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Time - 8:30 am to 9:15 am

By Sujeet sir



Question No: 1

COVID-19 महामारी के संदर्भ में #Flatten_The_Curve का अर्थ क्या है?

- 1. A. कोविड-19 की वैक्सीन का नाम. X
- 2. B. कोविड-19 महामारी के संक्रमण को कम करना.]

निम्नलिखित में कौन सा\से कथन सत्य है ?

A.1 B.2 C.Both D.None

Ans (B)

Question No: 2

Business - USA

Franklin Templeton जो एक म्यूचुअल फंड कंपनी है,
इसका संबंध किस देश से है?

A. USA

B. UK

C. France

D. Russia

India (X)

Ans → USA

Question No: 3

स्टॉकहोम इंटरनेशनल पीस रिसर्च इंस्टिट्यूट (sipri) द्वारा जारी आँकड़ों के अनुसार, निम्नलिखित में से कौन 2019 के विश्व के सबसे बड़े सैन्य व्यय वाले शीर्ष पांच देशों में से तीन थे?

- A. जापान, स्वीडन और, फ़िनलैंड
- B. अमेरिका, चीन और भारत
- C. अमेरिका, चीन और जापान
- D. स्वीडन, जापान और चीन

Ans → अमेरिका, चीन और भारत

Question No: 4

~~काप्तानी~~ बांध कहा स्थित है?

A. Nepal

B. Myanmar

C. Bhutan

D. Bangladesh

Capital

India & BSG

River → कुशी कुली

Ans → D

Question No: 5

निम्नलिखित में कौन सा\से कथन सत्य है ?

1. OECD (organisation for economic cooperation and development) संस्था का भारत सदस्य नहीं है।
2. OECD यह संयुक्त राष्ट्र संघ का एक अभिन्न अंग है।
3. इसका मुख्यालय पेरिस में स्थित है।

NOT

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

Ans → 1&3

Mali wakes up to military rule after President is forced out

Boubacar Keita says he resigned to avoid bloodshed

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
BAMAKO

Mali awoke on Wednesday to a new chapter in its troubled history after rebel military leaders forced President Boubacar Keita from office, prompting its West African neighbours to threaten border closures and sanctions against the coup leaders.

Mr. Keita, embattled by months of protests over economic stagnation, corruption and a brutal Islamist insurgency, said he had resigned to avoid bloodshed.

There were few obvious traces of the previous day's drama in the capital Bamako – there were no troops on the streets despite the coup leaders announcing a night-time curfew.

The burnt-out home of the former Justice Minister after an attack by protesters was one of the few visible signs of the overthrow.

UN seeks Keita's release

Jubilant crowds had cheered the rebels on Tuesday as they arrived in Bamako, where they detained Mr. Keita along with Prime Minister Boubou Cisse.

UN Secretary General An-



Boubacar Keita

tonio Guterres demanded the "immediate and unconditional release" of both men as diplomats in New York said the Security Council would hold emergency talks on Wednesday.

It was unclear whether Mr. Keita was still in custody on Wednesday at the Kati military base – a facility seized by the mutineers that was also the site of the 2012 coup that brought him to power.

The coup leaders appeared on television overnight to pledge a political transition and new elections within a "reasonable time".

Malian Air Force deputy chief of staff Ismael Wague said he and his fellow officers had "decided to take res-

pensibility in front of the people and of history".

There were no reports of casualties during the military takeover but the coup leaders announced a curfew and border closures, in effect sealing off the country.

French President Emmanuel Macron was among the first to condemn the mutiny, his office saying that he still supported mediation efforts by other West African states.

Mali is the cornerstone of French-led efforts to roll back jihadists in the Sahel, and its neighbours are anxious to avoid the country sliding into chaos.

Colonel Wague said "all past agreements" would be respected, including Mali's support for anti-jihadist missions in the region.

"MINUSMA (the UN force in Mali), (France's) Barkhane force, the G5 Sahel, Takuba (a European special-forces initiative) remain our partners," he said.

