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

1. Which country has launched Core Module for Permanent Space Station & Robot Prototype for Space Cleaning?

- A. Japan B. Malaysia C. South Korea
D. China E. None of these

2. Which of the following countries is to get World's Most Powerful Weather Climate Forecasting Supercomputer by 2022?

- A. United Kingdom B. United States of America C. China
D. Japan E. None of these

3. Which aircraft was added with the 5th generation Python-5 Air-to-Air Missile (AAM) in its air-to-air weapons capability?

- A. Tejas B. Rafale C. Thunder
D. Mirage E. None of these

4. CCI has approved what percent of stake acquisition from Big Basket's SGS by Tata Digital?

- A. 61.3 percent B. 62.3 percent C. 63.3 percent
D. 64.3 percent E. None of these

5. Which of the following banks has approved the re-appointment of Amitabh Chaudhry as its Managing Director and CEO for three years with effect from January 1, 2022?

- A. EXIM Bank B. ICICI Bank C. YES Bank
D. Axis Bank E. None of these



6. Which of the following Indian firms has/have been figured in the Time Magazine's first-ever list of 100 most influential companies?

- A. Jio Platforms B. Paytm C. Byju's
D. A and B E. A and C

7. Which company has become the 3rd Largest Indian IT Firm by surpassing HCL Tech and set to reach net-zero GHG Emissions by 2040?

- A. Infosys B. TCS C. Wipro
D. Adani E. None of these

8. Which of the following banks has signed an MoU with Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited to provide seamless telecom services to the bank at a competitive rate?

- A. Bank of India B. Syndicate Bank C. Indian Bank
D. Bank of Baroda E. None of these

9. Which of the following banks has launched 'Merchant Stack', a set of the country's most comprehensive digital banking services specially curated for retail merchants?

- A. HDFC Bank B. Yes Bank C. IDFC Bank
D. ICICI Bank E. None of these

10. In line with Budget announcement, the government has infused _____ capital in state-owned IFCI to improve its financial health.

- A. Rs 100 crore B. Rs 300 crore C. Rs 200 crore
D. Rs 400 crore E. None of these

11. Which of the following banks has provided USD 1.5 billion to India to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic?

- A. New Development Bank B. Asian Development Bank C. World Bank
D. Soft Bank E. None of these



12. Financial Software and Systems (FSS) has partnered with NPCI International Payments (NIPL) to expand the presence of digital payments platform Unified Payments Interface (UPI) in international markets. Financial Software and Systems (FSS) is based in which city?

- A. Mumbai B. Kolkata C. Chennai
D. Kochi E. None of these

13. Asian Development Bank has projected _____ GDP growth for India in FY22.

- A. 11 percent B. 10 percent C. 12 percent
D. 9 percent E. None of these

14. Who among the following has become first Indian woman to get 'Wild Innovator Award'?

- A. Krithi Karanth B. Manu Shankar C. Aditya Singh Kataria
D. Lalita Modi E. None of these

15. Which state's cabinet has approved the hike in Ashirwad Scheme aid from Rs. 21000 to Rs. 51000?

- A. Haryana B. Punjab C. Rajasthan
D. Gujarat E. None of these

16. As per the study of Industry Group Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Air pollution costs Indian businesses _____ billion every year.

- A. USD 85 B. USD 90 C. USD 95
D. USD 90 E. None of these

17. The Foundation Stone was laid for Integrated Solar Dryer and Pyrolysis Pilot Plant in CSIR-CLRI in which city?

- A. Kochi B. Mumbai C. Cuttack
D. Chennai E. None of these

18. A community service centre has been set up to bring all data on board India's first dedicated solar space mission to a single web-based interface. What is the Name of that centre?

- A. Aditya-N1 Support Cell B. Aditya-L1 Support Cell C. Aditya-M1 Support Cell
D. Aditya-R1 Support Cell E. None of these



19. Miguel Díaz-Canel has been named the Chief of Communist Party. He is the President of which country?

- A. Mali
- B. Sudan
- C. Cuba
- D. Israel
- E. None of these

20. India, Japan and which country will launch the 'Supply Chain Resilience Initiative'?

- A. UAE
- B. New Zealand
- C. USA
- D. Australia
- 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: China

What: launches first module of space station Heavenly Palace

When: published on 30th April 2021

China launched the first module of its “Heavenly Palace” space station on Thursday, a milestone in Beijing’s ambitious plan to establish a permanent human presence in space.

