

Current Affairs Quiz, September 2020

Sep 01

1) Recently unearthed RenatiChola era inscription is in

- a) Sanskrit
- b) Telugu
- c) Kannada
- d) Prakrit

Answer: b

- It was found engraved on a dolomite slab and shale. The inscription was written in archaic Telugu. It was assigned to the 8th Century A.D., when the region was under the rule of the Chola Maharaja of Renadu.

2) Which among the following is possible as a result of RBI's Operation Twist?

- a) Rise in price of govt securities
- b) Difficult to avail long-term loans
- c) Increase in long term interest rates
- d) All of the above

Answer: a

- There is an inverse relationship between the bond prices & yields. As the central bank buys long-term securities, their demand rises which in turn pushes up their prices. The interest rate in an economy is determined by yield. Thus, lower long-term interest rates mean people can avail long-term loans at lower rates.

3) Coal gasification is the process of producing syngas. It is a mixture consisting

- a) Carbonmonoxide
- b) Hydrogen
- c) Natural gas
- d) All of the above

Answer: d

- India aims for 100 million tonnes (MT) coal gasification by 2030 with investments worth over Rs. 4 lakh crores, said Shri Pralhad Joshi, Union Minister of Coal and Mines. Addressing a webinar on Coal Gasification and Liquefaction, Shri Joshi said that Coal Gasification and Liquefaction is no more an aspiration, but a requirement.

4) World's Largest Solar Tree, recently developed, is located in

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

Answer: a

- CSIR-CMERI has developed the World's Largest Solar Tree, which is installed at CSIR-CMERI Residential Colony, Durgapur.

5) Which among the following statements about Pangong Tso is incorrect?

- a) Brackish
- b) Formed from Tethys geosyncline
- c) Endorheiclake
- d) None of the above

Answer: d

- India and China have unsettled borders, and the perception of the Line of Actual Control (LAC) differs in multiple sectors, including on Pangong Tso.
- All the statements are correct.

Sep 02

1) Which among the following statements about International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights is incorrect?

- a) India is a member
- b) Comes under UN
- c) Headquartered in Vienna
- d) None of the above

Answer: c

- It is a multilateral treaty adopted by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA). India is a party to this treaty.
- Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland.

2) Adjusted gross revenue (AGR), often heard in news, is associated with

- a) Taxation
- b) Telecom
- c) Defence
- d) All of the above

Answer: b

- The Supreme Court has allowed telecom companies 10 years' time to pay their adjusted gross revenue (AGR) dues to the government.

3) Which among the following countries recently abolished "kafala system?"

- a) UAE
- b) Qatar
- c) Malaysia
- d) All of the above

Answer: b

- The first reform has abolished the unjustified 'kafala system' or requirement for a "no objection certificate" that migrant workers needed to get from their employers before changing jobs. Now, workers will have to serve a one-month notice period if they have worked for less than two years and notice period of two months if they have worked longer.

4) Crete Island, recently heard in news, is a part of

- a) India
- b) France
- c) Greece
- d) Turkey

Answer: c

- It is the largest and most populous of the Greek islands.

5) Hamas, often seen in news, is an organisation, operating in

- a) Palestine
- b) Iran
- c) Yemen
- d) Saudi Arabia

Answer: a

- Hamas is a Palestinian Islamist political organization and militant group that has waged war on Israel since the group's 1987 founding, most notably through suicide bombings and rocket attacks. It seeks to replace Israel with a Palestinian state. It also governs Gaza independently of the Palestinian Authority.

Sep 03

1) Mission Karmayogi, launched by the government of India is aimed at improving

- a) Governance
- b) Employment
- c) Foreign Exchange
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- It is a New National Architecture for Civil Services Capacity Building.

2) 164th birth anniversary of Sree Narayana Guru observed on 2nd September. He was a social reformer from the state of

- a) Kerala
- b) Tamil Nadu
- c) Karnataka
- d) Himachal Pradesh

Answer: a

- Narayana Guru (1856 – 1928) was a social reformer. He has been credited with transforming the social fabric of Kerala and changing the beliefs of Keralites in ways unimaginable at that point in time.

3) Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS) is implemented by

- a) Khadi and Village Industries Commission
- b) Small Industries Development Bank of India
- c) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- d) Directorate General of Foreign Trade

Answer: c

- The MEIS is notified by the DGFT (Directorate General of Foreign Trade) and implemented by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

4) Which among the following is not a type of trademark that may be registered in India?

- a) Monograms
- b) Shape of goods or their packaging
- c) Tagline of a product
- d) None of the above

Answer: d

- Different types of trademarks that may be registered in India:

- o Any name which is not unusual for trade
- o An invented word or any arbitrary dictionary word
- o Letters or numerals or any combination thereof.
- o Devices, including fancy devices or symbols
- o Monograms
- o Combination of colors
- o Shape of goods or their packaging
- o Marks constituting a 3- dimensional sign.
- o Sound marks when represented in conventional notation

5) Global Innovation Index 2020, published by World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), ranks India at

- a) 48
- b) 12
- c) 114
- d) 82

Answer: a

- This year, India climbed four spots and is now at 48th position in the list.
- India is at the top position among the nations in central and southern Asia.

Sep 04

1) Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya JanaushadhiPriyojana (PMBJP) is the implemented by

- a) Bureau of Pharma PSUs of India
- b) Department of Pharmaceuticals
- c) Both (a) and (b)
- d) National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority

Answer: a

- It is a campaign launched by the Department of Pharmaceuticals. Bureau of Pharma PSUs of India (BPPI) is the implementing agency of PMBJP
- 8 immunity boosting products launched under Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya JanaushadhiPriyojana (PMBJP) for sale through JanaushadhiKendras across country.

2) INDIGO is a consortium of Indian gravitational-wave physicists. This is an initiative to set up advanced experimental facilities to detect gravitational-waves in

- a) Ladakh
- b) Tamil Nadu
- c) Maharashtra
- d) Himachal Pradesh

Answer: c

- INDIGO or IndIGO is a consortium of Indian gravitational-wave physicists. This is an initiative to set up advanced experimental facilities for a multi-institutional observatory project in gravitational-wave astronomy located near AundhaNagnath, Hingoli District, Maharashtra.

