

Current Affairs Quiz, November 2020

Nov 02

1) Rashtriya Ekta Diwas observed on 31st October marks the occasion of birth anniversary of

- a) Sardar Patel
- b) BR Ambedkar
- c) Jawaharlal Nehru
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

• Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's birth anniversary is being celebrated as 'Rashtriya Ekta Diwas' (National Unity Day) since 2014. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, who is credited with uniting all 562 princely states of the pre-independent country to build the Republic of India, passed away on December 15, 1950

2) Which among the following names of cyclones are correctly matched with the place of origin?

- a) Typhoon - North Atlantic Ocean
- b) Hurricanes - Northwest Pacific Ocean
- c) Both (a) and (b)
- d) Neither (a) nor (b)

Answer: d

• In the North Atlantic Ocean and Northeast Pacific, they are called hurricanes. But if the same type of disturbance takes place in the Northwest Pacific Ocean, it is known as a typhoon. And in the South Pacific and Indian Ocean, cyclone is the correct term.

3) Who among the following are known as the father of the Malayalam language?

- a) Ezhuthachan
- b) Kumaranasaan
- c) Chandu Menon
- d) Cherrusherry

Answer: a

• Writer Paul Zacharia has been selected for the 28th Ezhuthachan Puraskaram.

4) 16 Psyche, recently heard in news, is a

- a) Asteroid
- b) Corona vaccine
- c) Ballistic missile
- d) Malware

Answer: a

- A recent study has found that this asteroid could be made entirely of metal and is worth an estimated \$10,000 quadrillion — more than the entire economy of Earth.

5) Kevadia tourism circuit covers 35 tourist spots including the Valley of Flowers, Vishwa Van, Cactus Garden, Butterfly Garden. It is located in the state of

- a) Gujarat
- b) Telengana
- c) Madhya Pradesh
- d) West Bengal

Answer: a

- Kevadia circuit covers 35 tourist spots including the Valley of Flowers, Vishwa Van, Cactus Garden, Butterfly Garden.

Nov 03

1) Meri Saheli is an initiative to ensure women safety launched by

- a) Indian Railways
- b) Airport Authority of India
- c) Haryana RTC
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- Indian Railways started another great initiative named "Meri Saheli" to provide more safety and security to women passengers during their entire journey.
- The "Meri Saheli" initiative is to provide more safety and security of lady passengers travelling by trains in their entire journey from originating station till destination station.

2) Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd, for its 'Project Parivartan', signed a contract worth ₹400 with

- a) TCS
- b) Mahindra
- c) Infosys
- d) Wipro

Answer: b

- Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd and Tech Mahindra signed a contract worth ₹400 crore for implementation of Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) to support HAL's 'Project Parivartan'. "HAL and TM signed a contract worth ₹400 crore recently in Bengaluru for implementation of ERP to support HAL's 'Project Parivartan'," read a statement from HAL.

3) As per the recently released Public Affairs Index, which among the following is the best governed state?

- a) Karnataka
- b) Uttar Pradesh
- c) Kerala
- d) Andhra Pradesh

Answer: c

• The Public Affairs Index-2020 released by the Public Affairs Centre in Bengaluru declared Kerala the best governed state in the country, while Uttar Pradesh ended at the bottom in the large states category.

4) The United Nations General Assembly has designated _____ as World Cities Day.

- a) 1st Nov
- b) 2nd Nov
- c) 3rd Nov
- d) 31st Oct

Answer: d

• The United Nations General Assembly has designated the 31st of October as World Cities Day, by its resolution 68/239. The Day is expected to greatly promote the international community's interest in global urbanization, push forward cooperation among countries in meeting opportunities and addressing challenges of urbanization, and contributing to sustainable urban development around the world.

5) Instant payouts "Visa Direct" is an initiative of

- a) RBL Bank
- b) Axis Bank
- c) Visa
- d) Both (a) and (c)

Answer: d

• Private lender RBL Bank has joined hands with Visa Direct, in a bid to facilitate instant, real-time and secure fund settlement on debit and credit cards. The alliance with RBL Bank will enable Visa in expanding the reach of its real-time payments platform1, Visa Direct, across India.

Nov 04

1) Nyay Kaushal, India's first e-resource centre, is launched by

- a) Kerala
- b) Maharashtra
- c) Karnataka
- d) Goa

Answer: b

• Chief Justice of India S.A. Bobde, along with Justice D.Y. Chandrachud of the Supreme

Court, on Saturday inaugurated the first ever e-resource centre and virtual court for traffic and transport to enable speedy justice for litigants, called 'Nyay Kaushal', at Nagpur.

2) RythuVedika, a platform for addressing issues of farmers and help them attain higher returns, is an initiative by

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

Answer: b

• Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao said he was as happy as conquering a kingdom in inaugurating the State's first RythuVedika and work sheds to unify and educate farmers to make agriculture not only a for-profit business, but also a farmer-driven enterprise.

3) Which among the following institutions had signed an MoU with IOCL for producing fuel-cell grade hydrogen at economical price?

- a) IISc Bangalore
- b) IIT Bombay
- c) IIT Madras
- d) IIT Kanpur

Answer: a

• The Bengaluru based Indian Institute of Science and R&D Centre of Indian Oil Corporation have signed an MOU to develop and demonstrate biomass gasification-based hydrogen generation technology for producing fuel cell-grade hydrogen at an affordable price. Both IISc and Indian Oil will demonstrate the technology in the Indian Oil R&D Centre in Faridabad. The technology is crucial for the fuel cell operated buses being conceived by Indian Oil towards ushering in the country's hydrogen economy.

4) The AYUSH Ministry is set to constitute a 'Strategic Policy and Facilitation Bureau' (SPFB) to facilitate planned and systematic growth of the Ayush sector in collaboration with

- a) Invest India
- b) FICCI
- c) ASSOCHAM
- d) Niti Aayog

Answer: a

• Ministry of AYUSH and M/s Invest India will form a collaboration to set up a strategic policy unit called "Strategic Policy & Facilitation Bureau (SPFB)" to facilitate planned and systematic growth of the Ayush Sector. This is among the various steps which the Ministry has initiated to chart future directions along which the stake-holding groups of the Ayush Sector can move.

