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1.1. Which organisation has launched the initiative named “Meri Saheli”?

- [A] Indian Army
- [B] Indian Railways
- [C] Indian Bank
- [D] India Post

Correct Answer: B [Indian Railways]

Notes:

The Indian Railways has launched an initiative named “Meri Saheli” which will focus on security of women. Its main objectives are to provide safety and security to lady passengers travelling by trains.

Under this initiative, a team of lady officer and staff will visit all of the passenger coaches including ladies’ coaches to identify women passengers. The details of the journey will be noted down by the team, especially if a lady is travelling alone.

2. Which country was the largest source for permanent residents (PR) in Canada, last year?

- [A] Australia
- [B] India
- [C] Mexico
- [D] United States

Correct Answer: B [India]

Notes:

As per the 2020 Annual Report on Immigration to Parliament tabled in the Parliament of Canada, Indian immigrants accounted for one-fourth of the total permanent residencies granted by Canada in 2019.

India has set a new record by becoming the largest source country for permanent residents (PR), with 85,593 of them entering into the country last year. India has been retaining the top spot since 2017.

3.What amount has been released as the 2nd tranche to 16 states and 3 UTs for GST compensation?

- [A] Rs 3000 crore**
- [B] Rs 4500 crore**
- [C] Rs 6000 crore**
- [D] Rs 10000 crore**

Correct Answer: C [Rs 6000 crore]

Notes:

The Central Government is set to release the second tranche of Rs 6,000 crore to 16 states and 3 union territories.

As per the recent statement from the Finance Ministry, the total amount released to states to meet the compensation shortfall under goods and services tax (GST) under the special window is Rs 12,000 crore.

4.Which organisation has launched MSME Credit Health Index, along with the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation?

- [A] State Bank of India**
- [B] Reserve Bank of India**
- [C] Small Industries Development Bank of India**
- [D] TransUnion CIBIL**

Correct Answer: D [TransUnion CIBIL]

Notes:

TransUnion CIBIL in association with Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI) has launched the MSME Credit Health Index.

The index measures the growth and strength of the MSME sector in India. MSME Credit Health Index is built by TransUnion CIBIL using credit data furnished by lending institutions/ banks.

5.How much financial aid has been released by the Central Government to 15 states for air quality improvement?

- [A] Rs.1000 crore**
- [B] Rs.2000 crore**
- [C] Rs.2200 crore**
- [D] Rs.2500 crore**

Correct Answer: C [Rs.2200 crore]

Notes:

Based on the recommendations of the 15th Finance Commission, the Central Government has released a financial aid of Rs.2200 crore to 15 states.

The aid would be used to improve the air quality in these states by undertaking capacity building measures. This is the first instalment of the grant towards air quality improvement.

6.The Election Commission of which country has organised 'International Virtual Election Visitors Programme'?

- [A] India**
- [B] United States**
- [C] Japan**
- [D] Australia**

Correct Answer: A [India]

Notes:

Election Commission of India is organizing a three-day International Virtual Election Visitors Programme.

In the context of the ongoing Bihar Legislative Assembly Elections, the programme is being organised for Foreign Election Management Bodies and Organizations. Delegates from over 40 countries across the world are invited.

7.Which international organisation has created two new services to facilitate cybercrime related communication?

- [A] Interpol**
- [B] Central Bureau of Investigation**
- [C] National Investigation Agency**
- [D] Intelligence Bureau**

Correct Answer: A [Interpol]

Notes:

Two secure and flexible services have been created by the Interpol to facilitate cybercrime related communication among law enforcement agencies.

One of them is the Cybercrime Knowledge Exchange workspace and the other is Cybercrime Collaborative Platform-Operation. The former handles general, non-police information and is open to all relevant users whereas the latter is restricted to select few agencies only.

8.Which Indian has been conferred with the honorary rank of General of the Nepali Army?

- [A] Manmohan Singh**
- [B] General MM Naravane**
- [C] General Bipin Rawat**
- [D] Rajnath Singh**

Correct Answer: B [General MM Naravane]

Notes:

The Chief of Indian Army, General MM Naravane has been conferred with the Honorary rank of General of the Nepali Army, by the President Bidya Devi Bhandari during a special ceremony.