3) The administrative control of Assam Rifles lies with the ministry of

- a) Defence
- b) Development of North Eastern Region
- c) Home affairs
- d) External affairs

Answer: c

- Today, the administrative control of Assam Rifles lies with the Home Ministry, while the operational control is with the Defence Ministry.

4) AIMA Chanakya National Management Games is an online Business Simulation Game conducted every year. Which among the following emerged as the winner this year?

- a) IOCL
- b) NTPC
- c) Powergrid
- d) None of the above

Answer: b

• Team NTPC overcame a stiff challenge to emerge as winner at the recently concluded All India Management Association (AIMA) - Chanakya (Business Simulation Game) National Management Games 2020.

5) UNSC 1267 committee was established in the year:

- a) 1975
- b) 1999
- c) 2001
- d) 2011

Answer: b

• Recently, the UNSC threw out a Pakistani attempt to get two Indians designated as terrorists under Resolution 1267. This was the third such attempt by Pak this year. It was first set up in 1999, and strengthened after the September 11, 2001 attacks.

Sep 05

1) No alteration of the boundaries of a national park shall be made except on a resolution passed by the

- a) Parliament
- b) State Legislature
- c) Gram Sabha
- d) All of the above

Answer: b

• National parks can be declared both by the Central Government and State governments. No alteration of the boundaries of a national park shall be made except on a resolution passed by the State Legislature.

2) The Philosophy of Rabindranath Tagore, is a book written by

- a) B R Ambedkar
- b) Sardar Patel
- c) S Radhakrishnan
- d) M A Jinnah

Answer: c

• Teacher's Day is observed annually on September 5. The day commemorates the birth anniversary of Radhakrishnan.

3) Which among the following are the NDB funded projects in India?

- a) Madhya Pradesh Multi Village Water Supply Project
- b) REC Renewable Energy Sector Development Project
- c) Rajasthan Water Sector Restructuring Project
- d) All of the above

Answer: d

- All are NDB funded projects in India. Fortaleza Declaration stressed that the NDB will strengthen cooperation among BRICS and will supplement the efforts of multilateral and regional financial institutions for global development thus contributing to sustainable and balanced growth.

4) North Atlantic Treaty Organization is an intergovernmental military alliance headquarters at

- a) Washington
- b) London
- c) Brussels
- d) Paris

Answer: c-

- It was established by Washington treaty that was signed on 4 April 1949 with headquarters at Brussels, Belgium.

5) Which among the following are programs under about International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)?

- a) Human Health Program.
- b) Water Availability Enhancement Project.
- c) Both (a) and (b)
- d) Neither (a) nor (b)

Answer: c

- Iran has granted IAEA inspectors access to one of two sites where undeclared nuclear activity may have taken place in the early 2000s. Program of Action for Cancer Therapy (PACT). Human Health Program, Water Availability Enhancement Project, International Project on Innovative Nuclear Reactors and Fuel Cycles, 2000 are all under IAEA.

Sep 07

1) Business Reform Action Plan (BRAP) which ranks states in India based on the implementation of Business Reform Action Plan started in the year 2015 is an initiative by

- a) Niti Aayog
- b) Department of Industrial Promotion and Internal Trade
- c) PM's EAC
- d) None of the above

Answer: b

- 4th edition of Business Reform Action Plan (BRAP) ranking of states announced recently by the Department of Industrial Promotion and Internal Trade (DPIIT).

2) Which among the following are not official languages of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)?

- a) Russian
- b) Chinese
- c) Hindi
- d) Both (a) and (c)

Answer: c

- The SCO's official languages are Russian and Chinese.

3) Start-Up Village Entrepreneurship Programme (SVEP) is an initiative by the ministry of

- a) Rural Development
- b) Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
- c) Commerce and Industry
- d) All of the above

Answer: a

- Start-Up Village Entrepreneurship Programme (SVEP) is implemented by Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM), Ministry of Rural Development, as a sub-scheme since 2016.

4) First ever International Day of Clean Air For Blue Skies is decided to be celebrated from the year

- a) 2019
- b) 2018
- c) 2020
- d) 2021

Answer: c

- The General Assembly of United Nations on 19 December 2019 adopted a resolution to observe the International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies on 07th September every year starting from 2020.

5) Which country is to host G-20 Leaders' Summit in 2020?

- a) India
- b) China
- c) Germany
- d) Saudi Arabia

Answer: d

- The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is hosting G-20 Leaders' Summit in 2020.

Sep 08

1) Mid-Day meal scheme comes under the Ministry of

- a) Education
- b) Health and Family Welfare
- c) Women and Child Development
- d) All of the above

Answer: a

- The Vice President, Shri M Venkaiah Naidu recently suggested that milk could be given either as part of breakfast or the mid-day meal in order to improve the nutritional levels of children.

2) India recently tested the Hypersonic Test Demonstrator Vehicle (HSTDV). Which among the following statement is incorrect about HSTDV?

- a) Developed by DRDO
- b) Uses scramjet technology
- c) India is the third country to develop this technology
- d) Both (b) and (c)

Answer: c

- India has become the fourth country after the United States, Russia and China to develop and successfully test hypersonic technology.

3) Which among the following force in India is known as Sentinels of North East and also is the oldest paramilitary force of India?

- a) BSF
- b) CRPF
- c) Assam Rifles
- d) ITBP

Answer: c

- Delhi High Court has asked the Centre to take a call on the issue of bringing Assam Rifles out of the dual control of the Home Ministry (MHA) and the Defence Ministry (MoD).

4) Who takes a call on central security cover to private individuals in India?

- a) Ministry of Home Affairs
- b) PMO
- c) IB
- d) R&AW

Answer: a

- A call on central security to private individuals is taken by the Home Ministry based on inputs from intelligence agencies. Kangana Ranaut has been given Y-plus category security.

5) Which among the following acts as the nodal agency for Global Multidimensional Poverty Index?

- a) Niti Aayog
- b) UNDP
- c) Department of Social Justice
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

• NITI Aayog is in the last stage for preparation of Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) parameter dashboard and a State Reform Action Plan (SRAP).

