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# Important days

## **1.International Day of Peace: 21 September**

**International Day of Peace : sept 21** 

BY: UN

First observed: 1981

**Theme:** "Recovering Better for an Equitable and Sustainable World"



## Highlights :

- •the International Day of Peace is observed around the world on 21 September.
- •The UN General Assembly has declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, through observing 24 hours of non-violence and cease-fire.

#### EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? International Day of Peace When? 21 september

UN

Sec.gen:antonio guterres HQ:new york,US

## **Recent News:**

•World Alzheimer's Day 2021: On September 21, the world acknowledges the day with the goal of raising awareness of the disease, common symptoms, and risk factors

# Appointments

## 2.Former UK Prime Minister Gordon Brown appointed WHO Ambassador for Global Health Financing

appointed : Gordon Brown

**as:** WHO Ambassador for Global Health Financing



## Highlights:

•The World Health Organization announced the appointment of The **Rt Hon Gordon Brown**, former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, as **WHO Ambassador for Global Health Financing**.

•Mr Brown has tirelessly called on wealthy nations as well as the private sector to ensure the equitable distribution of COVID-19 vaccines.

•In this role, he will elevate and support WHO's work to raise awareness internationally on the great need for sustained global health financing, particularly from G20 and G7 countries.

**EXPECTED QUESTIONS** What? WHO Ambassador for Global Health Financing who? Gordon brown

WHO

DG: Tedros Adhanom HQ: geneva switzerland

## **Recent News**

 UN chief appoints Nobel laureate Kailash Satyarthi as Sustainable Development Goals Advocate

# Banking

## **3.India Post Payments Bank, Bajaj Allianz General Insurance tie up for non-life products**



## **Highlights:**

- India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) has announced a strategic alliance with Bajaj Allianz General Insurance to distribute their non-life insurance products across the country.
- •The scope of products will include healthcare and medical products, personal accidents, and motor insurance, amongst other innovative tailor-made products to address the protection needs of Bharat.

#### **EXPECTED QUESTIONS**

What? Partners with bajaj allianz general insurance By ? IPPB

#### IPPB

Hq: new delhi CEO: J. Venkatramu **Bajaj allianz GI** CEO: Tapan Singhel Headquarters: Pune

#### **RECENT NEWS**

 IIFL Home Finance inks co-lending pact with PNB

## 4.HDFC Bank partners with Paytm to launch co-branded credit cards



## **Highlights:**

- •HDFC Bank and Paytm, plan to launch a range of credit cards powered by VISA.
- •The partnership aims to provide a range of offerings across customer segments, with special focus on millennials, business owners and merchants, the bank said in a press release.
- •This is the first co-branded credit card launch by the country's largest private sector lender after the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) lifted a ban on the bank on new credit card launches in August.

#### **EXPECTED QUESTIONS**

What? Partners with paytm By ?HDFC bank

#### **HDFC bank**

Hq: mumbai MD&CEO: Sashidhar Jagdishan

#### Paytm

HQ:Noida, Uttar Pradesh; CEO: Vijay Shekhar Sharma

#### **RECENT NEWS**

Yes Bank has partnership with Visa to offer its customers credit cards and enhance payments efficiency

## Summits

## 5.FM Nirmala Sitharaman chairs 45th Meeting of GST council in Lucknow



## Highlights:

•The **45th Meeting of the Goods and Services Tax, GST Council** is going on in Lucknow.

•Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman is chairing the meeting in which Finance Ministers from all states and many senior officers are present.

•This is 45th Meeting of the GST Council and in the last 44 meetings Council had taken many decisions which helped common people.

•The Council is expected to Consensus amongst members has been the guiding principle for taking decisions in GST Council which reflects the accommodative spirit of cooperative federalism.

**EXPECTED QUESTIONS** What? 45<sup>th</sup> meeting of GST council in? lucknow

**Union Minister of finance** Nirmala sitharaman Cons: karnataka

## **Recent News**

•Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman chairs 24th meeting of FSDC(Financial Stability and Development Council) Exercise

## 6.Indian Navy arrives in Indonesia to participate in 3rd exercise Samudra Shakti



## Highlights:

•Indian Naval Ships Shivalik and Kadmatt arrived at Jakarta, Indonesia to participate in the 3rd edition of Bilateral Exercise 'Samudra Shakti' with the Indonesian Navy.

