

# Current Affairs Q&A PDF – August 2020

## Top 100 Questions

**1. Who has been appointed as the additional and independent director of Great Eastern Shipping Company Ltd (with effect from August 1, 2020)?**

- 1) S Jaishankar
- 2) Viral Acharya
- 3) BP Kanungo
- 4) Urjit Patel
- 5) None of the Above Answer - 4) **Urjit Patel Explanation:**

Great Eastern Shipping Company Ltd announced that its board has appointed former Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Urjit Patel as an additional and independent director for a term of 5 years, effective from August 01, 2020.

**2. Sonam Tshering Lepcha who passed away in July 2020 is a renowned \_\_\_\_\_.**

- 1) Folk Musician
- 2) Politician
- 3) Football Player
- 4) Painter
- 5) Architect

Answer – 1) **Folk Musician**

**Explanation:**

Folk Musician, composer, Lyricist and Padmashree awardee Sonam Tshering Lepcha passed away at the age

92, at Kalimpong, West Bengal due to old age ailments. He was born on 3rd January, 1928 at Bong Busty, Kalimpong, West Bengal. He played a major role in reviving and promoting the Lepcha Culture which is one of the indigenous culture of Sikkim.

**3. Lee Teng-hui (Mr Democracy) who is in news recently is the former president of which country?**

- 1) South Korea
- 2) China
- 3) Taiwan
- 4) Indonesia
- 5) Hong Kong

Answer – 3) **Taiwan**

**Explanation:**

The former Taiwanese President, Mr. Lee Teng-hui died at the age of 97 at Beitou District, Taipei City, Taiwan due to infection, and heart ailments. He was born on 15th January 1923, Sanzhi, Taiwan. He was popularly known as “Mr. Democracy” for eradicating the dictatorial rule in favour of unbiased pluralism in Taiwan.

**4. The Maharashtra government approved the Maharashtra Agribusiness Network (MagNet) project worth about Rs 1,000 crore. Which among the following bank will provide 70% of fund to the project?**

- 1) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)
- 2) New Development Bank (NDB)
- 3) Asian Development Bank (ADB)

4) World Bank (WB)

5) None of these

Answer - **3) Asian Development Bank (ADB)**

**Explanation:**

The Maharashtra government approved the Maharashtra Agribusiness Network (MagNet) project worth about Rs 1,000 crore (USD 142.9 million). The project aims to help farmers across all districts in the state for the next 6 years. This will boost the fruit and vegetable production and will improve processing and minimise the losses in the sector of perishables. 70% of the project cost will be funded by Asian Development Bank(ADB) while the rest of 30% by the state government.

**5. Haryana forest department used drone for aerial seeding to increase green cover in Aravallis recently. Which IIT designed the 'seeding drone'?**

1) IIT Delhi

2) IIT Bombay

3) IIT Madras 4) IIT Kanpur

5) IIT Gandhinagar

Answer - **4) IIT Kanpur**

**Explanation:**

In order to improve green cover in the inaccessible Aravalli area of Haryana's Faridabad district, the Haryana forest department has used drone technology to shower 50,000 seeds pallets covered with a mixture of clay and compost. This 'seeding drone' is designed by an Indian Institutes of Technology (IIT)Kanpur backed startup. Species whose seeds were disseminated included Peepal, Pilkhan, Amaltash, Bael Patra, Pahari Papri, Ronjh and Khairi.

**6. World Breastfeeding Week (WBW) is observed annually on August 1-7. What is the theme for WBW 2020?**

1) "Support Breast feeding for a healthier planet"

2) "Empower Parents, Enable Breastfeeding"

3) "Breastfeeding: Foundation of Life"

4) "Sustaining Breastfeeding Together"

5) None of the Above

Answer - **1) "Support Breast feeding for a healthier planet"**

**Explanation:**

World Breastfeeding Week is celebrated annually in the first week of August (from 1st of August to 7th of August) around 120 countries in the World. The day is celebrated to encourage breastfeeding and improve the babies' health around the world. The theme for the year 2020 is, "Support Breast feeding for a healthier planet".

**7. Find the person who has been appointed as the 14th Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India.**

1) Hardayal Prasad

2) Arvind Saxena

3) Pradeep Kumar Joshi

4) Rajiv Mehrishi

5) Girish Chandra Murmu

Answer - **5) Girish Chandra Murmu**

**Explanation:**

Ram Nath Kovind, President of India as per the powers conferred on him by Section 1 of Article 148 of the Constitution of India has appointed Girish Chandra (GC) Murmu as 14th Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India, with effect from the date he assumes charge of his office. He succeeds Rajiv Mehrishi who completes his term on August 8, 2020 as he attains the age of 65. GC Murmu will take oath on August 8, 2020 at the Rashtrapati Bhawan. He is the first tribal person to become CAG of India. He will have a tenure up to November 20, 2024.

**8. Which country is going to host the 13<sup>th</sup> edition of Indian Premier League (IPL) 2020?**

- 1) United Arab Emirates
- 2) South Africa
- 3) Australia
- 4) New Zealand
- 5) West Indies

**Answer – 1) United Arab Emirates**

**Explanation:**

The Central Government has given the go ahead for Indian Premier League to be rescheduled in the United Arab Emirates from September 19 to November 10, 2020 (13<sup>th</sup> edition of IPL).

**9. Amar Singh who passed away recently is a renowned \_\_\_\_\_.**

- 1) Singer
- 2) Actor
- 3) Politician
- 4) News Editor
- 5) Hockey Player

**Answer – 3) Politician Explanation:**

Former Samajwadi party leader and Rajya Sabha MP (Member of Parliament) Amar Singh, had passed away at the age 64, in Singapore due to Kidney ailments. He was born on January 27, 1956 at Aligarh in Uttar Pradesh. He had gone through kidney transplant in the year 2011. From 5th July 2016 to 1st August 2020, he was re-elected as the member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha. (Constituency: Uttar Pradesh) (preceded by Ambeth Rajan).

**10. What is the defence manufacturing turnover target of India by 2025 as per 'Defence Production & Export Promotion Policy (DPEPP) 2020'?**

- 1) Rs 1,50,000 crore
- 2) Rs 1,75,000 crore
- 3) Rs 2,25,000 crore
- 4) Rs 3,75,000 crore
- 5) Rs 5,90,000 crore

**Answer – 2) Rs 1,75,000 crore**

**Explanation:**

Ministry of Defence (MoD) publicized a draft 'Defence Production & Export Promotion Policy (DPEPP) 2020 for public feedback by August 17, 2020 after which the policy would be promulgated by the MoD. The policy aims to achieve a manufacturing turnover of \$25 bn or Rs 1,75,000 crore, including exports of \$5 bn or Rs 35,000 Crore in aerospace and defence goods and services by 2025. The Department of Defence Production (DDP) will be the nodal department for coordination on various components of the DPEPP 2020 and to achieve the objectives set in this Policy.

**11. Who has been appointed as the MD&CEO of HDFC Bank with effect from October 27, 2020?**

- 1) Deepak S Parekh

- 2) Keki M Mistry
- 3) Sumit Bose
- 4) Ranjan Mathai
- 5) Sashidhar Jagdishan

Answer – **5) Sashidhar Jagdishan**

**Explanation:**

The Reserve Bank of India(RBI) has approved Sashidhar Jagdishan as the next Managing Director(MD) and Chief Executive Officer(CEO) of HDFC Bank for a period of 3 years, effective from the date of taking charge i.e., October 27, 2020 under Section 35B of the Banking Regulation Act 1949. He will succeed Aditya Puri, the bank's longest serving CEO (26 years- since September 1994). Aditya Puri will retire on October 26, 2020, on attaining the age of 70.

**12. John Hume who passed away in August 2020 is the Nobel laureate in which category?**

- 1) Chemistry
- 2) Literature
- 3) Peace
- 4) Physics
- 5) Physiology

Answer – **3) Peace**

**Explanation:**

The Nobel Peace Prize winner (1998) and prominent Northern Ireland politician John Hume passed away at

83 in a Londonderry nursing home due to a long period of illness. He was born on January 8, 1937 in Derry(Londonderry), Northern Ireland (a part of the United Kingdom- UK). He is the only person to receive the three major peace awards (Gandhi Peace Prize, Nobel Peace Prize & Martin Luther King Award).

**13. Who heads the committee formed by Reserve Bank of India to set up a new mechanism for stressed assets (committee will also evaluate resolution plans where debt is more than Rs 1,500 crore.)?**

- 1) Diwakar Gupta
- 2) N. Manoharan
- 3) KV Kamath
- 4) Ashvin Parekh
- 5) None of the Above

Answer – **3) KV Kamath** **Explanation:**

RBI has decided to set up a new mechanism for stressed assets that need rescuing. In this regard, RBI will set up a committee under Kundapur Vaman Kamath, the former chairman of BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) Bank and ICICI (Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India) Bank to set the parameters and benchmarks for this programme aimed at the resolution of stressed loans. This committee will also evaluate resolution plans where debt is more than Rs 1,500 crore.