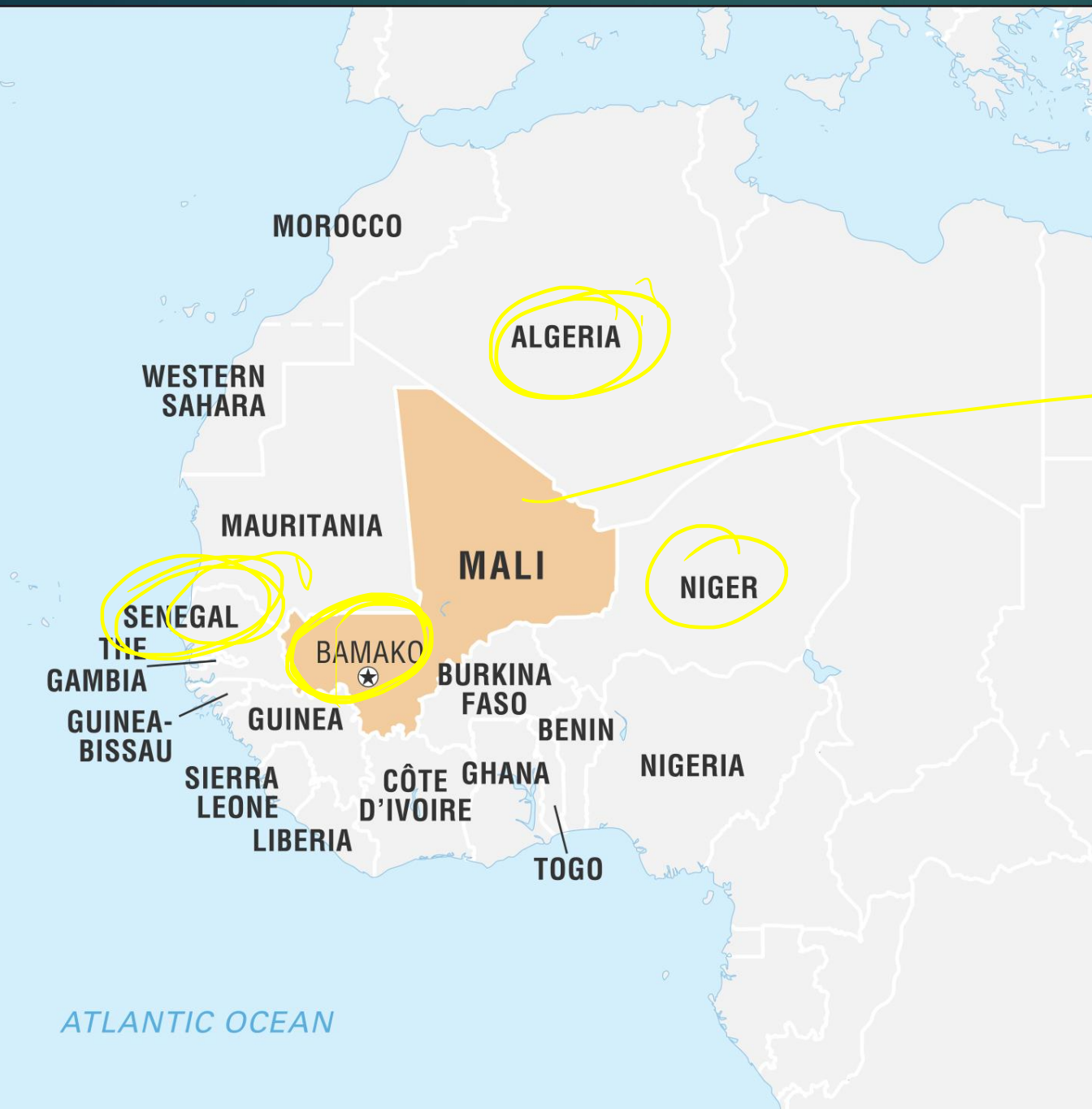
The coup leaders also remain "committed to the Algiers process," a 2015 peace agreement between the Malian government and armed groups in the north of the country, he said.

