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**Q.1 The Gaganyaan mission of ISRO is scheduled to be launched in which year?**

- a) 2020
- b) 2021
- c) 2022
- d) 2024
- e) None of these

**Q.2 Phase 1 of the eDGCA project has been recently launched by which ministry?**

- a) Ministry of Culture
- b) Ministry of Civil Aviation
- c) Ministry of Coal
- d) Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers
- e) None of these

**Q.3 What is the gross GST revenue collected in the month of December, 2019?**

- a) Rs 1,03,492 crore
- b) Rs 95,380 crore
- c) Rs 1,03,184 crore
- d) Rs 99,734 crore
- e) None of these

**Q.4 Which App has been recently launched by the RBI to help visually challenged people to identify denomination of currency notes?**

- a) VANI
- b) MANI
- c) SANI
- d) PANI
- e) None of these

**Q.5 Which among the following has been recently launched by the Election Commission to allow the political parties to track the status of the applications on a real time basis?**

- a) Political Parties Tracking System
- b) Political Parties Registration System
- c) Political Parties Registration Tracking Management System
- d) Political Parties Registration Tracking and Information System
- e) None of these

**Q.6 Which year is chosen as the National tourism year of Nepal by the Nepal Government?**

- a) 2019
- b) 2020

- c) 2021
- d) 2022
- e) None of these

**Q.7 The '107th Indian Science Congress' (ISC), 2019 is being held in which state?**

- a) Kerala
- b) Karnataka
- c) Tamil Nadu
- d) Odisha
- e) None of these

**Q.8 The 5th Ice Hockey Association of India (IHAI) National Ice Hockey Championship -2020 is being held in?**

- a) Kargil
- b) Srinagar
- c) Leh
- d) Pulwama
- e) None of these

**Q.9 India's trade deficit with China is currently at \_\_\_\_\_?**

- a) \$83.6 billion
- b) \$33.6 billion
- c) \$53.6 billion
- d) \$63.6 billion
- e) None of these

**Q.10 Which state has received the Krishi Karman Award for the best-performing state in Overall Food-grain Production Category-III (production less than 1 million tone) for the year 2017-18?**

- a) Chhattisgarh
- b) Uttar Pradesh
- c) Manipur
- d) Punjab
- e) None of these

**Q.11 The World Braille Day is observed across the world on \_\_\_\_\_?**

- a) 4th December
- b) 4th January
- c) 14th January
- d) 24th December
- e) None of these

**Q.12 In which state of India, the 2nd tallest statue of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in the world is recently unveiled?**

- a) Maharashtra
- b) Gujarat
- c) Uttar Pradesh

- d) Rajasthan
- e) None of these

**Q.13 Which Indian has become the world no.1 in the latest International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) rankings in the Under-21 men's singles category?**

- a) G. Sathiyam
- b) Achanta Sharath Kamal
- c) Manav Thakkar
- d) Manika Batra
- e) None of these

**Q.14 In which Zoo of India, successful hatching of a pair of the endangered Greater Adjutant chicks (Hargila) was carried out recently?**

- a) Assam State Zoo
- b) Manipur State zoo
- c) Tripura State zoo
- d) Meghalaya State zoo
- e) None of these

**Q.15 The merchant discount rate is the rate charged to a merchant for payment processing services on?**

- 1. Debit card transactions
  - 2. Credit card transactions
- a) 1 only
  - b) 2 only
  - c) Both 1 and 2
  - d) Neither 1 or 2
  - e) None of the above

**Q.16 The Tagline of the United Commercial (UCO) Bank is?**

- a) Together we can
- b) Good Bank of Good People
- c) Honours Your Trust
- d) Trusted Family Bank
- e) None of these

**Q.17 Who is the winner of the award for the Best actor in a film in drama category at the 77th Golden Globes, 2020?**

- a) Brad Pitt
- b) Joaquin Phoenix
- c) Taron Egerton
- d) Brian Cox
- e) None of these

**Q.18 The Headquarter of the public sector "Indian overseas bank" is at?**

- a) Mumbai
- b) Chennai

- c) New Delhi
- d) Bangalore
- e) None of these

**Q.19 What is India's rank in the recently released Travel & Tourism Competitiveness Index?**

- a) 11th
- b) 23rd
- c) 34th
- d) 42nd
- e) None of these

**Q.20 The Antarrastriya Yoga Diwas Media Samman (AYDMS) was instituted in which year?**

- a) 2016
- b) 2017
- c) 2018
- d) 2019
- e) None of these

**Q.21 An Intergovernmental agreement between India and \_\_\_\_\_ for a joint venture on Ak-203 assault rifles has been signed recently?**

- a) USA
- b) Russia
- c) Japan
- d) France
- e) None of these

**Q.22 As per the revised Supervisory Action Framework of RBI, a UCB may come under SAF when its net NPAs exceed \_\_\_\_\_% of its net advances?**

- a) 2%
- b) 4%
- c) 6%
- d) 8%
- e) None of these

**Q.23 The National Photography Awards is annually conferred by which Ministry?**

- a) Ministry of Culture
- b) Ministry of Electronics & IT
- c) Ministry of Earth Science
- d) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
- e) None of these

**Q.24 Who has recently lifted the title in the 95th edition of the prestigious Hastings International Chess Congress?**

- a) GM Deep Sengupta
- b) Romain Edouard
- c) P Magesh Chandran

- d) G A Stany
- e) None of these

**Q.25 The 2nd National GST Conference of Commissioners of State Tax and Chief Commissioners/Director Generals of Central Tax was held under the chairmanship of \_\_\_\_\_?**

- a) Rajeev Kumar
- b) Girish Chandra Murmu
- c) Dr Ajay Bhushan Pandey
- d) Atanu Chakraborty
- e) None of these

**Q.26 The Global Investors Meet 2020 will be held at \_\_\_\_\_?**

- a) Chennai
- b) Ahmedabad
- c) Hyderabad
- d) Kochi
- e) None of these

**Q.27 Choose the correct statement about the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India?**

1. The headquarter of IBBI is in New Delhi
2. It was founded on 1st October 2016

- a) Only 1
- b) Only 2
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2
- e) None of the above

**Q.28 Which state has received the highest fund from the recently released central assistance to seven states as disaster relief on 6th Jan 2020?**

- a) Karnataka
- b) Madhya Pradesh
- c) Bihar
- d) Uttar Pradesh
- e) None of these

**Q.29 The Pravasi Bhartiya Divas is celebrated on \_\_\_\_\_ every year in India?**

- a) 9th January
- b) 19th January
- c) 12th January
- d) 29th January
- e) None of these

