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1. The Justice Hema Commission, which recently highlighted issues faced by women in film industry, was commissioned by which state government?

- [A] Telangana
- [B] Andhra Pradesh
- [C] Karnataka
- [D] Kerala

Correct Answer: D [Kerala]

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The Kerala government tasked the three-member commission headed by Justice Hema to investigate the problems faced by the women in the Malayalam film industry. This commission pointed out the glaring testimonies of sexual abuse faced by potential candidates and the presence of a casting couch.

2. Which city is host to the 107th edition of the Indian Science Congress (ISC)?

- [A] New Delhi
- [B] Lucknow
- [C] Kolkatta
- [D] Bengaluru

Correct Answer: D [Bengaluru]

STUDY MASTER EXPLANATION

The Prime Minister, Narendra Modi will inaugurate the 107th edition of the Indian Science Congress (ISC) at the University of Agricultural Sciences, Bengaluru, Karnataka from January 3 to 7, 2020. The theme of the five-day event will be 'Science and technology: rural development'. The congress would also host various programmes like Women Science Congress, Children Science Congress, Science Communicators Meet and Farmer's Science Congress.

3. Who was recently re-appointed as the Deputy Election Commissioner of India for the term of one year?

- [A] Umesh Sinha
- [B] Navin Chawla
- [C] Sunil Arora
- [D] N.Gopaldaswami

Correct Answer: A [Umesh Sinha]

STUDY MASTER EXPLANATION

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet recently approved the re-appointment of Umesh Sinha as the Deputy Election Commissioner of India on a contract basis. The appointment is made for one year from January 1, 2020 up to December 31, 2020. Umesh Sinha was a 1986 batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) Officer, who was about to attain his age of superannuation. He has earlier served as the Chief Election Commissioner of Uttar Pradesh.

4. The Prime Minister of India recently inaugurated five Young Scientists Labs of which organisation?

- [A] Indian Space Research Organisation, ISRO
- [B] Defence Research and Development Organisation, DRDO
- [C] Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, BARC
- [D] Department of Atomic Energy, DAE

Correct Answer: B [Defence Research and Development Organisation, DRDO]

STUDY MASTER EXPLANATION

The Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi recently launched five new defence laboratories called DRDO Young Scientists Laboratories (DYSL) for the Defence Research and Development Organisation from Bengaluru, Karnataka. The labs will operate from five Indian cities, namely Bengaluru, Mumbai, Chennai, Hyderabad and Kolkatta. They will focus on developing new and innovative defence technologies for our country and thus enhance our self reliance in the field.

5. The Transport Department of which state recently launched a helpline for women called 'Damini'?

- [A] Uttar Pradesh
- [B] Uttarakhand
- [C] Maharashtra
- [D] Rajasthan

Correct Answer: A [Uttar Pradesh]

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The Uttar Pradesh State Road Transport Corporation (UPSRTC) launched a helpline for women called 'Damini', to improve the safety of women in public road transport. The helpline number subscribed for this scheme is '81142-77777', which will have both calling and Whatsapp service. The helpline will be handled by women officers at the headquarters and zonal offices of UPSRTC, which will be operational from 9 am to 6 pm daily. This scheme is launched as a part of the Central Government initiative of 'Nirbhaya Scheme'.

6. The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) is set to observe 2020 as which year?

- [A] Year of Security
- [B] Year of Mobility
- [C] Year of Protection
- [D] Year of Achievement

Correct Answer: B [Year of Mobility]

STUDY MASTER EXPLANATION

The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) recently announced that it will observe 2020 as the 'Year of mobility'. It was also announced that special attention would be provided towards creation of more residential units and welfare measures for their troops. The announcement was made by the Director General of CISF, Rajesh Ranjan.

The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) is a Central Armed Police force under the Ministry of Home affairs, headquartered at New Delhi.

7. Which city will play host to the 2022 Common Wealth Games?

- [A] London
- [B] New Delhi
- [C] Birmingham
- [D] Gold Coast

Correct Answer: C [Birmingham]

STUDY MASTER EXPLANATION

The international sports event for the members of the Commonwealth, the Commonwealth Games of 2022 will be conducted in the city of Birmingham, England. England plays host to the event for the third time. The prestigious event is scheduled to take place between July 27 and August 7, 2020.

Recently, Commonwealth Games India (CGI) submitted its proposal to host a Commonwealth shooting event and an archery event in India during 2022. But the federation is yet to announce that if the medals won in the proposed Shooting Championship will be added to the final CWG tally of the countries.