**14. Which state planned to develop India's 1<sup>st</sup> snow leopard conservation centre?**

- 1) Arunachal Pradesh
- 2) Madhya Pradesh
- 3) Uttarakhand
- 4) Himachal Pradesh
- 5) Uttar Pradesh

Answer - **3) Uttarakhand**

**Explanation:**

India's 1st snow leopard conservation centre is to be set up in Lanka, near Bhaironghati bridge in Uttarkashi district, Uttarakhand. Chief minister of Uttarakhand Trivendra Singh Rawat chaired a meeting along with State forest minister Harak Singh Rawat and other officials to look into the setting up of the conservation centre. It will be built by the Uttarakhand forest department along the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) as part of its six-year long project Securing livelihoods, conservation, sustainable use and restoration of high range Himalayan ecosystems (SECURE) Himalayas.

**15. Shivajirao Patil Nilangekar who passed away in August 2020 is the former Chief Minister of which state?**

- 1) Chhattisgarh
- 2) Maharashtra
- 3) Punjab
- 4) Gujarat
- 5) Andhra Pradesh

Answer - **2) Maharashtra**

**Explanation:**  
Senior Congressman and former Maharashtra Chief Minister (CM) Shivajirao Patil Nilangekar passed away at the age of 88 in Pune, Maharashtra. He was born on 1 September 1931 in Nilanga, Hyderabad state (British India).

**16. As per the study published in Nature climate change, the polar bears in arctic region will become extinct by which year?**

- 1) 2045
- 2) 2075
- 3) 2030
- 4) 2050
- 5) 2100

Answer - **5) 2100**

**Explanation:**

The new study of University of Toronto Scarborough published in the journal of Nature Climate Change titled "Fasting season length sets temporal limits for global polar bear persistence" on 20th July 2020, states that climate change is starving the polar bears into extinction and concluded that the Polar bears in the Arctic will become extinct by 2100. The study is the first of its kind to offer a timeline on the loss of arctic sea ice that will affect the reproduction and survival ability of the polar bears.

**17. Who has been appointed as the new Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K)?**

- 1) Anandiben Patel
- 2) Anusuiya Uikey
- 3) B. D. Mishra
- 4) Manoj Sinha
- 5) R. N. Ravi

Answer - **4) Manoj Sinha**

**Explanation:**

President of India, Ram Nath Kovind appointed Manoj Sinha (61), former union minister and senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader from Uttar Pradesh (UP) as Lieutenant (Lt) Governor of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K), effective from the date he assumes charge. He succeeds Girish Chandra Murmu, the 1st Lt governor of the Union Territory (UT) of J&K who resigned on August 5, 2020.

**18. India's 1st Kisan Rail was flagged off by railway minister Piyush Goyal & Agriculture minister Narendra Singh Tomar recently. The 1st Kisan rail ran from Maharashtra to which state?**

- 1) Gujarat
- 2) Goa
- 3) West Bengal
- 4) Bihar
- 5) Karnataka

**Answer – 4) Bihar**

**Explanation:**

Piyush Goyal, Union Minister of Railways and Narendra Singh Tomar, Union Minister of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare flagged off the India's 1st Kisan Rail, a Special Parcel Train from Maharashtra's Devlali to Bihar's Danapur Railway station through video link. This is the 1st ever multi commodity train of Indian Railways(IR) that carries fruits like Pomegranate, Banana, Grapes etc and vegetables like Capsicum, Cauliflower etc. The train will run on a weekly basis.

**19. Name the coastal village which is/are 1st in Indian Ocean Region termed as 'tsunami ready' by United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO).**

- 1) Venkatraipur
- 2) Noliasahi
- 3) Malappuram
- 4) Both 1) and 2)
- 5) Both 1) and 3)

**Answer – 4) Both 1) and 2)**

**Explanation:**

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) recognises Venkatraipur and Noliasahi, villages of Odisha as 'Tsunami Ready' for their overall preparedness to face the tsunami. With this recognition, Odisha became the first state in the India and India became the 1st Country in the Indian Ocean region to achieve the honour from the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of UNESCO. Note – Venkatraipur (Boxipalli) village is in Rangeilunda block in Ganjam district & Noliasahi village of Ersama block in Jagatsinghpur district.

**20. As per Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), the 1<sup>st</sup> International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste will be observed on \_\_\_\_\_ 2020.**

- 1) 21st September
- 2) 8th August
- 3) 29th September
- 4) 29th August
- 5) 15th August

**Answer – 3) 29th September**

**Explanation:**

The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) unveiled a new Platform, to support the global reduction of food loss and waste. The official launch of the platform will be on the first International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste (IDAFLW) which will be observed on 29th September 2020.

**21. According to Road Transport and Highways minister Nitin Gadkari, India aims to achieve zero road fatalities by which year?**

- 1) 2022

- 2) 2025
- 3) 2030
- 4) 2027
- 5) 2035

Answer – **3) 2030**

**Explanation:**

Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways, Nitin Jairam Gadkari while addressing the IndoAustralian Chamber of Commerce and Womenovator on Trade Investment and collaborations in Road infrastructure, has underlined India’s initiatives to achieve Zero Road Fatalities by 2030. The World Bank and Asian Development Bank have committed Rs. 7,000 crores each on initiatives to reduce road accidents.

**22. The RBI has mandated the Core Investment Companies with the largest asset size will have to form a group risk management committee (GRMC), based on the recommendation of working group under chairmanship of whom?**

- 1) Usha Thorat
- 2) Tapan Ray
- 3) Mahesh Kumar Jain
- 4) TN Manoharan
- 5) None of the Above

Answer – **2) Tapan Ray**

**Explanation:**

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has revised the guidelines applicable for Core Investment Companies (CICs) on the basis of the recommendations of the Working Group (WG) to Review the Regulatory and Supervisory Framework for Core Investment Companies (CICs), constituted under the Chairmanship of Tapan Ray, former Secretary, Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA). The report by the WG was published by RBI on November 6, 2019. CIC in the group, or the CIC with the largest asset size, will have to form a group risk management committee (GRMC), comprising of at least five members, with two independent directors.

**23. Which state/UT ranked top in the implementation of Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) scheme as per ranking released by Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs? 1) Andhra Pradesh**

- 2) Puducherry
- 3) Telangana
- 4) Odisha
- 5) Chandigarh

Answer – **4) Odisha**

**Explanation:**

Odisha has retained top position in the implementation of Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) scheme. According to rankings released by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), Odisha regained its top position by securing a score of 85.67 percent, followed by Union Territory of Chandigarh (75.08) and Telangana (74.04). **Top 3 States in Implementation of AMRUT Scheme:**

Position	State	Score
1	Odisha	85.67

2	Chandigarh (UT)	75.08
3	Telangana	74.04

**24. International Day of the World's Indigenous People or world tribal day was observed annually on August 9. What is the 2020's theme for the day?**

- 1) "COVID-19 and rights of Indigenous people"
- 2) "COVID-19 and save Indigenous people"
- 3) "COVID-19 and indigenous peoples' resilience"
- 4) "COVID-19 and save Indigenous Languages"
- 5) None of the Above

**Answer – 3) "COVID-19 and indigenous peoples' resilience"**

**Explanation:**

The United Nations (UN's) International Day of the World's Indigenous People is annually observed on 9th August by the Secretariat of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues with the UN and its member states to promote the rights of the indigenous population around the world. The International Day of the World's Indigenous People also known as World Tribal Day. The First International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples was celebrated on 9th August 1995. The International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples 2020 is celebrated under the theme – "COVID-19 and indigenous peoples' resilience".

**25. Which Indian organization is one among 10 global organizations which received "Food Systems Vision 2050 Prize" for its 'Eat Right India' movement?**

- 1) Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA)
- 2) Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO)
- 3) Food Corporation of India (FCI)
- 4) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)
- 5) None of these

**Answer - 4) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)**

**Explanation:**

Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) was selected as one of the ten global organizations for the Food system vision prize by Rockefeller Foundation, in partnership with SecondMuse, and OpenIDEO for the 'Eat Right India' movement. Also, the Naandi Foundation, a Hyderabad based non-profit organisation, as one of the top 10 'Visionaries' in the world for the Food Vision 2050 Prize.

**26. Which country is going to host the ICC Men's T20 World cup 2021 (T20 WC 2022 will be hosted by Australia)?** 1) Bangladesh

- 2) Sri Lanka
- 3) New Zealand
- 4) India
- 5) UAE

**Answer – 4) India**

**Explanation:**

International Cricket Council (ICC) confirmed that India will host the Men's Twenty-20 (T20) Cricket World

Cup 2021 (7th edition) between October – November 2021 as the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) retained the hosting rights and Australia will host the 2020 Men's World Cup (8th edition), which was postponed due to the global pandemic in 2022.