**Q.30 Choose the correct statement about wetlands?**

1. A wetland is a land area that is saturated with water, either permanently or seasonally
2. It takes on the characteristics of a distinct ecosystem

- a) Only 1

- b) Only 2
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2
- e) None of the above

**Q.31 The government of India has recently approved the Viability Gap Funding (VGF) of \_\_\_\_\_ to build Natural Gas Pipeline Grid covering 8 North Eastern states?**

- a) Rs 6000 crore
- b) Rs 5559 crore
- c) Rs 600 crore
- d) Rs 559 crore
- e) None of these

**Q.32 Which bank has announced the 'residential builder finance with buyer guarantee' (RBBG) scheme recently?**

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

**Q.33 RBI has recently amended the KYC norms to introduce a video based digital technology to help the banks and lending institutions to onboard customers remotely, the newly introduced technology is?**

- a) V-PCI
- b) V-CIP
- c) V-PIC
- d) V-ICP
- e) None of these

**Q.34 Which day is celebrated as the World Hindi Day every year?**

- a) 10th December
- b) 10th January
- c) 11th December
- d) 11th January
- e) None of these

**Q.35 The MILAN Exercise 2020 will be conducted at \_\_\_\_\_?**

- a) Andaman and Nicobar Island
- b) Za'ir-Al-Bahr
- c) Visakhapatnam
- d) Hong Kong
- e) None of these

**Q.36 A recent verdict of Supreme Court has said that, access to Internet is a fundamental right under article \_\_\_\_\_ of the Indian Constitution?**

- a) Article 16

- b) Article 17
- c) Article 18
- d) Article 19
- e) None of these

**Q.37 The International Energy Agency (IEA) has recently released the first review report for India in partnership with \_\_\_\_\_?**

- a) Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprise
- b) Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
- c) NITI Aayog
- d) Ministry of Power
- e) None of these

**Q.38 Which portal is launched by the Home Ministry recently to enable citizens to report cyber-crimes online?**

- a) Indian Cyber Crime Reporting Portal
- b) National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal
- c) Indian Cyber Crime Reporting central Portal
- d) National Cyber Crime Reporting central Portal
- e) None of these

**Q.39 The State Energy Efficiency Index 2019 is launched by \_\_\_\_\_?**

- a) Lowy Institute Asia
- b) Bureau of Energy Efficiency
- c) Alliance for an Energy Efficient Economy
- d) Solar Power Rocks'
- e) None of these

**Q.40 The Index of Industrial Production (IIP) is published by?**

- a) Reserve Bank of India
- b) SEBI
- c) Central Statistical Organisation
- d) Ministry of Steel
- e) None of these

**Q.41 The Naval version of the Tejas Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) that is recently in the news for a successful landing on the aircraft carrier INS Vikramaditya, is developed by?**

- a) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
- b) DRDO
- c) ISRO
- d) Dassault Aviation
- e) None of these

**Q.42 Which Ministry has launched the Mission Purvodaya?**

- a) Ministry of Culture
- b) Ministry of Defence



- c) Ministry of Road Transport & Highways
- d) Ministry of Steel
- e) None of these

**Q.43 The 23rd National Youth Festival 2020 is jointly organised by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports and the State Government of \_\_\_\_\_?**

- a) Madhya Pradesh
- b) Uttar Pradesh
- c) Arunachal Pradesh
- d) Assam
- e) None of these

**Q.44 Middle East's largest future energy and sustainability event, the World Future Energy Summit which is held annually at \_\_\_\_\_?**

- a) Ankara
- b) Tehran
- c) Abu Dhabi
- d) Riyadh
- e) None of these

**Q.45 Which cricketer has received the Polly Umrigar award for his super performance in international cricket in the 2018-19 season?**

- a) Rohit Sharma
- b) Jasprit Bumrah
- c) K. L. Rahul
- d) Kedar Jadhav
- e) None of these

**Q.46 Who is the present Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways?**

- a) Dharmendra Pradhan
- b) Narendra Singh Tomar
- c) Nitin Gadkari
- d) Rao Inderjit Singh
- e) None of these

**Q.47 Choose the correct statement about the new regulation scheme of drones announced by the Civil Aviation Ministry?**

1. The registered drones are issued a Drone Acknowledgement Number (DAN) and an Ownership Acknowledgement Number (OAN).
2. Those who fail to register till 31st Jan 2020 will face action under the Indian Penal Code and the Aircraft Act.

- a) Only 1
- b) Only 2
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2
- e) None of the above

**Q.48 The "Raisina Dialogue" is held annually by which country?**

- a) China
- b) Myanmar
- c) India
- d) Singapore
- e) None of these

**Q.49 The project AASHVAST is recently launched in which state?**

- a) Gujarat
- b) Maharashtra
- c) Madhya Pradesh
- d) Assam
- e) None of these

**Q.50 The Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana was launched in which year?**

- a) 2014
- b) 2015
- c) 2016
- d) 2017
- e) None of these

**Q.51 The South Central Zone of Indian Railways has recently signed a MoU with which Bank for Doorstep Banking for direct pickup of earnings covering all 585 Railway stations over SCR Zone?**

- a) Bank of India
- b) ICICI Bank
- c) State Bank of India
- d) Axis Bank
- e) None of these

**Q.52 The recently released National Statistical Office data showed that the Retail inflation jumps to about 5-yr high of \_\_\_\_\_ % in Dec 2019?**

- a) 7.31%
- b) 7.35%
- c) 7.39%
- d) 8.1%
- e) None of these

**Q.53 The Army Day is celebrated every year in India on \_\_\_\_\_?**

- a) 5th January
- b) 11th January
- c) 15th January
- d) 25th January
- e) None of these

**Q.54 The Annual Coast Guard Joint Exercise 'Sahyog-Kaijin' is conducted between India and \_\_\_\_\_?**

- a) China
- b) Maldives
- c) Singapore
- d) Japan
- e) None of these

**Q.55 The Indian communication satellite GSAT-30 will be launched from \_\_\_\_\_?**

- a) Sriharikota Range
- b) Satish Dhawan Space Centre
- c) French Guiana
- d) Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre
- e) None of these

**Q.56 \_\_\_\_\_ has been appointed as Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) after Viral V Acharya resigned from the post in June 2019?**

- a) Janak Raj
- b) Michael Debabrata Patra
- c) Subhash Chandra Garg
- d) Bharat Doshi
- e) None of these

**Q.57 The Housing Ministry has recently an e-commerce platform \_\_\_\_\_, to bring transparency in the real estate sector and offer only certified projects to the Homebuyers.**

