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2- World Coconut Day
5- Teachers' Day
5 -International Day of Charity
7 -International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies
8 -International Literacy Day
9 -International Day to Protect Education from Attack
10 -World Suicide Prevention Day 2020
12 -United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation
14 Hindi Diwas & World First Aid Day
15 -International Day of Democracy , World Lymphoma Awareness Day
16 -International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer
17 -World Patient Safety Day, Marathwada Liberation Day
18 -International Equal Pay Day
21 -International Day of Peace
23 -International Day of Sign Languages
24 -World Maritime Day
26 -International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons
27 -World Tourism Day
28 -International Day for Universal Access to Information
29 -International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste
30 -International Translation Day

Current Affairs Analysis
करंट अफेयर्स विश्लेषण

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated Kosi Rail Mahasetu (mega bridge) and 12 railway projects in Bihar through video conferencing. / प्रधानमंत्री नरेन्द्र मोदी ने बिहार में कोसी रेल महासेतु (मेगा ब्रिज) और 12 अन्य रेल परियोजनाओं का उद्घाटन किया।

•The 1.9-kilometre long Kosi mega bridge has been completed at a total cost of 516 crore rupees. With the construction of the bridge the rail distance between Nirmali and Saraigarh would come down from the present 298 kilometres to 22 kilometres.

•The bridge connects the Mitihila and Kosi region. This bridge is of strategic importance along the Indo-Nepal border. It would also make it easy for long distance travel to Kolkata, Delhi and Mumbai for the people of the region.

•Among the 12 other projects to be inaugurated by the Prime Minister are two new railway lines, five electrification projects, one electric locomotive shed and third line project between Barh and Bakhatiarpur.

•The two new railway lines are the Hajipur-Ghoswar-Vaishali section as well as Islampur-Nateshar section and Karnauti- Bakhtiarpur by-pass rail line between Barh-Bakhtiarpur.

•The railway electrification projects include Muzaffarpur- Sitamarhi sections, Katihar-New Jalpaiguri, Samastipur-Khagaria, Bhagalpur- Shivnarayanpur and Samastipur-Jaynagar sections.

•The Kosi River is 720 km (450 mi) long and drains an area of about 74,500 km2 (28,800 sq mi) in Tibet, Nepal and Bihar.

•The Kosi River is known as the "Sorrow of Bihar" as the annual floods affect about 21,000 km2 (8,100 sq mi) of fertile agricultural lands thereby disturbing the rural economy.

- R K Singh, the Union Minister of State (IC) for Power & New and Renewable Energy inaugurated CSR projects undertaken by REC Ltd. (Formerly Rural Electrification Corporation) worth Rupees 6.99 Crore, in Barhara (Bhojpur District), Bihar, through video conferencing. / केंद्रीय ऊर्जा राज्य मंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार) और नवीन तथा नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्री आर.के. सिंह ने सीएसआर परियोजना के तहत आरईसी लिमिटेड (ग्रामीण विद्युतीकरण निगम) की [illegible] पुर ज़िले के बरहारा क्षेत्र के लिए 6.99 [illegible] का विडियो कॉन्फ्रेंसिंग के माध्यम से उ[illegible]

- India is the first country in the world to make corporate social responsibility (CSR) mandatory, following an amendment to the Companies Act, 2013 in April 2014. Businesses can invest their profits in areas such as education, poverty, gender equality, and hunger as part of any CSR compliance.
- As per the regulations the company will set aside, for annual CSR activities, an amount equal to **2%** of the average net profits of the Company made during the three immediately preceding financial years.
- Tata Chemicals tops list of Indian companies for CSR

- **The Rajya Sabha passed the Homoeopathy Central Council (Amendment) Bill, 2020 and the Indian Medicine Central Council (Amendment) Bill, 2020. / राज्य सभा ने होम्योपैथी केंद्रीय परिषद संशोधन विधेयक, 2020 और भारतीय चिकित्सा केंद्रीय परिषद संशोधन विधेयक, 2020 को पारित कर दिया।**

- The Act sets up the Central Council of Homoeopathy which regulates homoeopathic education and practice.
- The bill replaces the Homoeopathy Central Council (Amendment) Ordinance, 2020 which was promulgated in April this year.
- The legislation amends the 1973 Act to increase the period for the supersession of the Central Council from two years to three years.

