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Date - 21st August 2020

Time - 8:30 am to 9:15 am

By Sujeet sir



Question No: 1

The headquarters of SIDBI is situated in ?

A. Mumbai

B. Delhi

C. Lucknow ✓

D. Hyderabad } IRDAI

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RBI

SEBI

NABARD

Question No: 2

Stimulus

Abenomics is related to which country?

- A. Japan
- B. South Korea
- C. China
- D. Philippines

Question No: 3

Which of the following report/s is/are released by the International Monetary Fund?

1. World Economic Outlook
2. Global Financial Stability Report
3. Ease of Doing Business Report

World Bank
Group

Question No: 3

- A. 1 only
- ☒ B. 1 and 2 only
- C. 1, 2, 3 only
- D. 3 only

Question No: 4

Where was the 8th edition of the joint training exercise between India and China named “HAND-IN-HAND 2019” held?]

- A. Meghalaya]
- B. Mizoram
- C. Assam
- D. Maharashtra

Question No: 5

Who was elected as the President of Mauritius?

A. Barlen Vyapoory

B. Ameenah Gurib

☒ C. Prithiviraj Singh Roopun

D. Monique Ohsan Bellepeau

> गिरिमित्तिया

'Sputnik V' will be made available to Indians'

Clinical trials showed that all volunteers developed immunity within 21 days, says Russian firm's head

SUHASINI HAIDAR
JACOB KOSHY

One week after Russian President Vladimir Putin announced that Russia registered the world's first vaccine to combat COVID-19, Kirill Dmitriev, the CEO of the Russian Direct Investment Fund that created the vaccine – Sputnik V – says it will be made available for India. In a written response to questions on concerns raised in several countries, he says the mechanisms used are the "safest" in the world.

Please tell us about the process before clearance for the vaccine. Has Russia approached the WHO for its pre-qualification?

■ Russia got a head start because its MERS (Middle East respiratory syndrome) vaccine was actually ready. COVID-19 is 80% similar to MERS. So, we were able to use a very safe approach. Clinical trials demonstrated that 100% of the volunteers developed immunity within 21 days. After the second vaccination, the immunity response was further boosted and provided for long-lasting immunity. All the volunteers are feeling well, no unforeseen or unwanted side ef-

fects were observed. Not a single participant of the clinical trials has caught COVID-19.

As you may know, myself, my wife and my parents, who are 74 years of age, have been vaccinated. None of us suffered any side effects.

The high efficacy of the vaccine was confirmed by high precision tests for antibodies in the blood serum of volunteers (including an analysis for antibodies that neutralize the coronavirus), as well as the ability of the immune cells of the volunteers to activate in response to the spike S protein of the coronavirus, which indicates the formation of both antibody and cellular immune vaccine

response. Post-registration research based on top international standards is involving thousands of people in Russia and abroad. The vaccine received a registration certificate from the Russian Ministry of Health on August 11. Most nations welcomed the vaccine ... and are working with us to study it.

Several countries like Germany, for example, have expressed scepticism about the vaccine breakthrough, asking for details on the "quality, efficacy and safety" of the vaccine

■ The vaccine has already been proved to be safe and effective and we will aim to make it available for use in countries all around the world and create strategic partnerships for vaccine production in all parts of the world, including India.

Compared to other candidate vaccines, human adenoviral vectors tested on tens of thousands of people worldwide



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do not have impact on fertility and carcinogenic effects. Many novel approaches are not tested on those effects.

Today, this is the safest mechanism for introducing the genetic code of the virus spike into the human body, and it has been thoroughly studied not only in Russia but also internationally. Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, Russian researchers have focussed on extracting a spike-coding gene from the novel coronavirus and implanting it into a

familiar adenovirus vector for delivery into a human cell. They also proposed using two different types of adenoviral vectors (Ad5 and Ad26) for the first and second vaccination, boosting the effect of the vaccine. The vaccine thus "tricks the body," which develops some immunity to one type of vector after the first intake.

What kind of cooperation do you hope for with India?

■ Historically, India has been a strategic partner for Russia across many sectors. The RDIF has been collaborating with Indian companies and organisations since 2012.

India has a great programme, Make in India, started by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. It has strongly developed the local pharma industry and let Russia and other countries see India as a potential hub for vaccine production. So, we will make the vaccine available for India and other countries.

