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By Sujeet sir



Question No: 1

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Which of the following is India's largest butterfly?

✓ A. Female golden birdwing → (New)

B. Southern birdwing — (old)

C. Assam keel

D. Elusive Prince

Ans: A

(New species of butterfly)

SNAKE

A & P

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Question No: 2

India's first social networking app is –

✓ A. Elyments — (8)

B. Mitro

C. Share chat

D. Speed share

Ans. A

Question No: 3

The Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter (LRO) was launched by-

- A. Japan - JAXA
- B. Russian space agency
- C. ISRO
- ✓ D. NASA

HQ ⇒ Name → " _____ "

Ans. D

Question No: 4



The Big Splat Hypothesis related to –

- A. Creation of earth
- ☒ B. Creation of moon
- C. Creation of universe
- D. Creation of mars

1 | Big Bang

Ans. B

Question No: 5

Natanz is located in –

- A. Bangladesh
- B. Tibbat
- ☒ C. Iran
- D. Iraq

Ans. C

ASIA SOCIETY'S ASIA GAME CHANGER AWARDS

WOMEN CHANGING THE GAME

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#AsiaGameChangers

Chhaya Sharma, a former detective who solved one of Delhi's most notorious crimes, reflects on her work while accepting a 2019 Asia Game Changer award.



SHANTI SWARUP BHATNAGAR PRIZE FOR 2019

- **Awarded by:** Council of Scientific and Industrial Research. It was first awarded in 1958. CSIR
- Dr Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar was **the Founder Director (and later first Director General) of Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR)** who is credited with establishing twelve national laboratories.
- He was awarded the Padma Vibhushan in 1954 by the President of India.

PORTUGAL SETS UP GANDHI PRIZE

(2019)

- Portuguese Prime Minister Antonio Costa announced setting up of a Gandhi Citizenship Education Prize.
- The announcement was made while attending the second meeting of the **National Committee for the Commemoration Mahatma Gandhi's 150th Birth Anniversary**.

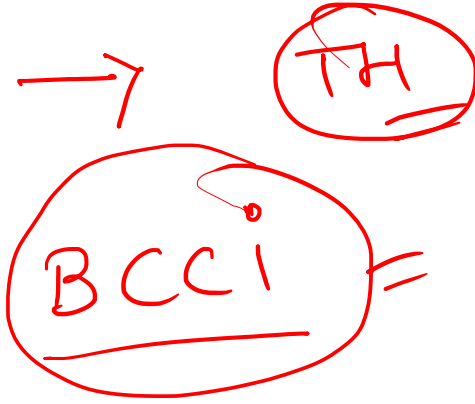
Asia Cup cancelled, says Ganguly

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NEW DELHI

The BCCI president Sourav Ganguly on Wednesday announced cancellation of the Asia Cup T20, scheduled to be held in September, because of the pandemic.

"Asia Cup cancel ho chuka hai, jo September me tha (Asia Cup, which was to be held in September, has been cancelled)," Ganguly told 'Sports Tak' in an Instagram live session.

The Pakistan Cricket Board, which has the hosting rights, confirmed it has agreed to host the event in 2022 and Sri Lanka is now expected to hold it next year.



Trump is a child in an adult's body: niece

Tell-all book by Mary presents U.S. President as a transactional narcissist

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U.S. President Donald Trump's niece describes him in a much-awaited tell-all book as a child in an adult's body, someone psychologically brutalised and damaged by his "sociopath" father and who developed defences of anger and distrust to mask his own chronic insecurities.

Too Much and Never Enough: How My Family Created the World's Most Dangerous Man, by Mary L. Trump, presents a portrait of the President familiar to readers of other books as a transactional narcissist and accidental commander in chief. But Mary Trump, a clinical psychologist, offers a particularly dark picture of Donald Trump's father and her grandfather, Fred Trump Sr. "From the beginning, Fred's self-interest



Trump on Trump: A combination photo showing the book's cover and a portrait of its author, Mary Trump. •AP

skewed his priorities," Mary Trump writes. "His care of his children, such as it was, reflected his own needs, not theirs. Love meant nothing to him, and he could not empathize with their plight, one of the defining characteristics of a sociopath; he expected obedience, that was

all." Fred Trump Sr. wanted his eldest son, Fred Jr. – Mary's father – to be a "killer," a high form of praise that the President himself has often used to describe people he respects. Fred Trump Sr. helped establish a competition between his elder son and the future President that

went on for decades, Mary Trump writes, until Donald Trump ultimately prevailed and her father died an alcoholic at age 42.

The book was scheduled for release next Tuesday by its publisher, Simon & Schuster, after a New York State judge ruled that it was not bound by a confidentiality agreement that Mary Trump signed as part of a settlement over a legal battle over a grandfather's estate. The President's brother, Robert Trump, had gone to court in an attempt to block publication of the book on the grounds that his niece had violated terms of the agreement in writing it. A hearing is scheduled for Friday.

