

# GENERAL AWARENESS

## G-20 Summit

G-20 summit was held at Osaka, Japan. The theme of the summit is Human-centred future society. G-20 nations agree to work together to address major global economic challenges.

The countries have affirmed to work together to foster global economic growth while harnessing the power of technological innovation, in particular digitization and its application for the benefits of all. In a final statement at the end of the two-day summit at Osaka in Japan, nineteen members of the grouping, except the United States, agreed to the irreversibility of Paris climate deal and pledged its full implementation.

Mr Modi said that 5A's are well known in Health Services: Accessible, Affordable, Appropriate, Accountable and Adaptable.

## Five Years Education Plan

The Higher Education Department of the Ministry of Human Resource Development finalized and released a 5 year vision plan named Education Quality Upgradation and Inclusion Programme (EQUIP). This is in accordance with the Prime Minister's direction for finalizing a five-year vision plan for each Ministry. According to an official release, the report has been prepared after a detailed exercise done by the experts from ten areas, including promoting excellence, employability and entrepreneurship among others.

## States health performance

Kerala topped among large states on overall health performance in NITI Aayog's Health Index followed by Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra.

In terms of incremental performance Haryana, Rajasthan and Jharkhand are the top three states who performed well in comparison to the last health index.

The report focused on measuring and highlighting the overall performance and incremental improvement over a two-year period, 2016-17 and 2017-18 in the States and UTs. It takes a comprehensive look at health in terms of Health Outcomes, Governance and Processes and impact of policy interventions.

The Health Index is a weighted composite Index based on 23 indicators grouped into the domains of Health outcomes, governance, information and Key Inputs/Processes.

## New chiefs of Intelligence Wings

Punjab cadre IPS officer Samant Goel was appointed new chief of Research & Analysis Wing (RAW)

Assam Cadre IPS officer Arvind Kumar is the new Director of Intelligence Bureau.

While Mr Goel played a key role in planning the February 2019 Balakot airstrikes and the 2016 surgical strikes, Arvind Kumar is known as the Kashmir affairs expert.

## World Bank for Andhra Pradesh

India signed a loan agreement of \$ 328 million with the World Bank for improved health services in Andhra Pradesh. The agreement signed in New Delhi on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2019 between the Government of India, Andhra Pradesh and the World Bank to improve the quality and responsiveness of public health services in Andhra Pradesh.

The Finance Ministry said the World Bank loan will support the Andhra Pradesh government to scales-up its efforts to bring better health care to all its citizens, especially pregnant women and those at risk of non-communicable diseases, like hypertension, diabetes and cervical cancer.

## Best Police Stations in India

Kalu police station in Rajasthan's Bikaner district has been ranked the best police station in the country on its performance in crime prevention, investigation and disposal of cases, crime detection, community policing and maintenance of law and order.

The No.2 rank goes to Campbell Bay police station in Nicobar district of Andaman & Nicobar Islands. It too boasts of a separate women help desk, a child-friendly room, and IT room and a proper waiting area for the complainants and visitors.

Third is Farakka police station in Murshidabad, West Bengal got third rank for its best amenities.

## Mann Ki Baat

Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the nation for the first time after resuming office for the second term through Mann Ki Baat programme on All India Radio.

He called upon people to start a mass movement for water conservation and resolve to save every drop of water amidst water scarcity in several parts of the country.

He said an awareness campaign should be started which should not only focus on water-related problems but also propagate ways to save water.

Mr Modi also requested the people to share the information concerning people who are making significant contributions towards water conservation.

## Prithvi-II test fired

India successfully test-fired indigenously developed nuclear-capable missile Prithvi-II, as part of a user trial by the Army from a test range off the Odisha coast. The trial of the surface-to-surface missile, which has a strike range of 350 km, was carried out from a mobile launcher from Launch Complex-III of the Integrated Test Range, ITR at Chandipur. The missile is capable of carrying 500 to 1000 kg of warheads and is powered by liquid propulsion twin engines. The state-of-the-art missile uses an advanced inertial guidance system with a maneuvering trajectory to hit its target.

## India won FIH Series

On 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2019, Indian women's hockey team beat Asian Games champions and hosts Japan 3-1 in the summit clash of the FIH Series Finals in Hiroshima. For India, Gurjit Kaur scored two goals while Captain Rani Rampal gave India early lead. Gurjit was adjudged the highest scorer of the tournament with 11 strikes, while captain Rani Rampal was declared player of the tournament. Indian men had won the FIH Series Finals in Bhubaneswar recently.

## MODEL QUESTIONS

1. Union government launched which campaign to create awareness and promote tribal arts and crafts as well as aid in socio-economic welfare of over 700 Indian tribes?
  - 1) Go tribal
  - 2) Go near Tribes
  - 3) Love Tribes
  - 4) Foster Tribes
  - 5) India love Tribes
2. 35<sup>th</sup> Goods and Service Tax (GST) Council Meeting held at New Delhi, chaired by...?
  - 1) Narendra Modi
  - 2) Shaktikanth Das
  - 3) Nirmala Sitharaman
  - 4) Rajiv Kumar
  - 5) Ramnath Kovind

3. New Chief of the Indian Coast Guard is?  
1) Bipin Rawat                      2) Karanbir Singh                      3) B.S.Dhanowa                      4) K Natarajan  
5) Ajith Doval
4. Who was given a two-year extension as CEO (Chief Executive Officer) of NITI Aayog?  
1) Rajiv Kumar                      2) Indu Bhushan                      3) Amitabh Kant                      4) P.K.Sinha  
5) Nrupender Mishra
5. Government of India constituted a Working Group for the revision of the current series of Wholesale Price Index under the chairmanship of.....?  
1) Nandan Nilekani                      2) Prof. Ramesh Chand                      3) Rajiv Kumar                      4) K.Santhanam  
5) V.K.Paul
6. What is the name given by Indian Air Force (IAF) to the pre-dawn surgical air strikes conducted by its Mirage-2000 fighters against the major Jaish-e-Mohammed training facility at Balakot in Pakistan?  
1) Operation Vijay                      2) Operation Polo  
3) Operation Bandar                      4) Operation Silence  
5) Operation Imaran
7. 'My Life, My Mission' is the Autobiography of...and the co-author is Uday Mahurkar.  
1) Jaggi Vasudev                      2) Sri Sri Ravi Shankar  
3) Baba Ramdev                      4) Maharishi Mahesh Yogi  
5) Bellur K S Iyengar
8. The RBI constituted 6 member committee to review the entire gamut of ATM charges and fees under the chairmanship of  
1) Urjith Patel                      2) N.S.Viswanathan                      3) Rajinish Kumar                      4) Aditya Puri  
5) VG Kannan
9. Mike Pompeo recently visited India. He is...?  
1) World Bank President                      2) IMF MD  
3) US Secretary of State                      4) UK Foreign Minister  
5) Deputy Director to UN Women
10. Which state started 'Back to Village' Programme from 20<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> June 2019, an initiative to connect with the rural people?  
1) Odisha                      2) Uttarakhand  
3) Jammu and Kashmir                      4) Rajasthan  
5) Telengana
11. Mohamed Ould Ghazouani won the presidential election of.....?  
1) Maldives                      2) Myanmar                      3) Mauritania                      4) Indonesia  
5) Malaysia

**ANSWERS**

1-1; 2-3; 3-4; 4-3; 5-2; 6-3; 7-3; 8-5; 9-3; 10-3; 11-3.

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