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1. Name the Indian state which has launched 'Food Bank' initiative with the theme 'Help End Hunger Today' for poor and needy people.
(a) Nagaland (b) Arunachal Pradesh
(c) Manipur (d) Assam
2. Indian women's team has qualified for ODI women's world cup 2021. Name the country which is going to host the tournament.
(a) New Zealand (b) South Africa
(c) Australia (d) England
3. The Asian Development Bank has approved to provide USD 346 loan for which state to provide better power connection in rural areas?
(a) Goa (b) Himachal Pradesh
(c) Gujarat (d) Maharashtra
4. Which IIT has designed 'Warbot' which can deliver medicines and food to COVID-19 patients?
(a) IIT Delhi (b) IIT Bombay
(c) IIT Ropar (d) IIT Kanpur
5. Who among the following is the part of Texere Publishing Limited's "The Medicine Maker Power List 20 For 2020"?
(a) Glenn Saldanha
(b) Dilip Shanghvi
(c) Umang Vohra
(d) Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw
6. What is the grant that was approved to give to India as Loan by Asian Development Bank (ADB) to combat Covid-19?
(a) \$2 Billion (b) \$1 Billion
(c) \$1.5 Billion (d) \$2.5 Billion
7. R V Bhuskute who passed away recently is _____.
(a) Freedom fighter (b) Environmentalist
(c) Theatre Actor (d) Photographer
8. On occasion of Chinese space day April 24, 2020, the china has named its 1st mars exploration mission as _____.
(a) Kaituozhe-1 (b) Shenzhou-1
(c) Jiuquan-1 (d) Tainwen-1
9. Name the person who has been appointed as the Central Vigilance Commissioner (CVC)?
(a) Sudhir Bhargava (b) Sanjay Kothari
(c) Bimal Julka (d) Suresh Patel
10. What is the name of the high-pressure ventilator which was developed by US space agency NASA to fight covid-19?
(a) VIRAL (b) INFECT
(c) FIGHT (d) VITAL
11. Mirabai Chanu and Jeremy Larinnunga who is in news recently belong to which sports?
(a) Wrestling (b) Boxing
(c) Shooting (d) Weightlifting
12. Name the 1st Arab nation which is going to legalise cannabis (marijuana) farming.
(a) Lebanon (b) Yemen
(c) Saudi Arabia (d) Oman
13. "Noor" is the 1st military satellite of which country?
(a) Turkey (b) Kuwait
(c) Israel (d) Iran
14. Name the country which has become the 1st 'Dark Sky Place' by International Dark-Sky Association?
(a) New Zealand (b) Tonga
(c) Samoa (d) Niue
15. Which Indian shuttler has been named as the ambassador of BWF's "I am Badminton" campaign?
(a) Saina Nehwal (b) Srikanth Kidambi
(c) Parupalli Kashyap (d) PV Sindhu
16. What is the maximum punishment for attacking health workers, as per the new proposed amendment to Epidemic Diseases Act, 1987 ?
(a) 7 years Jail Term (b) 5 years Jail Term
(c) 10 years Jail Term (d) 6 years Jail Term
17. Which country's president has decided to temporarily suspend immigration amid COVID-19 outbreak?
(a) United King (b) United States
(c) Canada (d) Australia
18. A professor from which among the following universities has developed software that can

detect COVID-19 within 5 seconds using X-ray?

- (a) IIT-Madras (b) IIT-Delhi
(c) IIT-Kanpur (d) IIT-Roorkee

19. Which state government has launched "Apthamitra" helpline and App to fight COVID-19?

- (a) Tamil Nadu (b) Karnataka
(c) Andhra Pradesh (d) Telangana

20. Which state has begun the third phase of its 'Sujalam Sufalam Jal Sanchay Abhiyan' scheme?

- (a) Karnataka (b) Madhya Pradesh
(c) Gujarat (d) Odisha

21. Which city's Municipal Corporation has launched 'Saiyam' Mobile application?

- (a) Delhi (b) Mumbai
(c) Hyderabad (d) Pune

22. When was the G-20 Extraordinary Agriculture Minister's Meeting?

- (a) April 21st (b) April 22nd
(c) April 19th (d) April 18th

23. Delhi Government has launched which new application to fight COVID-19 virus?

- (a) Assess Koro Na (b) Zindagi
(c) Karo Na (d) Sahyog

24. India has lifted ban on the export of formulations made from which drug?

- (a) Paracetamol (b) Vitamin
(c) Progesterone (d) Erythromycin

25. Which state government launched 'Operation Shield' to combat COVID-19?

- (a) Maharashtra (b) Uttar Pradesh
(c) Odisha (d) Delhi

26. In May-June 2020, India witnessed a face-off with China in which of the following states/UTs?

- (a) Ladakh (b) Uttarakhand
(c) Sikkim (d) Arunachal Pradesh

27. Kalapani area dispute is between India and which other country?

- (a) China (b) Bangladesh
(c) Myanmar (d) Nepal

28. In May 2020, The Supreme Court took suo motu cognisance of migrants issue arising out of covid-19 lockdown. The Suo Motu power has been warranted to the court under _____ of the constitution.

- (a) Article 21 (b) Article 32
(c) Article 124 (d) Article 131

29. What is the name of the world's first contactless Visitor Management Software?

- (a) VAMS Safe Recognizer
(b) VAMS Visitor Software
(c) VAMS Visitor Recorder
(d) VAMS Safeguard

30. Recently, which institute developed an Electrochemical Sensing Platform to detect NDMA and NDEA found in food items?

- (a) Central Food Technological Research Institute, Mysuru, Karnataka
(b) Indian Institute of Food Technology, Tamil Nadu
(c) CFTRI, Mumbai
(d) Institute of Advanced Study in Science and Technology, Guwahati

31. What is the name of a multi-purpose decontamination device developed by Kochi based startup named as Devaditek Innovations Private Limited to sanitize items from masks to vegetables?

- (a) DIPL Sanitizer (b) Cimos
(c) Lumos (d) Germos

32. AYURAKSHA programme has been launched for the police personnel in which state/UT?

- (a) Andhra Pradesh (b) Arunachal Pradesh
(c) Delhi (d) Chandigarh

33. Who has been elected as the President of the 75th Session of the UN General Assembly?

- (a) Kubatbek Boronov
(b) Tijjani Muhammad - Bande
(c) Mukhammedkalyi Abylgazyev
(d) Volkan Bozkir

34. Name the programme launched in May 2020 by the National Council for Science & Technology Communication (NCST (c) and Department of Science & Technology (DST), for mitigating the spread of COVID-19 is

- (a) YASH (b) ATULYA
(c) AYURAKSHA (d) JEEVAN

35. To connect farmers to supply chain and freight transportation management systems, Kisan Sabha App has been developed by which of the following organizations?