- The Union Government has approved the amendment in Foreign Direct Investment Policy in Defence Sector. / केनद्र सरकार ने रक्षा क्षेत्र में विदेशी प्रत्यक्ष निवेश नीति में संशोधन को मंजूरी दे दी है।

- Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal
- FDI is allowed upto 74 per cent through automatic route and beyond 74 per cent to be permitted through government route.
- For existing licensees, infusion of fresh foreign investment up to 49 per cent can be done by making declaration of change or transfer within 30 days.

There are two routes by which India gets FDI.

- 1. Automatic route: By this route FDI is allowed without prior approval by Government or Reserve Bank of India.
- 2. Government route: Prior approval by government is needed via this route.

4.1 Foreign Direct investment (FDI) is characterised by

- A lasting interest i.e. existence of a **long term relationship, significant degree of influence.** Normally, ownership of **10 percent or more of the ordinary shares OR voting power** signifies this relationship.
- Involves both **initial and subsequent transactions**

- Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar has been assigned the charge of the Ministry of Food Processing Industries in addition to his existing portfolios. /कृषि मंत्री नरेन्द्र सिंह तोमर को उनके वर्तमान विभाग के अतिरिक्त खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उ

- Udit Singhal, an 18-year-old boy from India has been named by the United Nations (UN) to the 2020 cohort of young leaders for the 'Sustainable Development Goals' (SDGs). / भारत के 18 वर्षीय उदित सिंघल को संयुक्त राष्ट्र ने सतत विकास लक्ष्य 2020 के युवा प्रणेताओं की सूची में शामिल किया है।
- The goals, adopted in 2015 by the United Nations General Assembly and intended to be achieved by the year 2030.
- The targets and indicators for the SDGs are included in the UN Resolution adopted by the General Assembly two years later on 6 July 2017.
- There are a total of 169 targets that specify the SDGs.
- 51st session of the United Nations Statistical Commission 2020 and the 56th session in 2025.
- The 51st session of the Statistical Commission took place in New York from 3 - 6 March 2020.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

- The IPL team Delhi Capitals said that the jersey they would wear during the Indian Premier League (IPL) in the UAE would have a 'Thank You Covid Warriors' inscribed on it, due to the Coronavirus epidemic. / आईपीएल टीम दिल्ली कैपिटल्स ने शुक्रवार को कहा कि उसके खिलाफ यूएई में इंडियन प्रीमियर लीग के दौरान जो जर्सी पहनेंगे उस पर ' थैंक्यू कोविड वारियर्स ' लिखा होगा जो कोरोना महामारी के बीच कप पर डटे कोरोना योद्धाओं के जज्बे को उनका सलाम होगा ।

- Captain: Shreyas Iyer
- Coach: Ricky Ponting
- Chairman: Parth Jindal
- Owner: GMR Group (50%)
- JSW Group (50%)

- Rajya Sabha MP and Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Karnataka leader Ashok Gasti passed away in Bengaluru. He was 55. / राज्यसभा सांसद और भारतीय जनता पार्टी (बीजेपी) कर्नाटक के नेता अशोक गस्ती का बेंगलुरु में निधन हो गया। वह 55 वर्ष के थे।

- Noted fashion designer Sharbari Dutta died in Kolkata. She was 63.
- प्रसिद्ध फैशन डिजाइनर शरबरी दत्ता का कोलकाता में निधन हो गया। वह 63 वर्ष की थीं।

- Former Madhya Pradesh minister Ramakant Tiwari died in Chakghat. He was 80. / मध्य प्रदेश के पूर्व मंत्री रमाकांत तिवारी का चाकघाट में निधन हो गया। वह 80 वर्ष के थे।

STATIC GK

Name of National Park	State	Year of Establishment
Dudhwa National Park	Uttar Pradesh	1977
Corbett National Park	Uttarakhand	1936
Nanda Devi National Park	Uttarakhand	1982
Valley of Flowers National Park	Uttarakhand	1982
Rajaji National Park	Uttarakhand	1983

Sl no.	Name of the index	Published By	India's Rank	Top Position
1	World Happiness Report	UN	144th	Finland
2	Global Peace Index	Institute for economics and pace	141th	Iceland
3	World Press Freedom Index 2019	Reporters without borders	140th	Norway
4	Human Development Index 2019	United Nations Development Programme	129th	Norway
5	End of Childhood Index 2019	UK based NGO save the children	113th	Singapore

Name	Award
Miss Teen International 2019	Aayushi Dholakia
Global Child Prodigy Award 2020	Indian girl Sucheta Satish & Indian Yoga Boy Ishwar Sharma
Costa Children's Award 2019	Jasbinder Bilan
29th Saraswati Samman	Vasdev Mohi
"Merck Young Scientist Award 2019"	Sakya Singha Sen

