Action: The Prisoners Who Never Came Back**" relies on de-classified records of the Ministry of External Affairs & other sources.
- **Savita Chhabra**, Chairperson, HRIPL Authors her debut book '**Legacy Of Learning**'; which offers simplistic and relatable interpretations of the Bhagavad Gita in an attempt to connect the youth of India to the age-old, but relevant scriptures.

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TO THE POINTS: MARCH-2020

- The World Rare Disease Day is observed annually on **Last date of February**.
- President Ram Nath Kovind gave his nod for resuming delimitation exercises in Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, and **Nagaland**.
- Tourism Minister, Shri Prahlad Singh Patel has launched **Incredible India** website to promote India as a tourism website across the globe.
- The GST collection has crossed Rs one lakh crore mark in February and has shown a growth of **8** percent over the revenue during February last year.
- The Union Government has decided to infuse **Rs. 200 Crore** into the Industrial Finance Corporation of India in the next fiscal.
- As per the RBI data for the month of January, the bank credit has witnessed a dip of **8.5** percent from 13.5 percent in the year-ago.
- **Kerala High Court** has banned all forms of agitations in schools, colleges and campuses that disrupt the functioning of educational institutes.
- **Bihar** has raised India's first tribal women battalion with a strength of 675 constables.
- Indian Railways has turned old coaches to a restaurant and launched its first 'Restaurant on Wheels'. The restaurant has been named **Wow Bhojan**.
- India looks to partner with **Japan** to help create an integrated steel hub in Eastern India under Mission Purvodaya.
- A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between Indian Air Force and **Savitribai Phule Pune University** to establish a Chair of Excellence.
- ICAR has signed a pact with **Patanjali Bio Research Institute** for farm research, training and education.
- SEBI, India's capital & commodities markets regulator has extended the tenure of its chairperson. It will continue to be headed by **Ajay Tyagi**.
- Reframe Rare for Rare Disease Day theme is '**World Rare Disease Day, 2020**.'
- **Muhyiddin Yassin** has been sworn in as the new Prime Minister of Malaysia.
- **Pekka Lundmark** has been appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer of Nokia replacing Rajeev Suri.
- **Jadav Payeng** will be conferred with the Swami Vivekananda Karmayogi Award in New Delhi by My Home India.
- **Amarinder Singh** has recently been conferred with the 'ideal' CM award for initiatives to ensure good governance & holistic development.
- The 19th World Productivity Congress will be held in **Bangalore** to deliberate on innovation and world class practices that shape future productivity.
- **Bengaluru** has recorded the highest number of digital transactions in India in the year 2019.
- **Koneru Humpy** has been ranked as World No.2 as per the latest World Chess rankings by FIDE.
- Scientists have discovered the biggest ever explosion in the universe since the Big Bang in **Ophiuchus** galaxies.
- **RaIDer-X**, new explosive detection device which has been developed by scientists to detect explosives from a stand-off distance.

- The Indian Navy will buy **MH-60R** multi-role helicopters from the US after signing of a \$3 billion dollar defence deal.
- **Panjab University** has won the champions trophy at the recently concluded First Khelo India University Games in Bhubaneswar.
- Zero Discrimination Day is observed every year on **March 1**.
- **Rafael Nadal** has won the Mexican Open title after beating Taylor Fritz in straight steps in the finals.
- Balbir Singh Kullar, who passed away recently, was related to **Hockey**.
- Joginder Singh Saini passed away recently. He received **Dronacharya Award** for this contribution to Indian athletics.
- The Incredible India website is the flagship project of **Ministry of Tourism** to promote India as a 'must-visit' destination across the world.
- Theme of the 19th edition of the World Productivity Congress being held in Bangalore from May 6 to May 8, 2020 - **Industry 4.0 - Innovation and Productivity**.
- **Maharashtra** has ranked on top in terms of highest number of digital transactions.
- RaIDER-X, a new explosive detection device, has been co-developed by High Energy Materials Research Laboratory (HEMRL) Pune and **IISc, Bangalore**.
- **Novak Djokovic** has won the fifth Dubai Championships title defeating Stefanos Tsitsipas.
- **Tripura** has signed an MoU with the Airport Authority of India for construction of 6 equipment hiring centers.
- Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla has launched the 'Suposhit Maa Abhiyaan' in **Kota**.
- The Delimitation Commission was set up under **Delimitation Act, 2002** to readjust the division of each state and union territory into territorial constituencies for the purpose of Lok Sabha and state assembly elections.
- **Amit Shah** has inaugurated the NSG Regional Hub Campus at Kolkata thus marking an important step in providing important facilities to the NSG jawans.
- Novak Djokovic recently won the Dubai championship defeating Stefanos Tsitsipas. He has won his **79th** career title and is now five behind Rafael Nadal.
- The Theme for Zero Discrimination Day observed each year on 1st March is **Zero Discrimination Against Women And Girls**.
- World Wildlife Day is observed annually on **March 3**.
- The Government has allowed airlines in India to provide **Wi-Fi** inflight services.
- **China** has assumed the presidency of the UN Security Council for March 2020.
- **Benjamin Netanyahu** has recently claimed the victory in the General elections recently held in Israel.
- **Saudi Arabia** has started the issuance of permanent premium residency permit to foreigners.
- Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) has slashed India's growth forecast for 2020 to **5.1** percent due to the deadly impact of coronavirus.
- Zomato has partnered with **RBL Bank** to launch co-branded credit cards offering cash back and loyalty membership benefits.
- India's GDP forecast for the fiscal year 2020-21 is **4.9** according to Fitch ratings.

- According to a report by the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE), the Unemployment rate has risen to **7.78** percent in February 2020.
- **Punjab** has prohibited online supply of food from FBOs not possessing hygiene rating.
- The Historic City Chowk in Jammu was renamed as **Bharat Mata Chowk** following the passage of resolution by the BJP-led Jammu Municipal Corporation (JMC).
- An International Yoga festival is being organized in **Rishikesh**.
- The Madhya Pradesh government has unveiled **Chilli Chacha** mascot for better marketing of the hot spice produced in the state.
- A Week-long Ekam Fest began in **New Delhi** to promote craftsmanship and products of Divyang artisans and entrepreneurs.
- **Dayapatra Nevatia** has been named as the Chief Operating Officer of Mindtree.
- The Government has launched **Humsafar** mobile app for doorstep delivery of diesel.
- **Sarbananda Sonowal** has received Dr Syama Prasad Mukherjee Award 2020 at the 6th India Ideas Conclave.
- **There is No Evil** has won the Golden Bear for Best film at the 70th Berlin International Film Festival.
- **Geo Imaging Satellite (GISAT1)** will be launched by India to provide real time images of large areas as well as quick monitoring of natural disasters.
- The Indian men's hockey team has climbed to **4th** position according to the latest FIH rankings.
- World Hearing Day is observed annually on **March 3**.
- Indian shuttlers **Tasnim Mir** has won a bronze medal at the Yonex Dutch Junior International Championship in the Netherlands.
- Virendra Sirohi, who passed away recently, belonged to **BJP**.
- The International Hockey Federation (FIH) has introduced a new model for the calculation of world rankings from **1st January, 2020**.
- The government is considering to divest stakes below **51** percent in NTPC, PFC and Power Grid.
- Theme of World Hearing Day 2020 - **Hearing for Life: Don't let hearing loss limit you**.
- **BEE** has launched a star rating programme for deep freezers and light commercial air conditioners to save electricity.
- India's real GDP growth has decelerated to **4.7** percent in the third quarter (October-December) from 5.1 percent in the second quarter of 2019.
- The Yonex Dutch Junior International Badminton Event 2020 is being held in **Netherlands**.
- **Belgium** has retained the top spot on the FIH (International Hockey Federation) world rankings 2020.
- Theme of World Wildlife Day 2020 - **Sustaining all life on Earth**.
- The Janaushadhi Week is being celebrated across the country from 1st March to **March 7**.
- The World Bank has announced a **12** billion dollar aid package to help countries combat the coronavirus outbreak.
- **Seema Verma** has been appointed as one of the key members of the White House Coronavirus Task Force constituted by US President Donald Trump.
- 68th All India Police Athletic Championship is being organized in **Haryana**.

- The United Nations has requested **877** million dollars to provide vital services like food, shelter and sanitation for the Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh.
- NABARD has infused **1.46** lakh crore in the rural banking system during the current fiscal to support sectors like dairy, poultry, fishery, farm mechanisation, irrigation, and non-farm sectors.
- **Rs. 7.52 trillion** has been collected by the GoI as direct taxes till January 31 of the current fiscal ending on 31, March, 2020.
- The FDI inflow in India has dipped marginally by 1.4% to **\$ 10.67 billion** during the October-December period of 2019-20.
- Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) has launched **Urja Dakshata Information Tool (UDIT)** to showcase capacity building and new initiatives taken by the Government to increase energy efficiency domain.
- **Paytm** subsidiary has secured a brokerage license from insurance sector regulator IRDAI.
- ZestMoney has collaborated with **Pine Labs** to offer instant credit and EMI to customers at PoS.
- The Union government has declared **Chambal** as an eco-sensitive zone recently.
- **Tamil Nadu** govt has launched a Rs 2,857 cr health system reform programme to improve the quality of healthcare.
- India's biggest multi-level parking will come up in **Noida**.
- **NBCC** has got approval from the NCLT to acquire Jaypee Infratech through an insolvency process.
- The Government has introduced a bill to amend banking laws and seeks to bring in cooperative banks under the regulation of **RBI**.
- **Sudhanshu Pandey** has recently been appointed as the new Chairman & Managing Director of MMTCL Ltd.
- The Government has decided to appoint **Ajay Bhushan Pandey** as the new Union Finance Secretary.
- **Sridhar Venkatesh** has been appointed as the Managing Director & Vice President of GlaxoSmithKline India.
- The 107th Indian Science Congress, 2020 was held in **University of Agricultural Sciences** in Bengaluru.
- The 35th edition of AAHAR, Food and Hospitality fair is being held in **New Delhi**.
- **Shafali Verma** has claimed the top spot in the ICC women's T20 International rankings.
- National Safety Day is observed annually on **March 4**.
- Jack Welch, who passed away recently, was the CEO of **General Electric**.
- **Singapore** has continued to be the largest source of FDI in India during the April-December period.
- **Jadav Payeng** has recently been named as the winner of the 128th Commonwealth Points of Light Award.
- **Pune** will host the 108th edition of the Indian Science Congress in 2021.
- **Thinlas Chorol** has become the first woman to introduce a trekking guide in Ladakh.
- The Centre has launched the second phase of Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) with an outlay of **1,40,881** lakh crore rupees.
- **Ram Nath Kovind** has recently conferred the 61st annual Lalit Kala Akademi awards to 15 artists for their work in the field of art.

