

1. World Frog Day is celebrated on March 20th. The day is being organized since which year ?

A) 2006

B) 2007

C) 2005

D) 2008

E) 2009

1. Answer: E

World Frog Day is an annual holiday celebrated on March 20th.

The World Frog Day has been in celebration since the year 2009.

The Day is created with an intention to save the different varieties of frogs from being extinct. Frogs are tailless amphibians whose origin dates back to nearly 256 million years ago.

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2. World Consumer Rights Day is observed annually on which date ?

A) March 20

B) March 21

C) March 19

D) March 15

E) March 18

2. Answer: D

It is observed on 15 March every year for raising global awareness about consumer rights and needs.

The theme for World Consumer Rights Day 2020, will be ‘The Sustainable Consumer’.

The campaign will discuss the need for sustainable consumption globally, as well as highlighting the important role that consumer rights and protection can play.”

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3. International Day of Happiness is observed annually on which date ?

A) March 19

B) March 17

C) March 18

D) March 20

E) March 21

3. Answer: D

International Day of Happiness is observed every year on 20 March.

Since 2013, the United Nations has celebrated this day to recognise the importance of happiness in the lives of people around the world.

The theme of 2020 is 'Happiness for all'

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4. Indian Railways has planned to electrify all broad gauge routes by which year with a focus on renewable energy ?

A) 2022

B) 2023

C) 2021

D) 2024

E) 2025

4. Answer: B

Indian Railways to electrify all broad gauge routes by December 2023, bets on renewable energy.

In the year 2023-2024 (till the month of December 2023), a target of electrifying 4,310 km of broad gauge route has been planned Hence, Indian Railways has planned to electrify a total of 28,810 km of broad gauge route.

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5. The Union Government is implementing the POSHAN Abhiyaan to address the problem of malnutrition across the country. In which year was the programme launched ?

A) 2017

B) 2015

C) 2016

D) 2019

E) 2018

5. Answer: E

The Union Government is implementing POSHAN Abhiyaan across the country to address the problem of malnutrition. The programme was launched on 8th March in 2018 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Jhunjhunu.

The Abhiyaan aims to reduce malnutrition in the country in a phased manner through a life cycle approach.

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6. Which state celebrates the Phool Dei Festival on the first day of the Chaitra month ?

- A) Tripura**
- B) Uttarakhand**
- C) Assam**
- D) Himachal Pradesh**
- E) Mizoram**

66. Answer: B

Phool Dei is the harvest festival of the state Uttarakhand.

The festival is celebrated on the first day of the Hindu month, Chaitra.

Phool Dei is all about flowers and springtime. In some places, the festival is celebrated as carnival and the celebration goes on for a month. The term 'Dei' refers to a ceremonial pudding which is the key food in this festival that is made from jaggery. White flour and curd are also offered to everyone.

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7. The government of which state has notified the culling after bird flu in Parappanangadi ?

A) Assam

B) Uttar Pradesh

C) Kerala

D) Karnataka

E) Himachal Pradesh

7. Answer: C

Kerala government ordered the poultry culling in Parappanangadi in the backdrop of bird flu.

Special squads have been deployed to cull all poultry within a one-kilometre radius of the epicenter.

Two avian influenza incidents were reported at Kodyathoor and Vengeri villages in the state.

Recent News in Kerala

The Kerala Real Estate Regulatory Authority (K-RERA) will help build trust in the real estate sector and infuse it with transparency and efficiency

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8. The Union Territory / State government of _____ has announced a Rs. 5 lac free health insurance for residents in convergence with Ayushman Bharat-PMJAY.

A) Kerala

B) Jammu & Kashmir

C) Daman & Diu

D) New Delhi

E) Puducherry

8. Answer: B

In a major relief to the people of Jammu & Kashmir, the LG Girish Chander Murmu accorded sanction to roll out the Jammu & Kashmir Health Scheme to provide free of cost Universal Health Coverage to all residents of the Union Territory in convergence with Ayushman Bharat-PMJAY.

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9. The government of which state has abolished Quota In Promotion For Government Employees ?

- A) Assam**
- B) Haryana**
- C) Uttarakhand**
- D) Madhya Pradesh**
- E) Himachal Pradesh**

9. Answer: C

Uttarakhand government abolished reservation in promotion in the state government jobs.

The Trivendra Rawat government took the major decision on completion of three years of its tenure.