Billions of dollars have been poured into space exploration as China seeks to reflect its rising global stature and growing technological might, following in the footsteps of the United States, Russia and Europe.

The Tianhe core module, which houses life support equipment and a living space for astronauts, was launched from Wenchang in China’s tropical Hainan province on a Long-March 5B rocket on Thursday, state television showed. [\(Read more\)](#)



2. Hints to Remember

Who: UK

What: to get World’s Most Powerful Weather Climate Forecasting Supercomputer by 2022

When: published on 26th April 2021

Microsoft and UK’s Met Office have teamed up to build the world’s most powerful supercomputer to forecast weather and climate-change.

Likely to be operational in 2022, the supercomputer will provide accurate warnings on severe weather and help protect from impact of increasingly extreme storms, floods and snow in the UK, the Met Office said in a release.

“Working together [with Microsoft], we will provide the highest quality weather and climate datasets and ever more accurate forecasts that enable decisions to allow people to stay safe and thrive,” Met Office CEO Penny Endersby, said in a release. “This will be a unique capability that will keep not just the Met Office but the UK at the forefront of environmental modelling and high-performance computing.” [\(Read more\)](#)

3. Hints to remember



Who: DRDO

What: successfully conducts maiden trial of Python-5 Air to Air Missile

When: published on 28th April 2021

India's indigenous Light Combat Aircraft Tejas was added with the 5th generation Python-5 Air-to-Air Missile (AAM) in its air-to-air weapons capability on Wednesday.

Trials were successfully aimed to validate enhanced capability of already integrated Derby Beyond Visual Range (BVR) AAM on Tejas. The test firing at Goa completed a series of missile trials to validate its performance under extremely challenging scenarios.

“Derby missile achieved direct hit on a high-speed maneuvering aerial target and the Python missiles also achieved 100 percent hits, thereby validating their complete capability. The trials met all their planned objectives”, the DRDO said in a statement here. ([Read more](#))

4. Hints to Remember

Who: CCI

What: Approved the 64.3% Stake Acquisition from BigBasket's SGS by Tata Digital

When: published on 29th April 2021

Tata Digital's proposed acquisition of 64.3% stake in Supermarket Grocery Supplies Private Ltd (SGS), which operates the business-to-business arm of the online grocery firm BigBasket, has received approval from the Competition Commission of India (CCI).

The proposed transaction involves acquisition by Tata Digital Limited (TDL) of up to 64.3% of the total share capital of SGS (on a fully diluted basis) through a combination of primary and secondary acquisitions, in one or more series of steps.

Subsequently, through a separate transaction, SGS may acquire sole control over Innovative Retail Concepts Private Limited (IRC). The proposed combination will result in the acquisition by TDL of majority stake of and control over SGS. ([Read more](#))

5. Hints to Remember

Who: Axis Bank board

What: approves re-appointment of Amitabh Chaudhry as MD & CEO

When: published on 29th April 2021

Private sector lender Axis Bank on Thursday said its board has approved the re-appointment of Amitabh Chaudhry as its Managing Director and CEO for three years with effect from January 1, 2022.



"The board of directors of the bank.. considered and approved the proposal relating to re-appointment of Amitabh Chaudhry as the Managing Director and CEO of the bank, for a further period of 3 years, with effect from January 1, 2022 up to December 31, 2024," Axis Bank said in a regulatory filing.

The appointment will be subject to the approval of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and shareholders of the bank, the filing added. ([Read more](#))

6. Hints to Remember

Who: Jio Platforms, Byju's

What: in Time's first list of 100 most influential firms

When: published on 28th April 2021

Two Indian firms, Reliance Industries' technology arm Jio Platforms and e-learning startup Byju's have figured in the Time Magazine's first-ever list of 100 most influential companies.

