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**June 1<sup>st</sup> week Current Affairs MCQ**

1. T V Narendran has been elected as the new President of which of the following organisation for 2021-22?

- (a) CII
- (b) FICCI
- (c) ASSOCHAM
- (d) NASSCOM
- (e) NIA

**Answer: A**

The Confederation of Indian Industry has elected T V Narendran, CEO and Managing Director of Tata Steel as its new President for 2021-22.

Narendran will take over from Uday Kotak, CEO and Managing Director, Kotak Mahindra Bank.

T V Narendran, CEO and Managing Director of Tata Steel has assumed the office of President of CII for 2021-22.

Narendran has been involved with CII for many years now at the state and regional levels.

The press release further mentioned that Sanjiv Bajaj, Chairman and Managing Director of Bajaj Finserv Limited has been elected as President-Designate of CII for 2021-22 while Pawan Munjal, Chairman and CEO, Hero MotoCorp Ltd will be Vice President of CII for 2021-22.

About CII:

Established: 1895

Headquarters: New Delhi

2. How many satellites have been launched by OneWeb in collaboration with UK government from Russian spaceport?

- (a) 50
- (b) 24
- (c) 36

(d) 72

(e) 48

**Answer: C**

Bharti Global-backed OneWeb, which is a Low Earth Orbit (LEO) satellite communications operator, has launched its next batch of 36 satellites.

The satellites were launched by Arianespace from the Vostochny cosmodrome in Russia.

With the latest launch, OneWeb's total in-orbit constellation stands at 218 satellites.

These would be a part of OneWeb's 648 LEO satellite fleet that will look to deliver high-speed, low-latency global connectivity by next year.

The launch represents the fourth in a five-launch programme that looks to fulfil the 'Five to 50' service, which will enable OneWeb to offer connectivity across the UK, Alaska, Northern Europe, Greenland, the Arctic Seas and Canada.

The company expects the service to be switched on before the end of the year.

OneWeb plans to make global services available in 2022.

3. Name the author and filmmaker who has come up with a new book titled '1232 km: The Long Journey Home' in May 2021.

- (a) Aparna Sen
- (b) Vinod Kapri
- (c) Anurag Kashyap
- (d) Amit Dutta
- (e) Kuljinder Singh Sidhu

**Answer: B**

A new book titled '1232 km: The Long Journey Home' authored by filmmaker Vinod Kapri chronicles the journey of seven migrant workers from Bihar,

who journeyed back home on their bicycles and reached their destination after seven days.

The book is published by HarperCollins.

Kapri accompanied these seven migrant workers — Ritesh, Ashish, Ram Babu, Sonu, Krishna, Sandeep and Mukesh — on their 1,232-km journey from Ghaziabad in Uttar Pradesh to Saharsa in Bihar.

It is a story of courage as well as the desperation of seven men braving police lathis and insults, battling hunger and exhaustion to reach their home.

**4. World Vape Day is observed annually on 30th May across the globe. When did it first come into existence?**

- (a) 2010
- (b) 2011
- (c) 2012
- (d) 2013
- (e) 2014

**Answer: C**

World Vape Day is annually observed across the globe on 30th May to raise awareness about smoke-free products as 'the better choice' to combustible cigarettes which are linked to more than eight million premature deaths each year.

From the Year 2021 onwards, the day will be celebrated one day before the 'World No Tobacco Day' which is celebrated on 31st May.

The Day was first celebrated in 2012 on various dates.

Note: Indian authorities have banned the sales (but not use) of e-cigarettes from the year 2019

**5. In May 2021, which country has allowed couples to have up to three children after census data showed a steep decline in birth rates?**

- (a) China

(b) Russia

(c) Singapore

(d) Sweden

(e) Norway

**Answer: A**

China has allowed couples to have up to three children, after census data showed a steep decline in birth rates.

The shift, announced by the nation's ruling Communist Party comes less than six years after raising the nationwide limit to two children.

In addition to raising the limit again, China's government says it will offer "supporting measures," possibly including maternity leave and greater workplace protections for women.

The timing and specifics of the new policies remain unclear, however.

**6. Which state government has introduced the system of 13 Guardian Ministers for implementation of the government's policy decisions, administrative reforms and other welfare schemes?**

- (a) Gujarat
- (b) Uttarakhand
- (c) Assam
- (d) Andhra Pradesh
- (e) Karnataka

**Answer: C**

The Assam government has come up with the concept of guardian ministers where a minister is allocated two or three districts.

They will be responsible for the implementation of state government and central government schemes in the district, and will resolve issues pertaining to the district.

According to the state government, 13 ministers will be responsible for the implementation of the government's policy decision, Administrative reforms and other welfare schemes for the public in the district.

Each minister will be assigned two or three districts in the state.

The ministers will review implementation of all centrally-sponsored schemes & the state's own priority programmes, besides delivering decision making in a quick manner on the applications received from the general public of the district.

The Guardian Minister will visit the district headquarters once in a month.

**7. Recently, Tamil Nadu government announced a cash assistance of Rs \_\_\_\_\_ along with 15 Kg rice and 15 varieties of dry ration to support temple workers and priests during the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic.**

- (a) 2500
- (b) 3000
- (c) 3500
- (d) 4000
- (e) 5000

**Answer: D**

The Tamil Nadu government has announced a cash assistance of ₹4,000 along with 15 kg rice and 15 varieties of dry ration for temple workers and priests amid the pandemic.

The move will benefit 14,000 workers, said PK Sekarbabu, Minister of Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments department.

The order is reportedly expected to be implemented from June 3.

A sum of Rs 341 crores has been allocated for providing immediate assistance to people

In addition to this, the policemen will be provided with an additional Rs 5000.

**8. Canara Bank has appointed S K Majumdar as its Chief Financial Officer. He would replace whom among the following?**

- (a) V Ramachandra
- (b) Anshula Kant
- (c) BK Mishra
- (d) K Rajaraman
- (e) Raj Krishan Rai

**Answer: A**

State-owned Canara Banks appointed S K Majumdar as its chief financial officer (CFO) with immediate effect from May 31, 2021.

He replaced V Ramachandra, chief general manager of the Canara Bank.

Majumdar, 52, is a chartered accountant and cost accountant by qualification.

He has over 21 years' of experience in banking in various branches and departments.

He has been associated with the bank since January 2000.

About Canara Bank:

CEO: Matam Vekata Rao

Tagline: Together We Can

Headquarters: Bengaluru, Karnataka

Primary Tag: Appointments

Secondary Tag: In-Depth

**9. World No tobacco Day is observed every year on 31st May. What is the theme of 2021 World No Tobacco Day?**

- (a) Protecting Youth from Tobacco
- (b) Quit tobacco to be a winner
- (c) Tobacco & Lung Health
- (d) Tobacco & heart Diseases



(e) Tobacco: A threat to Development

**Answer: B**

World No Tobacco Day is observed every year on 31 May to make tobacco users aware of the opportunity to lead a healthier life.

In 1987, the Member States of the World Health Organisation created World No Tobacco Day to draw its attention towards the tobacco epidemic.

This year, the theme is 'Quit tobacco to be a winner'.

Around the world, there are several campaigns on social media, where people post ideas and tips to help others quit smoking using #CommitToQuit.

In 2008, the WHO banned any kind of advertisement or promotion about tobacco, thinking that probably the ads attract youth to indulge in smoking.