- **Sri Lanka** is all set to reinvigorate its science & technology sector and plans to take the lead in the BIMSTEC group.
- The Union Government has brought in **72** changes to the Companies Act via the second amendment bill.
- **University of Hyderabad** has bagged the top score in the QS World University Subject rankings for 2020.
- ICICI Prudential AMC has tied-up with **Saraswat Co-operative Bank** to tap rural potential and distribute products with the bank's customer.
- **Luxembourg** has become the first one to make all public transport free from February 29.
- IRDAI has asked insurance companies to design policies to cover **COVID-19**.
- **Microsoft** has joined hands with Accenture to provide tech support to social enterprise startups.
- **Mumbai** will host the 2023 International Olympic Committee's session after the IOC Executive Board recommended the Indian city for the annual conference.
- The Uttar Pradesh government has announced a grant of **900** per month for the upkeep of stray cows to individuals who look after the animal.
- **Tripura** will provide Rs 5000 to eligible students in the final year of undergraduate level for buying smartphones.
- **Jammu & Kashmir** has launched the Student Health Card scheme to address the problem of malnutrition in children.
- **IIT Mandi** has signed a deal with NABARD to set up three FPOs in Himachal Pradesh.
- **Sanjay Kumar Panda** has recently been appointed as India's Ambassador to Turkey.
- **Amrish Rau** has been appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer of Pine Labs.
- **Narendra Modi** will be honoured with the highest honour of Bangladesh during his recent visit to the country to attend the Mujib Centenary Celebrations.
- **Yvonne Farrell and Shelley McNamara** has been awarded the 2020 Pritzker Architecture Prize for consistent service to humanity as evidenced by a body of built work.
- **India** has the third highest illicit financial flow among 135 countries with 83.5 billion dollars.
- **Sunil Joshi** has been named as the chairman of the national selection panel by the BCCI's Cricket Advisory Committee (CAC).
- **Zomato** has bought UberEats India for \$206 million.
- The Ministry of Defence has decided to set up two defence industrial corridors in the country, one in Uttar Pradesh and the other in **Tamil Nadu**.
- **Kieron Pollard** has become the first player to play 500 T20 matches when he took the field against Sri Lanka.
- Potturi Venkateswara Rao, who passed away recently, was related with **Journalism**.
- The Union Cabinet has given nod for FDI policy on civil aviation, it has allowed NRIs to acquire 100 percent equity in Air India.
- **Uttar Pradesh** has launched the Nirashrit/Besahara Govansh Sahbhagita scheme to take care of the stray cattle menace.
- National Dentist's Day is observed on **March 6**.
- Javier Pérez de Cuellar, who passed away recently, was a former chief of **UN**.

- The Home ministry has approved **Automated facial recognition system** for the identification of unrecognized bodies, missing children, criminals.
- **Health Ministry** has organized a national level training workshop for all the states on COVID-19 management.
- Under the Setu Bharatam scheme, the government aims to ensure safety and reduce traffic by bringing in seamless travel on National Highways. The target is to reduce the road fatalities by 50 percent by **2020**.
- The Airport of **Aurangabad** has been renamed as Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj Airport.
- The government has announced a one-time amnesty scheme for non-compliant Limited Liability Partnership (LLP) companies. It will benefit LLPs that have a capital base of around **1 lakh**.
- Uttarakhand has named **Gairsain** as its new summer capital after a decision passed in the State assembly.
- **Chhattisgarh** has recently presented a budget of Rs 95,650-crore without any new taxation proposal.
- The Reserve Bank has capped the withdrawal limit of Yes Bank at **Rs. 50000** with the restrictions remaining in place till April 3, 2020.
- **Google** will launch its second cloud infrastructure in Delhi by 2021.
- **Janez Jansa** has been confirmed as the new Prime Minister of Slovenia.
- **NS Vishwanathan** has stepped down from his position as the Deputy Governor of Reserve Bank of India.
- The India Pharma & India Medical Device 2020 Conference will be held in **Gandhinagar**.
- The Army's International Seminar Pragyani Conclave 2020 is being organized by the Centre of Land Warfare Studies in **New Delhi**.
- **Juniper Cobra** exercise has been suspended between IDF and United States European Command (EUCOM) after fears over coronavirus.
- **Mumbai** is all set to host the International Olympic Committee (IOC) session in 2023.
- The Jan aushadhi Diwas is celebrated every year on **March 7** to create awareness about the use of generic medicines.
- The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has increased the transaction limit to **2 lakh** for payments which include credit cards, loans and mutual fund investments.
- K Anbazhagan, who passed away at 97, belonged to **DMK**.
- The Namaste Orchha festival celebrates the state's rich cultural and natural heritage is organized in **Madhya Pradesh**.
- SEBI has launched **Sebi SCORES** mobile app to help investors lodge grievance complaints.
- Puma has signed **Kareena Kapoor Khan** as its new brand ambassador.
- **Daren Tang** has been elected as Next Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization replacing Gurry.
- **Denys Shmygal** has become the new prime minister of Ukraine.
- **Sanjeev Nautiyal** has been re-appointed as the new MD & CEO of SBI Life Insurance.
- **Amrit Kaur** has recently been included in the '100 Influential Women of the Century' of the Times Magazine.
- **IIT Madras** has developed an AI-powered drone to counter rogue drones.

- Doctors have used **Crispr-Cas9** technology to alter genes inside a person's body and treat diseases.
- The Fourth Global Ayurveda Festival will be held in **Kochi** from May 16 to May 20.
- The International Conference on Nano Science and Technology is being held in **Kolkata**.
- India has signed a **Rs.1200 Crore** deal with the United States for missile protection suites for new VVIP planes.
- **PV Sindhu** has been named as the Sportsperson of the year at the fourth Times of India Sports Awards.
- **Shooting World Cup, New Delhi** has been postponed due to the threat of Coronavirus.
- Chapchar Kut is regarded as one of the most popular spring festivals. It is celebrated in **Mizoram**.
- **Bimal Julka** has been appointed as the new Chief Information Commissioner.
- Google has launched its second cloud region in **New Delhi** to provide access to the Google cloud platform for organizations.
- International Women's Day is observed every year on **March 8**.
- Hans Raj Bhardwaj, who passed away recently, belonged to **Congress**.
- **Men For Nutrition** will be the focus area of the 2nd anniversary of Poshan Abhiyaan 'Poshan Pakhwada' being celebrated on 8th March.
- Employees' Provident Fund Organization, (EPFO) has lowered the interest rate on provident fund deposits to **8.5** percent from 8.65 percent.
- **ICICI Bank** is the recent UPI partner of PhonePe.
- The government has approved proposals of TCS and **DLF** to set up special economic zones (SEZs) for IT in Haryana, UP.
- **Google** has launched a Skill Development Programme For Women to return to their corporate careers after a break.
- Hyderabad Metro has tied up with **Paytm** for introducing QR based metro ticket system for seamless travel.
- **Amazon** has signed an MOU with National Urban Livelihood Mission, Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs in New Delhi.
- **Shafali Verma** has become the Youngest Player to Appear in the ICC Cricket World Cup Final 2020.
- The Indian coast guard has conducted a two day National Maritime Search and Rescue Workshop and Exercise-2020 (SAREX-20) in **Goa**.
- **Intel** has joined hands with CBSE to digitally empower 1 lakh students with Artificial Intelligence (AI) integration in India's education system.
- **15** women have been honoured with the Nari Shakti Puraskar by the President on International Women's Day.
- **Anurag Mehrotra** is all set to take charge of Mahindra-Ford JV as CEO.
- The Ministry of Women and Child Development and the World Bank have organized a discussion programme on the "The Future of Work: Women in India's Workforce" in **New Delhi**.
- **Australia** has won the 2020 Women's T20 World Cup Final in Melbourne by defeating India.
- The Department of Posts has opened the all-Women Post Office in **New Delhi**.