Among the new disclosures in the book is Mary Trump's claim that Donald Trump paid someone to take his college entrance examination. NY TIMES

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Book ⇒
Too much-
never Enough



Joshna back in the world's top-10

NEW DELHI

India's squash star Joshna Chinappa moved up a spot to be in the 10th position in the PSA World rankings following the shock retirement of Egyptian World No. 1 Raneem El Welily. Egypt's Nouran Gohar is the new No. 1. PTI

Game
Squash

Alonso to return to F1



Fernando Alonso • REUTERS

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
AUSTRIA

Two-time world champion Fernando Alonso will return to Formula One with Renault for the 2021 season, the team announced on Wednesday.

"Renault DP World F1 Team is pleased to confirm Fernando Alonso alongside Esteban Ocon in its driver line-up for the 2021 season," Renault said in a statement.

Alonso, who has notched up 32 wins and 97 podiums in 314 Grand Prix starts, will replace Australian driver Daniel Ricciardo, who is McLaren-bound at the end of this season.

→ Renault

Harvard, MIT sue U.S. govt. over directive on student visas

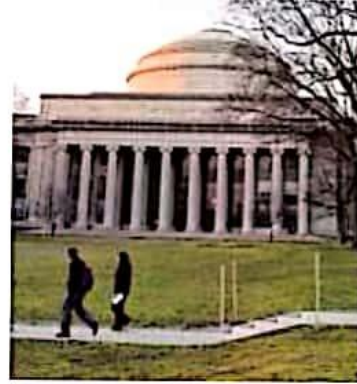
'The order's cruelty is surpassed only by its recklessness'

THE NEW YORK TIMES

Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) said on Wednesday that they had filed a lawsuit against the Donald Trump administration over a directive that would strip foreign students of their visas if their coursework was entirely online.

The White House measure, announced on Monday, was seen as an effort to pressure universities into reopening and abandoning the cautious approaches that many have announced they would adopt to reduce transmission of the virus.

"The order came down without notice – its cruelty surpassed only by its recklessness," Harvard's president Lawrence S. Bacow said in a message to the university community. "It appears that it was designed purposefully to place pressure



The Maclaurin Building on the MIT campus. •AFP

struction this fall, without regard to concerns for the health and safety of students, instructors, and others."

Less number of students

The directive's effect may be to dramatically reduce the number of international students enrolling in the fall. Together with delays in processing visas as a result of the pandemic, immigrant advocates say the new rules, which must still be finalised

ties, where they often pay full tuition. Such changes could put foreign students' visas, known as F-1 visas, at risk under the new rules. International students whose universities are not planning in-person classes – which is currently the case at schools including Harvard and the University of Southern California – would be required to return to their home countries if they are already in the United States.

Those overseas would not be granted permission to enter the country to take online coursework here.

Ken Cuccinelli, the acting Deputy Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, said in an interview to CNN that the administration was providing more flexibility for international students than in the past, when they could take only one online course to qualify for visas. Now they can take

F-1 / M-1
↓
VISA

F-1 visa students cannot take all classes online: U.S.

The U.S. rule, announced by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), an agency within the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), says those F-1 and M-1 (non-academic and vocational students) visa holders planning to take only online classes in the fall (autumn) will not be allowed to remain in the U.S. Due to COVID-19, a number of universities are planning to shift all their classes online for the fall semeste

Mining giant told to pay \$2 bn for Arctic spill


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- Russia's state environmental watchdog said that metals giant Norilsk Nickel should pay an unprecedented \$2 billion in damages over a huge Arctic fuel spill.
- Russia had declared a national emergency after a spill of 21,000 tonnes of diesel fuel.

- President Vladimir Putin has said he expects Norilsk Nickel to fully restore the environment.

- Norilsk Nickel is the world's largest producer of nickel and palladium

Ambarnaya River

- It is a river in Siberia which flows in a northerly direction into Lake Pyasino. 
- It is heavily polluted by the mining industry of Norilsk.

Software Technology Parks of India (STPI)

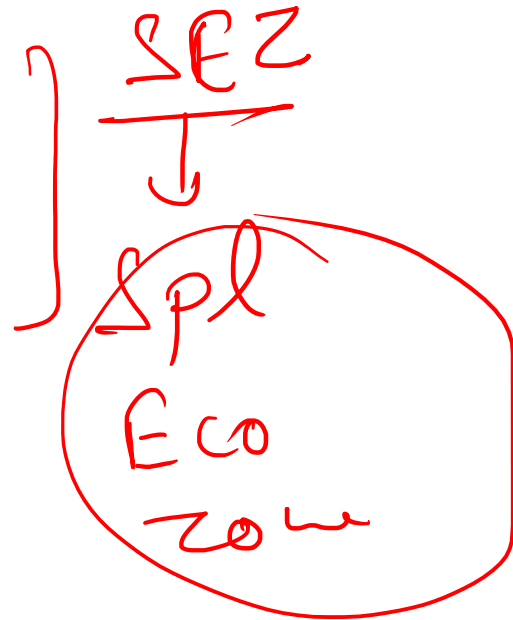
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- STPI is an autonomous society set up by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology in 1991.
- It was set up with the objective of encouraging, promoting and boosting software exports.

