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**1. Which body is set to submit its report to the Indian President on November 9?**

- [A] NITI Aayog**
- [B] Finance Commission**
- [C] National Commission for Backward Classes**
- [D] National Commission for Scheduled Tribes**

**Correct Answer: B [Finance Commission]**

**Notes:**

The 15th Finance Commission (FFC) has announced that it is set to submit its report to Indian President Ram Nath Kovind on 9 November, this year.

The report will have recommendations for next five years beginning the financial year 2021-22. The report may be tabled in the Parliament along with action taken report by the government, during the next budget session.

**2. Which Armed force successfully test fired its anti-ship missile in the Bay of Bengal, from its Guided Missile Corvette INS Kora?**

- [A] Indian Army**
- [B] Indian Navy**
- [C] Indian Air Force**
- [D] Indian Coast Guard**

**Correct Answer: B [Indian Navy]**

**Notes:**

The Indian Navy has successfully test fired its anti-ship missile in the Bay of Bengal from its Guided Missile Corvette INS Kora.

The anti-ship missile was launched by its Missile Corvette INS Prabal, which hit the target with precise accuracy. The missile was launched as part of a mega drill involving several aircraft carriers, attack helicopters and other assets of the Navy.

3. Which draft bill has been recently released by the Union Shipping Ministry?

- [A] Coastal Shipping Bill
- [B] Aids to Navigation Bill
- [C] Major Port Authorities Bill
- [D] National Waterways Bill

**Correct Answer: A [Coastal Shipping Bill]**

**Notes:**

The draft Coastal Shipping Bill, 2020 has been issued by the Union Ministry of Shipping. The draft has been left open for suggestions from the stakeholders and general public.

The draft bill is made available in the Shipping Ministry's official website and would be available for suggestions till 6th November 2020.

4. Which group took charge of the Mangaluru airport on 50-year lease?

- [A] Reliance Group
- [B] GMR Infrastructure
- [C] Adani Group
- [D] GVK Power and Infrastructure

**Correct Answer: C [Adani Group]**

**Notes:**

The Adani Group, has recently taken charge of the Mangaluru International Airport. It had earlier won the concession to operate, manage and develop the airport.

The concession agreements for the operations, management and development of the three airports – Mangaluru, Ahmedabad and Lucknow through PPP mode were signed earlier this year, by the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

5. Who was the first actor to play James Bond on the big screen?

- [A] Sean Connery
- [B] Roger Moore
- [C] Timothy Dalton
- [D] Pierce Brosnan

**Correct Answer: A [Sean Connery]**

**Notes:**

**Sean Connery, the Scottish movie legend, who was the first actor to play James Bond on the big screen, has recently passed away.**

**His films include Dr. No in 1962, From Russia With Love, Goldfinger, Thunderball, You Only Live Twice and Diamonds Are Forever. The actor, who dominated the silver screen for four decades, died at the age of 90.**

**6.Sanjeet, who won the Alexis Vastine tournament, is associated with which sports?**

**[A] Formula-1 Racing**

**[B] Boxing**

**[C] Weight-Lifting**

**[D] Chess**

**Correct Answer: B [Boxing]**

**Notes:**

**Indian boxer Sanjeet won gold in the Alexis Vastine international boxing tournament in Nantes in 91 kg category. World silver-medallist Amit Panghal also won gold in 52 kg category.**

**Ashish Kumar also won gold in the 75kg category opponent pulled out due to injury.**

**Kavinder Singh Bisht won silver while India earned three bronze medals.**

**7.Who inaugurated the Vaishwik Bharatiya Vaigyanik (VAIBHAV) Summit, which concluded recently?**

**[A] President of India**

**[B] Prime Minister**

**[C] NITI Aayog CEO**

**[D] Principal Scientific Advisor**

**Correct Answer: B [Prime Minister]**

**Notes:**

**The Vaishwik Bharatiya Vaigyanik (VAIBHAV) Summit was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 2nd October 2020.**

**The summit concluded on 31st October 2020 and saw the participation of 3,200 panelists and about 22,500 academicians and scientists from India and overseas. The month-long conference was held in a virtual manner in the form of webinars.**

**8.Priyanca Radhakrishnan, who was seen in news recently, is the first-ever Indian-origin minister of which country?**

**[A] New Zealand**

**[B] Australia**

**[C] United Kingdom**

**[D] United States**

**Correct Answer: A [New Zealand]**

**Notes:**

**Priyanca Radhakrishnan became New Zealand's first-ever Indian-origin minister after Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern announced five new ministers into her executive.**

