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Q. The Border Security Force (BSF) is observing which anniversary of its Raising Day in 2021?

A) 68th B) 77th

C) 57th D) 85th

Answer : C

- ✓ Border Security Force (BSF) is observing its 57th Raising Day on 01 December 2021.
- ✓ BSF was formed on December 1, 1965 as a unified central agency after the Indo-Pak and India-China wars for ensuring the security of the borders of India and for matters connected there with.
- ✓ It is one of the five Central Armed Police Forces of the Union of India and stands as the world's largest border guarding force
- ✓ BSF has been termed as the First Line of Defence of Indian Territories

RAISING DAY IN NEWS 2021

- **1 December : BSF Raising Day**
- 57th Raising Day 2021.
- 28 November : National Cadet Corps (NCC) Raising Day
- 73rd Raising Day 2021.
- **8 October : Air Force Day**
- 89th Anniversary 2021.
- Independence Day on 15th August
- 75th anniversary 2021.
- 27 July : Raising Day of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)
- 83rd Raising Day 2021.
- 26 July : Kargil Vijay Diwas
- 22nd Anniversary 2021.
- 07 May : 61st Raising Day of BRO 2021.
- 9 April : CRPF Valour Day
- 56th Anniversary 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.

Q. Who has been appointed as UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador for Cultural and Creative Industries?

A) Machiko Ono **B) Naomi Kawase**

C) Kyara Uchida **D) Aju Makita**

Answer : B

- ✓ UNESCO Director-General Audrey Azoulay has appointed Japanese film director Naomi Kawase as UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador for Cultural and Creative Industries.
- ✓ In 2007, she won the Grand Prix at the Cannes Film Festival for her film The Mourning Forest and in 2013 served on the Jury of the 66th edition of the Festival.
- ✓ She is also the official film director of the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games.
- ✓ **United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)**

  Formation : 16 November 1945

  Headquarters : Paris, France

  Director-General : Audrey Azoulay (France)

  Member countries : 193

  Total UNESCO sites in india : 40

GOOD WILL AMBASSADOR IN NEWS 2021

- Film director Naomi Kawase named UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador.
- Daniel Brühl named as Goodwill Ambassador of UN-World Food Programme (WFP).
- Upasana Kamineni named 'Ambassador of Forest Frontline Heroes' at WWF India.
- Russian supermodel 'Supernova' Natalia Vodianova roped in as UNFPA good will ambassador.
- Khushi Chindaliya appointed as UNEP regional ambassador.

- M Nethra appoints as 'Goodwill Ambassador for the Poor' by UNADAP .
- UNICEF appoints Ayushmann Khurrana for children's rights campaign .
- UNEP extends Dia Mirza term as goodwill ambassador till 2022

Q. Who has been roped in as the new CEO of Twitter Inc?

A) Vivek Murthy **B) Parag Agrawal**

C) Nikesh Arora **D) Gautam Raghavan**

Answer : B

- ✓ Parag Agrawal from India took over as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Twitter after Jack Dorsey's announcement of his stepping down from the position.
- ✓ Parag Agrawal is currently serving as the Chief Technology Officer (CTO) of Twitter.
- ✓ He is now the youngest CEO in the S&P 500 elbowing Meta Platform Inc. CEO Mark Zuckerberg. However, Agrawal is 37 and the same age as Mark Zuckerberg.
- ✓ Bret Taylor was appointed as the next Chairman of the Twitter Board, succeeding Patrick Pichette, who will remain on the Twitter Board and chair the Audit Committee of Twitter.
- ✓ Parag Agarwal is a graduate of IIT-Bombay and has a PhD in Computer Science from Stanford University
- ✓ **TWITTER**

  Founded : 2006

  Headquarters : San Francisco, California United States

  New CEO : Parag Agrawal

List of World's Most Popular Multi-National Companies and their CEOs

COMPANIES	CEOs
Parag Agrawal	Twitter
Jeff Bezos	Amazon
Sundar Pichai	Google
Elon Musk	Tesla
Tim Cook	Apple
Arvind Krishna	IBM
Satya Nadella	Microsoft
Sundar Pichai	Alphabet Inc

Mark Zuckerberg	Facebook
Daniel Zhang	Alibaba
Michael Miebach	MasterCard

Q. Which film has won the Best Film award (Golden Peacock) at the 52nd International Film Festival of India (IFFI)?

A) The Dorm **B) Ring Wandering**

C) The First Fallen **D) Once We Were Good For You**

Answer : B

✓ Golden Peacock (Best Film) – Ring Wandering (Japan) by Masakazu Kaneko

Q. Who has been felicitated with the Best Actor Award in male category at the 52nd IFFI festival?

A) Sagar Puranik **B) Vinothraj P S**

C) Jitendra Joshi **D) Praveen Krupakar**

Answer : C

✓ IFFI Best Actor Award (Male) – Jitendra Joshi for Godavari (India)

Q. Who has won the Best Director Award at the 52nd IFFI festival?

A) Radu Muntean **B) Vaclav Kadrnka**

C) Nikhil Mahajan **D) Branko Schmidt**

Answer : B

✓ **Best Director –** Vaclav Kadrnka for Saving One Who Was Dead (Czech Republic)

✓ 52nd International Film Festival of India (IFFI) Awards Overview

✓ **International Film Festival of India (IFFI)**

Founded : 1952

Edition : 52nd (2021)

Opening : November 20, 2021

Closing : November 28, 2021

Opening Film – The King of All the World (Spain, Mexico) by Carlos Saura

Closing Film – A Hero (Iran, France) by Asghar Farhadi

venue - Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Indoor Stadium at Panaji, Goa

1. Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award

Martin Scorsese (American filmmaker)

István Szabo (Hungarian filmmaker)

2. Indian Film Personality of the Year

Hema Malini & Prasoon Joshi

3. Golden Peacock (Best Film) – Ring Wandering (Japan) by Masakazu Kaneko

4. Silver Peacock

Best Director – Vaclav Kadrnka for Saving One Who Was Dead (Czech Republic)

IFFI Best Actor Award (Male) – Jitendra Joshi for Godavari (India)

IFFI Best Actor Award (Female) – Ángela Molina for Charlotte (Paraguay)

5. Special Jury Award

Renata Carvalho for The First Fallen (Brazil) Nikhil Mahajan for Godavari (India)

6. ICFT UNESCO Gandhi Medal – Lingui, The Sacred Bonds (Chad, France, Belgium, Germany) by Mahamat-Saleh Haroun

7. Jury Special Mention – Roman Vasyanov for The Dorm (Russia)

8. Best Debut Film – Zahorí (Switzerland, Argentina, Chile, France) by Marí Alessandrini

9. Jury Special Mention for the Debut Feature Film- The Wealth of the World (Chile, Italy) by Simon Farriol

The opening ceremony on 20 November 2021, hosted by Karan Johar and Manish Paul

Nila Madhab Panda Indian Jury

Q. Who will lead the panel formed by the government to revisit criteria for determining economically weaker sections (EWS)?

A) V K Malhotra **B) Sanjay Sanyal**

C) V. K. Saraswat **D) Ajay Bhushan Pandey**

Answer : D

- ✓ Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has formed a three-member committee to review the criteria for reservation for the Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) category in terms of the provisions of the explanation to Article 15 of the Constitution.
- ✓ The members of the committee are former:

1. Ajay Bhushan Pandey – former finance secretary, GOI (Chairman)

2. Prof. V K Malhotra – Member secretary of Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR)
3. Shri Sanjay Sanyal – Principal economic advisor to GOI (Member Convenor)

- ✓ The Constitutional (103rd Amendment) Act of 2019 provides 10% reservation in government jobs and educational institutions for the Economically Weaker Sections (EWS).
- ✓ Part XVI of the Constitution deals with reservation of SC and ST in Central and State legislatures.
- ✓ As per the Article-340 of the Constitution, the President appointed a backward class commission in December 1978 under the chairmanship of B. P. Mandal.

Q. Who will be the new Chief of Naval Staff of the Indian Navy?

A) R Hari Kumar **B) Vivek Ram Chaudhari**
C) Subodh Kumar Jaiswal **D) Pankaj Kumar Singh**

Answer : A

- ✓ Vice Admiral R. Hari Kumar took over as India's next Chief of Naval Staff today.
- ✓ He received the guard of honour at the South Block lawns.
- ✓ Vice Admiral Hari Kumar succeeded Chief Admiral Karambir Singh who retired on 30 November 2021.

LIST OF CHIEF / D.G OF INDIAN ARMED FORCES	
CHIEF / D.G	**INDIAN ARMED FORCES**
R Hari Kumar	Navy Chief
Vivek Ram Chaudhari	Air Force Chief
Gurbirpal Singh	National Cadet Corps (NCC)
Pankaj Kumar Singh	Border Security Force (BSF)
Sanjay Arora	Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)
Pradeep Chandran Nair	Assam Rifles
Manoj Mukund Naravane	Army Chief
Bipin Rawat	Chief of Defence Staff (CDS)
Subodh Kumar Jaiswal	Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)
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)

- ✓ INDIAN NAVY
- ✓ Father of Indian Navy : Shivaji
- ✓ First Chief : Admiral Sir William Edward Parry

- ✓ Headquarteres : New Delhi
- ✓ First Indian Chief of the Naval Staff : Katari
- ✓ 25th Chief of the Naval Staff : R Hari Kumar
- ✓ DON'T CONFUSE
- ✓ 25th Chief of the Naval Staff : R Hari Kumar.
- ✓ 27th Chief of the Air Staff : Vivek Ram Chaudhari.
- ✓ 29th Chief of the Army Staff : Manoj Mukund Naravane

Q. The police department of which state has launched the Mobile app named 'Call Your Cop'?

A) Manipur **B) Nagaland**

C) Meghalaya **D) Telangana**

Answer : B

- ✓ Nagaland Police launches 'Call Your Cop' mobile app
- ✓ Nagaland DGP T. John Longkumer officially launched the 'Call your Cop' mobile App at Police Headquarters in Kohima. The App was developed by Excellogics Tech Solutions Pvt Ltd.
- ✓ The App will enable all citizens of the state especially those in distress to get in touch directly with the police as easily available with just one click away.

Q. Renowned lyricist Stephen Sondheim who has passed away recently was from which country?

A) Poland

B) Norway

C) Denmark

D) United States

Answer : D

- ✓ Veteran composer and lyricist, Stephen Joshua Sondheim has passed away at the age of 91 in Connecticut, United States (US).
- ✓ He received 8 Tony Awards, a Special Tony Award 2008 for lifetime achievement in the theatre.
- ✓ He also received a Pulitzer Prize ('Sunday in the Park'), and an Academy Award for the song 'Sooner or Later'. Also won several awards like eight Grammy Awards, Presidential Medal of Freedom 2015, etc.

Q. What was the profession of Sirivennela Seetharama Sastry who has passed away recently?

A) Actor
B) Lyricist
C) Filmmaker
D) Choreographer

Answer : B

- ✓ Award-winning Telugu lyricist and Padma Shri awardee Sirivennela Seetharama Sastry passed away at the age of 66.
- ✓ He has written over 3,000 songs and has received the Nandi Award from the Andhra Pradesh Government multiple times among other awards.
- ✓ He became popular with veteran director K. Viswanath's film 'Sirivennela' in 1986.
- ✓ He was awarded the Padma Shri in 2019.

Q. Who is the author of the book "Indian Innings: The Journey of Indian Cricket from 1947"?

A) Sheila Dikshit
B) Ayaz Memon
C) Miniya Chatterjee
D) Perumal Murugan

Answer : B

- ✓ A book titled 'Indian Innings: The Journey of Indian Cricket from 1947' authored by Ayaz Memon released.
- ✓ It is an anthology of Indian Cricket and marked several insights of Indian cricket of the last 70 years.
- ✓ The book has covered the era of veteran cricketers K N Prabhu to P N Sundaresan and Dicky Rutnagar to Ramachandra Guha and Suresh Menon, those years of famous victories consist of experiences about World Cups, various Test cricket, etc.

Q. How much monetary penalty has been imposed by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Union Bank of India for violating certain provisions related to sale of stressed assets and reporting of frauds?

A) ₹1 crore
B) ₹2 crores
C) ₹5 crores
D) ₹10 crores

Answer : A

- ✓ Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a ₹1 crore penalty on the Union Bank of India for deficiencies in regulatory compliance as per the directions issued under the Reserve Bank of India (Fraud –

Classification and Reporting by Commercial Banks and Select FIs) Directions, 2016 and Guidelines on Sale of Stressed Assets by Banks.

✓ **Union Bank of India**

Founded : 1919

Founder : Seth Sitaram Poddar

Headquarters : Mumbai

MD & CEO : Rajkiran Rai G.

Tagline ; Good People to Bank with

Anchor Bank for the amalgamation of Andhra Bank, Corporation Bank into Union Bank of India

Q. What is the approved loan amount approved by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for water supply and sanitation projects in Uttarakhand?

A) $100 million **B) $125 million**

C) $150 million **D) $200 million**

Answer : B

✓ Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a $125 million loan to improve access to quality water supply and sanitation services in Uttarakhand, India.

✓ A 136 km water pipe system will be built in South Dehradun as part of this project to repair damaged water networks.

UTTARAKHAND IN NEWS 2021

- ADB has approved a $125 million loan to improve access to quality water supply and sanitation services in Uttarakhand,
- PM Narendra Modi Unveils Shri Adi Shankaracharya Samadhi and Statue in Kedarnath, Uttarakhand
- Amit Shah launched Mukhyamantri Ghasiyari Kalyan Yojana and computerization of cooperative societies in Dehradun, Uttarakhand
- India's largest open-air fernery has been inaugurated in Ranikhet of Uttarakhand
- India's first Cryptogamic Garden Inaugurated in Dehradun, Uttarakhand
- Uttarakhand unveils India's first earthquake mobile app
- Uttarakhand govt announces Vatsalya Yojana for children orphaned due to Corona

- Uttarakhand gets India's largest aromatic garden in the Nainital district.
- India's highest altitude herbal park has been inaugurated at Mana village in the Chamoli district of Uttarakhand
- Pushkar Singh Dhami will be the next chief minister of Uttarakhand
- Uttarakhand Governor Baby Rani Maurya Resigns
- Lt Gen Gurmit Singh sworn in as Governor of Uttarakhand
- 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
- 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 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
- India's longest motorable suspension bridge inaugurated in Uttarakhand's Tehri-Garhwal district
- 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

Q. Which company partnered with IRCTC to offer the rail ticketing service 'Red rail'?

A) MakeMyTrip B) OYO

C) RedBus D) Yatra.com

Answer : C

- ✓ RedBus has launched the rail ticket booking service 'Red Rail' in collaboration with IRCTC (Indian Railway Catering & Tourism Corporation) as their authorised partner.
- ✓ The users of the RedBus Android Application will be able to book both bus and train trips.
- ✓ **Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC)**

  Founded : 1999

  Headquarters : New Delhi

  Chairman & MD : Rajni Hasija
- ✓ **RedBus**

  Founded : 2006

  Headquarters : Bangalore, Karnataka,

  CEO : Prakash Sangam

Q. Which of the following organisation launched the 'card on file' tokenisation services?

A) PhonePe B) BharatPe

C) Paytm D) Paypal

Answer : C

- ✓ Paytm Payments Services Limited (PPSL), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Paytm, has launched a Paytm Token Gateway, which provides a 'card-on-file' tokenisation solution.
- ✓ Paytm, has partnered with platforms such as Myntra, Oyo, Domino's and payment giants like Visa, Mastercard and RuPay.
- ✓ As per the RBI's guidelines, all merchants/e-commerce stores have to comply with the new card-on-file tokenisation feature by 31 December 2021.