**10. Which among the following announced India's first NFT marketplace "open to all" for trade of non-fungible tokens in May 2021?**

- (a) WazirX
- (b) UnoCoin
- (c) CoinSwitch
- (d) CoinDCX
- (e) ZebPay

**Answer: A**

WazirX, India's biggest cryptocurrency exchange, on May 31 announced India's first marketplace for trade of non-fungible tokens or NFTs.

More than 300 creators have been 'whitelisted' to release their art on the marketplace.

The platform is "open to all" who want to buy or sell NFT

It has no listing price and will charge a 'minimal gas fee' of \$1 for transactions

The token for trading will be the company's own WRX token.

At present, the platform will not allow bids for sale pieces and only allows "fixed price" sales.

NFTs will be interoperable and can be transferred to another blockchain (e.g. Ethereum) later.

About WazirX

Headquarters: Mumbai

Established: 2018

Head: Nischal Shetty

**11. Indian boxer Sanjeet Kumar has won a gold medal in the 91 kg weight category at the ASBC Asian Boxing Championship. Sanjeet Kumar hails from which state?**

- (a) Haryana
- (b) Punjab
- (c) Uttarakhand
- (d) Assam
- (e) Bihar

**Answer: D**

India boxer Sanjeet Kumar won a gold medal in the 91 kg weight category at the ASBC Asian Boxing Championships.

Sanjeet defeated five-time Asian Championships medallist and Rio Olympic silver medalist Vassiliy Levit of Kazakhstan in the final

The 27-year-old Assam boxer has previously won gold in 2013, silver in 2017, and two bronze in 2015 and 2019.

**12. Balasubramanian Shyam has been recently appointed as India's Ambassador to the Republic of Iceland. He is presently serving as India's Ambassador to which country?**

- (a) Afghanistan
- (b) Pakistan
- (c) China
- (d) Japan

(e) Syria

**Answer: D**

B Shyam, presently the Consul General of India, Osaka-Kobe, Japan has been appointed as India's next Ambassador to the Republic of Iceland.

He is expected to take up the assignment shortly. Balasubramanian Shyam joined the Indian Foreign Service in 2000.

Shyam had joined as Consul General of India, Osaka-Kobe, Japan on August 1, 2018.

**13. Punjab Government has launched 'Udaan' Scheme to distribute Sanitary Pads to Women every month. What amount would be allocated by the government for the scheme per annum?**

- (a) 20.55 crores
- (b) 30.55 crores
- (c) 40.55 crores
- (d) 50.55 crores
- (e) 60.55 crores

**Answer: C**

Punjab Social Security, Women and Child Development Minister Aruna Chaudhary launched the 'Udaan Yojana' for women's empowerment in the state on the occasion of International Menstrual Hygiene Day.

Under this, free sanitary pads will be distributed to women and girls of needy families of the state every month.

Under this new scheme, out-of-school girls / out-of-school girls, out-of-college girls, women from BPL families, slums- Hut and homeless women, women from Tapparivas families and blue card holders and women not availing free / subsidized sanitary pads

under any scheme of other departments will be covered. It will cost Rs 40.55 crore annually.

Each beneficiary will be given a maximum of 9 sanitary pads every month.

**14. When is the Commonwealth day celebrated in India annually?**

- (a) 20th May
- (b) 23rd May
- (c) 24th May
- (d) 29th May
- (e) 31st May

**Answer: C**

Commonwealth Day, also known as Empire Day is the annual celebration of the Commonwealth of Nations, since 1977.

This day marks the formation of the British Empire in India and other colonies of Britain.

It is celebrated all across the world on the second Monday in the month of March every year.

But in India and a couple of other countries Commonwealth Day is also celebrated on May 24.

The day is the birth date of Queen Victoria, who was born 24th May, 1819.

The Commonwealth theme for 2021 is 'Delivering A Common Future: Innovating, Connecting, Transforming'.

About Commonwealth:

The Commonwealth is a voluntary association of sovereign countries that were once under British law and government.

The headquarters of the Commonwealth is London (United Kingdom). Its working language is English.

**15. Which state government has launched the solar-based electrification programme for rural households in May 2021?**

- (a) Kerala
- (b) Goa
- (c) Assam
- (d) Karnataka
- (e) Bihar

**Answer: B**

Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant launched a solar-based electrification programme for rural households in the state.

This project will bring electricity through renewable energy to areas in Goa where grid connectivity is not feasible.

The solar PV-based home lighting systems for households was inaugurated only two days after the agreement was signed between Convergence Energy Services Ltd (CESL) and Goa Energy Development Agency (GEDA).

This project is CESL's first off-grid electricity engagement that will install and maintain solar PV systems for five years under the Remote Village Electrification (RVE) programme of the Government of Goa.

**16. World Milk Day is celebrated every year on June 1. The first Milk Day was celebrated in which year?**

- (a) 2001
- (b) 1996
- (c) 2003
- (d) 2005
- (e) 2004

**Answer: A**

World Milk Day is celebrated every year on 1st June to educate people about the importance of milk in our diet.

The day was established by the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations.

This year the celebrations have begun with the Enjoy Dairy Rally 29 May-31 culminating with World Milk Day on (1st June).

The theme of World Milk Day 2021 will focus on Sustainability in the dairy sector with messages around the environment, nutrition, and socio-economics.

World Milk Day first time was celebrated in 2001 all across the globe and several countries participated in the event.

**17. Which among the following organisations has introduced the world's first Nano Urea Liquid for farmers?**

- (a) NABARD
- (b) FICCI
- (c) IFFCO
- (d) CII
- (e) FSSAI

**Answer: C**

Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited (IFFCO) has introduced the world's first Nano Urea Liquid for farmers across the world in its 50th annual general body meeting held in the online-offline mode in India.

The indigenously developed 'Nano Urea' is in liquid form and is priced at Rs 240 per 500 ml bottle, which is 10 percent cheaper than the cost of a bag of conventional urea.

It will be available to the farmers through its cooperative sales and marketing channel apart from IFFCO's e-commerce platform.

It is developed to replace conventional Urea and it can curtail the requirement of the same by at least 50%.

About IFFCO:

Headquarters: New Delhi

MD: Dr U.S Awasthi

**18. Which among the following Institutes of Management has topped among the Indian Universities in the Center for World University Ranking 2021-22 with the global rank of 415?**

- (a) IIM Pune
- (b) IIM Ahmedabad
- (c) IIM Bangalore
- (d) IIM Calcutta
- (e) IIM Udaipur

**Answer: B**

As many as 68 Indian institutes have made it to the list of the top 2000 higher education institutes across the world, as per the Centre for World University Rankings (CWUR) 2021-22.

The Indian pack is led by the IIM-Ahmedabad which has bagged 415th rank followed by the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) at 459th rank.

Other major Indian universities include JNU, BHU, IIT Roorkee, IIT Guwahati, AIIMS New Delhi, Jadavpur University, University of Calcutta and Vellore Institute of Technology.

Harvard University has topped the ranking globally followed by Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Stanford University, University of Cambridge, and Oxford University respectively.

**19. Which of the following Offshore patrol Vessel was virtually commissioned into Indian Coast Guard in May 2021, built by Goa Shipyard Limited?**

- (a) SAMARTH
- (b) SHOOR
- (c) SUJAY

(d) SHAURYA

(e) SAJAG

**Answer: E**

Indian Coast Guard (ICG) ship 'Sajag' was commissioned by National Security Advisor, (NSA), Ajit Doval on 29th May 2021.