- (a) CSIR-CRRI
(b) NITI Aayog in collaboration with e-NAM
(c) Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)
(d) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
36. Which is the first state in India to grant a free health insurance scheme to all citizens amidst of COVID-19?
(a) Andhra Pradesh (b) Gujrat
(c) Punjab (d) Maharashtra
37. Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) in support of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry has decided to launch which national e-commerce marketplace?
(a) Bharatmarket (b) Swadeshimarket
(c) Indiamarket (d) e-Market India
38. Recently, who has become the new Prime Minister of Iraq?
(a) Muhyiddin Yassin
(b) Hassan Rouhan
(c) Mustafa Al Kadhimi
(d) Anastase Murekezi
39. Recently, Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna awardee Para-athlete Deepa Malik has announced her retirement to head India's Paralympic Committee. She plays which of the following games?
(a) Badminton (b) Cycling
(c) Shooting (d) Shot Put
40. Name the Indian-origin girl who named NASA's pioneering Mars Helicopter 'Ingenuity' which will be the first aircraft to fly to another planet?
(a) Gunjan Verma (b) Vaneeza Rupani
(c) Shruti Seth (d) Sunita Singh
41. To study river management strategies across the globe 'Ideathon' was the webinar conducted in May 2020 by
(a) Ministry for Jal Shakti
(b) NITI Aayog
(c) The 'Rally for Rivers' campaign of Isha Foundation.
(d) National Green Tribunal
42. To focus and uplift the MSME sector which is affected during lockdown amidst COVID-19, Government of India in May 2020 has announced a policy named
(a) Agro MSME Policy
(b) Entrepreneur Development Policy
(c) MSME Sector Reform Policy
(d) None of the above
43. Which state launched "Mukhya Mantri Shahari Rozgar Guarantee Yojna"?
(a) Assam (b) Mizoram
(c) Manipur (d) Himachal Pradesh
44. To provide health-related tips and information about Ayurvedic medicine on novel coronavirus infection, which state government launched Ayush Kavach mobile app?
(a) Madhya Pradesh
(b) Uttar Pradesh
(c) Himachal Pradesh
(d) Kerala
45. Which of the following organisations launched the 'Surakshit Dada-Dadi & Nana-Nani Abhiyan' campaign?
(a) LIC
(b) NITI Aayog
(c) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
(d) RBI
46. As per the GRID 2020 report by IDMC, which country topped the highest displacement of the people in 2019?
(a) Germany (b) UK
(c) Japan (d) India
47. Recently which organization granted \$3 million funds for PAHAL project to India, for mitigating the spread of COVID-19?
(a) WHO (b) UNDP
(c) USAID (d) IMF
48. The virtual summit of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) 2020 was conducted in May 2020 under the presidency of
(a) Algeria (b) Sri Lanka
(c) Zambia (d) Azerbaijan
49. What is the name of Russia's first satellite which will monitor the Arctic climate?
(a) Arktika M (b) Arctic R
(c) Kobalt (d) Spektr R
50. Name the operation launched by Indian Navy to evacuate the people stuck outside the country due to COVID-19?
(a) Operation Samudra Setu
(b) Operation Evacuate
(c) Operation Sea
(d) Vande Bharat Mission

51. Which states/UTs retained the topped spot in terms of Internet penetration as per 'Digital in India' report released recently by Nielsen and IAMAI?
(a) Maharashtra (b) Karnataka
(c) Delhi (d) Telangana
52. Which organization recently approved the loan of \$500 million to India to combat COVID-19 under "COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health Systems Preparedness Project"?
(a) Asian Development Bank
(b) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
(c) International Monetary Fund
(d) World Health Organization
53. Uttar Pradesh government launched the 'PravasiRahatMitra' app for returning migrant workers of the state in collaboration with which of the following organizations?
(a) ADB (b) UNESCO
(c) WHO (d) UNDP
54. What is the name of the mission launched by the government of India to provide assistance to Eastern Indian Ocean Region Nations in the COVID-19 pandemic situation?
(a) Mission Saral
(b) Mission Sagar
(c) Mission Support
(d) Vande Bharat Mission
55. As per the data released by the Registrar General of India in May 2020, which state has the best Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) value?
(a) Maharashtra (b) Gujrat
(c) Madhya Pradesh (d) Kerala
56. Which of the following organisations has developed BiPAP Non-Invasive 'Swasth Vayu' Ventilator in a record time of 36 days to treat COVID-19 patients?
(a) DRDO
(b) Bharat Biotech
(c) IIT-Kharagpur
(d) CSIR-National Aerospace Laboratories
57. Which among the following startups has/ have received the award for the Startup India Animal Husbandry Grand Challenge recently?
(a) EmerTech Solutions Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai
(b) White Gold Technologies LLP, Mumbai
(c) MooFarm, Gurugram, Haryana
(d) All of these
58. The Department of Consumer Affairs has launched the _____ initiative to use technology to prevent the spread of Covid-19 at the local Kirana store level with the help of two tech startups Safejobs and Seekify.
(a) Arogya Stores (b) Swadeshi Mart
(c) Suraksha Stores (d) Suvidha Mart
59. Recently, which state has launched FIR AapkeDwar Yojana?
(a) Madhya Pradesh (b) Uttar Pradesh
(c) Rajasthan (d) Manipur
60. Recently, CHAMPION portal has been launched by which ministry?
(a) Ministry of MSME
(b) Ministry of Health
(c) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
(d) Ministry of Finance
61. In May 2020, which organization organized a virtual conference between India and Bangladesh to boost the trade between the two countries?
(a) ASSOCHAM (b) FICCI
(c) NASSCOM (d) SEBI
62. What was the theme for the 32nd Commonwealth Health Ministers' Meeting held in May 2020?
(a) Combating COVID-19
(b) Delivering a co-ordinated Commonwealth COVID-19 Response
(c) Commonwealth response on COVID-19
(d) Tackling and finding solution on COVID-19
63. What is the rank of India in Energy transition index released by WEF?
(a) 72nd (b) 73rd
(c) 74th (d) 75th
64. Name the initiative launched by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy to provide solar power to West Asia and Southeast Asia.
(a) Solar Energy: Best Energy resource
(b) One Sun to all
(c) Sharing of Solar Power
(d) One Sun One World One Grid
65. What is the name of the recently launched national level open online coaching and education programme on sports?
(a) e-Sports Pathshala
(b) Sports by e-learning
(c) India e-sports program
(d) Khelo India e-Pathshala

66. Karnataka Listening Dashboard for COVID-19 which is an analytics driven platform to Karnataka has been developed by
(a) Ministry of Health (b) Indian Navy
(c) NASSCOM (d) CSIR
67. Name the 'AI-based national program for youths' recently launched by the Ministry of Electronics & IT.
(a) AI: Future for Youth
(b) Learning Artificial Intelligence
(c) Responsible AI for Youth
(d) Artificial Intelligence for Digital India
68. Recently, who has been appointed as the new Chairman of Economic Think Tank Finance and Policy (NIPFP)?
(a) Vijay Kelkar (b) Urjit Patel
(c) Viral Acharya (d) Usha Thorat
69. Recently, the union government has extended the Kisan Credit Card facility to which of the following?
(a) Pisciculture (b) Horticulture
(c) Dairy farmers (d) Bamboo farmers
70. RBI has announced 'Payment Infrastructure Development Fund (PIDF) of Rs 500 crore. What is the initial contribution made by RBI in the allocated fund?
(a) Rs 250 crore (b) Rs 300 crore
(c) Rs 350 crore (d) Rs 400 crore
71. 'TULIP Program' – an Urban Learning Internship Program has been launched in partnership with HRD Ministry; Ministry of Housing and Urban Development and which of the following organizations?
(a) CBSE (b) Delhi University
(c) UGC (d) AICTE
72. The Environment Ministry has launched which of the following schemes on the occasion of World Environment Day 2020?
(a) Rural Forest scheme
(b) reForestation drive
(c) Urban Forest scheme
(d) rePlantation drive
73. Which country topped in the 'Countries Global Ranking of Startup Ecosystem 2020' report by Startup Blink?
(a) United States (b) India
(c) United Kingdom (d) Israel
74. In June 2020, which country has become the 4th country to host a deep space ground station after the US, Spain and Australia?
(a) India (b) China
(c) South Africa (d) Russia
75. With which country India recently signed an MoU for the co-operation in the areas of Environment?
(a) Brazil (b) Myanmar
(c) Bhutan (d) South Africa
76. Which of the following countries hosted the Virtual Global Vaccine Summit 2020?
(a) United States (b) Israel
(c) India (d) United Kingdom
77. With whom Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) has partnered to launch Healthy and Energy Efficient Buildings Initiative?
(a) USAID
(b) World Energy Forum
(c) UNDP
(d) World Bank
78. Recently, ISRO has signed MoU to achieve cooperation in the field of Space Situational Awareness (SSA) and Astrophysics with which of the following organisations?
(a) University of Texas
(b) Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre
(c) ARIES, Nainital
(d) BARC
79. Which organisation has developed ARPIT evacuation system for COVID-19 patients?
(a) Indian Air Force (b) DRDO
(c) Indian Navy (d) NASA
80. Name the Flagship Programme recently launched by CBIC which makes use of technology for faster custom clearance of imported goods?
(a) e-Customs (b) Quick Customs
(c) Turant Customs (d) Tech Customs
81. In June 2020, Government of India allotted Rs _____ crore to state governments under 'Per drop more crop'?
(a) Rs 7000 crore (b) Rs 4000 crore
(c) Rs 2000 crore (d) Rs 9000 crore
82. Recently, a Deep Submergence Rescue Vehicle (DSRV) complex has been built in which of the following places?
(a) Kochi (b) Mumbai
(c) Port Blair (d) Visakhapatnam