**27. Name the portal on human-elephants conflict which was launched by Union Environment minister Prakash Javadekar.**

- 1) ElicTune
- 2) Elephanto
- 3) SaveFrosty
- 4) Surakhsya
- 5) None of the Above Answer – **4) Surakhsya Explanation:**

Prakash Javadekar, Union Minister of Environment Forest & Climate Change (MoEFCC) along with MoS Environment ministry Supriyo & officials of the Ministry launched a beta version of a portal on HumanElephants Conflict called “Surakhsya”, a collection of real time information and supports managing conflicts on a real time basis.

**28. S N Rajeswari has been appointed as the chairman and managing director of which insurance company?**

- 1) United India Insurance Company Limited
- 2) Oriental Insurance Company Limited
- 3) New India Assurance Company Limited
- 4) Universal Sompo General Insurance Company
- 5) TATA AIG General Insurance Company Limited Answer – **2) Oriental Insurance Company Limited Explanation:**

S N Rajeswari has been appointed the Chairman-cum-Managing Director of Oriental Insurance Company Limited (OICL), according to a Personnel Ministry. She is currently General Manager of New India Assurance Company Limited.

**29. Who has been conferred with Asian College of Journalism (ACJ) award 2019 for investigative journalism?**

- 1) Nitin Sethi
- 2) Josy Joseph
- 3) Neha Dixit
- 4) Chitra Subramaniam
- 5) None of the Above Answer – **1) Nitin Sethi Explanation:**

Asian College of Journalism (ACJ) award 2019 was conferred upon Journalist Nitin Sethi for investigative journalism and K P Narayana Kumar Memorial Award 2019 for Social Impact Journalism is bestowed upon Journalist Shiv Sahay Singh. The awards were presented in a virtual ceremony by Soumya Swaminathan, chief scientist of the World Health Organisation (WHO), at the inauguration of the Class of 2021.

**30. The 77 new species of butterflies are found by scientist recently in Matheran an eco-sensitive zone of which state?**

- 1) Telangana
- 2) Maharashtra
- 3) Andhra Pradesh
- 4) Karnataka
- 5) Nagaland

Answer – **2) Maharashtra**

**Explanation:**

The 8 year long (2011 – 2019) field work research conducted in the Matheran an eco-sensitive zone near Mumbai, Maharashtra an area of 214.73 Square Kilometer, identified around 140 rare species of

butterflies including 77 new species. Scientists Mandar Sawant, Dr. Nikhil Modak and Sagar Sarang from the Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS) and Somaiya Vidya Vihar University published their research paper 'Finding the forgotten gems: Revisiting the butterflies of Matheran after 125 years' in the community peer-reviewed Biodiversity Data Journal.

**31. Krishi Megh, the data recovery centre of ICAR has been set up at National Academy of Agricultural Research Management (NAARM) in which city?**

- 1) Bengaluru
- 2) Chennai
- 3) Hyderabad
- 4) Noida
- 5) Mumbai

**Answer – 3) Hyderabad**

**Explanation:**

The data recovery centre-Krishi Megh has been set up at National Academy of Agricultural Research Management (NAARM), in Hyderabad.

**32. Which is the 1<sup>st</sup> country in the world to officially register a COVID-19 vaccine named 'Sputnik V'?**

- 1) China
- 2) Russia
- 3) United States
- 4) Germany
- 5) India

**Answer – 2) Russia**

**Explanation:**

Russia becomes the world's 1st country to officially register a coronavirus(COVID-19) vaccine and declare it ready for use. The vaccine will be marketed in foreign markets under the name 'Sputnik V', after the world's first satellite Sputnik. The vaccine has been developed jointly by the Gamaleya Research Institute of Epidemiology and Microbiology and the Russian Defence Ministry.

**33. Who heads the "National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration" formulated by central government?**

- 1) Amitabh Kant
- 2) Ajit Doval
- 3) Rajiv Kumar
- 4) Ajay Tyagi
- 5) VK Paul

**Answer – 5) VK Paul**

**Explanation:**

Central Government has formulated an expert committee namely "National Expert Group on Vaccine Administration" under the chairmanship of Dr VK Paul, a member (health) at the NITI (National Institution for Transforming India) Aayog to consider the logistics, ethical aspects of procurement, and administration of COVID-19 vaccine in discussion with all state governments and vaccine manufacturers.

**34. Which is the India's 1<sup>st</sup> private aerospace company to test fire 1st of its kind upper stage rocket engine named "Raman"?**

- 1) Skyroot Aerospace
- 2) Airnetz Aviation
- 3) BrahMos Aerospace

4) Boeing India

5) Aroon Aviation Services Answer – **1) Skyroot Aerospace Explanation:**

Skyroot Aerospace, Indian aerospace startup successfully test fired an upper stage rocket engine “Raman”, India’s first 100% 3D printed bi-propellant liquid rocket engine injector named after the Nobel laureate Sir CV Raman and became the first private aerospace company in India to test a rocket engine developed in India.

**35. Who heads the three-judge bench of Supreme Court which passed judgement that daughters have equal birthright to inherit property with retrospective effect?**

1) Justice Arun Mishra

2) Justice Dipak Misra

3) Justice Indu Malhotra

4) Justice Vineet Saran

5) Justice Krishna Murari Answer – **1) Justice Arun Mishra Explanation:**

In accordance with the landmark judgment passed by three-judge Bench of Supreme Court (SC) headed by Justice Arun Mishra and comprised of Justices S Abdul Nazeer and Mukeshkumar Rasikbhai Shah, as per the Hindu Succession (Amendment) Act, 2005, the daughters will have equal inheritance rights as of sons in the properties of fathers, grandfathers and great-grandfathers right from the codification of the law in 1956 i.e. it would have retrospective effect.

**36. Which country has tested a ballistic missile interceptor named ‘Arrow-2’?**

1) Kuwait

2) Iran

3) UAE

4) China

5) Israel

Answer - **5) Israel**

**Explanation:**

Israel Defence Minister Benny Gantz, announced that Israel has successfully tested their advanced missile defence system, Arrow-2, a ballistic missile interceptor, which serves as the top tier integrated Israeli shield built to withstand various missile salvos, was built with the support of the United States of America. Arrow 2 is a multi-layered system designed and manufactured by Israel Aerospace Industries and Boeing, US based industry.

**37. Who launched “Transparent Taxation – Honoring the Honest” platform of Income tax department?**

1) Anurag Singh Thakur

2) Nirmala Sitharaman

3) Nitin Gadkari

4) Narendra Modi

5) Rajnath Singh

Answer – **4) Narendra Modi**

**Explanation:**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched a platform for “Transparent Taxation – Honoring the Honest” via video conferencing that provides faceless assessment and appeal and taxpayers’ charter, as a part of direct tax reforms. While the faceless assessment and taxpayers’ charter would be implemented from August 13 itself but the faceless appeal system would be available from September 25, 2020 i.e. on the birth anniversary of Deendayal Upadhyaya.

**38. PM Modi recently inaugurated submarine Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) connecting Chennai and which city?**

- 1) Kolkata
- 2) Vishakhapatnam
- 3) Port Blair
- 4) Surat
- 5) Mumbai

**Answer – 3) Port Blair**

**Explanation:**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated and dedicate to the Nation, submarine Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) connecting Chennai, Tamil Nadu and Port Blair, Andaman & Nicobar Islands (A&NI) through video conferencing. This connectivity will enable delivery of faster mobile and landline telecom services to A&NI, at par with other parts of India. The Submarine OFC cable has been laid at a cost of about Rs 1224 Crore. The foundation stone for 2,312-kilometer Chennai – Andaman and Nicobar Islands (CANI) was laid by PM Narendra Modi on 30th December 2018 at Port Blair.

**39. Who heads the 5-member committee formed by Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau for the investigation of Kozhikode plane crash?**

- 1) Ved Prakash
- 2) SS Chahar
- 3) Mukul Bharadwaj
- 4) YS Dahiya
- 5) Jasbir Singh

**Answer – 2) SS Chahar**

**Explanation:**

The Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) formed a 5-member panel headed Captain S S Chahar to investigate the circumstances of the Air India Express Dubai-Calicut flight IX 1344Crash at the Kozhikode airport, Kerala on 7th August 2020. The 5-member team will probe and determine the cause and contributory factors that led to the accident. The team will also make recommendations to avoid similar accidents in the future. Captain S S Chahar, the in charge of the investigation will submit his reports within next 5 months.