•KRI Bung Tomo, KRI Malahayati and Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Aircraft CN-235 are representing the Indonesian Navy.

•The exercise aims to strengthen the bilateral relationship, enhance mutual understanding and interoperability in maritime operations between the two navies.

**EXPECTED QUESTIONS** What? Samudra shakti naval exercise with? indonesia

#### Indonesia

President: Joko Widodo Capital: Jakarta Curr: Indonesian rupiah

### **Recent News**

•Indo-Nepal joint military exercise Surya Kiran-XV to begin at Pithoragarh

# Report & Ranking

## 7.India will be 3rd largest importer by 2050: UK report

#### Upward trajectory

India is ranked eighth among largest importing nations with a 2.8% global import share and is set to become the fourth largest importer by 2030.

Rank	2019	2030	2050
0 📕	United States	China	China
0 🛄	China	United States	United States
3 💻	Germany	Germany	India
0 1	France	India	Germany
5 😹	🗧 UK	UK	UK
6	Japan	Japan	France
0 =	Netherlands	France	Netherlands
8 💶	India	Netherlands	Japan
9 🖈	Hong Kong	Hong Kong	Hong Kong
10 :•:	South Korea	Canada	Vietnam

**EXPECTED QUESTIONS** What? 'Global Trade Outlook' top? US India? 8<sup>th</sup>

#### UK

Pm: Boris Johnson Capital: London Curr: pound sterling

### **Recent News**

•India becomes 3rd largest Unicorn ecosystem in the world

## Highlights:

•India is poised to become the world's third-largest importer by 2050 with a 5.9% share of global imports, following China and the United States (US), according to a new report titled 'Global Trade Outlook' by the UK'S Department of International Trade.

•Currently, India is on the **eighth spot** on the list of largest importing countries with a 2.8% share. The country will jump to the **fourth position by 2030** with a 3.9% share.

## 8.India ranks 46th in Global Innovation Index 2021



## Highlights:

•India has been ranked at 46th place in the Global Innovation Index 2021 released by World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). India has jumped 2 spots from last year's ranking.

•The Global Innovation Index (GII) provides detailed metrics about the innovation performance of 132 countries and economies around the world. Its 80 indicators explore a broad vision of innovation, including political environment, education, infrastructure and business sophistication.

**EXPECTED QUESTIONS** What? Global innovation index 2021 top? Switzerland India? 46<sup>th</sup>

#### WIPO

Dir Gen: Daren Tang. HQ: geneva,switzerland

## **Recent News**

 India emerges as Second in Global Manufacturing Risk Index

# **Books & authors**

9.CM YS Jagan Mohan Reddy releases book 'dancing with dreams' by chief secretary Adityanath Das



**Book Title:** dancing with dreams

author: adityanath das

Publisher: ram prasad

## **About Book:**

 'Dancing with Dreams', a collection of 40 poems penned by Adityanath Das, reveals the philosophical, spiritual and humane side of Adityanath Das.

## **EXPECTED QUESTIONS** What? dancing with dreams

author: adityanath das

Publisher: ram prasad

#### **RECENT NEWS**

Rajnath Singh launches a book title 'Shining Sikh Youth of India' authored by **Dr Prabhleen Singh** 

## Awards

## 10.Bhanumati Gheewala to get National Florence Nightingale Award 2021



## **Highlights:**

•The Florence Nightingale Award 2021 will be given to a nurse, Bhanumati Gheewala, from Sir Sayajirao General Hospital, Gujarat.

•She has been in charge of COVID-19 positive pregnant women's deliveries as well as infant care.

•The Florence Nightingale Award is given by the Indian Nursing Council. This is a statutory agency under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, to recognise the contributions of healthcare workers.