PAYTM PAYMENTS BANK IN NEWS 2021
➢ Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a penalty of Rs 1 crore on Paytm Payments Bank.
➢ Paytm Payments Bank launches FASTag-based metro parking facility

- Paytm Payments Bank has become the first bank in the country to achieve the milestone of issuing 1 crore FASTags.
- **Paytm Payments Bank**

  Founded : 2015

  Founder : Vijay Shekhar Sharma

  Headquarters : Noida

  CEO : Satish Kumar Gupta

Q. Who among the following won the men's Ballon d'Or award 2021 for the seventh time in a row?

A) Cristiano Ronaldo **B) Lionel Messi**

C) Mohamed Salah **D) Robert Lewandowski**

Answer : B

- ✓ Lionel Messi from Argentina won the men's Ballon d'Or award 2021 for the seventh time in a row for the best player in the world at a ceremony in Paris.
- ✓ He won the last edition of the Ballon d'Or award in 2019 and also won in 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2015.
- ✓ Alexia Putellas from Spain won the women's Ballon d'Or award 2021
- ✓ Ballon d'Or 2021 Winners:
- ✓ Ballon d'Or (Men): Lionel Messi (PSG/Argentina)
- ✓ Club of the year: Chelsea Football Club
- ✓ Yashin Trophy for best goalkeeper: Gianluigi Donnarumma (PSG/Italy)
- ✓ Ballon d'Or (Women): Alexia Putellas (Barcelona/Spain)
- ✓ Striker of the year: Robert Lewandowski (Bayern Munich/Poland)
- ✓ Kopa Trophy for best young male player: Pedri (Barcelona/Spain)

Q. Which place became the first Indian city to start ropeway services in public transportation?

A) Mumbai **B) Pune**

C) Shimla **D) Varanasi**

Answer : D

- ✓ Uttar Pradesh's Varanasi will become the first Indian city to start ropeway service as a mode of public transport.
- ✓ The proposed ropeway will be constructed between Cantt Railway Station (Varanasi Junction) to Church Square (Godauliya) to ease the traffic congestion, which will reduce the journey between these two stations to only 15 minutes.
- ✓ Its outlay is over Rs 400 crore which is divided between Central Government and State Government at 80:20. India will be the third country in the world after Bolivia and Mexico to use a ropeway for public transport.

Q. What is the name of the card launched by the Paytm Payments Bank to provide millions of Indians with a single physical card for all of their daily needs?

A) Paytm One Card **B) Paytm Swipe Card**

C) Paytm Transit Card **D) Paytm Wallet Card**

Answer : C

- ✓ Paytm Payments Bank (PPBL) has launched the 'Paytm Transit Card,' which aims to provide millions of Indians with a single physical card for all of their daily needs including metro, railway, state-owned bus, toll and parking charges, as well as payments at offline merchant stores and online shopping.
- ✓ The first phase of the rollout is being launched in collaboration with the Hyderabad Metro Rail, Ahmedabad Metro and the Delhi Airport Express Line.

Q. Which country had participated in the two-day maritime exercise 'Colombo Security Conclave (CSC) Focused Operation' along with India?

A) Maldives and Sri Lanka **B) Russia and France**

C) Singapore and Russia **D) Malaysia and Vietnam**

Answer : A

- ✓ India, the Maldives and Sri Lanka concluded a two-day maritime operation 'Colombo Security Conclave (CSC) Focused Operation' in the Indian Ocean region.
- ✓ The 'CSC Focused Operation'was aimed at keeping the vital part of the Indian Ocean safe and secure for commercial shipping, international trade and conduct of legitimate maritime activities.

Q. Williams Racing Formula 1 team founder Sir Frank Williams passed away. When did he Found Willams Racing Formula 1 team?

A) 1970 B) 1971

C) 1977 D) 1975

Answer : C

- ✓ Legendary Williams Racing Formula 1 team founder and former boss Sir Frank Williams passed away.
- ✓ He founded Willimas Racing Formula 1 team in 1977.
- ✓ The team won 16 world championships — nine constructors' titles and seven drivers' titles in the 1980s and 1990s and have 114 race victories in total.

Q. The Government of India has launched the India Young Water Professional Programme in partnership with which country?

A) Russia B) France

C) Australia D) United States

Answer : C

- ✓ First edition of the Indian Young Water Professionals Programme was launched on November 29, 2021 virtually.
- ✓ Programme was launched in the presence of Indian High Commissioner to Australia, Manpreet Vohra; Australian High Commissioner to India, Barry O' Farrell and Additional Secretary of Ministry of Jal Shakti, Debashree Mukherjee.
- ✓ The program was taken up under National Hydrology Project.
- ✓ National Hydrology Project is a Central Scheme of DOWR, and RD & GR. It is supported by Australian Water Partnership
- ✓ **Indian Young Water Professionals Programme**
- ✓ The India Young Water Professional Programme is unique and different from typical capacity building and training programs.
- ✓ It focuses on Engaged Training and Learning Model.
- ✓ **AUSTRALIA**

  Capital : Canberra

  Currency : Dollar

Prime Minister : Scott Morrison

Q. When is the World AIDS Day observed?

A) 02 December
B) 01 December
C) 30 November
D) 03 November

Answer : B

- ✓ World AIDS Day is observed across the globe on 1 December every year since 1988 by the World Health Organization (WHO)
- ✓ The theme for the World Aids Day 2021 is End inequalities. End AIDS and End Pandemics
- ✓ Purpose: to raise awareness of the AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) pandemic caused by the spread of HIV (human immunodeficiency virus) infection
- ✓ Any slowing down in provision of these services will leave many vulnerable populations at greater risk of HIV infection and AIDS-related deaths and missing these intermediate targets will make it difficult to **achieve the target of elimination of AIDS by 2030.**

Q. What was the theme of the World AIDS Day 2021?

A) Know your Status
B) Communities Make the Difference
C) End inequalities. End AIDS and End Pandemics
D) Global Solidarity Shared Responsibility

Answer : C

Q. Which country has launched a new communication satellite named Zhongxing-1D?

A) Japan
B) Russia
C) China
D) South Korea

Answer : C

- ✓ China successfully launched a new communication satellite named Zhongxing-1D into space from the Xichang Satellite Launch Center in southwest China's Sichuan province.
- ✓ This satellite was developed under the China Academy of Space Technology.
- ✓ This satellite launch marked the 399th mission for the Long March series carrier rockets.

CHINESE SATELLITE IN NEWS 2021

- China launches new communications satellite ChinaSat 1D.
- China launched world's 1st Earth Science Satellite named "Guangmu"
- China successfully launched a new satellite named Shijian-21.
- China successfully launches its first solar exploration satellite 'Xihe'.
- China launches historic Shenzhou-13 crewed mission with 3 astronauts for 6 months.
- China successfully launches new Earth observation satellite "Gaofen-5 02".
- China has launched the new Fengyun-3E (FY-3E) meteorological satellite.
- China space station: Shenzhou-12 delivers first crew to Tianhe module.
- China sent the cargo craft Tianzhou-2 into space.
- China successfully launches new ocean observation satellite Haiyang-2D.
- China's First Mars Rover 'ZhuRong' Successfully Lands on the Red Planet.
- China successfully launches Yaogan-34 remote sensing satellite

Q. Which city topped the Worldwide Cost of Living Index 2021 according to the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU)?

A) Paris **B) Tel Aviv**

C) Zurich **D) Rome**

Answer : B

- ✓ Tel Aviv of Israel topped the Worldwide Cost of Living Index 2021 according to a biannual report by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU).
- ✓ Tel Aviv has climbed up from the fifth place last year.
- ✓ Paris, which shared the first place with Hong Kong and Zurich in 2020, is now the second most expensive city in the world behind Singapore.
- ✓ Rome in Italy saw the biggest fall in the rankings.
- ✓ **Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU)**
- ✓ Founded : 1946
- ✓ Headquarters : London, England
- ✓ **IMPORTANT REPORT'S AND INDIA'S CITIES INDEX 2021**

- ✓ **WORLDWIDE COST OF LIVING INDEX 2021**

  Top : Tel Aviv of Israel

  2nd : Paris and Singapore

  4th : Zurich, Switzerland

  5th : Hong Kong

  Released By : Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU)

  World's cheapest city : Damascus (Syria)

- ✓ **SAFE CITIES INDEX 2021**

  World's safest city : Copenhagen, Denmark

  2nd : Toronto

  3rd : Singapore

  4th : Sydney

  5th : Tokyo

  48th position : New Delhi

  50th place : Mumbai

  Released By : Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU)

- ✓ **QS Best Student Cities Ranking 2021**

  World's best student city : Londom

  106th place : Mumbai

  110th place : Bengaluru

  Air Quality Index (AQI) of 2.5 PM

  Most polluted city : Hotan, China

  Ghaziabad : 2nd most polluted city

  Released By : HouseFresh

- ✓ **MERCER COST OF LIVING SURVEY 2021**

  Ashgabat : World's most expensive city

  2nd Ranks : Hong Kong

  Indian most expensive city : Mumbai (78th position)

- ✓ **INDIA SMART CITIES AWARDS CONTEST (ISAC) 2020**

  Best City Award – Indore and Surat

Best State Award – Uttar Pradesh

Best UT Award - Chandigarh

- ✓ **INDIA'S MOST LIVEABLE CITY IN EASE OF LIVING INDEX 2020**

Top : Bengaluru

2nd : Chennai

3rd : Shimla

- ✓ **GLOBAL LIVEABILITY INDEX 2021**

Top : Auckland, New Zealand

2nd : Osaka, Japan

3rd : Adelaide, Australia

- ✓ **GLOBAL PRIME RESIDENTIAL INDEX 2020**

Top : Shenzhen, China

2nd : Shanghai, China

32nd : New Delhi

36th : Mumbai

40th : Bengaluru

Manama has topped the “AIRINC Global 150 Cities Index financial attractiveness ranking”

- ✓ **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

Q. Which is the world’s cheapest city as per Cost of Living Index 2021?

A) Damascus

B) Hanoi

C) Dhaka

D) Phnom Penh

Answer : A

- ✓ While Tel Aviv has topped the Cost of Living Index 2021, Paris and Singapore are jointly ranked second, followed by Zurich and Hong Kong at the fourth and fifth spots. Syria’s Damascus was ranked as the world’s cheapest city.

Q. Which bank introduced an industry-first digital and paperless trade financing solution?

A) HSBC India

B) DBS India

C) Citi Bank

D) Standard Chartered

Answer : B

- ✓ DBS Bank India has introduced a paperless trade financing solution for buyers and sellers to finance domestic invoicing.
- ✓ It now digitally validates the e-way bills (proof of movement of goods) to establish the genuineness of underlying trade transactions.
- ✓ The adoption of this approach has enabled DBS Bank to process transactions quicker without the need to obtain underlying physical documents.

DBS BANK IN NEWS 2021

- ➢ DBS Bank partners with SWIFT to launch real-time cross-border payment tracking.
- ➢ DBS has been honoured as the global winner for Most Innovative in Digital Banking.
- ➢ DBS has partnered with Temasek to launch a $500 million growth stage debt financing platform named 'EvolutionX' Debt Capital.
- ➢ DBS tops Forbes 'World's Best Banks' list in India.
- ➢ DBS Bank India was recognised as 'India's Best International Bank 2021' by Asiamoney.
- ➢ DBS was named 'Safest Bank in Asia'.
- ➢ DBS Bank Global Finance's pick for 'Best Bank in the World' .
- ➢ Cabinet approves RBI's proposal to merge Lakshmi Vilas Bank with DBS Bank.
- ➢ **Development Bank of Singapore (DBS) BANK**

  Founded : 1968

  Headquarteres : Singapore

  Chairman : Peter Seah

  CEO : Piyush Gupta

Q. Which state's tourism has launched the 'STREET' project to promote and take tourism deep into the interiors and rural hinterland?

A) Telangana **B) Kerala**

C) Odisha **D) Rajasthan**

Answer : B

- ✓ Kerala Tourism launched the 'STREET' project to promote and take tourism deep into the interiors and rural hinterland of Kerala. Project would help visitors experience the diversity of offerings in these locales.
- ✓ The STREET is an acronym for Sustainable, Tangible, Responsible, Experiential, Ethnic, Tourism hubs

KERALA IN NEWS

- Kerala Tourism launched STREET project for experiential tourism
- Bihar has highest level of multidimensional poverty while Kerala is least poor state: NITI Aayog's Multi-dimensional Poverty Index
- India's first Drone Forensic Lab comes up in Kerala
- Perumkulam, in Kollam District, has been bestowed with the title Kerala's first 'Book Village'.
- Kerala removes upper age limit for transgenders seeking admission in State universities
- 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

Q. National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has recently proposed the construction of which expressway?

A) Gorakhpur-Siliguri Expressway **B) Yamuna Expressway**
C) Mumbai-Pune Expressway **D) Ahmedabad-Vadodara Expressway**

Answer : A

- ✓ National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has proposed the construction of another expressway from Gorakhpur in Uttar Pradesh to Siliguri in West Bengal, passing through Bihar.
- ✓ Out of the total length of this Gorakhpur-Siliguri Expressway, 450 km of the expressway of four/six-lane configuration will pass through Bihar.
- ✓ This new proposed expressway will enter Bihar from Gopalganj and will end at Kishanganj.
- ✓ **National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)**
  Founded : 1995
  Headquarteres : New Delhi

Q. Arunachal Pradesh has recently launched which of India's first certified organic fruit?

A) Watermelon **B) Orange**
C) Kiwi **D) Apple**

Answer : C

- ✓ India's only certified organic Kiwi from Zero Valley Farm in Arunachal Pradesh has been launched in a mega National Tribal Festival named Aadi Mahotsav. Ziro Valley is a town and district headquarters of Lower Subansiri district in Arunachal Pradesh. The festival is being organized at Dilli Haat, INA in New Delhi.
- ✓ Arunachal Pradesh is the first Indian state which has received "Organic Certification of Kiwifruit" under "Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North East Region (MOVCD-NER)"

Q. Arunachal Pradesh government has appointed which of the following film actor as the new brand ambassador of the state?