Indore wins cleanest city title again

Survey of sanitation in over 4,000 cities was carried out over 28 days earlier this year

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

For the fourth year in a row, Indore has been ranked the cleanest city in the country, according to a Swachh Survekshan 2020 report released by the Union Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry on Thursday.

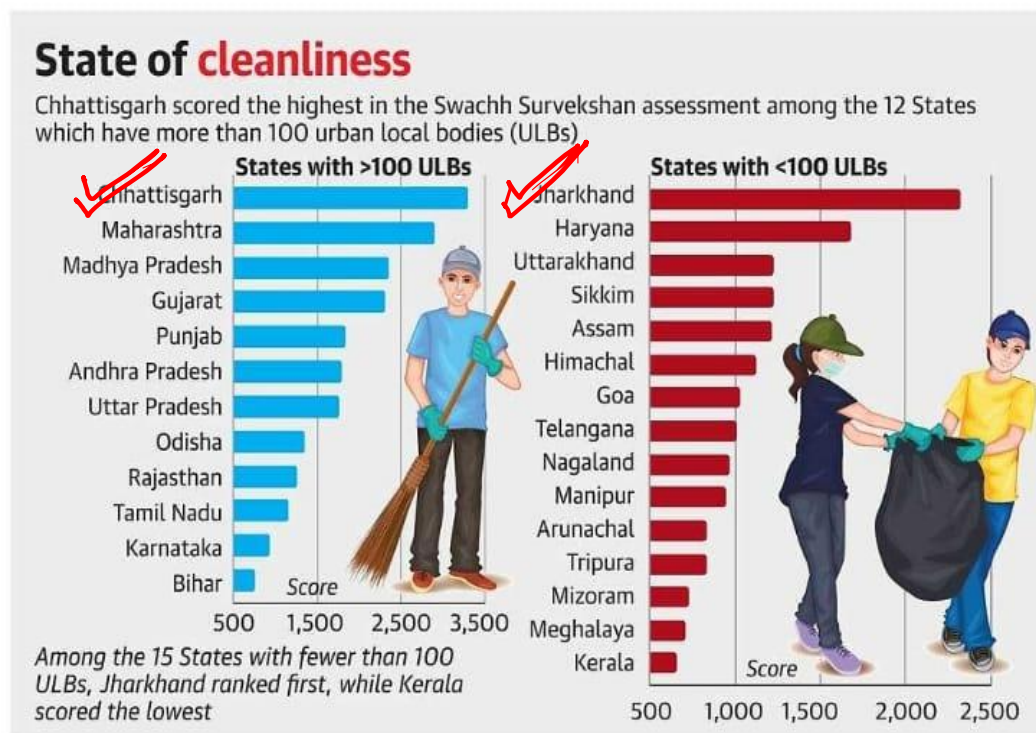
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The Ministry released the findings through a virtual event that was supposed to be attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, but he could not make it.

Citizen feedback

Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Puri said Swachh Survekshan, in its fifth edition, had become the world's largest sanitation survey, with 1.8 crore citizens giving their feedback.

Among the cities with over 1 lakh population, Indore was ranked number one, followed by Surat, Navi Mumbai, Ambikapur, Mysore, Vijayawada, Ahmedabad, New



Delhi, Chandrapur and Khar-gone. Among smaller cities, with population under 1 lakh, the top three cities – Karad, Sasvad and Lonavala – were all from Maharashtra.

Chhattisgarh was ranked the cleanest State out of those with over 100 cities, while Jharkhand was the cleanest among those with

fewer than 100 urban local bodies (ULBs) or cities. In the category of “Ganga towns”, Varanasi, Mr. Modi’s Lok Sabha constituency, was ranked the cleanest.

Jalandhar got the top rank among cantonments and New Delhi was the cleanest capital city.

Speaking about the

Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM)-Urban, Mr. Puri said it had had a deep impact on health, livelihoods, quality of life and behaviour, which had come in handy when dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic.

When the mission was launched in 2014, waste processing was 18%. Now it had

increased to 66%. Earlier in the event, Housing and Urban Affairs Secretary Durga Shanker Mishra said Swachh Survekshan, which began with a survey of 73 cities in 2016, had grown to cover 4,242 cities, 62 cantonment boards and 97 “Ganga towns” in 2020. Survey teams visited 58,000 residential and 20,000 commercial areas in 28 days, while 1.87 crore citizens’ feedbacks were received.

