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**Important days**

# 1. World Brain Day 2021: 22 July

World Brain Day 2021: July 22

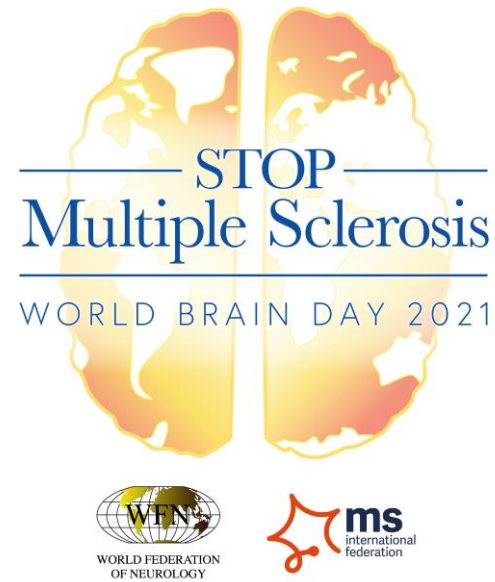
FIRST OBSERVED: 2014

By: WFN

Theme: "Stop Multiple Sclerosis"

## Highlights :

- **World Brain Day** is dedicated to raising awareness and promoting advocacy related to brain health. It is celebrated on July 22.
- This year, the **World Federation of Neurology (WFN)** leading the campaign to spread awareness about **multiple sclerosis (MS)**, a neurological disease whose effects range from cognitive impairment to significant physical disability.



## EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What World Brain Day  
When? 22 July

## WFN

Hq: London, UK  
pres: William M Carroll

## Recent News:

- International Chess Day:  
20 July

# Obituaries

## 2. Veteran thespian Urmil Kumar Thapliyal passes away



**Passed Away :** Urmil Kumar Thapliyal

**Field:** theatre personality

**Born:** Uttarakhand

### Highlights :

- Renowned theatre personality and litterateur, **Urmil Kumar Thapliyal** has passed away. Thapliyal worked all through his life for the revival of popularising theatre.
- The veteran was associated with **Darpan**, the 50-year-old popular theatre group.

### EXPECTED QUESTIONS

**Who?** Urmil Kumar Thapliyal

**Field ?** theatre personality

**Born?** Uttarakhand

### Recent News

- National Award-winning actress Surekha Sikri passes away

**Appointment**

### 3. Ariel Henry appointed new Prime Minister of Haiti

**appointed :** Ariel Henry

**as:** PM of HAITI

**replaces:** claude joseph

**Party:** Inite party



#### EXPECTED QUESTIONS

**What?** PM of HAITI  
**who?** Ariel Henry

#### Haiti

**Capitals:** Port-au-Prince  
**Curr:** Haitian gourde  
**PM :** Ariel Henry

#### Recent News

- Leftist rural teacher Pedro Castillo declared president-elect in Peru

#### Highlights:

- Amid political turmoil caused by the assassination of President Jovenel Moise, **Ariel Henry** was appointed as the **new Prime Minister of Haiti**.
- Ariel Henry, a neurosurgeon and former cabinet minister



## 4. Aramane Giridhar gets additional charge of Chairman, NHAI

**appointed :** Aramane Giridhar

**as:** chairman of NHAI

**replaces:** Sukhbir Singh Sandhu



### Highlights:

- **Aramane Giridhar**, an IAS officer has been assigned the additional charge of the post of Chairman, **National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)**.
- Giridhar will hold the position till any officer is appointed on a regular basis or until further orders.
- Giridhar is presently serving as Secretary, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH).

### EXPECTED QUESTIONS

**What? chairman of NHAI  
who? Aramane Giridhar**

**NHAI**

**HQ:** new delhi

**chairman :** aramane giridhar

### Recent News

- Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi appointed Deputy Leader of House in Rajya Sabha

**Partnership**

## 5. Multilink announces tie-up with NSDL payments bank



### Highlights:

- **NSDL payments bank** has announced a strategic partnership with **Multilink, fintech company**.
- it will begin its strategic partnership with NSDL payments bank to build **agent points** across India, and the strategic tie-up will also result in providing banking facilities to rural and urban areas through **NEO banking systems**.
- The main aim of this collaboration is to achieve inclusive development and growth, the expansion of financial services to all sections of society.
- RBI issued licence to NSDL to operate as a [payment bank](#) in India from 29 October 2018 under section 22(1) of Banking Regulation Act 1949 to carry payment transactions

### EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? partnership with  
**Multilink**  
By? **NSDL**

### NSDL

CEO: **G. V. Nageswara Rao**  
HQ: **Mumbai**  
Estd: 2018

### Recent News

- Dhanlaxmi Bank announces strategic alliance with SMC Global Securities

# **Awards and ranking**

## 6.JNCASR hits Nature Index Top 50 for materials science



### Highlights:

- The **Jawaharlal Nehru Centre For Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR)**, Bengaluru, has been placed in the top 50 institutions worldwide for advances in materials science by the prestigious **Nature Index 2021**.
- the JNCASR in the **23rd position** globally among universities and institutions
- **Shanghai Jiao Tong University** which is in the **first place** in the list.

### EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? Nature Index 2021.  
top? Shanghai Jiao Tong University

### Recent news

- India ranked 20th in Global Startup Ecosystem Index 2021

## 7. Government of India launches National Logistics Excellence Awards



### Highlights:

- The **Government of India** launched the **National Logistics Excellence Awards** to recognize various players in the logistics supply chain sector in the country.
- The initiative will also lead to the creation of a library of case studies on best practices in logistics titled '**Logistics Excellence Gallery**' at the website of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- The winners of the National Logistics Excellence Awards will be announced on October 31, 2021.

### EXPECTED QUESTIONS

**What? the National Logistics Excellence Awards**  
**by? GOI**

**Commerce & Industry Minister**

Piyush goyal

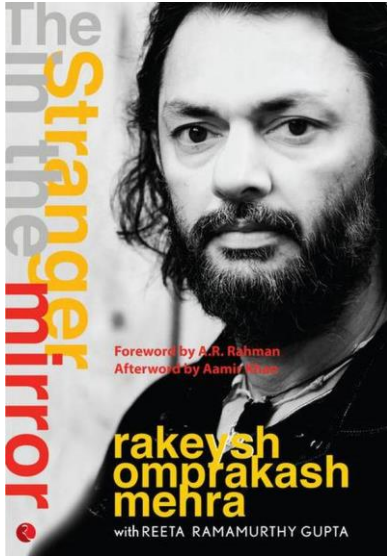
Cons: maharashtra

### Recent news

- The Department of Commerce is the national coordinator for the BRICS CGETI meeting.

# **Books and authors**

## 8. Rakeysh Omprakash Mehra announces autobiography 'The Stranger In The Mirror'



**Book Title:** The Stranger In The Mirror'

**Author:** Rakeysh Omprakash Mehra ,  
co author - Reeta Ramamurthy  
Gupta.

**Publisher:** rupa publications

### About Book:

- Filmmaker Rakeysh Omprakash Mehra is coming up with his autobiography, The Stranger In The Mirror.
- Ad maker-turned-director Mehra, known for helming movies like Rang De Basanti, Delhi-6, Bhaag Milkha Bhaag and the recently released Toofan
- He has co-written the book with noted author Reeta Ramamurthy Gupta.

### EXPECTED QUESTIONS

**What?** The Stranger In The Mirror'

**Who?** Rakeysh Omprakash Mehra ,  
Reeta Ramamurthy Gupta.

**Publisher?** rupa publications

### RECENT NEWS

- A book titled "SPACE. LIFE. MATTER.: The Coming of Age of Indian Science" by Hari Pulakkat



# Banking

## 9.U GRO Capital, Bank of Baroda launch Rs 1,000-crore MSME co-lending programme 'Pratham'



### Highlights:

- Technology-enabled small business NBFC **U GRO capital** announced the launch of a co-lending partnership for **micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME)** with **Bank of Baroda** named the programme '**Pratham**'.
- The loan amount can range between **Rs 50 lakh and Rs 2.5 crore**, which will be offered at an interest rate starting from **8 percent** with a maximum tenure of **120 months**.

