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**By Sujeet Sir**




# Question No: 1

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पर्यटन मंत्रालय ने हाल ही में, किस नाम से एक वेबिनार श्रृंखला की शुरुआत की है?

- A. देखो अपना इंडिया
- B. देखो अपना भारत
- C. देखो अपना देश
- D. अतुल्य भारत

Ans  देखो अपना देश

## Question No: 2

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Tour De France प्रतियोगिता का सम्बंध किस खेल से है?

- A. Soccer
- B. motor racing
- C. Cycling
- D. Rugby

Ans  cycling

## Question No: 3

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International Energy Agency में कुल कितने देश शामिल हैं?

- A. 28
- B. 29
- C. 25
- D. 30

Ans  30

## Question No: 4

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भारत IEA का सदस्य देश कब बना?

- A. 2001
- B. 2018
- C. 2017
- D. 2006

Ans  2017

## Question No: 5

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IEA का मुख्यालय कहा पर स्थित है?

- A. जेनेवा
- B. न्यूयॉर्क
- C. डरबन
- D. पेरिस

Ans  पेरिस

## Question No: 6

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हाल ही में कोरोना वायरस के चलते किस विश्व प्रमुख साईकिल रेस टूर्नामेंट को स्थगित कर दिया गया। इसका आयोजन किस देश में होना था?

- A. Russia
- B. USA
- C. UK
- D. France

Ans  France



## Question No: 7

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निम्न में से किस महामारी का सम्बंध प्रथम विश्व युद्ध से है?

- A. Black death
- B. Spanish flu
- C. Justinian plague
- D. Spanish plague

Ans  Spanish flu

## Question No: 8

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पुनर्जागरण का आरंभ कौन सी महामारी के बाद माना जाता है?

1.Black death

2.Spanish flu

A. 1

B. 2

C. both

D. None

Ans  Black death

## Question No: 9

Justinian Plague जिसका नाम Justinian नामक राजा के नाम पर रखा गया है वह किस देश से संबंधित था?

- A. पूर्वी अफ्रीका से
- B. अरब देश से
- C. पूर्वी रोमन साम्राज्य
- D. कैरेबियन समूह से

Ans → पूर्वी रोमन साम्राज्य से

## Question No: 10

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हाल ही में IMF ने वित्त वर्ष 2019-2020 के लिये भारत की GDP ग्रोथ रेट कितना रहने का अनुमान लगाया है?

- A. 2
- B. 1.5
- C. 1
- D. 1.9

Ans  1.9

# Question No: 11

मात्र 19 दिनों 50 मिलियन डाउनलोड तक पहुंचने वाला विश्व का प्रथम मोबाइल एप्लिकेशन है?

- A. पोकेमोन गो
- B. अरोग्य सेतु
- C. टिक टाक
- D. ट्रेस टुगेदर

Ans  अरोग्य सेतु

## Question No: 12

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“देखो अपना देश” क्या है?

- A. Webinar
- B. App
- C. Website
- D. इनमे से कोई नहीं

Ans  Webinar

## Question No: 13

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रोहिंग्या नृजाति (Ethnicity) का संबंध किस देश से है?

- A. बांग्लादेश
- B. म्यांमार
- C. चीन
- D. भारत

Ans  म्यांमार

## Question No: 14

कोविड 19 महामारी से बचाव के लिए शहरों को किस chemical से disinfect किया जा रहा है?

- A. NaClO
- B. NaCl
- C. NaHCO<sub>3</sub>
- D. Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>

Ans  NaClO



## Question No: 15

दक्षिण कोरिया के राष्ट्रपति का नाम क्या है?

- A. किम जोंग उन
- B. मून जे ईन
- C. पार्क गुएन हाइ
- D. None of the above

Ans  मून जे ईन

## Question No: 16

पूर्वी रोमन साम्राज्य का अंत किस महामारी के बाद माना जाता है?

1. Black death
  2. Justinian plague
- A. 1  
B. 2  
C. Both  
D. None

Ans  Justinian plague

# TVS Motor buys Norton Motorcycles for ₹153 cr.

Deal also includes associated brands

**SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT**  
CHENNAI

TVS Motor Company Ltd. has acquired Britain's iconic sporting motorcycle firm Norton Motorcycles (UK) Ltd. in an all-cash deal for a consideration of ₹153 crore (£16 million) through one of its overseas subsidiaries.

