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Important days

1. International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer: sept 16

World ozone day: sept 16

BY: UN

First observed: 2001

Theme: “Montreal Protocol – keeping us, our food and vaccines cool.”



Highlights :

- The **International Day for the preservation for the Ozone layer (World Ozone Day)** is observed annually on **September 16** to spread awareness of the depletion of the Ozone Layer and search for solutions to preserve it.
- The ozone layer, a fragile shield of gas, protects the Earth from the harmful portion of the rays of the sun, thus helping preserve life on the planet.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? World ozone day

When? 16 september

UN

Sec gen: António Guterres

HQ: new york, US

Recent News:

- International Day of Democracy: 15 September

Obituaries

2. Two-time Olympic hammer gold medallist Yuriy Sedykh dies at 66

Passed Away : Yuriy Sedykh

Field: Track and field athlete

Born: Novocherkassk, Russia



Highlights :

- Double Olympic hammer throw gold medallist **Yuriy Sedykh**, accused of doping during his career, has died at the age of 66
- Sedykh won the **Olympic gold medal at Montreal 1976 and Moscow 1980** but missed Los Angeles 1984 because the Soviet Union boycotted it.
- He returned to win an Olympic silver medal at Seoul 1988 and, three years later, claimed his only World Championships title in Tokyo.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

Who? : Yuriy Sedykh

Field ? Track and field athlete

Born : Novocherkassk, Russia

Recent News

- Former IOC President Jacques Rogge passes away

Banking

3.RBL Bank credit cards go live on Visa



Highlights:

- Private sector lender **RBL Bank** started issuing **credit cards** to its new customers on **Visa's payment network**.
- Its card issuance had got disrupted after the Reserve Bank of India imposed a bar on Mastercard from on-boarding new customers on its domestic network.
- It will leverage its partnership with Visa to offer a wide range of credit cards to a variety of customer segments, adding that the technology integration has been done in record time.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? Visa credit cards
By ? RBL bank

RBL bank

Headquarters: mumbai

MD&CEO: Vishwavir Ahuja

Visa

CEO: Alfred F Kelly Jr

Hq:California, US

RECENT NEWS

- RBL Bank selects AWS as preferred cloud provider

4.HSBC simplifies cross-border transactions



Highlights:

- **HSBC India** has launched a digital proposition aimed at simplifying cross-border transactions.
- its Called **HSBC UniTransact**, it aims to provide seamless integration of all aspects of transaction banking while minimising manual intervention through the transaction journey

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? UniTransact
by? HSBC india

HSBC india

CEO: hitendra dave

Hq: mumbai

RECENT NEWS

- RBI approves appointment of Hitendra Dave as CEO of HSBC India

5. IndusInd Bank Partners With Escorts To Provide Affordable Loans To Farmers



Highlights:

- **IndusInd Bank** has partnered with multinational conglomerate company **Escorts Limited** to provide easy access to financial services in the form of affordable loans -or agri-finance solutions, in a consistent manner.
- The initiative will allow customers to invest in modern farm machinery for enhancing farm productivity and income.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? Pact with escorts ltd
by? Indusind bank

Escorts ltd

Hq: Faridabad ,Haryana

CEO: Shenu Agarwal

Indusind bank

Headquarters: Pune

CEO: Sumant Kathpalia

RECENT NEWS

- RBI Authorises IndusInd Bank to act as an 'Agency Bank'

6.SIDBI to provide project-specific loan to Assam govt for upgrading MSME clusters



Highlights:

- SIDBI** will provide project-specific loans to the **Assam government** for upgrading micro, small and medium enterprise (**MSME**) clusters in the state.
- Project-specific moderately priced loan assistance under the **SIDBI Cluster Development Fund (SCDF)** shall be extended by SIDBI to the state government for upgrading various existing MSME clusters and for developing new industrial infrastructural facilities in Assam

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? Loan to assam government
by? **SIDBI**