माली
तख्दी 4000

Keita

- ▶ Five colonels appeared in the broadcast, led by Colonel Assimi Goita.
- ▶ The group christened itself the National Commission for the People's Salvation.
- ▶ Currency : West African CFA franc (XOF)





French Colony

Single exam

The National Recruitment Agency (NRA) will conduct a Common Eligibility Test (CET) for recruitment to government jobs

- The NRA will initially conduct the CET for three sectors — Railway Recruitment Board, Staff Selection Commission and Institute of Banking Personnel Selection
- It will be held separately for three levels — graduate, 12th pass and 10th pass — for the non-technical posts of the three agencies
- Examination will be conducted online twice a year in 12 languages and will be based on a common curriculum



- Scores will be valid for a three-year period. Students can write the test multiple times and their best score will be taken into account

- According to the DoPT Secretary, there are 1.25 lakh vacancies every year in Group B and C for non-gazetted officers, and about 2.5 crore people apply every year for examinations to fill these vacancies

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CET ⇒ 2 Times

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Transparent Recruitment, Easing Lives NRA TO HELP STREAMLINE RECRUITMENT PROCESS

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Initially, the NRA to conduct CET twice a year



Registration of applicants, generation of roll number/admit cards, display or marks, merit list, etc. will be done online



Bulk of the candidates will be screened out during CET



Medium of writing will be a multiple choice objective type question paper



Number of candidates appearing in the specialized exams will get reduced to nearly 5% of the total number of candidates



National Recruitment Agency (NRA) COMMON ELIGIBILITY TEST (CET) GIVES MORE CHOICE TO JOB SEEKERS (2/2)



Standard Curriculum & degree of difficulty; to be conducted in multiple Indian languages



Based on CET score, final selection to be made through **separate specialised Tier 2/Tier 3 examinations** conducted by respective recruitment agency



CET score of a candidate will be valid for **3 years**, best available score during 3 years will be the **current score**



No restriction on number of attempts by the candidate, subject to upper age limit prescribed



Relaxation in upper age limit to be given to candidates of SC/ST/OBC/PwD etc





National Recruitment Agency (NRA) GOOD GOVERNANCE THROUGH TRANSPARENCY



Reduces time taken in selection process



Mitigates hardships for candidates from appearing in multiple exams of multiple agencies with similar eligibility conditions



CET to be conducted at over 1000 centres, every District will have at least one exam centre, including the 117 aspirational districts