8. What is the name of the new relay satellite series, to be launched by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)?

- [A] Indian Relay Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS)
- [B] Indian Data Relay Satellite System (IDRSS)
- [C] Indian Relay Satellite System (IRSS)
- [D] Indian Relay Tracking System (IRTS)

Correct Answer: B [Indian Data Relay Satellite System (IDRSS)]

STUDY MASTER EXPLANATION

The Chairman of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) recently announced that indigenous relay satellite series called the Indian Data Relay Satellite System (IDRSS) will be launched soon .

The IDRSS is a set of relay satellites that will continuously track the Indian satellites and exchange information with them. The first of the two proposed satellites will be launched by the end of 2020, before the unmanned space flight to be conducted preceding the Gaganyaan Mission. Such crucial missions can be continuously monitored by the new relay satellite series.

9. Who has been recently named as the new ruler/sultan of Oman?

- [A] Qasem Soleimani
- [B] Qaboos bin Said al Said
- [C] Haitham bin Tariq
- [D] Mahjoob Zweiri

Correct Answer: C [Haitham bin Tariq]

STUDY MASTER EXPLANATION

The ruler of Oman and one of the longest serving rulers in the Middle East countries, Sultan Qaboos bin Said al Said recently passed away. He was not keeping well for a long time and was undergoing medical treatment in Belgium last month.

After his demise, the former culture minister of Oman, Haitham bin Tariq was named as the successor of Sultan Qaboos. It is mandatory to name the successor of the vacant throne within three days, as per the constitution of Oman.

10. Who is the first woman parade adjutant for the Republic Day parade in India?

- [A] Avani Chaturvedi
- [B] Bhawana Kanth
- [C] Mohana Singh
- [D] Tania Shergill

Correct Answer: D [Tania Shergill]

STUDY MASTER EXPLANATION

Captain Tania Shergill will be the first woman to become the Republic Day parade's parade adjutant, which means the officer responsible for the parade. She is an officer of the Indian Army's Corps of Signals.

Captain Tania was commissioned into the Corps of Signals in 2017. The Corps of Signals is an arm of the Indian Army, which handles the communications of the military force. Last year, the Indian Army has selected 100 women to join the Corps of Military Police as soldiers.

11. Which organisation recently released the 'Time to care' report?

- [A] World Bank
- [B] Asian Development Bank
- [C] NGO Oxfam
- [D] NGO Pratham

Correct Answer: C [NGO Oxfam]

STUDY MASTER EXPLANATION

Oxfam, a confederation of charitable organizations and rights group recently released the 'Time to care' report, which focussed on global inequalities. The report said that inequalities pertaining at the global level is deep-rooted and vast while the number of billionaires has doubled in the last decade.

It also revealed a comparison that the total wealth of 63 Indian billionaires is higher than the total Union Budget of India for the fiscal year 2018-19 (Rs 24,42,200 crore). It also suggested that gender inequalities must be resolved for an inclusive development.

12. Which Indian satellite has been recently launched from French Guiana?

- [A] RISAT 2B
- [B] GSAT 30
- [C] GSAT 7A
- [D] IRNSS 1H

Correct Answer: B [GSAT 30]

STUDY MASTER EXPLANATION

The Indian Space Research Organisation's high-power communication satellite, GSAT 30 has been launched successfully from French Guiana on 17th January, 2020. The aim of this satellite is to provide high quality telecommunication, Cellular and Broadcasting service.

The satellite was put in place in the Geo Synchronous Orbit by the Ariane-5 rocket. GSAT 30 weighs 3357 kg and it is to serve as the replacement satellite to INSAT-4A with enhanced coverage. The operational life of the GSAT 30 is expected to be more than 15 years.

13. Divyansh Singh Panwar, who was seen in news recently, is an Indian player of which sports?

- [A] Boxing
- [B] Wrestling
- [C] Shooting
- [D] Archery

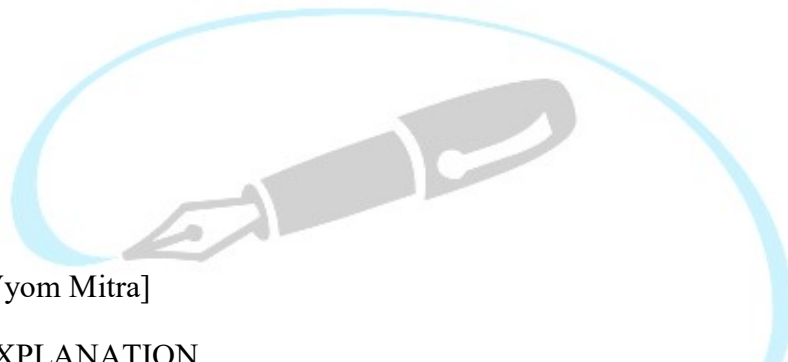
Correct Answer: C [Shooting]