General KM Cariappa was the first Indian Army chief to be honoured with the title in 1950. Last year, Nepali Army chief General Purna Chandra Thapa was also made the honorary General of the Indian Army.

9.Which country has signed a MoU with Serum Institute of India (SII) for delivery of COVID 19 vaccines?

- [A] Sri Lanka**
- [B] Myanmar**
- [C] Nepal**
- [D] Bangladesh**

Correct Answer: D [Bangladesh]

Notes:

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between the government of Bangladesh, Beximco Pharmaceutical Ltd and the Serum Institute of India (SII).

The agreement aims for priority delivery of 3 crore COVID 19 vaccine doses to Bangladesh. Serum Institute of India has reached the final stage of COVID vaccine

development. Beximco Pharmaceuticals Ltd also known as Beximco Pharma, is a pharmaceutical company in Bangladesh.

10. Which technology company has launched a new Small and medium businesses (SMB) guide in India?

- [A] Amazon
- [B] Facebook
- [C] Apple
- [D] Flipkart

Correct Answer: B [Facebook]

Notes:

Technology Major Facebook has recently announced that it has launched an offline to online small and medium businesses (SMB) guide.

The company has also launched other new resources to help small and medium businesses. The guide will be publicly available for free while the platform is to be made accessible to 9 million small businesses across the country, which needed it the most.

-Brazil-South Africa (IBSA) report titled 'Deepening Cooperation in IBSA: Perspectives from Key Sectors' has been launched recently. The report has been launched by the Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs Rahul Chhabra.

The report has been prepared by the 2nd batch of Fellows under the IBSA Visiting Fellowship Program.

17. India has received the first shipment through "Inland Water Trade and Transit" route from which country?

- [A] Sri Lanka
- [B] Pakistan
- [C] Nepal
- [D] Bangladesh

Correct Answer: D [Bangladesh]

Notes:

India has received the first commercial shipment from Bangladesh to Karimganj, Assam via the "Protocol for Inland Water Trade and Transit" (PIWTT) route.

The Protocol for Inland Water Trade & Transit (PIWTT) was signed between India and Bangladesh in 1972 to provide inland waterways connectivity between the two countries.

18. Which Indian state/UT has launched an application named 'Secha Samadhan' for farmers?

- [A] West Bengal
- [B] Odisha
- [C] Karnataka
- [D] Haryana

Correct Answer: B [Odisha]

Notes:

Odisha's Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has recently launched 'Secha Samadhan', a mobile application, to resolve the irrigation problems faced by farmers without visiting the offices concerned.

Four other online services were also launched to resolve the issue of water distribution for industries, commercial establishments and other institutions. The Water Resources department has developed 'Go Swift' portal through which industries can apply for water.

19. Which organisation operates the 'FASTag' in India?

- [A] Tata Consultancy Services
- [B] Highways Department of states
- [C] National Highways Authority of India
- [D] State Bank of India

Correct Answer: C [National Highways Authority of India]

Notes:

National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), a Government owned organisation operates the electronic toll collection system named FASTag in India. NHAI has recently stated that FASTag users in the country have reached 2 crore mark.

The FASTag has registered more than 400% growth this year. The payment is made digitally through the FASTag linked to the bank wallet.

20. Veteran journalist and writer Ravi Belagere, who passed away recently, belonged to which state?

- [A] Andhra Pradesh

- [B] Maharashtra
- [C] Karnataka
- [D] Kerala

Correct Answer: C [Karnataka]

Notes:

Veteran journalist and writer of Karnataka, Ravi Belagere has recently passed away at the age of 62. He was working for the popular Kannada tabloid Hai Bangalore.

The writer has been honoured with many awards including the Karnataka Sahitya Academy award, Kannada Rajyotsava award and Karnataka Media Academy award among others. He also started school named 'Prarthana' in the state

21. Which country has recently brought major relaxation in Islamic laws?

- [A] Israel
- [B] Saudi Arabia
- [C] United Arab Emirates
- [D] Jordan

Correct Answer: C [United Arab Emirates]

Notes:

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) has recently announced relaxations to Islamic laws. These relaxations allowing unmarried couples to cohabit, lifts some restrictions on alcohols and on criminalising honour killings.

