

## Current Affairs Quiz, November 2019

### Nov 01

1) Gottiprolu excavation at Andhra Pradesh is on the banks of the river

- a) Swarnamukhi
- b) Penna
- c) Tungabhadra
- d) None of the above

**Answer: a**

- Gottiprolu lies on the right bank of a distributary of river Swarnamukhi.

2) RashtriyaEktaDiwas was observed on 31st October across the nation. It marks the occasion of the birth anniversary of

- a) SardarVallabhbhai Patel
- b) VD Savarkar
- c) Bhagat Singh
- d) None of the above

**Answer: a**

- It marks the occasion of the birth anniversary of SardarVallabhbhai Patel.

3) As per IUCN Red list of threatened species, Greater Adjutant Storks is listed as

- a) Least concern
- b) Endangered
- c) Critically endangered
- d) Data insufficient

**Answer: b**

- It is listed as “Endangered”.

4) India will be taking part in Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) in 2021. It is conducted by

- a) Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)
- b) CBSE
- c) Pratham NGO
- d) None of the above

**Answer: a**

- Cabinet has already given ex-post facto approval to the Agreement between India and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) for participating in the Programme for International Students Assessment (PISA), which will be conducted by the OECD in 2021. The Agreement was signed on 28th January 2019.

5) National Health Profile, 2019 has been released by

- a) Central Bureau of Health Intelligence (CBHI)
- b) Directorate General of Health Services
- c) Department of Health Research
- d) None of the above

**Answer: a**

- National Health Profile, 2019 has been released by the Central Bureau of Health Intelligence (CBHI). This is the 14th edition.

## Nov 02

1) Which among the following UNESCO Creative Cities and creative fields are incorrectly matched?

- a) Varanasi: Music
- b) Hyderabad: Gastronomy
- c) Mumbai: Film
- d) None of the above

Answer: d

- All are correctly matched.

2) Mekedatu Reservoir project envisages building a balancing reservoir in

- a) Godavari
- b) Krishna
- c) Cauvery
- d) None of the above

Answer: c

- The Mekedatu Reservoir project envisages building a balancing reservoir in Cauvery River with storage of 67 thousand million cubic feet (tmcft).

3) VyasSamman award for the year 2018 is conferred upon

- a) LeeladharJagoori
- b) BabuDevakinandanKhatri
- c) Jaishankar Prasad
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- Hindi writer LeeladharJagoori was conferred this award for the year 2018.

4) Pegasus, recently seen in news, is a

- a) Malware
- b) Spyware
- c) Ballistic missile
- d) None of the above

Answer: b

- WhatsApp has been used to spy on journalists and human rights activists in India earlier this year. The surveillance was carried out using a spyware tool called Pegasus, which has been developed by an Israeli firm, the NSO Group.

5) Mega Polavaram irrigation project in Andhra Pradesh state is constructed across

- a) Krishna
- b) Mahanadi
- c) Godavari
- d) None of the above

Answer: c

- The dam across the Godavari River is under construction located in West Godavari District and East Godavari District in Andhra Pradesh state and its reservoir spreads in parts of Chhattisgarh and Orissa States also..

## Nov 04

1) Conference of Parties (COP 25) of United Nations Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) will be hosted by

- a) Chile
- b) Poland

- c) Germany
- d) Spain

Answer: d

• But due to domestic social unrest faced by the Chile government, it announced its withdrawal from hosting the event. Spain has offered to host the event, but Chile's environment minister will remain the President of COP 25.

2) Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region and the North Eastern Council (NEC) have announced setting up of Bamboo Technology Parks. Where is it planned to be located?

- a) Jammu
- b) Srinagar
- c) Leh
- d) All of the above

Answer: d

• The parks will be in Jammu, Srinagar and Leh and it is consonance with the National Bamboo Mission (NBM).

3) Lingdum Monastery is a Buddhist pilgrimage centre following an ancient school of Tibetan Buddhism. It is located in

- a) Uttarakhand
- b) Sikkim
- c) Arunachal Pradesh
- d) Himachal Pradesh

Answer: b

• President has recently visited Lingdum Monastery in Ranka, Sikkim.

4) Oligomannate, recently seen in news, is used for the treatment of

- a) Alzheimer's disease
- b) Malaria
- c) HIV-AIDS
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

• The new drug, Oligomannate (GV-971), is the first to be approved for Alzheimer's disease globally since 2003, said Green Valley Pharmaceutical Co., which developed the drug along with Ocean University of China, Shanghai Institute of MateriaMedica under Chinese Academy of Sciences.

5) Dustlik-2019 is the first ever joint military exercise between India and

- a) Uzbekistan
- b) Kyrgyzstan
- c) Indonesia
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

• The first-ever India-Uzbekistan joint military exercise - Dustlik-2019 will begin at Chirchiq Training Area near Tashkent today. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and his Uzbekistan counterpart Major General BakhodirNizamovichKurbanov presided over the Curtain Raiser of the military drill yesterday.

## Nov 05

1) Dhanush Regiment, recently seen in new, are

- a) Assault Rifles
- b) Howitzers
- c) Artillery guns
- d) None of the above

**Answer: a**

- It is an indigenously developed gun and upgraded version of the Swedish Bofors gun procured by India

2) Green Urban Mobility to reform bus sector in Tamil Nadu is signed between India and

- a) France
- b) Norway
- c) Germany
- d) None of the above

**Answer: c**

- India and Germany have launched the Indo-German Partnership for Green Urban Mobility to reform bus sector in Tamil Nadu.

