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Q. SHWAS and AROG are the two new loan products launched by which institution amid the fight against COVID-19?

A) RBI
B) ADB
C) SBI
D) SIDBI

Answer : D

- ✓ SIDBI launches SHWAS and AROG Loan Schemes for MSMEs for COVID Preparedness
- ✓ Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI), has launched two loan products for MSMEs to help them with required financial support in fight against the COVID-19 pandemic.
- ✓ The two new loan products are
- ✓ SHWAS – SIDBI assistance to Healthcare sector in War Against Second wave of COVID19
- ✓ AROG – SIDBI Assistance to MSMEs for Recovery & Organic Growth during COVID19 pandemic

SIDBI IN NEWS

- ➢ SIDBI launches SHWAS and AROG Loan Schemes for MSMEs for COVID Preparedness
- ➢ Government Appoints S Ramann as new Chairman & Managing Director of SIDBI
- ➢ Sidbi sets up Swavalamban Crisis Responsive Fund to facilitate free onboarding of MSMEs on TReDS platform
- ➢ SIDBI partners with TransUnion CIBIL to launch financial knowledge platform MSMESaksham
- ➢ UP Government Signs MoU with SIDBI for 'UP Start-up Fund' to Boost Employment
- ➢ Tata Power partners with SIDBI to offer easy & affordable financing scheme for MSME
- ➢ Rajasthan Govt signs MoU with SIDBI to develop its MSME ecosystem
- ➢ NSE joins hands with SIDBI for debt capital platform for MSMEs
- ➢ BoB signs MoU with SIDBI to enable MSMEs apply online for one-time restructuring
- ➢ PHDCCI inks pact with SIDBI to facilitate credit schemes for MSMEs

- SIDBI partnership with the Confederation of Women Entrepreneurs of India (COWE), has launched the 'Swavalamban Sashakt – Mega Campaign'.
- **Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)**

  Founded : 2 April 1990

  Headquarteres : Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh

  Chairman & MD : Siva S Ramann

Q. The TRIFED has recently signed an MoU with which organisation for the project 'Sustainable Livelihoods For Tribal Households in India'?

A) The LINK Fund **B) Walton Family Foundation**

C) John Templeton Foundation **D) Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation**

Answer : A

- ✓ TRIFED inks MoU with 'The LINK Fund' for tribal development
- ✓ Tribal Co-operative Marketing Federation of India (TRIFED), has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with The LINK Fund on April 29, 2021, for a collaborative project titled "Sustainable Livelihoods For Tribal Households in India"
- ✓ The LINK Fund is a Geneva, Switzerland based philanthropic operational foundation and practitioner-led fund, working towards eradicating extreme poverty and mitigating the effects of climate change.
- ✓ TRIFED is nodal agency under the administrative control of Ministry of Tribal Affairs, working for the empowerment of tribals community in India

TRIFED IN NEWS

- TRIFED inks MoU with 'The LINK Fund' for tribal development
- Sankalp se Siddhi – Village & Digital Connect Drive Launched by TRIFED
- Tribal Affairs Minister launches "Trifood Project" of TRIFED
- TRIFED signs MoU with Art Of Living(AOL) to promote tribal enterprises
- TRIFED to launch campaign in partnership with UNICEF for Self Help Groups (SHGs)
- Arjun Munda Inaugurates The Tribes India Store On Government e-Marketplace (GeM)
- **Tribal Co-operative Marketing Federation of India (TRIFED)**

  Founded : 1987

Headquarters : New Delhi
Chairmam : Ramesh chand meena
Vice-chairperson : Pratibha Brahma
Managing Director : Pravir Krishna
Minister responsible : Arjun Munda, Minister for Tribal Affairs
Constituency : Khunti, Jharkhand

Q. As per the report of Brand Finance which is the 10th most valuable and third most- strongest insurance brand globally?

A) Life Insurance Corporation **B) SBI Life Insurance Company**
C) Sahara India Life Insurance **D) Bharti AXA Life Insurance**

Answer : A

- ✓ 'Life Insurance Corporation (LIC)' has emerged as the third strongest and the tenth most valuable insurance brand globally, in Brand Finance Insurance 100 report for 2021
- ✓ The brand value of LIC increased by almost 7 percent to $8.65 billion in 2021
- ✓ The annual report is released by London-based brand valuation consultancy firm Brand Finance, to identify the most valuable and strongest insurance brands globally

LIC IN NEWS

- LIC Among Top Ten Most-Valuable Insurance Brand Globally: Brand Finance Report
- LIC appoints Paytm to handle its digital payments
- LIC launches new savings plan Bachat Plus
- LIC introduced new 'Bima Jyoti' plan
- Siddhartha Mohanty set to take over as Managing Director of LIC
- LIC Launches Digital Application Tool 'ANANDA' for Agents
- LIC announced the launch of a special scheme called 'Special Revival Campaign' to revive Laps (stopped) policies
- **Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)**

  Founded : 1956
  Headquarters : Mumbai
  Chairman : M. R. Kumar

Q. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has joined the Central Banks and Supervisors 'Network for Greening the Financial System (NGFS)' as member. Where is the Secretariat of NGFS located?

A) Paris, France
B) Rome, Italy
C) Brussels, Belgium
D) New York, US

Answer : A

- ✓ Reserve Bank of India (RBI) joined the Central Banks and Supervisors 'Network for Greening the Financial System (NGFS)' as a Member
- ✓ The NGFS was launched at the Paris One Planet Summit on December 12, 2017
- ✓ As of April 26, 2021, the NGFS consists of 90 members and 13 observers
- ✓ NGFS is a network of central banks and financial supervisors that are willing to share best practices and contribute to the development of environment and climate risk management in the financial sector, while mobilising mainstream finance to support the transition towards a sustainable economy
- ✓ **Network for Greening the Financial System (NGFS)**

  Formation : December 2017

  Headquarteres : Paris, France

  Chair : Frank Elderson

  Head of Secretariat : Morgan Després

Q. DEFENDER-Europe 21 is multinational military exercise being held under the leadership of US Army with which organisational group?

A) NATO
B) ASEAN
C) SAARC
D) BIMSTEC

Answer : A

- ✓ US-Army led multinational, joint exercise 'DEFENDER-Europe 21' has kicked off, in Albania on April 26, 2021 and will be conducted in more than 30 training areas in 12 countries during April, May and June, including Western Balkan countries

- ✓ The annual US-led military exercises will be comprising of 28,000 forces from 26 nations, including the United States, NATO countries and their allies
- ✓ **North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)**

  Formation : 4 April 1949

  Headquarters : Brussels, Belgium

  Secretary General : Jens Stoltenberg

  Total Member : 30

Q. 'Ping An Insurance' has emerged as the world's most valuable insurance brand in Brand Finance Insurance 100 report for 2021. The company belongs to which country?

A) China **B) India**

C) Russia **D) Japan**

Answer : A

- ✓ Chinese firm 'Ping An Insurance' emerged as the world's most valuable insurance brand, despite recording a 26 percent drop in brand value in 2021 over previous year
- ✓ In the strongest insurance brands category, Italy's Poste Italiane was at top position, followed by Mapfre of the US and LIC of India
- ✓ However, the total brand value of the world's top 100 most valuable insurance brands declined by 6 percent from $462.4 billion in 2020 to $433.0 billion in 2021

CHINA IN NEWS

- ➢ Chinese firm 'Ping An Insurance' emerged as the world's most valuable insurance brand
- ➢ China launches core module of its space station
- ➢ China Launches Robot Prototype 'NEO-01' Clear Space Debris
- ➢ China names its first-ever Mars rover "Zhurong"
- ➢ India's demographic advantage to overtake China's by 2035, says China's central bank report
- ➢ China opens 5G station at world's highest radar location near Tibet border
- ➢ China and Russia Inks MoU to jointly build Lunar Space Station
- ➢ China Surpasses US to become India's top trade partner in 2020
- ➢ China Overtakes the US as Largest Trading Partner of European Union
- ➢ China Overtakes Germany as Largest Current Account Surplus Country

- China surpasses United States as largest recipient of FDI
- China becomes second country after the US to unfurl its flag on Moon
- MountEverest declared 86 cm (0.86 M) taller by Nepal and China
- China launches 'world's first 6G experiment satellite'
- China to send first-ever 'asteroid mining robot' into space
- 2nd World Health Expo kicks off in Wuhan
- China launches new rocket "Long March 5B" successfully
- China launches its 1st independent mission to Mars
- China successfully launches 13 satellites into orbit with a single rocket, including 10 from Argentina
- **CHINA**

  Capital : Being

  Currency : Renminbi (yuan)

  President : Xi Jinping

  India and China 'Hand-in-Hand' Exercise

Q. Which country launched core module of its space station?

A) China **B) Japan**

C) Russia **D) United States**

Answer : A

- ✓ China launched the core module of its space station, kicking off a series of key launch missions that aim to complete the construction of the station by the end of next year.
- ✓ The Long March-5B Y2 rocket, carrying the Tianhe module, blasted off from the Wenchang Spacecraft Launch Site on the coast of the southern island province of Hainan

Q. Which IT company aims to reach net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2040?

A) TCS **B) Infosys**

C) HCL **D) Wipro**

Answer : D

- ✓ IT major Wipro aimed to achieve Net-Zero Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions by 2040 in line with the objective of the Paris Agreement to cap temperature rise to 5 Celsius
- ✓ The company also sets an intermediate target of a 55 per cent reduction in GHG emissions by 2030 in absolute emission levels compared to its base year of 2016-17 (April-March)
- ✓ **Western India Vegetable Products Limited (WIPRO)**

  Founded : 29 December 1945

  Founder : Mohamed Premji

  Headquarters : Bangalore, Karnataka

  Chairmam : Rishad Premji

  CEO : Thierry Delaporte

Q. RBI to conduct first special OMO of FY22 of Rs. __ crore each.

A) 20,000 **B) 15,000**

C) 10,000 **D) 25,500**

Answer : C

- ✓ Reserve Bank of India (RBI) stated it will conduct the first special open market operation (OMO) of the fiscal year 2022 (FY2022), entailing simultaneous purchase and sale of government securities (G-Secs) for an aggregate amount of ₹10,000 crore each, on May 06, 2021.
- ✓ Under the special OMO (also known as Operation Twist/ OT), the central bank will purchase three G-Secs maturing in 2026, 2028 and 2030 for an aggregate amount of ₹10,000
- ✓ The central bank will purchase and sell securities for an aggregate amount of ₹10,000 crore each

Q. Which Bank's board approved the re-appointment of Amitabh Chaudhry as MD & CEO?

A) ICICI Bank **B) HDFC Bank**

C) Yes Bank **D) Axis Bank**

Answer : D

- ✓ Amitabh Chaudhry has been re-appointed as the Managing Director and CEO of the private sector lender Axis Bank for three more years by bank board
- ✓ His second 3 years term will begin with effect from January 1, 2022, up to December 31, 2024

- ✓ Chaudhry was first appointed as Managing Director (MD) and CEO of Axis Bank for a period of three years, with effect from January 1, 2019 up to December 31, 2021.
- ✓ Prior to that, he was the MD and CEO of HDFC Standard Life Insurance Company.

RE-APPOINTED IN NEWS

- ➢ Amitabh Chaudhry Re-appointed as MD & CEO of Axis Bank for 3 Years
- ➢ RBI approves re-appointment of Murali Natrajan as MD and CEO of DCB Bank
- ➢ CAG of India Girish Murmu re-appointed Chairman of UN Panel of External Auditors for 2021
- ➢ Denis Sassou Nguesso re-elected as President of Republic of Congo
- ➢ Thomas Bach re-elected as International Olympic Committee president until 2025
- ➢ Dushyant Chautala re-elected as President of Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI)
- ➢ Gudni Johannesson Re-elected as President of Iceland for second 4-year term
- ➢ Belarus President Alexander Lukashenko re-elected for 6th consecutive term
- ➢ Faustin-Archange Touadera Re-elected as President of Central African Republic
- ➢ India & France re-elected as President and Co-President of International Solar Alliance (ISA)
- ➢ Ajay Singh re-elected Boxing Federation of India President
- ➢ Nilesh Shah re-elected as Chairman of Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI)
- ➢ Vishwavir Ahuja re-appointed as RBL Bank Managing Director and CEO
- ➢ RBI re-appoints Uday Kotak as MD of Kotak Mahindra Bank

Q. Who has been named as the Chairman of Bajaj Auto?

A) Neeraj Bajaj **B) Rahul Bajaj**

C) Rajiv Bajaj **D) Anita Bajaj**

Answer : A

- ✓ Niraj Bajaj named Bajaj Auto Chairman; Rahul Bajaj to be Chairman Emeritus
- ✓ Bajaj Auto has announced the appointment of Neeraj Bajaj as its new Chairman of the Board with effect from May 1, 2021.
- ✓ The auto maker has also announced Rahul Bajaj as its Chairman Emeritus
- ✓ **BAJAJ AUTO**

  Founded : 29 November 1945

  Founder : Jamnalal Bajaj

Headquarters : Pune, Maharashtra

Chairman : Rahul Bajaj

Managing Director : Rajiv Bajaj

Q. Project DANTAK was established in which country by the Border Roads Organization (BRO) that completed 60 years of its establishment?

A) Bhutan **B) Nepal**

C) Sri Lanka **D) Bangladesh**

Answer : A

- ✓ Project DANTAK which is one of the oldest Projects of the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) commemorated its Diamond Jubilee in Bhutan
- ✓ Indian Ambassador to Bhutan Smt Ruchira Kamboj laid a floral wreath at the DANTAK Memorial in Simtokha on April 24, 2021
- ✓ Project DANTAK was established on 24th April1961
- ✓ It was a result of the visionary leadership of the third King of Bhutan and then Prime Minister of India Jawahar Lal Nehru
- ✓ DANTAK was tasked to construct the pioneering motorable roads
- ✓ Over the years, the Project has completed approximately 1600 km of blacktopped roads and 120 km of tracks in Bhutan with 5000 meters of bridges over them
- ✓ **Border Roads Organisation (BRO)**

  Founded : 7 May 1960

  Headquarteres : New Delhi

  Director General : Rajeev Chaudhary

BHUTAN IN NEWS
➢ Project DANTAK is commemorating its Diamond Jubilee in Bhutan
➢ India-assisted Mangdechhu hydroelectric project in Bhutan wins UK Engineer Body Award
➢ Bangladesh signs maiden Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA) with Bhutan
➢ PM Modi & Bhutanese PM Jointly launch RuPay Card Phase-II
➢ India signs agreement with Bhutan for 600 MW Kholongchhu joint venture hydroelectric project

- 35th FAO Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific (APRC) held under the Chairmanship of Bhutan
- **BHUTAN**

  Capital : Thimpu

  Currency : Ngultrum

  PM : Lotay Tshering

Q. The government has targeted how much million tonnes of mustard production by 2025-26?

A) 10 mt **B) 12 mt**

C) 17 mt **D) 20 mt**

Answer : C

✓ Government targets 17 Million Tonnes of Mustard Production by 2025-26. Indian Government is planning to bring around 9 million hectares of land under Mustard Cultivation & raise Mustard production capacity to around 17 Million Tonnes (mt) by 2025-26 in India

Q. Which company has partnered with NPCI International Payments to expand the presence of digital payments platform Unified Payments Interface (UPI) in international markets?

A) Mastercard **B) Google**

C) Microsoft **D) Financial Software and Systems**

Answer : D

✓ 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.

Q. Which is the first country to announce regulation of the use of self-driving vehicles at slow speeds on motorways?

A) Sweden **B) Norway**

C) Denmark **D) United Kingdom**

Answer : D

✓ The United Kingdom has become the first country to announce regulation of the use of self-driving vehicles at slow speeds on motorways

- ✓ The UK government wants to be at the forefront of rolling out autonomous driving technology and the transport ministry forecasts by 2035 around 40% of new UK cars could have self-driving capabilities, creating up to 38,000 new skilled jobs

Q. Padma Vibhushan awardee Soli Sorabjee passed away recently, he served as _____.

A) Attorney General of India

B) Chief Information Commissioner of India

C) Chief Election Commissioner of India

D) Comptroller and Auditor General of India

Answer : A

- ✓ Former Attorney General of India, Soli Sorabjee, has passed away, battling Covid-19. He was 91
- ✓ Sorabjee served as the Solicitor General of India from 1977 to 1980 and became the Attorney General of India for the first time from 1989 to 1990 and then from 1998 to 2004
- ✓ The senior lawyer was honored with India's second-highest civilian award, Padma Vibhushan, in 2002
- ✓ He is a member of the United Nations Sub-commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities since 1998 and also served as a member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration at The Hague from 2000 to 2006
- ✓ **ATTORNEY GENERAL OF for INDIA**
- ✓ Appointer : President of India on advice of the Union Cabinet
- ✓ Term length : Upto the pleasure of The President
- ✓ Constituting instrument : Article 76 of the Constitution
- ✓ Formation : 28 January 1950
- ✓ 1st Attorney General of India : Motilal C. Setalvad
- ✓ 15th and current Attorney General is K. K. Venugopal

Q. Who has been named as the fourth Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?

A) T Rabi Sankar **B) Mridul Saggar**

C) Yogesh Dayal **D) Natarajan Chandrasekaran**

Answer : A

- ✓ Tavarna Rabi Sankar, the Executive Director at Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has been named as the fourth Deputy Governor of the central bank
- ✓ Sankar has been appointed for a period of three years
- ✓ He was made the chairman of RBI subsidiary Indian Financial Technology and Allied Services
- ✓ (IFTAS) in June 2020
- ✓ He succeeds B P Kanungo, who retired on April 02, 2021
- ✓ The other three RBI deputy governors at RBI are Michael Patra, Mahesh Kumar Jain, and M. Rajeshwar Rao
- ✓ The first Deputy Governor of the RBI was Sir James B. Taylor. Later on Taylor became second Governor of the Reserve Bank of India

RBI IN NEWS 2021

- ➢ T Rabi Sankar appointed fourth Deputy Governor of RBI, succeeding BP Kanungo
- ➢ RBI joins Network for Greening the Financial System as Member
- ➢ RBI Caps Tenure of Private Banks MD & CEO at 15 Years
- ➢ RBI Allows Commercial Banks to Pay Up to 50% Pre-Covid Dividends on Equity Shares
- ➢ RBI cancels licence of Bhagyodaya Friends Urban Co-operative Bank, Maharashtra
- ➢ Former RBI Governor Maidavolu Narasimham passes away
- ➢ RBI to set up Regulations Review Authority for one year from May 1, 2021
- ➢ RBI Approves Appointing Atanu Chakraborty as Part-time Chairman of HDFC Bank
- ➢ RBI Deputy Governor BP Kanungo retires
- ➢ RBI to conduct open market purchase of government securities of ₹1 lakh crore under the G-SAP 1.0 Programme
- ➢ RBI to release Financial Inclusion Index (FI Index) annually
- ➢ RBI enhances maximum balance limit per account in Payments Banks from Rs 1 lakh to Rs 2 lakh
- ➢ RBI increases WMA limits for the State Governments/UTs to Rs 47,010 crore
- ➢ RBI celebrated its 86th Foundation Day on 1 April 2021
- ➢ RBI extends deadline for processing auto-debit payments by 6 months to September 30, 2021
- ➢ RBI to conduct bond purchases

- RBI Deputy Governor KC Chakrabarty passes away
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) brings State Bank of Sikkim under its regulatory purview
- RBI slaps Rs 2 crore fine on Deutsche Bank for non-compliance
- RBI has cancelled the licence of Maharashtra-based Vasantdada Nagari Sahakari Bank
- RBI sets up College of Supervisors chaired by N S Viswanathan
- RBI introduces Legal Entity Identifier for NEFT, RTGS transactions above Rs 50 crore
- RBI introduces the RBI-Digital Payments Index. This RBI-Digital Payments Index (DPI) has 5 broad parameters
- RBI cancels the Licence of the Subhadra Local Area Bank, Kolhapur Maharashtra
- RBI imposes Rs 50 lakh fine on Urban Co-operative Bank in Kerala
- RBI to set up Automated Banknote Processing Centre in Jaipur
- RBI cancels licence of Maharashtra-based Karad Janata Sahakari Bank
- RBI has banned the Manta Urban Cooperative Bank in Jalna district of Maharashtra for six months
- RBI bars payment system operators from launching any new QR codes, two interoperable QR codes — UPI QR and Bharat QR
- **RESERVE BANK OF INDIA (RBI)**

  Founded : 1 April 1935

  RBI Nationalised : 1 January 1949

  HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra

  RBI set up : Hilton Young Commission

  1st Governor : Sir Osborne Smith (Australia)

  1st Indian Governor : CD Deshmukh

  25th Governor : Shaktikanta Das
- **RBI Deputy Governor (4)**

  1. Tavarna Rabi Sankar
  2. Mukesh Kumar Jain
  3. Michael D Patra
  4. M Rajeshwar Rao
- **FOUR SUBSIDIARIES OF RBI :**

  1. Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation of India (DICGC)

2. Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran Private Limited (BRBNMPL)
3. Reserve Bank Information Technology Private Limited (ReBIT)
4. Indian Financial Technology and Allied Services (IFTAS)

- India has four currency note printing presses
- Nashik in Maharashtra and Dewas in Madhya Pradesh owned by govt of India
- Mysuru in Karnataka and Salboni in West Bengal owned by RBI
- Coins are minted in four mints owned by the Government of India
- Mumbai, Hyderabad, Calcutta and Noida

Q. World's longest pedestrian suspension bridge has been opened in which country?

A) Sweden **B) Finland**

C) Denmark **D) Portugal**

Answer : D

- ✓ The world's longest pedestrian suspension bridge has been completed in northern Portugal
- ✓ UNESCO recognised Arouca Geopark, the 516 metres (1,700 feet) bridge hangs 175 metres above the fast-flowing River Paiva
- ✓ The bridge broke the record for the longest pedestrian suspension bridge, held since 2017 by the Charles
- ✓ Kuonen Bridge at Randa, in the Swiss Alps
- ✓ The bridge, which took around two years to build, was a fundamental attraction for the region.

BRIDGE IN NEWS

- Portugal inaugurates 'world's longest' pedestrian suspension bridge
- Indian Railways completes the arch bottom of the Chenab bridge, world's highest railway bridge (359 meters)
- PM Narendra Modi inaugurates 'Maitri Setu' between India and Bangladesh
- India's longest Road Arch Bridge inaugurated in Meghalaya
- Union Minister Nitin Gadkari Inaugurates 1.5 km Koilwar bridge over Sone river in Bihar
- Majerhat Bridge named "Jai Hind" to Mark Netaji's 125th Birth Anniversary
- India's longest motorable suspension bridge inaugurated in Uttarakhand's Tehri-Garhwal district
- India's 1st glass floor suspension bridge to be built in Rishikesh

- Jitendra Singh inaugurates Devika and Puneja Bridges in J&K
- PM Modi virtually Dedicates Historic Kosi Rail Mega Bridge to nation and inaugurates 12 projects in Bihar
- Bihar's first glass skywalk bridge in Rajgir
- Indian Railways Constructs Country's Tallest Pier Bridge in Manipur

PORTUGAL IN NEWS

- Portugal inaugurates 'world's longest' pedestrian suspension bridge
- Lewis Hamilton wins 2021 Portuguese Grand Prix
- Portugal's Duarte Pacheco elected as President of Inter-Parliamentary Union for 2020-2023
- Portugal President Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa wins second term
- India Partners Portugal to Set up Country's first maritime museum at Lothal in Gujarat
- **PORTUGAL**

  Capital : Lisbon

  Currency : Euro

  President : Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa

  Prime Minister : António Costa

Q. Who represented India at the G-7 Digital and Technology Ministerial Meeting?

A) Piyush Goyal **B) Dharmendra Pradhan**

C) S Jaishankar **D) Ravi Shankar Prasad**

Answer : D

- ✓ Group of Seven (G7) is an intergovernmental organization consisting of Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom and the United States
- ✓ Union Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad represented India at the G-7 Digital and Technology Ministerial Meeting
- ✓ **UPCOMMING G7 SUMMIT**

  1st - 1975 : France

  46th - 2020 : United States

47th - 2021 : United Kingdom

48th - 2022 : Germany

49th - 2023 : Japan

50th - 2024 : Italy

♦ **G7 MEMBER COUNTRIES**

Trick - Drink JUICE with GF (girlfriend)

✓ **JUICE case :-**

- J for Japan
- U for USA
- I for Italy
- C for Canada
- E for England

✓ **GF case :-**

- G for Germany
- F for France

✓ Ministry of Law and Justice , Ministry of Communications, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology

Ravi Shankar Prasad

Consitituency : Patna Sahib, Bihar

Q. How many Indian Naval ships have been deployed under the Operation 'Samudra Setu II' to bring medical oxygen cylinders and associated medical equipment from various countries to India?

A) 3 **B) 5**

C) 7 **D) 9**

Answer : C

✓ Indian Navy has launched Operation Samudra Setu-II to help in faster transportation of medical oxygen and other requirements from other countries to India, amid its worsening COVID-19 pandemic

✓ As a part of operation 'Samudra Setu II', seven Indian Naval ships have been deployed for shipment of liquid medical oxygen-filled cryogenic containers and associated medical equipment from various countries

✓ These warships are Kolkata, Kochi, Talwar, Tabar, Trikand, Jalashwa and Airavat

✓ INS Kolkata and INS Talwar, two ships entered the port of Manama, Bahrain for carrying back 40 tonnes of liquid oxygen to Mumbai

✓ INS Airavat is on its way to Singapore while the INS Jalashwa is en route to Bangkok on similar missions

✓ **OPERATION SAMUDRA SETU (SEA BRIDGE) :-**

- The program named Samudra Setu by Indian navy entails to bring back around two thousand Indians in two ships during the first phase of evacuation
- INS Jalashwa and INS Magar are being operated as part of efforts to repatriate Indian nationals from foreign shores
- Operation Samudra Setu, which was launched on 05 May 2020 as part of the national effort to repatriate Indian citizens from overseas during the COVID-19 pandemic has culminated after successfully bringing 3,992 Indian citizens back to their homeland by sea
- It repatriated 3992 stranded and distressed citizens of India from Sri Lanka, Maldives, and Iran
- Indian Navy has previously undertaken similar evacuation operations as part of Operation Sukoon in 2006 (Beirut) and Operation Rahat in 2015 (Yemen)
- The Vande Bharat Mission (VBM), which started repatriating Indians stranded abroad due to Covid-19 and the resultant lockdowns since May 2020, has become one of the largest evacuations of civilians by a country

Q. Pandit Debu Chaudhuri, who has passed away recently was a legendary player of which musical instrument?

A) Sitar **B) Sarod**

C) Mridanga **D) Ghatam**

Answer : A

- ✓ Sitar maestro Pandit Debu Chaudhuri has passed away following COVID-19 related complications
- ✓ The sitarist, among India's best known, belonged to the Senia Gharana of music
- ✓ He had been awarded the Padma Bhushan and the Padma Shri
- ✓ Pandit Debu Chaudhuri had been awarded the Padma Bhushan in 1992 for his contribution to arts
- ✓ He was also a teacher and writer, who penned six books.Apart from being an artist he was a disciple of Mushtaq Ali Khan

Q. Which Indian logistics company has launched the 'Oxygen on Wheels' project for transportation of oxygen directly from producing plants to hospitals and homes?

A) Infosys Logistics **B) Adani Logistics**

C) Reliance Logistics **D) Mahindra Logistics**

Answer : D

- ✓ Mahindra Group Chairman Anand Mahindra has rolled out a project titled 'Oxygen on Wheels' on 01 May 2021 to ease the transportation of oxygen from producing plants to hospitals and homes, following acute oxygen shortage amid a severe second wave of coronavirus
- ✓ The 'Oxygen on Wheels' initiative will bridge the gap between oxygen production and its transportation in India, especially in Maharashtra
- ✓ The project is being implemented through Mahindra Logistics
- ✓ Under the initiative, Mahindra has lined up around 70 Bolero pickup trucks to connect oxygen producers with hospitals and homes, to deliver oxygen cylinders
- ✓ **MAHINDRA GROUP**

  Founded : 1945

  Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra

  Chairman & MD : Anand Mahindra

Q. Who has been awarded the Japan's "Order of the Rising Sun" honour?

A) Shyam Saran **C) Sathish Reddy**

D) Madhavan Nair **D) Shyamala Ganesh**

Answer : D

- ✓ The Japanese Government recently awarded the "Order of Rising Sun" to a Bengaluru based Japanese teacher, Shyamala Ganesh
- ✓ She is a Japanese teacher at the Septuagenarian institution and also at the Ohara School of Ikebana in RT Nagar, Bengaluru
- ✓ ORDER OF RISING SUN
- ✓ The award is presented by the Emperor of Japan
- ✓ It was created in 1875

Q. Chandro Tomar passed away recently. She was associated with which sports?

A) Shooting **B) Archery**

C) Wrestling **D) Badminton**

Answer : A

- ✓ Shooter Chandro Tomar, nicknamed 'Shooter Dadi', passed away at the age of 89 due to Covid-19 on 30th April.
- ✓ Hailing from the Baghpat village in Uttar Pradesh, Tomar was 60-plus when she picked up the gun for the first time but went on to win many national competitions for veterans, her feats ultimately inspiring the award-winning Bollywood movie 'Saand ki Aankh'.

Q. Which state government approved a hike in financial assistance under the Ashirwad scheme from Rs 21,000 to Rs 51,000 per beneficiary?

A) Punjab **B) Gujarat**

C) Chhattisgarh **D) Andhra Pradesh**

Answer : A

- ✓ The Punjab Cabinet 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. while renaming the Shagun scheme as Ashirward scheme

PUNJAB IN NEWS

- ➢ World Bank & AIIB approve loan worth USD 300 million for canal-based drinking water projects in Punjab
- ➢ Punjab CM launches 'Har Ghar Pani, Har Ghar Safai' mission
- ➢ Punjab has launched E-Daakhil portal to streamline grievances redressal system
- ➢ Punjab Govt launches mobile app and web portal 'PR Insight'
- ➢ Union Minister Narendra Singh Tomar inaugurates Phagwara Mega Food Park in Punjab
- ➢ Punjab Government Launches 'I Rakhwali' App
- ➢ Holla Mohalla festival celebrated at punjab
- ➢ Punjab government launches mobile App "Ghar Ghar Nigrani"
- ➢ Punjab Govt tie-up with IIT-Ropar for skill development

Q. Which state government has launched the Corona Warriors Scheme?

A) Bihar **B) Jharkhand**

C) Uttar Pradesh **D) Madhya Pradesh**

Answer : D

- ✓ Madhya Pradesh government has launched the Corona Warriors Scheme
- ✓ The government will take the responsibility of family members of health workers who have passed away while on Corona duty. Their families will be given honorarium of Rs 50 lakhs by the government.

MADHYA PRADESH IN NEWS

- Mission Gramodaya launched in Madhya Pradesh
- President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurates conservation works at Singorgarh Fort in Damoh district of Madhya Pradesh
- 47th Khajuraho Dance Festival Begins in Madhya Pradesh
- Madhya Pradesh CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan Renames Hoshangabad as Narmadapuram
- Famous Mandu Festival Begins in Madhya Pradesh
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurates 'Jalabhishekam' campaign in Madhya Pradesh
- Madhya Pradesh has become the first State to give electricity subsidy through Direct Benefit Transfer
- BJP Lok Sabha MP Nandkumar Singh Chauhan from Madhya Pradesh, Passes Away
- MP Govt launches 'Launch Pad Scheme' to make youth self-reliant
- Madhya Pradesh Government is introducing Campaign regarding promotion of "Ek Zila- Ek Shilp"
- India's first tiger reserve hot air balloon safari launched in Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve of Madhya Pradesh
- Gwalior and Orchha Cities of Madhya Pradesh Included in UNESCO World Heritage Cities List
- Panna Tiger Reserve of Madhya Pradesh gets UNESCO Biosphere Reserve status
- Arjun Munda e-launches "Virtual Aadi Mahotsav-Madhya Pradesh"
- Madhya Pradesh Government Launches Roadmap For "Self-Reliant Madhya Pradesh"
- Madhya Pradesh Government Announces Formation Of "Cow Cabinet" For Conservation Of Cows
- Madhya Pradesh Government Launches "Quit Dirt India" Campaign
- "One Mask - Many Lives" Public Awareness Campaign Inaugurated In Madhya Pradesh
- Nitin Gadkari inaugurates 45 Highway projects worth around Rs 11,427 cr in Madhya Pradesh
- Madhya Pradesh CM launches 'Mukhyamantri Kisan Kalyan Yojna' on lines of PM-Kisan Scheme
- MP govt launches 'Roadmap to Aatma Nirbhar Madhya Pradesh'
- PM Narendra Modi inaugurates Rewa Solar Power Project in Madhya Pradesh

Q. The finance ministry has decided to give how much amount to States as interest free 50 year loan for spending on capital projects?

A) Rs 14000 cr
B) Rs 15000 cr
C) Rs 10000 cr
D) Rs 12000 cr

Answer : B

✓ The Finance Ministry has decided to provide an additional amount of upto 15000 crore rupees to States as interest free 50 year loan for spending on capital projects

Q. Which country announced a contribution of USD 2.4 million to support medical services for coronavirus affected people in India?

A) Russia
B) Norway
C) Sweden
D) France

Answer : B

✓ Norway announced a contribution of USD 2.4 million to support medical services for coronavirus affected people in India

NORWAY IN NEWS

- Norway announces $2.4 million aid towards Covid relief in India
- India Ranks 142 in World Press Freedom Index 2021; Norway Tops
- World's first Ship Tunnel to be built in Norway
- India and Norway have agreed to jointly work in the area of marine spatial planning in the oceanic space for the next five years
- Indian Oil signs pact with Greenstat Norway for setting up of Centre of Excellence for Hydrogen
- India Ranks 53, Norway Tops in 2020 Democracy Index by The Economist Intelligence Unit
- India Ranks 131 in Human Development Index 2020, Norway Tops
- Norway signs MoU with Clean Ganga Mission in India
- **NORWAY**

  Capital : Oslo

  Currency : Krone

  Prime Minister : Erna Solberg

Q. How much amount was released by central government for State Disaster Response Fund to all States for COVID-19 containment measures?

A) Rs 8590cr **B) Rs 7550 cr**

C) Rs 8873 cr **D) Rs 9000 cr**

Answer : C

- ✓ India a special dispensation, Centre has released in advance over 8873 crore rupees for State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) to all the States
- ✓ The Ministry said that up to 50 per cent of the amount released i.e. Rs 4436.8 crore can be used by the states for COVID-19 containment measures
- ✓ The States can use up to 50 percent of the released amount for COVID-19 containment measures, that include meeting the cost of oxygen generation and storage plants in hospitals, ventilators, strengthening ambulance services, COVID-19 hospitals, thermal scanners, personal protective equipment, testing laboratories and testing kits
- ✓ The first instalment of SDRF is released in the month of June as per the recommendations of the Finance Commission
- ✓ Maharashtra, Karnataka, Kerala and Uttar Pradesh, one of the first COVID-19 hit States, were allocated ₹1,288 crore, ₹316.4 crore, ₹125.60 crore and ₹773.20 crore respectively

Q. Public sector insurer The New India Assurance Co Ltd (NIACL) has been reclassified as a public shareholder of which bank?

A) Axis Bank **B) Yes Bank**

C) HDFC Bank **D) ICICI Bank**

Answer : A

- ✓ Public sector insurer The New India Assurance Co Ltd (NIACL) has been reclassified as a 'public shareholder' of Axis Bank from being a 'promoter' earlier.

AXIS BANK IN NEWS

- ➢ Axis Bank board okays reclassification of NIACL as "public investor" from "promoter"
- ➢ Amitabh Chaudhry Re-appointed as MD & CEO of Axis Bank for 3 Years
- ➢ Axis Bank acquires 12.99% stake in Max Life Insurance to become co-promoter
- ➢ Jeep India tied up with Axis Bank to launch Jeep Financial Services

- ICICI Bank, Axis Bank to co-lead NUE with Amazon, Visa as partners
- Axis Bank to sell 100% stake in UK subsidiary to OpenPayd
- PhonePe partners with Axis Bank on UPI multi-bank model
- Axis Bank has unveiled a credit 'AURA' exclusively loaded with several health and wellness benefits
- Axis Bank launches 'Axis Bank Rupi Business Credit Card' for MSMEs
- Axis Bank to buy 19.002% stake in Max Life against 17% earlier
- Axis Bank launches ACE Credit Card, in collaboration with Google Pay & Visa
- Axis Bank tie-up with Vistara to launch co-branded forex card
- Axis Bank launches hiring initiative named 'Gig-a-Opportunities'
- **AXIS BANK**

  Founded : 1993

  HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra

  Chairman : Rakesh Makhija

  MD & CEO : Amitabh Chaudhary

  Tagline : Badhti Ka naam Zindagi
- **The New India Assurance Company Limited**

  Founded : 1919

  Founders : Dorabji Tata

  Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra

  CEO : Atul Sahai

Q. Which company to acquire 64.3% in grocery chain BigBasket?

A) Intellemo **B) EveryMedia**

C) WatConsult **D) Tata Digital**

Answer : D

- ✓ The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved Tata Digital's acquisition of 64.3 per cent of BigBasket's B2B arm Supermarket Grocery Supplies
- ✓ **Bigbasket**

  Founded : 2011

Headquarteres : Bengaluru, Karnataka

- ✓ **Tata Digital**

  Headquarteres : Mumbai, Maharashtra

- ✓ **Competition Commission of India (CCI)**

  Founded : 2003

  Headquarteres : New Delhi

  Chairmam : Ashok Kumar Gupta

Q. According to Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar, what is the target of foodgrains production for the financial year 2021-22?

A) 345 million tonnes **B) 417 million tonnes**

C) 256 million tonnes **D) 307 million tonnes**

Answer : D

- ✓ Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar has said that the target of foodgrains production for 2021-22 is 307 million tonnes
- ✓ Higher production targets for pulses and oilseeds is important to reduce India's dependency on import and
- ✓ to achieve the dream of Aatmanirbhar Bharat
- ✓ As per Economic Survey 2020-21, the share of agriculture in GDP increased from 17.8 per cent in 2019-20 to 19.9 per cent in 2020-21

Q. Government has set target of road construction of worth Rs 15 lakh crore in next how many years?

A) 2 years **B) 5 years**

C) 4 years **D) 6 years**

Answer : A

- ✓ Government has set a target of road construction of worth 15 lakh crore rupees in next two years
- ✓ India will achieve target of 40 kilometres per day of highways construction in current fiscal
- ✓ Under the National Infrastructure pipeline, there are over 7,300 projects to be implemented at a total
- ✓ outlay of 111 lakh crore rupees by 2025

Q. Who is the winner of the 2021 Portuguese Grand Prix?

A) Valtteri Bottas **B) Lewis Hamilton**
C) Max Verstappen **D) Sebastian Vettel**

Answer : B

- ✓ Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes-Great Britain) won the 2021 Portuguese Grand Prix , held on 2 May 2021 at the Algarve International Circuit in Portugal
- ✓ This was the second win of the season for Hamilton and 97th career victory
- ✓ This was the third race of the season of the 2021 Formula One World Championship
- ✓ **LIST OF F1 GRAND PRIX 2021**
  - Lewis Hamilton wins 2021 Portuguese Grand Prix
  - Max Verstappen Wins Emilia Romagna F1 Grand Prix 2021
  - Lewis Hamilton Wins 2021 Bahrain Grand Prix

LEWIS HAMILTON IN NEWS

- ➢ Lewis Hamilton wins Portuguese Grand Prix to secure 97th career race victory
- ➢ Lewis Hamilton Wins 2021 Bahrain Grand Prix
- ➢ Lewis Hamilton knighted in UK Honours list
- ➢ Lewis Hamilton has won the BBC Sports Personality of the Year 2020
- ➢ **LEWIS HAMILTON WINS F1 GRAND PRIX 2020-21**
- ➢ **Lewis Hamilton**
  County : Great Britain (UK)
  Team : Mercedes
- ➢ Portuguese Grand Prix 2021
- ➢ Bahrain Grand Prix 2021
- ➢ Bahrain Grand Prix 2020
- ➢ Emilia Romagna Grand Prix 2020
- ➢ Turkish Grand Prix 2020
- ➢ Portuguese Grand Prix 2020
- ➢ Eifel Grand Prix 2020
- ➢ Tuscan Grand Prix 2020

- Belgian Grand Prix 2020
- Spanish Grand Prix 2020
- British Grand Prix 2020
- Hungarian Grand Prix 2020
- Styrian Grand Prix 2020
- Lewis Hamilton breaks Michael Schumacher's win record at the Portuguese Grand Prix

Q. Which company partnered with Gemini Partners to launch new crypto rewards credit card?

A) Google **B) Reliance**

C) Microsoft **D) MasterCard**

Answer : D

- ✓ Gemini, a cryptocurrency platform announced its first-of-a-kind cryptocurrency rewards credit card partnership with Mastercard and WebBank
- ✓ The partnership will allow clients to earn up to 3% back for dining and 2% back for groceries

MASTERCARD IN NEWS

- Gemini and Mastercard Partner on New Crypto Credit Card
- RBL Bank Partners Mastercard to launch “Pay by Bank App “
- Mastercard and Razorpay to make digital payments more accessible for MSMEs and startups
- Mastercard & USAID Partners to launch Project Kirana to empower women through financial inclusion
- Mastercard Partners with Singapore-based Atlantis to Expand Digital First Program in India
- Airtel Payments Bank team up with Mastercard for farmers, SMEs
- SBM Bank partners with MasterCard for smarter payments solutions
- Mastercard has launched “Central Bank Digital Currencies” (CBDCs),platform
- Paytm Payments Bank inks partnership with Mastercard to issue virtual and physical debit cards
- Michael Miebach appointed as new CEO of Mastercard
- Mastercard rolls out “Identity Check Express” for safe digital payment
- **Mastercard**

  Founded : 1966

Headquarteres : New York, U.S
Executive Chairman : Ajay Banga
President and CEO : Michael Miebach

Q. Who was appointed as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Kotak General Insurance?

A) Gaurang Shah **B) V S Manian**

C) Suresh Agarwal **D) Mahesh Balasubramanian**

Answer : D

- ✓ Kotak Mahindra Life Insurance Company Limited (KLI) appointed Mahesh Balasubramanian as managing director of the company for a period of three years. He succeeded G Murlidhar.
- ✓ Suresh Agarwal has been elevated to Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Kotak General Insurance
- ✓ **Kotak Mahindra General Insurance Company**

  Founded : 2015

  Headquarters : Mumbai

  MD & CEO : Mahesh Balasubramanian

BANKING APPOINMENT IN NEWS 2021

- ➢ Mahesh Balasubramanian Appointed as MD of Kotak Mahindra Life Insurance
- ➢ T Rabi Sankar appointed fourth Deputy Governor of RBI
- ➢ Amitabh Chaudhry Re-appointed as MD & CEO of Axis Bank for 3 Years
- ➢ T V Somanathan Replaces Ajay Bhushan Pandey as Finance Secretary
- ➢ SEBI Appoints Arun Raste as MD and CEO of NCDEX for 5 years
- ➢ Accenture Chief Rekha Menon takes over as first woman Chairperson of NASSCOM
- ➢ RBI Approves Appointing Atanu Chakraborty as Part-time Chairman of HDFC Bank
- ➢ RBI approves re-appointment of Murali Natrajan as MD and CEO of DCB Bank
- ➢ NCAER appoints Poonam Gupta as new Director General
- ➢ Government Appoints S Ramann as new Chairman & Managing Director of SIDBI

- Cabinet Appoints Tarun Bajaj as new Revenue Secretary; Ajay Seth as Economic Affairs Secretary
- Cabinet Appoints Mallika Srinivasan as Chief of Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB)
- Digit Insurance ropes in Virat Kohli as Brand Ambassador
- Urjit Patel Names as Additional Director of Britannia
- Mukhmeet S. Bhatia takes over as Director General of Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC)
- Atish Chandra appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director, Food Corporation of India (FCI)
- Saurbah Garg appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)
- Imran Amin Siddiqui appointed as Executive Director of Indian Bank
- NABARD's Chairman G.R. Chintala takes charge as Chairman of APRACA
- Matam Venkata Rao takes charge as MD & CEO of Central Bank of India
- AU Small Finance Bank Appoints Sharad Goklani as new President & CTO
- OLX Autos Ropes in Gautam Thakar as Global CEO
- Shantanu Mitra appointed CEO and MD of Fullerton India Credit Company
- Google Cloud appoints Bikram Singh Bedi as Managing Director for India business
- Rama Mohan Rao Amara appointed MD and CEO of SBI Card
- R S Sharma appointed as new CEO of Ayushman Bharat Scheme
- Swaminathan Janakiraman and Aswini Kumar Tewari appointed as MDs of State Bank of India
- J K Shivan appointed as MD & CEO of Dhanlaxmi Bank
- Siddhartha Mohanty set to take over as Managing Director of LIC
- RBL Bank board approves re-appointment of Vishwavir Ahuja as MD and CEO

Q. Asian Men's & Women's Boxing Championships 2021 relocated to Dubai from which city?

A) Beijing **B) New Delhi**

C) Nur-Sultan **D) Tashkent**

Answer : B

- ✓ The Asian Boxing Championship was scheduled to be held in New Delhi, India moved to Dubai, UAE because of the deepening COVID-19 crisis in India
- ✓ Boxing Federation of India (BFI) has decided the ASBC (Asian Boxing Confederation) Asian Elite Men's and Women's Boxing Championships 2021 in Dubai. The tournament will now be organized by the BFI in association with the UAE Boxing Federation
- ✓ **Boxing Federation of India (BFI)**

  Founded : 1950

  Headquarters : New Delhi

  President : K. Govindraj

  Vice president : Teja Singh Dhaliwal

Q. Scientists developed a new High-yielding, pest-resistant variety 'MACS 1407' of _____.

A) Wheat **B) Rice**

C) Soyabean **D) groundnut**

Answer : C

- ✓ Scientists in India have developed a high-yielding & pest-resistant variety of soybean 'MACS 1407'.
- ✓ This new variety is suitable for cultivation in Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, West Bengal, Assam and Northeastern states
- ✓ The seeds of MACS 1407 will be made available to the farmers for sowing during the 2022 Kharif season
- ✓ The leading producer of soybean in India is Madhya Pradesh, followed by Maharashtra and Rajasthan

Q. Which Aerospace company flies the world's largest airplane on its 2nd test flight?

A) Boeing **B) Airbus**

C) Stratolaunch **D) Northrop Grumman**

Answer : C

- ✓ Stratolaunch's Roc carrier plane, which is being groomed to haul hypersonic vehicles aloft, conducted its second-ever test flight
- ✓ The giant aircraft, which features a wingspan of 385 feet (117 meters), took off from Mojave Air and Space Port in southeastern California

- ✓ Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen established Stratolaunch in 2011 with the idea that Roc would be used to launch satellites in midair.alifornia
- ✓ **Stratolaunch**

  Founded : 2011

  Headquarters : Seattle, Washington

  CEO : Jean Floyd

Q. Which bank has allocated Rs 71 crores to support initiatives that will help India battle COVID-19 pandemic?

A) State Bank of India **B) Punjab National Bank**

C) Bank of Baroda **D) Central Bank of India**

Answer : A

- ✓ The State Bank of India has allocated Rs 71 crores to support various initiatives that will help India battle the deadly second wave of COVID-19 pandemic.
- ✓ The public sector bank has allocated Rs 30 crores to set up healthcare facilities such as 1000-bedded makeshift hospitals, 1000- bedded isolation facilities and 250 bed ICU facilities in some of the worst-hit states

Q. Which country approved the proposed sale of six P-8I patrol aircraft and related equipment to India?

A) France **B) Russia**

C) Germany **D) United States**

Answer : D

- ✓ The U.S. State Department approved the proposed sale of six P-8I patrol aircraft and related equipment, a deal estimated to cost $2.42 billion. manufactured by Boeing
- ✓ The P-81 aircraft, which made its debut in the Indian Defense Forces back in 2009

BOEING IN NEWS
➢ Boeing Completes delivery of all 22 Apache and 15 Chinook military helicopters to the IAF
➢ Indian Navy gets 9th P-8I anti-submarine warfare aircraft from Boeing
➢ Surendra Ahuja Appointed Head of Boeing Defence India

- **BOEING**

  Industry : Aerospace

  Defense

  Headquarters : Chicago, Illinois, U.S.

  Chairman : Larry Kellner

  President & CEO : Dave Calhoun

Q. Which space agency has launched 60 More Starlink Satellites into Orbit for High-Speed Internet?

A) SpaceX **B) Blue Origin**

C) Bigelow Aerospace **D) Armadillo Aerospace**

Answer : A

- ✓ SpaceX's Falcon 9 Launches 60 More Starlink Satellites Into Orbit for High-Speed Internet
- ✓ Starlink is a satellite internet constellation being constructed by SpaceX providing satellite Internet access

SPACEX IN NEWS 2021

- SpaceX's Falcon 9 Launches 60 More Starlink Satellites Into Orbit for High-Speed Internet
- NASA Awards $2.9 billion contract to SpaceX to build commercial moon lander
- NASA Set To Launch SpaceX Crew-2 Mission on April 22 with 4 Astronauts onboard
- SpaceX successfully tests Starship SN10 prototype rocket
- NASA Selects SpaceX to launch its SPHEREx Mission
- SpaceX breaks ISRO's Record by launcheing 143 Satellites in a single mission
- SpaceX's Crew Dragon spacecraft Successfully docks 2 NASA Astronauts at ISS after historic launch
- SpaceX Launches South Korea's Military Communications Satellite ANASIS-II
- SpaceX launches 4 astronauts Shannon Walker, Victor Glover, and Michael Hopkins & Soichi Noguchi into space
- **Space Exploration Technologies Corp. (SpaceX)**

  Founded : 2002

  Founder : Elon Musk

  Headquarters: California, US

  CEO : Elon Musk

Q. The Government has set a record rice production target of how much tonne for the kharif season of 2021-22 crop year (July-June)?

A) 104.3 million tonne
B) 109.5 million tonne
C) 101.5 million tonne
D) 108.3 million tonne

Answer : A

- ✓ Amid scare of Covid-19 second wave which forced the States and Union Territories to impose lockdown like curbs, the Government set a record rice production target of 104.3 million tonne for the kharif season of 2021-22 crop year (July-June)
- ✓ China is the largest producer of rice in the world
- ✓ India is the second largest producer of rice in the world
- ✓ West Bengal is largest producer of rice in India
- ✓ Punjab is the second largest producer of rice in India
- ✓ Uttar Pradesh is the 3rd largest producer of rice in India
- ✓ The Kharif crops include rice, maize, sorghum, pearl millet/bajra, finger millet/ragi (cereals), arhar (pulses), soybean, groundnut (oilseeds), and cotton

Q. Who was appointed as new Chief Secretary of Bihar?

A) Tripurari Sharan
B) Anita Singh
C) Suman Kumar
D) Upendra Nath Pandey

Answer : A

- ✓ Senior IAS officer Tripurari Sharan has been appointed as the new Chief Secretary of Bihar

Q. Olympia Dukakis, the Oscar winning actress who died at the age of 89 years was from which country?

A) Canada
B) Mexico
C) Russia
D) United States

Answer : D

- ✓ Olympia Dukakis, the Oscar winning actress who brought beloved roles like Rose Castorini in Moonstruck and Clairee in Steel Magnolias to life, died at the age of 89
- ✓ She won an Obie Award for Best Actress in 1963 for her performance in Bertolt Brecht's Man Equals Man

- ✓ She was also nominated for Emmy awards for TV roles in 1991, 1998 and 1999
- ✓ Her autobiography, Ask Me Again Tomorrow: A Life in Progress, was published in 2003

Q. Indian Army has inaugurated its First Green Solar Energy harnessing plant in which of the following state?

A) Sikkim

B) Odisha

C) Assam

D) Manipur

Answer : A

- ✓ The Indian Army has inaugurated the First Green Solar Energy harnessing plant in North Sikkim, at an altitude of 16000 ft
- ✓ The Army in its quest for harnessing renewable energy for its troops inaugurated this plant in collaboration with IIT Bombay
- ✓ The plant is of 56 KVA and is based on Vanadium based battery technology
- ✓ The project was carried out by a team of eminent faculty from the Institute led by Prof Prakash Ghosh And troops of the Indian Army

SIKKIM IN NEWS
➢ Indian Army Launches First Solar Plant in North Sikkim
➢ Reserve Bank of India (RBI) brings State Bank of Sikkim under its regulatory purview
➢ JK Maheshwari sworn in as Chief Justice of Sikkim High Court
➢ Famous chilli of Sikkim “Dalle Khursani” gets GI Tag
➢ ITBP launches cycling expedition from its Pegong base in Sikkim
➢ Former CM Of Sikkim Sanchaman Limboo passes away

INDIAN ARMY IN NEWS
➢ Indian Army Launches First Solar Plant in North Sikkim
➢ DRDO develops Supplemental Oxygen Delivery System for Indian Army & Mild Covid-Patients

- Indian Army to participate in Multinational Military Exercise SHANTIR OGROSHENA 2021 in Bangladesh
- Indian Army Decommissions two of longest serving artillery systems '130mm Self Propelled Catapult Guns' and '160mm Tampella Mortars' from Service
- L&T Delivers 100th & Final K-9 Vajra Howitzer to Indian Army
- The Army Day in India is celebrated on 15 January every year
- 2021 marks the 73rd Indian Army Day
- Indian Army inks pact with Goa Shipyard to get 12 fast patrol boats for Pangong Tso lake in Ladakh
- Indian Army inks $20 mn contract to buy SWITCH drones
- In India, the Armed Forces Veterans Day is observed each year on 14 January
- Indian Army successfully testfires Anti-Ship version of BrahMos missile
- Indian Army chief MM Naravane made honorary General of Nepal Army
- Indian Army launches its own WhatsApp-like messaging application 'SAI'
- Indian Army and Maharashtra govt organised a anti-terror exercise "Suraksha Kavach"
- Lt Gen Harpal Singh appointed new Engineer-in-Chief of Indian Army
- Indian Army launches cycling expedition in Gujarat & Rajasthan
- Indian Army celebrates 74th Infantry Day in J&K on 27 October 2020
- **INDIAN ARMY**

  Founded : 1 April 1895

  Headquarteres : New Delhi

  Motto(s) : Service Before Self

  Army Day : 15 January
- KM Cariappa : first Indian commander-in-chief
- Commander-in-Chief : President Ram Nath Kovind
- **Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) : General Bipin Rawat**
- First Army chief : Sir Robert Lockhart
- 29th Chief of the Army Staff : Manoj Mukund Naravane

Q. When is World Press Freedom Day observed?

A) 2 May B) 4 May

C) 3 May D) 5 May

Answer : C

- ✓ World Press Freedom Day is observed on May 3 annually to raise awareness of the importance of freedom of the press and remind governments of their duty to respect and uphold the right to freedom of expression
- ✓ Theme 2021 : "Information as a Public Good"
- ✓ The Day was proclaimed by the UN General Assembly in December 1993
- ✓ **World Press Freedom Index 2021**

  TOP : Norway

  INDIA : 142

  Bottom : Eritrea (180th place)

  Released By : Reporters Without Borders

Q. RBI has imposed penalty of how much amount on ICICI Bank for violating prudential norms in the matter of shifting of securities from one category to another?

A) Rs 2 crore B) Rs 3 crore

C) Rs 4 crore D) Rs 5 crore

Answer : B

- ✓ Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a monetary penalty of Rs. 3 crore on ICICI Bank Ltd. for non-compliance with certain RBI directions in the matter of shifting of securities from one category to another
- ✓ As per RBI, penalty has been imposed for "contravention of certain directions issued by the RBI contained in Master Circular on 'Prudential Norms for Classification, Valuation and Operation of Investment Portfolio by Banks' dated July 1, 2015"
- ✓ RBI has imposed this penalty in exercise of powers under the provisions of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949

RBI IMPOSED PENALTY IN NEWS 2021
➢ RBI imposes ₹3 crore penalty on ICICI Bank
➢ RBI Imposes Rs 2 Crore Fine on State Bank of India
➢ RBI imposes Rs 15 lakh penalty on Fedbank Financial Services, Mumbai
➢ RBI slaps penalty of Rs 2 crore on Standard Chartered Bank, London, UK

- RBI slaps Rs 2 crore fine on Deutsche Bank for non-compliance, Frankfurt, Germany
- RBI imposes Rs 1 crore penalty on Punjab National Bank
- RBI imposes Rs 50 lakh fine on Urban Co-operative Bank in Kerala
- RBI imposes Rs 22 lakh fine on DCB Bank for violating marketing norms

ICICI BANK IN NEWS

- RBI imposes Rs 3 crore penalty on ICICI Bank for Violating Specific Directions Issued by RBI
- ICICI Bank launches Digital banking Platform 'Merchant Stack'
- ICICI Bank and PhonePe announced their partnership for the issuance of FASTag using UPI on the PhonePe App
- ICICI Bank introduces instant EMI facility on its internet banking platform
- ICICI Bank launches 'Namma Chennai Smart Card'
- ICICI Bank, MUFG Bank tie up for serving Japanese corporations operating in India
- ICICI Bank launches 'InstaFX' mobile app to help customers obtain Forex Prepaid Card swiftly
- ICICI Bank Opens Representative Office in Nepal
- ICICI Bank ties up with fintech Niyo to issue prepaid cards to MSMEs
- RBI Retains SBI, ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank as Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs)
- ICICI Bank launches online portal 'Infinite India' for foreign firms expanding in India
- ICICI Bank Launches iMobile Pay to offer Payments & Banking Services For All
- ICICI Bank launches 'Mine' a comprehensive banking programme for millennial customers
- ICICI Bank shuts down operations in Sri Lanka
- ICICI Bank Becomes the 1st Bank in India Uses Satellite Data
- ICICI Bank introduced 'ICICI Bank Golden Years FD' for Senior Citizens
- ICICI Bank Launches a unique self-service delivery facility 'iBox' for customers
- **Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India (ICICI) BANK**

  Founded : 1994

  HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra

  MD & CEO : Sandeep Bakhshi

  Tagline : Hum Hai Na Khayal Apka

Q. Which two sportspersons named athlete ambassadors for IOC's 'Believe in Sports' campaign?

A) Chen Yufei and Michelle Li **B)Tai Tzu-ying and Nozomi Okuhara**
C) PV Sindhu and Michelle Li **D) Saina Nehwal and Michelle Li**

Answer : C

- ✓ Badminton World Federation (BWF) has nominated Indian shuttler PV Sindhu and Michelle Li of Canada as athlete ambassadors for the 'Believe in Sport' campaign, launched by the International Olympic Committee (IOC)
- ✓ The campaign is aimed at preventing any form of cheating, competition manipulation or match-fixing, which influences the course or the result of a match in order to obtain an advantage for the individual or others
- ✓ The campaign was launched in 2018 by IOC to raise awareness among athletes, coaches and officials of the threat of competition manipulation

IMPORTANT CAMPAIGN IN NEWS

- ➢ PV Sindhu & Michelle Li named Athlete Ambassadors for IOC's 'Believe in Sports' campaign
- ➢ RBI ropes in Punjabi rapper Viruss for awareness campaign on cyber fraud
- ➢ Jharkhand launches 'SAAMAR' campaign to fight malnutrition in the state
- ➢ PM Modi launches 'Catch the Rain' campaign to be funded by MGNREGA
- ➢ West Bengal launches massive 'Duare Sarkar' outreach campaign ahead of 2021 assembly polls
- ➢ Arvind Kejriwal launches 'Switch Delhi' campaign to promote electric vehicles
- ➢ 'SAKSHAM' campaign : Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas
- ➢ "Zero Covid by Feb28" campaign : Pudhucherry
- ➢ #EkNayaNazariya Campaign : Bharati AXA General Insurance
- ➢ 'SAANS' Campaign : Madhya Pradesh
- ➢ 'Jalabhishekam' campaign : Madhya Pradesh
- ➢ 'Varasat' campaign : Uttar Pradesh
- ➢ 'Contactless Connections' Campaign : SBI Card
- ➢ 'My Family My Resposnibility' Campaign : Maharashtra
- ➢ Bohot Zaroori Hai' Campaign : Bharti AXA General Insurance
- ➢ 'Itna Aasan Hai' Campaign : Amazon

- 'Kona Kona Umeed' Campaign : Kotak Mahindra Bank
- 'DIGITAL APNAYEN' Campaign : Punjab National Bank
- **Badminton World Federation (BWF)**

  Founded : 1934

  Headquarters : Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

  President : Poul-Erik Høyer Larsen
- **International Olympic Committee (IOC)**

  Founded : 1894

  Headquarters : Lausanne, Switzerland

  President : Thomas Bach (Germany)

  Director General : Christophe De Kepper

Q. Which country will host Shangri-La Dialogue in June 2021?

A) China **B) Japan**

C) Germany **D) Singapore**

Answer : D

- ✓ The Shangri-La Dialogue Asian security summit will be held in Singapore from June 4-5, 2021
- ✓ The annual meeting was cancelled last year due to the coronavirus pandemic

SINGAPORE IN NEWS

- Singapore becomes first country to ratify mega free trade agreement 'RCEP'
- Singapore Developing World's Biggest Solar Farms To Fight Climate Change
- Singapore Tops Economic Freedom Index 2021; India Ranks 121
- Facebook and Google plans to launch 2 new undersea internet cables from US West Coast to Singapore and Indonesia
- Singapore's 'Hawker' Culture serving as 'Community Dining Room' Gets UNESCO Recognition
- The World Economic Forum (WEF) has decided to host its 2021 annual meeting in Singapore
- Apple's first 'floating' store to be launched in Singapore
- 27th edition India-Singapore Maritime Exercise SIMBEX-20 Begins in Andaman Sea
- Mastercard Partners with Singapore-based Atlantis to Expand Digital First Program in India

- Singapore becomes 1st country to use facial recognition to pay taxes
- India ranks 43rd on IMD's World Competitiveness Index 2020; Singapore tops
- 14th India-Singapore Defence Policy Dialogue (DPD) held with focus on maritime security cooperation
- Kala Narayanasamy honoured with President's Award in Singapore
- Lee Hsien Loong has won a fourth term as the Prime Minister of Singapore
- **SINGAPORE**

  Capital : Singapore City

  Currency : Dollar

  President : Halimah Yacob

  Prime Minister : Lee Hsien Loong

Q. Who has won the World Snooker Championships 2021

A) Mark Selby **B) John Higgins**

C) Pankaj Advani **D) Ronnie O'Sullivan**

Answer : A

- ✓ Snooker, English professional player Mark Selby has become the World Snooker Champion for the fourth time
- ✓ Selby won the Championship title after defeating fellow mate Shaun Murphy by 18-15 victory at at professional snooker tournament, that took place from 17 April to 3 May 2021 at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield, England
- ✓ Prior to this, Selby won the Championship title in 2014, 2016, 2017 and 2021

Q. Which becomes the 3rd largest Indian IT services company by market capitalization of Rs 2.65 trillion?

A) Wipro **B) Infosys**

C) TCS **D) Relience**

Answer : A

- ✓ Wipro regained its position as the 3rd largest Indian IT services company by market capitalization of Rs 2.65 trillion by suppressing HCL Technologies' Rs 2.62 trillion market cap

- ✓ TCS remains at the top of the list with a market cap of Rs. 11.51 trillion followed by Infosys
- ✓ Wipro has also announced its commitment to achieving net-zero greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 2040, in line with the objective of the Paris Agreement to cap temperature rise to 1.5 degree Celsius
- ✓ **Western India Vegetable Products Limited (WIPRO)**

  Founded : 29 December 1945

  Founder : Mohamed Premji

  Headquarters : Bangalore, Karnataka

  Chairmam : Rishad Premji

  CEO : Thierry Delaporte

Q. Jagmohan Malhotra, who has passed away recently was the former Governor of which state?

A) Telangana **B) Karnataka**

C) Rajasthan **D) Jammu and Kashmir**

Answer : D

- ✓ Former Jammu and Kashmir Governor Jagmohan Malhotra has passed away after a brief illness
- ✓ Jagmohan served two terms as Jammu and Kashmir Governor, once from 1984 to 1989, and then from January 1990 to May 1990
- ✓ Jagmohan Ji had also served as Lieutenant Governor of Delhi, Goa and Daman & Diu
- ✓ He was elected to the Lok Sabha for the first time in 1996 and served as the Union Minister for Urban Development and Tourism in the Atal Bihari Vajpayee government in 1998
- ✓ Apart from this, he was honoured with the Padma Shri in 1971, Padma Bhushan in 1977 and Padma Vibhushan in 2016

J&K IN NEWS

- ➢ Former J&K Governor Jagmohan Passes Away
- ➢ J&K Government approves setting up of JVC “Ratle Hydroelectric Power Corporation” to develop 850 MW HEP
- ➢ Jammu and Kashmir launches Super-75 Scholarship Scheme for meritorious girls from poor families
- ➢ J&K LG, Manoj Sinha launches Mobile Application ‘Satark Nagrik’

- Pankaj Mithal sworn in as CJ of J&K, Ladakh Court
- J&K UT signs historic MoU with National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India
- PM Modi to launch 'SEHAT', Health Insurance Scheme for UT of J&K
- Manoj Sinha appointed as Lt Governor of J&K
- J&K Launches E-Auction Portal for Kashmir Saffron
- Kashmir saffron gets GI tag
- Student Health Card scheme
- Historic city Chowk renamed as 'Bharat mata chowk' in J&K
- J&K LG Manoj Sinha launches 'My Town My Pride' Campaign to provide doorstep governance in urban areas
- 2020 Dronacharya Awardee Kuldeep Handoo from J&K, Appointed as "Fit India Movement" Ambassador
- J-K LG Manoj Sinha launches SPARROW system for its Administrative Service officers
- Govt increases scholarship amount under 'Pragati and Saksham' schemes for J&K students to Rs 50,000
- J&K L-G launches salary tracking app "MeraVetan" for government employees
- Indian Army in J&K Celebrates 74th Infantry Day
- Union Cabinet approves J&K official languages Bill 2020 Kashmiri, Dogri and Hindi along with Urdu and English,

Q. What was the profession of Manas Bihari Verma, who has passed away recently?

A) Aerospace Scientist **B) Genetics Scientist**
C) Aeronautical scientist **D) Agricultural scientist**

Answer : C

- ✓ Indian aeronautical scientist, Manas Bihari Verma, who played instrumental role in the development of the Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) – Tejas, has passed away
- ✓ Mr. Verma worked as a scientist at the Defence Research Development Organization (DRDO) for 35 years in the aeronautical stream
- ✓ He was given the responsibility for the design of the Tejas aircraft mechanical system, where he led the team responsible for the full-scale engineering development of the Tejas aircraft in the Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA)

- ✓ The noted scientist was conferred the Padma Sri civilian honour in 2018.
- ✓ **ABOUT TEJAS AIRCRAFT**
  - The Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) has recently cleared a deal worth Rs. 48,000 crore for the acquisition of 83 Tejas Light Combat Aircraft for the Indian Air Force
  - The Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) programme was started by the Government of India in 1984
  - Designed by: Aeronautical Development Agency under the DRDO
  - Manufactured by: State-owned Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)
  - The range of the aircraft is 3,000km
- ✓ **Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA)**

  Founded : 1984

  Headquarteres : Bengaluru, Karnataka

  Director General : Dr G. Satheesh Reddy
- ✓ **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)**

  Founded : 1 January 1958

  Headquarters : New Delhi

  Motto : "Strength's Origin is in Knowledge"

  Chairman : G. Satheesh Reddy

Q. Who has been appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director of THDC (Tehri Hydro Development Corporation) India Limited?

