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Q.1 Who among the following represented India in 4th NSA Level Meet on Trilateral Maritime Security Cooperation which is held between India, Sri Lanka and the Maldives?

- a) Giriraj Singh
- b) Rajnath Singh
- c) Ajit Doval
- d) Mansukh L. Mandaviya
- e) None of these

Q.2 Which city topped and is marked as most polluted cities in the world as per the latest report of US Air Quality Index?

- a) Lahore
- b) Kathmandu
- c) New Delhi
- d) Karachi
- e) None of these

Q.3 Who among the following is appointed as an ambassador for 'BAFTA Breakthrough India 2020-21' initiative?

- a) Aishwarya Rai Bachchan
- b) Mani Ratnam
- c) AR Rehman
- d) Hema Malini
- e) None of these



Q.4 Which country is the biggest source of FDI in India as per DPIIT's data for April-September 2020?

- a) Singapore
- b) USA
- c) Mauritius
- d) Both a and b
- e) None of the above

Q.5 Who won the 2020 Bahrain Grand Prix?

- a) Max Verstappen
- b) Lewis Hamilton
- c) Alexander Albon
- d) Sebastian Vettel
- e) None of these

Q.6 Which state government signed MoU with International Digital Health-Artificial Intelligence Research Collaborative (I-DAIR) to develop the digital technologies in the health sector?

- a) Kerala

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- b) Uttar Pradesh
- c) Maharashtra
- d) Punjab
- e) None of these

Q.7 Which country was invited as special guest for 19th Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Council of Heads of Government summit?

- a) Uzbekistan
- b) Afghanistan
- c) Turkmenistan
- d) Russia
- e) None of these

Q.8 Which university topped the QS Asia University Rankings 2021?

- a) Tsinghua University
- b) Zhejiang University
- c) Nanyang Technological University
- d) National University of Singapore
- e) None of these

Q.9 Who among the following is appointed as Chairperson of National Dairy Development Board (NDDB)?

- a) Sandeep Kataria
- b) Dilip Rath
- c) Varsh Joshi
- d) Amitabh Jain
- e) None of these



Q.10 Who among the following launched Asset Restructuring Web Module for MSMEs (ARM-MSMEs)?

- a) SIDBI
- b) India SME Asset Reconstruction Company (ISARC)
- c) SEBI
- d) Both (b) and (c)
- e) Both (a) and (b)

Q.11 When is National Pollution Control Day marked?

- a) 2nd Dec
- b) 25th Oct
- c) 10th Dec
- d) 12th Oct
- e) None of these

Q.12 The BrahMos supersonic cruise missile is developed by BrahMos Aerospace Pvt Ltd, which is the joint venture of India and ___?

- a) Russia
- b) United States
- c) Vietnam
- d) France

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e) None of these

Q.13 Recently which state launched One-time settlement scheme for power consumers which allows them to pay their bills in instalments?

- a) Jharkhand
- b) Haryana
- c) Goa
- d) Maharashtra
- e) None of these

Q.14 Which state/states were the focus of Aadi Mahotsav 2020?

- a) Gujarat
- b) West Bengal
- c) Madhya Pradesh
- d) All of the above
- e) None of these

Q.15 What is the rank of India in the 8th Global Terrorism Index (GTI) 2020?

- a) 7th
- b) 8th
- c) 9th
- d) 10th
- e) None of these

Q.16 To which of the following bank, RBI has issued an order to halt its digital businesses and sourcing new credit cards to the customers?

- a) ICICI Bank
- b) Yes Bank
- c) Bandhan Bank
- d) HDFC Bank
- e) None of these

Q.17 When is International Day for Disabilities marked?

- a) 3rd Dec
- b) 25th Oct
- c) 10th Dec
- d) 12th Oct
- e) None of these

Q.18 With which Small Finance Bank has Paytm entered into a partnership to empower MSMEs with instant loans?

- a) Equitas Small Finance Bank
- b) Capital Small Finance Bank
- c) Utkarsh Small Finance Bank
- d) Suryoday Small Finance Bank
- e) None of these

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Q.19 Who among the following from India delivered a keynote address for 20th edition of Sri Lanka Economic Summit (SLES)?

- a) Prakash Javadekar
- b) S Jaishankar
- c) Nirmala Sitharaman
- d) Piyush Goyal
- e) None of these

Q.20 Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the GOI has signed a loan agreement to improve financial management procedures and operational efficiencies in which the state of India?

- a) West Bengal
- b) Tamil Nadu
- c) Haryana
- d) Maharashtra
- e) None of these

Q.21 Who among the following represented India in 7th India-Suriname Joint Commission Meeting (JCM)?

- a) V. Muraleedharan
- b) Mahender Singh Kanyal
- c) S. Jaishankar
- d) Harsh Vardhan Shringla
- e) None of these

Q.22 What is the current reverse repo rate under the LAF decided in recent Reserve Bank of India's MPC meeting?

- a) 4.35%
- b) 3.35%
- c) 4.55%
- d) 3.55%
- e) None of these

Q.23 Which of the following company topped in 2020 Fortune 500 list of Indian Companies?

- a) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation
- b) Tata Consultancy Services
- c) State Bank of India
- d) Reliance Industries Ltd
- e) None of these

Q.24 With which country India signed MoU in the sector of Intellectual Property (IP) Cooperation?

- a) United States of America
- b) Germany
- c) France
- d) Sweden
- e) None of these

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Q.25 Indian Navy held PASSEX (Passage) Exercise 2020 with which nation?

- a) Singapore
- b) USA
- c) Thailand
- d) Russia
- e) None of these

Q.26 In which state was 9th International Sand Art Festival held?

- a) Manipur
- b) Tamil Nadu
- c) Odisha
- d) Tripura
- e) None of these

Q.27 With whom Karnataka Regional Office of NABARD has signed MoU to take up intervention projects in Karnataka?

- a) Karnataka Bank
- b) SBI
- c) ICICI Bank
- d) Kotak Mahindra Bank
- e) None of these

Q.28 Who among the following topped in 2nd Kotak wealth Hurun-Leading Wealthy Women Report?

- a) Kiran Mazumdar Shaw
- b) Leena Gandhi tewari
- c) Ameera Shah
- d) Roshni Nadar
- e) None of these



Q.29 With whom Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) has signed MoU to enhance cooperation in agriculture and allied activities with an aim to bring better value to the stakeholders?

- a) SBI
- b) NABARD
- c) SIDBI
- d) SEBI
- e) None of these

Q.30 In partnership with whom PayNearby Technologies Pvt Ltd. Launched 'PayNearby Shopping Card'?

- a) ICICI Bank and WhatsApp
- b) Yes Bank and NPCI
- c) Data Security Council of India and Bandhan Bank
- d) HDFC Bank and MasterCard
- e) None of these

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Q.31 Which country hosted 7th IEF-IGU (International Energy Forum- International Gas Union) Ministerial Gas Forum?

- a) Saudi Arabia
- b) USA
- c) Malaysia
- d) Spain
- e) None of these

Q.32 Who among the following launched 'Axis Bank Rupifi Business Credit Card'?

- a) Axis Bank, Rupifi and Visa
- b) Axis Bank, Rupifi and PayPal
- c) Axis Bank, Rupifi and MasterCard
- d) Axis Bank, Rupifi and Capital One
- e) None of these

Q.33 Which of the following police station topped as the best police station in India?

- a) AWPS- Suramangalam Police Station, Tamil Nadu
- b) Nongpok Sekmai Police Station, Manipur
- c) Sanguem Police Station, Goa
- d) Jhilmili Police Station, Chhattisgarh
- e) None of these

Q.34 With whom Pixxel signed a pact to launch its first remote-sensing satellite on ISRO's PSLV?

- a) Indian Institute of Remote Sensing, Uttarakhand
- b) New Space India Limited (NSIL)
- c) Defence Space Agency
- d) IIT Roorkee
- e) None of these

Q.35 Who among the following offered a loan to upgrade the existing power distribution system in Bengaluru, Karnataka?

- a) World Bank
- b) ADB
- c) AIIB
- d) New Development Bank
- e) None of these

Q.36 Who among the following represented India in 7th meeting of India-Mongolia of Joint Committee on Cooperation?

- a) S Jaishankar
- b) Harsh Vardhan Shringla
- c) M P Singh
- d) Nirmala Sitharaman
- e) None of these

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Q.37 Who among the following is appointed as Brand Ambassador for Horlicks Protein Plus?

- a) Virat Kohli
- b) Virendra Sehwag
- c) Akshay Kumar
- d) Ayushmann Khurrana
- e) None of these

Q.38 When is International Civil Aviation Day observed?

- a) 5th Dec
- b) 14th Dec
- c) 7th Dec
- d) 20th Dec
- e) None of these

Q.39 Which bank launched 'iMobile Pay' app?