Sep 09

1) First World Solar Technology Summit (WSTS) was organized on 8th September, 2020 by

- a) Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)
- b) International Solar Alliance (ISA)
- c) Both (a) and (b)
- d) Neither (a) nor (b)

Answer: c

• The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), as the convener of ISA Global Leadership Task Force on Innovation, worked with the International Solar Alliance (ISA) in organizing the summit.

2) Teej, Lohri, Basant Panchami, Baisakhi and Hola Mahalla are major festivals celebrated in the state of

- a) Punjab
- b) Ladakh
- c) Maharashtra
- d) Both (b) and (c)

Answer: a

• DekhoApnaDesh Webinar Series is an effort to showcase India's rich diversity under Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat programme.

3) 'Health in India' report, recently released, is published by

- a) Directorate of Health Services
- b) Niti Aayog
- c) National Statistical Organisation
- d) None of the above

Answer: c

• The report is based on the 75th round of the National Sample Survey (July 2017-June 2018) on household social consumption related to health.

4) "ODF+", "ODF++" criteria, often heard in news, is related to

- a) Nuclear power plant
- b) Cleanliness
- c) School education
- d) None of the above

Answer: b

- ODF+ and ODF++ were launched in August 2018 to further scale up and sustain the work undertaken by the cities after achieving the ODF status under Phase I of the Swachh Bharat Mission — Urban (SBM-Urban).

5) International Literacy Day (ILD) is celebrated every year all over the world on

- a) September 8th
- b) December 1st
- c) November 14th
- d) October 2nd

Answer: a

- International Literacy Day (ILD) is celebrated on 8th September every year all over the world

Sep 10

1) India is the fourth country to have the strategic platform with Rafale after

- a) France
- b) Egypt
- c) Qatar
- d) All of the above

Answer: d

- The Indian Air Force will formally induct the Rafale aircraft on 10th September 2020. The aircraft will be part of 17 Squadron, the "Golden Arrows". India is the fourth country to have the strategic platform with Rafale after France, Egypt and Qatar.

2) What is Real Mango, which was in news recently?

- a) Mango variety from Assam
- b) Start up on AI
- c) Computer virus
- d) Illegal software

Answer: d

- It is an illegal software used for cornering confirmed Railway reservation. This commonly banned software makes the complete process of Indian Rail ticket booking at a fly speed.

3) South India's 1st and country's 2nd Kisan Train. It runs between New Delhi and

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

Answer: d

- It runs between Anantapur (Andhra Pradesh) and New Delhi.

4) Jigyasa is a student – scientist connect programme launched by

- a) Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)
- b) Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS)
- c) Both (a) and (b)
- d) None of the above

Answer: c

- The programme would be implemented by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) in collaboration with Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS).

5) 73rd session of WHO's South East Asia Region is being hosted by

- a) New Delhi
- b) Bangkok
- c) Colombo
- d) Manila

Answer: b

- The 73rd session is being hosted by the Government of Thailand (from Bangkok) while the previous session was held in New Delhi.

Sep 11

1) Swami Vivekananda addressed the Parliament of World's Religions in Chicago in the year:

- a) 1893
- b) 1983
- c) 1899
- d) 1905

Answer: a

- The Parliament of World's Religions, held for the first time in 1893, from September 11 to September 27, saw eminent personalities from around the world at the same forum. Swami Vivekananda addressed the audience first on September 11 followed by the closing speech on September 27.

2) Ease Reforms Agenda, often heard in news, has been commissioned by

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

Answer: d

- It was commissioned through Indian Banks' Association and authored by Boston Consulting Group.

3) "Letter of credence" that is sometimes heard in news is used in the field of

- a) Diplomacy
- b) Banking
- c) Animal rights
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- It is a letter of introduction or recommendation, especially of an ambassador.

4) 'SAROD-Ports' aimed to resolve all kind of disputes of maritime sector is launched by

- a) Ministry of Shipping
- b) Mumbai Port Trust
- c) Shipping Corporation of India, Mumbai
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- 'SAROD-Ports' stands for Society for Affordable Redressal of Disputes – Ports

5) Five Star Villages Scheme, aims to ensure universal coverage of flagship postal schemes in rural areas of the country, is launched on pilot basis in

- a) Maharashtra
- b) Kerala
- c) Himachal Pradesh
- d) Sikkim

Answer: a

- The scheme is being launched on pilot basis in Maharashtra.

Sep 12

1) eCourts Mission Mode Project, is a Pan-India Project, monitored and funded by.

- a) Department of Justice
- b) Supreme Court of India
- c) Law Commission of India
- d) Bar Council of India

Answer: c

- The eCourts Mission Mode Project, is a Pan-India Project, monitored and funded by Department of Justice, Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India for the District Courts across the country.

2) Which is the first Union Territory that will be linked to the central government system—CPGRAMS?

- a) Jammu and Kashmir
- b) New Delhi
- c) Puducherry
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- Jammu and Kashmir Integrated Grievance Redress and Monitoring System (JK-IGRAMS) was launched recently.
- This is the first UT that will be linked to the central government system—CPGRAMS.

3) The Results of the second edition of Ranking of States on Support to Startup Ecosystems have been released. It is conducted by

- a) Niti Aayog
- b) Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)
- c) Indian Banks Association
- d) All of the above

Answer: b

- Conducted by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT).

4) Climate Smart Cities Assessment Framework (CSCAF) 2.0, recently heard in news, is launched by

- a) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- b) Niti Aayog
- c) UNDP
- d) UNEP

Answer: a

- CSCAF initiative intends to inculcate a climate-sensitive approach to urban planning and development in India.

5) Net Present Value (NPV) is a monetary approximation of the value that is lost when a piece of forest land has been razed. It was an innovation by

- a) Supreme Court
- b) SEBI
- c) RBI
- d) Both (b) and (c)

Answer: a

• The Union Ministry of Mines had requested the Environment Ministry to exempt it from paying NPV. To regulate forest diversions, Supreme Court introduced a high 'net present value' (NPV) charge on the lands diverted.

Sep 14

1) REPLACE campaign is launched for elimination of trans-fats in industrially produced edible oils by 2023. It is an initiative of

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

Answer: b

• WHO launched a REPLACE campaign for elimination of trans-fats in industrially produced edible oils by 2023.