#### **EXPECTED QUESTIONS**

What? Florence Nightingale Award 2021 won? Bhanumati Gheewala

#### Indian Nursing Council Hq: New Delhi Pres: T. Dileep Kumar

#### **RECENT NEWS**

President confers National
Florence Nightingale Award
2020 on Deputy DirectorGeneral of Military Nursing
Service (MNS) Brig SV
Saraswati

## **11.Dharmendra Pradhan presents Kaushalacharya Awards 2021 to 41** skill trainers



## **Highlights:**

- •Union Education Minister and Skill Development Minister **Dharmendra Pradhan** virtually presented **Kaushalacharya Awards 2021** to 41 skill trainers for their exemplary contribution to the skill ecosystem.
- •These 41 trainers are from several initiatives and training programmes of Skill India— Directorate General of Training (DGT), Apprenticeship, Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS) and Entrepreneurship.

#### **EXPECTED QUESTIONS**

What? KaushalacharyaAwards 2021By? Dharmendra pradhan

**Education minister** Dharmendra pradhan Cons: deogarh,odisha

#### **RECENT NEWS**

•UNESCO Literacy Prize awarded to NIOS for Innovation in Education

## National

## **12.PFRDA's board okays sponsor licence for Tata Asset, Max Life**



## Highlights:

Pension regulator PFRDA's(Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority) board has given the nod to award licences to Tata Asset Management Company and Max Life Insurance to turn into sponsors of a pension fund to handle the National Pension System (NPS).
Once the licence-award course of is accomplished, there can be 10 Pension Fund Managers within the nation to handle the NPS.

**EXPECTED QUESTIONS** What? licences to Tata Asset Management Company and Max Life Insurance by? PFRDA

#### **PFRDA**

chairperson: Supratim Bandyopadhyay HQ: new delhi

### **Recent News**

•Max Life partners with BillDesk to enable safe and secure E-mandate for premium payment

## **13.Mansukh Mandaviya releases FSSAI's 3rd State Food Safety Index**



## **Highlights**:

- •Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare Mansukh Mandaviya released Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)'s 3rd State Food Safety Index (SFSI) to measure the performance of States across five parameters of food safety.
- •The Union Minister felicitated nine leading States/UTs based on the ranking for the year 2020-21 for their impressive performance.
- •This year, among the larger states, Gujarat was the top-ranking state, followed by Kerala and Tamil Nadu.

•Among the smaller states, Goa stood first followed by Meghalaya and Manipur. •Among UTs, Jammu & Kashmir, Andaman & Nicobar Islands and New Delhi secured top ranks.

## **EXPECTED QUESTIONS** What 3rd State Food

Safety Index (SFSI) by? Manshuk mandaviya

Union health minister Manshuk mandaviya Cons:palitana, gujarat

### **Recent News**

Minister •Union Health Mansukh Mandaviya takes charge as Chairperson of Stop TB Partnership Board

## State

## 14.Goa to start government at doorstep initiative



## Highlights:

•The Goa government will introduce a special programme "Sarkar Tumchya Dari" (government at your doorstep) initiative will be launched from Thivim Assembly constituency in North Goa to take government services to people's doorsteps from September 19.

•Representatives from all the concerned state government departments will be present for the initiative and will address issues raised by locals and even clear pending files.

**EXPECTED QUESTIONS** What? "Sarkar Tumchya Dari" in? Goa

#### Goa

Capital: panaji CM: pramod sawant Gov: P.S. Sreedharan Pillai

### **Recent News**

•Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant announced the government's scheme for providing free water up to 16,000 litres per household per month.