- STPI maintains internal engineering resources to provide consulting, training and implementation of IT-enabled services. (IT-ES)

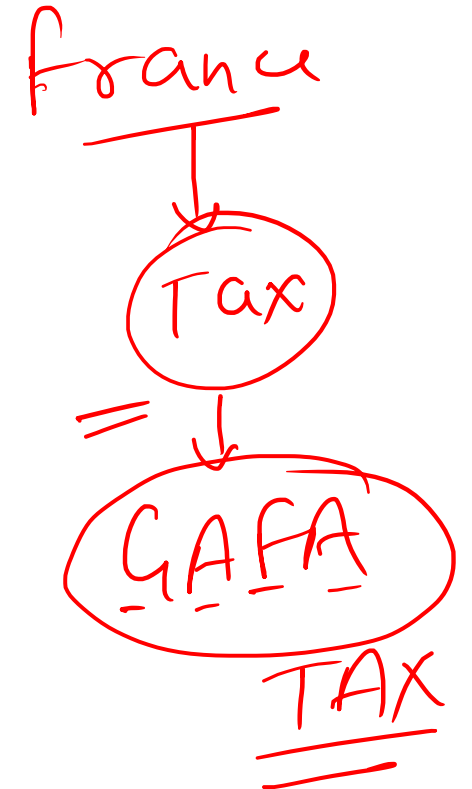
- The STPI's Governing Council's Chairperson is the Union Minister for Electronics & Information Technology.

- STP Scheme is a 100 percent Export Oriented Scheme for the development and export of computer software, including the export of professional services using communication links or physical media.



Equalisation Levy OR Google Tax

Recently, the Central government has stated that it will **not extend the deadline for payment of equalisation levy by non-resident e-commerce players**, even though a majority of them are yet to deposit the first installment of the tax.



- The step has come in the backdrop of the **United States Trade Representative (USTR)** investigations into taxes adopted or under consideration by 10 nations, including India, on revenues of American digital service companies like Netflix, Airbnb etc.
- Equalisation levy at 6% has been in force since 2016 on payment exceeding Rs 1 lakh a year to a non-resident service provider for online advertisements.

The new amendment, effective from April 1, 2020, essentially expands the equalization levy from online advertising to nearly all online commerce activities done in India by businesses that do not have taxable presence in India through applicability of 2% on its revenues.

BEPS # Base Ero. Profit shifting

GAFA tax

GAFA tax—named after **Google, Apple, Facebook, Amazon**—is a proposed digital tax to be levied on large technology and internet companies. France has decided to introduce the tax (3% tax on revenues from digital activities).

(ओफेक-16)

- हाल ही में इज़राइल ने एक नया उपग्रह लॉन्च किया, जो कि उसे अपने सैन्य उद्देश्यों की प्राप्ति के लिये उच्च गुणवत्ता वाले निगरानी डेटा प्रदान करेगा। गौरतलब है कि इज़राइल बीते कई वर्षों से अपनी सेना की उन्नति के लिये कार्य कर रहा है और ईरान समेत उन विभिन्न दुश्मन देशों पर अपनी निगरानी बढ़ा रहा है, जिनकी परमाणु क्षमता इज़राइल के लिये एक बड़ा खतरा पैदा कर सकती है।

IRAN

- ओफेक-16 (Ofek 16) नामक यह निगरानी उपग्रह इज़राइल के 'शेविट' (Shavit) रॉकेट से अंतरिक्ष में प्रक्षेपित किया गया था।

Question No: 1

Sakteng Wildlife Sanctuary is located in –

A. Aasaam

☒ B. Bhutan

C. Taiwan

D. Tibbet

Ans. B

Question No: 2

Which country count the gross national happiness index?

- A. Norway
- B. Taiwan
- ☒ C. Bhutan
- D. China

GNH

Ans. C

Question No: 3

Which article of the constitution has limited the number of the Council of Ministers in the states?

A. Article 150

✓ B. Article 164 (1A)

C. Article 112

D. Article 51 A

15%

Ans. B

Question No: 4

According to the data of 2018, Which state of India has the highest IMR?

A. Maharashtra

B. U.P.

C. M.P.

D. Kerala

→ 32
→ 48 — IMR

Ans. C

Question No: 5

The average infant mortality rate of India is –

A. 32

B. 35

C. 44

D. 50

Ans. A