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Divyansh Singh Panwar is a 17-year-old Indian shooter from Jaipur, Rajasthan. He was seen in news as he recently clinched the gold medal in Meyton Cup, a tournament held in Austria. Divyansh won the Gold medal in the men's 10m air rifle event and ace Indian shooter Apurvi Chandela bagged the Gold medal in the 10m air rifle women's category. Other shooters Deepak Kumar and Anjum Moudgil also bagged a bronze medal each in men's and women's 10m air rifle events respectively. The four Indian shooters have already secured their quotas for the upcoming Tokyo Olympics.

14. What is the name of the humanoid robot, which was recently unveiled by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)?

- [A] Gagan Mitra
- [B] Vyom Mitra
- [C] Vayu Mitra
- [D] Human Mitra



Correct Answer: B [Vyom Mitra]

STUDY MASTER EXPLANATION

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) recently unveiled the humanoid robot, called Vyom Mitra at the inaugural session of the conference “Human Spaceflight and Exploration — Present Challenges and Future Trends”, held in Bengaluru. This humanoid with feminine features is to be launched into the space ahead of the first manned space mission of India. The humanoid will simulate the human functions required for space during its test flight. It can perform all crew functions like switch-panel operations, environmental control and life-support system. ISRO has scheduled two trail flights with humanoids in December 2020 and July 2021.

15. Which legendary Indian sportsperson was awarded with the prestigious ‘Padma Vibhushan’ award recently?

- [A] Sachin Tendulkar
- [B] Dhanraj Pillai

[C] M C Mary Kom

[D] Abhinav Bindra

Correct Answer: C [M C Mary Kom]

STUDY MASTER EXPLANATION

Six-time World Champion and Olympian boxer Mary Kom was conferred with the prestigious 'Padma Vibhushan' award on the Republic day of the year 2020.

Seven eminent personalities were presented the 'Padma Vibhushan' award, which is the second highest civilian award in India, only next to the 'Bharat Ratna'. Other awardees are Former Union Ministers Arun Jaitley, Sushma Swaraj and George Fernandes (posthumously), Singer Chhannulal Mishra of Uttar Pradesh and former Mauritius prime minister Anerood Gugnauth.

16. Which Indian journalist has been chosen as the recipient of 2019-20 PEN Gauri Lankesh Award?

[A] Ravish Kumar

[B] Yusuf Jameel

[C] N Ram

[D] Prannoy Roy

Correct Answer: B [Yusuf Jameel]

STUDY MASTER EXPLANATION

Veteran Indian journalist Yusuf Jameel, was chosen for and awarded the '2019-2020 PEN-Gauri Lankesh Award for Democratic Idealism'. The award was presented to him, for his revolutionary journalism in Jammu and Kashmir, during the insurgency period.

PEN International is a global association of writers, which was founded in 1921. PEN South India and PEN Delhi have instituted the annual award to cherish and honour the assassinated journalist and activist Gauri Lankesh. The award is offered to an individual or organisation, whose work demonstrates courageous and democratic journalism, on birth anniversary of Gauri Lankesh.

17. Which state has recently banned all types of online lottery schemes in the state?

- [A] Punjab
- [B] Meghalaya
- [C] Mizoram
- [D] Nagaland

Correct Answer: A [Punjab]

STUDY MASTER EXPLANATION

The state government of Punjab recently declared to ban all types of online lottery schemes in the state. The ban of lottery schemes has been made under the Lotteries (Regulation) Act 1998. This step is expected to curb illegal lottery business in the state and to boost the tax and non-tax revenue of the state government. The Cabinet also approved to prohibit the sale of online lotteries, operated through vending machines and online scheme tickets, promoted by other states.

18. Which Indian sportsperson recently became the first-ever hockey player to win the 'World Games Athlete of the Year' award?

- [A] Sardar Singh
- [B] Rani Rampal
- [C] P.R.Sreejesh
- [D] Vandana Katariya

Correct Answer: B [Rani Rampal]

STUDY MASTER EXPLANATION

Indian hockey star and the Indian women's team captain Rani Rampal was recently named as the 'World Games Athlete of the Year'. She also became the first-ever hockey player worldwide to win the award.

