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By Sujeet Sir

Question No: 1

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.... is the best educational institute in the country, as per the National Institutional Ranking Framework Rankings (NIRF) India Rankings 2020.

A. IIT DELHI

B. IIT MUMBAI

C. IIT MADRAS

D. IIT KANPUR

Ans. C

Question No: 2

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When did NIRF Established?

A. 2013

B. 2017

C. 2011

D. 2015

Ans. D

Question No: 3

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In which conference was UNFCCC accepted?

A. Rio Summit 1991

B. Rio Summit 1990

C. Rio Summit 1993

D. Rio Summit 1992

– Brazil
Earth Summit

Ans. D

Question No: 4

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Who is the current CEO of Infosys?

A. Salil Parekh

B. Vishal Sikka

C. Rajesh Gopinathan

D. A.S. Krishnamurti

Ans. A

Question No: 5

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Who is the founder of Infosys?

A. Narayana Murthy

B. S.D. Shibulal

C. Nandan Nilekani

D. K. Dinesh

A & C

Ans. A

Nepal passes amendment on new map

The Lower House of Nepal's Parliament has unanimously voted for the **Second Constitution Amendment Bill,** which guarantees legal status for the new political map of the country that includes part of Indian territory in Uttarakhand.

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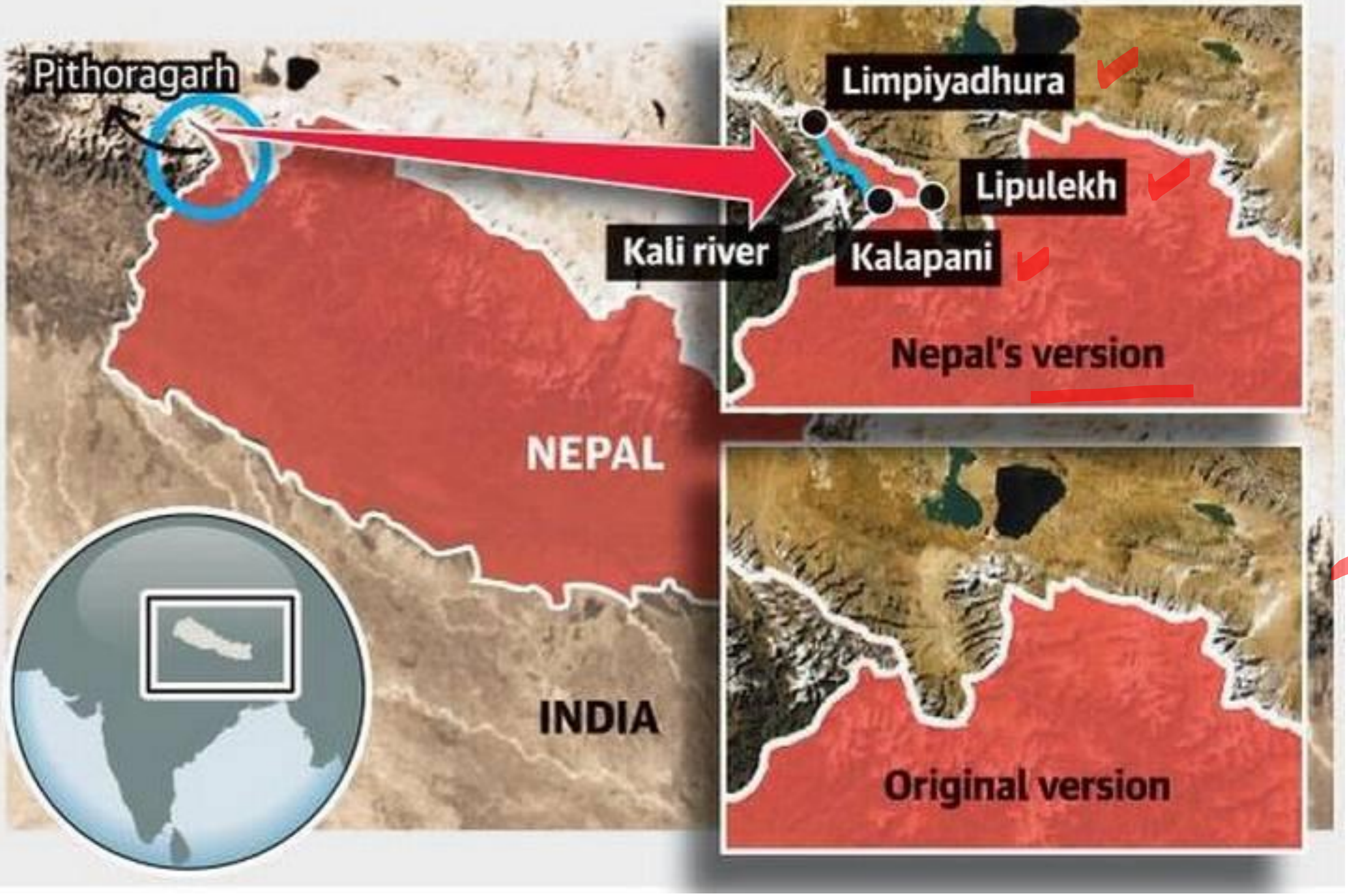
1816
काली नदी
(नेपाल)