A) Salman Khan
B) Sanjay Dutt
C) Ajay Devgan
D) Shahrukh Khan

Answer : B

- ✓ Bollywood actor Sanjay Dutt has been appointed as the state's brand ambassador to mark the 50th anniversary of the naming of Arunachal Pradesh.

Q. Which Indian spinner has reached the third place after Anil Kumble and Kapil Dev in terms of taking most wickets for India?

A) Jasprit Bumrah
B) Rahul Chahar
C) Yuzvendra Chahal
D) Ravichandran Ashwin

Answer : C

- ✓ Indian spinner Ravichandran Ashwin has made a special achievement during the first test match against New Zealand.
- ✓ He has now reached the third place in terms of taking most wickets in Test cricket from India.
- ✓ Ravichandran Ashwin has become the third-highest wicket-taker for India in Test cricket, leaving behind veteran Harbhajan Singh.
- ✓ He surpassed Harbhajan Singh's tally of 417 wickets
- ✓ Now only Anil Kumble (619) and Kapil Dev (434) are ahead of him.

Q. Which of the following states observed its statehood day on 1 December?

A) Manipur
B) Nagaland
C) Meghalaya
D) Gujarat

Answer : B

- ✓ Nagaland celebrated its 59th Statehood Day on 1 December 2021.
- ✓ Nagaland was formally recognised as a separate state on 1 December 1963, with Kohima being declared as its capital.
- ✓ The State of Nagaland Act of 1962 was enacted by the Parliament to give statehood to Nagaland.
- ✓ **Nagaland**

  Capital : Kohima

Chief Minister: Neiphiu Rio

Governor: Jagdish Mukhi

Q. Who was the administrator of the advisory committee panel formed for the administration of Reliance Capital Limited?

A) Y. Nageswara Rao **B) Sanjeev Nautiyal**

C) Srinivasan Varadarajan **D) Praveen P. Kadle**

Answer : A

- ✓ Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has appointed a three-member advisory panel for the administration of Reliance Capital Limited.
- ✓ The members of the advisory committee include former Deputy MD of State Bank of India Sanjeev Nautiyal, former Deputy MD of Axis Bank Srinivasan Varadarajan and former MD and CEO of Tata Capital Limited Praveen P. Kadle.
- ✓ The former executive director of the Bank of Maharashtra Nageswara Rao was appointed as the committee's administrator.

Q. Who was selected for the Dr. M. S. Swaminathan Award for the term 2017–19?

A) Praveen Rao **B) Nageswara Rao**

C) Kaushalya Krish **D) Sekar Gupta**

Answer : A

- ✓ Vice- Chancellor of Prof. Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University (PJTSAU) , Praveen Rao was selected for the Dr. M. S. Swaminathan Award for the period 2017-19.
- ✓ This award was constituted by Retired ICAR Employees Association (RICAREA) and Nuziveedu Seeds Limited. It carries a cash price of ₹2 lakhs and a quotation.

Q. Which bank has signed an MoU with Usha International Limited for empowering women entrepreneurs by providing financial assistance named 'NAVCHETNA'?

A) State Bank of India **B) Canara Bank**

C) HDFC Bank **D) IndusInd Bank**

Answer : A

- ✓ State Bank of India has signed an MoU with Usha International Limited for empowering women entrepreneurs by providing financial assistance named 'NAVCHETNA' by SBI.

- ✓ The financial assistance will be provided under the Joint Liability Group model.
- ✓ 'NAVCHETNA' makes women entrepreneurs self-reliant through equal opportunity for financial growth and inclusion.

Q. Who among the following won the Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay NIF Book Prize for 2021?

A) Praveen Patel **B) Suresh Patel**

C) Dinyar Patel **D) Dhivakar Patel**

Answer : C

- ✓ Dinyar Patel's biography of Dadabhai Naoroji 'Naoroji: Pioneer of Indian Nationalism' published by the Harvard University Press has won the fourth edition of the Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay NIF Book Prize, for 2021.
- ✓ It carries a cash award of ₹15 lakhs and was instituted by the New India Foundation.

Q. Which state government has signed an MoU with Walmart and Flipkart to train and support MSMEs?

A) Gujarat **B) Madhya Pradesh**

C) Andhra Pradesh **D) Karnataka**

Answer : B

- ✓ Walmart and Flipkart will sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Government of Madhya Pradesh to create a capacity-building ecosystem for micro, small & medium enterprises (MSMEs) in Madhya Pradesh.
- ✓ This initiative comes under the Walmart Vriddhi Supplier Development

MADHYA PRADESH IN NEWS 2021

- ➢ Walmart, Flipkart announce MoU with Madhya Pradesh government to train, support local MSMEs.
- ➢ Madhya Pradesh will create first cyber tehsil of India.
- ➢ PM Modi launched 'Ration Aapke Gram' scheme & 'Sickle Cell Mission' in Madhya Pradesh.
- ➢ Madhya Pradesh has become the second state after Karnataka to implement the National Education Policy 2020.
- ➢ Madhya Pradesh announces Ayush-based economic upgradation scheme 'Devaranya Yojana'.

- Gwalior and Orchha cities of Madhya Pradesh has been selected by UNESCO under 'Historic Urban Landscape Project.
- Indore become only Indian city to get selected for International Clean Air Catalyst Programme.
- Rubina Francis of Madhya Pradesh sets world record; bags Olympics quota.
- CM of Madhya Pradesh Shivraj Singh Chouhan announced the Mukhya Mantri Covid Upchar Yojana.
- Madhya Pradesh Government launches 'Ankur' scheme to award people for planting trees.
- 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

FLIPKART IN NEWS

- Walmart, Flipkart announce MoU with Madhya Pradesh government to train, support local MSMEs.
- Ministry of Rural Development inks MoU with Flipkart to enhance rural livelihoods .
- Flipkart launches Shopsy App, to enable Indians to start their online businesses.
- Flipkart to set up Asia's largest fulfilment centre in Gurugram, haryana.
- Flipkart partnered with Adani Group to strengthen logistics and data centre capabilities
- ICICI Lombard partners with Flipkart to offer 'Hospicash' insurance
- Maharashtra govt signs MoU with Flipkart to promote wooden toys, local artifacts, handicrafts
- **FLIPKART**

  Founded : 2007

  Founder : Sachin Bansal and

  Binny Bansal
- Headquarters : Bengaluru

  CEO : Kalyan Krishnamurthy

Walmart stake (81.3%)

- **WALMART**

Founded : 1962

Founder : Sam Walton

Headquarters : Bentonville, Arkansas, U.S.

Chairman : Greg Penner

President, CEO : Doug McMillon

Q. Who is the head of the committee constituted by NITI Aayog in 2020 to formulate an action plan for ODR, who has released a report on Online Dispute Resolution?

A) Rajiv Kumar **B) Arjan Kumar Sikri**

C) VK Saraswat **D) Ramesh Chand**

Answer : C

- ✓ NITI Aayog has released a report on Online Dispute Resolution (ODR) titled as 'Designing the future of dispute Resolution: the ODR Policy Plan for India' to advance access to justice and ensure that cases do not end up before higher courts.
- ✓ It recommends increasing digital infrastructure, building capacity, regulatory framework.
- ✓ For the initiation of ODR, NITI Aayog constituted a committee in 2020 to formulate an action plan for ODR, headed by Justice (Retd) Arjan Kumar Sikri

NITI AAYOG IN NEWS

- NITI Aayog released the report 'Designing the Future of Dispute Resolution: The ODR Policy Plan for India'
- Niti Aayog's Poverty Index: Bihar poorest in multidimensional poverty
- Niti Aayog, World Bank ready electric vehicles financing push
- NITI Aayog Releases Report on 'Health Insurance for India's Missing Middle'
- NITI Aayog launches "Innovations for You" Digi-Book
- NITI Aayog and Cisco launches Women Entrepreneurship Platform named "WEP Nxt"
- Niti Aayog launches 'Shoonya' programme to promote zero-pollution delivery vehicles
- NITI Aayog Launches Report on 'Reforms in Urban Planning Capacity in India'

- NITI Aayog Partners Byju's to educate children in 112 aspirational districts
- NITI Aayog and World Resources Institute India Jointly Launch 'Forum for Decarbonizing Transport' in India
- NITI Aayog Releases NER District SDG Index 2021–22; Top- East Sikkim
- NITI Aayog and Cisco launches Women Entrepreneurship Platform named "WEP Nxt"
- NITI Aayog and Piramal Foundation launch 'Surakshit Hum Surakshit Tum Abhiyaan' for home-care support to asymptomatic COVID patients
- NITI Aayog recommends Privatisation of Central Bank & Indian Overseas Bank
- Kerala has retained the top rank in NITI Aayog's SDG India Index 2020-21,
- 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
- **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

  NITI Aayog comes under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry

Q. Which bank will become the promoter of Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) limited by acquiring 9.5% stake?

A) State Bank of India

B) Punjab National Bank

C) Indian Overseas Bank

D) Central Bank of India

Answer : B

- ✓ Punjab National Bank (PNB) will become the promoter of Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) limited by investing over 9 % (~9.5 %) stake in the company.
- ✓ ONDC is yet to be incorporated by the Companies Act 2013. PNB will have 9.5 % equity capital in the ONDC or INR 25 crore, whichever is lower.

PNB IN NEWS

- ➢ PNB to pick up 9.5% stake in Open Network for Digital Commerce Ltd
- ➢ PNB launches '6S Campaign' under customer outreach programme.
- ➢ 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.
- ➢ **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 has authored his autobiography titled 'The Ambuja Story: How a Group of Ordinary Men Created an Extraordinary Company'?

A) Preeti Shenoy
B) Perumal Murugan
C) Kanwaljit Singh
D) Narotam Sekhsaria

Answer : D

- ✓ Narotam Sekhsaria, Former Vice Chairman/Founder/Promoter, Ambuja Cements Ltd, has authored his autobiography titled 'The Ambuja Story: How a Group of Ordinary Men Created an Extraordinary Company' which is set to be released in December 2021.
- ✓ The book features the story of his rise from a small-time cotton trader to setting up one of the largest cement companies in the country, Ambuja cements, one of India's finest companies.

Q. Which of the following IITs incubated startup, GUVI has roped in Indian women's cricketer Smriti Mandhana as its brand ambassador?

A) IIT Bombay
B) IIT Kanpur
C) IIT Madras
D) IIT Guwahati

Answer : C

- ✓ IIT Madras incubated startup, GUVI has roped in Indian women's cricketer Smriti Mandhana as its brand ambassador.
- ✓ She will feature across the online campaigns to strengthen the importance & scope of technological education & IT skills.
- ✓ GUVI is India's first vernacular Ed-tech Startup to impart tech & programming skills to aspiring individuals in their preferred native languages.

Q. Jack Dorsey has stepped down as CEO of which company?

A) Twitter
B) Facebook
C) YouTube
D) Microsoft

Answer : A

- ✓ Twitter co-founder Jack Dorsey has stepped down as CEO of the social media platform.
- ✓ Dorsey will remain on the board until his term expires in 2022

Q. Who won his first Challenger level singles title at the ATP 80 Manama event, in Manama, Bahrain?

A) Ramkumar Ramanathan
B) Prajnesh Gunneswaran
C) Yuki Bhambri
D) Rohan Bopanna

Answer : A

- ✓ Indian tennis player Ramkumar Ramanathan won his first Challenger level singles title.
- ✓ He outplayed Evgeny Karlovskiy in the summit clash of the ATP 80 Manama event, in Manama, Bahrain on 28 November 2021

Q. India1 Payments instaled more than 10,000 White Label ATMs and became the second-largest white label ATM (WLA) brand in semi-urban and rural areas in India. Which is India's first and largest white label ATM (WLA) network?

A) Hitachi Money Spot ATM
B) Vakrangee
C) Indicash
D) Easycash

Answer : C

- ✓ India1 Payments instals more than 10,000 White Label ATMs
- ✓ India1 Payments Limited (formerly BTI Payments Private Limited) has crossed the ATM deployment milestone of 10,000 White Label ATMs.
- ✓ It began its operations in 2014.
- ✓ This milestone makes India1 ATM, the second-largest white label ATM (WLA) brand in semi-urban and rural areas.
- ✓ India's first and largest white label ATM (WLA) network is 'Indicash', promoted by Tata Communications Payment Solutions Limited (TCPSL).
- ✓ **INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT ATM**
- ✓ ATM was created by John Shepherd Barron, a Scottish citizen. In 1965
- ✓ The first ATM to withdraw cash was imposed on 27th June, 1967 in the Barclays Bank of London. The first person to withdraw money from this ATM was Comedy actor Reg Varney.
- ✓ First time in India, Service of ATMs was started in 1987. First of all, Hong Kong and Shanghai banking Corporation (HSBC) had installed ATM machine in Mumbai.
- ✓ The first floating ATM was installed in Kochi, Kerala. This ATM machine was installed by State Bank of India.

- ✓ World's highest ATM is placed in Nathu-La. Its height is 14,300 feet above sea level. It is operated by Union Bank of India
- ✓ First NBFC to launch White Label ATMs: Tata Communication Payment Solution Limited under the brand "Indicash"
- ✓ First Mobile ATM in India: ICICI Bank – "ATM on Wheels"
- ✓ First Micro ATM in India: Axis Bank
- ✓ India's first Aadhaar based ATM: DCB Bank
- ✓ India's first "talking" ATM launched by Union bank of India for visually impaired, was launched in Ahmadabad (Gujarat)
- ✓ NPCI launches India's first rural bank ATM card with a regional rural bank in Varanasi.

Q. What is the name of the savings scheme launched by the Federal Bank exclusively for women?

A) Mitra Save **B) Mahila Mitra Plus**

C) Mahila Save **D) Savings Mitra Scheme**

Answer : B

- ✓ Federal Bank launches a new scheme 'Mahila Mitra Plus' exclusively for women
- ✓ Federal Bank launched a feature-rich savings bank scheme called 'Mahila Mitra Plus' for women as a part of its women empowerment agenda.
- ✓ This savings scheme 'Mahila Mitra Plus' provides a curated set of features designed to make financial planning and investments easier for women.