ICGS Sajag is the third in series of 105m Offshore Patrol Vessel (OPVs) indigenously designed and built by Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL) in lines with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of the Make in India initiative.

ICGS Sajag is fitted with modern and advanced machinery and computerised control systems. It is one of the most advanced patrol vessels in service with the Indian Coast Guard.

Sajag was commissioned in the presence of Dr. Ajay Kumar, Defence Secretary of India and Krishnaswamy Natarajan, Director-General of the Indian Coast Guard along with other senior dignitaries of both State and Central Government.

**20. Name the online real-time tracking portal launched to monitor children who lost both or either of their parents in COVID-19 by NCPCR.**

- (a) Bal Swaraj
- (b) Bal Samridhi
- (c) Bal Bachav
- (d) Bal Suraksha
- (e) Bal Sevak

**Answer: A**

The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) has devised an online tracking portal "Bal Swaraj (COVID-Care link)" for children in need of care and protection.

This portal has been created with a purpose for online tracking and digital real-time monitoring



mechanism of children who need care and protection.

The Commission has extended the use of this portal for tracking children who have lost both their parents or either of the parents during COVID-19 and provided a link under the name of "COVID-Care" for uploading the data of such children by the concerned officer/department on the portal.

The Commission can also identify if the state is needing financial assistance in getting more funds for giving benefits under implemented schemes to the children.

**21. In May 2021, Ministry of Education launched 'YUVA' scheme to train Young and Budding Authors. How many authors will be selected under the scheme?**

- (a) 50
- (b) 75
- (c) 100
- (d) 125
- (e) 150

**Answer: B**

On May 29, 2021, The Ministry of Education, launched an Author Mentorship program 'Young, Upcoming and Versatile Authors' (YUVA) scheme, to train young authors.

The scheme is aimed at training 75 aspiring writers below 30 years, who are ready to express themselves and project India and its culture and literature globally.

A consolidated scholarship of Rs 50,000 per month for a period of six months per author will be paid under the mentorship scheme.

The selection will be made by a Committee to be constituted by National Book Trust.

The names of selected authors will be announced on the occasion of Independence Day on 15th August 2021.

The published books may be launched on 12th January 2022 on YUVA DIVAS or the National Youth Day.

**22. Which among the following countries hosted the 5th BRICS Working Group Meeting on High Performance Computing and Information Communication Technologies?**

- (a) India
- (b) Brazil
- (c) Russia
- (d) South Africa
- (e) China

**Answer: D**

South Africa on 30th May hosted and coordinated the fifth BRICS Working Group meeting on High-Performance Computing (HPC) and Information Communication Technologies (ICT) virtually under the Science, Technology, and Innovation track.

All five BRICS countries: Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa participated.

The meeting drew more than 50 participants, including various scholars, academicians, and government officials.

Each nation shared its country's progress in building an HPC infrastructure network and areas of interest for advancing BRICS collaboration.

This meeting is part of the BRICS Science, Technology and Innovation Calendar of Activities 2020-21 adopted by all BRICS countries.

India has assumed the BRICS Presidency from January 2021.

**23.RBI has recently cancelled the licence of Shivajirao Bhosale Sahakari Bank due to inadequate capital. The bank is based in which city?**

- (a)Pune
- (b)Mumbai
- (c)Nasik
- (d)Nagpur
- (e)Aurangabad

**Answer: A**

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has cancelled the licence of the Pune-based Shivajirao Bhosale Sahakari Bank. The reason cited the absence of adequate capital and earning prospects as the reason behind the cancellation.

As per data submitted by Shivajirao Bhosale Sahakari Bank, more than 98 per cent of the depositors will receive the full amount of their deposits from the Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC).

On liquidation, every depositor would be entitled to receive deposit insurance claim amount of his/her deposits up to a monetary ceiling of Rs 5 lakh from the DICGC.

**24.Who among the following has assumed the charge of the Deputy Chief of Naval Staff by replacing MS Pawar?**

- (a)Sanjay Jasjit Singh
- (b)Ravneet Singh
- (c)NarayanPrasad
- (d)Rajesh Pendharkar
- (e)Krishna Swaminathan

**Answer: B**

Vice Admiral Ravneet Singh, who has commanded various frontline ships and naval air squadrons,

assumed charge as Deputy Chief of Naval Staff , the Defence Ministry said.

Singh replaces Vice Admiral M S Pawar who superannuated on May 31, 2021.

Vice Admiral Ravneet Singh was commissioned into the Indian Navy on 01 Jul 1983 and is specialized in Aviation.

**25.In May 2021, who among the following authors have made history by winning the International Business Book of the Year Award for 2021?**

- (a)Nitin Rakesh
- (b)Jerry Wind
- (c)Eric Carle
- (d)Both a &b
- (e)Both b &c

**Answer: D**

Nitin Rakesh and Jerry Wind won the International Business Book of the Year Award 2021.

The authors made history by prevailing the prestigious International Business Book of the Year Award for 2021 for their currently launched e-book "Transformation in Times of Crisis", published by Notion Press.

Their ebook Transformation in Times of Crisis brings entrepreneurs and enterprise owners the expertise to help their business thrive even in a crisis.

**26.On June 1, 2021, Dr. Vinay K Nandicoori was appointed as the new director of the CSIR-Centre for cellular and molecular Biology located in \_\_\_\_\_.**

- (a)Bengaluru
- (b)Hyderabad
- (c)Pune
- (d)New Delhi
- (e)Kolkata

**Answer: B**

Dr Vinay K Nandicoori has been appointed as the new director of the CSIR-Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB), Hyderabad.

He is a well-known molecular biologist, and has been a scientist at the DBT-National Institute of Immunology, New Delhi.

Dr Nandicoori will succeed Dr Rakesh K Mishra as CCMB's Director.

Dr Mishra, now Director at the Tata Institute of Genetics and Society, will remain as CCMB's Advisor to help CCMB in its efforts against the ongoing pandemic.

**27. A team of zoologists have discovered a new species of spider cricket named 'Jayanti' in which of the following places?**

- (a) Chhattisgarh
- (b) West Bengal
- (c) Karnataka
- (d) Kerala
- (e) Odisha

**Answer: A**

Indimimusjayanti, a new species of cricket, was discovered recently in the Kurra caves of Chhattisgarh by a team of zoologists of Panjab University, Chandigarh.

The new species was named after Professor Jayant Biswas, one of the country's foremost cave explorers.

Jayanti has become the twelfth subgenus, or species, of cricket identified under the genus Arachnomimus Saussure, 1897.

Though the distribution of these species is very wide, ranging from Brazil to Malaysia, in India, the diversity of spider crickets is still unexplored.

**28. Global Day of Parents is observed every year on June 1. Which of the following agencies proclaimed the day?**

- (a) United Nations General Assembly
- (b) United Nations Security Council
- (c) World Health Organisation
- (d) United Nations Children Emergency Fund
- (e) United Nations Population Fund

**Answer: A**

Global Day of Parents is annually marked on 1 June.

In 2012, the UN General Assembly declared the first-ever Global Day of Parents.

The day is celebrated to honor parents for their sacrifices, commitment and selfless love.

In addition, concerned organizations also use this day to promote the model of a two-parent nuclear family.