- **Smriti Irani** has released the book titled Chronicles of Change Champions, a compilation of 25 innovative initiatives taken at the state and district levels.
- According to Knight Frank ranking, India has scored **12th** rank in terms of ultra-high net worth individuals, seeing an increase of 31,000 ultra-high net worth individuals (UHNWIs) in 2019.
- **BRAC** has retained its position as the top NGO of the world for the 5th consecutive year.
- **Tamil Nadu** has topped in the terms of the number of participants in the Poshan Abhiyan programme.
- **Indian Army** has organized a demonstration on Self defence themed "Stronger You Stronger Society" for the local womenfolk at Dhamdhama Anchalik College in Nalbari District, Assam.
- The Khelo India Winter Games will be held in **Gulmarg**.
- **Poonam Yadav** has become the only Indian player to make the ICC Women's T20 playing XI of the World Cup.
- **Girish Chandra Murmu** has launched the 'Student Health Card' Scheme for over 12 lakh students in Jammu & Kashmir.
- The Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship has launched the Mahatma Gandhi National Fellowship programme in **Bengaluru**.
- **Prahlad Singh Patel** has inaugurated an exhibition titled Jallianwala Bagh in New Delhi on the occasion of the 130th Foundation Day of the National Archives of India.
- **India** was the world's second-largest arms importer during the period 2015- 19 as per the report by SIPRI.
- The Government has decided to make sanitary napkin disposal bags mandatory from **2021**.
- The United Nations has adopted a political declaration on women's rights. It was adopted during the **64th** session of the Commission on the Status of Women.
- Citizens travelling from **Bangladesh** will now have two new land port entry points on the visas.
- Moody's has cut India's growth forecast to **5.3** percent for the year 2020 due to dampened domestic demand.
- **CoinDCX** has launched the crypto-referral initiative in India aimed at providing incentive for crypto adoption.
- **Kerala** will launch the digital literacy drive titled 'I am also digital'.
- **Delhi Metro** is all set to conduct an online Customer satisfaction survey to get feedback related to metro functioning.
- The Government is planning to create **75 L** Self Help Groups in a span of two years to support women to earn livelihood.
- **Ashraf Ghani** has been sworn as the President of Afghanistan.
- **Uttarakhand** has become the first state in the country to measure Gross Environment Product.
- **Nupur Kulshrestha** has become the first woman DIG of the Indian Coast Guard.
- N Vijayan Pillai, who passed away at the age of 65, was a **Politician**.
- The additional charge of deputy MD and CFO of SBI has been given to **Chalasani Venkat Nageswar**.
- **Shanti Raghavan** has been awarded as the Changemaker in the Social transformation category of the BusinessLine Changemaker Awards 2020.
- **Niti Aayog** has organized the Fourth Edition of the Women Transforming India Awards.

- As per the FICCI-IBA survey, the Proportion of Banks Reporting Rise in NPA Levels has increased from 26% to **28%** in July to December 2019.
- **Smriti Irani** has inaugurated the National Conference on Women in Police and CAPFs in New Delhi.
- The book titled 'The Adventures of the Daredevil Democrat' deals about the life of **Biju Patnaik** to inspire kids.
- **Ministry of Science & Technology** has launched a helpline number for women to clear doubts related to programs in STEM.
- **Gujarat** has topped in the domestic solar rooftop installations across the country with about 50,915 systems being fixed on domestic rooftops.
- **KJS Dhillon** has taken charge as Director General of the Director General Defence Intelligence Agency and Deputy Chief of Integrated Defence Staff (Intelligence).
- **Mohun Bagan** has become the Champion of the Hero I-League 2019-2020.
- **V Praveen Rao** has won the seventh Dr MS Swaminathan Award for the period 2017-2019 to recognize contribution in the field of agricultural research.
- The Government has set up a committee to work out modalities of **Kisan Rail** to ensure freight trains with refrigerated coaches.
- The UN Security Council has unanimously approved the Taliban peace agreement with **United States**.
- In the year 2018-19, the Foreign Direct Investment flow stood at a record **62** billion US dollars which was the highest ever recorded for a fiscal year.
- **SBI** has cut the marginal cost of fund-based lending rate by up to 15 points across tenors.
- **Rolls Royce** has partnered with IIT-Madras to promote joint research programmes and professional development of engineering talent.
- COVA Punjab App has been developed by **Department of Government Reforms and Public Grievances** to spread awareness and provide tips related to Coronavirus.
- CISF Raising Day observes its raising day every year on **10th** March.
- The traditional 'Fagli' festival is celebrated in **Himachal Pradesh**.
- **Odisha** has become the first state to have a separate department for SHGs dedicated to women "Mission Shakti".
- Jammu and Kashmir Forest Department, under the "Green J&K" program, has planted **32 L** saplings from its given target of one crore saplings across the Union Territory.
- **Maker Village Kochi** has won the India Smart Grid Forum Award for the best incubator in recognition of its efforts to boost the country's startup ecosystem.
- **Mangalore International Airport** has been adjudged the 'best airport by size and region' in the Airport Service Quality (ASQ) survey.
- **Tahira Kashyap** has been penned the book the titled 'The 12 commandments of Being A Woman'.
- **HAL** is planning to set up logistics Bases In Malaysia, Vietnam, Indonesia And Sri Lanka to boost Defence Exports.
- **Andhra Pradesh** has ranked 1st in the country for overall implementation of Poshan Abhiyan as per the NITI Aayog.
- Andre Schembri announced his retirement recently. He is a **Football** player.

- No Smoking Day is observed every year on **Second Wednesday** of March to raise awareness about the harmful effects of tobacco.
- The Government of Andhra Pradesh has launched **NIGHA App** to curb the poll irregularities during elections in the state.
- **Ranchi** university is all set to launch its own Community Radio Station on International Women's day.
- According to the Parliamentary committee on Petroleum **3** states till date have become kerosene free given the target of eight crore LPG connections under PM Ujjwala Yojana was completed last September, 2019.
- Scientists at **ARCI, Hyderabad** have developed a Fuel Cell Technology for Disaster Management using Polymer Electrolyte Membrane fuel cells.
- **Bhawna Dehariya** has scaled Mount Kosciuszko , the highest mountain peak in Australia.
- **Dr Jainmanti Bakshi** has been awarded the Best Citizens of India Gold medal Award" for services to people suffering from ENT diseases.
- Women scientists are being provided the chance to get trained in state of the art technologies in the US under **Indo-U.S. Fellowship for Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and Medicine (WISTEMM)** program.
- The festival of 'Hola Mohalla' is celebrated in **Sri Anandpur Sahib**.
- **US** has topped the KPMG 2020 global technology industry innovation survey of being the most promising source of disruptive technology.
- The World Kidney Day is observed annually on **March 12**.
- **Indira Gandhi International Airport** has been ranked as the best airport in the over 40 million passengers per annum (MPPA) category in Asia-Pacific by the Airports Council International's Airport Service Quality Programme (ASQ) 2019 ranking.
- **WHO** has declared Covid-19 as a pandemic and has cautioned about the rise in the number of infected cases.
- **Bank of England** has cut down interest rates by half a percent to bolster the country's economy due to the disruption caused by the coronavirus outbreak.
- **Facebook** India has launched the 'Pragati' initiative to boost women entrepreneurship in India and spread awareness about adoption of technology among women.
- **Zomato** has entered into the fintech space with the launch of a co-branded credit card with RBL and Master Card.
- **Byju Raveendran** has been featured on the World Economic Forum (WEF)'s new list of 115 Young Global Leaders.
- **Tiger Woods** has been inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame in the 2021 class after being chosen by the 20 member panel.
- The Main national event for International Day of Yoga 2020 will be held in **Leh** and will be led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- The Department of Posts has introduced **Digital Parcel Locker** service to enable customers to collect their consignment from specified post offices at their convenience.
- **Karnataka** has launched the Namaste over Handshake' campaign to tackle the spread of COVID-19.
- Santu Mukhopadhyay who passed away recently was related to **Acting**.

- **Mumbai Central** railway station has been renamed as the Nana Shankar Sheth Terminus Station, an industrialist, philanthropist and educationist in the early 19th Century.
- **Maharashtra** has approved the implementation of “happy hour” for auto rickshaws where the fares will be slashed by 15 percent between 12 noon and 4 pm.
- The Assam government will construct **33** stadiums in the state under Uttran scheme to encourage rural talents.
- **CSIR- NPL** has developed an Ink to Curb Fake Printing of Passports and Counterfeiting of Currency Notes.
- Department of Science & Technology, IIT Bombay and **Intel** have announced the third edition of startup accelerator programme Plugin in India.
- **Amitabh Bachan** has been roped in by IDFC First Bank as its first ever brand ambassador.
- **Sweden** has ranked on top in the recently released EIU’s Inclusive Internet Index 2020.
- **Jewar Airport** has been included in the world’s 100 strategic global infrastructure projects for the year 2020.
- **Uttar Pradesh** government has launched three schemes Kaushal Satrang, Yuva Hub and apprenticeship scheme for skill development & employment generation for youths.
- The Government has launched **Crime Multi Agency Centre** to help tackle heinous crimes and work on inter-state coordination.
- The Home Ministry has constituted two special committees to deal with issues related to **CAPF**.
- **GOKADDAL**, World’s first Digital Solutions Exchange Cloud launched in India with focus on AI, Analytics and augmentative technology.
- **IIT Bombay** has developed a glass substrate for 5G devices and consumer electronics.
- **Udhaym Sakhi**, portal has been launched by the government to facilitate networking of women startups, entrepreneurs, investors, incubators, mentors, students and enterprise facilitators.
- **SBI** has agreed to buy shares worth 7,250 crore rupees of cash-strapped Yes Bank.
- RBI has announced a sell/ buy swap with **Dollar** with the aim to provide liquidity to foreign exchange market.
- BSNL has partnered with **SBI** to launch UPI-based payment platform Bharat InstaPay.
- Amul will extend support in the Union Territory of **Jammu & Kashmir** to scale operations and help achieve self-sufficiency in the region.
- **ADB** has agreed to provide USD 200 million to companies manufacturing products to combat coronavirus.
- India’s current account deficit in the December quarter is **\$1.4 bn** as per the Reserve Bank of India’s latest report.
- The World Bank will provide USD 80 mn to improve water management for **Himachal Pradesh**.
- **Nita Ambani** has been featured in the 10 most influential women in sports as per the listing of iSportconnect.
- **SBI** has now scrapped the minimum monthly balance requirement for all saving bank accounts.
- Theme of World Sleep day 2020 observed on 13 March every year - **BetterSleep, Better Life, Better Planet**.
- **Jack Ma** has overtaken Reliance’s Mukesh Ambani to become the Richest Man in Asia.