The FIH (International Hockey Federation) has recommended her name for the prestigious award. Rani has topped the 20-day-poll conducted by the World Games with the highest number of votes. She was the player of the tournament in the last year's FIH Series Finals, in which she led the country to win.

19. “Sophisticated Analytical & Technical Help Institutes (SATHI)” is an initiative of which Ministry?

- [A] Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- [B] Ministry of Science and Technology
- [C] Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
- [D] Ministry of Human Resource Development

Correct Answer: B [Ministry of Science and Technology]

STUDY MASTER EXPLANATION

The Department of Science & Technology (DST), under the Ministry of Science and Technology has launched a scheme called “Sophisticated Analytical & Technical Help Institutes (SATHI)”. It owns high-end analytical testing instruments and reduce the dependency on foreign sources. DST announced that it has planned to set up five SATHI Centres every year for the next four years. There are already three such institutes in the country at IIT Kharagpur, IIT Delhi and BHU, at a total cost of Rs.375 Cr. The SATHI Centre will run 24×7 throughout the year and external users from other academic institutes and start-ups will be given more time to use the instruments.

20. What is the GDP growth rate of India in the 2020-21 fiscal, as estimated by the Moody’s Investors Service?

- [A] 6.5%
- [B] 6.0%
- [C] 5.5%
- [D] 5.0%

Correct Answer: C [5.5%]

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Moody’s Investors Service recently released its estimates for India’s GDP growth in the upcoming fiscals. It lowered the real GDP growth projection for the next 2020-21 fiscal to 5.5 per cent, from its previous estimate of 6.3 per cent. The government’s Economic survey has

projected a growth rate of 6-6.5% for the next fiscal.

It also stated that the GDP growth for the current fiscal ending March 31 would be 4.9 percent, which is slightly lower than the estimate of the government. For the fiscal 2021-22, it predicted a growth rate of 6 per cent, down from 6.7 per cent which was projected earlier.

21. Which city recently organized the Nutan International Theatre Festival (NITF)?

- [A] New Delhi
- [B] Chandigarh
- [C] Jammu
- [D] Dehradun

Correct Answer: C [Jammu]

STUDY MASTER EXPLANATION

The Nutan International Theatre Festival (NITF) began on Feb 1 in Jammu and has been a big hit. This is first time in history of Jammu & Kashmir that a theatre festival of international repute was organized here.

22. The recently adopted Lucknow Declaration is related to which field?

- [A] Environment Protection
- [B] Defence Cooperation
- [C] E-Governance
- [D] Imports and Exports

Correct Answer: B [Defence Cooperation]

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Lucknow Declaration was adopted by the first ever India-Africa Defence Ministers conclave as a part of the 11TH DefExpo. In this Defexpo, 1024 exhibitors participated, 172 of them being foreign companies. 40 Defence Ministers were part of total 70 foreign delegations that visited Lucknow. The event was also called "Defence Kumbh" by UP's Chief Minister.

23. 'Ajeya Warrior' is the joint military exercise conducted between India and which country?

- [A] Japan
- [B] United Kingdom
- [C] Israel
- [D] France

Correct Answer: B [United Kingdom]

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The fifth edition of joint military exercise 'Ajeya Warrior' between India and the United Kingdom will be conducted at Salisbury Plains, United Kingdom. The exercise is scheduled from February 13 to 26, 2020.

120 soldiers each from Indian and United Kingdom Army would participate in the exercise. The joint military exercise has been conducted alternatively in United Kingdom and India. The training will be held with emphasis on counter-terror operations in urban and semi-urban areas.

24. Arvind Kejriwal led- Aam Aadmi party won how many seats in the Delhi assembly elections?

- [A] 42
- [B] 52
- [C] 62
- [D] 72

Correct Answer: C [62]

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Arvind Kejriwal led- Aam Aadmi party won 62 seats out of the total 70 seats in the Delhi assembly elections. Arvind Kejriwal is set to become the Chief Minister of Delhi for the third time. The Bharatiya Janata Party got the remaining 8 seats.

Aam Aadmi party (AAP) MLAs chose Arvind Kejriwal as the leader of the legislature party and he is set to claim to form the next government in Delhi.

25. Which is India's first under-water Metro rail service?

- [A] Mumbai Metro
- [B] Kochi Metro
- [C] Kolkata Metro
- [D] Chennai Metro

Correct Answer: C [Kolkata Metro]

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India's first under-water Metro rail service is the Kolkata Metro, where the metro train plies under the river Hooghly of West Bengal. The under-water stretch of the project is nearly 5.8 kilometers. The project is being executed by Kolkata Metro Rail Corporation Limited. Union Railway Minister Piyush Goyal recently flagged off the first phase of the East-West corridor, of the Metro network. Kolkata Metro is also the first metro rail service of India.