An asset purchase agreement with Norton Motorcycles Holdings Ltd. and Norton Motorcycles (U.K.) Ltd. was concluded to acquire certain assets, including the brand Norton and other associated brands, TVS Motor Company said in a regulatory filing.

## **Interesting acquisition**

"This would be one of the most interesting acquisitions of a storied motorcycle maker in recent times and will reflect TVS Motor Com-



Sudarshan Venu

We will extend our full support for Norton to regain its full glory in the international motorcycle landscape," said Sudarshan Venu, JMD, TVS Motor Company.

"Norton will continue to retain its distinctive identity with dedicated and specific business plans. TVS Motor will work closely with customers and employees in

- **Norton Motorcycles was founded by James Lansdowne Norton in 1898 in Birmingham, England.**
- **TVS Motor Company is one of the largest two-wheeler manufacturers of India.**

## 26 Navy personnel test positive

**SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT**  
NEW DELHI

In the first instance of COVID-19 in the Navy, 26 personnel have tested positive at *INS Angre*, a shore-based logistics and administrative support establishment of the Western Naval Command in Mumbai.

“There has so far not been a single case of COVID-19 on board any ship, submarine or air station,” the Navy said in a statement on Saturday.

“The detection of these cases is a result of meticulous contact tracing and aggressive screening/testing carried out by Western Naval Command after one sai-

# U.S. to start antibody testing on virus-hit aircraft carrier

Significantly, 60% of positive tests were among symptom-free sailors

## REUTERS

The U.S. Navy said on Friday it will conduct antibody testing of sailors aboard the coronavirus-hit aircraft carrier Theodore Roosevelt to determine whether they were exposed to the virus as it spread through the ship.

Sweeping testing for the coronavirus among the entire crew of the Roosevelt has already yielded a curious result: The majority of the positive cases so far are among sailors who are asymptomatic.

With so many of the crew symptom-free, it is unclear how many of them had been infected and recovered without anyone realising they had contracted the virus. Many of these infections could have finished their cycle before testing of the crew began.

## Serology testing

The extent of the infections aboard the vessel should become more clear with results of the new "outbreak investigation" the Navy announced that will use serology testing developed by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The serology tests look for the presence of specific antibodies that are created by the immune system's attack response to the

The U.S. coronavirus death toll – the highest in the world – surged past 35,000 on Friday. It also claimed the life of a sailor from the Theodore Roosevelt this week.

## Extraordinary move

The Navy's testing of the entire 4,800-member crew of the aircraft carrier – which is about 94% complete – was an extraordinary move in a case that already has led to the firing of the ship's captain and the resignation of the Navy's top civilian official.

It has also given scientific researchers a case study about how the virus spreads asymptotically in a confined environment among mostly younger adults.

That cohort has been somewhat under-represented in the epidemiological data so far.

As of Friday, some 660 sailors – nearly 14% of the crew – had tested positive for the coronavirus. The Navy has said that about 60% of those positive tests were among sailors who were symptom-free.

The Navy said medical staff on the island of Guam, where the ship pulled into port, would take the samples and collect questionnaire results. The actual serology tests will be sent to the CDC in Atlanta for analysis.

# RT-PCR only confirmatory test, says govt.

Rapid antibody tests for epidemiological studies, surveillance in hotspots

**BINDU SIKHAN PERAPPADAN**  
NEW DELHI

The Union Health Ministry has said that the Reverse Transcription-Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) is the gold standard frontline test for COVID-19 and that rapid antibody test cannot re-



contact tracing if any positive case arise in an area.

Presently, the government is using the RT-PCR tests to detect novel coronavirus from samples of throat or nasal swabs of people with symptoms or high-risk indi-

# Testing for COVID-19 in India

- **Real-time reverse transcription-polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR)-based tests are recommended as diagnostic tests for COVID-19.**
- **The test detects the presence of viral RNA in human samples.**



# How rapid antibody tests are different from existing PCR tests for Covid-19

## Rapid antibody testing:

The rapid testing kits are quicker to get early results. They use blood samples of suspected patients and normally takes around 15-30 minutes to give the result.