SIDBI

Hq: Lucknow

CMD: Sivasubramanian
Ramann

RECENT NEWS

- SIDBI unveils “Digital Prayaas” lending platform

Summits

7.Meeting of BRICS Heads of Tax Authorities and Experts on Tax Matters held virtually under Chairship of India



Highlights:

- The **Heads of Tax Authorities of the BRICS** countries held a virtual meeting under the Chairship of India.
- Tarun Bajaj, Secretary, Revenue**, Government of India, in his capacity as Head of Tax Authorities in India, presided over this meeting.
- The BRICS Tax Authorities engaged in discussion on the challenges faced by BRICS tax administrations in the digital era.
- The broad theme of the meeting was redefining business processes of tax administration amidst challenges posed by COVID-19 and in the digital era.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? Meet of Heads of Tax Authorities of the BRICS
host? india

Recent News

- PM Narendra Modi chaired 13th BRICS Summit

8.8th edition of Indian Army Chiefs' conclave to commence



EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? 8th edition of indian arm chief's conclave

Highlights:

- The 8th edition of the **Indian Army Chief's Conclave**, a gathering of serving and former Chiefs of Army Staff of the Indian Army, will be organised at New Delhi.
- The highlight of the three-day event will be the invite extended to former Chiefs of the Nepali Army, who were also Chiefs of the Indian Army, Ministry of Defence release stated.
- The Conclave is a forum for the exchange of ideas between the old guard and the current leadership of the Indian Army.

Recent News

- PM Narendra Modi to attend first in-person Quad Summit at White House

MOU

9. Greater Noida Authority join hands with HDFC and UNDP for innovative waste management facility



EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? MOU with
UNDP, GNIDA
By? HDFC bank

Hdfc bank

CEO: Sashidhar Jagdishan
HQ: mumbai

UNDP

Admin: Achim Steiner
HQ: newyork, US

Recent News

- HDFC Bank signs MoU with NSIC to offer credit support to MSMEs

Highlights:

- The **Greater Noida Industrial Development Authority (GNIDA)** together with **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)**, **HDFC Bank** signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to set up a facility to manage up to 300 metric tonnes of dry waste in the city every month.
- The material recovery facility (MRF) in Greater Noida will come up at a cost of **Rs 3 crore** and will be funded by the **HDFC bank** through its corporate social responsibility program Parivartan

10.Agriculture Ministry inks MoU with 5 firms



Highlights:

- The **Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare signed 5 memorandums of understanding (MoUs)** for pilot projects with five private companies — **CISCO, Ninjacart, Jio Platforms Limited, ITC Limited and NCDEX e-Markets Limited (NeML)**.
- Based on these pilot projects farmers will be able to make informed decisions on what crop to grow, what variety of seed to use, and what best practices to adopt to maximise the yield.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What?MOU with 5 firms

By?MoA&FW

Agriculture minister

Narendra singh tomar

Cons: morena,MP

Recent News

- Narendra Singh
Tomar Chairs 11th BRICS
Agriculture Ministers
Meeting

Exercise

11. Indian military participates in SCO Exercise 'Peaceful Mission' 2021



Highlights:

- The **Indian military** contingent comprising of an all arms combined force of 200 personnel is participating in the **Exercise 6t edition of PEACEFUL MISSION -2021**, a Joint Counter Terrorism Exercise between **Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)** member states.
- The Exercise PEACEFUL MISSION- 2021 is being hosted by **Russia** in the Orenburg Region of South-West Russia.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? Peaceful mission
2021

hosT?russia

RECENT NEWS

- **Indian Army contingent to participate in Exercise ZAPAD 2021**

GDP

12.UNCTAD projects Indian economy to expand 7.2% in 2021



Highlights:

- The **United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)** has pegged India's economic growth rate to hit a four-year high of **7.2 per cent** for **2021** against a contraction of **7 per cent** in **2020**.
- At this rate, India would be the fastest-growing economy after China, which is projected to grow by **8.3 per cent**.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? GDP 7.2% for 2021