3) 15th meeting of South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme (SACEP) will be conducted in

- a) New Delhi
- b) Dhaka
- c) Kathmandu
- d) None of the above

**Answer: b**

- The 15th meeting of South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme (SACEP) will be conducted in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

4) Shanghai Cooperation Organization Joint Exercise (SCOJtEx)-2019 on Urban Earthquake Search and Rescue is hosted by

- a) China
- b) Pakistan
- c) India
- d) None of the above

**Answer: c**

- India's NDRF is hosting the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Joint Exercise on Urban Earthquake Search and Rescue.

5) World Tsunami Awareness Day is observed globally on

- a) 5th November
- b) 4th November
- c) 6th October
- d) 1st December

**Answer: a**

- President has recently visited Lingdum Monastery in Ranka, Sikkim.

### **Nov 06**

1) AadiMahotsav, a 15-day national tribal festival is organised in

- a) Mumbai
- b) Ranchi
- c) New Delhi
- d) None of the above

**Answer: c**

- AadiMahotsav, a 15-day national tribal festival is organised in New Delhi

2) Danakil Depression, recently seen in news, is found in

- a) Ethiopia
- b) Norway

- c) Australia
- d) None of the above

**Answer: a**

- The Danakil Depression in northeastern Ethiopia is one of the world's hottest places, as well as one of its lowest, at 100 metres below sea level.

- 3) 3rd battle of Panipat is fought between
- a) Akbar and Hemu
  - b) Babur and Ibrahim Lodi
  - c) Ahmed Shah Abdali and SadashivraoBhau
  - d) None of the above

**Answer: c**

- Fought between Maratha forces and invading armies of Afghan general Ahmed Shah Abdali of Durrani Empire in 1761.

- 4) 5th edition of Wasteland Atlas is published in 2019 by
- a) Ministry of Rural Development
  - b) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
  - c) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
  - d) None of the above

**Answer: a**

- Ministry of rural development releases fifth edition of Wasteland Atlas. The last edition was published in 2011.

- 5) India's first ever global mega-science exhibition is inaugurated in
- a) Kolkata
  - b) New Delhi
  - c) Bangalore
  - d) None of the above

**Answer: d**

- This multi-venue Science Exhibition, is planned in the four cities of Mumbai, Bengaluru, Kolkata and New Delhi. 'VigyanSamagam' was inaugurated at Nehru Science Centre, Worli, Mumbai

Nov 07

- 1) South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme (SACEP) was established in the year of
- a) 1982
  - b) 1999
  - c) 2005
  - d) 2000

**Answer: a**

- The South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme (SACEP) was established in 1982 by the South Asian governments. The member nations of SACEP are Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India, Sri Lanka, Maldives, Bhutan, Pakistan & Nepal.

- 2) First ever 'BIMSTEC Ports' Conclave will be held at
- a) Chittagong
  - b) Sittve
  - c) Kathmandu
  - d) Visakhapatnam

**Answer: d**

- The first ever BIMSTEC Conclave of Ports, being held at Vishakhapatnam on 7-8 November, 2019.

3) Review Regulatory and Supervisory Framework for Core Investment Companies set up by RBI was headed by

- a) Tapan Ray
- b) BP Kanungo
- c) Lily Vadera
- d) None of the above

**Answer: a**

• Review Regulatory and Supervisory Framework for Core Investment Companies headed by Tapan Ray was set up by RBI.

4) Thirukkural, a work on ethics, was written by

- a) Mamulanar
- b) Thiruvalluvar
- c) ChithalaiChathanar
- d) None of the above

**Answer: b**

• Thiruvalluvar is fondly referred to as Valluvar by Tamils. His 'Tirukkural', a collection of 1,330 couplets ('kurals' in Tamil), are an essential part of every Tamil household — in the same way as, say, the Bhagavad Gita or the Ramayana are in traditional North Indian Hindu households.

5) Alternative Investment Fund (AIF) in India is regulated by

- a) RBI
- b) SEBI
- c) Both (a) and (b)
- d) Neither (a) nor (b)

**Answer: d**

• While AIFs are currently not covered by the current jurisdiction of any regulatory body in India, they have been described and classified in detail in Regulation 2 (1) (b) SEBI (Alternative Investment Funds) Regulation, 2012.

Nov 08

1) While inviting parties/alliances to form a government, Governor should first welcome

- a) A pre-poll alliance of parties.
- b) Invite the single largest party which stakes a claim to form government.
- c) Invite a post-poll alliance of parties, with all the partner in the coalition joining the government.
- d) Invite a post-poll alliance of parties, with some becoming part of the government and some supporting from outside

**Answer: a**

• The Governor would be expected to go as per an order of preference set out in the Sarkaria Commission recommendations, which have also been ratified by the Supreme Court. By the order of preference, the Governor can invite:

1. A pre-poll alliance of parties.
2. Invite the single largest party which stakes a claim to form government.
3. Invite a post-poll alliance of parties, with all the partner in the coalition joining the government.
4. Invite a post-poll alliance of parties, with some becoming part of the government and some supporting from outside.

