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**Appointment**

# 1. Leftist rural teacher Pedro Castillo declared president-elect in Peru

**appointed :** pedro castillo

**as:** president of peru

**replaces:** Francisco Rafael Sagasti

**Party:** Free Peru National Political Party



## EXPECTED QUESTIONS

**What?** president of peru  
**who?** pedro castillo

**Peru**

**Capitals:** lima

**Curr:** sol

**PM :** Violeta Bermúdez

## Recent News

- Eswatini's King Mswati appoints new prime minister

## Highlights:

- Rural teacher-turned-political novice **Pedro Castillo** became the winner of **Peru's presidential election** after the country's longest electoral count in 40 years.
- Castillo, whose supporters included Peru's poor and rural citizens, defeated right-wing politician **Keiko Fujimori** by just **44,000 votes**.

**MOU**

## 2.MECL signs MoU with DMG, Goa



### Highlights:

- **Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited (MECL)** a mineral exploration agency signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with **Directorate of Mines & Geology (DMG), Government of Goa**, offering integrated mineral exploration and consultancy services.
- With the signing of MoU, MECL will assess mineral resources by conducting an array of geo-scientific exploration and will finalise the mineral blocks to be auctioned and establish the state's mineral inventory.

### EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? MoU with DMG,  
Goa  
By? MECL

### Goa

Capital: panaji  
Gov: P.S. Sreedharan Pillai  
CM: Pramod Sawant

### MECL

CMD:Dr. Ranjit Rath  
HQ:Nagpur,maharashtra

### Recent News

- 52nd IFFI to be held in November 2021 in Goa

**Partnership**

## 3. Cisco, NSDC Partner For Digital Upskilling



### Highlights:

- **Cisco Networking Academy** and the **National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC)** in a partnership that is aimed at addressing the shortage of tech-proficient workforce in India.
- The partnership will offer access to the **Cisco Networking Academy courses** through **NSDC's eSkill India platform** to provide comprehensive digital skills critical for the digital-first world.
- It aims to enable free access to an industry-relevant global curriculum and content in Networking, Cybersecurity, Programming, the Internet of Things (IoT), Digital Essentials, and Linux.

### EXPECTED QUESTIONS

**What? partners with cisco**  
**By? NSDC**

#### NSDC

CEO: Manish Kumar  
HQ: new delhi

#### cisco

CEO: Chuck Robbins  
HQ: California, US

### Recent News

- NSDC And WhatsApp Launch “Digital Skill Champions Program”



## 4. Dhanlaxmi Bank announces strategic alliance with SMC Global Securities



### Highlights:

- **Dhanlaxmi Bank** announced a strategic alliance with **SMC Global Securities** Ltd to provide **online trading services** to its customers.
- The tie-up will offer a **unified 3-in-1 account**, consisting of a **savings, demat and trading account**, to Dhanlaxmi Bank customers through a mobile trading app (MSMC ACE) and desktop based software, apart from the portal 'smctradeonline.com'. Provides hassle free and convenient trading experience.

### EXPECTED QUESTIONS

what? Partnered with SMC global

By? Dhanalakshmi bank

### SMC

MD: Mahesh C Gupta

**Dhanalakshmi bank.**

MD&CEO : Shivan J.K

Hq: Thrissur

### Recent News

- Geojit sign an ink pact with PNB to offer three-in-one account

**Summits**

## 5.Meeting of the BRICS (CGETI), chaired by India



### Highlights:

- For the year 2021, India is the Chair of the various groups of BRICS, the **Contact Group on Economic and Trade Issues (CGETI)** is responsible for economic and trade matters.
- The **Department of Commerce** is the national coordinator for the BRICS CGETI.
- the BRICS Members deliberated the proposals circulated by India, for strengthening and increasing the Intra-BRICS cooperation and trade.

### EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? BRICS (CGETI)  
host? india

**Commerce & Industry  
Minister**

Piyush goyal

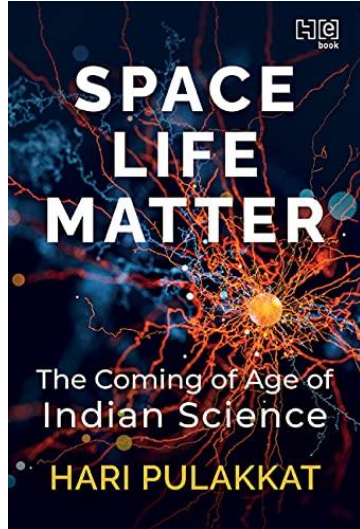
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### Recent news

- Union Minister for Labour & Employment Bhupender Yadav chairs 7th BRICS Labour & Employment Ministers' Meeting

# **Books and authors**

## 6.A book titled “SPACE. LIFE. MATTER.: The Coming of Age of Indian Science” by Hari Pulakkat



**Book Title:** SPACE. LIFE. MATTER

**Author:** Hari Pulakkat

**Publisher:** Hachette India

### EXPECTED QUESTIONS

**What?** SPACE. LIFE. MATTER

**Who?** Hari Pulakkat

**Publisher?** Hachette India

### RECENT NEWS

- A book titled “RSS” by Sudhanshu Mittal now in Chinese

### About Book:

- Space. Life. Matter. brings to readers the path-breaking advances made by India's scientists to original research and what they mean to the nation's progress.
- Deeply informed, enlightening and inspiring, this singular, comprehensive account of the pride of place that Indian science occupies in the world is essential reading for all.

# Banking

## 7. Kotak Mahindra Bank signs MoU with Indian Navy for Salary Account



### Highlights:

- **Kotak Mahindra Bank (KMBL)** and the **Indian Navy** announced that they have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (**MoU**) for Salary Account.
- Benefits of the Kotak Salary Account designed especially for the Indian Navy includes Personal Accident Insurance Cover , Special Education Benefit for children, Exclusive benefits on loans and credit cards

### EXPECTED QUESTIONS

**What?** MoU with Indian Navy  
**by?** KMBL

#### **KMBL**

CEO: Uday Kotak

Headquarters: Mumbai

### Recent news

- Axis Bank signs MOU with Indian Army to offer defence service salary package

## 8.LIC launches benefit based health insurance plan Arogya Rakshak



### Highlights:

- **The Life Insurance Corporation (LIC)** of India has introduced a new health insurance plan called **Arogya Rakshak** .
- The plan is aimed at providing timely support in case of medical emergencies and helping the insured and his/her family to remain financially independent in difficult times.
- It differs from the conventional health insurance plan in terms of method of payment , It pays a **lump sum benefit** irrespective of **actual medical costs**.

### EXPECTED QUESTIONS

**What? Arogya Rakshak by? LIC**

#### LIC

Hq: mumbai  
chairman: M R kumar

### Recent news

- LIC to have CEO, managing director as Centre scraps chairman post



## 9.ICICI Bank HPCL Co-Branded Credit Card



### Highlights:

- **ICICI Bank** launched a co-branded credit card with **Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL)** to provide customers with benefits and reward points of using multiple credit cards in one.
- The '**ICICI Bank HPCL Super Saver Credit Card**' provides in-class rewards and benefits to customers on daily fuel spends as well as other categories such as departmental stores, electricity and mobile, and e-commerce portals, among others.
- The co-branded credit card is powered by **VISA**

### EXPECTED QUESTIONS

**What?** ICICI Bank HPCL Super Saver Credit Card  
**by?** **ICICI bank**

#### **ICICI BANK**

Hq: mumbai

CEO: Sandeep Bakhshi

#### **HPCL**

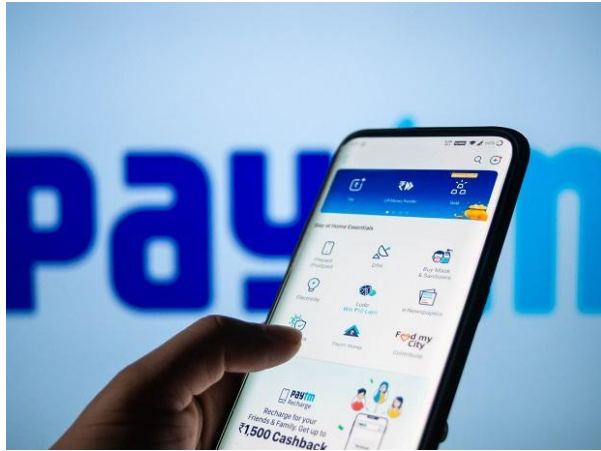
Hq: mumbai

CEO: Mukesh Kumar Surana

### Recent news

- BUSY Accounting Software ties with ICICI Bank for banking solutions

## 10. Paytm gateway enables payment from fixed deposit account held with IndusInd



### Highlights:

- **Paytm Payments Bank's** customers can now make instant payments through its payment gateway using balances available in their fixed deposit account held with its partner bank, **IndusInd Bank**.
- Paytm Payment Bank Ltd, whose account holders can now use their **fixed deposits with IndusInd Bank** to make **instant payments across online platforms**. The innovation will help customers manage their liquidity in real-time to make payments seamlessly.