By? UNCTAD

UNCTAD

HQ: Geneva, Switzerland

Sec.gen: Rebeca Grynspan

RECENT NEWS

- **S&P Global Ratings Projects India's GDP for FY22 at 9.50%**

National

13.Niti Aayog launches 'Shoonya' programme to promote zero-pollution



Highlights:

- **Niti Aayog** in collaboration with US-based **Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI)** and **RMI India**, has launched a campaign named **Shoonya**, to promote zero-pollution delivery vehicles by working with consumers and industry.
- The campaign will promote the adoption of electric vehicles (EVs) in the urban deliveries segment and create consumer awareness about the health, environmental and economic benefits of electric vehicles.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? Shoonya campaign by? NITI aayog

NITI Aayog

Headquarters: New Delhi;
CEO: Amitabh Kant.

Recent News

- Nitin Gadkari launches AI-powered road safety project 'iRASTE'

14.Centre Approves ₹200 Crore Under PRASHAD Scheme To Boost Tourism In North East Region



EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? ₹200 Crore Under PRASHAD Scheme
by? Tourism ministry

Tuorism minister

G kishan reddy
Cons: secunderabad

Highlights:

- **Union Tourism minister G Kishan Reddy** has sanctioned **16 projects** under the **Swadesh Darshan Scheme**, which focuses on integrated development of theme-based tourist circuits, in the North Eastern region.
- The ministry also sanctioned **Rs 200 crore** and a number of projects in the region under the National Mission on **Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)** schemes.

Recent News

- G Kishan Reddy launches programme 'Bujurgon ki Baat-Desh Ke Saath'

State

15.LG Manoj Sinha launches Mission 'One Gram Panchayat-One DIGI-Pay Sakhi'



Highlights:

- Lieutenant Governor **Manoj Sinha** launched Mission '**One Gram Panchayat-One DIGI-Pay Sakhi**', at Jammu & Kashmir Entrepreneurship Development Institute (JKEDI) in Pampore In order to promote door to door **digital banking and financial services** in remote areas of Jammu and Kashmir

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? 'One Gram Panchayat-One DIGI-Pay Sakhi'
in? J&K

J&K

Capital: jammu& srinagar
Lt.Gov:manoj sinha

Recent News

- J&K LG Manoj Sinha inaugurates 'Saath' initiative for women

Sports

16. Joe Root, Eimear Richardson named ICC Players of the Month for August



Highlights:

- England Test skipper **Joe Root** and Ireland's **Eimear Richardson** have been voted as the winners of the **ICC Players of the Month for August 2021**.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? Player of the month august

Who? Joe root and eimear richardson

ICC

CEO: Geoff Allardice; (Interim)

Hq: Dubai, UAE

Recent News

- Shakib Al Hasan, Stafanie Taylor voted ICC players of the month for July

Organisation / Bank:

UN

Sec gen: António Guterres
HQ: new york,US

HSBC india

CEO: hitendra dave
Hq: mumbai

SIDBI

Hq: Lucknow
CMD: Sivasubramanian
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UNCTAD

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NITI Aayog

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CEO: Amitabh Kant.

ICC

CEO: Geoff Allardice; (Interim)
Hq: Dubai, UAE

Hdfc bank

CEO: Sashidhar Jagdishan
Hq: mumbai

UNDP

Admin: Achim Steiner
HQ: newyork,US

MINIS/CONS

Agriculture minister

Narendra singh tomar
Cons: morena,MP

Tuorism minister

G kishan reddy
Cons: secunderabad

COUNTRY/CAP

J&K

Capital: jammu& srinagar
Lt.Gov:manoj sinha

1. International Day of Democracy: 15 September;theme??

“Strengthening democratic resilience in the face of future crises”

2. Who ties up with Indiabulls for MSME loan??

Punjab & Sind Bank

3. PM Narendra Modi to attend first in-person Quad Summit at White House: hosted by??

Joe biden(US)

4. _____ signs MoU with Arcelor Mittal Nippon Steels India Limited (AMNS)

NSIC

5. QS World University Rankings 2022: top globally??

Stanford graduate school of business