- a) IDFC First Bank
- b) IDBI Bank
- c) Indian Overseas Bank
- d) ICICI Bank
- e) None of these

Q.40 What was the theme for IIT 2020 Global Summit?

- a) 'Build India's future'
- b) 'Let's make Future Bright'
- c) 'Make Present, Flourish Future'
- d) 'The Future is Now'
- e) None of these



Q.41 Who among the following launched India's first REIT Mutual Fund which is REIT Fund of Funds Scheme?

- a) Kotak Mahindra AMC
- b) UTI Mutual Funds
- c) SBI Mutual Funds
- d) Birla Sun Life AMC
- e) None of these

Q.42 Who among the following is appointed as President of FICCI?

- a) Uday Shankar
- b) Sangita Reddy
- c) Anil Soni
- d) Shrikant M Vaidya
- e) None of these

Q.43 Who among the following won 2020 Sakhir Grand Prix?

- a) Sergio Perez
- b) Lance Stroll

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- c) Estban Ocon
- d) Both a and b
- e) None of the above

Q.44 Which state topped the Urban Governance Index which is released by Praja Foundation?

- a) Odisha
- b) Maharashtra
- c) Kerala
- d) Chhattisgarh
- e) None of these

Q.45 Who among the following inaugurated construction work of Agra Metro Project, Uttar Pradesh?

- a) Nitin Gadkari
- b) PM Narendra Modi
- c) Anandiben Patel
- d) Yogi Adityanath
- e) None of these

Q.46 What is the rank of India in Global Climate Change Performance Index?

- a) 7th
- b) 10th
- c) 13th
- d) 16th
- e) None of these

Q.47 Who among the following signed MoU with SJVN Limited for the purpose of green energy projects?

- a) Power Finance Corp
- b) Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd.
- c) India Infrastructure Finance Company Limited
- d) National Small Industries Corporation
- e) None of these

Q.48 Who among the following signed MoU to implement Narmada Landscape Restoration Project in Khargone District of Madhya Pradesh?

- a) Power Finance Corp and IIM Indore
- b) Power Grid and IIT Indore
- c) NTPC Ltd and IIFM Bhopal
- d) NHPC Ltd and IIT Indore
- e) None of these

Q.49 When is International Anti-Corruption Day marked?

- a) 9th Nov
- b) 9th Dec
- c) 9th Jan
- d) 9th Feb
- e) None of these

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Q.50 The National Backward Classes Finance & Development Corporation (NBCFDC) and National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation (NSFDC) signed MoA with which bank for the purpose of VISVAS Yojana?

- a) City Union Bank
- b) Central Bank of India
- c) Corporation Bank
- d) Dena Bank
- e) None of these

Q.51 Who among the following has approved technical assistance of USD 2.5 million for the advanced biofuel development in India?

- a) New Development Bank
- b) International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
- c) Asian Development Bank
- d) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
- e) None of these

Q.52 Who among the following rolled out Digital Saksham initiative for MSMEs?

- a) Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)
- b) MasterCard
- c) ni-msme (National Institute for MSME)
- d) All of the above
- e) None of these

Q.53 Which country to support India in a project at Asian Institute of Gastroenterology in Hyderabad which includes the usage of AI by software to assist doctors in Colonoscopy diagnosis?

- a) USA
- b) Japan
- c) Netherland
- d) Germany
- e) None of these

Q.54 Who among the following topped in Forbes 100 Most Powerful Women 2020?

- a) Angela Markel
- b) Kamala Harris
- c) Christine Lagarde
- d) Melinda Gates
- e) None of these

Q.55 What rank position has Nirmala Sithraman and Kiran Mazumdar Shaw has featured in Forbes 100 Most Powerful Women 2020 respectively?

- a) 48th and 55th
- b) 33rd and 75th
- c) 67th and 21st
- d) 41st and 68th
- e) None of these

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Q.56 What was the theme for World Human Rights Day 2020?

- a) Recover Better-Stand Up for Human Rights
- b) Human Rights are for Everyone
- c) Be the beneficiary of Human Rights
- d) Both a and b
- e) None of the above

Q.57 Who among the following hosted 14th ADMM (ASEAN Defence Ministers Meet)-Plus Meeting?

- a) Myanmar
- b) Thailand
- c) Cambodia
- d) Vietnam
- e) None of these

Q.58 What is the name of a comprehensive wellness app launched by Max Life Insurance Company Limited?

- a) Max Health
- b) Wellness Max
- c) Max Fit
- d) Healthy Max Life
- e) None of these

Q.59 Who among the following is appointed as President of International Golf Federation?

- a) Annika Sorenstam
- b) Zena Wooldridge
- c) Peter Dawson
- d) Jacques Fontaine
- e) None of these



Q.60 As per ADB, India's GDP to contract by ___% in FY 2021?

- a) 8%
- b) 9%
- c) 11%
- d) 10%
- e) None of these

Q.61 As per Fitch Ratings, India's GDP to contract ___% in FY 2020-21?

- a) 7.4%
- b) 9.4%
- c) 10.4%
- d) 8.4%
- e) None of these

Q.62 Who is the author of the book titled as 'Dharma: Decoding the Epics for a Meaningful Life'?

- a) Amrit Raj
- b) Amish Tripathi
- c) Rajendra Darda

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- d) Meena Iyer
- e) None of these

Q.63 India approved \$448 million of Line of Credit for various development projects for which country?

- a) Myanmar
- b) Thailand
- c) Uzbekistan
- d) Kyrgyzstan
- e) None of these

Q.64 With which country Ministry of Road Transport and Highways signed an MoU to have Technology Cooperation in the Road Infrastructure Sector?

- a) Austria
- b) Switzerland
- c) Italy
- d) Sweden
- e) None of these

Q.65 What was the theme for IndUS Entrepreneurs (TiE) Global summit 2020?

- a) 'Uplift Entrepreneurship'
- b) 'Entrepreneurship 360'
- c) 'Entrepreneurs: Future of India'
- d) Both a and b
- e) None of the Above

Q.66 With whom Mahindra Insurance Brokers Ltd entered into a partnership to offer health insurance cover in tier 2 and tier 3 cities of India?

- a) IFFCO Tokio General Insurance
- b) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance
- c) SBI General Insurance
- d) ICICI Lombard
- e) None of these

Q.67 Who among the following was awarded Male Sportsman of the Year by FICCI?

- a) Yogeshwar Dutt
- b) Bajrang Punia
- c) Divyansh Singh Panwar
- d) Saurabh Chaudhary
- e) None of these

Q.68 When is International Day of Neutrality observed?

- a) 12th Nov
- b) 12th March
- c) 12th July
- d) 12th Dec
- e) None of these

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Q.69 With whom RBL Bank Ltd entered into bancassurance pact?

- a) HDFC Life Insurance
- b) ICICI Prudential Life Insurance
- c) SBI Life Insurance
- d) Max Life Insurance
- e) None of these

Q.70 Who among the following launched Asia Pacific Vaccine Access Facility (APVAX)?

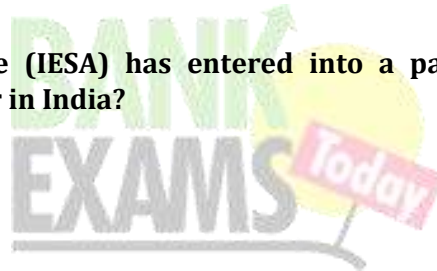
- a) Asian Development Bank
- b) South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation
- c) Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
- d) BRICS
- e) None of these

Q.71 What is the amount for ADB's Asia Pacific Vaccine Access Facility (APVAX) initiative?

- a) \$8 billion
- b) \$10 billion
- c) \$7 billion
- d) \$9 billion
- e) None of these

Q.72 India Energy Storage Alliance (IESA) has entered into a partnership with whom to undertake innovations in Energy Storage sector in India?

- a) IAEA
- b) UNIDO
- c) UNCTAD
- d) OECD
- e) None of these



Q.73 Who among the following launched world's first Narrow Band Internet of Things network (NB-IoT) in partnership with Skylo?

- a) Bharti Airtel
- b) Vodafone Idea
- c) Reliance Jio
- d) BSNL
- e) None of these

Q.74 For which of the following purpose Andhra Pradesh launched 'Jagananna Jeeva Kranthi' scheme?

- a) Online School Education to Girls
- b) To offer funds for upcoming startups
- c) To distribute sheeps and goats to SC, ST women
- d) To offer free food facility in rural areas
- e) None of these

Q.75 Which is India's first Union Territory to become 100% organic?

- a) Puducherry

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- b) Lakshadweep
- c) Chandigarh
- d) Jammu and Kashmir
- e) None of these

Q.76 Which edition of India Water Impact Summit was held?

- a) 4th
- b) 7th
- c) 8th
- d) 5th
- e) None of these

Q.77 India to set up a task force on energy with which nation?

