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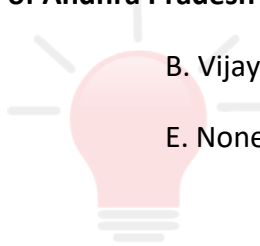
Directions: Study the following questions carefully and answers the questions given below:

1. Who among the following has launched World 1st affordable and long-lasting hygiene product DuroKea Series?

- A. Sanjay Shamrao Dhotre
- B. Prakash Javadekar
- C. Trivendra Singh Rawat
- D. Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank
- E. None of these

2. Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh has unveiled AP Amul Project in which city?

- A. Guntur
- B. Vijayawada
- C. Nellore
- D. Kurnool
- E. None of these



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3. Name the person who has been appointed as Group Editorial Officer at The Hindu Group Publishing.

- A. Krishna Prasad
- B. Ravish Kumar
- C. Prannoy Roy
- D. Shekhar Gupta
- E. None of these

4. Who among the following took charge as the new Economic Affairs Secretary in the Finance Ministry?

- A. Rajdeep Sardesai
- B. Vinod Jose
- C. Ajay Seth
- D. Arnab Goswami
- E. None of these

5. Who among the following has been appointed nodal officer for Covid management in Delhi?

- A. Raghav Chadha
- B. Sanjay Singh
- C. Atishi Marlena
- D. Manish Sisodia
- E. None of these



6. Who among the following chaired the first meeting of National Startup Advisory Council (NSAC) set up to advise the government on measures needed to build a strong ecosystem for nurturing innovation and startups in the country?

- A. Nitin Gadkari B. Narendra Singh Tomar C. Prakash Javadekar
D. Piyush Goyal E. None of these

7. Kakarla Subba Rao passed away recently, was a/an _____ .

- A. Chemist B. Radiologist C. Physicist
D. Biologist E. None of these

8. Which of the following company has bought AI speech tech company Nuance for \$19.7 billion?

- A. Apple B. Amazon C. Microsoft
D. Samsung E. None of these

9. Ranjit Sinha passed away recently, was former chief of which organization?

- A. National Investigation Agency
B. Central Bureau of Investigation
C. Narcotics Control Bureau
D. Research and Analysis Wing
E. None of these

10. India has recently signed an MoU with which country for cooperation on Gaganyaan Mission?

- A. Germany B. France C. USA
D. Russia E. None of these

11. Who among the following has penned his memoir 'Believe: What Life and Cricket Taught Me'?

- A. Ravindra Jadeja B. Suresh Raina C. Gautam Gambhir
D. Harbhajan Singh E. None of these



12. Which space agency is to launch SpaceX Crew 2 on April 22, 2021?

- A. ISRO B. JAXA C. NASA
D. European Space Agency E. None of these

13. Who among the following has received the Golden Lion for Lifetime Achievement at the 78th Venice International Film Festival?

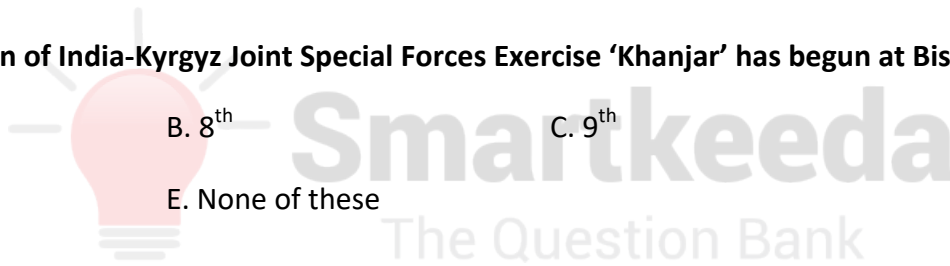
- A. Nicoletta Braschi B. Giorgio Cantarini C. Massimo Troisi
D. Roberto Benigni E. None of these