### EXPECTED QUESTIONS

**What?** Ties up with u GRO capital  
**by?** Bank of baroda

### BOB

dir: Shri Debadatta Chand  
Headquarters: vadodara

### U GRO CAPITAL

**MD: SHACHINDRA NATH**

**HQ: MUMBAI**

### Recent news

- BoB inks pact with SIDBI to help MSME revamp loans

## 10.Kerala Bank launches new loan scheme ‘Kerala Bank Samagra’



### Highlights:

- **Kerala Bank** has launched a loan scheme titled ‘**Kerala Bank Samagra**’ for the infrastructure development of **Primary Agricultural Credit Cooperatives (PACS)**.
- the comprehensive loan scheme was devised to help PACS create job opportunities in rural areas and overcome the Covid crisis.
- The main function of the PACS is to **provide short and medium-term purpose loans to its members**.

### EXPECTED QUESTIONS

**What? ‘Kerala Bank Samagra’  
by? Kerala bank**

### **Kerala bank**

Hq: **Thiruvananthapuram**  
pres: Gopi Kottamurickal

### **Recent news**

- World Bank Approves USD125 million financial support for Kerala

# 11.HDFC ERGO launches Optima Secure Health Policy



## Highlights:

- **HDFC ERGO General Insurance** announced the launch of **Optima Secure**, a new health indemnity health insurance product that seeks to redefine the value customers can get from their insurance plan.
- The policy offers four distinct features: Secure Benefit - doubles the insurance cover instantly and automatically on purchase of the policy; Plus benefit - increases the base coverage automatically by 50% after 1 year and to 100% after 2 years.

## EXPECTED QUESTIONS

**What?** Optima Secure  
**by?** HDFC ERGO

### HDFC ERGO

CEO: Ritesh Kumar

Headquarters: Mumbai

## Recent news

- HDFC Bank to buy Rs 1,906 cr stake in group firm HDFC ERGO General Insurance

**Defence**

## 12.DRDO successfully test-flights surface-to-air missile 'Akash-NG'



### Highlights:

- The **Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO)** successfully flight-tested the New Generation **Akash Missile (Akash-NG)**, from Integrated Test Range (ITR) off the coast of **Odisha**.
- The Akash missile system has been developed by the DRDO's laboratory in **Hyderabad**.
- The Akash-NG weapon system is a **surface-to-air missile** that can strike targets at a distance of around **60 km** and fly at a speed of up to **Mach 2.5**.

### EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? Akash-NG

By ? DRDO

**DRDO**

Chairman: G Satheesh Reddy

HQ: new delhi

### Recent News

- DRDO successfully flight-tests indigenously developed MPATGM(**Man-Portable Antitank Guided Missile** )

**International**

# 13. Liverpool's historic waterfront removed from World Heritage List



## Highlights:

- The **World Heritage Committee in UNESCO** decided to delete the property '**Liverpool – Maritime Mercantile City**' (UK) from the **World Heritage List**, due to the irreversible loss of attributes conveying the outstanding universal value of the property.

## EXPECTED QUESTIONS

**What? Removes Liverpool – Maritime Mercantile City**

**By ? UNESCO**

**UNESCO**

Hq: Paris, France

DG: Audrey Azoulay

## Recent News

- The government has decided to set up the Indian Institute of Heritage at Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar.



**National**

## 14. Jyotiraditya Scindia forms committees to advise on civil aviation sector



### Highlights:

- Union Minister for Civil Aviation **Jyotiraditya Scindia** has formed **three committees** to advise him on critical issues of the industry.
- The three advisory committees for **airlines, airports and maintenance and repair organisations** and flight training institutes, comprise CEOs and promoters.

### EXPECTED QUESTIONS

**What?** committees to advise in civil aviation

**BY?** Jyotiraditya Scindia

**Union Minister for Civil Aviation**

**Jyotiraditya Scindia**

**Cons:guna,MP**

### Recent News

- BCCI forms 7-member working group for domestic cricket

## 15.NCGTC issues guidelines for Rs 50,000-cr credit guarantee scheme for medical infrastructure



### Highlights:

- To improve medical infrastructure in non-metros, the **National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company Ltd (NCGTC)** issued operational guidelines for the **Rs 50,000-crore credit guarantee scheme** announced as part of Rs 6.29-lakh-crore stimulus package by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.
- The loans under the **Loan Guarantee Scheme for Covid Affected Sectors (LGSCAS)** would be available at a concessional rate of not more than **7.95 per cent**.

### EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? 'Rs 50,000-cr credit guarantee scheme

BY? NCGTC

**NCGTC**

DIR: Pankaj Jain

HQ:Mumbai.

