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Q.1) Which nation topped the Global Economic Freedom Index 2020?

- (1) Singapore
- (2) Hong Kong
- (3) Switzerland
- (4) Georgia

Correct Answer - (2) Hong Kong

Explanation:

Hong Kong topped the Global Economic Freedom Index 2020 yet again, followed by Singapore at the second rank, based on 2018 data. The other countries ranked in the top 10 include New Zealand, Switzerland, the US, Australia, Mauritius, Georgia, Canada and Ireland.

Hong Kong:

Chinese special administrative region

Sovereign state: People's Republic of

China **Regional language:** Cantonese

New Territories lease: 9 June 1898

Official scripts: Traditional Chinese; English alphabet

Q.2) India was ranked at which position on the Global Economic Freedom Index 2020?

- (1) 105th
- (2) 71st
- (3) 88th
- (4) 97th

Correct Answer - (1) 105th

Explanation:

India has fallen 26 spots to rank at the 105th position on the Global Economic Freedom Index 2020, as per an annual report released on September 10, 2020. The country was ranked at the 79th spot in last year's rankings.

Q.3) Which state/UT CM launched an online system for filing complaints in consumer courts?

- (1) Haryana
- (2) Delhi
- (3) Pondicherry
- (4) Punjab

Correct Answer - (2) Delhi

Explanation:

Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Tuesday launched an online system for filing complaints in consumer courts and said it will prove to be a milestone especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. He said consumers will now be able to file complaints from their homes any time and make payments online.

Q.4) Which state CM inaugurates flyover named after Veer Savarkar?

- (1) Kerala
- (2) Assam
- (3) Karnataka
- (4) Tamilnadu

Correct Answer - (3) Karnataka

Explanation:

Karnataka Chief Minister, B.S. Yediyurappa inaugurated the 'Veer Savarkar' flyover in Bengaluru. The inauguration of the 400-metre long flyover built on Major Sandeep Unnikrishnan Road in the city. The

Bengaluru's civic body Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) built the flyover at the cost of Rs 34 crore. The project of constructing the flyover began in September 2017.

Karnataka:

State of India

Capital: Bengaluru

Formation: 1 November 1956; (as Mysore State)

Chief minister: B. S. Yediyurappa

Q.5) Which organisation will organize the first-ever World Solar Technology Summit (WSTS)?

(1) ISA

(2) WSTS

(3) ISRO

(4) None of these

Correct Answer - (1)

ISA Explanation:

The International Solar Alliance (ISA) will organize the first-ever World Solar Technology Summit (WSTS) on Tuesday, September 8, 2020. The summit will bring together key stakeholders - leading academic scientists, technology developers, researchers, and innovators on one platform. ISA aims to discuss the recent developments in solar technologies both in terms of cost and technology, along with technology transfers, challenges, and concerns in the field.

International Solar Alliance:

Headquarters location:

Gurugram **Leader:** Upendra

Tripathy **Founded at:** Paris,

France **Membership:** All

members of UN **Founded:** 30

November 2015

Founders: India, Narendra Modi, François Hollande

Q.6) India reached a five-point consensus after talks with which nation?

(1) Pakistan

(2) Nepal

(3) China

(4) Bangladesh

Correct Answer - (3) China

Explanation:

India and China have reached a five-point consensus regarding the ongoing border standoff at the Line of Actual Control (LAC) after detailed talks between Indian External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi in Moscow on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) meeting on September 10, 2020. This was informed by the Ministry of External Affairs in a joint press statement on September 11.

China:

Country in East

Asia **President:** Xi

Jinping **Capital:**

Beijing **Currency:**

Renminbi

Official script: Simplified Chinese

Official language: Mandarin

Q.7) Which bank tops EASE 2.0 Index by IBA?

(1) SBI

(2) Bank of Baroda

(3) PNB

(4) Bank of India

Correct Answer - (2) Bank of Baroda

Explanation:

As per the EASE Banking Reforms Index 2.0, Bank of Baroda has been placed at the first spot. State Bank of India and Oriental Bank of Commerce (OBC) got the 2nd and 3rd place respectively. The Indian Banking Association (IBA) makes EASE (Enhanced Access and Service Excellence) reform index. The aim

of this index is to bring fruitful change in the PSBs by bringing in healthy competition among these PSBs and by encouraging them to learn from each other.

Bank of Baroda:

Financial services company

Headquarters: Alkapuri, Vadodara

Founder: Sayajirao Gaekwad III

Founded: 20 July 1908, Vadodara

Owner: Government of India

(71.60%)

Q.8) Which state has announced its first-ever Heritage Tourism Policy?