A) Vijay Goel **B) Munir Shaikh**

C) Sanjeev Sharma **D) Reji Abraham**

Answer : A

- ✓ Vijay Goel was appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director of THDC (Tehri Hydro Development Corporation) India Limited
- ✓ **THDC India Limited**

  Founded : 12 July 1988

  Headquarters : Rishikesh, Uttarakhand

  Chairman & MD : Vijay Goel

  Owner : National Thermal Power Corporation (100%)

Q. Which country has recently declared the end of the Ebola outbreak?

A) Nigeria
B) South Africa
C) Zimbabwe
D) Democratic Republic of Congo

Answer : D

- ✓ **Democratic Republic of Congo**
  Capital : Kinshasa
  Currency : Franc
- ✓ WHO Director-General Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus congratulated all involved in bringing an end to the 12th Ebola outbreak in the eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo, and stressed the need for continued vigilance to prevent a return of the disease and in containing other health challenges.
- ✓ **EBOLA OUTBREAK**
  - The 2014–2016 outbreak in West Africa was the largest Ebola outbreak since the virus was first discovered in 1976
  - The outbreak started in Guinea and then moved across land borders to Sierra Leone and Liberia
  - The current 2018-2019 outbreak in the Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo is highly complex
- ✓ **EBOLA VIRUS DISEASE**
  - Ebola virus disease, formerly known as Ebola haemorrhagic fever, is transmitted to people from wild animals and spreads in the human population through human to human transmission
  - Transmission : Fruit bats of the Pteropodidae family are natural Ebola virus hosts

Q. What is the theme of the 2021 World Asthma Day?

A) STOP for asthma
B) Enough Asthma Deaths
C) Never too early, never too late
D) Uncovering Asthma Misconceptions

Answer : D

- ✓ World Asthma Day takes place annually on the First Tuesday of May since 1998
- ✓ In 2021 World Asthma Day is being observed on May 04, 2021
- ✓ Theme 2021 : “Uncovering Asthma Misconceptions“
- ✓ The day is annually organised by the Global Initiative for Asthma (GINA)

Q. Which day of the year is observed as the International Day of the Midwife?

A) 6 May
B) 4 May
C) 5 May
D) 3 May

Answer : C

- ✓ Every year the, International Confederation of Midwives (ICM) celebrates the International Day of the Midwife on 5 May
- ✓ Theme 2021 : "Follow the Data: Invest in Midwives."
- ✓ The first International Day of the Midwife was celebrated in 1992

Q. The World Hand Hygiene Day is commemorated to raise awareness about the importance of hand hygiene in warding off many serious infections. When is the day observed?

A) 5 May
B) 4 May
C) 6 May
D) 3 May

Answer : A

- ✓ Every year, the World Hand Hygiene Day is observed on May 5
- ✓ Theme 2021 : 'Seconds Save Lives: Clean Your Hands'
- ✓ The day is organised by the World Health Organization (WHO) to raise awareness among people across the globe about the importance of hand hygiene in warding off many serious infections
- ✓ The day recognize hand washing as one of the most effective actions that can be taken to avoid a huge range of infections including the COVID-19 virus

Q. Who is the winner of the 2021 UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize?

A) Maria Ressa
B) Azimjon Askarov
C) Solafa Magdy
D) Mahmoud Abu Zeid

Answer : A

- ✓ Maria Ressa of the Philippines has been named as the winner of 2021 UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize. The award carries a prize money of $25,000
- ✓ Presently Ressa is the CEO of the Rappler, a Philippine online news website
- ✓ The prize was named after Guillermo Cano Isaza, the Colombian journalist

- ✓ The UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize was created in 1997, to honour a person, organization or institution that has made an outstanding contribution to the defence and/or promotion of press freedom anywhere in the world, especially when this has been achieved in the face of danger
- ✓ The prize, worth US$ 25,000, is awarded each year on the occasion of World Press Freedom Day on 3 May
- ✓ First recipient : 1997 : Gao Yu (China)
- ✓ 2019 : Kyaw Soe Oo & Wa Lone (Myanmar)
- ✓ 2020 : Jineth Bedoya Lima (Colombia)
- ✓ 2021: Maria Ressa (Philippines)

UNESCO IN NEWS

- ➢ Philippines Journalist Maria Ressa Honored with 2021 UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize
- ➢ Singapore's 'Hawker' Culture serving as 'Community Dining Room' Gets UNESCO Recognition
- ➢ 'Pink City' becomes certified UNESCO World Heritage City
- ➢ Srinagar's Amar Singh College recognised with UNESCO Award
- ➢ UNESCO "World in 2030" Survey Report highlights youth concerns over climate change and biodiversity loss
- ➢ UNESCO-Bangladesh Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman International Prize for the "Creative Economy"
- ➢ UNESCO Declares 2021 as 'International Year of Creative Economy for Sustainable Development'
- ➢ Gwalior and Orchha Cities of Madhya Pradesh Included in UNESCO World Heritage Cities List
- ➢ Vishal V. Sharma appointed as India's next envoy to UNESCO
- ➢ Panna Tiger Reserve of Madhya Pradesh gets UNESCO Biosphere Reserve status
- ➢ **United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)**

  Formation : 16 November 1945

  Headquarters : Paris, France

  Director-General : Audrey Azoulay (France)

  Member countries : 193

Q. How much amount has been allocated by RBI towards special on-tap liquidity facility announced for banks to lend to entities for access to emergency health security during the second wave of Covid-19?

A) Rs 20,000 crore **B) Rs 30,000 crore**

C) Rs 40,000 crore **D) Rs 50,000 crore**

Answer : D

- ✓ Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das has announced a Covid-19 healthcare package of Rs 50,000 crore on May 05, 2021, for lending to entities such as vaccine makers, medical equipment suppliers, hospitals and related sectors, besides the patients in need of funds for treatment
- ✓ Banks can give loans under this facility till March 31, 2022
- ✓ This Covid loan will be provided for a tenure of up to 3 years and will be classified as priority sector loan till repayment or maturity
- ✓ Besides, a Covid loan book mechanism has also been announced for banks, where banks will have an option to place an equivalent amount as lend to borrowers, with RBI at the reverse repo rate plus 40 basis points
- ✓ This means that if banks lend Rs 50,000 crore to the borrowers and equivalent amount of Rs 50,000 crore of surplus funds of the system is put in the reverse repo with RBI, they can earn 3.75 percent instead of 3.35 percent

RBI AMOUNT IN NEWS

- ➢ RBI Announces Term Liquidity Facility of Rs. 50,000 Crore For Healthcare
- ➢ RBI to conduct open market purchase of government securities of ₹1 lakh crore under the G-SAP 1.0 Programme
- ➢ RBI increases Way and Means Advances (WMA) limits for the State Governments/UTs to Rs 47,010 crore
- ➢ RBI enhances Loan limit under Priority Sector Lending against eNWR/NWR from ₹50 lakh to ₹75 lakh
- ➢ RBI enhances maximum balance limit per account in Payments Banks from Rs 1 lakh to Rs 2 lakh
- ➢ RBI introduces Legal Entity Identifier (LEI) for NEFT, RTGS transactions above Rs 50 crore

Q. What amount of liquidity support has been announced by RBI for the small finance banks (SFBs) under a special long-term repo operations (LTRO)to lend to MFIs amid COVID-19 crises?

A) Rs 10,000 crore
B) Rs 15,000 crore
C) Rs 20,000 crore
D) Rs 25,000 crore

Answer : A

✓ A special long-term repo operations (LTRO) has been announced for small finance banks (SFBs) worth Rs 10,000 crore, to provide further lending support to NBFC-microfinance institutions (MFIs) and other MFIs (Societies, Trusts etc.) which are members of RBI recognised 'Self-Regulatory Organisation'. These MFIs must have an asset size of Rs 500 crore, as on 31 March 2021

Q. The Reserve Bank of India has announced restructuring of loan resolution frame 2.0, for individual borrowers and small businesses, who did not take restructuring earlier and the loan were standard as of March 2021. The outstanding loan of these borrowers must be upto _____ to avail the facility

A) Rs 10 crore
B) Rs 15 crore
C) Rs 20 crore
D) Rs 25 crore

Answer : D

✓ RBI has also opened up second round of restructuring of loans mechanism for individual and small borrowers for up to two years

✓ Individual borrowers and small businesses with loan outstanding of up to Rs 25 crore, who have not taken restructuring earlier and were standard as of March 2021, will be considered for restructuring till September 30, 2021.

Q. India has recently launched ambitious 10-year road map, with which country, to elevate the bilateral relationship to a comprehensive strategic partnership and more than double bilateral trade by 2030?

A) Russia
B) Germany
C) Netherlands
D) United Kingdom

Answer : D

- ✓ Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi and his British counterpart Boris Johnson held a virtual Summit meeting on May 04, 2021
- ✓ The UK prime minister Boris Johnson announced a new India-UK trade investment worth £1 billion
- ✓ The two nations set an ambitious target of more than doubling bilateral trade by 2030

UNITED KINGDOM (UK) IN NEWS

- India-France-Australia Holds First-ever Trilateral Foreign Ministerial Dialogue in London, UK
- UK becomes first country to announce regulation of use of self-driving vehicles at slow speeds on motorways
- India, UK adopt 'Roadmap 2030', Elevate relations To 'Comprehensive Strategic Partnership
- World's most powerful weather, climate-change forecasting supercomputer to be built in UK
- 21-year-old Jasmine Harrison from UK becomes youngest woman to row solo across Atlantic Ocean
- Boris Johnson invites PM Modi to UK-hosted G-7 summit 2021
- UK to host 2021 UN climate summit, COP26
- 2022 Commonwealth Games will begin on Birmingham, UK
- UN and Britain to co-host global climate summit on 12 December 2020
- India-UK collaborates for new 8 million pounds joint medicinal research
- India-UK sign MoU on Water Partnership through video conferencing
- UK launches £3 Million Innovation Challenge Fund in India
- Rishi Sunak appointed as UK's new Finance Minister
- Gaitri Kumar appointed India's next High Commissioner to UK
- **UNITED KINGDOM (UK)**
- Capital : London
- Currency : Pound
- Monarch : Elizabeth II
- Prime Minister : Boris Johnson
- **Exercise between india and UK**

  Ajeya Warrior military Exercise

  Konkan Naval Exercise

  Indra Dhanush Air Force Exercise

- Important Organisation Headquarters, United Kingdom
- International Maritime Organization (IMO) : London
- Amnesty International : London
- Commonwealth of Nations : London
- International Tennis Federation : London

Q. Cricket player Nuwan Zoysa has been banned by ICC for 6 years from all forms of the game for violating ICC anti-corruption code. He played for which country?

A) England **B) Pakistan**

C) Afghanistan **D) Sri Lanka**

Answer : D

- ✓ Former Sri Lanka cricketer and coach Nuwan Zoysa has been banned from all cricket for six years by the ICC
- ✓ The ICC Anti-Corruption Tribunal found him guilty of breaching the ICC anti-corruption

BANNED PLAYERS IN NEWS 2021

- Former Sri Lanka Bowler Nuwan Zoysa banned for six years for breaching ICC anti-corruption code
- ICC bans UAE cricketers Mohammad Naveed and Shaiman Anwar from all cricket for 8 years
- Mauritius badminton player Kate Foo Kune banned for two years in doping case
- BWF Bans Russian badminton player Nikita Khakimov for five years over betting, fixing offences
- WADA Imposes 4-Year Ban on Long-Distance Runner Kiranjeet Kaur For Doping Violation

SRI LANKA IN NEWS

- Former Sri Lanka Bowler Nuwan Zoysa banned for six years for breaching ICC anti-corruption code
- Sri Lankan all-rounder Thisara Perera Announces Retirement from International Cricket
- Sri Lanka inks 3 year USD 1.5 billion currency swap deal with China
- India Legends beat Sri Lanka Legends to win 2020-21 Road Safety World Series T-20
- Thisara Perera becomes first Sri Lankan to hit six sixes in an over
- India describes Sri Lanka 'Priority One' partner in defence
- IAF Participates in 70th Anniversary Celebrations of Sri Lanka Air Force

- Sri Lanka will host the Asia Cup in June 2021
- RBI signs $400 mn currency swap with Sri Lanka
- Sri Lanka planning to host BIMSTEC summit in August
- WHO Declares Sri Lanka & Maldives as Rubella and Measles-Free
- Sri Lankan Bowler Sripali Weerakkody retires
- Mahinda Rajapaksa takes oath as Sri Lankan PM for 4th time
- Sri Lanka withdraws from UN Rights Resolution
- Sri Lanka celebrated its 73rd Independence Day on 4th February 2021
- 2 Indian banks Axis Bank and ICICI Bank to end their operations in Sri Lanka
- **SRI LANKA**

  Capital : Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte (legislative)

  Colombo (executive and judicial)

  Currency : Rupee

  President :Gotabaya Rajapaksa

  Prime Minister : Mahinda Rajapaksa

  Mitra Shakti Military Exercise : India and Sri Lanka
- Slinex Navel Exercise : India and Sri Lanka
- South Asia Co-operative Environment Programme (SACEP) -Headquartered Colombo, Sri Lanka
- East Asia Summit (EAS) - Headquartered Colombo, Sri Lanka

Q. Mamata Banerjee has been sworn in as the Chief Minister of West Bengal after massive win in the 2021 Assembly election. This win is her _____ consecutive win as the head of the state

A) Third **B) Fourth**

C) Sixth **D) Second**

Answer : A

- ✓ Mamata Banerjee, has been sworn-in as the Chief Minister of West Bengal on May 05, 2021 for the third consecutive term, after a massive win in the state assembly elections 2021
- ✓ Mamta Banerjee, who is often referred to as Didi, is serving as the 8th and current Chief Minister of West Bengal since 2011

- ✓ The ruling All India Trinamool Congress (TMC) supremo was administered the oath of office and secrecy by state Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar
- ✓ Under the leadership of DIDI, TMC won with a landslide two-thirds majority in the 2021 assembly elections, winning 216 seats out of total 290
- ✓ **WEST BENGAL**

Formation : 26 January 1950
Capital : Kolkata
Chief Ministers : Mamata Banerjee
Governor : Jagdeep Dhankhar
Legislative Assembly (विधान सभा) : 295 Seats
Lower House / Lok sabha : 42 Seats
Upper House / Rajya sabha : 16 seats
Number of Districts : 23
State Animal : Fishing cat
State Bird : White-throated Kingfisher
State Flower : Night-flowering jasmine
State Tree : Alstonia scholaris

WEST BENGAL IN NEWS

- ➢ Mamata Banerjee Sworn-in as Chief Minister of West Bengal for Third Consecutive Term
- ➢ 11th Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav' begins at Cooch Behar in West Bengal
- ➢ West Bengal recently conducted its first water birds census
- ➢ Mamata Banerjee Inaugurates 26th Kolkata International Film Festival
- ➢ World Bank approves $105 million loan to improve Waterways in West Bengal
- ➢ Centre to dedicate a Museum on Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose in Kolkata on 125th birth anniversary
- ➢ World's first Tram library for children launched in Kolkata
- ➢ West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee has launched a massive campaign titled 'Duare Sarkar'
- ➢ Majerhat Bridge in Kolkata Renamed as "Jai Hind Bridge" To Commemorate 125th Birth Anniversary of Subhas Chandra Bose

- ADB and India sign $50 million loan agreement to boost digital platforms for public finance reforms in West Bengal
- West Bengal launches massive 'Duare Sarkar' outreach campaign ahead of 2021 assembly polls
- India's first 'tyre park' to come up in West Bengal
- West Bengal launches "Pathashree Abhijan" scheme for road repair
- West Bengal launches Karma Sathi Prakalpa Scheme to provide soft loans, subsidies to unemployed youth
- India's 1st digital parcel locker service in Kolkata, West Bengal
- Kolkata Port Trust remaned as Syama Prasad Mookerjee Trust

Q. Who has flagged off the first supply of Used Cooking Oil (UCO) based Biodiesel blended Diesel?

A) Rajnath Singh **B) Nitin Gadkari**

C) Arjun Munda **D) Dharmendra Pradhan**

Answer : D

- ✓ Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Dharmendra Pradhan remotely flagged off the first supply of Used Cooking Oil (UCO) based Biodiesel blended Diesel from Indian Oil's Tikrikalan Terminal, Delhi
- ✓ Government had initiated Expressions of Interest for "Procurement of Bio-diesel produced from Used Cooking Oil" on the occasion of World Biofuel Day on 10th August 2019
- ✓ India has set an indicative target of 20% blending of ethanol with gasoline and 5% blending of biodiesel with diesel by 2030
- ✓ Dharmendra Pradhan : Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Ministry of Steel
- ✓ Constituency : Madhya Pradesh

Q. Education minister of which state has launched 'Auro Scholarship Programme' of Sri Aurobindo Society for all the scholars of the state?

A) Odisha **B) Tripura**

C) Assam **D) Manipur**

Answer : B

- ✓ Education Minister of Tripura Ratan Lal Nath launched 'Auro Scholarship Programme' of Sri Aurobindo Society for all the scholars of the state

- ✓ Auro Scholarship Programme, supplies the month-to-month micro-scholarship to the scholars with a purpose to inspire them in direction of reaching higher studying outcomes
- ✓ The college students have to obtain benchmark efficiency in 10-min curriculum aligned Quizzes performed on Auro Scholar App
- ✓ The students can win scholarships of upto Rs.1000 every month on achieving good performance in online curriculum based assessments

Q. Wipro Limited, will invest £16 million to set up an innovation centre in _____.

A) Chicago **B) London**

C) Boston **D) Los Angeles**

Answer : B

- ✓ Wipro Limited, a leading information technology, consulting and business process services company,
- ✓ announced the setting up of an Innovation Centre in Holborn, London
- ✓ The compant will invest Euro 16 million over the next four years in the 20,000 sq.ft.Innovation Centre.
- ✓ This year marks Wipro's 75th global anniversary, and 25years in the UK,
- ✓ **Western India Vegetable Products Limited (WIPRO)**

Founded : 29 December 1945

Founder : Mohamed Premji

Headquarters : Bangalore, Karnataka

Chairmam : Rishad Premji

CEO : Thierry Delaporte

Q. When is the International No Diet Day celebrated?

A) 3 May **B) 5 May**

C) 6 May **D) 7 May**

Answer : C

- ✓ International No Diet Day is observed on May 6, and its symbol is a light blue ribbon
- ✓ The first International No Diet Day was celebrated in the UK in 1992
- ✓ The celebration of this special day was first started by a British woman, Mary Evans

Q. Which city was ranked 40th in the Knight Frank's Global Prime Property Index for Q1 of 2021?

A) Mumbai
B) New Delhi
C) Bengaluru
D) Hyderabad

Answer : C

- ✓ Bengaluru has slipped four positions to rank 40th among 46 global cities in the 'Prime Global Cities Index Q1 2021' report, released by real estate consultant Knight Frank
- ✓ Bengaluru saw a fall of 2.7 percent year-on-year (YoY) in prime residential prices during January-March 2021
- ✓ Other Indian cities included New Delhi (32) and Mumbai (36), which too witnessed negative growth in prime residential prices.

Q. According to Knight Frank's 'Prime Global Cities Index Q1 2021' report New Delhi ranked at what position?

A) 32nd
B) 40th
C) 36th
D) 26th

Answer : A

LATEST CITY INDEX 2021

- Bengaluru ranks 40 in Knight Frank's Global Prime Property Index for Q1 of 2021
- World Air Quality Report 2020
- New Delhi Ranked as World's most polluted capital city
- The top most polluted city of the world is Xinjiang in China
- Ease of Living Index 2020
- Million+ populated cities
- Bengaluru emerged as the top performer in this category
- Less than Million category
- Shimla was ranked the highest in ease of living
- Municipal Performance Index (MPI) 2020
- Million plus population category

- Indore has topped this list, followed by Surat and Bhopal
- Less than million category
- New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) emerged as the leader, followed by Tirupati and Gandhinagar
- US Air Quality Index (AQI) 2020
- Lahore is world's most polluted city
- New Delhi stood second, while Nepal's capital Kathmandu ranked the third
- Hong Kong, Zurich, and Paris most expensive cities in EIU's Worldwide Cost of Living (WCOL) Index
- IMD's Global Smart City Index 2020
- The index has been topped by Singapore
- Hyderabad was the top Indian city, placed at the 85th position

Q. Which city has topped the 'Prime Global Cities Index Q1 2021' for registering the most strongest growth in prime residential prices during January-March 2021?

A) Beihai **B) Bamako**

C) Toluca **D) Shenzhen**

Answer : D

- ✓ Three Chinese cities, Shenzhen, Shanghai and Guangzhou lead the index in Q1 of 2021, with Shenzhen registering the strongest growth of 18.9% in the price
- ✓ New York, which is among world's top metropolise was the weakest performing market, ranked at 46th spot with negative 5.8% growth.
- ✓ Prime residential property is defined as the most desirable and most expensive property in a given location, or generally defined as the top 5% of housing market by value.

Q. The first-ever India-France-Australia Trilateral Foreign Ministerial Dialogue was held recently in which city?

A) Paris, France **B) Vienna, Austria**

C) London, UK **D) Jakarta, Indonesia**

Answer : C

- ✓ The first-ever India-France-Australia Trilateral Foreign Ministerial Dialogue was held on 4 May 2021, in London, UK, on the sidelines of the G7 Foreign Ministers' Meeting
- ✓ The meeting was attended by External Affairs Minister, Dr. S. Jaishankar from India, France's Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs, Mr. Jean-Yves Le Drian and Australia's Minister for Foreign Affairs, Senator Marise Payne
- ✓ The France, India, Australia trilateral meet was launched in September 2020 at Foreign Secretaries' levels but has been elevated to ministerial level within one year of its inception
- ✓ The host nation UK invited India, Australia, South Korea, South Africa and the secretary-General of the ASEAN to be part of this meet
- ✓ **ASEAN SUMMIT**

  1st Summit 1976 : Bali, Indonesia

  37th Summit 2020 : Vietnam

  38th Summit 2021 : Brunei
- ✓ **Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)**

  Founded : 1967

  Headquarteres : Jakarta, Indonesia

  Secretary General : Lim Jock Hoi

  Member : 10 (Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand & Vietnam)

Q. Which film won the 'Best Film' Award at the Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival Awards 2021?

A) Bheja Fry **B) Jungle Cry**

C) Dil Bechara **D) Chopsticks**

Answer : B

- ✓ 'Jungle Cry' won the 'Best Film' (Jury) award at the 11th Dada Saheb Phalke International Film Festival 2021.
- ✓ The film was directed by Sagar Ballary. 'Jungle Cry' is based on the inspiring true story of 12 students from Kalinga Institute (KISS).
- ✓ Jungle Cry wins 'Best Film' Award at the Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival Awards 2021

FILMS AWARDS IN NEWS 2021

- Jungle Cry' won the 'Best Film' (Jury) award at the 11th Dada Saheb Phalke International Film Festival 2021
- Anupam Kher Wins Best Actor Award at New York City International Film Festival for his film "Happy Birthday".
- Marathi Film 'Puglya' Wins Best Foreign Language Feature at Moscow International Film Festival ; directed : Vinod Sam Peter
- Filmmaker Guneet Monga Honored with Second Highest Civilian French Honour; called "Honour of the Knight of the Order of Arts and Letters "
- Rajinikanth to be honoured with 51st Dadasaheb Phalke Award
- Amitabh Bachchan becomes first Indian to be honoured with 2021 International Federation of Film Archives (FIAF) award
- The Tamil film "Koozhangal" has won "Tiger" award, at the 50th edition of the International Film Festival Rotterdam 2021
- Koozhangal (meaning Pebbles) has been Produced by Nayanthara and directed by Vinod Raj PS

Q. Who won the 'Arline Pacht Global Vision Award' given by the International Association of Women Judges?

A) Gita Mittal **B) Hima Kohli**

C) Indira Banerjee **D) Indu Malhotra**

Answer : A

- ✓ Former Chief Justice of Jammu and Kashmir High Court, Justice Gita Mittal has been conferred with the prestigious Arline Pacht Global Vision Award for 2021 along with Margarita Luna Ramos from Mexico by the International Association of Women Judges (IAWJ).
- ✓ Justice Mittal would be the first Indian judge to receive the award
- ✓ International Association of Women Judges (IAWJ) instituted this award in 2016
- ✓ Justice Mittal has been a member of IAWJ since 2005
- ✓ Mittal had earlier received Nari Shakti Puruskar Award, the highest civilian honour for women in India, in 2018.
- ✓ In year 2019, she was bestowed with the Justice PN Bhagwati Award

Q. Who is the author of the book titled "The Bench"?

A) Jhumpa Lahiri **B) Chetan Bhagat**

C) Shashi Tharoor **D) Meghan Markle**

Answer : D

- ✓ Meghan Markle has authored a children's book titled "The Bench". The book was inspired by Prince Harry and his son Archie
- ✓ The book will explore the special bond between a father and son, as seen through a mother's eyes. The book was published by Random House Children's Books.

LATEST BOOKS & AUTHORS 2021	
Elephant In The Womb' Authored By : Kalki Koechlin	'The Bench' Authored By : Meghan Markle
"Whereabouts" Authored By : Jhumpa Lahiri	"The Living Mountain: A Fable for Our Times" Authored By : Amitav Ghosh
"Climate Change Explained – for one and all" Authored By : Aakash Ranison	"The Christmas Pig" Authored By : JK Rowling
Suresh Raina's Autobiography 'Believe – What Life and Cricket Taught Me' Co- author Bharat By : Sundaresan	PM Modi released the Hindi translation of the book 'Odisha Itihaas' (Odisha History), written By : Harekrushna Mahtab
'Manohar Parrikar: Brilliant Mind, Simple Life' Authored By : Nitin Gokhale	Vice President Venkaiah Naidu releases book titled 'Suparipalana' Authored By : Shailendra Joshi
"My Experiments With Silence", Authored By : Samir Soni	

Q. Which Indian PSU regained market capitalisation (m-cap) of Rs 50,000 crore and entered 100 most valued Indian firms?

A) GAIL **B) SAIL**

C) BPCL **D) NTPC**

Answer : B

- ✓ Steel Authority of India Ltd (SAIL) regained market capitalisation (m-cap) of Rs 50,000 crore after its stock climbed over 80 percent in the past one and half months.
- ✓ SAIL is one of the leading steel producers in India, which has 5 large integrated steel plants (Bhilai steel plant, Rourkela steel plant, Durgapur steel plant, Bokaro steel plant, and IISCO) spread across 4 states in eastern India (Chattisgarh, Odisha, West Bengal, and Jharkhand)
- ✓ **Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL)**

  Founded : 19 January 1954

  Headquarters : New Delhi

  Chairmam : Soma Mondal

Q. How much amount will be invested by Serum Institute of India to expand its vaccine business in UK?

A) 200 million **B) 240 million**

C) 255 million **D) 290 million**

Answer : B

- ✓ Ahead of the UK.-India bilateral summit, Prime Minister Boris Johnson has announced £1 billion investment deals by Indian companies that will create 6,500 jobs in the U.K.
- ✓ The biggest in the investment deals is by the Serum Institute of India (SII) amounting to £240 million.

SERUM INSTITUTE OF INDIA IN NEWS

- ➢ Serum Institute to invest £240 million to expand its vaccine business in UK
- ➢ First indigenous vaccine against Pneumonia developed by Serum Institute of India
- ➢ Serum Institute's Adar Poonawalla named as 1 of 6 "Asians Of The Year"
- ➢ Serum Institute to Produce 100 million COVID-19 Vaccines, price $3 per dose in India
- ➢ PM Modi visits 3 cities to review coronavirus vaccine development

  1. Zydus Biotech Park in Ahmedabad,
  2. Bharat Biotech in Hyderabad
  3. Serum Institute of India in Pune
- ➢ **Serum Institute of India (SII)**

  Founded: 1966

  Headquarters : Hadapsar, Pune

Founder: Cyrus S. Poonawalla

CEO: Adar Poonawalla

Q. Apple Inc has hired former scientist Samy Bengio for the new AI research unit, he was a distinguished scientist of which company?

A) Infosys **B) Google**

C) Microsoft **D) Facebook**

Answer : B

- ✓ Apple Inc has hired former distinguished Google scientist Samy Bengio, who left the search giant amid turmoil in its artificial intelligence research department
- ✓ Bengio is expected to lead a new AI research unit at Apple under John Giannandrea, senior vice president of machine learning and AI strategy

GOOGLE IN NEWS

- ➢ Apple hires AI scientist Samy Bengio who left Google after colleagues' firings
- ➢ Google pledges Rs 135 crore in funding to help India fight Covid-19
- ➢ Google Launched "Women Will" Web Platform
- ➢ Google Cloud appoints Bikram Singh Bedi as Managing Director for India
- ➢ Ford joins hand with Google to offer cloud-based data services
- ➢ Google Doodle honours Basketball inventor Dr James Naismith
- ➢ Google Unveils MuRIL Tech To Boost Indian Regional Language Internet Ecosystem
- ➢ Google to invest USD 10 billion in India
- ➢ Anil Valluri appointed as senior director for Google Cloud India
- ➢ Maharashtra ties up with Google to start virtual classes
- ➢ Google Launches 'The Anywhere School' With 50 New Features To Boost Online Learning
- ➢ **GOOGLE**

  Founded : 1998

  Founders : Larry Page and Sergey Brin

  Headquarters : California, U.S.

  CEO : Sundar Pichai

Q. The Micro-Finance Institutions (MFIs) of what asset size will be eligible for Small Finance Banks' priority sector lending (PSL)?

A) Rs 500 crore
B) Rs 400 crore
C) Rs 600 crore
D) Rs 300 crore

Answer : A

- ✓ RBI permitted the Small Finance Banks' (SFBs) lending to Micro-Finance Institutions (MFIs) for on-lending to individuals under the classification of priority sector lending (PSL) for which the MFIs need to have Rs 500 crore asset size
- ✓ This facility is made to be available up to March 31, 2022.

Q. Gopabandhu Sambadika Swasthya Bima Yojana has been launched by which state for the working journalists of the state?

A) Odisha
B) Assam
C) Tripura
D) Manipur

Answer : A

- ✓ Government of Odisha under CM Naveen Patnaik has declared working journalists of the state as frontline Covid warriors
- ✓ The state had launched "Gopabandhu Sambadika Swasthya Bima Yojana" for working journalists of the state in 2018
- ✓ Under this scheme the working journalist are getting health insurance cover of Rs 2 lakh each
- ✓ Now Odisha has also announced an ex gratia of Rs 15 lakh for the next of kin of journalists who die of COVID-19 while performing their duty

ODISHA IN NEWS

- ➢ Odisha announces Gopabandhu Sambadika Swasthya Bima Yojana
- ➢ Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik launches 'mask abhiyan' against Covid-19
- ➢ PM Modi releases Hindi version of the book 'Odisha Itihaas' written by Dr Harekrushna Mahtab
- ➢ Odisha celebrated its 85th foundation day of the state on April 1. The day is also known as 'Utkal Divas'
- ➢ Odisha Govt announced Rs 200 crore Development Package for Maa Samaleswari Shrine
- ➢ India's First Thunderstorm Research Testbed to be established at Balasore in Odisha

- Pattachitra style of painting is one of the oldest and most popular art forms of Odisha
- Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik launched Bindu Sagar Cleaning Project in Bhubaneswar
- India's largest hockey stadium to be set up in Rourkela Odisha
- Odisha To Host FIH Men's Hockey World Cup Of The Year 2023
- Ninth edition of International Sand Art Festival & 31st edition of the Konark Festival 2020 begins in Odisha
- Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik launches 'Mo Bidyut' portal
- Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik Launches 'Diligram' Portal
- Odisha CM launches 'Sumangal' & Student Scholarship web portals
- DRDO successfully test fires ABHYAS from Odisha
- Odisha Government Launched 'Garima' Scheme For Sanitation Workers
- Odisha Government launches Pareshram Portal

Q. Five India's top Oil and Gas PSUs have inked a Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) for Construction and Redevelopment of which pilgrimage site as a Spiritual Smart hill Town?

A) Sarnath **B) Vaishali**

C) Badrinath **D) Bodh Gaya**

Answer : C

- ✓ Oil and Gas PSUs of India, including IndianOil, BPCL, HPCL, ONGC and GAIL, have inked a Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) with the Shri Badrinath Utthan Charitable Trust on May 06, 2021, for Construction and Redevelopment of Shri Badrinath Dham in Uttarakhand as a Spiritual Smart hill Town
- ✓ Under the MoUs, these PSUs will contribute Rs. 99.60 crore in the first phase of project
- ✓ **Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL)**
  Founded : 1959
  Headquarteres : New Delhi
  CMD : Shrikant Madhav Vaidya
- ✓ **Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL)**
  Headquarteres : Mumbai, Maharashtra
  CMD : Arun Kumar Singh

- ✓ **Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL)**

  Founded : 1974

  Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra

  CMD : M K Surana
- ✓ **Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC)**

  Founded : 1956

  Headquarteres : New Delhi

  CMD : Subhash Kumar
- ✓ **GAIL**

  Founded : 1984

  Headquarters : New Delhi

  CMD : Manoj Jain

Q. Who participated in G-20 Tourism Ministers' meeting virtually held in Italy?

A) S. Jaishankar **B) Priyush Goyal**

C) Nirmal Sitharaman **D) Prahalad Singh Patel**

Answer : D

- ✓ Union Minister of State for Tourism & Culture Prahlad Singh Patel virtually participated in G20 Tourism Ministers' Meeting held in Italy.
- ✓ Minister congratulated Massimo Garavaglia, Minister of Tourism, and Government of Italy for holding the G-20 Tourism Ministers' Meeting in these difficult times
- ✓ **G-20**

  Founder : Group of Seven (G7)

  Founded : 26 September 1999

  Chairman: Mario Draghi
- ✓ **LIST OF G20 SUMMIT**

  1st G20 Summit 2008 : USA

  15th G20 summit 2020 : Saudi Arabia

  16th G20 summit 2021 : Italy

  17th G20 summit 2022 : Indonesia

18th G20 summit 2023 : India

19th G20 summit 2024 : Brazil

- ✓ Easy Tricks to Remember or Memorize Members of G-20 Countries
- ✓ **TRICKS : "GURU JI SITA AB SSC FCI ME" job karti hai (only capital letters)**

1.	G	Germany
2.	U	USA
3.	R	Russia
4.	U	United Kingdom
5.	J	Japan
6.	I	India
7.	S	Saudi Arabia
8.	I	Indonesia
9.	T	Turkey
10.	A	Australia

11.	A	Argentina
12.	B	Brazil
13.	S	South Africa
14.	S	South Korea
15.	C	Canada
16.	F	France
17.	C	China
18.	I	Italy
19.	M	Mexico
20.	E	European Union

Q. Who has been appointed as Director of ICAR-Indian Institute of Rice Research (ICAR-IIRR), Hyderabad?

A) Murali Natarajan

B) Balram Bhargava

C) Shekhar C. Mande

D) Raman Meenakshi Sundaram

Answer : D

- ✓ Dr. Raman Meenakshi Sundaram has been appointed as Director of ICAR-Indian Institute of Rice Research (ICAR-IIRR), Hyderabad

Q. RBI has constituted an advisory group to assist the Regulatory Review Authority (RRA 2.0).Who is the head of this advisory group?

A) Rajeshwar Rao **A) R. Subramanian**

C) S Janakiraman **D) Jayant Kumar Dash**

Answer : C

- ✓ Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has constituted an advisory group to assist the second Regulatory Review Authority (RRA 2.0), which was set by the central bank on May 01, 2021 to streamline regulations and reduce the compliance burden of regulated entities
- ✓ The Advisory Group will be headed by SBI Managing Director S Janakiraman
- ✓ Reserve Bank of India Deputy Governor M Rajeshwar Rao was appointed as the Regulations Review Authority

LATEST IMPORTANT COMMITTEE IN NEWS 2021

- ➢ Constituted an advisory group to assist the second Regulatory Review Authority (RRA 2.0); Headed By : S Janakiraman
- ➢ RBI constitutes six-member panel to review Asset Reconstruction Companies (ARCs); Headed By : Sudarshan Sen
- ➢ AYUSH Ministry sets up interdisciplinary team of experts to explore the potential of Yoga as a productivity enhancing tool; Headed By : H. R Nagendra
- ➢ RBI Constitutes 5 member Standing External Advisory Committee for evaluating applications for Universal Banks and SFBs; Headed By : Shyamla Gopinath
- ➢ Centre forms experts committee for Startup India Seed Fund Scheme; Headed By : H K Mittal
- ➢ 259-member high-level National Committee constituted to commemorate 75 years of India's Independence; Headed By PM Modi
- ➢ RBI constitues eight-member expert panel for strenthening Urban Co-operative Banks; Headed By : N. S. Vishwanathan
- ➢ RBI forms six-member working group to regulate digital lending frauds; Headed By - Jayant Kumar Dash,
- ➢ Centre formed an empowered committee for administration of Covid-19 vaccine; Headed By - RS Sharma

- To commemorate the 125th Birth Anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, a High Level Committee has been constituted ; headed by PM Modi
- RBI set up an academic advisory council called 'College of Supervisors (CoS)' to further strengthen supervision; Headed By - N S Viswanathan
- Centre plans to form committee to protect language, culture & land of Ladakh ; Headed By - Kishan Reddy
- Centre constitutes high-level group for South Asia energy security; Headed By – Ram Vinay Shahi

Q. Who was sworn in as the new Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu?

A) M.K. Stalin **B) K.N. Nehru**

C) K. Ponmudi **D) S. Reghupathy**

Answer : A

- ✓ Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin has been sworn in as Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on May 07, 2021
- ✓ Stalin was administered the oath of office and Secrecy by state Governor Banwarilal Purohit
- ✓ Stalin is the President of Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) party, and led the party to win the 2021 Assembly election with landslide victory, gaining 159 seats out of 234 total seats
- ✓ The 68-year-old Stalin is the 8th Chief Minister of the state
- ✓ He replaced Edappadi K. Palaniswami of All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK), ending the decade-long reign of AIADMK over the state

TAMIL NADU IN NEWS

- Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin has been sworn in as Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu
- Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve Tamil Nadu set to create state's 5th tiger reserve
- Electronics signs MoU with Tamil Nadu to set up mobile components unit
- Tamil Nadu Beat Baroda to claim Syed Mushtaq Ali T20 Trophy
- Ola to set up world's largest scooter factory in Tamil Nadu
- Tamil Nadu bagged the Best State Award, followed by Maharashtra and Rajasthan
- Tamil Nadu becomes the first state to launch AI, blockchain, cybersecurity policies
- Tamil Nadu Govt launches "Smart Black Board Scheme"
- Young Advocates Welfare Fund launched in Tamil Nadu

- Tamil Nadu appoints Veeralakshmi India's 1st-ever woman ambulance driver
- Tamil Nadu launches Electronic Hardware manufacturing policy-2020

Q. Who is the sworn in new Chief Minister of Union Territory of Puducherry

A) N Rangasamy

B) M. Kandasamy

C) R. Kamalakannan

D) Malladi Krishna Rao

Answer : A

- ✓ All India NR Congress (AINRC) founder leader N Rangasamy has been sworn in as the Chief Minister of the Union Territory of Puducherry, for a record fourth time, on May 07, 2021
- ✓ N Rangasamy was sworn in as the 20th Chief Minister of the Union Territory of Puducherry
- ✓ N Rangasamy was administered the oath of office and secrecy by Lieutenant governor (additional charge) Tamilisai Soundararajan
- ✓ Prior to this, the 71-year-old served as Chief Minister of Puducherry from 2001 to 2008 as a member of the Indian National Congress and then from 2011 to 2016 as a member of AINRC

PUDUCHERRY IN NEWS

- N Rangasamy Sworn in as Chief Minister of Puducherry for Record Fourth Time
- Puducherry has achieved the target of 100% piped water connection in rural areas under the Jal Jeevan Mission
- Kiran Bedi Removed As Puducherry Lt Governor
- Puducherry launches campaign to become Covid-free by February 28
- 12th National Tribal Youth Exchange Programme begins in Puducherry
- Puducherry airport becomes AAI's first 100% solar-powered airport
- Former Puducherry Lt Governor Chandrawati passes away
- Puducherry has celebrated its 59th anniversary of the "De-Jure" day on 16th August

Q. The Border Roads Organisation (BRO) observes its Raising Day every year on 7 May. In 2021, the BRO is celebrating which edition of its raising day?

A) 65 **B) 73**

C) 61 **D) 58**

Answer : C

- ✓ Border Roads Organisation (BRO) celebrated its 61st Raising Day on 07 May 2021
- ✓ The BRO was formed on 7 May 1960
- ✓ BRO develops and maintains road networks in India's border areas and friendly neighboring countries

RAISING DAY IN NEWS	
07 May : 61st Raising Day of BRO 2021	19 March : CRPF celebrates 82nd Raising Day 2021
10 March : CISF Celebrates 52nd Raising Day 2021	01 February : Indian Coast Guard (ICG) Day 45th Raising Day 2021
19 January : NDRF Raising Day 16th Raising Day 2021	15 January : Army Day 73rd Raising Day 2021
9 April : CRPF Valour Day 55th Anniversary 2020	26 July : Kargil Vijay Diwas 21st Anniversary 2020
27 July : Raising Day of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) 82nd Raising Day 2020	8 October : Air Force Day 88th Anniversary 2020
24 October : ITBP Raising Day 59th Raising Day 2020	25 November : National Cadet Corps (NCC) Celebrates 72 Raising Day 2020
01 December : BSF Raising Day 56th Raising Day 2020	

BRO IN NEWS
➢ 61st Raising Day of BRO Celebrated on 07 May 2021
➢ Vaishali Hiwase appointed as first women officer commanding in BRO

- BRO has constructed 430 feet long bailey "Daporijo bridge" over the Subansiri River in Arunachal Pradesh's Upper Subansiri district
- BRO builds bridge to link Kasowal enclave with rest of India
- Lt Gen Rajeev Chaudhary becomes new Director General of BRO
- **Border Roads Organisation (BRO)**

  Founded : 7 May 1960

  Headquarteres : New Delhi

  Director General : Rajeev Chaudhary

Q. Which of the following banks was selected by the National Agriculture Market (eNAM) as its digital payments partner?

A) Kotak Mahindra Bank **B) Karur Vysya Bank**

C) Lakshmi Vilas Bank **D) Indian Overseas Bank**

Answer : A

- ✓ Kotak Mahindra Bank has been selected as a digital payments partner by the National Agriculture Market (eNAM).
- ✓ The bank will provide payment, clearing and settlement services on the eNAM platform to facilitate trade between a buyer and seller of agri-produce

KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK IN NEWS

- Kotak Mahindra Bank has been selected as a digital payments partner by the National Agriculture Market (eNAM)
- Kotak Mahindra Bank tie-up with Indian army to handle salary accounts
- Kotak Mahindra Bank appoints agri economist Ashok Gulati as additional director
- Kotak Mahindra Bank launched its outward forex remittance service called 'Kotak Remit'
- RBI re-appoints Uday Kotak as MD of Kotak Mahindra Bank
- Kotak Mahindra Bank starts 'Kona Kona Umeed' Campaign
- **KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK**

  Founded : 2003

  Founders : Uday Kotak

Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra
Chairman : Prakash Apte
MD & CEO : Uday Kotak

Q. Which company signed an MoU with the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) to offer energy-efficient solutions to the dairy industry?

A) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation

B) Power Grid Corporation of India

C) National Thermal Power Corporation Limited

D) Energy Efficiency Services Limited

Answer : D

- ✓ National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) signed an agreement with Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) to promote efficient renewable technologies in the dairy industry
- ✓ **National Dairy Development Board (NDDB)**

  Founded : 16 July 1965

  Founder : Verghese Kurien

  Headquarters : Anand, Gujarat
- ✓ **Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL)**

  Headquarteres : New Delhi

  Chairmam : Rajeev Sharma

Q. Which company unveiled the world's first 2-nanometer chip technology?

A) IBM **B) TCS**

C) Intel **D) Accenture**

Answer : A

- ✓ IBM (International Business Machines Corporation) has unveiled a breakthrough in semiconductor design and process with the development of the world's first chip with 2 nanometers (nm) nanosheet technology
- ✓ t is projected to achieve 45 per cent higher performance or 75 per cent lower energy use than today's most advanced 7 nm node chips

IBM IN NEWS

- IBM Unveils World's First 2 Nanometer Chip Technology, Opening a New Frontier for Semiconductors
- IBM is at the second place most valued IT services brand globally with brand value of $16.1 billion
- IBM & Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) collaborates for Digital Transformation
- Indian-origin Arvind Krishna to Succeed Ginni Rometty as American multinational IT company International Business Machines Corporation (IBM) CEO
- Indian-American IBM scientist Rajiv Joshi wins Inventor of the Year Award 2020 for improving AI capabilities
- **International Business Machines Corporation (IBM)**

  Founded : 1911

  Founders : Charles Ranlett Flint

  Headquarters : Armonk, New York, U.S.

  Chairman & CEO : Arvind Krishna

  President : Jim Whitehurst

Q. Which company has partnered with not-for-profit organisation, Sustainable Environment and Ecological Development Society (SEEDS) to launch a community COVID-19 vaccination drive and set up COVID care centres?

A) PepsiCo **B) Amazon**

C) Samsung **D) Microsoft**

Answer : A

- ✓ PepsiCo Foundation, the philanthropic arm of PepsiCo, said it has partnered with not-for-profit organisation, Sustainable Environment and Ecological Development Society (SEEDS) to launch a community COVID-19 vaccination drive and set up COVID care centres
- ✓ To focus on Maharashtra, Punjab, West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, and Telangana.
- ✓ **PepsiCo**

  Founded : 1889

  Founder : Caleb Bradham

  Headquarters : New York, US

  Chairman & CEO : Ramona Laguarta

Q. Which operation was launched by armed forces to fight COVID-19 in India?

A) CO-JEET B) CO-BOLD

C) CO-SIGN D) CO-OUT

Answer : A

✓ Treating the current coronavirus wave like a war, the armed forces have launched operation "CO-JEET" to aid anti-COVID-19 efforts, like strengthening medical infrastructure and oxygen supply chains, as well as take measures to ensure mental wellbeing of people.

IMPORTANT OPERATION & CODE NAME

- **OPERATION CO-JEET**
  Launched by armed forces to fight COVID-19 in India
- **OPERATION SAMUDRA SETU-II**
  Indian Navy launches for Speedy Shipment of Oxygen-filled Containers to India From Other Nations
- **OPERATION SARD HAWA**
  Border Security Force (BSF) launched to the western international border of Rajasthan
- **OPERATION MUSKAN**
  Maharashtra: 1088 people traced in Ahmednagar district to trace missing children
- **OPERATION MY SAHELI**
  South Eastern Railway launches to ensure security of women passengers
- **OPERATION DURACHARI**
  Uttar Pradesh decided to check crimes against Women
- **OPERATION VANILLA**
  Indian Navy to help cyclone-hit Madagascar
- **OPERATION NAKAIL**
  For auto-rickshaw in Ghaziabad Police
- **OPERATION NAMASTE**
  Indian Army Chief Manoj Mukund launched to Combat COVID-19
- **OPERATION SANJEEVANI**
  Indian Air Force delivered 6.2 million tonnes of essential medicines to Maldives

- **OPERATION SHIELD**

  Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal launched to fight Covid-19

- **OPERATION SAMUDRA SETU (SEA BRIDGE)**

  Indian Navy launches to repatriate Indian citizens from overseas

Q. Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) gave in-principle approval for strategic disinvestment & transfer of management control of which bank?

A) IDBI Bank B) Bank of India

D) Kotak Mahindra Bank D) Indian Overseas Bank

Answer : A

- ✓ Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) gave in-principle approval for strategic disinvestment along with transfer of management control in IDBI Bank Limited
- ✓ LIC is currently the promoter of IDBI Bank with Management Control and Government of India is the co-promoter
- ✓ The Government of India and LIC together own more than 94 per cent of equity of IDBI Bank
- ✓ The Government of India owns 45.48 per cent and LIC share is 49.24 per cent
- ✓ Disinvestment means sale or liquidation of assets by the government, usually Central and state public sector enterprises, projects, or other fixed assets
- ✓ **Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) BANK**

  Founded : 1 July 1964

  Headquarteres : Mumbai, Maharashtra

  Chairman : M. R. Kumar

  MD & CEO : Rakesh Sharma

Q. Andhra Pradesh government has selected Essar Steel Limited as the joint venture partner for setting up a steel plant in which district?

A) Nellore B) Krishna

C) Guntur D) Kadapa

Answer : D

- ✓ Andhra Pradesh Government has selected Essar Steel as a partner for development of the proposed 3 million tonnes per annum high grade steel Kadapa greenfield plant
- ✓ Government of Andhra Pradesh established the YSR Steel Corporation Limited for development and operation of a new steel plant in Kadapa district
- ✓ The project with a total outlay of about ₹11,000 crore

ANDHRA PRADESH IN NEWS

- ➢ Andhra Pradesh picks Essar Steel as JV partner to set up steel plant in Kadapa
- ➢ AP launched Jagananna Vidya Deevena Scheme
- ➢ Andhra Pradesh Governor Biswabhusan Harichandan Receives Kalinga Ratna Samman
- ➢ Andhra Pradesh to Launch India's first Govt-run Ambulance Network For Animals
- ➢ Hardeep Singh Puri inaugurates Kurnool Airport in Andhra Pradesh
- ➢ India and NDB signs USD 646 million loan agreement for Andhra Pradesh
- ➢ Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Telangana Participates in 7th WASH Conclave Concludes
- ➢ Andhra Pradesh Governor Biswabhusan Harichandan Felicitated with Kalinga Ratna Samman
- ➢ Andhra Pradesh government launches 'E-Raksha Bandhan'
- ➢ Andhra Pradesh CM launches 'YSR BIMA' for BPL families

Q. How much more per cent wheat has been procured during current Rabi Marketing Season in comparison to corresponding period last year?

A) 45% **B) 75%**

C) 55% **D) 65%**

Answer : D

- ✓ According to Government, about 65 per cent more wheat has been procured during current Rabi Marketing Season in comparison to corresponding period last year
- ✓ quantity of over 299 lakh tonnes of Wheat has been procured against the last year corresponding purchase of around 181 lakh tonnes
- ✓ About 29 lakh 46 thousand farmers have already benefitted from the ongoing procurement operations with minimum support price (MSP) value of over 59 thousand Crore rupees.

- ✓ Over 721 lakh tonnes of paddy has been procured in ongoing Kharif Marketing Season 2020-21 and Rabi Marketing Season

Q. Citibank has announced an additional aid of how much amount for COVID relief efforts in India?

A) Rs 500 crore **B) Rs 400 crore**

C) Rs 200 crore **D) Rs 400 crore**

Answer : C

- ✓ Citibank committed an additional Rs 200 crore to support COVID-19 relief measures in India
- ✓ The Rs 200 crore amount will be spent over the next three financial years, and a sum of Rs 75 crore will be allocated towards immediate medical and humanitarian needs.
- ✓ **CITIBANK**

  Founded : 1812

  Headquarters : New York, US

  Key people

  Chairman : Barbara Desoer

  CEO : Sunil Garg

Q. The World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day is observed annually on which day?

A) 7 May **B) 8 May**

C) 6 May **D) 9 May**

Answer : B

- ✓ World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day is observed every year on 8 May
- ✓ Theme 2021 : 'Unstoppable'
- ✓ The day also marks the anniversary of the birth of Henry Dunant (8 May 1828), who was the founder of International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).
- ✓ He was the recipient of the first Nobel Peace Prize.
- ✓ The first Red Cross Day was celebrated on 8 May 1948

Q. What is the theme for World Red Cross Day 2021?

A) Unstoppable
B) Stands with You
C) Let's Stand Together
D) Together we are Unpredictable

Answer : A

Q. Which country inaugurated Small hydro power plant at Chandannath Municipality in Jumla district with Indian assistance?

A) Nepal
B) Bhutan
C) Sri Lanka
D) Bangladesh

Answer : A

- ✓ The newly rehabilitated small hydro power plant at Chandannath Municipality in Nepal's Jumla district was virtually inaugurated, said the Indian embassy in Kathmandu
- ✓ The small hydro power plant was built with Indian financial assistance of Nepali Rs 26.39 million
- ✓ Newly rehabilitated Small Hydro Power Plant at Chandannath Municipality in Jumla District, built with Government of India's financial assistance of NRs 26.39 million, was virtually inaugurated by Karun Bansal, First Secretary (DP&R) of the Embassy of India, Kathmandu; District Coordination Committee, Jumla and Nepal Electricity Authority, Jumla," the release from the Indian Embassy stated
- ✓ The Small Hydro Power Power Plant at Chandannath Municipality in Jumla District was built in 1983 by Nepal Electricity Authority with power production capacity of 200 KW
- ✓ **NEPAL**

  Capital : Kathmandu

  Currency : Rupee

  President : Bidhya Devi Bhandari

  Prime Minister : Khadga Prasad Sharma Oli

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Q. Who has won the Men's single title of Madrid Open 2021?