5) World Vegan Day is an annual event celebrated by vegans around the world every

- a) Nov 2nd
- b) Nov 3rd
- c) Nov 4th
- d) Nov 1st

Answer: d

- World Vegan Day is celebrated annually on 1st November. It was first celebrated in the year 1994 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the UK Vegan Society and the term 'Vegan'. World Vegan Day was created by Louise Wallis, a British animal rights activist and the chair of The Vegan Society, to raise awareness about animal rights.

Nov 05

1) A char is a floating island while chaporis are low-lying flood-prone riverbanks. Char-chaporis are found in India in

- a) Maharashtra
- b) Karnataka
- c) Goa
- d) Assam

Answer: d

- A proposed "Miya museum" reflecting the "culture and heritage of the people living in char-chaporis" has stirred up a controversy in Assam.

2) Nurturing Neighborhoods Challenge is launched by the Ministry of

- a) Union Housing and Urban Affairs
- b) Agriculture
- c) Environment
- d) All of the above

Answer: a

- It is a challenge for cities to develop and implement initiatives to improve the quality of life of young children, caregivers and families.

3) Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved funding for the 210 megawatt (MW) Luhri hydropower project on the Satluj river located in

- a) Himachal Pradesh
- b) Jammu and Kashmir
- c) Ladakh
- d) Punjab

Answer: a

- Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved funding to the tune of

₹1,810.56 crore for the 210 megawatt (MW) Luhri hydropower project on the Satluj river in Himachal Pradesh.

4) CSIR-CDRI scientist won an award for his work on defining the survival tactics of *Leishmania donovani*. It is a

- a) Protozoan
- b) Virus
- c) Bacteria
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

• *Leishmania donovani* is a protozoan parasite that infects macrophages and is a causative agent of visceral leishmaniasis (Kala-Azar).

5) Striated Five-ring, sighted at Neyyar, Kerala in 2015-16 after 100 years, is a

- a) Frog
- b) Snake
- c) Butterfly
- d) None of the above

Answer: c

• Butterfly season usually begins with the onset of the South-West monsoon; and the buzz tends to continue post-monsoon, well into February. This year, especially, many rare species have been sighted across the country. Striated Five-ring was sighted at Neyyar, Kerala in 2015-16 after 100 years.

Nov 06

1) A review of BMI of various countries published recently in the medical journal *The Lancet*, ranks India at

- a) 2nd
- b) 21st
- c) 88th
- d) 196th

Answer: d

• The study has ranked India at the 196th spot with respect to BMI. India's 19-year-old boys and girls have a BMI of 20.1.

2) Which among the following countries is the first to officially exit from Paris climate deal?

- a) US
- b) China
- c) Israel
- d) Iran

Answer: a

- The US formally exited the Paris Climate Agreement on Wednesday amid election uncertainty, three years after President Donald Trump announced his intent to remove the country from participating in the landmark global pact to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

3) The International Centre for Clean Water (ICCW) which signed an agreement with Japanese firm DG Takano to develop innovative products to solve environmental challenges in providing clean and safe drinking water across the globe is an initiative of

- a) Niti Aayog
- b) Ministry of Jal Shakti
- c) IISc Bangalore
- d) IIT Madras

Answer: d

- The Indian Institute of Technology-Madras (IIT-M) will collaborate with a Japanese firm to bring clean water technology to the country.

4) Don Talbot who passed away recently was famous in the field of

- a) Swimming
- b) Archery
- c) Running
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- Don Talbot is being remembered as a "coaching magician" after the former Australian swimming mentor and inaugural Australian Institute of Sport director passed away on Tuesday, aged 87.

5) The World Tsunami Awareness Day 2020 is observed every year on

- a) Nov 1st
- b) Nov 3rd
- c) Nov 5th
- d) Nov 6th

Answer: c

- The World Tsunami Awareness Day 2020 is observed every year on 5 November with an aim to create ways to save lives in view of future disasters. The United Nations, through a resolution adopted on 22 December, 2015, designated the day to be World Tsunami Awareness Day.

Nov 07

1) Why were there no cyclone developments this year in Indian ocean?

- a) Weak La Nina
- b) Madden Julian Oscillation (MJO)
- c) Vertical wind shear
- d) All of the above

Answer: d

• IMD officials have attributed it to the weak La Nina conditions along the equatorial Pacific Ocean. Cooler than normal sea surface temperatures over this region—termed as La Nina— has been prevailing since August this year. Because Madden Julian Oscillation (MJO) was positioned in a favourable phase, the low-pressure systems intensified maximum up to a deep depression. MJO is kind of an eastward-moving cyclic weather event along the tropics that influences rainfall, winds, sea surface temperatures and cloud cover. Most importantly, there was the high wind shear noted between the different atmospheric levels, last month.

2) EOS-01, recently launched by ISRO, is an

- a) Earth Observation Satellite
- b) Communication Satellite
- c) Remote Sensing Satellite
- d) Navigation Satellite

Answer: a

• It is an earth observation satellite. EOS-01 is nothing but another Radar Imaging Satellite (RISAT) that will work together with RISAT-2B and RISAT-2BR1 launched last year.

3) First Islamic school for transgender Muslims with clerics is started in

- a) Pakistan
- b) India
- c) Indonesia
- d) Bangladesh

Answer: d

• Bangladesh has opened its first Islamic school for transgender Muslims with clerics calling it a first step towards integrating the discriminated minority into society.

4) Green Innovation Fund, a six-month long fund-linked accelerator programme for social impact startups, was launched by

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

Answer: b

• A Green Innovation Fund, a six-month long fund-linked accelerator programme for social impact startups, was launched on Thursday by Kerala Finance Minister Dr Thomas

Isaac. The fund is a joint initiative of Kerala Startup Mission (KSUM), Haritha Keralam Mission and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), India. Along with the Finance Minister, Shoko Noda, the Country Representative of UNDP, India, was also present at the online launch event.

5) Serum Institute of India and Beximco Pharmaceuticals Ltd, signed a tripartite agreement for coronavirus vaccine developed by Oxford with

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

Answer: d

- Bangladesh has signed a tripartite agreement with the Serum Institute of India and Beximco Pharmaceuticals Ltd, a pharmaceutical company in Bangladesh, for coronavirus vaccine developed by Oxford. After signing the agreement, Health Minister Zahid Maleque disclosed the information during a press briefing held at the Health Ministry's conference room on Thursday. "The doses will be given to one and half crore coronavirus infected people in the country," said the minister.