Following the state government's order, the employees from the General-OBC categories ended their strike.

The state government also issued orders regarding the departmental promotion committee (DPC).

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10. Which state has launched an official chatbot to create awareness about coronavirus among its citizens ?

- A) Uttarakhand**
- B) Himachal Pradesh**
- C) Haryana**
- D) Kerala**
- E) Goa**

10. Answer: E

Goa Health Minister Vishwajit P Rane has launched a chatbot Cobot-19 to create awareness about coronavirus among the citizens.

The first state in the country to take up an initiative at this scale and our aim is to resolve the confusion caused by countless advisories from different sources as well as rumors.

The Chatbot has been developed in association with Portea Medical and Verloop.

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11. Which state/ Union territory has constituted a commission for welfare of socially, educationally backward classes ?

- A) Andhra Pradesh**
- B) Jammu & Kashmir**
- C) Himachal Pradesh**
- D) Uttarakhand**
- E) Kerala**

11. Answer: B

Jammu and Kashmir government has constituted a commission for socially and educationally backward classes in the union territory. It will look into the issues of Socially and Educationally Backward Classes, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the J&K.

Justice GD Sharma has been appointed as chairperson, and former IFS Rup Lal Bharti and IPS officer Munir Ahmed Khan as members of the commission.

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12. Which country has decided to Convene Virtual G20 Leaders Summit to address the coronavirus pandemic ?

- A) UK**
- B) US**
- C) Saudi Arabia**
- D) UAE**
- E) Qatar**

12. Answer: C

Saudi Arabia would convene a virtual summit next week bringing together the leaders from the Group of 20 major economies (G20) to address the coronavirus pandemic.

G20 leaders will put forward a coordinated set of policies to protect people and safeguard the global economy.

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13. Which country has suspended all types of labour permits including for drivers and domestic workers, effective from 19th March 2020 ?

A) Germany

B) Italy

C) US

D) China

E) UAE

13. Answer: E

The UAE Ministry of Human Resources and Emiratization has suspended the issuance of all types of labour permits, including for drivers and domestic workers, effective from 19th March 2020, until further notice.

The decision however, exempts intra-corporate transfer and EXPO 2020 permits. The UAE government stated the move has been taken in coordination with the National Emergency and Crisis and Disasters Management Authority as part of the precautionary measures taken by the UAE to curb the spread of COVID-19

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14. Which bank will invest Rs. 250 cr in the beleaguered Yes Bank to acquire 25 crore equity shares ?

- A) HDFC Bank**
- B) Kotak Mahindra Bank**
- C) SBI**
- D) Axis Bank**
- E) IDFC First Bank**

14. Answer: E

IDFC First Bank will make an equity investment of Rs. 250 crore in beleaguered Yes Bank to acquire 25 crore equity shares.

Federal Bank had committed to investing Rs. 300 crore in Yes Bank for subscription of its 30 crore shares.

The Centre notified the YES Bank Limited Reconstruction Scheme, 2020, a day after the Union Cabinet approved a reconstruction plan proposed by the RBI for bailing out fund-starved Yes Bank.

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15. Which insurance company has launched a dedicated insurance cover for tackling coronavirus ?

A) ICICI Prudential

B) LIC

C) ICICI Lombard

D) Aviva

E) HDFC Ergo

15. Answer: C

Private sector non-life insurance company ICICI Lombard has launched a focused policy for coronavirus (COVID-19), which will pay the entire sum insured irrespective of hospitalisation expenses.

If a policyholder tests positive for COVID-19 at any of the Government-authorised centres, the company will pay out the entire sum insured, in a lump sum in the event of a first diagnosis of COVID-19 during the policy period, subject to an initial waiting period of 14 days, the company stated in a regulatory filing.

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16. Which company has launched a digital payments solution for businesses, allowing them to collect & disburse UPI payments ?

- A) Unocoin**
- B) ZebPay**
- C) Cashfree**
- D) EnCash**
- E) CashPay**

1666 Answer: C

Digital payments platform, Cashfree, has launched UPI Stack for Businesses, allowing businesses to collect and disburse UPI payments.

The product will be available through every UPI app, across both web and mobile (Android & iOS) platforms. Software developers will also be able to implement a desired payment flow for preferred platforms and collect payments via all UPI-based apps.

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17. Who has been appointed as advisor to Lt Governor of Jammu and Kashmir ?