- a) RealstateHomes.com
- b) HousingForAll.Com
- c) EasyHousing.com
- d) MakeHousingEasy.com
- e) None of these

**Q.58 As per the latest norms of RBI for credit and debit cards, banks shall provide all cardholders to switch ON/OFF or change all transaction limits via which channel/channels?**

- a) Mobile application
- b) Internet banking
- c) ATMs
- d) Interactive Voice Response (IVR)
- e) All the above

**Q.59 The campaign "Saksham" has been recently launched by which Ministry?**

- a) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- b) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
- c) Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
- d) Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas
- e) None of these

**Q.60 The Renewable Energy Investors' Meet was recently organised by?**

- a) Ministry of New and Renewable energy
- b) Ministry of Railways
- c) Ministry of Earth Science
- d) NITI Aayog
- e) None of these

**Q.61 The K9 Vajra self-propelled Howitzer gun is made by \_\_\_\_\_ under the Government of India 'Make in India' initiative?**

- a) Confederation of Indian Industry
- b) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
- c) Larsen and Toubro Armoured Systems Complex
- d) Patson Machines Pvt. Ltd.
- e) None of these

**Q.62 The Union government has recently announced to permanently settle the Bru-Reang refugees in which state?**

- a) Mizoram
- b) Meghalaya
- c) Assam
- d) Tripura
- e) None of these

**Q.63 Choose the correct statement about the recently notified Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Voluntary Liquidation Process) (Amendment) Regulations, 2020?**

1. A Liquidator shall deposit the amount of unclaimed dividends along with any income earned thereon into the Corporate Voluntary Liquidation Account before submission of an application for dissolution of the corporate person.
2. It provides a process for a stakeholder to seek withdrawal from the Corporate Voluntary Liquidation Account.

- a) Only 1
- b) Only 2
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2
- e) None of the above

**Q.64 The Government of India has recently signed a loan agreement of \$88 million with World Bank for the implementation of \_\_\_\_\_ Inland Water Transport Project?**

- a) Assam
- b) Meghalaya
- c) Bihar
- d) Tripura
- e) None of these

**Q.65 The Z Morh tunnel is being constructed by the government of India in which state or Union Territory?**

- a) Ladakh

- b) Jammu and Kashmir
- c) Sikkim
- d) Arunachal Pradesh
- e) None of these

**Q.66 Who is the present Chemicals and Fertilizers Minister?**

- a) D.V. Sadananda Gowda
- b) Subrahmanyam Jaishankar
- c) Harsimrat Kaur Badal
- d) Thawar Chand Gehlot
- e) None of these

**Q.67 The out-brake of the Novel Corona Virus is recently happened in which country?**

- a) Japan
- b) Oman
- c) China
- d) Indonesia
- e) None of these

**Q.68 The ELECRAMA 2020 is being organised by Ieema in Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh. The I in Ieema stands for \_\_\_\_\_?**

- a) Industries
- b) Innovation
- c) Indian
- d) Incredible
- e) None of these

**Q.69 The Pulse Polio Immunization programme was launched on a pan-India basis in which year?**

- a) 1988
- b) 1994
- c) 1995
- d) 2014
- e) None of these

**Q.70 The World Economic Forum was founded by \_\_\_\_\_ in the year \_\_\_\_\_?**

- a) Harry Dexter White, 1999
- b) John Maynard Keynes, 1977
- c) Prof. Klaus Schwab, 1971
- d) David Malpass, 1969
- e) None of these

**Q.71 The National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) was established in which year?**

- a) 2001
- b) 2004
- c) 2006
- d) 2009

e) None of these

**Q.72 The operational range of the K-4 ballistic missile is \_\_\_\_\_?**

- a) 2000 km
- b) 2500 km
- c) 3000 km
- d) 3500 km
- e) None of these

**Q.73 Which Indian film has won the Best Audience Award in Cinema of the World Category at the 18th Dhaka International Film Festival 2020?**

- a) Love and You
- b) Castle of Dreams
- c) Finally Love
- d) Children of the Sun
- e) None of these

**Q.74 Which state/Union Territory is promoting organic farming through the Mission Organic Development Initiative (MODI) programme?**

- a) Maharashtra
- b) Ladakh
- c) Andaman and Nicobar Island
- d) Chandigarh
- e) None of these

**Q.75 The 2nd edition of NIC Tech Conclave -2020 is being held at \_\_\_\_\_?**

- a) Bhopal
- b) Panji
- c) New Delhi
- d) Port Blair
- e) None of these

**Q.76 The Indian Air Force (IAF) has inducted its first squadron of Sukhoi-30 MKI aircraft carrying the \_\_\_\_\_ missiles on 20th January 2020?**

- a) Prithvi Air Defence missile
- b) Pradyumna Ballistic Missile
- c) Agni VI missile
- d) BrahMos missiles
- e) None of these

**Q.77 The second Integrated Check Post, ICP at \_\_\_\_\_ between India and Nepal is recently inaugurated on 21st January 2020?**

- a) Jogbani-Biratnagar
- b) Raxaul-Birgunj
- c) Raxaul-Biratnagar
- d) Jogbani-Birgunj

e) None of these

**Q.78 India has recently opened its first Mahatma Gandhi convention centre (MGICC) in which country?**

- a) Maldives
- b) Srilanka
- c) Niger
- d) Romania
- e) None of these

**Q.79 The PRAGATI platform was launched in 2015 as the ICT based multi-modal platform for Pro-Active Governance. The T in PRAGATI stands for?**

- a) Timely
- b) Tentative
- c) Tertiary
- d) Tuning
- e) None of these

**Q.80 Which state government has launched the Mukhyamantri Krishak Durghatna Kalyan Yojana recently in the state?**

- a) Maharashtra
- b) Madhya Pradesh
- c) Uttar Pradesh
- d) Tamil Nadu
- e) None of these

**Q.81 The SERVICE scheme of SAIL is recently launched by the Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas & Steel Dharmendra Pradhan. The R in SERVICE stands for?**

- a) Renewable
- b) Resource
- c) Rendering
- d) Rechargeable
- e) None of these

**Q.82 The Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar is given to children for their exceptional achievement and merit in which among the following fields?**

1. Innovation
  2. Sports
  3. Art and culture
  4. Social service
- a) Only 1,2 and 4
  - b) Only 2,3 and 4
  - c) Only 1,3 and 4
  - d) All 1,2,3 and 4
  - e) None of these