14. Which company has announced \$250 million venture fund for Indian startups?

- A. Samsung B. Amazon C. Wipro
D. TCS E. None of these

15. Which edition of India-Kyrgyz Joint Special Forces Exercise 'Khanjar' has begun at Bishkek?

- A. 7th B. 8th C. 9th
D. 10th E. None of these



16. International Day For Monuments and Sites was observed on which of the following dates?

- A. 15 April B. 16 April C. 17 April
D. 18 April E. None of these

17. Ahmed Hussain passed away recently, was a/an _____.

- A. Cricketer B. Tennis Player C. Footballer
D. Badminton Player E. None of these

18. Which Marathi Film has won the Best Foreign Language Feature at Moscow International Film Festival?

- A. Sairat B. Puglya C. Baban
D. Mauli E. None of these



19. Balbir Singh Junior passed away recently, was associated with which game?

- A. Cricket B. Football C. Hockey
D. Badminton E. None of these

20. AgriGoIUnion Agriculture Ministry has signed an MoU with Microsoft for a pilot project in 100 villages of _____ states.

- A. Five B. Seven C. Six
D. Eight E. None of these



Correct answer:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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Explanation:

1. Hints to Remember

Who: Education Minister

What: launches World 1st affordable and long-lasting hygiene product DuroKea Series

When: published on 16th April 2021

Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank on Friday launched World 1st affordable and long-lasting hygiene product DuroKea Series. This next generation DuroKea antimicrobial technology starts at 189 rupees, kills 99.99 per cent of germs instantly and leaves behind the long-lasting protective nanoscale coating up to 35 days till next wash. Researcher from Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad has developed this innovative technologies to combat COVID-19 virus spreading.

Speaking on the occasion Mr Pokhriyal said that Durokea Product is aligned with the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to attain self reliance. He said, the unique property of DuroKea range is to ensure instant killing, within 60 second and prolonged protection which is an immense necessity during this current pandemic situation. The Minister said, this revolutionary antimicrobial property of DuroKea products has been tested and certified by Indian Government accredited lab and field-tested at the IIT Hyderabad campus. [\(Read more\)](#)

2. Hints to Remember

Who: Jagan

What: launches AP Amul Project in Guntur to empower women dairy farmers

When: published on 16th April 2021

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y.S Jagan Mohan Reddy on 16 April virtually launched AP Amul Project in Guntur from the camp office here.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister said the project was started following the signing of an MoU between Amul and the state government on 21 July. The project is meant to empower women self-help groups by encouraging milk cooperatives in the government sector. [\(Read more\)](#)



3. Hints to Remember

Who: Krishna Prasad

What: appointed as Group Editorial Officer at The Hindu Group Publishing

When: published on 17th April 2021

The Hindu Group Publishing Pvt.Ltd. (THGPPL) has announced the appointment of Krishna Prasad as its Group Editorial Officer, PTI reports.

The Hindu Group Publishing Pvt.Ltd. is the publisher of The Hindu, The Hindu BusinessLine, Frontline and Sportstar.

Prasad “will lead and enable greater synergies across the different print publications and digital offerings, by coordinating content efforts across all publications of The Hindu Group,” a release from the group said.

Prasad is former Editor-in-Chief of Outlook magazine, and former Editor of Vijay Times from The Times of India group.[\(Read more\)](#)

4. Hints to Remember

Who: Ajay Seth

What: takes charge as economic affairs secretary

When: published on 17th April 2021

Ajay Seth, a 1987-batch Karnataka cadre officer of the Indian Administrative Service (IAS), on Friday took charge as economic affairs secretary. His appointment comes at a crucial time when India is witnessing the second wave of Covid-19 pandemic that is threatening to slow down economic recovery.

Seth, who was previously the managing director of Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Ltd, will now be responsible for the execution of the government’s efforts to insulate the economy from the adverse impact of the second wave.[\(Read more\)](#)

5. Hints to Remember

Who: Manish Sisodia

What: appointed nodal officer for Covid management in Delhi

When: published on 16th April 2021

Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia was on Friday appointed the nodal officer for COVID-19 management in the national capital, according to an official order.