Experts say that antibody test doesn't always pick up early viral infection but they can indicate if someone has any particular virus even if they are asymptomatic. **This type of test is important for community surveillance and investigation purpose**

# Govt. nod mandatory for FDI from neighbouring countries

Move may be aimed at preventing 'opportunistic takeovers' by Chinese entities

PRISCILLA JEBARAJ  
NEW DELHI

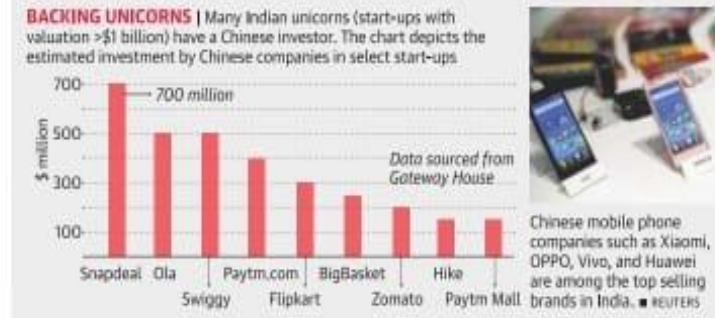
In a move that will restrict Chinese investments, the Centre has made prior government approval mandatory for foreign direct investments from countries which share a land border with India. Previously, only investments from Pakistan and Bangladesh faced such restrictions.

The revised FDI policy is aimed at "curbing opportunistic takeovers/acquisitions of Indian companies due to the current COVID-19 pandemic," said a press release from the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade on Saturday.

## 'With land borders'

"A non-resident entity can invest in India, subject to the FDI Policy except in those sectors/activities which are prohibited," says the new policy.

"However, an entity of a country, which shares land border with India or where



Chinese mobile phone companies such as Xiaomi, OPPO, Vivo, and Huawei are among the top selling brands in India. ■ euros

approval for FDI in defence, space and atomic energy sectors as well.

India shares land borders with Pakistan, Afghanistan, China, Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh and Myanmar. Invest-

ments coming to a halt due to the lockdown imposed to contain the COVID-19 pandemic and valuations plummeting, a number of domestic firms may be vulnerable to "opportunistic takeovers

investment through the stock market and not FDI.

The official statement added that a transfer of ownership of any existing or future FDI in an Indian entity to those in the restricted coun-

# China allowing N. Korea to evade sanctions

Photos show transfer of coal, in violation of UN curbs, off Chinese waters

REUTERS  
NEW YORK

On October 10 last year, eight North Korean vessels – several carrying illicit coal shipments – were anchored in Chinese waters off the port of Ningbo-Zhoushan, according to a photo in a UN report published online on Friday.

That appears to be a lax enforcement by China of UN sanctions aimed at curbing Pyongyang's nuclear programme under which countries are required to inspect cargo destined to or coming from North Korea that is within their territory or being transported on North Korean-flagged vessels.



**In secrecy:** A North Korea-flagged vessel transferring coal near Lianyungang port, China. • VIA REUTERS

A UN Security Council diplomat said China has the capacity to be in violation of the UN Security Council resolutions,

Korea continued to enhance its nuclear and ballistic missile programmes last year.

A second photo from the UN report shows ten North Korean vessels anchored in Chinese waters on September 15 last year near the port of Lianyungang. The photos were provided to the UN sanctions monitors by an unidentified member state.

### Cutting off funding

The monitors reported that North Korea conducts ship-to-ship transfers of illicit cargo such as coal, which has been banned since 2017 in a bid to cut off funding to Pyongyang.

Under UN sanctions im-

The border is 1,420 kilometres (880 mi) long. From west to east, **the Yalu River, Paektu Mountain, and the Tumen River** divides the two countries.