2) iRAD(Integrated Road Accident Database Project) aiming to enhance road safety is implemented by

- a) National Informatics Centre
- b) Indian Academy of Highway Engineers
- c) National Highways Authority of India
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

• It is developed by Indian Institute of Technology-Madras (IIT-M) and will be implemented by the National Informatics Centre.

3) Living Planet Report is an annual report released by

- a) World Wide Fund for Nature
- b) IUCN
- c) UNEP
- d) All of the above

Answer: a

• This year's Living Planet Report, a collaboration between WWF International and the Zoological Society of London, is the 13th edition of the biennial publication tracking wildlife populations around the world.

4) Dibru-Saikhowa National Park, recently heard in news, is located in

- a) Assam
- b) Arunachal Pradesh
- c) Madhya Pradesh
- d) Uttar Pradesh

Answer: a

- The Gauhati High Court has asked the Centre, the Assam government and Oil India Limited to file their responses in a plea challenging the Union environment ministry's decision to give clearance to the firm to drill seven wells in the Dibru-Saikhowa National Park, PTI reported on Wednesday. The park is one of the two ecologically fragile areas flanking the Baghjan oil field, where a massive blowout occurred in May.

5) Which among the following aids formation of methane hydrate?

- a) Highpressures
- b) Lowtemperatures
- c) Both(a) and (b)
- d) Neither (a) nor (b)

Answer: c

- It is formed when hydrogen-bonded water and methane gas come into contact at high pressures and low temperatures in oceans.

Sep 15

1) Who was the first poet whose works were nationalised by the state government of Tamil Nadu?

- a) Subramaniya Bharathi
- b) IlangoAdigal
- c) Thiruvalluvar
- d) Kannadasan

Answer: a

- His songs on nationalism and freedom of India helped to rally the masses to support the Indian Independence Movement in Tamil Nadu.

2) Mekedatu project, often heard in news and being developed in Karnataka, is being built across the river

- a) Mahanadi
- b) Cauvery
- c) Krishna
- d) Godavari

Answer: b

- The Karnataka government is likely to take a delegation to bring pressure on the Centre to approve the construction of the Mekedatu balancing reservoir that has been proposed to store water for drinking purposes.

3) Singapore Convention, recently heard in news, is associated with

- a) Ship recycling
- b) Persistent Organic Pollutants

- c) Mediation
- d) None of the above

Answer: c

- The United Nations General Assembly adopted the Convention on 20th December 2018 and it was opened for signature on 7th August 2019 in Singapore.
- It is also known as the Singapore Convention on Mediation and also the first UN treaty to be named after Singapore

4) Which Indian state has highest number of enemy properties in India?

- a) West Bengal
- b) Delhi
- c) Uttar Pradesh
- d) Jammu and Kashmir

Answer: c

- Properties that were left behind by the people who took citizenship of Pakistan and China are called enemy properties and there are more than 9000 such properties left behind by Pakistani nationals and 126 by Chinese nationals.
- Of the total properties left behind by those who took Pakistani citizenship, 4,991 are located in Uttar Pradesh, the highest in the country. West Bengal has 2,735 such estates and Delhi 487.

5) Zero Hour, a parliamentary tool, find mention in

- a) Constitution
- b) Rules of Procedure
- c) Both (a) and (b)
- d) Neither (a) nor (b)

Answer: d

- Zero Hour is an Indian parliamentary innovation. It is not mentioned in the parliamentary rules book.

Sep 16

1) Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY) is implemented by the ministry of

- a) Health and Family Welfare
- b) Human Resource and Development
- c) Both (a) and (b)
- d) Neither (a) nor (b)

Answer: a

- The PMSSY is implemented by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- It aims to set up new AIIMS (All India Institute of Medical Sciences) in the country.

- Cabinet approves establishment of new All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) at Darbhanga, Bihar under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY).

2) Which among the following states has become the first to institutionalise snake handling in the country?

- a) Himachal Pradesh
- b) Madhya Pradesh
- c) Karnataka
- d) Kerala

Answer: d

- Becoming the first to institutionalise snake handling in the country, the Kerala Forest Department has framed guidelines for rescuing snakes from human dominated places and releasing them in uninhabited areas.

3) Kharai Camel, also known as Swimming Camels are found only in

- a) Gujarat
- b) Rajasthan
- c) Jammu and Kashmir
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- They are found only in Gujarat's Bhuj area.

4) India celebrates Engineer's Day every year on September 15 as a tribute to

- a) Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya
- b) C V Raman
- c) APJ Abdul Kalam
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- India celebrates Engineer's Day every year on September 15 as a tribute to the greatest Indian Engineer Bharat Ratna Sir Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya on his birthday. He was the chief engineer responsible for the construction of the Krishna Raja Sagara Dam in Mysore.

5) Policy on Promotion of City Compost which aims to process and use city waste as compost is announced under the aegis of ministry of

- a) Rural Development
- b) Chemicals and Fertilizers
- c) Health and Family Welfare
- d) Urban Affairs

Answer: b

- The lack of an appropriate market and ineffective implementation hasn't given this

much-needed practice the desired popularity. It is announced by the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers in 2016.

Sep 17

1) Solar Cycle 25 is an event where the Sun's magnetic field completely flips. It happens every

- a) 20 years
- b) 111 years
- c) 2000 years
- d) 11 years

Answer: d

• Every 11 years or so, the Sun's magnetic field completely flips. This means that the Sun's north and south poles switch places. Then it takes about another 11 years for the Sun's north and south poles to flip back again. So far, astronomers have documented 24 such cycles, the last one ended in 2019.

2) Recently inaugurated Kosi Rail Mahasetu provides a shorter route to the Northeast. It connects districts of

- a) Assam
- b) Arunachal Pradesh
- c) Meghalaya
- d) Bihar

Answer: d

• It was inaugurated recently in Bihar and connects Nirmali and Saraigarh districts of Bihar.

3) Which of the following is the first institution with Institution of National Importance status in the AYUSH Sector?