**The 41-year-old Member of Parliament belonging to the Labour Party, was born in India. In 2019, she was appointed the Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Minister for Ethnic Communities. She has been advocating tights of women survivors of domestic violence and migrant workers.**

**9.Which Indian Airport has launched an on-site COVID-19 testing laboratory?**

- [A] Chennai International Airport**
- [B] Cochin International Airport**
- [C] Mumbai International Airport**
- [D] Hyderabad International Airport**

**Correct Answer: D [Hyderabad International Airport]**

**Notes:**

**The Rajiv Gandhi International Airport in Hyderabad has recently launched an on-site COVID-19 testing laboratory.**

**As per the GMR Hyderabad International Airport Limited (GHIAL), the air passengers will have an option to get themselves tested on their arrival. GHIAL has collaborated with the ICMR certified agency and Mapmygenome.**

**10.Which bank has launched the country's first comprehensive banking programme for millennials?**

- [A] HDFC Bank**
- [B] Axis Bank**
- [C] ICICI Bank**
- [D] Yes Bank**

**Correct Answer: C [ICICI Bank]**

**Notes:**

**India's leading private sector bank ICICI Bank has recently announced the launch of India's first comprehensive banking programme for millennials.**

**The programme is named as 'ICICI Bank Mine' and it offered an instant savings account. As per the bank, any millennial aged up to 35 years can apply digitally for an 'ICICI Bank Mine' account. The package also offers investment guidance, customised credit and debit card and many features.**

**11.Which body has issued a notice to Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF) regarding ban on use of fire crackers November 7 to 30?**

- [A] Supreme Court of India**
- [B] National Administrative Tribunal**
- [C] National Green Tribunal**
- [D] Central Pollution Control Board**

**Correct Answer: C [National Green Tribunal]**

**Notes:**

**The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has recently issued notice to seek response from Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF) and four State Governments regarding the ban on use of fire crackers from November 7 to 30 in the interest of public health and environment.**

**The NGT has also appointed a senior advocate Raj Panjwani and advocate Shibhani Ghosh to assist the tribunal as amicus curiae in the matter.**

**12.What is the name of the Indian Navy’s ship that has carried 100 tonnes of food aid to Sudan?**

- [A] INS Kalwari**
- [B] INS Kavaratti**
- [C] INS Airavat**
- [D] INS Kolkata**

**Correct Answer: C [INS Airavat]**

**Notes:**

**The Indian Naval Ship Airavat carrying 100 tonnes of food aid has reached Sudan. This is a part of the “Mission Sagar-II” under which Indian Navy would deliver food aid to Sudan, South Sudan, Djibouti and Eritrea.**

**Earlier in May – June 2020, Mission Sagar was undertaken by the Indian Navy to provide food and medicines to Maldives, Mauritius, Seychelles, Madagascar and Comoros.**

**13.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.

**14.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.

**15.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.

**16.What is "Pinaka Mk-1", that is seen in news recently?**

**[A] Mars Rover**

**[B] Geo Stationary satellite**

- [C] Missile system**
- [D] Regional Navigation System**

**Correct Answer: C [Missile system]**

**Notes:**

**An enhanced version of the Pinaka Mk-1 missile has been successfully test fired from the Integrated Test Range in Chandipur, off the coast of Odisha.**

**The Pinaka Mk-1 missile system has been developed by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO). This enhanced version is set to replace the existing Pinaka systems deployed by the Indian Army along borders of China and Pakistan.**

**17. Who is the chairman of the committee constituted to review guidelines on Television Rating agencies in India?**

- [A] Atul Mishra**
- [B] Shashi Shekhar Vempati**
- [C] Injeti Srinivas**
- [D] Alok Verma**

**Correct Answer: B [Shashi Shekhar Vempati]**

**Notes:**

**The Union Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has recently constituted a committee to review guidelines on Television Rating agencies in India. The committee would be chaired by Prasar Bharti CEO Shashi Shekhar Vempati.**

**The committee has been constituted keeping in view the recent recommendations from Telecom Regulatory Authority of India, TRAI and other technological advancements in the industry.**

**18. Virtual Global Investor Roundtable (VGIR) is organized by Ministry of Finance along with which organisation?**

- [A] Reserve Bank of India**
- [B] Securities and Exchange Board of India**
- [C] National Investment and Infrastructure Fund**
- [D] India Infrastructure Finance Company**

**Correct Answer: C [National Investment and Infrastructure Fund]**

**Notes:**

**The Virtual Global Investor Roundtable (VGIR) is being organised by the Ministry of Finance and the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund, the Prime Minister's Office (PMO).**

Prime Minister will chair the Investor Roundtable conference, which will provide an opportunity to leading global investors and Indian business houses to discuss with policy makers.