**Q.83 India has recently achieved the complete phase out of which ozone depleting chemical?**

- a) Chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs)
- b) Hydrochlorofluorocarbon (HCFC)-141b
- c) Carbon tetrachloride
- d) Methyl chloroform
- e) None of these

**Q.84 Which country is to host the 10th annual meeting of the Forum of the Election Management Bodies of South Asia (FEMBoSA) 2020?**

- a) Afghanistan
- b) India
- c) Bhutan
- d) Bangladesh
- e) None of these

**Q.85 The Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar is announced every year on \_\_\_\_\_ on the birth anniversary of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.**

- a) 21st January
- b) 22nd February
- c) 23rd January
- d) 24th February
- e) None of these

**Q.86 As per the new norms issued by the Finance Ministry recently, the last date for filing of GSTR-3B for the taxpayers having annual turnover of \_\_\_\_\_ and above in the previous financial year would be 20th of every month without late fees.**

- a) Rs 2 crore
- b) Rs 5 crore
- c) Rs 10 crore
- d) Rs 25 crore
- e) None of these

**Q.87 The National Girl Child Day is celebrated in India every year on \_\_\_\_\_ January?**

- a) 12th
- b) 22nd
- c) 24th
- d) 28th
- e) None of these

**Q.88 Which day is celebrated as the National Tourism Day in India every year?**

- a) 21st January
- b) 23rd January
- c) 25th January
- d) 27th January
- e) None of these



**Q.89 The National Voter's Day is celebrated in India on which date?**

- a) 21st January
- b) 25th January
- c) 26th January
- d) 29th January
- e) None of these

**Q.90 The World Bank has recently signed a \$210 million loan agreement with the government of India to support smallholder farmers of which Indian state?**

- a) Madhya Pradesh
- b) Jharkhand
- c) Bihar
- d) Maharashtra
- e) None of these

**Q.91 Which half-humanoid 'lady robot' will be send by Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) in the unmanned Gaganyaan spacecraft?**

- a) Vyas mitra
- b) Vyom mitra
- c) Vyay mitra
- d) Vikas mitra
- e) None of these

**Q.92 The theme of Bharat Parv 2020 is?**

1. 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat'
2. 'Celebrating 150 Years of Mahatma Gandhi'.

- a) Only 1
- b) Only 2
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2
- e) None of these

**Q.93 The Padma Awards Committee, which gives a recommendation for the Padma award is constituted by the \_\_\_\_\_ every year?**

- a) President of India
- b) Prime Minister of India
- c) Vice President of India
- d) Lok Sabha Speaker
- e) None of these

**Q.94 The 62nd Grammy Awards 2020 is recently held at \_\_\_\_\_ ?**

- a) Los Angeles
- b) San Francisco
- c) Las Vegas
- d) San Diego
- e) None of these

**Q.95 Which State government launched 'Shiv Bhojan' scheme on 26th January 2020, on the occasion of the 71st Republic Day?**

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

**Q.96 Flipkart co-founder \_\_\_\_\_ has recently resigned as an independent director of Ujjivan Small Finance Bank (USFC)?**

- a) Sachin Bansal
- b) Binny Bansal
- c) Suresh Bansal
- d) Bhupesh Bansal
- e) None of these

**Q.97 India's first underwater Metro train service is named as \_\_\_\_\_?**

- a) North-East Metro project
- b) East-West Metro project
- c) South-West Metro project
- d) North-South Metro project
- e) None of these

**Q.98 Which countries possess the capability of A-SAT Weapon System in the world?**

- a) China, France, USA, Russia
- b) India, Japan, USA, Russia
- c) Japan, Russia, France, USA
- d) India, US, Russia, China
- e) None of these

**Q.99 At the recently held India-Brazil Business Forum 2020, India-Brazil set target to achieve \_\_\_\_\_ trade by 2022?**

- a) \$ 40 billion
- b) \$ 34 billion
- c) \$ 25 billion
- d) \$ 15 billion
- e) None of these

**Q.100 The 3rd Global Potato Conclave 2020 is being held at \_\_\_\_\_?**

- a) Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
- b) Jamshedpur, Jharkhand
- c) Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- d) Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh
- e) None of these

**Q.101 Who has been recently appointed as the Non-Executive Chairman of Vakrangee Limited?**

- a) Dinesh Nandwana
- b) Anil Khanna
- c) Ramesh Joshi
- d) Shweta Swarup
- e) None of these

**Q.102 Which portal is launched by the Government of India to enhance network application of gram panchayats for a thematic Database visualization, Data analytics, Generation of automatic reports etc?**

- a) Gram Panchyat V4 web Portal
- b) Deshantar Panchayat V3 web Portal
- c) Bhuvan Panchayat V3 web Portal
- d) Seva Panchayat V4 web Portal
- e) None of these

**Q.103 Presently, the total number of Ramsar Sites in India is \_\_\_\_\_?**

- a) 65
- b) 50
- c) 42
- d) 37
- e) None of these

**Q.104 The Indian Railways has commissioned its first Waste to Energy Plant at \_\_\_\_\_?**

- a) Bhopal
- b) Bhubaneswar
- c) Varanasi
- d) Hyderabad
- e) None of these

**Q.105 The Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha Evam Utthan Mahabhiyan (PM KUSUM) scheme was launched on 22nd July 2019 under which Ministry?**

- a) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- b) Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
- c) Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
- d) Ministry of Rural Development
- e) None of these

**Q.106 In which year's Union Budget, the creation of a social stock exchange and electronic transparent fundraising platform for organisations working on social welfare was announced?**

- a) Budget 2019-20
- b) Budget 2018-19
- c) Budget 2017-18
- d) Budget 2016-17
- e) None of these

**Q.107 Which among the following is not declared as Martyrs' Day in India?**

- a) 30th January
- b) 23rd March
- c) 21st October
- d) 7th October
- e) None of these

**Q.108 The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) which was constituted in \_\_\_\_\_, has recently appointed \_\_\_\_\_ as its ex officio member?**

- a) 2015, Michael Debrata Patra
- b) 2016, Dr Janak Raj
- c) 2016, Michael Debrata Patra
- d) 2015, Dr Janak Raj
- e) None of these

**Q.109 Under the Medical Termination of Pregnancy (Amendment) Bill, 2020 the limit of termination of pregnancy has been increased to \_\_\_\_\_ weeks?**

- a) 21
- b) 22
- c) 23
- d) 24
- e) None of these

**Q.110 Which Indian has been appointed as the CEO of International Business Machines Corporation (IBM) replacing the current CEO Ginni Rometty?**

- a) Arvind Anand
- b) Abidali Neemuchwala
- c) Arvind Krishna
- d) Rajesh Gopinathan
- e) None of these