Sisodia will be responsible for inter-ministerial coordination till further orders, it said.

As the number of COVID-19 cases and the positivity rate continue to rise in the city, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Thursday announced a curfew this weekend and the closure of malls, gymnasiums and auditoriums till April 30 as part of sweeping restrictions to break the chain of the infection.[\(Read more\)](#)

6. Hints to Remember

Who: Piyush Goyal

What: chairs first meeting of National Startup Advisory Council

When: published on 15th April 2021

Trade minister Piyush Goyal on Thursday chaired the first meeting of National Startup Advisory Council (NSAC) set up to advise the government on measures needed to build a strong ecosystem for nurturing innovation and startups in the country.

In his inaugural address, Goyal said that this council shall act as the guiding light for many budding startup entrepreneurs in India. He said that this is the first time in our nation's history where such a high-powered team of people from the private sector and the government have come together, so that they take their own policy decisions.[\(Read more\)](#)

7. Hints to Remember

Who: Padma Shri Awardee & Noted Radiologist Kakarla Subba Rao

What: passes away

When: published on 17th April 2021

Renowned radiologist and Padma Shri awardee Kakarla Subbarao passed away on Friday. Born on January 25, 1925, the 96-year-old doctor breathed his last at the KIMS hospital in Secunderabad, said his family. However, the family did not specify what medical condition led to his death, but reports suggest that the veteran died due to age related health complications after a month-long treatment at KIMS.

"It is with deep sadness that we inform you about the demise of our patriarch, Padma Shri Kakarla Subbarao, who reached heavenly abode on April 16, 2021 at 7.20 am," his family members said in their statement.[\(Read more\)](#)

8. Hints to Remember

Who: Microsoft



What: buys AI speech tech company Nuance for \$19.7 billion

When: published on 12th April 2021

Microsoft is buying AI speech tech firm Nuance for \$19.7 billion, bolstering the Redmond, Washington-based tech giant's prowess in voice recognition and giving it further leverage in the health care market, where Nuance sells many products. Microsoft will pay \$56 per share for Nuance, a 23 percent premium over the company's closing price last Friday. The deal includes Nuance's net debt.

Nuance is best known for its Dragon software, which uses deep learning to transcribe speech and improves its accuracy over time by adapting to a user's voice. Nuance has licensed this tech for many services and applications, including, most famously, Apple's digital assistant Siri. (Though to what degree Siri currently relies on Dragon to answer users' queries is unclear.) Dragon is an industry leader in terms of transcription accuracy. [\(Read more\)](#)

9. Hints to Remember

Who: Former CBI Director Ranjit Sinha

What: passes away at 68

When: published on 16th April 2021

Former CBI director Ranjit Sinha passed away at the age of 68 early Friday due to Covid-related complications. Sinha, who had tested positive for Covid-19 on Thursday, breathed his last at 4.30 am on Friday.

A 1974 batch IPS officer of the Bihar cadre, Sinha joined the service at a young age of 21 and served long tenures in his state and in central agencies.

Apart from handling law and order in multiple districts in Bihar, Sinha went on to head the Railway Protection Force (RPF) and Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) before being appointed the chief of CBI in 2012. [\(Read more\)](#)

10. Hints to Remember

Who: India, France

What: sign agreement for cooperation on Gaganyaan mission

When: published on 15th April 2021

Space agencies of India and France on Thursday signed an agreement for cooperation for the former's first human space mission, Gaganyaan, a move that will enable Indian flight physicians to train at French facilities.

French space agency CNES said under the agreement, equipment developed by it, tested and still operating aboard the International Space Station (ISS) will be made available to Indian crews.



The CNES will also be supplying fireproof carry bags made in France to shield equipment from shocks and radiation, it said.