पिथौरागढ़ (जिला)

Border trouble

On Saturday, Nepal's Parliament unanimously approved a new map which shows places such as Limpiyadhura, Kalapani and Lipulekh, including the strategically important Lipulekh pass, which are in Uttarakhand's Pithoragarh district, as part of that territory



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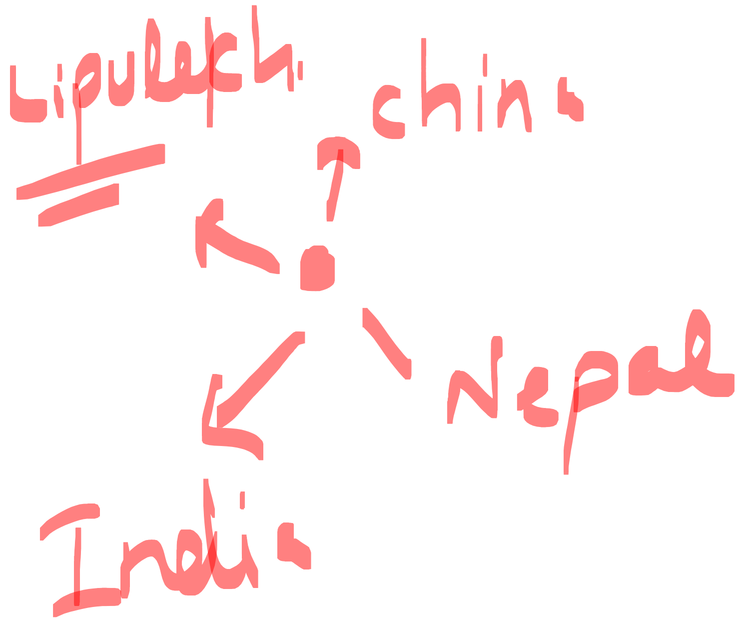
TRI-JUNCTION TROUBLE

Lipulekh mountain pass at the 80-km-long Uttarakhand-Nepal border

- Nepal has two tri-junctions with India and China
- The one in dispute now is Lipulekh in Kalapani, at the border of Uttarakhand with Nepal
- In 1816, the Sugauli Treaty signed by Nepal and British India identified Kali river as

Nepal's boundary with India

- Nepal claims the river to Kalapani's west is the main Kali, and thus Nepal has territorial rights to it
- India holds that a ridgeline to Kalapani's east is the border, thus Kalapani falls within its territory



Persistent global transmission of chikungunya from India

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The study conducted by the **ICMR-National Institute of Virology, Pune** on the geographic distribution and evolution of the chikungunya virus over the period from 2005-2018.

Chikungunya is a viral disease transmitted to humans by infected mosquitoes. The virus is transmitted from by the bites of **infected female mosquitoes.** Most commonly, the mosquitoes involved are **Aedes.**

- It causes fever and severe joint pain. There is **no cure for the disease**. Treatment is focused on relieving the symptoms.

- The disease mostly occurs in **Africa, Asia and the Indian subcontinent.**

- The study notes **India as an endemic reservoir for the chikungunya virus** with persistent global transmissions from the country.