Nov 09

1) Which among the following doesn't belong to "Horn of Africa"?

- a) Ethiopia
- b) Eritria
- c) Somalia
- d) Kenya

Answer: d

- Horn of Africa is the easternmost extension of African land and for the purposes of this article is defined as the region that is home to the countries of Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, and Somalia, whose cultures have been linked throughout their long history.
- Ethiopia is on the brink of a civil war. A domestic conflict is going on in the country's northern Tigray region.

2) India's first solar-based Integrated Multi-Village Water Supply Project (IMVWSP) was launched recently in the state of

- a) Gujarat
- b) Arunachal Pradesh
- c) Haryana
- d) Punjab

Answer: b

- Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat on Friday (6 November) dedicated India's first solar-based Integrated Multi-Village Water Supply Project (IMVWSP) to the people of Arunachal Pradesh. The solar-based lift water supply project for 39 villages in

Lower Dibang Valley district in northeastern Arunachal Pradesh was commissioned at a cost of Rs 28.50 crore.

3) Which among the following is the first court in India to live stream its proceedings on YouTube for public viewing?

- a) Supreme Court
- b) High Court of Gujarat
- c) High Court of Madras
- d) High Court of Delhi

Answer: b

• The Gujarat High Court became on Oct. 26 the first court in India to livestream its proceedings on YouTube for public viewing. The move is on a trial basis and is at present limited to proceedings involving the court's Chief Justice Vikram Nath.

4) 'Parivarthanam' aimed to improve the livelihood skills of youngsters along the coastline is an initiative by

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

Answer: b

• Kerala today launched a pioneering eco-sustainable programme for the development of its fishing communities, as Fisheries Minister J. Mercykutty Amma inaugurated 'Parivarthanam' which charts to improve the livelihood skills of youngsters along the coastline and also improve their socio-economic condition.

5) Which among the following e-commerce company partnered with SBI YONO Krishi app for easy availability of quality agricultural products in India?

- a) Amazon
- b) Flipkart
- c) E-bay
- d) IFFCO Bazar

Answer: d

• IFFCO Bazar, the e-commerce wing of IFFCO, on Friday announced its integration with the State Bank of India (SBI) YONO Krishi, a dedicated portal catering to farmer's needs, a company statement said. The portal, iffcobazar.in offers a wide variety of products speciality fertilisers, organic agri-inputs, seeds, agrochemicals, agri-machinery amongst others.

Nov 10

1) Which among the following Indian diplomat has been elected to the UN's Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ)?

- a) Vidisha Maitra
- b) Devyani Kobragade
- c) TS Tirumurthy
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- Indian diplomat Vidisha Maitra has been elected to the UN's Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ). The election was a tightly contested one but Maitra won with 126 UN members supporting her candidature for the only post for the Asia-Pacific group while 64 voted for the opposing candidate who was from Iraq.

2) 'Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) -2020' is a joint naval exercise between

- a) US and India
- b) India and Bangladesh
- c) Bangladesh and US
- d) India and China

Answer: c

- The Bangladesh and US Navies launched the 'Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) Bangladesh-2020' on Wednesday to expand relationships and broaden maritime awareness between the two countries.

3) World's highest altitude data centre is being set up at

- a) Kerala
- b) Hawaii
- c) Tibet
- d) None of the above

Answer: c

- China is building the world's highest-altitude cloud computing data centre in Tibet that will meet the data storage needs of the country and South Asian nations like Nepal, Bangladesh and Pakistan, official media reported On Thursday.

4) National Cancer Awareness Day is observed in India on

- a) November 7
- b) November 10
- c) November 9
- d) November 8

Answer: a

- National Cancer Awareness Day 2020: November 7 is observed as National Cancer Awareness Day. This day is meant to raise awareness about cancer prevention and importance of early detection of cancer. National Cancer Awareness Day is observed on November 7 as it also eminent scientist Madame Curie's birth anniversary. Marie Curie is remembered not just for the discovery of radium and polonium, but also for her

contribution to the fight against cancer. Her work led to the development of nuclear energy as well as radiotherapy for cancer treatment.

5) What is the new name of Ministry of Shipping?

- a) Ministry of shipping and waterways
- b) Ministry of inland waterways
- c) Ministry of ports
- d) Ministry of ports, shipping and waterways

Answer: d

• Mr. Modi had said on Sunday that the Shipping Ministry was being expanded and renamed as the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways.

Nov 11

1) Litchis from Tezpur are known for their delightful natural sweetness and the fleshy, juicy texture. Recently it got GI tag for the state of

- a) Bihar
- b) West Bengal
- c) Assam
- d) None of the above

Answer: c

• Litchis from this city of Assam are known for their delightful natural sweetness and the fleshy, juicy texture. There are about five popular varieties of litchi grown here, namely the Bombaiya, Piyajee, Bilatee, Desi, and Elachi. These have high demand and have entered the markets in states like Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, among others.

2) Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) and Sirius launched 'AIM–Sirius Innovation Programme 3.0'– a 14-day virtual programme for schoolchildren from Indian and

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

Answer: b

• Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) and Sirius, Russia, today launched 'AIM–Sirius Innovation Programme 3.0'– a 14-day virtual programme for Indian and Russian schoolchildren.

3) Recently launched Long March 6 space launch vehicle belongs to

- a) US
- b) China

- c) Russia
- d) India

Answer: b

- China on Friday successfully sent 13 satellites, including 10 from Argentina, into the orbit in what was stated to be the biggest launch of foreign satellites by the country that could fetch hundreds of millions of dollars to the communist nation.

4) National Legal Services Day is observed in India on

- a) November 7
- b) November 10
- c) November 9
- d) November 8

Answer: c

- National Legal Services Day 2020 will be observed in India on November 9, 2020, i.e. today. The National Legal Services Day is commemorated as an ode to the enactment of the Indian Legal Services Authorities Act 1987. The primary aim of this day is to spread awareness among the people. The day also aims at providing free legal aid and legal advice to the needy, poor and weaker sections in the society to ensure justice for all the people of the country. As the day is being celebrated all over India today, a lot of people have been wondering about the National Legal Services Day history and significance. For all the people who are curious about the National Legal Services Day history and its significance, here is everything you need to know about it.