19. How many countries are associated with the Nordic – Baltic co-operation framework?

- [A] Five
- [B] Eight
- [C] Twelve
- [D] Fifteen

**Correct Answer: B [Eight]**

**Notes:**

External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar recently virtually addressed the first India -Nordic – Baltic Conclave.

The Nordic-Baltic Eight (NB8) co-operation framework includes eight countries namely Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, and Sweden.

20. Which country has successfully sent 13 satellites from a single rocket?

- [A] United States
- [B] China
- [C] Russia
- [D] Israel

**Correct Answer: B [China]**

**Notes:**

China has successfully sent 13 satellites from the single rocket named Long March-6 carrier rocket from the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Centre.

It includes ten satellites from Argentina and this launch is said to be the biggest launch of foreign satellites by the country. This launch was also the 351st by the Long March rocket series. China has also planned to launch 90 earth observation satellites.

21. Which organisation has rolled out the Co-Lending Model (CLM) for priority sector lending?

- [A] State Bank of India
- [B] Reserve Bank of India
- [C] NABARD
- [D] Small Farmers Agri Business Consortium

**Correct Answer: B [Reserve Bank of India]**

**Notes:**

The Reserve Bank of India has announced a Co-Lending Model (CLM) scheme for priority sector lending. Under the new scheme, Banks can enter into a prior agreement with NBFCs for co lending of Priority Sector Loans.

The CLM is an improvement over the co-origination of loan scheme announced by the RBI in September 2018.

**22.Which international organisation has decided to hold a meeting on December 1, 2020 to commemorate victims of World War II?**

**[A] World Bank**

**[B] International Court of Justice**

**[C] UN General Assembly**

**[D] UNESCO**

**Correct Answer: C [UN General Assembly]**

**Notes:**

The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) has decided to hold a meeting on December 1, 2020 to commemorate all victims of World War II. The resolution in this regard was drafted by Russia and has been adopted based on a voting.

Second World War, was a global war that lasted from 1939 to 1945. It involved the vast majority of the world's countries forming two opposing military alliances namely the Allies and the Axis.

**23.Which state has won award from World Travel Mart London for exemplary activities during Covid-19?**

**[A] Odisha**

**[B] Kerala**

**[C] Tamil Nadu**

**[D] Gujarat**

**Correct Answer: B [Kerala]**

**Notes:**

Kerala Tourism has been awarded the prestigious 'Highly Commended' Award by World Travel Mart London.

The state has been awarded for its remarkable activities aimed to promote Responsible Tourism (RT) during COVID-19. Kerala's Responsible Tourism (RT) Mission received the award in the category of 'Meaningful Connections.'

**24.Which Union Ministry has launched the Haj 2021 guidelines?**

**[A] Ministry of External Affairs**

**[B] Ministry of Minority Affairs**

[C] Ministry of Home Affairs

[D] Ministry of Tourism

**Correct Answer: B [Ministry of Minority Affairs]**

**Notes:**

Union Minister for Minority Affairs Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi announced the Haj 2021 guidelines to be followed during Covid-19 pandemic.

The online application process for Haj 2021 has also been started and interested people can apply online, offline and through Haj Mobile App. Haj 2021 is scheduled during June-July in the year 2021.

**25. Who has been elected to the UN's Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ)?**

[A] Ajay Bhawe

[B] Vidisha Maitra

[C] Anil Kumar Sharma

[D] Amitabh Kant

**Correct Answer: B [Vidisha Maitra]**

**Notes:**

Vidisha Maitra, an Indian Diplomat has been elected to the UN's Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ).

She won the election contesting for the only post in Asia-Pacific group, with 126 UN members supporting her candidature. She is a 2008 batch Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer.