**29. Hari Krishna Dwivedi has been recently appointed as the new Chief secretary of West Bengal. He is currently serving as the \_\_\_\_\_ of West Bengal.**

- (a) Finance Minister
- (b) Health Minister
- (c) Home Minister
- (d) Governor
- (e) Personal Secretary to CM

**Answer: C**

Hari Krishna Dwivedi, an IAS officer of the 1988-batch of West Bengal cadre, has been appointed as the Chief secretary of West Bengal.

Hari Krishna Dwivedi earlier held the post of additional chief secretary, home and hill affairs in the West Bengal government.

In addition to home and hill affairs, Dwivedi also held the charge of the departments of parliamentary affairs, planning and statistics and programme monitoring.

He was earlier the state's additional chief secretary in the finance ministry.

Hari Krishna Dwivedi has been a member of the board of West Bengal Power Development Corporation Ltd since 2012.

**30. The defence Minister, Rajnath Singh has approved the 'Second Positive Indigenisation List' comprising how many items?**

- (a) 51
- (b) 101
- (c) 108
- (d) 121
- (e) 151

**Answer: C**

Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh has approved a proposal of the Department of Military Affairs, Ministry of Defence (MoD) notified the 'Second Positive Indigenisation List' of 108 items to promote defence exports.

All the 108 items will now be procured from indigenous sources as per provisions given in Defence Acquisition Procedure (DAP) 2020.

The second list (enclosed) lays special focus on weapons/systems which are currently under development/trials and are likely to translate into firm orders in the future.

The List comprises complex systems, sensors, simulator, weapons and ammunitions many more such items to fulfil the requirements of Indian Armed Forces

This second list is planned to be implemented progressively with effect from December 2021 to December 2025.

**31. In June 2021, Moody's Investors Service has pegged India's GDP growth at how much percentage in the current fiscal year?**

- (a) 9%
- (b) 9.1%
- (c) 9.2%
- (d) 9.3%
- (e) 9.4%

**Answer: D**

The US based rating agency, Moody's had projected India to clock a 9.3 per cent growth in the current fiscal ending March 2022.

According to it, Indian economy contracted by 7.3 per cent in fiscal 2020-21 as the country battled the first wave of COVID, as against a 4 per cent growth in 2019-20.

**32. Yes bank has recently released a growth estimate report titled 'India GDP: Marathon effort ahead'. What are the growth estimation of India in the FY 2021-22 as per the bank?**

- (a) 7.5%
- (b) 8.5%
- (c) 9.5%
- (d) 10.5%
- (e) 11.5%

**Answer: B**



Yes Bank revised its growth estimate for India for the financial year 2021-22 to 8.5 per cent as per the report titled 'India GDP: Marathon effort ahead' prepared by Yes Bank's Economist department.

As per the report, a sequential drop has been observed in the mobility and consumption indicators. Its previous projection was 10.5 per cent.

**33. Who among the following has authored the book titled 'All You Need is Josh: Stories of Courage & Conviction in 21st Century India'?**

- (a)Twinkle Khanna
- (b)Jhumpa Lahiri
- (c)Arundhati Roy
- (d)Kiran Desai
- (e)Supriya Paul

**Answer: E**

Supriya Paul, who made it to the Forbes list of self-made women in 2020, curates stories of some unique individuals in her new book with an aim to reach those who are searching for hope and comfort during these trying times.

"All You Need Is Josh: Stories of Courage and Conviction in 21st-century India" is a collection of 30 awe-inspiring real life stories of people bracing odds and obstacles and achieving their dreams.

The stories in the book, edited by Paul and published by Bloomsbury.

**34. Which country has been named as the new host for Copa America tournament after Colombia and Argentina were stripped of the tournament due to some reasons?**

- (a)Chile
- (b)Brazil
- (c)Russia

(d)Uruguay

(e)Spain

**Answer: B**

Brazil would host Copa America for the second consecutive time after Colombia and Argentina were stripped of hosting rights for the tournament.

South American soccer body CONMEBOL announced the decision hours after it ruled out Argentina amid an increase in COVID-19 cases in the country.

Colombia was removed as co-host on May 20 as street protests against President Iván Duque rocked the nation.

The tournament is confirmed to take place between June 13 and July 10.

Brazil hosted the last Copa America, in 2019.

**35. The Centre has allocated how much amount to West Bengal under Jal Jeevan Mission for 2021-22 to provide every household with assured tap water supply?**

- (a)5000 crores
- (b)6000 crores
- (c)7000 crores
- (d)8000 crores
- (e)9000 crores

**Answer: C**

The Centre has allocated nearly ₹ 7,000 crore to West Bengal for the implementation of the Jal Jeevan Mission in 2021-22 in a four-fold rise from last year's budget.

The central allocation for 2019-20 was ₹ 995.33 crore and was increased to ₹ 1,614.18 crore in 2020-21, the ministry said.

The state has planned to implement the Jal Jeevan Mission with speed to provide tap water connections to 43.10 lakh rural homes in 2020-21 and 52.74 lakh

FHTCs (functional household tap connections) in 2022-23 and 2023-24," the ministry said.

Last month, the Centre had announced ₹ 3,410 crore for Gujarat, ₹ 5,117 crore for Madhya Pradesh and ₹ 1,605 crore to eight northeastern states under the mission.

**36. Which country's Largest navy ship , IRIS Kharg, sank after catching fire near the mouth of the Gulf on 2 June, 2021?**

- (a)Iran
- (b)Israel
- (c)Russia
- (d)Indonesia
- (e)Colombia

**Answer: A**

Iran's largest navy ship the Kharg sank after catching fire in the Gulf of Oman, but the crew were safely rescued, Iranian media reported.

The vessel sank near the Iranian port of Jask, some 1,270 kilometers (790 miles) southeast of Tehran on the Gulf of Oman near the Strait of Hormuz, the narrow mouth of the Persian Gulf.

The Gulf of Oman connects to the Strait of Hormuz where about a fifth of the world's oil passes.

**37. Which of the following IIT researchers have discovered new fossils that show India was home to a variety of Sea Cows millions of years ago?**

- (a)IIT Delhi
- (b)IIT Roorkee
- (c)IIT Bombay
- (d)IIT Kanpur
- (e)IIT Madras

**Answer: B**

IT Roorkee researchers have discovered new fossils that show India was home to a variety of sea cows millions of years ago.

Sea cows, or Dugongs, are an endangered species of herbivorous marine mammals, which feed on seagrass in shallow coastal waters.

Although protected in India under the Wild (Life) Protection Act, 1972, these rare animals are fighting for survival in the Indian waters including the Gulf of Kutch, the Gulf of Mannar and Palk Bay (Tamil Nadu), and the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

Studies conducted at IIT Roorkee, India was home to at least four different species that thrived about 20 million years ago.

The World Dugong Day is also celebrated every year on May 28 to create awareness about this growing threat to sea cows by human activities.

**38.Which of the following stock exchanges has signed an MoU with Electronics And Computer Software Export Promotion Council to create awareness about benefits of listing among ICT SMEs and Start-ups?**

- (a)BSE
- (b)NSE
- (c)India INX
- (d)MSE
- (e)NSE IFSC

**Answer: A**

*BSE has joined hands with Electronics and Computer Software Export Promotion Council (ESC) to create awareness about the benefits of listing among small businesses and startups.*

Through this pact, ESC will utilise its pan India network of electronics and IT exporters and evaluate the small and medium enterprises (SMEs) and

startups amongst these for listing on the BSE SME and startup platform.