A) Rafael Nadal
B) Dominic Thiem
C) Alexander Zverev
D) Matteo Berrettini

Answer : C

- ✓ Alexander Zverev beats Matteo Berrettini to win his second Madrid title
- ✓ **MADRID OPEN 2021 (TENNIS)**

  Venue : Madrid Spain

  Men's singles : Alexander Zverev (Germany) defeated Matteo Berrettini (Italy)

  Women's singles : Belarus Aryna Sabalenka (Belarus) defeated Ashleigh Barty (Australia)

Q. Who has won the women's single title of Madrid Open 2021?

A) Naomi Osaka
B) Simona Halep
C) Ashleigh Barty
D) Aryna Sabalenka

Answer : D

- ✓ Aryna Sabalenka of Belarus, defeated world number one Ashleigh Barty of Australia to win the 2021 Madrid Open women's single title on May 08, 2021

MOST IMPORTANT TOURNAMENT OPEN IN NEWS 2020-21

- ➢ **MADRID OPEN 2021 (TENNIS)**

  Men's singles : Alexander Zverev (Germany)

  Women's singles : Aryna Sabalenka (Belarus)
- ➢ **BARCELONA OPEN 2021 (TENNIS)**

  Men's Single : Rafael Nadal (Spain) beats Stefanos Tsitsipas (Greece)
- ➢ **ROLEX MONTE CARLO MASTERS TITLE (TENNIS)**

  Men's Single : Stefanos Tsitsipas (Greece) beat Andrey Rublev (Russia)
- ➢ **MIAMI OPEN (TENNIS) 2021**

  Men's Single : Hubert Hurkacz (Poland)

  Women's Single : Ashleigh Barty (Australia)

- **ALL ENGLAND BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS 2021**

  Men's singles : Lee Zii Jia (Malaysia)

  Women's singles : Nozomi Okuhara (Japan)
- **SWISS OPEN 2021 (BADMINTON)**

  Men's Singles : Viktor Axelsen (Denmark)

  Women's Singles : Carolina Marin (Spain)
- **AUSTRALIAN OPEN 2021 (TENNIS)**

  Men's Singles – Novak Djokovic (Serbia)

  Women's Singles – Naomi Osaka (Japan)
- **YONEX THAILAND OPEN 2021 (BADMINTON)**

  Men's Single – Viktor Axelsen (Denmark)

  Women's Single – Carolina Marin (Spain)
- **FRENCH OPEN 2020 (TENNIS)**

  Men's Single – Rafael Nadal (Spain)

  Women's Single – Iga Swiatek (Poland)
- **ITALIAN OPEN 2020 (TENNIS)**

  Men's Single- Novak Djokovic (Serbia)

  Women's Single- Simona Halep (Romania)
- **US OPEN 2020 (TENNIS)**

  Men's Singles - Dominic Thiem (Austria)

  Women's Single - Naomi Osaka (Japan)

Q. Who has been sworn in as the new Chief Minister of Assam to replace Sarbananda Sonowal?

A) Himanta Biswa Sarma **B) Shyam Jagannathan**

C) Kailash Chand Samaria **D) Paban Kumar Borthakur**

Answer : A

- ✓ Himanta Biswa Sarma has been named as the new Chief Minister of Assam on May 08, 2021
- ✓ He will replace incumbent Sarbananda Sonowal
- ✓ Himanta Biswa Sarma has been named as the 15th Chief Minister of Assam

- ✓ The BJP party won a second straight term in the 2021 assembly polls in the state. The party won 60 seats in the 126-member Assam assembly

NEWLY CHIEF MINISTER IN NEWS 2021

- Himanta Biswa Sarma : 15th Chief Minister of Assam (Bharatiya Janata Party)
- N Rangasamy : 4rd term Chief Minister of Puducherry (All India N.R. Congress party)
- MK Stalin : 8th Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu (Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam party)
- Mamata Banerjee : 3rd term Chief Minister of West Bengal (All India Trinamool Congress party)
- Tirath Singh Rawat : 9th Chief Minister of Uttarakhand (Bharatiya Janata Party)
- Nitish Kumar : 7th term Cheif Minister of Bihar (Janata Dal United (DJU))

ASSAM IN NEWS

- Himanta Biswa Sarma Replaces Sarbananda Sonowal as Assam's New Chief Minister
- India and AIIB signs $304 million pact for improving power transmission network in Assam
- Assam CM Sarbananda Sonowal Lays Foundation of Eastern India's First Skill University in Darrang district
- PM Modi launches 'Mahabahu-Brahmaputra' initiative and lays foundation stone of two bridges in Assam
- INDMAX Unit at Indian Oil's Bongaigaon Refinery Assam
- Prime Minister launches 'Mahabahu-Brahmaputra' initiative in Assam
- PM Modi launches Asom Mala in Assam's Sonitpur district
- Magh Bihu, Bhogali Bihu or Maghar Domahi is a harvest festival celebrated in Assam
- ADB has approved a $231 million loan to develop the Lower Kopili Hydroelectric Power facility in Assam
- 8th North East Festival to be held in Guwahati on Dec 19-20
- Assam set to get its 6th national park in Dima Hasao
- Assam Celebrates Lachit Divas on 24 November, mark the birth anniversary of Lachit Borphukan
- Assam's Tezpur Litchi gets GI tag
- SBI starts "Mahila Atmanirbharshil Aachani" (Women Self-Reliance programme) in Assam
- Assam Launches Orunodoi Scheme to financially empower women
- Former Assam Chief Minister Tarun Gogoi passes away
- Assam Musician Bibhuranjan Choudhury passes away

- India's longest river ropeway inaugurated in Assam
- Kati Bihu festival celebrated across Assam
- Assam's only woman CM Syeda Anwara Taimur passes away
- Assam CM launches 'Kritagyata' for online pension submission and tracking
- Assam Govt launched "Mukhyamantrir Grammya Paribahan Achoni Yojana"
- Assam CM Sarbananda Sonowal lays foundation stone of Indo-Israeli Centre of Excellence for Vegetables Protected Cultivation at Khetri near Guwahati
- Assamese folk singer Archana Mahanta has passed away
- Assam government to upgrade Dehing Patkai wildlife sanctuary to national park
- **ASSAM STATIC GK**

  Formation : 26 January 1950

  Capital : Dispur

  Chief Ministers : Himanta Biswa Sarma

  Governor : Jagdish Mukhi

  State Animal : One-horned rhinoceros

  State Bird : White – Winged Wood Duck

  State Flower : Rhynchostylis retusa

  State Tree : Dipterocarpus Macrocarpus

  No. of District : 33 Districts

  Loksabha Seats : 14 seats

  Vidhan Sabha (Legislative Assembly) 126 seats

Q. Which player has been honored with the 2021 "Laureus Sportsman of the Year" Award?

A) Rafael Nadal

B) Novak Djokovic

C) Roger Federer

D) Lionel Messi

Answer : A

- ✓ Rafael Nadal of Spain won the 2021 "Laureus Sportsman of the Year" title
- ✓ This is the second title for Nadal, who also claimed the prestigious award in 2011

RAFAEL NADAL IN NEWS

- Rafael Nadal of Spain won the 2021 "Laureus Sportsman of the Year" title
- Rafael Nadal beats Stefanos Tsitsipas to clinch 12th Barcelona Open title 2021
- Rafael Nadal beat Novak Djokovic to win the men's 2020 French Open
- **COMPLETE LIST OF WINNERS LAUREUS WORLD SPORTS AWARDS**

- Sportsman of the Year Award : Rafael Nadal (Spain)
- Sportswoman of the Year Award : Naomi Osaka (Japan)
- Team of the Year Award : Bayern Munich
- Breakthrough of the Year Award : Patrick Mahomes (US)
- Comeback of the Year Award : Max Parrot (Canada)
- Sport for Good Award : KICKFORMORE by KICKFAIR
- Lifetime Achievement Award : Billie Jean King
- Athlete Advocate of the Year Award : Lewis Hamilton (Britain)
- Sporting Inspiration Award : Mohamed Salah (Egypt)
- Sporting Moment of the Year Award : Chris Nikic (US)

Q. Name the female player who has been felicitated with the "Sportswoman of the Year" at the 2021 Laureus World Sports Awards

A) Sofia Kenin **B) Naomi Osaka**

C) Simona Halep **D) Ashleigh Barty**

Answer : B

- ✓ Naomi Osaka of Japan has been named "Sportswoman of the Year" at the 2021 Laureus World Sports Awards
- ✓ This is Osaka's second Laureus Sports Awards. In 2019, she won the "Breakthrough of the Year" award

NAOMI OSAKA IN NEWS

- Naomi Osaka of Japan has been named "Sportswoman of the Year" at the 2021 Laureus World Sports Awards
- Novak Djokovic and Naomi Osaka wins Australian Open 2021 Tennis Championship
- Japan's Naomi Osaka wins US Open Tennis Tournament 2020
- Naomi Osaka tops Forbes world's highest-paid female athlete list 2020

Q. Who has won the Formula One Spanish Grand Prix 2021?

A) Max Verstappen **B) Valtteri Bottas**

C) Lewis Hamilton **D) Charles Leclerc**

Answer : C

- ✓ Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes-Great Britain) won the 2021 Spanish Grand Prix , held on 09 May 2021
- ✓ Lewis Hamilton won the 98th race of his career
- ✓ Lewis Hamilton takes 100th career pole in Spanish Grand Prix
- ✓ This win is the fifth successive Spanish Grand Prix title of Lewis Hamilton and the third win of this season
- ✓ **LIST OF FORMULA ONE GRAND PRIX 2021**
  - Spanish Grand Prix 2021
  - Lewis Hamilton : (Mercedes-Great Britain)
  - Portuguese Grand Prix 2021
  - Lewis Hamilton : (Mercedes-Great Britain)
  - Emilia Romagna F1 Grand Prix 2021 : Max Verstappen (Red Bull – Netherlands)
  - Bahrain Grand Prix 2021 : Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes-Great Britain)

LEWIS HAMILTON IN NEWS

- ➢ Lewis Hamilton wins the Laureus Athlete Advocate of the Year Award 2021
- ➢ Lewis Hamilton clinches his fifth successive Spanish Grand Prix
- ➢ Lewis Hamilton wins Portuguese Grand Prix to secure 97th career race victory
- ➢ Lewis Hamilton Wins 2021 Bahrain Grand Prix
- ➢ Lewis Hamilton knighted in UK Honours list
- ➢ Lewis Hamilton has won the BBC Sports Personality of the Year 2020
- ➢ **LEWIS HAMILTON WINS F1 GRAND PRIX 2021**

  Lewis Hamilton
- ➢ **County : Great Britain (UK)**

  Team : Mercedes
  Spanish Grand Prix 2021
  Portuguese Grand Prix 2021
  Bahrain Grand Prix 2021
  Lewis Hamilton breaks Michael Schumacher's win record at the Portuguese Grand Prix

Q. RBI has excluded Lakshmi Vilas Bank from the Second Schedule of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934, following the merger of the Lakshmi Vilas Bank with which Bank?

A) Dhanlaxmi Bank **B) Kotak mahindra bank**

C) DBS Bank India Ltd **D) United Overseas Bank**

Answer : C

- ✓ Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has excluded Lakshmi Vilas Bank from the Second Schedule of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934 with effect from November 27, 2020
- ✓ The move was taken after the crisis-ridden Lakshmi Vilas Bank was merged with DBS Bank India Ltd (DBIL) on 27 November 2020
- ✓ A bank mentioned in the Second Schedule of the Reserve Bank of India Act is known as 'Scheduled Commercial Bank'
- ✓ **Lakshmi Vilas Bank**

  Founded : 3 November 1926

  Defunct : 27 November 2020

  Headquarters : Chennai, Tamil Nadu

  MD&CEO : Subramanian Sundar

  Fate : Merged with DBS Bank India Ltd

  Tagline : The Changing Face Of Prosperity
- ✓ **DCB Bank India Ltd**

  Founded : 1930

  Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra

  Chairmam : Nasser Munjee

  MD & CEO : Murali M. Natrajan

MERGER BANK IN NEWS

- ➢ RBI merges Lakshmi Vilas Bank with DBS Bank India
- ➢ United Bank of India and Oriental Bank of Commerce will be merged with Punjab National Bank
- ➢ Syndicate Bank will be merged with Canara Bank
- ➢ Allahabad Bank will be amalgamated with Indian Bank
- ➢ Andhra Bank and Corporation Bank will be consolidated with Union Bank of India
- ➢ Dena Bank, Vijaya Bank merges with Bank of Baroda

Q. The book titled "Elephant In The Womb" is a debut book by which Indian celebrity?

A) Divya Dutta **B) Tisca Chopra**

C) Kalki Koechlin **D) Twinkle Khanna**

Answer : C

- ✓ Bollywood actress Kalki Koechlin is making her debut as an author, with her first book titled "Elephant In The Womb"
- ✓ It is illustrated by Valeriya Polyanychko and published by Penguin Random House India
- ✓ The book narrates about pregnancy and parenting for mothers, expectant mothers, and "anyone even thinking about motherhood"

MOST IMPORTANT LATEST BOOKS & AUTHORS 2021	
'Elephant In The Womb' Authored By : Kalki Koechlin	'The Bench' Authored By : Meghan Markle
"Whereabouts" Authored By : Jhumpa Lahiri	"The Living Mountain: A Fable for Our Times" Authored By : Amitav Ghosh
"Climate Change Explained – for one and all" Authored By : Aakash Ranison	"The Christmas Pig" Authored By : JK Rowling
Suresh Raina's Autobiography 'Believe – What Life and Cricket Taught Me' Co- author Bharat By : Sundaresan	PM Modi released the Hindi translation of the book 'Odisha Itihaas' (Odisha History), written By : Harekrushna Mahtab
'Manohar Parrikar: Brilliant Mind, Simple Life' Authored By : Nitin Gokhale	Vice President Venkaiah Naidu releases book titled 'Suparipalana' Authored By : Shailendra Joshi
"My Experiments With Silence", Authored By : Samir Soni	Autobiography of 'Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan', titled "The Frontier Gandhi: My Life and Struggle" Authored By : Imitiaz Ahmad Sahibzada
"Dynasty to Democracy: The Untold Story of Smriti Irani's Triumph", Authored By : Anant Vijay	"Names of the Women" Authored By : Jeet Thayil

Exam Warriors Authored By : Narendra Modi	"True Account of The Migrant Exodus- 1232 Km: The Long Journey Home" Authored By : Vinod Kapri
"Indians: A Brief History of A Civilization" Authored By : Namit Arora	Escaped: True stories of Indian fugitives in London Authored By : Danish Khan & Ruhi Khan
"Name Place Animal Things" Authored By : Daribha Lyndem	"Wild and Wilful: Tale of 15 Iconic Indian Species" Authored By : Neha Sinha
"India's Power Elite: Class, Caste and a Cultural Revolution" Authored By : Sanjaya Baru	"Prince with a Paintbrush: The Story of Raja Ravi Varma" Authored By : Shobha Tharoor Srinivasan
Bride of the Forest: the Untold Story of Yayati's Daughter Authored By : Madhavi Mahadevan	"Bringing Governments and People Closer" Authored By : M Ramachandran
Dynasty to Democracy: The Untold Story of Smriti Irani's Triumph Authored By : Anant Vijay	Bare Necessities How to live a Zero Waste life Authored By : Tim De Ridder
Advantage India The Story of Indian Tennis Authored By : Anindya Dutta	Joe Biden American Dreamer Authored By : Evan Osnos
Kamala's Way Authored By : Dan Morain	Platform Scale: For A Post-Pandemic World Authored By : Sangeet Paul Choudary
"Parliamentary Messenger in Rajasthan" Authored By : K.N Bhandari	"The Terrible, Horrible, Very Bad Good News" Authored By : Meghna Pant

Q. PM Modi has participated in European Council meeting. Which country hosted the India-European Union Leaders' Meeting in 2021?

A) Portgual **B) Germany**

C) Singapore **D) Switzerland**

Answer : A

PORTUGAL IN NEWS

- The India-European Union Leaders' Meeting is hosted by Portugal
- Portugal inaugurates 'world's longest' pedestrian suspension bridge
- The steel and concrete suspension bridge is a 1,693 ft (516 m) long and 175 m (574 ft) above the Paiva River
- Lewis Hamilton wins 2021 Portuguese Grand Prix
- Portugal's Duarte Pacheco elected as President of Inter-Parliamentary Union for 2020-2023
- Portugal President Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa wins second term
- India Partners Portugal to Set up Country's first maritime museum at Lothal in Gujarat
- **PORTUGAL**

  Capital : Lisbon

  Currency : Euro

  President : Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa

  Prime Minister : António Costa

Q. What amount of finance contract has been signed between India and European Investment Bank for the Pune Metro Rail Project during the India-EU Leaders' Meeting?

A) Euro 250million **B) Euro 200 million**

C) Euro 100 million **D) Euro 150 million**

Answer : D

- ✓ Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi participated in the India-EU Leaders' Meeting, held in a hybrid format, on May 08, 2021
- ✓ Modiji attended the event at the invitation of the President of the European Council Mr. Charles Michel
- ✓ This is the first time that the EU hosted a meeting with India in the EU+27 format
- ✓ An ambitious and comprehensive 'Connectivity Partnership' was launched between India-EU with focus on enhancing digital, energy, transport and people-to-people connectivity
- ✓ A finance contract of Euro 150 million was also signed for the Pune Metro Rail Project by the Indian Ministry of Finance and European Investment Bank
- ✓ The leaders decided to resume negotiations for balanced and comprehensive free trade (FTA) and investment agreements

Q. Seema Bisla, who qualified for Tokyo Olympics is associated with which sports?

A) Sailor
B) Boxing
C) Shooting
D) Wrestling

Answer : D

✓ Indian wrestler Seema Bisla has secured a Tokyo Olympics berth in women's 50kg after reaching the finals of the World Olympic Qualifier at Sofia in Bulgaria

TOKYO OLYMPICS QUALIFIED IN NEWS 2021
➢ Indian wrestler Seema Bisla secures Tokyo Olympics berth
➢ Nethra Kumanan became the first Indian woman sailor to qualify for Olympics
➢ Discus throw Kamalpreet Kaur qualifies for Tokyo Olympics
➢ Sharath Kamal becomes first Indian paddler to qualify for Tokyo Olympics
➢ Bhavani Devi is the first Indian fencer to qualify for the Olympics
➢ Sandeep Kumar and Priyanka Goswami became the first Indian athletes to qualify for Tokyo Olympics

Q. How much amount of financial support was given by NABARD to WestBengal for the development of agriculture and allied sectors amid Covid-19 pandemic?

A) Rs 6,764 crore
B) Rs 8,457 crore
C) Rs 7,302 crore
D) Rs 9,162 crore

Answer : D

✓ The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (Nabard) has given financial support of Rs 9,162 crore to the state during the last financial year for the development of agriculture and allied sectors amid Covid-19 pandemic

NABARD IN NEWS
➢ NABARD Extends Financial Support of Rs 9162 Crore to West Bengal
➢ NABARD's Chairman G.R. Chintala takes charge as Chairman of APRACA
➢ NABARD launches special refinance facility for WASH programme
➢ Govinda Rajulu Chintala appointed as Chairman of NABARD
➢ NABARD sanctions ₹795 cr to re-construct infra damaged by cyclone in Bengal

- NABARD extends Rs 270 crore to Assam Gramin Vikash Bank
- NABARD organised 'Digital Choupal' to mark its 39th foundation day
- NABARD launches credit guarantee programme for NBFC-MFIs
- NABARD Sanctions Rs 400.64 cr to Boost Infrastructure in J&K
- NABARD sanctions Rs 1,050 crore credit support to West Bengal
- NABARD launches Rs 44 lakhs worth projects in Andaman and Nicobar islands
- **National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)**

  Founded : 12 July 1982

  HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra

  Chairman : Govinda Rajulu Chintala
- NABARD established on the recommendations of B.Sivaramman
- Committee
- RBI had sold its stake and now the Government of India (GOI) has 99 percent in it

Q. Which state police has come up with "COVID-19 Hospital Transport Service" (COV-HOTS)for free transportation of needy infected patients from their homes to hospitals?

A) Haryana **B) Maharashtra**

C) Andhra Pradesh **D) Meghalaya**

Answer : A

✓ The Haryana Police has come up with "COVID-19 Hospital Transport Service" (COV-HOTS)for free transportation of needy infected patients from their homes to hospitals or nursing homes and back. The service is free and exclusively meant for COVID patients

HARYANA IN NEWS

- India's 1st CoE for Skill Development in Power Sector inaugurated in Gurugram
- Haryana Tops The Anemia Free India Index In The Country
- Haryana CM unveils 'Project Air Care' to fight pollution in Gurugram
- Haryana Chief Minister Launches "Your Friend" Chatbot For UG Courses
- Haryana Government launches a Water Testing Lab On Wheels
- Haryana to host the 4th edition of Khelo India Youth Games 2021 in Panchkula

- Haryana's Amin village renamed as Abhimanyupur
- Haryana to open Atal kisan – majdoor canteens to provide affordable meals to farmers
- Ambala city bus stand renamed after late SushmaSwaraj
- NIFM, Faridabad, Haryana renamed Arun Jaitley National Institute of Financial Management

Q. Which institute launched Mission Bharat O2, a 45-day open challenge for manufacturing high-quality indigenous, rapidly scalable oxygen generation units to help combat the emergency?

A) IIT Bombay **B) IIT Roorkee**

C) IIT Madras **D) IIT Kanpur**

Answer : D

✓ The Startup Incubation and Innovation Centre (SIIC) of IIT Kanpur has launched Mission Bharat O2, a 45-day open challenge for manufacturing high-quality indigenous, rapidly scalable oxygen generation units to help combat the emergency

IIT KANPUR IN NEWS

- SIIC, IIT-Kanpur launches Mission Bharat O2 challenge to combat shortage of oxygen
- IIT Kanpur develops touch-sensitive watch for the visually impaired
- PNB Collaborates with IIT Kanpur to set up Fintech Innovation Centre
- IIT Kanpur develops UV sanitizing device 'SHUDH' to disinfect room in 15 mins
- IIT Kanpur Incubated Start-ups Develops Smart Water Quality Testing Device "PADMAVATI"
- IIT Kanpur, ASI sign MoU with Italian institutes for restoration of monuments
- IIT Kanpur develops virtual classroom teaching setup 'Mobile Masterjee'
- Power Finance Corporation (PFC) signs agreement with IIT-Kanpur in smart grid technology
- IIT Kanpur & Bharat Dynamics Limited ink pact to make affordable ventilators
- Department of Defence (MoD) signs tripartite MoU with IIT Kanpur and DARPG to conduct predictive analysis of public grievances

Q. Which of these days is observed as the World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD)?

A) Second Monday of May
B) Second Friday of May
C) Second Sunday of May
D) Second Saturday of May

Answer : D

- ✓ World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) is officially celebrated twice in a year since it started in 2006. Firstly it is held on Second Saturday of May and again on Second Saturday of October
- ✓ In 2021, the WMBBD falls on May 08, 2021 and October 09, 2021
- ✓ The theme for 2021 WMBD is "Sing, Fly, Soar – Like a Bird!"
- ✓ The day is organized by a collaborative partnership among two UN treaties namely the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS) and the African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbird Agreement (AEWA) and the Colorado-based non-profit organization, Environment for the Americas (EFTA)

Q. What is the theme of the 2021 World Migratory Bird Day?

A) Birds Connect Our World
B) Sing, Fly, Soar – Like a Bird!
C) Unifying Our Voices for Bird Conservation
D) Protect Birds: Be the Solution to Plastic Pollution'!

Answer : B

Q. Name the cricket player who has won the ICC Player of the Month award for April 2021?

A) Rohit Sharma
B) Babar Azam
C) Shaheen Afridi
D) Fakhar Zaman

Answer : B

- ✓ Pakistan captain Babar Azam as ICC Men's Player of the Month for April 2021

Q. Alyssa Healy has been named the ICC Women's Player of the Month for April 2021. She represents which country?

A) England
B) South Africa
C) Australia
D) New Zealand

Answer : C

- ✓ Alyssa Healy of Australia has won the ICC Women's Player of the Month for April 2021

ICC PLAYER OF THE MONTHS NEWS

- **ICC Player of the Month for April 2021**

  Men's : Babar Azam (Pakistan)

  Women's : Alyssa Healy (Australia)

- **ICC Player of the Month for March 2021**

  Men's : Bhuvneshwar Kumar

  Women's : Lizelle Lee (South Africa)

- **ICC Player of the Month for February 2021**

  Men's : Ravichandran Ashwin

  Women's : Tammy Beaumont (England)

- **ICC Player of the Month for January 2021**

  Men's : Rishabh Pant

  Women's : Shabnim Ismail (South Africa)

- ICC Player of the Month is a monthly award presented since 2021 January by the International Cricket Council to best performers of both male and female cricketers across all forms of international cricket

- **ICC HOST UPCOMING GAMES**

- Australia and New Zealand : ICC Women's World Cup 2023
- Australia : ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2022
- India : ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2021
- New Zealand : ICC Women's World Cup 2021
- India : ICC Men's World Cup 2023

- **International Cricket Council (ICC)**

  Formation : 15 June 1909

  Headquarters : Dubai, UAE

  Chairman : Greg Barclay (New Zealand)

  CEO : Manu Sawhney

Q. The report titled 'Connected Commerce: Creating a Roadmap for a Digitally Inclusive Bharat',has been launched by NITI Aayog in collaboration with which company?

A) Google **B) Microsoft**

C) Amazon **D) MasterCard**

Answer : D

- ✓ NITI Aayog has released a report titled 'Connected Commerce: Creating a Roadmap for a Digitally Inclusive Bharat' on May 10, 2021
- ✓ NITI Aayog has released the report in collaboration with Mastercard

MASTERCARD IN NEWS

- NITI Aayog and Mastercard Jointly Release Report on 'Connected Commerce: Creating a Roadmap for a Digitally Inclusive Bharat'
- Gemini and Mastercard Partner on New Crypto Credit Card
- RBL Bank Partners Mastercard to launch "Pay by Bank App "
- Mastercard and Razorpay to make digital payments more accessible for MSMEs and startups
- Mastercard & USAID Partners to launch Project Kirana to empower women through financial inclusion
- Mastercard Partners with Singapore-based Atlantis to Expand Digital First Program in India
- Airtel Payments Bank team up with Mastercard for farmers, SMEs
- SBM Bank partners with MasterCard for smarter payments solutions
- Mastercard has launched "Central Bank Digital Currencies" (CBDCs),platform
- Paytm Payments Bank inks partnership with Mastercard to issue virtual and physical debit cards
- Michael Miebach appointed as new CEO of Mastercard
- Mastercard rolls out "Identity Check Express" for safe digital payment
- **Mastercard**

  Founded : 1966

  Headquarteres : New York, U.S

  Executive Chairman : Ajay Banga

  President and CEO : Michael Miebach

NITI AAYOG IN NEWS

- NITI Aayog and Mastercard Jointly Release Report on 'Connected Commerce: Creating a Roadmap for a Digitally Inclusive Bharat'
- NITI Aayog launches 'Poshan Gyan', a digital repository on health, nutrition
- Niti Aayog launches India Energy Dashboards Version 2.0 focused on data
- NITI Aayog launched the first-of-its kind Online Dispute Resolution (ODR) handbook in India
- Bihar's Nawada tops aspirational districts ranking in January: Niti Aayog
- NITI Aayog and Flipkart collaborate to enhance Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP)
- NITI Aayog Releases Second Edition of India Innovation Index; Karnataka occupied the top position, followed by Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu respectively
- Niti Aayog Launches Made-in-India Cloud Storage Service 'DigiBoxx'
- NITI Aayog releases 'Vision 2035: Public Health Surveillance in India'
- NITI Aayog sets up panel headed by Rajiv Kumar for reforms in urban planning education
- Gujarat Tops NITI Aayog's inaugural Export Preparedness Index 2020
- **NITI Aayog (National Institution for Transforming India)**

  Founded : 1 January 2015

  Preceding : Planning Commission (15 March 1950)

  Headquarters : New Delhi

  Chairperson : Narendra Modi

  Vice Chairperson : Rajiv Kumar

  CEO : Amitabh Kant

Q. DOGE-1 Mission to the Moon, is the first-ever commercial lunar payload, paid entirely in the cryptocurrency Dogecoin. The mission will be launched by which company in 2022?

A) ISRO **B) CNSE**

C) NASA **D) SpaceX**

Answer : D

✓ Elon Musk-owned SpaceX is set to launch the "DOGE-1 Mission to the Moon", the first-ever commercial lunar payload, paid entirely in the cryptocurrency Dogecoin

- ✓ The satellite is scheduled to be launched in the first quarter of 2022 on board the Falcon 9 rocket
- ✓ The dogecoin-funded mission is led by Canadian company Geometric Energy Corporation (GEC)
- ✓ Under the mission, SpaceX will carry a 40 kilogram cube satellite dubbed as DOGE-1, as a rideshare on a Falcon 9 rocket
- ✓ This launch will make DOGE the first crypto in space as well as the first meme in space

SPACEX IN NEWS 2021

- ➢ SpaceX to launch 'DOGE-1 Mission to the Moon', Paid Entirely with Cryptocurrency
- ➢ SpaceX's Falcon 9 Launches 60 More Starlink Satellites Into Orbit for High-Speed Internet
- ➢ NASA Awards $2.9 billion contract to SpaceX to build commercial moon lander
- ➢ NASA Set To Launch SpaceX Crew-2 Mission on April 22 with 4 Astronauts onboard
- ➢ SpaceX successfully tests Starship SN10 prototype rocket
- ➢ NASA Selects SpaceX to launch its SPHEREx Mission
- ➢ SpaceX breaks ISRO's Record by launcheing 143 Satellites in a single mission
- ➢ SpaceX's Crew Dragon spacecraft Successfully docks 2 NASA Astronauts at ISS after historic launch
- ➢ SpaceX Launches South Korea's Military Communications Satellite ANASIS-II
- ➢ SpaceX launches 4 astronauts Shannon Walker, Victor Glover, and Michael Hopkins & Soichi Noguchi into space
- ➢ **Space Exploration Technologies Corp. (SpaceX)**

  Founded : 2002

  Founder : Elon Musk

  Headquarters: California, US

  CEO : Elon Musk

Q. Bollywood actor Anupam Kher has recently won the Best Actor award at the New York City International Film Festival 2021, for which film?

A) The Shower **B) Water Burial**

C) Happy Birthday **D) An Engineered Dream**

Answer : C

- ✓ Anupam Kher has won the Best Actor award at the New York City International Film Festival 2021, for his performance in the short film "Happy Birthday"
- ✓ The film has been directed by Prasad Kadam and produced by FNP Media
- ✓ Apart from this, Happy Birthday also won the Best Short Film award at the film festival

FILMS AWARDS IN NEWS 2021

- ➢ Anupam Kher Wins Best Actor Award at New York City International Film Festival for his film "Happy Birthday".
- ➢ Marathi Film 'Puglya' Wins Best Foreign Language Feature at Moscow International Film Festival ; directed : Vinod Sam Peter
- ➢ Filmmaker Guneet Monga Honored with Second Highest Civilian French Honour; called "Honour of the Knight of the Order of Arts and Letters "
- ➢ Rajinikanth to be honoured with 51st Dadasaheb Phalke Award
- ➢ Amitabh Bachchan becomes first Indian to be honoured with 2021 International Federation of Film Archives (FIAF) award
- ➢ The Tamil film "Koozhangal" has won "Tiger" award, at the 50th edition of the International Film Festival Rotterdam 2021
- ➢ Koozhangal (meaning Pebbles) has been Produced by Nayanthara and directed by Vinod Raj PS

Q. The creation of cryptocurrency 'Dogecoin' was inspired by which of these creatures?

A) Dog **B) Lion**

C) Panda **D) Walrus**

Answer : A

- ✓ Dogecoin features the face of the Shiba Inu dog from the "Doge" meme as its logo and namesake

Q. Mini Ipe and BC Patnaik have been appointed as Managing Directors of which of the following insurance company?

A) SBI Life Insurance **B) Life Insurance Corporation**

C) Reliance Nippon Life Insurance **D) New India Assurance Company**

Answer : B

- ✓ Mini Ipe and BC Patnaik as Managing Directors of Life Insurance Corporation (LIC), which will have two vacancies of MD in the next five months
- ✓ Banks Board Bureau (BBB)- the head-hunting agency for chairmen, CEOs and MDs of public sector banks and insurance companies has chosen both as Managing Directors of Life Insurance Corporation (LIC)
- ✓ Mini Ipe will succeed Vipin Anand, while BC Patnaik will be joining in place of Mukesh Gupta
- ✓ Inderjeet Singh has also been selected for the position of CMD in United India Insurance Company and Suchita Gupta for the position of CMD in National Insurance Company

LIC IN NEWS

- ➢ Banks Board Bureau has chosen Mini Ipe and BC Patnaik as Managing Directors of LIC
- ➢ LIC Among Top Ten Most-Valuable Insurance Brand Globally: Brand Finance Report
- ➢ LIC appoints Paytm to handle its digital payments
- ➢ LIC launches new savings plan Bachat Plus
- ➢ LIC introduced new 'Bima Jyoti' plan
- ➢ Siddhartha Mohanty set to take over as Managing Director of LIC
- ➢ LIC Launches Digital Application Tool ‘ANANDA’ for Agents
- ➢ LIC announced the launch of a special scheme called 'Special Revival Campaign' to revive Laps (stopped) policies
- ➢ **Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)**

  Founded : 1956

  Headquarters : Mumbai

  Chairman : M. R. Kumar

  Managing Director : 4 (Mini Ipe, BC Patnaik, Siddhartha Mohanty, & Raj Kumar)

Q. Which state has announced the ‘Mukhya Mantri Covid Upchar Yojana’?

A) Bihar **B) Chhattisgarh**

C) Uttar Pradesh **D) Madhya Pradesh**

Answer : D

- ✓ Chief minister of Madhya Pradesh Shivraj Singh Chouhan announced the Mukhya Mantri Covid Upchar Yojana

- ✓ The scheme is for free treatment to all those from economically weaker sections in the state
- ✓ The state government is committed to provide Ayushman cards to every member of eligible families under the Ayushman Bharat Yoja

MADHYA PRADESH IN NEWS

- CM of Madhya Pradesh Shivraj Singh Chouhan announced the Mukhya Mantri Covid Upchar Yojana
- Mission Gramodaya launched in Madhya Pradesh
- President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurates conservation works at Singorgarh Fort in Damoh district of Madhya Pradesh
- 47th Khajuraho Dance Festival Begins in Madhya Pradesh
- Madhya Pradesh CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan Renames Hoshangabad as Narmadapuram
- Famous Mandu Festival Begins in Madhya Pradesh
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurates 'Jalabhishekam' campaign in Madhya Pradesh
- Madhya Pradesh has become the first State to give electricity subsidy through Direct Benefit Transfer
- BJP Lok Sabha MP Nandkumar Singh Chauhan from Madhya Pradesh, Passes Away
- MP Govt launches 'Launch Pad Scheme' to make youth self-reliant
- Madhya Pradesh Government is introducing Campaign regarding promotion of "Ek Zila- Ek Shilp"
- India's first tiger reserve hot air balloon safari launched in Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve of Madhya Pradesh
- Gwalior and Orchha Cities of Madhya Pradesh Included in UNESCO World Heritage Cities List
- Panna Tiger Reserve of Madhya Pradesh gets UNESCO Biosphere Reserve status
- Arjun Munda e-launches "Virtual Aadi Mahotsav-Madhya Pradesh"
- Madhya Pradesh Government Launches Roadmap For "Self-Reliant Madhya Pradesh"
- Madhya Pradesh Government Announces Formation Of "Cow Cabinet" For Conservation Of Cows
- Madhya Pradesh Government Launches "Quit Dirt India" Campaign
- "One Mask - Many Lives" Public Awareness Campaign Inaugurated In Madhya Pradesh
- Nitin Gadkari inaugurates 45 Highway projects worth around Rs 11,427 cr in Madhya Pradesh
- Madhya Pradesh CM launches 'Mukhyamantri Kisan Kalyan Yojna' on lines of PM-Kisan Scheme
- MP govt launches 'Roadmap to Aatma Nirbhar Madhya Pradesh'
- PM Narendra Modi inaugurates Rewa Solar Power Project in Madhya Pradesh

Q. How much amount was released by the centre to 25 States for providing grants to the Rural Local Bodies in advance, in view of the COVID-19 pandemic?

A) Rs 5678 crore
B) Rs 6543 crore
C) Rs 8923 crore
D) Rs 9750 crore

Answer : C

- ✓ The Centre has released over 8,923 crore rupees to 25 States for providing grants to the Rural Local Bodies in advance, in view of the COVID-19 pandemic
- ✓ The grants are meant for all the three tiers of Panchayati Raj Institutions – village, block and district.
- ✓ The amount released is the first instalment of the 'Untied Grants' for the year 2021-22
- ✓ As per the recommendations of the 15th Finance Commission, the first instalment of untied grants was to be released to the states in the month of June 2021
- ✓ The grants released to the states for 2021-22 include Rs 205 crore to Punjab, Rs 187 crore to Haryana, Rs 63 crore to Himachal Pradesh and Rs 85 crore to Uttarakhand

Q. Raghunath Mohapatra passed away.He was related to which field?

A) Actor
B) Politics
C) Sculptor
D) Social Activist

Answer : C

- ✓ Eminent sculptor, architect, and Rajya Sabha member Raghunath Mohapatra has passed away while undergoing treatment for COVID-19
- ✓ Hailing from Odisha, Mohapatra was awarded Padma Shri in 1975, Padma Bhushan in 2001 and Padma Vibhushan in 2013 for his pioneering contributions to the world of art, architecture and culture

Q. Which country has launched a new remote sensing satellite, Yaogan-34, into space?

A) China
B) Russia
C) France
D) India

Answer : A

- ✓ China has launched a new remote sensing satellite, Yaogan-34, into space from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center in northwest China

- ✓ The Yaogan-34 satellite was carried by a Long March-4C rocket and successfully entered its planned orbit

CHINA IN NEWS

- China successfully launches Yaogan-34 remote sensing satellite
- Chinese firm 'Ping An Insurance' emerged as the world's most valuable insurance brand
- China launches core module of its space station
- China Launches Robot Prototype 'NEO-01' Clear Space Debris
- China names its first-ever Mars rover "Zhurong"
- India's demographic advantage to overtake China's by 2035, says China's central bank report
- China opens 5G station at world's highest radar location near Tibet border
- China and Russia Inks MoU to jointly build Lunar Space Station
- China Surpasses US to become India's top trade partner in 2020
- China Overtakes the US as Largest Trading Partner of European Union
- China Overtakes Germany as Largest Current Account Surplus Country
- China surpasses United States as largest recipient of FDI
- China becomes second country after the US to unfurl its flag on Moon
- Mount Everest declared 86 cm (0.86 M) taller by Nepal and China
- China launches 'world's first 6G experiment satellite'
- China to send first-ever 'asteroid mining robot' into space
- 2nd World Health Expo kicks off in Wuhan
- China launches new rocket "Long March 5B" successfully
- China launches its 1st independent mission to Mars
- China successfully launches 13 satellites into orbit with a single rocket, including 10 from Argentina
- **CHINA**

  Capital : Being

  Currency : Renminbi (yuan)

  President : Xi Jinping

  India and China 'Hand-in-Hand' Exercise

Q. Central Institute of Brackishwater Aquaculture (CIBA) has developed the country's first vaccine for deadly viral nervous necrosis (VNN) disease.The institute is based in which city?

A) Chennai
B) Mumbai
C) New Delhi
D) Hyderabad

Answer : A

✓ In a major breakthrough, the Chennai-based Central Institute of Brackishwater Aquaculture (CIBA) has developed the country's first vaccine for deadly viral nervous necrosis (VNN) disease, which is currently affecting several species of fish.

Q. Which state has been building 'Forest Ponds' to harvest rainwater?

A) Odisha
B) Maharashtra
C) Uttarakhand
D) Himachal Pradesh

Answer : D

✓ Himachal Pradesh Government has been building 'Forest Ponds' in order to check the depletion of the groundwater and to harvest the rainwater

✓ The state government under the Parvat Dhara Scheme has initiated the rejuvenation of the water resources and recharging aquifers through the Forest Department with a cost of Rs. 20 crores

HIMACHAL PRADESH IN NEWS

- Himachal Pradesh builds 'Forest Ponds' to harvest rainwater
- Every year April 15 is observed as Himachal Day
- India-US Special Forces military exercise 'Vajra Prahar 2021' held Bakloh in Himachal Pradesh
- Himachal Pradesh CM Jai Ram Thakur launches 'e-Parivahan Vyavstha'
- India's first indoor ski park will come up at Kufri in Shimla with the objective of making Himachal Pradesh
- Himachal Pradesh becomes first State to implement e-cabinet
- ADB & India sign $10 million loan to support project preparation to expand horticulture in Himachal Pradesh
- Himachal Pradesh Launches 'Him Suraksha Abhiyan' to collect real-time data on the health profile of entire state
- Atal Tunnel: World's Longest Highway Tunnel In Himachal Pradesh, 9.02 km-long-tunnel, built by the BRO

Q. Who has scaled Mount Everest for the record 25th time?

A) Ming Kipa
B) Yuichiro Miura
C) Phurba Tashi
D) Kami Rita

Answer : D

- ✓ Nepal's Kami Rita scales Everest for record 25th time
- ✓ Kami Rita, 51, first scaled Everest in 1994 and has been making the trip nearly every year since then

Q. The National Technology Day is observed every year on which day?

A) 11 May
B) 10 May
C) 13 May
D) 12 May

Answer : A

- ✓ In India, the National Technology Day is observed every year on May 11 since 1999 to mark the anniversary of 1998 Pokhran nuclear tests and India's technological advancements in space
- ✓ It was on this day in 1998 that India successfully fired an Operation Shakti missile at the Indian Army's Pokhran Test Range in Rajasthan. The Test was led by late aerospace engineer and President Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam
- ✓ Theme 2021 : "Science and Technology for a Sustainable Future"
- ✓ National Technology Day started in 1998 with the Pokhran nuclear test. India conducted its second successful nuclear test in 1998, on the day of 'May 11' during the tenure of Atal Bihari Vajpayee
- ✓ The first nuclear test was carried out in May 1974, code-named 'Smiling Buddha'
- ✓ On this day, the country's first aircraft Hans 3, built in India, successfully conducted flight tests on 11 May
- ✓ The successful test of Trishul missile made in India was also conducted on 11 May.

Q. What is the theme of the of the National Technology Day 2021?

A) Science and Technology for a Sustainable Future
B) Space Technologies & ISRO
C) Rebooting the Economy through Science
D) Technology for Inclusive and Sustainable Growth

Answer : A

Q. Indian and Indonesian navies conduct PASSEX exercise in which ocean sea?

A) Arabian Sea
B) Indian Ocean
C) Bay of Bengal
D) South China Sea

Answer : A

- ✓ The Indian and Indonesian Navies conducted Passage Exercise (PASSEX) in the southern Arabian Sea with a focus on further improving their interoperability
- ✓ The Indian Navy was represented by INS Sharda, an Offshore Patrol Vessel (OPV) and the Indonesian Navy was represented by KRI Sultan Hasanudin, a 90m Corvette, a press release from the Southern Naval Command

DON'T CONFUSE
PASSEX EXERCISE IN NEWS

- ➢ Indian and Indonesian navies conduct exercise in Arabian sea (In May 2021) ; INS Sharda & Chetak helicopter participated in the exercise
- ➢ The navies of India and United States conducted a two-day exercise, 'PASSEX' in Bay of Bengal (In March 2021)
- ➢ Indian Navy undertook the Passage Exercise (PASSEX) with the Royal Bahrain Naval Force Corvette Al Muharraq under Operation Sankalp in the Persian Gulf (In March 2021)
- ➢ Indian Navy and the Indonesian Navy conducted the Passage Exercise (PASSEX) in the Arabian Sea (In February 2021); INS Talwar participated in the exercise
- ➢ Indian & Vietnamese Navy conclude two-day naval passage exercise PASSEX in South China Sea (27 December 2020)
- ➢ Indian Navy and Russian Federation Navy are undertaking Passage Exercise (PASSEX) in the Eastern Indian Ocean Region (4 December 2020)
- ➢ Royal Australian Navy and Indian Navy warships completed two-day Passage Exercise (PASSEX) in the east Indian Ocean region (In September 2020)
- ➢ Indian and Japanese navies conducted a small exercise PASSEX (passing exercise), towards the Malacca Strait in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR) (In June 2020)
- ➢ Indian Navy has conducted a Passage Exercise (PASSEX), a high-end joint naval exercise with the US Navy in the Indian Ocean (In July 2020)

Q. Who has been sworn in as the new administrator of NASA?

A) Bill Nelson **B) Barbara Cohen**

C) Noel Hinners **D) Catherine Walker**

Answer : A

- ✓ The former U.S. Senator, Bill Nelson, has been sworn in as the 14th administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
- ✓ He replaces James Frederick Bridenstine, who stepped down in January 2021
- ✓ Earlier, Nelson served as a United States Senator from Florida from 2001 to 2019

NASA IN NEWS

- ➢ Former Senator Bill Nelson Sworn in as the 14th NASA Administrator
- ➢ NASA's Robotic Helicopter 'Ingenuity' Makes Historic First Flight on Mars
- ➢ NASA Set To Launch SpaceX Crew-2 Mission on April 22 with 4 Astronauts onboard
- ➢ NASA Awards $2.9 billion contract to SpaceX to build commercial moon lander
- ➢ ISRO develops radar for joint earth observation satellite mission with NASA
- ➢ Indian-American scientist Swati Mohan leads NASA's Mars 2020 mission
- ➢ Indian-Origin Bhavya Lal appointed as Acting Chief of Staff of NASA
- ➢ NASA names ISS Space Ship in honour of pioneering black mathematician Katherine Johnson
- ➢ NASA Selects SpaceX to launch its SPHEREx Mission
- ➢ NASA selects Raja Chari as commander of SpaceX Crew-3 mission
- ➢ NASA-ESA successfully launches Sentinel-6 Michael Freilich satellite
- ➢ NASA's SOFIA discovers water on Sunlit Surface of Moon
- ➢ NASA lifts off SS Kalpana Chawla cargo spacecraft
- ➢ Nokia selected by NASA to build first ever cellular network on the Moon
- ➢ NASA to launch rover 'MARS 2020' in 2020
- ➢ NASA astronauts fly SpaceX spacecraft 'Dragon'
- ➢ Indian-origin girl Vaneeza names NASA's 1st Mars helicopter as 'Ingenuity'
- ➢ NASA renames its WFIRST Telescope after 'Mother of Hubble' Nancy Grace Roman
- ➢ NASA Astronaut Kathy Sullivan becomes 1st Woman to Reach Deepest Point of Ocean
- ➢ Renjith Kumar honoured with "NASA Distinguished Public Service Medal"

- NASA Names Headquarters After 'Hidden Figure' Mary W. Jackson
- NASA SunRISE Mission to study Giant Solar Particle Storms
- NASA named Mars 2020 rover as "Perseverance"
- NASA to Launch ASTHROS Mission to study Cosmos using football stadium-sized balloon
- SpaceX's Crew Dragon spacecraft Successfully docks 2 NASA Astronauts at ISS after historic launch
- **National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)**

  Founded : 1958

  Headquarters : Washington, D.C

  Motto : For the Benefit of All

  14th Administrator : Bill Nelson

Q. Who was appointed as the 38th National President of FLO (FICCI Ladies Organisation)?

A) Arun Singhal **B) Shobhit Jain**

C) Priya Meena **D) Ujjwala Singhania**

Answer : D

- ✓ Ujjwala Singhania has been appointed as the National President of FICCI Ladies Organization (FLO) for 2021-22.
- ✓ She is the 38th National President of FLO

FICCI IN NEWS

- Ujjwala Singhania Appointed as 38th National President of FICCI FLO
- Harsh Vardhan inaugurates 7th Edition of MASCRADE 2021 organized by FICCI
- India's GDP to contract 8% in fiscal year 2020-21: FICCI Survey
- Bajrang Punia & Elavenil Valarivan bags FICCI 2020 Sportsperson of the Year awards
- Uday Shankar takes over as FICCI President
- **Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI)**

  Formation : 1927

  Founder : Ghanshyam Das Birla

  Purshottamdas Thakurdas

  Headquarters : New Delhi

Secretary General : Dilip Chenoy
President : Uday Shankar

Q. Who has been appointed as the CEO of the proposed National Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd?

A) V. G. Mathew **B) Rajkiran Rai G**
C) Padmakumar M Nair **D) Chandra Shekhar Ghosh**

Answer : C

- ✓ Padmakumar M Nair has been appointed as the CEO of the proposed National Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd
- ✓ RBI constitutes six-member panel headed by former ED Sudarshan Sen to review Asset Reconstruction Companies (ARCs) In April 2021
- ✓ National Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd. is a proposed bad bank for taking over stressed assets of lenders and was announced by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in the budget for 2021-22 to consolidate and take over existing stressed assets of lenders and undertake their resolution
- ✓ National Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd (NARCL) will pay up to 15 percent of the agreed value for the loans in cash and the remaining 85 percent would be government-guaranteed security receipts
- ✓ Finance Minister Piyush Goyal in June 2018 constituted the committee led by Punjab National Bank Chairman Sunil Mehta to look at the feasibility of a 'bad bank'-like structure and give recommendations on formation of an Asset Reconstruction Company in two weeks time
- ✓ Constitution of the Sunil Mehta Committee to set up Asset Reconstruction Company
- ✓ Bad bank refers to a financial institution that takes over bad assets of lenders and undertakes resolution

Q. 3rd Arctic Science Ministerial (ASM3) Meeting 2021 was held in which city?

A) Tokyo, Japan **B) Paris, France**
C) London, UK **D) New Delhi, India**

Answer : A

- ✓ Union Minister of Science and Technology, Health and Family Welfare, and Earth Sciences, Harsh Vardhan virtually participated in the 3rd Arctic Science Ministerial held in Tokyo, Japan.
- ✓ The summit was held under the theme of "Knowledge for a Sustainable Arctic"

✓ The 3rd Arctic Science Ministerial (ASM3) 2021 held in Tokyo, Japan from May 8-9, 2021, it was jointly organized by Iceland & Japan

JAPAN IN NEWS

- Japan's Order of the Rising Sun honour to Shyamala Ganesh
- India and Japan signed an MoU for Academic and Research Cooperation
- SBI inks USD1 billion loan agreement with Japan Bank for International Cooperation
- India, Japan agree for greater cooperation in patent verification
- World's most powerful supercomputer named "Fugaku", developed by Japanese scientific research institute RIKEN and Fujitsu
- Naomi Osaka from Japan wins Australian Open 2021 Tennis Championship
- Japan to launch the first wood-based satellite by 2023
- Japan targeted to achieve zero carbon emissions by 2050
- India Ranks 85 in Henley Passport Index 2021; Japan Tops
- India and Japan inks MoU to enhance cooperation in ICT
- India and Japan inks MoC to promote movement of skilled workers from India to Japan
- 5th Joint Meeting of the India-Japan Act East Forum in New Delhi
- Japan Government Commits Rs 2,113 crore (30 billion Japanese Yen) to support India's Covid-19 relief effort
- Yoshihide Suga to succeed Shinzo Abe as Japan's PM
- Quad Countries' Foreign Minister Meet held in Tokyo
- Japan's Naomi Osaka wins 2020 US Open Tennis Tournament
- Naomi Osaka becomes world's highest-paid female athlete
- Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 rescheduled to year 2021
- India & Japan signs MoU on Reciprocal Provision of Supplies & Services
- Japan's longest-serving PM Shinzo Abe resigns
- PNB Housing Finance ties-up with Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) to raise $75 million
- Thangjam Dhabali Singh conferred 'Order of Rising Sun' by Japan
- GOI approves MoU between India, Japan for cooperation in technical textile

- Japan to join 'Five Eyes' to check China's clampdown on Uyghurs
- **JAPAN**

  Capital : Tokyo

  Currency : Yen

  Emperor : Naruhito

  Prime Minister : Yoshihide Suga

Q. RBI extended restrictions on Millath Co-operative Bank for 3 months. Which state is the Millath Co-operative Bank based in?

A) Kerala **B) Karnataka**

B) Tamil Nadu **D) Maharashtra**

Answer : B

- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has extended the restrictions on Karnataka-based Millath Co-operative Bank by three months, till 8 August 2021
- ✓ The restrictions were first imposed in May, 2019 and have been extended thereafter. It was last extended till May 7, 2021

Q. Which company became the second-fastest-growing retailer as per the Deloitte report?

A) Amazon

B) Walmart

C) Microsoft

D) Reliance Retail

Answer : D

- ✓ Mukesh Ambani's Reliance Retail Limited has been ranked second fastest-growing retailer in the world in the 2021 ranking of global retail powerhouses by Deloitte. South Korean company Coupang is the World's 1st Fastest-Growing Retailer
- ✓ Reliance Retail Limited has been ranked 53rd in the list of Global Powers of Retailing, an improvement from 56th
- ✓ The list is topped by US giant Walmart Inc followed by com Inc, Costco Wholesale Corporation of US and Schwarz Group of Germany.

Q. Who was appointed as the new Executive Director of Reserve Bank of India?

A) Jose J Kattoor
B) Shaktikanta Das
C) Rajeshwar Rao
D) T. Rabi Sankar

Answer : A

Q. Which bank along with the State Bank of India (SBI) to invest up to Euro 100 million in Indian SMEs focused on climate change and sustainability?

A) European Central Bank
B) Asian Development Bank
C) New Development Bank
D) European Investment Bank

Answer : D

- ✓ SBI and EIB to invest up to Euro 100 million in Indian SMEs focused on climate change and sustainability
- ✓ The MoU was signed on the margins of the European Union-India leaders meeting in Portugal, where both the financial institutions agreed to back the initiative
- ✓ **European Investment Bank (EIB)**

  Founded : 1958

  Headquarteres : Kirchberg, Luxembourg

  President : Werner Hoyer

Q. Who became the first Indian to win the Arab world Nobel prize (Sheikh Zayed Book Award)?

A) Asha Parekh
B) Kashvi Rekhi
C) Waheeda Rehman
D) Tahera Qutbuddin

Answer : D

- ✓ Tahera Qutbuddin, a professor of Arabic Literature at the University of Chicago became the first person of Indian origin to win the 15th Sheikh Zayed Book Award for her latest book “Arabic Oration – Art and Function”
- ✓ The award is considered to be the Nobel Prize of the Arab world
- ✓ She won the award for her latest book, “Arabic Oration – Art and Function” published by Brill Academic Publishers of Leiden in 2019

Q. Which has become the fourth State/UT to provide tap water supply to every rural home under Jal Jeevan Mission?

A) NewDelhi
B) Puducherry
D) Chandigarh
D) Lakshadweep

Answer : B

- ✓ Puducherry has become the 'Har Ghar Jal' Union Territory by ensuring that every rural home gets a household tap connection
- ✓ With this, the Union Territory has become the fourth state/ UT to provide assured tap water supply to every rural home under Union Government's flagship programme Jal JeevanMission after Goa, Telangana and Andaman & Nicobar Islands
- ✓ Goa had become the first 'Har Ghar Jal' state across India to provide tap water connections to every rural household in October 2020
- ✓ The Jal Jeevan Mission is a flagship programme of the Union Government that aims to provide tap water connection to every rural household of the country by 2024
- ✓ Budget 2021: ₹2.87 lakh crore outlay for Jal Jeevan mission

Q. Which company launched 'Savdhan Rahein, Safe Rahein', a public awareness campaign on financial fraud risks?

A) Tata motors
B) Maruti Suzuki
C) Bajaj Finserv
D) SBI Capitals

Answer : C

- ✓ Bajaj Finserv launches 'Savdhan Rahein, Safe Rahein', across digital and social media platforms, to educate customers and public at large on financial fraud risks and how to stay protected.
- ✓ **Bajaj Finserv**

  Founded : 2007

  Founder : Jamnalal Bajaj

  Headquarters : Pune, Maharashtra

  Chairman : Rahul Bajaj

  MD & CEO : Sanjiv Bajaj

Q. Who has been elected to the prestigious National Academy of Sciences in recognition of his "distinguished and continuing achievements in original research?

A) Yogi Aeron
B) Sanjaya Rajaram
A) Sankar Ghosh
D) Rattan Lal

Answer : C

- ✓ Sankar Ghosh, an award-winning Indian-origin immunologist, has been elected to the prestigious National Academy of Sciences in recognition of his "distinguished and continuing achievements in original research
- ✓ Sankar Ghosh is the Silverstein and Hutt Family Professor of Microbiology and Chair of the Department of Microbiology & Immunology at the Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons at Columbia University

Q. Which state government will present 'Manoj Das International Literary Award' in memory of eminent litterateur Manoj Das?

A) Odisha
B) Assam
C) Gujarat
D) Haryana

Answer : A

- ✓ Odisha government announces literary awards in memory of eminent Odia writer Manoj Das
- ✓ The award will be conferred on litterateurs from Odisha for their creative contribution to English literature every year. It will carry a cash reward of Rs 10 lakh
- ✓ Patnaik said high school students will be presented 'Manoj-Kishore Literary Talent Award' for their creative works in order to develop interest among youths in both Odia and English literature. The award will be announced both in English and Odia categories and carry cash reward of Rs 1 lakh
- ✓ Manoj Das, an eminent Indian author who wrote both in Odia and English language, passed away at the age of 87 on 2 April

Q. Which state's police has launched 'Mission Hausla' to help COVID-19 patients get oxygen, beds and plasma?

A) Delhi
B) Uttar Pradesh
C) Chhattisgarh
D) Uttarakhand

Answer : D

- ✓ Uttarakhand Police has launched a drive called "Mission Hausla" to help people get oxygen, beds and plasma for COVID-19 patients. The state's police is also helping the public in getting ration, ambulance and doing cremation of bodies.

UTTARAKHAND IN NEWS

- Uttarakhand Police launches 'Mission Hausla' to help COVID-19 patients get oxygen, beds, plasma
- ITBP sets up Water Sports & Adventure Training Institute in Uttarakhand
- Uttarakhand Ranger Mahinder Giri Wins International Ranger Award 2021
- Phool Dei is the harvest festival of Uttarakhand that is celebrated in the month of Chaitra
- Tirath Singh Rawat takes oath as Chief Minister of Uttarakhand
- Uttarakhand's Ranikhet gets India's first Forest Healing Centre
- Uttarakhand Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat Resigns
- India's first pollinator park has been developed at Haldwani in Nainital, of the state of Uttarakhand
- Uttarakhand Chamoli glacier burst Tapovan Vishnugad project on Dhauliganga river and Rishi Ganga Power Corporation Ltd's project
- Uttarakhand sets up Botanical Garden to conserve 210 species of trees of Shivalik range
- 9th Sustainable Mountain Development Summit held in Dehradun
- Uttarakhand CM Trivendra Singh Rawat inaugurated the Suryadhar lake at Doiwala in Dehradun
- India's first moss garden built in Nainital district of Uttarakhand
- Ganga Avalokan the first museum on River Ganga, located at Chandi Ghat, Haridwar Uttrakhand
- PM Modi to inaugurate 6 mega projects in Uttarakhand under 'Namami Gange Mission'
- India's longest motorable suspension bridge inaugurated in Uttarakhand's Tehri-Garhwal district
- ITBP ties up with Uttarakhand govt to promote adventure tourism
- Uttarakhand Develop India's first snow leopard conservation centre
- Uttarakhand 1st state in the country to implement agricultural leasing policy
- India's first Glass floor bridge to replace the iconic Lakshman Jhula in Rishikesh, Uttarakhand
- India's first lichen park developed in Pithoragarh district of Uttarakhand
- Gairsain in Chamoli district declared as summer capital of Uttarakhand
- Uttarakhand passes ordinance to give land ownership to daughters and wives

Q. When is the International Nurses Day celebrated?

A) 11 May

B) 10 May

C) 14 May

D) 12 May

Answer : D

- ✓ International Nurses Day is celebrated on May 12, every year to mark the contributions and hard work of nursing staff around the world
- ✓ Theme 2021: 'Nurses: A Voice to Lead – A vision for future healthcare'
- ✓ This day also marks the birth anniversary of nursing pioneer Florence Nightingale, who was born on May 12, 1820
- ✓ The day was created by the International Council of Nurses, and is celebrated globally since January 1974
- ✓ World Health Organization has designated 2020 as the Year of the Nurse and Midwife in honour of the 200th anniversary of Florence Nightingale's birth.
- ✓ Florence Nightingale is known as "Lady with the Lamp"
- ✓ **International Council of Nurses (ICN)**

  Founded : 1899

  HQ : Geneva, Switzerland

  6 May : National Nurses Day

  6 -12 May : National Nurses Week

Q. What is the theme of the 2021 International Nurses Day?

A) Nurses: A Voice to Lead – Health for All

B) Nurses: A Voice to Lead – A vision for future healthcare

C) Nurses: A Voice to lead – Health is a human right

D) Nurses: A Voice to Lead – Nursing the World to Health

Answer : B

Q. The International Nurses Day marks the birth anniversary of which social reformer?

A) Sarojini Naidu
B) Mother Teresa
C) Annie Besant
D) Florence Nightingale

Answer : D

✓ This day also marks the birth anniversary of nursing pioneer Florence Nightingale, who was born on May 12, 1820

Q. The first BRICS Employment Working Group (EWG) Meeting of 2021 was held recently. Which country is the chair of BRICS in 2021?

A) India
B) China
C) Brazil
D) Russia

Answer : A

✓ The first BRICS Employment Working Group (EWG) Meeting was held on 11-12 May 2021 in virtual format
✓ The meeting was held under the chairmanship of India, which has assumed BRICS Presidency in 2021
✓ The meeting was chaired by Shri Apurva Chandra, Secretary, Labour and Employment
✓ Apart from BRICS nation, the representatives of International Labour Organization (ILO) and International Social Security Agency (ISSA) also attended the meeting
✓ **LIST OF BRICS SUMMIT**
✓ 1st Bric summit 2009 : Russia
4th Brics summit 2012 : India
8th Brics summit 2016 : India
11th Brics summit 2019 : Brazil
12th Brics summit 2020 : Russia
13th Brics summit 2021 : India
✓ **BRICS BANK (NEW DEVELOPMENT BANK)**
Founded : 2015
HQ : Shanghai, China
President : Marcos Prado Troyjo (Brazil)
Vice President : Anil Kishora (Indian)
BRICS countries : (5) Brazil, Russia, India, China & South Africa

13th BRICS summit 2021

Host country : India

Cities : New Delhi

Chair : Narendra Modi

Theme : 'BRICS @ 15: Intra-BRICS Cooperation for Continuity, Consolidation and Consensus'

✓ **FACTS ABOUT BRICS**

Full Name : Brazil, India, Russia, China and South Africa

Establishment : 2006

Members : 5 (Brazil, India, Russia, China and South Africa)

First summit : 16 June 2009 in Russia (Yekaterinburg)

Total summits : 13 (2021)

✓ Global exposure : Comprises 43% of the world population, 17% share in the world trade.

✓ The term "BRIC" was coined by then-chairman of Goldman Sachs Asset Management, Jim O'Neill in 2001

✓ This organisation has a very prominent role in the world economy because it represents around 43% of the world's population and 30% of the world's GDP

✓ India has hosted the BRICS summits three times; first in 2012, second in 2016 and third in 2021

✓ During the Sixth BRICS Summit in Fortaleza (2014) the leaders signed the Agreement establishing the New Development Bank (NDB)

✓ South Africa was invited to join BRIC in December 2010, after which the group adopted the acronym BRICS. South Africa subsequently attended the Third BRICS Summit in Sanya, China, in March 2011

Q. Which bank has launched the AI-based chatbot 'Eva' in partnership with Common Services Centres (CSCs), for educating Village Level Entrepreneurs (VLEs) about banks product and services?

A) Yes Bank

B) Axis Bank

C) HDFC Bank

D) ICICI Bank

Answer : C

✓ HDFC Bank has launched an artificial-intelligence chatbot named 'Eva', in partnership with the Common Services Centres (CSCs)

- ✓ The chatbot 'Eva' will work on the Digital Seva Portal of CSC to educate and support the Village Level Entrepreneurs (VLEs) about the banks' products and services in quick and easy manner, before providing those banking services to rural customers in their catchment areas
- ✓ This new initiative will bridge the gap between India and Bharat
- ✓ The Eva chatbot will help to improve the business of VLEs by enabling them to learn about account opening, loan lead generation and product details

HDFC BANK IN NEWS

- ➢ HDFC Bank Partners Common Services Centres (CSCs) to Launch Chatbot 'Eva
- ➢ HDFC Bank projects India's GDP growth for FY22 at 10%
- ➢ HDFC Bank top arranger of corporate bond deals in FY21
- ➢ RBI Approves Appointing Atanu Chakraborty as Part-time Chairman of HDFC Bank
- ➢ Indiabulls Housing Finance skyrockets 8% after tie up with HDFC for co-lending partnership
- ➢ HDFC Bank was adjudged the India's best bank for SMEs at the Asiamoney Best Bank Awards 2021
- ➢ HDFC Bank launches 'SmartUp Unnati' for Women Entrepreneurs
- ➢ RBI has appointed an external IT firm for carrying out a special audit of the IT infrastructure of HDFC Bank
- ➢ HDFC Bank Ranks Top among 100 BFSI Firms in India
- ➢ RBI directs HDFC bank to stop issuance of new credit cards
- ➢ RBI orders HDFC Bank to halt its digital launches
- ➢ HDFC Bank launches video Know Your Customer facility
- ➢ HDFC Bank to launch 'The HealthyLife Programme' for its customers
- ➢ HDFC Bank tops 2020 BrandZ Top 75 Most Valuable Indian Brands ranking
- ➢ HDFC Bank signs MoU with Inventivepreneur Chamber of Commerce & Industries (ICCI) to support SMEs and Start-ups
- ➢ HDFC Bank partners with Apollo Hospitals to launch 'The HealthyLife Programme' for its customers
- ➢ HDFC Bank launches 'e-Kisaan Dhan' App for Farmers
- ➢ HDFC Bank launches first of its kind card 'Shaurya KGC'
- ➢ Sashidhar Jagdishan to be the new CEO of HDFC Bank
- ➢ **HDFC BANK**

Founded : 1994

Founder : Hasmukhbhai Parekh

HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra

MD & CEO : Sashidhar Jagdishan

Tagline : We understand your world

- HDFC Bank is India's largest private sector bank by assets

Q. As per World Bank report "Migration and Development Brief " ,how much amount of remittances India received in 2020?

A) $67 billion **B) $89 billion**

C) $83 billion **D) $74 billion**

Answer : C

Q. Which country was the largest recipient of remittances in 2020 among low-income and middle-income countries, as per the "Migration and Development Brief "report released by the World Bank?