**40. Chetan Chauhan who passed away in August 2020 is a renowned \_\_\_\_\_.**

- 1) Cricketer
- 2) Politician
- 3) Singer
- 4) Both 1) and 2)
- 5) All the 1), 2) and 3)

**Answer – 4) Both 1) and 2)**

**Explanation:**

Former Indian cricketer and Uttar Pradesh (UP) Cabinet Minister of Sainik Welfare, Home Guards, Prantiya Rakshak Dal and Civil Security Chetan Chauhan (Full Name- Chetan Pratap Singh Chauhan) passed away at 73 in Medanta hospital, Gurugram, Haryana due to COVID-19. He belongs to Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

He was honoured with the Arjuna award in 1981. He was born on July 21, 1947 in Bareilly, UP. Sarabhai's 100th birth century was observed on 12th of August, 2020.

**41. Name the indigenisation portal of Department of Defence Production (DDP) which was launched by Defence minister Rajnath Singh recently.**

- 1) SAMRATH
- 2) SAMADHAN
- 3) PARIVESH
- 4) SRIJAN

5) None of the Above Answer – **4) SRIJAN Explanation:**

On the final day of Atma Nirbhar Week celebration between August 7-14, 2020 of the Ministry of Defence (MoD) and to boost Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan (self-reliant India movement), Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh virtually launched Department of Defence Production (DDP) portal SRIJAN as a part of “opportunities for Make in India in Defence”. This portal provides information about defence equipment and items which are being imported currently or are going to be imported by the Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs)/Ordnance Factory Board (OFB)/ Service Headquarters (SHQs) so that they can be taken up for indigenisation by Indian companies that can design, develop and manufacture as per their capability or through joint venture with original equipment manufacturers (OEMs).

**42. Under Partial Credit Guarantee Scheme (PCGS) 2.0 the finance ministry increased the maximum limit for purchase of AA/AA- bonds and Commercial Papers by Public Sector Banks from 25% to**

- 1) 40%
- 2) 35%
- 3) 30%
- 4) 50%
- 5) 45%

Answer – **4) 50%**

**Explanation:**

Partial Credit Guarantee Scheme (PCGS) 2.0 which was launched on May 20, 2020 as a part of Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan has been extended by three months i.e. till November 11, 2020 in order to widen the coverage to include a larger number of non-banking financial companies (NBFCs), housing finance companies (HFCs) and microfinance institutions (MFIs) With regard to portfolio level, the maximum headroom permissible for purchase of bonds and CPs (Commercial paper), rated AA/AA-, by PSBs under the Scheme is also extended to 50% from the earlier 25% (i.e. Rs 11,250 crore).

**43. Which two countries have agreed the historic peace agreement namely ‘Abraham Accord’?**

- 1) UAE & Iran
- 2) Iran & Iraq
- 3) Israel & UAE
- 4) Iraq & Kuwait
- 5) Kuwait & UAE

Answer - **3) Israel & UAE**

**Explanation:**

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel, and Sheikh Mohammed Bin Zayed, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the United Arab Emirates, have agreed for the Israel–United Arab Emirates peace agreement, or the Abraham Accord to establish full diplomatic ties. In this regard, Israeli will halt further annexation of Palestinian lands. This announcement was made by the United States

(US) President Donald John Trump, who acted as mediator of this agreement. With this, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) became the first Gulf Arab state and only the third Arab nation after Egypt and Jordan to have active diplomatic ties to Israel.

**44. Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari was given the additional charge as Governor of Goa. Who has been appointed as the new governor of Meghalaya?** 1) Jagdish Mukhi

- 2) B. D. Mishra
- 3) Satya Pal Malik
- 4) Biswabhusan Harichandan
- 5) Phagu Chauhan

**Answer – 3) Satya Pal Malik**

**Explanation:**

Ram Nath Kovind, President of India appointed Satya Pal Malik, Goa Governor as the Governor of Meghalaya. Meanwhile, Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari was given the additional charge as Governor of Goa. Satya Pal Malik replaced Tathagata Roy who completed his 5-year term by serving as governor of Tripura for 3 years and remaining in Meghalaya. The appointments will be effective from the dates they assume charge of their respective offices.

**45. What is the theme for “India Healthcare Week” which was observed between 17th – 21st August 2020?**

- 1) “Redefining Healthcare Ecosystem”
- 2) “Healthcare for Future”
- 3) “Help to improve Healthcare”
- 4) “Healthcare for better Future”
- 5) None of the Above

**Answer – 1) “Redefining Healthcare Ecosystem”**

**Explanation:**

Dr Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare; Science & Technology and Earth Sciences virtually addressed the inaugural session of the two-day long CII Public Health Conference, where he inaugurated “India Healthcare Week” with the theme “Redefining Healthcare Ecosystem” from 17th – 21st August 2020. The week has been initiated by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) in partnership with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) and the Ministry of AYUSH (Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy).

**46. How much amount was approved by Asian Development Bank (ADB) for the for Delhi-Meerut Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS)?**

- 1) USD 2 billion
- 2) USD 1 billion
- 3) USD 750 3illion
- 4) USD 500 million
- 5) USD 5 billion

**Answer – 2) USD 1 billion**

**Explanation:**

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a USD 1 billion (about Rs 7,485 crore) loan to construct the modern, high-speed 82-kilometer Delhi – Meerut, Uttar Pradesh Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) in India, a first of its kind in India. The finance of the Delhi- Meerut RRTS project will be given in 4 tranches between August 2020 and May 2025. The NCR Transport Corporation (NCRTC) will execute the project.

**47. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) released the “Framework for authorization of Pan-India Umbrella Entity for Retail Payments” recently. What should be the minimum paid-up capital of umbrella entity?**

- 1) 250 Cr
- 2) 100 Cr
- 3) 1000 Cr
- 4) 500 Cr
- 5) 750 Cr

Answer – **4) 500 Cr**

**Explanation:**

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) released the “Framework for authorisation of Pan-India Umbrella Entity for Retail Payments” on the lines of the feedback received on the “draft framework for authorisation of a PanIndia New Umbrella Entity for Retail Payment Systems” which was placed on Reserve Bank’s website on

February 10, 2020 for public comments. The Board for Regulation and Supervision of Payment and Settlement Systems (BPSS), will be the final authority to issue authorisation for setting up umbrella entity / entities for retail payments comprising of Automated Teller Machines (ATMs), White Label PoS (point of sale system), Aadhaar-based payments and remittance. The minimum paid-up capital of the umbrella entity should be Rs 500 crore. All entities eligible to apply as promoters of the umbrella entity should be owned and controlled by resident Indian citizens under the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (FEMA).

**48. Which state/UT ranked top in best performing states in operationalization of Health and Wellness Centers (HWCs) released by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare?**

- 1) Haryana
- 2) Punjab
- 3) Delhi
- 4) Chandigarh
- 5) Telangana

Answer - **2) Punjab**

**Explanation:**

State of Punjab has secured first rank in the list of best performing states in operationalisation of Health and Wellness Centers (HWCs) released by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare(MoHFW), Government of India.

**49. Reliance Retail Ventures has bought 100% direct ownership of which online pharmacy company recently?**

- 1) Swasthyashopee
- 2) Comedz
- 3) Netmeds
- 4) Myramed
- 5) EMedix

Answer – **3) Netmeds**

**Explanation:**

Reliance Retail Ventures Ltd (RRVL), a subsidiary of Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) has acquired 60% equity stake in Vitalic Health Pvt Ltd(Vitalic) and 100% direct equity ownership of its subsidiaries namely Tresara Health Private Limited, Netmeds MarketPlace Limited and Dadha Pharma Distribution Pvt

Limited (collectively known as Netmeds) for a cash consideration of around Rs 620 crore (USD 83.08 million). The deal values Netmeds around Rs 1,000 crore. RRVL's investment is aligned with its commitment to provide digital access to everyone in India.

**50. According to the report of National Cancer Registry Programme 2020, cancer in India may rise from 13.9 Lakhs in 2020 to 15.7 lakhs in 2025. The report was released by which institute of ICMR?**

- 1) National Institute of Research in Tribal Health
- 2) National Centre for Disease Informatics and Research
- 3) National AIDS Research Institute
- 4) National Institute of Epidemiology
- 5) National Institute of Pathology

**Answer – 2) National Centre for Disease Informatics and Research**

**Explanation:**

The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) – National Centre for Disease Informatics & Research (NCDIR), Bengaluru released a new Report of National Cancer Registry Programme 2020. The report estimates that cancer in India will rise by 25% in 2020 and may rise 12% from the 1392179 cases in 2020 to 1569793 cases in 2025 and tobacco related cancers are estimated to constitute around 27% of all cancers.

**51. National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has launched the subsidiary NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL) recently. Who is the CEO of NIPL?**

- 1) Ritesh Shukla
- 2) Dilip Asbe
- 3) Rajiv Kumar
- 4) Ajay Tyagi
- 5) Harsh Patel

**Answer – 1) Ritesh Shukla**

**Explanation:**

The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has launched a wholly-owned subsidiary, NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL) to internationalize (or export to foreign markets) NPCI's indigenously developed offerings and technological acumen, i.e. real-time payment system, Unified Payments Interface (UPI) and card payment network, RuPay along with a few more offerings of NPCI. It is also responsible to co-create payment technologies with other countries. NPCI has appointed Ritesh Shukla as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of NIPL.