83. Sahakar Mitra Scheme funded by NCDC has been launched by which ministry?
 (a) Ministry of Home
 (b) Ministry of Road Transport
 (c) Ministry of Agriculture
 (d) Ministry of Human Resource Development
84. Which organisation constituted a Joint Science Communication Forum to facilitate interaction, co-operation and co-ordination among various public sector science communication institutions and agencies?
 (a) CSIR
 (b) IIT Delhi
 (c) Department of Science and Technology
 (d) Ministry of Science and Technology
85. Which of the following construction sector organisations has become the first one to become fully digital?
 (a) Hindustan Steelworks Construction Ltd
 (b) National Project Construction Corporation Ltd
 (c) National Highway Authority of India
 (d) Hindustan Prefab Ltd
86. What is the name of the web-based solution launched by the Government of India to provide availability of critical healthcare supply commodities on a real-time basis?
 (a) Arogyasetu (b) Arogyaseva
 (c) Arogyamarg (d) Aarogyapath
87. In June 2020, India signed MoU with Denmark to boost the following sector?
 (a) Infrastructure sector
 (b) Education Sector
 (c) Power Sector
 (d) Solid Waste Management Sector
88. What rank has India got in the Environment Performance Index 2020?
 (a) 168th (b) 145th
 (c) 175th (d) 124th
89. Which country topped in the Environment Performance Index 2020?
 (a) United Kingdom (b) Saudi Arabia
 (c) Denmark (d) Australia
90. Which tech giant has signed a declaration of the United Nations Global Compact (UNG) initiative to reduce the carbon dioxide emissions and energy conservation?
 (a) Infosys (b) Wipro
 (c) TCS (d) Tech Mahindra
91. As per the Global Economic Prospects by the World Bank, India's growth to contract by _____% for the financial year 2020-21?
 (a) 4.2% (b) 4%
 (c) 3.2% (d) 3.5%
92. In June 2020, which of the following financial organisations has given a loan amount of Rs 1950 crore to West Bengal?
 (a) European Central Bank
 (b) OECD
 (c) International Monetary Fund
 (d) World Bank
93. Which of the following universities/institutes topped the QS World University Ranking 2021?
 (a) Stanford University
 (b) Oxford University
 (c) Harvard University
 (d) Massachusetts Institute for Technology (MIT)
94. Which of the following universities/institutes topped the 2020 Nature Index?
 (a) Stanford University
 (b) Chinese Academy of Sciences
 (c) Harvard University
 (d) Max Planck Society, Germany
95. I-FLOWS'- A flood warning system has been launched in which state?
 (a) Gujrat (b) Kerala
 (c) Maharashtra (d) Goa
96. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs launched 'Going Online As Leaders' (GOAL) Programme to provide mentorship to tribal youth through digital mode in partnership with whom?
 (a) Facebook (b) Twitter
 (c) Infosys (d) Reliance Industries
97. Recently, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has approved a Defence Testing Infrastructure Scheme (DTIS) for Rs _____.
 (a) Rs 400 crores (b) Rs 500 crores
 (c) Rs 300 crores (d) Rs 600 crores
98. Recently NABARD infused Rs _____ to the co-operative banks and Regional Rural Banks as part of a special refinance plan assigned by Reserve Bank of India?
 (a) Rs 10,500 crore (b) Rs 15,500 crore
 (c) Rs 30,000 crore (d) Rs 20,500 crore

99. Which state/UT launched 'SUKOON' COVID-19 Beat the Stress initiative?
 (a) Delhi
 (b) Uttar Pradesh
 (c) Jammu and Kashmir
 (d) Jharkhand
100. 'National Test Abhyas' mobile app has recently been launched by which ministry?
 (a) Ministry of Human Resource Development
 (b) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
 (c) Ministry of Defence
 (d) Ministry of Science and Technology
101. With whom Uttar Pradesh signed MoU to launch 'Start-Up fund'?
 (a) Ministry of MSME
 (b) SIDBI
 (c) NABARD
 (d) Reserve Bank of India
102. Recently RBI reduced the repo rate from 4.4% to ____% and reverse repo rate from 3.75% to ____%?
 (a) 4.2%, 3.30% (b) 4.2%, 3.45%
 (c) 4%, 3.35% (d) 4%, 3.55%
103. What was the theme for MSME's E-conclave 'SIDM MSME Conclave 2020'?
 (a) Expanding the technology for Defence and Aerospace Sector
 (b) 'Boosting Defence and Aerospace Sector'
 (c) 'Business Continuity for MSME in Defence and Aerospace Sector'
 (d) None of the above
104. In May 2020, under whose presidency the 2nd G-20 Virtual Trade and Investment Ministers Meeting were held?
 (a) India (b) Saudi Arabia
 (c) Turkey (d) Brazil
105. With whom West Bengal and GOI have signed a loan agreement for West Bengal Major Irrigation and Flood Management Project?
 (a) FAO (b) AIIB
 (c) ADB (d) UNIDO
106. Cyclone Amphan, recently in the news, has formed over which of the following?
 (a) Bay of Bengal (b) Indian ocean
 (c) Arabian Sea (d) South China Sea
107. Accelerating India's COVID-19 Social Protection Response Programme was recently signed between which of the following?
 (a) India and WHO
 (b) India and the World Bank
 (c) USA and India
 (d) India and South Korea
108. CSIR and IIIT-Hyderabad collaborate with which tech giant to develop a diagnostic solution to combat COVID-19?
 (a) Wipro (b) TCS
 (c) Intel India (d) Infosys
109. Which of the following railway zones developed 'Rail-Bot'?
 (a) Northern Railway
 (b) North Eastern Railway
 (c) Western Railway
 (d) South Central Railway
110. Recently, government has announced that coir geotextiles will be used for construction of rural roads under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY-III). Which of the following statements is/are correct about Coir:
 1. Coir is a 100% natural fiber retrieved from coconut husk.
 2. It is partially biodegradable.
 (a) Only 1 (b) Only 2
 (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
111. Researchers from _____ have developed a novel protocol to find out whether a pair of electrons is in an entangled state so that they can be safely used as resources for facilitating quantum information processing tasks.
 (a) Tamil Nadu (b) Kolkata
 (c) Delhi (d) Telangana
112. Term 'travel bubble' has been in the news in respect of helping put the economies back on track post-Covid lockdowns in which of the following countries/group of countries?
 (a) Italy
 (b) Southeast Asian countries
 (c) Baltic countries
 (d) Caribbean countries
113. Diamer-Bhasha Dam, recently in news, is proposed to be constructed on which of the following rivers?
 (a) Indus (b) Jhelum
 (c) Chenab (d) Ravi

