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**Date - 14<sup>th</sup> July 2020**

**Time - 8:30 am to 9:15 am**

**By Sujeet sir**



# Question No: 1

**The real name of famous Bollywood actor Jagdeep was –**

- ☒ A. Syed Ishtiaq Ahmed Jaffrey
- B. Mohammed Ishtiaq
- C. Syed Ahmed
- D. J. Jaffrey

**Ans. A**

# Question No: 2

Which country has been included in the Malabar exercise since 2015?

- A. Bangladesh
- B. Australia
- C. America
- D. ~~Japan~~

Ans. D

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2015

# Question No: 3

Recently, Which two south east Asian countries are declared measles free by WHO?

- A. India & Bhutan
- B. China & Sri Lanka
- ☒ C. Sri Lanka & Maldives
- D. India & Sri Lanka

Ans. C

# Question No: 4

**Both Measles and Rubella are caused by a –**

A. DNA Virus

☒ B. RNA Virus

☒ C. Bacteria

D. Fungus

Bubonic plague

Ans. B



# Question No: 5

The full form of **MMR** is –

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- ☒ A. Measles, Mumps, and Rubella
- ☐ B. Matchmaking Rating
- ☐ C. Mean Median Ratio
- ☐ D. Market mode Rating

Ans. A

## Officer challenges Army's Facebook ban directive

It mandates all serving personnel to delete their accounts

14/07/2020

An Army officer has challenged in the Delhi High Court the recent directive banning the usage of social networking platforms, including Facebook and Instagram, in all ranks.

Lt. Col. PK Choudhary said in his



petition that the policy issued on June 6, 2020, which banned the usage of 89 applications and websites violated various fundamental rights under the Constitution, including the right to freedom of speech and expression and right to privacy. The plea is listed for hearing on Tuesday,

The policy mandates every serving Army man to also delete their respective accounts on the websites and applications.

"The orders of banning use and deletion of soldier's profiles and data from social networking websites is characteristic of authoritarian regimes and is against the democratic and constitutional foundation of India", the plea stated.

→ 89 APPs  
Armed forces

→ [ Art- 21 & Art-14  
& Art-19(1)(a) ]

[ Art- 33 (Restriction on FIR Per.) ]





## Iran drops India from Chabahar rail project, cites funding delay

IRCON had signed MoU with Iranian Railways in 2016

14/07/2020



No more waiting: Iran has begun laying tracks for the 628 km line which will be extended to Afghanistan.

Four years after India and Iran signed an agreement to construct a rail line from Chabahar port to Zahedan, along the border with Afghanistan, the Iranian government has decided to proceed with the construction on its own, citing delays from the Indian side in funding and starting the project.

Last week, Iranian Transport and Urban Development Minister Mohammad Eslami inaugurated the track-laying process for the 628 km Chabahar-Zahedan line, which will be extended to Zaranj across the border in Afghanistan. Officials told The Hindu that the entire project would be completed by March 2022, and that Iranian Railways will proceed without India's assistance, using approximately

Zahedan (Iran)



■ The Iranian port of Chabahar will be New Delhi's primary gateway to Afghanistan and Central Asia

■ Chabahar will help ramp up trade between India, Afghanistan and Iran in the wake of Pakistan denying transit facilities

# CII ITC Sustainability Awards 2019

एनटीपीसी  
NTPC

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## CII-ITC Sustainability Award-2019

हाल ही में 'राष्ट्रीय ताप विद्युत निगम' (National Thermal Power Corporation: NTPC) लिमिटेड को कॉर्पोरेट उत्कृष्टता श्रेणी के अंतर्गत उत्कृष्ट उपलब्धि के लिये प्रतिष्ठित 'सीआईआई-आईटीसी सस्टेनेबिलिटी पुरस्कार-2019' (CII-ITC Sustainability Award- 2019) प्रदान किया गया।

## 1. Girl Empowerment Mission-GEM

एनटीपीसी लिमिटेड अपने पावर स्टेशन के आसपास प्रतिष्ठापित वंचित पृष्ठभूमि से आने वाली एवं स्कूल जाने वाली बालिकाओं को लाभ पहुँचाकर उनके समग्र विकास को बढ़ावा देता है।



## 2. Contractors Labour Information Management System- CLIMS

- इस प्रणाली के माध्यम से ठेका श्रमिकों को परियोजना स्थलों पर महीने के अंतिम दिन भुगतान किया जाता है।