**52. Which is the 1st foreign bank to launch a 'Green Deposit Programme' in India?**

- 1) HSBC India
- 2) Deutsche Bank
- 3) Standard Chartered Bank
- 4) DBS Bank
- 5) Bank of China

**Answer – 1) HSBC India Explanation:**

HSBC India becomes 1st Foreign Bank in India to launch a 'Green Deposit Programme' exclusively for corporate clients to finance green initiatives and eco-friendly projects like renewable energy, clean transportation, and pollution prevention among others, that promote transition to a low-carbon, climate resilient and sustainable economy. This will enable companies to support environmentally-beneficial projects.



**53. The Uttar Pradesh government has signed MoU with which country for water resource management in Bundelkhand?**

- 1) Israel
- 2) Switzerland
- 3) Botswana
- 4) Estonia
- 5) Chile

**Answer - 1) Israel**

**Explanation:**

The government of Uttar Pradesh (UP) signed an agreement with the Israel's Water Resource Minister for the water resource management in Bundelkhand region in Uttar Pradesh. Ron Malka, Israel's Ambassador to India and Alok Sinha, Agriculture Production Commissioner of Uttar Pradesh signed the 'plan of cooperation' on behalf of Israel and India respectively. The 'plan of cooperation' is initially signed for 2 years, with the interest of the project, this will be extended in the future. The project was developed by the

MASHAV — Israel's Agency for International Development Cooperation under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. This cooperation will help with the Indo-Israel Bundelkhand water project undertaken in this region for long term reforms in water management.

**54. Which is cleanest city of India (> 10 Lakh population) as announced by Hardeep Singh Puri in 5<sup>th</sup> annual cleanliness urban survey of India, Swachh Survekshan 2020?**

- 1) Chennai
- 2) Navi Mumbai
- 3) Indore
- 4) Surat
- 5) Bengaluru

**Answer - 3) Indore**

**Explanation:**

Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), Hardeep Singh Puri, Minister of State (MoS)-Independent Charge (I/C) MoHUA announced the 5th edition of the annual cleanliness urban survey of India i.e. "Swachh Survekshan 2020 (SS2020)" conducted by MoHUA. A total of 129 awards were given by the minister in which Madhya Pradesh's Indore Creates record as India's cleanest city for the 4th consecutive time while Gujarat's Surat and Maharashtra's Navi Mumbai grabbed 2nd and 3rd positions respectively. India's Cleanest Mega City- Amdavad, Gujarat (>40 Lakh population). The India's Cleanest Big City- Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh (10-40 Lakh Population). India's Cleanest Medium City- Mysuru, Karnataka (3-10 Lakh Population). India's Cleanest Small City- Ambikapur, Chhattisgarh (1-3 Lakh population) & India's Cleanest Capital- New Delhi Municipal Corporation (NDMC), Delhi.

**55. Who has won the 2020 world snooker championship (at Crucible Theatre, Sheffield, England)?**

- 1) Neil Robertson
- 2) Ronnie O'Sullivan
- 3) John Higgins 4) Graeme Dott
- 5) Mark Williams

**Answer - 2) Ronnie O'Sullivan**

**Explanation:**

English Professional Snooker Player Ronnie O'Sullivan won the World Snooker Championship for the 6th time by winning the 2020 World Snooker Championship at Crucible Theatre, Sheffield, England. He defeated England's Kyren Wilson 18-8 in the final of the Betfred World Snooker Championship.

**56. Name the organization which invited countries to join its COVID-19 Vaccine Global Access (COVAX) facility by August 31, 2020.**

- 1) Amnesty International
- 2) United Nations Children's Fund
- 3) Commonwealth of Nations
- 4) World Health Organisation
- 5) World Economic Forum

**Answer - 4) World Health Organisation**

**Explanation:**

In order to provide rapid, fair and equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines worldwide, the World Health Organisation (WHO) has invited countries to join its Covid-19 Vaccine Global Access (COVAX) facility by August 31, 2020. This facility is led by the WHO, along with the GAVI vaccine alliance (formerly the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunisation), and the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI). Its aim is to deliver 2 billion doses of effective, approved COVID-19 vaccines by the end of 2021.

**57. Name the person who has been appointed as the Managing Director of State Bank of India.**

- 1) PK Gupta
- 2) BP Sharma
- 3) Ashwani Bhatia
- 4) Arijit Basu
- 5) Dinesh Khara

**Answer - 3) Ashwani Bhatia**

**Explanation:**

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi appointed Ashwani Bhatia, Deputy Managing Director (DMD), State Bank of India (SBI) as the Managing Director (MD) of SBI, effective from his date of assumption upto the date of his superannuation (May 31, 2022) or until further orders, whichever is earlier. He succeeds PK Gupta, who superannuated on March 31, 2020.

**58. Who has been appointed as the new Election Commissioner of India with effect from August 31, 2020?**

- 1) Amitabh Kant
- 2) Ajit Doval
- 3) Rajiv Kumar
- 4) Ajay Tyagi
- 5) VK Paul

**Answer - 3) Rajiv Kumar**

**Explanation:**

Retired IAS officer and Former Finance Secretary Rajiv Kumar was appointed as the Election Commissioner with effect from August 31, 2020. He succeeds Ashok Lavasa who resigned the position to join as VicePresident of Asia Development Bank. He will be working alongside other Election Commissioner Sushil Chandra.

**59. Who among the following was not conferred with Rajiv Gandhi Khel ratna award in national sports awards 2020?**

- 1) Rohit Sharma
- 2) Manika Batra

- 3) Mariyappan Thangavelu
- 4) Shashi Malik
- 5) Vinesh Phogat

Answer – **4) Shashi Malik**

**Explanation:**

National Sports Awards 2020 were announced by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. The awards were recommended by the Selection Committee headed by Justice (Retd.) Mukundakam Sharma (former Judge of Supreme Court of India) and after due scrutiny, the Government has decided to confer awards upon the deserving sportspersons, coaches and entities under various categories. For the first time in the history of National Sports awards that 5 sportsperson named for Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna award and 27 athletes for Arjuna Award. **Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award:**

Number of Awardees: 5

Name of the Sportsperson	Discipline
Rohit Sharma	Cricket
Mariyappan Thangavelu	Para Athletics
Manika Batra	Table Tennis
Vinesh Phogat	Wrestling
Rani Rampal	Hockey

**60. Name the mobile app which was developed by National Highways Authority of India to monitor highway plantation.**

- 1) Gora Path
  - 2) Vishwa Path
  - 3) Nova Path
  - 4) Harit Path
  - 5) None of the Above
- Answer – **4) Harit Path**

**Explanation:**  
Nitin Jairam Gadkari, Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways launched the mobile app, “Harit Path” for monitoring plantations and transplantation of trees along the highway. during the meeting to review the New Green Highway Policy (Plantation). The mobile app was developed by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), a Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) under the Ministry of Road and Transport.

**61. PM Modi announced 10 year long project to conserve which animal (project led by Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Prakash Keshav Javadekar)? 1)**

- 1) Indian Giant Flying Squirrel
- 2) Gangetic Dolphin
- 3) Dugong
- 4) Red Panda
- 5) Asiatic Peacock

Answer – **2) Gangetic Dolphin**

**Explanation:**

On the lines of “Project Tiger” and “Project Elephant”, PM Modi announced the “Project Dolphin” To give a stronger impetus for the conservation of the Gangetic Dolphins which were declared National Aquatic Species in 2010. It is a 10-year-long project led by Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate

Change Prakash Keshav Javadekar. The project involves conservation of Dolphins and the aquatic habitat through the use of modern technology specially in enumeration and anti-poaching activities. As per official figures, there are around 3,700 Gangetic River Dolphins in India.

**62. Who heads the committee formed by central government to reconsider the minimum age for marriage for women?**

- 1) Vinod Paul
- 2) Jaya Jaitly
- 3) Vasudha Kamath
- 4) Dipti Shah
- 5) Najma Akhtar

Answer – **2) Jaya Jaitly** **Explanation:**

The centre has set up a committee chaired by Jaya Jaitly to reconsider the minimum age for marriage for women and appropriate action will be taken after a report is submitted. The government is focused towards equal opportunities for self-employment and employment to women.