- 114.** Consider the following statements regarding the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP):
1. It is proposed between the ten member states of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the six states with which ASEAN has existing FTAs.
 2. In May 2020 India has decided to join the agreement after a long overdue.
- (a) Only 1 (b) Only 2
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 115.** After the Power Sharing Deal of May 2020, who will remain the president of Afghanistan?
- (a) Ashraf Ghani
(b) Abdullah Abdullah
(c) Hamid Karzai
(d) Fresh elections will be conducted
- 116.** Who has been appointed as Chairman of National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) in May 2020?
- (a) Dilip Oommen
(b) Govinda Rajulu Chintala
(c) Shaji K V
(d) P.V.S. Suryakumar
- 117.** Dinu Randive, a renowned journalist and freedom fighter, recently passed away. He was from which state?
- (a) Odisha (b) West Bengal
(c) Maharashtra (d) Andhra Pradesh
- 118.** In May 2020, who took charge as the Chairman of WHO's Executive Board?
- (a) Union Health Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan
(b) ICMR chief Dr. Balram Bhargava
(c) Head scientist at National Institute of Virology Dr. Raman Gangakhedkar
(d) None of the above
- 119.** In May 2020, who has been sworn-in for the fifth time as the Prime Minister of Israel?
- (a) Abdel Fattah el-Sisi
(b) Benny Gantz
(c) Benjamin Netanyahu
(d) Mahmoud Abbas
- 120.** Recently, 5 initiatives were launched on the occasion of International day for Biological Diversity. What was the theme under one of initiatives called UNEP Campaign on Illegal Trafficking of Endangered Species?
- (a) Protect and save animals
(b) Stop Illegal Trafficking of Endangered Species
(c) Not all animals migrate by choice
(d) None of the above
- 121.** To which state the Khudol Initiative belongs, which has been recently included in the top 10 global initiative to combat COVID 19 by the UN?
- (a) Mizoram (b) Meghalaya
(c) Assam (d) Manipur
- 122.** Which among the following organizations has developed a PPE kit named 'NavRakshak'?
- (a) DRDO (b) Indian Army
(c) Indian Navy (d) BARC
- 123.** In May 2020, who among the following inaugurated Indian Dispute Resolution Center (IDRC) in New Delhi?
- (a) Deepak Gupta
(b) Ravi Shankar Prasad
(c) K. K. Venugopal
(d) A. K. Sikri
- 124.** Recently, Union Minister Nitin Gadkari inaugurated a _____ meter long tunnel in Chamba, Uttarakhand as a part of Chardham project?
- (a) 550 meter (b) 400 meter
(c) 440 meter (d) 570 meter
- 125.** Which of the following financial institutions launched PM Vaya Vandana Yojana Pension Scheme?
- (a) NIACL (b) LIC
(c) ICICI Lombard (d) HDFC Ergo
- 126.** With whom Narmada Basin Projects Company Limited (NBPCL) has signed an agreement to develop Hydroelectric Projects and Multipurpose projects in Madhya Pradesh?
- (a) Power Finance Corporation
(b) Power Grid
(c) NTPC Limited
(d) None of these
- 127.** Army Commanders Conference 2020 was held in which state/UT?
- (a) Jammu and Kashmir
(b) Delhi
(c) Maharashtra
(d) Gujarat

- 128.** In May 2020, which state launched Rozgar Setu Yojana?
(a) Madhya Pradesh (b) Sikkim
(c) Uttar Pradesh (d) Andhra Pradesh
- 129.** Recently, which state/UT launched Mukhyamantri Swarozgar Yojana?
(a) Delhi (b) Jharkhand
(c) Uttarakhand (d) Uttar Pradesh
- 130.** Term 'K-FON' was recently in the news. It is the name of
(a) Kerala government's free internet project
(b) PPE kit developed by Indian Navy
(c) Russia's satellite to monitor Arctic Climate
(d) Sterilization tunnel developed by DRDO
- 131.** Recently, HIL India to provide locust control pesticide to which of the following countries?
(a) Iraq (b) Iran
(c) Saudi Arabia (d) Oman
- 132.** With whom GOI has signed a loan agreement to improve highways and roads in Maharashtra?
(a) UNDP
(b) World Bank
(c) Asian Development Bank
(d) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
- 133.** In May 2020, which country hosted the Meeting of the Heads of Tax Authorities of BRICS Nations?
(a) Brazil (b) Russia
(c) India (d) South Africa
- 134.** Who has recently been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the United Nations?
(a) Piyush Srivastava
(b) TS Tirumurti
(c) Alok Kumar Sinha
(d) Sayeed Akbaruddin
- 135.** Who has recently been appointed as Chief Risk Officer of Yes Bank in May 2020?
(a) Ashish Agrawal (b) Neeraj Dhawan
(c) Sanjiv Chadha (d) Prashant Kumar
- 136.** Who has been appointed as the Director-General of the Labour Bureau in the Ministry of Labour and Employment?
(a) Ram Mohan Mishra
(b) DPS Negi
(c) Dr. V. P. Joy
(d) Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury
- 137.** Who has been appointed as new Vice President and Chief Economist for the World Bank?
(a) Raghu Ram Rajan (b) Abhas Jha
(c) Carmen Reinhart (d) David Malpass
- 138.** Who has been appointed as new President of New Development Bank (NDB)?
(a) Marcos Troyjo (b) K V Kamath
(c) Yi Gang (d) Anil Kishora
- 139.** Recently, who became Kerala's First Woman DGP?
(a) R Sreelekha (b) Sreelakshmi Nair
(c) Laxmi Mishra (d) Naina Singh
- 140.** Recently, who has been elected as next Vice President and Chief Risk Officer of the New Development Bank?
(a) Mahesh Chauhan
(b) Anil Kishora
(c) Akshay Bhatia
(d) Surendra Kaushik
- 141.** A disinfection unit called as 'Ultra Swachh' has been developed by which of the following organizations/ institutions?
(a) CSIR (b) DRDO
(c) IIT Kanpur (d) Indian Army
- 142.** Recently, which organisation has developed Molybdenum Dioxide (MoO₂) to generate hydrogen from water at low cost and efficient way?
(a) CSIR (b) IIT-Delhi
(c) ICT Mumbai (d) CeNS
- 143.** Consider the following statements regarding ELISA-based antibody test:
1. ELISA is also a form of a 'rapid test' that takes much lesser time and does not need a laboratory process to detect antibodies.
2. ELISA-based tests are blood-based tests, which have high sensitivity and specificity.
(a) Only 1 (b) Only 2
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 144.** Consider the following statements regarding locust attack.
1. Locusts attack crops and plants but they do not attack people or animals.
2. Recently, Hindustan Insecticides Limited (HIL) decided to produce and supply 25 tons of pesticide to Pakistan to control locust.
(a) Only 1 (b) Only 2
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2