## 15. Telangana, UNICEF announce School Innovation challenge



## Highlights:

- •The Government of Telangana, in association with the UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund), YuWaah and Inqui-lab Foundation announced the launch of the second edition of the Telangana School Innovation Challenge (TSIC) 2021.
- •The Challenge is aimed at nurturing design thinking, innovation and entrepreneurship among chool students.
- •Creating access to design thinking and problem-solving skills are important to inculcate innovation mindset at a young age. This year the Challenge is going to target 50,000 school children across the State

## **EXPECTED QUESTIONS** What? School Innovation Challenge (TSIC) 2021

in? telangana

#### telangana

Capital: Hyderabad Gov: Tamilisai Soundararajan Cm: K. Chandrashekar Rao UNICEF

Hq: New York, United States Head: Henrietta H. Fore

### **Recent News**

•'Medicine from the Sky' initiative launched in Telangana

# Ambassadors

## 16.Fino Payments Bank appoints Pankaj Tripathi as brand ambassador



## **Highlights** :

- •Fino Payments Bank (FPBL) has appointed Indian actor Pankaj Tripathi as its first brand ambassador, for a period of two-year.
- •Pankaj Tripathi will be the face of Fino Payments Bank's marketing campaigns across various platforms, to promote its products and services.

#### **EXPECTED QUESTIONS**

Who? : pankaj tripathi For? Fino Payments Bank

**Fino Payments Bank** MD & CEO: Rishi Gupta. Hq: Mumbai, Maharashtra.

## **Recent News**

 Tata AIA Life names Neeraj Chopra as brand ambassador 17.Miss India Manika Sheokand is Haryana's ambassador for save water campaign



## Highlights :

- •The Haryana Government appointed Femina Miss Grand India-2021 Manika Sheokand as the goodwill ambassador for Water Conservation Campaign.
- •Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar handed over appointment letter and an agreement to Manika at a programme organised at Haryana Niwas.

#### **EXPECTED QUESTIONS**

Who? Manika sheokand For? Haryana water conversation campaign

#### Haryana

Cap:chandigarh CM: manohar lal khattar GOV: bandaru dattatreya

## **Recent News**

 Avani Lekhara Named Brand Ambassador for Rajasthan's 'Beti Bachao and Beti Padhao' Project

## **Organisation / Bank: WHO**

DG: Tedros Adhanom HQ: geneva switzerland

#### UN

Sec.gen:antonio guterres HQ:new york,US

#### **HDFC** bank

Hq: mumbai MD&CEO: Sashidhar Jagdishan Paytm

HQ:Noida, Uttar Pradesh; CEO: Vijay Shekhar Sharma

#### **IPPB**

Hq: new delhi CEO: J. Venkatramu

#### **Bajaj allianz GI**

CEO: Tapan Singhel Headquarters: Pune

#### **WIPO**

Dir Gen: Daren Tang. HQ: geneva, switzerland

#### **Indian Nursing Council**

Hq: New Delhi Pres: T. Dileep Kumar

#### **PFRDA**

chairperson: Supratim Bandyopadhyay HQ: new delhi

#### **Fino Payments Bank**

MD & CEO: Rishi Gupta. Hq: Mumbai, Maharashtra.

#### UNICEF

Hq: New York, United States Head: Henrietta H. Fore

MINIS/CONS **Union Minister of finance** Nirmala sitharaman

Cons: karnataka **Education minister** Dharmendra pradhan Cons: deogarh, odisha **Union health minister** 

Manshuk mandaviya Cons:palitana, gujarat

## **COUNTRY/CAP**

#### Indonesia

President: Joko Widodo Capital: Jakarta Curr: Indonesian rupiah Haryana Cap:chandigarh CM: manohar lal khattar

GOV: bandaru dattatreya

#### UK

Pm: Boris Johnson Capital: London Curr: pound sterling Goa

Capital: panaji CM: pramod sawant Gov: P.S. Sreedharan Pillai

#### telangana

Capital: Hyderabad Gov: Tamilisai Soundararajan Cm: K. Chandrashekar Rao

## 1. INTERNATIONAL DAY OF UNIVERSITY SPORT 2021: sept 20:observed by???

## **UNESCO**

## 2. \_\_\_\_\_ re-elected NRAI president for fourth time

## **Raninder Singh**

## 3. Renowned Cosmologist Padmanabhan Dies: born in??

## kerala

## 4. LIC Launches Mobile App \_\_\_\_\_\_for Development Officers

## **'PRAGATI'**

5. The book titled 'The Three Khans: And the Emergence of New India' by Kaveree Bamzai: publisher?

Westland publisher