## सीआईआई-आईटीसी सस्टेनेबिलिटी पुरस्कार-2019:

- वर्ष 2006 में गठित 'CII-ITC सस्टेनेबिलिटी पुरस्कार' उन व्यवसायों में उत्कृष्टता के लिये प्रदान किये जाते हैं जो अपनी गतिविधियों में अधिक टिकाऊ एवं समावेशी होने के तरीके अपनाते हैं।
- देश में सस्टेनेबिलिटी की पहचान के लिये इसे सबसे विश्वसनीय पुरस्कार माना जाता है।



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Confederation of Indian Industry  
125 Years: 1895-2020

# Confederation of Indian Industry

- Founded in 1895
- CII is a non-government, not-for-profit organization
- Headquarters : New Delhi
- President: Mr. Vikram S. Kirloskar

## नियोवाइज (NEOWISE)

Comet

- हाल ही में नासा के टेलीस्कोप द्वारा खोजा गया धूमकेतु 'सी/2020 एफ3' (C/2020 F3) जिसे नियोवाइज (NEOWISE) के नाम से भी जाना जाता है, 22 जुलाई, 2020 को पृथ्वी के सबसे निकट पहुंचेगा।

# Asteroid vs. Comet



Comet  
Tail



## Comet

- Comets also orbit the Sun and are relatively small bodies of the solar system. When comets approach the sun, some part of their ice melts.
- When some part of the ice melts, the other materials vapourise due to the heat of the sun.

- This results in a glowing halo that extends outwards as though sailing through space.
- The ice and compounds like ammonia and methane develop a fuzzy cloud like shell known as the coma.
- This forms a notable difference between comets and asteroids.

## Asteroid

- Asteroid orbit the Sun and are small bodies on the solar system.
- They are made up of metals and rocks and also consists of organic compounds.
- They are similar to comets but don't have a coma-like comet.

- **Asteroids tend to have shorter and elliptical orbits.**
- **Astronomers have discovered millions of asteroids some that measure hundreds of kilometers across and some as small as dust particles.**



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- नीति आयोग (NITI Aayog) के अटल इनोवेशन मिशन ने देशभर में स्कूली छात्रों के लिये 'एटीएल एप डवलपमेंट मॉड्यूल' (ATL App Development Module) लॉन्च किया।
- 'एटीएल एप डवलपमेंट मॉड्यूल' एक ऑनलाइन कोर्स है जो पूरी तरह निःशुल्क है।



- यह एप डवलपमेंट मॉड्यूल भारतीय स्टार्टअप प्लेज़मो (Plezmo) के सहयोग से लॉन्च किया गया है।
- इसका उद्देश्य अटल इनोवेशन मिशन के प्रमुख कार्यक्रम 'अटल टिंकरिंग लैब्स' के तहत आने वाले समय में स्कूली छात्रों के कौशल में सुधार करना है और उन्हें एप उपयोगकर्ता से एप निर्माणकर्ता बनाना है।

# Dutee puts her BMW up for sale

## Wants to raise funds for her training expenses

V.V. SUBRAHMANYAM  
HYDERABAD

Sprinter Dutee Chand put on sale her BMW car to raise funds to take care of training expenses.

"It is a very costly car which I bought at ₹30 lakhs and its maintenance has become an issue for me. Moreover, I don't have the parking slot too to keep it as I have two more cars.

"So, I have decided to sell it off so that the money raised can be handy to continue training," the 24-year-old Dutee, who has been training in Bhubaneswar, told *The Hindu* on Saturday.

"I have to spend about ₹1 lakh alone on diet and then have to pay salaries to my support staff including trainer and physio.

"It has become very difficult for me to sustain the training," she said.

### Difficult to sustain

"I spent most of the cash incentives which the Odisha



Dutee Chand

FILE PHOTO: V.V. SUBRAHMANYAM

me and with the postponement of the Olympics, it has become even more difficult for me to fund my training," Dutee explained.

What about salary? "I get only ₹60,000 per month being on the rolls of Odisha Mining Corporation which is obviously not sufficient in these times," she said.