5) Wildlife Rescue' for monitoring of wildlife rescue, reporting and release of wildlife online is an initiative of

- a) Chandigarh
- b) Punjab
- c) Assam
- d) Karnataka

Answer: a

- For the rescue of wildlife entering human habitation or in distress, residents will now be able to approach the UT forest department through a mobile app. UT administrator VP Singh Badnore on Wednesday launched the mobile-based application 'Wildlife Rescue' for monitoring of wildlife rescue, reporting and release of wildlife online. The app works on all Android smartphones.

Nov 12

1) Which among the following state governments introduced fish and fish-based products in Supplementary Nutrition Programme (SNP) on a pilot basis in order to reduce malnutrition among the vulnerable people

- a) Bihar
- b) West Bengal

- c) Assam
- d) Odisha

Answer: d

- Odisha government on Tuesday introduced fish and fish-based products in Supplementary Nutrition Programme (SNP) on a pilot basis in order to reduce malnutrition among the vulnerable people in the hard to reach areas of the State. Initially, the fish based products will be added in the SNP diet chart for children, aged between three and six years, pregnant and nursing women and adolescent girls in 50 Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) of Mayurbhanj district.

2) Which among the following is the first country to test communications from space with 6G satellite named UESTC?

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

Answer: d

- The 6G satellite was among three Chinese satellites successfully launched into orbit, along with 10 commercial remote sensing satellites developed by Argentinian company Satellogic, media reports said. Named after the University of Electronic Science and Technology of China, the satellite was jointly developed by Chengdu Guoxing Aerospace Technology, UESTC, and Beijing MinoSpace Technology.

3) U.S. motorcycle major announces exit as part of 'The Rewire' plan and is going to sell and distribute its products via

- a) Hero
- b) Yamaha
- c) Bajaj
- d) Royal Enfield

Answer: a

- Iconic Harley Davidson Ties With Hero MotoCorp To Sell, Develop Bikes In India

4) 20th Summit of SCO Council of Heads of State was held on November 10, 2020 (in Video Conference Format) and was chaired by

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

Answer: c

- 20th Summit of SCO Council of Heads of State was held on November 10, 2020 (in Video Conference Format). The Meeting was chaired by the President of the Russian Federation Mr. Vladimir Putin. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi led the Indian

delegation. Other SCO Member States were represented by their Presidents, while India and Pakistan were represented at the level of Prime Minister. Other participants were: Secretary General of the SCO Secretariat, Executive Director of the SCO Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure, the Presidents of the four Observers (Afghanistan, Belarus, Iran, Mongolia) of the SCO.

5) Which among the following is the aircraft offered by US to Indian Navy?

- a) F18
- b) F35
- c) F16
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- Seeking to develop further closer ties with India, the United States of America (USA) has offered its F-18 naval fighter jets for the Indian Navy's requirements of combat jets for its aircraft carriers.

Nov 13

1) India's first sandalwood museum is being set up at

- a) Wayanad
- b) Coorg
- c) Ooty
- d) Mysore

Answer: d

- This first of a kind museum has been set by the Mysuru Forest Division at the Sandalwood Depot in Aranya Bhavan, Mysuru. Visitors can learn about sandalwood classification, varieties of sandalwood, its farming methods, etc.

2) Project Air Care is the project launched to fight air pollution by the state of

- a) Punjab
- b) Delhi
- c) Haryana
- d) Uttar Pradesh

Answer: c

- In a step towards combating the rising air pollution in the NCR region, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal on Wednesday unveiled 'Project Air Care', under which 65 state-of-the-art WAYU air purifier units will be installed in locations with high Air Quality Indices (AQI).

3) Which among the following is the criteria for NGOs to receive foreign funding as per present FCRA norms?

- a) Existed for at least 3 years
- b) Spent 15 lakh in voluntary activities
- c) Both (a) and (b)
- d) Neither (a) nor (b)

Answer: c

• Any organisation that wants to register itself under FCRA “shall be in existence for three years” and should have “spent a minimum amount of ₹15 lakh on its core activities for the benefit of society during the last three financial years”. However, exceptions could be granted “provided that the Central Government, in exceptional cases or in cases where a person is controlled by the Central Government or a State Government may waive the conditions”.

4) First metro rail corporation in India to lay vibration absorbing tracks is

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

Answer: a

• Mumbaikars' underground travel on the Colaba-Bandra-SEEPZ Metro-3 corridor is further smoothed as the Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation (MMRC) has begun trial production of High Vibration Attenuation Booted Twin Sleeper Blocks to lay tracks with the help of Swiss machinery installed by M/s. Sonneville from Switzerland.

5) Which among the following states bagged the first prize at 2nd National Water Awards?

- a) Tamil Nadu
- b) Kerala
- c) Punjab
- d) Uttarakhand

Answer: a

• Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu today virtually presented the Second National Water Awards. He said, water is a scarce natural resource which is fundamental to life, livelihood, food security and sustainable development. He extended his compliments to Tamil Nadu which bagged the Best State Award.

Nov 16

1) Birth anniversary of Birsa Munda was observed on November 15th in recognition of his impact on the national movement by the state of

- a) Chhattisgarh
- b) Bengal
- c) Bihar
- d) Jharkhand

Answer: d

- In recognition of his impact on the national movement, the state of Jharkhand was created on his birth anniversary in 2000.

2) 'Ulgulan', or 'The Great Tumult' is the name of which tribal leader in pre-independent India?

- a) Birsa Munda
- b) Karam Shah
- c) Tarak Singh
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- Birsa started a movement called 'Ulgulan', or 'The Great Tumult'. His struggle against the exploitation and discrimination against tribals led to a big hit against the British government in the form of the Chotanagpur Tenancy Act being passed in 1908. The act restricted the passing on of land from the tribal people to non-tribals.

3) 2018 report on "Vital statistics of India based on the Civil Registration System" is published by

- a) Census Commissioner
- b) RegistrarGeneral of India
- c) National Sample Survey Organisation
- d) All of the above

Answer: b

- The report was published recently by the Registrar-General of India. It throws light on Sex Ratios of various states in the country.

4) Which among the following countries is not a part of RCEP?

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

Answer: a

- The mega trade bloc comprises 15 countries led by China (10 ASEAN members and Australia, China, Japan, South Korea and New Zealand).The initialising ceremony of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) was held recently among member-countries on the sidelines of the 37th ASEAN Summit.

5) Which among the following countries will extend its "golden" visa system to certain professionals, specialised degree-holders and others?