- Divya Kala Shakti a cultural programme focussed on witnessing abilities in disabilities was organized by the National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities (NIEPMED) in **Chennai**.
- The International Day of Action for Rivers is observed annually on **March 14**.
- **Debashish Panda** has been nominated to the board of Reserve Bank of India's Central Board.
- **Welcomgroup Graduate School of Hotel Management** has entered the Limca Book of Records for establishing 'India's First Living Culinary Arts Museum'.
- The 'Wings India 2020' civil aviation exhibition is being held in **Hyderabad**.
- As per the Animal Protection Index 2020, India has scored **C** ranking along with some countries like Spain, New Zealand, France & Mexico.
- **Taylor Swift** has topped Google's 2020 list of most-searched woman in music.
- Amgoth Tukaram who has scaled Mt. Kosciuszko, the highest peak in Australia belongs to **Telangana**.
- The International Pi Day celebrates the mathematical constant π (pi) on **March 14**.
- **Amit Shah** has addressed the Flag-in ceremony of Ganga Aamantran Abhiyaan in New Delhi.
- **HAL** has inked a pact with Blue Ray Aviation for the supply of two Dornier Do-228 multi-role aircraft.
- Dana Zatopkova passed away at the age of 97. He was a famous **Javelin thrower**.
- The Census India-2021 will be conducted in two phases, with the first phase beginning from the month of **April** 2020.
- **Iran** has sought financial assistance from the IMF for the first time since 1962 to counter the coronavirus pandemic.
- The Reserve Bank of India will infuse **4.05** lakh crore rupees in a bid to counterbalance the domestic liquidity effects of the \$2 billion sell-buy swap operation.
- The Reserve Bank of India has cut down the prudential exposure limits for urban cooperative banks (UCBs) to a group of connected borrowers to **25** percent of their Tier-1 capital.
- UBS has cut down India GDP growth forecast to **5.1** percent for FY 21 due to the coronavirus outbreak and weak credit growth.
- **Meghalaya** will invest Rs 450 crore for development of sports infrastructure in the state.
- **Sunil Mehta** has been appointed as the Non-executive chairman of Yes Bank.
- Bill Gates has stepped down from the board of **Berkshire** to focus more on philanthropy.
- The Union Cabinet has approved the construction of **780** kilometers of green highways in four states of Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh.
- As per the proposed scheme of RBI, the State Bank of India will pick up a stake of **49** percent in Yes bank.
- **Saurashtra** has clinched the Ranji Trophy title by beating Bengal on the basis of the first-innings lead at Rajkot.
- World Consumer Rights Day is observed annually on **March 15**.
- **Basheer Khan** has been appointed as advisor to Lt Governor of Jammu and Kashmir.
- The **BhoomiRashi** portal of the Government has helped to significantly expedite land acquisition for National Highways and in a transparent manner.

- Theme of National Vaccination Day 2020 - **Vaccines Work for All**.
- **Uttarakhand** celebrates the Phool Dei Festival on the first day of the Chaitra month.
- **Kerala** government has notified the culling after bird flu in Parappanangadi.
- **Manipur** government has announced schemes for welfare of sportspersons and artists.
- **IDFC First Bank** will invest 250 cr in the beleaguered Yes Bank to acquire 25 crore equity shares.
- **CRPF** has inked an Mou with a disability support NGO to re-skill specially-abled troops in cyberspace ops and AI.
- **Bansi Lal Bhatt** has been appointed as the NCLAT's officiating Chairperson.
- **Rohini Mohan** has won the Chameli Devi Jain Award for outstanding woman journalist.
- **ARCI** has developed a cost-effective solar technology for industrial process heat.
- The Union Government is implementing the POSHAN Abhiyaan to address the problem of malnutrition across the country. The programme launched on **2018**.
- **Manikaran Power Ltd.** has become the first member of India's gas trading platform called the Indian Gas exchange.
- India's first flying car factory is all set to come up in **Gujarat**.
- 'An Extraordinary Life': written by Sadguru Patil and Mayabhushan Nagvenkar is written on the life of **Manohar Parrikar**.
- **RK Singh** has launched the new website of the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy to improve ease of access & provide accurate information to citizens.
- **Prachi Savle** has been awarded by Centre for Media Studies (CMS) for contribution towards reporting road safety.
- Flipkart has partnered with **Aegon Life** insurance company to sell quick-access life insurance policies.
- The Supreme court has granted women permanent commission in **Navy**.
- **Microsoft** has launched an interactive map to provide COVID-19 global updates.
- Puthussery Ramachandran who passed away at 92 was a famous **Poet**.
- **Mansukh Mandaviya** has inaugurated the ROPAX Service from Bhaucha Dhakka to Mandwa in Maharashtra.
- India will provide **107.01** million Nepali Rupees for three new school buildings in Nepal.
- The Central Bank of **US** has slashed key interest rate to almost zero in wake of the economic impact of COVID-19.
- Moody's has predicted India's GDP growth forecast at **5.3** percent in 2020 due to the implications of coronavirus on the economy.
- The Government of India will borrow **51000** crore from the Reserve bank of India as per the revised estimates of the Budget 2020-21.
- **Oil India** has signed a crude sales agreement with Numaligarh Refinery for sale & purchase of crude oil.
- **West Bengal** government has allocated Rs 200 crore fund to tackle coronavirus.
- **Maharashtra** has decided to stamp people in home quarantine in view of the coronavirus pandemic.

- **Tai Tzu Ying** has won her third women's singles title of All England Championships in the United Kingdom.
- **Rajan Gogoi** has been nominated by President Ram Nath Kovind as a member to the Rajya Sabha.
- Veteran journalist Patil Puttappa who passed away recently was a member of Rajya Sabha from **Karnataka**.
- The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has given its approval to a proposal of the Haryana Government to rename Amin village in Kurukshetra district to **Abhimanyupur**.
- **Microsoft** has joined hands with NASSCOM Foundation to launch Initiative To Empower People With Disabilities.
- **Ravinder Singh Dhillon** has been appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director of Power Finance Corporation (PFC).
- **Odisha** has cancelled the annual Chaitra Jatra festival as a precautionary measure against COVID-19 infection.
- The Ordnance Factories Day is observed annually on **March 18**.
- Jairam Kulkarni who passed away at the age of 88 was a famous **Actor**.
- The World Bank has increased the COVID-19 response funding to **14** billion dollars to help combat the disease and assist countries.
- Imtiaz Khan who passed away recently was related with **Acting**.
- S&P has lowered India's growth forecast to **5.2** per cent as the global economy enters recession amidst the coronavirus pandemic.
- Bharti AXA has joined hands with **DBS bank** to plan insurance cover for Coronavirus.
- The board of **Indian Bank** has approved a share swap for Allahabad Bank merger with 115 equity shares of Indian bank to be exchanged for every 1000 shares of Allahabad bank.
- **GMR Hyderabad International Airport** has declared itself as single use plastic free from March 1, 2020.
- **Dehradun** railway station has introduced signage in Braille for visually challenged persons.
- India has requested the World Bank for funding of **70** million for a waterway connectivity grid in East India.
- Crypto exchange Binance along with **WazirX** have decided to set up USD 50 million Indian blockchain fund.
- **Noel Quinn** has been appointed as the Chief Executive officer of HSBC.
- The students of **Mahindra Ecole Centrale College of Engineering** have developed an app to enable district wise tracking of Covid 19 cases.
- The scientists of **CSIR-IHBT** have developed a new hand-sanitizer amidst reports of counterfeit being sold in the market.
- UEFA has put on hold the play-offs of **Euro 2020** due to the coronavirus outbreak.
- **Sachin Tendulkar** has joined WHO's Safe Hands Challenge amid the coronavirus pandemic to promote the importance of handwashing.
- As per the new guidelines by RBI for Payment aggregators (PA), **15 crore** is the required net worth required by new entities being set up as Pas.
- US Africa Command has cancelled **African Lion** annual military exercise due to novel coronavirus pandemic.

- Global Recycling Day is observed annually on **March 18**.
- Theme of the World Cities Summit being held in Singapore from 5 to 9 July 2020 - **Livable and Sustainable Cities: Adapting to a Disrupted World**.
- Roger Mayweather who passed away recently was a famous **Boxer**.
- **Bhalchandra Mungekar** has written the book "My Encounters in Parliament", which has been released in the presence of the former Vice President Hamid Ansari.
- **Tarun Vijay** has authored the book 'Invincible - A Tribute to Manohar Parrikar'.
- **Barham Saliah** has been appointed as the new PM-Designate of Iraq.
- The Bajaj Auto board has approved the re-appointment of **Rajiv Bajaj** as the Managing Director and CEO of the company.
- **Karan Bajwa** has been appointed as the Managing Director of Google Cloud in India.
- **Ashwani Lohani** has been appointed as the Chairman of AP Tourism Development Corporation.
- **Sun Temple, Konark** will be included in the Iconic sites list of 19 monuments as declared by the Union Culture & Tourism Minister.
- **IIT-Kanpur** has signed MoU with L&T Technology Services for Research In Cyber Security Programs.
- Sri Lanka has received a financial aid of USD 500 million loan from **China** to boost the country's economy.
- **WhatsApp** has launched the COVID-19 information hub with the World Health Organization.
- DAC has approved the procurement of **83** indigenous Tejas fighter aircraft for Indian Air Force.
- The European Central Bank has announced a **750** billion euro scheme as it joined other central banks in stepping up efforts to contain the economic damage from the coronavirus.
- **ADB** has announced a \$6.5 billion package for developing member countries to combat coronavirus pandemic.
- RBI will infuse **10000** crores via OMO purchases to infuse liquidity in the banking system in wake of tightening financial conditions.
- YES Bank has extended a credit line of **60,000** crore to Yes bank to ensure that the bank is able to meet depositors obligation.
- Clix Capital services have launched a chatbot named **Maya** to help enhance customer experience.
- **Tata Consultancy Services** has overtaken Reliance Industries to become the most valued firm by market capitalization.
- India's ranked **2nd** against foreign bribery enforcement and trans-national bribery cases.
- NABARD has pegged Karnataka's credit potential at **2.44** lakh crore for fiscal 2020-21.
- Indian Navy has set up a Quarantine Facility against the spread of Covid-19 in **Visakhapatnam**.
- International Day of Happiness is observed annually on **March 20**.
- **Vrinda Rathi** has been inducted as an umpire into the International Panel of ICC Development Umpires.
- **Saudi Arabia** has decided to Convene Virtual G20 Leaders Summit to address the coronavirus pandemic.
- World Frog Day is celebrated on March 20th. The day is being organized since **2009**.