**Q.111 Which among the following outbreaks have been declared as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC) by the World Health Organisation (WHO) till date?**

1. Coronavirus(2019-nCoV)
  2. Pandemic influenza (H1N1) in 2009
  3. Zika virus outbreak in 2016
  4. Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo in 2019
- a) 1, 2 and 4
  - b) 1, 3 and 4
  - c) 2, 3 and 4
  - d) All 1,2,3 and 4
  - e) None of these

**Q.112 Who has won the prestigious 'World Games Athlete of the Year' award 2019 and became the first-ever hockey player to win the award?**

- a) Sjoerd Marijne

- b) Rani Rampal
- c) Rajani Etimaru
- d) Neha Goyal
- e) None of these

**Q.113** The World Sustainable Development Summit 2020 is recently held at \_\_\_\_\_?

- a) New Delhi
- b) Washington D.C.
- c) Dhaka
- d) Paris
- e) None of these

## ANSWERS:

**Ans.1 (A)** The training of the Astronauts would begin from the third week of January 2020. Gaganyaan is a fully autonomous spacecraft designed to carry a 3-member crew to orbit at 400 km altitude and safely return to the Earth after a mission duration of up to seven days.

**Ans.2 (B)** Secretary of Ministry of Civil Aviation, Pradeep Kharola has launched the Phase-1 services of the e-Governance project of Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA).

**Ans.3 (C)** The government has settled Rs 21,814crore to CGST and Rs 15,366crore to SGST from IGST as regular settlement. Goods and Services Tax (GST) is an indirect tax (or consumption tax) used in India on the supply of goods and services.

**Ans.4 (B)** Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has launched a mobile app named Mobile Aided Note Identifier (MANI) to help visually challenged people to identify denomination of currency notes.

**Ans.5 (C)** The Political Parties Registration Tracking Management System is launched to enable applicants to track the status of the applications on a real time basis. The new norms have come into force from 1st Jan 2020.

**Ans.6 (B)** The ambitious campaign is aimed to promote tourism in Nepal and attract 2 million tourists during the year 2020. Visit Nepal 2020 campaign was also launched in all the seven provinces of Nepal.

**Ans.7 (B)** The '107th Indian Science Congress' (ISC), will be held from 3rd-7th January 2020 at University of Agricultural Sciences (UASB), Bangalore, Karnataka.

**Ans.8 (C)** The tournament will continue till 7th January in Karzoo Ice Hockey Rink in Leh, where the Army, Chandigarh, Delhi, Haryana, Maharashtra and home team Ladakh are fighting for the championship in U-20 boys' category.

**Ans.9 (C)** A total of 371 items will be restricted from March 2020 which includes toys, plastic goods, Sport items, furniture especially from China. This step was needed to shrink the trade deficit with China which is currently at \$53.6 billion.

**Ans.10 (C)** Manipur was selected for the prestigious award as the best-performing state in Overall Food-grain Production Category-III (production less than 1 million tones) for the year 2017-18.

**Ans.11 (B)** The world Braille Day is being celebrated annually on 4th January across the world. The day is marked remembering the birth anniversary of Louis Braille, the inventor of Braille - for people with visual disabilities.

**Ans.12 (B)** Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani unveiled the second tallest statue of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in the world at Ahmedabad on 3rd Jan 2020. The total cost on the bronze made statue was around Rs 3.25 crore.

**Ans.13 (C)** Manav Thakkar has now become the fourth Indian to achieve the feat after Harmeet Desai, G Sathiyam and Soumyajit Ghosh. Thakkar was also world no. 1 in the Under-18 category in February 2018.

**Ans.14 (A)** Although Greater Adjutant storks have been kept in zoos throughout the world, they have not successfully bred until now. The captive breeding of this species at Assam State Zoo (also called Guwahati Zoo) is a great contribution to the conservation of this endangered species.

**Ans.15 (C)** Merchant Discount Rate is the fee accrued by banks, and is generally levied from the merchants processing the debit and credit card transactions.

**Ans.16 (C)** State owned United Commercial (UCO) Bank has recovered Rs 800-900 crore in the 3rd quarter (ending December) by corporate debt resolution of four accounts under the bankruptcy law.

**Ans.17 (B)** The 77th Golden Globes is happened at the Beverly Hilton in Beverly Hills, on 5th January 2020. Best actor in a film – drama: Joaquin Phoenix, Joker.

**Ans.18 (B)** The bank has received the amount as contribution of the government in preferential allotment of equity shares during the financial year 2019-20 as government's investment. Indian Overseas Bank Headquarter is Chennai.

**Ans.19 (C)** In the year 2019, India's rank in the Index has moved to 34th position from 65th rank in 2013. Foreign Tourist Arrivals has registered a growth of 3.2 % in the year 2019 in India.

**Ans.20 (D)** Antarrastriya Yoga Diwas Media Samman (AYDMS) was instituted in June 2019 to mark media contribution in spreading the message of Yoga.

**Ans.21 (B)** This Joint venture was formed by Inter Governmental Agreement between India and Russia in February 2019. The faculty is being set up between Rosoboron Exports and Kalashnikov on Russian side with 49.5% equity while Ordnance Factories Board on Indian side with 50% shareholding.

**Ans.22 (C)** Its net NPAs exceed 6% of its net advances. It incurs losses for two consecutive financial years or has accumulated losses on its balance-sheet.

**Ans.23 (D)** Photo Division under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, has invited entries for the 8th National Photography Awards. The applicants can submit their entries by 15th January 2020.

**Ans.24 (C)** P Magesh Chandran has a FIDE rating of 2479, finished in clear first place with 7.5 points from nine games and won against compatriot G A Stany in the finals.

**Ans.25 (C)** The Second National GST Conference of the Commissioners of State Tax and Chief Commissioners of Central Tax was held in New Delhi on 7th January 2020. The meeting was held under the chairmanship of Revenue Secretary Dr Ajay Bhushan Pandey.

**Ans.26 (D)** ASCEND 2020, two-day global investors meet will showcase 18 mega projects with over Rs 100 crore investment each. A single-window, Invest Kerala Portal will be showcased at the ASCEND for hassle-free investment promotion.

**Ans.27 (C)** The amendment clarifies that a person, who is not eligible under the Code to submit a resolution plan for insolvency resolution of the corporate debtor, shall not be a party in any manner to a compromise or arrangement of the corporate debtor under section 230 of the Companies Act, 2013.

