

1. Giant Metre-wave Radio Telescope, which was making news recently, is located in which Indian state?

- [A] Madhya Pradesh
- [B] Gujarat
- [C] Maharashtra
- [D] Karnataka

**Correct Answer:** C [Maharashtra]

**Notes:**

GMRT (Giant Metre-wave Radio Telescope) is an observatory located in Pune, Maharashtra. It is operated by the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research- National Centre for Radio Astrophysics.

U.S.-based technical organisation, the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) has granted the status of 'Milestone' to the observatory. This is the third facility to receive the milestone status in India after the works of Sir C V Raman and Sir J C Bose.

2. The Union Government has decided to forego interest on eight categories of loans up to what amount, on account of Covid-19?

- [A] Rs 25 lakh
- [B] Rs 50 lakh
- [C] Rs 1 crore
- [D] Rs 2 crore

**Correct Answer:** D [Rs 2 crore]

**Notes:**

The Central Government has decided to forego interest on eight specified categories of loans paid up to Rs two crore, on account of Covid-19 pandemic.

The Supreme Court of India has directed the government again to take steps to forego the interest in eight categories of loans, namely MSME, Education, Housing, Consumer durable, Credit card, Automobile, Personal and Consumption.

3. Which method of COVID-19 testing developed by CSIR- CCMB, without viral transport medium, has been approved by ICMR?

- [A] Dry Swab RT-PCR
- [B] Gold standard RT-PCR
- [C] VTM RT- PCR
- [D] RNA RT-PCR

**Correct Answer:** A [Dry Swab RT-PCR]

**Notes:**

The Indian Council for Medical Research (ICMR) has approved the Dry Swab RT-PCR for COVID-19 testing, which was developed by CSIR's Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology, Hyderabad.

In this simple and fast method, nasal swab is collected and transported in dry state, as against the using the viral transport medium used in conventional testing. It does not require RNA isolation from the sample.

4. Sea Guardian drones, which were seen in the news recently, were obtained from which country?

- [A] Israel
- [B] United States
- [C] United Kingdom
- [D] France

**Correct Answer:** B [United States]

**Notes:**

The Indian Navy has taken two MQ-9B Sea Guardian drones from an American defence company, on lease for 1 year.

The unmanned aerial vehicles, manufactured by US firm General Atomics, have been obtained on lease, to enhance surveillance over the Indian Ocean Region (IOR). The vehicles arrived at the naval air station INS Rajali in Tamil Nadu.

5. Which word has been selected as the 'Top Word of 2020', by Merriam-Webster?

- [A] Lock down
- [B] Pandemic
- [C] Vaccine
- [D] Immunity

**Correct Answer:** B [Pandemic]

**Notes:**

US based- Merriam-Webster, known for its dictionaries, has recently announced 'pandemic' as its 2020 word of the year.

As per the company, when the World Health Organisation declared the novel coronavirus outbreak a global pandemic on March 11, the searches on the site for

'pandemic' rose hugely. The word has roots in Latin and Greek. It is a combination of pan, meaning all, and demos, meaning people.

6. Which country has formed its first all-woman communication team?

- [A] New Zealand
- [B] United States
- [C] Myanmar
- [D] Germany

**Correct Answer:** B [United States]

**Notes:**

US President-elect Joe Biden has recently appointed the country's first all-female White House communications team.

He also appointed Jen Psaki, who earlier served as the spokesperson in Barack Obama administration, as the White House Press Secretary. Six other women who had held important positions, were appointed in the official Press Team.

7. Which type of eclipse is also known as the 'Beaver moon'?

- [A] Full Lunar Eclipse
- [B] Partial Lunar Eclipse
- [C] Penumbral Lunar Eclipse
- [D] Solar Eclipse

**Correct Answer:** C [Penumbral Lunar Eclipse]

**Notes:**

Based on the shadow of the earth falling on the moon, the lunar eclipse is classified into three categories. Full, Partial or Penumbral Lunar Eclipse.

The Penumbral Lunar Eclipse occurs when the moon passes through the outer shadow of the earth. The last full moon occurring in November, before the winter solstice, is also called the 'Beaver moon', named after Beavers, the rodents found in temperate regions.