This is seen as a major step towards westernisation of the nation and aims to improve personal freedom.

22. Who represented India in the first BRICS Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors (FMCBG) meeting?

- [A] Narendra Modi
- [B] S Jai Shankar
- [C] Nirmala Sitharaman
- [D] Shaktikanta Das

Correct Answer: C [Nirmala Sitharaman]

Notes:

The Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs Nirmala Sitharaman represented India in the first BRICS Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors meeting.

The meeting was held under the Russian Chairmanship. The meeting is expected to include discussions on the outcomes of the G20 Saudi Presidency in 2020, a digital platform for the New Development Bank and to expand membership of the New Development Bank.

23.As per a recent study by 'National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration', the Coral reefs of which country is found to have degraded significantly?

- [A] India
- [B] United States
- [C] Australia
- [D] France

Correct Answer: B [United States]

Notes:

As per a first of its kind assessment of coral reefs in U.S. waters by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the University of Maryland, the reefs off the Florida coast are the most degraded, with 2% remaining.

The sensitive underwater ecosystems are said to have recorded a continued decline. These ecosystems are essential to the health of the world's oceans, as per the researchers.

24.What is the name of the new platform launched by Paytm, for instant pay-out by businesses?

- [A] Paytm Biz
- [B] Paytm Links
- [C] Paytm Elite
- [D] Paytm Corporate

Correct Answer: B [Paytm Links]

Notes:

Fintech major Paytm has recently launched 'Pay-out Links', to enable the businesspersons instantly process pay-outs to customers, employees and vendors.

Using this platform, the businesses can send incentives and refunds to customers using just a link. It also eliminates the need to collect and store thousands of bank details.

25.The Union Cabinet approved 'Production Linked Incentive' (PLI) scheme worth up to Rs 1.46 lakh crore for how many sectors?

- [A] Five
- [B] Ten
- [C] Fifteen
- [D] Twenty

Correct Answer: B [Ten]

Notes:

The Union Cabinet has recently approved Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme worth up to Rs 1.46 lakh crore for 10 key sectors.

This move is expected to boost India's manufacturing sector and exports. The ten sectors include white goods manufacturing, pharmaceutical, specialised steel, automobiles, telecom, textile, food products, solar photovoltaic and cell battery.

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27. India has gifted 20 fully trained military horses to which country?

- [A] Japan
- [B] Thailand
- [C] Jordan
- [D] Bangladesh

Correct Answer: D [Bangladesh]

Notes:

India has recently gifted 20 fully trained military horses and 10 mine detection dogs to the Bangladesh Army. These animals have been trained by Remount and Veterinary Corps of the Indian Army.

Army dogs are extremely useful in mine detection and contraband items. The gifting is seen as a good will gesture to improve the diplomatic ties between the two countries.

28. When is 'World Pneumonia Day' observed every year?

- [A] 10 November**
- [B] 12 November**
- [C] 14 November**
- [D] 16 November**

Correct Answer: B [12 November]

Notes:

World Pneumonia Day is observed every year on 12 November. The day was established by the Stop Pneumonia Initiative in 2009 to raise awareness about the disease.

Pneumonia is considered as the leading disease which causes more deaths of children around the world. 'Stop Pneumonia Initiative' and 'Every Breath Counts Coalition' jointly mobilise the people about tackling the disease.

29. Which technology major's investment of 7.73% stake in Jio Platforms has been approved by the Competition Commission of India?

- [A] Amazon**
- [B] IBM**
- [C] Google**
- [D] Intel**

Correct Answer: C [Google]

Notes:

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has recently approved Google's proposed purchase of 7.73 % stake in Jio Platforms.

Earlier in the month of July 2020, Google announced its plans to invest 7.73% stake in Reliance's technology arm – Jio Platforms for an amount of Rs,33,737 crore.