- **Jammu & Kashmir** government has announced a Rs. 5 lac free health insurance for residents in convergence with Ayushman Bharat-PMJAY.
- **Uttarakhand** has abolished Quota In Promotion For Government Employees.
- **Goa** has launched an official chatbot to create awareness about coronavirus among its citizens.
- **Arundhati Bhattacharya** has submitted her resignation as independent director of Crisil after being appointed as the CEO in Salesforce, India.
- Theme of World Sparrow Day 2020 - **I Love Sparrows**.
- **MyGov Corona Helpdesk**, WhatsApp Chatbot created by Government for queries on Novel Coronavirus.
- **French Open** has been postponed till September 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic.
- **Cashfree** has launched a digital payments solution for businesses, allowing them to collect & disburse UPI payments.
- **UAE** has suspended all types of labour permits including for drivers and domestic workers, effective from 19th March 2020.
- India has received **1 million** material assistance from SAARC nations in the form of masks, gloves & disinfectants.
- **Jammu & Kashmir** has constituted a commission for welfare of socially, educationally backward classes.
- Fitch has cut India's GDP growth forecast to **5.1** percent due to coronavirus which is likely to impact business investments.
- **ICICI Lombard** insurance company has launched a dedicated insurance cover for tackling coronavirus.
- Government approved **6.16 lakh crore** under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban).
- Bank of America has joined S&P in cutting India GDP forecasts. It has slashed India's growth estimates to **5.1** percent for FY21.
- **Paytm Payments Bank** has recently announced that it will start issuance of Visa debit cards to its customers.
- Indian Railways has planned to electrify all broad gauge routes by **2023** with a focus on renewable energy.
- The Defence Ministry has signed a capital acquisition contract with Israel Weapons Industries to procure **16479** Light Machine guns at a cost of Rs 880 crore.
- World Oral Health Day is celebrated globally on **March 20**.
- PK Banerjee who passed away after battling a prolonged illness played **Football**.
- World Down Syndrome Day is marked every year on **March 21**.
- **Tamil Nadu** government has declared sanitary personnel as "cleanliness workers".
- **Himachal Pradesh** government has launched a Police Station Visitor Survey System and e-Night Beat Checking System.
- **Tavleen Singh** has written the book Messiah Modi: A Tale of Great Expectations.
- The World Day of Theatre for Children and young people is celebrated every year on **March 20**.
- **R Gandhi** has been appointed as the additional director on Yes Bank's new board by the Reserve Bank of India.

- World Poetry Day declared by UNESCO in 1999 was celebrated on **21** March.
- **Kamal Nath** has resigned as the Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh.
- **Satyarup Siddhanta** has become the first Indian to complete the volcanic Seven Summit and has been nominated for the coveted 'Limca Book of Records'.
- Theme of World Forestry Day 2020 – **Biodiversity**.
- **Finland** has been ranked as the world's happiest country according to the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network's World Happiness Report 2020.
- Lok Sabha has passed a bill which seeks to confer the status of Institution of National Importance (INI) on **5** Indian Institutes of Information Technology (IIITs).
- **NK Singh** will chair the Finance Commission Committee To Review Fiscal Consolidation Roadmap of the Government.
- **Maldives** has pledged a USD 200,000 to COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund created for SAARC nations.
- The World Bank and ADB have provided **588** million to Pakistan to fight the coronavirus pandemic.
- RBI will inject **30000** crores of liquidity into the market to maintain financial stability in the system in the wake of the coronavirus outbreak.
- SIDBI started **Swavalamban** express on June 5 for budding entrepreneurs with the focus on promotion, financing and development of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs).
- The Border Roads Organization has Bridge constructed a bridge over **Teesta** in North Sikkim opened for traffic.
- World Water Day is observed annually on **March 22**.
- Lorenzo Sanz who passed away recently was the president of **Real Madrid**.
- The Uttar Pradesh government has seeked a central grant of **100 crore** for Lucknow University & KashiVidyapeeth .
- The Shaheed Diwas or Martyrs Day is observed on **23** march to pay tribute on the death anniversary of the freedom fighters Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev Thapar, and Shivaram Rajguru.
- **Uttar Pradesh** government has announced a one month free food grains to the poor and Rs 1,000 as compensation to daily wagers.
- **North Korea** has recently tested two ballistic missiles into the Sea of Japan off the east coast of the Korean peninsula.
- Theme of World Meteorological Day - **Climate and Water**.
- Kenny Rogers who passed away at the age of 81 is related to **Singing**.
- Visu who passed away recently was a famous **Screenwriter**.
- SAARC Disaster Management Centre has launched a website for information related to COVID- 19. website - www.covid19-sdmc.org.
- **UAE** has launched the Online Tawajudi service to help residents overseas re-enter the country.
- **SBI** has opened an emergency credit line to meet any liquidity mismatch for its borrowers.
- **Google** has launched a dedicated Covid-19 search portal in India.
- S&P Global ratings have estimated the cost of Covid 19 for Asia Pacific at **620** billion.
- **Bangladesh** will contribute 1.5 million dollar to COVID 19 Emergency fund of SAARC.

- The NBFCs have asked the RBI to announce a moratorium on EMIs for 3 months.
- Cabinet has approved a Production Incentive Scheme for Large Scale Electronics Manufacturing and the government will invest 20 lakh crore to provide employment to 25 lakh people.
- Theme of World Tuberculosis (TB) Day 2020 - **It's Time.**
- India get **120th** rank on the World Index of Economic Freedom.
- International Day for the Right to the Truth Concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims is observed on **March 24.**
- **Shivraj Singh Chouhan** has taken oath as the Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh.
- **VK Paul** is the head of the high level committee of medical experts for prevention & control of COVID-19.
- **Priyanka Chopra** has collaborated with the WHO to spread awareness over COVID-19.
- 2020 Abel Prize has been awarded to Hillel Furstenberg and Gregory Margulis. It is presented for contribution in **Maths.**
- **SavitaChhabra** is the author of the book 'Legacy Of Learning' based on the interpretations of the Bhagavad Gita.
- The Native Fury is a biennial exercise conducted between the US and **UAE.**
- **UK** has been confirmed as the first co-chair of India-led global climate initiative.
- **Canada** has become the first country to withdraw from the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.
- **KarurVysya Bank** has launched a prepaid wallet card in Karur to reduce the usage of cash in the district.
- Centre has rolled back NRI tax, with taxes payable on income generated by them from business in India, subject to a threshold of **15 lakhs.**
- UBS has cut down India's FY21 real GDP growth forecast to 4 per cent from 5.1 percent.
- RBI has extended priority sector classification for bank loans to NBFCs to FY21. **5 percent** is the allowed overall limit under priority sector lending for banks to provide credit to NBFCs and HFCs.
- IRDAI has set up a panel on governance at insurers and will be headed by **PravinKutumbe.**
- **SumantKathpalia** has taken over as the new MD & CEO of IndusIndBank.
- **Tamil Nadu** government will provide financial assistance of 1,000 to all ration card holders.

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MODEL QUESTIONS

1. What is the theme of the 'National Science Day' 2020?
(1) Children in Science (2) Youth in Science (3) Women in Science
(4) Artificial Intelligence in Science (5) None of these
2. The Week of March 1 to March 7 is celebrated as which commemorative week across the country?
(1) Swachh Bharat Week (2) KISAN week (3) Janaushadhi Week
(4) Beti Bachao Week (5) None of these
3. What is the theme of the campaign conducted by the Indian Railways to celebrate International Women's Day?
(1) Travel safely (2) Each for Equal (3) We are with you
(4) He and She (5) None of these
4. What is the theme of International Women's Day (8 March) 2020?
(1) Think equal, build smart, innovate for change
(2) I am Generation Equality: Realizing Women's Rights
(3) Time is Now: Rural and urban activists transforming women's lives
(4) Role of Women in addressing climate change
(5) None of these
5. Which is the venue of the main national event for the sixth International Day of Yoga, 2020?
(1) Ranchi (2) Leh (3) New Delhi (4) Guwahati (5) None of these
6. What is the Current Account Deficit (in terms of percentage of GDP) in the April to December of 2019-20, as per the recent notification of the RBI?
(1) 1% (2) 2% (3) 2.6% (4) 3% (5) None of these
7. As per the recent notification of the Reserve Bank of India, what is the limit for Urban cooperative banks (UCBs), to lend to a single borrower?
(1) 10% of tier-I capital (2) 15% of tier-I capital (3) 20% of tier-I capital
(4) 25% of tier-I capital (5) None of these
8. The Reserve Bank of India issued guidelines for implementation of Ind AS by Non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) and Asset reconstruction companies (ARCs). What does Ind AS stand for?
(1) Indian Accounting Standards (2) International Accounting Standards
(3) Indian Asset Standards (4) International Asset Standards (5) None of these
9. The Central bank of which country slashed its benchmark interest rate to almost zero and announced to buy USD 700 billion in bonds?
(1) China (2) India (3) US (4) Japan (5) None of these
10. What is the current Cash Reserve Ratio, as per the recent announcement from the Reserve Bank of India?
(1) 4% (2) 3.75% (3) 3.5% (4) 3% (5) None of these
11. Which Indian public sector bank waived the minimum balance requirement for all savings bank (SB) accounts?
(1) Punjab National Bank (2) State Bank of India (3) Canara Bank
(4) Union Bank of India (5) None of these