# New pit viper in Arunachal Pradesh named after Harry Potter character



- हाल ही में साँपों की एक नई प्रजाति 'त्रिमेरेसुरुस सालाज़ार' (Trimeresurus Salazar) जो सरीसृप की पाँचवीं प्रजाति है, को अरुणाचल प्रदेश राज्य में खोजा गया है।
- इसका वैज्ञानिक नाम त्रिमेरेसुरुस सालाज़ार, सालाज़ार स्लीथेरिन (Salazar Slytherin) के नाम से प्रेरित है।

- जो जे.के. राउलिंग (J.K. Rowling) की काल्पनिक हॉगवर्ट्स स्कूल ऑफ विचक्राफ्ट एंड विज़ार्ड्री (Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry) के सह-संस्थापक थे।
- इसे अरुणाचल प्रदेश के पक्के-केसांग (Pakke-Kessang) ज़िले के पक्के टाइगर रिज़र्व (Pakke Tiger Reserve) में खोजा गया है।



# □ किसान रथ

हाल ही में **केंद्रीय कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय** (Union Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare) ने कृषि आधारित आपूर्ति श्रृंखलाओं में विघटन (विशेष रूप से खराब होने वाली उपज के लिये) को कम करने के लिये **किसान रथ (Kisan Rath)** मोबाइल ऐप्लिकेशन लॉन्च किया।

# □ एशियाई मुक्केबाजी चैंपियनशिप 2020

हाल ही में भारतीय मुक्केबाजी संघ (Indian Boxing Federation-BFI) ने घोषणा की है कि भारत नवंबर-दिसंबर 2020 में आयोजित होने वाली एशियाई मुक्केबाजी चैंपियनशिप 2020 की मेजबानी करेगा।

# Goa is now COVID free

Goa on Sunday became the first zero COVID-19 State in the country with the last seven positive cases also turning negative. This makes Goa the first green State in the country with no case of coronavirus being reported since April 3. The State had a total of seven cases, of whom six had travel history and one was the brother of a positive patient. ▶ PAGE 9

# Question No: 1

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ग्रेट डिप्रेशन (1929) का सीधा संबंध किस देश से है?

- A. ब्राजील
- B. फ्रांस
- C. अमेरिका
- D. ब्रिटेन

Ans  अमेरिका

## Question No: 2

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IMF का Headquarters कहा पर स्थित है?

- A. अमेरिका
- B. भारत
- C. इंडोनेशिया
- D. स्विट्जरलैंड

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Ans → अमेरिका

## Question No: 3

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निम्नलिखित में से Development bank कौन सी है?

1.NHB      2.SIDBI      3.ICMR

- A. 3
- B. 3&2
- C. 1&2
- D. 3&1

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Ans  1&2

## Question No: 5

NABARD की स्थापना कौन सी कमेटी की सिफारिशों के आधार पर हुई थी?

- A. नेशनल कमेटी
- B. योजना आयोग के द्वारा
- C. शिवरमन कमेटी
- D. इनमे से कोई नहीं

Ans → शिवरमन कमेटी

## Question No:6

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NABARD के चेयरमैन कौन है?

- A. सोहन भार्गव
- B. जगदीप पूरी
- C. हर्ष कुमार भनवाला
- D. शारदा कुमार होटा

Ans  हर्ष कुमार भनवाला



# Question No: 7

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SIDBI का पूर्ण रूप क्या होगा?

- A. security industries development bank of india
- B. small industries democratic bank of india
- C. small industries development bank of india
- D. इनमे से कोई नहीं

Ans  C

## Question No: 8

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SIDBI का मुख्यालय कहा पर स्थित है?

- A. New delhi
- B. Lucknow
- C. Mumbai
- D. Noida

Ans  Lucknow

## Question No: 9

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NHB की स्थापना कब हुई थी?

- A.1990
- B.1988
- C.1998
- D.1995

Ans  1988

## Question No: 10

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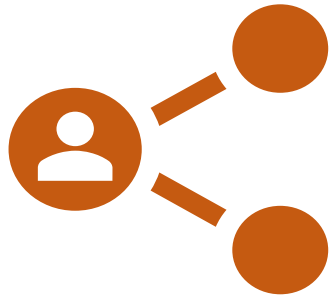
वर्तमान में NHB के मैनेजिंग डायरेक्टर कौन हैं?

- A. Mohammad mustfa
- B. Sarada kumar hota
- C. Harsh kumar bhanwala
- D. Harish Jaiswal

Ans  sarada kumar hota



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