Country	Capital	Currency
Samoa	Apia	Tala
Turkmenistan	Ashgabat	Turkmen New Manat
Eritrea	Asmara	Nakfa
Paraguay	Asuncion	Paraguayan Guarani
Greece	Athens	Euro

State/UT	Capital	Governor	CM/estd
Odisha	Bhubaneswar	Ganeshi Lal	Naveen Patnaik
Nagaland	Kohima	R.N. Ravi	Neiphiu Rio
Bihar	Patna	Phagu Chauhan	Nitish Kumar
Arunachal Pradesh	Itanagar	Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.)	Pema Khandu
Kerala	Thiruvananthapuram	Arif Mohammad Khan	Pinarayi Vijayan

MCQ

Q. Recently which state government has launched the "Arthika Spandana" programme of disbursing loans to the tune of Rs 39,300 crores through various cooperative institutions?/ हाल ही में किस राज्य सरकार ने विभिन्न सहकारी संस्थाओं के माध्यम से 39,300 करोड़ रुपये के ऋण को वितरित करने का "अर्थिका स्पंदना" कार्यक्रम शुरू किया है?

1. Karnataka/कर्नाटक
2. Tamil Nadu/तमिलनाडु
3. Assam/असम
4. Punjab/पंजाब
5. Odisha/ओडिशा

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Under this scheme, Rs 15,300 crores would be disbursed to the agriculture sector while a sum of Rs 24,000 crores would be earmarked for the non-agricultural sector.

- Capital: Bangalore
- Governor: Vajubhai Vala
- Chief Minister: B. S. Yediyurappa
- Bandipur National Park, Bannerghatta National Park
- Anshi National Park, Kudremukh National Park
- Nagarahole (Rajiv Gandhi) National Park

Q. Recently ICICI Home Finance launched "Apna Ghar Dreamz", its new home loan scheme for skilled labourers like electricians, mechanics, painters, grocery store owners etc in the informal sector of _____./हाल ही में ICICI होम फाइनेंस ने _____ के अनौपचारिक क्षेत्र में इलेक्ट्रीशियन, मैकेनिक, पेंटर, किराने की दुकान के मालिक आदि जैसे कुशल मजदूरों के लिए अपनी नई होम लोन योजना "अपना घर ड्रीमज" लॉन्च किया।

1. Mumbai/मुंबई
2. Delhi/दिल्ली
3. Kolkata/कोलकाता
4. Hyderabad/हैदराबाद
5. Chennai/चेन्नई

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Features of the 'Apna Ghar Dreamz' scheme

- The credit amount of this loan ranges from Rs 2 lakh to 50 lakhs.
- This scheme targets the people of the informal sector without all the documents which are required to get a loan from a formal financial institution.
- The customers can utilise the benefits of the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY), a credit-linked subsidy scheme (CLSS) for Lower Income Groups/ Economically Weaker
- Sections (EWS/LIG) and Middle Income Groups (MIG – I & II).
- This scheme avails a special 20 year tenure loan which requires documents like, PAN, Aadhar and bank statement of past 6 month.
- Customers should have a minimum account balance of Rs.1,500 for loan upto Rs.5 lakh and Rs.3000 for loan above 5 lakh.

Q. Recently General Moussa Traore has passed away, he was the former President of which country, who was in power from 1968 to 1991?/हाल ही में जनरल मौसा त्रोरे का निधन हो गया, वह किस देश के पूर्व राष्ट्रपति थे, जो 1968 से 1991 तक सत्ता म

1. Tunisia/ट्यूनीशिया
2. Mali/माली
3. South Korea/दक्षिण कोरिया
4. Tanzania/तंजानिया
5. Ukraine/यूक्रेन

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- Capital: Bamako
- Chairman of the National Committee for the Salvation of the People: Assimi Goïta
- Currency: West African CFA franc
- Ibrahim Boubacar Keita, the Malian president ousted by a military coup in August

Q. Who was named as the new co-founder & CEO of MobiKwik?/ मोबिक्विक के नए सह-संस्थापक और सीईओ के रूप में किसे नामित किया गया था?

1. Suresh Raina/सुरेश रैना
2. Ayushmann Khurrana/आयुष्मान खुराना
3. Hemant Khare/हेमंत खरे
4. Pramod Kumar Sharma/प्रमोद कुमार शर्मा
5. Chandan Joshi/चंदन जोशी

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- Founded: April 2009
- Founder: Bipin Preet Singh, Upasana Taku
- Headquarters: Gurgaon, India

Q. Which country has become the first country in the world to issue a sovereign bond linked to the sustainable development goals set by the United Nations?/ कौन सा देश संयुक्त राष्ट्र द्वारा निर्धारित सतत विकास लक्ष्यों से जुड़ा एक संप्रभु बॉंड जारी करने वाला दुनिया का पहला देश बन गया है?