2) India Justice Report (IJR), recently seen in news, is India's first-ever ranking of states on justice delivery. It is released by

- a) Supreme Court
- b) National Judicial Data Grid

- c) Association for Democratic Reforms
- d) None of the above

**Answer: d**

- It has been prepared by Tata Trusts in collaboration with Centre for social Justice, Common Cause, Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative, Daksh, TISS-Prayas and Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy.

3) IndAIR, recently seen in news, is a web facility launched by

- a) NEERI
- b) EPCA
- c) MoEFCC
- d) None of the above

**Answer: a**

- It is a web facility launched by CSIR-NEERI.

4) Feni river flowing into Bay of Bengal originates in

- a) Gujarat
- b) Andhra Pradesh
- c) Odisha
- d) Tripura

**Answer: d**

- It originates in the South Tripura district, passes through Sabroom town on the Indian side, and meets the Bay of Bengal after it flows into Bangladesh.

5) Bru or Reang tribes are primarily found in

- a) Tripura
- b) Manipur
- c) Mizoram
- d) All of the above

**Answer d**

- The Brus, also referred to as the Reangs, are spread across the northeastern states of Tripura, Assam, Manipur, and Mizoram.

Nov 09

1) Tiger Triumph is the first tri-services amphibious exercise between India and

- a) US
- b) Russia
- c) France
- d) China

**Answer: a**

- It is a first tri- services amphibious exercise between India and the US, conducted in Visakhapatnam and Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh.

2) Kalapani, recently in news, is located in

- a) Andaman & Nicobar Islands
- b) Uttarakhand
- c) Tamil Nadu
- d) None of the above

**Answer: b**

- The inclusion of Kalapani into the Pithoragarh district of Uttarakhand has been objected by Nepal as it considers the unresolved territory a part of the Darchula district in Nepal.

3) Samudra Shakti is a bilateral maritime exercise between

- a) India and UK
- b) India and Bangladesh
- c) Oman and India
- d) India and Indonesia

**Answer: d**

- Samudra Shakti is a bilateral maritime exercise between India and Indonesia and is being held in Bay of Bengal..

- 4) The only spacecraft to have visited all the four gas giant planets
- a) Voyager 2
  - b) Odyssey
  - c) Juno
  - d) None of the above

**Answer: a**

- Voyager 2 is the only spacecraft to have visited all four gas giant planets — Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune.

- 5) Next edition of the “No Money for Terror” conference in 2020 to be hosted by
- a) Australia
  - b) India
  - c) China
  - d) None of the above

**Answer: b**

- India will host the next edition of the “No Money for Terror” conference to be held in 2020. The announcement was made at the “No Money for Terror” conference in Melbourne, Australia.

Nov 11

- 1) ADB approves \$300 million for power transmission expansion in
- a) Nepal
  - b) Bhutan
  - c) Bangladesh
  - d) None of the above

**Answer: c**

- ADB approves \$300 million for power transmission expansion in Bangladesh.

- 2) Fall Armyworm, recently in news, first detected in
- a) Asia
  - b) Americas
  - c) Africa
  - d) None of the above

**Answer: c**

- First detected in the African continent in 2016. Since then, it has spread to other countries such as China, Thailand, Malaysia and Sri Lanka.

- 3) Harmonised System (HS) code is a six-digit identification code developed by
- a) World Customs Organization (WCO)
  - b) World Wide Fund for Nature
  - c) Conservation International
  - d) None of the above

**Answer: a**

- It is a six-digit identification code developed by the World Customs Organization (WCO).



4) The largest aquatic carnivorous reptiles that have ever lived is

- a) Pliosaur
- b) Megalodon
- c) Spinosaurus
- d) None of the above

**Answer: a**

- They measured over 10 metres in length and could weigh up to several dozen tons. They had powerful, large skulls and massive jaws with large, sharp teeth. Their limbs were in the form of fins. We found bones of these pliosaurs in the north of the Swietokrzyskie Mountains.

5) Which among the following countries passed Zero Carbon bill?

- a) Australia
- b) India
- c) New Zealand
- d) Germany

**Answer: c**

- The country has passed Zero Carbon bill which aims to make New Zealand reduce its greenhouse gas emissions to the point the country becomes mostly carbon neutral by 2050.

### **Nov 12**

1) Swachh – Nirmal Tat Abhiyaan is launched by

- a) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- b) Ministry of Jal Shakti
- c) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- d) None of the above

**Answer: a**

- It is launched by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC).

2) Brown to Green Report, recently in news, is published by

- a) UNFCCC
- b) UNEP
- c) IUCN
- d) None of the above

**Answer: d**

- The 2019 Brown to Green Report has been published by the Climate Transparency partnership, an international research collaboration.

3) Which of the following lake is known as Jewel in the crown of Kashmir?

- a) Wular
- b) Dal
- c) Tsomoriri
- d) None of the above

**Answer: b**

- Also known as the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir, dal lake, which is the second largest in the state, is integral to tourism and recreation in Kashmir and is named the “Jewel in the crown of Kashmir” or “Srinagar’s Jewel”. The lake is also an important source for commercial operations in fishing and water plant harvesting.

4) First all-electric experimental aircraft, the X-57 “Maxwell” is an initiative of

- a) NASA
- b) ISRO

- c) HAL
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- NASA recently showcased an early version of its first all-electric experimental aircraft, the X-57 "Maxwell."