(1) Madhya Pradesh

(2) Gujarat

(3) Karnataka

(4) Kerala

Correct Answer - (2) Gujarat

Explanation:

Gujarat has announced its first-ever Heritage Tourism policy. The policy permits the use of pre-1950 historical buildings including heritage palaces and forts as heritage hotels, heritage museums, heritage banquet halls and heritage restaurants.

Gujarat:

State of India

Capital: Gandhinagar

Governor: Acharya

Devvrat **Chief minister:**

Vijay Rupani **Formation:**

1 May 1960

Q.9) What is the change in India's child mortality rate between 1990 and 2019?

(1) Increased

(2) Declined

(3) No change

(4) None of these

Correct Answer - (2) Declined

Explanation:

India's child mortality rate has declined substantially between 1990 and 2019 but the country, along with Nigeria, still accounted for almost a third of all under-five deaths last year, according to a new report which warned that COVID-19 pandemic threatens to undo decades of progress in eliminating preventable child deaths globally. The 'Levels & Trends in Child Mortality' Report 2020 said that the number of global under-five deaths dropped to its lowest point on record in 2019 - down to 5.2 million from 12.5 million in 1990.

Q.10) Which organisation launches Aatmanirbhar Bharat ARISE-ANIC initiative?

(1) AIM

(2) President

(3) NITI Aayog

(4) Both A and C

Correct Answer - (3) NITI Aayog

Explanation:

Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog, has launched the Aatmanirbhar Bharat ARISE-Atal New India Challenges. The programme will spur applied research and innovation in Indian MSMEs and startups. The initiative will help identify and promote innovations necessary for boosting the MSME sector.

NITI Aayog:

Think tank

Formed: 1 January 2015

Jurisdiction: Government of

India **Headquarters:** New

Delhi **Chairperson:** Narendra

Modi

Q.11) Which state's Chief Minister has launched 'YSR Aasara' scheme?

- (1) Tamil Nadu
- (2) Karnataka
- (3) Telangana
- (4) Andhra Pradesh

Correct Answer - (4) Andhra Pradesh

Explanation:

Andhra Pradesh CM YS Jaganmohan Reddy has launched the 'YSR Aasara' scheme as a step to empower women economically & socially. The state disbursed around Rs. 6,792.20 crores as the first installment of the total due of Rs. 27,168.83 crores to bank accounts of 87,74,674 women belonging to 8.7 lakh SHGs. **Andhra Pradesh:**

State of India

Capitals: Amaravati, Hyderabad

Governor: Biswabhusan

Harichandan **Chief minister:** Y. S.

Jaganmohan Reddy **Districts:** 13

Q.12) Which state CM launches 'YSR Sampurna Poshana' scheme?

- (1) Karnataka
- (2) Telangana
- (3) Andhra Pradesh
- (4) Goa

Correct Answer - (3) Andhra Pradesh

Explanation:

Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, YS Jagan Mohan Reddy has launched two nutrition schemes 'YSR Sampurna Poshana' and 'YSR Sampurna Poshana Plus' to provide nutritious food to pregnant women, lactating mothers and children in the state.

Q.13) Which state government signs pact with UN for take-home-ration scheme- move to benefit nearly 200 women self help groups?

- (1) Uttar Pradesh
- (2) Punjab
- (3) Odisha
- (4) Maharashtra

Correct Answer - (1) Uttar Pradesh

Explanation:

Take-Home ration will now be manufactured and supplied through women self-help groups (SHGs) in Uttar Pradesh. The state rural livelihood mission (SRLM) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the UN World Food Programme for this. Around 200 women SHG enterprises are expected to gain business with Rs 1,200 crore annual turn over through this collaboration.

Uttar Pradesh:

State of India

Capital: Lucknow

Governor: Anandiben Patel

Chief minister: Yogi Adityanath

Q.14) Angola held 1st joint commission meet with which nation?

- (1) China
- (2) India
- (3) USA
- (4) UAE

Correct Answer - (2) India

Explanation:

India and Angola on Monday held the first Joint Commission Meeting during which the two sides agreed to diversify their trade relationship and discussed cooperation in health, pharmaceuticals, defence, agriculture, food processing, digitization and telecom. The meeting was co-chaired by External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and his Angola counterpart Tete Antonio.

India:

Country in South Asia

President: Ram Nath

Kovind **Capital:** New

Delhi

Prime minister: Narendra Modi

Q.15) Which nation Signed the \$500-Million Loan Pact With ADB?

(1) India

(2) Bangladesh

(3) Pakistan

(4) China

Correct Answer - (1) India

Explanation:

India has signed a \$500 million loan agreement with the Asian Development Bank for funding the 82- km- long Delhi-Meerut highway. With a design speed of 180 km/hour and high-frequency operations of every 5-10 minutes, the 82-km corridor connecting Sarai Kale Khan in Delhi to Modipuram in Meerut, Uttar Pradesh, is expected to reduce the journey time to about one hour.