30. Which organisation developed Quick Reaction Surface-to-Air Missile (QRSAM), which was seen in news recently?

- [A] DRDO**

- [B] HAL
- [C] Tesla
- [D] Larsen & Toubro

Correct Answer: A [DRDO]

Notes:

The Quick Reaction Surface-to-Air Missile (QRSAM) was indigenously developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).

Recently, the missile was seen in the news, it was tested by the Chandipur Test range, Odisha. It registered a significant milestone as it achieved a direct hit on a pilotless target aircraft (PTA), during the test.

31.High Commission of India has launched Special Edition wrist watches in which country?

- [A] Sri Lanka
- [B] Bangladesh
- [C] Nepal
- [D] Myanmar

Correct Answer: B [Bangladesh]

Notes:

High Commission of India has launched Special Edition wrist watches to commemorate the Centenary year of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

Bangladesh is celebrating the birth centenary year of its founder president and Father of Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman as Mujib Centenary year 'Mujib Borsho'. The wristwatches in the limited-edition series bear the image and the signature of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

32.Which special day related to health is observed on the third Wednesday of November?

- [A] World COPD Day
- [B] World Diabetes Day
- [C] World Cancer Day
- [D] World PCOD Day

Correct Answer: A [World COPD Day]

Notes:

World COPD Day is observed on every third Wednesday of November, across the world. The theme of this year is 'Living Well with COPD – Everybody, Everywhere.'

The day is observed this year on November 18, to create awareness about chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). It is a term used to define a group of progressive lung diseases. As per the WHO estimates, 65 million people have moderate to severe COPD across the world.

33.Which Tennis player became the first to enter semi-finals after defeating Rafael Nadal?

- [A] Dominic Thiem**
- [B] Alexander Zverev**
- [C] Stefanos Tsitsipas**
- [D] Daniil Medvedev**

Correct Answer: A [Dominic Thiem]

Notes:

Austrian Tennis star Dominic Thiem became the first player to move into the semi-finals of the ATP Finals event in London.

He beat world No 2 Rafael Nadal in a high-quality match with a tie-break. Stefanos Tsitsipas, who beat Andrey Rublev will face Nadal and the winner will join Thiem in the semi-finals.

34.Union Culture Minister has handed over bronze idols retrieved from London to which state?

- [A] Karnataka**
- [B] Tamil Nadu**
- [C] Kerala**
- [D] Andhra Pradesh**

Correct Answer: B [Tamil Nadu]

Notes:

Union Minister of Culture Prahlad Singh Patel recently handed over the bronze idols of Lord Rama, Lakshmana and Goddess Sita to Idol Wing of Tamil Nadu Government.

These Bronze idols were handed over to High Commission of India in London by the London Metropolitan Police, in September 2020. These idols belong to a temple in Nagapattinam district of Tamil Nadu, from where they were stolen in 1978.

35.What is the rank of India in the Global bribery risk rankings by TRACE?

- [A] 37
- [B] 57
- [C] 77
- [D] 97

Correct Answer: C [77]

Notes:

India is placed at 77th position in the Global bribery risk rankings by TRACE, an anti-bribery standard setting organisation.

It measures the business bribery risk in 194 countries, territories, and other regions. Denmark, Norway, Finland, Sweden and New Zealand present the lowest commercial bribery risk. Last year, India stood at 78th rank.

36.Which Union Ministry implements the PM-FME Scheme, which was seen in the news recently?

- [A] Ministry of Agriculture
- [B] Ministry of Food Processing Industries
- [C] Ministry of Consumer affairs, Food and Public Distribution
- [D] Ministry of Heavy Industries

Correct Answer: B [Ministry of Food Processing Industries]

Notes:

The Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro food processing Enterprises (PM-FME) Scheme is a centrally sponsored scheme, launched under the Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan, under the Food Processing Ministry.

Recently, Union Minister for Food Processing Industries Narendra Singh Tomar inaugurated the capacity building component of the scheme. With an outlay of Rs 10,000 crore over a period of five years it aims to formalise micro-enterprises in the unorganized segment of the food processing industry.

37.Which country is to play host to the next Women's T20 World Cup in February 2023?