FEDERAL BANK IN NEWS

- ➢ Federal Bank launches a new scheme 'Mahila Mitra Plus' exclusively for women
- ➢ Federal Bank and Aditya Birla Health Insurance tie-up for Bancassurance
- ➢ Federal Bank partners CredAvenue for securitisation platform
- ➢ International Finance Corporation (IFC) picks up 4.99% stake in Federal Bank for Rs916 crore
- ➢ Federal Bank launches 'FEDDY' AI-powered virtual assistant for customers
- ➢ RBI approves Re-appointment of Shyam Srinivasan as Federal Bank CEO for 3 years till September 2024
- ➢ Federal Bank launches 'FedFirst' savings account scheme for children

- **FEDERAL BANK**

  Founded : 1931

  Headquarters : Aluva, Kerala

  MD & CEO: Shyam Srinivasan

  Tagline: Your Perfect Banking Partner

Q. 'Hornbill Festival' which is also called 'the Festival of Festivals' is celebrated in which state?

A) Manipur **B) Nagaland**

C) Meghalaya **D) Assam**

Answer : B

- ✓ The 22nd Hornbill Festival began in Nagaland on 1 December and is set to be celebrated till 10 December.
- ✓ Hornbill Festival is a single platform where all the tribes of Nagaland showcase their rich culture and handicrafts to the world.
- ✓ The festival is celebrated every year showcasing the rich cultural heritage and tradition of the Nagas in one platform at Naga Heritage Village Kisama under Kohima District.
- ✓ The festival was first organized in the year 2000.
- ✓ The festival is named after the hornbill bird.
- ✓ It is also called the "festival of festivals".
- ✓ **Other important festivals of Nagaland are :**
- ✓ Sekrenyi
- ✓ Aoleang
- ✓ Tsukheneye
- ✓ Naknyulem
- ✓ Mimkut
- ✓ Tokhu Emong
- ✓ Tuluni

NAGALAND IN NEWS 2021

- Hornbill Festival celebrated in Naga Heritage village Kisama of Nagaland.
- Nagaland celebrates its 59th Statehood Day on 1 December 2021.

- Nagaland to host 56th National Cross Country Championship
- Nagaland Police launches 'Call Your Cop' mobile app
- India's 61st Software Technology park centre opened in Kohima, Nagaland
- A consignment of 'Raja Mircha', also referred to as King Chilli or Bhoot Jolokia, from Nagaland, has been exported to London .
- "Sweet Cucumber" of Nagaland gets geographical indication (GI) tag
- Nagaland wins 7 National Awards under Van Dhan Yojana Scheme

LATEST FESTIVAL IN NEWS 2021	
FESTIVAL	**STATE**
Boita Bandana Festival	Odisha
National Tribal Dance Festival 2021	Chhattisgarh
Karthika Deepam Festival	Tamil Nadu
Wangala Festival	Meghalaya
Bathukamma Floral Festival	Telangana
Nuakhai Festival	Odisha
Bonalu Festival	Telangana
Jagannath Rath Yatra	Puri, Odisha
Chandan Yatra of Lord Jagannath temple	Puri, Odisha
Oktoberfest Festival	Germany
Hemis Festival	Ladakh
Raja Parba Festival	Odisha
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
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, Maharashtra
Bird Festival 'Kalrav'	Nagi bird sanctuary Bihar
Makaravilakku Festival	Kerala
Saras Aajeevika Mela	Noida, Uttar Pradesh
Adivasi Mela	Bhubaneswar, Odisha
Kite Festival Shakrain	Dhaka, Bangladesh
Cherry blossom Mao Festival	Manipur
Festival of Cattle ' Kanuma'	Telangana
Karthika Deepam Festival	Tamil Nadu
Pongal Festival	Tamil Nadu
Hornbill Festival	Nagaland
Cherry Blossom Festival	Shillong, Meghalaya
Pang Lhasbol Festival	Sikkim
Kati Bihu Festival	Assam
Aharbal Festival	Jammu and Kashmir
International Science Festival (IISF)	Panaji, Goa

Q. Who among the following won the World Athletics' Woman of the Year award 2021?

A) Anju Bobby George **B) P. T. Usha**

C) Neena Varakil **D) Narayana James**

Answer : A

- ✓ Indian athlete Anju Bobby George won the Woman of the Year award 2021 by the World Athletics.
- ✓ She is the only Indian to have won a medal in the World Athletics Championships with a bronze medal in the long jump event in the 2003 edition.
- ✓ She was named for the award in the world body's annual awards night on 1 December.
- ✓ About "Anju Bobby George"
- ✓ Born : Kottayam, Kerala,
- ✓ Sport : Athletics
- ✓ Event(s) : Long jump, Triple jump
- ✓ Arjuna Award in 2002, Khel Ratna in 2003 and Padma Shri in 2004
- ✓ She had got 5th position with personal best score of 6.83 at the 2004 Athens (Capital of Greece) Olympics.
- ✓ Anju Bobby George made history when she won the bronze medal in long jump at the 2003 World Championships in Athletics in Paris.

- ✓ World Athletics Awards 2021: Full list of winners
- ✓ World Athletes of the Year : Elaine Thompson-Herah (Jamaica) and Karsten Warholm (Norway)
- ✓ Female Rising Star : Athing Mu (United States)
- ✓ Male Rising Star : Erriyon Knighton (United States)
- ✓ Member Federations Award : Federacion Costarricense de Atletismo (Costa Rica) Brazil
- ✓ Inspiration Award : Mutaz Barshim (Qatar) and Gianmarco Tamberi (Italy)
- ✓ President's Award : Peter Diamond, Executive Vice President of NBC Olympic Programming (United States)
- ✓ Coaching Achievement Award : Bobby Kersee (United States)
- ✓ Woman of the Year Award : Anju Bobby George
- ✓ Jean-Pierre Durand World Athletics Photograph of the Year : Photograph by Ryan Pierse of the women's high jump qualifying at the Tokyo Olympic Games
- ✓ **WORLD ATHLETICS**

  Founded : 1912

  Headquarters : Monaco, Europe

  President : Sebastian Coe (Athlete) [British]

  Membership : 214

Q. What is the loan amount approved by the Asian Development Bank for India to support the National Industrial Corridor Development Programme (NICDP)?

A) $125 million **B) $150 million**

C) $200 million **D) $250 million**

Answer : D

- ✓ Asian Development Bank (ADB) has signed a pact with the Government of India to provide a loan of $250 million (about ₹1,872 crores) to support India's National Industrial Corridor Development Programme (NICDP).
- ✓ The National Industrial Corridor Development Programme (NICDP) of India aims to develop world-class industrial nodes supported by efficient urban agglomerations and multimodal connectivity, including international gateways such as ports and airports and inclusive climate-resilient and sustainable infrastructure.

ADB IN NEWS 2021

- ADB approves $500-million loan to improve quality of school education.
- ADB approves a $250 million loan for India to support the National Industrial Corridor Development Programme.
- India and ADB sign USD 300 million loan agreement to improve primary health care in India.
- ADB approves USD1.5 bn loan to India for COVID-19 vaccine procurement.
- ADB approved $61 Million loan under 'Agartala City Urban Development Project.
- ADB approves $250 million loan for India's National Industrial Corridor Development Program (NICDP).
- ADB, India Sign $100 Million Loan for Agribusiness Development in Maharashtra.
- ADB and India sign $251 million loan for Integrated Urban Flood Management in Chennai.
- ADB, AIIB processing $2 billion loan for India to buy COVID-19 vaccines (ABD USD 1.5 billion, AIIB, USD 500 million).
- India and ADB inks $4.5 million project readiness financing loan to support urban mobility in Mizoram.
- ADB Raises 2019–2030 Climate Financing Goal to $100 Billion.
- ADB approves $150 million loan for urban poor housing project in Tamil Nadu.
- India, ADB sign $500 million loan to expand Metro Rail Network in Bengaluru.
- ADB approves USD 300 million additional loan for Maharashtra.
- ADB has approved a $112 million loan to finance water supply infrastructure in four towns in the state of Jharkhand.
- ADB will provide a $484 million loan for Chennai-Kanyakumari Industrial Corridor (CKIC) in Tamil Nadu.
- ADB inks USD 2.5 million loan pact with Union government to upgrade road infra in Sikkim.
- 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 Appoints Woochong Um as Managing Director General.

- **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. What is the loan amount approved by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) to upgrade the rural power distribution network in West Bengal?

A) $100 million **B) $125 million**

C) $135 million **D) $150 million**

Answer : C

- ✓ International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) has approved a $135 million loan to West Bengal to improve the operational efficiency and reliability of electricity supply in selected areas of West Bengal.
- ✓ This is a variable spread loan that has a maturity of 17 years, including a grace period of seven years
- ✓ **International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD)**
- ✓ Founded : 1944
- ✓ Headquarters : Washington, D.C., U.S.
- ✓ President of the World Bank : David Malpass
- ✓ Parent organization : World Bank Group
- ✓ Membership : 189 countries Purpose
- ✓ Development assistance, poverty reduction

Q. With which of the following country does India join the G20 Troika to assume the G20 Presidency on 1 December 2022?

A) Italy **B) Indonesia**

C) Brazil **D) India**

Answer : B

- ✓ India has joined the G20 Troika along with Indonesia and Italy to assume the G20 Presidency on 1 December 2022 from Indonesia and will convene the G20 Leaders' Summit for the first time in India in 2023.
- ✓ The G20 Troika consists of Indonesia, Italy and India —the current, previous and incoming G20 presidencies, respectively.
- ✓ India will be a part of the G20 Troika (preceding, current and incoming G20 presidencies) from 1 December 2022 till 30 November 2024.
- ✓ India will work closely with Italy and Indonesia to ensure consistency and continuity of the G20's agenda as a Troika member.
- ✓ G2 Summit 2021 Presidency of Italy
- ✓ Summit Theme 2021 : Preparing for pandemics
- ✓ G20 SUMMIT AND INTERESTING FACTS
- ✓ 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
- ✓ G20 or Group of Twenty
- ✓ 19 countries + 1 {European Union (EU)} = 20
  Formation : 1999
  Chairman : Joko Widodo
- ✓ It is an informal group of 19 countries and the European Union (EU), with representatives of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.
- ✓ The membership comprises a mix of the world's largest advanced and emerging economies, representing about two-thirds of the world's population, 85% of global gross domestic product, 80% of global investment and over 75% of global trade.

Q. What is the name of the programme set to be launched by All India Radio for youngsters?

A) AIRNxt **B) AIRWxt**

C) ARINxt **D) AIRHext**

Answer : C

- ✓ All India Radio is set to start a youth programme named 'AIRNxt'
- ✓ All India Radio (AIR) has announced a programme called AIRNxt to offer youth a platform to air their voices as a part of the celebrations under the ongoing Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (75 years of Indian independence).
- ✓ Youngsters from local colleges and institutions will be able to participate in the programming at AIR stations, where they will be able to discuss and create youth-oriented broadcasts
- ✓ **All India Radio (AIR) or (Akashvani)**

  Owner : Prasar Bharati

  Headquarters : New Delhi

Q. Barbados became the world's newest republic. What is the capital city of Barbados?

A) Belgrade **B) Dublin**

C) Prague **D) Bridgetown**

Answer : D

- ✓ Barbados becomes the world's newest republic
- ✓ Barbados is now the world's newest republic after officially removing Queen Elizabeth II as its head of state.
- ✓ Dame Sandra Mason was sworn in as the first President of Barbados.
- ✓ **BARBADOS**

  Capital: Bridgetown

  Currency: Dollar

  Prime Minister: Mia Mottley

Q. Who was appointed as the Chairman of the Asian Federation of Advertising Associations (AFAA)?

A) Krishna Swamy **B) Suresh Krishnan**

C) Srinivasan Swamy **D) Subramania Swamy**

Answer : C

- ✓ Asian Federation of Advertising Associations (AFAA) has elected Srinivasan Swamy as the Chairman for a term of four years.

- ✓ He is the Chairman of the marketing communications firm RK Swamy Hansa Group.

Q. Which countries participated in the bilateral maritime exercise 'CARAT' in the Bay of Bengal?

A) India and Bangladesh **B) Russia and United States**

C) India and Maldives **D) Bangladesh and United States**

Answer : D

- ✓ 27th edition of the bilateral maritime exercise between the Bangladesh Navy and the United States military personnel named Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) began in the Bay of Bengal.
- ✓ This nine-day maritime exercise focuses on a wide range of naval capabilities and includes cooperative actions that demonstrate the US and Bangladesh's capacity to work together to ensure a free and open Indo-Pacific.

Q. Fortune India has released the list of 50 most powerful women of India, who has been ranked first in this list?

A) Kiran Mazumdar Shaw **B) Nirmala Sitharaman**

C) Arundhati Bhattacharya **D) Geeta Gopinath**

Answer : B

- ✓ Fortune India most powerful women: Fortune India recently released a list of its top 50 most powerful women in India in 2021
- ✓ Finance Nirmala Sitharaman is ranked at the top on Fortune India 50 Most Powerful Women list while Reliance's Nita Ambani has grabbed second place.
- ✓ WHO Chief Scientist Soumya Swaminathan is ranked third followed by Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw at the fourth place, Biocon Limited's founder
- ✓ Fortune Most Powerful Women
- ✓ The list of most powerful women by Fortune is put out annually by the Fortune Magazine since the year 1998
- ✓ 50 Most Powerful Women in India: Full List
- ✓ Top - Nirmala Sitharaman
- ✓ 2nd - Nita Ambani
- ✓ 3rd - Soumya Swaminathan

- ✓ 4th - Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw
- ✓ 5th - Suchitra Ella
- ✓ 6th - Arundhati Bhattacharya
- ✓ 7th - Gita Gopinath
- ✓ 8th - Tessy Thomas
- ✓ 9th - Rekha M. Menon
- ✓ 10th - Reddy Sisters
- ✓ 11th - Anshula Kant
- ✓ 23rd - Falguni Nayar
- ✓ 38th - Priyanka Chopra
- ✓ 50th - Padmaja Ruparel

Q. Who among the following has been appointed as the 34th Commandant of the National Defense College?

A) Lt Gen Gurmeet Singh **B) Lt Gen Paramjit Singh**

C) Lt Gen Manoj Kumar Mago **D) Lt Gen Gurkirpal Singh**

Answer : C

- ✓ Lt Gen Manoj Kumar Mago has taken over as the Commandant of the National Defense College, New Delhi. He is a resident of Ludhiana.
- ✓ Manoj Kumar General Officer is an alumnus of Indian Military Academy, Dehradun

Q. When was National Pollution Prevention Day observed?

A) 30 November **B) 1 December**

C) 3 December **D) 2 December**

Answer : D

- ✓ National Pollution Prevention Day is observed on 2 December to remember the people who lost their lives in the 1984 Bhopal Gas Tragedy.
- ✓ This day is marked to raise awareness of the necessity of pollution control measures among citizens and businesses. It also strives to raise awareness about the importance of protecting natural resources such as air, soil, noise and water.