- a) Institute of Teaching and Research in Ayurveda, Jamnagar
- b) National Institute of Ayurveda (NIA) Jaipur
- c) National Institute of Siddha (NIS), Chennai
- d) Rashtriya Ayurved Vidyapeeth, New Delhi

Answer: a

• ITRA will be the first institution with INI status in the AYUSH Sector.

4) Scientists have reported a first-of-its-kind discovery of morphological phenotypic plasticity (MPP) in the Kalinga cricket frog. It was found in

- a) Eastern Ghats
- b) Western Ghats
- c) Kanchenjunga
- d) Both (a) and (b)

Answer: d

- It was thought to be endemic to the hill ranges of the Eastern Ghats. But now, researchers have reported the Kalinga cricket frog from the central Western Ghats, with the evidence of considerable 'morphological phenotypic plasticity (MPP)'.

5) As per Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, how many days are allotted to the investigating agency after the arrests before producing the accused to the judiciary?

- a) 1 day
- b) 30 days
- c) 180 days
- d) None of the above

Answer: c

- Under the UAPA, the investigating agency can file a charge sheet in maximum 180 days after the arrests.
- According to the latest data released by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), a total of 3,005 cases were registered in the country under anti-terror law Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) in 2016, 2017 and 2018, and 3,974 people were arrested under the Act

Sep 18

1) Chairperson of National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) should be a

- a) Retired chief justice of India
- b) Judge of the Supreme Court
- c) Both (a) or (b)
- d) Retired chief justice of high courts

Answer: c

- NHRC has ordered the Assam government to pay ₹1 lakh to a 48-year-old man who was thrashed more than a year ago in Biswanath district for selling cooked beef at his tea stall at a weekly market. The chairperson is a retired chief justice of India or a judge of the Supreme Court.

2) Which among the following is not one of the agreements signed between US and India?

- a) Logistics Exchange Memorandum of Agreement (LEMOA).
- b) Communications Compatibility and Security Agreement (COMCASA).
- c) General Security of Military Information Agreement (GSOMIA)
- d) Basic Exchange and Cooperation Agreement for Geo-Spatial cooperation (BECA)

Answer: d

- The U.S. is expecting India to sign the last foundational agreement, Basic Exchange and Cooperation Agreement for Geo-Spatial cooperation (BECA), at the next India-U.S. 2+2 ministerial dialogue likely to held in October end.

3) Tidal Disruption Events (TDE), recently heard in news, is associated with

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

Answer: b

• Astronomers study Blackholes by watching for their effects on nearby stars and gas. Stars are disrupted when the black hole's tidal gravity exceeds the star's self-gravity, and this phenomenon is called tidal disruption events (TDE).

4) World Patient Safety Day, observed on every September 17, is started in the year of

- a) 2019
- b) 2020
- c) 2018
- d) 2004

Answer: a

• On 17 September 2020, the World Health Organization, international partners and all countries will celebrate World Patient Safety Day. World Patient Safety Day was established by the 72nd World Health Assembly, in May 2019, with the adoption of resolution WHA72.6 on 'Global action on patient safety', and an endorsement for the Day to be marked annually on 17 September. World Patient Safety Day builds on a series of successful annual Global Ministerial Summits on Patient Safety, which started in London in 2016.

5) Presently, India hasn't signed air bubble agreement with

- a) Afghanistan
- b) Pakistan
- c) USA
- d) UK

Answer: b

• India has entered into Air Bubble agreements with 10 countries viz. USA, Canada, France, Germany, UK, Maldives, UAE, Qatar, Afghanistan and Bahrain, till 13.09.2020.

Sep 19

1) Samarth Scheme which seeks to provide demand driven, placement oriented National Skills Qualifications Framework (NSQF) compliant skilling programmes is implemented by Ministry of

- a) Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises
- b) Textiles
- c) Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
- d) None of the above

Answer: b

- It is implemented by the Ministry of Textiles.
- As per the information provided by Union Minister of Textiles, under Samarth, 18 State Governments have been allocated a training target of 3.6 lakh beneficiaries for conducting training programme in traditional and organized sectors.

2) Indus Water Treaty between India and Pakistan is mediated by:

- a) World Bank
- b) United Nations
- c) Norway
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- It is a Water-Distribution Treaty, signed in Karachi in 1960, between India (PM Jawaharlal Nehru) and Pakistan (President Ayub Khan), brokered by the World Bank. September 19 marks the 60th anniversary of the Indus Water Treaty (IWT) between India and Pakistan.

3) Blue flag certification, recently heard in news, is made to certify

- a) Beaches
- b) Train Cover
- c) Land Use Pattern
- d) All of the above

Answer: a

- On the occasion of International Coastal Clean-Up Day (Celebrated since 1986), for the first time eight beaches of India are recommended for the coveted International eco-label, the Blue flag certification. The Blue Flag Programme for beaches and marinas is run by the international, non-governmental, non-profit organisation FEE (the Foundation for Environmental Education). Japan and South Korea are the only countries in South and southeastern Asia to have Blue Flag beaches.

4) World Bamboo Organization was set up at the 1992 International Bamboo Congress in

- a) South Korea
- b) Japan
- c) India
- d) Malaysia

Answer: b

- Theme for 2020: 'BAMBOO NOW.' World Bamboo Day: Observed annually on September 18th.

5) "It is the only zoological park in India to become an institutional member of World Association of Zoos and Aquarium (WAZA)". The statement is in reference to

- a) Nandankanan Zoological Park
- b) Amirthi Zoological Park
- c) Sakkarbaug Zoological Park
- d) National Zoological Park -Delhi

Answer: a

- It is also the only zoo in India after which an express train (Nandankanan Express) has been named by Indian Railways. It is located in Bhubaneswar.

Sep 21

1) Article 89 of the Indian Constitution is related to

- a) President
- b) Speaker of Lok Sabha
- c) Vice President
- d) Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha

Answer: d

- Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabhais a constitutional position created under Article 89 of the Constitution, which specifies that Rajya Sabha shall choose one of its MPs to be the Deputy Chairman as often as the position becomes vacant.
- Rajya Sabha Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu has rejected the no-confidence motion moved by the Opposition against the Deputy Chairman Harivansh saying that it is "not admissible under the rules".