**26. Who is the Chairman of the Fifteenth Finance Commission (XVFC)?**

[A] Ramesh Chand

[B] Ajay Narayan Jha

[C] N K Singh

[D] Ashok Lahiri

**Correct Answer: C [N K Singh]**

**Notes:**

The Fifteenth Finance Commission (XVFC) led by the Chairman N K Singh has recently submitted its Report to President of India Ram Nath Kovind.

Last year, the Commission submitted its report with recommendations for the year 2020-21 and it was accepted and tabled in the Parliament. Now, the Commission has submitted recommendations for the period 2021-22 to 2025-26.

27. '(Atal Innovation Mission) AIM-Sirius Innovation Programme' has been launched for the students of India and which country?

- [A] China
- [B] Russia
- [C] Thailand
- [D] South Korea

**Correct Answer: B [Russia]**

**Notes:**

Russia's SIRIUS and Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) has recently launched 'AIM-Sirius Innovation Programme 3.0'.

It is a 14-day virtual programme for Indian and Russian schoolchildren. It is also the first Indo-Russian bilateral youth innovation initiative, which envisages to develop technological solutions for both countries.

28. Which state has launched Aadhaar enrolment drive for students of the state?

- [A] Tamil Nadu
- [B] Bihar
- [C] Meghalaya
- [D] Assam

**Correct Answer: D [Assam]**

**Notes:**

The Education department of Assam had launched an Aadhaar enrolment drive that aims to cover nearly 70 lakh students of the State.

The drive aims to cover 66,133 schools across the state. The drive would enrol all students of age 6 to 18 studying in Government and Private schools of Assam.

29. What is the new name of the 'Union Ministry of Shipping' of India?

- [A] Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways
- [B] Ministry of Ports
- [C] Ministry of Waterways
- [D] Ministry of Shipping and Waterways

**Correct Answer: A [Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways]**

**Notes:**

The Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi has stated that the Shipping Ministry is being renamed as the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways.

The Prime Minister announced this modification after inaugurating a Ro-Pax ferry service between Hazira in Surat and Ghogha. The Ministry is being expanded to provide clarity in the nature of work.

30.A special anthology on Mahatma Gandhi titled 'Maile Bujheko Gandhi' has been released in which country?

- [A] Japan
- [B] USA
- [C] Nepal
- [D] Bangladesh

**Correct Answer: C [Nepal]**

**Notes:**

Nepal has recently released a pictorial anthology on Mahatma Gandhi titled Maile Bujheko Gandhi or the Gandhi as I understood. It has been released in Nepali language by the country's President Bidya Devi Bhandari.

This special anthology was launched to mark Gandhi's 151st birth anniversary. The book has been published by the Embassy of India along with the B P Koirala India-Nepal Foundation.

31.Lt. Governor of Jammu and Kashmir has released Gold and silver coins in the name of which God / Goddess?

- [A] Shiva
- [B] Ram
- [C] Vaishno Devi
- [D] Krishna

**Correct Answer: C [Vaishno Devi]**

**Notes:**

Gold and silver coins in the name of the Vaishno Devi shrine have been released by the Lt. Governor of Jammu and Kashmir Manoj Sinha.

The coins have been released ahead of Diwali festival. The Vaishno Devi shrine board has decided to make the coin available in Jammu as well as in Delhi.

32.Ministry of Power has issued notification to cover which organisations under the Energy Conservation (EC) Act 2001?

- [A] Thermal Power Companies
- [B] Power Distribution Companies
- [C] Solar Power Companies
- [D] Wind Energy Companies

**Correct Answer: B [Power Distribution Companies]**

**Notes:**

The Ministry of Power has issued notification to cover all the Electricity Distribution Companies (DISCOMs) under the preview of the Energy Conservation (EC) Act 2001.

The DISCOMs will be governed under the various provisions of EC Act, like Appointment of Energy Manager, Energy Accounting & Auditing, identification of Energy Losses etc.

**33. Who chaired the 20th Summit of SCO Council of Heads of States?**

**[A] Narendra Modi**

**[B] Vladimir Putin**

**[C] Xi Jinping**

**[D] Imran Khan**

**Correct Answer: B [Vladimir Putin]**

**Notes:**

The 20th Summit of SCO Council of Heads of State was held in Video Conference Format. The Meeting was chaired by the Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi led the Indian delegation to the summit. Other SCO Member States were represented by their Presidents, while India and Pakistan were represented by their respective Prime Ministers.