8. Which country passed a bill to boost nuclear activity, after the assassination of its nuclear physicist?

- [A] Iran
- [B] North Korea
- [C] Libya
- [D] Chile

**Correct Answer:** A [Iran]

**Notes:**

The Parliament of Iran has passed a bill, called as “The strategic measure for the removal of sanctions”.

It aims to uplift the country’s nuclear activities, following the assassination of Iranian nuclear physicist Mohsen Fakhrizadeh. The scientist, who died of gun men attack, was the head of the Iranian Defense Ministry’s innovation center.

9.What amount of grant has been allotted under “Mission COVID Suraksha”, by the Central Government?

- [A] Rs.100 crore
- [B] Rs.500 crore
- [C] Rs.900 crore
- [D] Rs.1000 crore

**Correct Answer:** C [Rs.900 crore]

**Notes:**

The Union Government has launched “Mission COVID Suraksha” and has allotted a package of Rs.900 crore for the same. The grant by the central government would be given to the Department of Biotechnology (DBT) for Research & Development of Indian COVID-19 vaccines.

The mission aims at development of approximately 5 or 6 COVID 19 vaccine candidates and ensure their faster availability to the public.

10.Which country hosted the 4th India – Sri Lanka – Maldives Trilateral Meeting on Maritime Security Cooperation?

- [A] India
- [B] Sri Lanka
- [C] Maldives
- [D] Japan

**Correct Answer:** B [Sri Lanka]

**Notes:**

The 4th Trilateral Meeting on Maritime Security Cooperation between India, Sri Lanka, and Maldives was hosted by Sri Lanka.

It was held in Colombo and India was represented by the National Security Advisor Ajit Doval. The earlier such meetings were held in Maldives (2011), Sri Lanka (2013) and in India (2014).

11. What is the name of the portal launched by the Environment Ministry to address climate change and environmental issues?

- [A] Paryavaran Portal
- [B] Bhoomi Portal
- [C] India Climate Change Knowledge Portal
- [D] Delhi Pollution Portal

**Correct Answer:** C [India Climate Change Knowledge Portal]

**Notes:**

The Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Prakash Javadekar has recently launched a portal named India Climate Change Knowledge Portal.

The portal would contain all major initiatives taken by the Government of India addressing climate change and environment related issues. The portal is expected to be a single point of information regarding climate change initiatives.

12. Hayabusa2, which was making news recently, is a spacecraft of which country?

- [A] China
- [B] Japan
- [C] South Korea
- [D] UAE

**Correct Answer:** B [Japan]

**Notes:**

Japan's spacecraft named 'Hayabusa2' is approaching the Earth after a year-long journey from an asteroid Ryugu, about 300 million kilometers from earth.

As per the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency, the spacecraft will bring soil samples and data that could provide clues to the origins of the solar system and life on Earth. The agency would drop the capsule containing the samples, in southern Australia.

13. World Investor Week (WIW) is a global campaign observed in which month?

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

**Correct Answer:** B [November]

**Notes:**

World Investor Week (WIW) is a week-long global campaign observed to raise awareness about the importance of investor education.

The campaign is promoted by the International Organisation of Securities Commissions (IOSCO). In India, the Securities Exchange Board of India (SEBI) chose November 23 – 29, 2020 to celebrate this week. Various bodies including AMFI, NSDL and stock exchanges conduct awareness campaigns.

14. Which state received the best State award for Organ donation by the Health Ministry, for the sixth consecutive year?

- [A] Tamil Nadu
- [B] Kerala
- [C] Karnataka
- [D] Punjab

**Correct Answer:** A [Tamil Nadu]

**Notes:**

Every year, November 27th is observed as Indian organ donation day by the Government of India. This year marks the 11th Organ Donation Day event.

Tamil Nadu received the 'Best State award' for organ donation, by the National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation of the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. This is the sixth consecutive year of the state receiving the award.

15. As per the recent statement of the WHO, which country recorded the highest reduction in Malaria cases, in South-East Asia?