A) Anand Kapoor

B) Arvind Singh

C) Mansoor Khan

D) Sunil Yadav

E) Basheer Khan

17. Answer: E

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) accorded sanction to the appointment of Division Commissioner Kashmir, Baseer Ahmad Khan, as Advisor to Lt. Governor.

The Advisor, according to communication from MHA, shall assist the Lieutenant Governor of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, Girish Chandra Murmu, in effective discharge of his functions.

The appointment will be effective from the date from which he assumes charge.

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18. Who has been appointed as the NCLAT's officiating Chairperson ?

- A) Sundar Lal**
- B) Rakesh Singh**
- C) Bansi Lal Bhatt**
- D) Arnav Bhatt**
- E) Anand Kapoor**

18. Answer: C

Justice (Retd) Bansi Lal Bhat, Member (Judicial) of the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal, was appointed NCLAT's officiating Chairperson following the completion of the term of Justice (Retd) S J Mukhopadhaya.

Justice Bhat will hold the position of officiating Chairperson for a period of three months with effect from March 15 or until a regular Chairperson is appointed or till until further orders.

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19. Who has won the Chameli Devi Jain Award for outstanding woman journalist ?

- A) Nandini Jain**
- B) Arnica Titoria**
- C) Rohini Mohan**
- D) Radhika Bangia**
- E) Nalini Mishra**

19. Answer: C

The 2019 Chameli Devi Jain Award for Outstanding Women Mediaperson for the year has been awarded to independent journalist Rohini Mohan and The Wire's Arfa Khanum Sherwani.

First given in the 1980s, the award is instituted by the Media Foundation. Last year's recipient was Priyanka Dubey of the BBC.

Sherwani was chosen for her reporting from conflict situations in Kashmir and Uttar Pradesh while Rohini was chosen for her report on the NRC exercise in Assam.

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20. Who has been inducted as an umpire into the International Panel of ICC Development Umpires ?

- A) Neelam Singh**
- B) Radha Mehta**
- C) Padma Lakshmi**
- D) Neela Karanj**
- E) Vrinda Rathi**

20. Answer: E

Indian umpires Janani Narayanan and Vrinda Rathi were inducted into the International Panel of ICC Development Umpires, taking the count of women match officials across different ICC panels up to 12.

GS Lakshmi & Shandre Fritz are International Panel Match Referees and the other officials are Lauren Agenbag, Kim Cotton, Shivani Mishra, Claire Polosak, Sue Redfern, Eloise Sheridan, Mary Waldron, Jacqueline Williams from International Panel of ICC Development Umpires.

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21. Who has submitted her resignation as independent director of Crisil after being appointed as the CEO in Salesforce, India ?

A) Girish Shrikrishna Paranjape

B) Arundhati Bhattacharya

C) Ashu Suyash

D) Vinita Bali

E) M. Damodaran

21. Answer: B

Arundhati Bhattacharya, the past chairman of State Bank of India, has submitted her resignation as independent director of the Crisil effective April 15.

Bhattacharya has indicated that the reason for her resignation is her decision to accept a full time role as chairperson and CEO in another company.

Bhattacharya was the first woman to lead the more than two centuries-old State Bank of India, which controls over a quarter of the nation's banking system.

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22. The _____ portal of the Government has helped to significantly expedite land acquisition for National Highways and in a transparent manner.

A) RegisterPortal

B) LandPortal

C) RashiPortal

D) BhoomiRashi

E) PaisaPortal

22. Answer: D

The 'BhoomiRashi' Portal launched in March 2018 has significantly expedited the process of land acquisition for National Highways.

The ministry claims that the portal has made the process error-free and more transparent with notifications at every stage being processed on a real-time basis.

The portal has been integrated with the Public Financial Management System (PFMS) for depositing the compensation in the account of affected/interested persons on a real-time basis.

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23. What is the theme of National Vaccination Day 2020 ?

A) Importance of vaccination

B) Making vaccines effective

C) Vaccines Work for All

D) Vaccines Work for You

E) Making vaccines work

23. Answer: C

National Vaccination Day is observed every year on 16th march in India which is also known as National Immunisation Day (IMD).

It was first observed on 16 March, 1995 when the first dose of Oral Polio Vaccine was given. It is an attempt to increase awareness for the eradication of polio from the planet earth.

This year the theme promoted is “VaccinesWork for All”.

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24. Which tennis tournament has been postponed till September 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic ?