- a) UAE
- b) US

- c) Saudi Arabia
- d) Qatar

Answer: a

- The United Arab Emirates will extend its "golden" visa system — which grants 10-year residency in the West Asian nation — to certain professionals, specialised degree-holders and others, the UAE's Vice-President said on Sunday.

Nov 17

1) Puerto Rico is a Spanish-speaking island located in the

- a) Caribbean Sea
- b) Mediterranean Sea
- c) South China Sea
- d) Pacific Ocean

Answer: a

- For the third time in ten years, the United States territory of Puerto Rico has voted in favour of statehood. Puerto Rico is a Spanish-speaking island located in the Caribbean Sea.

2) Blue Berets or Blue Helmets, often heard in news, are members of

- a) Red Cross
- b) UN PKF
- c) WHO Disease Surveillance
- d) None of the above

Answer: b

- UN peacekeepers (often referred to as Blue Berets or Blue Helmets because of their light blue berets or helmets) can include soldiers, police officers, and civilian personnel.
- With China significantly scaling up its troop contribution for United Nations Peace Keeping (UNPK) missions, India and the U.S. are looking to undertake training of military personnel for the missions from Southeast Asian countries on the lines of the ongoing initiative for African countries.

3) Ariel (Atmospheric Remote-sensing Infrared Exoplanet Large-survey), to be launched in 2029, is formally adopted by

- a) NASA
- b) ISRO
- c) European Space Agency
- d) SpaceX

Answer: c

- The European Space Agency (ESA) has formally adopted Ariel, the explorer that will study the nature, formation and evolution of exoplanets.

4) PM Narendra Modi unveils 'Statue of Peace' in Rajasthan to mark the 151st Birth Anniversary celebrations of

- a) Vijay Vallabh Surishwer
- b) Sardar Parel
- c) Veer Savarkar
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

• Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on Monday, unveiled the statue of Jainacharya Shree Vijay Vallabh Surishwer Ji Maharaj in Pali, Rajasthan to mark the 151st Jayanti celebrations of the saint.

5) Who among the following can summon a session of Parliament "at such time and place as he thinks fit?"

- a) Prime Minister
- b) President
- c) Leader of House
- d) Speaker

Answer: b

• The winter session of Parliament that usually commences by last week of November is unlikely to be held due to the high number of COVID-19 cases in Delhi. Article 85 says the President can summon a session of Parliament "at such time and place as he thinks fit". Thus, a session can be called on the recommendation of the government, which decides its date and duration.

Nov 18

1) The Brus, also referred to as the Reangs, are recognised as a Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group in the state of

- a) Mizoram
- b) Tripura
- c) Kerala
- d) Arunachal Pradesh

Answer: b

• Leaders of the Mizoram Bru refugees have demanded commencement of their permanent rehabilitation in Tripura in the light of the quadripartite agreement signed in New Delhi in January.

2) KV Kamath committee, recently seen in news, is associated with

- a) Loan restructuring
- b) Corporate governance
- c) Artificial intelligence
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

• In August this year, RBI set up a committee headed by K.V. Kamath on restructuring of loans impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic. Rating agency Crisil has said that as many as 99% of companies rated by it were unlikely to opt for the one-time debt restructuring scheme.

3) The Lilavati Award is an initiative of

- a) AICTE
- b) ISRO
- c) UGC
- d) Indian Statistical Institute

Answer: a

• The Lilavati Award is an initiative of the technical education regulator, All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), and it aims to recognise efforts by AICTE-approved institutions to treat women with 'equality and fairness'.

4) National Population Register (NPR) is a Register of _____ of the country.

- a) Usual residents
- b) Citizens
- c) Migrants
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

• It is a Register of usual residents of the country. It is being prepared at the local (Village/sub-Town), sub-District, District, State and National level under provisions of the Citizenship Act 1955 and the Citizenship (Registration of Citizens and issue of National Identity Cards) Rules, 2003. It is mandatory for every usual resident of India to register in the NPR.

5) Mahajan Commission report deals with the border dispute between

- a) Maharashtra and Karnataka
- b) Karnataka and Goa
- c) Gujarat and Maharashtra
- d) Gujarat and Rajasthan

Answer: a

• While demarcating borders, the Reorganisation of States Commission sought to include talukas with a Kannada-speaking population of more than 50 per cent in Mysore. Opponents of the region's inclusion in Mysore argued, and continue to argue, that Marathi-speakers outnumbered Kannadigas who lived there in 1956.

Nov 19

1) Which among the following state government has decided to set up a 'Gau Cabinet' for the protection and promotion of cattle?

- a) Uttar Pradesh
- b) Madhya Pradesh
- c) Gujarat
- d) Bihar

Answer: b

• Madhya Pradesh government has decided to set up a 'Gau Cabinet' for the protection and promotion of cattle. The Animal Husbandry, Forest, Panchayat and Rural Development, Revenue, Home and Farmers' Welfare Departments would be part of the Cabinet.

2) Operation Thunder 2020, intercepted an 18-tonne shipment of red sandalwood, is coordinated effort of

- a) India Customs
- b) Interpol
- c) World Customs Organisation
- d) All of the above

Answer: d

• The India Customs intercepted an 18-tonne shipment of red sandalwood destined for the United Arab Emirates, during a month-long "Operation Thunder 2020", coordinated by the Interpol and the World Customs Organisation, which involved law enforcement agencies in 103 countries.

3) Reciprocal Access Agreement, a legal framework to allow their troops to visit each other's countries and conduct training and joint operations, was signed between

- a) US and Australia
- b) Australia and Japan
- c) Japan and India
- d) China and Pakistan

Answer: b

• Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison is in Japan to hold talks with his Japanese counterpart, Yoshihide Suga, to bolster defence ties between the two US allies to counter China's growing assertiveness in the Asia-Pacific region amid a transition in American leadership. The two countries are close to concluding a Reciprocal Access Agreement, a legal framework to allow their troops to visit each other's countries and conduct training and joint operations.

4) Which among the following banks launched CASA (current account, savings account) mobilisation campaign?

- a) State Bank of India
- b) Lakshmi Vilas Bank
- c) Karnataka Bank Limited
- d) None of the above

Answer: c

• Karnataka Bank launched CASA (current account, savings account) mobilisation campaign on Monday which will run from November 17 to March 4, 2021. A press release by the bank said that it intends to mobilise over 4.10 lakh current and savings accounts with an accretion of ₹650 crore of business.