On its website, Time said companies shaping the future are at the heart of the first ever TIME100 Most Influential Companies.

To assemble it, TIME solicited nominations across sectors including healthcare, entertainment, transportation, technology and evaluated each one on key factors, including relevance, impact, innovation, leadership, ambition and success. ([Read more](#))

7. Hints to Remember

Who: Wipro

What: Became 3rd Largest Indian IT Firm by Surpassing HCL Tech & sets to Reach Net-zero GHG Emissions by 2040

When: published on 23rd April 2021

Wipro share price hit Rs 486.70 apiece on BSE today, taking the company's total market capitalisation to Rs 2.65 lakh crore. IT major Wipro has pipped HCL Technologies in terms of market capitalisation and has become the third most valued Indian IT firm. Wipro stood at 12th position in the overall ranking with a market capitalisation of Rs 2.66 lakh crore, as on April 22, according to BSE data. HCL Technologies was at the 13th position with a market capitalisation of Rs 2.60 lakh crore. Improving deal wins, strong fourth-quarter results, weakening rupee, and strong buying in defensive sectors like IT and consumer have led to Wipro outperforming its other IT peers, according to an analyst. "Technically, Rs 465-470 remains a strong support and target of Rs 515 looks highly likely in the coming weeks," AR Ramachandran, Co-founder & Trainer, Tips2Trades, told Financial Express Online.



On the back of healthy quarter earnings for the January-March quarter of FY21, Wipro share price rose to hit a fresh 52-week of Rs 494.50 apiece on Thursday. Wipro stock was trading muted on Friday at Rs 484.85 apiece. HCL Technologies share price was up 1.14 per cent at Rs 972.10 apiece. In comparison, S&P BSE Sensex was trading 172 points or 0.36 per cent up at 48,253. According to an analyst, Wipro underperformed on revenue growth against HCL Technologies and other large IT names over the last decade. [\(Read more\)](#)

8. Hints to Remember

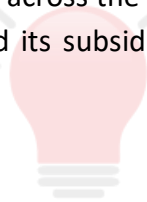
Who: Indian Bank

What: signs MoU with BSNL

When: published on 28th April 2021

Indian Bank signed an MoU with Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited to provide seamless telecom services to the bank at a competitive rate. The release said, the MoU was signed in the presence of executive director of Indian Bank and chief general manager of BSNL, Chennai Telephones and will provide access to latest technologies at great competitive rates.

The bank is already using services of BSNL and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited for its Wide Area Network across the country. Dr VK Sanjeevi, chief general manager of Chennai Telephones said that BSNL and its subsidiary MTNL is connecting 5,000 branches and ATMs of Indian Bank. [\(Read more\)](#)



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9. Hints to Remember

Who: ICICI Bank

What: launches digital banking service 'Merchant Stack'

When: published on 29th April 2021

ICICI Bank today announced the launch of its 'Merchant Stack', a set of the country's most comprehensive digital banking services specially curated for retail merchants. The array of banking as well as value-added services enables merchants --- grocers, super markets, large retail store chains, online businesses and large e-commerce firms--- to meet their banking requirements seamlessly so that they can continue to serve their customers in the challenging times during the pandemic.

Retail merchants can avail of these contactless services on InstaBIZ, the Bank's mobile banking application for businesses. [\(Read more\)](#)

10. Hints to Remember



Who: Govt

What: Infuses Rs 200 Cr Capital In IFCI

When: published on 28th April 2021

In line with Budget announcement, the government has infused Rs 200 crore capital in state-owned IFCI to improve its financial health.

Following the capital infusion, the government holding in the financial institution has increased to 63.8 per cent from earlier 61.02 per cent.

The infusion was done through preferential issue of equity shares, a Finance Ministry communication to the company said.

The government had committed Rs 200 crore to IFCI in the Budget 2020-21.

The country's oldest term lender IFCI reported a consolidated net loss of Rs 717.99 crore for the third quarter ended December, 2020. The company had posted a net profit of Rs 335.38 crore in the same period a year ago. ([Read more](#))

11. Hints to Remember

Who: ADB

What: Provides USD 1.5 Billion To India To Deal With COVID-19

When: published on 28th April 2021

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) on Tuesday said it has provided USD 1.5 billion to India to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic.