- [A] India
- [B] South Africa
- [C] Australia
- [D] UAE

Correct Answer: B [South Africa]

Notes:

The International Cricket Council (ICC) recently announced that the next Women's T20 World Cup would be held in February 2023 in South Africa.

Earlier, it was announced that the Women's T20 World Cup was earlier scheduled to be held in November 2022. Earlier, ICC had postponed the Women's World Cup planned in New Zealand from 2021 to 2022.

38.The 'Indo-Thai CORPAT', which was seen in the news, is the exercise involving which armed force of India and Thailand?

[A] Army

[B] Navy

[C] Air Force

[D] Coast Guard

Correct Answer: B [Navy]

Notes:

The 30th edition of India-Thailand Coordinated Patrol (Indo-Thai CORPAT) between the Navies of India and Thailand concluded recently in the Bay of Bengal.

INS Karmuk participated in the exercise along with a Dornier Maritime Patrol Aircraft. The two navies of the country have been conducting CORPAT twice a year since 2005. The 24th edition of Exercise Malabar also concluded in the Arabian Sea.

39.Which international institution is to finance the USD 120 million Meghalaya Integrated Transport Project (MITP)?

[A] International Monetary Fund

[B] World Bank

[C] Asian Development Bank

[D] New Development Bank

Correct Answer: B [World Bank]

Notes:

The Government of India, the state Government of Meghalaya and the World Bank signed a USD 120 million Meghalaya Integrated Transport Project (MITP).

The project aims to improve about 300 km of strategic road segments and bridges in the state by using climate resilient solutions. It will also make Meghalaya, a major connecting hub for international trade through the Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, and the Nepal Corridor.

40. Indo-EU bilateral project 'India-h2o' was recently inaugurated by the Prime Minister in which institution?

- [A] Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University
- [B] University of Petroleum and Energy Studies
- [C] IIT, Kharagpur
- [D] NIT, Warangal

Correct Answer: A [Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University]

Notes:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually participated in the convocation ceremony of the Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University, Gujarat.

He inaugurated five state-of-the-art facilities including 'India-h2o', an Indo-EU bilateral project for industrial waste and desalination, under Horizon 2020 initiative. He also said that the country has set a target of reducing its carbon footprint by 30 to 35 per cent.

41. Tarun Gogoi, who recently passed away, was the former Chief Minister of which state?

- [A] Sikkim
- [B] Assam
- [C] Nagaland
- [D] West Bengal

Correct Answer: B [Assam]

Notes:

Tarun Gogoi, the former Chief Minister of Assam has recently passed away, at the age of 84. He had tested positive for Covid-19 in August.

He was also the longest serving chief minister of Assam. Being a veteran Congressman, Gogoi was elected the Chief minister of Assam in 2001 in the state elections, following which he led the party to a record three consecutive electoral victories in the state.

42. Which Indian Tiger reserve has won the UNDP's Tx2 global award for doubling tiger population?

- [A] Pilibhit Tiger Reserve
- [B] Bandipur Tiger Reserve
- [C] Corbett Tiger Reserve
- [D] Kanha Tiger Reserve

Correct Answer: A [Pilibhit Tiger Reserve]

Notes:

The Pilibhit Tiger Reserve (PTR), Uttar Pradesh and the state Forest department have bagged the first-ever international award- TX2.

The award has been announced for doubling the number of tigers in four years against a target of 10 years from 25 tigers in 2014 to 65 in 2018. UNDP (United Nations Development Program) virtually presented the award to the Principal Chief conservator of forest (wildlife) of the state.

43.India announces launch of Phase-IV of High Impact Community Development Projects in which country?

- [A] Sri Lanka**
- [B] Afghanistan**
- [C] Nepal**
- [D] Bangladesh**

Correct Answer: B [Afghanistan]

Notes:

India has recently announced the launch of Phase-IV of the High Impact Community Development Projects in Afghanistan.

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar announced this during the 2020 Afghanistan Conference organized in Geneva, co-hosted by the United Nations, the Government of Afghanistan, and the Government of Finland. India would undertake over 100 projects worth 80 million dollars in Afghanistan.