The agreement was announced during French Foreign Affairs Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian's visit to the Indian Space Research Organisation's (ISRO) headquarters in Bengaluru. [\(Read more\)](#)

11. Hints to Remember

Who: Suresh Raina's memoir 'Believe'

What: to release in 2021

When: published on 14th April 2021

One of India's most successful international cricketers, Suresh Raina is all set to turn an author this year. News is that Suresh Raina has penned his memoir 'Believe: What Life and Cricket Taught Me' along with cricket writer Bharat Sundaresan.

The announcement about the memoir was made by publisher Penguin Random House India on April 13, 2021. [\(Read more\)](#)

12. Hints to Remember

Who: NASA SpaceX Crew-2 "Go"

What: for April 22 Launch to the International Space Station

When: published on 16th April 2021

The Flight Readiness Review (FRR) for NASA's SpaceX Crew-2 mission to the International Space Station has concluded, and teams are proceeding toward a planned liftoff at 6:11 a.m. EDT Thursday, April 22, 2021, from Launch Complex 39A at the agency's Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

NASA will provide coverage of the upcoming prelaunch and launch activities for the agency's SpaceX Crew-2 mission with astronauts to the International Space Station. This is the second crew rotation flight of the SpaceX Crew Dragon and the first with two international partners. The flight follows certification by NASA for regular flights to the space station as part of the agency's Commercial Crew Program.

The launch, on a Falcon 9 rocket, is targeted for 6:11 a.m. EDT Thursday, April 22, from Launch Complex 39A at NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida. The Crew Dragon is scheduled to dock to the space station about 5:30 a.m. Friday, April. 23. Prelaunch activities, launch, and docking will air live on NASA Television, the NASA app, and the agency's website. [\(Read more\)](#)



13. Hints to Remember

Who: Lifetime Achievement Award

What: received by Roberto Benigni

When: published on 16th April 2021

Director Roberto Benigni will be receiving the Golden Lion for Lifetime Achievement at the 78th Venice International Film Festival, which runs from September 1 to 11. The organisers confirmed the news about the two-time Oscar-winning actor-director today.

“My heart is full of joy and gratitude. It is an immense honour to receive such an important recognition of my work from the Venice International Film Festival,” Benigni said in a statement.

The filmmaker had starred in and directed the holocaust comedy-drama film Life Is Beautiful (1997), for which he received the Academy Awards for Best Actor (the first for a non-English speaking male performance) and Best International Feature Film. He was last seen in Matteo Garrone’s live-action Pinocchio, for which he won a David di Donatello Award. [\(Read more\)](#)

14. Hints to Remember

Who: Amazon

What: announces \$250 million venture fund for Indian startups

When: published on 16th April 2021

Amazon.com Inc. has sharpened its focus on India’s small and medium businesses (SMBs), introducing a \$250 million Smbhav Venture Fund, focusing on digitization of small businesses; agri-tech innovations to raise farmer productivity; and health tech for quality universal healthcare.

Speaking on the first day of Amazon Smbhav Summit, Andrew Jassy, who takes over as chief executive officer at Amazon Inc. later this year, described SMBs as the “engine and the lifeblood of economies”, including in India. “We are very passionate about trying to enable acceleration of small, medium sized businesses in fuelling innovation and the economy in India. Through the Smbhav Venture Fund, we are going to help inspire more SMEs to be able to build brand new businesses,” Jassy said, in his first public comments about the Indian market as Amazon’s incoming CEO. [\(Read more\)](#)

15. Hints to Remember

Who: 8th India-Kyrgyz Joint Special Forces Exercise ‘Khanjar’

What: Begins at Bishkek

When: published on 17th April 2021



Taking forward the strategic partnership between India and the Kyrgyz Republic, the 8th India-Kyrgyz Joint Special Forces Exercise Khanjar began in Bishkek on Friday.