**34. Which IT major is set to acquire 100% stake in Postbank Systems AG?**

**[A] Infosys**

**[B] Accenture**

**[C] TCS**

**[D] IBM**

**Correct Answer: C [TCS]**

**Notes:**

Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) is set to acquire 100% of the shares of Postbank Systems AG, which provides IT services to Deutsche Bank.

Postbank Systems AG is a German based IT firm. By this acquisition, around 1500 employees of Postbank System would become a part of Tata Consultancy Services (TCS).

**35. 'Internal Market Bill', which was seen in the news recently, is associated with which country?**

**[A] United States**

**[B] Russia**

[C] United Kingdom

[D] India

**Correct Answer: C [United Kingdom]**

**Notes:**

The Internal Market Bill is designed to protect the trade between Britain's four nations after the process of Brexit.

Recently, the House of Lords voted against the clauses in the bill which would allow the British Prime Minister Boris Johnson to breach Britain's EU exit treaty. This is seen as a defeat to the ruling Conservative Party in the upper chamber.

**36. Typhoon 'Vamco' is expected to hit which country?**

[A] India

[B] Japan

[C] United States of America

[D] Philippines

**Correct Answer: D [Philippines]**

**Notes:**

Typhoon Vamco is expected to hit the eastern coasts of Philippines. Hence, the state authorities have ordered thousands of residents in eastern coastal communities to evacuate the area and move to safe shelters.

This cyclone is the 21st tropical cyclone of this year in Philippines.

**37. Which state/UT is to constitute Anti-electrocution cells to protect wild elephants?**

[A] Madhya Pradesh

[B] West Bengal

[C] Gujarat

[D] Assam

**Correct Answer: B [West Bengal]**

**Notes:**

The West Bengal government has planned to constitute anti-electrocution cells to protect wild elephants in the state.

These multi-departmental cells will have members including those from the Forest Directorate, Electricity Department, District Administration and Police along with the Local Panchayat members. It was also decided to alter the high-tension lines and electric poles to avoid hurting the animals.

**38. 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.

**39. Which organisation will organise the "Bharat Darshan–Dakshin Bharat Yatra"?**

- [A] IRCTC
- [B] NHAI
- [C] Air India
- [D] Make My Trip

**Correct Answer: A [IRCTC]**

**Notes:**

The Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) has decided to organise 'Bharat Darshan–Dakshin Bharat Yatra'. It would be launched from Hyderabad and Secunderabad from December 12 to December 18.

The theme of the yatra is "Show India to Indians". It would cover Sri Rangam (Ranganathaswamy temple), Brihadeeswara temple at Thanjavur, Rameswaram, Madurai Meenakshi Temple and Kanyakumari.

**40. Which authority has approved the draft of Banking Regulations in International Financial Services Centres (IFSC)?**

- [A] Reserve Bank of India
- [B] International Financial Services Centres Authority
- [C] Securities and Exchange Board of India
- [D] Indian Banking Association

**Correct Answer: B [International Financial Services Centres Authority]**

**Notes:**

The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) has approved the draft of the International Financial Services Centres Authority (Banking) Regulations, 2020. This enabled the setting up of banking units in the International Financial Services Centre.

The regulation would be notified by the Government of India soon, which will contain what kind of banking activities that would be permitted in the IFSC.

41. Typhoon Vamco, which was seen in news recently, hit which country?

- [A] Japan
- [B] Philippines
- [C] Thailand
- [D] Indonesia

**Correct Answer: B [Philippines]**

**Notes:**

Typhoon Vamco has recently hit the Philippines and caused extensive flooding. It is said to have killed around 40 people.

Vamco has followed Typhoon Goni, which is one of the strongest typhoons in the world this year. The country is hit by about 20 typhoons and tropical storms each year as it is one of the world's most disaster-prone countries.

42. Which country has declared that it would not pay the overdue Eurobond coupon by the deadline?

- [A] Zimbabwe
- [B] Zambia
- [C] Malawi
- [D] Mozambique

**Correct Answer: B [Zambia]**

**Notes:**

Zambia become Africa's first sovereign default of Africa, amidst the Covid-19 pandemic. It has recently announced that it would not pay an overdue Eurobond coupon by the deadline.

After this move, the United States, China and other G20 countries have agreed for restructuring government debt, for the first time on a common approach. The coronavirus crisis has left several poorer nations at the risk of default.