Better access to rural, underprivileged candidates and women

117



National Recruitment Agency (NRA) NRA PUTS THE JOB-SEEKER FIRST



Candidates can schedule tests and choose centre of their choice

To facilitate employment generation



CET scores can be shared with Central Govt, State Govt, UTs, PSU, Private Sector



Would also help such organisations in saving cost & time spent on recruitment

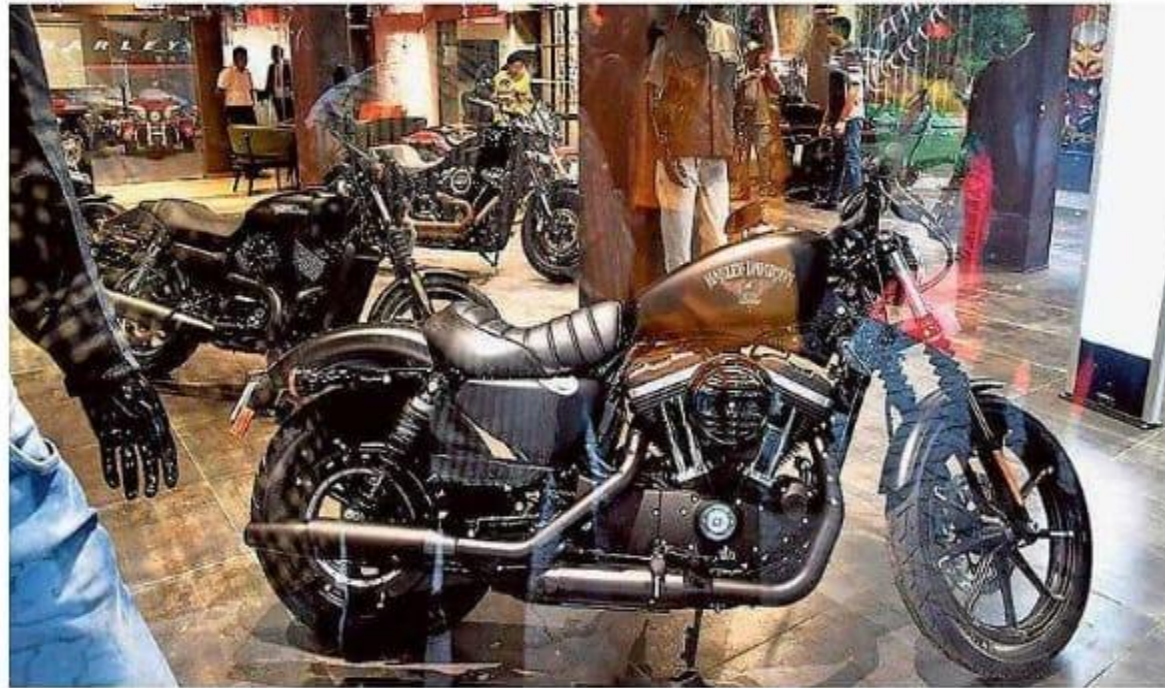
Harley-Davidson may exit India

Weak sales and a lack of visibility for future demand are reasons cited

LALATENDU MISHRA
MUMBAI

Barely a decade after its entry, Harley-Davidson Inc. is looking to wind down its assembly operations in the country as a result of weak sales and a lack of visibility for future demand, industry executives said.

The iconic U.S. motorcycle maker has sent out feelers to a few automakers



Rough ride: A Harley-Davidson outlet in Vijayawada. ■ V. RAJU

through consultants for a possible outsourcing arrangement using its leased assembly facility at Bawal in Haryana, a person privy to

the preliminary talks said.

The decision is in keeping with its latest 'rewire' strategy to focus on about 50 markets, mainly in North Ameri-

ca, Europe and parts of Asia Pacific that represent the "majority of the company's volume and growth potential". In a statement accompanying its second-quarter results last month, Harley-Davidson said: "The company is evaluating plans to exit international markets, where volumes and profitability do not support continued investment in line with the future strategy."

Harley-Davidson India sold fewer than 2,500 units in the last financial year, industry officials said.