- a) Saudi Arabia
- b) Morocco
- c) Qatar
- d) Yemen
- e) None of these

Q.78 Who among the following addressed the International Bharati Festival 2020?

- a) Prahlad Singh Patel
- b) Vice President Venkaiah Naidu
- c) Smriti Irani
- d) PM Narendra Modi
- e) None of these



Q.79 What was the theme for FICCI's 93rd Annual General Meeting (AGM)?

- a) 'Self-empowered India'
- b) 'Inspired India'
- c) 'India towards growing economy'
- d) Both a and b
- e) None of the above

Q.80 Who among the following won Abu Dhabi Grand Prix 2020?

- a) Lewis Hamilton
- b) Valtteri Bottas
- c) Max Verstappen
- d) Sebastian Vettel
- e) None of these

Q.81 In partnership with whom, Aceware launched 'Ace Money Micro ATM service' in Kochi, Kerala?

- a) HDFC Bank
- b) IDFC First Bank
- c) ICICI Bank
- d) Yes Bank
- e) None of these

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Q.82 Ola signed MoU with which state to set up its first electronic scooter factory?

- a) Kerala
- b) Maharashtra
- c) Punjab
- d) Tamil Nadu
- e) None of these

Q.83 India to launch which of the following communication satellite, which will be India's 42nd Communication Satellite?

- a) INSAT-3C
- b) GSAT-7A
- c) CMS-01
- d) INSAT-2DT
- e) None of these

Q.84 Where was 9th Sustainable Mountain Development Summit held?

- a) Kasauli, Himachal Pradesh
- b) Manali, Himachal Pradesh
- c) Naintal, Uttarakhand
- d) Dehradun, Uttarakhand
- e) None of these

Q.85 What does 'A' signifies in BEAM, which is an electronic spot platform launched by BSE?

- a) Across
- b) Aspirational
- c) Agriculture
- d) Automatic
- e) None of these



Q.86 Where has RBI decided to setup Automated Banknote Processing Centre (ABPC)?

- a) Jaipur, Rajasthan
- b) Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- c) Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- d) Kolkata, West Bengal
- e) None of these

Q.87 Which country signed MoU with Clean Ganga Mission to develop the sludge management framework in India?

- a) Iceland
- b) Denmark
- c) Switzerland
- d) Norway
- e) None of these

Q.88 Who among the following released 'Vision 2035: Public Health Surveillance in India'?

- a) Press Information Bureau

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- b) NITI Aayog
- c) National Development Council
- d) National Disaster Management Authority
- e) None of these

Q.89 Who among the following is awarded Champion of the Earth Lifetime Achievement Award 2020?

- a) Prof. Robert D Bullard
- b) Frank Bainimarama
- c) Nemonte Nenquimo
- d) Mindy Lubber
- e) None of these

Q.90 As per CRISIL, India's GDP to contract ___% in FY 21?

- a) 10.7%
- b) 9.7%
- c) 7.7%
- d) 8.7%
- e) None of these

Q.91 Who among the following is appointed to head the newly formed Corporation Finance Investigation Department (CFID) of SEBI?

- a) G. Mahalingam
- b) Nagendraa Parakh
- c) SK Mohanty
- d) Ananta Barua
- e) None of these



Q.92 Who among the following launched '#GotYouCovered' Campaign?

- a) Exide Life Insurance
- b) TATA AIA Life Insurance
- c) SBI Life Insurance
- d) Bharti AXA Life Insurance Company
- e) None of these

Q.93 What is the rank of India in Human Development Index 2020?

- a) 84th
- b) 115th
- c) 131st
- d) 63rd
- e) None of these

Q.94 Which country topped in Human Development Index 2020?

- a) Norway
- b) Switzerland
- c) Ireland
- d) Hong Kong
- e) None of these

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Q.95 Which state launched YSR free Crop Insurance Scheme?

- a) Tamil Nadu
- b) Telangana
- c) Andhra Pradesh
- d) Kerala
- e) None of these

Q.96 Who among the following chaired 23rd Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC) meet?

- a) Amitabh Kant
- b) Nirmala Sitharaman
- c) PM Narendra Modi
- d) Ravi Shankar Prasad
- e) None of these

Q.97 Who among the following unveiled and launched the 'DakPay' mobile phone app by IPPB and Dept. of Posts?

- a) Ravi Shankar Prasad
- b) Ajay Prakash Sawhney
- c) Nirmala Sitharaman
- d) Piyush Goyal
- e) None of these

Q.98 Who among the following partnered with IntrCity RailYatri to offer the travel cover of Rs 5 lakhs along with travel ticket?

- a) HDFC Ergo
- b) Royal Sundaram General Insurance
- c) Oriental Insurance Company
- d) SBI General Insurance
- e) None of these

Q.99 The SBI Ecowrap has forecasted that India's GDP to contract ___% in FY 2021?

- a) 8.4%
- b) 9.4%
- c) 7.4%
- d) 10.4%
- e) None of these

Q.100 Who among the following released the book titled as 'The Shaurya Unbound-Tales of Valour of the Central Reserve Police Force'?

- a) Ravi Shankar Prasad
- b) Bhagat Singh Koshyari
- c) Om Birla
- d) Arvind Kejriwal
- e) None of these

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Q.101 Who among the following topped the Forbes 2020 Highest-Paid Celebrity?

- a) Kanye West
- b) Kylie Jenner
- c) Lionel Messi
- d) Roger Federer
- e) None of these

Q.102 Who among the following signed \$1,000 million loan agreement to support India in the post-COVID-19 era?

- a) New Development Bank
- b) Asian Development Bank
- c) Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
- d) European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
- e) None of these

Q.103 Who among the following represented in the virtual summit between India and Bangladesh?

- a) PM Narendra Modi
- b) S Jaishankar
- c) Harsh Vardhan Shringla
- d) Vikram Kumar Doraiswam
- e) None of these

Q.104 Vidyt Mohan, awarded with Young Champions of the Earth Awards 2020 for his contribution to which of the following efforts?

- a) AI technology to recycle plastic waste
- b) Construction materials from recycled plastic waste and sand
- c) Roof Water Harvesting
- d) Harvesting value from agri waste
- e) None of these

Q.105 Who among the following partnered to offer training about digital tools to fill-up the digital skills gap in auto dealership sector of India?

- a) ASDC and TCS
- b) FADA, IIT Bombay and Infosys
- c) ASDC, FADA and Google
- d) TATA Motors and Google
- e) None of these

Q.106 Nana Akufo Addo, is appointed as President of which country?

- a) Nigeria
- b) Mali
- c) Kenya
- d) Ghana
- e) None of these

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Q.107 When is International Migrants Day marked?

- a) 17th Dec
- b) 18th Dec
- c) 19th Dec
- d) 20th Dec
- e) None of these

Q.108 In which state/UT 'Losar' Festival celebrated?

- a) Ladakh
- b) Jammu and Kashmir
- c) Tamil Nadu
- d) Kerala
- e) None of these

Q.109 What is the rank of India in Human Freedom Index 2020?

- a) 95th
- b) 122nd
- c) 111th
- d) 77th
- e) None of these

Q.110 Which country topped in Human Freedom Index 2020?

- a) New Zealand
- b) Switzerland
- c) USA
- d) Hong Kong
- e) None of these



Q.111 India signed MoU with which country to have Technology Cooperation in Road Infrastructure Sector?

- a) Austria
- b) Sweden
- c) Japan
- d) France
- e) None of these

Q.112 Who among the following launched 'Pioneer Heritage Credit Card'?

- a) IDFC First Bank
- b) IndusInd Bank
- c) Kotak Mahindra Bank
- d) Yes Bank
- e) None of these

Q.113 Which edition of IND-INDO CORPAT naval exercise was held between the Indian Navy and Indonesian Navy?

- a) 30th

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- b) 25th
- c) 20th
- d) 35th
- e) None of these

Q.114 Who among the following awarded as Best FIFA Men's Player 2020?

- a) Cristiano Ronaldo
- b) Lionel Messi
- c) Robert Lewandowski
- d) Neymar
- e) None of these

Q.115 Which state launched 'Pareshram' Portal?

- a) Bihar
- b) Uttar Pradesh
- c) Tamil Nadu
- d) Odisha
- e) None of these

Q.116 GOI and ADB signed 4.21 million dollar Project Readiness Financing (PRF) facility for which of the following northeastern state?

- a) Tripura
- b) Sikkim
- c) Assam
- d) Arunachal Pradesh
- e) None of these



Q.117 Where was India's first Centre of Excellence (CoE) for skill development in power sector inaugurated by Union Minister RK Singh?

- a) Madhya Pradesh
- b) Uttar Pradesh
- c) Haryana
- d) Punjab
- e) None of these

Q.118 Vice president virtually inaugurated 12th GRIHA Summit 2020, what does 'G' signifies in GRIHA?