12. Which Indian institution is to infuse Rs.7250 Cr into Yes Bank as per the reconstruction plan of the Reserve Bank of India?
 (1) LIC (2) SBI (3) HDFC Ltd (4) ICICI Ltd (5) None of these
13. Which Indian payments bank recently crossed a mile-stone of two crore customers?
 (1) Airtel Payments Bank. (2) India Post Payments Bank. (3) Fino Payments Bank.
 (4) Paytm Payments Bank. (5) None of these
14. After the proposed amalgamation of 10 public sector banks into four, what will be the total number of state-owned banks in India?
 (1) Eight (2) Ten (3) Twelve (4) Fourteen (5) None of these
15. Which is India's fifth largest private sector bank, that is under crisis and for which the Reserve Bank of India is devising a revival plan?
 (1) IndusInd Bank (2) Yes Bank (3) IDFC First Bank
 (4) Bandhan Bank (5) None of these
16. As per the reconstruction scheme of Yes Bank, what is the bank's new authorized capital?
 (1) Rs. 2,200 crores (2) Rs. 4,200 crores (3) Rs. 6,200 crores
 (4) Rs. 8,200 crores (5) None of these
17. In context of the recent Supreme Court ruling on the right of an organization to receive foreign contributions, what does FCRA stand for?
 (1) Foreign Currency (Regulation) Act
 (2) Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act
 (3) Foreign Currency (Rights) Act
 (4) Foreign Contribution (Rights) Act
 (5) None of these
18. What is the name of the mobile application launched by the Indian government to track the risk of coronavirus infection?
 (1) Corona Suraksha (2) Corona Kavach (3) Corona Raksh
 (4) Corona Sevak (5) None of these
19. The Indian Government sold its 66.67% stake in Kamarajar Port Ltd for Rs 2,383 crore. The port is located in which state?
 (1) Andhra Pradesh (2) Tamil Nadu (3) Kerala
 (4) Karnataka (5) None of these
20. The Government of India sold its stake in THDC India Ltd and NEEPCO (North Eastern Electric Power Corp) to which Indian public sector undertaking?
 (1) NTPC Ltd
 (2) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC)
 (3) Power Grid Corporation of India
 (4) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited
 (5) None of these
21. Which state recently passed resolution to conduct a caste-based census in the state?
 (1) Kerala (2) Bihar (3) West Bengal (4) Odisha (5) None of these
22. Which state hiked the MLAs' Local Area Development Fund to Rs.3 Crore per year?
 (1) Maharashtra (2) Punjab (3) Uttar Pradesh (4) Odisha (5) None of these

23. NITI Aayog has selected which Union Territory for first pilot project on Sustainable Developmental Goals?
 (1) Jammu and Kashmir (2) Chandigarh (3) Lakshadweep
 (4) Goa (5) None of these
24. Which state recently ordered the prohibition of online supply of food without hygiene rating from food business operators (FBOs)?
 (1) Kerala (2) Odisha (3) Punjab (4) Rajasthan (5) None of these
25. Mukhyamantri Dal Bhat Yojna (MDBY) is a subsidized food scheme of which state government?
 (1) UP (2) Bihar (3) Jharkhand (4) West Bengal (5) None of these
26. Which state recently announced to provide credit guarantee of loans for higher education?
 (1) Odisha (2) Haryana (3) Jharkhand (4) Bihar (5) None of these
27. Which state/Ut has recently launched a school health education plan called 'Student Health Card'?
 (1) New Delhi (2) J&K (3) Rajasthan (4) Madhya Pradesh (5) None of these
28. Which state has recently launched a digital literacy programme titled 'I am also digital'?
 (1) Odisha (2) Kerala (3) Karnataka (4) Tamil Nadu (5) None of these
29. Which state is to set up an exclusive department for Self Help Group (SHGs) called "Mission Shakti"?
 (1) West Bengal (2) Kerala (3) Odisha (4) Andhra Pradesh (5) None of these
30. 'NIGHA', a mobile application to curb election malpractices, is an initiative of which Indian state?
 (1) Punjab (2) Rajasthan (3) Gujarat (4) Andhra Pradesh (5) None of these
31. Which Indian state is set to depute 'Arogya Mitra' at Primary health centres to inform people about government's health-related schemes?
 (1) Odisha (2) Andhra Pradesh (3) Uttar Pradesh
 (4) Bihar (5) None of these
32. Which state cabinet recently passed an ordinance which seeks to recover losses caused by damage to public property from rioters?
 (1) Maharashtra (2) Uttar Pradesh (3) Chhattisgarh
 (4) Gujarat (5) None of these
33. Which state has set up inter-departmental committees named "Team-11", to fight the coronavirus spread?
 (1) Odisha (2) Uttar Pradesh (3) Maharashtra (4) Gujarat (5) None of these
34. Which tri-state sanctuary has been declared as eco-sensitive zone (ESZ) recently?
 (1) National Chambal Sanctuary
 (2) Gir Wildlife Sanctuary
 (3) Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary
 (4) Corbett National Park
 (5) None of these
35. Agartala and Ghojadanga were recently designated as the authorized land immigration check posts. In which state, Ghojadanga is located?
 (1) Nagaland (2) West Bengal (3) Assam (4) Meghalaya (5) None of these

36. The tombs of Taramati and Premamati, which were in news recently, are located in which Indian state/UT?
 (1) New Delhi (2) Uttar Pradesh (3) Telangana (4) Maharashtra (5) None of these
37. Which city of Rajasthan is also called as the 'Marble city of India', that is recently connected with Indore under RCS-UDAN scheme?
 (1) Kota (2) Bikaner (3) Kishangarh (4) Lalgarh (5) None of these
38. Environmental activist Afroz Shah, who was making news recently for co-participating with the Minister of Norway in River clean-up, is from which state?
 (1) Uttar Pradesh (2) Maharashtra (3) Bihar
 (4) Jharkhand (5) None of these
39. The chairman of the LuLu Group, M A Yusuff Ali became the first Indian to receive premium residency of which country?
 (1) United Arab Emirates (2) Qatar (3) Saudi Arabia
 (4) Oman (5) None of these
40. What is 'RaIDer-X', which was recently developed by HEMRL, the lab of DRDO and Indian Institute of Science?
 (1) Artillery Gun (2) Explosive Detection Device (3) Gun-shot Locator
 (4) Bullet-proof jacket (5) None of these
41. PRAGYAN CONCLAVE 2020 is an International Seminar organized by which Armed Force of India?
 (1) Indian Air Force (2) Indian Navy (3) Indian Army
 (4) Indian Coast Guard (5) None of these
42. The renovated Animal Transport Memorial was recently inaugurated by the Indian Army in which city?
 (1) New Delhi (2) Mumbai (3) Nagpur (4) Bengaluru (5) None of these
43. Indian Naval Ship (INS) Shardul carried essential food and relief materials to be handed over to which flood-hit country?
 (1) Mauritius (2) Madagascar (3) Malaysia (4) Maldives (5) None of these
44. What is the share of Indian companies in Defence Ministry's contracts for procurement of defence equipment in 2019-20?
 (1) 25.03 % (2) 50.03 % (3) 75.03 % (4) 90.03 % (5) None of these
45. 'Operation Namaste' is the initiative of which Indian armed force to combat the spread of COVID-19 in the country?
 (1) Indian Army (2) Indian Navy (3) Indian Air Force
 (4) Indian Coast Guard (5) None of these
46. Union Cabinet approved the RoDTEP scheme, which is set to replace MEIS (Merchandise Export Incentive Scheme). What does R stand for, in the new RoDTEP scheme?
 (1) Reduction (2) Remission (3) Reception (4) Remuneration (5) None of these
47. What is the name of the recently launched scheme that aims to provide nutritional support to pregnant women and adolescent girls?
 (1) Pradhan Mantri Suposhit Yojana (2) Suposhit Maa Abhiyan
 (3) Suposhit Janani Yojana (4) Suposhit Beti Abhiyan (5) None of these

48. Women Scientist Scheme C (KIRAN IPR) and Vigyan Jyoti are the schemes of which Union Ministry?
(1) Ministry of Women and Child Development
(2) Ministry of Science and Technology
(3) Ministry of Human Resource Development
(4) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
(5) None of these
49. 'Shaadi Bhagya Scheme', which was making news recently, was a scheme of which state?
(1) Bihar (2) Odisha (3) Karnataka (4) Maharashtra (5) None of these
50. In the Green Highways Project, what percentage of the total project cost are spent for highway plantation and its maintenance?
(1) 0.5% (2) 1% (3) 1.5% (4) 2% (5) None of these
51. Which Indian institution has launched a re-skilling programme for women called 'Career Back 2 Women'?
(1) Indian Institute of Science
(2) Indian Institute of Management-Ahmadabad
(3) Indian Institute of Technology-Madras
(4) Indian Institute of Technology-Kharagpur
(5) None of these
52. In the relief package announced by the centre, the women self-help groups (SHGs) will be given collateral-free loans up to Rs 20 lakh under which scheme?
(1) Deen Dayal National Livelihood Mission
(2) MUDRA Scheme
(3) Gram Swaraj Yojana
(4) Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana
(5) None of these
53. Which organization has launched a campaign called 'StayHomeIndiaWithBooks', to encourage people to stay home amid the Covid-19 pandemic?
(1) National Book Trust
(2) National Council for Educational Research and Training (NCERT)
(3) National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS)
(4) Press Trust of India
(5) None of these
54. 'The International Conference on Standardization of Diagnosis and Terminologies in Ayurveda, Unani and Siddha Medicines' was held in which city?
(1) Lucknow (2) Kanpur (3) New Delhi (4) Varanasi (5) None of these
55. Which city was the venue of 'Conference on Empowering Women Entrepreneurs', organized by the MSME Ministry?
(1) Cochin (2) Chennai (3) Hyderabad (4) New Delhi (5) None of these
56. In the G-20's first virtual summit, what is the stimulus package the member countries pledged to infuse into the global economy?
(1) \$1 trillion (2) \$2 trillion (3) \$5 trillion (4) \$10 trillion (5) None of these
57. Which association recently collaborated with NITI Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) to launch artificial intelligence (AI) based module for Indian school students?
(1) NASSCOM (2) FICCI (3) CII (4) T-Hub (5) None of these