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THE HINDU

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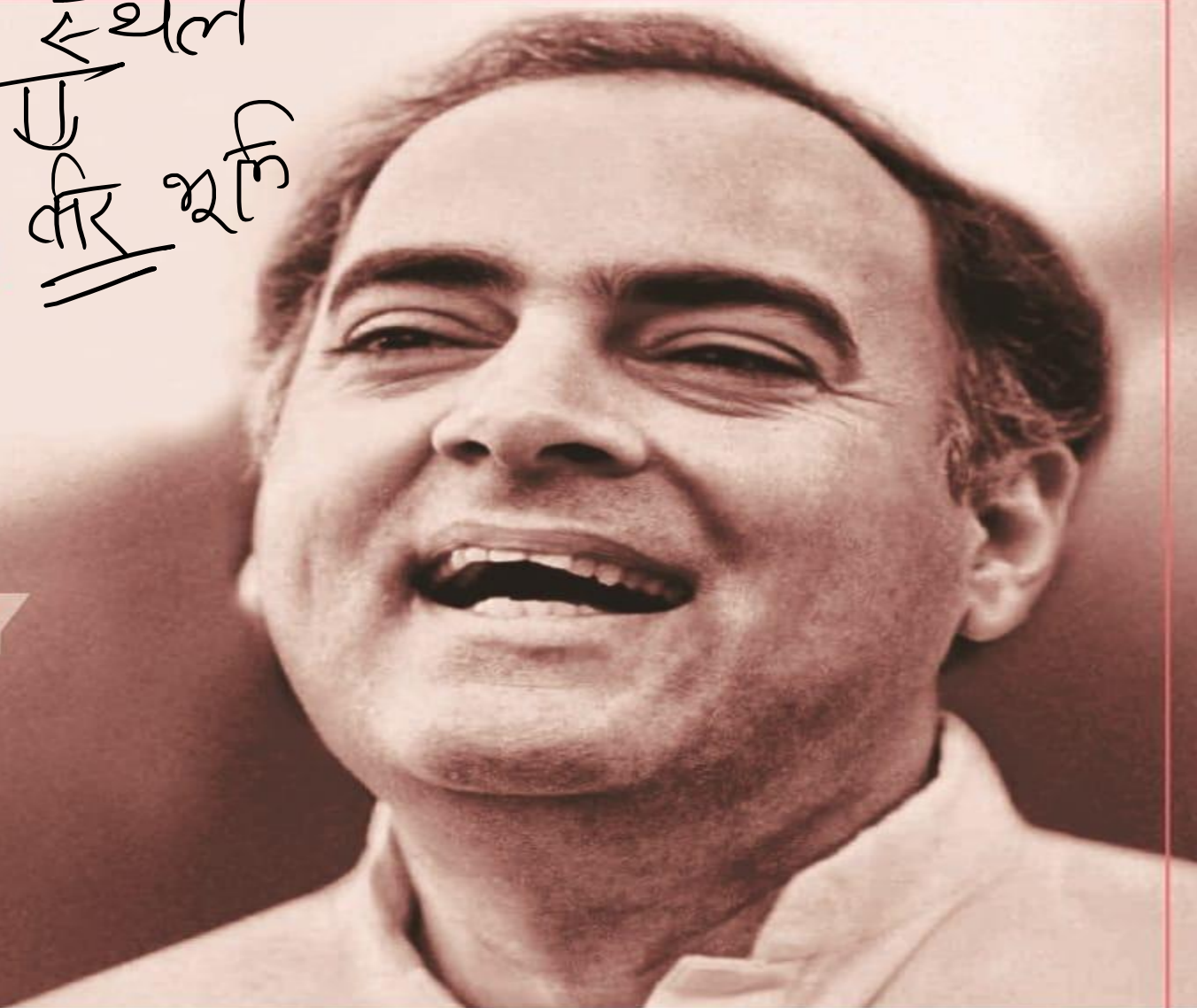
Remembering

Shri Rajiv Gandhi

(20th August, 1944 - 21st May, 1991)

former Prime Minister of India
on his

76th
BIRTH
ANNIVERSARY



“ He believed in the power of India. His vision of the 21st century shaped the destiny of our nation. His dreams enabled the realization of the rising aspirations of our people. Let us remember Rajiv Gandhi today with the promise of translating his conviction into the shared reality of the new India he saw for all of us.”

- **Capt. Amarinder Singh**
Chief Minister, Punjab



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"कोई भी भूखा नहीं सोए" के संकल्प को साकार करने की दिशा में एक बड़ा कदम