- a) Global
- b) Green
- c) Gujarat
- d) Golden
- e) None of these

Q.119 What was the theme for 5th Global Technology Summit 2020?

- a) 'Go for Advanced Technologies'
- b) 'Technology to combat pandemics'
- c) 'Geopolitics of Technology'
- d) 'Explore Technology in Economy'

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e) None of these

Q.120 India Grid Trust partnered with whom to digitally transform the critically powered infrastructure through AI?

- a) Infosys
- b) Wipro
- c) IBM
- d) Adobe
- e) None of these

Q.121 Who among the following addressed 6th India-Japan Samvad conference?

- a) Vice President Venkaiah Naidu
- b) Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- c) Smriti Irani
- d) Prahlad Singh Patel
- e) None of these

Q.122 Who among the following signed loan agreement of \$300 million with GOI to improve rural power distribution networks in Uttar Pradesh?

- a) World Bank
- b) New Development Bank
- c) Asian Development Bank
- d) International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
- e) None of these

Q.123 Which state launched 'Varasat' Campaign?

- a) Rajasthan
- b) Maharashtra
- c) Bihar
- d) Uttar Pradesh
- e) None of these

Q.124 MG Vaidya, who passed away recently, belonged to which profession?

- a) Economist
- b) Physician
- c) Environmentalist
- d) Journalist
- e) None of these

Q.125 What is the rank of India in Ease of Doing Business 2020?

- a) 98th
- b) 52nd
- c) 63rd
- d) 79th
- e) None of these

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Q.126 Who among the following to offer loan to construct Lower Kopili Hydroelectric Power (LKHEP) plant in Central Assam, India?

- a) World Bank
- b) New Development Bank
- c) Asian Development Bank
- d) International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
- e) None of these

Q.127 Who among the following signed MoU with Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS)?

- a) Indian Coast Guard
- b) Indian Navy
- c) DRDO
- d) IORA
- e) None of these

Q.128 Which country held the chairmanship of 20th IORA Council of ministers meet?

- a) United Arab Emirates
- b) Yemen
- c) Malaysia
- d) France
- e) None of these

Q.129 Which of the following games are newly introduced in Khelo India Youth Games 2021 by Sports ministry?

- a) Kalaripayattu
- b) Gatka
- c) Mallakhamba
- d) Thang-Ta
- e) All of the above

Q.130 With which country India adopted 'Joint Vision for Peace, Prosperity and People'?

- a) Vietnam
- b) Thailand
- c) Singapore
- d) Indonesia
- e) None of these

Q.131 To which of the following union territory, SEHAT Scheme will be launched by PM Modi on 26th Dec 2020?

- a) Dadar and Nagar Haveli
- b) Jammu and Kashmir
- c) Puducherry
- d) Delhi
- e) None of these

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Q.132 Who among the following in partnership with NPCI launched 'RuPay Select' contactless debit card?

- a) Union Bank of India
- b) Central Bank of India
- c) Bank of Baroda
- d) Indian Bank
- e) None of these

Q.133 As per NCAER, India's GDP to contract ___% for FY 2020-21?

- a) 9.3%
- b) 10.3%
- c) 8.3%
- d) 7.3%
- e) None of these

Q.134 What is the name of an online platform launched by ICICI Bank which offers facilities to foreign companies to do businesses in India?

- a) Direct India
- b) Business in India
- c) Infinite India
- d) Empower India
- e) None of these

Q.135 In which northeastern state was 8th North East Festival 2020 held?

- a) Arunachal Pradesh
- b) Assam
- c) Mizoram
- d) Manipur
- e) None of these



Q.136 Which bank signed MoU with Indian Navy and Indian Coast Guard?

- a) Federal Bank
- b) Bank of Baroda
- c) State Bank of India
- d) HDFC Bank
- e) None of these

Q.137 What amount of loan pact was signed between GOI and World Bank to develop Green National Highway Corridors Project?

- a) \$400 million
- b) \$500 million
- c) \$300 million
- d) \$600 million
- e) None of these

Q.138 Which state government to establish Gender Data Hub in collaboration with UN Women?

- a) Tamil Nadu

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- b) Maharashtra
- c) Gujarat
- d) Kerala
- e) None of these

Q.139 Who among the following offered a loan amount of \$40 million to Northern Arc Capital Ltd (NACL)?

- a) New Development Bank
- b) Asian Development Bank
- c) World Bank
- d) Bank of America
- e) None of these

Q.140 Who among the following appointed as President of ASSOCHAM?

- a) Sumant Sinha
- b) Balaji Srivastav
- c) Ranvir Singh Krishna
- d) Vineet Agrawal
- e) None of these

Q.141 When is National Consumer Rights Day marked?

- a) 18th Nov 2020
- b) 10th Dec 2020
- c) 24th Dec 2020
- d) 5th Nov 2020
- e) None of these



Q.142 Which of the following media units are merged under the National Film Development Corporation (NFDC) platform?

- a) Central Board of Film Certification and Directorate of Film Festivals
- b) Satyajit Ray Film and Television Institute and Films Division
- c) National Film Archives of India and Indian Institute of Mass Communication
- d) Children's Film Society and Films Division
- e) None of these

Q.143 With whom did Telangana government signed MoU to offer digitization skills and access to technology to MSMEs of the state?

- a) Cognizant
- b) HCL Technologies
- c) SAP India
- d) KPIT Technologies
- e) None of these

Q.144 With whom National Mineral Development Corporation signed MoU to conduct exploration activities in mutually agreed projects of iron ore, gold, coal, diamonds and other minerals?

- a) Mineral Exploration Corporation Ltd (MECL)
- b) Coal India
- c) SAIL

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- d) NALCO
- e) None of these

Q.145 Who among the following launched the DGNCC Digital Forum?

- a) Rajnath Singh
- b) Dr G Satheesh Reddy
- c) Dr. Ajay Kumar
- d) Ajit Doval
- e) None of these

Q.146 Which state government launched FRUITS portal to display the land details of farmers and which bank will be managing the portal?

- a) Gujarat gov. and Bank of Baroda
- b) Maharashtra gov. and SBI
- c) West Bengal gov. and UCO Bank
- d) Karnataka gov. and Canara Bank
- e) None of these

Q.147 ISRO signed MoU with which institute to setup Regional Academic Centre for Space (RAC-S)?

- a) IIT Roorkee
- b) IIM Ahmedabad
- c) IIT Banaras Hindu University
- d) IIM Kozhikode
- e) None of these

Q.148 Which of the following organisation to invest USD 54 million in the equity of NIIF to conduct infrastructure projects in India?

- a) United States Agency for International Development (USAID)
- b) United States International Development Finance Corporation (DFC)
- c) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)
- d) Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- e) None of these

Q.149 Recently India signed a pact with Japan to boost which of the following sector?

- a) Steel
- b) Space
- c) Logistics
- d) Education
- e) None of these

Q.150 Florin Citu, is appointed as PM of which country?

- a) Bulgaria
- b) Hungary
- c) Romania
- d) Slovakia
- e) None of these

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Q.151 India's GDP to contract ___% in FY 2020-21, as per Ind-Ra?

- a) 10.8%
- b) 9.8%
- c) 8.8%
- d) 7.8%
- e) None of these

Q.152 Which organisation launched 'DigiBoxx' cloud storage platform?

- a) IIT Bombay
- b) NITI Aayog
- c) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- d) TCS
- e) None of these

Q.153 Which financial organisation topped in BFSI Movers and Shakers 2020 report?

- a) HDFC Bank
- b) SBI
- c) ICICI Bank
- d) Bank of Baroda
- e) None of these

Q.154 Who among the following launched 'E-Sampada' web portal and a mobile app?

- a) Dr Jitendra Singh
- b) Hardeep Singh Puri
- c) Narendra Singh Tomar
- d) Ravi Shankar Prasad
- e) None of these



Q.155 Where was India's first driverless train inaugurated by PM Narendra Modi?

- a) Punjab
- b) New Delhi
- c) Madhya Pradesh
- d) Maharashtra
- e) None of these

Q.156 Who among the following inaugurated Agricultural Scientists Meet held at India International Science Festival (IISF) 2020?

- a) Kailash Choudhary
- b) Narendra Singh Tomar
- c) D V Sadananda Gowda
- d) Arjun Munda
- e) None of these

Q.157 Suresh Chandra Mohapatra is appointed as Chief Secretary of which Indian state?

- a) Maharashtra
- b) Odisha

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- c) West Bengal
- d) Kerala
- e) None of these

Q.158 John Edrich, who passed away recently belonged to which sports?

- a) Tennis
- b) Cricket
- c) Football
- d) FI Race
- e) None of these

Q.159 Where was 51st Director General (DG) Level Border Coordination Meet between India's BSF and Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) held?