**63. The central government has formulated the National Council for Transgender Persons recently. Who is the present chairperson of the council?**

- 1) Narendra Singh Tomar
- 2) Thaawar Chand Gehlot
- 3) Ram Vilas Paswan
- 4) D.V. Sadananda Gowda
- 5) Ravi Shankar Prasad

Answer - **2) Thaawar Chand Gehlot**

**Explanation:**

On August 21, 2020, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 16 of the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019 (40 of 2019) the Central Government constituted the India's first 30-member National Council for Transgender Persons to advice, monitor and evaluate measures for the protection of the rights of Transgender community. The 30-member council is consisted of 1 Chairperson, 1 Vice-Chairperson, 13 members, 14 nominated members and 1-member secretary. The Chairperson of the council is Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment (SJ&E) (Thaawar Chand Gehlot at present) & Vice-chairperson: Minister of State (MoS), SJ&E.

**64. "Thumbimahotsavam 2020" is the 1<sup>st</sup> ever dragonfly festival of which state?**

- 1) West Bengal
- 2) Odisha
- 3) Andhra Pradesh
- 4) Kerala
- 5) Arunachal Pradesh

Answer – **4) Kerala** **Explanation:**

The first ever Kerala State Dragonfly Festival 2020 aka "Thumbimahotsavam 2020" was launched by the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF)-India State unit in collaboration with Society for Odonate Studies (SOS) and Thumbipuram through a virtual ceremony from Kerala. Dr. Subramanian K.A., scientist at Zoological Survey of India (ZSI), Southern Regional Center, Chennai (Tamil Nadu) addressed the inaugural session. The festival will culminate with the State dragonfly summit, most probably in January 2021. The official mascot of the festival is "Pantalu" which is the genus of dragonfly in the family Libellulidae commonly known as rainpool gliders.

**65. Who among the following has been inducted into International Cricket Council (ICC)'s cricket hall of fame 2020?**

- 1) Jacques Kallis
- 2) Lisa Sthalekar
- 3) Syed Zaheer Abbas
- 4) Both 1) and 2)
- 5) All the 1), 2) and 3)

**Answer – 5) All the 1), 2) and 3)**

**Explanation:**

Former players Jacques Kallis (South Africa), Lisa Caprini Sthalekar (Australia) and Syed Zaheer Abbas Kirmani (Pakistan) were inducted into the International Cricket Council's (ICC) Hall of Fame of the class of 2020 in a virtual ceremony. ICC Cricket Hall of Fame recognizes the achievements of the legends of the game from cricket's long and illustrious history.

**66. Name the person who headed the NITI Aayog task force which recommended linking of Sugarcane prices to sugar rate.**

- 1) Padmavathi Ravi
- 2) Ravindra Pratap Singh
- 3) V.K. Saraswat
- 4) Ramesh Chand
- 5) V.K. Paul

**Answer – 4) Ramesh Chand**

**Explanation:**

The final report of the NITI (National Institution for Transforming India) Aayog Task Force headed by Ramesh Chand, NITI Aayog Member (Agriculture), "Sugarcane and Sugar Industry" recommended linking of Sugarcane prices to sugar rate to maintain the financial state and stability of the industry and to clear the arrears of the sugarcane farmers. This report of the task force was finalized in March 2020 and published on August 20. To support the sugar mills with the cost of production, including the interest and maintenance cost the report recommends a onetime increase in the minimum sugar price to Rs.33 per kilogram.

**67. Indian government has signed \$500 million loan agreement with which bank to improve quality & safety of Mumbai's suburban railway system?**

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

**Answer – 1) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)**

**Explanation:**

A loan agreement was inked between the Government of India, the Government of Maharashtra, Mumbai Railway Vikas Corporation (MRVC) and the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) for Mumbai Urban Transport Project-III. The agreement aims to improve the network capacity, reduction in journey time and fatal accidents of commuters, service quality and safety of the suburban railway system in Mumbai, Maharashtra. The total estimated cost of the project is \$997 million, of which \$500 million will be financed by the AIIB, \$310 million by the Government of Maharashtra and \$187 million by the Ministry of Railways. The loan from the AIIB has a 5-year grace period and a maturity of 30 years.

**68. Which is 1<sup>st</sup> bank in India to use satellite data to access credit worthiness of farmers?**

- 1) ICICI Bank
- 2) Indian Bank
- 3) HDFC Bank
- 4) State Bank of India
- 5) Canara Bank

**Answer – 1) ICICI Bank**

**Explanation:**

ICICI Bank uses satellite data (imagery from Earth observation satellites) to assess credit worthiness of farmers. ICICI Bank has become the 1<sup>st</sup> bank in India to use such a technique to measure an array of parameters related to the land, irrigation and crop patterns and use it in combination with demographic and financial parameters to make quick lending decisions for farmers.

**69. G Satheesh Reddy has got 2-year extension as the chairman of which organization?**

- 1) Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (CDAC)
- 2) Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)
- 3) Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
- 4) National Informatics Centre (NIC)
- 5) National Development Centre (NDC)

**Answer - 2) Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)**

**Explanation:**

Renowned Aerospace Scientist G. Satheesh Reddy was given a two-year extension as Chairman of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) & as Secretary of the Department of Defence Research & Development (DoDRD) by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet. G Satheesh Reddy was appointed to the post in August 2018 for a tenure of two years.

**70. Name the Indian who has bagged the first-ever gold for India in Mental Calculation World Championship (August 2020).**

- 1) Neelakantha Bhanu Prakash
- 2) Granth Thakkar
- 3) Rhea Shah
- 4) Priyanshi Somani
- 5) None of the Above

**Answer – 1) Neelakantha Bhanu Prakash**

**Explanation:**

Neelakantha Bhanu Prakash Jonnalagadda of Hyderabad has bagged the first ever Gold Medal for India in Mental Calculations (MC) World Cup (MCWC) held on August 15, 2020 by Mind Sports Olympiad (MSO). Neelakantha Bhanu Prakash is a student of Mathematics (Honors) at Delhi University's St Stephen College and holds 4 World Records and 50 Limca records for being the fastest human calculator in the world.

**71. Which continent was declared wild polio free by World Health organization in August 2020?**

- 1) Australia
- 2) South America
- 3) Asia
- 4) Africa
- 5) Europe

**Answer – 4) Africa**

**Explanation:**

The African Continent was declared free of wild polio by the independent body, the Africa Regional Certification Commission (ARCC), which is responsible for certifying the eradication of wild poliovirus in the World Health Organization (WHO) African Region. The Poliovirus is now found only in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

**72. What is the projected growth rate of India for 2020-21 as per Reserve Bank of India's annual report 2019-20?**

- 1) -2.7%
- 2) -4.5%
- 3) -3.5%
- 4) -5.2%
- 5) -0.7%

**Answer – 2) -4.5%**

**Explanation:**

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) released its Annual Report for 2019-20. It is Report of the Central Board of Directors on the working of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for the year ended June 30, 2020 submitted to the Central Government in terms of Section 53(2) of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934 In the report, RBI projected that India's growth at minus (-) 4.5% for 2020-21. It will be (-) 3.7% in the single hit scenario and (-) 7.3% in the double hit scenario in FY2020-21. On the global front, the growth is projected at (-) 6.0% in the single hit scenario and (-) 7.6% in the double hit scenario in FY20-21.

**73. Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has signed agreement with which institute to set up the first of its kind innovation cum incubation center for the promotion of space research? 1)**

- 1) Aryabhata Knowledge Institute of Science and Technology
- 2) Birla Institute of Technology
- 3) Veer Surendra Sai University of Technology
- 4) Sri Venkateshwara University
- 5) None of the Above

**Answer – 3) Veer Surendra Sai University of Technology**

**Explanation:**

Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Veer Surendra Sai University of Technology (VSSUT), Burla, Odisha, a technical institute, to set up the first of its kind innovation cum incubation centre, VSSUT Space Innovation Centre (VSSIC) in India to promote space research.

**74. Name the state which ranked top in overall ranking in Export Preparedness Index (EPI) 2020 released by NITI Aayog in partnership with Institute of competitiveness. 1) Tamil Nadu**

- 2) Maharashtra
- 3) Odisha
- 4) Gujarat
- 5) Rajasthan

**Answer – 4) Gujarat**

**Explanation:**

NITI Aayog in partnership with Institute of Competitiveness released the Export Preparedness Index (EPI) 2020, this is the first report to examine export preparedness and performance of the states of India.

Gujarat was identified as the top performing state in the category of Coastal state and also topped the Overall rankings.

**Top 5 in Overall rankings:**

Rank	State	Export Preparedness	State Category
1	Gujarat	75.19	Coastal
2	Maharashtra	75.14	Coastal
3	Tamil Nadu	64.93	Coastal
4	Rajasthan	62.59	Landlocked
5	Odisha	58.23	Coastal

**75. The women from which state has ranked topped in the list of loan beneficiaries under Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) as on March 31, 2020?**

- 1) Kerala
- 2) Tamil Nadu
- 3) Karnataka
- 4) Maharashtra

**5) Uttar Pradesh Answer – 2) Tamil Nadu Explanation:**

In accordance with the data provided by the Ministry of Finance to the Rajya Sabha, as of March 31, 2020, women in Tamil Nadu topped the list of loan benefits under Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) by availing Rs 58,227 crore loan. They are followed by women in West Bengal (Rs 55,232 crore), Karnataka (Rs 47,714 crore), Bihar (Rs 44,879 crore) and Maharashtra (Rs 42,000 crore).