- [A] China
- [B] India
- [C] Sri Lanka
- [D] Bangladesh

**Correct Answer:** B [India]

**Notes:**

As per the recent statement, India recorded the highest reduction in Malaria cases, in the South-East Asian region.

As per the 'World Malaria Report 2020', India reduced the number of cases from 20 million in 2000 to about 5.6 million in 2019. India also recorded a reduction in the number of deaths from malaria. Globally there were 229 malaria cases in 2019.

16. 'Gurupurab' is the celebration of the birth anniversary of the Sikh Guru?

- [A] Guru Nanak
- [B] Guru Gobind Singh
- [C] Guru Tegh Bahadur
- [D] Guru Arjan

**Correct Answer:** A [Guru Nanak]

**Notes:**

The birth anniversary of the first Sikh guru, Guru Nanak is celebrated as the Guru Nanak Dev Gurpurab, commonly called as 'Gurupurab'.

On this occasion, a book titled 'Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Government's Special Relationship with Sikhs' was launched. It is published by Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and was released in English, Hindi and Punjabi languages with the messages of Guru Nanak.

17. Which is the world's most polluted city, as per the US Air Quality Index?

- [A] Delhi
- [B] Lahore
- [C] New York
- [D] Beijing

**Correct Answer:** B [Lahore]

**Notes:**

As per the US Air Quality Index released recently, Lahore is named the most polluted city in the world, followed by Delhi and Kathmandu.

Lahore, the cultural capital of Pakistan, has reported a particulate matter (PM) rating of 423. The United States Environmental Protection Agency registers air quality as 'satisfactory' if the AQI is under 50.

18. Which is the headquarters of the 'Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons' (OPCW)?

- [A] Switzerland
- [B] Netherlands
- [C] Italy

[D] Japan

**Correct Answer:** B [Netherlands]

**Notes:**

'Day of Remembrance for all Victims of Chemical Warfare' is observed on November 30 every year, across the world.

The United Nations observes the day to pay tribute to millions of lives lost round the globe in the wake of chemical warfare. 'Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons' (OPCW) is the implementing body for Chemical Weapons Convention. It is headquartered at the Hague, Netherlands.

19.The World's loneliest elephant from Pakistan, 'Kaavan' has been shifted to which country?

[A] Cambodia

[B] Thailand

[C] India

[D] China

**Correct Answer:** A [Cambodia]

**Notes:**

Dubbed as the "world's loneliest elephant", the 36-year-old bull elephant at Islamabad zoo has been shifted to a Cambodian sanctuary.

This step is taken after years of outcry of public and activists and recent campaigning by American pop star Cher. Kaavan is the only Asian elephant in Pakistan, where the elephants at other zoos are African. Kaavan's mate Saheli, who arrived from Sri Lanka, died in the year 2012.

20.Mount Semeru, which was making news recently, is an active volcano in which country?

[A] Philippines

[B] Indonesia

[C] Russia

[D] Turkey

**Correct Answer:** B [Indonesia]

**Notes:**



Mount Semeru is an active volcano located in East Java, Indonesia. It is the highest mountain on the island of Java. This is also known as Mahameru, meaning 'The Great Mountain'.

Recently, hot ash fell as far as 3,000 metres down the slopes of Mount Semeru. Earlier, Mount Ili Lewotolok of the country spewed out hot clouds for 4,000 metres into the sky. The country's disaster management team evacuated thousands of people.

**Correct Answer:** B [DRDO]

**Notes:**

BrahMos Aerospace is a joint venture company set up by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and Mashinostroyeniya of Russia.

Recently, Indian Navy test-fired the naval version of BrahMos missile in the Bay of Bengal. The missile was test-fired from a Rajput-class destroyer INS Ranvijay, hitting a decommissioned target ship. Earlier, the Indian Army and Air Force test-fired the missile.

24. Which Indian bank co-launched a Contactless debit card along with Japan's JCB International?

[A] Punjab National Bank

[B] State Bank of India

[C] HDFC Bank

[D] Axis Bank

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

**Notes:**

State Bank of India has partnered with National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and Japan's JCB International Co to launch new 'SBI RuPay JCB Platinum Contactless Debit Card'.