- a) Nagpur, Maharashtra
- b) Ahmedabad, Gujarat
- c) Bengaluru, Karnataka
- d) Guwahati, Assam
- e) None of these

Q.160 Which of the following state launched 'PR Insight' mobile app and web portal?

- a) Punjab
- b) Haryana
- c) Rajasthan
- d) Madhya Pradesh
- e) None of these

Q.161 Who among the following launched the 'Water Quality Testing Innovation Challenge'?

- a) DPIIT and IIIT Lucknow
- b) National Jal Jeevan Mission and NITI Aayog
- c) DPIIT and National Jal Jeevan Mission
- d) National Mission for Clean Ganga and IIM Ahmedabad
- e) None of these

Q.162 What is the rank of India in 'Nature Index 2020 Artificial Intelligence' under the category of most number of publications in AI from 2015-2019?

- a) 10th
- b) 7th
- c) 5th
- d) 3rd
- e) None of these

Q.163 Which state to setup India's largest Hockey stadium?

- a) Assam
- b) Maharashtra
- c) Odisha
- d) Andhra Pradesh
- e) None of these

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Q.164 Recently India held PASSEX 2020 Exercise in the South China Sea with which country?

- a) Vietnam
- b) Australia
- c) USA
- d) Malaysia
- e) None of these

Q.165 Which country topped in 12th World Economic League Table 2021 and has become the largest economy?

- a) China
- b) Japan
- c) USA
- d) United Kingdom
- e) None of these

Q.166 In which state PM Modi inaugurated the New Khurja- New Bhaupur section of Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor?

- a) Gujarat
- b) Maharashtra
- c) Uttarakhand
- d) Uttar Pradesh
- e) None of these

Q.167 Who among the following won ICC Spirit of Cricket Award of the Decade in ICC Awards of the Decade 2011-2020?

- a) MS Dhoni
- b) Virat Kohli
- c) Kyle Coetzer
- d) Rashid Khan
- e) None of these

Q.168 With which organisation, Tips Music entered into an agreement?

- a) Netflix
- b) Twitter
- c) Facebook
- d) LinkedIn
- e) None of these

Q.169 Which country launched Yaogan 33R, remote sensing satellite?

- a) Malaysia
- b) Japan
- c) China
- d) Russia
- e) None of these

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Q.170 With whom AU Small Finance Bank Ltd partnered to offer insurance solutions to its customers?

- a) Star Health and Allied Insurance
- b) ICICI Prudential Life Insurance
- c) Aegon Life Insurance
- d) TATA AIA Life insurance
- e) None of these

Q.171 What is the name of the app launched by Indian National Centre for Ocean Information System (INCOIS) which is a one-stop solution to the data related to the ocean?

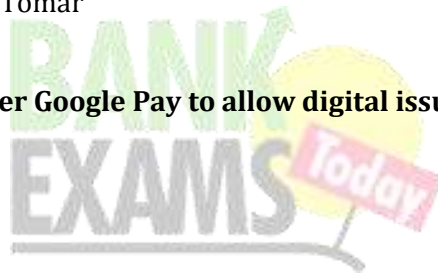
- a) Ocean Data
- b) Digital Ocean
- c) Access to Ocean
- d) Both a and b
- e) None of the above

Q.172 Who among the following laid the foundation stone for various developmental projects in Diu Town?

- a) President Ram Nath Kovind
- b) Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- c) Union Minister Nitin Gadkari
- d) Union Minister Narendra Singh Tomar
- e) None of these

Q.173 Which is the 1st Bank to partner Google Pay to allow digital issuing of FASTag?

- a) HDFC Bank
- b) Axis Bank
- c) ICICI Bank
- d) Yes Bank
- e) None of these



Q.174 Who among the following inaugurated India Meteorological Department (IMD) Centre at Leh in Ladakh?

- a) Rajnath Singh
- b) Radha Krishna Mathur
- c) Dr Harsh Vardhan
- d) Bipin Rawat
- e) None of these

Q.175 Which organisation to acquire 9.09% stake in Myclassboard Educational Solutions Pvt Ltd?

- a) Infosys
- b) Byju's
- c) Adobe
- d) ICICI Bank
- e) None of these

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Q.176 In partnership with whom the UK based Cashaa launched the World's First Crypto Bank named as 'Unicas'?

- a) United Multistate Credit Co-operative Society Ltd
- b) Money Plant Credit Co-operative Society Ltd
- c) Citizen Credit Co-operative Bank
- d) Sahayog Co-operative Credit Society Ltd
- e) None of these

Q.177 As per the RBI's working paper authored by Harendra Kumar Behera and Michael Debabrata Patra, the Inflation rate of ___% is appropriate for India?

- a) 3.7%
- b) 4.2%
- c) 3%
- d) 4%
- e) None of these

Q.178 Who among the following is nominated as the board member of Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunisation (GAVI)?

- a) Adar Poonawala
- b) Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- c) Dr Harsh Vardhan
- d) Rajesh Bhushan
- e) None of these

Q.179 With which country India signed MoU to have cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space?

- a) Bhutan
- b) Brunei
- c) Liberia
- d) Sri Lanka
- e) None of these

Q.180 With which institute has Common Services Center (CSC) joined hands to improve the ability of design and innovation among the Village Level Entrepreneurs (VLEs)?

- a) IIT Guwahati
- b) IIT Kanpur
- c) IIT Delhi
- d) IIT Bombay
- e) None of these

Q.181 In which state was India's first Pollinator Park inaugurated?

- a) Uttar Pradesh
- b) Karnataka
- c) Uttarakhand
- d) Maharashtra
- e) None of these

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Ans.1 (C) The 4th NSA Level Meet on Trilateral Maritime Security Cooperation was held between India, Sri Lanka and the Maldives. The Indian side was represented by Ajit Doval, National Security Adviser.

Ans.2 (A) As per the latest report of US Air Quality Index, Lahore is marked at most polluted cities in the world. As per the report, particulate matter (PM) rating of Lahore was 423.

Ans.3 (C) He is appointed as the Ambassador of the British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA)'s initiative called 'BAFTA Breakthrough India 2020-21'.

Ans.4 (A) As per the data, Singapore has become the top source of FDI by investing Rs 62,084 crores (USD 8.30 billion). The second source of FDI is marked by the USA which has invested Rs 53,266 crores (USD 7.12 billion) in India.

Ans.5 (B) He won the 2020 Bahrain Grand Prix. The second and third position is secured by Max Verstappen and Alexander Albon respectively.

Ans.6 (D) The Government of Punjab signed MoU with International Digital Health-Artificial Intelligence Research Collaborative (I-DAIR). They have signed MoU to develop digital technologies and infrastructures in the health sector.

Ans.7 (C) The summit was participated by Prime Ministers of SCO member states and Ministers and representatives of Observer states and a special guest from Turkmenistan via video conference.

Ans.8 (D) Quacquarelli Symonds (QS), which is the global higher education think-tank, has released QS Asia University Rankings 2021. The ranking list is topped by National University of Singapore (NUS) for the third consecutive year.

Ans.9 (C) She is appointed as Chairperson of National Dairy Development Board (NDDB). She has replaced Dilip Rath.

Ans.10 (E) The Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has partnered with India SME Asset Reconstruction Company (ISARC).

Ans.11 (A) National Pollution Control Day is marked on 2nd December.

Ans.12 (A) The BrahMos supersonic cruise missile is developed by BrahMos Aerospace Pvt Ltd. It is the joint venture of India and Russia. The anti-ship version of the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile has a maximum speed of 3450 kmph.

Ans.13 (C) Chief Minister of Goa launched the One-time settlement scheme. The scheme is basically a welfare scheme from the Electricity Department.

Ans.14 (D) The Union Minister of Tribal Affairs, Arjun Munda launched the first-ever virtual edition Aadi Mahotsav. This year's festival will be conducted in three phases of states like Madhya Pradesh (1st to 10th Dec 2020), Gujarat (11th to 20th Dec 2020) and West Bengal (21st to 30th Dec 2020).

Ans.15 (B) As per the index, India is ranked at 8th position with Most Affected Country in the world due to terrorism in 2019. The score of India is 7.353.

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Ans.16 (D) The Reserve Bank of India has issued an order to India's private sector bank, HDFC Bank in regards to incidents of outages in the internet and mobile banking and payment utilities of the lender over the last 2 years.

Ans.17 (A) International Day for Disabilities is marked on 3rd December.

Ans.18 (D) Paytm has entered into a partnership with Suryoday Small Finance Bank (SFB) Ltd with an aim to empower MSMEs with instant digital loans.

Ans.19 (C) The 20th edition of Sri Lanka Economic Summit (SLES) was held and a keynote address at its inauguration ceremony was delivered by Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs, Nirmala Sitharaman.

Ans.20 (A) The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the GOI has signed a loan agreement to improve financial management procedures and operational efficiencies in West Bengal.