5) NASA's ongoing Artemis program aims to send astronauts to

- a) Moon
- b) Mars
- c) Both (a) and (b)
- d) Neither (a) nor (b)

Answer: c

- NASA's ongoing Artemis program aims to send astronauts to the Moon by 2024 with the ultimate goal to land humans on Mars.

### Nov 13

1) 6th World Congress on Rural and Agricultural Finance is being held in

- a) Telangana
- b) Kerala
- c) New Delhi
- d) None of the above

Answer: c

- The 6th World Congress is being held in New Delhi.
- It is co-hosted by NABARD and the Asia-Pacific Rural and Agricultural Credit Association (APRACA) and supported by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India.

2) Project Zero was introduced to block selling of counterfeit goods on its platform by

- a) Amazon
- b) Flipkart
- c) Google
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- It introduces additional proactive mechanisms and powerful tools to identify, block and remove counterfeits.

3) Pardoning powers of President and Governor coincides in the cases of

- a) Punishment is by a Court Martial
- b) Sentence of death
- c) Both (a) and (b)
- d) Neither (a) nor (b)

Answer: d

- President can grant pardon if punishment or sentence is by a Court Martial but Governor does not have any such power.
- President can grant pardon if the sentence given is sentence of death but pardoning power of Governor does not extend to death sentence cases.

4) Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010 falls into the purview of

- a) Home Ministry
- b) Reserve Bank of India
- c) Finance Ministry
- d) None of the above

**Answer: a**

- It falls into the purview of Home Ministry and not the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

5) Pneumonia's infectious agents includes

- Bacteria
- Viruses
- Fungi
- All of the above

**Answer: d**

- Infectious agents may include bacteria, viruses and fungi.

**Nov 14**

1) Which among the following comes under the ambit of Right to Information Act?  
statements about Chief Justice of India

1. The office of the Chief Justice of India comes under the ambit of Right to Information Act.
  2. Senior-most judge in Supreme Court by age is appointed as the Chief Justice of India.
- Choose the correct answer using the codes given below

- Chief Justice of India
- CBI
- Intelligence Bureau
- None of the above

**Answer: a**

- The office of the Chief Justice of India comes under the ambit of Right to Information Act.

2) SurangaBawadi which entered the World Monuments Watch List under "Ancient Water System of the Deccan Plateau" of the World Monument Funds is situated in

- Karnataka
- Andhra Pradesh
- Telangana
- Maharashtra

**Answer: a**

- It is an integral part of the ancient Karez System of supplying water through subterranean tunnels.

3) Green Climate Fund was set up under the UNFCCC to raise Climate Finance of \$100 billion a year by 2020

- 2025
- 2030
- 2020
- None of the above

**Answer: c**

- It is intended to be the centrepiece of efforts to raise Climate Finance of \$100 billion a year by 2020.

4) Geochemical Baseline Atlas of India is developed by

- ISRO
- DRDO
- CSIR
- None of the above

**Answer: c**

- Geochemical Baseline Atlas of India is developed by CSIR-National Geophysical Research Institute (NGRI).

5) Karez System, a technology in which groundwater is brought to the surface by a tunnel, is originated in

- a) Iran
- b) India
- c) Indonesia
- d) None of the above

**Answer: a**

- The technology originated in Persia/Iran and was widely used during the medieval period.

### **Nov 15**

1) Doctrine of “essentiality” was invented by Supreme Court in the case

- a) Shirur Mutt case, 1954
- b) Ismail Faruqui case, 1994
- c) Both (a) and (b)
- d) Neither (a) nor (b)

**Answer: a**

- Doctrine of essentiality was invented by the Supreme Court in the Shirur Mutt case in 1954.

2) Nadu-Nedu programme, recently in news, which seeks to transform government schools into vibrant and competitive institutions is launched by

- a) Karnataka
- b) Andhra Pradesh
- c) Telangana
- d) Maharashtra

**Answer: b**

- Nadu-Nedu programme, launched in Andhra Pradesh, seeks to transform government schools into vibrant and competitive institutions.

3) How many UNESCO world heritage sites are there in India?

- a) 96
- b) 38
- c) 10
- d) 18

**Answer: b**

- There are 38 World Heritage Sites located in India.

4) Golden Leaf Award for 2019 is awarded to

- a) Tea Board
- b) Tobacco Board
- c) Coffee Board of India
- d) None of the above

**Answer: b**

- Tobacco Board Receives the 2019 Golden Leaf Award.

5) Arrokoth, recently seen in news, is a

- a) cosmic body
- b) textile material
- c) food delicacy
- d) None of the above

**Answer: a**

- Ultima Thule, the farthest cosmic body ever visited by a spacecraft, has been renamed Arrokoth, or “sky” in the Native American language.

## Nov 16

1) In India, power of Contempt of Court is not provided for

- a) Supreme Court
- b) High Court
- c) Sessions Court
- d) None of the above

**Answer: c**

- Article 129: SC to punish for contempt of itself.
- Article 215: HC to punish for contempt of itself.

2) Who can refer a non-bank lender or housing financier to a bankruptcy tribunal (IBC)?