- ✓ The Bhopal disaster, also known as the Bhopal gas tragedy, occurred on the night of **December 2, 1984, at the Union Carbide India Limited (UCIL)** pesticide plant in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, India, when a gas leak occurred.
- ✓ It is regarded as one of the worst industrial disasters in history.
- ✓ **Methyl isocyanate (MIC)** ,(CH3NCO) gas was inhaled by over 500,000 people, and being toxic in nature proved to be hazardous for innocent lives.

Q. When was International Day for the Abolition of Slavery 2021 observed with the theme of 'Ending Slavery's Legacy of Racism: A Global Imperative for Justice'?

A) 30 November
B) 1 December
C) 1 November
D) 2 December

Answer : D

- ✓ International Day for the Abolition of Slavery is observed on 2 December every year to commemorate the brutal history of slavery practiced by colonial rulers of past centuries.
- ✓ This day aims to eradicate modern forms of slavery, such as trafficking in persons, sexual exploitation, child labour, forced marriage and the forced recruitment of children for use in armed conflict.
- ✓ Theme for the International Day for the Abolition of Slavery 2021: 'Ending Slavery's Legacy of Racism: A Global Imperative for Justice'.

Q. Who was appointed as the Chairman of the India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC)?

A) Mahesh Patra
B) Mohan Patra
C) Sambit Patra
D) Suresh Nair

Answer : C

- ✓ Sambit Patra was appointed as the Chairman of the India Tourism and Development Corporation (ITDC) for three years.
- ✓ He is currently serving as an Independent Director of the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC).

Q. When is the World Computer Literacy Day observed every year?

A) 02 December
B) 01 December
C) 03 December
D) 04 December

Answer : A

- ✓ World Computer Literacy Day is observed on 2 December every year.
- ✓ It was launched by Indian computer company NIIT to mark its 20th anniversary in 2001, in response to research that suggested the majority of computer users around the world were men.
- ✓ The theme for 2021 is "Literacy for human-centred recovery: Narrowing the digital divide".

Q. Which airport has been adjudged as the 'Best Airport in India and Central Asia' in 2021 by Skytrax?

A) Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi

B) Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru

C) Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, Hyderabad

D) Kushinagar International Airport, Kushinagar

Answer : A

- ✓ Indira Gandhi International Airport in Delhi has been adjudged as the 'Best Airport in India and Central Asia' this year by Skytrax.
- ✓ Delhi airport along with the others in Hyderabad, Mumbai, and Bengaluru feature in the World To 100 airports list published by Skytrax.

AIRPORT IN NEWS 2021
➢ Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi adjudged 'Best Airport in India and Central Asia' in 2021 by Skytrax
➢ PM Modi lays foundation stone of Noida International Airport at Jewar in UP
➢ Ministry of Civil Aviation declared Srinagar airport as major airport
➢ Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru Airport becomes the first airport in South Asia to commission a firefighting simulator from Rosenbauer International
➢ Cochin International Airport Limited retains the third spot in handling international traffic in India
➢ Hisar Airport renamed as Maharaja Agrasen International Airport, Haryana
➢ PM Modi inaugurates Kushinagar International Airport in Uttar Pradesh
➢ Hamad International Airport in Doha, Qatar, has been named the "Best Airport in the World".
➢ Zurich airport signs shareholder agreement with NIAL for development of Noida airport

- India's first pod taxi to operate between Noida Airport and Film City
- Adani Group takes management control of Mumbai International Airport from GVK Group
- Cochin International Airport wins Roll of Excellence honour in service quality
- Kempegowda International Airport here has achieved net energy neutral status in the Financial Year 2020-21
- Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi & Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, Hyderabad airports receive ACI Asia–Pacific Green Airports recognition
- Hardeep Singh Puri inaugurates Kurnool Airport in Andhra Pradesh
- Kempegowda International Airport or Bengaluru International Airport Ltd (BIAL) has launched India's first dedicated Express Cargo Terminal
- Kempegowda International Airport Bengaluru achieves ACI World's 'Voice of the Customer' recognition
- Uttar Pradesh government signs concession agreement with Zurich International Airport for development of Jewar Airport at Noida
- Kushinagar Airport declared as Customs Notified Airport

Q. Who has been appointed as the new First Deputy Managing Director (FDMD) of International Monetary Fund (IMF)?

A) Gita Gopinath **B) Anshula Kant**

C) Amartya Sen **D) Surjit Bhalla**

Answer : A

- ✓ Gita Gopinath will be appointed as new First Deputy Managing Director of IMF
- ✓ First Deputy Managing Director (FDMD) Geoffrey Okamoto will leave the Fund early next year and Gita Gopinath will be IMF's new First Deputy Managing Director.
- ✓ It is going to be a historic movement when International Monetary Fund has the female at its first two leading positions.
- ✓ She will succeed Geoffrey Okamoto
- ✓ Gita Gopinath
- ✓ Born : Kolkata, West Bengal
- ✓ Citizenship : United States

- ✓ Gopinath was appointed as Chief Economist of the IMF in October 2018.
- ✓ In 2019, she was awarded the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman by the President of India.

IMF IN NEWS

- ➢ Gita Gopinath is set to become the first Deputy Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund.
- ➢ IMF Projects Indian Economy to grow at 9.5% in FY22 .
- ➢ IMF increases India's quota of Special Drawing Rights (SDR) to 13.66 billion SDR.
- ➢ IMF approves US$650 Billion allocation of Special Drawing Rights in funding for fight against Covid-19.
- ➢ IMF proposes $50 billion global vaccination plan
- ➢ Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman attends 103rd Development Committee Meeting of World Bank-IMF Virtually
- ➢ 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 (Andorra)

  IMF Released Report

  Global Financial Stability Report

  World Economic Outlook

Q. Which state's Police has been honoured with the 'President's Colour' award?

A) Andhra Pradesh **B) Maharashtra**

C) Himachal Pradesh **D) Uttar Pradesh**

Answer : C

- ✓ Himachal Pradesh Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar honoured the Himachal Pradesh police with the 'President's Colour' award, which was received by the Director-General of Police Sanjay Kundu on the behalf of state police.
- ✓ Himachal Pradesh Police has conducted the 'President's Colour Award' ceremony at Shimla's historic Ridge Ground.
- ✓ Himachal Pradesh Police is India's eighth state police force to receive this honour.
- ✓ 'President Colour' is a special achievement, demonstrating that the state police ranks highly in the service of humanity, as well as performance, professionalism, integrity, human rights protection, and other factors.
- ✓ **RECENTLY LET'S RECALL POLICE STATION**
- ✓ Himachal Pradesh Police has conducted the 'President's Colour Award' ceremony at Shimla's historic Ridge Ground.
- ✓ Sadar Bazar police station in Delhi has been ranked as the best police station of India for the year 2021 by the Ministry of Home Affairs
- ✓ Andhra Pradesh Police has topped the 'IPF Smart Policing' Index 2021, among 29 states and Union Territories, released by Indian Police Foundation (IPF)
- ✓ **Himachal Pradesh**

  Capital: Shimla (Summer), Dharamshala (Winter)

  Chief Minister : Jai Ram Thakur

  Governor : Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar

  National Parks : Inderkila National Park, Simbalbara National Park, Great Himalayan National Park, Pin Valley National Park, Khirganga National Park

Q. Which bank has recently listed its USD 650-million green bonds simultaneously on the India International Exchange (India INX) and the Luxembourg Stock Exchange (LuxSE)?

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

C) Indian Overseas Bank **D) State Bank of India**

Answer : D

- ✓ State Bank of India (SBI) listed its USD 650-million green bonds simultaneously on the India International Exchange (India INX) and the Luxembourg Stock Exchange (LuxSE).

- ✓ This dual listing is in line with 2021's topic of the World Investor Week (WIW), 'sustainable finance', as indicated by the regulatory body International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA).
- ✓ India INX has now emerged as the leading bond listing venue with over $33 billion.

GREEN BOND IN NEWS 2021

- SBI listed USD 650-million Green Bonds on India INX and Luxembourg Stock Exchange (LuxSE)
- Power Finance Corporation issues India's first-ever Euro Green Bond.
- Ghaziabad Municipal Corporation' green bond listed on BSE bond platform
- UNDP and Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation collaborates to co-create India's first Social Impact Bond
- Lucknow Municipal Corporation's ₹200-crore Municipal Bonds got listed on the BSE
- **India INX**

  Founded : 2017

  Headquarters : Gandhinagar, Gujarat

  MD & CEO : V. Balasubramaniam.
- **STATE BANK OF INDIA (SBI)**

  Founded : 1 July 1955

  HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra

  Chairman : Dinesh Kumar Khara

  Managing Director : (4) Swaminathan Janakiraman, Challa Sreenivasulu Setty, Ashwini Kumar Tewari and Ashwani Bhatia
- Imperial Bank of India was previous name of SBI
- The presidency Banks of Bengal, Bombay and Madras with merged in 1921 to Imperial Bank of India.
- Tagline of State Bank of India
- (1) Pure Banking Nothing Else
- (2) With you all the way
- (3) A bank of the common man
- (4) The banker to every Indian
- (5) The Nation banks on us

Q. Which bank has partnered with Europe-based payment and transactional service firm, Worldline to enable Equated Monthly Installment (EMI) payments?

A) State Bank of India **B) Kotak Mahindra Bank**

C) Punjab National Bank **D) Indian Overseas Bank**

Answer : B

- ✓ Kotak Mahindra Bank has partnered with Europe-based payment and transactional service firm Worldline to enable equated monthly instalments (EMIs) payments on the Kotak debit cards in India.
- ✓ The minimum purchase value to avail EMIs on the Kotak debit cards is ₹5000 and customers have the flexibility to repay the loan over tenures between three months and 12 months.

KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK IN NEWS

- Kotak Mahindra MF launched India's First Nifty Alpha 50 ETF.
- Kotak Mahindra Bank partners with Worldline to enable EMIs on its debit cards.
- RBI approves to increase LIC's stake in Kotak Mahindra Bank to 9.99% from 4.96%.
- Kotak Mahindra Bank, PVR launch co-branded debit card.
- Kotak Mahindra Bank partnered NPCI to launch Rupay Credit Cards 'Veer'.
- IndiGo partners with Kotak Mahindra Bank to launch Ka-ching credit card.
- Kotak Mahindra Bank launches micro ATMs across India.
- Kotak Mahindra Bank becomes first scheduled private sector bank to get approval for collection of direct, indirect taxes.
- Kotak Mahindra Bank launches DIY Digital Repayment platform- 'Neo Collections'.
- Kotak Mahindra Bank signs MoU with Indian Navy for Salary Account.
- Kotak Mahindra Bank launches Payment app 'Pay Your Contact'.
- 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**

  Founded : 2003

  Founders : Uday Kotak

  Headquarters : Mumbai, Maharashtra

Chairman : Prakash Apte
MD & CEO : Uday Kotak

Q. Which organization has launched the 2nd phase of "Savdhaan Rahein, Safe Rahein", a public awareness campaign on Life Insurance fraud?

A) Bajaj Finserv **B) LIC Housing Finance**
C) Muthoot Finance **D) Power Finance Corporation**

Answer : A

- ✓ Bajaj Finserv, one of the largest financial conglomerates in India, has launched the 2nd phase of "Savdhaan Rahein. Safe Rahein", a public awareness campaign on Life Insurance fraud.
- ✓ The campaign has a jingle 'Na Ji Na Ji' with a character named 'Gupta Ji' who spreads awareness messages.
- ✓ Aim: To educate its customers and the wider public on how to stay safe from such frauds.
- ✓ **Bajaj Finserv Limited**

  Founded : 2007
  Founder : Jamnalal Bajaj
  Headquarters : Pune, Maharashtra
  Chairman : Rahul Bajaj
  MD & CEO : Sanjiv Bajaj

LATEST CAMPAIGN IN NEWS 2021

- ➢ Bajaj Finserv kicks off the second phase of 'Savdhaan Rahein. Safe Rahein'.
- ➢ HDFC Bank launches the 2nd edition of "Mooh Band Rakho" campaign.
- ➢ Rajasthan launched 'Prashasan Gaon ke Sang' Campaign.
- ➢ PNB launches '6S Campaign' under customer outreach programme.
- ➢ Ministry of Law and Justice launches "Ek Pahal" campaign.
- ➢ RuPay launches #FollowPaymentDistancing campaign to promote and encourage contactless payments.
- ➢ Minority Affairs Minister launched "JaanHaiToJahaanHai" awareness campaign.
- ➢ Adidas roped Mirabai Chanu for its 'Stay in Play' campaign.

- Ministry of Jal Shakti launches 100 days 'SUJALAM' Campaign.
- Arvind Kejriwal launches 'Switch Delhi' campaign to promote electric vehicles.
- Covid vaccination campaign for pregnant women in Kerala, "Mathrukavacham".
- Jharkhand launches 'SAAMAR' campaign to fight malnutrition in the state.
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurates 'Jalabhishekam' campaign in Madhya Pradesh.
- Madhya Pradesh launches 'SAANS' campaign to reduce infant mortality.
- Puducherry launches campaign to become Covid-free by February 28

Q. Which company has been ranked 'number one Cooperative' among the top 300 cooperatives in the world in the 2021 edition of the 10th Annual World Cooperative Monitor (WCM) report?

A) Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (Amul India)

B) Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited (IFFCO)

C) Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI)

D) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)

Answer : B

- ✓ Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited (IFFCO) has been ranked 'number one Cooperative' among the top 300 cooperatives in the world in the 2021 edition of the 10th Annual World Cooperative Monitor (WCM) report, withholding its position from 2020 edition.
- ✓ The 2021 WCM report is published by the International Cooperative Alliance (ICA) and European Research Institute on Cooperative and Social Enterprises (Euricse).

IFFCO IN NEWS 2021

- IFFCO introduces world's first Nano Urea Liquid
- IFFCO to set up a nano urea plant in Argentina
- IFFCO chairman Sardar Balvinder Singh Nakai passes away
- IFFCO Signs MoU with IIT Delhi for Innovative & Collaborative Projects to Bring Labs to Farms
- **Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative (IFFCO)**

  Founded : 1967

  Headquarteres : New Delhi

Chairmam : B.S Nakai
MD & CEO : U.S Awasthi

Q. How much loan has been approved by the ADB to help the government of India to improve the quality of the country's school education?

A) $ 300 million **B) $ 500 million**
C) $ 100 million **D) $ 200 million**

Answer : B

- ✓ ADB has approved USD 500 million (about Rs 3,752 crore) loan to help the government of India improve the quality of the country's school education and mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on students' learning.
- ✓ The loan supports the Integrated Scheme for School Education (Samagra Shiksha) and the new Exemplar School Initiative of the Ministry of Education to improve education quality by focusing on inclusive and equitable learning outcomes.
- ✓ This loan will help to scale up foundational learning for primary students and enhance the relevance of secondary education by introducing science, technology, engineering, the arts and mathematics (STEAM) and integrated vocational education

Q. Which state has won the Gold Medal Award at 40th edition of India International Trade Fair (IITF) 2021, and also the partner state for the 40th IITF?