**Ans.28 (A)** The financial assistance has been given to the states of Madhya Pradesh (Rs 1750 crore), Maharashtra (Rs 957 crore), Assam (Rs 617 crore), Himachal Pradesh (Rs 285 crore), Karnataka (Rs 1870 crore), Tripura (Rs 63 crore) and Uttar Pradesh (Rs 367 crore).

**Ans.29 (A)** Pravasi Bhartiya Divas is celebrated on 9th January every year in India. The day is observed to mark the contribution of the overseas Indian community in the development of India.

**Ans.30 (C)** The rules prohibit setting up or expansion of industries and disposal of construction and demolition waste within the wetlands. A wetland is a land area that is saturated with water, either permanently or seasonally, and it takes on the characteristics of a distinct ecosystem.

**Ans.31 (B)** The Government has approved the Viability Gap Funding (VGF) of Rs 5,559 crore to build Natural Gas Pipeline Grid covering 8 North Eastern states. This is second such funding by the government for gas pipeline project.

**Ans.32 (A)** The 'residential builder finance with buyer guarantee' (RBBG) scheme aims at giving a push to residential sales and improve homebuyers' confidence. The scheme will focus on affordable housing projects priced up to 2.50 crore rupees in 10 cities initially.

**Ans.33 (B)** The new norm, banks and other lending institutions regulated by RBI are allowed to use a Video based Customer Identification Process (V-CIP). The video KYC will be consent based, means the bank will have to take the consent of the customer for V-CIP.

**Ans.34 (B)** The day is commemorated every year with the objective to promote the use of Hindi language abroad. The First World Hindi Conference was organized on this day in 1975 in Nagpur to promote the language worldwide.

**Ans.35 (C)** MILAN 2020 is a multilateral naval exercise hosted by Indian Navy, aimed to enhance professional interaction between friendly foreign navies and learn from each other's strengths and best practices in the maritime domain.

**Ans.36 (D)** A three judge bench of Supreme Court has said that access to the Internet is a fundamental right under Article 19 of the Constitution subject to some restrictions. The three judge bench was headed by Justice N V Ramana and comprised justices B R Gavai and R Subhash Reddy.

**Ans.37 (C)** The IEA report praised the draft National Energy Policy by NITI Aayog and said to adopt and implement across central and state governments. Oil subsidy accounted for \$3.5 billion in 2018-19, a continuous decrease from the level of \$14 billion in 2012-13 and \$11 billion in 2014-15.

**Ans.38 (B)** The National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal ([www.cybercrime.gov.in](http://www.cybercrime.gov.in)) is a citizen-centric initiative that will enable citizens to report cyber-crimes online through the portal. This portal was launched on a pilot basis on 30th August 2019.

**Ans.39 (B)** The index is developed by Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) in association with Alliance for an Energy-Efficient Economy (AEEE). The first such Index was launched on August 2018.

**Ans.40 (C)** Mining sector output decelerated to 1.7% from 2.7% in the year-ago month. The Index of Industrial Production (IIP) is an index for India which details out the growth of various sectors in an economy such as mineral mining, electricity and manufacturing.

**Ans.41 (B)** The Naval LCA is developed by the Defence Research and Development Organization, DRDO. With the landing, India has entered into the club of selected nations having the capability to design a fighter jet which can land on an aircraft carrier.

**Ans.42 (D)** Union Steel Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has unveiled the Mission Purvodaya on 12th Jan 2020 in Kolkata, to develop the eastern region into an integrated steel hub. The Mission Purvodaya is aimed at accelerated development of eastern India through the establishment of an integrated steel hub.

**Ans.43 (B)** The National Youth Festival 2020 is jointly organised by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports and the State Government of Uttar Pradesh. The government has been organising NYF since 1995.

**Ans.44 (C)** World Future Energy Summit in the Middle East's largest future energy and sustainability event. The WFE Summit is held annually at Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre.

**Ans.45 (B)** The award is given to Jasprit Bumrah for his super performance in international cricket in the 2018-19 season. He is the world's No. 1 ODI bowler and picked up a five-wicket haul in South Africa, England, Australia and the West Indies becoming the first and only Asian bowler to achieve the feat.

**Ans.46 (C)** Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways Nitin Gadkari will present the 'National Highways Excellence Awards'. The awards were instituted in the year 2018.

**Ans.47 (C)** A Drone Acknowledgement Number (DAN) and an Ownership Acknowledgement Number (OAN) will be issued online on successful submission of voluntary disclosure of possessing drone to validate operation of drones in India.

**Ans.48 (C)** The Raisina Dialogue is a multilateral conference held annually in New Delhi. The Dialogue was initiated in 2016 and involves a variety of global policymakers including heads of state, cabinet ministers and local government officials.

**Ans.49 (A)** Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated various projects including VISWAS and AASHVAST in Gandhinagar, Gujarat for preventing crimes in the state. AASHVAST to pay E Challan online and provide Cyber Crime Prevention which will have a dedicated service helpline for victims of cyber crimes.

**Ans.50 (C)** The scheme provides comprehensive insurance coverage against crop loss on account of non-preventable natural risks, thus helping stabilise farmers' income. Under it, there is a uniform premium of only 2% to be paid by farmers for all Kharif crops and 1.5% for all Rabi crops.

**Ans.51 (C)** A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between South Central Zone of Indian Railways and State Bank of India for Doorstep Banking. The doorstep Banking will provide direct pickup of earnings covering all 585 Railway stations over SCR Zone.

**Ans.52 (B)** As per the data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO) on 13th Jan 2020, Retail inflation jumps to about 5-yr high of 7.35 % in Dec 2019. The overall food inflation rose to 14.12 % on December 19 as against (-) 2.65 % on December 18.

**Ans.53 (C)** The Army Day is celebrated every year to commemorate the day when General KM Cariappa took over the command of Army and became the first Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Army after Independence.



**Ans.54 (D)** This is the 19th such exercise being conducted between the two Coast Guards since 2000. It is being witnessed by the Director-General of Indian Coast Guard Krishnaswamy Natarajan and Admiral Takahiro Okushima, Commandant, Japan Coast Guard.

**Ans.55 (C)** The GSAT-30 is a communication satellite of India and will be launched onboard Ariane-5 launch vehicle (VA 251). The satellite weighs 3357 kg and has a mission life of more than 15 years.

**Ans.56 (B)** Michael Debabrata Patra has been appointed as Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). He will be the fourth Deputy Governor of the RBI and has been appointed to the post for a period of 3 years.

**Ans.57 (B)** The portal 'HousingForAll.Com', will help buyers in accessing best priced inventory by builders for a limited time. The online platform is for projects that have received occupancy certificates (OCs) and is expected to create a safe and transparent home-buying experience for home buyers.