### EXPECTED QUESTIONS

**What?** Partner with indusind bank  
**by?** paytm

#### **paytm**

Hq: **Noida, Uttar Pradesh**

CEO: **Vijay Shekhar Sharma**

#### **Indusind bank**

CEO: **Sumant Kathpalia**

HQ: **pune, maharashtra**

### Recent news

- Paytm launches 'Postpaid Mini' to provide small-ticket instant loans

**Defence**

# 11. Indian Air Force's Sarang Helicopter Team To Perform At Air Show In Russia



## Highlights:

- The **Sarang helicopter aerobatic team** of the **Indian Air Force** is all set to perform for the first time at the prestigious **MAKS international air show** is taking place at **Zhukovsky airport, Russia**.
- This is the first occasion when the Sarang team is performing its four helicopter aerobatics display in Russia, with its "**Made in India**" "**Dhruv**" **Advanced Light Helicopters (ALH)**
- These helicopters, manufactured by state-owned aerospace giant **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited**.

## EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? Sarang helicopter aerobatic team

In ? MAKS international air show

## Recent News

- India's 1<sup>st</sup> indigenous drone defence dome 'Indrajaal' developed by Grene Robotics

**International**

## 12.China unveils 600 kph maglev train makes public debut



### Highlights:

- **China** unveiled a **maglev train** capable of a top speed of **600 kph**.
- The maximum speed would make the train, self-developed by China and manufactured in the **coastal city of Qingdao**, the fastest ground vehicle globally.
- Using **electromagnetic force**, the maglev train “levitates” above the track with no contact between body and rail.

### EXPECTED QUESTIONS

**What? maglev train**  
**By ? china**

#### **China**

Capital: Beijing;  
Currency: Renminbi;  
President: Xi Jinping

### Recent News

- China begins construction of world’s 1st commercial small modular reactor in **Changjiang Nuclear Power Plant**

## 13. Jeff Bezos launches to space aboard New Shepard rocket ship



### Highlights:

- Billionaire **Jeff Bezos** has made a short journey to space, in the first crewed flight of his rocket ship, **New Shepard**.
- He was accompanied by **Mark Bezos**, his brother, **Wally Funk**, and an 18-year-old student.
- They travelled in a capsule with the biggest windows flown in space, offering stunning views of the Earth.
- **New Shepard**, built by **Bezos' company Blue Origin**, is designed to serve the burgeoning market for space tourism.

### EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? New Shepard.  
By ? Jeff bezoz

#### Amazon

CEO: Andrew R. Jassy;  
HQ: Washington ,US

### Recent News

- China begins construction of world's 1st commercial small modular reactor in **Changjiang Nuclear Power Plant**

**National**



## 14.IIT Ropar develops first-of-its-kind Oxygen Rationing Device 'AMLEX'



### Highlights:

- The **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Ropar** has developed a first-of-its-kind Oxygen Rationing Device called **AMLEX**, to save the oxygen which otherwise gets wasted unnecessarily, and in turn, increase the life of medical oxygen cylinders three folds.
- The device will supply a required volume of oxygen to the patient during inhalation and will trip when the patient exhales carbon dioxide.