Second phase

Mr. Mishra told presspersons later in the day that the Ministry was actively working on coming up with a second phase of the SBM-Urban, which was initially supposed to be till March 2020 but was extended till March 2021.

He said “SBM 2.0” should be finalised before the end of the current phase.

The goal of the second phase would be take targets further, than making cities open defecation-free, to also include 100% sludge management and zero dumping of waste in the open.

स्वच्छ सर्वेक्षण 2020

आवास एवं शहरी विकास मामलों के मंत्रालय (MoUHA) द्वारा आयोजित स्वच्छ महोत्सव में केंद्रीय मंत्री हरदीप सिंह पुरी द्वारा घोषित 'स्वच्छ सर्वेक्षण 2020' (Swachh Survekshan 2020) में प्रथम पुरस्कार मध्य प्रदेश के इंदौर (Indore) शहर को मिला है।

UP

- ▶ इंदौर ने यह पुरस्कार लगातार चौथी बार प्राप्त किया है। गंगा नदी के तट पर बसे शहरों में वाराणसी को सबसे स्वच्छ शहर का पुरस्कार मिला।
- ▶ इस श्रेणी में गुजरात के सूरत को दूसरा स्थान, जबकि महाराष्ट्र स्थित नवी मुंबई को तीसरा स्थान प्राप्त हुआ है।

Sri Lanka to draft new Constitution

Presidential powers set to be restored



Power-up: Gotabaya Rajapaksa in Parliament in Colombo. ■ AP

MEERA SRINIVASAN

COLOMBO

Sri Lanka will draft a new Constitution, jettisoning the 19th Amendment passed in 2015 that imposed curbs on presidential powers and strengthened Parliament, President Gotabaya Rajapaksa has said.

Addressing the inaugural session of Parliament following the August 5 general election on Thursday, President Rajapaksa said: "As the people have given us the mandate we wanted for a constitutional amendment, our first task will be to re-

remesinghe's term, sought not only to clip the President's executive powers, but also to strengthen independent commissions. It brought back the two-term limit on Presidency. It was hailed by many, including members of civil society, as a progressive legislation in contemporary Sri Lankan history, even as its critics found it falling short in some respects. The Rajapaksa camp viewed the 19th Amendment's clauses as primarily intending to prevent its leaders' return to power.

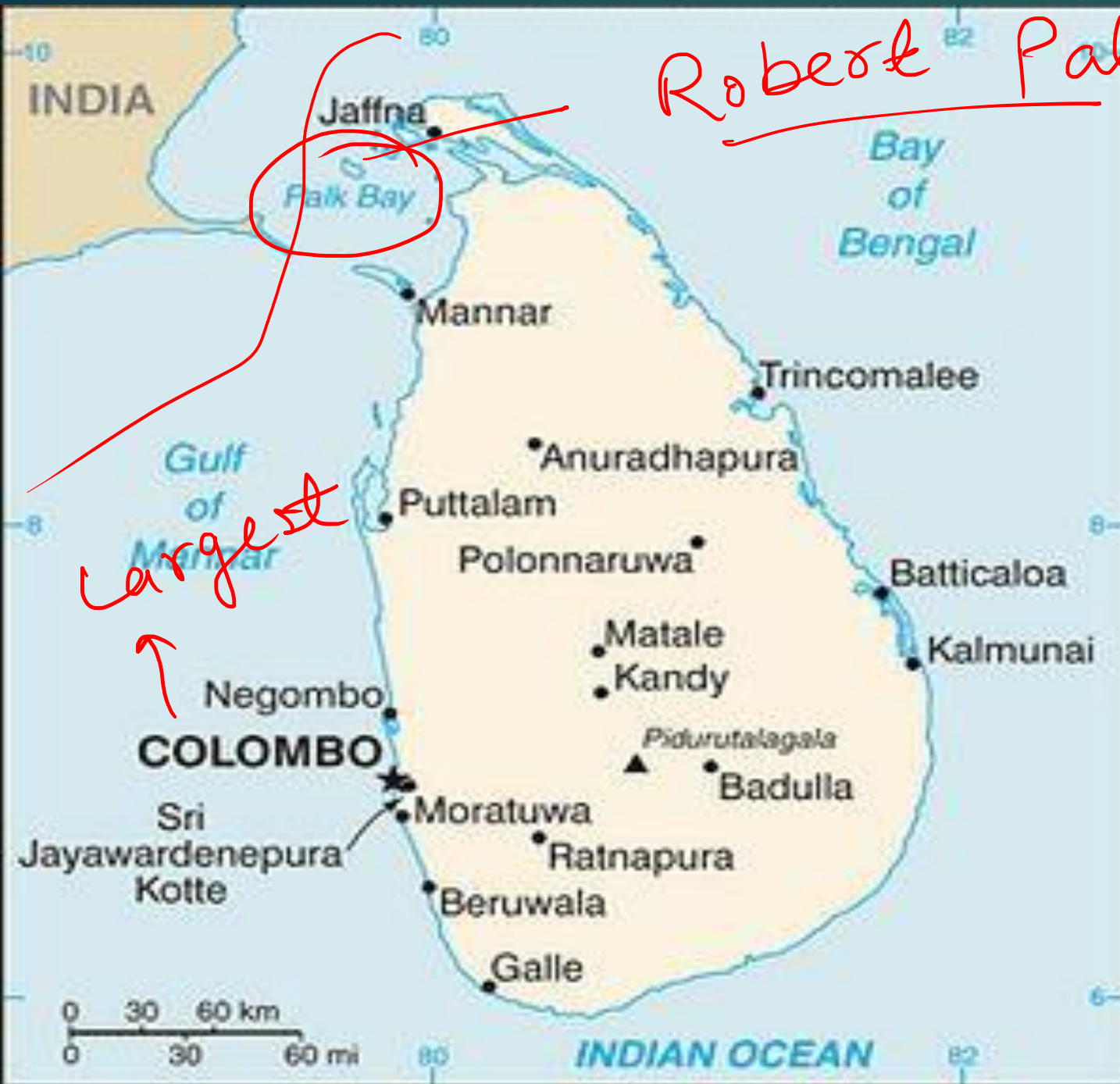
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[Pres. - -]
[Parl. ++]