A) Bihar **B) Chhattisgarh**
C) Rajasthan **D) Uttar Pradesh**

Answer : A

- ✓ Bihar won Gold Medal Award at 40th edition of India International Trade Fair (IITF) 2021
- ✓ Union Commerce and Industry Minister, Piyush Goyal inaugurated the 40th edition of the India International Trade Fair (IITF) 2021 at Pragati Maidan in Delhi
- ✓ It was organised by the India Trade Promotion Organisation with 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' as the theme and to further promote the idea of 'Vocal for Local'.
- ✓ The Bihar pavilion won the 6th gold medal by showcasing the state's art and cultural richness through handicrafts like Madhubani, Manjusha arts, terracotta, handlooms and other indigenous products of state at IITF 2021.

- ✓ Partner state: Bihar is the partner state for the 40th IITF and the focus states are Uttar Pradesh and Jharkhand.
- ✓ Piyush Goyal listed five pillars of India as Economy, Exports, Infrastructure, Demand, and Diversity.

Q. Ministry of Commerce and Industry has approved the continuation of the Scheme for Investment Promotion (SIP) for five years till 2025-26. Which is the Implementing Agency of the Scheme for Investment Promotion?

A) Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)

B) Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)

C) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)

D) National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)

Answer : A

- ✓ Ministry of Commerce and Industry has approved the continuation of the Scheme for Investment Promotion (SIP) for five years from 2021-22 till 2025-26 with a financial outlay of Rs 970 crore.
- ✓ SIP is a Centrally Sponsored scheme, launched on 11th November 2008, to promote Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) into India.
- ✓ Implementing Agency – Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)
- ✓ **Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)**

  Founded : 1995

  Headquarteres : Mumbai, Maharashtra

Q. As per the report titled "Reckoning with the U.S. Role in Global Ocean Plastic Waste," which country is the biggest contributor to global plastic waste in the world?

A) China **B) France**

C) India **D) United States**

Answer : D

- ✓ United States is by far the biggest contributor to global plastic waste in the world, according to a new report submitted to the federal government on 1 December 2021.
- ✓ Overall, the US contributed around 42 million metric tons (MMT) in plastic waste in 2016 — more than twice as much as China.
- ✓ The report is titled "Reckoning with the U.S. Role in Global Ocean Plastic Waste".

Q. What is the minimum purchase value to avail equated monthly installments (EMIs) on the Kotak debit cards?

A) ₹2000 B) ₹3000

C) ₹5000 D) ₹10,000

Answer : C

- ✓ Kotak Mahindra Bank partners with Worldline to enable EMIs on its debit cards
- ✓ The minimum purchase value to avail EMIs on the Kotak debit cards is ₹5000 and customers have the flexibility to repay the loan over tenures between three months and 12 months.

Q. Which project has won 2 UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation 2021?

A) Nizamuddin Basti, New Delhi

B) Baan Khun Phithak Raya in Pattani, Thailand

C) Thai Pak Koong (Ng Suk) Temple in Penang, Malaysia

D) Kesennuma Historic Citiscape in Miyagi, Japan

Answer : A

- ✓ Nizamuddin Revival Project, India's project on the holistic urban revitalisation of the historic Nizamuddin Basti community, in New Delhi, Delhi has won the UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation 2021 under 2 categories: Award of Excellence and Special Recognition for Sustainable Development.
- ✓ The project involves the meticulous restoration of over 20 historic monuments clustered around the 14th-century mausoleum of the revered Sufi saint, Hazrat Nizamuddin Auliya.
- ✓ The settlement around the tomb of Noted Sufi saint Hazrat Nizamuddin Auliya, who settled in a Delhi village Ghiyaspur located on the tributary of River Yamuna, is known as the Hazrat Nizamuddin Basti

UNESCO IN NEWS 2021

- ➢ Delhi's Nizamuddin Revival Project won 2 UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation 2021.
- ➢ 'Lingui, The Sacred Bonds' wins ICFT-UNESCO Gandhi Medal at 52nd IFFI.
- ➢ Naomi Kawase named UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador.

- India re-elected to UNESCO Executive Board for 2021-25 term.
- Srinagar has been included in the UNESCO Creative Cities Network.
- World-acclaimed Kung Fu Nuns wins UNESCO's Martial Arts Education Prize 2021.
- UNESCO launches 2021 State of the Education Report for India: "No Teacher, No Class".
- India's NIOS wins UNESCO Literacy Prize 2021 for Innovation in Education.
- Dholavira, the Harappan City in Gujarat's Rann of Kutchch inscribed as India's 40th UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- Brazil landscape garden Sitio Burle Marx receives UNESCO World Heritage status.
- Rudreswara Temple (Ramappa Temple) of Telangana inscribed as India's 39th UNESCO World Heritage List.
- UNESCO grants World Heritage Status to Madrid's Paseo del Prado and Retiro Park.
- Liverpool Maritime Mercantile City (United Kingdom) removed from UNESCO World Heritage list.
- Gwalior and Orchha cities of Madhya Pradesh has been selected by UNESCO under 'Historic Urban Landscape Project'.
- 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.
- 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
Total UNESCO sites in india : 40

Q. What is the extended timeline announced for the implementation of the Smart Cities Mission by the Union Government?

A) 2022
B) 2023
C) 2024
D) 2025

Answer : B

- ✓ Union Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry has extended the timeline for the implementation of the Smart Cities Mission to June 2023 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- ✓ The Smart Cities Mission was launched on 25 June 2015 by the Union Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry.
- ✓ The cities were supposed to finish their initiatives within five years of being chosen for the Smart Cities Mission according to an earlier deadline.
- ✓ The cities that have been selected in 2016 or 2018 will have to complete their projects under the mission by June 2023.
- ✓ **About 'Smart Cities Mission'**
- ✓ The Government of India has launched the Smart Cities Mission on 25 June 2015
- ✓ 100 cities are included under the Smart Cities Mission.
- ✓ Smart Cities Mission or Smart City Mission is an urban renewal and retrofitting program by the Government of India with the mission to develop 100 smart cities across the country making them citizen-friendly and sustainable.
- ✓ The formula gives equal weightage (50:50) to the urban population of the State/UT and the number of statutory towns in the State/UT.
- ✓ The Union Ministry of Urban Development is responsible for implementing the mission in collaboration with the state governments of the respective cities.

Q. Which of the following firm launched a Portfolio Management Services marketplace for high net-worth individual (HNI) investors?

A) BharatPe
B) Paypal
C) Paytm Money
D) Phonepe

Answer : C

- ✓ Paytm Money, Paytm's wholly-owned subsidiary, has established a Portfolio Management Services (PMS) marketplace for its high-net-worth individuals (HNI). This marketplace was launched along with PMS Bazaar, which is a PMS advisory start-up.
- ✓ PMS is an investment service offered to HNIs with the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) mandating a minimum investment of ₹50 lakhs.

Q. What is the loan amount received by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) from the Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction (JFPR) for urban primary healthcare usage across India?

A) ₹15 crores
B) ₹10 crores
C) ₹25 crores
D) ₹12 crores

Answer : A

- ✓ Asian Development Bank (ADB) has received a grant of nearly ₹15 crores from the Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction (JFPR) to enhance urban primary healthcare usage across India.
- ✓ This grant is aligned with the ADB-supported $300 million (₹2,249 crores) comprehensive primary health care under the Pradhan Mantri Atmanirbhar Swasth Bharat Yojana (PM-ASBY), which was recently renamed as Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM).

Q. Which of the following mutual fund company launched India's first Nifty Alpha 50 Exchange Traded Fund?

A) SBI Mutual Fund
B) Axis Asset Management Company
C) SBI Nifty Index Fund
D) Kotak Mahindra Mutual Fund

Answer : D

- ✓ Kotak Mahindra Mutual Fund has launched India's first-ever Nifty Alpha 50 ETF (Exchange Traded Fund) called the Kotak Nifty Alpha 50 ETF.
- ✓ It is an open-ended scheme that will track the Nifty Alpha 50 index and allow investors to invest in a well-diversified portfolio of high-alpha stocks.

- ✓ This New Fund Offer (NFO) will be open for subscription till 15 December 2021.
- ✓ Kotak's Nifty Alpha 50 ETF will track the performance of 50 stocks listed with the National Stock Exchange (NSE) with high Alpha in the last one year.

Q. Which state's chief minister launched the Electricity Mobility Promotion Policy 2021 to promote e-vehicle usage?

A) Goa **B) Gujarat**

C) Kerala **D) Karnataka**

Answer : A

- ✓ Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant launched the Goa Electricity Mobility Promotion Policy 2021 at the 'Round Table to Promote Electric Mobility' event organised by the Union Ministry of Heavy Industries to promote e-vehicle usage.
- ✓ This policy's major goal is to promote the usage of battery-powered vehicles and also create jobs for the people of Goa.
- ✓ The Goa Government will also provide subsidies to the buyers of e-vehicles and to set up charging infrastructure.

GOA IN NEWS 2021

- ➢ Goa Electric Mobility Promotion Policy 2021, to encourage the adoption of electric vehicles .
- ➢ 7th India International Science Festival (IISF) to be held in Panaji, Goa in December 2021.
- ➢ 52nd edition of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) will be held in Goa from 20th -28th November 2021.
- ➢ NABARD sanctioned ₹ 2891.15 lakh under RIDF scheme to Government of Goa
- ➢ PS Sreedharan Pillai took Oath As the Governor Of Goa
- ➢ Goa becomes first state to go rabies free
- ➢ Goa Carnival is celebrated in February month
- ➢ Goa Government Launches Solar-Based Electrification Drive For Rural Households
- ➢ Goa celebrated its statehood day on 30th May (37th anniversary 2021)
- ➢ Goa state government has collaborated with IBM to provide free skills training to the youth
- ➢ Union Fisheries Minister Giriraj Singh announced an investment of Rs. 400 crores in Goa for making the coastal state a fisheries hub in India

- 40th Indian Scientific Expedition to Antarctica flagged off from Mormugao Port, Goa
- Goa Liberation Day (गोवा मुक्ति दिवस) is observed on December 19 in India. 2020 marks the 60th Goa Liberation Day
- Former Governor of Goa and veteran BJP leader Mridula Sinha has passed away
- World Bank sanctions Rs 3 crore to set up India's first Sand Dune Park in Goa
- Goa's Harmal Chillies, Moira bananas, Khaje gets GI tag
- Goa's Khola Chilli Gets Geographical Indication Tag
- **GOA**

  Capital : Panaji

  Chief Minister : Pramod Sawant

  Governor : P. S. Sreedharan Pillai

  National Park: Mollem National Park

Q. What is the ATM cash withdrawal charges to be charged from 1 January 2022?

A) ₹20 **B) ₹21**

C) ₹25 **D) ₹17**

Answer : B

- ✓ As per the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) guidelines, the customers will have to pay more if they exceed the free ATM transaction limit from 1 January 2022.
- ✓ The RBI has increased the interchange fee from ₹20 to ₹21 per transaction effective from 1 January 2022.
- ✓ Customers are entitled to five free transactions from their own bank ATMs each month, including financial and non-financial transactions.
- ✓ Earlier, they must pay an additional ₹20 for each ATM transaction if they exceed the limit.

Q. Which state received the Best State award for promoting the empowerment of persons with disabilities?

A) Tamil Nadu **B) Himachal Pradesh**

C) Kerala **D) Andhra Pradesh**

Answer : A

- ✓ Tamil Nadu was recognised as the Best State in promoting the empowerment of persons with disabilities on the occasion of International Day of Persons with Disabilities observed on 3 December 2021.
- ✓ This award is presented by the Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

TAMIL NADU IN NEWS 2021

- ➢ Tamil Nadu receives the national award for disability welfare.
- ➢ Tamil Nadu and Puducherry beaches get coveted 'blue flag' certification.
- ➢ Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy Finals: Tamil Nadu defeats Karnataka.
- ➢ Karthigai Deepam Festival Tamil Nadu.
- ➢ Tamil Nadu sets up first ever SPV to professionally manage three critical natural conservation missions
- ➢ India's first dugong conservation reserve to come up in Tamil Nadu.
- ➢ Tamil Nadu's 'Kanniyakumari Clove' gets GI Tag.
- ➢ ADB approves $150 million loan for urban poor housing project in Tamil Nadu.
- ➢ President Ramnath Kovind appoints new Governors of R. N. Ravi.
- ➢ 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.
- ➢ Raghuram Rajan named in Tamil Nadu economic advisory panel.
- ➢ Ola to set up world's largest scooter factory in Tamil Nadu

Q. Who has been appointed as a strategic group advisor of Oyo Hotels and Homes (OYO)?

A) Uday Kotak **B) Rajnish Kumar**

C) Karnam Sekar **D) Padmaja Chunduru**

Answer : B

- ✓ Oyo Hotels and Homes (OYO) has appointed the former Chairman of State Bank of India Rajnish Kumar as its strategic group advisor.
- ✓ He is currently on the boards of HSBC Asia Pacific, L&T Infotech, Hero Motocorp and BharatPe

RAJNISH KUMAR IN NEWS 2021

- Former SBI chairman Rajnish Kumar becomes new strategic group advisor of OYO
- Former SBI Chairman Rajnish Kumar was appointed to the board of Hero MotoCorp as an Independent Director
- Former SBI Chief Rajnish Kumar appointed as Chairman of BharatPe
- Former SBI Chief Rajnish Kumar launches memoir 'The Custodian of Trust'
- Rajnish Kumar appointed as independent director of Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (HSBC) Asia
- Andhra Pradesh government has appointed former SBI Chairperson Rajnish Kumar as its economic advisor
- **OYO**

  Founded : 2013

  Founder : Ritesh Agarwal

  Headquarters : Gurgaon, Haryana

  CEO : Ritesh Agrawal

Q. Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of the ICAI's Quality Review Board?

A) Radha Soami **B) Soma Mondal**

C) Disha Patani **D) Shefali Sharma**

Answer : D

- ✓ Shefali Shah was appointed as the Chairperson of the ICAI Quality Review Board (QRB) by the Union Ministry of Corporate Affairs.
- ✓ The QRB, established under the Chartered Accountants Act 1949, has 11 members including six nominees of the Union Government (Chairman and five members).