Stimulus package can be fine-tuned, says EAC-PM's Goyal

The **PM's economic advisory council (EAC-PM)** member Ashima Goyal has stated that the stimulus package is not cast in iron and there is scope to fine-tune it further. There is a need to kick-start demand to stimulate the economy.

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Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister is a **non-constitutional, non-permanent and independent body** constituted to give economic advice to the Government of India, specifically the Prime Minister.

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Returning labourers may be deployed for Jal Jeevan Mission

- The **Jal Jeevan Mission** envisages providing **piped drinking water to all rural households by 2024.**
- The National Water Mission was launched in 2011.
- In 1951, the per water capita availability was just over 5,000 cubic metres per year. In 2011 it was 1,545 cubic metre.

- The **Jal Shakti Ministry,** the nodal ministry for the implementation of the scheme, has written to various States that returning labour, especially those working in the construction sector (skilled, unskilled and semi-skilled), may be deployed to expedite the completion of works under the scheme, as an arrangement that could provide employment to the currently unemployed workers.

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Jal Shakti Mantralaya

- The government has created a new Ministry called **'Jal Shakti'** after merging **Ministries of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation** along with **Drinking Water and Sanitation**.

- ‘Jal Shakti’ ministry will encompass issues ranging from providing **clean drinking water**, international and inter-states **water disputes**, to the **Namami Gange** project aimed at cleaning Ganga and its tributaries, and sub-tributaries.

Art. 262
जल विवाद

- The ministry will roll out the government’s ambitious **plan (‘Nal se Jal’ scheme** under jal jivan plan) to provide **piped water connection** to every household in India by **2024**.

Your YouTube account is in demand, not just among your friends

- As of December 2019, India had more than 265 million users who had their own YouTube accounts, showcasing a wide range of content.
- **India has been emerging as one of the biggest markets for the video-hosting website.**

YouTube accounts are being hacked and auctioned on the dark web. Once acquired by the highest bidder, the same accounts are then used to hold the original owners to ransom.

Hackers send out thousands of **malware embedded in phishing emails** every day seeking access to YouTube accounts. All the victims have to do is to click a link in an unverified email and malware, which are specifically designed to look for YouTube login details, will sniff them out and convey them to the hackers.

Reserves surge $8.2 bn in a week, exceed $500 bn for the first time

- India’s forex reserves have increased by $8.2 billion in the first week of June 2020, marking the biggest weekly jump since September 2007.
- The increase in reserves was mainly due to a **rise in foreign currency assets**. The sharp increase was due to gains from both **currency revaluation (as the dollar depreciated against major currencies)** and dollar mop-up through **intervention by the central bank**.

Sikkim-Tibet Convention of 1890

वर्ष 1890 के सिक्किम-तिब्बत अभिसमय को 'कलकत्ता अभिसमय' (Convention of Calcutta) के नाम से भी जाना जाता है।

इस संधि पर भारत के वायसराय लॉर्ड लैंसडाउन (Lord Lansdowne) और चीनी अम्बान (Chinese Amban) या तिब्बत के निवासी शेंग ताई (Sheng Tai) द्वारा 17 मार्च, 1890 को कलकत्ता में हस्ताक्षर किये गए थे।

रक्षा विशेषज्ञों का कहना है कि वर्ष 1890 के सिक्किम-तिब्बत अभिसमय के अनुसार, नाकु-ला क्षेत्र का संबंध भारत से है और वर्ष 1975 में सिक्किम के भारत में विलय से पहले चीन ने आधिकारिक रूप से इस सीमांकन को स्वीकार कर लिया था।

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वर्ष 1904 की संधि:

- वर्ष 1904 में ल्हासा में ग्रेट ब्रिटेन और तिब्बत के बीच एक समझौते के रूप में एक अन्य संधि पर हस्ताक्षर किये गए थे।

- इस अभिसमय के अनुसार, तिब्बत ने वर्ष 1890 के अभिसमय का सम्मान करने और सिक्किम एवं तिब्बत के बीच सीमा को मान्यता देने की सहमति ज़ाहिर की.