- 145.** In May 2020, a cyclone named Amphan hit and devastated vast mangrove forests in which of the following states?
(a) Andhra Pradesh (b) Maharashtra
(c) West Bengal (d) Tamil Nadu
- 146.** Recently, a violent protest started due to the death of a person named George Floyd in which of the following countries?
(a) United Kingdom
(b) United States of America
(c) France
(d) Spain
- 147.** Recently, who has been appointed as President of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)?
(a) Uday Kotak
(b) Vikram Kirloskar
(c) Ruchi Ghanashyam
(d) Sanjiv Bajaj
- 148.** Name the person who has recently been appointed Goodwill Ambassador (GWA) for the Poor by the United Nations Association for Development and Peace (UNADAP).
(a) M. Nethra (b) Shikha Gaikwad
(c) Charu Dutta (d) Barkha Sharma
- 149.** In June 2020, who has become the 1st Indian to get Richard Dawkins Award?
(a) Javed Akhtar (b) John Mathew
(c) Aji Varghese (d) Darwin Roslin
- 150.** Name the app which is India's first indigenous wireless physiological parameter monitoring system for COVID-19 patients launched recently.
(a) COVID MEASURE
(b) CORONA UPDATE
(c) COVID BEEP
(d) CORONA ALARM
- 151.** Recently, which institute has developed an AI-Based system to track social distancing?
(a) IIT Kharagpur (b) IIT Roorkee
(c) IIT Delhi (d) IIT Bombay
- 152.** 'Social Bubbles' one of the ways of effective social distancing strategies to keep the Covid-19 curve flat is based on the 'household bubble' model of which country?
(a) Italy (b) South Korea
(c) Norway (d) New Zealand
- 153.** Recently, Oil India Limited's oil wells were shut due to protests by locals in which of the following states?
(a) Assam (b) Andhra Pradesh
(c) Maharashtra (d) Gujarat
- 154.** Consider the following statements regarding the origins of river Krishna & Godavari.
1. Krishna originated from Brahmagiri Mountain in Tryambakeshwar, Nashik district of Maharashtra.
2. Godavari originates from Mahabaleshwar hills in Satara district of Maharashtra.
(a) Only 1 (b) Only 2
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
- 155.** Sikkim- Tibet Convention has recently been in the news due to the skirmishes and the standoff between Indian and Chinese troops at Naku La. The convention was signed between British and Chinese kingdom in which year?
(a) 1875 (b) 1890
(c) 1920 (d) 1931
- 156.** Recently, Anand Mohan Zutshi Gulzar Dehlvi passed away. He was a renowned _____.
(a) Poet
(b) Classical singer
(c) Classical musician
(d) Classical dancer
- 157.** Recently, who has been appointed as India's new ambassador to WTO?
(a) Ajeet Vasant (b) Rajeev Topno
(c) Jagdish Sonkar (d) Brajendra Navnit
- 158.** Recently, Kurt Thomas, a world renowned player from the USA passed away. He was related to which sports?
(a) Baseball (b) Basketball
(c) Gymnastics (d) Swimming
- 159.** The headquarter of India's first online delivery based natural gas trading platform named as Indian Gas Exchange (IGX) is located at
(a) Lucknow (b) New Delhi
(c) Mumbai (d) Ahmedabad
- 160.** Recently which of the following organisations has launched a Multi-Location Claim Settlement Facility?
(a) ESIC (b) RBI
(c) CBIC (d) EPFO

- 161.** Which insurance company in India has launched India's first-ever insurance policy for drone owners and operators?
 (a) HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company
 (b) IFFCO Tokio General Insurance Company
 (c) Max Life Insurance
 (d) TATA AIG Insurance
- 162.** Union health ministry launched a mobile laboratory for coronavirus testing. The mobile lab is also called _____.
 (a) LabOnGo (b) GoLab
 (c) I-Lab (d) LabOnWheels
- 163.** Which ministry has prepared 'India's first climate national report on the climate crisis' released recently?
 (a) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
 (b) Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
 (c) Ministry Earth Sciences
 (d) None of the above
- 164.** Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has signed an MoU with whom to build PM SAVNidhi Scheme?
 (a) Industrial Investment Bank of India
 (b) SEBI
 (c) SIDBI
 (d) NABARD
- 165.** Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (GPAI) will be hosted by which of the following organisations?
 (a) OPEC (b) OECD
 (c) NATO (d) ASEAN
- 166.** India ranked at which position, in terms of FDI in 2019 as per 'World Investment Report 2020' by UNCTAD?
 (a) 12th (b) 9th
 (c) 14th (d) 16th
- 167.** Which country topped the IMD World Competitive Index 2020?
 (a) United States (b) Switzerland
 (c) Singapore (d) Denmark
- 168.** Recently, which space agency has finalised the design of the Habitation and Logistics Outpost (HALO) for its Gateway Lunar Orbiting Outpost?
 (a) NASA (b) SpaceX
 (c) ISRO (d) ESA
- 169.** What is the theme of International Yoga Day 2020?
 (a) Yoga a way of life
 (b) Yoga for Health-Yoga at Home
 (c) Connect the Youth
 (d) Yoga for life
- 170.** Name the device launched by the Union government which kills viruses and other germs by sterilizing, sanitizing and disinfecting in large areas.
 (a) GermiCombat (b) GermiGO
 (c) GermiKlean (d) GermiBAN
- 171.** Bose-Einstein condensate (BEC) – the fifth state of matter is named after Albert Einstein and which of the following Indian scientists?
 (a) Jagdish Chandra Bose
 (b) Satyendra Nath Bose
 (c) Debendra Mohan Bose
 (d) None of the above
- 172.** Which of the following railway zones has launched 'Captain Arjun' AI-based robots to intensify surveillance and screening of passengers?
 (a) Northern Railway
 (b) South Central Railway
 (c) Central Railway
 (d) North Eastern Railway
- 173.** Recently, Union government has put on hold certain rules of the Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (Prohibition of Sex-Selection Rules). The PC-PNDT Act came into being in which year?
 (a) 1975 (b) 1984
 (c) 1996 (d) 2004
- 174.** Recently, The Supreme Court observed that 'reservation is not a Fundamental Right' on a petition filed by the political parties from which state?
 (a) Rajasthan (b) Maharashtra
 (c) Tamil Nadu (d) Karnataka
- 175.** The Headquarters of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) is situated at?
 (a) Vienna, Austria
 (b) Geneva, Switzerland
 (c) The Hague, Netherlands
 (d) Paris, France

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1. (c) The Imphal East District Administration of Manipur state Government has launched a new initiative "Food Bank" based on the theme 'Help End Hunger Today' with the aim to provide free food to the poor people who are severely affected in getting essential commodities due to the long statewide lockdown in view of the threat of Coronavirus (COVID-19).
2. (a) The International Cricket Council (ICC) has announced that India, New Zealand, Australia, England and South Africa have sealed a direct berth for the quadrennial 50-over Women World Cup 2021 to be held in New Zealand & scheduled from February 6 to March 7 in 2021.
3. (d) Asian Development Bank (ADB), is a regional development bank, has approved a loan worth of \$346 million (around Rs 2,616 crore) for the government of Maharashtra to provide reliable power connection in rural areas of the state, where the labour force is mostly engaged in agriculture and related activities.
4. (c) A team of researchers at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Ropar in Punjab's Rupnagar district has come up with a design of an autonomous 'WardBot' which can deliver medicines and food to COVID-19 patients in isolation wards without human intervention.
5. (d) The Texere Publishing Ltd has published its "The Medicine Maker Power List 20 For 2020" consisting of the world's top 60 inspirational leaders under three categories viz. Small Molecules, Advanced Medicines, and Biopharmaceuticals. Each category consisted of 20 influencers from the field of medicines. From India, the list has named Executive Chairperson of Biocon Ltd Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw in the world's top 20 inspirational leaders in the field of biopharmaceuticals. She has been recognized for her contribution to the world of medicine as an entrepreneur and innovative business leader.
6. (c) The Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved the loan of 1.5 Billion USD (Rs.11,400 crore) to India to fund the actions to take against the novel coronavirus pandemic like to support disease containment and prevention and social protection for the poor and working-class population who are in vulnerable economic condition.
7. (a) Freedom fighter R V Bhuskute died recently, had participated in the Quit India Movement. He died of prolonged illness in Maharashtra's Raigadh district recently. He was 94 and is survived by his wife, three sons and three daughters.
8. (d) China National Space Administration (CNSA) has named its first Mars exploration mission as "Tainwen-1" and also released its logo "Lanxingjiutian" during the online celebration of "Space Day" which marks the 50th anniversary of the launch of the country's first satellite Dong Fang Hong-1 in 1970.
9. (b) Sanjay Kothari, the secretary to the President, was on Saturday appointed as the Central Vigilance Commissioner, head of the country's anti-corruption watchdog CVC, according to Rashtrapati Bhavan communique. The post of the chief of the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) had been lying vacant since June last year after completion of K V Chowdary's tenure.
10. (d) NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) engineers developed a new, easy-to-build high-pressure ventilator named VITAL (Ventilator Intervention Technology Accessible Locally) specifically to treat COVID-19 patients.
11. (d) President of Weightlifting Federation of India (WFI) Shadev Yadav confirmed that Mirabai Chanu and Jeremy Larinnunga have been qualified to participate in the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games due to their current International rank.
12. (a) Lebanon became the 1st Arab nation to legalise cannabis (also known as marijuana) farming for medicinal & industrial use with the aim to boost the exports & to beat the economic crisis created by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Lebanon faces the worst economic crisis due to lockdown since the 1975-1990 civil wars.