The 8th India-Kyrgyz Joint Special Forces Exercise 'Khanjar' was inaugurated at Special Forces Brigade of National Guards of Kyrgyz Republic in Bishkek, a statement of the Indian Embassy in Bishkek said.

Initiated first in 2011, the two-week long exercise focuses on high-altitude, mountains and counter-extremism.

Commander of Kyrgyz National Guards, Colonel Ergeshov Talantbek, in his opening remarks, commended high-altitude resilience of the two personnel and their camaraderie and interoperability, the statement said. [\(Read more\)](#)

16. Hints to Remember

Who: International Day For Monuments and Sites

What: was observed on 18 April

In 1982, UNESCO's General Conference established 18 April as the International Day for Monuments and Sites, in many countries also celebrated as World Heritage Day. The day is promoted by ICOMOS globally, and the theme for 2021 is "Complex Pasts: Diverse Futures".

The history of a place can involve many points of view. The conservation of cultural heritage requires careful examination of the past, and its practice demands provision for the future. In recent years, debates on certain narratives, and particular stories over others, have come to the forefront. Addressing difficult and often contested histories involves complex conversations with different stakeholders, avoiding biased views and interpretations of the past.

The World Heritage Convention (1972) states: "deterioration or disappearance of any item of the cultural or natural heritage constitutes a harmful impoverishment of the heritage of all the nations of the world". However, imbalances in recognition, interpretation and ultimately, conservation of various cultural manifestations continue to exist. [\(Read more\)](#)

17. Hints to Remember

Who: Former football Olympian Ahmed Hussain

What: loses battle against COVID-19

When: published on 17th April 2021

Former Indian footballer Ahmed Hussain breathed his last on Friday in Bengaluru shortly after testing positive for COVID-19. He was 89.

Ahmed Hussain, who represented India at the 1956 Olympic Games in Melbourne, is survived by his wife Ayesha and son Imtiaz.



“(Ahmed Hussain) had mild heart problems and was down with dementia for a few years,” Imtiaz told the Times of India. “A few days back, he was unwell and we got him admitted on Tuesday night after he tested positive for COVID-19.”([Read more](#))

18. Hints to Remember

Who: Marathi film Puglya

What: wins big at Moscow International Film Fest

When: published on 13th April 2021

Marathi film Puglya has won the best foreign language feature at the Moscow International Film Festival 2021, continuing its immensely successful international stint. Director Vinod Sam Peter’s film about a pug and two boys has been winning accolades at foreign festivals.

Peter, who has also written the drama, said that he was proud that Pugla won at the prestigious Moscow International Festival. “I feel immense joy when I see that the story is receiving such a great response. Winning at Moscow International Film Festival is a great deal of pride for me and the team.”([Read more](#))

19. Hints to Remember

Who: Former Indian hockey player Balbir Singh Junior

What: passes away at 88

When: published on 13th April 2021

Balbir Singh Junior, who was a member of the silver medal- winning 1958 Asian Games Indian hockey team, died here at the age of 88, his daughter Mandeep Samra said on Tuesday.

He is survived by his wife, daughter and son.

"My father passed away in sleep on Sunday morning due to heart failure," his daughter said.

His son is settled in Canada and could not attend the last rites of his father because of the COVID-19 pandemic. ([Read more](#))

20. Hints to Remember

Who: Agriculture Ministry

What: signs MoU with Microsoft for a pilot project in 100 villages of six states to raise farmers income

When: published on 15th April 2021



Union Agriculture Ministry has signed an MoU with Microsoft for a pilot project in 100 villages of six states. This project will carry out various tasks for the betterment of farmers in the selected villages, which will enhance their income. This will also reduce the input costs for farmers and make farming easy.

These states are Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Rajasthan and Andhra Pradesh. Microsoft will develop farmer interface for smart and well-organized agriculture, including post-harvest management and distribution.

Speaking on the occasion, Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar said, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's idea of digital agriculture is now taking shape. ([Read more](#))





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