Besides, as a joint effort, the two organisations will collectively host joint roadshows and events across India to create awareness and promote the listing of SMEs and startups, the exchange said.

About ESC:

Founded: 1989

Headquarters: New Delhi

MD: DK Sareen

**39. In June, 2021, the State Bank of India has slashed India's GDP to 7.9%. What was its earlier projection?**

- (a) 8.5%
- (b) 9.6%
- (c) 10.4%
- (d) 11%
- (e) 11.2%

**Answer: C**

Economists at SBI have cut their forecast for India's gross domestic product (GDP) growth in financial year 2021-22 to 7.9 percent from 10.4 percent earlier due to the second wave of COVID-19 pandemic.

SBI had earlier predicted 11 per cent growth in FY22, which was later revised to 10.4 per cent.

Hence, the shape of recovery will be "W-shaped" instead of "V-shaped" as it was anticipated earlier."

The report said its 7.9 per cent growth projection has an upward bias with the hope that the government will be able to vaccinate 1 crore people per day from mid-July as per its plan.

**40. Who among the following has ranked first in the ICC women's T20 batting rankings with 776 points, released in June 2021?**

- (a) Shafali Verma
- (b) Beth Mooney
- (c) Jemimah Rodrigues
- (d) Smriti Mandhana
- (e) Priya Punia

**Answer: A**

Teenage India batswoman Shafali Verma continues to top the ICC women's T20I batting rankings.

The 17-year-old player, being touted as the successor to Smriti Mandhana, has 776 points and is leading second-placed Beth Mooney of Australia by 32 points.

India's T20 vice-captain, Smriti, is fourth with 693 points. Jemimah Rodrigues is the third Indian in the top 10 of the T20I batting rankings with 640 points.

England's Sophie Ecclestone leads the rankings with 799 points.

**41. In June 2021, PM Narendra Modi has launched a new scheme under PM-CARES for children who are affected by COVID-19. How much amount would be got by a child once he/she turns 23?**

- (a) 5 Lakh
- (b) 7 Lakh
- (c) 8 Lakh
- (d) 10 Lakh
- (e) 12 Lakh

**Answer: D**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi in June, 2021 announced that all children who have lost both parents or guardians due to coronavirus will be supported under the 'PM-CARES for Children' scheme.

The prime minister said that such children would get a monthly stipend once they turn 18 and a fund of ₹10 lakh when they turn 23 from PM-CARES.

The ₹10 lakh corpus will be used to give monthly financial support from 18-23 years of age to take care of the child's personal requirements during the period of higher education.

On reaching the age of 23 years, the child would get the corpus amount as one lump sum for personal and professional use.

Further, the children between 11-18 years would be given admission to any Central Government residential school such as Sainik School, Navodaya Vidyalaya, etc.

**42. Indian Bank's Association has announced to provide unsecured personal loans upto 5 Lakh to salaried, non-salaried and pensioners for COVID-19 treatment. What is the tenure of the loan?**

- (a) 3 years
- (b) 5 years
- (c) 7 years
- (d) 8 years
- (e) 10 years

**Answer: B**

Public sector banks will be offering unsecured personal loans between ₹ 25,000 to ₹ 5 lakh to salaried, non-salaried and pensioners for meeting Covid treatment, Indian Banks' Association and State Bank of India.

The repayment tenure of those loans will be 5 years and SBI would charge interest of 8.5% per annum.

About IBA:

Founded: 1946

Headquarters:

Mumbai

CEO: Sunil Mehta

**43. As per the OECD projections, India's GDP growth for the year 2021 will be \_\_\_\_\_ as compared to its earlier forecast of 12.6%.**

- (a) 7.5%
- (b) 6.8%
- (c) 7.7%
- (d) 8.8%
- (e) 9.9%

**Answer: E**

On May 31, 2021, The Organisation for Economic Co-Operation and Development (OECD), reduced India's GDP forecast to 9.9% as compared to its earlier projections of 12.6% (March 2021).

The OECD has revised up its growth projections across the world's major economies since its last full Economic Outlook in December 2020.

It now sees global GDP growth at 5.8 % this year (compared with 4.2% projected in December), helped by a government stimulus-led upturn in the United States, and at 4.4% in 2022 (3.7% in December).

**44. India's Largest statue of the reclining Buddha would be installed at the Buddha International Welfare Mission temple in Bodh Gaya. How many artisans were built the statue in which place?**

- (a) 22, Kolkata
- (b) 32, Patna
- (c) 22, Jaipur
- (d) 32, Jaipur
- (e) 32, Kolkata

**Answer: A**

Buddha Jayanti, Buddha Purnima, or Vesak — India's largest statue of the Reclining Buddha has



been installed at the Buddha International Welfare Mission temple in Bodh Gaya.

The giant 100-foot fibreglass statue, built over three months by a team of 22 artisans in Kolkata, is a fascinating work of art.

The largest Reclining Buddha in the world is the 600-foot WinseinTawya Buddha built in 1992 in Mawlamyine, Myanmar.

The Reclining statue represents Buddha during his last illness.

**45. Who has been elected as the Asia-Oceania Representative at the 2021 International Association of Ultrarunners Congress?**

- (a) Piyush srinivasan
- (b) Nagraj Adiga
- (c) Sanjay Jha
- (d) Santosh Rana
- (e) Rakesh Malhotra

**Answer: B**

India's Nagraj Adiga has been elected as the Asia-Oceania representative at the 2021 International Association of Ultrarunners (IAU) Congress.

The Congress was held virtually on May 22 and 23 because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

For the Asia-Oceania representative, voting was held over a 24-hour period in which a total of 10 countries from Asia and Oceania region casted their votes online, the Athletics Federation of India (AFI). Adiga, who was nominated AFI, won by a margin of 7-3 against South Korea's Gilsoo Park.

**46. World Blood Cancer Day is annually observed on 28 May. The day was established in which year?**

- (a) 2012
- (b) 2013

(c) 2014

(d) 2015

(e) 2016

**Answer: C**

World Blood Cancer Day is annually observed on 28 May across the globe.

The day was established by DKMS in 2014, to provide a matching donor for every blood cancer patient in need of a blood stem cell donation.

It is estimated that blood cancers make up approximately 7 percent of all cancers.

Studies suggest that India ranks 3rd in terms of highest blood cancer cases, after the US and China.

**47. The Reserve Bank of India fixed the limits for Foreign Portfolio Investors Investment in Government Securities at \_\_\_\_\_% for the Financial Year 2022.**

- (a) 2%
- (b) 3%
- (c) 4%
- (d) 5%
- (e) 6%

**Answer: E**

The Reserve Bank of India said the limits for foreign portfolio investors (FPI) investment during the current fiscal in government securities (G-secs) and State Development Loans (SDLs) will remain unchanged at 6 percent and 2 per cent respectively, of outstanding stocks of securities for 2021-22.

As per the RBI the allocation of incremental changes in the G-sec limit (in absolute terms) over the two sub-categories – 'General' and 'Long-term' – will be retained at 50:50 for FY 2021-22.