Ans.21 (A) The meeting was co-chaired by Minister of State for External Affairs, V. Muraleedharan and Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Business and International Cooperation of Suriname, Albert R. Ramdin.

Ans.22 (B) The reverse repo rate under the LAF is also unchanged at 3.35%. The Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) rate and Bank Rate is also kept unchanged at 4.25%.

Ans.23 (D) It is topped by Reliance Industries Ltd. (RIL). The second, third position and fourth position are ranked by Indian Oil Corporation (IOL), Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) and State Bank of India respectively.

Ans.24 (A) India and the United States of America has entered into MoU to enhance cooperation in Intellectual Property (IP). Under this MoU, both the nations will be drafting a work plan to deepen IP Cooperation.

Ans.25 (D) The PASSEX (Passage) Exercise 2020 was held between the Indian Navy and Russian Federation Navy. The PASSEX exercise was held in the Eastern Indian Ocean Region.

Ans.26 (C) The 9th edition of International Sand Art Festival and 31st edition of Konark Festival was held in Odisha.

Ans.27 (B) The Karnataka Regional Office of NABARD has signed MoU with SBI to take up intervention projects in Karnataka. Both NABARD and SBI will provide finance facility for watershed development projects and tribal development projects.

Ans.28 (D) It is topped by Roshni Nadar (Chairperson of HCL Technologies). The second and third rank is attained by Kiran Mazumdar Shaw (Biocon) and Leena Gandhi Tewari (USV) respectively.

Ans.29 (B) The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) has signed MoU with National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD).

Ans.30 (B) PayNearby Technologies Pvt Ltd. In partnership with Yes Bank and NPCI launched the 'PayNearby Shopping Card'. The 'PayNearby Shopping Card' is powered by RuPay and is launched to offer benefits to the e-commerce industry.

Ans.31 (C) The 7th edition of IEF-IGU (International Energy Forum- International Gas Union) Ministerial Gas Forum was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The forum was hosted by Malaysia.

Ans.32 (A) The 'Axis Bank Rupifi Business Credit Card' is launched by Axis Bank in partnership with Rupifi and Visa. It is launched for the MSME sector and is termed as the contactless co-branded credit card.

Ans.33 (B) It topped the list of best police stations in India. It is in Manipur.

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Ans.34 (B) For this purpose, it has signed a pact with New Space India Limited (NSIL). Both NSIL and Pixxel will work to enhance utilisation and maximise the benefits of space assets for India.

Ans.35 (B) The Asian Development Bank has approved a loan to upgrade the existing power distribution system in Bengaluru, Karnataka. In this regards, ADB has approved the loan amount of \$190 million.

Ans.36 (A) India was represented by Minister of External Affairs, S Jaishankar and Mongolia was represented by L Oyun-Erdene, Chief Cabinet Secretary of the nation. Both the dignitaries expressed their satisfaction for the arrangement of special flights between the two nations.

Ans.37 (C) He is appointed as the Brand Ambassador for Horlicks Protein Plus by HUL.

Ans.38 (C) International Civil Aviation Day is observed on 7th December.

Ans.39 (D) ICICI Bank has come up with an app called 'iMobile Pay'. The 'iMobile Pay' is developed to offer payments and banking services to customers of any bank.

Ans.40 (D) Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually addressed the IIT 2020 Global Summit. The theme for IIT 2020 Global Summit was: 'The Future is Now'.

Ans.41 (A) The Kotak Mahindra Asset Management Company (Kotak Mutual Fund) launched Kotak International REIT (Real Estate Investment Trust) Fund of Funds. It is termed as India's first REIT Mutual Fund.

Ans.42 (A) He is appointed as President of Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI). He has replaced Sangita Reddy.

Ans.43 (A) He won the 2020 Sakhir Grand Prix. The second rank is marked by Estban Ocon (Renault-France) and the third rank is marked by Lance Stroll (Racing point BWT Mercedes-Canada).

Ans.44 (A) The Urban Governance Index is released by Praja Foundation. The index is topped by Odisha with a score of 56.86%.

Ans.45 (B) Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually inaugurated the construction work of Agra Metro Project, Uttar Pradesh. This project is comprised of 2 corridors having a total length of 29.4km.

Ans.46 (B) The New Climate Institute, Germanwatch and CAN (Climate Action Network) has released Global Climate Change Performance Index. India ranked 10th in this index with a score of 63.98.

Ans.47 (B) The Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd. (IREDA) has entered into an MoU with SJVN Limited for the purpose of green energy projects. IREDA will offer technical knowledge, technology transfer, and provide consultancy and research services to SJVN.

Ans.48 (C) The NTPC Ltd (National Thermal Power Corporation) entered into MoU with Indian Institute of Forest Management (IIFM), Bhopal. They have signed MoU for the implementation of Narmada Landscape Restoration Project.

Ans.49 (B) International Anti-Corruption Day is marked on 9th December.

Ans.50 (B) The National Backward Classes Finance & Development Corporation (NBCFDC) and National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation (NSFDC) has signed Memorandum of Agreements (MoAs) with Central Bank of India.

Ans.51 (C) The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved technical assistance for the advanced biofuel development in India. The ADB has approved a USD 2.5 million (about Rs 18 crore) in this regard.

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Ans.52 (D) The Mastercard, ni-msme (National Institute for MSME) and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) has collaborated to launch Digital Saksham. The Digital Saksham is basically a capacity-building initiative which creates awareness about the digitization of the MSME sector in India.

Ans.53 (B) The 6th India-Japan ICT Joint Working Group meeting was held virtually. The meeting was held under both nation's ICT (Information and Communication Technology) objective.

Ans.54 (A) The top three holders of the Forbes 100 Most Powerful Women 2020 are: Angela Merkel (Chancellor, Germany) (First Rank), Christine Lagarde (President of European central Bank) (Second Rank) and Kamala Harris (Vice President, US) (Third Rank).

Ans.55 (D) Union Finance Minister, Nirmala Sitharaman is among the 100 most powerful women. She is ranked at 41st position in the list. Also, Kiran Mazumdar Shaw, Chairman of Biocon Limited is featured at 68th rank position in the list.

Ans.56 (A) The theme for World Human Rights Day 2020 was Recover Better-Stand Up for Human Rights.

Ans.57 (D) The 14th ADMM (ASEAN Defence Ministers Meet)-Plus Meeting was held virtually. The meet was hosted by Vietnam.

Ans.58 (C) 'Max Fit': It is having features like wellness assessment score, a reminder for medicine, daily health tips. It is also having wellness calculator for illnesses such as diabetes, heart diseases, stress, anxiety, etc.

Ans.59 (A) She is appointed as President of International Golf Federation (IGF). She has replaced Peter Dawson.

Ans.60 (A) As per ADB, India's GDP to contract by 8% in FY 2021. Earlier it has projected contraction at 9% for FY 2021.

Ans.61 (B) The Credit rating agency Fitch Ratings has revised India's GDP forecast for the fiscal year 2021. As per Fitch Ratings, India's GDP to contract 9.4% in FY 2020-21.

Ans.62 (B) The author of the book titled as 'Dharma: Decoding the Epics for a Meaningful Life' is Amish Tripathi.

Ans.63 (C) India and Uzbekistan has entered into nine agreements in a virtual summit held to discuss bilateral relations of both nations.

Ans.64 (A) The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways signed an MoU with the Federal Ministry of Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology of the Republic of Austria.

Ans.65 (B) The IndUS Entrepreneurs (TiE) Global summit 2020 (TGS 2020) was held virtual. Theme for TGS 2020: 'Entrepreneurship 360'.

Ans.66 (C) The SBI General Insurance partnered with Mahindra Insurance Brokers Ltd (MIBL). They have collaborated under Sajhedaari programme.

Ans.67 (B) The Federation of India Commerce and Industry (FICCI) declared the India Sport Awards, 2020.

Ans.68 (D) International Day of Neutrality is observed on 12th December.

Ans.69 (B) RBL Bank Ltd and ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Ltd has signed bancassurance pact to offer the life insurance products of ICICI Prudential Life Insurance to the RBL Bank's customers.

Ans.70 (A) The Asian Development Bank has launched the Asia Pacific Vaccine Access Facility (APVAX). It is launched for developing countries who are the members of ADB.

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Ans.71 (D) The APVAX is basically \$9 billion initiative which will help developing member nations of ADB to procure and deliver coronavirus vaccines.

Ans.72 (B) The India Energy Storage Alliance (IESA) has entered into a partnership with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO). They have collaborated to undertake innovations in Energy Storage sector in India.

Ans.73 (D) The Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) partnered with Skylo to launch satellite-based Narrow Band Internet of Things network (NB-IoT) in India.

Ans.74 (C) The scheme aims to distribute 2.49 lakh sheep and goats to SC, ST women belonging to the age group between 45-60 years in order to improve their standard of living.