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INDIA

BAY OF
BENGAL

GULF OF
MANNAR

SRI LANKA

Colombo

Indian
Ocean

Hambantota
port

china

Capitals:

1.

Sri Jayewardenepura Kotte (Legislative)

2.

Colombo (Executive And Judicial)

Currency: Sri Lankan rupee

Protesters are Western puppets: Lukashenko

Demonstrators continue to build pressure on Belarus President to step down

ASSOCIATED PRESS

MINSK

Demonstrators again took to the streets of the Belarusian capital and other cities on Thursday, keeping up their push for the nation's authoritarian leader to step down after extending his 26-year rule in a vote the opposition saw as rigged.

President Alexander Lukashenko has dismissed the protesters as Western puppets and threatened opposition leaders with criminal charges.

EU slammed

The 65-year-old Belarusian leader dismissed the European Union's criticism of the August 9 vote and told its leaders to mind their own business.



Together we stand: Demonstrators in front of a government building in Minsk, Belarus. ■ AP

The EU leaders on Wednesday rejected the official results of the election that showed Mr. Lukashenko win 80% of the vote and expressed solidarity with protesters. The EU said it's preparing sanctions against

Belarusian officials responsible for the brutal post-election police actions.

During the first four days of protests, police detained almost 7,000 people and injured hundreds with rubber bullets, stun grenades and

clubs. At least three protesters died.

The crackdown fuelled massive outrage and swelled protesters' ranks, forcing authorities to change tactics and stop breaking up crowds that grew to an unprecedented 2,00,000 on Sunday.

Mr. Lukashenko on Wednesday warned that the participants would face dismissal and ordered law enforcement agencies to protect factory managers from the opposition pressure.

The Belarusian leader also warned members of the Coordination Council, who held their first meeting on Wednesday that they could face criminal responsibility for their attempt to create "parallel power structures."

Prez



Minsk

President: Alexander Lukashenko ✓✓

Currency: Belarusian ruble ✓

Legislature: National Assembly ✓✓





1923

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→ मुक्तका काल
पिता father
(modern
Turkey





Country Quick Facts

- Full name: Republic of Turkey
- Population: about 79.4 million (July 2015)
- Capital: Ankara
- Largest city: Istanbul
- Official languages: Turkish
- Major religion: Muslim (99.8%, mostly Sunni)
- Life expectancy: male- 72.3 , female: 77
- Monetary unit: Turkish lira

Old
(Constantinople)

Question No: 1

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Barakah is located in which of the following countries?