"Definitely, I can understand these are challenging

I have to spend about ₹1 lakh alone on diet and then have to pay salaries to my support staff including trainer and physio

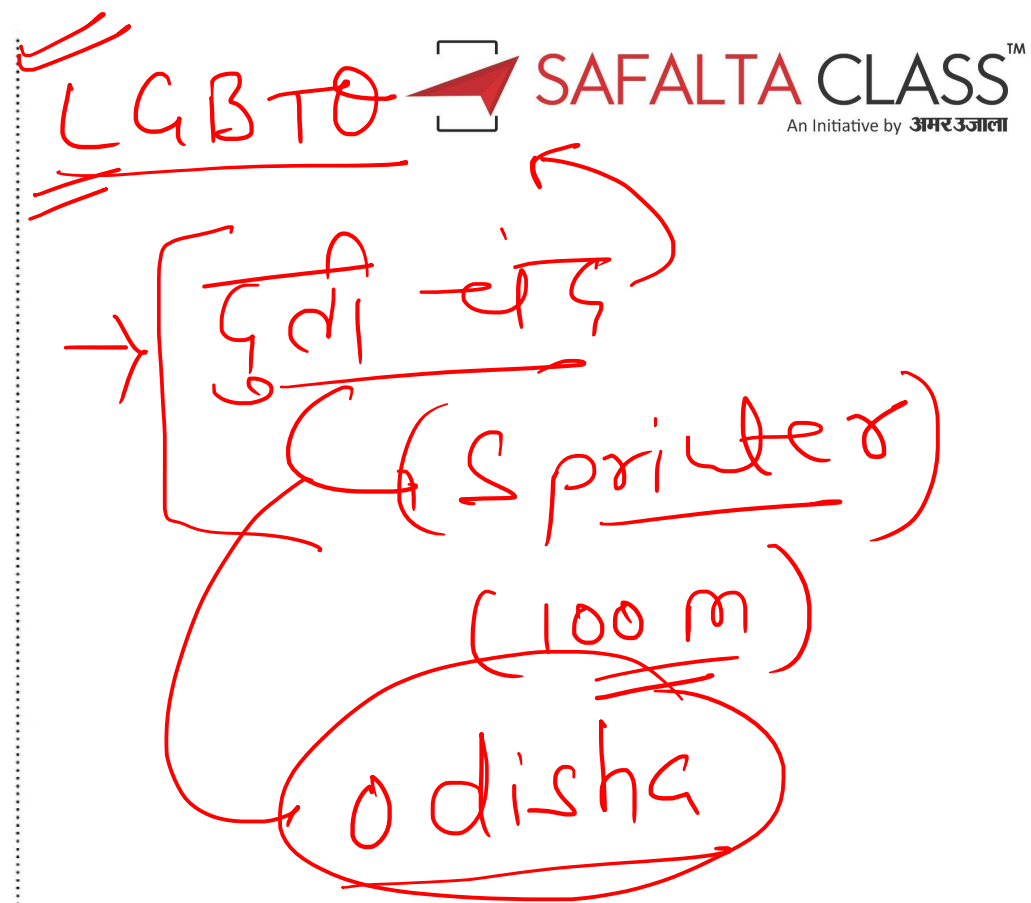
financial assistance.

But being an athlete aiming to win an Olympic medal, I just cannot afford to sit back and watch in disappointment with the way things are unfolding around me," says the athlete, the only Indian to win a 2019 Universiade gold in sprints.

### Biggest jolt

"For me, postponement of the Olympics is the biggest jolt as I was preparing with all seriousness and intensity.

"The lockdown because of COVID-19 virus has put all my planning in jeopardy and I am desperately hoping for a turn-around in the fortunes to be back on track.





Jakarta  
(2017)



# Jyotsna Bhatt: the high priestess of fire and clay

With her passing away, India has lost a fine practitioner in the world of ceramic art practices

UMA NAIR

When Thomas Gray penned "Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard", he used the lines:

*"Full many a gem of purest ray serene,*

*The dark unfathom'd caves of ocean bear ..."*

These words exemplify the life and work of ceramic artist and mentor Jyotsna Bhatt, who passed away in Vadodara on Saturday. In her more than 50-year career, Bhatt upgraded, refined and ennobled her art and created an original repertoire.

Simplicity and vividness were the best attributes to describe her art and ceramics.

lent sophistication. Nature was her leitmotif. She framed forms through her own understanding of nature and human experience. She glazed her ceramics in such an inimitable way, giving them evocative rugged and rough surfaces.

Jyotsna *behen*, as she was popularly called, considered Ira Chaudhri as the Guru of the Indian ceramic movement. Her intrinsic understanding of the relationship between form and the ferment became her signature. Her sculpted entities around nature, the spontaneity of clay and the marvels of expression speaking through



Jyotsna Bhatt at work.