13. (d) Iran's first military satellite, Noor, was launched on April 23, 2020 from central Iran in two stages. The launch was successful and the satellite reached orbit.
14. (d) Niue has become the world's first whole country recognised as a 'Dark Sky Place' by the International Dark-Sky Association's (IDA), which has approved the islands, application for the protection of its sky, land and sea.
15. (d) World champion P V Sindhu was on April 22, 2020 named as the ambassador of Badminton World Federation's "I am Badminton" campaign. The Campaign was launched to advocate for honest and clean play. Other ambassadors of the campaign include Valeska Knoblauch of Germany, Zheng Si Wei and Huang Ya Qiong of China, Chan Ho Yuen of Hong Kong and Michelle Li of Canada.
16. (a) The Union Cabinet has approved an ordinance proposing new amendments to the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1987 to end violence against health workers. The new amendments include imprisonment ranging from 6 months to 7 years for those found guilty of attacking healthcare workers.
17. (b) US President Donald Trump has decided to temporarily suspend immigration to the United States over coronavirus concerns. Trump stated that the decision has been taken to protect the jobs of the American citizens.
18. (c) A professor from IIT-Roorkee has developed software that can reportedly detect COVID-19 within 5 seconds through an X-ray scan. The software can help in an accurate preliminary screening of suspected COVID-19 patients. The technology awaits official approval from ICMR.
19. (b) Karnataka government has launched "Apthamitra" helpline and App to fight COVID-19. The helpline number "14410" will cover residents in all parts of the state. The helpline will function from 8 am to 8 pm. The helpline centre's will be set up at six locations in Mysore, Bengaluru and Mangalore.
20. (c) Gujarat has launched the third phase of its 'Sujalam Sufalam Jal Sanchay Abhiyan' amid COVID-19 lockdown. The scheme will continue till June 10, 2020. The scheme was first launched in 2018 by Gujarat CM Vijay Rupani to create water-grid, on the lines of power-grid, for reuse of the treated waste water from urban areas.
21. (d) The Pune Municipal Corporation launched "Saiyam" mobile application on April 22, 2020. The application has been developed to monitor citizens on home quarantine.
22. (a) The G-20 Extraordinary Agriculture Minister's Meeting was held on April 21, 2020 to address the impact of COVID-19 on nutrition, food security and safety. Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar represented India at the virtual meeting.
23. (a) The Delhi Government launched "Assess Koro Na" application on April 17, 2020 to conduct door to door survey. The application has been launched in all COVID-19 containment zones in the national capital.
24. (a) India on April 17, 2020 lifted the restriction imposed on the export of formulations made from Paracetamol. The government had imposed a ban on March 3rd. The export of 26 pharma ingredients and medicines were restricted then.
25. (d) Delhi Government on April 9, 2020 launched 'Operation Shield' to combat and control the spread of COVID-19 virus in the 21 hotspot areas. Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal made the announcement.
26. (a) The India-China border has been witnessing tensions over the past month, with incidents reported in at least four different locations along the Line of Actual Control (LAC). These include: the Pangong lake in Ladakh, the Galway valley and Demchok.
27. (d) Kalapani is located in the easternmost corner of Uttarakhand's Pithoragarh district which shares a border on the north with the Tibet Autonomous Region of China and Nepal in the east and south. The area is in India's control but Nepal claims the region because of historical and cartographic reasons.
28. (b) Suo Motu or "on its own" cognisance is taken by the courts of India based on reports in media, PILs, letters etc where the court deems that there is grave negligence on the part of government/ private authorities.

This power has been warranted to courts under Article 32 (Supreme Court) Article 226 (High Courts) of the Indian Constitution.

29. (d) VAMS (Visitor Authentication and Management System) Global, which is a startup in Mumbai has developed the world's first contactless Visitor Management Software called VAMS Safeguard which checks body temperature, scans faces with mask compliance and monitors social distancing in the premises.
30. (d) Institute of Advanced Study in Science and Technology, Guwahati has developed an Electrochemical Sensing Platform. The platform will detect the carcinogenic or mutagenic compound NDMA (N-nitrosomethylamine) and NDEA (N-nitrosodietthanolamine) which is found in food items like cured meat, few cheeses and low fat milk.
31. (c) Kochi based startup named Devaditek Innovations Private Limited has developed a multi-purpose decontamination device called 'Lumos'. 'Lumos' is used to sanitize items from masks to vegetables. It is based on Ultraviolet Germicidal Irradiation (UVGI) technology.
32. (c) The All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) and Delhi Police organized AYURAKSHA programme for Delhi Police personnel. The programme was titled as AYURAKSHA "Corona Se Jung- Delhi Police Ke Sang".
33. (d) The UN General Assembly elected Turkish diplomat Volkan Bozkir to be its president for the 75th General Debate in September. He is the first Turkish national to head the General Assembly. He will replace Tijjani Muhammad - Bande of Ghana.
34. (a) National Council for Science & Technology Communication (NCSTC) and Department of Science & Technology (DST) launched 'Year of Awareness on Science & Health (YASH)'. YASH programme is a comprehensive and effective science and health communication effort for promoting grass-root level appreciation and response on health and would help to save and shape the lives of people at large and build confidence, inculcate a scientific temper, and promote health consciousness among them.
35. (a) CSIR-Central Road Research Institute (CSIR-CRRI), New Delhi has developed Kisan Sabha App with an aim to connect farmers to supply chain and freight transportation management systems.
36. (d) Maharashtra Government has decided to grant free health insurance scheme to all citizens. The decision was taken amidst the outbreak of Coronavirus. By granting free health insurance schemes to all citizens, Maharashtra Govt has become the first state in India to do this.
37. (a)
38. (c) Mustafa Al Kadhimi has been chosen as Iraq's new Prime Minister, ending months of political deadlock. He has become Iraq's first proper Prime Minister after Adel Abdul Mahdi resigned in November 2019 due to massive anti-government protests.
39. (d) Deepa Malik is the first Indian woman to win a medal in the Paralympic Games and won a Silver medal at the 2016 Summer Paralympics in the shot put.
40. (a) Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) has decided to launch 'Bharatmarket' which is a national e-commerce marketplace. 'Bharatmarket' will be used for all retail traders in collaboration with several technology partners.
41. (a) Ministry for Jal Shakti
42. (a) Union Minister for Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Nitin Gadkari announced an Agro MSME Policy that will focus on entrepreneurship development in rural, tribal, agricultural, and forest areas for manufacturing products using local raw material. The Agro MSME policy is launched to focus and uplift the MSME sector which is affected during lockdown amidst COVID-19.
43. (d) The Himachal Pradesh government has decided to launch an employment guarantee scheme called "MukhyaMantri Mantri Shahari Rozgar Guarantee Yojna" with an aim to improve the economy of the state affected by the Coronavirus. The Yojna will provide 120 days of employment to those living in urban areas.
44. (b) Ayush Kavach mobile app has been launched by the state government of Uttar Pradesh. The app provides health-related tips and information about Ayurveda medicine on novel coronavirus infection.