2) The Koh-i-Noor Diamond, which is now among the jewels set in the British Crown, was mined and first owned by

- a) Kakatyas
- b) Vakatakas
- c) Satavahanas
- d) Guptas

Answer: a

- Kakatii Devi temple built by Kakatiya ruler Ganapati Deva in Dharanikota (Andhra Pradesh) converted into an abode of local Goddess 'Balusulamma'.

3) The Association of World Election Bodies (A-WEB) has its permanent secretariat located at

- a) Seoul
- b) Washington
- c) Paris
- d) New Delhi

Answer: a

- Election Commission of India has completed one year of Chairmanship of the Association of World Election Bodies (A-WEB).

4) Chendamangalam see, recently heard in news, was given GI tag from the state of

- a) Tamil Nadu
- b) Kerala
- c) Karnataka
- d) Assam

Answer: b

• Care 4 Chendamangalam, which works with weavers in Kerala, brings the eponymous GI-tagged sari for a fund-raiser exhibition to Bengaluru.

5) International Day of Peace is observed around the world on

- a) September 21st
- b) June 21st
- c) March 22nd
- d) December 23rd

Answer: a

- It is observed around the world on 21st September.
- The theme for 2020 is "Shaping Peace Together".

Sep 22

1) Which among the following statements are incorrect about Select Committee of Rajya Sabha?

- a) Chaired by ruling party
- b) Disbanded after submitting report
- c) Reports to be submitted within 1 month
- d) None of the above

Answer: c

• Recently, the government pushed through two crucial agriculture Bills in Rajya Sabha, rejecting Opposition demands that they be referred to a Select Committee of Rajya Sabha. The Bill can only progress in Parliament after the committee has submitted its report. Usually, parliamentary committees are supposed to submit their reports in three months, but sometimes it can take longer.

2) CAROTAR 2020 Rules, recently heard in news, is associated with:

- a) Trade deals
- b) Non-Performing Assets
- c) Covid Protocols
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

• They set guidelines for enforcement of the 'rules of origin' for allowing preferential rate on imports under free trade agreements. They supplement the existing operational

certification procedures prescribed under different trade agreements (FTA/ PTA/ CECA/ CEPA).

3) Feluda Test, recently seen in news, is used to diagnose

- a) Covid 19
- b) Tuberculosis
- c) HIV
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- Feluda is the acronym for FNCAS9 Editor Linked Uniform Detection Assay. It is an accurate and low-cost paper-based test strip to detect Covid-19 in less than 30 minutes.

4) Bonda tribe and Didayi tribe, recently seen in news, are Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups from the state of

- a) Odisha
- b) Madhya Pradesh
- c) Assam
- d) Chhattisgarh

Answer: a

- One member of the Bonda tribe and five from the Didayi tribe in Odisha tested positive for the novel coronavirus in the last week of August.

5) Which among the following Basel guidelines are not adopted in India?

- a) Basel I
- b) Basel II
- c) Basel III
- d) All of the above

Answer: c

- State Bank of India has raised ₹7,000 crore by issuing Basel III compliant bonds.
- The implementation date of the Basel III standards finalised in December 2017 has been deferred by one year to 1 January 2023. The accompanying transitional arrangements for the output floor has also been extended by one year to 1 January 2028.

Sep 23

1) Which among the following countries are not part of Arab League?

- a) Saudi Arabia
- b) Syria
- c) Iran
- d) Egypt

Answer: b

- Syria's participation has been suspended due to the government repression during the Syrian Civil War.
- In a response to the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain normalising their ties with Israel, the Palestinian Authority has formally stepped down from a key role in the Arab League.

2) Which among the following is a truly federal organisation in India, on the lines of Federal Bureau of Investigation in USA?

- a) CBI
- b) RAW
- c) IB
- d) NIA

Answer: d

- Central Government can order NIA to take over investigation of any scheduled offense anywhere in the India.
- The government has empowered the National Investigation Agency (NIA) to investigate offences under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act so that the agency need not rely on local police to unravel drug trade ties that emerge during counter-terrorism operations.

3) Abhyas is designed and developed by Aeronautical Development Establishment (ADE) of DRDO, is a

- a) Fully autonomous flight
- b) Light Combat Aircraft
- c) Air defence system
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- DRDO recently conducted the successful flight test of ABHYAS–High-speed Expendable Aerial Target (HEAT).The vehicle is programmed for fully autonomous flight.

4) Which among the following is not an official language of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir?

- a) English
- b) Urdu
- c) Hindi
- d) Ladakhi

Answer: d

- Earlier, only English and Urdu were the official languages in the former State.The Lok Sabha has passed the J&K Official Languages Bill, 2020 that seeks to include Kashmiri, Dogri and Hindi as the official languages in the newly-created Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

5) Indian Navy (IN) is scheduled to undertake a Passage Exercise (PASSEX) with Navy of

- a) Japan
- b) Australia
- c) USA
- d) Russia

Answer: b

- Indian Navy (IN) is scheduled to undertake a Passage Exercise (PASSEX) with Royal Australian Navy (RAN) in the East Indian Ocean Region from 23 to 24 Sep 20.

Sep 24

1) Central Pollution Control Board CPCB is a statutory organisation which was constituted under:

- a) Air Act, 1981
- b) Water Act, 1974
- c) Environment Act, 1986
- d) None of the above

Answer: b

- CPCB is a statutory organisation which was constituted in September, 1974 under the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974.

- CPCB recently celebrated its 46th Foundation Day.

2) Which among the following comes under the responsibility of President of India?

- a) Prorogation
- b) Adjournment
- c) Adjournment sine die
- d) All of the above

Answer: a

- The power of adjournment as well as adjournment sine die lies with the presiding officer (Speaker or Chairman) of the House.

- The Lok Sabha adjourned sine die recently in what is being termed one of the shortest sessions in India's parliamentary history, but which was packed with 25 Bills.

3) The G4 nations are four countries which support each other's bids for permanent seats on the United Nations Security Council. Which among the following is not a member to it?