इन्दिरा रसोई योजना

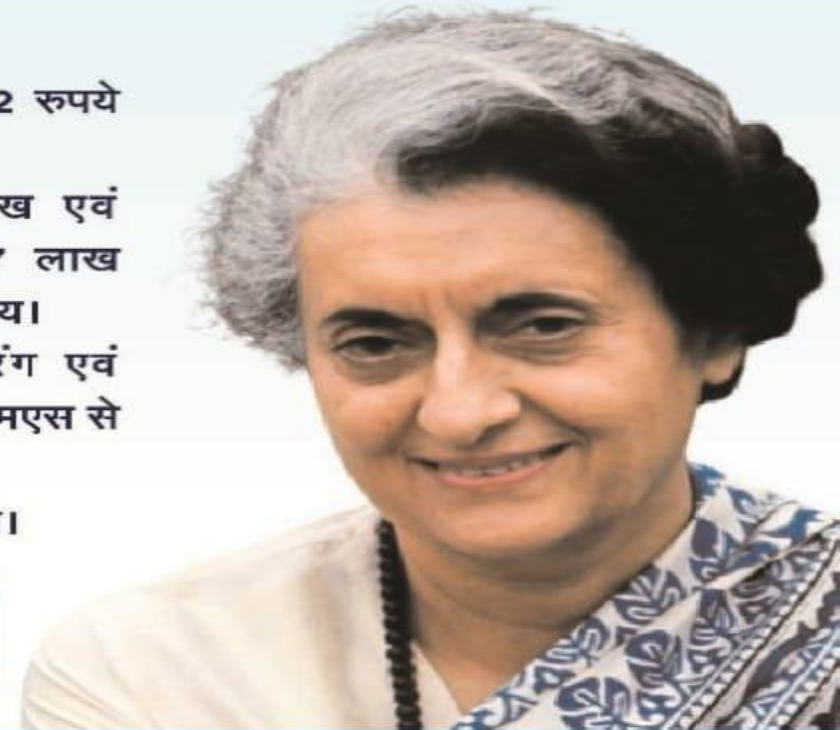
8 रुपये में पौष्टिक एवं स्वादिष्ट भोजन

स्व.राजीव गांधी की जयंती से योजना प्रारंभ (20 अगस्त 2020)

योजना की विशेषताएं

- स्थानीय संस्थाओं द्वारा प्रदेश की 213 नगरीय निकायों में 358 रसोई के माध्यम से बैठाकर भोजन की व्यवस्था।
- शहर के प्रमुख स्थान जैसे रेलवे स्टेशन, बस स्टैंड, अस्पताल को प्राथमिकता।
- भोजन में मुख्य रूप से दाल, चपाती, सब्जी एवं अचार।
- राज्य सरकार द्वारा 12 रुपये प्रति थाली अनुदान।
- प्रतिदिन 1.34 लाख एवं प्रतिवर्ष 4 करोड़ 87 लाख लोगों को भोजन का लक्ष्य।
- ऑनलाइन मॉनिटरिंग एवं मोबाइल फोन पर एसएमएस से कूपन की सूचना।
- गुणवत्ता का विशेष ध्यान।

दोपहर का भोजन - सुबह 8.30 बजे से दोपहर 1 बजे तक
शाम का भोजन - शाम 5 बजे से रात 8 बजे तक



Dream11 is IPL's new title sponsor

Fantasy sports platform wins rights for 2020 edition with ₹222 crore bid

AMOL KARHADKAR
MUMBAI

Fantasy sports platform Dream11 has bagged the title sponsorship rights for the Indian Premier League's 2020 edition with a bid of ₹222 crore.

Three bids

IPL chairman Brijesh Patel confirmed to *The Hindu* on Tuesday that Dream11 was finalised after "evaluating the three bids that were submitted during the prescribed window earlier today".

The other bidders were e-learning platforms Unacademy (₹170 crore) and Byju's (₹201 crore).

The eligible entities among those who had submitted their Expression of Interest (EoI) were asked to email their bids between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Tuesday.

The Tata group, despite

Money matters

The evolution of the IPL's title sponsorship rights over time:



DREAM11

2008-2012: **DLF:**

₹40 crore per year

2013-2015: **Pepsi:**

₹79.2 crore per year

2016-2017: **Vivo:**

₹100 crore per year

2018-2019: **Vivo:**

₹440 crore per year

2020: **Dream11:**

₹222 crore per year

submitting the EoI document last week, pulled out of the race.

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) was forced last week to invite bids for IPL's title sponsorship rights following Vivo India's withdrawal barely six weeks before the start of the tournament, to be played in the United Arab Emirates

(UAE) from September 19 to November 10.

Chinese investor

A combination of the Chinese firm seeking a reduction in the sponsorship amount because of the pandemic-caused economic crisis and the public sentiment in India following the border tension with China had led

to Vivo's exit. Dream11, which has been a partner of BCCI and IPL for a couple of years now, also has a minority investment from a Chinese firm – Tencent Holdings.

Vivo India's deal was valued at ₹440 crore per annum.

FanCode, a live-streaming app launched last year by the Dream11 promoters, is under investigation by the BCCI's Anti-Corruption Unit for its alleged links to a match played by locals on the outskirts of Chandigarh, that was passed off as a T20 contest staged in Sri Lanka.

A BCCI official said that since the Punjab Police is investigating the matter and the two sites are different entities, the on-going investigation will not have any bearing on Dream11's bid.

