



- [B] Oman
- [C] Qatar
- [D] UAE

Answer: UAE

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) is set to become the first Arab Gulf country to generate electricity from coal.

A USD 3.4 billion Hassyan coal plant is being set up in Dubai with a capacity of 600 MW. The capacity is expected to increase to 2,400 MW by 2023. Most of the existing power plants in UAE runs on Gas.

9. Which city has become the world's most air connected city, as per the International Air Transport Association (IATA)?

- [A] New Delhi
- [B] London
- [C] Shanghai
- [D] Melbourne

Answer: Shanghai

As per International Air Transport Association's (IATA), recent report, China's Shanghai has become the world's most connected city, replacing London from the top spot.

According to the IATA, London has witnessed a 67% fall in air connectivity due to the prevalent COVID 19 pandemic. With Shanghai added to the top list, world's four most connected cities are now in China.

10. The Union Government has decided to forego interest on eight categories of loans up to what amount, on account of Covid-19?

- [A] Rs 25 lakh
- [B] Rs 50 lakh
- [C] Rs 1 crore
- [D] Rs 2 crore

Answer: Rs 2 crore

The Central Government has decided to forego interest on eight specified categories of loans paid up to Rs two crore, on account of Covid-19 pandemic.

The Supreme Court of India has directed the government again to take steps to forego the interest in eight categories of loans, namely MSME, Education, Housing, Consumer durable, Credit card, Automobile, Personal and Consumption.

11. Which method of COVID-19 testing developed by CSIR- CCMB, without viral transport medium, has been approved by ICMR?

- [A] Dry Swab RT-PCR
- [B] Gold standard RT-PCR
- [C] VTM RT- PCR
- [D] RNA RT-PCR

Answer: Dry Swab RT-PCR

The Indian Council for Medical Research (ICMR) has approved the Dry Swab RT-PCR for COVID-19 testing, which was developed by CSIR's Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology, Hyderabad.

In this simple and fast method, nasal swab is collected and transported in dry state, as against the using the viral transport medium used in conventional testing. It does not require RNA isolation from the sample.

12. Sea Guardian drones, which were seen in the news recently, were obtained from which country?

- [A] Israel