- a) SEBI
- b) RBI
- c) IRDAI
- d) All of the above

**Answer: d**

- As per the new rules, only a regulator will be allowed to refer a non-bank lender or housing financier to a bankruptcy tribunal, unlike in the case of companies that can approach a tribunal on their own, or can be dragged into one either by lenders or operational creditors such as material suppliers.

3) Sisseri River Bridge constructed by 'Project Brahman' of Border Roads Organisation (BRO) is in the state of

- a) Arunachal Pradesh
- b) Jammu and Kashmir
- c) Assam
- d) None of the above

**Answer: a**

- Recently, the Defence Minister inaugurated the Sisseri River Bridge located at lower Dibang Valley in Arunachal Pradesh.

4) NISHTHA, aimed at improving learning outcomes at Elementary level through integrated Teacher Trainings, is launched in

- a) Kerala
- b) Orissa
- c) Delhi
- d) Jammu and Kashmir

**Answer: d**

- NISHTHA- National Initiative for School Heads' and Teachers' Holistic Advancement (NISHTHA) has been launched in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

5) Which among the following has decided to stop funding oil and coal projects at the end of 2021?

- a) European Investment Bank
- b) International Monetary Fund
- c) New Development Bank
- d) None of the above

**Answer: a**

- The European Investment Bank is to stop funding oil and coal projects at the end of 2021.

## Nov 18

1) Who among the following was popularly known as Punjab Kesari?

- a) LalaLajpatRai
- b) Bhagat Singh

- c) Ajit Singh
- d) Ranjith Singh

Answer: a

- LalaLajpatRai was elected President of the Indian National Congress during its Special Session in Kolkata in 1920, which saw the launch of Mahatma Gandhi's Non-cooperation Movement.
- He was popularly known as Punjab Kesari or Sher-E- Punjab

2) Indian Oil Corporation has developed winter-grade diesel to address the problem of loss of fluidity in fuel during extreme winter conditions in

- a) Ladakh
- b) Rajasthan
- c) Sikkim
- d) All of the above

Answer: a

- Indian Oil Corporation has developed winter-grade diesel for Ladakh to address the problem of loss of fluidity in fuel during extreme winter conditions.

3) 'Maritime Unmanned Anti-Submarine System (MUSAS),' recently seen in news is associated with

- a) RCEP
- b) BRI
- c) SCO
- d) None of the above

Answer: d

- It is a joint project between Portugal, France, Spain and Sweden, which all have large coastlines.

4) BharatiyaPoshanKrishiKosh is to be launched by

- a) Ministry of Women and Child Development
- b) Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
- c) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- Ministry of Women and Child Development is going to launch BharatiyaPoshanKrishiKosh, a repository of diverse crops across 128 agro-climatic zones in India..

5) Which of the following States celebrateS 'India International Cherry Blossom Festival?'

- a) Meghalaya
- b) Sikkim
- c) Ladakh
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- India International Cherry Blossom Festival-2019 is organised by the Government of Meghalaya in association with Institute of Bioresources and Sustainable Development (IBSD).

Nov 19

1) Za'ir-Al-Bahr (the Roar of the Sea) is the joint exercise between the Indian Navy &

- a) Qatar
- b) Oman
- c) Iran
- d) Malaysia

**Answer: a**

- Za'ir-Al-Bahr (the Roar of the Sea) is the Joint Exercise between the Qatari Emiri Navy and the Indian Navy

2) Who among the following are members of Gram Sabha?

- Persons who are above 18 years of age.
- Persons who are living in the village.
- Persons whose names are included in the electoral rolls for the Panchayat at the village level.
- All of the above

**Answer: d**

- The Haryana Cabinet has taken an in-principle decision to bring an amendment in Section 31 of the Haryana Panchayati Raj Act, 1994, allowing devolution of powers to the Gram Sabha to ban liquor within the local area of a Gram Panchayat.

3) Who is the present Kimberley Process (KP) Chair?

- South Africa
- India
- Kenya
- None of the above

**Answer: b**

- India is the present Kimberley Process (KP) Chair. The plenary is being hosted in New Delhi in November 2019.

4) 2019 World Talent Ranking is released by

- International Institute for Management Development (IMD)
- International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- World Bank
- None of the above

**Answer: a**

- India has slipped 6 places to 59 rank.

5) Space Internet, recently seen in news, is based on satellites launched in

- Low Earth Orbit
- Geostationary Orbit
- Sun synchronous Orbit
- None of the above

**Answer: a**

- SpaceX, the world's leading private company in space technology, has launched 60 satellites into the low earth orbit, under the Starlink network project.

## **Nov 20**

1) Which among the following is not correct about NATGRID?

- counter terrorism programme
- utilises Big Data analytics
- broadband connectivity programme
- None of the above

**Answer: c**

- The ambitious National Intelligence Grid (NATGRID) project will be operational by December 31, 2020.

2) Bubonic plague, recently seen in news, is caused by

- Bacteria
- Virus

- c) Fungus
- d) All of the above

Answer: a

- The plague is a disease caused by the bacteria *Yersinia pestis*, which is found in animals, particularly rodents.

3) National Unity Award, recently seen in news, is the highest civilian award in the name of

- a) Mahatma Gandhi
- b) Narendra Modi
- c) Sardar Vallabhai Patel
- d) None of the above

Answer: c

- Government of India has instituted the highest civilian award in the field of contribution to the unity and integrity of India, in the name of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

4) Which among the following facts about West Bank is true?