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26. The "Pandemic Bonds" are issued by which multilateral development bank?

- [A] World Bank
- [B] Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
- [C] European Investment Bank
- [D] Asian Development Bank

Correct Answer: A [World Bank]

STUDY MASTER EXPLANATION

Pandemic Bonds were launched by World Bank under its Pandemic Emergency Financing umbrella in 2017 in response to the 2013 to 2016 Ebola outbreak in Sierra Leone, Guinea and Liberia. However, their efficacy has always been under fire. The bonds issued by the World Bank's International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD), offer investors high

coupons in return for the risk of having to forgo some or all their money in the event of pandemic outbreaks of a number of infectious diseases.

27. Project Tej, which was in news recently, was launched by which Indian state?

- [A] Andhra Pradesh
- [B] Odisha
- [C] Telangana
- [D] Uttar Pradesh

Correct Answer: C [Telangana]

STUDY MASTER EXPLANATION

The Government of Telangana have launched Project Tej, in association with a platform MedTechConnect, during the BioAsia 2020-Biotech and Life Sciences forum of the state. The Project aims at creating a platform to help entrepreneurs test their ideas in medical technology field.

The state's Research and Innovation Circle of Hyderabad (RICH) and MedTechConnect signed a MoU in this regard. MedTechConnect platform was established by the engineering and Tech Company Cyient and Xynteo's business alliance called 'India2022 Coalition'.

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28. Which state plays host to the first-ever Khelo India University Games?

- [A] Maharashtra
- [B] Odisha
- [C] Uttar Pradesh
- [D] Uttarakhand

Correct Answer: B [Odisha]

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the first-ever Khelo India University Games at Cuttack in Odisha, via video conferencing.

More than 3000 athletes from nearly 150 universities across the country will participate in 17 disciplines. The games are to be held in various venues of the state including Bhubaneswar and Cuttack from February 22 to March 1.

29. What was overall rank of India in the Asian Wrestling Championships, 2020 held in New Delhi?

- [A] Second
- [B] Third
- [C] Fourth
- [D] Fifth

Correct Answer: B [Third]

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The Asian Wrestling Championships, 2020 was held at the KD Jadhav Indoor Stadium, Indira Gandhi Arena, New Delhi from February 18 to February 23. China was barred from entering into the competition due to the 2019–20 coronavirus outbreak. The top four countries in the series were Japan, Iran, India and Kazakhstan. Japan won 8 Gold and total 16 medals. India won 5 Gold medals while total medal tally was at 20.

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30. Who has been awarded Best Actor award in the Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival Awards 2020?

- [A] Ayushmann Khurrana
- [B] Hrithik Roshan
- [C] Sharukh Khan
- [D] Amir Khan

Correct Answer: B [Hrithik Roshan]

STUDY MASTER EXPLANATION

The Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival Awards 2020 were announced in Mumbai on

February 20, 2020. Hrithik Roshan was awarded the Best Actor award for his film 'Super 30', while the movie directed by Vikas Bahl was selected as the Best Film. Dia Mirza was honored with the Best Actress award for 'Kaafir' (web series)

31. As of 2020, the largest cricket stadium of the world is located in which country?

- [A] Australia
- [B] India
- [C] South Africa
- [D] New Zealand

Correct Answer: B [India]

STUDY MASTER EXPLANATION

Sardar Patel Stadium located in Ahmedabad (Gujarat) also called as the Motera Stadium is the largest cricket stadium of the world and the second largest stadium in the World, after the Rungrado May Day Stadium of North Korea.

The reconstruction work of the Sardar Patel Stadium started in the year 2016. US President Donald Trump jointly addressed the 'Namaste Trump' event with Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the newly renovated Stadium

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32. As per the recent 'Hurun Global Rich List 2020', which country has the highest number of billionaires?

- [A] United States
- [B] China
- [C] Russia
- [D] India

Correct Answer: B [China]

STUDY MASTER EXPLANATION

As per the recently released 'Hurun Global Rich List 2020', China is home to the highest number

of billionaires of the world.

The report placed Amazon founder and CEO Jeff Bezos in the top rank, who possesses wealth amounting to \$140 bn. Microsoft Founder Bill Gates is in the third spot, while Mukesh Ambani was placed in the 9th place with \$67 bn. He is the only Indian to feature in the Top-10 list and he is the richest in Asia.

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