1. India/भारत
2. China/चीन
3. Japan/जापान
4. Mexico/मेक्सिको
5. France/फ्रांस

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Mexico has become the first country in the world to issue a sovereign bond linked to the sustainable development goals set by the United Nations. It has raised EUR 750 million ($890 million) by such bonds. The SDG bond will mature in September 2027 and offers a yield to maturity rate of 1.603% and a coupon rate of 1.350%

- Mexico ranks first in the Americas and 7th in the world for the number of UNESCO World Heritage Sites.
- Mexico is an ecologically megadiverse country, ranking 5th in the world for its natural biodiversity.
- Capital: Mexico City
- President: Andrés Manuel López Obrador
- Currency: Peso

Masters in Current A

3,145 kilometers (1,954 mi)

Q. The shortest-serving Governor of the Reserve Bank of India, Amitabha Ghosh has passed away, he had served as the _____Governor of the Reserve Bank./ भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक के सबसे कम समय तक काम करने वाले गवर्नर अमिताभ घोष का निधन हो गया है, उन्होंने रिजर्व बैंक के _____ गवर्नर के रूप में सेवा किया था।

1. 16th/वें
2. 10th/वें
3. 20th/वें
4. 18th/वें
5. 12th/वें

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- The shortest-serving Governor of the Reserve Bank of India, Amitabha Ghosh passed away. He had served as the 16th Governor of the Reserve Bank of India for 21 days between January 15, 1985, to February 4, 1985.

Q. Recently Ashok Gasti has passed away due to COVID-19, he was the Rajya Sabha MP from which state?/हाल ही में अशोक गस्ती का निधन COVID-19 के कारण हुआ है, वह किस राज

1. Rajasthan/राजस्थान
2. West Bengal/पश्चिम बंगाल
3. Telangana/तेलंगाना
4. Karnataka/कर्नाटक
5. Kerala/केरल

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Ashok Gasti was a first time Rajya Sabha member. He was elected to the Upper House from Karnataka in June, this year.

Q. Recently Prime Minister Narendra Modi has dedicated the historic Kosi Rail Mahasetu to the nation through video-conference in which state?/ हाल ही में प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने किस राज्य में वीडियो कॉन्फ्रेंस के माध्यम से ऐतिहासिक कोसी रेल महासेतु को राष्ट्र को समर्पित किया है?

1. Uttarakhand/उत्तराखंड
2. Madhya Pradesh/मध्य प्रदेश
3. Bihar/बिहार
4. Odisha/ओडिशा
5. West Bengal/पश्चिम बंगाल

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- According to a press release issued by the PMO, the Kosi Rail Mahasetu is 1.9 km long and an amount of Rs 516 crore has been invested for its construction.
- This mega bridge project is said to be of strategic importance along the border of India-Nepal.
- The Kosi Rail Mahasetu project was sanctioned by the government during 2003-04.
- In 1887, a meter gauge link was built in between Nirmali and Bhaptiahi (Saraigarh). During the heavy flood and severe Indo Nepal earthquake in 1934

Union Minister for Food Processing Industries

Q. Harsimrat Badal has resigned from her post, she was a Member of Parliament in the Lok Sabha from which Constituency?/ केंद्रीय खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री हरसिमरत बादल ने अपने पद से इस्तीफा दे दिया है, वह किस संविधान सभा से संसद सदस्य थी

1. Jodhpur/जोधपुर
2. Gurdaspur/गुरदासपुर
3. Jalandhar/जालंधर
4. Amritsar/अमृतसर
5. Bathinda/बठिंडा

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Q. Who has given additional charge of the Food Processing Industries Ministry, following the resignation of Harsimrat Kaur Badal?/ हरसिमरत कौर बादल के इस्तीफे के बाद खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्रालय का अतिरिक्त प्रभार किसे दिया गया है?

1. Piyush Goyal/पीयूष गोयल
2. Narendra Singh Tomar/नरेंद्र सिंह तो
3. Smriti Irani/स्मृति ईरानी
4. Gajendra Singh Sekhawat/गजेंद्र सिं
5. Amit Shah/अमित शाह

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- Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar given additional charge of Food Processing Industries Ministry