58. Union Ministry of Women and Child Development organized a discussion on “The Future of Work: Women in India’s Workforce”, in association with which global organization?
 (1) World Bank (2) UN Women (3) United Nations
 (4) ILO (5) None of these
59. Japanese government funding agency JICA has signed Rs 15,295 crore loan agreements with India, for projects in which sector?
 (1) Railway Infrastructure (2) Rural Development (3) Disaster Management
 (4) Roadway Infrastructure (5) None of these
60. As per the recent ‘Direct Tax Vivaad Se Vishwas Bill 2020’, what is the time-limit within which the tax-payers can pay the due tax with waiver?
 (1) March 31, 2020 (2) May 31, 2020 (3) September 30, 2020
 (4) December 31, 2020 (5) None of these
61. The Rajya Sabha passed ‘The Mineral Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2020’, which proposes to commercialize the mining of which mineral?
 (1) Iron (2) Coal (3) Copper (4) Bauxite (5) None of these
62. The Government has declared face masks and hand sanitizers as essential commodities by placing them under which act?
 (1) The Consumer Protection Act, 2019
 (2) The Essential Commodities Act 1955
 (3) The Epidemic Act 1897
 (4) Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 2016
 (5) None of these
63. The government has invoked Epidemic Disease Act to make the health advisories enforceable. When was the act enacted?
 (1) 1897 (2) 1921 (3) 1947 (4) 1987 (5) None of these
64. In the video conference held between the leaders of SAARC member countries, which country proposed a “Covid-19 emergency fund”?
 (1) Sri Lanka (2) India (3) Pakistan (4) Bangladesh (5) None of these
65. World Bank signed an \$80 million loan agreement with which Indian state to increase agricultural productivity in its Gram Panchayats?
 (1) Karnataka (2) Odisha (3) Himachal Pradesh
 (4) Madhya Pradesh (5) None of these
66. As per the second advance estimates released by Central Statistics Office (CSO), what is the projected GDP growth in FY 20?
 (1) 4.8% (2) 5 % (3) 5.2% (4) 5.4% (5) None of these
67. What is India’s economic growth rate for 2020-21, as estimated by OECD (Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development)?
 (1) 4.6% (2) 4.8% (3) 5.1% (4) 5.4% (5) None of these
68. What is the interest rate on deposits as announced by the Employees Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) for the current financial year (2019-20)?
 (1) 8.9% (2) 8.65% (3) 8.5% (4) 8.2% (5) None of these

69. According to the recent estimates published by United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), which economy is most affected by the coronavirus outbreak?
 (1) United States (2) Taiwan Province of China (3) European Union
 (4) Japan (5) None of these
70. As per the announcement from the CRISIL rating agency, what is their estimate on growth rate of India for 2020-21?
 (1) 4.5% (2) 3.5% (3) 3% (4) 2.5% (5) None of these
71. Which ratings agency has decreased India's growth in 2020 to 2.5%, as per its Global Macro Outlook 2020-21 report?
 (1) CRISIL (2) S&P (3) ICRA
 (4) Moody's Investors Service (5) None of these
72. As per the recent report of SBI Research's Ecowrap, what will be the economic growth of India in 2020-21?
 (1) 3.6 per cent (2) 3.2 per cent (3) 3.0 per cent (4) 2.6 per cent (5) None of these
73. CARO 2020, which was in news recently, is associated with which field?
 (1) Coronavirus outbreak
 (2) Regulations for companies
 (3) Automobile conference
 (4) Clinical conference
 (5) None of these
74. Which Public sector Enterprise is the implementing agency of 'Renewable Energy Management Centre' scheme?
 (1) PowerGrid Corporation (2) Solar Energy Corporation of India
 (3) NTPC Limited (4) NHPC Limited (5) None of these
75. Which European country recently imposed a record 1.1 billion euro fine on tech-firm Apple for its anti-competitive behavior?
 (1) Germany (2) France (3) Italy (4) Spain (5) None of these
76. Which technological firm launched a COVID-19 chatbot on its messaging platform in partnership with the Union Health Ministry and MyGov?
 (1) Google (2) Facebook (3) Microsoft (4) Telegram (5) None of these
77. According to new data from the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), which country is the largest exporter of arms during the past five years?
 (1) US (2) Russia (3) France (4) China (5) None of these
78. 'SCORES' is a mobile application of which regulatory body of India?
 (1) Real Estate Regulatory Authority
 (2) Reserve Bank of India
 (3) Securities Exchange Board of India
 (4) National Housing Bank
 (5) None of these
79. Which country has launched a military communication satellite called Lockheed Martin Advanced Extremely High Frequency (AEHF) satellite?
 (1) France (2) Israel (3) US (4) South Korea (5) None of these

80. Which Indian institute has developed an AI-powered drone to counter unregulated unmanned drones?
(1) Indian Institute of Science
(2) Council of Scientific and Industrial Research
(3) Indian Institute of Technology, Madras
(4) DRDO Laboratory
(5) None of these
81. As per the recent study by the Institute of Advanced Study in Science and Technology (IASST), the 'Endophytic Actinobacteria' could reduce chemical inputs in which plant?
(1) Sugar cane (2) Tea (3) Cotton (4) Coffee (5) None of these
82. 'Whole Genome Sequencing (WGS)', which was seen in news recently, is associated with research in which field?
(1) Agriculture (2) Genetics (3) Environment (4) Energy (5) None of these
83. "Cova Punjab" mobile app launched by the Punjab government is aimed to spread awareness on which disease?
(1) Foot and Mouth Disease (2) Corona virus (3) Swine Flu
(4) Classical Swine Fever (5) None of these
84. World Health Organization (WHO) declared Covid-19 as a pandemic. Which disease was previously declared as pandemic by WHO?
(1) H1N1 influenza (2) HIV (3) Swine Flu
(4) Spanish Flu (5) None of these
85. What is the name of the indigenous glucometer, which was developed with the assistance from Indian Council of Medical (ICMR)?
(1) GlucoCheck (2) GluCheck (3) SugarCheck (4) SuCheck (5) None of these
86. The Ministry of Health through a special amendment has categorized hydroxychloroquine (HCQS) under which schedule of Drugs & Cosmetics Rules?
(1) Schedule G1 (2) Schedule H1 (3) Schedule J1 (4) Schedule K1 (5) None of these
87. Which airport of Maharashtra has been renamed as 'Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj Airport'?
(1) Aurangabad Airport (2) Kolhapur Airport (3) Akola Airport
(4) Pune International Airport (5) None of these
88. Which is the first Indian airline to partner with a Special Economic Zone (SEZ) for setting up warehousing facility?
(1) IndiGo (2) SpiceJet (3) Vistara (4) Jet Airways (5) None of these
89. 'Chapchar Kut' is a popular festival of which Indian state/ UT?
(1) Madhya Pradesh (2) Assam (3) Mizoram
(4) Arunachal Pradesh (5) None of these
90. The proposed 'Chair of Excellence' at Department of Defence & Strategic Studies, is to be named after which Indian Air Chief Marshal?
(1) Norman Browne Norman Browne
(2) Arjan Singh
(3) Pratap Chandra Lal
(4) RKS Bhadauria
(5) None of these

91. Who has been appointed as the new Finance Secretary of India after Rajiv Kumar?
(1) Tuhin Kant Pandey (2) Ajay Bhushan Pandey (3) Atanu Chakraborty
(4) Raghuram Rajan (5) None of these
92. Daren Tang of Singapore has been nominated as the new Director General of which global organization?
(1) World Intellectual Property Organization
(2) World Customs Organization
(3) International Labour Organization
(4) World Health Organization
(5) None of these
93. Who has been appointed as the new Chief Information Commissioner of India after Sudhir Bhargava?
(1) Bimal Jalan (2) Bimal Julka (3) Kasturi Rangan
(4) Gopala Swami (5) None of these
94. Bipasha Chakrabarti was recently appointed as the Communications Director of the which technological company's Indian arm?
(1) Amazon (2) Facebook (3) Google (4) Microsoft (5) None of these
95. Who is the Chairperson of the recently reconstituted National Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (NPDRR)?
(1) Union Home Minister (2) Union Defence Minister (3) Union Finance Minister
(4) Union Environment Minister (5) None of these
96. Who is the chairperson of the high-level panel recently set up to prepare an investigation manual for Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO)?
(1) N K Singh (2) U K Sinha (3) Injeti Srinivas
(4) Tapan Ray (5) None of these
97. Lt Gen KJS Dhillon has been recently appointed as the Director-General of which organization?
(1) Intelligence Bureau (2) Defence Intelligence Agency
(3) Central Bureau of Investigation (4) Research and Analysis Wing (5) None of these
98. S.S.Deswal has been appointed as the Director General (DG) of which Indian para-military force?
(1) Central Reserve Police Force (2) Central Industrial Security Force
(3) National Security Guard (4) Border Security Force (5) None of these
99. Who was appointed as the fourth advisor to Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor G C Murmu?
(1) Baseer Ahmed Khan (2) Muneer Khan (3) Vijay Kumar
(4) Anandi Venkateswaran (5) None of these
100. Which former Chief Justice of India has been nominated to Rajya Sabha?
(1) Ranjan Gogoi (2) Dipak Misra (3) Jagdish Singh Khehar
(4) T. S. Thakur (5) None of these
101. Ravinder Singh Dhillon has been appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director of which Public Sector Undertaking?
(1) Power Finance Corporation (2) Coal India Limited (3) NLC Limited
(4) NTPC Limited (5) None of these