Ans.75 (B) It has become India's first Union Territory to become 100% organic. This is declared by the Ministry of Agriculture.

Ans.76 (D) The 5th edition of India Water Impact Summit was held virtually. The theme for the 5th IWIS was: Arth Ganga: River Conservation Synchronized Development.

Ans.77 (C) India and Qatar has decided to establish a task force on energy. The decision is taken to strengthen cooperation in the energy sector.

Ans.78 (D) The International Bharati Festival 2020 was virtually addressed by PM Narendra Modi. The festival was organised by Vanavil Cultural Centre, Chennai.

Ans.79 (B) PM Modi also inaugurated FICCI Annual Expo 2020, which commenced from 11th Dec 2020 and will continue throughout a year. Theme for FICCI's 93rd AGM: 'Inspired India'.

Ans.80 (C) It is won by Max Verstappen (Red Bull-Netherlands). The second and third positions were won by Valtteri Bottas (Mercedes-Finland) and Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes-Great Britain) respectively.

Ans.81 (C) Aceware, a fintech company in partnership with ICICI Bank launched 'Ace Money Micro ATM service' in Kochi, Kerala. With the help of this facility, people will be able to withdraw the amount from their bank accounts from their home.

Ans.82 (D) Ola, the SoftBank backed mobility firm signed MoU with Government of Tamil Nadu. The MoU is signed to set up Ola's first factory in the state.

Ans.83 (C) The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) will be launching CMS-01, which is the communication satellite. It will be launched on 17th Dec 2020 with the help of Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV-C50).

Ans.84 (D) The 9th edition of the Sustainable Mountain Development Summit was held in Dehradun, Uttarakhand. The summit was hosted by Sustainable Development Forum Uttaranchal and was organised by Indian Mountain Initiative.

Ans.85 (C) The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) launched 'BSE E-Agriculture Markets Ltd' (BEAM). BEAM is an electronic spot platform which is launched for agricultural commodities.

Ans.86 (A) Reserve Bank of India to set up an Automated Banknote Processing Centre (ABPC) in Jaipur, Rajasthan for the automated receipt, storage and dispatch of currency notes.

Ans.87 (D) The Norwegian Institute of Bioeconomy Research (NIBIO) has entered into MoU with Clean Ganga Mission (cGanga). The cGanga is a think-tank of the National Mission for Clean Ganga.

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Ans.88 (B) The National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog has published 'Vision 2035: Public Health Surveillance in India'. This white paper is developed by NITI Aayog and the University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Canada.

Ans.89 (A) The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) has announced the recipients of Champions of Earth Award 2020. Champion of the Earth Lifetime Achievement Award is Prof. Robert D Bullard.

Ans.90 (C) The Rating Agency, Credit Rating Information Services of India Limited (CRISIL) has projected a slower contraction in India's GDP. As per CRISIL, India's GDP to contract 7.7% in FY 21.

Ans.91 (B) He is appointed to head the newly formed department called as Corporation Finance Investigation Department (CFID) setup by SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India). The department is set up to check promoter frauds.

Ans.92 (D) It is launched by Bharti AXA Life Insurance Company in partnership with Primero Skills and Training Pvt Ltd. The campaign is launched to appreciate frontline health workers who are working to protect and take care of people in this COVID-19 pandemic situation.

Ans.93 (C) India stood at the rank position of 131st among 189 countries. India's score in this index is 0.640.

Ans.94 (A) The index is topped by Norway. The second and third ranks are secured by Ireland and Switzerland respectively.

Ans.95 (C) The Government of Andhra Pradesh launched YSR free Crop Insurance Scheme for farmers. The scheme is meant for those farmers who lost their crops during Kharif 2019.

Ans.96 (B) The 23rd meeting of the Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC) was chaired by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. The meet was held to review macroeconomic developments and to discuss the issues related to global and national financial stability.

Ans.97 (A) The Department of Posts (DoP) and India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) together launched 'DakPay', which is a new digital payment app. 'DakPay' was launched by Union Minister for Communications, Electronics & IT and Law & Justice, Ravi Shankar Prasad.

Ans.98 (D) The SBI General Insurance has entered into a partnership with IntrCity RailYatri. They have partnered to offer domestic travel insurance to bus customers who travel through IntrCity RailYatri.

Ans.99 (C) The SBI Ecowrap has forecasted that India's GDP to contract 7.4% in FY 2021. Earlier it had projected GDP of India to contract at 10.9%.

Ans.100 (C) The book titled as 'The Shaurya Unbound-Tales of Valour of the Central Reserve Police Force' is Om Birla.

Ans.101 (B) The list is topped by Kylie Jenner. She has an earning of USD 590 million. The second and third position is marked by Kanye West and Roger Federer respectively.

Ans.102 (A) The Indian Government has signed a loan agreement with the New Development Bank (NDB) for the purpose to support the Indian economy to recover from COVID-19 pandemic situation.

Ans.103 (A) India and Bangladesh held a virtual summit which was led by PM Narendra Modi and PM of Bangladesh Sheikh Hasina. The summit was held to discuss bilateral relations between both nations and to strengthen cooperation in post COVID era.

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Ans.104 (D) The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) announced the awards for Young Champions of the Earth Awards 2020. Vidyut Mohan, awarded with Young Champions of the Earth Awards 2020 for his contribution to Harvesting value from agri waste efforts.

Ans.105 (C) The Federation of Automobile Dealers Association (FADA) and Automotive Skills Development Council (ASDC) joint hands with Google India.

Ans.106 (D) He has won the presidential election of Ghana for the second term.

Ans.107 (B) International Migrants Day is marked on 18th December.

Ans.108 (A) It was celebrated by Ladakh Buddhist Association to observe the beginning of Ladakhi New Year.

Ans.109 (C) The index is the worldwide ranking of civil, economic and personal freedom. As per the index, India is ranked at 111th position among 162 countries.

Ans.110 (A) The first rank is marked by New Zealand. The second and third position is marked by Switzerland and Hong Kong respectively.

Ans.111 (A) India and Austria has entered into MoU to have Technology Cooperation in Road Infrastructure Sector. This MoU will help to increase trade and regional integration between both nations.

Ans.112 (B) The IndusInd Bank partnered with Mastercard to launch its first metal credit card named 'Pioneer Heritage Credit Card'. The card offers best-in-class features and privileges like travel, wellness, lifestyle etc.

Ans.113 (D) The Indian Navy and Indonesian Navy held the 35th edition of India-Indonesia Coordinated Patrol (IND-INDO CORPAT) exercise. The 35th IND-INDO CORPAT will help the Indian Navy to consolidate interoperability and develop strong coordination across Indo Pacific.

Ans.114 (C) He is awarded as the Best FIFA Men's Player 2020.

Ans.115 (D) It is launched by the Odisha Government with the aim to have 'Ease in Doing Business' in the state. The portal will offer 52 types of services.

Ans.116 (A) The Indian Government and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) have entered into a partnership of 4.21 million dollar Project Readiness Financing (PRF) facility in Tripura.

Ans.117 (C) The Union Minister of State for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), RK Singh launched India's first Centre of Excellence (CoE) in order to have the skill development in the power sector. It was launched at the campus of National Institute of Solar Energy (NIS), Gurugram, Haryana.

Ans.118 (B) The GRIHA signifies Green Rating for Integrated Habitat Assessment. The theme for 12th GRIHA Summit 2020: Rejuvenating Resilient Habitats.

Ans.119 (C) The summit was organised by Ministry of External Affairs and Carnegie India. The theme for 5th Global Technology Summit 2020: 'Geopolitics of Technology'.

Ans.120 (C) India Grid Trust partnered with IBM to form an asset management platform which will be enabled by Artificial Intelligence (AI) Technology. This partnership will help to digitally transform the critically powered infrastructure.

Ans.121 (B) The 6th India-Japan Samvad conference was virtually addressed by PM Narendra Modi. While addressing the conference, PM Modi proposed to form a library of all Buddhist literature and scriptures in India.

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Ans.122 (C) The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and Indian Government entered into a loan agreement with an aim to improve rural power distribution networks in Uttar Pradesh.

Ans.123 (D) The Uttar Pradesh Government launched a 'Varasat' Campaign. Basically, the 'Varasat' Campaign signifies natural succession campaign.

Ans.124 (D) He was the first official RSS Spokesperson and a veteran journalist.

Ans.125 (C) The World Bank has released the Ease of Doing Business 2020 report. As per the ranking, India stood at 63rd rank position with the score of 71.

Ans.126 (C) The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has sanctioned loan amount to construct Lower Kopili Hydroelectric Power (LKHEP) plant in Central Assam, India.

Ans.127 (B) The Indian Navy signed MoU with Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS). They have entered into MoU to share ocean services, data and expertise in operational oceanography.