'No-Go' forests approved for mining

CSE probe finds software tweaked to clear blocks in dense forests for auction

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Since 2015, of the 49 blocks cleared for coal mining, nine were in 'No-Go' areas, or regions that were once classified by the Ministry of Environment and Forests and Climate Change as containing very dense forests and hence closed to coal mining. In 2020, of the 41 blocks put up for auction, 21 feature in the original No-Go list, the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) said at a webinar on Tuesday.

The meeting was organised to present results of an investigation into coal block auctions.

On June 18, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the auction of 41 coal blocks through video-conference. A two stage e-auction is being adopted for the allocation of mines. The decision was

part of the announcements made by the Centre under the Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan.

Though new blocks were being auctioned, the CSE investigation, published in the organisation-owned magazine *Down To Earth* (DTE), pointed out that currently India was not utilising its existing capacity fully and that a Right To Information response by the Union Coal Ministry revealed that 67% of the mines auctioned since 2015 are were not operational yet. From 2015-2020, the government tried to auction 112 mines, but succeeded in only 42 cases.

Several potential coal reserves are located in dense forests particularly in Chattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh. The government determined which of them were too ecologically important to touch,



Several potential coal reserves are located in dense forests in Chattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh.

and which were amenable to be opened up using a 'decision support system software' that rated forest lands on environmental parameters. In some cases, the CSE investigation found that results of the software evaluation were "tweaked" to

make 'No-Go' land into 'Go-forests'. It also found that officials from the Coal Ministry, the beneficiary organisation, were "deputed" to work with the Forest Survey of India to "rework" conditions and clear forests for mining.

DTE editor and CSE Director-General Sunita Narain said in a statement: "Our forests are where our coal reserves are – forests and coal are intrinsically linked in India. And our poorest people live in these areas, which also hold our most abundant watersheds. If at all we must mine coal, which itself has serious pollution implications, we need to do so after careful consideration that we have taken utmost care not to destroy forests needlessly and this means the need to optimise on current mines – not mine more".

EIA

CSE

DTE

सुनीता
नारयण
Down
to Earth

killg the well //

The operation to 'kill' the blowout gas well at Baghjan in eastern Assam's Tinsukia district ⇒ was suspended, after a valve in the well casing pipe gave way.

Nat.
Park

NGP



MAURITIUS OIL SPILL

CHIK Vision IAF Wakashio

HELICOPTERS CLEAN UP DRIVE



Japanese bulk carrier MV Wakashio struck a coral reef off the capital, Port Louis, in July 2020 resulting in an oil spill of over 1,000 tonnes into the Indian Ocean.



How are oil spills cleaned?

Skimming: involves removing oil from the sea surface before it is able to reach the sensitive areas along the coastline.

In situ burning: means burning a particular patch of oil after it has concentrated in one area.

Local

Releasing chemical dispersants: helps break down oil into smaller droplets, making it easier for microbes to consume, and further break it down into less harmful compounds.

► India's Assistance to Mauritius:

- India's assistance is in line with its policy to extend humanitarian assistance and disaster relief to its neighbours in the Indian Ocean region, guided by the Prime Minister's vision of **SAGAR (Security and Growth for All in the Region)**.

SAGAR initiative:

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled India's strategic vision for the Indian Ocean: **Security and Growth for All in the Region (SAGAR)** in March, 2015 during visit to 3 Indian Ocean island states — Seychelles, Mauritius, and Sri Lanka.
- India's vision for the Indian Ocean is encapsulated by the concept of SAGAR (Security and Growth for All in the Region).

**PM: PRAVIND
JUGNAUTH**





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Extinct

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RBI releases framework for pan-India entity for retail payments

- Reserve Bank of India has unveiled the framework for setting up of pan-India Umbrella Entity for Retail Payments.
- As per the framework, the companies with a net worth of over 500 crore rupees will be eligible to set up an umbrella entity which among other things will be permitted to set up, manage and operate new payment systems in the retail space comprising ATMs, White Label PoS, Aadhaar-based payments and remittance services.

NPCI
PiDS - 500Cr
POS - Point of Sale

White Label ATM

- ▶ The entity that will focus on retail payments systems would be incorporated under the Companies Act, 2013.