45. (b) NITI Aayog in partnership with Piramal Foundation launched the 'Surakshit Dada-Dadi & Nana-Nani Abhiyan' campaign to ensure the well-being of senior citizens during the COVID-19 pandemic.
46. (d) As per the Global Report on Internal Displacement (GRID) 2020 report, 5 million people were displaced in India in 2019, which is the highest in the world, due to disasters, including cyclones and monsoon floods.
47. (c) An Aid agency of United States-The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) has announced to provide an additional \$3 million to India, for mitigating the spread of COVID-19. The fund will be utilized under Partnerships for Affordable Healthcare Access and Longevity (PAHAL) project.
48. (d) Prime Minister Narendra Modi participated in a virtual summit of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM). The aim behind this summit was to enhance the coordination of the member states in their fight against the COVID-19 pandemic. The summit was conducted under the Presidency of Azerbaijan.
49. (a) Russia will be launching its first satellite to monitor the Arctic climate and environment this year. Arktika-M remote-sensing and emergency communications satellites will gather meteorological data in the polar regions of the Earth, which will allow improving weather forecasts and will enable scientists to better study climate change.
50. (a) Indian Navy launched Operation Samudra Setu to bring back the Indian citizens who are stranded overseas because of the COVID-19 pandemic. This operation is done by the Ministries of Defence, External Affairs, Home Affairs, Health, and various other agencies of Central/State government,
51. (c) Delhi retains the top spot in terms of Internet penetration as per 'Digital in India' report released recently by Nielsen and IAMA.
52. (a) An agreement between the Government of India and the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) has been signed for the approval of a loan of \$500 million for the "COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health Systems Preparedness Project". The loan amount will help India to combat the COVID-19 pandemic situation and strengthen its public health.
53. (d) Uttar Pradesh government has launched 'Pravasi Rahat Mitra' App for migrant workers of state who are returning from different parts of the country amidst lockdown. The state revenue department in collaboration with the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) has developed this app.
54. (b) The government of India launched "Mission Sagar" to provide assistance to Eastern Indian Ocean Region Nations in the COVID-19 pandemic situation. The mission is inspired by PM Modi's vision of SAGAR (Security and Growth for All in the Region).
55. (d) Registrar General of India has released Birth rate, Death rate, and IMR data. The data states that India's infant mortality rate (IMR) has improved very marginally from 33 per 1,000 live births in 2017 to 32 in 2018. Kerala has received the best IMR value in single digits at 7.
56. (d) CSIR-National Aerospace Laboratories (NAL) Bangalore has developed a Non-Invasive Bilevel Positive Airway Pressure (BiPAP) Ventilator named as 'SwasthVayu'. This ventilator has been developed in a record time of 36 days to treat COVID-19 patients.
57. (d) Five startup firms have been honoured with the Startup India Animal Husbandry Grand Challenge Award namely, White Gold Technologies LLP, Mumbai; Krushak Mitra Agro Services Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai; MooFarm, Gurugram, Haryana; EmerTech Solutions Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai; and Adis Technologies, Belagavi, Karnataka.
58. (c) The Department of Consumer Affairs has launched the 'Suraksha Stores initiative to use technology to prevent the spread of Covid-19 at the local Kirana store level with the help of two tech startups Safejobs and Seekify.
59. (a) FIR Aapke Dwar Yojana has been launched by the state government of Madhya Pradesh. Under this Yojana, a person would not be required to visit the police station to lodge an FIR.

60. (a) Ministry of MSME
61. (a) Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) organized a virtual conference between India and Bangladesh. The conference was addressed by Union Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) Minister Jitendra Singh and focussed on the vital role of the North Eastern region in order to boost the trade between the two countries.
62. (b) Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare Dr. Harsh Vardhan participated in the 32nd Commonwealth Health Ministers' Meeting which was conducted through video conference. The theme of the conference was "Delivering a co-ordinated Commonwealth COVID-19 response."
63. (c) The World Economic Forum (WEF) has released the Energy Transition Index (ETI) 2020. This time, India has ranked 74th position on the global Energy Transition Index (ETI). In the previous year, it was ranked at 76th position.
64. (d) The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy launched an initiative called 'One Sun One World One Grid'. This initiative is launched to interconnect renewable energy by sharing solar resources with more than 140 countries of West Asia and Southeast Asia.
65. (d) Sports Authority of India (SAI) in collaboration with National Sports Federations (NSF) has launched India's first ever sports e-pathshala named as Khelo India e-Pathshala. It is a national level open online coaching and education programme on sports.
66. (c) NASSCOM has delivered an end-to-end coronavirus tracking platform for Karnataka which is named as Karnataka Listening Dashboard for COVID-19. It is an analytics driven platform which will assist Karnataka state in recovering the industrial economy and help them to recover after the reopening stage of the state.
67. (c) Union Electronics and IT Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad launched a National program for youth in India called 'Responsible AI for Youth'. The national program will provide a platform to India's youth and will empower them to inculcate AI-based skills and learn AI tools in order to make them digitally strong and ready for the Digital future of the nation.
68. (b) Former Reserve Bank governor Urjit Patel will take charge as chairman of the National Institute of Public Finance and Policy (NIPFP). Patel will replace Vijay Kelkar, who assumed office in November 2014.
69. (c) Government of India has come up with a move to launch Kisan Credit Card (KCC) for Dairy farmers. The Kisan Credit Card (KCC) will prove beneficial to 1.5 crore dairy farmers who come under the category of milk unions and milk producing companies.
70. (a) The Reserve Bank of India has launched 'Payment Infrastructure Development Fund (PIDF)'. The PIDF is set up with an allocation of Rs 500 crore with an initial contribution of Rs 250 crore by RBI which is half-covering of the fund and rest half will be from card issuing banks and card networks operating in India.
71. (d) All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), Human Resource Development Ministry and Ministry of Housing and Urban Development have launched a TULIP Program which is an Urban Learning Internship Program. It is launched with an aim to provide internship opportunities to fresh graduates in the urban areas as well as in smart cities.
72. (c) On the occasion of World Environment Day 2020 (5th June), the central government has come up with a scheme titled as 'Nagar Van' or 'Urban Forest' Scheme. Under this scheme, forests in the urban areas of the country will be developed within a span of 5 years.
73. (a) Startup Blink which is a global innovation mapping and research company has released its Startup Ecosystem Ranking Report 2020 titled as 'Countries Global Ranking of Startup Ecosystem 2020'. From the report, India is ranked at 23rd position for 2020. The ranking is topped by the United States followed by the United Kingdom.
74. (c) The South African National Space Agency (SANSA) has collaborated with National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) to support human space flight

missions to the Moon, Mars and beyond. Now South Africa has thus become the 4th country to host a deep-space ground station after the US, Spain and Australia.

75. (c) India signs MoU with Bhutan to improve the cooperation in the areas of Environment. The MoU will promote a long term cooperation between India and Bhutan to protect the environment and manage natural resources.
76. (d) Virtual Global Vaccine Summit 2020 was conducted on 4th June 2020 and was hosted by the United Kingdom. United Kingdom's Prime Minister Boris Johnson led the Global Vaccine Summit 2020.
77. (a) Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) has partnered with MAITREE Program (Market Integration and Transformation Program for Energy Efficiency) to launch the Energy Efficient Buildings Initiative. MAITREE Program is launched by USAID (US Agency for International Development).
78. (c) The Indian Space Research Organisation has signed a MoU agreement with ARIES (Aryabhata Research Institute of Observational Science) for the cooperation in the field of Space Situational Awareness (SSA) and Astrophysic.
79. (a) The Indian Air Force has designed and inducted Airborne Rescue Pod for Isolated Transportation (ARPIT) for the purpose of evacuation of critical patients suffering from COVID-19 from high altitude, isolated areas.
80. (c) The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) has launched a flagship programme called 'Turant Customs'. 'Turant Customs' is a reformative programme in order to ensure ease of doing business.
81. (b) An annual allotment of Rs 4000 crore has been approved by Government of India to State governments under 'Per drop more crop' component of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY-PDMC) for FY 2020-21.
82. (d) Deep Submergence Rescue Vehicle (DSRV) was inaugurated at Eastern Naval Command (ENC) in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh. The complex is built to accommodate newly designed submarines and its rescue systems and store DSRV assets.
83. (c) Union Agricultural and Farmers Welfare Minister Narendra Singh Tomar launched Sahakar Mitra – a Scheme on Internship Programme (SIP) of NCDC (National Cooperative Development Corporation). This scheme will provide practical experience of the co-operative and professional world to the youth of India.
84. (c) Joint Science Communication Forum is constituted by DST (Department of Science and Technology). It is constituted to facilitate interaction, co-operation and co-ordination among various public sector science communication institutions and agencies.
85. (c) National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) has become the first fully digitalized organisation under the construction sector category. NHAI has propelled the use of cloud-based technology and AI-powered big data analytics platform, which is powered by Data Lake and project management services.
86. (d) The Government of India has launched an Arogya Path which is a web-based solution which provides availability of critical healthcare supply commodities on a real-time basis. The web-based solution is made available by the government of India on CSIR National Healthcare Supply Chain Portal.
87. (c) India has signed a MoU with Denmark in the field of Energy Co-operation in order to develop the power sector. The two countries will boost their power sector on the basis of equality, reciprocity and mutual benefit.
88. (a) India has been ranked at 168th position among 180 countries with a score of 27.6 out of 100 in Environment Performance Index 2020. The list has been topped by Denmark with a score of 82.5.
89. (c) India has ranked at 168th position among 180 countries with a score of 27.6 out of 100 in Environment Performance Index 2020. The list has been topped by Denmark with a score of 82.5.
90. (d) The IT giant Tech Mahindra has signed a declaration of United Nations Global