### Recent News

- Dept of Public Enterprises brought under Finance Ministry

**State**

## 16.CM KCR to Launch 'Telangana Dalit Bandhu' from Huzurabad



### Highlights:

- **Telangana** Chief Minister, **K Chandrasekhara Rao** will launch his government's new **Dalit empowerment scheme**, now christened **Dalita Bandhu** in **Huzurabad assembly constituency**.
- As part of the scheme, eligible Dalit families would be given **Rs 10 lakh in cash** directly to their accounts. The sanctioned amounts will be deposited in the bank accounts of eligible beneficiaries.

What? Dalita Bandhu  
In? telangana

**telangana**

**Capital:** Hyderabad;  
**CM:** K Chandrasekhara Rao  
**Gov:** tamilsai soundarajan

### Recent news

- 'Bonalu' festivities to begin in Telangana

**Sports**

## 17.AIFF Awards: 2021



### Highlights:

- India footballer **Sandesh Jhinghan** won the All India Football Federation (AIFF) **Men's Player of the Year award**.
- **Suresh Singh Wangjam** from Manipur won the AIFF **Men's Emerging Footballer of the Year**.
- India forward **Bala Devi** was named **Women's Footballer of the Year**, while **Manisha Kalyan** won the **Women's Emerging Footballer of the Year** at the annual AIFF awards 2020-21.

### what? AIFF awards 2021

#### AIFF

Pres: Praful Patel

Hq: new delhi

### Recent news

- Gokulam Kerala FC to represent India in AFC Women's Club C'ship

# Monetary Base

The monetary base (or M0) is **the total amount of a currency that is either in general circulation** in the hands of the public or in the form of commercial bank deposits held in the central bank's reserves..

$$\text{Monetary Base} = \text{Currency in Circulation} + \text{Bank Reserves}$$


The diagram illustrates the components of the Monetary Base. On the left, the text "Monetary Base =" is followed by two items separated by a plus sign. The first item is an orange icon of a stack of banknotes, with the text "Currency in Circulation" below it. The second item is an orange icon of a classical building with columns, with the text "Bank Reserves" below it.



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**MD: SHACHINDRA NATH**

**HQ: MUMBAI**

## **BOB**

**dir: Shri Debadatta Chand**

**Headquarters: vadodara**

## **NSDL**

**CEO: G. V. Nageswara Rao**

**HQ: mumbai**

## **NHAI**

**HQ: new delhi**

**chairman : aramane giridhar**

## **WFN**

**Hq: London,UK**

**pres: William M Carroll**

## Country / State:

### **telangana**

**Capital:** Hyderabad;

**CM:** K Chandrasekhar Rao

**Gov:** tamilisai soundarajan

### **Haiti**

**Capitals:** Port-au-Prince

**Curr:** Haitian gourde

**PM : Ariel Henry**

### **MINIS/CONS**

#### **Commerce & Industry Minister**

**Piyush goyal**

**Cons:** Maharashtra

#### **Union Minister for Civil Aviation**

**Jyotiraditya Scindia**

**Cons:guna,MP**

## **AIFF**

**Pres:** Praful Patel

**Hq:** new delhi

## **NCGTC**

**DIR:** Pankaj Jain

**HQ:Mumbai.**

## **UNESCO**

**Hq:** Paris, France

**DG:** Audrey Azoulay

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**Chairman:** G Satheesh Reddy

**HQ:** new delhi

## **HDFC ERGO**

**CEO:** Ritesh Kumar

**Headquarters:** Mumbai

## **Kerala bank**

**Hq:** Thiruvananthapuram

**pres:** Gopi Kottamurickal

**1. Who is the president of peru?**

**Pedro Castillo**

**2. Dhanlaxmi Bank announces strategic alliance with\_\_\_\_\_ for  
3 in 1 acc???**

# SMC Global Securities

**3. A book titled “SPACE. LIFE. MATTER.: The Coming of Age of Indian Science” by Hari Pulakkat : publisher??**

**Hachette India**

## 4. LIC launches benefit based health insurance plan\_\_\_\_\_



**Arogya Rakshak**

## 5. Who develops first-of-its-kind Oxygen Rationing Device 'AMLEX'???

**IIT Ropar**