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Anti-viral Viroblock textile technology

टेक्सटाइल क्षेत्र से संबंधित एक प्रमुख कंपनी अरविंद लिमिटेड (Arvind Limited) ने अपने कपड़े एवं परिधान उत्पादों के लिये एक 'एंटी-वायरल विरोब्लॉक टेक्सटाइल टेक्नोलॉजी' (Anti-viral Viroblock textile technology) शुरू करने की घोषणा की है।

अरविंद कंपनी ने अपने मौजूदा फैब्रिक ब्रांड इंटेलिफैब्रिक (Intellifabrix) के तहत इस तकनीक से युक्त उत्पाद लॉन्च किया है

HeiQ विरोब्लॉक NPJ03 (HeiQ Viroblock NPJ03), स्विस टेक्सटाइल इनोवेशन प्रमुख 'HeiQ Material AG' द्वारा बनाए गए सबसे उन्नत वैश्विक एंटीवायरल उत्पादों में से एक है जो वायरस संक्रामकता को 99.99% कम करता है।

‘आरक्षण एक मौलिक अधिकार’ नहीं है

हाल ही में सर्वोच्च न्यायालय ने आरक्षण संबंधी मामले में अनुच्छेद-32 के तहत दायर याचिका पर कार्यवाही करने से इंकार करते हुए स्पष्ट किया कि ‘आरक्षण एक मौलिक अधिकार’ नहीं है।

सर्वोच्च न्यायालय के इस निर्णय के साथ ही आरक्षण संबंधी कानूनों को संविधान की 9वीं अनुसूची में शामिल करने की मांग एक बार पुनः चर्चा में आ गई है।

ध्यातव्य है कि तमिलनाडु के तमाम राजनीतिक दलों ने सर्वोच्च न्यायालय के समक्ष याचिका दायर कर राज्य के मेडिकल पाठ्यक्रम में अन्य पिछड़ा वर्ग (OBC) के अभ्यर्थियों को 50 प्रतिशत आरक्षण ने देने के केंद्र सरकार के फैसले को चुनौती दी थी।

साथ ही याचिका में संबंधित अभ्यर्थियों के लिये आरक्षण की मांग भी की गई थी।

संविधान की 9वीं अनुसूची

- 9वीं अनुसूची में केंद्र और राज्य कानूनों की एक ऐसी सूची है, जिन्हें न्यायालय के समक्ष चुनौती नहीं दी जा सकती। वर्तमान में संविधान की 9वीं अनुसूची में कुल 284 कानून शामिल हैं, जिन्हें न्यायिक समीक्षा संरक्षण प्राप्त है अर्थात इन्हें अदालत में चुनौती नहीं दी जा सकती है।
- 9वीं अनुसूची को वर्ष 1951 में प्रथम संविधान संशोधन अधिनियम के माध्यम से भारतीय संविधान में शामिल किया गया था। यह पहली बार था, जब संविधान में संशोधन किया गया था।

समीक्षा के दायरे में नौवीं अनुसूची

- 24 अप्रैल, 1973 को सर्वोच्च न्यायालय के केशवानंद भारती मामले में आए निर्णय के बाद संविधान की 9वीं अनुसूची में शामिल किये गए किसी भी कानून की न्यायिक समीक्षा हो सकती है।

- न्यायालय ने अपने निर्णय में कहा कि नौवीं अनुसूची के तहत कोई भी कानून यदि मौलिक अधिकारों या संविधान की मूल संरचना का उल्लंघन करता है तो उसकी न्यायिक समीक्षा की जा सकेगी।

Question No: 1

Athirappally Hydel PowerSituated in ....?

A. Telangana

B. Andhra Pradesh

C. Kerala

D. Tamilnadu

River - चालकुडी

Ans. C

Question No: 2

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Who will get benefit from Border Adjustment Tax (BAT)?

A. Importers

B. Exporters

C. Domestic Producers

D. None of them

Ans. C

Question No: 3

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Sanjita Chanu is a/an ....?

A. Cricketer

B. Weightlifter

C. Boxer

D. Archer

manipur

Ans. B

Question No: 4

Where is the headquarter of WADA?

A. Montreal

B. Toronto

C. Ottawa

D. Vancouver

Ans. A

Question No: 5

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Which is the best institute in NIRF University category?

A. IIT Delhi

B. IISC Bangalore

C. IIT Madras

D. IIT khadagpur

Ans. B

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