A) India **B) China**

C) Singapore **D) Mauritius**

Answer : A

- ✓ India was the largest recipient of remittances in 2020, as per the report, "Migration and Development Brief " released by the World Bank on May 12, 2021. India has been the largest recipient of remittances since 2008
- ✓ However, the remittance received by India in 2020 was over USD83 billion, which is a drop of 0.2 percent from 2019 (USD83.3 billion)
- ✓ Globally, the remittance flow was USD 540 billion in 2020, which is 1.9% lower as compared to that of 2019, when it was USD 548 billion
- ✓ **TOP five remittance recipient countries in 2020**

  1st : India, 2nd : China 3rd : Mexico

  4th : Philippines 5th : Egypt
- ✓ The largest remittance-sending country in 2020 was United States (USD68 billion)
- ✓ From India. the Remittances outflow in 2020 was USD 7 billion

✓ **REPORTS PUBLISHED BY WORLD BANK**

- Migration and Development Brief Report
- World Development Report
- Ease of Doing Business
- Remittance Report
- Ease of Living Index
- Global Economic Prospect (GEP) Report
- Universal Health Coverage Index
- India Development Update
- The Service Trade Restriction Index

✓ **WORLD BANK**

Founded : 1944

HQ : Washington Dc

President : David Malpass

MD&CFO : Anshula Kant

Chief Economist : Carman Reinhart

Executive Director : Rajesh Khullar

Senior Advisor to Ed of World Bank : Rajeev Topno

Member Countries :189

World Bank Group : 5 (IBRD, IDA, IFC, MIGA and ICSID

Q. Who has been appointed as the new Chief at the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)?

A) Paul Mihova **B) Rocío Maneiro**

C) Martin Griffiths **D) Vadym Prystaiko**

Answer : C

✓ British diplomat Martin Griffiths, has been appointed as the new Chief at the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), for a period of five years

✓ The 69-year-old Griffiths will replace Mark Lowcock as the new Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator (USG/ERC) of OCHA

- ✓ He is currently serving as the United Nations Special Envoy for Yemen
- ✓ The headquarters of OCHA is based in two locations which are New York and Geneva

Q. Name the mobile app, which was launched by Chief Justice of India NV Ramana for journalists to cover proceedings of the apex court?

A) Tribunals Notes **B) E-Filing Notes**

C) Verdict Notes **D) Indicative Notes**

Answer : D

- ✓ Chief Justice of India NV Ramana has launched an official mobile application called 'Indicative Notes' for Journalists to cover proceedings of the apex court.
- ✓ This new feature is aimed at providing concise summaries of landmark judgments in an easy-to-understand format

Q. Which Small Finance bank had launched the 'I choose my number' feature?

A) AU Small Finance Bank **B) Ujjivan Small Finance Bank**

C) Jana Small Finance Bank **D) Equitas Small Finance Bank**

Answer : C

- ✓ Jana Small Finance Bank had launched the "I choose my number" feature for all its customers across India
- ✓ This new feature gives the bank's existing and new customers the option to select their favorite numbers as the last 10 digits of their savings or current account

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK IN NEWS

- ➢ Jana Small Finance Bank launches 'I choose my number' feature
- ➢ Jana Small Finance Bank launches "DigiGen" digital banking platform
- ➢ Jana Bank to be sponsor bank for Ashoknagar Co-operative Bank
- ➢ **Jana Small Finance Bank**

  Founded : 2008

  Founder : Ramesh Ramanathan

  Headquarters: Bengaluru, Karnataka

  MD & CEO: Ajay Kanwal

  Slogan: "Paise ki Kadar"

Q. Geojit Financial Services has entered into an agreement with which bank to provide the advantage of a three-in-one account to the customers of the bank?

A) Bank of Baroda
B) Union Bank of India
C) State Bank of India
D) Punjab National Bank

Answer : D

- ✓ Punjab National Bank (PNB) and Geojit Financial Services joined hands to tap retail customers, who are aiming to save more and betting big on capital markets amid pay cuts and falling income levels
- ✓ Both the entities signed an agreement to offer a "three-in-one account", which will combine savings and Demat accounts of the bank with the non-bank's trading account
- ✓ **Geojit Financial Services**

  Founded : 1987

  Headquarters : Kochi, Kerala

  MD & CEO : C J George

PNB IN NEWS

- ➢ Geojit inks pact with Punjab National Bank to offer three-in-one account
- ➢ Punjab National Bank launches digital initiative PNB@Ease
- ➢ PNB has set up a wholly-owned subsidiary namely "PNB Cards & Services Ltd" to manage its credit card business
- ➢ PNB has decided to restrict its customers from withdrawing money from non-EMV automated teller machines (ATMs) with effect from 01 February 2021
- ➢ PNB Collaborates with IIT Kanpur to set up Fintech Innovation Centre
- ➢ Punjab National Bank launches 'LenS' Solution to speed up loan delivery
- ➢ Punjab National Bank launches campaign named 'DIGITAL APNAYEN'
- ➢ RBI imposes Rs 1 crore penalty on Punjab National Bank
- ➢ **PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK**
- ➢ Founded : 12 April 1894
- ➢ Founder : Dyal Singh Majithia And Lala Lajpat Rai
- ➢ Headquarters : New Delhi
- ➢ MD & CEO : S. S. Mallikarjuna Rao

- Tagline : The Name You can Bank Upon
- Punjab National Bank Merge : (Oriental Bank of Commerce & United Bank of India)

Q. Which payment company introduced digital foreign inward remittance advice (FIRA)?

A) PayPal **B) Paytm**

B) Google Pay **D) PhonePe**

Answer : A

- ✓ PayPal has introduced an automated process to obtain the monthly Foreign Inward Remittance Advice (FIRA).
- ✓ At a zero-cost, PayPal merchants will now be able to download their monthly digital FIRA issued by the bank by logging into their PayPal account
- ✓ The initiatives are aimed to empower Indian MSME exporters to grow their business internationally

PAYPAL IN NEWS

- PayPal introduces digital Foreign Inward Remittance Advice
- PayPal enables collateral-free loans up to Rs 1 cr for MSMEs, others via small business lender FlexiLoans
- PayPal has announced that the company has decided to wind down its domestic payment services in India with effect from April 01, 2021
- Cashfree joins hands with PayPal to help SMEs sell across 200 markets
- **PAYPAL**

  Headquarters: San Jose, California USA

  Chairman : John Donahoe

  CEO : Dan Schulman

Q. Which company partnered with NASA for the first private astronaut mission to the International space station?

A) Axiom **B) Blue Origin**

C) Virgin Galactic **D) Sierra Nevada**

Answer : A

- ✓ NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) and private space infrastructure company, Axiom Space have signed an order for the first private astronaut mission to the International Space Station (ISS) to take place no sooner than January 2022
- ✓ The spaceflight designated as Axiom Mission 1 (Ax-1) will launch from NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida
- ✓ The Ax-1 private astronauts include Larry Connor, Mark Pathy, Eytan Stibbe and Michael López-Alegria (Mission Commander)
- ✓ **National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)**

  Founded : 1958

  Headquarters : Washington, D.C

  Motto : For the Benefit of All

  14th Administrator : Bill Nelson

Q. Which company had launched international money transfers with Wise and Western Union?

A) PayPal **B) Mobikwik**

C) Google Pay **D) PhonePe**

Answer : C

- ✓ Alphabet Inc's Google has launched international money transfer partnerships with remittances firms Wise and Western Union Co for users of its US payments app
- ✓ Google Pay users in the United States can now transfer money to app customers in India and Singapore, with plans to expand to the 80 countries available via Wise, and 200 via Western Union by the end of the year

GOOGLE PAY IN NEWS
➢ Google Pay users in US can now transfer money to India, Singapore
➢ PayU collaborates with Google Pay to launch tokenised payments for merchants
➢ ICICI Bank and Google Pay collaborate to digitally issue FASTag
➢ Google Pay partners with Visa for card-based payments with tokenisation
➢ Axis Bank launches ACE Credit Card in collaboration with Google Pay and Visa
➢ Shikha Sharma appointed as advisor of Google Pay India

Q. Miyon ka Bara railway station was renamed Mahesh Nagar railway station. Where is the Mahesh Nagar railway station located?

A) Karnataka **B) Telangana**

C) Rajasthan **D) Maharashtra**

Answer : C

- ✓ Miyon ka Bara railway station was renamed Mahesh Nagar in Jodhpur, Rajasthan
- ✓ Before this, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) had approved and changed the name of the village from Miyon ka Bara to Mahesh Nagar and conveyed the decision to the Rajasthan government in 2018
- ✓ **RECENTLY NAME CHANGED**
  - Miyon ka Bara Railway station, Jodhpur
  - Mahesh Nagar Railways station
  - Motera Stadium, Ahmedabad
  - Narendra Modi Stadium
  - Hoshangabad City, Madhya Pradesh
  - Narmadapuram
  - Gujarat to Rename Dragon Fruit as ‘Kamalam’
  - Nagpur's Gorewada International Zoo
  - 'Balasaheb Thackeray Gorewada International Zoological Park
  - Ayodhya Airport
  - Maryada Purushottam Sri Ram Airport, Uttar Pradesh
  - Kolkata Port Trust
  - Syama Prasad Mukherjee Port
  - Chauk Chauraha, Lucknow
  - Lalji Tandon Chauraha
  - Lucknow-Hardoi Road
  - Tandon Marg
  - Ministry of Human Resource Development

- Ministry of Education
- ‘Bilung’ village, Odisha
- Popular folk song ‘Rangabati'
- Gwalior Chambal Expressway, Madhya Pradesh
- Atal Bihari Vajpayee Chambal Progressway
- Hubbbali Railways Station, Karnataka
- Sidhdharoodha Swami Station
- Ministry of Shipping
- Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways
- Raigir railway station, Telangana
- Yadadri railway station
- Naugarh railway station, Gorakhpur UP
- Siddharthanagar railway station
- Majerhat bridge, Kolkata
- Jai Hind bridge
- Dandupur railway station, Uttar Pradesh
- Maa Barahi Devi Dham

Q. Which organisation had launched the ‘Asia Pacific Tax Hub’ to enhance domestic resource mobilisation and international tax cooperation?

A) IMF

B) NDB

C) AIIB

D) ADB

Answer : D

✓ Asian Development Bank (ADB) launched an ‘Asia Pacific Tax Hub’ to create an open and inclusive platform to promote strategic policy dialogue, improve knowledge sharing, and strengthen coordination on tax policy and administration among ADB, its members, and development partners

ADB IN NEWS

- ADB launches Asia Pacific Tax Hub to enhance domestic resource mobilisation and international tax cooperation
- ADB provided $1.5-billion fiscal support to India for pandemic response
- ADB Projects India's GDP to grow 11% in FY22
- $484 Million ADB Loan to Upgrade Road Network in Tamil Nadu Industrial Corridor
- ADB Appoints Woochong Um as Managing Director General
- ADB to provide Rs 100 cr loan to Medanta to combat Covid-19 pandemic
- ADB approves USD 2.5 million technical assistance to support advanced biofuel development in India
- ADB & India sign $231 million loan to enhance power generation capacity in Assam
- ADB announces Rs 2100 crore loan to Tripura for urban & tourism development
- ADB & India sign $300 million loan to upgrade power distribution network in Uttar Pradesh
- ADB launches $9 bn Asia Pacific Vaccine Access Facility (APVAX) for Developing Countries
- ADB approves USD 2.5 million technical assistance to support advanced biofuel development in India
- ADB and India sign $50 million loan agreement for West Bengal
- ADB released a new book titled 'Future of Regional Cooperation in Asia and the Pacific'.
- ADB sign $132.8 million loan agreement for Meghalaya's Power supply
- ADB inks $500 Million Loan agreement with India for Delhi-Meerut RRTS Corridor
- ADB and India inks USD 177 million loan for state road improvements in Maharashtra
- India and ADB Sign $300 Million Loan to Develop Rajasthan's Secondary Towns
- ADB approves USD 1 billion loan for Delhi-Meerut Regional Rapid Transit System
- ADB approves grant worth USD 3 million to India to combat COVID-19
- Sameer Kumar Khare appointed Executive Director at ADB
- ADB appoints Takeo Konishi as Country Director for India
- ADB Appoints Ashok Lavasa as New Vice-President
- **ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (ADB)**

  Founded : 19 December 1966

HQ : Mandaluyong, Metro Manila, Philippines
President : Masatsugu Asakawa
Vice President : Ashok Lavasa
Director of ADB for India : Takeo Konishi
Executive Director : Sameer Kumar
Member Counrtries : 68 (Nuie)

Q. Which IIT collaborated with the Mobile Payment Forum of India (MPFI) to boost digital money transactions in India?

A) IIT Kanpur **B) IIT Madras**

C) IIT Bombay **D) IIT Guwahati**

Answer : B

- ✓ IIT Madras researchers will collaborate with members of the Mobile Payment Forum of India (MPFI) to develop voice-based solutions in multiple vernacular languages to enable larger adoption of digital money transactions in India
- ✓ These initiatives are being taken up by MPFI towards bringing 500 million active users by 2025

IIT MADRAS IN NEWS

- IIT Madras collaborates with MPFI to boost digital money transactions in India
- Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurates India's first 3D printed house at IIT-M
- IIT Madras-incubated Pi Beam launches PiMo e-bike
- PM Modi laid the foundation stone for the Discovery Campus of IIT Madras
- IIT Madras incubated startup Stellapps launches 'mooPay' for dairy farmers in Rajasthan
- IIT Madras Develops 'MOUSHIK' Microprocessor For IoT Devices
- IIT Madras launches world's first online BSc degree in Programming and Data Science
- IIT Madras start-up developed a portable hospital called "MediCAB"
- IIT Madras Professor Thalappil Pradeep selected for Nikkei Asia Prize 2020
- IIT Madras Tops Atal Rankings (ARIIA) 2020
- IIT Madras develops light-weight Magnesium Alloy to replace steel & aluminium in Automobile Industry
- IIT Madras researchers develop anti-bacterial, biodegradable food wrapping material

Q. Which bank partnered with Mashreq Bank to offer instant money transfers from UAE to India?

A) RBL Bank
B) ICICI Bank
C) HDFC Bank
D) Federal Bank

Answer : D

- ✓ Federal Bank has partnered with Mashreq Bank, one of the leading financial institutions in the UAE, to facilitate money transfers from the UAE to India.
- ✓ The partnership will support Mashreq's faster payment product, Quick Remit, which was launched in 2017
- ✓ Mashreq is one of the oldest banks in the UAE and has a presence in twelve countries across Europe, the US, Asia and Africa

FEDERAL BANK IN NEWS

- ➢ Federal Bank ties up with Mashreq Bank to offer instant money transfers from UAE to India
- ➢ Naureen Hassan appointed as 1st VP & COO of Federal Reserve Bank
- ➢ Federal Bank launches 'FedFirst' savings account scheme for children
- ➢ RBI Approves reappointment of Shyam Srinivasan as MD & CEO of Federal Bank
- ➢ Visa partners Federal Bank to launch "Visa Secure"
- ➢ Federal Bank ties up with Magicbricks
- ➢ Federal Bank tie-up with MoneyGram for direct-to-bank deposits service
- ➢ **Federal Bank**

  Founded : 23 April 1931

  Founder : K. P. Hormis

  Headquarters : Aluva, Kochi, Kerala

  MD & CEO : Shyam Srinivasan

  Tagline : Your Perfect Banking Partner

Q. Which is the world's first artificial intelligent ship to navigate across the Atlantic Ocean?

A) Mayflower 360
B) Mayflower 400
C) Mayflower 475
D) Mayflower 555

Answer : B

- ✓ World's First Artificial Intelligent Ship "Mayflower 400" to navigate across Atlantic Ocean
- ✓ A team of researchers from the marine research organisation, ProMare with IBM acting as technology partner built the world's first intelligent ship known as the Mayflower 400
- ✓ The ship is set to navigate across Atlantic Ocean
- ✓ The Artificial Intelligent Ship is completely autonomous. It is a 15-m-long trimaran that weighs 9 tons.

Q. Which organization has been conferred with the prestigious "Green Urja Award" 2021 given by the Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC)

A) India Infrastructure Finance Company Limited

B) Indian Railway Finance Corporation

C) Power Finance Corporation

D) Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA)

Answer : D

- ✓ Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited (IREDA) has been conferred with the "Green Urja Award" for being the Leading Public Institution in Financing Institution for Renewable Energy 2021 by the Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC)
- ✓ The award was received by Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of IREDA, Pradip Kumar Das in a virtual ceremony
- ✓ **Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited (IREDA)**
- ✓ Founded : 1987
- ✓ Headquarteres : New Delhi
- ✓ CMD : Pradip Kumar Das

Q. Who is the author of the book titled "Life in the Clock Tower Valley"?

A) Priya Meena **B) Shashi Tharoor**

C) Shakoor Rather **D) Rameshwar Tiwari**

Answer : C

- ✓ A new book titled "Life in the Clock Tower Valley" was authored by the Press Trust of India journalist Shakoor Rather.
- ✓ The book was published by Speaking Tiger

Q. Renowned writer and Sahitya Akademi awardee Homen Borgohain passed away recently. Which state does he belong to?

A) Odisha
B) Assam
C) Karnataka
D) Tamil Nadu

Answer : B

- ✓ Assamese writer, journalist and Sahitya Akademi awardee, Homen Borgohain passed away in Guwahati
- ✓ He was the president of Asam Sahitya Sabha and the chief editor of the Assamese daily Niyomiya Barta
- ✓ He was associated with several newspapers, was awarded Sahitya Akademi Award in 1978 for the Assamese language for his novel 'Pita Putra'.

Q. Who has been conferred with the World Food Prize 2021?

A) Rattan Lal
B) Sanjaya Rajaram
C) Modadugu Vijay Gupta
D) Shakuntala Haraksingh Thilsted

Answer : D

- ✓ Shakuntala Haraksingh Thilsted, a global nutrition expert of Indian descent has won the prestigious 2021 World Food Prize for her groundbreaking research in developing holistic, nutrition-sensitive approaches to aquaculture and food systems
- ✓ Shakuntala Haraksingh Thilsted is a resident of Denmark and was born in Trinidad and Tobago
- ✓ She becomes the first woman of Asian heritage to receive this award.
- ✓ **PRESENTATION OF THE AWARD:**

- The Prize is presented each October on or around UN World Food Day (16th October)
- The World Food Prize Foundation is located in Des Moines, USA
- Dr. Norman E. Borlaug, winner of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1970 for his work in global agriculture, conceived the Prize. He is also known as the Father of the Green Revolution
- The World Food Prize was created in 1986 with sponsorship by General Foods Corporation
- It is also known as the "Nobel Prize for Food and Agriculture"
- Dr. M.S. Swaminathan, the father of India's green revolution, was the first recipient of this award in 1987 Cash Prize : $2,50,000

Q. Who has been appointed as the chairman and managing director of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL)?

A) M K Surana
B) Subhash Kumar
C) Manoj Jain
D) Arun Kumar Singh

Answer : D

- ✓ Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) appoints Arun Kumar Singh as next CMD of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL)
- ✓ He succeeds K Padmakar
- ✓ **Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL)**
- ✓ Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra

Q. India held its fourth financial dialogue with which country on May 11, 2021?

A) Singapore
B) Switzerland
C) United States
D) Netherlands

Answer : B

- ✓ The 4th India-Swiss Financial Dialogue was hosted virtually in New Delhi on May 11, 2021
- ✓ The Economic Affairs Secretary Ajay Seth had led the Indian delegation at the dialogue, while Daniela Stoffel, State Secretary had the delegation from Switzerland
- ✓ The main focus of discussion included collaboration on various aspects like investments, International Financial Services Centre Authority (IFSCA), National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF), FinTech, sustainable finance and cross border financial services
- ✓ **SWITZERLAND**

  Capital : Bern

  Currency : Franc

  President : Guy Parmelin

Q. Who is the author of the book titled "All Time Favourites for Children"?

A) Shashi Tharoor
B) Ruskin Bond
C) Amitav Ghosh
D) Chetan Bhagat

Answer : B

- ✓ A new book titled "All Time Favourites for Children" was authored by Ruskin Bond

✓ The book will be published by Puffin, children's imprint of Penguin Random House

RUSKIN BOND IN NEWS

- A new book titled "All Time Favourites for Children" was authored by Ruskin Bond
- Ruskin Bond conferred with Tata Literature Lifetime Achievement Award
- Ruskin Bond's new book titled 'Hop On: My Adventures on Boats, Trains and Planes' released on his 86th Birthday
- A book titled 'A Song of India' authored by Ruskin Bond
- **5 popular books by Ruskin Bond**

1.The Room on the Roof
2.The Blue Umbrella
3.A Flight of Pigeons
4.Rusty, the Boy from the Hills
5.A Handful of Nuts

Q. RBI cancels the licence of United Co-operative Bank over inadequate capital and regulatory non-compliance?

A) Tamil Nadu **B) Uttar Pradesh**
C) West Bengal **D) Maharashtra**

Answer : C

✓ Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has cancelled the licence of United Co-operative Bank Ltd over inadequate capital, regulatory non-compliance, based in Bagnan, West Bengal

✓ "As such, it does not comply with the provisions of section 11(1) and section 22(3)(d) read with section 56 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949,"

✓ All the depositors will receive the full amount of their deposits from the Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC); under the Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation Act, 1961

RBI CANCELS LICENCE IN NEWS

- RBI cancels licence of United Co-operative Bank; based in Bagnan, West Bengal
- RBI cancelled the licence of Maharashtra-based Bhagyodaya Friends Urban Co-operative Bank Limited due to inadequate capita

- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to Cancel Licence of Sambandh Finserve; Odisha
- RBI cancelled the licence of Shivam Sahakari Bank Ltd, a co-operative bank in Ichalkaranji, Kolhapur, Maharashtra
- RBI has cancelled the licence of Vasantdada Nagari Sahakari Bank Ltd; Osmanabad, Maharashtra
- RBI cancels the Licence of the Subhadra Local Area Bank, Kolhapur, Maharashtra
- RBI cancels licence of Maharashtra-based Karad Janata Sahakari Bank
- RBI cancels the licence of The CKP Co-operative Bank Ltd., Mumbai
- RBI cancels the licence of Mapusa Urban Co-operative Bank of Goa Ltd

Q. Ajanta Neog became the first woman Finance Minister of which state

A) Odisha **B) Assam**

C) Kerala **D) Bihar**

Answer : B

✓ Chief Minister of Assam, Himanta Biswa Sarma allocated the finance portfolio to Ajanta Neog, making her the first woman Finance Minister of Assam

FIRST WOMAN IN NEWS

- Ajanta Neog becomes the first woman Finance Minister of Assam
- Elisabetta Belloni named as first woman to head Italy secret service
- Rekha Menon takes over as first woman Chairperson of NASSCOM
- Poonam Gupta to head NCAER as its first woman DG
- India's first female cricket commentator Chandra Naidu passes away
- Claire Polosak set to become first female match official in men's Test match
- Mithali Raj becomes first Indian woman cricketer to score 10,000 international runs
- Nigeria's Okonjo-Iweala set to become first female Chief of World Trade Organization (WTO)
- Bhawana Kanth from Bihar to become the first Woman Fighter Pilot to take part in Republic Day Parade
- Kaja Kallas sworn in as first woman Prime Minister of Estonia

- Samia Suluhu Hassan sworn in as Tanzania's first woman President
- First woman IAF Officer Vijayalakshmi Ramanan (retd) passes away
- India's First Female Cardiologist, Dr S. Padmavati Passes Away
- Tamil Nadu appoints M Veeralakshmi India's 1st-ever woman ambulance driver
- Jane Fraser named first female CEO of Citigroup

Q. Which country became the world's first country to ban synthetic cannabinoids?

A) China **B) India**

C) Brazil **D) Ireland**

Answer : A

- ✓ China will become the world's first country to ban all synthetic cannabinoid substances
- ✓ The ban is likely to come into effect on 1 July 2021
- ✓ The move comes as China tries to curb the manufacturing and trafficking of the drug
- ✓ Synthetic cannabinoids are highly camouflaged, as some are found in e-cigarette oil and some are found in cut tobacco made from leaves, flower petals, etc.,

Q. Yoweri Museveni was sworn in as the President of which country?

A) Kenya **B) Rwanda**

C) Burundi **D) Uganda**

Answer : D

- ✓ Yoweri Museveni was sworn in as the President of Uganda for 6th term
- ✓ **UGANDA**

  Capital : Kampala

  Currency : Shilling

  President : Yoweri Museveni

NEWLY PRESIDENT IN NEWS

- Yoweri Museveni : Uganda
- Sadyr Japarov : Kyrgyzstan
- Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa : Portugal

- Faustin-Archange Touadera : Central African Republic
- Nguyen Phu Trong : Vietnam
- Alexander Lukashenko : Belarus
- Irfaan Ali : Guyana
- Gudni Th. Johannesson : Iceland
- Luis Rodolfo Abinader : Dominican Republic
- Chan Santokhi : Suriname
- Andrzej Duda : Poland
- Lazarus Chakwera : Malawi
- Tsai Ing-wen :Taiwan
- Katerina Sakellaropoulou : Greece
- Zoran Milanovic : Croatia
- Umaro Sissoco Embalo : Guinea Bissau
- Ashraf Ghani : Afghanistan

Q. Central government to issue Sovereign Gold Bonds in six tranches between May and September 2021. When was the SGBs scheme launched?

A) August 2018 **B) October 2017**

C) November 2015 **D) February 2019**

Answer : C

- ✓ Central government in consultation with the Reserve Bank of India has issued Sovereign Gold Bonds in six tranches between May and September 2021
- ✓ The bond will be on sale through commercial banks, Stock Holding Corporation of India Limited (SHCIL), designated post offices, National Stock Exchange (NSE), and Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE)
- ✓ **SOVEREIGN GOLD BOND 2021-22**
- ✓ Sovereign Gold bond scheme was launched in November 2015. The bond will be restricted for sale to resident individuals, HUFs, Trusts, Universities, and Charitable Institutions
- ✓ The tenor of the bond will be for eight years with an exit option after the fifth year to be exercised on the next interest payment dates

- ✓ The minimum permissible investment will be 1 gram of gold. The maximum limit of subscription shall be 4 Kg for individuals, 4 Kg for HUF, and 20 Kg for trusts and similar entities per fiscal (April-March)

Q. Who was appointed as the COP26 People's Advocate for the UK's Presidency of the UN climate change summit?

A) Ian Dodds-Smith **B) David Attenborough**

C) Richard Attenborough **D) Henry Clinton-Davis**

Answer : B

- ✓ Sir David Attenborough became COP26 People's Advocate for the UK's Presidency of the UN climate change summit in Glasgow
- ✓ **COP26**

  Location : Glasgow, Scotland, UK

  Organized By : United Kingdom and Italy

  President : Alok Sharma (Indian)

  Participants : UNFCCC member countries
- ✓ **LIST OF COP SUMMIT**

  1995: COP 1, Berlin, Germany

  2018: COP 24 Katowice, Poland

  2019: COP 25 Madrid, Spain

  2021: COP 26 Glasgow, United Kingdom

Q. Who became the first woman to head Italy secret service?

A) Teresa Bellanova

B) Elisabetta Belloni

C) Giulia Bongiorno

D) Anna Maria Bernini

Answer : B

- ✓ Elisabetta Belloni named as first woman to head Italy secret service
- ✓ She has already been the first woman to hold key foreign ministry, Italy's highest diplomatic post

ITALY IN NEWS

- Elisabetta Belloni named as first woman to head Italy secret service
- Italy launches first-ever mega food park & food processing unit in India
- Italy signs International Solar Alliance amended Framework Agreement with India
- Mario Draghi Sworn in as Prime Minister of Italy
- Prime Minister of Italy Giuseppe Conte resigns
- Italy's legendary footballer, Paolo Rossi has passed away
- Novak Djokovic (Serbia) wins 2020 Italian Open title
- Simona Halep (Romania) win 2020 women's Single Italian Open title
- Pierre Gasly wins F1 Italian Grand Prix 2020
- 15 MoUs/Agreements Signed during India-Italy Virtual Summit 2020
- Italy beat Serbia to win the inaugural UEFA eEURO 2020
- Napoli beats Juventus in penalty shootout to win its sixth Italian Cup Football title
- Italy Will Host The 2026 Olympic And Paralympic Winter Games
- Italy will host 2021 G20 Summit
- **ITALY**

  Capital : Rome

  Currency : Euro

  President : Sergio Mattarella

  Prime Minister : Mario Draghi

Q. Which football club team won the Premier League champions for the 3rd time?

A) Chelsea **B) Real Madrid**

C) Manchester United **D) Manchester City**

Answer : D

- ✓ Manchester City has crowned Premier League champions for the third time in four seasons after Manchester United crashed to a 2-1 defeat against Leicester
- ✓ Manchester City has already won the League Cup (2020–2021).

Q. How much amount was transferred by central government to Punjab into farmers' accounts so far against sale of their Wheat crop?

A) Rs 17,879 cr
B) Rs 22,215 cr
C) Rs 20,520 cr
D) Rs 25,200 cr

Answer : B

- ✓ The Centre has said that nearly Rs 22,215 crore in Punjab and Rs 12,384 crore in Haryanahave been transferred directly into farmers' accounts so far against sale of their Wheat crop

Q. How much outlay was approved by the government for Production-Linked Incentive Scheme for the Advanced Chemistry Cell (ACC) Battery Storage?

A) Rs 10600 cr
B) Rs 12400 cr
C) Rs 18100 cr
D) Rs 13300 cr

Answer : C

- ✓ The Union Cabinet has approved the Production-Linked Incentive Scheme for the Advanced Chemistry Cell (ACC) Battery Storage with an outlay of 18 thousand 100 crore rupees
- ✓ Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on November 11, 2020, approved the introduction of the PLI scheme for the 10 key sectors which can enhance India's Manufacturing Capabilities and improve exports

Q. Which state/UT police launched COVI Van Helpline' for senior citizens amid COVID surge?

A) Punjab
B) Bihar
C) Delhi
D) Gujarat

Answer : C

- ✓ Delhi Police launches 'COVI Van Helpline' for senior citizens amid COVID surge
- ✓ In time of need, the police can be reached at COVI Van Helpline (012- 26241077)

DELHI IN NEWS

- ➢ Delhi Police launched vehicle helpline 'COVI Van' for senior citizens
- ➢ Indo-Korean Friendship Park Inaugurated at Delhi Cantonment
- ➢ Ramesh Pokhriyal Inaugurates New Delhi World Book Fair 2021-Virtual Edition

- Theme of 2021 New Delhi World Book Fair is 'National Education Policy-2020'
- Rajnath Singh inaugurates 26th edition of 'Hunar Haat' in New Delhi ; theme of "Vocal for Local".
- Delhi Government becomes first to launch Tree Transplantation Policy
- 3rd India-US 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue begins in New Delhi
- Rajnath Singh and Dr S. Jaishankar are leading the Indian delegation

Q. Which became the first state to launch online flood reporting and information management system?

A) Odisha **B) Assam**

C) Nagaland **D) Uttarakhand**

Answer : B

✓ An online flood reporting and information management system was launched in Assam, which faces severe deluge every year

ASSAM IN NEWS

- Assam, first Indian state to have a digital flood reporting system
- Ajanta Neog becomes the first woman Finance Minister of Assam
- Himanta Biswa Sarma sworn-in as 15th chief minister of Assam
- India and AIIB signs $304 million pact for improving power transmission network in Assam
- Assam CM Sarbananda Sonowal Lays Foundation of Eastern India's First Skill University in Darrang district
- PM Modi launches 'Mahabahu-Brahmaputra' initiative and lays foundation stone of two bridges in Assam
- INDMAX Unit at Indian Oil's Bongaigaon Refinery Assam
- Prime Minister launches 'Mahabahu-Brahmaputra' initiative in Assam
- PM Modi launches Asom Mala in Assam's Sonitpur district
- Magh Bihu, Bhogali Bihu or Maghar Domahi is a harvest festival celebrated in Assam
- ADB has approved a $231 million loan to develop the Lower Kopili Hydroelectric Power facility in Assam
- 8th North East Festival to be held in Guwahati on Dec 19-20

- Assam set to get its 6th national park in Dima Hasao
- Assam Celebrates Lachit Divas on 24 November, mark the birth anniversary of Lachit Borphukan
- Assam's Tezpur Litchi gets GI tag
- SBI starts "Mahila Atmanirbharshil Aachani" (Women Self-Reliance programme) in Assam
- Assam Launches Orunodoi Scheme to financially empower women
- Former Assam Chief Minister Tarun Gogoi passes away
- Assam Musician Bibhuranjan Choudhury passes away
- India's longest river ropeway inaugurated in Assam
- Kati Bihu festival celebrated across Assam
- Assam's only woman CM Syeda Anwara Taimur passes away
- Assam CM launches 'Kritagyata' for online pension submission and tracking
- Assam Govt launched "Mukhyamantrir Grammya Paribahan Achoni Yojana"
- Assamese folk singer Archana Mahanta has passed away
- Assam government to upgrade Dehing Patkai wildlife sanctuary to national park

Q. R Ragothaman, who died because of Covid-19, was the former Director of which organization?

A) CBI

B) CISF

C) RAW

D) NCC

Answer : A

- ✓ K Ragothaman, a former CBI officer who was part of the investigation into former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's assassination, died of Covid-19 at the age of 76
- ✓ He joined the CBI in 1968 as a sub-inspector in Delhi and had a 37-year service.
- ✓ His books on Rajiv Gandhi murder, Assassination of Mahatma- Indira- Rajiv Gandhi and Third Degree Crime Investigation Management as well as Crime and the Criminal were popular
- ✓ He was awarded Police Medal in 1988 and President Medal for distinguished service in 1994

Q. Which of the following banks has acquired a 10% stake in CSC Grameen e-Store, a special purpose vehicle run by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology?

A) HDFC Bank
B) ICICI Bank
C) Federal Bank
D) Indian Bank

Answer : A

- ✓ HDFC Bank has acquired a 10% stake in CSC Grameen e-Store, a special purpose vehicle run by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, for an undisclosed amount
- ✓ The partnership between the country's largest private bank and CSC Grameen aims to deliver and scale access to financial services and banking products to semi-urban and rural customers
- ✓ **HDFC BANK**

  Founded : 1994

  Founder : Hasmukhbhai Parekh

  HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra

  MD & CEO : Sashidhar Jagdishan

  Tagline : We understand your world

Q. Which state has undertaken Monkey Census as a part of Wildlife Census?

A) Bihar
B) Haryana
C) Himachal Pradesh
D) Madhya Pradesh

Answer : B

- ✓ The Wildlife Institute of India recently launched a "Monkey Census" in Haryana, as a part of the "Wildlife Census of Haryana-2021"

Q. Union Cabinet has approved a MoU between Chartered Accountants of India and which nation's Financial Centre Authority?

A) Austria
B) Nigeria
C) Qatar
D) Romania

Answer : C

- ✓ Union Cabinet, chaired by PM Modi gave its approval to the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Qatar Financial Centre Authority (QFCA) and the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI)

- ✓ The signed MoU will benefit the Qatar Financial Centre Authority and Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Institute of Chartered Accountants of India.

QATAR IN NEWS

- ➢ Doha, Qatar to host Asian Games 2030
- ➢ FIFA unveils official emblem for Qatar World Cup 2022
- ➢ Deepak Mittal has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Qatar
- ➢ Qatar has withdrawn its membership from Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)
- ➢ **QATAR**

  Capital : Doha

  Currency : Riyal

  Prime Minister : Khalid Bin Khalifa
- ➢ **The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI)**

  Founded : 1949

  Headquarteres : New Delhi

  President : Nihar Niranjan Jambusaria

Q. Which country will become the most populated country by 2027, as per a UN report?

A) India **B) Russia**

C) Canada **D) Indonesia**

Answer : A

- ✓ India may cross China as the world's most populous country by 2027, forecasts a UN report published in 2019
- ✓ India is expected to add nearly 273 million people to its population between now and 2050, a UN report said in 2019, forecasting that the country will cross China as the world's most populous country by 2027
- ✓ In 2019, India had an estimated population of 1.37 billion and China 1.43 billion, according to the UN figures.

Q. Cyclone Tauktae is likely to hit some states of India. The name cyclone 'Tauktae' has been given by which country?

A) Maldives **B) Myanmar**

C) Pakistan **D) Bangladesh**

Answer : B

- ✓ The India Meteorological Department (IMD) Saturday said the Severe Cyclonic Storm "Tauktae" over eastcentral Arabian Sea
- ✓ As a precautionary measure, rescue teams have been deployed in six states -- Kerala, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, and Goa
- ✓ The cyclone was named by neighbouring country Myanmar

CYCLONE IN NEWS		
Cyclone Tauktae Hit : Arabian Sea Name Given By : Myanmar	Cyclone Seroja Hit : West Australia	Cyclone Yasa Hit : Fiji Category 5 Tropical
Cyclone Burevi Hit : Tamil Nadu & Kerala Name given by : Maldives	Cyclone Nivar Hit : Puducherry & Tamil Nadu Name given by : Iran	Typhoon Goni (strongest typhoon of 2020) Hit : Philippines
Typhoon Haishen Hit : Japan and South korea		

Q. Which state government had declared Malerkotla as its 23rd district?

A) Punjab **B) Gujarat**

C) Assam **D) Haryana**

Answer : A

- ✓ Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh has declared Malerkotla as the 23rd district of the state on May 14, 2021, on the occasion of Eid-ul-Fitr.
- ✓ Malerkotla is a Muslim-dominated area and has been carved out of Sangrur district of the state.
- ✓ Adjoining Amargarh and Ahmedgarh form a part of Punjab's 23rd district
- ✓ Malerkotla is 35 km from the Sangrur district of Punjab.

PUNJAB IN NEWS

- Punjab CM Amarinder Singh Declares Malerkotla as 23rd District
- World Bank & AIIB approve loan worth USD 300 million for canal-based drinking water projects in Punjab
- Punjab Government Ropes in Sonu Sood as Brand Ambassador for #Covid19 vaccination drive
- Punjab All Set to become 'Har Ghar Jal' State by 2022
- Punjab CM launches 'Har Ghar Pani, Har Ghar Safai' mission
- Punjab Cabinet approves mission 'Lal Lakir' in all villages
- Punjab has launched E-Daakhil portal to streamline grievances redressal system
- Punjab Govt launches mobile app and web portal 'PR Insight'
- Union Minister Narendra Singh Tomar inaugurates Phagwara Mega Food Park in Punjab
- Punjab Government Launches 'I Rakhwali' App
- Holla Mohalla festival celebrated at punjab
- Punjab government launches mobile App "Ghar Ghar Nigrani"
- Punjab Govt tie-up with IIT-Ropar for skill development
- **PUNJAB STATIC GK**
  - Capital : Chandigarh
  - Chief Minister : Captain Amarinder Singh
  - Governor : V P Singh Badnore
  - Animal : Blackbuck
  - Bird : Northern goshawk
  - Tree : Sheesham
  - Legislative Assembly seats : 117
  - Lok Sabha seats : 13
  - Rajya Sabha seats : 7
  - Number of Districts : 23
  - Official Language : Punjabi and Hindi
  - Lake : Kanjli Lake, Ropar Lake
  - River : Satluj, Beas, Ravi, Chenab and Jhelum

- ❖ Stadium : Guru Gobind Singh
- ❖ Stadium, Guru Nanak Stadium
- ❖ Airport : Sri Guru Ram Dass Jee International Airport Amritsar
- ❖ Folk Dance : Bhangra, Giddha, Karthi, Kikkli, Sammi
- ❖ Abohar Wildlife Sanctuary, BirMotiBagh Wildlife Sanctuary, BirBhadson Wildlife Sanctuary

Q. Which company partnered with SoftBank to roll out satellite communication services?

A) OneWeb **B) Proximus**

C) Blue Origin **D) Metro Ethernet**

Answer : A

- ✓ SoftBank Corp partnered with OneWeb to promote OneWeb's satellite communication services in the global and Japanese markets
- ✓ The partnership will promote satellite communication services through the combination of OneWeb services and SoftBank's Digital Transformation (DX) platform services
- ✓ **SoftBank**

  Founded : 1981

  Founder : Masayoshi Son

  Headquarteres : Tokyo, Japan

  CEO : Masayoshi Son
- ✓ **OneWeb**

  Founded : 2012

  Founder : Greg Wyler

  Headquarters : London, UK

  CEO : Neil Masterson

Q. Who was appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Bata India?

A) Ashok Vemuri **B) Gunjan Shah**

C) Rakesh Kapoor **D) Dilip Shanghvi**

Answer : B

- ✓ Footwear company Bata India has appointed Gunjan Shah as its new Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

- ✓ He will join Bata in his new role from 21 June 2021, for a period of five years
- ✓ Shah replaces Sandeep Kataria, who has been elevated as the Global CEO of Bata Brands in November 2020
- ✓ **BATA CORPORATION**

  Founded : 1894

  Founder : Tomáš Baťa

  Headquarters : Lausanne, Switzerland

  Chairman : Thomas George Bata

  CEO : Gunjan Shah

  Indian branch based in Gurugram, Haryana

Q. Who was appointed as the head coach of the India Women Cricket Team?

A) Madan Lal **B) Sulakshana Naik**

C) Ramesh Powar **D) Woorkeri Raman**

Answer : C

- ✓ Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has appointed former Indian cricketer Ramesh Powar as the head coach of the Indian Women's Cricket Team
- ✓ He replaced WV Raman
- ✓ He recently coached the Mumbai senior team that won the Vijay Hazare Trophy and has worked at the National Cricket Academy as a Bowling Coach

BCCI IN NEWS

- ➢ BCCI Appoints Ramesh Powar as Head Coach of Indian Women's Cricket Team
- ➢ Shabir Hussein is new BCCI Anti-Corruption Unit chief
- ➢ BCCI cancels Ranji Trophy 2020-21 for first time in 87 years
- ➢ Jay Shah named BCCI's Official Representative on ICC Board
- ➢ BCCI appoints Chetan Sharma as selection Men's committee chairman
- ➢ BCCI Appoints Neetu David as head of India women's selection committee for 4 years
- ➢ BCCI approves 10-team IPL from 2022 (Currently 8 Team)
- ➢ BCCI announced Jio as the Title Sponsor of the 2020 edition of the Women's T20 Challenge
- ➢ BCCI Appoints Hemang Amin As Its Interim CEO

- BCCI announces MPL Sports as Official Kit Sponsor
- **Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)**

  Founded : 1928

  Headquarters : Wankhede Stadium

  1st President : R E Grant Govan

  39th President : Saurav Ganguly

  Vice president : Rajeev Shukla

  Secretary : Jay Shah

  Men's coach : Ravi Shastri

  Women's coach : Ramesh Powar

Q. Who sets world record by Mount Everest twice in the shortest time

A) Sanu Sherpa **B) Ang Rita Sherpa**

C) Ang Tshering Sherpa **D) Mingma Tenji Sherpa**

Answer : D

- ✓ A 43-year-old Nepali mountain guide, Mingma Tenji Sherpa has created a world record by climbing Mount Everest twice in the shortest time (four days) within a season
- ✓ Previously, Indian mountaineer Anshu Jamsenpa had held the record for fastest dual ascents on Everest, scaling the mountain twice in 118 hours and 15 minutes in 2017

MOUNTAINEER IN NEWS

- Nepal's Mingma Tenji Sherpa sets world record by climbing Mount Everest twice in the shortest time
- Nepal's Kami Rita scales Everest for record 25th time
- Priyanka Mohite becomes first Indian woman to scale Mt Annapurna
- Satyarup Siddhanta becomes 1st Indian to complete volcanic Seven Summit
- Indian mountaineer Bhawna Dehariya climbs Australia's Mount Kosciuszko (2,228-metres)
- India's Satyarup Becomes World's Youngest Mountaineer To Climb 7 Peaks, 7 Volcano Summits
- India's Malavath Poorna scales Antarctica's Highest Peak
- Nepal's Legendary Mountaineer Ang Rita Sherpa, first to Summit Mount Everest 10 times, passes away

- Ace mountaineer Colonel Narendra 'Bull' Kumar passes away
- Bachendri Pal is the first Indian woman to reach the summit of Mount Everest in 1984
- Santosh Yadav is the first woman in the world to climb Mount Everest twice and the first woman to successfully climb Mount Everest from Kangshung Face

Q. Indu Jain, a pioneering philanthropist and media personality has passed away. She was the Chairperson of which media group?

A) Times Group
B) The Hindu Group
C) India Everyday
D) Ananda Bazar Patrika

Answer : A

- ✓ Indu Jain, chairman of the Times Group, lifelong spiritual seeker, pioneering philanthropist and passionate proponent of women's rights passed away due to COVID-related complications.
- ✓ She was awarded Padma Bhushan in 2016 for Trade and Industry
- ✓ Indu Jain was also founder President of the Ladies wing of FICCI (FLO) as of March 2017
- ✓ She was also the Chairperson of Bharatiya Jnanpith Trust, which awards the prestigious Jnanpith award

Q. Who has been appointed to the executive committee of the International Council for Advertising Self-Regulation (ICAS)?

A) Shradha Sharma
B) Ashwani Asokana
C) Manisha Kapoor
D) Upasana Taku

Answer : C

- ✓ Manisha Kapoor, the General Secretary, of Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI) has been appointed to the executive committee of the International Council for Advertising Self-Regulation (ICAS).
- ✓ Manisha Kapoor will be one of the four vice-presidents on the executive committee of the global body.
- ✓ She will remain on the post on the committee till 2023.

Q. The Prime Minister transferred how much amount into bank accounts of 10 crore farmers under the eighth installment under the PM-KISAN?

A) Rs 16,000 crores
B) Rs 19,000 crores
C) Rs 25,000 crores
D) Rs 30,000 crores

Answer : B

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi directly transferred around Rs 19,000 crores to the bank accounts of 10 crore farmers across the country under the eighth installment of Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) on May 14, 2021
- ✓ Amazing Facts Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) Scheme
- ✓ The PM-KISAN Scheme was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on February 24, 2019 from Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh
- ✓ Objective – Pradhan Mantri KIsan SAmman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) is a Central Sector Scheme to provide
- ✓ income support (Rs.6000 per annum per family) to all Small and Marginal Farmers (SMFs)
- ✓ Benefits : Under this scheme, landholder farmer families having total cultivable land holding upto 2 hectare will get direct income support of Rs 6000 per year per family
- ✓ The amount will be paid in three equal instalments of Rs 2000 at an interval of every 4 months.
- ✓ The first trench entailed the fund release of Rs. 2021 crore
- ✓ Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana was announced in the Union Interim Budget 2019 by Finance Minister Piyush Goyal

Q. PM Narendra Modi released the 8th instalment worth over Rs. 20,000 crore under PM Kisan Samman Nidhi scheme. Which state joined the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi scheme recently?

A) Chhattisgarh **B) West Bengal**

C) Madhya Pradesh **D) Uttar Pradesh**

Answer : B

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi released the 8th instalment of over 20,000 crore to more than 9.5 crore farmer-beneficiaries under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-Kisan) scheme via video-conferencing
- ✓ West Bengal joined the scheme and about 7 lakh Bengal farmers received their first installment
- ✓ Under the PM-KISAN scheme, a financial benefit of 6000 per year is provided to 14 crore eligible beneficiary farmer families annually, payable in three equal 4-monthly installments of Rs. 2000 each

Q. The United Nations has projected India's economy to grow by how much in 2022?

A) 12.3% **B) 10.1%**

C) 11.2% **D) 10.6%**

Answer : B

- ✓ United Nations informed on May 11, 2021, that India has been projected to grow at 10.1% in the year 2022
- ✓ The country will be the fastest-growing major economy in the world
- ✓ United Nations (UN) has projected India's growth forecast for Calendar Year 2021 to 7.5%, in the latest World Economic Situation and Prospects (WESP) report, released on 11 May 2021
- ✓ The World Economic Situation and Prospects 2021 is a report produced by the United Nations
- ✓ Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA)
- ✓ **UNITED NATIONS (UN)**

  Founded : 24 October 1945

  Headquarteres : New York, US

  Official languages : Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian & Spanish

  Membership : 193 member states & 2 observer states Leaders

  1st Secretary General : Trygve Halvdan Lie (Norway)

  7th Secretary General : Kofi Annan (Ghana)

  8th Secretary General : Ban Ki-moon (South Korea)

  9th Secretary-General : António Guterres (Portugal)

  Deputy Secretary-General : Amina J. Mohammed (Nigeria)

Q. What is India's projected GDP growth forecast for the calendar year 2021 according to the United Nations report (May 2021)?

A) 9.5% **B) 8.3%**

C) 7.5% **D) 6.5%**

Answer : C

- ✓ The United Nations has raised India's growth forecast to 7.5 per cent for the calendar year 2021 (CY21)

Q. Which IIT had developed a portable tech-traditional eco-friendly mobile cremation system?

A) IIT Ropar **B) IIT Kanpur**

C) IIT Madras **D) IIT Bombay**

Answer : A

- ✓ IIT Ropar develops portable tech-traditional eco-friendly mobile cremation system
- ✓ It is eco-friendly because of the technology that uses a combustion air system

Q. When is the International Day of Families observed?

A) 13 May
B) 15 May
C) 16 May
D) 14 May

Answer : B

- ✓ International Day of Families is observed every year on 15 May to reflect the importance that the international community attaches to families
- ✓ The theme of 2021 is "Families and New Technologies"
- ✓ The Day was proclaimed by the UN General Assembly in 1993

Q. What is the theme of the International Day of Families?

A) Families and Healthy Life
B) Families and New Technologies
C) Families and inclusive societies
D) Families and Climate Action: focus on SDG13

Answer : B

Q. India's Y Nuklu Phom has been named the winner of 'Whitley Awards 2021' for his conservational efforts in which Indian state?

A) Sikkim
B) Manipur
C) Nagaland
D) Meghalaya

Answer : C

- ✓ Nagaland Conservationist Y Nuklu Phom was named the winner of 'Whitley Awards 2021', also known as the Green Oscar, donated by MAVA Foundation on May 12, 2021 for his efforts in establishing a biodiversity peace corridor in Nagaland
- ✓ Phom has been working towards creating what he calls a "Biodiversity Peace Corridor"
- ✓ The Whitley Awards are conferred to individuals from the Global South by UK-based charity the Whitley Fund for Nature (WFN)—this year

NAGALAND IN NEWS

- Nagaland conservationist Nuklu Phom gets prestigious Whitley Awards 2021
- India and World Bank inks $68 Million Project to Improve Quality of India's Education in Nagaland
- Nagaland Health Minister launches 'i-Learn' for Community Health Officers
- Nagaland on its 58th Statehood Day on 01st December 2020
- Nagaland government totally banned use of flex banners, boards and posters
- Nagaland's Hornbill Festival to be celebrated virtually
- Nagaland Govt launches "YellowChain" centralized e-commerce platform
- GoI declares entire Nagaland as "disturbed area" for 6 months
- Nagaland's Environment Minister C M Chang passes away
- Nagaland CM Neiphiu Rio launches Self Declaration COVID-19 Nagaland App

Q. Which company has launched an all-electric motorcycle brand "LiveWire,?

A) Yamaha **B) Siambretta**

C) Thumpstar **D) Harley Davidson**

Answer : D

- ✓ Harley-Davidson Inc. has launched an all-electric motorcycle brand "LiveWire," the latest effort by the company to ramp up bets on the rapidly growing electric vehicle market.
- ✓ **Harley-Davidson**

  Founded : 1903

  Headquarteres : US

  CEO : Jochen Zeitz

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Q. Who has topped the 'World's 50 Greatest Leaders' list of Fortune for the year 2021?

A) Mark Rutte
B) Boris Johnson
C) Jacinda Ardern
D) Erna Solberg

Answer : C

- ✓ New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern has topped the 'World's 50 Greatest Leaders' list for 2021, released by Fortune Magazine
- ✓ **'WORLD'S 50 GREATEST LEADERS' LIST FOR 2021**

Edition : 8th
Released By : Fortune Magazine
TOP : Jacinda Ardern, PM of New Zealand
2nd : mRNA Pioneers
3rd : Dan Schulman, CEO of PayPal
10th : Adar Poonawalla, CEO of Serum Institute of India

TIME MAGAZINE'S IN NEWS

- ➢ New Zealand PM Jacinda Ardern Tops Fortune's World's 50 Greatest Leaders 2021, Adar Poonawalla Only Indian in Top 10
- ➢ Jio Platforms, Byju's in Time Magazine's First-ever List of 100 Most Influential Firms
- ➢ Elliot Page becomes first trans man to star on 'Time' magazine cover
- ➢ Bhim Army's Chandra Shekhar Azad named in 2021 TIME100 Next
- ➢ Joe Biden & Kamala Harris jointly named Time's 'Person of the Year' 2020
- ➢ 15-yr-old Indian-American Gitanjali Rao, becomes first-ever TIME's "Kid Of The Year"
- ➢ PM Modi named in Time Magazines 100 Most Influential People 2020 List

Q. Who is the only Indian to made it to the list of Fortune's list of the world's 50 greatest leaders?

A) Pallonji Mistry
B) Adar Poonawalla
C) Cyrus Poonawalla
D) Radhakishan Damani

Answer : B

- ✓ From India, Adar Poonawalla, the chief executive officer (CEO) of Serum Institute of India (SII) is the only Indian among the top 10 names. He is placed at 10th spot
- ✓ **Serum Institute of India (SII)**

  Founded: 1966

  Headquarters : Hadapsar, Pune

  Founder: Cyrus S. Poonawalla

  CEO: Adar Poonawalla

Q. Which Payment Bank had launched the 'DigiGold' platform for customers to make investments in gold?

A) Jio Payments Bank **B) Paytm Payments Bank**

C) Airtel Payments Bank **D) India Post Payments Bank**

Answer : C

- ✓ Airtel Payments Bank partnered with SafeGold, a leading provider of digital gold has launched the 'DigiGold' for its customers to invest in gold
- ✓ DigiGold is launched in partnership with SafeGold, a provider of digital gold
- ✓ Airtel Payments Bank's savings account customers can invest in 24K gold The gold purchased by customers is stored securely by SafeGold at no additional cost and can be sold through the Airtel Thanks app at any time in a matter of few clicks
- ✓ There is no minimum investment value requirement. Customers can start investment with as low as Re 1

AIRTEL PAYMENTS BANK IN NEWS

- ➢ Airtel Payments Bank launches 'DigiGold' platform for customers to invest in gold
- ➢ Airtel Payments Bank increases day-end balance limit to Rs 2 lakh from Rs 1 lakh
- ➢ Airtel Payments Bank Unveils 'Rewards123' Savings Account
- ➢ Airtel Payments Bank launches 'Airtel Safe Pay'
- ➢ Airtel group ties up with Mastercard for customized products for farmers, SMEs
- ➢ Airtel Payments Bank partners NSDC to train rural youth
- ➢ Airtel Payments Bank launches 'Suraksha salary account' for MSMEs
- ➢ Airtel Payments Bank, Bharti AXA partner to offer 'shop insurance' for retailers

- **Airtel Payments Bank**

  Founded : 2017

  Headquarters : New Delhi

  MD & CEO : Anubrata Biswas

  Stake : Bharti Airtel Limited(80.01%) & Kotak Mahindra Bank(19.9%)

  Subsidiaries : YTS Solutions Pvt. Ltd.
- On April 11, 2016, Airtel Payments Bank became the first entity in India to receive a payments bank license from the RBI

Q. Which organisation gave a $ 3.92 billion loan to India for 13 projects in 2020?

A) World Bank **B) New Development Bank**

C) Asian Development Bank **D) International Monetary Fund**

Answer : C

✓ Asian Development Bank (ADB) has committed a record $ 3.92 billion in sovereign loans for 13 projects to India in 2020, including USD 1.8 billion in COVID-19 related projects to support the government's pandemic response

ADB IN NEWS

- ADB commits record $3.92 billion loan to India for 13 projects in 2020
- ADB launches Asia Pacific Tax Hub to enhance domestic resource mobilisation and international tax cooperation
- ADB provided $1.5-billion fiscal support to India for pandemic response
- ADB Projects India's GDP to grow 11% in FY22
- $484 Million ADB Loan to Upgrade Road Network in Tamil Nadu Industrial Corridor
- ADB Appoints Woochong Um as Managing Director General
- ADB to provide Rs 100 cr loan to Medanta to combat Covid-19 pandemic
- ADB approves USD 2.5 million technical assistance to support advanced biofuel development in India
- ADB & India sign $231 million loan to enhance power generation capacity in Assam
- ADB announces Rs 2100 crore loan to Tripura for urban & tourism development

- ADB & India sign $300 million loan to upgrade power distribution network in Uttar Pradesh
- ADB launches $9 bn Asia Pacific Vaccine Access Facility (APVAX) for Developing Countries
- ADB approves USD 2.5 million technical assistance to support advanced biofuel development in India
- ADB and India sign $50 million loan agreement for West Bengal
- ADB released a new book titled 'Future of Regional Cooperation in Asia and the Pacific'.
- ADB sign $132.8 million loan agreement for Meghalaya's Power supply
- ADB inks $500 Million Loan agreement with India for Delhi-Meerut RRTS Corridor
- ADB and India inks USD 177 million loan for state road improvements in Maharashtra
- India and ADB Sign $300 Million Loan to Develop Rajasthan's Secondary Towns
- ADB approves USD 1 billion loan for Delhi-Meerut Regional Rapid Transit System
- ADB approves grant worth USD 3 million to India to combat COVID-19
- Sameer Kumar Khare appointed Executive Director at ADB
- ADB appoints Takeo Konishi as Country Director for India
- ADB Appoints Ashok Lavasa as New Vice-President
- **ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (ADB)**

  Founded : 19 December 1966

  HQ : Mandaluyong, Metro Manila, Philippines

  President : Masatsugu Asakawa

  Vice President : Ashok Lavasa

  Director of ADB for India : Takeo Konishi

  Executive Director : Sameer Kumar

  Member Counrtries : 68 (Nuie)

Q. Who has been re-appointed as the Prime Minister of Nepal?

A) KP Sharma Oli **B) Sushil Koirala**

C) Pushpa Kamal Dahal **D) Sher Bahadur Deuba**

Answer : A

✓ KP Sharma Oli Re-appointed as Prime Minister of Nepal

- ✓ This will be his third stint as Prime Minister. He was first appointed as PM from 12 October 2015 to 4 August 2016, and then again from 15 February 2018 to 13 May 2021
- ✓ Oli, who is the leader of the Communist Party of Nepal (CPN-UML), the largest party in House of representatives, was appointed for Prime Minister, as per the provision of 76(3) of Constitution of Nepal

NEPAL IN NEWS

- KP Sharma Oli Re-appointed as Prime Minister of Nepal
- Nepal's Mingma Tenji Sherpa sets world record by climbing Mount Everest twice in the shortest time
- Nepal inaugurates small hydro power plant built with Indian assistance
- Nepal's Kami Rita scales Everest for record 25th time
- A team of 10 Nepali climbers makes history by becoming the first to scale in winter the world's second highest mountain K2 (8,611 m)
- Integrated Check-Post (ICP), Biratnagar inaugurated at India-Nepal border
- Tiger spotted at a record altitude of 3,165 metres in eastern Nepal
- World's highest mountain peak 'Mount Everest' has become taller by 0.86m, as per a survey conducted jointly by Nepal and China.
- Indian Army chief MM Naravane made honorary General of Nepal Army
- Prime Minister Khadga Prasad Oli decided to recommend the dissolution of Parliament
- **NEPAL**

  Capital : Kathmandu

  Currency : Rupee

  President : Bidhya Devi Bhandari

  Prime Minister : Khadga Prasad Sharma Oli

  Flower : Rhododendron Arboretum

  Bird : Himalayan Monal (danphe)

  Animal : Cow

  Tree : Rhododendron

NEWLY PRIME MINISTER IN NEWS	
KP Sharma Oli : Nepal	Mark Rutte : Netherlands
Irakli Garibashvili : Georgia	Mario Draghi : Italy
Kaja Kallas : Estonia	Sheikh Sabah al-Khalid : Kuwait
Saad Hariri : Lebanon	Jacinda Ardern : New Zealand
Bishr al- Khasawneh : Jordan	Moctar Ouane : Mali
Mohamed Hussein Ruble : Somalia	Yoshihide Suga : Japan
Francisco Asue : Equatorial Guinea	Keith Rowley : Trinidad and Tobago
Mohamed Ould Bilal : Mauritiana	Walter Roger Martos Ruiz : Peru
Mahinda Rajapaksa : Sri Lanka	Hichem Mechichi : Tunisia
Ossouka Raponda : First woman PM of Gabon	Lee Hsien Loong : Singapore
Jean Castex : France	Micheal Martin : Ireland
Kubatbek Boronov : Kyrgyzstan	Robert Abela : Malta
Pedro Sanchez : Spain	Mikhail Mishustin : Russia
Sheikh Khalid bin Khalifa bin	Abdulaziz Al Thani : Qatar
Muhyiddin bin Haji Muhammad yassin : Malaysia	Janez Jansa : Slovenia
Denys Shmygal : Ukraine	Mustafa Al Kadhimi : Iraq
Benjamin Netanyahu : Israel	

Q. Sindhu Darshan festival, which has been postponed due to Corona situation is held in which State/UT?

A) Ladakh **B) Assam**

C) Uttarakhand **D) Jammu and Kashmir**

Answer : A

- ✓ Ladakh Administration has postponed Sindhu Darshan-2021 due to Covid situation which was scheduled from June 19 to 27 this year
- ✓ The festival is held every year in June on the full moon day of Guru Purnima.
- ✓ Sindhu Darshan Festival is held as a celebration of the River Sindhu

LATEST FESTIVAL IN NEWS 2021		
Sindhu Darshan Festival Ladakh	Shigmo Festival Goa	Sajibu Cheiraoba Festival Manipur
Tulip Festival Jammu and Kashmir	Banana Festival Kushinagar, Uttar Pradesh	KalaNamak Rice Festival Siddharthanagar, Uttar Pradesh
Strawberry Festival Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh	Jaggery Festival Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh	Phool Dei Festival Uttarakhand
Herath Festival Jammu and Kashmir	Attukal Pongala Festival Kerala	Khajuraho Dance Festival Madhya Pradesh
Kanchoth Festival Jammu and Kashmir	Mandu Festival Madhya Pradesh	Kala Ghoda Arts Festival Mumbai
Bird festival 'Kalrav' Nagi bird sanctuary Bihar	Makaravilakku Festival Kerala	Kite festival Shakrain Dhaka, Bangladesh
Cherry blossom Mao festival Manipur	Festival of Cattle ' Kanuma' Telangana	Karthigai Deepam Festival Tamil Nadu
Pongal Festival Tamil Nadu	Hornbill Festival Nagaland	Cherry Blossom Festival Shillong Meghalaya
Pang Lhasbol Festival Sikkim	Kati Bihu Festival Assam	Nuakhai Festival Odisha and Chhattisgarh

Q. Which country successfully landed its rover Zhu Rong on Mars?

A) China **B) Russia**
C) France **D) Japan**

Answer : A

- ✓ China successfully achieved the feat of landing its first Mars Rover ' Zhu Rong' on the red planet, on May 15, 2021, becoming the only second nation to do so
- ✓ Till date, only the United States have successfully landed its rover on Mars
- ✓ It successfully landed in the Utopia Plain in southern part of Mars on after seven months of space travel and three months in orbit
- ✓ Zhu Rong is part of China's first spacecraft for Mars, Tianwen-1, which was launched in July 2020 with three parts – orbiter, lander and rover

Q. The National Digital Financial Infrastructure (NADI) is a next-generation Digital Financial Infrastructure, being build by body?

A) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)

B) National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)

C) Institute for Development and Research in Banking Technology (IDRBT)

D) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)

Answer : C

- ✓ Institute for Development and Research in Banking Technology (IDRBT) is building next-generation Digital Financial Infrastructure named National Digital Financial Infrastructure (NADI)
- ✓ NADI would provide a roadmap and framework for future digital financial services growth in India
- ✓ IDRBT is an arm of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- ✓ **Institute for Development & Research in Banking Technology (IDRBT)**

  Founded : 1996

  Headquarteres : Hyderabad, Telangana

  Director : D. Janakiram

Q. miniTV is a newly launched free video streaming service. The service has been launched by which entity?

A) Saregama India

B) Amazon India

C) Zee Entertainment

D) Balaji Telefilms Ltd

Answer : B

- ✓ Amazon India has launched a free video streaming service named miniTV
- ✓ Amazon now has two video streaming service- Prime Video and miniTV
- ✓ Unlike Prime Video which requires a subscription, miniTV is completely free and is available on Amazon Android App.

Q. How much amount was allocated for the year 2021-22 for 'Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture' (MIDH), a centrally sponsored scheme by the Union Agriculture Ministry?

A) Rs. 4100 cr

B) Rs. 2250 cr

C) Rs. 3500 cr

D) Rs. 2380 cr

Answer : B

- ✓ The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare has provided an enhanced allocation of Rs. 2250 Crore for the year 2021-22 for 'Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture' (MIDH), a centrally sponsored scheme.
- ✓ MIDH is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for the holistic growth of the horticulture sector covering fruits, vegetables, root & tuber crops, mushrooms, spices, flowers, aromatic plants, coconut, cashew, cocoa and bamboo
- ✓ Nodal Ministry: The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare is implementing MIDH with effect from 2014-15.
- ✓ MIDH is implemented under Green Revolution - Krishonnati Yojana
- ✓ country's estimated demand of 650 Million MT of fruits and vegetables by the year 2050
- ✓ During the year 2019-20, the country recorded its highest ever horticulture production of 320.77 million tonnes
- ✓ Area and production during the years 2014-15 to 2019-20 has increased by 9% and 14% respectively

Q. Which bank recently received shareholders' nod for Rs 4,100-crore infusion by govt?

A) Punjab National Bank **B) State Bank of India**

C) Central Bank of India **D) Indian Overseas Bank**

Answer : D

- ✓ Shareholders of Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) have given their approval for issuance of 246,54,23,932 equity shares to the government of India on a preferential basis for the capital infusion of Rs 4,100 crore

INDIAN OVERSEAS BANK (IOB) IN NEWS

- ➢ IOB receives shareholders' nod for Rs 4,100-crore infusion by govt
- ➢ Indian Overseas Bank appoints Ernst & Young as digital consultant
- ➢ Indian Overseas Bank launches 'IOB Trendy' Savings Account for Millennials
- ➢ Government announces Rs 14,500 crore capital infusion in 4 PSBs; Central Bank of India, Indian Overseas Bank, Bank of India and UCO Bank
- ➢ Partha Pratim Sengupta takes over as new MD & CEO of Indian Overseas Bank
- ➢ **Indian Overseas Bank (IOB)**

  Founded : 1937

Founder : M. Chidambaram Chettyar
Headquarters : Chennai, Tamil Nadu
MD & CEO : Partha Pratim Sengupta
Tagline : Good People to Grow With

Q. Which platform has signed an agreement with Indiabulls Housing Finance to acquire its asset management company for Rs 175 crore?

A) Scripbox B) Orowealth
C) Groww D) Goalwise

Answer : C

- ✓ Online investment platform Groww, backed by funds such as Sequoia Capital and Tiger Global, has signed an agreement with Indiabulls Housing Finance to acquire its asset management company for Rs 175 crore, paving the way for the Bengaluru-based fintech startup to enter the mutual fund business
- ✓ **Indiabulls Housing Finance**

  Founded : 2005
  Headquarters : Gurugram
  Chairmam : Sameer Gehlaut
- ✓ **Groww**

  Headquarteres : Bengaluru, Karnataka
  CEO : Lalit Keshre

Q. Which country will host the 2021 Rugby World Cup?

A) France B) Sweden
C) Denmark D) New Zealand

Answer : D

- ✓ Rugby World Cup 2021 revised tournament dates which will see New Zealand host the tournament between 8 October-12 November, 2022
- ✓ 2021 Rugby World Cup is scheduled to be the ninth edition of the Rugby World Cup for women, to be held in New Zealand in the cities of Auckland and Whangārei

- ✓ It was originally to be held in 2021, but was officially postponed by a year in March 2021 due to COVID-19
- ✓ **RUGBY**

  Players : 15

  National games : Zew Zealand

NEW ZEALAND IN NEWS

- ➢ New Zealand PM Jacinda Ardern Tops Fortune's World's 50 Greatest Leaders 2021
- ➢ New Zealand introduces world's first climate change law for financial firms
- ➢ New Zealand becomes only second country after India to pass Miscarriages Bereavement Leave Law
- ➢ India Secures 86th Rank in Corruption Perception Index 2020; New Zealand and Denmark tops
- ➢ New Zealand declares climate emergency, promises a carbon neutral government by 2025
- ➢ New Zealand's Greg Barclay elected new ICC Chairman
- ➢ Australia and New Zealand named as hosts of FIFA Women's World Cup 2023
- ➢ New Zealand's stock exchange (NZX) resumes trading after cyberattacks
- ➢ New Zealand becomes first country to mandate climate risk disclosures
- ➢ Jacinda Ardern wins second term as New Zealand's Prime Minister
- ➢ **NEW ZEALAND**

  Capital : Wellington

  Currency : Dollar

  Prime Minister : Jacinda Ardern

Q. NITI Aayog set up which dedicated portal for tracking all aid coming via missions or by individual organisations?

A) CovIN **B) Cowin**

C) CovAid **D) CoJeet**

Answer : C

- ✓ All Covid-19 related foreign aid received by the government can be tracked online end-to-end till distribution by the donors. The NITI Aayog has set up a dedicated portal – CovAid – for tracking all aid coming via missions or by individual organisations.

NITI AAYOG IN NEWS

- NITI Aayog has set up a dedicated portal named 'CovAid', to track all aid coming via missions
- NITI Aayog and Mastercard Jointly Release Report on 'Connected Commerce: Creating a Roadmap for a Digitally Inclusive Bharat'
- NITI Aayog launches 'Poshan Gyan', a digital repository on health, nutrition
- Niti Aayog launches India Energy Dashboards Version 2.0 focused on data
- NITI Aayog launched the first-of-its kind Online Dispute Resolution (ODR) handbook in India
- Bihar's Nawada tops aspirational districts ranking in January: Niti Aayog
- NITI Aayog and Flipkart collaborate to enhance Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP)
- NITI Aayog Releases Second Edition of India Innovation Index; Karnataka occupied the top position, followed by Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu respectively
- Niti Aayog Launches Made-in-India Cloud Storage Service 'DigiBoxx'
- NITI Aayog releases 'Vision 2035: Public Health Surveillance in India'
- NITI Aayog sets up panel headed by Rajiv Kumar for reforms in urban planning education
- Gujarat Tops NITI Aayog's inaugural Export Preparedness Index 2020
- **NITI Aayog (National Institution for Transforming India)**

  Founded : 1 January 2015

  Preceding : Planning Commission (15 March 1950)

  Headquarters : New Delhi

  Chairperson : Narendra Modi

  Vice Chairperson : Rajiv Kumar

  CEO : Amitabh Kant

Q. The International Day of Light (IDL) is observed annually on which day?

A) 15 May **B) 16 May**

C) 14 May **D) 13 May**

Answer : B

✓ International Day of Light (IDL) is celebrated on 16 May each year to mark the anniversary of the first successful operation of the laser in 1960 by physicist and engineer, Theodore Maiman

✓ The message of 2021 International Day of Light is “Trust Science”

Q. World Hypertension Day (WHD) is observed on which day of the year?

A) 15 May B) 17 May

C) 16 May D) 13 May

Answer : B

✓ World Hypertension Day (WHD) is celebrated on 17 May worldwide to promote public awareness of increasing high blood pressure (BP) and to encourage citizens of all countries to prevent and control this silent killer

✓ Theme 2021 : "Measure Your Blood Pressure Accurately, Control It, Live Longer"

✓ The day was held for the first time in May 2005

Q. When is the World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (WTISD) observed?

A) 16 May B) 14 May

C) 15 May D) 17 May

Answer : D

✓ World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (WTISD) is observed every year on 17 May since 1969, to commemorate the founding of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU)

✓ Theme 2021 : “Accelerating Digital Transformation in challenging times”

✓ The ITU was founded on 17 May 1865, when the first International Telegraph Convention was signed in Paris

✓ **International Telecommunication Union (ITU)**

✓ Founded : 1865

✓ Headquarters : Geneva, Switzerland

✓ Secretary-General : Houlin Zhao

Q. Who was crowned as the 69th Miss Universe 2020?

A) Julia Gama B) Andrea Meza

C) Janick Maceta D) Adline Castelino

Answer : B

✓ Andrea Meza of Mexico has won the Miss Universe 2020 beauty pageant.

- ✓ The 69th edition of the Miss Universe competition was held on May 16, 2021 in Florida, United States
- ✓ The 26-year-old Andrea Meza is a software engineer by profession
- ✓ From India, the 22-year-old Karnataka-based Castelino Adline made the country proud by making it at the fourth spot in the beauty pageant
- ✓ **LIST OF RUNNER-UPS**

  1st Runner-Up – Julia Gama (Brazil)

  2nd Runner-Up – Janick Maceta (Peru)

  3rd Runner-Up – Adline Castelino (India)

  4th Runner-Up – Kimberly Jiménez (Dominican Republic)
- ✓ Armi Kuusela from Finland first Miss Universe Pageant was held in Long Beach, California in 1952

MISS WORLD / UNIVERSE IN NEWS

- ➢ Mexico's Andrea Meza Crowned Miss Universe 2020
- ➢ Manasa Varanasi of Telangana crowned VLCC Femina Miss India World 2020
- ➢ Jamaica's 'Tony-Ann Singh' crowned as 'Miss World 2019'
- ➢ Miss South Africa Zozibini Tunzi was crowned Miss Universe 2019
- ➢ Adline Castelino wins Miss Diva Universe 2020
- ➢ **AMAZING FACTS ABOUT MISS INDIAN**
- ➢ **INDIAN MISS WORLD**

  1. Reita Faria : 1966
  2. Aishwarya Rai : 1994
  3. Diana Hayden : 1997
  4. Yukta Mookhey : 1999
  5. Priyanka Chopra : 2000
  6. Manushi Chhillar : 2017
- ➢ **INDIAN MISS UNIVERSE**

  1. Sushmita Sen : 1994
  2. Lara Dutta : 2000
- ➢ **INDIAN MISS ASIA PACIFIC**

  1. Zeenat Aman : 1970
  2. Tara Anne Fonseca : 1973
  3. Dia Mirza : 2000
- ➢ Reita Faria is the first Indian to win the Miss World in 1966
- ➢ Sushmita Sen first Indian to win the Miss Universe title in 1994
- ➢ Nicole Faria became the first Indian to win the 'Miss Earth' in 2010

Q. Who won the 10th Italian Open Men's Singles title 2021?

A) Rafael Nadal

B) Novak Djokovic

C) Pete Sampras

D) Roger Federer

Answer : A

✓ **ITALIAN OPEN (TENNIS)**

Founded : 1930

Edition : 78 (2021)

Venue : Foro Italico, Italy

Surface : Clay (outdoors)

✓ **ITALIAN OPEN 2021**

- Men's singles- Rafael Nadal (Spain) defeated Novak Djokovic (Serbia)
- Women's singles- Iga Swiatek (Poland) defeated Karolina Pliskova
- Men's doubles- Nikola Mektić (Croatia) and Mate Pavić (Croatia)
- Women's doubles- Sharon Fichman (Canada) and Giuliana Olmos (Mexico)
- Rafael Nadal won his 10th Italian Open crown in Rome
- Rafael Nadal win first Italian open in 2005
- Nadal has now won 10 or more titles at a single event for the fourth time, after Roland Garros (13), Barcelona Open (12) and Monte Carlo (11)
- Nadal has now won 36 Masters 1000 titles, equalling Djokovic's record

RAFAEL NADAL IN NEWS
➢ Rafael Nadal and Iga Swiatek win Italian Open 2021 (tennis)
➢ Rafael Nadal of Spain won the 2021 "Laureus Sportsman of the Year" title
➢ Rafael Nadal beats Stefanos Tsitsipas to clinch 12th Barcelona Open title 2021
➢ Rafael Nadal beat Novak Djokovic to win the men's 2020 French Open

Q. Who has won the women's single title of Italian Open 2021?

A) Naomi Osaka **B) Simona Halep**

C) Ashleigh Barty **D) Iga Swiatek**

Answer : D

✓ Polish teenager Iga Swiatek won the Women's Singles title of Italian Open by defeating Karolina Pliskova of Czech

MOST IMPORTANT TOURNAMENT OPEN IN NEWS 2021

- **ITALIAN OPEN 2021 (TENNIS)**

  Men's singles - Rafael Nadal (Spain)

  Women's singles - Iga Swiatek (Poland)

- **MADRID OPEN 2021 (TENNIS)**

  Men's singles - Alexander Zverev (Germany)

  Women's singles - Aryna Sabalenka (Belarus)

- **BARCELONA OPEN 2021 (TENNIS)**

  Men's Single - Rafael Nadal (Spain) beats Stefanos Tsitsipas (Greece)

- **ROLEX MONTE CARLO MASTERS TITLE (TENNIS)**

  Men's Single - Stefanos Tsitsipas (Greece) beat Andrey Rublev (Russia)

- **MIAMI OPEN (TENNIS) 2021**

  Men's Single - Hubert Hurkacz (Poland)

  Women's Single - Ashleigh Barty (Australia)

- **ALL ENGLAND BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS 2021**

  Men's singles - Lee Zii Jia (Malaysia)

  Women's singles - Nozomi Okuhara (Japan)

- **SWISS OPEN 2021 (BADMINTON)**

  Men's Singles - Viktor Axelsen (Denmark)

  Women's Singles - Carolina Marin (Spain)

- **AUSTRALIAN OPEN 2021 (TENNIS)**

  Men's Singles – Novak Djokovic (Serbia)

  Women's Singles – Naomi Osaka (Japan)

- **YONEX THAILAND OPEN 2021 (BADMINTON)**
  Men's Single – Viktor Axelsen (Denmark)
  Women's Single – Carolina Marin (Spain)

Q. Which organisation had partnered with Elon Musk's SpaceX to provide Starlink internet service?

A) Apple **B) Google**
C) Microsoft **D) Amazon**

Answer : B

- ✓ Google has partnered with SpaceX to provide cloud services to help deliver the internet through the latter's Starlink satellites
- ✓ Under the deal, Elon Musk's space development company will install Starlink ground stations at Google data centres that connect to Starlink satellites to enable high-speed broadband internet via Google Cloud

SPACEX IN NEWS 2021

- Google partners with Elon Musk's SpaceX to provide Starlink internet service
- SpaceX to launch 'DOGE-1 Mission to the Moon', Paid Entirely with Cryptocurrency
- SpaceX's Falcon 9 Launches 60 More Starlink Satellites Into Orbit for High-Speed Internet
- NASA Awards $2.9 billion contract to SpaceX to build commercial moon lander
- NASA Set To Launch SpaceX Crew-2 Mission on April 22 with 4 Astronauts onboard
- SpaceX successfully tests Starship SN10 prototype rocket
- NASA Selects SpaceX to launch its SPHEREx Mission
- SpaceX breaks ISRO's Record by launcheing 143 Satellites in a single mission
- SpaceX's Crew Dragon spacecraft Successfully docks 2 NASA Astronauts at ISS after historic launch
- SpaceX Launches South Korea's Military Communications Satellite ANASIS-II
- SpaceX launches 4 astronauts Shannon Walker, Victor Glover, and Michael Hopkins & Soichi Noguchi into space
- **Space Exploration Technologies Corp. (SpaceX)**
  Founded : 2002
  Founder : Elon Musk

Headquarters: California, US

CEO : Elon Musk

- **GOOGLE**

Founded : 1998

Founders : Larry Page and Sergey Brin

Headquarters : California, U.S.

CEO : Sundar Pichai

Q. Who among the following received the 'International Invincible Gold Medal' 2021?

A) Priyush Goyal **B) Prahlad Singh**

C) Giriraj Singh **D) Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank**

Answer : D

- ✓ Union Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank has been conferred with the International Invincible Gold Medal of this year (2021) for his extraordinary commitment and outstanding service to humanity through his writings, social and illustrious public life.
- ✓ He will receive the award by the global Maharishi Organization and its Universities, on the occasion of Guru Purnima on 24 July 2021

RAMESH POKHRIYAL NISHANK IN NEWS 2021

- Union Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank Conferred with 2021 'International Invincible Gold Medal'
- Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' launched "MyNEP2020" platform of NCTE Web Portal
- Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' launches 'SARTHAQ', the NEP Implementation Plan for School Education
- Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal inaugurates Shaheed Bhagat Singh Smarak in New Delhi
- Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal launches "NanoSniffer", World's First Microsensor based Explosive Trace Detector
- Ramesh Pokhriyal inaugurates two-day Virtual International Akhand Conference 'EDUCON-2020'
- Ramesh Pokhriyal launched Toycathon-2021 to promote manufacturing of toys

- Education Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' conferred with Vatayan Lifetime Achievement Award
- Education Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank
  Consitituency : Haridwar, Uttarakhand

Q. Who was inducted posthumously into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame 2020?

A) Tim Duncan **B) Kobe Bryant**

C) Scottie Pippen **D) John Stockton**

Answer : B

- ✓ American professional basketball player Kobe Bryant was inducted posthumously into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame 2020
- ✓ He was the NBA Most Valuable Player in 2008. He was in the United States team that won Olympic gold in 2008 and 2012

Q. Kareem Abdul-Jabbar Social Justice Champion Award, is a newly created award by which sports league?

A) UEFA Europa League (UEL) **B) National Football League (NFL)**

C) National Hockey League (NHL) **D) National Basketball Association (NBA)**

Answer : D

- ✓ National Basketball Association (NBA) has created a new award, named "Kareem Abdul-JabbarSocial Justice Champion Award"
- ✓ The award has been named in honor of Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, the all-time leading scorer of league and a noted civil rights activist
- ✓ The winner will get $100,000 from the league to donate to an organization of his choosing
- ✓ NBA is a professional basketball league in North America
- ✓ **National Basketball Association (NBA)**
  Headquarteres : New York,USA

Q. Who is the author of the book "Sikkim: A History of Intrigue and Alliance"?

A) Ravindra Kelekar
B) Gadul Singh Lama
C) Balmiki Prasad Singh
D) Preet Mohan Singh Malik

Answer : D

- ✓ A book titled "Sikkim: A History of Intrigue and Alliance", written by former diplomat Preet Mohan Singh Malik, released on May 16, 2021
- ✓ May 16 is celebrated as Sikkim Day
- ✓ In the book, Malik has narrated the unique history of the erstwhile kingdom of Sikkim with the intriguing story of how it became India's 22nd state in his new book
- ✓ The book has been published by HarperCollins India

Q. According to the 'Environmental Risk Outlook 2021' released by Verisk Maplecroft, which is the safest city in the world?

A) Vienna, Austria
B) Paris, France
C) Glasgow, Scotland
D) Oslo, Norway

Answer : C

- ✓ According to the 'Environmental Risk Outlook 2021' released by Verisk Maplecroft, India has 43 of the World's 100 most environmentally riskiest cities and China has 37 most environmentally riskiest cities
- ✓ Glasgow, Scotland was ranked as the safest city in the report
- ✓ Jakarta in Indonesia was ranked as the riskiest city in the world, followed by Delhi and Chennai
- ✓ Other Indian cities are Agra (6th), Kanpur (10th), Jaipur (22nd) and Lucknow (24th). Lima, Peru is the only non-Asian city to crack the top 100

Q. Which country will host AIBA men's World Boxing Championship in 2021

A) China
B) Russia
C) Croatia
D) Serbia

Answer : D

- ✓ The International Boxing Association (AIBA) on announced that the world championship of boxing for men will be held from 26 October to 6 November in Belgrade, Serbia

SPORTS GAMES HOST IN NEWS

- **International Boxing Association or Association Internationale de Boxe Amateur (AIBA)**

  Founded : 1946

  Headquarters : Lausanne, Switzerland

  President : Umar Nazarovich Kremlev

Q. Which organisation has provided Rs. 1,236 crores from its Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) for Assam in FY21?

A) RBI **B) SEBI**

C) SIDBI **D) NABARD**

Answer : D

✓ National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has provided Rs. 1,236 crores from its Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) through the monetary 12 months 2020-21 with Rural Connectivity Projects (Roads & Bridges) as the main target space in the state of Assam

NABARD IN NEWS

- NABARD provides Rs. 1,236 crores from its Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) for Assam in FY21
- NABARD Extends Financial Support of Rs 9162 Crore to West Bengal
- NABARD's Chairman G.R. Chintala takes charge as Chairman of APRACA
- NABARD launches special refinance facility for WASH programme
- Govinda Rajulu Chintala appointed as Chairman of NABARD
- NABARD sanctions ₹795 cr to re-construct infra damaged by cyclone in Bengal
- NABARD extends Rs 270 crore to Assam Gramin Vikash Bank
- NABARD organised 'Digital Choupal' to mark its 39th foundation day
- **National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)**

  Founded : 12 July 1982

  HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra

  Chairman : Govinda Rajulu Chintala
- NABARD established on the recommendations of B.Sivaramman Committee
- RBI had sold its stake and now the Government of India (GOI) has 99 percent in it

Q. Who was appointed as the senior adviser of the White House?

A) Neera Tanden
B) Gautam Raghavan
C) Bharat Ramamurti
D) Sonia Aggarwal

Answer : A

- ✓ Indian-American Neera Tanden was appointed as the senior adviser of the White House
- ✓ She is currently the President and CEO of a progressive think-tank, Center for American Progress (CAP)

Q. What was the profession of MS Narasimhan, who has passed away?

A) Astronaut
B) Social Activist
C) Mathematician
D) Space Scientist

Answer : C

- ✓ Noted Indian mathematician Professor MS Narasimhan has passed away
- ✓ Professor Narasimhan, along with C. S. Seshadri, were known for their proof of the Narasimhan–Seshadri theorem.
- ✓ He is the only Indian to receive the King Faisal International Prize in the field of science.
- ✓ He is a recipient of Srinivasa Ramanujan Medal of INSA (1988)
- ✓ Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize (1975)
- ✓ Padma Bhushan (1990)
- ✓ TWAS Prize for Mathematics (1987)

Q. Which state government has launched MOMA Market Mobile application to solve the issues of home delivery of fresh vegetables?

A) Nagaland
B) Manipur
C) Meghalaya
D) Mizoram

Answer : B

- ✓ Chief Minister N. Biren Singh launched MOMA Market mobile application for home delivery of fresh vegetables
- ✓ The application was introduced by Manipur Organic Mission Agency (MOMA), Department of Horticulture and Soil Conservation, Manipur under the supervision of Chief Minister N. Biren Singh to make fresh vegetables available for day to day consumption and curb the distress sales of farm produces during lockdown due to COVID-19 pandemic

MANIPUR IN NEWS

- Manipur CM launches 'MOMA Market' for vegetable
- The 4th edition of the Cherry Blossom Festival, Mao in Manipur
- Manipur recently launched the m-Pension App to assist pensioners without them having to go to the treasury office.
- Manipur's Nongpok Sekmai Police Station best in India
- Manipur's Gyanendro Ningombam becomes new president of Hockey India
- CM N. Of Manipur Biren Singh Inaugurated "Plant Health Clinic"
- Manipur CM Inaugurates 'Anganphou Hunba' Program
- United Nations Declares Manipur's Khudol among the top 10 global initiatives to fight COVID-19
- Manipur govt starts new initiative 'Food Bank' to help the poor
- Indian Railways Constructs Country's Tallest Pier Bridge in Manipur

Q. Which team has won The Football Association Challenge Cup (FA Cup) title for the first time?

A) Liverpool **B) Barcelona**

C) Leicester City **D) Real Madrid**

Answer : C

✓ Leicester won the FA Cup for the first time in the club's 137-year history on 15th May as Youri Tielemans's sensational strike beat Chelsea 1-0 at Wembley in England

Q. Indian Railways has commissioned Wi-Fi at how many Railway stations in five years?

A) 3000 **B) 4500**

C) 5000 **D) 6000**

Answer : D

✓ Railways has commissioned Wi-Fi at six thousand Railway stations in five years

✓ Railways started its journey by providing Wi-Fi facility at 1st Railway station Mumbai in January 2016

✓ With the commissioning of Wi-Fi at Hazaribagh Railway station in Jharkhand, Indian Railways commissioned Wi-Fi at six thousand Railway stations

✓ This facility was provided with the help of RailTel, a Public Sector Undertakings under Ministry of Railways

Q. National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA), located in which State/UT will start month long online summer workshop-NAIMISHA 2021?

A) Gujarat
B) New Delhi
C) Maharashtra
D) Madhya Pradesh

Answer : B

- ✓ National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA) is the premier art gallery under Ministry of Culture, Government of India
- ✓ It will start a month long online summer workshop- NAIMISHA 2021
- ✓ This unique art fiesta will provide a platform to create and engage with the arts
- ✓ The workshops have been designed on painting, sculpture, print making and videography and puppeteering and other related arts.
- ✓ **National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA)**

  Founded : 1954

  Headquarters : New-Delhi

Q. When is the International Museum Day observed globally?

A) 14 May
B) 17 May
C) 18 May
D) 16 May

Answer : C

- ✓ The International Museum Day is celebrated on 18 May, since 1977
- ✓ Theme 2021 : "The Future of Museums: Recover and Reimagine"

MUSEUM IN NEWS 2021

- ➢ India's first Labour Movement Museum to be set up in Kerala
- ➢ President Inaugurates Museum Dedicated to General KS Thimayya in Karnataka
- ➢ India's First Sandalwood Museum to come up in Mysuru, Karnataka
- ➢ Centre to dedicate a Museum on Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose in Kolkata on 125th birth anniversary
- ➢ SEBI to set up virtual museum of securities market
- ➢ India's first maritime museum coming up at Lothal in Gujarat
- ➢ India's 1st Living Culinary Arts Museum enters Limca Book of Records

- India's first oil museum to come up in Guwahati
- World's First Museum on Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu Inaugurated in Kolkata
- India's first Dinosaur Museum opens in Gujarat
- **International Council of Museums (ICOM)**

  Founded : 1946

  Headquarteres : Paris, France

Q. What is the theme of the International Museum Day 2021?

A) Museums for Equality: Diversity and Inclusion

B) Hyperconnected museum: New approaches, new publics

C) Museums as Cultural Hubs: The Future of Tradition

D) The Future of Museums: Recover and Reimagine

Answer : D

Q. The 6th UN Global Road Safety Week has been organised in which week of May 2021?

A) 13-20 May **B) 14-21 May**

C) 17-23 May **D) 16-22 May**

Answer : C

- ✓ 6th UN Global Road Safety Week has been organised from 17-23 May 2021
- ✓ The theme for UN Global Road Safety Week 2021 is "Streets for Life #Love30"
- ✓ The UN Global Road Safety Week is a biennial global road safety campaign organised by the World Health Organisation (WHO)
- ✓ **World Health Organization (WHO)**

  Formation : 7 April 1948

  Headquarters : Geneva, Switzerland

  First President : Andrija Štampar

  Director General : Tedros Adhanom (Ethiopia)

  Deputy Director General : Soumya Swaminathan (Indian)

Q. The supercomputer named 'Simorgh' has been developed by which country recently?

A) Iran **B) China**

C) Japan **D) Russia**

Answer : A

- ✓ Iran has unveiled a new supercomputer named 'Simorgh', which is 100 times more powerful than previous supercomputer of the country till date
- ✓ The supercomputer has been developed indigenously by Tehran's Amirkabir University of Technology (AUT)
- ✓ It has been named after a mythical Phoenix-like bird 'Simurgh'
- ✓ Currently, Simorgh has a performance capacity of 0.56 petaflops,
- ✓ The supercomputer will be used for artificial intelligence workloads, traffic and weather data, and image processing

SUPERCOMPUTER IN NEWS

- ➢ Iran Develops Its Most Powerful Supercomputer "Simorgh"
- ➢ World's most powerful supercomputer named "Fugaku", developed by Japanese scientific research institute RIKEN and Fujitsu
- ➢ India's Param Siddhi ranked 63rd in most powerful supercomputers
- ➢ United States will build the world's first exascale supercomputer named Aurora
- ➢ India's largest HPC-AI supercomputer 'PARAM Siddhi – AI'

IRAN IN NEWS

- ➢ Iran Develops Its Most Powerful Supercomputer "Simorgh"
- ➢ India loses ONGC-discovered Farzad-B gas field in Iran
- ➢ Iran introduces new currency "Toman" to tackle Inflation
- ➢ India joined Iran and Russia in the naval exercise dubbed as "Iran-Russia Maritime Security Belt 2021"
- ➢ **IRAN**

  Capital : Tehran

  Currency : Toman

  President : Hassan Rouhani

Q. India's First Agriculture Export Facilitation Centre has been unveiled in which city?

A) Pune
B) Noida
B) Chennai
D) New Delhi

Answer : A

- ✓ Mahratta Chamber of Commerce, Industry, and Agriculture (MCCIA) has launched India's first agro-export facilitation centre in Pune, in collaboration with National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)
- ✓ The new Facilitation Centre will work as a one-stop-centre for the exporters in the agricultural sector as well as boost agricultural exports from the region, as per global standards

PUNE IN NEWS

- India's First Agriculture Export Facilitation Centre Launched in Pune
- Pune has the best health infra among India's eight prime cities, shows Housing.com's City Health Card
- Paytm Money has set up a new R&D facility in Pune, Maharashtra
- Maharashtra launches 'jail tourism' initiative from Pune's Yerawada jail
- Indian Army and Maha govt organised a anti-terror exercise "Suraksha Kavach" at Lullanagar, Pune, Maharashtra
- Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation, Pune signed an MoU with UNDP India to co-create India's first Social Impact Bond (SIB)
- Defence Institute of Advanced Technology, Pune wins first prize in Smart India Hackathon-2020
- Pune based Serum Institute's Adar Poonawalla named as 1 of 6 "Asians Of The Year"
- Indian Army and Maharashtra govt organised a anti-terror exercise "Suraksha Kavach"
- British Petroleum to set up Global Business Service Centre in Pune
- 108th Science Congress to be held in 2022 instead of January 2021, Pune to remain host city
- **National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)**
- Founded : 12 July 1982
- HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Chairman : Govinda Rajulu Chintala
- NABARD established on the recommendations of B.Sivaramman Committee

INDIA'S FIRST IN NEWS

- India’s First Agriculture Export Facilitation Centre Launched in Pune
- Andhra Pradesh to Launch India’s first Govt-run Ambulance Network For Animals
- India’s first centralised AC railway terminal in Bengaluru
- India's first digital university comes up in Kerala b
- India’s first Labour Movement Museum to be set up in Kerala
- India’s First Amputee Clinic Launched In Chandigarh
- India’s first Pollinator Park inaugurated in Haldwani, Uttarakhand
- India’s first Lithium refinery to be set up in Gujarat
- Uttar Pradesh govt is set to establish India’s first mega leather park in Kanpur
- IOCL launches India’s first 100 Octane Premium Petrol
- India’s First Sandalwood Museum to come up in Mysuru, Karnataka
- World Bank sanctions Rs 3 crore to set up India’s first Sand Dune Park in Goa
- PM Modi launches India’s first seaplane service in Gujarat connecting Kevadia-Sabarmati
- India’s First Female Cardiologist, Dr S. Padmavati Passes Away
- SpiceJet launches India’s first dedicated freighter services to Leh in Ladakh
- India’s first-ever E-resource centre and virtual court “Nyay Kaushal” inaugurated in Nagpur
- Asia’s first solar power-enabled Textile Mill to be unveiled in Parbhani district of Maharashtra
- India’s First Regional Voters’ Awareness Centre to Come Up in Jaipur
- 1st cow hospital of Northeast inaugurated in Assam
- India’s first ‘Moss Garden’ comes up in Nainital district uttarakhand
- World’s first Tram library for children launched in Kolkata, West Bengal
- India’s First Airport Coronavirus Testing Facility Launched In Delhi Indira Gandhi International Airport.
- India’s first multi-modal logistic park in Jogighopa, in Bongaigaon district of Assam Assam
- Kerala becomes first Indian state to fix floor price for vegetable
- India’s 1st solar-powered miniature train launched in Kerala
- Asan Conservation Reserve becomes Uttarakhand’s 1st Ramsar site
- India’s first ‘tyre park’ to come up in West Bengal
- Kerala becomes 1st state to have completely digital, hi-tech classrooms

- India's 1st International Women's Trade Centre to be set up in Kerala
- Kerala Govt commissioned 1st Marine Ambulance 'PRATHEEKSHA'
- Chhattisgarh Government organises India's first e-Lok Adalat
- Himachal Pradesh becomes first state where everyone possess LPG connection
- Uttarakhand developed India's first lichen park in Kumaon's Munsiyari, Pithoragarh
- Odisha becomes 1st state to get ISO for tribal hostels
- Uttarakhand opens its biggest biodiversity park in Haldwani
- Kerala becomes 1st state to provide free internet for the poor
- Mega leather park with Rs 5,850 cr investment to come up in Kanpur
- Nehru Zoological Park, Hyderabad has also become the first zoo in the country to get this certificate
- India's first 'tyre park' to come up in West Bengal
- India's first multi-modal logistic park in Assam
- India's 1st ever organic spices seed park set up Gujarat

Q. Ministry of Tribal Affairs signed MoU with which company for digital transformation of Tribal Schools?

A) Apple **B) Google**
C) Microsoft **D) Mastercard**

Answer : C

- ✓ Tribal Affairs Ministry and Microsoft have signed an MoU for digital transformation of Tribal Schools such as Eklavya Model Residential Schools and Ashram Schools.
- ✓ The collaboration seeks to skill educators and students in next-generation digital technologies including
- ✓ Artificial Intelligence
- ✓ Under the program, 250 Eklavya Model Residential school have been adopted by Microsoft out of which 50 schools will be given intensive training.

MICROSOFT IN NEWS

- Ministry of Tribal Affairs and Microsoft sign MoU for Digital Transformation of Tribal Schools
- Microsoft buys AI speech tech company Nuance for $19.7 billion
- Microsoft launches its new Taj Mahal inspired Engineering Hub in Noida, Uttar Pradesh

- Ministry of Agriculture signs MoU with Microsoft India to improve Farmers income in 100 villages of 6 states
- Microsoft Collaborates with NSDC to empower women in India with digital skills
- Microsoft & AICTE collaborate to empower students and educators
- DGT inks pact with MICROSOFT and NASSCOM FOUNDATION for digital skilling of ITI Students through Bharatskills Portal
- Microsoft partners NSDC to provide digital skills
- Microsoft & SBI join hands to train differently-abled
- Microsoft vows to be 'carbon negative' by 2030
- **MICROSOFT**

  Founded : 1975

  Founders : Bill Gates and Paul Allen

  Headquarters : Washington DC

  Chairman : John W. Thompson

  CEO : Satya Nadella

  President : Brad Smith

TRIBAL MINISTRY IN NEWS

- Ministry of Tribal Affairs and Microsoft sign MoU for Digital Transformation of Tribal Schools
- Dr Harsh Vardhan and Arjun Munda launches Tribal Health Collaborative 'Anamaya'
- Tribal Co-operative Marketing Federation of India (TRIFED) inks MoU with 'The LINK Fund' for tribal development
- M. Venkaiah Naidu inaugurated the National Tribal Festival "Aadi Mahotsav" on 1st February, 2021 at Dilli Haat, INA, New Delhi
- Ministry of Tribal Affairs launches Tribal Health & Nutrition Portal – 'Swasthya'
- Minister for Tribal Affairs, Arjun Munda e-launches first-ever Virtual Aadi Mahotsav with focus on Madhya Pradesh
- Ministry of Tribal Affairs receives SKOCH Gold Award
- Tribal Affairs Minister launches "Trifood Project" of TRIFED
- International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples (World Tribal Day) is observed on 9 August

- Ministry of Tribal Affairs launches “Swasthya” & “ALEKH”
- Union Minister for Tribal Affairs : Arjun Munda
  Consitituency : Khunti, Jharkhand

Q. How much amount was released to 15 States in current FY for implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission?

A) Rs 9,875 Crore **B) Rs 5,968 Crore**
C) Rs 6,430 Crore **D) Rs 7,650 Crore**

Answer : B

- ✓ Jal Jeevan Mission: Centre releases first tranche of Rs 5,968 Crore to 15 States for FY 2021-22
- ✓ The Jal Jeevan Mission was announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 15th August, 2019 with the aim to provide assured tap water supply to every rural home by 2024
- ✓ Budget 2021-22 : Rs 50,011 crore allocated for Jal Jeevan Mission
- ✓ Goa, Telangana, Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Puducherry have become ‘Har Ghar Jal’ States or Union Territories.
- ✓ The Jal Jeevan Mission aims to assure a safe tap water supply to every rural family, ensuring no one in the village is left out

Q. Moctor Ouane was reappointed as Prime Minister of which country?

A) Mali
B) Nigeria
C) Romania
D) Ethiopia

Answer : A

- ✓ Moctor Ouane was reappointed as Prime Minister of Mali by President Bah Ndaw
- ✓ **MALI**
  Capital : Bamako
  Currency : Franc
  President : Bah Ndaw
  Prime Minister : Moctar Ouane

REAPPOINTED IN NEWS

- Moctor Ouane was reappointed as Prime Minister of Mali
- KP Sharma Oli Re-appointed as Prime Minister of Nepal
- RBI approves re-appointment of Murali Natrajan as MD and CEO of DCB Bank
- CAG of India Girish Murmu re-appointed Chairman of UN Panel of External Auditors for 2021
- Denis Sassou Nguesso re-elected as President of Republic of Congo
- Thomas Bach re-elected as International Olympic Committee president until 2025
- Dushyant Chautala re-elected as President of Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI)
- Gudni Johannesson Re-elected as President of Iceland for second 4-year term
- Belarus President Alexander Lukashenko re-elected for 6th consecutive term
- Faustin-Archange Touadera Re-elected as President of Central African Republic
- India & France re-elected as President and Co-President of International Solar Alliance (ISA)
- Ajay Singh re-elected Boxing Federation of India President
- Nilesh Shah re-elected as Chairman of Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI)
- Vishwavir Ahuja re-appointed as RBL Bank Managing Director and CEO
- RBI re-appoints Uday Kotak as MD of Kotak Mahindra Bank

Q. Which football club won the UEFA Women's Champions League 2021?

A) Lyon **B) Chelsea**

C) Barcelona **D) Wolfsburg**

Answer : C

- ✓ 2021 UEFA Women's Champions League
  Venue : Gamla Ullevi, Gothenburg
- ✓ Barcelona won the match 4–0 for their first Champions League title
- ✓ **Union of European Football Associations (UEFA)**
  Founded : 1954
  Headquarters : Nyon, Switzerland
  President : Aleksander Čeferin

Q. Which telecom operator has joined with global consortium to build an undersea cable network to increase data demand?

B) Airtel
B) BSNL
C) Vodafone
D) Reliance Jio

Answer : D

- ✓ Telecom operator Reliance Jio announced that it is constructing the largest international submarine cable system centred on India with global partners and submarine cable supplier Subcom to increase data demand
- ✓ The two submarine cable systems, which the company plans to deploy will connect India with Asia Pacific markets through Singapore, Thailand and Malaysia and the other one with Italy
- ✓ The system will be built in collaboration with several key global partners and world-class submarine cable supplier SubCom

RELIANCE JIO IN NEWS

- ➢ Reliance Jio is building largest international submarine cable system centred on India
- ➢ Bharti Airtel sells 800 MHz spectrum in three circles to Reliance Jio
- ➢ Reliance Jio ranked 5th strongest brand globally
- ➢ Jio Platforms, Byju's in Time Magazine's first-ever list of 100 most influential cos
- ➢ **Reliance Jio**

  Founded : 15 February 2007
  Founder : Mukesh Ambani
  Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra
  Chairmam : Mukesh Ambani
  Managing Director : Sandip Das

Q. Which city topped in the health infrastructure parameters according to Housing.com's City Health Card report?

A) Pune
B) Chennai
C) Bengaluru
D) Hyderabad

Answer : A

- ✓ According to 'State of Indian Healthcare – Indian Cities through the lens of healthcare 2021' report released by Housing.com, an real estate portal – Pune, Maharashtra is the healthiest city among the top 8 urban cities of India
- ✓ The top 3 cities are – Pune, Ahmedabad (Gujarat), Bengaluru (Karnataka)
- ✓ The ranking is done with regard to parameters like number of hospital beds, ease of living, water quality, and local body performance
- ✓ The report ranks health infrastructure in India's most urbanised eight cities — Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Chennai, Delhi-NCR, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Mumbai (MMR) and Pune

Q. Who became the first Indian-origin fighter to win a world title at a top-level MMA event?

A) Rishi Sunak **B) Arjan Bhullar**

C) Navendu Mishra **D) Ranil Jayawardena**

Answer : B

- ✓ Arjan Bhullar became the first Indian-origin fighter to win a world title in a top-level MMA promotion when he beat Brandon Vera to become the heavyweight world champion at the Singapore-based One Championship
- ✓ He had won a gold medal in the 2010 Commonwealth Games in 120kg freestyle wrestling held in New Delhi

Q. Who has been appointed as the nominee director on board of Bank of India?

A) Shikha Sharma **B) Vandita Kaul**

C) Kalpana Morparia **D) Narayanan Vaghul**

Answer : B

- ✓ Government has appointed Vandita Kaul, additional secretary in the Finance Ministry, as the nominee director on board of Bank of India.
- ✓ **Bank of India (BOI)**

  Founded : 1906

  Headquarteres : Mumbai, Maharashtra

  Non-Exe Chairman : G. Padmanabhan

  MD & CEO Atnu Kumar Das

  Tagline : Relationship Beyond Banking

Q. Which state launched 'HIT Covid App' to ensure regular monitoring, tracking of home isolated patients?

A) Odisha
B) Bihar
C) Haryana
D) Chhattisgarh

Answer : B

- ✓ Bihar government launched 'HIT Covid App' to ensure regular monitoring and tracking of those Civid-19 patients, who are in home isolation across the state
- ✓ HIT, which stands for home isolation tracking will help the health workers in regular monitoring of home - isolated patients.
- ✓ Health workers will visit the patients at home every day and feed data in the app after measuring their temperature and oxygen level

BIHAR IN NEWS

- ➢ Bihar CM launches 'HIT Covid App' to ensure regular tracking, monitoring of home isolated patients
- ➢ Tripurari Sharan named new Bihar chief secretary
- ➢ Bihar is set to become the country's first state to have two green energy efficient towns in Rajgir and Bodh Gaya
- ➢ Bihar becomes first state to have Ethanol Promotion Policy
- ➢ Bihar is going to celebrate 109th Bihar Diwas on 22nd March 2021
- ➢ 1st bird festival at Nagi- Nakti bird sanctuaries in Bihar Jamui district
- ➢ Nitin Gadkari has inaugurated the 1.5 km long Koilwar bridge over Sone river in Bihar
- ➢ Nitish Kumar Becomes The Chief Minister Of Bihar For The 7th Time
- ➢ Bihar wins Digital India award for transferring money in COVID time
- ➢ Tarkishore Prasad and Renu Devi have been made the new Deputy Chief Ministers .
- ➢ PM Modi lays Foundation Stone for 9 Highway Projects worth Rs 14, 528 crores in Bihar
- ➢ PM Modi inaugurates Kosi Rail Mega Bridge in Bihar
- ➢ Kosi Rail mega bridge is 1.9 kms long and cost of Rs. 516 Crores
- ➢ PM Modi launches PM Matsya Sampada Yojana, e-Gopala App & several initiatives in Bihar
- ➢ Bihar CM Nitish Kumar Released a Book Titled "Siyasat Mein Sadasyata" Authored by
- ➢ Vijay Kumar Choudhary

- Union Minister Ram Vilas Paswan passes away
- Flipkart signs MoU with IIT Patna for Industry Focused Research
- Nitin Gadkari inaugurated upstream carriageway of Mahatma Gandhi bridge in Bihar
- Centre allocates over Rs 1,832.66 cr for implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission in Bihar
- India Post & Bihar's Horticulture dept. partnered to supply Shahi Litchi & Zardalu Mango
- First of-its kind turtle rehab centre comes up in Bhagalpur Bihar
- PM Modi launches "Ghar Tak Fibre" scheme in Bihar
- Union Cabinet approves establishment of AIIMS at Darbhanga, Bihar

Q. Who is the author of the book "Philip Roth: The Biography,"?

A) Blake Bailey **B) Richard Yates**

C) John Cheever **D) Claire Bloom**

Answer : A

- ✓ "Philip Roth: The Biography," a polarizing book that was dumped by W.W. Norton after allegations surfaced of sexual misconduct by author Blake Bailey, has been picked up by Skyhorse Publishing
- ✓ Philip Roth was an American novelist and short-story writer

Q. Who has become the first Indian woman to scale Mount Everest in 2021?

A) Priyanka Mohite

B) Tashi Yangjom

C) Malavath Poorna

D) Premlata Aggarwal

Answer : B

- ✓ Tashi Yangjom from Arunachal Pradesh for scaling Mt. Everest & becoming the first Indian woman climber to Everest in 2021
- ✓ Mount Everest's new height is 8848.86 metres
- ✓ The old height of Mt Everest was 8.848 metres
- ✓ 0.86 cms more than the previous measurement

Q. South Central Railways 200th Kisan Rail successfully commenced its journey between_____.

A) Bihar and Maharashtra
C) Delhi and Tamil Nadu
D) Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat
D) Andhra Pradesh and Delhi

Answer : D

- ✓ South Central Railways 200th Kisan Rail successfully commenced its journey, transporting 260
- ✓ tonnes of Mangoes from Nuzvid in Andhra Pradesh to Adarsh Nagar in Delhi
- ✓ A total of 65,962 tonnes of agricultural produce has been transported by these Kisan Rails from different locations of the zone so far
- ✓ The Kisan Rail initiative started by the Indian Railways provides a safe, secure and fast mode of transportation with least Enroute damages for the agricultural farmers and traders.

FIRST'S TRAIN IN NEWS

- ➢ Prime Minister Narendra Modi flags off 100th 'Kisan Rail' from Sangola in Maharashtra to Shalimar in West Bengal
- ➢ First Kisan Rail was flagged off between Devlali in Maharashtra and Danapur in Bihar
- ➢ India's Second and South India's First "Kisan Train" flagged off from
- ➢ Anantapur in Andhra Pradesh to Adarsh Nagar Railway Station in Delhi
- ➢ 3rd Kisan Rail Between Bengaluru Karnataka) and Delhi
- ➢ Fourth Kisan Rail flags off from Nagpur to Delhi
- ➢ PM Modi flagged off India's first driverless train on Delhi Metro
- ➢ India's first private train Lucknow-Delhi Tejas Express flagged off
- ➢ Second Private train Ahmedabad-Mumbai Tejas Express flagged off
- ➢ India's 1st solar-powered miniature train launched in Kerala

Q. The SBIRS Geo-5 is a missile-warning satellite, launched recently on Atlas V rocket into space.The satellite belongs to which country?

A) China
B) Russia
C) Japan
D) United States

Answer : D

- ✓ SBIRS Geo-5 missile warning satellite of US Space Force launched onboard Atlas V Rocket

- ✓ American spacecraft launch service provider, United Launch Alliance, launched its Atlas V rocket into space, on May 18, 2021, carrying a missile-warning satellite, SBIRS Geo-5, for the U.S. Space Force.
- ✓ The two-stage rocket was launched from Space Launch Complex 41 at Cape Canaveral Space Force Station in Florida
- ✓ The USD 1 billion satellite is built by Lockheed Martin and weighs about 10,700 lbs. (4,850 kilograms).

SATELLITE IN NEWS

- ➢ China successfully launches new ocean observation satellite Haiyang-2D
- ➢ Atlas V rocket launches SBIRS Geo-5 missile warning satellite for US Space Force
- ➢ Google Cloud partnered with SpaceX for providing satellite internet service
- ➢ China and Russia Inks MoU to jointly build Lunar Space Station
- ➢ ISRO's PSLV-C51 launches Brazil's Amazonia-1 satellite
- ➢ SpaceX breaks ISRO's Record by launcheing 143 Satellites in a single mission
- ➢ ISRO Launches Earth Observation Satellite (EOS-01) and 9 Foreign Satellites from Sriharikota
- ➢ ISRO successfully launches India's new communication satellite CMS-01 from Sriharikota onboard PSLV-C50
- ➢ China's First Mars Rover 'ZhuRong' Successfully Lands on Mars
- ➢ Tunisia launched its first home-made satellite, Challenge ONE
- ➢ Russia launches first Arctic-monitoring Satellite 'Arktika-M'
- ➢ BSNL partnered with Skylotech India (Skylo) launches World's First Satellite-based Narrowband-IoT Network
- ➢ China Launches Robot Prototype 'NEO-01' Clear Space Debris
- ➢ China successfully sends world's first 6G communications test satellite into orbit
- ➢ China launches historic 'Chang'e-5' mission to collect & return samples from moon
- ➢ NASA-ESA successfully launches Sentinel-6 Michael Freilich satellite to monitor global sea levels

Q. Which state topped in establishing health and wellness centres (HWCs) under the Ayushman Bharat Program?

A) Kerala **B) Karnataka**

C) Tamil Nadu **D) Andhra Pradesh**

Answer : B

- ✓ Karnataka is ranked at the top in establishing health and wellness centres under Ayushman Bharat Programme to provide comprehensive primary health care in rural areas
- ✓ The Central Government has set a target of 1.5 lakh functional AB-HWCs by December 2022
- ✓ Ayushman Bharat Yojana or National Health Protection Mission (Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Abhiyaan) { PM-JAY}
- ✓ The PMJAY, world's largest health insurance/assurance scheme fully financed by the government, provides a cover of Rs. 5 lakh per family per year for secondary and tertiary care hospitalisation across public and private empanelled hospitals in India
- ✓ The insurance cost is shared by the centre and the state mostly in the ratio of 60:40
- ✓ Ayushman Bharat Yojana is a National Health Protection Scheme launched on September 25, 2018
- ✓ R S Sharma appointed as new CEO of Ayushman Bharat Scheme
- ✓ Karnataka tops in setting up health & wellness centres under Ayushman Bharat

KARNATAKA IN NEWS

- ➢ Megalithic site of Hire Benkal of Karnataka added to tentative list of UNESCO World Heritage Sites
- ➢ Karnataka has launched India's maiden Engineering Research & Development (ERD) policy to raise R&D contribution to 45% in 5 year
- ➢ Karnataka to set up a Flower Processing Centre to add value to its flower power
- ➢ Karnataka to Host Second Khelo India University Games (KIUG) 2021
- ➢ President Ramnath Kovind Inaugurates Museum Dedicated to General KS Thimayya in Karnataka
- ➢ Karnataka Chief Minister launched Avalokana software
- ➢ Karnataka Government launches Krishi Sanjeevani Vans to test soil, water
- ➢ Karnataka Government launches portal 'FRUITS' for farmers
- ➢ Karnataka's 1st 11.5 megawatt power plant being set up at Bidadi
- ➢ India's First Sandalwood Museum to come up in Mysuru, Karnataka
- ➢ Vijayanagara becomes 31st District of Karnataka, carved out of Ballari district
- ➢ Karnataka approves Rs. 600-cr watershed project 'REWARD' with World Bank assistance
- ➢ Karnataka launches India's first integrated air ambulance service
- ➢ Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana Participates in 7th WASH Conclave Concludes

Q. Which state has ranked first in the implementation of Smart City Mission schemes?

A) Jharkhand B) Madhya Pradesh

C) Maharashtra D) Uttar Pradesh

Answer : A

- ✓ Jharkhand has clinched the 1st Position among the 36 States & UTs of India based on the progress of implementation of Smart City projects, Rajasthan came second in the rankings. The rankings were released by the Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA)
- ✓ At the same time, Jharkhand's Capital Ranchi has risen to 12th position
- ✓ On the other hand, Delhi is at number 11 in the list of states and union territories and Bihar at number 27
- ✓ **SMART CITY MISSIONS**
  - The Smart Cities Mission (SCM) is a holistic city rejuvenation programme for 100 cities in India launched on June 25, 2015, by Prime Minister Narendra Modi
  - It is an innovative initiative under the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
  - Coverage and Duration: The Mission covered 100 cities for the duration of five years starting from the financial year (FY) 2015-16 to 2019-20

JHARKHAND IN NEWS

- ➢ Jharkhand launches 'Amrit Vahini' App for online booking of hospital beds
- ➢ Jharkhand ranks first in implementation of Smart City Mission schemes
- ➢ Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) first party to declare name of electoral bonds donor
- ➢ Jharkhand launches 'SAAMAR' campaign to fight malnutrition in the state
- ➢ Former Bihar-Jharkhand Governor & Jurist M Rama Jois, passes away
- ➢ Jharkhand govt launches PRAGYAAM app to issue e-passes

Q. Which country has successfully launched a new ocean observation satellite Haiyang-2D?

A) China B) Russia

C) France D) Germany

Answer : A

- ✓ China successfully launches new ocean observation satellite Haiyang-2D

- ✓ The satellite was launched by a Long March-4B rocket carrying the Haiyang-2D (HY-2D) satellite from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre in northwest China
- ✓ The HY-2D was developed by the China Academy of Space Technology, and the carrier rocket by the Shanghai Academy of Spaceflight Technology

CHINA IN NEWS

- India emerges as second-largest insurance technology market in Asia-Pacific region after China
- China successfully launches new ocean observation satellite Haiyang-2D
- China's First Mars Rover 'ZhuRong' Successfully Lands on the Red Planet
- China becomes the world's first country to ban synthetic cannabinoids
- China successfully launches Yaogan-34 remote sensing satellite
- Chinese firm 'Ping An Insurance' emerged as the world's most valuable insurance brand
- China launches core module of its space station
- China Launches Robot Prototype 'NEO-01' Clear Space Debris
- China names its first-ever Mars rover "Zhurong"
- India's demographic advantage to overtake China's by 2035, says China's central bank report
- China opens 5G station at world's highest radar location near Tibet border
- China and Russia Inks MoU to jointly build Lunar Space Station
- China Surpasses US to become India's top trade partner in 2020
- China Overtakes the US as Largest Trading Partner of European Union
- China Overtakes Germany as Largest Current Account Surplus Country
- China surpasses United States as largest recipient of FDI
- China becomes second country after the US to unfurl its flag on Moon
- Mount Everest declared 86 cm (0.86 M) taller by Nepal and China
- China launches 'world's first 6G experiment satellite'
- China to send first-ever 'asteroid mining robot' into space
- 2nd World Health Expo kicks off in Wuhan
- China launches new rocket "Long March 5B" successfully
- China launches its 1st independent mission to Mars

- China successfully launches 13 satellites into orbit with a single rocket, including 10 from Argentina
- **CHINA**

  Capital : Being

  Currency : Renminbi (yuan)

  President : Xi Jinping

  India and China 'Hand-in-Hand' Exercise

Q. The World Bee Day is observed on which day of the year?

A) 18 May **B) 20 May**

C) 16 May **D) 19 May**

Answer : B

- ✓ The World Bee Day is celebrated every year on May 20 to acknowledge the role of bees and other pollinators for the ecosystem
- ✓ The theme of World Bee Day 2021 is “Bee engaged: Build Back Better for Bees”
- ✓ The day marks the birth anniversary of Anton Jansa in 1734, who in the 18th century pioneered modern beekeeping techniques in his native Slovenia
- ✓ The first World Bee Day was observed in 2018
- ✓ This year, World Bee Day 2021, is celebrated the fourth time
- ✓ The day was proposed by Slovenia and proclaimed by UN Member States in December 2017
- ✓ **AMAZING FACTS ABOUT BEES**
  - Study of bees : Melittology
  - Bees are the biggest pollinators
  - Punjab is the major state in beekeeping in the nation
  - China was ranked the first among honey producing countries
  - Government approved the allocation for Rs. 500 crore for National Beekeeping & Honey Mission (NBHM) for three years (2020-21 to 2022-23)
  - Sweet Revolution in India also known as Honey Mission or Mithi Kranti

Q. What is the theme of World Bee Day 2021?

A) Save the Bees
B) Just Bee Yourself
C) No Bee, No Honey
D) Bee engaged: Build Back Better for Bee

Answer : D

Q. Who have been declared the winners of the 2020 Millennium Technology Prize?

A) Mehdi Hasan and Anoushka Shankar
B) Lakshmi Mittal and Gabrielle Anwar
C) Parminder Nagra and Nasser Hussain
D) Shankar Balasubramanian and David Klenerman

Answer : D

- ✓ British-Indian Chemist Shankar Balasubramanian along with his colleague David Klenerman from the Cambridge University have been declared the winners of the 2020 Millennium Technology Prize for their development of revolutionary sequencing techniques, which means DNA can now be read in super-fast times
- ✓ The Next-Generation DNA Sequencing technology (NGS) developed by the duo will help in fighting killer diseases such as Covid-19 or cancer, better understand crop diseases and enhance food production.
- ✓ The biennial prize, worth Euro 1 million, is given the Technology Academy Finland.

Q. When is the World Metrology Day observed?

A) 21 May
B) 20 May
C) 18 May
D) 19 May

Answer : B

- ✓ World Metrology Day is observed on 20 May to celebrate the International System of Units
- ✓ Theme 2021 : Measurement for Health.
- ✓ 20 May marks the anniversary of the signing of the Metre Convention in 1875, by representatives of seventeen nations
- ✓ Metrology is the study of measurement
- ✓ **Don't confused**

  World Metrology Day : 20 May

  World Meteorological Day : 23 March

Q. Who becomes the first Indian Women Mountaineers to Summit Mount Pumori in Nepal?

A) Baljeet Kaur and Gunbala Sharma

B) Shivangi Pathak and Chhanda Gayen

C) Malavath Purna and Anita Kundu

D) Premlata Aggarwal and Priya Meena

Answer : A

- ✓ Baljeet Kaur of Himachal Pradesh and Gunbala Sharma of Rajasthan have become The First Indian Women Mountaineers to Summit Mount Pumori in Nepal.
- ✓ Everest Massif is formed by four peaks- Mount Pumori(7,161m), Mount Nuptse(7,862 m), Mount Lhotse(8,516m) and Mount Everest(8,848.86m) together

MOUNTAINEER IN NEWS

- ➢ Baljeet Kaur from Himachal Pradesh and Gunbala Sharma from Rajasthan became the first Indian women to summit Mount Pumori (7,161 meters) in Nepal
- ➢ Tashi Yangjom of Arunachal Pradesh has become the first Indian female climber to scale Mount Everest in 2021
- ➢ Nepal's Mingma Tenji Sherpa sets world record by climbing Mount Everest twice in the shortest time
- ➢ Nepal's Kami Rita scales Everest for record 25th time
- ➢ Maharashtra's Priyanka Mohite becomes first Indian woman to scale Mt Annapurna Nepal
- ➢ Satyarup Siddhanta becomes 1st Indian to complete volcanic Seven Summit
- ➢ Indian mountaineer Bhawna Dehariya climbs Australia's Mount Kosciuszko (2,228-metres)
- ➢ India's Satyarup Becomes World's Youngest Mountaineer To Climb 7 Peaks, 7 Volcano Summits
- ➢ India's Malavath Poorna scales Antarctica's Highest Peak
- ➢ Nepal's Legendary Mountaineer Ang Rita Sherpa, first to Summit Mount Everest 10 times, passes away
- ➢ Ace mountaineer Colonel Narendra 'Bull' Kumar passes away
- ➢ Bachendri Pal is the first Indian woman to reach the summit of Mount Everest in 1984
- ➢ Santosh Yadav is the first woman in the world to climb Mount Everest twice and the first woman to successfully climb Mount Everest from Kangshung Face

Q. Which company has announced to buy SoftBank-backed SB Energy in $3.5 billion deal?

A) Relience Green Energy B) Adani Green Energy

C) Wipro Green Energy D) Tata Green Energy

Answer : B

- ✓ Adani Green Energy Limited (AGEL) agreed to acquire the 100 percent stake of SoftBank Group Corp-backed SB Energy Holdings Limited for an enterprise value of $3.5 billion (about Rs 26,000 crore)
- ✓ SB Energy is a joint venture between Japan-based SoftBank Group Corp (80%) and Bharti Group (20%) and houses 4,954 MW of renewable assets in India
- ✓ Adding the unit moves Adani Green closer to its goal of having 25 gigawatts of renewable power capacity by 2025, as it targets a role as one of the world's largest suppliers of clean energy
- ✓ **Adani Green Energy**

  Founded : 2015

  Founder : Gautam Adani

  Headquarters : Ahmedabad, Gujarat

  CMD : Vneet S. Jaain
- ✓ **SoftBank**

  Founded : 1981

  Headquarteres : Tokyo, Japan

  CEO : Masayoshi Son

Q. Which country has rejected the bid by India's ONGC Videsh Ltd (OVL) for operating rights in a gas field that it had first discovered?