**48. The World Health Organization has given the World No tobacco Day award in the SouthEast Region Category to which of the following states of India?**

- (a) Madhya Pradesh
- (b) Uttar Pradesh
- (c) Maharashtra
- (d) Both a & b
- (e) All of the above

**Answer: D**

The World Health Organization (WHO) honoured Union health minister Harsh Vardhan with the Director-General Special award for his efforts to control tobacco consumption in India.

Apart from the Director-General Special awards, the WHO also annually recognises efforts of various individuals and groups by honouring them with World No Tobacco Day awards. These awards are given across six regions.

In the SouthEast region category, the awardees include Madhya Pradesh Voluntary Health Association and Uttar Pradesh Tobacco Control Cell, along with one organisation each from Nepal, Thailand, Indonesia and Sri Lanka.

Every year, the WHO recognises individuals or organisations across the globe for their accomplishments in the area of tobacco control.

**49. What session of the World Health Assembly of WHO was held virtually in Geneva, Switzerland from 24th May to 31st May, 2021?**

- (a) 73rd
- (b) 74th
- (c) 78th
- (d) 75th

(e) 76th

**Answer: B**

74<sup>th</sup> session of the World Health Assembly (WHA) of World Health Organization (WHO) held virtually from Geneva, Switzerland amid COVID-19, from 24<sup>th</sup> May to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021.

The theme of the 74<sup>th</sup> WHA is "Ending this pandemic, preventing the next: building together a healthier, safer and fairer world".

Mr Dechen Wangmo, Health Minister of Bhutan, has been elected as the President of 74th WHA.

**50. In which edition of the GST Council Meeting, Financier Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced the 'Amnesty Scheme' to reduce the late fees payable for pending returns by small and medium sized taxpayers?**

- (a) 41st
- (b) 42nd
- (c) 43rd
- (d) 44th
- (e) 45th

**Answer: C**

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman recommended the 'Amnesty Scheme' for reducing late fees on returns in the 43rd GST Council meeting.

The FM said that small taxpayers can file pending returns via the Amnesty Scheme.

The rationalised late fee and the decision to reduce the maximum amount of late fee for small taxpayers will come into effect for future tax periods.

The Council also took several decisions to help the industries affected by Covid-19.

The finance minister also said that ₹4,500 crores were paid to two vaccine manufactures as an advance payment and the country is engaging with suppliers as well as manufacturers.

**51. Which day is annually observed as International Sex Workers Day?**

- (a) June 1
- (b) June 2
- (c) June 3
- (d) June 4
- (e) June 5

**Answer: B**

International Sex Workers' Day is observed annually on June 2 of each year to honour sex workers and recognise their often exploited working conditions.

The day is also known as International Whore's Day.

The day was initiated in 1975, when 100 sex workers in France gathered to protest against the inhumane working condition of the workers.

The theme of International Sex Workers' Day every year is Access to Justice.

**52. The governor of Haryana has approved the 'The Haryana Recovery of Damages to Property Act' to enable the government recover money from the protestors. Name the governor of the state.**

- (a) Satyadeo Narain Arya
- (b) BD Mishra
- (c) Jagdish Mukhi
- (d) Nirbhay Sharma
- (e) JB Patnaik

**Answer: A**

Governor Satyadeo Narain Arya had given his assent to the Haryana Recovery of Damages to Property During Disturbance to Public Order Bill, 2021 in May after it was passed by the state Assembly in March.

The law allows the authorities to recover compensation for damage caused to both public and private properties.

The new law provides for the government to set up claim tribunals in the state.

The tribunals will determine the liability, assess the claims for compensation and decide the monetary value of damages, and on such determination, award suitable compensations.

**53. Name the author of the book titled 'All Roads lead North: Nepal's Turn to China', who hails from Nepal.**

- (a) Abhi Subedi
- (b) Deepak Shimkhada
- (c) Ravi Thapa
- (d) Amish Raj Mulmi
- (e) Agam Singh Giri

**Answer: D**

Amish Raj Mulmi has authored his first book titled 'All Roads lead North: Nepal's Turn to China'.

He is a writer and publishing professor from Nepal.

In All Roads Lead North, Amish Mulmi examines the rich history of Nepal's global engagement through its northern border, marked as it is by trade, cultural exchange, political manoeuvring, and occasional conflict, even war.

The book also introduces readers to Nepal anew.' — Manjushree Thapa, author of Forget Kathmandu

**54. Isaac Herzog has been recently elected as the President of Israel. He would be the number \_\_\_\_\_ President of Israel.**

- (a) 9th
- (b) 10th

- (c) 11th  
(d) 12th  
(e) 13th

**Answer: C**

Isaac Herzog, a veteran politician, was elected as the president of Israel on June 1, 2021.

Herzog will be Israel's 11th president, succeeding Reuven Rivlin, who is set to leave office next month after seven years in office.

Herzog, 60, is a former head of Israel's Labor Party and opposition leader who unsuccessfully ran against Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in the 2013 parliamentary elections.

About Israel:

Capital: Jerusalem

PM: Benjamin Netanyahu

Currency: Israeli Shekel

**55. Lt. General Pradeep Chandran Nair recently took over as the 21st DG of Assam Rifles. In which year, the Assam Rifles came into existence?**

- (a) 1835  
(b) 1869  
(c) 1909  
(d) 1935  
(e) 1956

**Answer: A**

Lt. General Pradeep Chandran Nair took over as Director General Assam Rifles in June 2021.

Nair is the 21st Director General of the Assam Rifles.

He has rich experience of Assam Rifles and the North East, as an Inspector General and a Company Commander in Assam Rifles.

He has been decorated with the Ati Vishisht Seva Medal, Yudh Seva Medal during his commands in Assam Rifles.

Nair replaced Lt. General Sukhdeep Sangwan.

About Assam Rifles:

Formed: 1835

Headquarters: Shillong, Meghalaya

**56. Every year June 3 is celebrated as the International World Bicycle Day. The day was declared by which among the following organization?**

- (a) WHO  
(b) UNSC  
(c) UNGA  
(d) UNICEF  
(e) UNESCO

**Answer: C**

Every year June 3 is celebrated as the International World Bicycle Day to honour the numerous sorts of bicyclists who exist around the world.

The day was declared by the United Nations General Assembly in 2018.

"Uniqueness, versatility, and longevity of the bicycle as a simple, sustainable, economical, and reliable mode of transportation" is the theme of the International World Bicycle Day, 2021.

**57. Recently, PM Narendra Modi has appointed a committee to resolve problems related to the implementation of collateral free loans to MSMEs. Who has headed the committee?**

- (a) Shakti Kanta Das  
(b) Rajnath Singh  
(c) Nitin Gadkari  
(d) Shubhendu Kumar  
(e) Kalraj Mishra

**Answer: B**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has appointed a committee headed by Rajnath Singh to resolve any



problem in the implementation of the Rs 3 lakh crore collateral-free loan scheme for MSMEs, said MSME Minister Nitin Gadkari.

In an online interaction Gadkari also asked small businesses to email him directly in case of problems faced by them in securing credit under the scheme.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had announced Rs 3 lakh crore collateral free loan for MSMEs last month.

The tenure of the loan will be 4-year and moratorium of 12 months.

The eligible units should have up to Rs 25 crore outstanding credit and Rs 100 crore turnover to apply for the loan scheme.