• JYOTSNA BHATT

smiling cats.

Born Jyotsna Shroff in 1940 at Mandvi in Kutch, she lost her father early but her uncle saw her aptitude in fine arts and encouraged her to pursue it. Her journey at the wheel began in the 1960s in

the world of minerals and fire and clay, she looked around her garden at Vadodara for stimulus and inspiration.

Her sensitivity and her distinct sensibility was born of a deep understanding of the arts and crafts heritage of Gujarat. Her journey saw the genesis of a silent yet robust modernist potter, who was at home in the contemporary world and comfortable in her own skin, sharing secrets as she went along. Jyotsna *behen* had been a part of several group exhibitions, workshops, art camps, and solo shows. Her last shows at Kolkata and Vadodara showcased a deluge of delightful

inert matter like stoneware, signature matte glazes and minerals seem to awaken, smoke, stretch and settle into a position of poise and reflective reverie. In Delhi, most of her shows were held at Art Heritage, Triveni. She was also particular about her prices; didn't want to get into the elitist markets and kept her prices reasonable. Stoneware was her preferred medium. More than just a ceramic artist, she was a mentor, a pedagogue exemplifying humility, grace and wisdom. India has lost a fine practitioner and doyenne in the world of ceramic art practices.

(The writer is a senior art

JITU RAI → shooter

## Jitu puts serving the country and Army above sports

**KAMESH SRINIVASAN**  
NEW DELHI

Asian Games gold medallist and Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna awardee Jitu Rai is on national duty.

Promoted to the rank of Subedar Major in the Army, Jitu has flown to the North-East to be with his regiment.

"There is no sport happening. I thought, why waste

time. It is the best time to serve the Army and the country.

"That is my priority ahead of sports," says Jitu, who moved from his family base in Indore.

On reaching his destination and his unit, Jitu had to be in quarantine for 21 days, before reporting for duty and getting the promotion.


"I never ignore shooting. I am carrying my gun and get to practice dry-firing for about one or two hours every day," says Jitu, who had made the Olympic final in Rio.

He has won World Championship silver, apart from a bunch of medals at World Cups and Commonwealth Games.

"I know that I can come back into the national team and aim for an Olympic medal again," says Jitu, who married Sushmita after the Rio Olympics and has a one-year-old son Jishu.


"Whether it is sports or the Army, I will do my job with the same devotion and concentration," says the 32-year-old Jitu.





**CATEGORY**

<b>10M</b> AIR PISTOL	<b>50M</b> AIR PISTOL
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**JITU RAI**  | Age: 30

**PAST CWG PERFORMANCE**  
Gold in 50m Air Pistol at 2014 Commonwealth Games

**BEST PERFORMANCES**  
Gold in 50m Air Pistol at 2014 Asian Games

AA  
→ Shooter  
→ 2014 - Gold

# LIST OF AWARDEES ON NATIONAL SPORTS DAY, 2016

## RAJIV GANDHI KHEL RATNA



**PV SINDHU**

Won a silver medal in  
the women's singles  
badminton event, Rio  
Olympics 2016



**SAKSHI MALIK**

Bronze medalist in the  
women's wrestling  
freestyle 58 kg, Rio  
Olympics 2016



**DIPA KARMAKAR**

Finished fourth in  
the women's  
vault event in  
Gymnastics, Rio  
Olympics 2016



**JITU RAI**

Gold medal winner in  
the 50m pistol event  
during the 2014 Com-  
monwealth Games and  
Asian Games 2014