A) Iran B) Oman

C) Kuwait D) Qatar

Answer : A

- ✓ India's state-owned ONGC Videsh Ltd (OVL) has lost its development and operating rights in Iran's Farzad-B giant gas field to Iranian Petropars Group
- ✓ An ONGC-led consortium had first discovered the giant gas field in the Farsi offshore exploration block in 2008. It was later named Farzad-B

Q. Who has been elected as President of the Central Tibetan Administration?

A) Pema Jungney
B) Penpa Tsering
C) Wangdu Tsering
D) Acharya Yeshi

Answer : B

✓ The former speaker of the Tibetan Parliament-in-Exile, Penpa Tsering, has been elected as the new President of the Central Tibetan Administration

Q. Which insurance company had launched an end-to-end partner onboarding solution called IPOS (Integrated Partner Onboarding Solution)?

A) Edelweiss General Insurance
B) Aditya Birla General Insurance
C) Future Generali General Insurance
D) Cholamandalam MS General Insurance

Answer : A

✓ InsurTech startup Edelweiss General Insurance (EGI) launched "IPOS" (Integrated Partner Onboarding Solution). The initiative is a fully automated onboarding solution for all its existing and prospective partners, including agents, brokers and web aggregators.

✓ EGI and its partners stand to gain through improved throughput and enhanced efficiency using this digital platform.

✓ **Edelweiss General Insurance Company**
Founded : 2007
Headquarteres : Mumbai, Maharashtra
CEO : Shanai Ghosh

Q. Which insurance company has partnered with PayPoint to grant health cover in rural India?

A) Digit General Insurance
B) Bharti AXA General Insurance
C) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance
D) Cholamandalam MS General Insurance

Answer : A

✓ PayPoint India has partnered with Digit General Insurance to bring affordable health insurance for its customers in the under-served regions of India

- ✓ The partnership is being flagged off with the launch of a Coronavirus hospitalisation insurance policy that covers treatments up to 2 lakhs at a premium of Rs. 799.
- ✓ **Digit General Insurance**

  Founded : 2016

  Founder : Kamesh Goyal

  Headquarters : Bengaluru, Karnataka

  Chairmam : Kamesh Goyal
- ✓ **PayPoint**

  Founded : 1996

  Headquarters : England, UK

  Chairman : Giles Kerr

  CEO : Nick Wiles

Q. Who was appointed as the MD and CEO of Dai-ichi Life Insurance Company?

A) Navneet Singh **B) Sumit Jain**

C) Abhay Tewari **D) Supam Maheshwari**

Answer : C

- ✓ Star Union Dai-ichi Life Insurance Company Limited has announced the appointment of Abhay Tewari as its Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
- ✓ SUD LIFE is a joint venture of Bank of India, Union Bank of India and Dai-ichi Life Insurance Company Limited, Japan
- ✓ **Dai-ichi Life Insurance Company**

  Founded : 1902

  Headquarteres : Tokyo, Japan
- ✓ **Star Union Dai-ichi Life Insurance (SUD Life)**

  Founded : 2009

Q. Which state government has launched 'Amrit Vahini' App for online booking of hospital beds?

A) Bihar **B) Jharkhand**

C) Chhattisgarh **D) Uttar Pradesh**

Answer : B

- ✓ Jharkhand launches 'Amrit Vahini' App for online booking of hospital beds
- ✓ 'Amrit Vahini' App, the state government would be able to provide better facilities for the people infected with coronavirus

Q. How many heritage sites have been added to the Tentative List of India's UNESCO World Heritage sites recently?

A) Six **B) Five**

C) Nine **D) Four**

Answer : A

- ✓ The Union Culture Minister Prahlad Singh Patel recently announced that around six cultural heritage sites have been added to the UNESCO World Heritage Sites
- ✓ With this, the total number of sites in the UNESCO World Heritage Sites Tentative list has increased to 48.
- ✓ The following six places have entered UNESCO's potential list of World Heritage Sites

1. Satpura Tiger Reserve, Madhya Pradesh
2. The riverfront of Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
3. Megalithic site of Hire Benkal, Karnataka
4. Maratha Military Architecture in Maharashtra
5. Bhedaghat-Lametaghat in Narmada Valley- Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh
6. Temples of Kanchipuram, Tamil Nadu

Q. Temples of Kancheepuram, which has been added to the tentative list of UNESCO's world heritage sites. In which state is the Temples of Kancheepuram located??

A) Tamil Nadu **B) Karnataka**

C) Maharashtra **D) Andhra Pradesh**

Answer : A

Q. Satpura Tiger Reserve, which has been added to India's UNESCO World Heritage sites Tentative List, in which state is the Satpura Tiger Reserve located?

A) Tamil Nadu **B) Karnataka**

C) Madhya Pradesh **D) Uttar Pradesh**

Answer : C

UNESCO IN NEWS

- Philippines Journalist Maria Ressa Honored with 2021 UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize
- Singapore's 'Hawker' Culture serving as 'Community Dining Room' Gets UNESCO Recognition
- 'Pink City' becomes certified UNESCO World Heritage City
- Srinagar's Amar Singh College recognised with UNESCO Award
- UNESCO "World in 2030" Survey Report highlights youth concerns over climate change and biodiversity loss
- UNESCO-Bangladesh Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman International Prize for the "Creative Economy"
- UNESCO Declares 2021 as 'International Year of Creative Economy for Sustainable Development'
- Gwalior and Orchha Cities of Madhya Pradesh Included in UNESCO World Heritage Cities List
- Vishal V. Sharma appointed as India's next envoy to UNESCO
- Panna Tiger Reserve of Madhya Pradesh gets UNESCO Biosphere Reserve status
- **United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)**

  Formation : 16 November 1945

  Headquarters : Paris, France

  Director-General : Audrey Azoulay (France)

  Member countries : 193

Q. The Hire Benakal is a megalithic site, which has been added to the tentative list of UNESCO's world heritage sites. In which state is the Hire Benakal located?

A) Telangana **B) Tamil Nadu**

C) Karnataka **D) Maharashtra**

Answer : C

- ✓ A World Heritage Site is a place that is listed by UNESCO for its special cultural or physical significance
- ✓ This is embodied in an international treaty called the Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage, adopted by UNESCO in 1972

- ✓ Every year, 18th April is celebrated as 'International Day for Monuments and Sites', also known as 'World Heritage Day'.
- ✓ Theme 2021 : "Complex Pasts: Diverse Futures"

Q. What is the rank of India in 57th EY Renewable Energy Country Attractiveness Index (RECAI) for 2020?

A) 3rd **B) 1st**

C) 2nd **D) 4th**

Answer : A

- ✓ **EY Renewable Energy Country Attractiveness Index (RECAI)**
- ✓ Top : US
- ✓ 2nd : China
- ✓ 3rd : India
- ✓ Released By : Ernst & Young (EY)
- ✓ India is committed to set up 450 GW for renewable energy power capacity (installed) by 2030
- ✓ India has moved one position above to rank third in 2020 index, compared to the 2019, when it was at fourth spot, mainly due to an exceptional performance on the solar photovoltaic (PV) front

MOST IMPORTANT LATEST INDEX AND RANKINGS 2021	
EY Renewable Energy Country Attractiveness Index (RECAI) Top : US 2nd : China 3rd : India Released By : Ernst & Young (EY)	S&P Global Market Intelligence Top : China 2nd : India
Prime Global Cities Index Q1 2021' report Shenzhen, China : Strongest growth Bengaluru (40) ,New Delhi (32) and Mumbai (36)	World's 50 Greatest Leaders' list for 2021 TOP : Jacinda Ardern, PM of New Zealand 2nd : mRNA Pioneers 3rd : Dan Schulman, CEO of PayPal 10th : Adar Poonawalla, CEO of Serum Institute of India

	Released By : Fortune Magazine
Brand Finance Insurance 100 report for 2021 Ping An Insurance, China : Most Valuable Global Insurance Brand	Most Valuable Indian Insurance Brand : LIC (10th)
Most Strongest Indian Insurance Brand : LIC (3rd)	Most Strongest Global Insurance Brand : Poste Italiane, Italy
Chandler Good Government Index (CGGI) 2021 TOP : Finland INDIA : 49 Bottom : Venezuela Released By : Chandler Institute of Governance, Singapore	Energy Transition Index 2021 TOP : Sweden INDIA : 87 Bottom : Zimbabwe Released By : World Economic Forum (WEF), prepared in collaboration with Accenture
Biggest Military Spender in World in 2020 TOP : USA 2nd : China 3rd : INDIA 4th : Russia 5th : UK Released By : SIPRI	World Press Freedom Index 2021 TOP : Norway INDIA : 142 Bottom : Eritrea (180th place) Released By : Reporters Without Borders
Inclusive Internet Index 2021 TOP : Sweden INDIA : 49th (It shares its rank with Thailand) Commissioned By : Facebook and developed by The Economist Intelligence Unit	Gender Gap index 2021 TOP : Iceland INDIA : 140 Bottom : Afghanistan Released By : World Economic Forum (WEF)
International Intellectual Property (IP) Index 2021 TOP : USA INDIA : 40 Released By : US Chamber of Commerce Global Innovation Policy Centre (GIPC)	Ultimate military strength index TOP : China 2nd : USA 3rd : Russia 4th : INDIA
Global House Price Index Q4 2020	Trends in International Arms Transfers-2020

TOP : Turkey INDIA : 56 Released By : Knight Frank	TOP : Saudi Arabia INDIA : 2nd Released By : SIPRI
Hurun Global Rich List 2021 TOP : Elon Musk 2ND : Jeff Bezos 3RD : Bernard Arnault 8TH : Mukesh Ambani	UN World Happiness Report 2021 Top : Finland INDIA : 139 Report By : UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network
Economic Freedom Index 2021 Top : Singapore INDIA : 121 Published By : The Heritage Foundation	UNCTAD B2C E-COMMERCE INDEX 2020 Top : Switzerland INDIA : 71
Asia-Pacific Personalised Health Index Top : Singapore INDIA : 10 11th : Indonesia (Last) Released by : Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU)	Coronavirus Performance Index Top : New Zealand INDIA : 86 Bottom : Brazil Released By : Australia-based Lowy Institute
Corruption Perception Index (CPI) 2020 Top : New Zealand and Denmark INDIA : 86 Released By : Transparency International	Most-valued IT services brand Top : Accenture 2nd : IBM 3rd : TCS
Global Climate Risk Index 2021 Top : Mozambique INDIA : 7th Released By : Germanwatch	India Innovation Index Top : Karnataka 2nd : Maharashtra 3rd : Tamil Nadu Released By : NITI Aayog
Arton Capital Passport Index 2021 Top : Germany INDIA : 61	Henley Passport Index 2021 Top : Japan INDIA : 85th Bottom : Afghanistan

Human Freedom Index 2020 . Top : New Zealand INDIA : 111 Published By : Cato Institute and Fraser Institute in Canada	Human Development Index 2020 Released By : UNDP Top : Norway INDIA : 131
Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) 2021 10th : INDIA	

Q. Which country has topped the 57th EY Renewable Energy Country Attractiveness Index (RECAI)?

A) Russia **B) China**

C) France **D) United States**

Answer : D

✓ United States retained its top position on RECAI 57, followed by China at the second position

UNITED STATES IN NEWS

- Atlas V rocket launches SBIRS Geo-5 missile warning satellite for US Space Force
- India Ranks Third in 2020 EY Index; The US Retains Top Position
- Indian-Origin Neera Tanden appointed as Senior Adviser to President at White House
- US Army-led Massive NATO Joint Military Exercise DEFENDER-Europe 21 Begins in Albania
- Former Senator Bill Nelson Sworn in as the 14th NASA Administrator
- American Astronaut-Pilot Michael Collins, Who Flew Apollo 11 Command Module in 1969, Passes Away
- Former US Vice President Walter Mondale Passes Away
- US surpasses Saudi Arabia to become India's second biggest oil supplier
- United States officially re-joins Paris Climate Agreement
- China has overtaken the United States (US) as the biggest trading partner of the European .
- Dr Raj Iyer has been appointed as the first Chief Information Officer (CIO) of the US Army
- United States plans to have the first nuclear reactor on the moon by the end of the year 2026
- Donald Trump Honours PM Modi With Top US Honour 'Legion Of Merit'

- US President Joe Biden & Kamala Harris jointly named Time's 'Person of the Year' 2020
- **India-US-Japan-Australia kick-starts Malabar Naval Exercise-2020**

  Edition : 24th

  First phase : Bay of Bengal

  Second Phase : Arabian Sea
- 3rd India-US 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue begins in New Delh. Rajnath Singh and S. Jaishankar are leading the Indian delegation.
- Joseph Robinette Biden Jr. has defeated Donald Trump to become the 46th U.S. president. Biden's electoral college vote to 290,
- Kamala Harris, becomes the first Black and Indian-American woman to serve as vice president
- India & USA signs MoU on Intellectual Property Cooperation
- US formally announced its withdrawal from WHO
- Bangladesh & the US launches joint naval exercise 'CARAT Bangladesh 2020'
- **UNITED STATES (US)**

  Capital : Washington, D.C.

  Largest city : New York City

  Currency : Dollar

  First President : George Washington

  46th President : Joe Biden

  India ambassador to US : Taranjit Singh Sandhu

  Yudh Abhyas Exercise : India & Us

  Tiger Trump Exercise : India & US

  Vajra Prahar Exercise : India & Us

  Malabar Exercise : India US Australia & Japan

Q. Which country has emerged as the largest insurance-technology market in Asia-Pacific region, as per the data by the S&P Global Market Intelligence?

A) China **B) India**

C) Japan **D) Russia**

Answer : A

- ✓ China was the largest insurance-technology market accounting for around 43% of the total investment.
- ✓ The data showed that at least 335 private insurtechs are operating in Asia-Pacific

Q. What is the rank of Indian insurance-technology market in Asia-Pacific region in terms of total investment attracted, as per S&P Global Market Intelligence data?

A) 1st B) 4th

C) 3rd D) 2nd

Answer : D

- ✓ As per a new report by S&P Global Market Intelligence, India is the second largest insurance-technology market in Asia-Pacific region
- ✓ India accounts for 35% (USD 1.28 billion) of the total venture capital (USD 3.66 billion) attracted by the insurtech sector in the Asia Pacific region so far.
- ✓ China was the largest insurance-technology market accounting for around 43% of the total investment

Q. According to the lastest report by World Wildlife Fund for Nature (WWF), more than what per cent habitat of the snow leopard remains unresearched?

A) 50 per cent B) 70 per cent

C) 80 per cent D) 60 per cent

Answer : B

- ✓ More than 70 per cent habitat of the snow leopard, over 12 Asian countries, remains unresearched, the World Wildlife Fund for Nature (WWF) claimed in a recent report
- ✓ Nepal, India and China had conducted the most snow leopard research, followed by Mongolia and Pakistan, according to the report.
- ✓ **AMAZING FACTS ABOUT LEOPARD**
  - Snow Leopard is in the list of 21 critically endangered species
  - Project Snow Leopard (PSL) was launched in 2009
  - Snow leopards are categorized as 'Vulnerable' by IUCN and in the Schedule I of the Indian Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972
  - India's 1st snow leopard conservation centre is to be set up in Lanka, near Bhaironghati bridge in Uttarkashi ,Uttarakhand
  - October 23 is observed as International Snow Leopard Day

- India now has 12,852 leopards as per 2018 estimate, compared to the previous estimate of 7910 conducted in 2014.
- As per the report, the population of leopard in India has increased by 60% in four years since 2014.

✓ **TOP 3 STATE HIGHEST LEOPARD ESTIMATES**

1st - Madhya Pradesh (3,421 Leopard)

2nd - Karnataka (1,783 Leopard)

3rd - Maharashtra (1,690 Leopard)

✓ **World Wildlife Fund for Nature (WWF)**

Founded : 1961

Headquarteres : Gland, Switzerland

President : Pavan Sukhdev

Director General : Marco Lambertini

Q. Which state government has decided to set up a Legislative Council (Vidhan Parishad)?

A) Jharkhand **B) West Bengal**

C) Madhya Pradesh **D) Tamil Nadu**

Answer : B

✓ West Bengal government will set up a Legislative Council (Vidhan Parishad), as per a decision taken up at the Cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee

✓ The first-ever Legislative Council or Vidhan Parishad had come into existence in West Bengal in 1937

✓ Six states currently have Legislative Councils including Maharashtra, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Telangana and Bihar. The bicameral legislatures were set up before Independence in 1935

WEST BENGAL IN NEWS

- West Bengal government to set up a Legislative Council
- Mamata Banerjee Sworn-in as Chief Minister of West Bengal for Third Consecutive Term
- 11th Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav' begins at Cooch Behar in West Bengal
- West Bengal recently conducted its first water birds census
- Mamata Banerjee Inaugurates 26th Kolkata International Film Festival
- World Bank approves $105 million loan to improve Waterways in West Bengal
- Centre to dedicate a Museum on Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose in Kolkata on 125th birth anniversary

- World's first Tram library for children launched in Kolkata
- West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee has launched a massive campaign titled 'Duare Sarkar'
- Majerhat Bridge in Kolkata Renamed as "Jai Hind Bridge" To Commemorate 125th Birth Anniversary of Subhas Chandra Bose
- ADB and India sign $50 million loan agreement to boost digital platforms for public finance reforms in West Bengal
- West Bengal launches massive 'Duare Sarkar' outreach campaign ahead of 2021 assembly polls
- India's first 'tyre park' to come up in West Bengal
- West Bengal launches "Pathashree Abhijan" scheme for road repair
- West Bengal launches Karma Sathi Prakalpa Scheme to provide soft loans, subsidies to unemployed youth
- India's 1st digital parcel locker service in Kolkata, West Bengal
- Kolkata Port Trust remaned as Syama Prasad Mookerjee Trust

Q. Who was appointed as the batting coach of Indian women's cricket team?

A) Ramesh Powar **B) Abhay Sharma**

C) Bharat Arun **D) Shiv Sunder Das**

Answer : D

- ✓ Shiv Sunder Das was appointed as the batting coach of the Indian women's cricket team
- ✓ **DON'T CONFUSED**
- ✓ **INDIAN TEAM MEN'S / WOMEN'S COACH**
  - Men's Coach : Ravi Shastri
  - Women's Coach : Ramesh Powar
  - Women's Batting coach : Shiv Sunder Das
  - Men's Batting coach : Rahul Dravid
  - Men's Bowling coach : Bharat Arun
  - Men's Fielding coach : Ramakrishnan Sridhar
  - Women's fielding coach : Abhay Sharma

Q. Which edition of the virtual Indian Handicrafts and Gift Fair (IHGF) of Delhi was inaugurated recently?

A) 29th
B) 37th
C) 51st
D) 46th

Answer : C

- ✓ The 51st edition of virtual IHGF of Delhi fair (19th -23rd May, 2021) was inaugurated with message of the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, for the success of 51st edition of IHGF Delhi Fair.
- ✓ The fair is India's largest Virtual Fair in the home, fashion, lifestyle, textiles and furniture sector
- ✓ The five-day virtual fair will help in giving a much-needed push to the exports of handicrafts and generating additional employment in this cottage sector of the Indian economy

Q. Who became the first woman Chief Justice of Kenya?

A) Lydia Achode
B) Maureen Odero
C) Martha Koome
D) Wilfrida Okwany

Answer : C

- ✓ Martha Koome becomes Kenya's first woman Chief Justice
- ✓ She replaced David Maraga
- ✓ **KENYA**

  Capital : Nairobi

  Currency : Shilling

  President : Uhuru Kenyatta

FIRST WOMAN IN NEWS

- ➢ Martha Koome becomes Kenya's first woman Chief Justice
- ➢ Ajanta Neog becomes the first woman Finance Minister of Assam
- ➢ Elisabetta Belloni named as first woman to head Italy secret service
- ➢ Rekha Menon takes over as first woman Chairperson of NASSCOM
- ➢ Poonam Gupta to head NCAER as its first woman DG
- ➢ India's first female cricket commentator Chandra Naidu passes away
- ➢ Claire Polosak set to become first female match official in men's Test match

- Mithali Raj becomes first Indian woman cricketer to score 10,000 international runs
- Nigeria's Okonjo-Iweala set to become first female Chief of World Trade Organization (WTO)
- Bhawana Kanth from Bihar to become the first Woman Fighter Pilot to take part in Republic Day Parade
- Kaja Kallas sworn in as first woman Prime Minister of Estonia
- Samia Suluhu Hassan sworn in as Tanzania's first woman President
- First woman IAF Officer Vijayalakshmi Ramanan (retd) passes away
- India's First Female Cardiologist, Dr S. Padmavati Passes Away
- Tamil Nadu appoints M Veeralakshmi India's 1st-ever woman ambulance driver
- Jane Fraser named first female CEO of Citigroup

Q. Arjun Lal and Arvind Singh qualified for the Tokyo Olympics. Which sport do they belong to?

A) Rowing **B) Cycling**

C) Shooting **D) Wrestling**

Answer : A

✓ Indian rowers Arjun Lal Jat and Arvind Singh qualify for Tokyo Olympics 2021

TOKYO OLYMPICS QUALIFIED IN NEWS 2021

- Indian rowers Arjun Lal Jat and Arvind Singh qualify for Tokyo Olympics 2021
- Indian wrestler Seema Bisla secures Tokyo Olympics berth
- Nethra Kumanan became the first Indian woman sailor to qualify for Olympics
- Discus throw Kamalpreet Kaur qualifies for Tokyo Olympics
- Sharath Kamal becomes first Indian paddler to qualify for Tokyo Olympics
- Bhavani Devi is the first Indian fencer to qualify for the Olympics
- Sandeep Kumar and Priyanka Goswami became the first Indian athletes to qualify for Tokyo Olympics

Q. Which startup has developed the world's first private digital court?

A) Hashtag Orange **B) Innov8 Coworking**

C) Power Gummies **D) Jupitice Justice Technologies**

Answer : D

- ✓ A Chandigarh-based startup Jupitice Justice Technologies had developed the world's first private digital court under the Private Justice System (Alternative Dispute Resolution or ADR Mechanism), which brings India to the forefront of innovation in legal technology.
- ✓ The platform is designed to find arbitrators, mediators and other justice service providers.
- ✓ **Jupitice Justice Technologies**

  Founded : 2009

  Headquarters : Chandigarh

  Founder & CEO : Raman Aggarwal

INDIA'S FIRST DIGITAL IN NEWS
➢ World's first Private Digital Court developed by Chandigarh startup Jupitice Justice Technologies
➢ India's First Digital University set up in Kerala
➢ NITI Aayog Launches India's first Digital Asset Management and Storage platform, called 'DigiBoxx'
➢ LIC launches 1st digital app 'ANANDA
➢ Kerala becomes first State of India to go completely digital in the public education sector
➢ India Becomes First Country to make entire Haj process digital
➢ India's First Fulldome 3D Digital Theatre Launched in Kolkata
➢ Niti Aayog, McKinsey to Launch India's First Digital Capability Centre

Q. When is the United Nations recognised International Tea Day observed?

A) 20 May **B) 18 May**

C) 19 May **D) 21 May**

Answer : D

- ✓ The United Nations recognised International Tea Day is observed annually on May 21 by the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
- ✓ The day was adopted by United Nations on December 21, 2019
- ✓ In 2021, the world is celebrating second International Tea Day
- ✓ International Tea Dayis observed annually on December 15 since 2005 in tea producing countries like India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Vietnam, Indonesia, Kenya, Malawi, Malaysia, Tanzania and Uganda

- ✓ India is the second largest producer of tea in the World after China
- ✓ Assam is the largest producer of tea in India

Q. Name the Indian Choreographer who has won the prestigious 'World Choreography Award 2020'?

A) Suresh Mukund **B) Shiamak Davar**

C) Ganesh Acharya **D) Chinni Prakash**

Answer : A

- ✓ Indian choreographer Suresh Mukund, has won the 10th Annual 'World Choreography Award 2020', (also known as Choreo Awards), becoming the first Indian to win the prestigious honor
- ✓ Suresh Mukund won the award in the 'TV REALITY SHOW/COMPETITION' category, for his work on hit American TV reality show 'World of Dance'
- ✓ Mukund is the director and choreographer of Indian dance crew 'The Kings', which won 2019 season of World of Dance
- ✓ The World Choreography Awards, famously known as the "Oscars of Dance", takes place every year, in Los Angeles

Q. Which day of the year is marked as the National Anti Terrorism Day in India?

A) 20 May **B) 18 May**

C) 21 May **D) 19 May**

Answer : C

- ✓ National Anti Terrorism Day is observed on May 21 to commemorate the death anniversary of former Prime Minister of India, Rajiv Gandhi
- ✓ India observes former PM Rajiv Gandhi's 30th death anniversary
- ✓ The day is also observed to spread the message of peace, harmony, and humankind and to promote unity among the people
- ✓ Rajiv Gandhi was India's youngest Prime Minister. He was appointed as the sixth Prime Minister of the country and served the nation from 1984 to 1989.
- ✓ Mr Gandhi was assassinated on May 21, 1991 by a human bomb
- ✓ Congress leader Rahul Gandhi pays tribute to his late father and former prime minister Rajiv Gandhi on his 76th birth anniversary on 20 August 2020, as it rains at Veer Bhoomi in New Delhi

Q. When is the World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development celebrated?

A) 20 May
B) 18 May
C) 21 May
D) 19 May

Answer : C

✓ World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development is held every year on May 21

Q. Which country hosted the 'Goa Maritime Symposium GMS-21)',in which 13 Indian Ocean Littoral Countries Participated?

A) India
B) China
C) Russia
D) Pakistan

Answer : A

✓ Indian Navy hosted 'Goa Maritime Symposium GMS-21)', a forum towards fostering friendly relations with the maritime neighbours, virtually due to the prevailing situation of COVID pandemic

Q. Shri Jagannath Pahadia who has passed away recently was the former Chief Minister of which country?

A) Haryana
B) Gujarat
C) Assam
D) Rajasthan

Answer : D

✓ Senior Congress leader and former Rajasthan chief minister Jagannath Pahadia has passed away due to COVID-19

✓ Pahadia served as the Chief Minister of Rajasthan from 6 June 1980 to 14 July 1981

✓ Apart from this, he was also a former Governor of Haryana and Bihar

Q. RBI has imposed _____ monetary penalty on City Union Bank for contravention of certain directions issued by the central bank.

A) Rs 5 crore
B) Rs 3 crore
C) Rs 1 crore
D) Rs 2 crore

Answer : C

✓ RBI imposes penalty on City Union Bank, 3 other lenders (Tamilnad Mercantile Bank,Nutan Nagarik Sahakari Bank, Ahmedabad & Daimler Financial Services India Private Limited, Pune)

- ✓ A penalty of Rs 1 crore has been imposed on City Union Bank Limited for contravention of/non-compliance with certain provisions contained in the RBI (Lending to MSME Sector) Directions, 2017 and the circulars on the Educational Loan Scheme and Credit Flow to Agriculture – Agricultural Loans – Waiver of Margin/Security Requirements

RBI IMPOSED PENALTY IN NEWS 2021

- RBI has imposed Rs 1 crore monetary penalty on City Union Bank
- RBI imposed a penalty of Rs 1 crore on Tamilnad Mercantile Bank; Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu
- RBI imposed a penalty of Rs 90 lakh on Nutan Nagarik Sahakari Bank, Ahmedabad
- RBI Imposeed a penalty of Rs 10 lakh on Daimler Financial Services India Private Limited, Pune
- RBI imposes ₹3 crore penalty on ICICI Bank
- RBI Imposes Rs 2 Crore Fine on State Bank of India
- RBI imposes Rs 15 lakh penalty on Fedbank Financial Services, Mumbai
- RBI slaps penalty of Rs 2 crore on Standard Chartered Bank, London, UK
- RBI slaps Rs 2 crore fine on Deutsche Bank for non-compliance, Frankfurt, Germany
- RBI imposes Rs 1 crore penalty on Punjab National Bank
- RBI imposes Rs 50 lakh fine on Urban Co-operative Bank in Kerala
- RBI imposes Rs 22 lakh fine on DCB Bank for violating marketing norms
- **City Union Bank**

  Founded : 1904

  Headquarters : Kumbakonam, Tamil Nadu

  Chairman : R. Mohan

  MD & CEO : N. Kamakodi

  Tagline : Trust and Excellence since 1904
- **Tamilnad Mercantile Bank**

  Founded : 1921

  Headquarters : Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu

  MD & CEO : K. V. Rama Moorthy

  Tagline : Customer oriented and committed to excellence

Q. How much amount will be transferred by RBI to Central Government as surplus for FY21 (2020-21)?

A) Rs 78,876 cr **B) Rs 99,122 cr**

C) Rs 87,463 cr **D) Rs 95,476 cr**

Answer : B

- ✓ Reserve Bank of India will transfer Rs 99,122 crore surplus to Central Government for the accounting period of nine months ended March 31, 2021 (July 2020-March 2021)
- ✓ The Contingency Risk Buffer will remain at 5.50%
- ✓ This year RBI has changed its Accounting year from July-June to April-March to coincide with the accounting year of Government. As a result the accounting year 2020-21 of RBI has only 9 months

RBI AMOUNT IN NEWS

- ➢ RBI to transfer Rs. 99,122 crore surplus to Central Government for FY21
- ➢ RBI increases the limit for Full-KYC PPIs to Rs 2 lakh from Rs 1 lakh
- ➢ RBI Announces Term Liquidity Facility of Rs. 50,000 Crore For Healthcare
- ➢ RBI to conduct open market purchase of government securities of ₹1 lakh crore under the G-SAP 1.0 Programme
- ➢ RBI increases Way and Means Advances (WMA) limits for the State Governments/UTs to Rs 47,010 crore
- ➢ RBI enhances Loan limit under Priority Sector Lending against eNWR/NWR from ₹50 lakh to ₹75 lakh
- ➢ RBI enhances maximum balance limit per account in Payments Banks from Rs 1 lakh to Rs 2 lakh
- ➢ RBI introduces Legal Entity Identifier (LEI) for NEFT, RTGS transactions above Rs 50 crore

Q. What is the new deadline set by the CBDT to file income tax returns for assessment year (AY) 2021-22 by individuals?

A) August 31, 2021 **B) December 31, 2021**

C) September 30, 2021 **D) November 30, 2021**

Answer : C

- ✓ Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has extended the due date for filing income tax returns for assessment year (AY) 2021-22, for individuals, by two months, to September 30, 2021. Earlier the deadline was July 31, 2021
- ✓ The government has also extended the due date of Income Tax Returns filing for companies for Assessment Year 2021-2022 from October 31 to November 30, 2021

DEADLINE IN NEWS 2021

- ➢ Government Extends Income Tax Return Filing Deadline for FY21(AY 2021-22) From July 31 to September 30
- ➢ RBI has instructed the PPI isuers to give the holders of full-KYC PPIs (KYC-compliant PPIs) interoperability latest by March 31, 2022
- ➢ Government Extends 'Vivad se Vishwas' scheme Deadline till 30 June 2021
- ➢ Aadhaar-PAN linking deadline extended till June, 30 2021
- ➢ Government further extends Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme to June 30, 2021
- ➢ RBI extends deadline for processing auto-debit payments by 6 months till September 30, 2021
- ➢ RBI further extends restrictions on PMC Bank for 3 months till 30 June 2021
- ➢ RBI asks banks to implement image-based Cheque Truncation System in all branches by September 30
- ➢ PNB Restricts Withdraw of Money from non-EMV ATMs from February 1, 2021
- ➢ **Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)**

  Founded : 1860

  Headquarteres : New Delhi

  Chairman : Pramod Chandra Modi

  Minister responsible : Nirmala Sitharaman, Finance Minister

Q. The Indian Navy has decommissioned its first destroyer after being in service for 41 years. What is the name of the destroyer ship?

A) INS Rajput **B) INS Kiltan**

C) INS Nipat **D) INS Prahar**

Answer : A

- ✓ Indian Navy is set to decommission its first destroyer, INS Rajput, on May 21, 2021, which had been in service for 41 glorious years. The motto of INS Rajput was 'Raj Karega Rajput'.
- ✓ 41 years after providing service, it Naval Dockyard Visakhapatnam will be closed.
- ✓ INS Rajput was the lead ship of the Kashin-class destroyers, and was built by the erstwhile USSR (Soviet Union)
- ✓ It was constructed in the 61 Communards Shipyard in Nikolaev (present-day Ukraine) under her original Russian name 'Nadezhny' meaning 'Hope'
- ✓ The ship was commissioned on May 4, 1980 as INS Rajput at Poti, Georgia by IK Gujral
- ✓ The INS Rajput served for both Western and Eastern fleets and its first commanding officer was Capt Gulab Mohanlal Hiranandani
- ✓ It is the first Indian Navy ship attached to an Indian Army Regiment - Rajput Regiment
- ✓ It participated in many operations including Operation Aman, Operation Pawan, Operation Cactus, etc.

INDIAN NAVY SHIP (INS) IN NEWS

- ➢ Indian Navy's first destroyer INS Rajput decommissioned after 41 years of service (commissioned on May 4, 1980)
- ➢ Indian Navy undertakes PASSEX with Royal Bahrain Naval Force in Persian Gulf; INS Talwar participated
- ➢ As part of Mission Sagar-IV, Indian Naval Ship Jalashwa arrived at Port Anjouan, Comoros on 14 March 2021 to deliver 1,000 Metric Tonnes of rice
- ➢ INS Shardul arrives at Port Louis for Mauritius National Day celebrations
- ➢ Scorpene-class submarine INS Karanj commissioned into the Indian Navy in Mumbai
- ➢ Indian Navy's fifth Scorpene class submarine 'INS Vagir' launched
- ➢ First ever visit of INS Kulish to the historic port city of Mongla in Bangladesh to commemorate 50th anniversary of 1971 Liberation war
- ➢ Indian Navy Ship (INS) Pralaya Participates in NAVDEX 21 and IDEX 21 in Abu Dhabi, UAE
- ➢ India to Send Humanitarian Assistance To Drought-Hit Madagascar on-board Indian Naval Ship (INS) Jalashwa
- ➢ Indian Naval Ship (INS) 'Airavat' reaches Port Sudan under 'Mission Sagar-II'

- Indian And Indonesian Navies Conduct PASSEX Exercise In Arabian Sea; INS Talwar participated in the exercise
- INS Kavaratti, last in series of 4 indigenously-built stealth corvettes, commissioned into Indian Navy
- India-Vietnamese Navy conducts PASSEX-2020 in South China Sea; INS Kiltan took part in the exercise

Q. What is the maximum amount outstanding in respect of full-KYC PPIs (KYC-compliant PPIs) as set by RBI?

A) Rs 3 lakh **B) Rs 4 lakh**

C) Rs 2 lakh **D) Rs 1 lakh**

Answer : C

- ✓ Reserve Bank of India has increased the maximum amount outstanding in respect of full-KYC PPIs (KYC-compliant PPIs) from Rs. 1 lakh to Rs. 2 lakh
- ✓ Apart from this, RBI has instructed the PPI isuers to give the holders of full-KYC PPIs (KYC-compliant PPIs) interoperability latest by March 31, 2022
- ✓ RBI has also permitted cash withdrawal from Full-KYC PPIs of Non-Bank PPI Issuers.
- ✓ The condition on such cash withdrawal shall be:
- ✓ Maximum limit of Rs. 2,000 per transaction with an overall limit of Rs. 10,000 per month per PPI

Q. As per the recent guidelines by RBI, PPI issuers have to provide interoperability to full-KYC PPIs by ____?

A) January 31, 2022 **B) March 31, 2022**

C) November 30, 2021 **D) December 31, 2021**

Answer : B

- ✓ RBI has instructed the PPI isuers to give the holders of full-KYC PPIs (KYC-compliant PPIs) interoperability latest by March 31, 2022
- ✓ **As per the road-map laid down in 2017, interoperability of all KYC-compliant Prepaid Payment Instruments (PPIs) was to be enabled in three phases -**

  1. Interoperability of PPIs issued in the form of wallets through Unified Payments Interface (UPI),

2. Interoperability between wallets and bank accounts through UPI, and
3. Interoperability for PPIs issued in the form of cards through card networks

Q. What shall be the maximum limit of cash withdrawal per transaction in Full KYC PPI issued by non Bank PPI issuers?

A) Rs 3000 **B) Rs 2000**

C) Rs 1000 **D) Rs 5000**

Answer : B

✓ Maximum limit of Rs. 2,000 per transaction with an overall limit of Rs. 10,000 per month per PPI

Q. As per RBI, what will be the maximum limit of cash withdrawal per transaction via Pos machine?

A) Rs 2000 **B) Rs 3000**

C) Rs 1000 **D) Rs 4000**

Answer : A

✓ RBI has increased the limit of cash withdrawal from Points of Sale (PoS) terminals using debit cards and open system prepaid cards (issued by banks) to Rs 2000 per transaction within an overall monthly limit of Rs. 10,000 across all locations (Tier 1 to 6 centres)

✓ Earlier this limit was Rs 1000 for Tier 1 and 2 cities while Rs 2000 for Tier 3 to 6 cities.

Q. RBI has changed its accounting year effective from FY22. What is the new accounting year of RBI?

A) April-March

B) June-May

C) July-June

D) March-February

Answer : A

✓ Reserve Bank of India will transfer Rs 99,122 crore surplus to Central Government for the accounting period of nine months ended March 31, 2021 (July 2020-March 2021)

✓ RBI has changed its Accounting year from July-June to April-March to coincide with the accounting year of Government. As a result the accounting year 2020-21 of RBI has only 9 months

Q. Russia has started its biggest Nuclear Power Project with which nation?

A) India B) China

C) Japan D) United States

Answer : B

- ✓ Russia and China started their biggest Nuclear Power Project on May 19, 2021. Under the project, Russia and China will jointly build four high-power nuclear power plants in two Chinese cities
- ✓ Both the countries signed a package cooperation deal in 2018 and agreed to jointly build units 7 and 8 of the Tianwan Nuclear Power Plant and units 3 and 4 of Xudapu Nuclear Power Plant
- ✓ The Tianwan Nuclear Power Plant is located in the city of Lianyungang in Jiangsu province
- ✓ The Xudapu Nuclear Power plant is located in Xingcheng in Liaoning province
- ✓ China and Russia Inks MoU to jointly build Lunar Space Station

Q. The rescheduled Asia Cup T20 has been postponed indefinitely. The tournament was supposed to be hosted by which nation?

A) India B) Sri Lanka

C) Bangladesh D) South Africa

Answer : B

- ✓ The Asia Cup T20 that was rescheduled to be held in June 2021 in Sri Lanka has now been postponed indefinitely due to COVID-19, informed Ashely de Silva, the Sri Lanka Cricket Chief Executive on May 19, 2021
- ✓ **ASIA CUP**

  First edition : 1984

  Winner : India

  Runner up : Sri Lanka

  Host country : UAE
- ✓ **ASIA CUP**

  Last edition : 2018

  Winner : India

  Runner up : Bangladesh

  Host Country : UAE

Current champion : India (7th Title)

Next edition 2021 : Sri Lanka

Next edition 2022 : Pakistan

✓ **Asian Cricket Council (ACC)**

Founded : 1983

Headquarters : Colombo, Sri Lanka

Chairman : Amitabh Choudhary

President : Jay Shah

Membership : 24

Q. Which country hosted the Summit on Financing of African Economies 2021?

A) Paris, France **B) Vienna, Austria**

C) London, UK **D) Brussels, Belgium**

Answer : A

- ✓ The Summit on Financing of African Economies 2021 held at Paris, France on May 18, 2021.
- ✓ Minister of State for External Affairs V Muraleedharan virtually represented India in the summit.
- ✓ The objective of the summit is to arrange financial resources for reviving the economy of African Continent, which has been affected by COVID-19.
- ✓ Under the "Vaccine Maitri" initiative, India supplied 24.7 million doses of Indigenous COVID-19 vaccines as grants, and commercial and COVAX supplies to 42 countries in the continent

Q. India and which country renewed MoU on military cooperation and maritime issues?

A) Qatar

B) Oman

C) Kuwait

D) Saudi Arabia

Answer : B

- ✓ India and Oman renewed two agreements on military cooperation and maritime issues which will ensure the continuation of cooperation in specific areas of defence and security
- ✓ The signing ceremony of MoU on military cooperation was held at the Ministry of Defense, Muscat.

TIMPORTANT LATEST SIGN MOU IN NEWS

- Oman renews MoU with India on joint cooperation in military, navy fields
- India and Germany sign agreement on 'Cities combating plastic entering the marine environment'
- Cabinet apprised of Memorandum of Cooperation between India, Japan in water sector
- Cabinet approves MoU between India, Maldives on cooperation in sports and youth affairs
- India & Ethiopia Sign Agreements On Visa Facilitation and Leather Technology
- India and Afghanistan Inks MoU for the construction of the Lalandar "Shatoot" Dam
- India & Maldives sign 5 deals to boost infrastructure
- MoU signed between India and Uzbekistan for solar energy cooperation
- India and Japan inks MoC to promote movement of skilled workers from India to Japan
- India and Japan sign MoU to strengthen cooperation in Information and Communications Technology
- India and UAE sign MoU for scientific and technical cooperation
- India, US ink MoU on Intellectual Property Examination and Protection
- India-UK sign MoU on Water Partnership
- Norway signs MoU with Clean Ganga Mission in India
- India and Austria inks MoU on Technology Cooperation
- India and Finland sign MOU on environmental protection
- India & Denmark Inks MoU for Cooperation in the field of Intellectual Property
- India and Japan inks agreement on Reciprocal Provision of Supplies and Services between Armed Forces
- **OMAN**

  Capital : Muscat

  Currency : Rial

  Sultan : Haitham bin Tariq Al Said
- **India and Oman conduct biennial bilateral exercises**

  Army exercise: Al Najah

  Air Force exercise: Eastern Bridge

  Naval Exercise: Naseem Al Bahr

- Oman is at the gateway of Strait of Hormuz through which India imports one-fifth of its oil imports
- India signed a pact with the country in 2018 to access the Duqm port of Oman

Q. 'Swadhinta Puraskar' , is the highest civilian award of which of the following country?

A) Nepal **B) Myanmar**

C) Sri Lanka **D) Bangladesh**

Answer : D

- ✓ Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina gave away the highest civilian award of Bangladesh 'Swadhinta Puraskar 2021' also known as Independence Award to nine individuals and a research organisation
- ✓ The Independence Award is conferred on people or organisations for their outstanding contribution to the
- ✓ Liberation War of Bangladesh, Science and Technology, literature and Culture among others
- ✓ The award has been given since 1977 and is announced ahead of the Independence Day of Bangladesh
- ✓ The recipients of the award get a gold medal and a cash reward of Taka 5 lakh.

Q. Hindustan Unilever Limited has rolled out Mission HO2PE in which State?

A) Assam **B) Odisha**

C) Manipur **D) Nagaland**

Answer : A

- ✓ Hindustan Unilever Limited has rolled out Mission HO2PE in Assam
- ✓ As part of Mission HO2PE, HUL's Doomdooma factory of Tinsukia district has donated two ventilators, three oxygen concentrators and face masks to Civil Hospital Tinsukia to provide support for Covid-19 care

Q. Which Asset Management Company has launched Nifty 50 Equal Weight Index Fund?

A) SBI Mutual Fund **B) Aditya Birla Sun Life**

C) ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund **D) Kotak Mahindra Mutual Fund**

Answer : B

- ✓ Aditya Birla Sun Life AMC has launched Nifty 50 Equal Weight Index Fund, an open ended scheme tracking the Nifty 50 Equal Weight TR Index.
- ✓ Unlike Nifty 50, which gives higher weightage to companies with higher market cap, the equal weight index treats all the constituents equally irrespective of their market cap
- ✓ The index keeps the allocation of the constituent companies at 2 per cent each, which in turn reduces the concentration risk significantly at an individual stock and overall sector level
- ✓ The index is automatically re-constituted every six months in line with the Nifty 50, allowing for natural selection of top movers
- ✓ **Aditya Birla Sun Life Asset Management**

  Founded : 1994

  Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra

  CEO : A. Balasubramanian

Q. SEBI has imposed a fine of how much amount on Cairn India in share buyback case?

A) Rs 5.75 crore **B) Rs 5.25 crore**

C) Rs 7.50 crore **D) Rs 8.50 crore**

Answer : B

- ✓ Cairn India, the leading oil and gas player that was merged with Vedanta Ltd, has been found guilty of stock market fraud by market regulator SEBI.
- ✓ SEBI has imposed a penalty of Rs 5.25 crore on Cairn India for making a misleading announcement regarding the buyback of shares in 2014

SEBI IN NEWS

- ➢ Sebi imposes Rs 5.25 crore penalty on Cairn India
- ➢ Sebi proposes framework for gold exchange, suggests trading in e-gold receipts
- ➢ SEBI slaps Rs 25 crore fine on Yes Bank in AT-1 bonds case
- ➢ Utkarsh Small Finance Bank files draft red herring prospectus with Sebi for Rs1350cr Initial Public Offering (IPO)
- ➢ Suryoday Small Finance Bank has received the go-ahead from the markets regulator SEBI to float its initial public offering (IPO)

- Sebi launches SMARTs program to strengthen investor education framework
- SEBI Sets Up Advisory Committee under Madhabi Puri Buch to Recommend Policy on Market Data Access
- SEBI increases Overseas Investment limits for Mutual Funds to USD 600 million
- SEBI Revamps advisory committee on mutual funds; Usha Thorat new head
- SEBI Chairman Ajay Tyagi Gets 6-month Extension
- **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)**

  Founded : 1988

  Act : 1992

  Headquarteres : Mumbai

  Chairmam : Ajay Tyagi

  SEBI Set up : Uday Kotak committee
- **Cairn India**

  Founded : 2006

  Headquarteres : Gurugram, Haryana

  CEO : Ajay Kumar Dixit

  Chairman : Navin Agarwal

Q. Dahanu Gholvad Sapota (naseberry) which holds the Geographical Indication (GI) Tag is cultivated in which state?

A) Tamil Nadu **B) Karnataka**

C) West Bengal **D) Maharashtra**

Answer : D

- ✓ A consignment of Dahanu Gholvad sapota (naseberry) has been exported to the United Kingdom from Maharashtra's Palghar district, providing a major boost to shipments of Geographical Indication (GI) certified products from India.
- ✓ The sweet fruit has a unique taste derived from the calcium rich soil in the State's Palghar district
- ✓ **MOST IMPORTANT LATEST GI TAG 2020 - 2021**
- Gucchi or Morel mushroom : Jammu and Kashmir
- Tezpur Litchi : Assam

- Dalle Khursani : Sikkim
- Moira Bananas , Harmal Chillies, Khaje : Goa
- Telia Rumal : Telangana
- Sohrai Khovar Painting : Jharkhand
- Thanjavur Netti and Arumbavur wood Carving : Tamil Nadu
- Kashmir saffron : Jammu & Kashmir
- Gorakhpur terracotta : Uttar Pradesh
- Chak-Hao, Black Rice : Manipur
- Khola Chilli : Goa
- Sohrai and Kohbar Art : Jharkhand

✓ **GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS (GI) :-**

- A geographical indication (GI) is a sign used on products that have a specific geographical origin and ensures good qualities or a reputation in the region
- GI tags are issued as per the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act,1999. This tag is issued by the Geographical Indication Registry under the Department of Industry Promotion and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- Darjeeling Tea was the first Indian product to get the geographical indication tag in 2004
- The second GI tag in India was given to Aranmula Kannadi (Handicraft) which is a mirror and made in Kerala
- A GI is registered for an initial period of ten years, which must be renewed after 10 years

Q. Which day of the year is celebrated as the International Day for Biological Diversity?

A) 20 May **B) 22 May**

C) 21 May **D) 19 May**

Answer : B

✓ International Day for Biological Diversity (also known as World Biodiversity Day) is a United Nations–sanctioned international day held on May 22 every year to increase understanding and awareness of biodiversity issues.

✓ Theme 2021 : "We're part of the solution".

Q. What is the theme of the 2021 World Biodiversity Day?

A) We're part of the solution

B) Our solutions are in nature

C) Our Biodiversity, Our Food, Our Health

D) Biodiversity and Sustainable Tourism

Answer : A

BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY IN NEWS
➢ International Day for Biological Diversity celebrated on 22 May
➢ Shistura Hiranyakeshi in Sindhudurg Becomes Fifth Biological Heritage Site of Maharashtra
➢ Maharashtra: Amboli named as biodiversity heritage site
➢ Uttarakhand opens its biggest biodiversity park in Haldwani
➢ India and Finland sign MOU on Environment protection and biodiversity conservation

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Q. Who became the first Indian woman flight test engineer?

A) Mohana Singh
B) Bhawana Kanth
C) Hina Jaiswal
D) Aashritha V Olety

Answer : D

- ✓ Squadron Leader Aashritha V Olety is the first and only woman in the IAF qualified for the role as a flight test engineer.
- ✓ She will be responsible for evaluating aircraft and airborne systems before their induction into the armed forces.
- ✓ She is from Karnataka has graduated as part of the 43rd Flight Test Course after completing a one-year course at the pilot school.
- ✓ Olety was commissioned as a Flying Officer in the IAF in 2014

FIRST INDIAN FIGHTER WOMEN'S IN NEWS 2020-21

- ➢ Aashritha V Olety from Karnataka India's First Woman Flight Test Engineer
- ➢ Bhawana Kanth from Bihar to become the first Woman Fighter Pilot to take part in Republic Day Parade
- ➢ Shalija Dhami from Punjab First Female Flight Commander
- ➢ Hina Jaiswal from Chandigarh First Woman Flight Engineer of Indian Air Force
- ➢ Bhawana Kanth from Bihar First Woman To Qualify To Go To Day Missions
- ➢ Avani Chaturvedi from Madhya Pradesh First Indian Woman Who Flew a Fighter aircraft Solo
- ➢ Mohana Singh from Rajasthan First Woman Fighter Pilot to Undertake Missions by day on Hawk
- ➢ Anjali Singh from Bihar India's First Female Military diplomat
- ➢ Shivangi from Bihar First Woman Pilot of Indian Navy
- ➢ Ayesha Aziz from J&K becomes India's Youngest Female Pilot

Q. Tsang Yin-hung has recorded world's fastest ascent of Everest by a woman in just 26 hours. She represents which country?

A) Nepal
B) Norway
C) England
D) Hong Kong

Answer : D

- ✓ Tsang Yin-hung, a Hong Kong-based mountaineer, has created the record of world's fastest ascent of Everest by a woman, within the time of just under 26 hours

- ✓ The 44-year-old Tsang, scaled the 8,848.86-metre (29,031 feet) Everest mountain in a record time of 25 hours and 50 minutes on May 23. It was her third attempt of scaling the Himalayan peak
- ✓ In 2017, Tsang became the first Hong Kong woman to reach the top of the mountain peak.
- ✓ Before this, the record of fastest woman to conquer Everest was held by Nepali Phunjo Jhangmu Lama, who had completed the climb in 39 hours 6 minutes in 2018.

MOUNTAINEER IN NEWS 2021

- ➢ Hong Kong Mountaineer Tsang Yin-hung Sets New Record for Fastest Ascent of Everest by Women
- ➢ Baljeet Kaur from Himachal Pradesh and Gunbala Sharma from Rajasthan became the first Indian women to summit Mount Pumori (7,161 meters) in Nepal
- ➢ Tashi Yangjom of Arunachal Pradesh has become the first Indian female climber to scale Mount Everest in 2021
- ➢ Nepal's Mingma Tenji Sherpa sets world record by climbing Mount Everest twice in the shortest time
- ➢ Nepal's Kami Rita scales Everest for record 25th time
- ➢ Maharashtra's Priyanka Mohite becomes first Indian woman to scale Mt Annapurna Nepal
- ➢ Satyarup Siddhanta becomes 1st Indian to complete volcanic Seven Summit
- ➢ Indian mountaineer Bhawna Dehariya climbs Australia's Mount Kosciuszko (2,228-metres)
- ➢ India's Satyarup Becomes World's Youngest Mountaineer To Climb 7 Peaks, 7 Volcano Summits
- ➢ India's Malavath Poorna scales Antarctica's Highest Peak

Q. Fiame Naomi became the first female Prime Minister of Which country?

A) Yemen **B) Samoa**

C) Lativa **D) Estonia**

Answer : B

- ✓ Fiame Naomi Mata'afa became the first female Prime Minister of Samoa. She replaces Tuilaepa Sailele Malielegaoi of the Human Rights Protection Party (HRPP)
- ✓ She was also the first female Deputy Prime Minister of Samoa from 2016 to 2020.
- ✓ **SAMOA**
- ✓ Capital : Apia

- ✓ Currency : Tālā
- ✓ Prime Minister: Fiame Naomi Mata'afa

FIRST FEMALE IN NEWS 2021

- Fiame Naomi Mata'afa became the first female Prime Minister of Samoa
- Aashritha V Olety Becomes India's First Woman Flight Test Engineer
- Martha Koome becomes Kenya's first woman Chief Justice
- Ajanta Neog becomes the first woman Finance Minister of Assam
- Vaishali Hiwase becomes BRO's first woman Commanding Officer
- Elisabetta Belloni named as first woman to head Italy secret service
- Rekha Menon takes over as first woman Chairperson of NASSCOM
- Poonam Gupta to head NCAER as its first woman DG
- India's first female cricket commentator Chandra Naidu passes away
- Claire Polosak set to become first female match official in men's Test match
- Mithali Raj becomes first Indian woman cricketer to score 10,000 international runs
- Nigeria's Okonjo-Iweala set to become first female Chief of World Trade Organization (WTO)
- Bhawana Kanth from Bihar to become the first Woman Fighter Pilot to take part in Republic Day Parade
- Kaja Kallas sworn in as first woman Prime Minister of Estonia
- Samia Suluhu Hassan sworn in as Tanzania's first woman President
- First woman IAF Officer Vijayalakshmi Ramanan (retd) passes away
- India's First Female Cardiologist, Dr S. Padmavati Passes Away
- Tamil Nadu appoints M Veeralakshmi India's 1st-ever woman ambulance driver
- Jane Fraser named first female CEO of Citigroup

Q. Which bank has digitized onboarding of credit card customers by implementing TransUnion's Onboarding Solution?

A) Yes Bank **B) Axis Bank**

C) HDFC Bank **D) ICICI Bank**

Answer : A

- ✓ Yes Bank announced the implementation of TransUnion's onboarding solution
- ✓ This solution will enable YES BANK to onboard its credit card customers efficiently and quickly

YES BANK IN NEWS

- ➢ Yes Bank implements TransUnion's onboarding solution
- ➢ Yes Bank to appeal ₹25 cr fine by Sebi for mis-selling AT-1 bonds
- ➢ RInfra sells office building to Yes Bank for ₹1,200 cr
- ➢ Yes Bank Joins Hand with Aditya Birla Financial Services to launch wellness-themed credit cards
- ➢ Yes Bank has appointed Niranjan Banodkar as its new Group Chief Financial Officer (CFO)
- ➢ Ewire Softtech under Kerala Startup Mission (KSUM) has launched a prepaid card in association with YES Bank
- ➢ YES BANK has launched, Yes Private Prime Credit Card, for India's affluent and ultra HNIs
- ➢ YES Bank launches 'SMS Pay' on POS Terminals in Partnership with French company 'Worldline'
- ➢ Yes Bank tie-up with BSE to empower small business companies
- ➢ HDFC Life & YES Bank enters into partnership to sell insurance policies
- ➢ SBI General Insurance inks corporate agency agreement with YES Bank
- ➢ Yes Bank acquires 24.19% stake in Dish TV via pledged shares
- ➢ YES Bank launches unique facility 'Loan against Securities'
- ➢ Yes Bank partners with UDMA to launch 'Yuva Pay' mobile app
- ➢ Yes Bank partners with Affordplan to launch "Swasth Card"
- ➢ YES Bank launches 'Loan in Seconds' for instant loan disbursement
- ➢ **YES BANK**

  Founded : 2004

  HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra

  MD & CEO : Prashant Kumar
- ➢ Tagline : Experience our Expertise

Q. Which bank had partnered with Mahindra Rural Housing Finance for a cash management solution?

A) Jio Payments Bank **B) Paytm Payments Bank**

C) Airtel Payments Bank **D) India Post Payments Bank**

Answer : D

✓ Mahindra Rural Housing Finance had partnered with India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) for a cash management solution

IPPB IN NEWS
➢ India Post Payments Bank, Mahindra Rural Housing Finance Partner for Cash Management Solution ➢ Financial Software and Systems (FSS) and IPPB join hands to promote financial inclusion ➢ India Post Payments Bank unveils new digital payment app 'DakPay' ➢ IPPB launches PM Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana ➢ J Venkatramu appointed MD and CEO of India Post Payments Bank ➢ **India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)** Founded : 1 September 2018 Headquarters : New Delhi MD & CEO : J Venkatramu ➢ On 19 August 2015, the India Post received licence to run a payments bank from RBI ➢ On 17 August 2016, it was registered as a public limited government company for setting up a payments bank ➢ The pilot project of IPPB was inaugurated on 30 January 2017 at Raipur and Ranchi ➢ **Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services Limited (MMFSL)** Founded : 1991 Headquarteres : Mumbai President : Ramesh Iyer

Q. Which IIT had developed a unique detector named 'FakeBuster' to detect imposters attending a virtual conference?

A) IIT Ropar
B) IIT Kanpur
C) IIT Madras
D) IIT Kharagpur

Answer : A

✓ The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Ropar, Punjab and Australia-based Monash University had developed a unique detector named 'FakeBuster' to detect imposters attending a virtual conference without anyone's knowledge

Q. Who was named as the recipient of the prestigious FIH (International Hockey Federation) President's Award?

A) Birendra Lakra **B) Ajit Pal Singh**

C) Harmanpreet Singh **D) V Karthikeyan Pandian**

Answer : D

✓ Chief Minister of Odisha, Naveen Patnaik's Private Secretary, V Karthikeyan Pandian, was named as a recipient of the prestigious FIH (International Hockey Federation) President's Award

FIH IN NEWS

- VK Pandian conferred with FIH Presidents award
- Narinder Batra has been re-elected as the President of International Hockey Federation (FIH)
- PR Sreejesh appointed FIH Athletes' Committee member
- Odisha to host 2023 FIH Men's Hockey World Cup at Bhubaneswar and Rourkela
- **International Hockey Federation (FIH)**

  Founded : 1926

  Headquarteres : Lausanne, Switzerland

  President : Narinder Dhruv Batra

  CEO : Thierry Weil

Q. Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has hiked its stake to 5.06% in which Bank?

A) Bank of Baroda **B) Union Bank of India**

C) Central Bank of India **D) Punjab National Bank**

Answer : B

✓ The Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has hiked its stake to 5.06% in state-run Union Bank of India with acquisition of nearly 2% additional stake in the bank

✓ Life Insurance Corporation held 3.09 per cent stake in Union Bank of India earlier, representing 19,79,23,251 equity shares of the bank

✓ It has now increased to 5.06 per cent (34,57,64,764 shares), as per a regulatory filing of Life Insurance Corporation sent to exchanges through Union Bank of India

LIC IN NEWS

- LIC has hiked its stake to 5.06% in state-run Union Bank of India
- Banks Board Bureau has chosen Mini Ipe and BC Patnaik as Managing Directors of LIC
- LIC Among Top Ten Most-Valuable Insurance Brand Globally: Brand Finance Report
- LIC appoints Paytm to handle its digital payments
- LIC launches new savings plan Bachat Plus
- LIC introduced new 'Bima Jyoti' plan
- Siddhartha Mohanty set to take over as Managing Director of LIC
- LIC Launches Digital Application Tool 'ANANDA' for Agents
- LIC announced the launch of a special scheme called 'Special Revival Campaign' to revive Laps (stopped) policies
- **Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)**

  Founded : 1956

  Headquarters : Mumbai

  Chairman : M. R. Kumar

  Managing Director : 4 (Mini Ipe, BC Patnaik, Siddhartha Mohanty, & Raj Kumar)
- **Union Bank of India**

  Founded : 1919

  Headquarteres : Mumbai, Maharashtra

  MD & CEO : Rajkiran Rai G

  Tagline : Good People to Bank with

  Andhra Bank and Corporation Bank would be merged into Union Bank of India

Q. Which mobile tech platform is set to be launched by India for United Nations Peacekeepers to improve safety and security in their line of duty?

A) UNITE AWARE
B) RESCUE OPERATION
C) URGENT FURY
D) ROLLING THUNDER

Answer : A

- ✓ India will launch 'UNITE AWARE', a mobile tech platform, in August 2021 for the United Nations Peacekeepers to improve their safety and security in the line of duty.
- ✓ India, in partnership with the UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the Department of Operational Support, has been working towards developing a mobile tech platform 'UNITE AWARE' that helps increase situational awareness and provides terrain-related information to peacekeepers

Q. Which company has bought movie studio MGM (Metro Goldwyn Mayer) for $8.45 billion?

A) Apple **B) Amazon**

C) Flipkart **D) Microsoft**

Answer : B

- ✓ Amazon.com Inc bought MGM (Metro Goldwyn Mayer), the fabled US movie studio home to the James Bond franchise, for $8.45 billion
- ✓ MGM was founded in 1924 and owns the Epix cable Channel
- ✓ They also make popular TV shows including Fargo, Vikings and Shark Tank.