44.What is the name of the heavy weight torpedo, flagged off by DRDO and was delivered to the Indian Navy?

- [A] BrahMos**
- [B] Varunastra**
- [C] Akash**
- [D] Dhanush**

Correct Answer: B [Varunastra]

Notes:

The Chairman of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has recently flagged off the first heavy weight torpedo, Varunastra.

The torpedo was delivered to the Indian Navy at a ceremony held at Bharat Dynamics Limited, Visakhapatnam Unit. It has been designed and developed by Naval Science & Technological Laboratory (NSTL), Visakhapatnam.

45. Which Union Ministry has launched a portal for transgender persons to apply gender identity certificate?

- [A] Ministry of Women and Child Development
- [B] Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- [C] Ministry of Home Affairs
- [D] Ministry of Law and Justice

Correct Answer: B [Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment]

Notes:

The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has recently launched a portal that will enable transgender persons to apply online for certification of their self-perceived gender identity.

Transgender persons can upload declaration of their gender identity, which will be the basis for their identity certificates to be issued by the district magistrate. The Minister opened 'Garima Greh: A Shelter Home for Transgender Persons' in Gujarat. The Ministry will open such homes in all states.

46. 'Fit India School Week' is celebrated in a week of which month?

- [A] November
- [B] December
- [C] January
- [D] February

Correct Answer: B [December]

Notes:

The Fit India School week program was launched in November last year, to inculcate the awareness of physical activity and sports to school children.

The schools, after registering themselves on the Fit India website, will select a week in the month of December. It will then make the children follow the activities listed by the Sports Ministry for the program. Last year, over 15000 schools participated in the program.

47. November 26 is celebrated as the National Milk Day, to commemorate the birth anniversary of which Indian personality?

- [A] Vergheese Kurian
- [B] P C Mahalanobis
- [C] M S Swaminathan
- [D] C N R Rao

Correct Answer: A [Vergheese Kurian]

Notes:

November 26 is celebrated as the National Milk Day across the country, to commemorate the birth anniversary of Vergheese Kurien.

He is also called the 'Father of the White Revolution' and the 'Milk Man of India'. He was known his contribution in launching 'Operation Flood' in India, which made a milk-deficit country to the largest milk producer of the world. He was the Chairman of National Dairy Development Board and 'AMUL'.

48. Which country has approved two anti-rape ordinances, which includes chemical castration of rapists?

- [A] UAE
- [B] Pakistan
- [C] Iran
- [D] North Korea

Correct Answer: B [Pakistan]

Notes:

The Cabinet of Pakistan has approved two anti-rape ordinances which includes chemical castration of rapists, with the consent of the convict.

The ordinance also envisages setting up of Special Courts for rape trials and appointing Special prosecutors. The proposed laws include in-camera trials, witness protection, legal assistance to victims and speedy trials of rape cases. It also prohibits unscientific examination of survivors.

49. Which Indian industrialist is known as the 'Father of Indian IT Industry'?

- [A] Faqir Chand Kohli
- [B] Azim Premji
- [C] Dhirubai Ambani
- [D] N R Narayana Murthy

Correct Answer: A [Faqir Chand Kohli]

Notes:

Faqir Chand Kohli, the founder and the first CEO of Tata Consultancy Services, has recently passed away at the age of 96.

He was also called as the 'Father of Indian IT Industry', for his contribution towards the development of IT industry and for pioneering the country's 'Technology Revolution'. He received several honours including the Padma Bhushan.

50. Which region of India is the most polluted in the country, as per the recent study by CPCB and IIT Delhi?

- [A] Indo-Gangetic plain**
- [B] Western Coastal plain**
- [C] Eastern Coastal plain**
- [D] Southern India**

Correct Answer: A [Indo-Gangetic plain]

Notes:

As per the recent study conducted by the Central Pollution control board and IIT-Delhi, Indo-Gangetic plains continue to be the most polluted region in the country, in terms of PM 2.5 levels.

The study also revealed that the rate of increase in pollution levels southern and eastern India is greater than the Indo-Gangetic plains, between 2000 and 2019. It also found that air pollution in rural areas of the country increased similar to that of urban areas.