- a) landlocked territory
- b) bordered by Jordan
- c) bordered by Dead Sea
- d) All of the above

Answer: d

- It is a landlocked territory near the Mediterranean coast of Western Asia, bordered by Jordan to the east and by the Green Line separating it and Israel on the south, west and north. The West Bank also contains a significant section of the western Dead Sea shore.

5) Xinjiang, recently seen in news, shares borders with

- a) Kazakhstan
- b) Russia
- c) India
- d) All of the above

Answer: d

- Xinjiang shares borders with Mongolia, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Afghanistan, Pakistan and India.
- Uighurs are a Muslim minority community concentrated in the country's northwestern Xinjiang province.

### Nov 21

1) India is procuring MK-45 naval guns from

- a) US
- b) Russia
- c) Israel
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- The United States of America has approved the sale of thirteen MK-45 naval guns and related equipment to India.

2) Hong Kong convention, recently seen in news, is associated with

- a) Recycling of Ships
- b) Conservation of Panda
- c) Recycling of single-use-plastics
- d) None of the above



**Answer: a**

• The Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships, 2009 (the Hong Kong Convention), was adopted at a diplomatic conference held in Hong Kong, China in 2009.

3) Labour Code on Industrial Relations 2019 will combine

- a) Industrial Disputes Act, 1947,
- b) Trade Unions Act, 1926,
- c) Industrial Employment Act, 1946
- d) All of the above

**Answer: d**

- The Union cabinet has approved the Labour Code on Industrial Relations 2019.
- The code will combine Industrial Disputes Act, 1947, the Trade Unions Act, 1926, and the Industrial Employment (Standing Orders) Act, 1946.

4) National Institute of Sowa-Rigpa (NISR) will be an autonomous national institute under the Ministry of AYUSH, when instituted at

- a) Leh
- b) Kargil
- c) Pathankot
- d) None of the above

**Answer: a**

- The Union Cabinet has approved setting up of National Institute of Sowa-Rigpa (NISR) at Leh, Union Territory of Ladakh

5) Smart Safety Surveillance (3S) programme, recently seen in news, deals with

- a) Universal Immunization Programme
- b) Aadhaar Seeding
- c) Drug overdose
- d) None of the above

**Answer: a**

- The 3S project was recommended by the World Health Organization (WHO), considering the limited safety data on vaccines introduced in India.
- This is being done to optimize post-marketing surveillance of priority drugs and vaccines, and ensure the vaccines distributed under the universal immunization programme are safe.

## **Nov 22**

1) Destination North East (NE) Festival will be held in

- a) Uttar Pradesh
- b) Bihar
- c) Assam
- d) None of the above

**Answer: a**

- Union minister Jitendra Singh said the 'Destination North East' festival, which will begin in the temple town of Uttar Pradesh on Saturday, will exhibit the striking similarities between the Ganga and Brahmaputra basins in terms of ancient culture, diverse handlooms and silk products, spiritual heritage and vibrant tourist hubs.

2) Which of the following state governments will offer 10 grams of gold as a gift to every adult bride who has completed at least 10th standard and has registered her marriage, under ArundhatiSwarnaYojana?

- a) Punjab
- b) Haryana

- c) Rajasthan
- d) None of the above

**Answer: d**

- The Assam government has announced the launch of 'ArundhatiSwarnaYojana'.

3) At present, one tola gold is equivalent to

- a) 10 gm
- b) 15 gm
- c) 25 gm
- d) None of the above

**Answer: a**

- From January 2020, marriageable girls in Assam would get financial help worth 'one tola' (10 gram) of gold from the Assam government, said Finance Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma here on Wednesday.

4) Which of the following statements about Bacteriophages are incorrect?

- a) viruses that can kill bacteria.
- b) protein capsule around an RNA or DNA genome.
- c) possible therapy against multi-drug-resistant bacteria.
- d) None of the above

**Answer: d**

- All the statements are correct.

5) Budapest convention, recently seen in news, is associated with

- a) International Aviation
- b) Persistent Organic Pollutants
- c) Single Use Plastics
- d) None of the above

**Answer: d**

- The Convention on Cybercrime, also known as the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime or the Budapest Convention, is the first international treaty seeking to address Internet and computer crime by harmonizing national laws, improving investigative techniques, and increasing cooperation among nations.

### **Nov 23**

1) 28th Bihari Puraskar Award is awarded to

- a) Manisha Kulshreshtha
- b) Nand Bharadwaj
- c) Hemant Shesh
- d) Murlidhar Vaishnav

**Answer: a**

- Noted writer from Rajasthan, Manisha Kulshreshtha, was awarded the 28th Bihari Puraskar for 2018 for her novel 'Swapnapash'.

2) GST Council composed of

- a) Union Finance Minister
- b) Union Minister of State in charge of Revenue of Finance
- c) Finance Minister of each State government
- d) All of the above

**Answer: d**

- According to the article, GST Council will be a joint forum for the Centre and the States. It consists of the following members:

- The Union Finance Minister will be the Chairperson
- As a member, the Union Minister of State will be in charge of Revenue of Finance

- The Minister in charge of finance or taxation or any other Minister nominated by each State government, as members.