Q. Who was named as the 'Impact Person of the Year 2020'?

A) Aditya Puri **B) Sanjiv Puri**

C) Raghuram Rajan **D) Urjit Patel**

Answer : B

- ✓ ITC Chief Sanjiv Puri was named as the 'Impact Person of the Year 2020'
- ✓ The Chairman and Managing Director of ITC Limited Sanjiv Puri was named as the 'Impact Person of the Year 2020' instituted by the exchange4media Group to recognise excellence in the advertising, media and marketindomain.
- ✓ He joined ITC Limited in 1986.

Q. How many free ATM transactions are entitled to the customers from their own bank ATMs each month, including financial and non-financial transactions?

A) Two **B) Three**

C) Five **D) No Maximum Limit**

Answer : C

- ✓ The RBI has increased the interchange fee from ₹20 to ₹21 per transaction effective from 1 January 2022.
- ✓ Customers are entitled to five free transactions from their own bank ATMs each month, including financial and non-financial transactions.
- ✓ Earlier, they must pay an additional ₹20 for each ATM transaction if they exceed the limit.

Q. Which state government has launched a web portal named 'Hamar Apan Budget' and a mobile application prepared by the state finance Department?

A) Jharkhand **B) Chhattisgarh**

C) Maharashtra **D) Uttar Pradesh**

Answer : A

- ✓ Jharkhand Chief Minister, Hemant Soren has launched a web portal named 'Hamar Apan Budget' and a mobile application prepared by the state finance Department from the Chief Minister's residential office in Ranchi.
- ✓ Through this portal, the general public of the state can share their suggestions for the 2022-23 budget.

Q. Government will launch SRESHTA scheme for socio economics upliftment and overall development of Scheduled Castes students. What does 2nd S stand for in SRESHTA scheme?

A) Students **B) Scheme**

C) Schools **D) Support**

Answer : C

- ✓ Government will launch Scheme for Residential Education for Students in High Schools in Targeted Areas (SRESHTA) for socio economics upliftment and overall development of Scheduled Castes students.
- ✓ It will be launched on 6th December on Mahaparinirvan Diwas of Dr B R Ambedkar. It will enable bright SC students to have a better future by getting a high-quality education. It will also aid in controlling dropout rates of SC students from class 9th to 12th.

Q. With which organization, India will step up Clean Energy and Climate Partnership 2021-23?

A) Greenpeace **B) European Union (EU)**

C) World Wide Fund for Nature **D) United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)**

Answer : B

- ✓ India and European Union (EU) have agreed to step up Clean Energy and Climate Partnership at India-EU Energy Panel meet.
- ✓ They jointly agreed on a detailed work programme until 2023 to implement the 2016 India-EU Clean Energy and Climate Partnership. They agreed on increased technical cooperation in energy efficiency, renewable energy, green hydrogen, etc.
- ✓ **European Union (EU)**

Foundation : 1958
Headquarteres : Brussels, Belgium
Membership : 27 Countries
President of the Commission : Ursula von der Leyen
President of the European Council : Charles Michel
Presidency of the Council of the EU : Slovenia

Q. Who has been appointed chairman of the National Asset Reconstruction Company (NARCL)?

A) Sanjay Jha **B) Pradip Shah**

C) Rakesh Kapoor **D) Vasant Narasimhan**

Answer : B

- ✓ Pradip Shah, the founder of IndAsia Fund Advisors, has been appointed chairman of the National Asset Reconstruction Company (NARCL).

Q. Who has been appointed as the chief executive officer of India Debt Resolution Company (IDRCL)?

A) Sanjay Jain
B) Padmasree Warrior
C) Parag Agrawal
D) Rajeev Suri

Answer : A

- ✓ While Aditya Birla Asset Reconstruction Company managing director Sanjay Jain will be the chief executive of India Debt Resolution Company (IDRCL), the privately-owned asset management company (AMC) mandated to resolve bad loans acquired by NARCL.

Q. Ajaz Patel became the third bowler to take ten wickets in a Test cricket innings after Anil Kumble and Jim Laker. Which country does he hail from?

A) India
B) South Africa
C) West Indies
D) New Zealand

Answer : D

- ✓ New Zealand bowler Ajaz Patel made history by being the third bowler to ever take all ten wickets in a Test cricket innings on the second day of the Test match against India at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai.
- ✓ Earlier, Australia's Jim Laker was the first cricketer to scalp ten wickets in a Test innings in 1956 and that was followed by India's Anil Kumble in 1999 against Pakistan.

Q. When is the Navy Day observed in India?

A) 1 December
B) 2 December
C) 3 December
D) 4 December

Answer : D

- ✓ Navy Day (India) is observed on 4 December every year to recognise the efforts and achievements of the Indian Navy in Operation Trident conducted during the Indo–Pakistan War in 1971.
- ✓ The Indian Navy was established in 1612 by the British East India Company.
- ✓ The theme of 2021 Navy Day (India) is 'Swarnim Vijay Varsh', signifying 50 years of India's victory in the Indo–Pakistan War that took place in 1971.
- ✓ **INDIAN NAVY**

  Father of Indian Navy : Shivaji

First Chief : Admiral Sir William Edward Parry

Headquarteres : New Delhi

First Indian Chief of the Naval Staff : Katari

25th Chief of the Naval Staff : R Hari Kumar

Q. The International Day of Banks is marked on which day?

A) 5th December **B) 3rd December**

C) 4th December **D) 2nd December**

Answer : C

- ✓ International Day of Banks is celebrated on December 4 to recognise the importance of multilateral and international development banks in financing sustainable developments.
- ✓ In 2019, the United Nations General Assembly designated December 4 as the International Day of Banks. It is celebrated for the first time in 2020.

Q. When is the World Soil Day observed?

A) 4 December

B) 3 December

C) 5 December

D) 2 December

Answer : C

- ✓ The World Soil Day is celebrated every year on December 5 to raise awareness of the importance of soil quality for human well-being, food security and ecosystems
- ✓ The 2021 theme – : "Halt soil salinization, boost soil productivity"
- ✓ The day was first considered by the International Union of Soil Sciences in 2002.
- ✓ The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) officially endorsed the day in June 2013 while the UN General Assembly declared 5 December as the World Soil Day in December 2013.
- ✓ International Union of Soil Sciences Headquarters: Vienna, Austria
- ✓ The date of 5 December was chosen because it corresponds with the official birthday of the late H.M. King Bhumibol Adulyadej, King of Thailand, who was one of the main proponents of this initiative

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

A) Keep soil alive, Protect soil biodiversity

B) Stop Soil Erosion, Save our Future

C) Be the Solution to Soil Pollution

D) Halt soil salinization, boost soil productivity

Answer : D

✓ Theme 2021: "Halt soil salinization, boost soil productivity"

Q. Which day is observed as the International Volunteer Day (IVD)?

A) 3 December **B) 4 December**

C) 6 December **D) 5 December**

Answer : D

✓ International Volunteer Day (IVD), also called International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development is observed on 5 December every year.

✓ IVD 2021 Theme : Volunteer now for our common future

Q. Viktor Axelsen has been named BWF Male Player of the Year 2021. He is belongs to which country?

A) Spain **B) Japan**

C) Serbia **D) Denmark**

Answer : D

✓ Denmark's Viktor Axelsen and China's Taipei's Tai Tzu Ying were named Male and Female player of the year 2021 respectively by the Badminton World Federation (BWF).

VIKTOR AXELSEN IN NEWS 2021

- Denmark's Viktor Axelsen named Male player of the year 2021
- Viktor Axelsen (Denmark) beat Kento Momota (Japan) men's singles wins 2021 Denmark Open
- Viktor Axelsen of Denmark win men's Singles Titles in Yonex Thailand Open badminton tournament 2021
- Viktor Axelsen wins men's singles badminton gold in Tokyo Olympics

- Axelsen 1st non-Asian to win badminton gold in Olympics since 1996
- Swiss Open 2021: Viktor Axelsen crowned men's singles champion

BWF IN NEWS

- Viktor Axelsen, Tai Tzu Ying named 2021 BWF Player of the Year
- Badminton legend Prakash Padukone to be presented Lifetime Achievement Award by Badminton World Federation (BWF)
- Indonesia and China Lifts 2020 Thomas Cup and Uber Cup respectively
- India to host BWF Badminton World Championship in 2026
- Himanta Biswa Sarma elected to BWF Council
- **Badminton World Federation (BWF)**

  Founded : 1934

  Headquarters

  Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

  Membership : 194 member

  President : Poul-Erik Høyer Larsen

Q. Who has been named BWF female Player of the Year 2021?

A) Carolina Marin **B) Tai Tzu-ying**

C) Nozomi Okuhara **D) Akane Yamaguchi**

Answer : B

- ✓ Male Player of the Year : Viktor Axelsen (Denmark)
- ✓ Female Player of the Year : Tai Tzu Ying (Taiwan)
- ✓ Most improved player of the Year : Lee Yang and Wang Chi-Lin
- ✓ Pair of the Year : Greysia Polii and Apriyani Rahayu
- ✓ Eddy Choong Most Promising Player : Kunlavut Vitidsarn
- ✓ Male Para-Badminton Player of the Year : Qu Zimo
- ✓ Female Para-Badminton Player of the Year : Leani Ratri Oktila
- ✓ Para-Badminton Pair of the Year : Lucas Mazur and Faustine Noel

- ✓ Special mention : Kevin Cordon

Q. Which state became the largest manufacturing hub of India according to a report released by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?

A) Chandigarh **B) Maharashtra**

C) Gujarat **D) Rajasthan**

Answer : C

- ✓ According to a report of the Reserve Bank of India, Gujarat became the largest manufacturing hub of India on the back of continuous improvement in investment and ease of doing business.
- ✓ Gujarat overtook Maharashtra in terms of manufacturing.
- ✓ The Gross Value Added (GVA) of Gujarat grew at an average rate of 15.9 per cent to ₹5.11 lakh crores from 2012 to 2020.
- ✓ Maharashtra's GVA grew by 7.5 per cent to ₹4.34 lakh crores from 2012 to 2020.
- ✓ **Gujarat**

  Capital: Gandhinagar

  Chief Minister: Bhupendra Patel

  Governor: Acharya Devvrat

  National Parks: Blackbuck National Park, Vansda National Park, Gir Forest National Park, Marine (Gulf of Kachchh) National Park

GUJARAT IN NEWS 2021

- ➢ Gujarat became India's Largest Manufacturing Hub, according to data from the RBI
- ➢ Gujarat CM launches 'Aatmanirbhar Gram Yatra' from Mahemdabad near Ahmedabad
- ➢ Gujarat launches e-Sarkar app on pilot basis for paperless administration
- ➢ Gujarat CM Bhupendra Patel launched 'Go Green' Scheme
- ➢ India's first 'test tube' Banni buffalo calf born in Gujarat
- ➢ Bhupendra Patel has been chosen as the new Chief Minister of Gujarat
- ➢ PM Modi addresses Investor Summit in Gujarat virtually and launches 'Vehicle Scrappage Policy'
- ➢ DefExpo-2022 is scheduled to be held in Gujarat's Gandhinagar from March 2022.
- ➢ Dholavira, the Harappan City in Gujarat's Rann of Kutchch inscribed as India's 40th UNESCO World Heritage Site.

- India's first maritime arbitration centre to be set up in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- Amazon has launched its first Digital Kendra in India in Surat, Gujarat.
- Gujarat CM Vijay Rupani e-launches Agricultural Diversification Scheme-2021.
- Gujarat CM has launched a web portal named "e-Nirman".
- Gujarat Maritime Board to Set-up India's First International Maritime Services Cluster at GIFT City.
- Gujarat was the top recipient of FDI, with 37 percent share of total FDI equity inflows.
- PM Modi announces Rs 1,000 crore for immediate relief in cyclone Tauktae-hit Gujarat.
- Gujarat to Rename Dragon Fruit as 'Kamalam'.
- Gujarat CM Vijay Rupani has announced for the formation of 'Mukhyamantri Bagayat Vikas Mission' .
- India's first Lithium refinery to be set up in Gujarat.
- Gujarat govt announces to set up the world's biggest Zinc Smelter project.
- India's biggest cardiac hospital in Ahmedabad Gujarat

Q. Who has been appointed as the Brand Ambassador of Kinara Capital?

A) Rahul Dravid **B) Ravindra Jadeja**

C) Sourav Ganguly **D) Ajinkya Rahane**

Answer : B

- ✓ Ravindra Jadeja appointed as Brand Ambassador of Kinara Capital
- ✓ Bangalore based innovative, fast-growing fintech, Kinara Capital signed the Indian cricketer Ravindra Jadeja, as its official brand ambassador on the occasion of the company's 10th anniversary.
- ✓ Kinara Capital provide loan service to India's MSMEs. Till date, Kinara Capital has disbursed 70,000 collateral-free loans.

LATEST IMPORTANT BRAND AMBASSADOR IN NEWS 2021	
BRAND AMBASSADOR	**COMPANY**
Jasprit Bumrah	Unix
Ravindra Jadeja	Kinara Capital
Smriti Mandhana	IIT Madras incubated startup, GUVI
Sanjay Dutt	Arunachal Pradesh

Saurav Ganguly	Century LED
Salman Khan	Maharashtra Govt Covid vaccination ambassador
MC Mary Kom	TRIFED Aadi Mahotsav
Rahul Dravid	PLAETO
Mohammad Siraj	My11Circle
Amitabh Bachchan	Amway India
Zubeen Garg	Bandhan Bank in Assam
KL Rahul	Realme
Manoj Bajpayee	FloBiz Neobank's myBillBook
Ayushmann Khurrana	CoinDCX (Future Yahi Hai' campaign)
Amitabh Bachchan	CoinDCX (Happy Day Reward campaign)
Deepika Padukone	Adidas
Ranveer Singh	CoinSwitch Kuber
Virat Kohli	Fire-Boltt
Chacha Chaudhary	NamamiGange Project
Ranveer Singh	National Basketball Association (NBA)
Magnus Carlsen	Mastercard
Kangana Ranaut	"One District One Product (ODOP) scheme'' of Uttar Pradesh
Pankaj Tripathi	Fino Payments Bank
Neeraj Chopra	Tata AIA Life Insurance
Rani Rampal & Smriti Mandhana	Equitas Small Finance Bank
Lovlina Borgohain	Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) of Assam
Avani Lekhara	Rajasthan Government's 'Beti Bachao and Beti Padhao' campaign
Sonu Sood	Desh Ke Mentors' programme
Mirabai Chanu	Amway India
Alia Bhatt	Samsung's premium Galaxy smartphones
Rajkumar Rao	Cashify
Mahendra Singh Dhoni	HomeLane
John Abraham	MotoGP India
Priyanka Chopra	Bvlgari
Nitin Gadkari	Khadi Prakritik Paint
Sonu Sood	Zandu Balm
Jasprit Bumrah	OnePlus

Q. Where did the Union Minister of External Affairs Dr. S. Jaishankar address the fifth Indian Ocean Conference?

A) Saudi Arabia **B) Sri Lanka**

C) Abu Dhabi **D) Russia**

Answer : C

- ✓ Union External Affairs Minister S.Jaishankar addressed the fifth Indian Ocean Conference on 4–5 December 2021 in Abu Dhabi.
- ✓ The theme of the Indian Ocean Conference 2021 is 'Indian Ocean: Ecology, Economy, Epidemic'.
- ✓ This two-day conference was organised by the India Foundation and is chaired by Sri Lankan President Gotabaya Rajapaksa.
- ✓ S. Jaishankar met the Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi Sheikh Mohamed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan and expressed confidence that the bilateral strategic ties between India and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) will scale new heights in the years to come.
- ✓ **United Arab Emirates (UAE)**

  Capital : Abu Dhabi

  Currency : Dirham

  President : Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan

  Prime Minister : Mohammed bin

Q. What is the name of India's first indigenous server launched by Union Minister of State for Electronics and IT Rajeev Chandrasekhar?