The institution had announced a package of USD 20 billion in April 2020 to provide financial support to 26 countries to help fight the pandemic, it said in a release.

'ADB's USD 16.1 billion pandemic response in 2020, through a USD 20 billion package announced in April 2020, was provided in various ways, most notably via a new COVID-19 Pandemic Response Option which had provided quick-disbursing fiscal support to 26 countries, including USD 1.5 billion to India, by the end of the year,' it said.

Out of the USD 16.1 billion, USD 2.9 billion was for the private sector, which included direct support to companies, as well as through trade and supply chain finance to keep trade networks functioning.

ADB committed a record USD 31.6 billion in 2020 to help Asia and the Pacific tackle the COVID-19 outbreak; support a green, sustainable recovery from the pandemic; and address long-term development challenges. ([Read more](#))

12. Hints to Remember



Who: NPCI subsidiary

What: partners with FSS to accelerate UPI's global expansion plans

When: published on 28th April 2021

Chennai based financial services company Financial Software and Systems (FSS) has partnered with NPCI International Payments (NIPL) to expand the presence of digital payments platform Unified Payments Interface (UPI) in international markets.

NIPL is a subsidiary of the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), the umbrella organisation for all retail payments and settlement systems in India.

UPI is an instant payment system developed by government-owned and central bank-regulated entity NPCI. Built on the Immediate Payment Service (IMPS) infrastructure, UPI allows instant transfer of money between any two bank accounts. [\(Read more\)](#)

13. Hints to Remember

Who: India's GDP

What: to grow at 11% this fiscal, economic recovery at risk: ADB

When: published on 28th April 2021

The Indian economy is projected to grow at 11 per cent in the current financial year amid the "strong" vaccine drive, said ADB on Wednesday, while cautioning that the recent surge in COVID cases may put the country's economic recovery at "risk".

"India's economy is expected to grow 11 per cent in fiscal year (FY) 2021, which ends on March 31, 2022, amid a strong vaccine drive," ADB said in its flagship Asian Development Outlook (ADO) 2021 released on Wednesday.

However, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) cautioned that the surge in COVID-19 cases may put the country's economic recovery at risk.

For FY2022, India's GDP is expected to expand at 7 per cent, it added. [\(Read more\)](#)

14. Hints to Remember

Who: Krithi Karanth

What: becomes first Indian woman to get 'Wild Innovator Award'

When: published on 28th April 2021

Dr Krithi K Karanth, Chief Conservation Scientist at Bengaluru-based Centre for Wildlife Studies (CWS), has been chosen as the first Indian and Asian woman for the 2021 'WILD Innovator Award'.



This award given by the 'WILD ELEMENTS Foundation' brings together a coalition of innovators, advocates and partners to "disrupt the status quo and identify solutions to global sustainability and conservation," a CWS statement said on Tuesday.

The Foundation's distinctive approach to addressing climate change is the "Power of Three," recognising the interconnectedness of animal kind, humankind, and plant kind for the future planetary wellness of our shared home, it said. ([Read more](#))

15. Hints to Remember

Who: Punjab Cabinet

What: approved the hike in Ashirwad Scheme aid from Rs.21000 to Rs.51000

When: published on 28th April 2021

The Punjab Cabinet on Wednesday approved a hike in financial assistance under the Ashirwad scheme from Rs 21,000 to Rs 51,000 per beneficiary, with directions to clear all payment backlog under the scheme. The hike will come into effect from July 1, a government statement said after a virtual meeting of the Council of Ministers.

This is the second hike in the scheme amount by the present government, which had earlier enhanced the assistance from Rs 15,000 to Rs 21,000 soon after it took over in 2017, while renaming the Shagun scheme as Ashirwad scheme. At that time, the state Cabinet had also decided to make payment direct into the bank accounts of the beneficiaries through the online banking management system, under the scheme implemented by the Social Justice, Empowerment and Minorities department. ([Read more](#))

16. Hints to Remember

Who: Air pollution

What: costs Indian businesses USD 95 billion every year

When: published on 22nd April 2021

Air pollution costs Indian businesses USD 95 billion (INR seven lakh crore) every year, or three percent of the country's GDP. The cost is equal to 50 percent of all tax collected annually or 150 percent of India's healthcare budget. It also cuts annual consumer spending by USD 22 billion.