5) Who among the following has been appointed as the Punjab state icon by the Election Commission of India?

- a) Kangana Ranaut
- b) Sonu Sood
- c) Akshay Kumar
- d) Amitabh Bachchan

Answer: b

• Actor Sonu Sood has been appointed as the Punjab state icon by the Election Commission of India, an official statement said here on Monday. The statement quoting Punjab Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) S Karuna Raju said his office had sent a proposal to the ECI in this regard and they approved the same.

Nov 20

1) Which among the following is the first State in the country to get ISO certification for its tribal hostels?

- a) Uttar Pradesh
- b) Tamil Nadu
- c) Odisha
- d) Bihar

Answer: c

• Odisha became the first State in the country to get ISO certification for its tribal hostels. In the first phase, 44 hostels of Keonjhar and Sambalpur districts have been accorded ISO 9001:2015 Certification. The certification was awarded basing on the quality of amenities available for scheduled category students residing in hostels set up by ST and SC Development, Minorities and Backward Classes Welfare department.

2) Women Entrepreneurship Day is celebrated globally on

- a) Nov 19
- b) Nov 20
- c) Nov 21
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

• On November 19, we mark Women's Entrepreneurship Day, a day spearheaded by the Women's Entrepreneurship Day Organization to celebrate and support women in business worldwide.

3) Team Halo, aimed at building confidence in the effectiveness of the Covid-19 vaccine and counter misinformation, is an initiative of

- a) United Nations
- b) University of London
- c) Tropical Medicine.
- d) All of the above

Answer: d

• To build confidence in the effectiveness of the Covid-19 vaccine and counter misinformation, over 100 scientists across the world have joined hands as Team Halo. The initiative stems from a collaboration between the United Nations and The Vaccine Confidence Project at the University of London's School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

4) Global Prevention Coalition (GPC) for HIV Prevention 2020 was hosted by

- a) US CDC
- b) UNFPA
- c) WHO
- d) Both (b) and (c)

Answer: b

• Hosted by UNAIDS and UNFPA on behalf of the Global HIV Prevention Coalition (GPC), the conference this year holds significance in achieving the 2016 UNGA commitment to end AIDS by 2030. Member states of GPC had agreed to reduce new adult HIV infections by 75 per cent at the end of 2020 from 2010 levels.

5) The Indian Navy on Wednesday received the first of the four Poseidon 8I maritime reconnaissance and anti-submarine warfare aircraft from

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

Answer: a

• The Indian Navy on Wednesday received the first of the four Poseidon 8I maritime reconnaissance and anti-submarine warfare aircraft from the US under a USD 1.1 billion deal, official sources said. The aircraft, equipped with the latest sensors, landed at INS Hansa, a key naval base in Goa, in the morning, they said.

Nov 21

1) Government of India and the World Bank signed a \$120 million project to improve and modernise the transport sector of state of

- a) Uttar Pradesh
- b) Meghalaya

- c) Odisha
- d) Bihar

Answer: b

- The Government of India, the Government of Meghalaya and the World Bank today signed a \$120 million project to improve and modernise the transport sector of state of Meghalaya. This will help Meghalaya to harness its vast growth potential for high-value agriculture and tourism. The project will improve about 300 km of strategic road segments and stand-alone bridges by using innovative, climate resilient, and nature-based solutions. It will also support innovative solutions such as precast bridges to reduce both time and cost of construction.

2) Which among the following is the first bank in India to issue Cardless EMI facility at retail stores?

- a) ICICI Bank
- b) Axis Bank
- c) Kotak Mahindra Bank
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- ICICI Bank is the first in the industry to introduce a fully digital, cardless EMI facility at retail stores. ICICI Bank has tied up with Pine Labs to offer this facility across pan-India outlets of leading retailers.

3) Booker Prize for 2020 is awarded to the novel "Shuggie Bain" written by

- a) Diane Cook
- b) Douglas Stuart
- c) Avni Doshi
- d) Brandon Taylor

Answer: b

- The Booker Prize of the 2020 has been announced and the coveted honour has been bestowed on Douglas Stuart's Shuggie Bain. In his debut work, Stuart presents a tightly-cut portrait of the working class during the 1980s in Glasgow. But at its heart, it is about a family struggling to survive and children loving damaged parents amidst all the struggle.

4) India is at 77th position with a score of 45 in a global list that measures business bribery risks of 2020. It is an initiative by

- a) Transparency International
- b) TRACE
- c) WEF
- d) Both (a) and (c)

Answer: b

- India is at 77th position with a score of 45 in a global list that measures business

bribery risks of 2020. The list by TRACE, an anti-bribery standard setting organisation, measures business bribery risk in 194 countries, territories, and autonomous and semi-autonomous regions.

5) Indian Army had signed a deal with a private company, Oshocorp Global pvt ltd, for the first time. The deal is to produce

- a) Tanks
- b) Assault Rifles
- c) Pistol
- d) All of the above

Answer: a

- In a first, the Army has accorded project sanction order to OshoCorp Global for development and supply of specialised ammunition for its T-72 and T-90 main battle tanks.

Nov 23

1) "Local for Diwali" is a campaign launched by the ministry of

- a) Environment
- b) Commerce and Industry
- c) Textiles
- d) None of the above

Answer: c

- The Ministry of Textiles has launched a campaign Local for Diwali. Textile Minister Smriti Irani has appealed to the people to celebrate Diwali by buying and gifting local textiles and handicraft items to support local weavers and artisans.

2) Which among the following global financial services launched the initiative Project Kirana?

- a) Visa
- b) Rupay
- c) Mastercard
- d) None of the above

Answer: c

- Mastercard has joined hands with development agency USAID for the Project Kirana that will help increase revenue streams, expand financial inclusion and digital payments adoption of kirana shops that are owned or operated by women in UP

3) 12th Counter Terrorism Dialogue was held between India and

- a) EU
- b) SAARC

- c) BIMSTEC
- d) WEF

Answer: a

- The 12th Counter Terrorism Dialogue between the European Union (EU) and India was held virtually on 19th November 2020. The Dialogue was an opportunity to continue close cooperation and coordination on this important element of the EU - India strategic partnership.