Compact (UNGC) initiative to reduce the carbon dioxide emissions and energy conservation using latest technologies like IoT, AI and blockchain. Tech Mahindra has assured to raise the target of renewable energy to 50% by 2025.

91. (c) The World Bank has released its latest edition of Global Economic Prospects (GEP) for the months of June 2020. The Global Economic Prospects describes analytical growth of various countries by considering various parameters. As per the report, India's growth is to contract by 3.2% for the financial year 2020-21.
92. (d) World Bank has granted financial support by providing a loan amount of Rs 1950 crore to West Bengal. The loan amount will help West Bengal to tackle the pandemic situation of COVID-19 and to carry out development work in the state.
93. (d) Quacquarelli Symonds (QC) World University Ranking for 2021 is released. The ranking is topped by Massachusetts Institute for Technology (MIT) followed by Stanford University and Harvard University. Only 3 Indian Institutes are included in the top 200 ranking category which are IIT Bombay, Indian Institute of Science Bangalore and IIT Delhi.
94. (d) The Nature Index 2020 highlights the ranking of the academic institutions globally. The currently released Nature Index 2020 report analyses the institutions in terms of high quality research in the natural science field based on the research data published by them in top journals from 1st Jan 2019 to 31st Dec 2019. As per the report, the top three institutions are Chinese Academy of Sciences holding 1st rank, followed by Harvard University of USA and Max Planck Society, Germany.
95. (c) A state of the art flood warning system called 'I-FLOWS' has been launched in Mumbai, Maharashtra. 'I-FLOWS' is a state of the art Integrated Flood Warning System.
96. (a) Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA) in partnership with Facebook launched the GOAL Programme. The motto of the programme is to provide mentorship to tribal youth through digital mode. The programme will help to explore the hidden talents of the tribal youth, which will help in their personal development and contribute to all-round upliftment of their society.
97. (a) Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has recently approved a Defence Testing Infrastructure Scheme (DTIS). The scheme aims to create infrastructure for testing defence equipment for India and thus boost the domestic defence and aerospace manufacturing. The scheme is approved with a costing of Rs 400 crores.
98. (d) NABARD has released Rs 20,500 crore to the co-operative banks and Regional Rural Banks for lending process. The infusion of Rs 20,500 crore is the part of a special refinance plan assigned by Reserve Bank of India.
99. (c) Jammu and Kashmir has launched an initiative called 'SUKOON' COVID-19 Beat the Stress. This initiative helps to create awareness and ensure the mental fitness of the people in the fearful condition of COVID-19.
100. (a) The Human Resource Development Ministry has launched a new mobile phone application called 'National Test Abhyas'. The mobile app helps the students to take the mock test for exams like JEE Mains, NEET etc.
101. (b) Uttar Pradesh government has signed a MoU with Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) to launch Uttar Pradesh 'Start-Up fund'. It has been launched with an aim to promote entrepreneurship skills among the youth, to support the registered start-up ventures present in the state of UP and to create job opportunities.
102. (c) In May 2020, RBI has decided to bring down the repo rate by a further 40 basis points that is from 4.4% to 4% reverse repo rate from 3.75% to 3.35% and marginal standing facility (MSF) has been reduced from 4.65% to 4.25%.
103. (c) SIDM (Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers), CII (Confederation of Indian Industry) and Department of Defence Production jointly organized MSME's E-conclave 'SIDM MSME Conclave 2020'. The theme for the conclave was 'Business Continuity for MSME in Defence and Aerospace Sector'.

- 104. (b)** The 2nd G-20 Virtual Trade and Investment Ministers Meeting was held under the presidency of Saudi Arabia. The meeting focused on immediate actions that can ease the stress faced by people in combating COVID-19 pandemic situations.
- 105. (b)** Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) has approved a loan agreement of \$145 million with the Government of India and West Bengal state government. The loan is approved for the purpose of improving flood management strategies and irrigation services in the Damodar Valley Command Area (DVCA) in West Bengal state.
- 106. (a)** Cyclone Amphan made landfall in West Bengal, India, near the Bangladeshi border. Amphan became the strongest storm ever recorded in the Bay of Bengal. It is the first tropical cyclone of the 2020 North Indian Ocean cyclone season, Amphan's origins can be traced back to a low-pressure area situated over the Bay of Bengal on April 29.
- 107. (b)** The Government of India and the World Bank have recently signed an agreement for \$750 million of \$1 billion assistance. Assistance is proposed for Accelerating India's COVID-19 Social Protection Response Programme to support India's efforts at protecting vulnerable households impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 108. (c)** The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research and IIIT-Hyderabad and tech giant Intel India have joined together to develop a diagnostic solution to combat COVID-19.
- 109. (d)** South Central Railway has developed 'Rail-Bot' or 'R-BOT' which is a robotic device to help in the hospitals in order to manage activities like supplying medicines, medical accessories, to serve food to the patients, thus help in reducing physical contact of doctors and health workers with the positive COVID-19 patients.
- 110. (a)** Coir is a 100% natural fiber, obtained from a renewable source – the coconut husk. It is totally biodegradable, and helps in soil stabilization.
- 111. (b)** Researchers from Kolkata have developed a novel protocol to find out whether a pair of electrons is in an entangled state so that they can be safely used as resources for facilitating quantum information processing tasks.
- 112. (c)** The Baltic countries of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania have started what is being referred to as a 'travel bubble' to help put their economies back on track post-Covid lockdowns.
- 113. (a)** Diamer-Bhasha Dam is a concrete-filled gravity dam, in the initial stages of construction, on the River Indus between Kohistan district in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Diamer district in Gilgit Baltistan.
- 114. (a)** **115. (a)** **116. (b)** **117. (c)**
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134. (b) The government has appointed T.S. Tirumurti as the next Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations. He will take over from Syed Akbaruddin, one of the country's most prominent diplomats, who is retiring.
- 135. (b)** **136. (b)** **137. (c)** **138. (a)**
139. (a) Kerala Police will get its first woman Director General when R. Sreelekha assumes office as the new head of the Kerala Fire and Rescue Services on June 1.
- 140. (b)** **141. (b)** **142. (d)** **143. (c)**
144. (a) **145. (c)** **146. (b)**
147. (a) Uday Kotak, the MD and CEO of Kotak Mahindra Bank now has taken over as President of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII). He will be replacing Vikram Kirloskar.
- 148. (a)** **149. (a)**
150. (c) COVID BEEP app is India's first indigenous wireless physiological parameter monitoring system for coronavirus patients. Its acronym is Continuous Oxygenation and Vital Information Detection Biomed ECIL ESIC Pod.
- 151. (a)** **152. (d)** **153. (a)** **154. (d)**
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