- A) Davis Cup**
- B) Wimbledon**
- C) French Open**
- D) Australian Open**
- E) US Open**

24. Answer: C

The French Open Tennis has been postponed due to the coronavirus pandemic and will take place from 20th September to 4th October. Organisers stated the Grand Slam event was to have taken place from 24th May to 7th June.

The new dates would mean the tournament would start just one week after the US Open, if that event remains in its scheduled slot.

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25. How much has the government approved so far under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) ?

A) 2.35 lakh crore

B) 3.45 lakh crore

C) 6.16 lakh crore

D) 4.5 lakh crore

E) 3.35 lakh crore

25. Answer: C

An investment of Rs 6.16 lakh crore has been approved so far under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) and the committed central assistance is Rs 1.65 lakh crore, Union minister Hardeep Singh Puri stated.

The Minister of State for Housing and Urban Affairs also told Lok Sabha that no data regarding property-less people is maintained by the ministry.

According to him, poverty alleviation is also a focus area. The total investment approved under PMAY(U), so far, is Rs 6.16 lakh crore with committed central assistance of Rs 1.65 lakh crore, he stated.

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26. Fitch has cut India's GDP growth forecast to _____ percent due to coronavirus which is likely to impact business investments.

A) 5.3

B) 5.2

C) 4.9

D) 5.0

E) 5.1

26. Answer: E

Fitch Ratings cut India's growth forecast to 5.1 per cent for FY 2020-21, saying the coronavirus outbreak is likely to hit business investment and exports.

Fitch had in December 2019 projected India's growth at 5.6 per cent for 2020-21 and 6.5 per cent in the following year.

Supply-chain disruptions are expected to hit business investment and exports. GDP growth to remain broadly steady at 5.1 per cent in the fiscal year 2020-2021 following growth of 5.0 per cent in 2019-2020, Fitch stated.

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27. Bank of America has joined S&P in cutting India GDP forecasts. It has slashed India's growth estimates to _____ percent for FY21.

A) 5.2

B) 5.3

C) 5.4

D) 5.1

E) 5.0

27. Answer: D

Bank of America Securities became the latest global financial agency to slash India's GDP growth estimates for the next financial year 2020-21, pointing out that a global recession was now almost certain.

BofA Securities' forecast cut comes just two days after it had made a similar move. While the agency had slashed India GDP growth estimates to just 5.1 per cent for FY21 .

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28. The Defence Ministry has signed a capital acquisition contract with Israel Weapons Industries to procure _____ Light Machine guns at a cost of Rs 880 crore.

A) 17340

B) 16479

C) 16500

D) 16800

E) 16900

28. Answer: B

The Defence Ministry has signed a capital acquisition contract with Israel Weapons Industries, IWI for procurement of 16,479 light machine guns, LMGs at a cost of 880 crore rupees. IWI, which is based out of Ramat HaSharon city in Israel, would be providing Negev 7.62*51 mm LMGs to the Indian armed forces under the contract.

The contracted Negev 7.62X51 mm LMG is a combat proven weapon and currently used by several countries around the globe. Defence Ministry stated, the LMG will greatly enhance the lethality and range of a soldier vis-a-vis the presently used weapon.

By Alok Gupta Sir

29. What is the theme of World Sparrow Day 2020 ?

- A) Loving Sparrows**
- B) Sparrows & Humans**
- C) I Love Sparrows**
- D) Sparrows & Us**
- E) Living with Sparrows**

29. Answer: C

World Sparrow Day is a day designated to raise awareness of the house sparrow and then other common birds to urban environments, and of threats to their populations, observed on 20 March.

The theme for World Sparrow Day is “I LOVE Sparrows”.

The day was initiated by the Nature Forever Society of India in collaboration with the Eco-Sys Action Foundation (France) and numerous other national and international organisations across the world.

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30. Name the WhatsApp Chatbot created by Government for queries on Novel Coronavirus.

- A) Corona Gov Helpdesk**
- B) Gov Corona**
- C) Corona Helpdesk**
- D) MyGov Corona Helpdesk**
- E) MyGov Helpdesk**

30. Answer: D

The government has created WhatsApp Chatbot for queries on Novel Coronavirus COVID-19. National Pharmaceuticals Pricing Authority, NPPA stated, the WhatsApp Chatbot is called MyGov Corona Helpdesk.

It stated people can just save the number 9013151515 on WhatsApp and get an automated response on queries related to Corona

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