- a) India
- b) Brazil
- c) Germany
- d) South Africa

Answer: d

- The G4 nations comprising Brazil, Germany, India, and Japan are four countries which support each other's bids for permanent seats on the United Nations Security Council.
- The foreign ministers of the G4 countries held a virtual meeting coinciding with the 75th session of the UN General Assembly during which they held extensive discussion on the need for urgent reform of the UNSC.

4) Infosys co-founder Kris Gopalakrishnan Committee is constituted for looking into the matters of

- a) Corporate Governance
- b) Digital Currency
- c) Data Privacy
- d) None of the above

Answer: c

- This committee (formed in 2019) headed by Infosys co-founder Kris Gopalakrishnan has suggested that non-personal data generated in the country be allowed to be harnessed by various domestic companies and entities.

5) Komodo Dragons, largest lizards on Earth, is categorised under IUCN as

- a) Extinct
- b) Endangered
- c) Vulnerable
- d) Critically Endangered

Answer: c

- According to a recent study, these lizards could become extinct in the next few decades due to climate change unless measures are taken to change the status quo. IUCN Status of the animal is Vulnerable

Sep 25

1) Conference on Interaction and Confidence-Building Measures in Asia (CICA) Special Ministerial conference was held recently. It is headquartered at

- a) New Delhi
- b) Beijing
- c) Nur Sultan
- d) Shanghai

Answer: c

- It is an inter-governmental forum for enhancing cooperation towards promoting peace, security and stability in Asia. Secretariat is at Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan.

2) Which among the following is a member of BIMSTEC, but not SAARC?

- a) Bhutan
- b) Nepal
- c) Afghanistan
- d) Myanmar

Answer: d

- During the meet, India called on all SAARC members to “collectively resolve to defeat the scourge of terrorism, including the forces that nurture, support and encourage an environment of terror and conflict, which impede the objective of SAARC to realise its full potential for collective collaboration and prosperity across South Asia”.
- Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) comprising Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Thailand brings together 1.5 billion people – 21% of the world population, and a combined GDP of over US\$ 2.5 trillion.

3) Who among the following has the power to set up Board for Regulation and Supervision of Payment and Settlement Systems (BPSS)?

- a) RBI
- b) NPCI
- c) Central Government
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- The Reserve Bank is authorized under the Act to constitute a Committee of its Central Board known as the Board for Regulation and Supervision of Payment and Settlement Systems (BPSS), to exercise its powers and perform its functions and discharge its duties under this statute.

4) Jnanpith Award can be given to works written in

- a) Hindi
- b) Malayalam
- c) English
- d) All of the above

Answer: d

- Any Indian citizen who writes in any of the official languages of India is eligible for the honour. English language was added to the list of languages for consideration after the 49th Jnanpith Award.
- Jnanpith award announced in November last year was handed over to poet Akkitham Achuthan Namboothiri at a special function held recently.

5) RAISE Summit 2020, heard in news recently, is an initiative of

- a) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)
- b) NITI Aayog
- c) Both (a) and (b)
- d) Neither (a) nor (b)

Answer: c

- It is being conducted by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) and NITI Aayog.
- It will be a global meeting to exchange for using AI in areas like healthcare, agriculture, education and smart mobility.
- RAISE 2020- 'Responsible AI for Social Empowerment 2020.'

Sep 26

1) How many members does National Medical Commission (NMC) have, once it replaces Medical Council of India (MCI)?

- a) 5
- b) 8
- c) 4
- d) 33

Answer: d

- The Union government has set up the National Medical Commission (NMC) along with four other autonomous boards while abolishing the MCI. The Centre has notified the 33-member NMC, which will be chaired for three years by Suresh Chandra Sharma.

2) Permanent Court of Arbitration held recently that India should not to pursue the tax demand any more against Vodafone Group. It is headquartered at

- a) Vienna
- b) Hague
- c) New York
- d) None of the above

Answer: b

- In a unanimous decision, the Permanent Court of Arbitration at The Hague has ruled that:
 - o India's retrospective demand of Rs 22,100 crore as capital gains and withholding tax imposed on Vodafone for a 2007 deal was "in breach of the guarantee of fair and equitable treatment".
 - o India should not to pursue the tax demand any more against Vodafone Group.

3) Which among the following countries belong to G8, but not to G7?

- a) Russia
- b) China
- c) South Korea
- d) Australia

Answer: a



4) Which among the following regulator decides the list of companies in Domestic Systemically Important Insurers (D-SIIs)?

- a) IRDAI
- b) SEBI
- c) RBI
- d) IBBI

Answer: a

• Three insurers- Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC), General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC) and New India Assurance Co.- have been recognised as Domestic Systemically Important Insurers (D-SIIs) for 2020-21.

5) Fridays For Future is a global climate strike movement that started in August 2018, in

- a) Netherlands
- b) Denmark
- c) Italy
- d) Sweden

Answer: d

• The FFF is a global climate strike movement that started in August 2018, when 15-year-old Greta Thunberg began a strike in Sweden.

Sep 28

1) Mission Sahakar, recently heard in news, aims to

- a) double farmers' income
- b) double agricultural exports
- c) halve nitrogen pollution
- d) none of the above

Answer: a

• NCDC has started Mission Sahakar to double farmers' income by 2022. NCDC has sanctioned as first instalment, funds amounting to Rs 19444 crores to the states of

Chhattisgarh, Haryana and Telangana for Kharif paddy procurement under Minimum Support Price (MSP) operations.

2) Which among the following is responsible for controlling National List of Essential Medicines (NLEM)?

- a) Department of Health Services
- b) National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority
- c) Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation
- d) All of the above

Answer: b

- Under the provisions of Drug Prices Control Order, 2013, only the prices of drugs that figure in the National List of Essential Medicines (NLEM) are monitored and controlled by the regulator, the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority.
- To ensure availability of medical oxygen in the country at a reasonable price amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, the national drug pricing regulator National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) has capped the price of medical oxygen cylinders and liquid medical oxygen for six months.

3) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) is an autonomous statutory body coming under the ministry of

- a) Health
- b) Chemicals
- c) Science and Technology
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- It is an autonomous statutory body established under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 (FSS Act). Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India is the administrative Ministry of FSSAI.
- Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has released guidelines on sale of loose sweets.