**Ans.58 (E)** Issuers shall provide to all cardholders 24x7 access to switch ON/OFF or change all transaction limits via all available channels — mobile application/internet banking / ATMs / Interactive Voice Response (IVR).

**Ans.59 (D)** The campaign is launched for putting earnest efforts for petroleum conservation to bring down the huge import burden for energy requirements. As per the recent data, India's share of primary energy demand is set to double to 11% by 2040.

**Ans.60 (B)** Indian Railways organised the Renewable Energy Investors' Meet on 9th January 2020 in New Delhi. The meet was organised by the Indian Railways and Railway Energy Management Company Ltd. (REMCL - a Joint Venture of Ministry of Railways & RITES Ltd.).

**Ans.61 (C)** The 51st K9 Vajra self-propelled Howitzer gun is made by the Larsen and Toubro (L&T) at Hazira in Gujarat. The minister said that L&T's Armoured Systems Complex (ASC) has a state of art complex to manufacture and integrate advanced armoured platforms.

**Ans.62 (D)** The agreement was signed with stakeholders from the State of Tripura, Mizoram and members of the Bru community. As per the agreement, over 30 thousand Bru refugees will be settled in Tripura.

**Ans.63 (C)** IBBI notified the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Voluntary Liquidation Process) (Amendment) Regulations, 2020 on 15th January, 2020. It also provides a process for a stakeholder to seek withdrawal from the Corporate Voluntary Liquidation Account.

**Ans.64 (A)** The Assam Inland Water Transport Project (AIWTP) will help Assam improve the passenger ferry infrastructure and its services, develop a modern, efficient and safe river transport system for the large volume of passengers and cargo.

**Ans.65 (B)** Union government has signed a Concession Agreement for completing the 6.5-kilometre long Z-Morh tunnel in Jammu and Kashmir. As per the agreement, the 6.5km, two-lane bi-directional tunnel will be completed in 3.5 years at a cost of Rs 2379 Crore.

**Ans.66 (A)** Chemicals and Fertilizers Minister D.V. Sadananda Gowda has launched the APNA UREA - Sona Ugle brand of Hindustan Urvarak and Rasayan Limited (HURL). The Government approved in 2016 the revival of three sick Urea plants located at Gorakhpur, Sindri and Barauni.

**Ans.67 (C)** The outbreak of the virus has reported 41 confirmed cases of novel Coronavirus (nCoV) including one death from Wuhan, China on 5th January 2020. WHO has denoted Novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) as Wuhan coronavirus or Wuhan seafood market pneumonia virus.

**Ans.68 (C)** The ELECRAMA 2020, the flagship showcase of the Indian electrical industry, is an International Exhibition on Electrical and Industrial Electronics Industry organized by Ieema (Indian Electrical and Electronics Manufacturers' Association).

**Ans.69 (C)** The Pulse Polio was started in 1988 globally following World Health Assembly resolution in 1988. Pulse Polio Immunization programme was launched in India in 1995.

**Ans.70 (C)** Prof. Klaus Schwab, an engineer and economist, founded the Forum in 1971. In 1970, Schwab left the Swiss industrial group Escher Wyss to organize a two-week conference in the Swiss Alps.

**Ans.71 (C)** The NDRF was constituted in 2006 to lay down the policies, plans and guidelines for disaster management. The Disaster Management Act has statutory provisions for constitution of National Disaster Response Force (NDRF).

**Ans.72 (D)** The K-4 ballistic missile is a 3,500 kilometre range nuclear capable missile that can be launched from a submarine. Only the US, Russia and China have submarine-launched ballistic missiles of 3,500-kilometre range.

**Ans.73 (C)** The DIFF began on 11th January and a total of 220 films from 74 countries were shown during the nine-day long festival. Best Audience Award in Cinema of the World Category: Indian film 'Finally Love' directed by Anjan Dutt.

**Ans.74 (B)** The move is also aimed at strengthen the "local" produce of Ladakh so that they are "significantly healthier than imported ones". Under the MODI project, the administration has been planning to target more than 115 villages in the district for organic certification.

**Ans.75 (C)** The National Informatics Centre (NIC) of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology is instrumental in steering application of Information and Communications Technology (ICT) for e-Governance to Central Government, State Governments, UT Administrations, Districts and other Government bodies.

**Ans.76 (D)** The Sukhoi-30 MKI aircraft integrated with the supersonic cruise missiles BrahMos is the strongest maritime combination that India has, in terms of weapon capability. The Indian government approved the integration of the BrahMos-A into the Su-30MKI in 2016.

**Ans.77 (A)** Jobgani-Biratnagar international trade point is one of the important trade points between India and Nepal that share over 1,850 kilometre- long border with each other. Biratnagar is also the third-largest Revenue Collecting Customs Office of Nepal.

**Ans.78 (C)** India opened its first Mahatma Gandhi convention centre (MGICC) in Niger on 22nd January 2020. External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and President of Niger Mahamadou Issoufou jointly inaugurated the first convention centre in Africa.

**Ans.79 (A)** PRAGATI stands for Pro-Active Governance And Timely Implementation. PRAGATI is the ICT based multi-modal platform for Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation, involving Central and State governments.

**Ans.80 (C)** The Mukhyamantri Krishak Durghatna Kalyan Yojana will provide financial assistance to the family of farmers who die or become handicapped while working in fields. The government has also decided to implement Mukhyamantri Paryatan Samvardhan Yojana to boost tourism in the state.

**Ans.81 (C)** The scheme is called "SAIL Employee Rendering Voluntarism and Initiatives for Community Engagement (SERVICE)". The SERVICE scheme will promote and facilitate philanthropist activities by the employees in a structured manner.

**Ans.82 (D)** The Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar had been conferred by the Government of India to children for their exceptional achievement and merit in innovation, scholastic, sports, arts, culture, social service, music or any other field which deserves recognition.

**Ans.83 (B)** (HCFC)-141 b is used mainly as a blowing agent in the production of rigid polyurethane (PU) foams. HCFC-141b is not produced in India and all the domestic requirements are met through imports.

**Ans.84 (B)** The Election Commission of India will also take over as Chair of FEMBoSA for 2020. The members of the FEMBoSA include India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan, Afghanistan, Sri Lanka, Pakistan and Maldives.

**Ans.85 (C)** The Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar is given to recognise the excellent work done by individuals and institutions in India in the field of disaster management. Government of India announces the award every year on 23rd January on the birth anniversary of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

**Ans.86 (B)** The Finance Ministry on 22nd January 2020 has decided to allow GST taxpayers to file their GSTR-3B returns in a staggered manner. After the change, now the last date for filing of GSTR-3B for the taxpayers having annual turnover of Rs 5 crore and above in the previous financial year would be 20th of every month without late fees.