According to a study released by industry group CII, nonprofit Clean Air Fund, and consulting firm Dalberg, not only does air pollution adversely impact health outcomes, it also imposes an economic burden on industry.

Dalberg estimates that workers in India take 1.3 billion days off due to the effect of air pollution on their health, resulting in USD 6 billion of lost revenue. Higher pollution levels also affect the IT



sector disproportionately, shaving off USD 1.3 billion from it in lost productivity. This sector contributes nine percent of the country's GDP. [\(Read more\)](#)

17. Hints to Remember

Who: Foundation Stone

What: laid for Integrated Solar Dryer and Pyrolysis Pilot Plant in CSIR-CLRI, Chennai

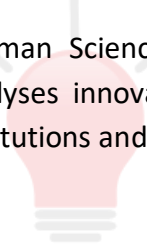
When: published on 28th April 2021

The foundation stone was laid for integrated solar dryer and pyrolysis pilot project by K J Sreeram, Director, CSIR- Central Leather Research Institute (CLRI), Chennai, on 23 April 2021.

The pilot project is part of the Indo-German project Pyrasol launched to transform urban organic waste into biochar and energy in smart cities. It was awarded to CSIR-CLRI by the Indo-German Science & Technology Centre.

The project will lead to technology development for the joint processing of Fibrous Organic Waste (FOW) and Sewage Sludge (SS) of Indian Smart Cities into hygienic and highly valuable biochar associated with energy recovery, carbon sequestration and environmental improvement.

The Indo-German Science & Technology Centre (IGSTC), through its flagship programme 2+2 Projects, catalyses innovation centric R&D projects by synergising the strength of research and academic institutions and public and private industries from India and Germany. [\(Read more\)](#)



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18. Hints to Remember

Who: Aditya-L1 Support Cell

What: provides all data on board India's first dedicated solar space mission

When: published on 27th April 2021

A community service centre has been set up to bring all data on board India's first dedicated solar space mission to a single web-based interface.

The service centre is called Aditya-L1 Support Cell.

It is a joint effort of Indian Space Research Organisation and Aryabhata Research Institute of Observational Sciences.

It will allow every interested individual to perform scientific analysis of the data.

It is slated to develop specific tools to assist guest observers and researchers to prepare observing proposals for Aditya-L1 observations. [\(Read more\)](#)



19. Hints to Remember

Who: Cuba leadership: Díaz-Canel

What: named Communist Party chief

When: published on 19th April 2021

Cuba's Communist Party has announced Miguel Díaz-Canel will succeed Raúl Castro as the party's first secretary.

Mr Díaz-Canel, who in 2018 succeeded Mr Castro as Cuba's president, had been widely tipped for the arguably more influential post of party leader.

The transition means that the island will be governed by someone other than Fidel or Raúl Castro for the first time since the Cuban revolution in 1959.

Mr Díaz-Canel is seen as loyal to the Castros and their economic model.

Speaking on Friday, when Mr Díaz-Canel had not been officially named yet as first secretary, Raúl Castro said that he would hand over the leadership to a younger generation "full of passion and anti-imperialist spirit". ([Read more](#))

20. Hints to Remember

Who: India, Japan and Australia

What: unveil supply chain initiative

When: published on 28th April 2021

In a move to counter China's dominance of supply chain in the Indo-Pacific region, trade ministers of India, Japan and Australia on Tuesday formally launched the Supply Chain Resilience Initiative (SCRI) in a virtual trilateral ministerial meeting.

"The SCRI aims to create a virtuous cycle of enhancing supply chain resilience with a view to eventually attaining strong, sustainable, balanced and inclusive growth in the region. The ministers consented that expansion of the SCRI may be considered based on consensus, if needed, in due course," the three trade ministers said in a joint statement. ([Read more](#))





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