**58. Power Minister RK Singh launched a real - time power market to enable consumers, buy power on exchanges just an hour before delivery. How many auction sessions would be conducted during the day on the real-time platform?**

- (a)6
- (b)12
- (c)18
- (d)24
- (e)48

**Answer: E**

Power Minister R K Singh formally launched a pan-India real-time market in electricity, which allows consumers including distribution companies (discoms) and captive users to buy power just one hour before delivery.

This has placed Indian electricity market amongst a league of few electricity markets in the world, which have a real time market, he stated.

The introduction of real-time market will bring required flexibility in the market to provide real-time balance while ensuring optimal utilization of the

available surplus capacity in the system and an alternate mechanism for Discoms to access larger market at competitive price.

Real-time markets will make the power market dynamic as auctions will be conducted every 30 minutes. There will be 48 auction sessions during the day.

**59. Which of the following IITs has developed India's first indigenous temperature data logger for the cold chain management named as "AmbiTAG"?**

- (a)IIT Kanpur
- (b)IIT Delhi
- (c)IIT Kharagpur
- (d)IIT Ropar
- (e)IIT Roorkee

**Answer: D**

Indian Institute of Technology, Ropar (IIT Ropar) in Punjab has developed a first-of-its-kind IoT device – AmbiTag that records real-time ambient temperature during the transportation of perishable products, vaccines and even body organs and blood.

The recorded temperature helps to know whether that particular item transported from anywhere in the world is still usable or perished because of temperature variation.

This information is particularly critical for vaccines including Covid-19 vaccine, organs and blood transportation.

**60. What are the names given by the WHO to the Covid-19 variants that were first founded in India?**

- (a)Kappa, Gamma
- (b)Delta, Kappa
- (c) Alpha, Gamma
- (d) Alpha, Delta

(e) All of the above

**Answer: B**

The B.1.617.1 and B.1.617.2 variants of the Covid-19, first identified in India, have been named as 'Kappa' and 'Delta' respectively by the World Health Organisation (WHO).

It named various variants of the coronavirus using Greek alphabets..

The UN health agency named the B.1.617.1 variant of the Covid 19 as 'Kappa' while the B1.617.2 variant was dubbed 'Delta.'

**61. Pooja Rani has won the 75kg gold at the Asian Boxing Championship . It was Pooja's \_\_\_\_\_ medal in the continental tournament.**

- (a) 2nd
- (b) 3rd
- (c) 4th
- (d) 5th
- (e) 6th

**Answer: C**

Pooja Rani won the 75kg gold while six-time world champion MC Mary Kom, Lalbuatsaihi, and Anupama settled for silver medals as the Indian women's team finished with 10 medals at the Asian Boxing Championship.

Pooja defeated Uzbekistan's Mavluda Movlonova to win India's first -- and only -- gold of the day.

It was Pooja's fourth medal in the continental tournament.

With this the final Indian medal tally comprised one gold, three silver, and six bronze.

**62. Which company has won the coveted Grand Prix: Agency of the year at the Festival of Media Global (FOMG) awards 2021?**

- (a) Mindshare

(b) BlueFocus

(c) Epsilon

(d) Wheel Career

(e) Stamina

**Answer: A**

Mindshare India won the coveted Grand Prix: Agency of the year and many more medals at the Festival of Media Global (FOMG) awards 2021.

Mindshare's campaigns for Hindustan Unilever were successful in various categories across brand engagement, integration, marketing and best use of digital media.

In addition to the coveted Agency of the year award, Mindshare India also won two golds and three silvers.

Further, its Wheel Career from Home bagged gold for the best campaign for a local brand.

And its Boost stamina meter campaign won gold for best use of data.

**63. Recently, the Union Cabinet has approved the MoU between India and which other country on cooperation in the field of Mineral Resources?**

- (a) Norway
- (b) Ireland
- (c) UAE
- (d) Argentina
- (e) Denmark

**Answer: D**

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to be signed between the Ministry of Mines, Government of India and the Secretariat of Mining Policy of the Ministry of Productive Development of the Argentine Republic.

The MoU will provide an institutional mechanism for cooperation in the field of Mineral Resources.

It will strengthen the activities involved like cooperation for encouraging minerals exploration and development, including extraction, mining and beneficiation of lithium.

About Argentina:

Capital: Buenos Aires

President: Mauricio Macri

**64. Who has been appointed as the liquidator of the Pune-based Shivajirao Bhosale Sahakari Bank, whose license has been recently cancelled by the RBI?**

- (a) RS Dhondkar
- (b) Shambhunath Srivastav
- (c) Mahesh Mahatme
- (d) Pradip Kumar Tripathi
- (e) Manoj Kumar Nambiar

**Answer: A**

Following the cancellation of the Shivajirao Bhosale Cooperative bank's license by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the state cooperative department has appointed deputy registrar RS Dhondkar, as the bank's liquidator.

The appointment of a liquidator has brightened the chances of insurance payments and investors can get their money at the earliest.

According to a release, More than 98% of the customers of the bank will receive full deposit.

**65. In June, 2021, Bharti AXA Life has signed a bancassurance pact with Shivalik Small Finance Bank. The bank is based in which among the following state?**

- (a) Bihar
- (b) Haryana
- (c) Rajasthan
- (d) Uttar Pradesh

(e) Gujarat

**Answer: D**

Private life insurer Bharti AXA Life Insurance has entered into a bancassurance partnership with Shivalik Small Finance Bank for the distribution of its life insurance products through the bank's pan-India network of branches.

This alliance will enable over 4.5 lakh customers of Shivalik Bank to access the range of products offered by the company to provide financial security. Under this agreement, Bharti AXA Life Insurance will offer its suite of life insurance products, including protection, health, savings and investment plans, to customers of Shivalik Small Finance Bank across its 31 branches and digital network across the country.

About Shivalik Small Finance Bank

MD & CEO: Suveer Kumar Gupta

Headquarters: Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh

**66. Which of the following banks have tied up with the Mahindra Rural Housing Finance Limited for a cash management solution?**

- (a) Aditya Birla Payment Bank
- (b) Paytm Payment Bank
- (c) India Post Payment Bank
- (d) Fino Payment Bank
- (e) Airtel payment Bank

**Answer: C**

Mahindra Rural Housing Finance Limited (MRHFL), a subsidiary of Mahindra and Mahindra Financial Ltd, and India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) have tied up a strategic partnership for a cash management solution.

As part of the tie-up, IPPB will be offering cash management and collection services to MRHFL through its access points and postal service providers.

Mahindra Rural customers can now repay loans at over 136,000 post offices.

Through a range of social media platforms and other channels, including SMS campaigns and WhatsApp, MRHFL and IPPB will inform and sensitize customers of the unique partnership for cash management.

About IPPB:

MD& CEO: J Venkataramu

Headquarters: New Delhi

**67. In June 2021, the ICC has announced the decision to expand the men's ODI Cricket World Cup to 14 teams in which year?**

- (a) 2024
- (b) 2025
- (c) 2026
- (d) 2027
- (e) 2028

**Answer: D**

The men's ODI World Cup will once again become a 14-team tournament in 2027 and 2031.

The changes were announced as the International Cricket Council (ICC), cricket's global governing body, unveiled its global schedule of events from 2024-2031.

The expanded men's World Cup, which traditionally takes place every four years, will follow the same format used for the 2003 edition.

This will see the 14 teams split into two groups of seven, with the top three in each group progressing to a Super Six stage, followed by semi-finals and final.