This card has a dual interface feature, under which customers can use it for both contact and contactless transactions, both in the domestic market as well as overseas. The card has been launched on the RuPay network.

25. In which year, did China launch its ambitious 'One Belt and One Road' initiative?

[A] 2000

[B] 2005

[C] 2013

[D] 2017

**Correct Answer:** C [2013]

**Notes:**

China launched the ambitious 'One Belt and One Road' (OBOR) initiative in 2013, to link Southeast Asia, Central Asia, the Gulf region, Africa and Europe with a network of land and sea routes.

During the 19th meeting of the Council of Heads of Governments of the SCO, all other member nations of SCO, except India reaffirmed their support to the OBOR project of China. India is critical of the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), a part of OBOR.

26. Which Indian PSU has launched the country's first 100 Octane petrol?

- [A] HPCL
- [B] IOC
- [C] ONGC
- [D] GAIL

**Correct Answer:** B [IOC]

**Notes:**

Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) has recently launched the nation's first 100 Octane petrol. Union Oil Minister Dharmendra Pradhan launched the petrol.

The 100-octane petrol also called as XP100 premium petrol will be initially available at select outlet of IOC in 10 cities. The fuel is manufactured at IOC's Mathura refinery in Uttar Pradesh. Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL) had earlier launched Octane 99. Higher the octane number of a fuel, higher will be its compression and performance.

27. 'Balsnehi (Child-Friendly) Police Station', which was seen in the news recently, was inaugurated in which city?

- [A] Mumbai
- [B] Pune
- [C] Ahmadabad
- [D] Varanasi

**Correct Answer:** B [Pune]

**Notes:**

Pune City Police has recently inaugurated the 'Balsnehi (Child-Friendly) Police Station', on the premises of Lashkar Police Station in Pune Camp.

The Police Station has a room designated for children, who would come to report cases to the station. It also aims to create a set-up to rehabilitate children in need. Earlier, a

Child-friendly Police Station was set up in Krishna District on the premises of Machilipatnam.

28. National Pollution Control Day is observed in the memory of Bhopal Gas tragedy happened in which year?

[A] 1975

[B] 1984

[C] 1992

[D] 2003

**Correct Answer:** B [1984]

**Notes:**

December 2 is observed as National Pollution Control Day every year, in the memory of those who lost their lives in the Bhopal Gas tragedy and to create awareness on environment pollution.

Bhopal Gas tragedy, one of the biggest industrial pollution disasters of the country, occurred on the night of December 2nd and 3rd, 1984. Many people died due to the leakage of the poisonous gas Methyl Isocyanate.

29. 'Defence Geo Informatics Research Establishment' is the new lab of which organisation?

[A] DRDO

[B] ISRO

[C] HAL

[D] OFB

**Correct Answer:** A [DRDO]

**Notes:**

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has created a new laboratory named Defence Geo Informatics Research Establishment.

It has been formed by merging two existing labs namely Manali-headquartered Snow and Avalanche Studies Establishment (SASE) and the Delhi-based Defence Terrain Research Establishment. The new lab will focus on research on the terrain along the borders with China and Pakistan.

30. "Wolf Brigade 44", which was seen in the news recently, is associated with which country?

[A] United States

- [B] China
- [C] Germany
- [D] Pakistan

**Correct Answer:** C [Germany]

**Notes:**

The Interior Ministry of Germany has recently banned the far-right group named “Wolf Brigade 44”, which openly pledged loyalty to Nazi leader Adolf Hitler.

The Government also banned the symbols of the group including a skull with two grenades marked with the number 44. In Nazi code, the number 44 was an abbreviation for the so-called “Division Dirlewanger”.

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33. When is the 'International day for the abolition of slavery' observed every year?

- [A] December 1
- [B] December 2
- [C] December 3
- [D] December 4

**Correct Answer:** B [December 2]

**Notes:**

The 'International day for the abolition of slavery' is observed every year on December 2, since 1986.

It aims to raise awareness about slavery and put an end to all kinds of slavery including trafficking in persons, sexual exploitation, child labour among others. It marks the date of the adoption of the UN Convention related to trafficking and exploitation.

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35. Which country is the first in the world to permit the sale of lab grown meat?