**76. Who has become 1<sup>st</sup> fast bowler to take 600 wickets in international test cricket?**

- 1) Stuart Broad
- 2) James Anderson
- 3) Glenn McGrath
- 4) Dale Steyn
- 5) Ishant Sharma

**Answer – 2) James Anderson**

**Explanation:**

England pacer James Anderson, 38-year-old, has become the first fast bowler in history to take 600 Test wickets in the third Test against Pakistan at the Ageas Bowl in Southampton, England, who is only the fourth bowler in the test cricket to join the 600-Plus Club with the three legendary spinners Sri Lankan Muttiah Muralitharan (800), Australian Shane Warne (708) and Indian Anil Kumble (619).

**77. The world water week 2020 (World Water Week at Home) was observed between August 24-28 with the theme \_\_\_\_\_.**

- 1) 'Water and Climate change: Accelerating Action'
- 2) 'Water and waste: reduce and reuse'
- 3) 'Water, Ecosystems and Human Development'
- 4) 'Water for society - including all'



5) 'Water and Jobs'

Answer – 1) **'Water and Climate change: Accelerating Action'**

**Explanation:**

The World Water Week of the year 2020 is observed as the World Water Week at Home (WWWeek at Home) from 24rd August 2020 to 28th August 2020. The World Water Week, organized by Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI) has been annually celebrated as the most influential, innovative and dynamic movement for transforming the global water issues. The World Water Week has been celebrated and organized since 1991. The World Water Week of the year 2019 was observed from 25th August 2019 to 30th August 2019. The theme of WWWeek at Home 2020 is 'Water and Climate change: Accelerating Action'.

**78. Which company has partnered with UNICEF to map internet connectivity landscape for schools in 35 countries by the end of 2023?**

- 1) AT&T
- 2) Verizon Communications
- 3) Reliance Jio
- 4) Bharti Airtel
- 5) Ericsson

Answer – 5) **Ericsson**

**Explanation:**

Ericsson, Swedish Telecom Company, partnered with United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) to map internet connectivity landscape for schools in 35 countries by the end of 2023 to provide digital learning access to the children. This joint initiative is a part of the Giga initiative launched by UNICEF and International Telecommunication Union (ITU), in September 2019 to provide internet connection to every school and their surrounding communities. Ericsson is the first private sector partner to make a million-dollar commitment to the Giga initiative and global UNICEF partner for School Connectivity Mapping.

**79. Who has bagged 2020 International Booker Prize for the book 'The Discomfort of Evening' (youngest author to receive the award)?**

- 1) David Grossman
- 2) Jokha al-Harhi
- 3) Marieke Lucas Rijneveld
- 4) Joshua Zen
- 5) Han Kang

Answer – 3) **Marieke Lucas Rijneveld**

**Explanation:**

Dutch Author Marieke Lucas Rijneveld won the 2020 International Booker Prize for the Literary fiction book 'The Discomfort of Evening'. Rijneveld became the youngest author to win the prize at the age of 29. The Book was first published in Dutch in 2018 and eventually translated into English by Michele Hutchison. The International Booker prize is separate from the main Booker Prize.

**80. The Business with an annual turnover of up to \_\_\_\_\_ are exempted from GST (August 2020).**

- 1) Rs 20 lakh
- 2) Rs 50 lakh
- 3) Rs 40 lakh
- 4) Rs 25 lakh
- 5) Rs 10 lakh

Answer – **3) Rs 40 lakh**

**Explanation:**

Businesses with an annual turnover of up to Rs 40 lakh are GST exempt. Initially, this limit was Rs 20 lakh. Also, those with a turnover up to Rs 1.5 crore can opt for the Composition Scheme and pay only 1% tax.

**81. Government of Assam approved the 'Assam Skill Development University Bill' to set up World Class Skill University at Mangaldoi, Darrang District. The University will be financed by which bank?**

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

Answer - **3) Asian Development Bank (ADB)**

**Explanation:**

Government of Assam approved the 'Assam Skill Development University Bill', which provides for setting up of World Class Skill University at Mangaldoi, Darrang District at a cost of 900 crore rupees. The University will be the first of its kind in the North-East Region and will be financed by Asian Development Bank (ADB). Assam Industry and Commerce Minister Chandra Mohan Patowary made the announcement about the setting up of the university, after a cabinet meeting. The State Government of Assam has tied up with Singapore based ITE Education Service, for setting up of the Skill Development University.

**82. Name the Kerala's 1<sup>st</sup> marine ambulance which was inaugurated by Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan recently.**

- 1) Khukri
- 2) Pratheeksha
- 3) Nireeksha
- 4) Sindhughosh
- 5) None of the Above

Answer – **2) Pratheeksha**

**Explanation:** Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan inaugurated the State's First fully equipped Marine Ambulance 'Pratheeksha'. It was acquired by the Fisheries Department at Kochi for rescue operations at sea.

'Pratheeksha' – built by Cochin Shipyard Ltd (CSL) is the first of the three marine ambulances ordered by the state.

**83. Shinzo Abe the prime minister of which country has resigned from the post in August 2020?**

- 1) South Korea
- 2) Japan
- 3) China
- 4) Thailand
- 5) None of the Above

Answer – **2) Japan**

**Explanation:** Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister of Japan announced his resignation owing to his worsening health condition due to ulcerative colitis. 65-year-old Shinzo Abe of Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) was the longest serving Prime Minister of Japan. The elected new party leader will hold the post for the remaining 1-year term of Abe.

**84. Who has become 1<sup>st</sup> player to take 500 wickets in T20?**

- 1) Sohail Tanvir
- 2) SL Malinga
- 3) DJ Bravo
- 4) SP Narine

5) Imran Tahir

Answer – **3) DJ Bravo**

**Explanation:**

West Indies All-Rounder Dwayne John Bravo became the first bowler in Cricket to scalp 500 wickets in Twenty20 (T20). He achieved the feat in the Caribbean Premier League (CPL)2020 match between his team

Trinbago Knight Riders and St Lucia Zouks. Bravo took the wicket of Rahkeem Cornwall (18) to register his 500th wicket.

**85. Which state is going to launch India's 1<sup>st</sup> International Women's trade centre?**

1) Andhra Pradesh

2) Karnataka

3) Kerala

4) Madhya Pradesh

5) Bihar

Answer – **3) Kerala**

**Explanation:**

Biju Prabhakar, IAS, Secretary, Department of Social Justice, Women & Child Development announced that Kerala will set up India's First International Women Trade Centre (IWTC) in accord with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations (UN) at Angamaly, Kochi, Kerala. This announcement was made during the webinar on "Scaling up Opportunities for MSME women Entrepreneurs in Kerala" organised by Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) Kerala State Council.

**86. Which country has co-sponsored United National Security Council Resolution introduced by Indonesia for greater participation of women in peacekeeping forces?** 1) Thailand

2) India

3) Japan

4) Australia

5) New Zealand Answer – **2) India** **Explanation:**

India co-sponsored United National Security Council Resolution for Greater Participation of women in peacekeeping forces. The United Nations Security Council (UNSC) Resolution called on full, effective and meaningful participation of women in peacekeeping operations. The resolution was tabled by Indonesia has been seconded by India, which is the fifth largest troop contributor to UN peacekeeping operations. The resolution has been passed by a consensus. In May 2020, Indian Women Peacekeeper Major Suman Gawani won the UN Military Gender Advocate award. She served as a peacekeeper with the United Nations Mission in South Sudan.

**87. Find the bank which is going to receive Brandon Human Capital Management (HCM) Excellence Award 2020 for its HR initiative," Nayi Disha".**

1) Canara Bank

2) Indian Overseas Bank

3) Bank of Maharashtra

4) State Bank of India

5) Punjab National Bank

Answer – **4) State Bank of India**

**Explanation:**

State Bank of India (SBI) to receive Brandon Human Capital Management (HCM) Excellence Award (also known as the Academy Awards of Learning & Development) 2020, a global recognition for its HR

initiative,” Nayi Disha”. The award winners will be honored at Brandon Hall Group’s annual HCM Excellence Conference, January 26-28, 2021 at the Hilton West Palm Beach, Florida. SBI partnered with M/s Chrysalis & developed the “Nayi Disha” Programme. SBI has won the award in The HCM Spring Program under ‘Excellence in Learning and Development’ in 3 categories namely, Best Learning Program supporting a Change Transformation Business Strategy (Gold), Best Use of Blended Learning and Best Unique or Innovative Learning (Gold) and Development Program for its HR initiative (Silver).