4) Uniform Code of Pharmaceutical Marketing Practices (UCPMP), recently heard in news, is issued by the ministry of

- a) Health and Family Welfare
- b) Chemicals
- c) Consumer Affairs
- d) None of the above

Answer: b

- It is a voluntary code issued by the Department of Pharmaceuticals under Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers relating to marketing practices for Indian Pharmaceutical Companies and as well medical devices industry.
- The Alliance of Doctors for Ethical Health Care has expressed disappointment over the recent reply of Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers, Sadanada Gowda, in Parliament

that there is no decision yet to make the Uniform Code of Pharmaceutical Marketing Practices (UCPMP) mandatory.

5) World Tourism Day 2020 was celebrated with the theme "Tourism and Rural Development". It is the initiative of

- a) UNWTO
- b) WEF
- c) World Bank
- d) All of the above

Answer: a

- The day has been celebrated since 1980 by the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO).

Sep 29

1) The blending of hydrogen with CNG provides a blended gas termed as HCNG. Which among the following are advantages of HCNG?

- a) Easy to commercialize
- b) Cheaper availability of Hydrogen
- c) Higher octane rating
- d) None of the above

Answer: c

- Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has allowed use of H-CNG (18% mix of hydrogen) in CNG engines.
- Disadvantages of using HCNG:
 - o Many steps need to be taken for commercializing it at a large scale.
 - o Current cost of H₂ is more than the cost of Natural Gas. So, HCNG's cost is more than CNG.
- Advantages of HCNG:
 - o HCNG reduces emissions of CO up to 70%.
 - o First step towards future Hydrogen economy.
 - o Engines can be calibrated to release lower amounts of NO.
 - o Engines need minimum modification to run on HCNG.
 - o Ideal fuel for high load applications and heavy-duty vehicles.
 - o Better performance due to higher Octane rating of H₂.

2) A person can be named an offender under the Fugitive Economic Offenders Act, 2018, if there is an arrest warrant against him or her for involvement in economic offences involving at least Rs. _____ or more and has fled from India to escape legal action.

- a) 100 Cr
- b) 500 Cr
- c) 1000Cr
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- A person can be named an offender under the Fugitive Economic Offenders Act, 2018, if there is an arrest warrant against him or her for involvement in economic offences involving at least Rs. 100 crore or more and has fled from India to escape legal action.
- A special court has declared three people fugitive economic offenders (FEO) in the Sterling Biotech case on the Enforcement Directorate's (ED) request.

3) National School of Drama was set up by the Sangeet Natak Akademi as one of its constituent units in the year of

- a) 1946
- b) 1959
- c) 1989
- d) 1996

Answer: b

- The community of actors and mentors are picking up the thread and preparing for staging the first play named 'Pehla Satyagrahi', written by Ravindra Tripathi and directed by Suresh Sharma.

4) Defence Acquisition Council (DAC), formed, after the Group of Ministers recommendations on 'Reforming the National Security System', in 2001, post Kargil War (1999), is headed by

- a) Prime Minister
- b) Defence Minister
- c) Chief of Defence Staff
- d) Defence Secretary

Answer: b

- It is headed by the Defence Minister.
- CDS General Bipin Rawat, three service chiefs General MM Naravane, Admiral Karambir Singh and Air Chief Marshal RKS Bhaduria were present during the DAC meeting headed by Rajnath Singh.

5) Ultra-Violet Imaging Telescope (UVIT) is a part of multi-wavelength astronomical observatory AstroSat. It was launched by

- a) ISRO
- b) NASA
- c) ESA
- d) All of the above

Answer: a

- UVIT is a remarkable 3-in-1 imaging telescope simultaneously observing in the visible, the near-ultraviolet (NUV), and the far-ultraviolet (FUV) spectrum. It is one of the five payloads onboard India's first multi-wavelength astronomical observatory AstroSat. It completed five years of operation in the sky by imaging astronomical objects on 28 September 2020.

Sep 30

1) Himalayan Chandra Telescope, a 2-m diameter optical-infrared telescope, operated remotely by the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA) is located in

- a) Ladakh
- b) Bangalore
- c) Tamil Nadu
- d) Madhya Pradesh

Answer: a

- The Telescope is housed within the Indian Astronomical Observatory at Ladakh. It is operated remotely by the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA), Bangalore. The telescope is celebrating its 20th Birthday.

2) Which among the following is not an association Bhagat Singh was not associated with?

- a) Naujawan Bharat Sabha
- b) Lahore Students Union
- c) Hindustan Socialist Republican Association
- d) None of the above

Answer: d

- Associations he was associated with: Hindustan Republican Association, Naujawan Bharat Sabha, Hindustan Socialist Republican Association (HSRA), Lahore Students Union
- 113th birth anniversary celebrated on 28th September, 2020.

3) National Statistical Office (NSO), which is a wing of Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, has conducted the first "Time Use Survey (TUS)" in India. It aims to

- a) Frequency of purchase of basic household items
- b) People participation in paid and unpaid activities
- c) After school-hours spend by students
- d) None of the above

Answer: b

- The primary objective is to measure participation of men and women in paid and unpaid activities.

4) Ganga Avalokan is the first museum on the river located at Chandighat in

- a) Haridwar
- b) Kedarnath
- c) Badrinath
- d) Yamunotri

Answer: a

- PM Modi inaugurated the project of 'Ganga Avlokan' among six other projects under the 'Namami Gange' programme in Uttarakhand. Ganga Avlokan will be a museum based on the significance of river Ganga and will be located at ChandiGhat.

5) International Energy Security Conference 2020, recently conducted, was organised by

- a) Global Counter Terrorism Council
- b) International Energy Agency
- c) World Economic Forum
- d) International Atomic Energy Agency

Answer: a

- Union Minister Petroleum & Natural Gas and Steel Dharmendra Pradhan said that the clarion call given by Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi for an 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' will drive our efforts in evolving a comprehensive energy security architecture in the country. In his keynote address to 'GCTC Energy Security Conference 2020' organized by Global Counter Terrorism Council, he said that it will be marked by a continuity of robust energy policies put in place over the last six years, and a change to address the Covid-19 unleashed challenges.