Ans.128 (A) The 20th Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) Council of Ministers (COM) Meeting was held virtually under the Chairmanship of the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

Ans.129 (E) The Sports Ministry, GOI has included 4 new games named as Gatka (Originates from Punjab), Kalaripayattu (Originates from Kerala), Thang-Ta (Originates from Manipur) and Mallakhamba (Originates from Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh) into Khelo India Youth Games 2021 which are to held in Haryana.

Ans.130 (A) The India-Vietnam Virtual Summit 2020 was held via video conferencing. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Prime Minister of Vietnam, Nguyen Xuan Phuc jointly addressed the meet.

Ans.131 (B) Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be launching SEHAT, a health insurance scheme for the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir on 26th Dec 2020.

Ans.132 (B) The Central Bank of India entered into a partnership with NPCI (National Payments Corporation of India) 'RuPay Select'. The 'RuPay Select' is the contactless debit card which is the bank's one-of-its-kind health and wellness-focused card.

Ans.133 (D) The National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) has projected India's GDP to contract 7.3% for the current fiscal year 2020-21.

Ans.134 (C) The ICICI Bank has come up with an online platform which will support the foreign companies to launch and expand their businesses in India. The name of the online platform is 'Infinite India'.

Ans.135 (B) It was held at Radisson Blu Hotel of Guwahati, Assam. This year fest was based on 'Growth Agenda for North East Post COVID-19'.

Ans.136 (B) The Bank of Baroda (BOB) has signed MoU with the Indian Navy and Indian Coast Guard. Through this MoU, BOB will be offering customized banking services along with a host of facilities to the account holders.

Ans.137 (B) The Green National Highway Corridors Project of GOI is to be developed in Himachal Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh. For this purpose, the GOI has signed a loan agreement of \$500 million with World Bank.

Ans.138 (D) The government of Kerala has collaborated with UN women to establish the country's first gender data hub. For this purpose, the State government has signed MoU with UN Women.

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Ans.139 (B) The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has signed a loan agreement with Northern Arc Capital Ltd (NACL). Therefore, ADB has offered a loan of \$40 million to NARC.

Ans.140 (D) He is appointed as President of ASSOCHAM (Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India). He has replaced Niranjana Hiranandani.

Ans.141 (C) National Consumer Rights Day is marked on 24th December 2020.

Ans.142 (D) The Union Cabinet approved the merger of four of its media units with the National Film Development Corporation (NFDC). The 4 government-run film and media units merged are: (a) Directorate of Film Festivals (b) Films Division (c) Children's Film Society (d) National Film Archives of India.

Ans.143 (C) The Telangana government has signed MoU with SAP India. The MoU was signed to digitise and empower MSMEs of the state by empowering them with digital skills and cutting edge technologies.

Ans.144 (A) The National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) signed MoU with Mineral Exploration Corporation Ltd (MECL).

Ans.145 (C) The Secretary to Defence, Dr Ajay Kumar launched the DGNCC Digital Forum. The DGNCC Digital Forum will be hosted by DGNCC website.

Ans.146 (D) It is launched by Karnataka Government. The portal is a project related to e-governance and is linked with BHOOMI package of the state government to display the details of the land.

Ans.147 (C) The ISRO has entered into MoU with IIT Banaras Hindu University. The MoU is signed to build Regional Academic Centre for Space (RAC-S) at the campus of the institute.

Ans.148 (B) The United States International Development Finance Corporation (DFC) will be investing USD 54 million in India. The investment is done to support the development of critical infrastructure projects in India.

Ans.149 (A) India and Japan entered into MoU to enhance cooperation in the steel sector. The MoU was signed by the Ministry of Steel of GOI with Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan's Government.

Ans.150 (C) He is appointed as Prime Minister of Romania.

Ans.151 (D) The India Rating and Research (Ind-Ra) has revised its estimation for India's GDP for the fiscal year 2020-21. As per Ind-Ra, India's GDP to contract 7.8% in the financial year of 2020-21.

Ans.152 (B) It is India's first digital asset management and storage platform which is launched by NITI Aayog. The cloud storage platform will allow 20GB of storage space and 100GB space per month at Rs 30.

Ans.153 (A) The report describes the top 100 banking, financial services and insurance (BFSI) companies. The report is topped by HDFC Bank. The second and third rank is secured by ICICI Bank and SBI.

Ans.154 (B) The Minister of State (IC) for Housing and Urban Affairs, Hardeep Singh Puri launched the 'E-Sampada' web portal and a mobile app. The E-Sampada is launched to serve a single platform to manage estate services of GOI.

Ans.155 (B) India's first driver-less train on Delhi Metro's Magenta Line was inaugurated by PM Narendra Modi. He also launched a fully operational National Common Mobility Card service on Airport Express Line.

Ans.156 (A) The Agricultural Scientists Meet was held at India International Science Festival (IISF) 2020. The meeting was inaugurated by Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Kailash Choudhary.

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Ans.157 (B) He is appointed as Chief Secretary of Odisha. He has replaced Asit Kumar Tripathy.

Ans.158 (B) He was England's cricket player.

Ans.159 (D) The meet was held between India's Border Security Force (BSF) and Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB). It was held in Guwahati, Assam.

Ans.160 (A) The Government of Punjab launched Mobile Application and web portal called 'PR Insight'. It will work coordinately in response to the feedback from the people on government policies and schemes.

Ans.161 (C) The Department of Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) in partnership with National Jal Jeevan Mission launched the 'Water Quality Testing Innovation Challenge'.

Ans.162 (D) India stood at rank 3rd among 25 countries with most publications on AI technology from 2015-2019. India has published 91,563 AI publications during 2015-2019. The list is topped by China followed by the USA at 2nd position.

Ans.163 (C) India's largest Hockey Stadium to be built in Rourkela city of Odisha. The stadium will be having a seating capacity of 20,000 and will be the part of International Hockey Federation (FIH).

Ans.164 (A) The Indian Navy and Vietnam People's Navy held PASSEX-2020 (Passage Exercise). The PASSEX-2020 was held in the South China Sea with an aim to improve maritime cooperation between both nations.

Ans.165 (C) The Centre for Economics and Business Research Ltd (CEBR) has released the 12th World Economic League Table 2021. The ranking is topped by the United States.

Ans.166 (D) Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated New Khurja- New Bhaupur section of Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor (EDFC). The New Khurja- New Bhaupur section of EDFC is 351 km long and is situated in Uttar Pradesh.

Ans.167 (A) The International Cricket Council (ICC) Awards of the Decade 2011-2020 were announced. ICC Spirit of Cricket Award of the Decade: MS Dhoni.

Ans.168 (C) The Tips Music announced the signing of an agreement with social media giant Facebook. They have signed a global music licensing deal.

Ans.169 (C) It is the name of a remote sensing satellite launched by China.

Ans.170 (B) The AU Small Finance Bank Ltd has entered into a partnership with ICICI Prudential Life Insurance. They have partnered to offer insurance solutions of ICICI Pru Life to the customers of AU SFB.

Ans.171 (B) The Digital Ocean app and platform is basically a set of applications which helps to organise and present heterogeneous oceanographic data by adopting geospatial technology.

Ans.172 (A) President of India Ram Nath Kovind visited Diu Town of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu where he laid the foundation stone for various development projects.

Ans.173 (C) The ICICI Bank has collaborated with a digital payment solution, Google Pay to issue FASTag in a digital manner through UPI on payments app.

Ans.174 (C) The Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Science and Technology, Earth Sciences, Dr Harsh Vardhan inaugurated the India Meteorological Department (IMD) Centre at Leh in Ladakh.

Ans.175 (D) ICICI Bank to acquire 9.09% stake in Myclassboard Educational Solutions Pvt Ltd.

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Ans.176 (A) The World's First Crypto Bank named as 'Unicas' was launched by Cashaa of the United Kingdom in partnership with United Multistate Credit Co-operative Society Ltd of India.

Ans.177 (D) The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) working paper is authored by Harendra Kumar Behera and Michael Debabrata Patra. The working paper describes that Inflation rate of 4% is appropriate for India.

Ans.178 (C) He is nominated as the board member of the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunisation (GAVI). He will succeed Myint Htwe, who is the Union Minister of Health and Sports of Myanmar. Dr Harsh Vardhan is appointed from 1st Jan 2021 to 31st Dec 2023.

Ans.179 (A) India and Bhutan has signed MoU to have cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space.

Ans.180 (C) The Common Services Center (CSC) has entered into a partnership with IIT Delhi to improve the ability of design and innovation among the Village Level Entrepreneurs (VLEs) which are managed by CSCs in India.

Ans.181 (C) India's first Pollinator Park was inaugurated at Haldwani, Nainital district of Uttarakhand by Peter Smetacek who is a butterfly expert. The park will consume various pollinator species like honeybees, birds, butterflies.