- [A] China

- [B] Japan
- [C] Singapore
- [D] Russia

**Correct Answer:** C [Singapore]

**Notes:**

The Government of Singapore has allowed a US-based start up to sell lab grown chicken meat in the country.

The meat is generated from animal tissues in laboratories. This is the world's first regulatory approval for lab-grown meat also called as cultured meat. Its production cost is higher compared to the original meat.

36.Which North Indian city has recently got its bonds listed on Bombay Stock Exchange?

- [A] Kanpur
- [B] Surat
- [C] Gandhinagar
- [D] Lucknow

**Correct Answer:** D [Lucknow]

**Notes:**

The Municipal Bonds issued by Lucknow Municipal Corporation has been listed in the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE).

The bonds amount to Rs.200 crore and offer 8.5 per cent interest per annum with a tenure of 10 years. Lucknow joins the 8 other smart cities whose Municipal Bonds have been listed in stock exchanges.

37.What is the new name for Libra cryptocurrency?

- [A] Namib
- [B] Deim
- [C] Dollar
- [D] Digito

**Correct Answer:** B [Deim]

**Notes:**

Facebook-backed Libra cryptocurrency has been renamed as "Deim" which means "Day" in Latin.

The Libra Association has made this decision in order to gain approval from regulators and to increase its publicity. The new Deim crypto currency is proposed to be launched in early 2021, which would be backed by USD.

38. Which country's rubber plantations have been recently affected by Leaf Fall Disease?

- [A] Indonesia
- [B] Malaysia
- [C] Bhutan
- [D] Thailand

**Correct Answer:** D [Thailand]

**Notes:**

The recent spread of Leaf Fall Disease in rubber plantations of Thailand has been a cause of worry to Indian Plantations.

In November, the total affected area of rubber plantation of Thailand was 90,000 ha and there is a potential production loss of 1.30 lakh tons of rubber. It has been cited by Rubber Board officials that the disease has the potential to spread to India.

39. Which country has recently declared a climate emergency and pledged to become carbon neutral by 2025?

- [A] USA
- [B] Netherlands
- [C] New Zealand
- [D] Australia

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

**Notes:**

The New Zealand Government has recently declared a climate emergency. This decision has been taken by the government to stress the fact that if emission cuts are not recorded, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) predictions on adverse environmental effects would be witnessed.

The country also announced that its public sector would strive to become carbon neutral by 2025.

40. India's Apex Committee for the Implementation of the Paris Agreement (AIPA), formed recently has how many members?

- [A] 5
- [B] 11

[C] 17

[D] 25

**Correct Answer:** C [17]

**Notes:**

The Indian Government has constituted an Apex Committee for the Implementation of the Paris Agreement (AIPA). It was formed through a gazette notification.

41. The committee comprises 1741. The 18th-century idol of Goddess Annapurna, which was stolen from Varanasi, is being returned by which country?

[A] United Kingdom

[B] Canada

[C] Russia

[D] Brazil

**Correct Answer:** B [Canada]

**Notes:**

The 18th-century idol of Goddess Annapurna that was stolen from a temple in Varanasi, is being returned by Canada.

As per a government statement, the ancient idol was stolen about 100 years ago. The idol is said to have housed in Canada's MacKenzie Art Gallery. It was handed over to India's High Commissioner to Ottawa.

42. CBIC has mandated HSN Code while issuing GST invoice. What does HSN stand for?

[A] Harmonised System of Notification

[B] Harmonised System of Nomenclature

[C] Horizontal System of Notification

[D] Horizontal System of Nomenclature

**Correct Answer:** B [Harmonised System of Nomenclature]

**Notes:**

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) has mandated to mention the 8-digit HSN code or tariff code for 49 chemical-based products.

The HSN (Harmonised System of Nomenclature) code should be mentioned while issuing the Goods and Services Tax (GST) invoice. At present, businesses mention up to 4-digit tariff code, while issuing invoice. This new direction is expected to curb tax evasion.