- A. Iran
- B. UAE
- C. Saudi Arabia
- D. Syria



IRAN

QATAR

○ Abu Dhabi



Barakah

UAE

SAUDI ARABIA

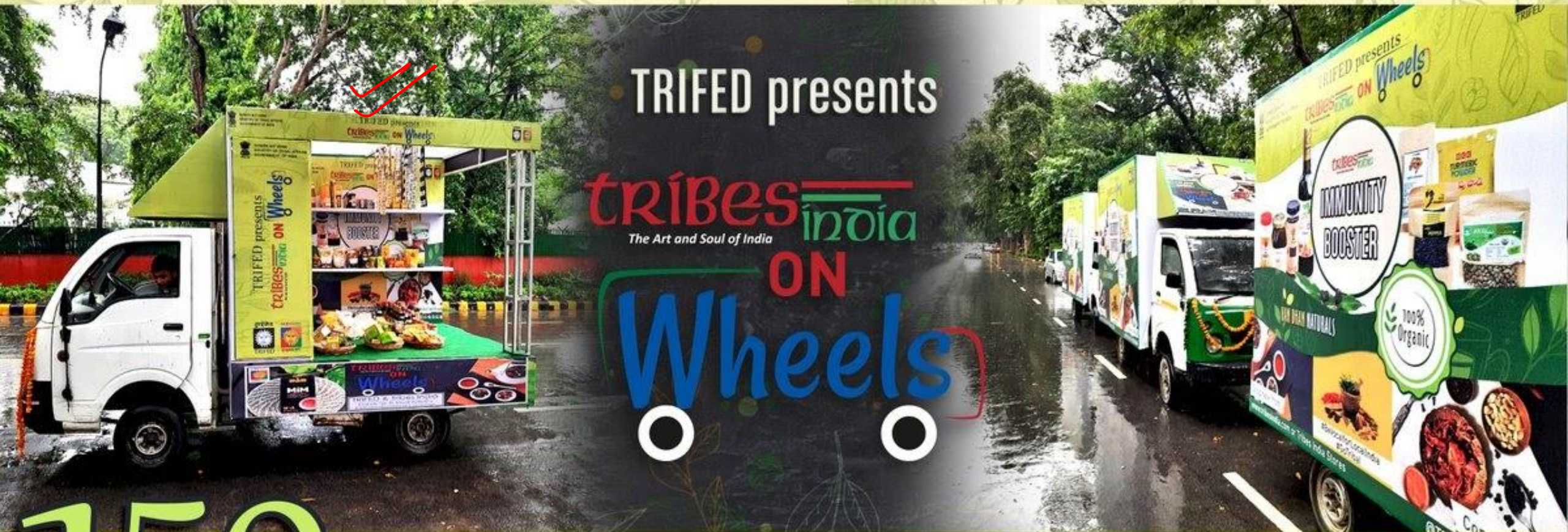


UAE connects first Arab nuclear plant to power grid

- The United Arab Emirates has connected its Barakah nuclear power plant to the national grid.
- The Barakah nuclear power plant is on the Gulf coast west of Abu Dhabi.



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- भारतीय जनजातीय सहकारी विपणन विकास परिसंघ (TRIFED) की स्थापना वर्ष 1987 में हुई। यह राष्ट्रीय स्तर का एक शीर्ष संगठन है जो जनजातीय कार्य मंत्रालय के प्रशासकीय नियंत्रण के अधीन कार्य करता है।
- ट्राइफेड का मुख्यालय दिल्ली में है और इसके 13 क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय हैं जो देश के विभिन्न स्थानों में स्थित हैं।

Prakash Purab

19 अगस्त, 2020 को भारतीय प्रधानमंत्री ने पवित्र ग्रंथ 'गुरु ग्रंथ साहिब' (Guru Granth Sahib) के प्रकाश पर्व (Prakash Purab) पर देशवासियों को शुभकामनाएँ दी।

ਪਹਿਲੀ ਗੱਲ ~~ਦੇਵ~~ ਗੁਰੂ ਨਾਨਕ ਦੇਵ (स्थापना)

वर्ष 1604 में, प्रथम प्रकाश पर्व उत्सव हरमंदिर साहिब (Harmandir Sahib) में गुरु ग्रंथ साहिब (Guru Granth Sahib) की स्थापना के रूप में मनाया गया था जिसे स्वर्ण मंदिर (Golden Temple) के नाम से भी जाना जाता है।