4) 28th cycle of the Indo-Thailand Coordinated Patrol (INDO-THAI CORPAT), recently heard in news, is held at

- a) Arabian Sea
- b) Bay of Bengal
- c) South China Sea
- d) Andaman Sea

Answer: d

- Indian Navy ships and aircraft of Andaman and Nicobar Command have been participating in the biannual Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT) with the Royal Thai Navy (RTN) since 2003.

5) World Television Day under the UN is observed on

- a) Nov 21
- b) Nov 22
- c) Nov 23
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- The campaign was released across Tata Sky's social media handles on 21st November, World Television Day and was simultaneously shared by Yashraj on his social channels. Owing to its trendy format with a touch of nostalgia, the mashup track garnered favor among millennials, resulting in over 2.6 Million Video views and is still gaining momentum.

Nov 24

1) After cyclones 'Amphan', 'Nisarga' and 'Gati', 'Nivar' is heading towards Karaikal in Puducherry. The name Nivar is suggested by

- a) India
- b) Bangladesh
- c) Iran
- d) Pakistan

Answer: c

- Nivar is the third name to be used from the new list of names for North Indian Ocean

Cyclones, released in 2020. It was suggested by Iran. 'Amphan', which was proposed by Thailand, was the last name in the 2004 series.

2) First state in India where desalination plants is set up?

- a) Maharashtra
- b) Andhra Pradesh
- c) Tamil Nadu
- d) Gujarat

Answer: c

- In India, Tamil Nadu has been the pioneer in using this technology, setting up two desalination plants near Chennai in 2010 and then 2013.
- Uddhav Thackeray clears Mumbai's first desalination plant.

3) The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has short-listed 20 space-based experiment proposals for its proposed 'Shukrayaan' mission. It aims to study

- a) Venus
- b) Mars
- c) Jupiter
- d) Mercury

Answer: a

- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has short-listed 20 space-based experiment proposals, including from France, for its proposed Venus orbiter mission 'Shukrayaan' to study the planet for more than four years. ISRO was earlier eyeing June, 2023 for the country's first mission to Venus.

4) Which among the following is correct about Chang'e-5 in China's space history?

- a) first time to automatically sample the lunar surface
- b) first time to conduct unmanned docking in lunar orbit
- c) first time for a probe to take off from the surface of the Moon
- d) all of the above

Answer: d

- The Chang'e-5 mission is expected to realize four "firsts" in China's space history: the first time for a probe to take off from the surface of the Moon; the first time to automatically sample the lunar surface; the first time to conduct unmanned rendezvous and docking in lunar orbit; and the first time to return to Earth with lunar soil samples in escape velocity.

5) Sakteng Wildlife sanctuary, recently heard in news, is located in

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

Answer: a

- In July this year, Beijing said Sakteng Wildlife sanctuary, situated in eastern Bhutan, belonged to China.
- The claim was made at the 58th meeting of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) Council where China tried to "oppose" funding to a project for the Sakteng Wildlife Sanctuary situated in Bhutan saying that it was "disputed" territory.

Nov 25

1) The National Defence Academy (NDA), ever since 1999 has been conferring the best passing out cadet with the LachitBorphukan gold medal. LachitBorphukan was a commander in the kingdoms of

- a) Ahom
- b) Vijayanagara
- c) Mughal
- d) Marathas

Answer: a

- PM pays tribute to LachitBorphukan on LachitDiwas.
- He was a commander in the Ahom kingdom, known for his leadership in the 1671 Battle of Saraighat that thwarted a drawn-out attempt by Mughal forces under the command of Ramsingh I to take over Ahom kingdom.

2) South Asian University, established in 2010, is an international university located in

- a) Nepal
- b) India
- c) Bangladesh
- d) Sri Lanka

Answer: b

- South Asian University is an International University located in New Delhi, India sponsored by the 8 Member States of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation. The eight countries are: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

3) The first central bank to have crossed one million followers in twitter is

- a) Reserve Bank of India
- b) People's Bank of China
- c) Federal Reserve System
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- "RBI Twitter account becomes world's first monetary authority with 1 million followers today. A new milestone. Congratulations to all my colleagues in RBI," Governor Shaktikanta Das tweeted.

4) Aviation safety awareness week 2020 was observed to raise awareness on aviation safety by

- a) Airports Authority of India
- b) Ministry of Civil Aviation
- c) Air India
- d) All of the above

Answer: a

• Country's largest Airport operator and sole Air Navigation Service Provider (ANSP), Airports Authority of India (AAI) has commenced the Aviation Safety Awareness Week 2020. The week-long celebration from November 23 to November 27 is being observed at all airports and ANS locations managed by the AAI across the country.

5) NCC Raising Day was observed on

- a) Nov 22
- b) Nov 23
- c) Nov 21
- d) Nov 24

Answer: a

• National Cadet Corps (NCC), the largest uniformed youth organisation in the world, celebrated its 72nd Raising Day on 22 November. The raising day function was marked by paying homage, at the National War Memorial, to the fallen heroes, who made the supreme sacrifice of their lives. The Defence Secretary Dr. Ajay Kumar and DG NCC Lt Gen Rajeev Chopra laid wreaths on behalf of the entire NCC fraternity.

Nov 26

1) Compendium on COVID practices by states/UTs was released recently by

- a) Niti Aayog
- b) ASSOCHAM
- c) FICCI
- d) All of the above

Answer: a

• Government think tank Niti Aayog on Wednesday released a compendium of practices that states and union territories have adopted for containing and managing the outbreak of coronavirus. The compendium was released by Niti Aayog member V K Paul and Niti Aayog CEO Amitabh Kant.

2) Which among the following is the first company to market Compressed Bio Gas under the brand name Indi Green?

- a) Reliance Petroleum
- b) Bharat Petroleum

- c) Hindustan Petroleum
- d) Indian Oil Corporation

Answer: d

- Indian Oil is the first company to market Compressed Bio-Gas from 10 retail outlets spread across Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, and Gujarat, under the brand name Indi Green.

3) Which among the following is the first nation to make sanitary pads, tampons free?

- a) Scotland
- b) Bangladesh
- c) India
- d) Taiwan

Answer: a

- Scotland on Tuesday made sanitary products free to all women, becoming the first nation in the world to take such a step against "period poverty." Scotland on Tuesday made sanitary products free to all women, becoming the first nation in the world to take such a step against "period poverty."