AMAZON IN NEWS

- ➢ Amazon brings James Bond, Rocky to fight Netflix with $8.5 bln MGM buy
- ➢ Amazon India launches video streaming service miniTV
- ➢ Amazon launches $250-million Venture Fund for Digitizing SMEs in India
- ➢ Andy Jassy set to replace Jeff Bezos as Amazon CEO in July
- ➢ Amazon tops Brand Finance Global 500 2020 report; Tata Group top Indian brand
- ➢ Amazon founder Jeff Bezos commits USD 1 bn investment in India to digitise small businesses
- ➢ Amazon signs Amitabh Bachchan for its Alexa voice assistant
- ➢ Amazon Pay collaborate with Uber to push digital payments in India
- ➢ Amazon India ties up with IRCTC to start online train ticket bookings
- ➢ Amazon Pay ties up with Acko to sell auto insurance
- ➢ Amazon launches seller driven 'Itna Aasan Hai' campaign
- ➢ Amazon Opens Its Largest Global Campus Building in Hyderabad
- ➢ **AMAZON**

  Founded : 1994 (Online bookstore)

Founder : Jeff Bezos

Headquarters : Seattle, Washington DC

CEO : Andy Jessy

- **Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer (MGM)**

Founded : 1924

Founders : Marcus Loew

And Louis B. Mayer

Headquarters : California,US

COO : Chris Brearton

Q. Who has become the first Indian to be elected as the President of the Vienna-based International Narcotics Control Board (INCB)?

A) Jagjit Pavadia

B) Vaishali Hiwase

C) Poonam Gupta

D) Archana sunderlingam

Answer : A

- ✓ Jagjit Pavadia, the former Narcotics Commissioner of India, has been elected as the President of the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB)
- ✓ First Indian to be appointed as the Chief of the international organization and the second woman to hold this office
- ✓ She has served as the Narcotics Commissioner of India, Central Bureau of Narcotics for six years from 2006-2012
- ✓ **International Narcotics Control Board (INCB)**

Founded : 1968

Headquarteres : Vienna, Austria

President : Jagjit Pavadia

Q. Bashar Al-Assad has been re-elected for the Fourth term as the President of which country?

A) Syria **B) Kuwait**

C) Qatar **D) Saudi Arabia**

Answer : A

- ✓ Syrian President Bashar al-Assad has been re-elected for the fourth straight 7-year term in a landslide victory, winning 95.1 percent of the total votes cast
- ✓ **SYRIA**

  Capital : Damascus

  Currency : pound

  President : Bashar al-Assad

  Prime Minister : Hussein Arnous

RE-APPOINTED / ELECTED IN NEWS

- Bashar Al-Assad Re-Elected ss Syrian President for Fourth Term
- Narinder Batra has been re-elected as the President of International Hockey Federation (FIH)
- Moctor Ouane was reappointed as Prime Minister of Mali
- KP Sharma Oli Re-appointed as Prime Minister of Nepal
- RBI approves re-appointment of Murali Natrajan as MD and CEO of DCB Bank
- CAG of India Girish Murmu re-appointed Chairman of UN Panel of External Auditors for 2021
- Denis Sassou Nguesso re-elected as President of Republic of Congo
- Thomas Bach re-elected as International Olympic Committee president until 2025
- Dushyant Chautala re-elected as President of Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI)
- Gudni Johannesson Re-elected as President of Iceland for second 4-year term
- Belarus President Alexander Lukashenko re-elected for 6th consecutive term
- Faustin-Archange Touadera Re-elected as President of Central African Republic
- India & France re-elected as President and Co-President of International Solar Alliance (ISA)
- Ajay Singh re-elected Boxing Federation of India President
- Nilesh Shah re-elected as Chairman of Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI)
- Vishwavir Ahuja re-appointed as RBL Bank Managing Director and CEO
- RBI re-appoints Uday Kotak as MD of Kotak Mahindra Bank

Q. 'Akanksha', comprehensive online portal on CSR activities has been launched by Chief Minister of which State?

A) Assam **B) Tamil Nadu**

C) Telangana **D) Karnataka**

Answer : D

- ✓ A portal that provides comprehensive details on all the CSR activities in Karnataka was launched by Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa
- ✓ Portal named as Akanksha, will help the corporate sector, government and the donors to utilise CSR funds for Government programmes

KARNATAKA IN NEWS

- ➢ Karnataka CM launches comprehensive online portal on CSR activities 'Akanksha'
- ➢ Megalithic site of Hire Benkal of Karnataka added to tentative list of UNESCO World Heritage Sites
- ➢ Karnataka has launched India's maiden Engineering Research & Development (ERD) policy to raise R&D contribution to 45% in 5 year
- ➢ Karnataka to set up a Flower Processing Centre to add value to its flower power
- ➢ Karnataka to Host Second Khelo India University Games (KIUG) 2021
- ➢ President Ramnath Kovind Inaugurates Museum Dedicated to General KS Thimayya in Karnataka
- ➢ Karnataka Chief Minister launched Avalokana software
- ➢ Karnataka Government launches Krishi Sanjeevani Vans to test soil, water
- ➢ Karnataka Government launches portal 'FRUITS' for farmers
- ➢ Karnataka's 1st 11.5 megawatt power plant being set up at Bidadi
- ➢ India's First Sandalwood Museum to come up in Mysuru, Karnataka
- ➢ Vijayanagara becomes 31st District of Karnataka, carved out of Ballari district
- ➢ Karnataka approves Rs. 600-cr watershed project 'REWARD' with World Bank assistance
- ➢ Karnataka launches India's first integrated air ambulance service
- ➢ Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana Participates in 7th WASH Conclave Concludes

Q. The Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) has predicted that a cyclonic storm 'Yaas'. The name 'Yaas' has been given by which country

A) Maldives **B) Oman**

C) Myanmar **D) Bangladesh**

Answer : B

- ✓ Cyclone Yaas is likely to intensify into a “very severe cyclonic storm" and hit parts of Odisha and West Bengal coasts on May 26, India Meteorological Department (IMD) said
- ✓ Cyclone ‘Yaas’, which is forming in the Bay of Bengal
- ✓ The Cyclone ‘Yaas’, was named by oman

CYCLONE IN NEWS	
Cyclone ‘Yaas’ Hit : Bay of Bengal (Odisha & West Bengal) Name Given By : Oman	Cyclone Tauktae Hit : Arabian Sea Name Given By : Myanmar
Cyclone Seroja Hit : West Australia	Cyclone Yasa Hit : Fiji Category 5 Tropical
Cyclone Burevi Hit : Tamil Nadu & Kerala Name given by : Maldives	Cyclone Nivar Hit : Puducherry & Tamil Nadu Name given by : Iran
Typhoon Goni (strongest typhoon of 2020) Hit : Philippines	

Q. Government has constituted a panel of state ministers for better valuation of services of casinos, online gaming portal and race courses companies for GST. Who is the head of this panel?

A) Nitin Ratilal Patel **B) Chandrakant Kavlekar**

C) Manish Sisodia **D) Tarkishore Prasad**

Answer : A

- ✓ Government has set up a seven-member panel of state ministers for better valuation of services of casinos, online gaming portal and race courses companies, to levy goods and services tax (GST)
- ✓ The group of ministers (GoM) will be headed by Gujarat Deputy Chief Minister Nitin Patel.

Q. International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers is observed on which day?

A) 29 May

B) 26 May

C) 28 May

D) 27 May

Answer : A

- ✓ International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers" is observed on May 29 annually to pay tribute to all the men and women who have served and continue to serve in United Nations peacekeeping operation
- ✓ Theme 2021 : "The road to a lasting peace: Leveraging the power of youth for peace and security."

Q. Which day of the year is observed as the World Digestive Health Day?

A) 28 May **B) 26 May**

C) 27 May **D) 29 May**

Answer : D

- ✓ Every year, the World Digestive Health Day (WDHD) is observed on 29 May
- ✓ Theme 2021 : "Obesity: An Ongoing Pandemic."
- ✓ It is organised by the World Gastroenterology Organisation (WGO) in collaboration with the WGO Foundation (WGOF)

Q. Who has been appointed as the Commerce Secretary?

A) Kapil Dev Tripathi

B) P Praveen Siddharth

C) B V R Subrahmanyam

D) Hardik Satishchandra Shah

Answer : C

- ✓ Chief Secretary of Jammu and Kashmir, B.V.R. Subrahmanyam, as next the Commerce Secretary, Government of India, upon superannuation of Anup Wadhawan on June 30

LATEST IMPORTANT SECRETARY IN NEWS	
Person	**Secretary**
T V Somanathan	Finance Secretary
Tarun Bajaj	Revenue Secretary
Ajay Seth	Economic Affairs Secretary
Rajiv Gauba	Cabinet Secretary
TV Somanathan	Expenditure Secretary
Harsh Vardhan Shringla	Foreign Secretary
B.V.R. Subrahmanyam	Commerce Secretary
Hardik Satishchandra Shah	Private Secretary to PM
P Praveen Siddharth	Private Secretary to President
Kapil Dev Tripathi	Secretary to President

Q. The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) has constituted an expert committee on Investment Funds. Who is the chairperson of this committee?

A) Nilesh Shah **B) Debasish Panda**

C) Sachin Chaturvedi **D) Swaminathan Gurumurthy**

Answer : A

- ✓ International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) has constituted an expert committee on Investment Funds
- ✓ The Committee has been formed under the Chairmanship of Nilesh Shah, Managing Director of Kotak Mahindra Asset Management Co. Ltd.
- ✓ The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) is based in GIFT City, Gandhinagar in Gujarat

LATEST IMPORTANT COMMITTEE IN NEWS 2021
➢ IFSCA constitutes an expert committee on Investment Funds; Headed By : Nilesh Shah
➢ constituted an advisory group to assist the second Regulatory Review Authority (RRA 2.0); Headed By : S Janakiraman

- RBI constitutes six-member panel to review Asset Reconstruction Companies (ARCs); Headed By : Sudarshan Sen
- AYUSH Ministry sets up interdisciplinary team of experts to explore the potential of Yoga as a productivity enhancing tool; Headed By : H. R Nagendra
- RBI Constitutes 5 member Standing External Advisory Committee for evaluating applications for Universal Banks and SFBs; Headed By : Shyamla Gopinath
- Centre forms experts committee for Startup India Seed Fund Scheme; Headed By : H K Mittal
- 259-member high-level National Committee constituted to commemorate 75 years of India's Independence; Headed By PM Modi
- RBI constitues eight-member expert panel for strenthening Urban Co-operative Banks; Headed By : N. S. Vishwanathan
- RBI forms six-member working group to regulate digital lending frauds; Headed By - Jayant Kumar Dash,
- Centre formed an empowered committee for administration of Covid-19 vaccine; Headed By - RS Sharma
- To commemorate the 125th Birth Anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, a High Level Committee has been constituted ; headed by PM Modi
- RBI set up an academic advisory council called 'College of Supervisors (CoS)' to further strengthen supervision; Headed By - N S Viswanathan
- Centre plans to form committee to protect language, culture & land of Ladakh ; Headed By - Kishan Reddy
- Centre constitutes high-level group for South Asia energy security; Headed By – Ram Vinay Shahi

Q. Which bank has collaborated with NPCI to link its 'Pockets' digital wallet to the UPI network?

A) Yes Bank

B) Axis Bank

C) ICICI Bank

D) HDFC Bank

Answer : C

✓ ICICI Bank announced the launch of a unique facility of linking a UPI (Unified Payments Interface) ID to its digital wallet 'Pockets'

- ✓ ICICI will provide a UPI ID for the non-customers of ICICI Bank, and it will be linked automatically to Pockets and for the customers who already have a UPI ID, it provides a new ID when they log on to the 'Pockets' app

ICICI BANK IN NEWS

- ICICI Bank links UPI ID facility to its 'Pockets' digital wallet
- RBI imposes Rs 3 crore penalty on ICICI Bank for Violating Specific Directions Issued by RBI
- ICICI Bank launches Digital banking Platform 'Merchant Stack'
- ICICI Bank and PhonePe announced their partnership for the issuance of FASTag using UPI on the PhonePe App
- ICICI Bank introduces instant EMI facility on its internet banking platform
- ICICI Bank launches 'Namma Chennai Smart Card'
- ICICI Bank, MUFG Bank tie up for serving Japanese corporations operating in India
- ICICI Bank launches 'InstaFX' mobile app to help customers obtain Forex Prepaid Card swiftly
- ICICI Bank Opens Representative Office in Nepal
- ICICI Bank ties up with fintech Niyo to issue prepaid cards to MSMEs
- RBI Retains SBI, ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank as Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs)
- ICICI Bank launches online portal 'Infinite India' for foreign firms expanding in India
- ICICI Bank Launches iMobile Pay to offer Payments & Banking Services For All
- ICICI Bank launches 'Mine' a comprehensive banking programme for millennial customers
- ICICI Bank shuts down operations in Sri Lanka
- ICICI Bank Becomes the 1st Bank in India Uses Satellite Data
- ICICI Bank introduced 'ICICI Bank Golden Years FD' for Senior Citizens
- ICICI Bank Launches a unique self-service delivery facility 'iBox' for customers
- **Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India (ICICI) BANK**

  Founded : 1994

  HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra

  MD & CEO : Sandeep Bakhshi

  Tagline : Hum Hai Na Khayal Apka

Q. Who launched the SeHAT-OPD portal, which would help the Indian Armed Forces in providing telemedicine services?

A) Rajnath Singh
B) Piyush Goyal
C) Harsh Vardhan
D) Narendra Modi

Answer : A

- ✓ Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh launched the 'Services e-Health Assistance & Tele-consultation (SeHAT) OPD portal on May 27, 2021, through video conferencing
- ✓ The main motive of the portal is to provide tele-medicine services to the serving Armed Forces personnel, veterans and their families

Q. Which has been conferred with the International Eni Award 2020?

A) Amartya Sen
B) C.N.R. Rao
C) Hari Om Srivastava
D) K. S. Chandrasekharan

Answer : B

- ✓ Noted Indian scientist and Bharat Ratna Professor C.N.R. Rao has been felicitated with the International Eni Award 2020 (also called the Energy Frontier award). The International Eni Award is considered to be the Nobel Prize in Energy Research
- ✓ Professor Rao has been conferred the prize for his work on metal oxides, carbon nanotubes and other materials and two-dimensional systems
- ✓ The Eni Award is awarded annually by the Italian oil and gas company Eni
- ✓ Prof. CNR Rao and Sachin Tendulkar Selected for Bharat Ratna Award in 2014

Q. SEBI doubled the overseas investment limit of alternative investment fundsand venture capital funds to how much amount?

A) USD 1000 million
B) USD 1500 million
C) USD 2000 million
D) USD 2500 million

Answer : B

- ✓ SEBI doubled the overseas investment limit of alternative investment funds and venture capital funds to USD 1,500 million
- ✓ Currently, Sebi-registered alternative investment fund (AIF) or venture capital fund (VCF) are permitted to invest overseas, subject to an overall limit of USD 750 million.

SEBI IN NEWS

- SEBI allows AIFs and VCFs to invest up to $1.5 bn in foreign companies
- Sebi imposes Rs 5.25 crore penalty on Cairn India
- Sebi proposes framework for gold exchange, suggests trading in e-gold receipts
- SEBI slaps Rs 25 crore fine on Yes Bank in AT-1 bonds case
- Utkarsh Small Finance Bank files draft red herring prospectus with Sebi for Rs1350cr Initial Public Offering (IPO)
- Suryoday Small Finance Bank has received the go-ahead from the markets regulator SEBI to float its initial public offering (IPO)
- Sebi launches SMARTs program to strengthen investor education framework
- SEBI Sets Up Advisory Committee under Madhabi Puri Buch to Recommend Policy on Market Data Access
- SEBI increases Overseas Investment limits for Mutual Funds to USD 600 million
- SEBI Revamps advisory committee on mutual funds; Usha Thorat new head
- SEBI Chairman Ajay Tyagi Gets 6-month Extension
- **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)**

  Founded : 1988

  Act : 1992

  Headquarteres : Mumbai

  Chairmam : Ajay Tyagi

  SEBI Set up : Uday Kotak committee

Q. Which Indian Institute of Technology has developed smart window materials for automatic climate control of buildings?

A) IIT Madras **B) IIT Guwahati**

C) IIT Bombay **D) IIT Kharagpur**

Answer : B

- ✓ Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Guwahati has developed a smart window material which can automatically control climate of buildings.
- ✓ It can effectively control the amount of heat and light passing through it in response to an applied voltage

Q. Who has been conferred with Spain's top Princess of Asturias Award in the social sciences category?

A) Abhijit Banerjee **B) Raghuram Rajan**

C) Arvind Subramanian **D) Amartya Kumar Sen**

Answer : D

- ✓ Indian economist and Nobel Laureate Amartya Kumar Sen has been conferred with ' 2021 Princess of Asturias Award' by Spain in the social sciences category
- ✓ The 87-year-old Sen was selected for "His research on famines and his theory of human development, welfare economics and the underlying mechanisms of poverty have contributed to the fight against injustice, inequality, disease and ignorance
- ✓ Princess of Asturias Awards are annual prizes awarded by the Princess of Asturias Foundation in Spain to individuals, entities or organizations from around the world who make notable achievements in the sciences, humanities, and public affairs
- ✓ The award comprises a cash prize of 50,000 Euros

AMARTYA SEN IN NEWS
➢ Amartya Kumar Sen has been conferred with the ' 2021 Princess of Asturias Award' by Spain
➢ Amartya Sen wins 2020 Peace Prize of the German Book Trade
➢ London School of Economics Names Chair after Amartya Sen
➢ The Nobel laureate Amartya Sen won the Nobel Prize in Economics in 1998

Q. Which state has appointed 'Guardian Ministers' to oversee implementation of central and state government policy decisions, administrative reforms, and other welfare schemes in all the 34 districts of the state?

A) Odisha **B) Assam**

C) Gujarat **D) Punjab**

Answer : B

- ✓ Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma Appoints 'Guardian Ministers' for growth of districts
- ✓ 13 'Guardian Ministers' have been appointed for all 34 districts in Assam, for balanced, speedy and sustainable developments of these districts

ASSAM IN NEWS

- Assam Cabinet appoints 13 'Guardian Ministers' for various districts
- Assam, first Indian state to have a digital flood reporting system
- Ajanta Neog becomes the first woman Finance Minister of Assam
- Himanta Biswa Sarma sworn-in as 15th chief minister of Assam
- India and AIIB signs $304 million pact for improving power transmission network in Assam
- Assam CM Sarbananda Sonowal Lays Foundation of Eastern India's First Skill University in Darrang district
- PM Modi launches 'Mahabahu-Brahmaputra' initiative and lays foundation stone of two bridges in Assam
- INDMAX Unit at Indian Oil's Bongaigaon Refinery Assam
- Prime Minister launches 'Mahabahu-Brahmaputra' initiative in Assam
- PM Modi launches Asom Mala in Assam's Sonitpur district
- Magh Bihu, Bhogali Bihu or Maghar Domahi is a harvest festival celebrated in Assam
- ADB has approved a $231 million loan to develop the Lower Kopili Hydroelectric Power facility in Assam
- 8th North East Festival to be held in Guwahati on Dec 19-20
- Assam set to get its 6th national park in Dima Hasao
- Assam Celebrates Lachit Divas on 24 November, mark the birth anniversary of Lachit Borphukan
- Assam's Tezpur Litchi gets GI tag
- SBI starts "Mahila Atmanirbharshil Aachani" (Women Self-Reliance programme) in Assam
- Assam Launches Orunodoi Scheme to financially empower women
- Former Assam Chief Minister Tarun Gogoi passes away
- Assam Musician Bibhuranjan Choudhury passes away
- India's longest river ropeway inaugurated in Assam
- Kati Bihu festival celebrated across Assam
- Assam's only woman CM Syeda Anwara Taimur passes away
- Assam CM launches 'Kritagyata' for online pension submission and tracking
- Assam Govt launched "Mukhyamantrir Grammya Paribahan Achoni Yojana"
- Assamese folk singer Archana Mahanta has passed away
- Assam government to upgrade Dehing Patkai wildlife sanctuary to national park

Q. Union Cabinet has approved the opening of a new Consulate General of India in which country?

A) Australia **B) Vietnam**

C) Maldives **D) Singapore**

Answer : C

- ✓ Union Cabinet has approved the opening of a new Consulate General of India in Addu City, the Maldives, in 2021
- ✓ India and Maldives share ethnic, linguistic, cultural, religious and commercial links steeped in antiquity

MALDIVES IN NEWS

- Union Cabinet has approved the opening of a new Consulate General of India in Addu City, the Maldives, in 2021
- India & Maldives sign 5 deals to boost infrastructure
- Exim Bank extends USD 400 million soft loan to Maldives
- India extends $250 million in financial support to Maldives to overcome impact of COVID-19
- India-Maldives sign agreement to establish “Emergency Medical Services”
- India has handed over outdoor fitness equipment for 61 islands across the Maldives
- GoI extends Line of Credit worth 18 Million dollars to Maldives
- India facilitates $ 150 million foreign Currency swap facility to Maldives
- India Navy 'Samundra Setu' to bring stranded Indian citizens from Maldives
- India launches first ever direct cargo ferry Indian ports of Tuticorin and Cochin ports with Kulhudhuhfushi and Male ports in the Maldives.
- Maldives Re-joins Commonwealth as its 54th Member
- **MALDIVES**

  Capital : Male

  Currency : Rufiyaa

  President : Ibrahim Mohamed Solih

  Ekuverin Exercise : India and Maldives

Q. World Health Organization (WHO) and Switzerland are set to launch the first WHO BioHub Facility for pathogen storage. Who is the director General of WHO?

A) Roberto Azevêdo **B) Tedros Adhanom**

C) Renato Ruggiero **D) Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala**

Answer : B

- ✓ World Health Organization (WHO) and the Swiss Confederation signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to launch the first WHO BioHub Facility as part of the WHO BioHub System
- ✓ This facility will enhance the rapid sharing of viruses and other pathogens between laboratories and partners globally

WHO IN NEWS

- WHO and Switzerland to launch the first WHO BioHub Facility for pathogen storage
- WHO has unveiled global immunization strategy to save 50 million lives by 2030
- El Salvador is the first country in Central America to be certified malaria-free by the WHO
- Health Minister Harsh Vardhan chairs 148th session of WHO Executive Board
- Anil Soni Appointed First Chief Of The WHO Foundation
- Preeti Sudan appointed to WHO's Panel For Pandemic Preparedness
- World Health Organization certifies Africa free from wild Polio
- World Health Day observed globally on 7 April
- Theme of 2021 World Health Day is "Building a fairer, healthier world for everyone".
- Global health Emergency declared over Coronavirus by WHO
- US formally announced its withdrawal from WHO
- **World Health Organization (WHO)**

  Formation : 7 April 1948

  Headquarters : Geneva, Switzerland

  First President : Andrija Štampar

  Director General : Tedros Adhanom (Ethiopia)

  Deputy Director General : Soumya Swaminathan (Indian)

Q. Government has extended the tenure of Samant Goel as the Chief of which organisation for a period of one-year

A) Food Corporation of India (FCI)

B) Life Insurance Corporation (LIC)

C) Research and Analysis Wing (RAW)

D) Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)

Answer : C

GOVT EXTENDED TENURE IN NEWS

- Government extended the tenure of Arvind Kumar as the Chief of Intelligence Bureau (IB) for a period of one-year
- Government extended the tenure of Samant Goel as the Chief RAW for a period of one-year
- ISRO Chairman K Sivan gets one year extension up to January 14, 2022
- DRDO chief G Satheesh Reddy gets two-year extension
- LC Goyal gets 1-year extension in his tenure as CMD of India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO)
- NITI Aayog's CEO Amitabh Kant Gets Two-Year Extension
- **Research and Analysis Wing (R&AW)**

  Founded : 1968

  Headquarteres : New Delhi

  Founder : R. N. Kao

  First Director : Rameshwar Nath Kao

  23rd Director : Samant Goel

  Minister responsible : Prime Ministry of India

Q. Government has extended the tenure of Arvind Kumar as the director of which organisation for a period of one-year

A) Intelligence Bureau (IB)

B) Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)

C) Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG)

D) National Green Tribunal (NGT)

Answer : A

- ✓ Government extended tenures of Samant Kumar Goel, Secretary, Research and Analysis Wing (R&AW), and Arvinda Kumar, Director Intelligence Bureau (IB) for a period of one year
- ✓ **Intelligence Bureau (IB)**

  Founded : 1887

  Headquarters : New Delhi

  Motto : Always Alert

  First Director : T. G. Sanjeevi Pillai

  27th Director : Arvind Kumar

  Minister responsible : Home affairs

Q. When is the World Hunger Day observed?

A) 25 May B) 26 May

C) 28 May D) 27 May

Answer : C

- ✓ Every year on May 28, The Hunger Project celebrates the World Hunger Day
- ✓ Theme 2021 :' Access and Hunger'
- ✓ India ranks 94th in the World Hunger Index of 107 countries
- ✓ The day was started in 2011 by The Hunger Project to raise awareness about the people living in chronic hunger worldwide and celebrate sustainable solutions to hunger and poverty and to inspire everyone to be a part of the solution!

Q. Renowned personality Eric Carle passed away recently, he was veteran ____.

A) Author

B) Scientist

C) Journalist

D) Filmmaker

Answer : A

- ✓ Veteran American children's books writer, illustrator and graphic designer, Eric Carle, has passed away
- ✓ Carle was known among children for his classic book "The Very Hungry Caterpillar", published in 1969

Q. Mohali International Hockey Stadium has been renamed after which legendary hockey player?

A) Harcharan Singh **B) Balbir Singh Sr**

C) Aslam Sher Khan **D) Ajit Pal Singh**

Answer : B

- ✓ Punjab Government finally announced to rename the Mohali International Hockey Stadium, after triple Olympian and Padma Shri Balbir Singh Sr
- ✓ The stadium will now be known as Olympian Balbir Singh Senior International Hockey Stadium, Mohali Punjab
- ✓ Punjab Government had honoured the legendary player with the Maharaja Ranjit Singh Award in 2019
- ✓ He scored five goals in India's 6-1 victory over the Netherlands in the final of the 1952 Olympic Games
- ✓ He also was the manager of the 1975 World Cup-winning Indian team
- ✓ Balbir Singh Senior's grandson Kabir Singh also presented a book, "Golden Goal", written by Principal Sarwan Singh
- ✓ Balbir Singh Sr's three Olympic gold medals came in London (1948), Helsinki (1952) as vice-captain, and Melbourne (1956) as captain
- ✓ He was conferred with the Padma Shri in 1957

Recently Name Changed	
Old Name	**New Name**
Mohali International Hockey Stadium, Punjab	Balbir Singh Senior International Hockey Stadium
Miyon ka Bara Railway station, Jodhpur Rajasthan	Mahesh Nagar Railways station
Motera Stadium, Ahmedabad	Narendra Modi Stadium
Hoshangabad City, Madhya Pradesh	Narmadapuram
Gujarat to Rename Dragon Fruit	Kamalam
Nagpur's Gorewada International Zoo	'Balasaheb Thackeray Gorewada International Zoological Park
Ayodhya Airport	Maryada Purushottam Sri Ram Airport, Uttar Pradesh
Kolkata Port Trust	Syama Prasad Mukherjee Port
Chauk Chauraha, Lucknow	Lalji Tandon Chauraha
Lucknow-Hardoi Road	Tandon Marg

Ministry of Human Resource Development	Ministry of Education
'Bilung' village, Odisha	Popular folk song 'Rangabati'
Gwalior Chambal Expressway, Madhya Pradesh	Atal Bihari Vajpayee Chambal Progressway
Hubbbali Railways Station, Karnataka	Sidhdharoodha Swami Station
Ministry of Shipping	Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways
Raigir railway station, Telangana	Yadadri railway station
Naugarh railway station, Gorakhpur UP	Siddharthanagar railway station
Majerhat bridge, Kolkata	Jai Hind bridge
Dandupur railway station, Uttar Pradesh	Maa Barahi Devi Dham

Q. Which has partnered with Turkey's PayCore to help merchants accept contactless payments?

A) RBI **B) SEBI**

C) NPCI **D) IRDAI**

Answer : C

- ✓ National Payments Corp. of India (NPCI) has partnered with Turkey's global payment solutions company PayCore as one of the certified partners for RuPay SoftPOS to drive cashless payments across the country
- ✓ RuPay SoftPOS enables merchants to accept payments securely from contactless cards, mobile wallets, and wearables just with their mobile phones.
- ✓ NPCI has authorized the SoftPOS solution developed by PayCore for RuPay
- ✓ RuPay SOftPoS system, the merchants will be able to accept the contactless payments of up to ₹5000 by simple tap and pay mechanism using their smartphones

NPCI IN NEWS

- ➢ NPCI partners PayCore to enable RuPay SoftPOS solutions in India
- ➢ NPCI transfers Bharat Bill Payments business to its new subsidiary NBBL
- ➢ NPCI launches UPI-Help on BHIM app for Grievance Redressal
- ➢ NPCI Partners SBI Payments to launch "RuPay SoftPoS" for Merchants
- ➢ NPCI enables UPI AutoPay live on music streaming platform 'Gaana'

- Central Bank of India ties up with NPCI to launch 'RuPay Select'
- NPCI launches "UPI Chalega" Campaign to promote UPI
- Blockchain-Based "Vajra Platform" launched by NPCI for secure payments
- NPCI imposes 30% cap on transaction volumes via UPI for third party apps
- NPCI rolls out AI virtual Artificial Intelligence assistant PAi
- NPCI launches omni-channel loyalty platform 'nth Rewards'
- NPCI launches its subsidiary firm – NPCI International Payments Ltd (NIPL)
- NPCI to set up Rs 500-crore data centre in Hyderabad to handle digital transactions
- **National Payments Corporation of India(NPCI)**

  Founded : 2008

  HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra

  MD & CEO : Dilip Asbe

Q. Which IIT had developed the 'Blocktrack app' for healthcare information system?

A) IIT Madras **B) IIT Bombay**

C) IIT Kanpur **D) IIT Guwahati**

Answer : A

✓ Researchers at the Indian Institute of Technology-Madras have developed "blocktrack", a blockchain-based secure medical data and information exchange system for mobile phone applications

MOST IMPORTANT IIT IN NEWS 2021

- IIT Ropar develops unique detector 'FakeBuster' to detect imposters attending a virtual conference
- IIT-Marads team develops Blocktrack app for healthcare information system
- IIT Madras Startup Builds 'India's First' 3D Printed House
- Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' took a ride in the 'Energy Swaraj Yatra' bus built by IIT Bombay
- IIT Ropar develops portable tech-traditional eco-friendly mobile cremation system
- IIT-Kanpur develops touch-sensitive watch for the visually impaired
- IIT Guwahati collaborates with NEF Railways to improve operations, maintenance

- IIT Kharagpur to build accessible, safe and inclusive Indian cities with National Institute of Urban Affairs
- IIT Kharagpur and NCDC MoU to Promote Sustainable Developments in Cooperatives, Agriculture and Allied Sectors
- IIT Guwahati develops technique to boost performance of lithium-ion battery used in electric vehicles
- IIT Delhi Develops Handheld Device for Early and Rapid Diagnosis of Dengue
- Ramesh Pokhriyal lays foundation stone of 'TiHAN-IIT Hyderabad'
- IIT Kharagpur Wins the CoreNet Global Academic Challenge 6.0
- IIT Madras to collaborate with Mobile Payment Forum of India (MPFI) to boost digital money transactions in India
- IIT Kanpur Launches Mission Bharat O2 Challenge to Combat the Oxygen Crisis in India
- IIT-Bombay converts existing nitrogen plant into oxygen generator
- NanoSniffer: IIT Bombay Incubated Startup Develops World's First Microsensor-Based Explosive Trace Detector
- IIT Kanpur develops touch-sensitive watch for the visually impaired
- IIT Madras-Incubated Pie Beam Launches PiMo E-Bike
- HCL TECH Ties Up With IIT Kanpur To Strengthen Cyber Security
- PNB Collaborates with IIT Kanpur to set up Fintech Innovation Centre
- IIT Kharagpur develops solar-powered pesticide sprayer for smaller farm fields
- IIT Bombay Launches Fundraising Campaign 'Cherish IIT Bombay 2021'
- IIT Madras develops "MOUSHIK" microprocessor
- IIT Delhi launches ''Chakr DeCoV'' to decontaminate N95 masks
- IIT-Bombay students launch AI-based scanning app "AIR Scanner"
- IIT Madras start-up developed a portable hospital called "MediCAB"
- IIT Delhi develops COVID-19 Diagnostic Kit "Corosure"
- IIT Kanpur develops UV sanitizing device 'SHUDH'
- IIT Roorkee researchers develops disinfection box "Unisaviour"
- IIT Kanpur develops teaching setup 'Mobile Masterjee'
- IIT Gandhinagar develops AI based tool to detect Covid-19
- IIT-Bombay develops Indian receiver chip "Dhruva"

- IIT Bombay student team develops low-cost ventilator "Ruhdaar"
- IIT-Mandi develops high-speed magnetic RAM
- IIT Ropar develops 'WardBot' for COVID-19 patients
- IIT-Bombay develops digital stethoscope called "AyuSynk"
- IIT Bombay develops mobile app 'CORONTINE'
- IIT Madras Tops Atal Rankings (ARIIA) 2020 for second straight year
- IIT Madras launches world's first online BSc degree in Programming and Data Science
- IIT Madras develops light-weight Magnesium Alloy to replace steel & aluminium in Automobile Industry
- IIT Madras incubated startup Stellapps launches 'mooPay' for dairy farmers in Rajasthan
- IIT Kanpur Incubated Start-ups Develops Smart Water Quality Testing Device "PADMAVATI"
- IIT Kharagpur's 'COVIRAP' Technology for COVID-19 Test gets ICMR Certification
- Indian Bank And IIT-Madras Partner For Funding Start-Ups

Q. Mount Nyiragongo erupted after almost two decades. The active volcano is located within which country?

A) Ecuador **B) Malaysia**

C) Indonesia **D) Democratic Republic of Congo**

Answer : D

- ✓ Mount Nyiragongo erupted in the Democratic Republic of Congo on May 22, 2021
- ✓ **Democratic Republic of the Congo**

  Capital : Kinshasa

  Currency : Franc

RECENTLY ERUPTE VOLCANO IN NEWS	
Volcano	**Country**
Mount Nyiragongo volcano	Democratic Republic of Congo
Mount Sinabung volcano	Indonesia
La Soufrière volcano	Caribbean island
Sangay volcano	Ecuador
Kilauea Volcano	Hawaiian Islands

Q. Who has been appointed as the new Director of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)?

A) Rajnish Seth

B) Hemant Nagrale

C) Param Bir Singh

D) Subodh Kumar Jaiswal

Answer : D

- ✓ Former Maharashtra director general of police Subodh Kumar Jaiswal, has been appointed as the new Director of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)
- ✓ Jaiswal, a 1985-batch IPS officer of Maharashtra cadre, has been appointed for a period of two years
- ✓ Prior to this, he was the Director General of Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)
- ✓ The post of CBI Director has been lying vacant since February first week when the then CBI Director Rishi Kumar Shukla completed his tenure, since then, the Additional Director Praveen Sinha has been looking after the affairs of the CBI as its interim chief
- ✓ **Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)**

  Founded : 1 April 1963

  Headquarters : New Delhi

  Director General : Subodh Kumar Jaiswal

  Motto : Industry, Impartiality, Integrity

D.G. of Indian Armed Force	
D.G.	**Armed Force**
Subodh Kumar Jaiswal	Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)
Subodh Kumar Jaiswal	Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)
Rakesh Asthana	Border Security Force (BSF)
Surjeet Singh Deswal	Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)
Krishnaswamy Natarajan	Indian Coast Guard (ICG)
Kuldiep Singh	Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)
Kumar Rajesh Chandra	Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB)
M A Ganapathy	National Security Guard (NSG)

Q. India and which country have signed a three-year work program for cooperation in agriculture?

A) Israel **B) Maldives**

C) Vietnam **D) Singapore**

Answer : A

- ✓ India and Israel have signed a three-year work program for cooperation in agriculture
- ✓ India and Israel are implementing the "INDO-ISRAEL Agricultural Project Centres of Excellence" and "INDO- ISRAEL Villages of Excellence".
- ✓ India and Israel have had bilateral relations since 1993 in the agricultural sector and this is the 5th Action Plan.

ISRAEL IN NEWS

- India-Israel signs 3-year program for Cooperation in Agriculture
- David Barnea Appointed as Israel's Next Mossad Chief
- Israel officially receives first ever UAE ambassador
- Israel aims to reduce 80% greenhouse gas emissions by 2050
- Israel launches "green pass" for people with vaccination certificate
- India & Israel successfully test MRSAM air defence system
- Israel successfully launches new spy satellite 'Ofek 16'
- Benjamin Netanyahu Secures Fifth Term as Israeli Prime Minister
- Uttar Pradesh partners Israel to resolve Bundelkhand Water Crisis
- Meghalaya Govt partners with Israel to set up 'Centre of Excellence'
- TCS BaNCS to power Israel's 1st fully Digital Bank
- India and Israel sign agreement to expand cooperation in cyber security
- Israel & United States successfully tests an advanced missile defense system Arrow2
- **ISRAEL**

  Capital : Jerusalem

  Currency : New Shekel

  President : Reuven Rivlin

  Prime Minister : Benjamin Netanyahu

Q. Government will give assistance of how much amount to each Transgender person in view of COVID-19 pandemic?

A) Rs 1000 **B) Rs 1500**

C) Rs 2000 **D) Rs 2500**

Answer : B

- ✓ Government has decided to provide assistance of Rs 1500 to each Transgender person as
- ✓ immediate support to meet their basic requirements in view of Covid pandemic.
- ✓ This financial assistance will help the Transgender community to meet their day-to-day needs
- ✓ The Government has also launched a Helpline number 8882133897 for mental health care of Transgender Persons.

TRANSGENDER IN NEWS

- ➢ Govt to give assistance of Rs 1500 to each Transgender person in view of COVID-19 pandemic
- ➢ International Transgender Day of Visibility : 31 March
- ➢ Elliot Page becomes first trans man to star on 'Time' magazine cover
- ➢ Tashnuva Anan Shishir is all set to become Bangladesh's first transgender news anchor
- ➢ India's first-ever Transgender Community Desk inaugurated by Cyberabad Police in Hyderabad
- ➢ First university for transgender community will be opened in Uttar Pradesh's Kushinagar
- ➢ Gauri Sawant Becomes India's 1st Transgender Election Ambassador
- ➢ Sasindran Kallinkeel's penned a novel named "Rasaathi: The Other Side of a Transgender"
- ➢ The Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Bill, 2019
- ➢ Transgender community under : Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment,Thaawarchand Gehlot

Q. Sports Ministry has given approval to open how many Khelo India Centres across 7 states in country?

A) 135 **B) 143**

C) 155 **D) 176**

Answer : B

- ✓ Sports Ministry has given its approval to open 143 Khelo India Centres across seven states in the country with a total budget estimate of Rs 14.30 crore

✓ The states include Maharashtra, Mizoram, Goa, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh and Manipur.

KHELO INDIA GAMES IN NEWS

- Sports Ministry gives approval to open 143 Khelo India Centres across 7 states in country with Rs 14.30 crore
- Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju inaugurates Khelo India State Centre of Excellence for Rowing discipline in Srinagar
- Yogasana included in Khelo India Youth Games 2021
- Ministry of Sports Decides to Extend "Khelo India" scheme from 2021-22 to 2025-26
- J&K topped the medals tally in the second edition of Khelo India Winter National Games in Gulmarg
- Karnataka to Host Second Khelo India University Games (KIUG) 2021
- Khelo India Ice Hockey Tournament begins in Chiktan, Kargil
- Second edition of the Khelo India Winter Games is set to be held in Gulmarg in the Baramulla district of Jammu and Kashmir
- 13-day Khelo India Zanskar Winter Sport & Youth festival 2021 begins in Ladakh
- Haryana will host the 4th edition of the Khelo India Youth Games 2021
- Sports Ministry Includes four indigenous sports in Khelo India Youth Games 2021
- The four new games are, Gatka, Kalaripayattu, Thang-Ta and Mallakhamba
- On 31 January 2018, Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, inaugurated Khelo India School Games
- Khelo India School Games were renamed to Khelo India Youth Games
- **DON'T CONFUSED**

- **KHELO INDIA YOUTH GAMES**

  1st edition 2018 : New Delhi

  2nd edition 2019 : Pune, Maharashtra

  3rd edition 2020 : Guwahati, Assam

  4th edition 2021 : Panchkula, Haryana

- **KHELO INDIA UNIVERSITY GAMES**

  1st edition 2020 : Bhubaneswar Odisha

  2nd edition 2021 : Bengaluru, Karnataka

- **KHELO INDIA WINTER GAMES**

  1st edition 2020 : Gulmarg J&K

  2nd edition 2021 : Gulmarg J&K

- Khelo India Ice Hockey Tournament 2021 begins in Chiktan, Kargil Ladakh
- 1st Khelo India Zanskar Winter Sports Festival 2021 begins in Kargil, Ladakh

Q. Who has authored the book titled "7 Lessons from Everest – Expedition Learnings from Life and Business"?

A) Priya Meena **B) Aditya Gupta**

C) Bhavika Ahuja **D) Soman Gupta**

Answer : B

- ✓ Delhi-based entrepreneur and mountaineer Aditya Gupta recently released a book titled "7 Lessons from Everest – Expedition Learnings from Life and Business".
- ✓ The book aims to raise one crore rupees (approx $150K) for Covid-19 relief from its sales
- ✓ The proceeds from the book will be given to NGO Child Rights and You (CRY)

Q. Who became the first Indian doctor to win Rudolf Schindler Award?

A) Pankaj Dhawan **B) Aabha Nagral**

C) Debasish Banerjee **D) Nageshwar Reddy**

Answer : D

- ✓ Padma Bhushan awardee Nageshwar Reddy has been bestowed with the Rudolf V. Schindler Award from The American Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ASGE), one of the apex bodies in the world of GI endoscopy
- ✓ Rudolf V Schindler Award is the highest category in the prestigious Crystal Awards named after Dr Schindler who is considered as "the father of gastroscopy."
- ✓ He became the first Indian doctor to receive the prestigious award
- ✓ He is also the Chairman of AIG Hospitals in Hyderabad, Telangana.
- ✓ Padma Bhushan to Dr. Nageshwar Reddy for his contribution in the field of Gastroenterology in 2016

Q. Who has won the European Golden Boot?

A) Lionel Messi **B) Cristiano Ronaldo**

C) Erling Haaland **D) Robert Lewandowski**

Answer : D

- ✓ Bayern Munich : Robert Lewandowski wins European Golden Boot
- ✓ For the first time in his career, Robert Lewandowski has won the European Golden Boot
- ✓ The Bayern Munich striker scored an incredible 41 goals in 29 Bundesliga appearances to claim the top scorer spot in Europe
- ✓ **European Golden Shoe, also known as European Golden Boot**

  First awarded : 1968

  Most awards : Lionel Messi , Argentina (6 awards)

Q. Indian women's pair of Palak Kohli and Parul Parmar associated with which sport who were qualified for the Tokyo Paralympics 2021?

A) Squash **B) Shooting**

C) Badminton **D) Table Tennis**

Answer : C

- ✓ Indian Women's pair of Palak Kohli and Parul Parmar became the first Indian para shuttlers to qualify for the Tokyo Paralympics
- ✓ They have achieved the qualification for the SL3-SU5 Women's Doubles event in para-badminton

TOKYO OLYMPICS QUALIFIED IN NEWS 2021
➢ Palak Kohli and Parul Parmar became the first Indian para shuttlers to qualify for Tokyo Paralympics
➢ Indian rowers Arjun Lal Jat and Arvind Singh qualify for Tokyo Olympics 2021
➢ Indian wrestler Seema Bisla secures Tokyo Olympics berth
➢ Nethra Kumanan became the first Indian woman sailor to qualify for Olympics
➢ Discus throw Kamalpreet Kaur qualifies for Tokyo Olympics
➢ Sharath Kamal becomes first Indian paddler to qualify for Tokyo Olympics
➢ Bhavani Devi is the first Indian fencer to qualify for the Olympics

Q. Which private firm won the Star Export House Award by the Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry?

A) Shree Malani Foams
B) Tirupati Foam Limited
C) Ambuja Exports Limited
D) Loyal Textile Mills Limited

Answer : A

- ✓ Shree Malani Foams Private Limited won the coveted 'Star Export House' award from the Union Ministry of Commerce & Industry
- ✓ The certification is valid for 5 years, between 2021 to 2026

Q. Which small finance bank became the first SFB to offer end to end online process for NRI account opening?

A) Au Small Finance Bank
B) Ujjivan Small Finance Bank
C) Jana Small Finance Bank
D) Equitas Small Finance Bank

Answer : D

- ✓ Equitas Small Finance Bank became the first small finance bank to offer its NRI customer segment the ease of account opening online
- ✓ The NRI applicants will have a span of 90 days to courier documents after account opening
- ✓ **Equitas Small Finance Bank**

  Founded : 2016

  Headquarteres : Chennai

  MD & CEO : Vasudevan P N

  Smriti Mandhana : Brand ambassador of Equitas Small Finance Bank

Q. Which ministry has decided to set up a National Mission on the use of Biomass in coal based thermal power plants?

A) Ministry of Power
B) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
C) Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers
D) Ministry of New and Renewable Energy

Answer : A

- ✓ The Ministry of Power will set up a National Mission on use of biomass in coal based thermal power plants to address the issue of air pollution due to farm stubble burning and to reduce carbon footprints of thermal power generation
- ✓ The Mission will increase the level of co-firing from the present 5% to higher levels to have a larger share of carbon-neutral power generation from the thermal power plants
- ✓ Raj Kumar Singh : Ministry of Power, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
  Consitituency : Arrah, Bihar

Q. Who is the author of book "Buddha in Gandhara"?

A) Preeti Shenoy **B) Shobha De**

C) Sunita Dwivedi **D) Shashi Deshpande**

Answer : C

- ✓ SUNITA DWIVEDI is a Silk Road traveller, photographer and independent researcher
- ✓ She has authored three travelogues based on her travels along ancient Buddhist routes through China, Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Afghanistan and the Central Asian Republics

Q. What is the theme of the series of five webinars organized by Ministry of Ayush recently?

A) Yoga for Health-Yoga at Home **B) Be with Yoga, Be at Home**

C) Connect the Youth with Yoga **D) Yoga for Harmony and Peace**

Answer : B

- ✓ Ministry of Ayush is organising various activities in the run up to the International Day of Yoga, 2021
- ✓ The Ministry is organising a series of five webinars under the broad theme of "Be with Yoga, Be at Home
- ✓ Shripad Yeso Naik : Ministry of Ayush
  Consitituency : North Goa

Q. Which startup won the 2021 Technology Development Board (TDB) National Award?

A) Shantha Biotech Limited **B) Serum Institute of India**

C) Panacea Biotech Limited **D) Breathe Applied Sciences**

Answer : D

- ✓ Union Ministry of Science and Technology announced that a Bangalore-based startup, Breathe Applied Sciences, has received the National Award 2021 from the Technology Development Board (TDB) for developing a commercial solution for the conversion of carbon dioxide (CO_2) to chemicals and fuels
- ✓ The startup 'Breathe Applied Sciences' incubated at the Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR), Bengaluru, developed efficient catalysts and methodologies for the conversion of carbon dioxide (CO_2) to methanol and other chemicals

Q. Which organisation had launched the 'School of Hope and Empowerment' for empowering Indian women?

A) Airtel Communications

B) Tata Communications

C) Reliance Communications

D) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited

Answer : B

- ✓ During the UNESCO World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development held virtually from Berlin (Germany) between May 17-19, 2021, Tata Communications launched their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) project – 'School of Hope and Empowerment (S.H.E)' for empowering Indian women
- ✓ **Tata Communications**

  Founded : 1986

  Headquarters : Pune, Maharashtra

  MD & CEO : Amur Swaminathan Lakshminarayanan

Q. Which year has NASA planned to send its first mobile robot to search for water on the moon?

A) 2024 **B) 2022**

C) 2023 **D) 2025**

Answer : C

- ✓ NASA has planned to send its first mobile robot to the Moon in late 2023 in search of ice and other resources on and below the lunar surface
- ✓ The robot is named as Volatiles Investigating Polar Exploration Rover (VIPER)
- ✓ The mission is a part of the Artemis programme of NASA, under which it will send robots and humans to explore more of the Moon than ever before

NASA IN NEWS

- NASA plans to send Rover 'VIPER' on Moon in 2023 to search for water, other resources
- NASA Partners ISRO to develop Earth System Observatory
- Former Senator Bill Nelson Sworn in as the 14th NASA Administrator
- NASA's Robotic Helicopter 'Ingenuity' Makes Historic First Flight on Mars
- NASA Set To Launch SpaceX Crew-2 Mission on April 22 with 4 Astronauts onboard
- NASA Awards $2.9 billion contract to SpaceX to build commercial moon lander
- ISRO develops radar for joint earth observation satellite mission with NASA
- Indian-American scientist Swati Mohan leads NASA's Mars 2020 mission
- Indian-Origin Bhavya Lal appointed as Acting Chief of Staff of NASA
- NASA names ISS Space Ship in honour of pioneering black mathematician Katherine Johnson
- NASA Selects SpaceX to launch its SPHEREx Mission
- NASA selects Raja Chari as commander of SpaceX Crew-3 mission
- NASA-ESA successfully launches Sentinel-6 Michael Freilich satellite
- NASA's SOFIA discovers water on Sunlit Surface of Moon
- NASA lifts off SS Kalpana Chawla cargo spacecraft
- Nokia selected by NASA to build first ever cellular network on the Moon
- NASA to launch rover 'MARS 2020' in 2020
- NASA astronauts fly SpaceX spacecraft 'Dragon'
- Indian-origin girl Vaneeza names NASA's 1st Mars helicopter as 'Ingenuity'
- NASA renames its WFIRST Telescope after 'Mother of Hubble' Nancy Grace Roman
- NASA Astronaut Kathy Sullivan becomes 1st Woman to Reach Deepest Point of Ocean
- Renjith Kumar honoured with "NASA Distinguished Public Service Medal"
- NASA Names Headquarters After 'Hidden Figure' Mary W. Jackson
- NASA SunRISE Mission to study Giant Solar Particle Storms
- NASA named Mars 2020 rover as "Perseverance"
- NASA to Launch ASTHROS Mission to study Cosmos using football stadium-sized balloon
- SpaceX's Crew Dragon spacecraft Successfully docks 2 NASA Astronauts at ISS after historic launch

- **National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)**

  Founded : 1958

  Headquarters : Washington, D.C

  Motto : For the Benefit of All

  14th Administrator : Bill Nelson

Q. What was the total FDI inflow attracted by India in FY21 as per the data by DPIIT?

A) USD 86.40 billion **B) USD 81.72 billion**

C) USD 85.90 billion **D) USD 74.56 billion**

Answer : B

- ✓ According to data released by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), the total Foreign direct investments (FDI) inflow attracted by India during 2020-21 (FY21) stood at US$ 81.72 billion.
- ✓ This is the highest-ever total FDI inflow attracted by India and 10% more than the previous financial year. In FY20, India attracted gross inflows of $74.39 billion
- ✓ FDI into the country grew 19 per cent to USD 59.64 billion during 2020-21
- ✓ Computer software and hardware has emerged as the top sector during last financial year with around 44% share of the total FDI equity inflow

FDI IN NEWS

- India attracts record FDI Inflow of $81.72 billion during 2020-21; Gujarat top recipient
- Singapore retained its position as the the largest source of FDI; with 29 % of the total investments
- Cabinet approves amendment to Insurance Act, 1938 to increase FDI limit to 74% from current 49%
- Cabinet approves 100% FDI & 20-Year License in DTH broadcasting services sector
- China surpasses United States as largest recipient of FDI; according to UNCTAD
- **Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)**

  Founded : 1995

  Headquarteres : Mumbai, Maharashtra

  Chairmam : Guruprasad Mohapatra

Q. Which country was the largest source of FDI in India in FY21?

A) Mauritius
B) Singapore
C) Netherlands
D) United States

Answer : B

- ✓ Singapore retained its position as the the largest source of FDI for the third consecutive year, with 29 percent of the total investments. It was followed by the US (23%), and Mauritius (9%)
- ✓ In terms of Indian states, Gujarat was the top recipient of FDI, with 37 percent share of total FDI equity inflows, followed by Maharashtra (27%) and Karnataka (13%).

SINGAPORE IN NEWS

- Singapore was the top source of foreign direct investment (FDI)
- Singapore becomes first country to ratify mega free trade agreement 'RCEP'
- Singapore Developing World's Biggest Solar Farms To Fight Climate Change
- Singapore Tops Economic Freedom Index 2021; India Ranks 121
- Facebook and Google plans to launch 2 new undersea internet cables from US West Coast to Singapore and Indonesia
- Singapore's 'Hawker' Culture serving as 'Community Dining Room' Gets UNESCO Recognition
- The World Economic Forum (WEF) has decided to host its 2021 annual meeting in Singapore
- Apple's first 'floating' store to be launched in Singapore
- 27th edition India-Singapore Maritime Exercise SIMBEX-20 Begins in Andaman Sea
- Mastercard Partners with Singapore-based Atlantis to Expand Digital First Program in India
- Singapore becomes 1st country to use facial recognition to pay taxes
- India ranks 43rd on IMD's World Competitiveness Index 2020; Singapore tops
- 14th India-Singapore Defence Policy Dialogue (DPD) held with focus on maritime security cooperation
- Kala Narayanasamy honoured with President's Award in Singapore
- Lee Hsien Loong has won a fourth term as the Prime Minister of Singapore
- **SINGAPORE**

  Capital : Singapore City

  Currency : Dollar

  President : Halimah Yacob

  Prime Minister : Lee Hsien Loong

Q. The world's largest iceberg has recently been broken from the Ronne Ice Shelf in Antarctica. What is the name given tot his iceberg?

A) A-37 B) A-93

C) A-76 D) A-68

Answer : C

- ✓ Recently, the world's largest iceberg has been discovered in Weddell Sea of Antarctica as per the information by European Space Agency (ESA)
- ✓ The iceberg, named A-76, broke off from the western side of the Ronne Ice Shelf, one of the biggest of several gigantic floating sheets of ice in the continent
- ✓ The finger-shaped iceberg A-76 is currently the biggest iceberg floating in the world

FLOATING IN NEWS
➢ Weddell Sea of Antarctica is the biggest iceberg floating in the world
➢ Maharashtra gets India's first floating LNG storage and regasification unit
➢ India's biggest floating solar power plant with a capacity of 100 MW will be set up at Ramagundam in Telangana
➢ World's Largest Floating Solar Farms being built in Singapore
➢ India's first floating jetty inaugurated in Goa
➢ World's 1st Floating Nuclear Plant Operational In Russia

Q. The radar called NISAR is being provided by which country for the development of the new Earth System Observatory?

A) India B) China

C) Russia D) Japan

Answer : A

- ✓ NASA has also partnered with the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) which will provide NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar (NISAR)
- ✓ NISAR will carry two radar systems to measure changes in the Earth's surface, during one of the observatory's first missions intended as a pathfinder.

ISRO IN NEWS

- NASA Partners ISRO to develop Earth System Observatory to address Climate Change with better Disaster Management
- ISRO Demonstrates India's First Free-Space Quantum Communication Over 300 Metres from Ahmedabad
- ISRO-NIT Rourkela sign MoU to set up Space Technology Incubation Centre
- ISRO launches Sounding Rocket 'RH-560' to study Attitudinal Variations
- ISRO Launches Brazil's Amazonia-1 and 18 Co-Passenger Smallsats onboard PSLV-C51
- MapmyIndia joins hand with ISRO to build 'Bhuvan', an alternative to Google Maps
- ISRO has opened its UR Rao Satellite Centre in Bengaluru for testing satellites developed by the private sector
- ISRO Chairman K Sivan gets one year extension up to 2022
- ISRO to adopt 100 Atal Tinkering Labs to promote education in the field of space technology
- ISRO sets up dedicated control centre 'NETRA' for Space Situational Awareness
- ISRO successfully launches India's new communication satellite CMS-01 from Sriharikota onboard PSLV-C50
- Space-tech start-up 'Pixxel' to launch remote-sensing satellite on ISRO rocket in early 2021
- Indian Space Research organisation ISRO has scheduled the launch of the Earth Observation Satellite EOS01.Launch vehicle PSLV-C49
- ISRO Launches Earth Observation Satellite (EOS-01) and 9 Foreign Satellites from Sriharikota
- Xiaomi to bring ISRO's NavIC technology to smartphones in 2020
- ISRO Chief K Sivan named for Von Karman Award 2020 by the International Academy of Astronautics (IAA)
- ISRO will launch GSAT-30 satellite onboard Ariane-5 launch vehicle (VA 251) from French Guiana
- ISRO to launch its Venus mission in 2025, France to take part: French space agency
- ISRO's Mars Orbiter Mission captures image of Mars' biggest moon 'Phobos'
- **Indian Space Research Organisation[a] (ISRO)**

  Founded : 15 August 1969

  HQ : Bengalore, Karnataka

Founder / 1st Chairman : Vikram Sarabhai
Chairman : Kailasavadivoo Sivan (Rocket Man of India)

Q. Which state government has launched the "Mission Oxygen Self-Reliance" scheme to meet the state's oxygen needs.?

A) Assam **B) Gujarat**

C) Tamil Nadu **D) Maharashtra**

Answer : D

- ✓ Maharashtra government has launched the "Mission Oxygen Self-Reliance" scheme to meet the state's oxygen needs
- ✓ Units set up in Vidarbha, Marathwada, Dhule, Nandurbar, Ratnagiri and Sindhudurg regions
- ✓ At present, the state's oxygen generation capacity is 1300 MT per day

MAHARASHTRA IN NEWS

- ➢ Maharashtra government has launched the "Mission Oxygen Self-Reliance" scheme to meet the state's oxygen needs
- ➢ Maratha Military Architecture in Maharashtra added to Tentative List of UNESCO World Heritage Sites
- ➢ India's First Agriculture Export Facilitation Centre Launched in Pune, Maharashtra
- ➢ Maharashtra gets India's first floating LNG storage and regasification unit
- ➢ Asha Bhosle selected for Maharashtra Bhushan award, state's highest honour
- ➢ Maharashtra's near Amboli in Sawantwadi tehsil of Sindhudurg district named as biodiversity heritage site
- ➢ Maharashtra Government inks MoU with Flipkart to promote wooden toys, local artifacts, handicrafts
- ➢ Maharashtra tops 2nd India Justice Report for delivering justice to people
- ➢ RBI cancels the licence of Osmanabad Maharashtra-based Vasantdada Nagari Sahakari Bank
- ➢ Journalist Day is observed by Maharashtra state government on 6th January
- ➢ Maharashtra becomes first state in India to get dedicated action plan to protect pangolins
- ➢ Maharashtra Government Introduces Unified Development Control Rules for Real Estate

- Maharashtra's new bill on sexual crimes under 'Shakti act' to have death penalty
- Maharashtra Govt signs MoU with Cornell University to train entrepreneurs
- Maharashtra CM announces, Rs 25 crore to be provided for development of Dajipur Sanctuary in 1st phase
- Maharashtra govt all set to launch 'MahaSharad' platform
- Maharashtra declares Kanhargaon wildlife sanctuary its 50th Wildlife Sanctuary
- Maharashtra's Ranjitsinh Disale becomes first Indian to win 2020 Global Teacher Prize
- Maharashtra Cyber becomes India's first agency to acquire 'Crawler' from the Interpol
- Maharashtra's first 'child-friendly police station' has been inaugurated in pune
- Lonar Lake in Maharashtra selected under 'Ramsar site'
- RBI cancels licence of Maharashtra-based Karad Janata Sahakari Bank
- Asia's first solar power-enabled Textile Mill to be unveiled in Parbhani district of Maharashtra
- Maharashtra Governor, Bhagat Singh Koshyari has released the book 'Majhi Bhint' (My Wall) authored by Rajendra Darda
- Usha Mangeshkar Honored with Gan Samragni Lata Mangeshkar award for 2020-21 by Maharashtra Govt
- Maharashtra launches largest plasma therapy trial "Project Platina"
- ADB and India inks USD 177 million loan for Maharashtra
- Maharashtra Govt launches 'My Family, My Responsibility' campaign
- Maharashtra partners with Google to deploy learning tools for online education

Q. Yuan Longping, a top hybrid rice scientist, passed away. He belonged to which country?

A) China **B) Russia**

C) India **D) Japan**

Answer : A

- ✓ Yuan Longping, a Chinese agriculture scientist, passed away on May 22, 2021, due to organ failure at a hospital in Changsha.
- ✓ Longping was highly accredited as the 'Father of Hybrid Rice' that he had developed in the 1970s to save millions of people after a disastrous famine in China

- ✓ **CHINA**
- ✓ Capital : Being
- ✓ Currency : Renminbi (yuan)
- ✓ President : Xi Jinping
- ✓ India and China 'Hand-in-Hand' Exercise
- ✓ Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) : Headquarteres : Beijing China
- ✓ New Development Bank (NDB) : Headquarters : Shanghai, China
- ✓ Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) : Headquarters : Beijing, China

Q. Who has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Belarus?

A) Jaideep Mazumdar **B) Alok Ranjan Jha**

C) Piyush Srivastava **D) Ram Karan Verma**

Answer : B

- ✓ **BELARUS**

Capital : Minsk

Currency : Ruble

NEWLY AMBASSADOR OF INDIA TO COUNTRIES 2021	
Person	**Country**
Mridul Kumar	Ambassador of India to Mexico
Pradip Kumar Yadav	Ambassador of India to Liberia
Alok Ranjan Jha	Ambassador of India to Belarus
S Balachandran	Ambassador of India to Suriname
Ram Karan Verma	Ambassador of India to the Central African Republic

Q. Valeria Luiselli won the 2021 International Dublin Literary Award for her book 'Lost Children Archive'. She represents which country?