102. Hans Raj Bhardwaj, who passed away recently, was a former union Minister of which portfolio?
 (1) Defence (2) Law and Justice (3) Finance
 (4) External Affairs (5) None of these
103. Sahitya Akademi award winner Puthussery Ramachandran, who passed away recently, was a poet and scholar in which language?
 (1) Tamil (2) Malayalam (3) Kannada (4) Telugu (5) None of these
104. An important personality in Ambedkar's historic conversion to Buddhism passed away recently. What is his name?
 (1) Santu Mukherjee (2) Sadanand Fulzele (3) H R Bhardwaj
 (4) Potturi Venkateswar (5) None of these
105. Patil Puttappa, who recently passed away, was associated with which field?
 (1) Sports (2) Journalism (3) Business (4) Research (5) None of these
106. 'Days of Glory' and 'Mourning en masse' are the famous paintings of which Indian artist, who recently passed away?
 (1) Nema Ghosh (2) Nagorav Vitthalrao Deshpande
 (3) Satish Gujral (4) Jayram Kulkarni (5) None of these
107. A Ramachandran, who recently passed away in Kerala, was associated with which profession?
 (1) Politician (2) Scientist (3) Sportsperson (4) Musician (5) None of these
108. Beni Prasad Verma, who recently passed away, was a founding member of which political party?
 (1) Samajwadi Party (2) Bahujan Samaj Party (3) Rashtriya Janata Dal
 (4) Rashtriya Lok Dal (5) None of these
109. TIME Magazine has named which Indian woman as the 'Woman of the year 1947' in its recent recreated list of world's 100 powerful women?
 (1) Amrit Kaur (2) Sarojini Naidu (3) Indira Gandhi
 (4) Savitribhai Phule (5) None of these
110. Avani Chaturvedi, Bhawanna Kanth and Mohana Singh Jitarwal, who recently received the 'Nari Shakti Puraskar' award, are associated with which profession?
 (1) Sportspersons (2) Fighter Pilots (3) Army Officers
 (4) Naval Captains (5) None of these
111. Which Indian sportsperson was named the 'Changemaker of the year' at the Business Line Changemaker Awards?
 (1) P V Sindhu (2) Mary Kom (3) Dutee Chand
 (4) Hima Dhas (5) None of these
112. Chameli Devi Jain Award is an annual award presented to outstanding performers of which field?
 (1) Politics (2) Sports (3) Journalism (4) Social Service (5) None of these
113. Who is the first Indian cricketer to play in 150 Ranji Trophy matches?
 (1) Dinesh Karthik (2) Parthiv Patel (3) Wassim Jaffer
 (4) Irfan Pathan (5) None of these
114. Ankita Raina, who was making news recently, is associated with which sports?
 (1) Badminton (2) Tennis (3) Squash (4) Table-Tennis (5) None of these

115. Who is the only Indian player to feature in the ICC Women's T20 World Cup team of the tournament?
(1) Harmanpreet Kaur (2) Shafali Verma (3) Poonam Yadav
(4) Smriti Mandana (5) None of these
116. Which Indian cueist was the runner-up of the National 6-Red Snooker Championship, at which Pankaj Advani won his 34th national title?
(1) Ishpreet Singh (2) Aditya Mehta (3) Yasin Merchant
(4) Lucky Vatnani (5) None of these
117. The World Athletics Council imposed a USD 10 million fine on the Athletics Federation of which country, for doping scandals?
(1) China (2) Russia (3) USA (4) Australia (5) None of these
118. Jaydev Unadkat is the captain of which regional cricket team that won its maiden Ranji trophy?
(1) Bengal cricket team (2) Saurashtra cricket team (3) Mumbai cricket team
(4) Karnataka cricket team (5) None of these
119. The flagship "Ganga Amantran Abhiyan" programme is conducted by which organization?
(1) National Mission for Clean Ganga
(2) Ganga Flood Control Mission
(3) National Water Development Agency
(4) Central Water Commission
(5) None of these
120. Ritesh Agarwal, who was named as the world's second youngest billionaire, is the founder of which Indian start-up company?
(1) Zomato (2) Oyo Hotels (3) Swiggy (4) Byjus (5) None of these
121. The Land Records and Services Index (N-LRSI 2020) is released by which organization?
(1) National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER)
(2) Confederation of Indian Industries (CII)
(3) Quality Council of India (QCI)
(4) National Bank for Agriculture And Rural Development (NABARD)
(5) None of these
122. Which Engineering College of India has obtained the highest rank in the recent QS World Ranking?
(1) IIT Kharagpur (2) IIT Madras (3) IIT Kanpur
(4) IIT Mumbai (5) None of these
123. World Economic Forum (WEF) released its new list of 115 Young Global Leaders. How many Indians are included in the list?
(1) Two (2) Five (3) Ten (4) Fourteen (5) None of these
124. According to the Gender Social Norms Index report, released by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), how many countries have achieved gender equality?
(1) Two (2) Three (3) Five (4) Zero (5) None of these
125. As of 2020, how many languages in India are given the status of 'Classical language'?
(1) 4 (2) 6 (3) 8 (4) 10 (5) None of these

126. The term 'Delimitation' which was in news recently, is associated with which process?
(1) Fixing limits of Income tax
(2) Fixing limits of Affordable housing
(3) Fixing limits of territorial constituencies
(4) Fixing limits of Chairperson's salary
(5) None of these
127. The Exhibition named "EKAM Fest" is organized by which Union Ministry?
(1) Ministry of MSME
(2) Ministry of Steel
(3) Ministry of Textiles
(4) Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
(5) None of these
128. As of March 2020, the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) has covered how many appliances under the Star Labelling Programme?
(1) 12 (2) 16 (3) 20 (4) 26 (5) None of these
129. What is the time limit within which the Lokpal shall dispose of a complaint of alleged corruption against public servants?
(1) 21 days (2) 30 days (3) 45 days (4) 60 days (5) None of these
130. Crime Multi Agency Centre (Cri-MAC), which was seen in news, is associated with which organization?
(1) Central Bureau of Investigation (2) National Crime Records Bureau
(3) National Investigation Agency (4) Narcotics Control Bureau (5) None of these
131. The 'BhoomiRashi' Portal, which was sometimes seen in news, comes under which Union Ministry?
(1) Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
(2) Ministry of Home Affairs
(3) Ministry of the Road Transport and Highways
(4) Ministry of Earth Sciences
(5) None of these
132. India has appealed against the closure of Ambedkar House memorial. It is located in which country?
(1) France (2) UK (3) Russia (4) Japan (5) None of these
133. In context with the new recruitment system to be followed from 2021 for various government jobs, what does CET stand for?
(1) Common Eligibility Test (2) Common Entrance Test
(3) Central Eligibility Test (4) Central Entrance Test (5) None of these
134. 'Akshay Urja Portal' is an initiative of which Union Ministry?
(1) Ministry of Power
(2) Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
(3) Ministry of New & Renewable Energy
(4) Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises
(5) None of these
135. What is the daily wage per person in MGNREGA (Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act) scheme, after the relief package of the government?
(1) Rs. 182 (2) Rs. 192 (3) Rs. 202 (4) Rs. 242 (5) None of these

136. Which country recently joined as the 16th member in the e-VidyaBharati and e-AarogyaBharati (e-VBAB) Network Project of the Ministry of External Affairs of India?
(1) Senegal (2) The Gambia (3) Ghana (4) Zambia (5) None of these
137. The Diamond Princess cruise ship, which witnessed the largest coronavirus outbreak, is quarantined in which country?
(1) Australia (2) China (3) South Korea (4) Japan (5) None of these
138. Which country recently assumes presidency of the UN Security Council for the month of March 2020?
(1) India (2) China (3) Japan (4) Nepal (5) None of these
139. Which global organization has launched the "COVID Action Platform" to convene the business community to support for COVID-19?
(1) World Bank (2) World Economic Forum
(3) International Monetary Fund (4) United Nations (5) None of these
140. The Parliament of which country passed a bill to allow the President to contest in Presidential elections after 2024?
(1) United States (2) United Kingdom (3) Russia
(4) China (5) None of these
141. The US Congress approved a resolution to restrain President Donald Trump from attacking which country?
(1) Iraq (2) Iran (3) Sudan (4) Libya (5) None of these
142. Which country is set to create a \$4 billion anti-crisis fund to protect its economy from COVID-19 outbreak?
(1) United States (2) Russia (3) United Kingdom
(4) China (5) None of these
143. Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, whose birth centenary was celebrated recently, was the Founder President of which country?
(1) Nepal (2) Bangladesh (3) Thailand (4) Afghanistan (5) None of these
144. The recently released book titled "Chronicles of Change Champions" is a compilation of initiatives taken under which scheme?
(1) Swachch Bharat Mission (2) Poshan Maa Abhiyan
(3) Beti Bachao Beti Padhao (4) Sugamya Bharat (5) None of these
145. The book titled 'Adventures of a Daredevil Democrat', which was recently published, narrates the story of which Former Chief- Minister?
(1) M Karunanidhi (2) Biju Patnaik (3) Jyoti Basu
(4) C. Achutha Menon (5) None of these

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