### EXPECTED QUESTIONS

**What? Oxygen Rationing Device called AMLEX**  
**BY? IIT,Ropar**

### Recent News

- IIT Ropar develops India's first power-free CPAP device 'Jivan Vayu'

## 15.IOC to set up first 'green hydrogen' plant at UP



### Highlights:

- **Indian Oil Corporation (IOC)** will build the first '**green hydrogen**' plant of the country at its **Mathura refinery**, to meet the growing demand for both oil and cleaner forms of energy. This will be the nation's first green hydrogen unit.
- For this, the company will make use of **250 MW of electricity** which it produces from renewable sources like solar power, to produce absolutely green hydrogen

### EXPECTED QUESTIONS

**What? 'green hydrogen' plant**

**BY? IOC**

**IOC**

**chairman:** Shrikant Madhav Vaidya

**HQ:**Mumbai.

### Recent News

- Indian Oil signs pact with Greenstat Norway for hydrogen fuel

**State**

## 16. Perumkulam is Kerala's first 'Book Village'



### Highlights:

- **Perumkulam, in Kollam District**, has been bestowed with the title **Kerala's first 'Book Village'**. This claim to fame results from years of concerted efforts aimed at encouraging the habit of reading.
- The library inculcates passion towards reading by setting up bookshelves, or 'Book Nests' placed at different corners of the village. Anybody can take books from the book nests, read them, and keep them back.
- **Bapuji Smaraka Grandhasala'**, a library in the village is at the forefront in this effort of making it the first book village of the State.

What? Book Village'.

In? kerala

**kerala**

**Capital:** thiruvananthapuram

CM: pinarayi vijayan

Gov: arif mohammad khan

### Recent news

- Covid vaccination campaign for pregnant women in Kerala, "Mathrukavacham"

**GDP**

## 17.ADB projected India's economic growth forecast at 10% in FY22



GDP? 10%  
by? ADB

**ADB**

Pres: Masatsugu Asakawa

Hq: Mandaluyong, Philippines

### Recent news

- Fitch Ratings projects India GDP growth for FY22 at 10%

### Highlights:

- The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** has downgraded India's economic growth forecast for the financial year **2021-22 (FY22)** to **10 per cent**, in its Asian Development Outlook (ADO) Supplement for July. Earlier this was estimated at **11%**.

## What Is a Letter of Credit?

A letter of credit, or "credit letter" is a letter from a bank guaranteeing that a buyer's payment to a seller will be received on time and for the correct amount. In the event that the buyer is unable to make a payment on the purchase, the bank will be required to cover the full or remaining amount of the purchase.

## Organisation / Bank:

### MECL

**CMD:Dr. Ranjit Rath**

**HQ:Nagpur,maharashtra**

### NSDC

CEO: Manish Kumar

**HQ: new delhi**

### cisco

CEO: Chuck Robbins

**HQ: California,US**

### SMC

**MD: Mahesh C Gupta**

**Dhanalakshmi bank.**

**MD&CEO : Shivan J.K**

**Hq: Thrissur**

### KMBL

CEO: Uday Kotak

Headquarters: Mumbai

### LIC

Hq: mumbai

chairman: M R kumar

### ICICI BANK

Hq: mumbai

CEO: Sandeep Bakhshi

### HPCL

Hq: mumbai

CEO: Mukesh Kumar

Surana

### paytm

Hq: **Noida, Uttar Pradesh**

CEO: Vijay Shekhar Sharma

### Indusind bank

**CEO: Sumant Kathpalia**

**HQ:pune, maharashtra**

### Amazon

**CEO: Andrew R. Jassy;**

**HQ:Washington ,US**

### IOC

**chairman: Shrikant Madhav**

Vaidya

**HQ:Mumbai.**

### ADB

Pres:Masatsugu Asakawa

Hq: Mandaluyong, Philippines

## Country / State:

### Peru

**Capitals: lima**

**Curr: sol**

**PM : Violeta Bermúdez**

### Goa

**Capital: panaji**

**Gov: P.S. Sreedharan Pillai**

**CM: Pramod Sawant**

### China

Capital: Beijing;

Currency: Renminbi;

President: Xi Jinping

### kerala

**Capital: thiruvananthapuram**

CM: pinarayi vijayan

Gov: arif mohammad khan

### MINIS/CONS

**Commerce & Industry Minister**

Piyush goyal

Cons: maharashtra



**1. International Chess Day: 20 July:  
observed by???**

**UNESCO**

**2. Eswatini's King Mswati appoints new prime minister:name??**

**Cleops Dlamini**

**3. Bangladesh Nobel laureate \_\_\_\_\_to get Olympic Laurel**

# Muhammad Yunus

## 4. Who hands over 12.7 mm M2 NATO Stabilized Remote Control Gun???

# Ordnance Factory Tiruchirappalli



## 5. \_\_\_\_\_ to issue Certificates using Blockchain Technology

**Maharashtra**