3) Implementation agency UDAN 4.0 is

- a) Ministry of Civil Aviation
- b) NitiAayog
- c) Airports Authority of India
- d) None of the above

**Answer: c**

- Airports Authority of India (AAI) is the implementing agency.

4) Living root bridges, also known as Jing KiengJri, are aerial bridges built by weaving and manipulating the roots of the Indian rubber tree. These are primarily seen in

- a) Meghalaya
- b) Sikkim
- c) Ladakh
- d) None of the above

**Answer: a**

- They have been serving as connectors for generations in Meghalaya.

5) One Stop Centre (OSC) scheme, recently seen in news, is associated with

- a) Common Service Centre
- b) Women Empowerment
- c) Immunisation drive
- d) None of the above

**Answer: b**

- One Stop Centre (OSC) scheme, popularly known as Sakhi, Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD) has formulated this Centrally Sponsored Scheme.

## **Nov 25**

1) Ken-Betwa river interlinking project involves deforesting a portion of the Tiger Reserve

- a) Panna
- b) Kahna
- c) Pilibhit
- d) None of the above

**Answer: a**

- The ₹18,000-crore project has been mired in several hurdles. The most recent one is a disagreement between the States on the share of water. There are outstanding environmental obstructions too. It involves deforesting a portion of the Panna Tiger Reserve..

2) Which among the following states made mandatory the presence of a person with disabilities in all panchayats across the state?

- a) Kerala
- b) Tamil Nadu
- c) Chhattisgarh
- d) None of the above

**Answer: c**

- The Chhattisgarh Cabinet has approved an amendment to the State Panchayati Raj Act, 1993, which makes mandatory the presence of a person with disabilities in all panchayats across the state. This will make it the only State to have such members in all panchayats.

3) Johads are community-owned rainwater storage wetland mainly used for harnessing water resources.

They are located in

- a) Haryana
- b) Punjab
- c) Tamil Nadu
- d) Maharashtra

**Answer: a**

• Haryana state government has come out with a plan of rehabilitating over 16,400 ponds in rural areas across the state in order to analyze pond water to ascertain its suitability for irrigation and other uses.

4) Sumatran rhino, extinct in Malaysia, is now found only in

- a) India
- b) Indonesia
- c) Philippines
- d) None of the above

**Answer: b**

• Now, there are now just 80 Sumatran rhinos left in the world, all of them in Indonesia, especially on the island of Sumatra and the Indonesian part of Borneo.

5) Golden rice, a genetically-engineered rice variety, can be used to fight the deficiency of

- a) Vitamin C
- b) Vitamin A
- c) Vitamin K
- d) None of the above

**Answer: b**

• It was claimed to be able to fight Vitamin A deficiency, which is the leading cause of blindness among children and can also lead to death due to infectious diseases such as measles.

### **Nov 26**

1) Constitution day is celebrated on

- a) 4th April
- b) 26th November
- c) 26th January
- d) None of the above

**Answer: b**

• Constitution day which is also known as the Samvidhan Divas is celebrated every year on November 26 to mark the day on which the Constitution of India was adopted.

2) 3,000 km-long China–Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) consists of

- a) Highways
- b) Railways
- c) Pipelines
- d) All of the above

**Answer: d**

• The 3,000 km-long China–Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) consists of highways, railways, and pipelines.

3) Indian Navy to host multi-nation military drill in the year

- a) 2020
- b) 2021
- c) 2022
- d) 2025

**Answer: a**

- Indian Navy to host multi-nation military drill in March 2020.

- 4) Coalbed methane (CBM) can be used
- a) as Compressed natural gas auto fuel.
  - b) as feedstock for fertilisers.
  - c) in cement and methanol production
  - d) All of the above

**Answer: d**

- India has the fifth-largest coal reserves in the world, and CBM has been looked at as a clean alternative fuel with significant prospects.

- 5) Cane Turtle, according to IUCN, is listed as
- a) Critically Endangered
  - b) Endangered
  - c) Extinct
  - d) None of the above

**Answer: b**

- The species' quirky habits make the job of a researcher desperate to find it much harder. It doesn't like just any forest of the Western Ghats. Several turtles live together in some areas but not in others.

### **Nov 27**

- 1) UN Global Climate Action Awards 2019 under the category "Climate Neutral Now" is given to

- a) Infosys
- b) Eco Wave Power
- c) Impossible Foods
- d) Mothers Out Front

**Answer: c**

- Infosys' Journey to Carbon Neutrality | India: One of the first companies of its type to commit to carbon neutrality, while investing in local carbon offsetting projects.

- 2) Buyant Rover for Under-Ice Exploration (BRUIE), recently seen in news, is an initiative of

- a) NASA
- b) ESA
- c) ISRO
- d) None of the above

**Answer: a**

- Buyant Rover for Under-Ice Exploration (BRUIE) is a robot developed by NASA for underwater exploration in extra-terrestrial, icy waters.

- 3) National Institute of Design in India are located in

- a) Gandhinagar
- b) Bangalore
- c) Both (a) and (b)
- d) Neither (a) nor (b)

**Answer: c**

- National Institute of Design (NID) is a design school in Ahmedabad, Bengaluru and Gandhinagar India. The institute functions as an autonomous body under the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India. NID is recognised by the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research under Ministry of Science and Technology, government of India, as a scientific and industrial design research organisation..