**Ans.87 (C)** The National Girl Child Day is being celebrated in India every year on 24th January. The National Girl Child Day was first initiated in the year 2008, by the Ministry of Women and Child Development.

**Ans.88 (C)** The Government of India celebrates 25th January as the National Tourism Day every year. The National Tourism Day is celebrated every year to raise awareness about the importance of tourism for the country's economy.

**Ans.89 (B)** The 10th National Voters' Day is being celebrated across the country on 25th January 2020. It is celebrated at over ten lakh locations across the country including Polling Stations, District and State headquarters.

**Ans.90 (D)** The \$210 million loan agreement has been made to support smallholder farmers in the Indian state of Maharashtra. The loan agreement was signed by Sameer Kumar Khare, Additional Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, and Junaid Kamal Ahmad, Country Director (India), World Bank.

**Ans.91 (B)** ISRO showcased the lady robot (the prototype of the half-humanoid) at the inaugural session of the "Human Spaceflight and Exploration - Present Challenges and Future Trends". Vyommitra is a combination of two Sanskrit words Vyoma (Space) and Mitra (Friend).

**Ans.92 (C)** The Bharat Parv 2020 will be celebrated from 26th to 31st January 2020. The theme of this year's Bharat Parv is 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' and 'Celebrating 150 Years of Mahatma Gandhi'.

**Ans.93 (B)** The Padma Awards Committee, which is constituted by the Prime Minister every year gives a recommendation for the award. 33 of the awardees are women and the list also includes 18 persons from the category of Foreigners/NRI/PIO/OCI and 12 posthumous awardees.

**Ans.94 (A)** The 62nd annual Grammy Awards billed as "music's biggest night" took place in Los Angeles on 26th January 2020. The Recording Academy presents the Grammy Award, originally called Gramophone Award to recognize achievements in the music industry.

**Ans.95 (B)** Maharashtra government launched 'Shiv Bhojan' scheme on 26th January 2020, on the occasion of the 71st Republic Day. The scheme is launched on a pilot basis at an expected expenditure of Rs 6.4 crore.

**Ans.96 (A)** Sachin Bansal resigned from Ujjivan Small Finance Bank's board "in the interest of propriety and corporate governance as an entity owned and controlled by him has made an application to the Reserve Bank of India for a universal banking license."

**Ans.97 (B)** The East-West Metro corridor builds under the Government of India entity Kolkata Metro Rail Corporation (KMRC) will have 6 elevated stations and six underground stations. The length of the river crossing is 520 metres and the internal diameter of each tunnel is 5.55 metres.

**Ans.98 (D)** It can destroy a missile approaching it at a high speed of nearly 11 km per second. The technology placed India at par with the club of three nations- US, Russia and China, which possess this capability.

**Ans.99 (D)** India-Brazil set a target to achieve \$ 15 billion trade by 2022. 15 MoUs of cooperation has been signed on investments, trade facilitation, social security, agriculture, defence and double taxation etc.

**Ans.100 (C)** Gujarat is one of the leading producers of Potato in the country, with a productivity of more than 30 tonnes per hectare. In the last two decades, two Global Potato Conferences were organized in 1999 and 2008.

**Ans.101 (C)** The Vakrangee Limited also Re-designated Dinesh Nandwana, Executive Chairman as the Managing Director and Group CEO in place of Anil Khanna.

**Ans.102 (C)** The Bhuvan Panchayat V3 web Portal is launched to enhance network application of gram panchayats. The Portal will function with the help of satellite technology developed by ISRO.

**Ans.103 (D)** The Ramsar Convention is an inter-governmental accord signed on 2nd February 1971 by member countries to preserve the ecological character of their wetlands of international importance. The numbers of Ramsar sites in India are now 37 and the surface area covered by these sites is now 1,067,939 hectares.

**Ans.104 (B)** Indian Railways has commissioned the country's first governmental Waste to Energy Plant in Mancheswar Carriage Repair Workshop at Bhubaneswar in East Coast Railway. The Waste to Energy Plant is first-of-its-kind in Indian Railways and fourth in India.

**Ans.105 (B)** The Finance Ministry said that through Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha Evam Utthan Mahabhiyan (PM KUSUM) scheme, the farmers will be empowered to be the producer of energy. PM-KUSUM scheme was launched on 22nd July 2019 under the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy.

**Ans.106 (A)** The creation of a social stock exchange and electronic transparent fundraising platform for organisations working on social welfare was mooted in the 2019-20 budget proposal. Considering the proposal, the Institutional Trading Platform (ITP) is envisaged with limited trade-ability to select investors.

**Ans.107 (D)** Martyrs' Day is observed in India every year on 30th January to honour the sacrifices made by the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi. India is observing 72nd death anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi on 30th January 2020.

**Ans.108 (B)** Janak Raj has replaced Michael Debrata Patra, who was recently elevated as Deputy Governor of the RBI. The MPC was constituted in 2016 by amending the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934 with Finance Act (India), 2016 to set the benchmark interest rate.

**Ans.109 (D)** The limit of termination of pregnancy has been increased from 20 weeks to 24 weeks. The opinion of one provider will be required for termination of pregnancy up to 20 weeks of gestation, whereas the opinion of two providers will be required for termination of pregnancy of 20-24 weeks of gestation.

**Ans.110 (C)** Arvind Krishna has replaced the current CEO Ginni Rometty (IBM's first female CEO, 2012), but she will continue as executive chairman of the board through the end of 2020. The company had also appointed James Whitehurst, CEO of Red Hat, as President at the company, effective 6th April 2020.

**Ans.111 (D)** In the past, the WHO declared five diseases as PHEIC:

1. Pandemic influenza (H1N1) in 2009
2. Polio resurgence in 2014
3. Ebola epidemic in West Africa in 2014
4. Zika virus outbreak in 2016
5. Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo in 2019

**Ans.112 (B)** The World Games announced the Indian women's team captain Rani Rampal as the winner on 30th January after 20 days of polling in January 2020 by sports fans worldwide. She has won the 'World Games Athlete of the Year' award 2019 with a clear majority of 1,99,477 votes.

**Ans.113 (A)** The WSDS has continued the legacy of the erstwhile Delhi Sustainable Development Summit (DSDS) which was initiated in 2001 with the aim of making 'sustainable development' a globally shared goal. The theme of the WSDS 2020 is "Towards 2030: Making the Decade Count".