► **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)**

- It is an umbrella organisation for operating retail payments and settlement systems in India. It is an initiative of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and Indian Banks' Association (IBA) under the provisions of the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007.



NPCI'S SYSTEMS

- National Financial Switch (**ATMs**)
- National Automated Clearing House (**NACH**)
- **CTS** Cheque Clearing
- Immediate Payment Systems (**IMPS**)
- **RuPay Card**
- Aadhaar Enabled Payment System (**AEPS**)
- Bharat Bill Payment System (**BBPS**)
- Unified Payments Interface (**UPI**)



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**Indian Railways introduces drone-
based surveillance system for security**

- Ninja UAV

Question No: 1

नोबेल पुरस्कार प्राप्त करने वाली विश्व की पहली महिला कौन थीं?

- A. मैडम क्युरी
- B. मैरी क्युरी
- C. ऐनी बेसेंट
- D. इनमें से कोई नहीं

Ans ☒ मैरी क्युरी

A & B

Question No: 2

SIPRI के आँकड़ों के अनुसार भारत अपनी GDP का कितना % व्यय हथियारों पर करता है?

A. 3.4%

B. 2.4%

C. 3.8%

D. 5.4%

Ans → 2.4%

Question No: 3

HINDU

चक्रमा और हजोंग शरणार्थियों के समूह का सम्बंध किस देश से है?

A. म्यामार

B. बांग्लादेश

C. भूटान

D. चीन

Buddhism

Ans → बांग्लादेश

Question No: 4

सेबी (SEBI) की पूर्ववर्ती (Preceding) संस्था का नाम क्या था?

A. Corporation Finance Department

☒ B. Controller Of Capital Issues

C. Enforcement Department

D. None

Act

1992

Ans → Controller Of Capital Issues

Question No: 5

किसको आर्थिक सहयोग और विकास संगठन ,OECD के लिए अमेरिका की अगली दूत के रूप में नामित किया है?

- A. मेरी रॉयस
- B. ख्याति भटनागर
- C. मनीषा सिंह
- D. अनुकृति मिश्रा

Ans → मनीषा सिंह

Question No: 6

निम्न में से किसने कोविड 19 रोगियों के इलाज के लिए विशेष रूप से परिवर्तित एक नया, आसानी से निर्मित उच्च दाब वाला VITAL नामक वेंटिलेटर विकसित किया है?

A. JAXA - JAPAN

B. SAPCE X

C. NASA

D. ISRO

Elon Musk

Ans → Nasa(c)

Question No: 7

भारत देश के सर्वोच्च नागरिक सम्मान "भारत रत्न" से सम्मानित होने वाले पहले विदेशी कौन थे।

A. एनी बेसेंट

B. मदर टेरेसा

~~C. खान अब्दुल गफ्फार खान~~

D. नेशनल मंडेला

सीनांत जाँची

मार्च १९५७

निशान-ए-पाकिस्तान
मोलरजी देसाई

Ans → खान अब्दुल गफ्फार खान

Question No: 8

11वा ब्रिक्स शिखर सम्मेलन-2019 का आयोजन कहा किया गया था?

A. रूस

B. ब्राजील

C. चीन

D. भारत

Ans → ब्राजील

Question No: 9

दक्षिण अफ्रीका, BRICS का सदस्य कब बना?

A.2009

B.2011

C.2010

D.2008

Ans ➞ 2010

Question No: 10

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न्यू डेवलपमेंट बैंक (NDB) की स्थापना कब हुई थी?

A. जून 2015

B. जुलाई 2014

C. जुलाई 2013

D. जून 2005

Ans → जुलाई 2014



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News of 19th & 20th August

By Sujeet Sir

10:00 am to 10:30 am

10:30 am to 11:00 am

Maths

Special Practice Session

By Bhagwati Sir

Current Affairs

Current affairs C11

By Ankita Taneja Ma'am

11:30 am to 12:15 pm

4:00 pm to 4:30 pm

Maths

Differentiation_C1

By Bhagwati Sir

English

Vocabulary Part-45

By Santosh Sir



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