**88. Which country has launched the warship Type-054 class for Pakistan army?**

- 1) Germany
- 2) Russia
- 3) Sri Lanka
- 4) Bangladesh
- 5) China

Answer – **5) China**

**Explanation:**

China launched the first of the four advanced naval warships, Type-054 class frigates for the Pakistan Navy. The Type-054 class frigate is manufactured by China Shipbuilding Trading Company Ltd (CSTC) and was launched in the Chinese state-owned Hudong Zhonghua Shipyard, Shanghai.

**89. Which institute along with ISRO developed a sustainable process for making brick-like structures named “Space Bricks” on the surface of the moon?**

- 1) Indian Institute of Technology Indore
  - 2) Indian Institute of Science Bengaluru
  - 3) Indian Institute of Technology Bombay
  - 4) Indian Institute of Technology Ropar
  - 5) Indian Institute of Astrophysics Bengaluru
- Answer – **2) Indian Institute of Science Bengaluru**

**Explanation:**

Team of researchers of Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bengaluru, Karnataka and Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) developed a sustainable process for making brick-like structures named “Space Bricks” on the surface of the moon. The process uses the lunar soil, bacteria and guar beans to make the space brick. The process uses the Urea – sourced from human urine and lunar soil as the raw materials for the construction on the lunar surface which reduces the overall expenditure.

**90. Which state government has tied up with NPCI and Canara bank to launch digital payment services through UPI in villages and gram panchayats?**

- 1) Telangana
- 2) Maharashtra
- 3) Andhra Pradesh
- 4) Karnataka
- 5) Gujarat

Answer – **3) Andhra Pradesh**

**Explanation:**

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy launched the digital payment services through Unified Payments Interface (UPI) in 15, 004 village and ward secretariats through video conference. The Government of Andhra Pradesh has entered into a tie-up with National Payment Corporation of India (NPCI) and Canara Bank for this digitalisation process.

**91. Pandit Jasraj who passed away in August 2020 is a renowned \_\_\_\_\_.**

- 1) Photographer
- 2) Painter
- 3) Politician
- 4) Architect
- 5) Vocalist

**Answer - 5) Vocalist**

**Explanation:**

Pandit Jasraj, an Indian classical vocalist, belonging to the Mewati gharana (a musical apprenticeship tribe of Hindustani classical music) passed away at 90 in his home in New Jersey, New York, United States(U.S.) due to cardiac arrest. He was born on January 28, 1930 in Pili Mandori, a village in the Hisar district of Haryana. He is a recipient of the Padma Shri (1975), Padma Bhushan (1990) and Padma Vibhushan (2000).

**92. The Union Cabinet has approved the proposal to set up the National Recruitment Agency (NRA) recently. The NRA will be registered under which act?**

- 1) Companies Act, 2013
- 2) Societies Registration Act, 1860
- 3) Public Trust Act, 1950
- 4) Credit Societies Act, 1904
- 5) None of the Above

**Answer - 2) Societies Registration Act, 1860**

**Explanation:**

The Union Cabinet has approved the proposal to set up the National Recruitment Agency (NRA) that will conduct a Common Eligibility Test (CET) for non-gazetted posts (Group B and C) of Staff Selection Commission (SSC), the Railway Recruitment Boards (RRBs) and the Institute of Banking Service Personnel (IBPS). Candidates who qualify CET can apply to any recruitment agencies for higher level of examination. Therefore, CET will be a first level test (preliminary) to shortlist candidates which will be held twice a year with score validity of three years. NRA will be a Society registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860.

**93. Name the country which has unveiled the surface to surface ballistic missile Martyr Qassem Soleimani.**

- 1) UAE
- 2) Egypt
- 3) Iran
- 4) Kuwait
- 5) Iraq

**Answer - 3) Iran**

**Explanation:**

Iran (officially the Islamic Republic of Iran) has inaugurated a locally made surface-to-surface ballistic missile, called Martyr Qassem Soleimani, which has a range of 1,400 kilometers-km (870-mile) and a new cruise missile, called Martyr Abu Mahdi which has a range of over 1000 km(620-mile).

**94. Which edition of world conference of speakers of parliament was attended by Lok Sabha speaker Om Birla recently?**

- 1) 8th

- 2) 3rd
- 3) 5th
- 4) 11th
- 5) 14th

Answer – **3) 5th**

**Explanation:**

Two-day 5th World Conference of Speakers of Parliament (5WCSP) was inaugurated virtually. It was organized jointly by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), Geneva and the Parliament of Austria with the support of the United Nations (UN). This is the first time that an International Parliamentary Conference is being held in Virtual mode. Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla attended the inaugural ceremony. The theme of the 5WCSP Conference is 'Parliamentary leadership for more effective multilateralism that delivers peace and sustainable development for the people and planet'. The Second part will be held in physical mode at Vienna, Austria in 2021.

**95. The Competition Commission of India has approved 100% proposed acquisition of C&S Electric Limited (C&S) by which company?**

- 1) Crompton
- 2) ABB
- 3) Havells
- 4) Siemens
- 5) Kirloskar

Answer – **4) Siemens**

**Explanation:**

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved 100% proposed acquisition of the share capital of the Indian Operations of C&S Electric Limited (C&S) by Siemens Limited (Siemens India). For this purpose, Siemens Ltd has signed an agreement with C&S in January 2020.

**96. Name the person who authored the book titled, 'One Arranged Murder'.**

- 1) Arundhati Roy
- 2) Chetan Bhagat
- 3) Amitav Ghosh
- 4) Vikram Seth
- 5) Jhumpa Lahiri

Answer – **2) Chetan Bhagat**

**Explanation:**

A Book Titled 'One Arranged Murder' authored by Chetan Bhagat will be released worldwide on September 28, 2020. The fiction book portrays a murder mystery in the backdrop of an arranged marriage. The book will be published by Westland Publications Ltd. It is the author's 9th novel and 11th book overall. Essence of the book- The book not only has an intense suspense but also is filled with humour, love and relatable Indian characters.

**97. Which state government has launched 'Indira Rasoi Yojana' to provide meals at Rs. 8?**

- 1) Karnataka
- 2) Chhattisgarh
- 3) Goa
- 4) Rajasthan
- 5) Uttar Pradesh

Answer – **4) Rajasthan** **Explanation:**

The Rajasthan government is going to start with the 'Indira Rasoi Yojana' in urban areas of the state from August 20, in which poor and needy people will get nutritious food for just Rs. 8, said Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot.

**98. How much is the maximum loan amount under the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS), a credit guarantee scheme for MSME?**

- 1) 10 Crore
- 2) 5 Crore
- 3) 2 Crore
- 4) 1 Crore
- 5) 25 Crore

**Answer – 1) 10 Crore**

**Explanation:**

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced that the Central Government have extended its Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS), credit guarantee scheme for the micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME), to cover the loans given to the large firms, self-employed professionals and people who have taken a loan for business purpose. The turnover limits to avail the loan under the scheme was increased to annual turnover of Rs.250 crore and outstanding loans up to Rs.50 crores from annual turnover up to Rs.100 crore with outstanding loans of up to Rs.25 crore. The maximum loan amount under the scheme is also increased to Rs.10 crores from Rs.5 crores.

**99. Name the Institute which in collaboration with TransUnion CIBIL launched financial knowledge platform named "MSMESaksham" for MSMEs.**

- 1) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- 2) Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)
- 3) National Housing Bank (NHB)
- 4) Industrial Finance Corporation of India (IFCI)
- 5) India Infrastructure Finance Company Ltd (IIFCL)

**Answer – 2) Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)**

**Explanation:**

The Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) in association with TransUnion CIBIL Limited (formerly Credit Information Bureau (India) Limited) has launched a comprehensive financial education and one-stop knowledge platform for micro, small and medium enterprises "MSMESaksham", which will guide MSMEs (micro, small and medium enterprises) seeking quick access to finance and will also support them in managing their credit obligations. The portal is focused on two key pillars of financial knowledge and access to credit.

**100. Union minister Nitin Gadkari has inaugurated upstream carriageway of the Mahatma Gandhi Bridge in Bihar recently. The Mahatma Gandhi Bridge was built over which river? 1)**

- 1) Mahanadi
- 2) Godavari
- 3) Kaveri
- 4) Ganga
- 5) Narmada

**Answer – 4) Ganga**

**Explanation:**

As a part of the renovation of the Mahatma Gandhi Bridge/Setu over river Ganga in Bihar, Union Minister for Road Transport, Highways and MSMEs (Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises) Nitin Jairam Gadkari

virtually inaugurated its upstream carriageway. This means the two lanes are completed of the 4-lane bridge which is being renovated at a cost of Rs 1,742 crore. The online ceremony was presided over by Chief Minister (CM) of Bihar Nitish Kumar. This is the first ever bridge in India using modern technology for improving the existing structure. The designing of the bridge has been done by Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Roorkee in discussion with international consultants.