लोगों को ~~चाह~~ २०१४ सिंह

वर्ष 1604 में आदि ग्रंथ का पहला संस्करण पूरा हुआ जिसे आधिकारिक रूप से गुरु अर्जुन देव द्वारा अनुमोदित किया गया और इसे स्वर्ण मंदिर में स्थापित किया गया था जहाँ बाबा बुद्ध (Baba Buddha) इसके पहले ग्रन्थि या पाठक थे।



पीएम स्ट्रीट वेंडर्स आत्मनिर्भर निधि (पीएम स्वनिधि)

स्ट्रीट वेंडर्स के लिए एक विशेष माइक्रो क्रेडिट स्कीम

“अधिकांश के इस प्रकार से वेतन के गैर-नियमित-प्राप्ति
जानने वाले हमारे कर्मियों के अभाव और कर्म-कर्मि को देखा है।
उनके आर्थिक स्थिति को सुनिश्चित करने के लिए
हमारी सरकार लक्ष्यित करने का को है।”
- पीएम मोदी, अमरउजाला

जिससे 50 लाख रेहड़ी वालों को फायदा पहुँचेगा



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समय से भुगतान पर
अगली बार बड़ा लोन



इस योजना की शुरुआत 1 जून, 2020 को केंद्रीय आवास एवं शहरी विकास मंत्रालय द्वारा COVID-19 के मद्देनज़र लॉकडाउन से प्रभावित छोटे दुकानदारों एवं फेरीवालों (Street Venders) को आर्थिक रूप से सहयोग प्रदान करने के लिये की गई थी।

Himachal Pradesh

Bhakra Dam

Mangal Dam

Govind Sagar

Yamuna-Sutlej
link head

Sutlej Ropar

Punjab

Chandigarh

Yamuna-Sutlej
link Canal

92 Km canal
already completed

Yamuna canal

Yamuna

Karnal

Haryana

Uttar
Pradesh

MAP NOT TO SCALE

हाल ही में पंजाब के मुख्यमंत्री ने सतलज यमुना लिंक नहर [Sutlej Yamuna Link (SYL) Canal] परियोजना का विरोध और यमुना नदी के जल के लिये दावा करते हुए केंद्र सरकार से कहा कि यदि इस परियोजना के साथ आगे बढ़ने के लिये मजबूर किया गया तो पंजाब की आंतरिक स्थिति बिगड़ सकती है।

1984

1982 में पूर्व प्रधानमंत्री इंदिरा गांधी ने पंजाब के कपूरी गांव में SYL का निर्माण कार्य शुरू करवाया तो अकाली दल ने पानी के प्रस्तावित बँटवारे के विरोध में कपूरी मोर्चा (Kapoori Morcha) के रूप में आंदोलन चलाया।

Question No: 1

Who won his record 6th Men's Ballon d'Or award for the year 2019?

- A. Kylian Mbappé
- B. Antoine Griezmann
- C. Cristiano Ronaldo
- ☒ D. Lionel Messi

Question No: 2 ✓✓

Where was the India's 1st National maritime heritage museum to be built with the aim to boost the underwater or marine archaeology?

- A. Lothal, Gujarat
- B. Kolkata, West Bengal
- C. Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- D. New Delhi, Delhi

Question No: 3

Which country topped in the UNCTAD's (United Nations Conference on Trade and Development) "Business-to-Consumer (B2C) E-commerce Index 2019"?

- ☒ A. Netherlands
- B. Switzerland
- C. Singapore
- D. Australia

Question No: 4

Which country topped in the UNCTAD's (United Nations Conference on Trade and Development) "Business-to-Consumer (B2C) E-commerce Index 2019"?

- A. Netherlands
- B. Switzerland
- C. Singapore
- D. Australia

Question No: 5

Name the Made in India, fast interceptor vessel that was gifted by India to Maldives on December 4, 2019 to enhance it's maritime security?

- A. COUACH
- B. RANI ABBAKKA
- C. KAAMIYAAB
- D. RAJSHREE

Question No: 6

Where was the foundation stone of India's first Ganga centralised aqualab laid?

- ~~A. Dehradun, Uttarakhand~~
- B. Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
- C. Guwahati, Assam
- D. Kolkata, West Bengal

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