43. What is the name of the first indigenous aircraft carrier of India?

- [A] INS Vikrant
- [B] INS Virat
- [C] INS Shaheed
- [D] INS Cochin

**Correct Answer:** A [INS Vikrant]

**Notes:**

INS Vikrant is the first indigenous aircraft carrier of India. The sea trials are expected to begin in 2021 and it will be commissioned by 2022.

Also called as the 'Indigenous Aircraft Carrier 1 (IAC-1)', INS Vikrant has been constructed by Cochin Shipyard Limited in Kochi, Kerala for the Indian Navy. Recently, the two organisations completed the Basin Trials of the aircraft carrier.

44. Which organization has released the provisional **2020 State of the Global Climate** report?

- [A] UNFCC
- [B] WMO
- [C] IMF
- [D] UNESCO

**Correct Answer:** B [WMO]

**Notes:**

As per the provisional 2020 State of the Global Climate report released by U.N.'s World Meteorological Organization (WMO), the last 6 years from 2015 to 2020 are the hottest years on record.

The report has stated that the average global temperature in 2020 would be 1.2 degrees Celsius above the pre-industrial level

45. When is the International Day of Persons with Disability observed?

- [A] November 30
- [B] December 3
- [C] December 5
- [D] December 10

**Correct Answer:** B [December 3]

**Notes:**

The International Day of Persons with Disability is observed on 3rd December of every year.

The theme for this year is “Building back better: towards an inclusive, accessible and sustainable post COVID-19 world by, for and with persons with disabilities”. UNESCO is organizing a global awareness camp named “Tell our stories, enable our rights” on this occasion.

46. Which country has eliminated per country cap on employment-based immigration visas?

- [A] China
- [B] Japan
- [C] UK
- [D] USA

**Correct Answer:** D [USA]

**Notes:**

The Senate of United States of America has passed a bill which envisages to remove the restrictions on number of employment related immigration visas from a particular country.

This bill has been passed unanimously by the Senate. This relaxed legislation is expected to benefit many Indian professionals in America.

47. Which Ministry releases the Annual Ranking of best performing Police stations?

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

**Correct Answer:** C [Ministry of Home Affairs]

**Notes:**

The Ministry of Home Affairs has released the rank list of best performing police stations in India.

Nongpok Sekmai Police station in Manipur has topped the list which is followed by the All Women Police Station (AWPS) Suramangalam in Salem of Tamil Nadu. Most of the Police stations in the list are located in South India and in North Eastern India.

48. As per the Finance Ministry, what is the recovery trajectory of Indian Economy?

- [A] Bell Shaped

- [B] Hyperbolic
- [C] V Shaped
- [D] Straight Line

**Correct Answer:** C [V Shaped]

**Notes:**

As per the Union Ministry of Finance, the Indian Economy is registering a V Shaped recovery of GDP. This was expressed in the latest Monthly Economic Review.

The contraction of GDP in Q1 of the current financial year was 23.9% whereas the economy has contracted by 7.5 % in Q2. Maximum growth is registered by the Agriculture sector followed by Construction.

49.NGR (negotiating group on rules), which was seen in the news recently, is associated with which organisation?

- [A] UNESCO
- [B] WTO
- [C] FAO
- [D] IMF

**Correct Answer:** B [WTO]

**Notes:**

Recently, a NGR (negotiating group on rules) meeting on fisheries subsidies was organized by the World Trade Organization.

Indian Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the WTO has stated that member countries should cut down subsidies on unsustainable fishing which leads to the problem of overfishing. India also asked to reduce the role of dispute panels in fisheries management.

50.Which organization has become India's first regulated Gas Exchange?

- [A] NCDEX
- [B] IGX
- [C] MCX
- [D] NCML

**Correct Answer:** B [IGX]

**Notes:**

Indian Gas Exchange (IGX) was launched in 2020 as India's first automated national-level trading platform for physical delivery of natural gas.

IGX is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Indian Energy Exchange (IEX). Recently, IGX obtained all necessary approvals as per the provisions of the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (Gas Exchange) Regulations, 2020. It became the first regulated Gas Exchange of the country.

members. It is entrusted with the responsibility of formulating policies and programmes for implementing the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), under Paris Agreement 2015. The Secretary of Union Environment Minister would be the Chairperson.