- 4) Recently launched CARTOSAT 3 satellite is
- Earth imaging satellite
  - Launched using GSLV
  - Lower resolution than previously launched Cartosats
  - None of the above

**Answer: a**

• Cartosat 3 is a third-generation earth imaging satellite. PSLV C-47 has launched CARTOSAT 3 satellite along with 13 nano satellites from the US.

- 5) United Nations World Tourism Organisation has its headquarters in
- Madrid
  - Vienna
  - Paris
  - New York

**Answer: a**

• UNWTO, headquartered in Madrid, Spain, is responsible for the promotion of responsible, sustainable and universally accessible tourism.

• SumanBilla, the former director and secretary of Kerala Tourism, will join the United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO) as the director, technical cooperation and silk road development.

### **Nov 28**

- 1) 15th Finance Commission is headed by
- Amitabh Kant
  - K. K. Venugopal
  - NK Singh
  - Rajiv Mehrishi

**Answer: c**

• Union Cabinet has extended the term of 15th Finance Commission (15th FC) headed by N.K.Singh by one-year to October 30, 2020. Commission will recommend its award to 6 fiscal years, instead of the usual 5.

- 2) Exercise HIM VIJAY for 2019 is conducted in
- Arunachal Pradesh
  - Sikkim
  - Himachal Pradesh
  - None of the above

**Answer: a**

• Exercise HIM VIJAY is a routine military exercise conducted to validate operational capabilities of our combat formations. This year, it was taken place in Arunachal Pradesh

- 3) NuGen Mobility Summit 2019 was held in
- New Delhi
  - Haryana
  - Gujarat
  - None of the above

**Answer: b**

• Union Minister of Road Transport and Shipping, NitinGadkari inaugurated NuGen Mobility Summit-2019 today at International Center of Automotive Technology (ICAT), Manesar in Haryana.

- 4) Emissions Gap Report has been released by
- United Nations Environment Programme
  - United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

- c) Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
- d) None of the above

**Answer: a**

- The annual United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) flagship Emissions Gap Report has been released.

5) Tally Valley Wildlife Sanctuary, recently seen in news is located in

- a) Arunachal Pradesh
- b) Karnataka
- c) Rajasthan
- d) Sikkim

**Answer: a**

- Trachischiumapteii is a newly discovered snake species from Arunachal Pradesh in Tally Valley Wildlife Sanctuary.

### **Nov 29**

1) Ek Bharat Shreshta Bharat conference for 2019 is to be held in

- a) Jammu
- b) Chattisgarh
- c) Orissa
- d) None of the above

**Answer: a**

- The government is to organize a two-day Conference on Ek Bharat Shreshta Bharat from 30 November- 1 December 2019 at Jammu.

2) Which is the first multilateral bloc to declare climate emergency?

- a) United Nations
- b) European Union
- c) BRICS
- d) None of the above

**Answer: b**

- European Union (EU) has become the first multilateral bloc to declare climate emergency, as its legislatures voted in a favour of a resolution for the same.

3) FASTag device employs the technology of

- a) IoT-based Identification technology
- b) Radio Frequency Identification
- c) Bluetooth
- d) WiFi

**Answer: b**

- FASTag is an electronic toll collection system that employ Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) technology for making toll payments directly from the prepaid or savings account linked to it or directly toll owner.

4) Dendrochronology is study of

- a) Tree rings
- b) Food Chain
- c) Fossils
- d) None of the above

**Answer: a**

- The 6th Asian Dendrochronology Conference being held at the BirbalSahni Institute of Palaeosciences in Lucknow.

5) 'YuWaah'- Generation Unlimited initiative is launched by

- a) UNICEF
- b) WHO
- c) UNDP
- d) None of the above

**Answer: a**

- It brings young people together with the private sector, governments, international and local organisations.

**Nov 30**

1) 55th Jnanpith Award was awarded to

- a) SK Pottekatt
- b) Thakazhi
- c) AkkithamNamboodiri
- d) None of the above

**Answer: c**

- AkkithamAchuthanNamboothiri, philosopher and poet, has been chosen for this year's Jnanpith award.

2) Ex-SURYA KIRAN is a Joint military exercise between India and

- a) Maldives
- b) Myanmar
- c) Nepal
- d) Sri Lanka

**Answer: c**

- European Union (EU) has become the first multilateral bloc to declare climate emergency, as its legislatures voted in a favour of a resolution for the same.

3) As per the Global Migration Report 2020, which country receives maximum remittance from abroad

- a) India
- b) China
- c) Vietnam
- d) South Korea

**Answer: a**

- India is the leading recipient of remittances. International remittances in 2018 (2020 report) reached \$689 billion, out of which India received \$78.6 billion from the 17.5 million living abroad.

4) Udham Singh, in relation to the Indian freedom struggle is associated with

- a) India House
- b) Berlin Committee
- c) Ghadar Party
- d) None of the above

**Answer: c**

- He was a political activist who got associated with the Ghadar Party while in the US.

5) Chagos Islands, recently in news, is located in

- a) Indian Ocean
- b) Mediterranean Sea



- c) Caribbean Sea
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- Mauritius called the UK an “illegal colonial occupier”, after it ignored a UN mandated deadline to return the Chagos Islands, a small archipelago in the Indian Ocean, to Mauritius.