43. Soumitra Chatterjee, who recently passed away, is associated with which field?

- [A] Sports
- [B] Journalism
- [C] Cinema

**[D] Politics**

**Correct Answer: C [Cinema]**

**Notes:**

**Legendary Indian actor Soumitra Chatterjee from West Bengal has recently passed away in Kolkata, at the age of 85.**

**During his six-decade-long career in Bengali language films, he starred more than 300 movies including those filmed by the legendary director Satyajit Ray. He was also a proficient playwright, theatre actor and poet.**

**44. When is the World Day of Remembrance for Road Accident Victims observed?**

**[A] November 10**

**[B] November 12**

**[C] November 14**

**[D] November 15**

**Correct Answer: D [November 15]**

**Notes:**

**Every year the World Day of Remembrance for Road Accident Victims observed on 15th November, by the United Nations.**

**The Day is seen as a tool to reduce road casualties. It draws attention to the devastation caused by road crashes and gives recognition to the road crash victims.**

**45. Former Lt. Governor of Puducherry Chandrawati, who passed away recently, was the first woman MP of which state?**

**[A] Tamil Nadu**

**[B] Kerala**

**[C] Haryana**

**[D] West Bengal**

**Correct Answer: C [Haryana]**

**Notes:**

**Former Lt. Governor of Puducherry and the first woman MP from the state of Haryana Chandrawati passed away recently.**

**She was 92 years old. In 1982, she became the first woman opposition leader of Haryana Vidhan Sabha. She served as the Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry of 1990.**

**46. Which Union Ministry has notified draft rules under the Code on Social Security?**

**[A] Ministry of Health and Family Welfare**

**[B] Ministry of Labour and Employment**

**[C] Ministry of Social Justice**

**[D] Ministry of Agriculture and Family Welfare**

**Correct Answer: B [Ministry of Labour and Employment]**

**Notes:**

The Union Ministry of Labour and Employment has recently notified draft rules under the Code on Social Security, 2020.

As per the new rules, the unorganised workers, gig workers and platform workers can avail social security benefits by Aadhaar based registration including self-registration on the government portal. It also clarifies about payment of contribution by the aggregators.

**47. What is the theme of the 12th BRICS summit 2020?**

**[A] Global Stability, Shared Security and Innovative Growth**

**[B] Stakeholders of Shared Future**

**[C] Innovative Future and Integrated Growth**

**[D] Promotion of Sustainable Agriculture**

**Correct Answer: A [Global Stability, Shared Security and Innovative Growth]**

**Notes:**

The 12th BRICS summit 2020 was held in a virtual mode recently. Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi participated in the virtual summit, chaired by the Russian President Vladimir Putin.

The theme of the summit is "Global stability, shared security and innovative growth". Other agendas of the summit include intra-BRICS cooperation, mitigating the effect of Covid-19, counter-terrorism cooperation, among others.

**48. 'Department of Investment and Public Asset Management' has signed an agreement with which organisation, for advisory services?**

**[A] International Monetary Fund**

**[B] World Economic Forum**

**[C] World Bank**

**[D] Asian Development Bank**

**Correct Answer: C [World Bank]**

**Notes:**

Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) has signed an agreement with World Bank.

Under the agreement, World Bank will provide advisory services to DIPAM for asset monetization, as per the recent statement of Union Ministry of Finance. DIPAM

handles the monetization of non-core assets of government CPSEs under strategic disinvestment of value of ₹100 crore and above.

49. Who has been appointed as the first Chairperson of Reserve Bank Innovation Hub?

- [A] Narayana Moorthy
- [B] Azim Premji
- [C] Ratan Tata
- [D] Kris Gopalakrishnan

**Correct Answer: D [Kris Gopalakrishnan]**

**Notes:**

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has appointed Kris Gopalakrishnan as the first Chairperson of the Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH). He is the co-founder of IT major Infosys.

Earlier in the month of August 2020, RBI had announced the setting up of Innovation Hub to promote innovation IN the financial sector.

50. Mikhail Mishustin, who has approved to begin major governance reform, is the Prime Minister of which country?

- [A] Russia
- [B] France
- [C] Australia
- [D] Saudi Arabia

**Correct Answer: A [Russia]**

**Notes:**

The Prime Minister of Russia Mikhail Mishustin has recently approved to begin a major governance reform in the country. The reforms are to begin from January 1, 2021.

These reforms were to be implemented earlier, but were postponed due to many factors including COVID 19. The proposed reforms are aimed to improve the efficiency of Government functioning.