4) SDG Investor Map, aiming to bring together private-sector investment and public sector support towards SDG, is launched by

- a) UNDP
- b) Invest India
- c) Both (a) and (b)
- d) Niti Aayog

Answer: c

- The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Invest India, the national investment promotion agency under the Commerce & Industry Ministry, have launched the 'SDG (sustainable development goals) Investor Map' for India with 18 Investment Opportunities Areas (IOAs) in six critical sectors such as education and healthcare to help the country achieve its development goals.

5) The Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has approved the construction of the Song Dam Drinking Water Project worth Rs 1100 crore in

- a) Uttar Pradesh
- b) Karnataka
- c) Uttarakhand
- d) None of the above

Answer: c

- The Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has approved the construction of the Song Dam Drinking Water Project worth Rs 1100 crore in Dehradun, according to a press release, on Wednesday.

Nov 27

1) Which among the following country test-fired a Tsirkon hypersonic cruise missile in the Arctic?

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

Answer: a

- On Thursday, the frigate Admiral Gorshkov in the White Sea fired a Tsirkon hypersonic cruise missile, hitting a naval target 450 km away in the Barents Sea at a speed of over Mach 8, Xinhua news agency quoted the Ministry as saying.

2) SMS Pay functionality on POS terminals is an initiative of

- a) YES Bank
- b) Kotak Mahindra Bank
- c) Canara Bank
- d) SBI

Answer: a

- YES BANK announced the launch of SMS Pay functionality on POS terminals in partnership with Worldline, enabling merchants to accept contactless and remote payments from their customers.

3) Which among the following states have signed an LoU with the UN's WFP to achieve food and nutritional security goals?

- a) Karnataka
- b) Kerala
- c) Telangana
- d) Rajasthan

Answer: d

- A Letter of Understanding (LoU) has been signed between the Rajasthan government and United Nation's World Food Programme (WFP) for proposed participation to achieve food and nutritional security goals.

4) Which among the following is India's official entry for Oscars 2021?

- a) Jallikattu
- b) Tumbadd
- c) Gully Boy
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- This generation - us - has been witness to some astounding stuff. We've gone from chunky VCR tapes to CDs to Blu Ray and now OTT, where a click of a button transports you into a bottomless cinematic universe. And that's just in case of the movies. And

along with that, we also witnessed the first-ever non-English language film going on to win the Oscar for Best Picture. When Bong Joon Ho's Parasite made history.

5) SIMBEX is a series of exercises between India and

- a) Singapore
- b) Sri Lanka
- c) Thailand
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

• Indian Navy is scheduled to host the 27th edition of India - Singapore Bilateral Maritime Exercise SIMBEX-20 from today in Andaman Sea.

Nov 28

1) Constitution day or Samvidhan Diwas is observed in India every year on

- a) January 30th
- b) November 26th
- c) January 26th
- d) November 30th

Answer: b

• Constitution Day or Samvidhan Diwas is celebrated annually in India on 26 November. The day is also known as National Law Day. The day commemorates the adoption of the Constitution in India.

2) November 26 is observed as National Milk Day on the birthday of

- a) Varghese Kurian
- b) MS Swaminathan
- c) Shivshankar Menon
- d) Shanta Kumar

Answer: a

• Dr Krishnamurthy V Subramanian, Chief Economic Adviser, Ministry of Finance, Government of India virtually delivered the Ninth Dr Verghese Kurien Memorial Lecture on National Milk Day on 26th November 2020. He spoke on the topic, "The Indian Banking Sector: An Opportunity to Contribute to the Economy".

3) Garima Greh, an initiative by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment aims to

- a) Differently abled
- b) Transgenders
- c) Old age
- d) None of the above

Answer: b

- As part of a programme funded by the union ministry for social justice & empowerment, the first-ever shelter home for trans gender persons, 'Garima Greh', is set to come up in the city's Mujmahuda area.

4) Task Mate, an app that offers money to users for completing certain tasks, is launched by

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

Answer: c

- Google has recently launched a new app called Task Mate that lets users earn money by completing simple tasks such as taking pictures or recording short audio clips.

5) India is about to build Shahtoot Dam in _____ to provide drinking water for 2 million residents.

- a) Bhutan
- b) Sri Lanka
- c) Nepal
- d) Afghanistan

Answer: d

- India set to build Shahtoot Dam in Afghanistan, provide drinking water for 2 million residents of Kabul.

Nov 30

1) Brahmaputra is crucial for India too as its basin is a critical water source for

- a) West Bengal
- b) Meghalaya
- c) Sikkim
- d) All of the above

Answer: d

- It is crucial for India too as its basin is a critical water source for Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Sikkim, Nagaland and West Bengal. Amid simmering border tension with India along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Eastern Ladakh, China is planning to build a major hydropower project on Brahmaputra River in Tibet and a proposal for this has been clearly put forward in the 14th Five-Year Plan to be implemented from next year.

2) Permanent Secretariat of Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) is located at

- a) Saudi Arabia
- b) Pakistan
- c) Indonesia
- d) Turkey

Answer: a

- Permanent Secretariat is in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.
- India has lashed out at Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) (formerly Organization of the Islamic Conference) and rejected unwarranted references about Jammu & Kashmir made in resolutions adopted at the 47th Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM) session.

3) One Health Global Leaders Group on Antimicrobial Resistance, recently launched, is an initiative by

- a) Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
- b) World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE)
- c) World Health Organization (WHO)
- d) All of the above

Answer: d

- The heads of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), and the World Health Organization (WHO) today launched the new One Health Global Leaders Group on Antimicrobial Resistance.

4) Hayabusa 2 spacecraft left the asteroid Ryugu a year ago and is expected to reach Earth and drop a capsule containing the precious samples in southern Australia. It is a satellite launched by

- a) JAXA
- b) SpaceX
- c) NASA
- d) None of the above

Answer: a

- Japan's Hayabusa2 spacecraft left the asteroid Ryugu a year ago and is expected to reach Earth and drop a capsule containing the precious samples in southern Australia on December 6.

5) Mount Ili Lewotolok, erupted recently, is a volcano located in

- a) Japan
- b) Australia
- c) Indonesia
- d) Italy

Answer: c

- Indonesia's Mount Ili Lewotolok has erupted, belching a column of smoke and ash 4km (2.5 miles) into the sky, triggering a flight warning and the closure of the local

airport. There were no reports of injuries or damage from the eruption on Sunday in a remote part of the Southeast Asian archipelago.