## **Disabled are entitled to same benefits of SC/ST quota: SC**

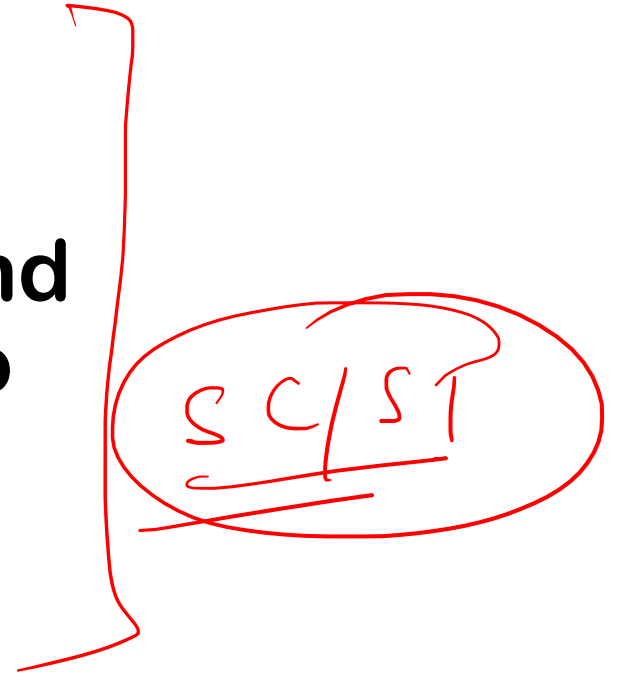
- According to the recent decision of the Supreme Court, persons with disabilities are entitled to the same benefits of SC/ST quota.

- **The Supreme Court, in a significant decision, confirmed that persons with disabilities are also socially backward and entitled to the same benefits of relaxation as Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe candidates in public employment and education.**

- A three-judge Bench led by Justice Rohinton Nariman upheld a 2012 judgment of the Delhi High Court in **Anamol Bhandari (minor) through his father/Natural Guardian v. Delhi Technological University.**

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- “In Anamol Bhandari, the High Court has correctly held that people suffering from disabilities are also socially backward, and are therefore, at the very least, entitled to the same benefits as given to the Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe candidates,” the Supreme Court held in the judgment.



60%

Reservation Category	Reservation Quota (%)
ST	7.5
SC	15
OBC	27
EWS	10
Total	59.50%

22.5%



Biocon

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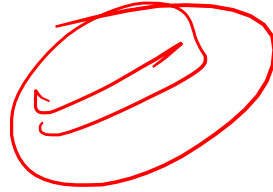
## Experts question basis of COVID-19 drug

Biocon Ltd's psoriasis drug, **ITOLIZUMAB**, re-purposed for COVID-19 and headlined as a breakthrough drug for treating the moderately sick and the severely ill, appears to have been tested on too few patients to reliably conclude on its benefits.

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**Coronavirus treatment:**



**Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw-led Biocon** has received approval from the Drugs Controller General of India for its drug Itolizumab for its use in moderate to severe COVID-19 patients.

**NATGRID** gets access to data from **14,000**  
police stations

The National Intelligence Grid has signed an MoU with the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) to access the centralised online database on FIRs and stolen vehicles.

CCITNS?

## NATGRID:

- First conceptualised in 2009, NATGRID seeks to become the one-stop destination for security and intelligence agencies to access databases related to immigration entry and exit, banking and telephone details of a suspect on a “secured platform”.
- The MoU will give NATGRID access to the Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems database, a platform that links around 14,000 police stations.

CCTNS

## ब्रिटेन में FDI का दूसरा सबसे बड़ा स्रोत भारत

- ब्रिटेन सरकार के तहत अंतर्राष्ट्रीय व्यापार विभाग (DIT) द्वारा जारी हालिया आँकड़ों के अनुसार वित्तीय वर्ष 2019-20 में भारत, यूनाइटेड किंगडम (UK) में विदेशी प्रत्यक्ष निवेश (FDI) का दूसरा सबसे बड़ा स्रोत बन गया है। DIT द्वारा प्रस्तुत आँकड़ों के अनुसार, अभी भी अमेरिका ब्रिटेन के लिये FDI का सबसे बड़ा स्रोत बना हुआ है,

I St =)

USA

# Question No: 1

**The Moplah Rebellion or the Malabar Rebellion was held in -**

A. 1920

B. 1919

☒ C. 1921

D. 1922

Ans. C

# Question No: 2

TPP - 11 is a / an –

- A. Medical equipment
- B. Educational Program
- C. Business Policy
- ☒ D. Trade Agreement

Ans. C

USA x

# Question No: 3

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The Svalbard Global Seed Vault is located in –

A. Denmark

B. Norway

C. Switzerland

D. Iceland

L Largest Seed Vault

Ans. B



# Question No: 4

India's seed vault is at –

- A. Himanchal Pradesh
- B. Pune
- C. Bangalore
- D. ~~Chang~~ La (Ladakh)

Ans. D

# Question No: 5

**National Animal Gene Bank is located at –**

- ☒ A. Karnal, Haryana
- B. Gandhi nagar, Gujarat
- C. Delhi
- D. Azmer Rajasthan

**Ans. A**