A) Oman **B) Austria**

C) Mexico **D) Poland**

Answer : C

- ✓ Mexican author Valeria Luiselli won the 2021 International Dublin Literary Award for her work 'Lost Children Archive'
- ✓ The American policy of keeping children away from their parents at the Mexican-American border was the origin of this fictional novel.
- ✓ The book also won the Rathbones Folio prize in 2020
- ✓ **International Dublin Literary Award**

  First awarded : 1996

  Reward(s) : €100,000

  Awarded for : a novel written in or translated into English

Q. Which organisation had partnered with TRIFED to implement the Van Dhan Yojana initiative in tribal aspirational districts?

A) RBI

B) SEBI

C) NPCI

D) NITI Aayog

Answer : D

- ✓ TRIFED will be partnering with NITI Aayog to implement the Van Dhan Yojana in the districts that have been identified as aspirational by NITI Aayog.
- ✓ They will work out the follow-up-plan for the implementation of the Van Dhan Yojana in each of the 39 Tribal Aspirational Districts
- ✓ These identified districts are in Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh,
- ✓ Maharashtra, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Odisha, Telangana and Tripura.
- ✓ **VAN DHAN YOJANA :-**
  - Van Dhan Yojana scheme was launched on 14 April 2018. It is a scheme implemented through the Union Ministry of Tribal Affairs and TRIFED at the national level
  - It focuses on the optimum utilisation of natural resources for the tribals involved in minor food produces (MFP's)
  - The motto of the scheme is "Mera Van Mera Dhan Mera Udayam", 'Go vocal for Local Go Tribal'

TRIFED IN NEWS

- NITI Aayog to partner with TRIFED to implement Van Dhan Yojana in districts identified as aspirational
- TRIFED inks MoU with 'The LINK Fund' for tribal development
- Sankalp se Siddhi – Village & Digital Connect Drive Launched by TRIFED
- Tribal Affairs Minister launches "Trifood Project" of TRIFED
- TRIFED signs MoU with Art Of Living(AOL) to promote tribal enterprises
- TRIFED to launch campaign in partnership with UNICEF for Self Help Groups (SHGs)
- Arjun Munda Inaugurates The Tribes India Store On Government e-Marketplace (GeM)
- **Tribal Co-operative Marketing Federation of India (TRIFED)**

  Founded : 1987

  Headquarters : New Delhi

  Chairmam : Ramesh chand meena

  Vice-chairperson : Pratibha Brahma

  Managing Director : Pravir Krishna

  Minister responsible : Arjun Munda, Minister for Tribal Affairs

  Constituency : Khunti, Jharkhand

NITI AAYOG IN NEWS

- NITI Aayog to partner with TRIFED to implement Van Dhan Yojana in districts identified as aspirational
- NITI Aayog has set up a dedicated portal named 'CovAid', to track all aid coming via missions
- NITI Aayog and Mastercard Jointly Release Report on 'Connected Commerce: Creating a Roadmap for a Digitally Inclusive Bharat'
- NITI Aayog launches 'Poshan Gyan', a digital repository on health, nutrition
- Niti Aayog launches India Energy Dashboards Version 2.0 focused on data
- NITI Aayog launched the first-of-its kind Online Dispute Resolution (ODR) handbook in India
- Bihar's Nawada tops aspirational districts ranking in January: Niti Aayog
- NITI Aayog and Flipkart collaborate to enhance Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP)

- NITI Aayog Releases Second Edition of India Innovation Index; Karnataka occupied the top position, followed by Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu respectively
- Niti Aayog Launches Made-in-India Cloud Storage Service 'DigiBoxx'
- NITI Aayog releases 'Vision 2035: Public Health Surveillance in India'
- NITI Aayog sets up panel headed by Rajiv Kumar for reforms in urban planning education
- Gujarat Tops NITI Aayog's inaugural Export Preparedness Index 2020
- **NITI Aayog (National Institution for Transforming India)**

  Founded : 1 January 2015

  Preceding : Planning Commission (15 March 1950)

  Headquarters : New Delhi

  Chairperson : Narendra Modi

  Vice Chairperson : Rajiv Kumar

  CEO : Amitabh Kant

Q. Who won the PGA Championship 2021?

A) Tiger Woods **B) Phil Mickelson**

C) Jack Nicklaus **D) Dustin Johnson**

Answer : B

- ✓ American professional golfer Phil Mickelson, created history by winning the 2021 PGA Championship, at the age of 50 years, 11 months, and 7 days.
- ✓ With this victory, Mickelson became the oldest player to win a major title in the history of the PGA Tour.
- ✓ This is his sixth major title
- ✓ This record was previously held by American Julius Boros when he captured the 1968 PGA Championship at age 48, 4 months and 18 days

Q. Who is the author of book "The Spiritual CEO "?

A) Dilip Shanghvi **B) S Prakash**

C) Ritesh Agarwal **D) Mukesh Jagtiani**

Answer : B

- ✓ The book titled "The Spiritual CEO", penned by secretary of Heartfulness Institute, S Prakashhas been released
- ✓ The book was published by Westland Publication

Q. Prashant Kumar Mishra has been appointed as the Chief Justice Of which High Court?

A) Bombay High court **B) Chhattisgarh High court**

C) Madras High court **D) Calcutta High court**

Answer : B

- ✓ Justice Prashant Kumar Mishra has been appointed acting Chief Justice of the Chhattisgarh High Court and will take charge from June 1, 2021
- ✓ The appointment was made in view of the impending retirement of Justice PR Ramachandra Menon who is set to demit office on May 31, 2021

NEWLY CHIEF JUSTICE OF HIGH COURT	
Justice	**High Court**
Prashant Kumar Mishra	Chhattisgarh High Court
Sanjay Yadav	Allahabad High Court
Puligoru Venkata Sanjay Kumar	Manipur High Court
Raghvendra Singh Chauhan	Uttarakhand High Court
Arup Kumar Goswami	Andhra Pradesh High Court
Jitendra Kumar Maheshwari	Sikkim High Court
Mohammad Rafiq	Madhya Pradesh High Court
S Muralidhar	Orissa High Court
Hima Kohli	Telangana High Court
Sanjib Banerje	Madras High Court
Pankaj Mithal	Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh High Court

- ✓ **AMAZING FACTS ABOUT HIGH COURT OF INDIA**
- ✓ As per the Constitution of India, Articles 214-231 deals with the provisions of the High Courts in India
- ✓ At present, we have 25 high courts in the country, which includes 3 common high courts

- ✓ Chief Justice and Judges of the High Courts are to be appointed by the President under clause (1) of Article 217 of the Constitution
- ✓ Transfer of a judge from one high court to another (Article 222)
- ✓ Appointment of acting Chief Justice (Article 223)
- ✓ The retirement of the judges of the high courts is 62 years and that of the Supreme Court is 65 years
- ✓ Calcutta High Court is the oldest High Court in India

Q. Guillermo Lasso has been elected as the president of which country?

A) Mali **B) Ecuador**

C) Nigeria **D) Kenya**

Answer : B

- ✓ Guillermo Lasso , has been appointed as the President of Ecuador
- ✓ The 65-year-old took over as the 47th president of Ecuador on 24 May 2021
- ✓ He replaces outgoing president Lenin Moreno.
- ✓ **ECUADOR**

  Capital : Quito

  Currency : Dolla

NEWLY PRESIDENT IN NEWS	
President	**Country**
Guillermo Lasso	Ecuador
Vjosa Osmani	Kosovo
Yoweri Museveni	Uganda
Sadyr Japarov	Kyrgyzstan
Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa	Portugal
Faustin-Archange Touadera	Central African Republic
Nguyen Phu Trong	Vietnam
Alexander Lukashenko	Belarus
Irfaan Ali	Guyana
Gudni Th. Johannesson	Iceland

Luis Rodolfo Abinader	Dominican Republic
Chan Santokhi	Suriname
Andrzej Duda	Poland
Lazarus Chakwera	Malawi
Tsai Ing-wen	Taiwan
Katerina Sakellaropoulou	Greece
Zoran Milanovic	Croatia
Umaro Sissoco Embalo	Guinea Bissau
Ashraf Ghani	Afghanistan

Q. Who has been selected Oxford Student Union President In Byelection?

A) Pramila Jayapal **B) Anvee Bhutani**

C) Hiral Tipirneni **D) Ritesh Tandon**

Answer : B

✓ An Indian-origin Human Sciences student from Magdalen College at the University of Oxford has been declared the winner at the end of a Student Union (SU) byelection

Q. Which has won the Monaco Grand Prix 2021?

A) Lewis Hamilton **B) Valtteri Bottas**

C) Sebastian Vettel **D) Max Verstappen**

Answer : D

✓ Max Verstappen (Red Bull – Netherlands) has won the 2021 Monaco Grand Prix

✓ Carlos Sainz Jr. came second and Lando Norris came third

✓ **LIST OF FORMULA ONE GRAND PRIX 2021**

- Monaco Grand Prix 2021 : Max Verstappen (Red Bull – Netherlands)
- Spanish Grand Prix 2021 : Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes-Great Britain)
- Portuguese Grand Prix 2021 : Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes-Great Britain)
- Emilia Romagna F1 Grand Prix 2021 : Max Verstappen (Red Bull – Netherlands)
- Bahrain Grand Prix 2021 : Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes-Great Britain)

Q. Who has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH)?

A) Rajesh Bansal **B) Ranjana Sahajwala**

C) Deba Prasad Rath **D) Charulatha S. Kar**

Answer : A

- ✓ The Board of Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH) has appointed Rajesh Bansal as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the RBIH.
- ✓ He has assumed the role of CEO with effect from May 17, 2021
- ✓ In August 2020, the central bank had announced to set up the Reserve Bank Innovation Hub for promoting innovation across the financial sector
- ✓ The process will take place by leveraging technology and by creating an environment that will foster and facilitate innovation
- ✓ Reserve Bank of India in a statement released on November 17, 2020, informed that the co-founder and former Co-Chairman of Infosys, Senapathy (Kris) Gopalakrishnan has been appointed as the first Chairperson of Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH)

Q. Which football club has won the 2020-21 La Liga title?

A) Barcelona **B) Chelsea**

C) Atletico Madrid **D) Manchester City**

Answer : C

- ✓ Spanish professional football club Atletico Madrid has won 2020-21 La Liga title
- ✓ Atletico Madrid secured 2-1 goal victory over Real Valladolid to clinch the title

FOOTBALL LEAGUE IN NEWS 2021

- ➢ Atletico Madrid clinch 2020-21 La Liga Title
- ➢ Barcelona Defeats Chelsea to win their first UEFA Women's Champions League title
- ➢ Leicester City won the Football Association Challenge (FA) Cup
- ➢ Manchester City crowned Premier League champions for 3rd time in four seasons
- ➢ Mumbai City FC clinch League Winners Shield after beating ATK Mohun Bagan
- ➢ Barcelona beats Bilbao 4-0 to win Copa del Rey 2021

Q. Who has proposed a USD 50 billion global vaccination plan that would cover at least 40 per cent of the global population by the end of 2021 and at least 60 per cent by the first half of 2022?

A) IMF **B) ADB**

C) NDB **D) World Bank**

Answer : A

✓ International Monetary Fund has proposed a $50 billion global vaccination plan that would cover at least 40 per cent of the global population by the end of 2021 and at least 60 per cent by the first half of 2022.

IMF IN NEWS

- IMF proposes $50 billion global vaccination plan
- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman attends 103rd Development Committee Meeting of World Bank-IMF Virtually
- IMF revises GDP growth forecast of India to 12.5% for FY22
- Andorra Joins IMF as its 190th Member
- Simanchala Dash appointed as new advisor to IMF Executive Director
- **International Monetary Fund (IMF)**

  Founded : 1945

  Headquarters: Washington, D.C.

  Managing Director : Kristalina Georgieva (Bulgaria)

  Chief Economist.: Gita Gopinath (Indian)

  Member countries : 190
- IMF Released Report
- Global Financial Stability Report
- World Economic Outlook

Q. Which bank has issued the first-ever foreign portfolio investor (FPI) licence to the GIFT IFSC alternative investment fund (AIF) of True Beacon Global?

A) Kotak Mahindra Bank **B) Indian Overseas Bank**

C) Punjab National Bank **D) State Bank of India**

Answer : A

- ✓ Kotak Mahindra Bank has issued the first-ever foreign portfolio investor (FPI) licence to the GIFT IFSC alternative investment fund (AIF) of True Beacon Global.
- ✓ This is the first FPI licence issued to an AIF incorporated in GIFT IFSC by any custodian bank or designated depository participant (DDP) in the country.
- ✓ In partnership with Kotak Mahindra Bank, True Beacon launched its first AIF in GIFT-City with Pricewater house Coopers (PWC) as consultants

KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK IN NEWS

- ➢ Kotak Mahindra Bank issues India's first FPI licence to GIFT AIF
- ➢ Kotak Mahindra Bank has been selected as a digital payments partner by the National Agriculture Market (eNAM)
- ➢ Kotak Mahindra Bank tie-up with Indian army to handle salary accounts
- ➢ Kotak Mahindra Bank appoints agri economist Ashok Gulati as additional director
- ➢ Kotak Mahindra Bank launched its outward forex remittance service called 'Kotak Remit'
- ➢ RBI re-appoints Uday Kotak as MD of Kotak Mahindra Bank
- ➢ Kotak Mahindra Bank starts 'Kona Kona Umeed' Campaign
- ➢ **KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK**

  Founded : 2003

  Founders : Uday Kotak

  Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra

  Chairman : Prakash Apte

  MD & CEO : Uday Kotak

Q. The book titled 'Sach Kahun Toh' is an autobiography of which Indian actor?

A) Nikita Singh **B) Meghna Pant**

C) Neena Gupta **D) Preeti Shenoy**

Answer : C

- ✓ Indian actress and television director, Neena Gupta's autobiography 'Sach Kahun Toh', is set to be published by Penguin Random House India on June 14, 2021.
- ✓ The book was written by Neena Gupta in 2020 during the lockdown, and now it is available for pre-order

AUTOBIOGRAPHY IN NEWS

- Neena Gupta's autobiography 'Sach Kahun Toh'
- "Philip Roth: The Biography," Authored By : Blake Bailey
- Suresh Raina's Autobiography 'Believe – What Life and Cricket Taught Me'
  Co-authored By : Bharat Sundaresan
- Autobiography of Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan, popularly known as the "Frontier Gandhi", titled "The Frontier Gandhi: My Life and Struggle"
  Authored By : Imitiaz Ahmad Sahibzada
- By Many a Happy Accident: Recollections of a Life
- Book by Mohammad Hamid Ansari
- Justice Rajindar Sachar's Autobiography: 'In Pursuit of Justice'
- 'Portraits of Power',w autobiography of NK Singh, Chairman of 15th Finance Commission
- Sonu Sood's autobiography to be titled 'I Am No Messiah' Co-authored by Meena Iyer
- Biography of Vishesh Bhriguvanshi ; titled "Vishesh: Code To Win"
  Authored By : Nirupama Yadav
- Yashwant Sinha's autobiography titled 'Relentless'
- PV Shindu : "Shuttling to the Top: The Story of P.V. Sindhu"
  Authored By - V. Krishnaswamy
- Viswananthan Anand : Mind Master: Winning Lessons from a Champion's Life
  Co-written by - Susan Ninan
- Yoga Guru Baba Ramdev Pens Autobiography "My Life, My Mission"
  Co-authored by Uday Mahurkar
- Anupam Kher pens autobiography 'Lessons Life Taught Me, Unknowingly

Q. Cheetahs will be re-introduced in India from Africa in November at which of the following National park?

A) Kuno National Park **B) Manas National Park**

C) Kaziranga National Park **D) Dachigam National Park**

Answer : A

- ✓ Cheetah, the world's fastest land animal which was declared extinct in India in 1952, is expected to be re-introduced into the country
- ✓ It will be re-introduced in November this year at the Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh.
- ✓ The country's last spotted cheetah died in Chhattisgarh in 1947 and it was declared extinct in the country in 1952.
- ✓ Cheetah is considered vulnerable under the International Union for Conservation of Nature's (IUCN) red list of threatened species, with a declining population of less than 7,000 found primarily in African savannas

Q. Which State will launch anti-Covid 'Sanjeevani Pariyojana' for quick medicare access at home?

A) Gujarat **B) Haryana**

C) Tamil Nadu **D) Uttrakhand**

Answer : B

- ✓ Haryana will launch an anti-Covid "Sanjeevani Pariyojana" to provide for supervised and quick
- ✓ medical care at home.
- ✓ It is largely for people in rural areas with mild to moderate symptoms of the disease
- ✓ Sanjeevani Pariyojana will extend medical care to rural areas where awareness of the second wave of COVID-19 and how to treat it remains low

SANJEEVANI IN NEWS
➢ Haryana govt launches ‘Sanjeevani Pariyojana’ to treat COVID patients at home
➢ Assam govt launches Paryatan Sanjeevani Scheme
➢ 1st Health Insurance cover in the name ' Arogya Sanjeevani'
➢ Madhya Pradesh govt has developed a unique vehicle named ' Sanjeevani'
➢ 'Operation Sanjeevani' to supply essential drugs to Maldives by Indian Air force
➢ 'E-Sanjeevani-Opd' for free online medical consultation to sick people by Himachal Pradesh
➢ 'Aayush Sanjeevani' App launched by Harsh Vardhan and Shripad Yesso Naik
➢ 'Aarogya Sanjeevani' health insurance policy launches by SBI General Insurance

HARYANA IN NEWS

- Haryana govt launches 'Sanjeevani Pariyojana' to treat COVID patients at home
- Haryana first state to reimburse GST on Covid-related donations
- India's 1st CoE for Skill Development in Power Sector inaugurated in Gurugram
- Haryana Tops The Anemia Free India Index In The Country
- Haryana CM unveils 'Project Air Care' to fight pollution in Gurugram
- Haryana Chief Minister Launches "Your Friend" Chatbot For UG Courses
- Haryana Government launches a Water Testing Lab On Wheels
- Haryana to host the 4th edition of Khelo India Youth Games 2021 in Panchkula
- Haryana's Amin village renamed as Abhimanyupur
- Haryana to open Atal kisan – majdoor canteens to provide affordable meals to farmers
- Ambala city bus stand renamed after late SushmaSwaraj

Q. Shaji N.M. who won India Biodiversity Award 2021 in the individual category of 'Conservation of domesticated species' belongs to which State?

A) Kerala **B) Assam**

C) Manipur **D) Meghalaya**

Answer : A

- ✓ Shaji .N.M., fondly called as 'Tuber Man' of Kerala has been awarded the India Biodiversity Award 2021 in the individual category of 'Conservation of domesticated species'.
- ✓ The award carries a cash prize of Rs 2 lakh and citation
- ✓ he award was declared on May 22 during the International Day for Biological Diversity
- ✓ IPR Cell of the Kerala Agricultural University facilitated him in the application submission process for the India Biodiversity Award 2021
- ✓ He conserves a wide array of around 200 tuber crops and has received State awards seven times for his efforts
- ✓ The award has been given from the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) and the United National Development Programme (UNDP) in 2012

Q. Who won the men's singles title at Lyon Open tennis tournament 2021 in France?

A) David Goffin B) Dominic Thiem

C) Karen Khachanov D) Stefanos Tsitsipas

Answer : D

- ✓ Stefanos Tsitsipas of Greece won the men's singles title at Lyon Open tennis tournament beating Cameron Norrie
- ✓ The 2021 ATP Lyon Open was a men's tennis tournament played on outdoor clay courts. It took place in the city of Lyon, France

Q. Supreme Court's E-Committee has released manual for its free e-Courts Services Mobile App in how many languages?

A) 15 B) 14 C) 17 D) 16

Answer : B

- ✓ Supreme Court's E-Committee has released manual for its free e-Courts Services Mobile App in 14 languages.
- ✓ The app is available in English, Hindi, Assamese, Bengali, Gujarathi, Kannada, Khasi, Malayalam, Marathi, Nepali, Odia, Punjabi, Tamil and Telugu.
- ✓ Dr. Justice Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud, Judge, Supreme Court of India and the Chairperson of e-Committee
- ✓ The e-Committee manuals released in English and regional languages explain all features with screenshots for easy understanding for the common man
- ✓ Through the e-Courts services mobile app- one can get the case status and case details of both High Courts and District Courts

Q. Who is the author of the book "India and Asian Geopolitics: The Past, Present"?

A) J. N. Dixit B) Nirupama Rao

C) Brajesh Mishra D) Shivshankar Menon

Answer : D

- ✓ A new book titled "India and Asian Geopolitics: The Past, Present" has been released, which has been authored by Indian diplomat Shivshankar Menon, who was the former National Security Adviser of India under Prime Minister of India Manmohan Singh (2010-2014)
- ✓ The book is published by Brookings Institution

Q. Who is the author of the book titled "Nehru, Tibet and China"?

A) Amrita Pritam **B) Vikram Seth**

C) Khushwant Singh **D) Avtar Singh Bhasin**

Answer : D

- ✓ A book has titled "Nehru, Tibet and China" authored by Avtar Singh Bhasin.
- ✓ The book based on years of meticulous archival research, this book in fascinating detail, analyses the events from 1949 to the Indo-China war in 1962 and its aftermath to explore the answers to these burning questions.

LATEST BOOKS & AUTHORS 2021	
"India and Asian Geopolitics: The Past, Present" Authored By : Shivshankar Menon,	"Nehru, Tibet and China" Authored By : Avtar Singh Bhasin.
Neena Gupta's autobiography 'Sach Kahun Toh'	"Sikkim: A History of Intrigue and Alliance" Authored By :Preet Mohan Singh Malik
'Life in the Clock Tower Valley' Authored By : Shakoor Rather	"1971: The Beginning of India's Cricketing Greatness" Authored By: Boria Majumdar and Gautam Bhattacharya
Elephant In The Womb' Authored By : Kalki Koechlin	'The Bench' Authored By : Meghan Markle
"Whereabouts" Authored By : Jhumpa Lahiri	"The Living Mountain: A Fable for Our Times" Authored By : Amitav Ghosh
"Climate Change Explained – for one and all" Authored By : Aakash Ranison	"The Christmas Pig" Authored By : JK Rowling
Suresh Raina's Autobiography 'Believe – What Life and Cricket Taught Me' Co- author By : Bharat Sundaresan	'Manohar Parrikar: Brilliant Mind, Simple Life' Authored By : Nitin Gokhale
Vice President Venkaiah Naidu releases book titled 'Suparipalana' Authored By : Shailendra Joshi	"My Experiments With Silence", Authored By : Samir Soni

Q. Himanta Biswa Sarma has recently been elected as the Member of Council of which world sports federation?

A) Internationale de Boxe Amateur (AIBA))

B) Badminton World Federation (BWF)

C) International Hockey Federation (FIH)

D) International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF)

Answer : B

- ✓ Badminton Association of India (BAI) President Himanta Biswa Sarma has been elected as the Member of the Badminton World Federation (BWF) Council for the period 2021-25
- ✓ He is also the Vice President of Badminton Asia and the Chief Minister of Assam
- ✓ **Badminton World Federation (BWF)**
- ✓ Founded : 1934
- ✓ Headquarters
- ✓ Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- ✓ Membership : 194 member
- ✓ President : Poul-Erik Høyer Larsen

Q. Dronacharya awardee coach Om Prakash Bhardwaj has passed away. He was the former coach of Indian national team for which sports event?

A) Tennis

B) Boxing

C) Cricket

D) Hockey

Answer : B

- ✓ Om Prakash Bhardwaj, India's first Dronacharya awardee coach for boxing, has passed away.
- ✓ Prakash Bhardwaj was awarded the Dronacharya Award, India's highest award in the field of coaching of sports and athletics in 1985

Q. Dr. Srikumar Banerjee, who has passed away recently was the former Chairman of which organisation?

A) Indian Council of Medical Research

B) Indian Space Research Organisation

C) Atomic Energy Commission of India

D) Council of Scientific and Industrial Research

Answer : C

- ✓ Former Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission of India, Dr. Srikumar Banerjee, has passed away due to a heart attack
- ✓ Banerjee retired as Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission and Secretary of the Department of Atomic Energy in 2012.
- ✓ He had also served as the Director of the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) for six years till 2010.
- ✓ Dr Banerjee received the Padma Shri in 2005 and the Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Award in 1989 for his exceptional service in the field of science
- ✓ **Atomic Energy Commission of India**
  Founded : 1948
  Headquarteres : Mumbai, Maharashtra
  Chairmam : K.N. Vyas
- ✓ **Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC)**
  Formation : 3 January 1954
  Founder : Homi J. Bhabha
  Headquarters : Trombay, Mumbai
  Director : Ajit Kumar Mohanty

Q. The World Turtle Day is observed on which day?

A) 22 May B) 23 May

C) 24 May D) 21 May

Answer : B

- ✓ World Turtle Day is observed on May 23 every year to raise awareness among people to protect turtles and tortoises and their disappearing habitats around the world
- ✓ Theme of 2021 : "Turtles Rock!"
- ✓ Turtle scientific name : Testudines
- ✓ India's 1st of its Kind Turtle Rehabilitation Center :- Bihar (Bhagalpur)
- ✓ World turtle day was founded by American Tortoise Rescue and was celebrated the first time in 2000
- ✓ The Tennessee Aquarium and a variety of zoological institutions and conservation organizations have officially declared 2020 "The Year of the Turtle"

Q. What is the theme of the 2021 World Turtle Day?

A) Let Them Live! **B) Turtles Rock!**

C) Shellebrating Turtles **D) Adopt, Don't Shop**

Answer : B

Q. Who has been sworn in as Chief Minister of Kerala for the second time?

A) Pinarayi Vijayan

B) K. Palaniswami

C) Tirath Singh Rawat

D) Himanta Biswa Sarma

Answer : A

- ✓ Pinarayi Vijayan takes oath as 12th Chief Minister of Kerala for second time in row

NEWLY CHIEF MINISTER IN NEWS 2021
➢ Pinarayi Vijayan : 2nd term and 12th Cheif Minister of Kerala (Communist Party of India (Marxist))
➢ Himanta Biswa Sarma : 15th Chief Minister of Assam (Bharatiya Janata Party)
➢ N Rangasamy : 4th term Chief Minister of Puducherry (All India N.R. Congress party)
➢ MK Stalin : 8th Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu (Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam party)
➢ Mamata Banerjee : 3rd term Chief Minister of West Bengal (All India Trinamool Congress party)
➢ Tirath Singh Rawat : 9th Chief Minister of Uttarakhand (Bharatiya Janata Party)
➢ Nitish Kumar : 7th term Cheif Minister of Bihar (Janata Dal United (DJU))

KERALA IN NEWS

- Pinarayi Vijayan sworn in as Kerala chief minister for second time
- Snakepedia' mobile app launched in Kerala to help treat snake bites
- Kerala Government sanctions Rs. 9 crore to build 48 'Smart' Anganwadis
- Kerala becomes 8th State to complete ease of doing business reforms
- Kerala's first Human Milk Bank (HMB), a state-of-art facility will be opened at the Ernakulam general hospital
- India's First 'Gender Park' to be inaugurated in Kozhikode, Kerala
- India's first Labour Movement Museum to be set up in Alappuzha, Kerala
- Kerala becomes 8th State to complete ease of doing business reforms
- UN Women collaborates with Kerala Government to set up India's first Gender Data Hub
- Kerala best-governed state while Chandigarh top union territory: PAC Report
- Kerala becomes the first state to fix floor price for vegetables
- Kerala becomes 1st state to have completely digital, hi-tech classrooms
- India's 1st solar-powered miniature train launched in Kerala
- Kerala tops 'The State of young Child in India'
- Kerala launches 'Parivarthanam' scheme for better livelihood of Fishing Community
- Kerala Govt commissioned 1st Marine Ambulance 'PRATHEEKSHA'
- Kerala tops India's literacy chart at 96.2%, Andhra Pradesh worst performer
- India's 1st International Women's Trade center open in kerala
- Kerala Tourism wins PATA Grand Award 2020
- Malayalam writer Paul Zacharia selected for Ezhuthachan Puraskaram 2020 by the Kerala govt
- Kerala wins UNIATF award for prevention and control of NCD 2020
- **KERALA STATIC GK**

  Founded : 1 November 1956

  Capital / Largest city : Thiruvananthapuram

  Chief Ministers : Pinarayi Vijayan

  Governor : Arif Mohammad Khan

  No. of District : 14

Loksabha Seats : 20
Vidhan Sabha (Legislative Assembly) : 140
State Animal : elephant
State Bird : Great hornbill
State Flower : Golden shower
State Tree : Coconut

Q. Who has topped the 2021 Forbes' list of the world's highest-paid athletes?

A) Lionel Messi **B) Lewis Hamilton**
C) Conor McGregor **D) Cristiano Ronaldo**

Answer : C

- ✓ Mixed Martial Artist, and former Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC) Conor McGregor, has topped the 2021 Forbes' list of the world's highest-paid athletes
- ✓ McGregor earned a massive $180 million as measured from May 1, 2020 to May 1, 2021
- ✓ Professional Footballer Lionel Messi stood second with an earning of USD 130 million

Q. Which bank has partnered with the AI startup, HyperVerge, for Video Banking solution, to provide convenient digital banking services to its customers?

A) Central Bank of India
B) State Bank of India
C) Punjab National Bank
D) Indian Overseas Bank

Answer : B

- ✓ HyperVerge, the AI product startup, has partnered with India's largest bank, State Bank of India (SBI), with one of its flagship products, the Video Banking solution, to provide convenient digital banking services to the customers of SBI
- ✓ The HyperVerge's Video Banking solution will help to achieve ten times improvement in the number of account openings per day per agent, over regular video KYC checks, because they will be assisted by AI engines with an accuracy of 99.5%, the highest in the industry

SBI IN NEWS

- State Bank of India and HyperVerge Partner to offer AI-powered Online Account Opening amid Covid
- Yono by SBI Joins Hands with Shivrai Technologies
- SBI inks USD1 billion loan agreement with Japan Bank for International Cooperation
- SBI MF becomes first mutual fund company to cross Rs 5 lakh crore AAUM
- SBI Research Projects India's GDP Growth Rate at 10.4% for FY22
- RBI imposes Rs 2 crore penalty on SBI for regulatory violations
- Indian Oil awards mandate to SBI for first SOFR-linked ECB deal
- SBI has topped the list of the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology's (MeitY) Digital Payment Scorecard
- State Bank of India joins 'Liink' blockchain-based payment network of JPMorgan
- Swaminathan Janakiraman and Aswini Kumar Tewari appointed as MDs of State Bank of India
- Dinesh Kumar Khara appointed as Chairman of State Bank of India
- Ashwani Bhatia appointed as Managing Director of State Bank of India
- RBI Retains SBI, ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank as Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs)
- SBI to launch loan product 'SAFAL' for organic cotton growers
- SBI, Titan launch contactless payment watches "Titan Pay"
- SBI creates separate business vertical for financial inclusion, agri biz
- Ashwani Bhatia appointed as Managing Director of State Bank of India
- SBI General Insurance launches "Shagun – Gift an insurance" policy
- SBI Card starts new brand campaign 'Contactless Connections'
- **DON'T CONFUSE**

- Rama Mohan Rao Amara : MD & CEO of SBI Cards
- Dinesh Kumar Khara : Chairman of State Bank of India
- Charanjit Singh Attra : Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of SBI
- Swaminathan Janakiraman : MD of SBI
- Ashwini Kumar Tewari : MD of SBI
- Ashwani Bhatia : MD of SBI
- Challa Sreenivasulu Setty : MD of SBI

- Prakash Chandra Kandpal : MD& CEO of SBI General Insurance
- Vinay Tonse : MD & CEO of SBI Mutual Funds

➢ **STATE BANK OF INDIA (SBI)**

Founded : 1 July 1955

HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra

Chairman : Dinesh Kumar Khara

MD : 4 (Swaminathan Janakiraman, Challa Sreenivasulu Setty, Ashwini Kumar Tewari & Ashwani Bhatia)

Imperial Bank of India was previous name of SBI

Q. DIPCOVAN is a COVID-19 antibody detection kit, launched by which organisation?

A) DRDO **B) Biocon**

C) Bharat Biotech **D) Serum Institute of India**

Answer : A

✓ Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has developed a COVID-19 antibody detection kit called DIPCOVAN

✓ The testing kit offers results in just 75 minute without any cross reactivity with other diseases and will cost just Rs 75 per test

✓ The kit has been developed by the Defence Institute of Physiology and Allied Sciences (DIPAS) laboratory of DRDO, in association with Delhi-based Vanguard Diagnostics Pvt Ltd

DRDO IN NEWS

- ➢ DRDO develops Covid-19 antibody detection kit 'DIPCOVAN'
- ➢ DRDO's anti-Covid drug 2-DG receives DCGI approval for emergency use
- ➢ DRDO develops Supplemental Oxygen Delivery System for Indian Army & Mild Covid-Patients
- ➢ DRDO develops single crystal blades for helicopter engine application
- ➢ DRDO Conducts Maiden Trial of Python-5 Air to Air Missile Using LCA Tejas
- ➢ DRDO develops Supplemental Oxygen Delivery System for Indian Army & Mild Covid-Patients
- ➢ DRDO (DMSRDE Kanpur) develops lightweight bullet-proof jacket for armed forces ,10.4 kg to nine kg
- ➢ DRDO conducted successful flight test of Solid Fuel Ducted Ramjet (SFDR) technology from the integrated test range (ITR), Chandipur, off Odisha coast

- Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh inaugurates DRDO Skill Development Centre for Fire Safety Training at Pilkhuwa in Uttar Pradesh
- DRDO Conducts Two Successful Launches of VL-SRSAM Missile System, Chandipur off the coast of Odisha
- Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh inaugurates DRDO Skill Development Centre for Fire Safety Training at Pilkhuwa in Uttar Pradesh
- DRDO Carries successful user trials of indigenously-developed Anti-Tank Guided Missile Systems ‘Helina’ and ‘Dhruvastra’
- DRDO Develops India’s first Indigenously-Developed 9mm Machine Pistol ‘Asmi’
- DRDO Conducts Successful Maiden Test Launch of Surface-to-Air Akash-NG Missile
- DRDO Celebrates 63rd Foundation Day on 1st January 2021
- Indian Navy & DRDO conduct maiden trial of first indigenous air-dropped container ‘SAHAYAK-NG’
- Hemant Kumar Pandey Honored With DRDO's "Scientist Of The Year" Award
- DRDO develops disinfection unit “Ultra Swachh” to disinfect a wide range of materials including electronic items, fabrics
- DRDO successfully test fires high-speed expendable aerial target (HEAT)- ABHYAS
- DRDO successfully test-fires anti-radiation missile “Rudram” (Range 250 kilometres)
- Defence minister Rajnath Singh hands over 3 DRDO high-tech systems to chiefs of 3 armed forces
- DRDO Developing new 200-km strike range Pranash ballistic missile
- DRDO has successfully test-fired the indigenously-developed Laser-Guided Anti Tank Guided Missile (ATGM) from the Main Battle Tank (MBT) Arjun.
- DRDO successfully flight tests “Supersonic Missile Assisted Release of Torpedo” (SMART) from Wheeler Island off the coast of Odisha
- **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)**

  Founded : 1 January 1958

  Headquarters : New Delhi

  Motto : "Strength's Origin is in Knowledge"

  Chairman : G. Satheesh Reddy

  DRDO is India's largest and most diverse research organisation

Q. Which bank had launched a digital loan processing system for MSMEs and Agri borrowers?

A) Axis Bank
B) IDBI Bank
C) Federal Bank
D) ICICI Bank

Answer : B

- ✓ IDBI Bank launched its fully digitised loan processing system, offering over 50 products to MSMEs and the agriculture sector
- ✓ The Loan Processing System (LPS) for MSMEs and Agri products seamlessly integrates with data fintech, bureau validations, document storage, account management and customer notifications, among others.

IDBI BANK IN NEWS

- IDBI Bank launches digital loan processing system
- RBI removes Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) restrictions on IDBI Bank
- IDBI Bank launches video KYC facility for opening savings bank accounts
- IDBI Bank becomes 1st bank to enable document embedding feature on SFMS
- The central government and LIC together own 94.72 per cent of the equity of IDBI Bank (Government 45.48%, LIC 49.24%)
- **Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) Bank**

  Founded : 1964

  Headquarteres : Mumbai, Maharashtra

  Chairman : M. R. Kumar

  MD & CEO : Rakesh Sharma

Q. Which bank had launched its digital banking solutions 'SmartServe' and 'IntelliSign' for corporate customers?

A) IDBI Bank
B) HSBC Bank
D) ICICI Bank
D) Federal Bank

Answer : B

- ✓ HSBC launches its digital banking solutions 'HSBC SmartServe' and 'HSBC IntelliSign' for corporate customers

- ✓ HSBC India announced the launch of HSBC SmartServe and HSBC IntelliSign, first-of-its-kind digital solutions aimed at ensuring a quick, secure and seamless onboarding process for corporate clients
- ✓ **Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (HSBC) Bank**

  Headquarteres : London, UK

  Chairman : Mark Tucker

  CEO : Noel Quinn

Q. The iconic web browser Internet Explorer (IE) is set to retire in June 2022. The browser has been developed by which company?

A) Google **B) Mastercard**

C) Amazon **D) Microsoft**

Answer : D

- ✓ Tech-giant Microsoft has decided to retire its iconic Internet Explorer (IE) browser, with effect from 15 June 2022, after more than 25 years of its launch
- ✓ The Internet Explorer (IE) browser was launched in 1995
- ✓ Microsoft recommends its users to shift to Microsoft Edge (2015) before June 15, 2022, for a faster, more secure and more modern browsing experience
- ✓ Internet Explorer 11 (IE11) is the eleventh and final version of the Internet Explorer web browser officially released on October 17, 2013

MICROSOFT IN NEWS

- ➢ Microsoft to retire iconic Internet Explorer on 15 June 2022
- ➢ Ministry of Tribal Affairs and Microsoft sign MoU for Digital Transformation of Tribal Schools
- ➢ Microsoft buys AI speech tech company Nuance for $19.7 billion
- ➢ Microsoft launches its new Taj Mahal inspired Engineering Hub in Noida, Uttar Pradesh
- ➢ Ministry of Agriculture signs MoU with Microsoft India to improve Farmers income in 100 villages of 6 states
- ➢ Microsoft Collaborates with NSDC to empower women in India with digital skills
- ➢ Microsoft & AICTE collaborate to empower students and educators
- ➢ DGT inks pact with MICROSOFT and NASSCOM FOUNDATION for digital skilling of ITI Students through Bharatskills Portal

- Microsoft partners NSDC to provide digital skills
- Microsoft & SBI join hands to train differently-abled
- Microsoft vows to be 'carbon negative' by 2030
- **MICROSOFT**

  Founded : 1975

  Founders : Bill Gates and Paul Allen

  Headquarters : Washington DC

  Chairman : John W. Thompson

  CEO : Satya Nadella

  President : Brad Smith

Q. Who has been appointed as the new President of International Hockey Federation (FIH) for 3 years till 2024?

A) Narinder Batra **B) Harendra Singh**

C) Vasudevan Baskaran **D) Sreejesh Parattu**

Answer : A

- ✓ Narinder Batra has been re-elected as the President of International Hockey Federation (FIH) for the second consecutive term
- ✓ He will hold the office until 2024 because the FIH has reduced the term from four to three years
- ✓ Batra is also the President of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) and Member of International Olympic Committee (IOC)
- ✓ He defeated Belgium's Marc Coudron during the 47th FIH Congress, held virtually due to COVID-19
- ✓ Narinder Batra became the first Indian to head the international federation of an Olympic sport in 2016

NEWLY APPOINTED SPORTS ORGANIZATION HEAD

- Narinder Batra has been re-elected as the President of International Hockey Federation (FIH)
- PR Sreejesh appointed as member of FIH Athletes' Committee
- Himanta Biswa Sarma elected as the Member of the Badminton World Federation (BWF)
- Thomas Bach re-elected as International Olympic Committee president until 2025
- Ajay Singh re-elected Boxing Federation of India President

- Dushyant Chautala re-elected as President of Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI)
- Jay Shah takes over as President of Asian Cricket Council (ACC)
- Jay Shah named BCCI's Official Representative on ICC Board
- Sanjay Kapoor Elected as New President of All India Chess Federation
- Annika Sorenstam elected President of International Golf Federation
- Zena Wooldridge appointed as World Squash Federation President
- New Zealand's Greg Barclay elected new ICC Chairman
- Manipur's Gyanendro Ningombam appointed as the Hockey India President
- Bimal Julka appointed as the new Chairman of Federation of Indian Fantasy Sports (FIFS)
- Anil Jain Elected As New President of All India Tennis Association

Q. The FIFA Under-17 Women's World Cup 2021 has been postponed and will now be held in 2022. Which country will host the tournament?

A) China **B) India**

C) Qatar **D) Canada**

Answer : B

- ✓ 2022 FIFA Under-17 Women's World Cup will be hosted by India from October 11 to 30, 2022
- ✓ Earlier this event was scheduled to be held in India in 2021, however it was cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic
- ✓ FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup Costa Rica 2022
- ✓ **INDIA HOST UPCOMMING EVENTS**

- G20 Summit 2023
- 13TH Brics summit 2021
- World Dairy Summit 2022
- Interpol Meeting 2022
- FIFA U-17 Women World Cup 2022
- ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2021
- ICC Men's World Cup 2023
- Men's Hockey World Cup 2023

- AFC Women's Asian Cup 2022
- Cycling Summit 2021

FIFA IN NEWS

- India to Host 2022 FIFA Under-17 Women's World Cup
- Lucy Bronze from England has been named "The Best FIFA Women's Player" for 2020
- Robert Lewandowski from Poland has been named "The Best FIFA Men's Player" for 2020
- FIFA U17 Women's World Cup 2021 cancelled. India host 2022 FIFA U17 Women's World Cup
- Australia and New Zealand named as hosts of FIFA Women's World Cup 2023
- India Rose Four Places To 104th Position In FIFA Rankings
- **FIFA WORLD CUP**

  2022 : Qatar 2026 : Canada, Mexico,US
- **FIFA U-20 Men's World Cup**

  2021 : Indonesia
- **FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup**

  2022 : Costa Rica
- **FIFA U-17 World Cup**

  2022- Women's : India

  2023 - Women's : Australia and New Zealand

  2021- Men's : Peru
- Most successful team(s) Men's : Brazil (5 titles)
- FIFA World Cup Played every four years
- **Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA)**

  Founded : 21 May 1904

  Founded : Paris, France

  Headquarters : Zürich, Switzerland

  Membership : 211

  Languages : English, French, German, Spanish & Italian

  First President : Robert Guérin

  President : Gianni Infantino (Switzerland)

  Secretary General : Fatma Samoura

Q. Who has won the 2021 Templeton prize for life's work on animal intelligence and humanity?

A) Terri Irwin
B) Jane Goodall
C) Terry Nutkins
D) Diane Ackerman

Answer : B

- ✓ Jane Goodall has been announced as the 2021 winner of the Templeton Prize in recognition of her life's work on animal intelligence and humanity
- ✓ Goodall built her global reputation on her groundbreaking studies of chimpanzees in Tanzania in the 1960s
- ✓ **TEMPLETON PRIZE**

  Instituted: 1973

  Presented By : John Templeton Foundation

  Reward(s): £1.1 million

  Awarded for : Outstanding contributions in affirming life's spiritual dimension, whether through insight, discovery, or practical works.

Q. Who has won the Men's Singles title at Geneva Open tennis 2021?

A) John Peers
B) Oliver Marach
C) Casper Ruud
D) Denis Shapovalov

Answer : C

- ✓ Casper Ruud wins Men's Singles title at Geneva Open tennis 2021
- ✓ **GENEVA OPEN (TENNIS) 2021**

  Edition : 18th (2021)

  Surface : Clay

  Venue : Geneva, Switzerland

  Men's singles : Casper Ruud (Norway) defeated Denis Shapovalov (Canada)

MOST IMPORTANT TOURNAMENT OPEN IN NEWS 2021	
GENEVA OPEN (TENNIS) 2021 Men's singles : Casper Ruud (Norway)	**ITALIAN OPEN 2021 (TENNIS)** Men's singles - Rafael Nadal (Spain) Women's singles - Iga Swiatek (Poland)
MADRID OPEN 2021 (TENNIS) Men's singles - Alexander Zverev (Germany) Women's singles - Aryna Sabalenka (Belarus)	**BARCELONA OPEN 2021 (TENNIS)** Men's Single - Rafael Nadal (Spain) beats Stefanos Tsitsipas (Greece)
ROLEX MONTE CARLO MASTERS TITLE (TENNIS) Men's Single - Stefanos Tsitsipas (Greece) beat Andrey Rublev (Russia)	**MIAMI OPEN (TENNIS) 2021** Men's Single - Hubert Hurkacz (Poland) Women's Single - Ashleigh Barty (Australia)
ALL ENGLAND BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS 2021 Men's singles - Lee Zii Jia (Malaysia) Women's singles - Nozomi Okuhara (Japan)	**SWISS OPEN 2021 (BADMINTON)** Men's Singles - Viktor Axelsen (Denmark) Women's Singles - Carolina Marin (Spain)
AUSTRALIAN OPEN 2021 (TENNIS) Men's Singles – Novak Djokovic (Serbia) Women's Singles – Naomi Osaka (Japan)	**YONEX THAILAND OPEN 2021 (BADMINTON)** Men's Single – Viktor Axelsen (Denmark) Women's Single – Carolina Marin (Spain)
EMILIA-ROMAGNA OPEN (TENNIS) 2021 Women's singles : Coco Gauff (United States)	

Q. Which sports organization of India has won the prestigious Etienne Glichitch Award?

A) Hockey India **B) Indian Olympic Association**

C) Sports Authority of India **D) All India Football Federation**

Answer : A

- ✓ Hockey India has won the prestigious Etienne Glichitch Award in recognition of its contribution to the growth and development of the sport in the country
- ✓ Uzbekistan Hockey Federation won the Pablo Negre Award
- ✓ Sam Ward, England striker was honoured with Super Fair Play Trophy Rene G Frank
- ✓ Guust Lathouwers Memorial Trophy went to Ivona Makar from Croatia

- ✓ New Zealand's Sharon Williamson was announced to be the winner of the HRH Sultan Azlan Shah Award
- ✓ **HOCKEY INDIA**

  Headquarter : New Delhi

  President : Gyanendro Nigombam

Q. Vatsalya Yojana, has been launched by which State/UT, for children orphaned due to Corona?

A) Assam **B) Odisha**

C) Maharashtra **D) Uttarakhand**

Answer : D

- ✓ Uttarakhand Chief Minister Tirath Singh Rawat has announced Chief Minister Vatsalya Yojana for orphaned children who have lost their parents due to Covid-19.
- ✓ Under the scheme, the State Government will make arrangements for their maintenance, education and training for employment up to the age of 21 years

UTTARAKHAND IN NEWS

- ➢ Uttarakhand govt announces Vatsalya Yojana for children orphaned due to Corona
- ➢ Uttarakhand Police launches 'Mission Hausla' to help COVID-19 patients get oxygen, beds, plasma
- ➢ ITBP sets up Water Sports & Adventure Training Institute in Uttarakhand
- ➢ Uttarakhand Ranger Mahinder Giri Wins International Ranger Award 2021
- ➢ Phool Dei is the harvest festival of Uttarakhand that is celebrated in the month of Chaitra
- ➢ Tirath Singh Rawat takes oath as Chief Minister of Uttarakhand
- ➢ Uttarakhand's Ranikhet gets India's first Forest Healing Centre
- ➢ Uttarakhand Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat Resigns
- ➢ India's first pollinator park has been developed at Haldwani in Nainital, of the state of Uttarakhand
- ➢ Uttarakhand Chamoli glacier burst Tapovan Vishnugad project on Dhauliganga river and Rishi Ganga Power Corporation Ltd's project
- ➢ Uttarakhand sets up Botanical Garden to conserve 210 species of trees of Shivalik range
- ➢ 9th Sustainable Mountain Development Summit held in Dehradun

- Uttarakhand CM Trivendra Singh Rawat inaugurated the Suryadhar lake at Doiwala in Dehradun
- India's first moss garden built in Nainital district of Uttarakhand
- Ganga Avalokan the first museum on River Ganga, located at Chandi Ghat, Haridwar Uttrakhand
- PM Modi to inaugurate 6 mega projects in Uttarakhand under 'Namami Gange Mission'
- India's longest motorable suspension bridge inaugurated in Uttarakhand's Tehri-Garhwal district
- ITBP ties up with Uttarakhand govt to promote adventure tourism
- Uttarakhand Develop India's first snow leopard conservation centre
- Uttarakhand 1st state in the country to implement agricultural leasing policy
- India's first Glass floor bridge to replace the iconic Lakshman Jhula in Rishikesh, Uttarakhand
- India's first lichen park developed in Pithoragarh district of Uttarakhand
- Gairsain in Chamoli district declared as summer capital of Uttarakhand
- Uttarakhand passes ordinance to give land ownership to daughters and wives

Q. Who has launched National Mobile Monitoring Software, NMMS app and Area officer monitoring App through Video-Conferencing?

A) Rajnath Singh **B) Piyush Goyal**

C) Dharmendra Pradhan **D) Narendra Singh Tomar**

Answer : D

- ✓ Rural Development Minister Narendra Singh Tomar has launched National Mobile Monitoring Software (NMMS) app and Area officer monitoring App through Video-Conferencing.
- ✓ The NMMS App permits taking real time attendance of workers at Mahatma Gandhi NREGA
- ✓ worksites along with geotagged photograph
- ✓ Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) is an employment guarantee scheme implemented in India, enacted by legislation on September 07, 2005
- ✓ Centre has allocated ₹73,000 crore to the rural employment guarantee programme MGNREGA for the next fiscal 2021-22
- ✓ PM Modi launches 'Catch the Rain' campaign to be funded by MGNREGA
- ✓ Uttar Pradesh becomes top state to provide employment under MGNREGA
- ✓ Narendra Singh Tomar : Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Rural Development, Ministry of Panchayati Raj & Ministry of Food Processing Industries (Additional Charge)
- ✓ Consitituency : Morena, Madhya Pradesh

Q. When is the International Day to End Obstetric Fistula observed by United Nations?

A) 22 May **B) 20 May**

C) 21 May **D) 23 May**

Answer : D

- ✓ Every year, United Nations' (UN) International Day to End Obstetric Fistula is marked on 23rd May since 2013 to promote action towards treating and preventing obstetric fistula, a condition that affects many girls and women during child birth in developing countries
- ✓ Theme 2021: "Women's rights are human rights! End fistula now!"

Q. Who among these is the noted environmentalist and the leader of the Chipko Movement, who has passed away at 94?

A) Sunderlal Bahuguna

B) Govind Singh Rawat

C) Chandi Prasad Bhatt

D) Ghanasyam Raturi

Answer : A

- ✓ Noted environmentalist and Gandhian activist, Sunderlal Bahuguna, who was the leader of the Chipko Movement, has passed away due to COVID-19 complications
- ✓ The idea of Chipko movement was given by his wife and the action was taken by him. The movement began in 1973 in Uttarakhand, (then a part of Uttar Pradesh), at the foothills of Himalayas
- ✓ Chipko movement was one of the strongest movements to conserve forests and trees in India from cutting by forest contractors
- ✓ **SUNDERLAL BAHUGUNA**

  Born place : Maroda , Tehri Garhwal, Uttarakhand

  1981: Padma Shri Award

  1987: Right Livelihood Award (Chipko Movement)

  1986: Jamnalal Bajaj Award

  2009: Padma Vibhushan Award

Q. Which has become the first State in the country to reimburse GST on Covid donations?

A) Assam B) Haryana

C) Gujarat D) Manipur

Answer : B

- ✓ Haryana became the first state in India to allow reimbursement of goods and service tax paid by companies, non-governmental organisations and individuals on purchase of 15 items including COVID-19 vaccines, Remdesivir injections, ventilators and oxygen cylinders that they have donated free of cost to the state government or state-run hospitals.

Q. What amount of monetary penalty have been imposed by RBI on the HDFC Bank for violating regulatory compliance in regards to Banking Regulation Act, 1949 related to the auto loan portfolio of the bank?

A) Rs 15 crore B) Rs 20 crore

C) Rs 25 crore D) Rs 10 crore

Answer : D

- ✓ Reserve Bank of India has imposed a fine of Rs 10 crore on HDFC Bank for deficiencies in regulatory compliance found in the auto loan portfolio of the bank
- ✓ As per the RBI, HDFC Bank has violated the provisions of section 6(2) and section 8 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949
- ✓ RBI has imposed the monetary penalty in the exercise of powers vested by the central bank under the provisions of Section 47A(1)(c) read with Section 46(4)(i) of the Banking Regulation Act

RBI IMPOSED PENALTY IN NEWS 2021
➢ RBI fines HDFC Bank Rs 10 crore over regulatory violations
➢ RBI has imposed Rs 1 crore monetary penalty on City Union Bank, Tamil Nadu
➢ RBI imposed a penalty of Rs 1 crore on Tamilnad Mercantile Bank; Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu
➢ RBI imposed a penalty of Rs 90 lakh on Nutan Nagarik Sahakari Bank, Ahmedabad
➢ RBI Imposeed a penalty of Rs 10 lakh on Daimler Financial Services India Private Limited, Pune
➢ RBI imposes ₹3 crore penalty on ICICI Bank
➢ RBI Imposes Rs 2 Crore Fine on State Bank of India

- RBI imposes Rs 15 lakh penalty on Fedbank Financial Services, Mumbai
- RBI slaps penalty of Rs 2 crore on Standard Chartered Bank, London, UK
- RBI slaps Rs 2 crore fine on Deutsche Bank for non-compliance, Frankfurt, Germany
- RBI imposes Rs 1 crore penalty on Punjab National Bank
- RBI imposes Rs 50 lakh fine on Urban Co-operative Bank in Kerala
- RBI imposes Rs 22 lakh fine on DCB Bank for violating marketing norms

HDFC BANK IN NEWS

- RBI imposes Rs 10 crore penalty on HDFC Bank for violation of provisions
- HDFC Bank Partners Common Services Centres (CSCs) to Launch Chatbot 'Eva
- HDFC Bank projects India's GDP growth for FY22 at 10%
- HDFC Bank top arranger of corporate bond deals in FY21
- RBI Approves Appointing Atanu Chakraborty as Part-time Chairman of HDFC Bank
- Indiabulls Housing Finance skyrockets 8% after tie up with HDFC for co-lending partnership
- HDFC Bank was adjudged the India's best bank for SMEs at the Asiamoney Best Bank Awards 2021
- HDFC Bank launches 'SmartUp Unnati' for Women Entrepreneurs
- RBI has appointed an external IT firm for carrying out a special audit of the IT infrastructure of HDFC Bank
- HDFC Bank Ranks Top among 100 BFSI Firms in India
- RBI directs HDFC bank to stop issuance of new credit cards
- RBI orders HDFC Bank to halt its digital launches
- HDFC Bank launches video Know Your Customer facility
- HDFC Bank to launch 'The HealthyLife Programme' for its customers
- HDFC Bank tops 2020 BrandZ Top 75 Most Valuable Indian Brands ranking
- HDFC Bank signs MoU with Inventivepreneur Chamber of Commerce & Industries (ICCI) to support SMEs and Start-ups
- HDFC Bank partners with Apollo Hospitals to launch 'The HealthyLife Programme' for its customers
- HDFC Bank launches 'e-Kisaan Dhan' App for Farmers

- HDFC Bank launches first of its kind card 'Shaurya KGC'
- Sashidhar Jagdishan to be the new CEO of HDFC Bank
- **HDFC BANK**

  Founded : 1994

  Founder : Hasmukhbhai Parekh

  HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra

  MD & CEO : Sashidhar Jagdishan

  Tagline : We understand your world

  HDFC Bank is India's largest private sector bank by assets

Q. India's largest statue of the Reclining Buddha will be installed at which place?

A) Bodh Gaya **B) Bhagalpur**

C) Kushinagar **D) Sasaram**

Answer : A

- ✓ India's Largest Reclining Buddha Statue Spanning 100 Ft Long Is Under Construction In Kolkata
- ✓ The work is underway at Nainan Bandhab Samiti ground in Ghoshpara, Baranagar
- ✓ The fibreglass Buddha statue will be around 100-feet long and is being crafted by clay modeller Mintu Pal
- ✓ The statue is expected to be installed in the temple of Buddha International Welfare Mission in Bodh Gaya, Bihar on the occasion of Buddha Purnima in 2022
- ✓ In comparison, India's most famous reclining Buddha statue located in the Mahaparinirvana Stupa in Kushinagar (Uttar Pradesh) is a little over 20 feet tall

STATUE IN NEWS

- **India's Largest Reclining Buddha Statue**

  Construction : Kolkata

  Installed : Bodh Gaya, Bihar

  Designed by : Mintu Pal

  Heigth : 100-feet
- **PM Modi unveils 'Statue of Peace' in Rajasthan**

  Dedicated : Vijay Vallabh Surishwarji Maharaj.

  Height : 151-inch (12.6 ft)

- **PM Modi unveiled a statue of Swami Vivekananda in Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi**
  Height : 300 metres
  Disgner : Naresh Kumawat
- **Gujarat CM unveils world's 2nd tallest statue of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in Ahmedabad**
  Height : 50 feet
  Designed by : Ram V. Sutar
- **World's tallest statue, Statue of Unity, in Kevadiya colony, Narmada district, Gujarat**
  Height :182 metres (597 ft)
  Constructed by : Larsen & Toubro (L&T)
  Designed by : Ram V Sutar.
- Bihar CM Nunveils life-size statue of Arun Jaitley in Patna
- Bihar CM Unveils Lord Buddha's 70-Feet Statue In Bihar's Rajgir
- PM Modi unveiled Atal Bihari Vajpayee statue in Lucknow
- PM Modi unveiled Lal Bahadur Shastri Statue of Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport in Varanasi
- Himachal Pradesh CM unveils 18-feet statue of Vajpayee in Shimla

Q. Laurence Des Cars became the First Woman President of the Louvre Museum. Where is the Louvre Museum located?

A) Paris, France
B) London, UK
C) Vienna, Austria
D) New York, US

Answer : A

- ✓ Laurence Des Cars became the first woman chief of the Louvre Museum in Paris, France
- ✓ It is the world's biggest museum and it was opened 228 years
- ✓ She was appointed by the French President Emmanuel Macron as the President-Director of the Musée du Louvre
- ✓ She replaced Jean-Luc Martinez

Q. Who has been appointed as the Chief Risk Officer of Punjab National Bank?

A) Pankaj Jain

B) Vivek Aggarwal

C) Ashutosh Choudhary

D) Rajesh Kumar Yaduvanshi

Answer : C

- ✓ Ashutosh Choudhary was appointed as the Chief Risk Officer of Punjab National Bank
- ✓ He replaced Vishesh Kumar Srivastava

PNB IN NEWS

- Ashutosh Choudhary was appointed as the Chief Risk Officer of Punjab National Bank
- Geojit inks pact with Punjab National Bank to offer three-in-one account
- Punjab National Bank launches digital initiative PNB@Ease
- PNB has set up a wholly-owned subsidiary namely "PNB Cards & Services Ltd" to manage its credit card business
- PNB has decided to restrict its customers from withdrawing money from non-EMV automated teller machines (ATMs) with effect from 01 February 2021
- PNB Collaborates with IIT Kanpur to set up Fintech Innovation Centre
- Punjab National Bank launches 'LenS' Solution to speed up loan delivery
- Punjab National Bank launches campaign named 'DIGITAL APNAYEN'
- RBI imposes Rs 1 crore penalty on Punjab National Bank
- **PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK**

  Founded : 12 April 1894

  Founder : Dyal Singh Majithia And Lala Lajpat Rai

  Headquarters : New Delhi

  MD & CEO : S. S. Mallikarjuna Rao

  Tagline : The Name You can Bank Upon

  Punjab National Bank Merge : (Oriental Bank of Commerce & United Bank of India)

Q. Who was honoured posthumously with a prestigious UN medal for sacrifice in the line of duty?

A) Yuvraj Singh
B) Mulchand Yadav
C) Ivan Michael Picardo
D) All of the above

Answer : D

- ✓ Three Indian peacekeepers were honoured posthumously with a prestigious UN medal for sacrifice in the line of duty
- ✓ Corporal Yuvraj Singh, who served with the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) and two civilian peacekeepers Ivan Michael Picardo, who served with UNMISS, and Mulchand Yadav, who worked for the UN Assistance Mission in Iraq (UNAMI)

Q. When is World Menstrual Hygiene Day observed?

A) 28 May
B) 27 May
C) 29 May
D) 30 May

Answer : A

- ✓ World Menstrual Hygiene Day is observed annually on 28 May.
- ✓ The day is marked to address societal stigma and to create awareness about maintaining menstrual hygiene.
- ✓ Theme 2021 : “Action and Investment in Menstrual Hygiene and Health”
- ✓ 28 May was chosen to observe the World Menstrual Hygiene Day because, on average, the menstrual cycle for most women is 28 days and the menstruation period for most women is for five days

Q. Which state government has launched Ankur scheme under which citizens will be awarded for planting trees during monsoon?

A) Maharashtra
B) Madhya Pradesh
C) Andhra Pradesh
D) Himachal Pradesh

Answer : B

- ✓ Madhya Pradesh (MP) government announced the launch of Ankur, a scheme under which citizens will be awarded for planting trees during monsoon.
- ✓ The Award named “Pranvayu” will be given to People who take the initiative to plant saplings.
- ✓ People can participate in the tree plantation drive by registering themselves on the Vayudoot app

- ✓ A picture has to be uploaded while planting the sapling and another photograph after taking care of the sapling for 30 days.

Q. The Indian Broadcasting Foundation (IBF) has announced to rename the organisation due to the inclusion of digital platforms under its scope. What will be the new name of IBF?

A) Indian Broadcasting Technology Limited

B) Indian Broadcasting and Digital Foundation

C) Indian Digital Broadcasting Network

D) Indian Foundation for Broadcasting Network

Answer : B

- ✓ Indian Broadcasting Foundation (IBF), the apex body of broadcasters in India, is being renamed as Indian Broadcasting and Digital Foundation (IBDF)
- ✓ IBDF will be forming a new wholly-owned subsidiary to handle all matters pertaining to digital media
- ✓ **Indian Broadcasting Foundation (IBF)**

  Founded : 1999

  Headquarteres : New Delhi

  Chairmam : Vikramjit Sen