A) Rudra **B) Mudra**

C) Dhruv **D) Druva**

Answer : A

- ✓ Union Minister of State for Electronics and IT Rajeev Chandrasekhar launches India's first indigenous server RUDRA
- ✓ Union Minister of State for Electronics and IT Rajeev Chandrasekhar launched the first indigenous server 'RUDRA' developed by the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC). This server was developed under the National Supercomputing Mission (NSM) for manufacturing classical standalone commercial servers and also as building blocks for building large supercomputing systems of tens of petaflops of computing performance.

- ✓ This server can be used in a variety of industries, including high-performance computing (HPC) systems, hyperscale data centres, edge computing, banking and commerce, manufacturing, the oil and gas industry and healthcare.

Q. What is the rank of India as the most powerful country in the Lowy Institute Asia Power Index 2021?

A) 3 B) 4

C) 6 D) 8

Answer : B

- ✓ India is the fourth most powerful country in Asia–Pacific as per the Lowy Institute Asia Power Index 2021.
- ✓ The top 10 countries for overall power in the Asia–Pacific region in the Lowy Institute Asia Power Index 2021 are the US, China, Japan, India, Russia, Australia, South Korea, Singapore, Indonesia and Thailand.
- ✓ India finished in fourth place in four other measures — economic capability, military capability, resilience and cultural influence.

Q. Which countries began their 11th edition of the joint military exercise 'EKUVERIN'?

A) India and Sri Lanka

B) India and Russia

C) India and the United States

D) India and the Maldives

Answer : D

- ✓ The 11th edition of the joint military exercise 'EKUVERIN' between India and the Maldives began at Kadhdhoo Island, the Maldives.
- ✓ India and Maldives have been conducting Exercise Ekuverin meaning 'Friends' in the Maldivian language since 2009.
- ✓ The 14 days Joint Exercise is held alternatively in India and Maldives.
- ✓ Earlier, the 15th edition of the biennial trilateral Coast Guard Exercise 'Dosti' involving India, the Maldives and Sri Lanka was held in the Maldives.

MALDIVES IN NEWS 2021

- 11th edition of the joint military exercise 'EKUVERIN' between India and the Maldives began at Kadhdhoo Island, the Maldives.
- India, Maldives & Sri Lanka conducted biennial trilateral exercise 'Dosti'
- Maldivian minister Abdullah Shahid elected President of 76th UNGA
- India & Maldives inks pact on mega Greater Male Connectivity Project
- Madagascar replaces Maldives as host of 2023 Indian Ocean Island Games
- Cabinet approves Opening of a new Consulate General of India in Maldives
- Exim Bank to provide USD 400 mn funding for Maldives
- **MALDIVES**

  Capital : Male

  Currency : Rufiyaa

  President : Ibrahim Mohamed Solih

  Ekuverin Exercise : India and Maldives

Q. The first woman psychiatrist of India Sarada Menon passed away at the age of 98. When did she receive the Padma Bhushan?

A) 1989 **B) 1990**

C) 1991 **D) 1992**

Answer : D

- ✓ The first woman psychiatrist of India Sarada Menon passed away at the age of 98 in Chennai.
- ✓ She is the head of the Institute of Mental Health and a pioneer in India's mental health space.
- ✓ She was honoured with the Padma Bhushan in the year 1992.
- ✓ She founded the Schizophrenia Research Foundation in 1984.

Q. What is the name of the large survey vessel launched by the Indian Navy in Kolkata?

A) Sandhayak **B) Handhayak**

C) Sindhuvik **D) Samudrayak**

Answer : A

- ✓ Indian Navy launches its new large survey vessel 'Sandhyak' in Kolkata
- ✓ The first big survey vessel of the GRSE-class, 'Sandhayak' was launched by the Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited (GRSE). The ship will be delivered to the Indian Navy in 2022.
- ✓ The main function of these survey ships would be to undertake full-scale coastal and deep-water hydrographic surveys of ports and harbours, as well as to determine navigational channels and routes.
- ✓ The contract for building four survey ships was signed between the Minister of Defence and GRSE on 30 Oct 2018 at a total cost of Rs 2435 cr.

Q. World's oldest test cricket player Eileen Ash passed away. Which country does she hail from?

A) Australia **B) West Indies**

C) England **D) South Africa**

Answer : C

- ✓ The oldest living English Test cricketer Eileen Ash passed away at the age of 110.
- ✓ She played seven tests for England, taking ten wickets at an average of 23 with her right-arm pace bowling, after making her debut against Australia in 1937.
- ✓ She retired in 1949, but she also played golf until the age of 98 and even practiced yoga at the age of 105

Q. Who has been appointed as the chairperson of National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)?

A) Mallika Srinivasan

B) Aruna Jayanthi

C) Naina Lal Kidwai

D) Alka Upadhyaya

Answer : D

- ✓ Alka Upadhyaya was appointed as the Chairperson of the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI).
- ✓ She is currently serving as an Additional Secretary of the Department of Rural Development under the Union Ministry of Rural Development.
- ✓ **National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)**

  Founded : 1995

  Headquarters : New Delhi

  Chairman : Alka Upadhyaya

Q. Who has been named the chairman of Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI)?

A) Vinita Bali
B) Vinita D. Gupta
C) Chitra Ramkrishna
D) Sanjay Bandopadhyay

Answer : D

- ✓ Sanjay Bandopadhyay appointed Chairman of Inland Waterways Authority of India
- ✓ Director General, National Mission for Clean Ganga : G Asok Kumar
- ✓ Central Provident Fund Commissioner, Employees' Provident Fund Organization : Neelam Shammi Rao
- ✓ Director General, National Productivity Council, Department for Promotion of Industry & Internal Trade : Sundeep Kumar Nayak
- ✓ **Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI)**
  Headquarters : Noida, Uttar Pradesh
  Chairman : Sanjay Bandopadhyay

Q. Name the Indian-American mathematician who has been nominated by American Mathematical Society (AMS) for the first Ciprian Foias Award in Operator Theory.

A) Nikhil Srivastava
B) Meena Ganesh
C) Nishi Vasudeva
D) Schauna Chauhan

Answer : A

- ✓ Indian-American Mathematician Nikhil Srivastava nominated for American Mathematical Society (AMS) for the first Ciprian Foias Award in Operator Theory.
- ✓ Along with Nikhil Srivastava, who teaches at the University of California, Berkeley, Adam Marcus (Switzerland) and Daniel Spielman (United States) are the other two recipients.

Q. Which small finance bank has got Honorable Mention in Best Bank for Women Entrepreneurs category at 4th Global SME Finance Awards 2021?

A) DBS Bank
B) HDFC Bank
C) State Bank of India
D) ESAF Small Finance Bank

Answer : D

- ✓ ESAF SFB got Honorable Mention in Best Bank for Women Entrepreneurs at 4th Global SME Finance Awards 2021

- ✓ The 4th Global SME Finance Awards 2021, constituted by the United States (US)-based SME Finance Forum, conferred Honorable mention in the Best Bank for Women Entrepreneurs category on the Thrissur, Kerala (India) based ESAF Small Finance Bank (SFB) Limited.
- ✓ **ESAF Small Finance Bank**

  Founded : 10 March 2017

  Headquarters : Thrissur, Kerala

  Chairmam : P. R. Ravi Mohan

  MD & CEO : K. Paul Thomas

  Tagline : kaha Have joy of Banking and Enjoy Banking at next level

Q. Who is the author of the new book titled '1971: Charge of the Gorkhas and Other Stories'?

A) Jairam Ramesh **B) Sharad Dutt**

C) Tridip Suhrud **D) Rachna Bisht Rawat**

Answer : D

- ✓ A new book that unearths true stories of the 1971 Indo-Pak war, '1971: Charge of the Gorkhas and Other Stories, written by Rachna Bisht Rawat, was released.
- ✓ The book includes, from the story of the flight lieutenant who went missing after his plane crashed inside Pakistan to the 'last khukri attack' in modern military history.
- ✓ Rachna Bisht Rawat is the author of six books by Penguin Random House India, including the bestsellers The Brave and Kargil

Q. Pulitzer-winning scholar Martin J Sherwin passed away recently. He belonged to which country?

A) Poland **B) Denmark**

C) Spain **D) United States**

Answer : D

- ✓ Martin J Sherwin, an American scholar of atomic weapons passed away in Washington, DC, The United States of America.
- ✓ He won the 2006 Pulitzer Prize in Biography with Kai Bird for the book 'American Prometheus: The Triumph and Tragedy of J. Robert Oppenheimer', the first full-scale biography of J. Robert Oppenheimer, the father of the atomic bomb.

Q. Which country won the FIH Men's Hockey World Cup 2021?

A) France

B) Spain

C) Argentina

D) Germany

Answer : C

- ✓ Argentina defeated six-time winners Germany 4-2 in the FIH Men's junior hockey world cup 2021 final at the Kalinga Stadium Bhubaneswar in Odisha on December 5, 2021.
- ✓ This is Argentina's second World Cup title. Earlier, the team had won this title in the year 2005 as well
- ✓ Argentina has become the only third team after Germany (six wins) and India (2001, 2016) to win multiple Junior Hockey WC titles

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- ➢ Argentina beat six-time champions Germany to lift Junior hockey world cup
- ➢ Argentina beats Brazil to Lift Copa America 2021
- ➢ Lionel Messi from Argentina Wins A Seventh Ballon d'Or
- ➢ World's biggest fertilizer cooperative Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative (IFFCO) to set up nano urea plant in Argentina
- ➢ Union Cabinet approves an MoU between India and Argentina on cooperation in the field of mineral resources
- ➢ Discovery of fossils of Dinosaurs that lived 140 million years ago in Argentina
- ➢ The International Jury of 51st IFFI will be headed by iconic Argentine filmmaker Pablo Cesar
- ➢ Argentina to levy 'millionaires tax' to pay for COVID-19 relief, expenses
- ➢ China successfully launches 13 satellites into orbit with a single rocket, including 10 from Argentina
- ➢ **ARGENTINA**

  Capital : Buenos Aires

  Currency : Peso

  President : Alberto Fernández

Q. Mahaparinirvan Diwas is celebrated on which of the following days?

A) 5 December

B) 6 December

C) 7 December

D) 4 December

Answer : B

- ✓ Mahaparinirvan Diwas is observed annually on December 6th to mark the death anniversary of Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar, the chief architect of the Constitution of India. Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar, known as Babasaheb Ambedkar, is known for his significant contribution in shaping India that it is today.
- ✓ This year, the day commemorates Dr. B R Ambedkar's 65th death anniversary.
- ✓ Dr. Ambedkar attended all the three Round Table Conferences (1930-32) held in London.
- ✓ In 1936, Babasaheb Ambedkar founded the Independent Labour Party.
- ✓ In 1990, Dr. B.R.Ambedkar was bestowed with Bharat Ratna.
- ✓ Dr. Ambedkar is known as the Father (chief architect) of the Indian Constitution

Q. Maitri Diwas was observed between India and which of the following countries?

A) Nepal

B) Bhutan

C) Sri Lanka

D) Bangladesh

Answer : D

- ✓ Maitri Diwas is being observed on 6 Dec to mark India recognizing the newly-formed country Bangladesh in 1971.
- ✓ The occasion will be observed in 18 countries across the world.
- ✓ Ten days before the liberation of Bangladesh, India had recognized Bangladesh on December 6, 1971.
- ✓ India was one of the first countries to establish bilateral diplomatic ties with Bangladesh.

Q. Which of the following will become the first airline to use sustainable aviation fuel produced on a commercial scale?

A) Virgin Atlantic

B) Qatar Airways

C) British Airways

D) American Airlines

Answer : C

- ✓ British Airways will become the first airline to use sustainable aviation fuel produced on a commercial scale in the UK.
- ✓ British Airways and Phillips 66 Limited have signed a multi-year sustainable aviation fuel supply agreement.
- ✓ British Airways is driving to achieve net-zero carbon emissions by 2050

Q. Padma Shri awardee, Vinod Dua passed away, He was related to which profession?

A) Writer

B) Journalist

C) Politician

D) Filmmaker

Answer : B

- ✓ Veteran journalist, Padma Shri awardee Vinod Dua passed away on December 4, 2021.
- ✓ He was a pioneer in broadcast Hindi journalism, worked with Doordarshan and NDTV.
- ✓ He was the 1st electronic media journalist to win the Ramnath Goenka Journalism Award in 1996.

Q. Which state has become the first fully COVID-19 vaccinated state in India ?

A) Rajasthan

B) Maharashtra

C) Uttar Pradesh

D) Himachal Pradesh

Answer : D

- ✓ Himachal Pradesh has become the first state to fully vaccinate 100 percent of its adult population.
- ✓ Himachal Pradesh was also the first state to achieve the 100 percent first dose.
- ✓ A special function is being organized to honor COVID-19 workers at the All-India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in Bilaspur.

Q. Who has been appointed as the first woman Chairperson of Walt Disney?

A) Mary Barra **B) Jane Fraser**

C) Susan Arnold **D) Safra Catz**

Answer : C

- ✓ Walt Disney named Susan Arnold as its Chairperson on 3 December 2021.
- ✓ She is the first woman to hold this position after 98 years.
- ✓ She will replace current chairman Bob Iger

Q. Which African country has pledged to end child marriages by 2030?

A) Chile **B) Ecuador**
C) Venezuela **D) South Sudan**

Answer : D

- ✓ South Sudan's government has promised to end child marriage by 2030 in line with the African Union's campaign to end child marriages in the continent.
- ✓ South Sudan is one of 40 countries in the world with the highest rates of child marriages.
- ✓ A survey conducted in 2010 found that about 7 per cent of girls marry before the age of 15 and 40 percent before the age of 18

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