The men's T20 World Cup will consist of four groups of five, with the top two from each group going

through to a Super Eights stage, followed by the knockout stages of semi-finals and a final.

**68. Sir Anerood Jugnauth, the former Prime Minister and President of which country, has died recently?**

- (a) Malaysia
- (b) Israel
- (c) Mauritius
- (d) Singapore
- (e) Suriname

**Answer: C**

The former Prime Minister and President of the Republic of Mauritius, Sir Anerood Jugnauth has died at the age of 91.

He is the country's longest-serving prime minister with more than 18 years of tenure.

He was considered the father of the Mauritian economic miracle of the 1980s.

His son, Pravind Jugnauth, is the current Prime Minister of Mauritius.

About Mauritius:

Capital: Port Louis

Currency: Mauritian rupee

**69. The government of India has brought forward the target date for achieving 20% ethanol-blending with petrol by 2023. What is the target for the year 2022?**

- (a) 5%
- (b) 8%
- (c) 10%
- (d) 15%
- (e) 18%

**Answer: C**

The government has brought forward the target date for achieving 20 percent ethanol-blending with petrol by two years to 2023 to help reduce India's dependence on costly oil imports.



The government had set a target of reaching 10 percent ethanol-blending in petrol by 2022.

Earlier this year, the target for 20 per cent blending was brought forward to 2025.

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**70. The European Union has joined hands with whom among the following billionaires to roll out the low-carbon technologies in Europe?**

- (a) Jeff Bezos
- (b) Elon Musk
- (c) Bill Gates
- (d) Bernard Arnault
- (e) Mark Zuckerberg

**Answer: C**

The European Union and an energy investment programme founded by Bill Gates plan to raise up to \$1 billion to roll out the low-carbon technologies Europe is betting on to meet its climate change goals.

The two will together provide up to 820 million euros, or \$1 billion, from 2022 to 2026.

The goal is to scale technologies that are currently too expensive to compete with fossil-fuel-based incumbent technologies.

The bloc is a major emitter of CO2 but has committed to achieving net-zero emissions by 2050, under the European Green Deal.

**71. The Cement maker - HeidelbergCement has planned to turn its factory into the world's first CO2-neutral cement plant by 2030. The Factory is situated in which country?**

- (a) Sweden
- (b) UK
- (c) Switzerland

(d) China

(e) Germany

**Answer: A**

HeidelbergCement, the world's second-largest cement maker, plans to turn its Swedish factory in Slite into the world's first CO2-neutral cement plant by 2030 via carbon capture technology.

The installation at the Slite plant will be scaled to capture up to 1.8 million tonnes of CO2 annually, which corresponds to the plant's total emissions.

Additionally, the use of biobased fuels in the cement production at Slite will be increased in line to significantly raise the share of biomass in the fuel mix.

The full-scale capturing of the plant's CO2 emissions is targeted by 2030.

**72. David Diop won the International Booker prize for translated fiction with At Night All Blood Is Black. The novelist hails from which country?**

- (a) Germany
- (b) USA
- (c) France
- (d) Russia
- (e) Australia

**Answer: C**

David Diop has become the first French novelist to win the International Booker prize for translated fiction with At Night All Blood Is Black, his first novel translated into English.

Diop, the author of two novels, and his translator Anna Moschovakis, split the £50,000 annual prize, which goes to the best author and translator of a work translated into English.

Diop's novel, which was published in French in 2018, resonates with present-day debates about racism and colonialism.

**73. The National Payments Corporation of India has partnered with which Turkey based firm to develop SoftPoS solutions for its card network RuPay?**

- (a) PaySkrill
- (b) PayCore
- (c) PayPers
- (d) PayWall
- (e) PayMill

**Answer: B**

The National Payments Corporation of India, the umbrella organization for retail payments in India, has on boarded PayCore, a global payments solutions company based out of Turkey, to develop SoftPoS solutions for its card network RuPay.

The idea behind SoftPoS is merchants can use their NFC-enabled smartphones as point of sale (PoS) machines to accept contactless payments.

Prior to this, Hitachi Payment, one of the largest digital payment companies in India, uses PayCore's SoftPOS technology in its data center and SBI Payment, the payment solutions company of the State Bank of India is also among their customers.

**74. Kerala retained the top position in the 3rd edition of the SDG index released by the Niti Aayog. Name the state/states which secured second spot.**

- (a) Himachal Pradesh
- (b) Uttarakhand
- (c) Tamil Nadu
- (d) Both a & c
- (e) Andhra Pradesh

**Answer: D**

Kerala has retained the top position in the third edition of the sustainable development goals (SDG) index released by the Niti Aayog with a score of 75.

Both Himachal Pradesh and Tamil Nadu took the second spot with a score of 74.

While Mizoram, Haryana, and Uttarakhand are the top gainers in terms of improvement in their rankings from 2019 as per the report.

On the other hand, Bihar, Jharkhand and Assam were the worst-performing states this year.

The Index for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) evaluates progress of states and union territories on social, economic and environmental parameters.

**75. The government has set up a panel of state ministers to examine the valuation of services by casinos, online gaming for GST. The panel would comprise how many members?**

- (a) 5
- (b) 6
- (c) 7
- (d) 8
- (e) 9

**Answer: C**

The government has set up a panel of state ministers for better valuation of services of casinos, online gaming portal and race courses for levying goods and services tax (GST).

The seven-member panel, convened by Gujarat Deputy Chief Minister Nitin Patel, will also examine whether any change is required in the legal provision for better means of valuation of services.

The other members of the GoM include Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar, West Bengal Finance Minister Amit Mitra, Arunachal Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein, Goa Transport

Minister Mauvin Godinho, Karnataka Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai and Tamil Nadu Finance Minister P Thiagarajan.

The panel would submit its report to the GST Council, chaired by Union Finance Minister and comprising state Finance Ministers, within six months.

**76. Vishwvir Ahuja has been reappointed as the MD and CEO of which among the following bank for a one-year period with effect from June 30, 2021?**

- (a) RBL Bank
- (b) Bank of America
- (c) IDFC First Bank
- (d) IndusInd Bank
- (e) Federal Bank

**Answer:**

The Reserve Bank of India has approved the appointment of Vishwvir Ahuja as the Managing Director and CEO of RBL Bank for a one-year period with effect from June 30, 2021.

Ahuja has been the Managing Director & CEO of RBL Bank since June 30, 2010.

Before RBL Bank, Ahuja was the Managing Director & CEO of Bank of America, India.

About RBL Bank:

Headquarters: Mumbai

**77. Which of the following International banks has signed a loan agreement with India to upgrade major district roads in Sikkim?**

- (a) Asian Development Bank
- (b) World Bank
- (c) International Monetary Fund
- (d) Asian Investment Infrastructure Bank
- (e) HSBC Bank

**Answer: A**

The Asian Development Bank and India signed a loan agreement to support project preparation and design activities to upgrade major district roads in Sikkim.

It is a USD 2.5 million project readiness financing loan.

It will help improve connectivity to important towns, rural areas, pilgrimage, and tourist destinations in Sikkim.

**About ADB:**

ADB established: 1966;

HQs: Mandaluyong, Philippines;

President: Masatsugu Asakawa.

**78. Union Minister Narendra Singh Tomar has Virtually inaugurated the Indus Best Mega Food Park in which Of the following districts of Chhattisgarh?**

- (a) Raipur
- (b) Bastar
- (c) Bijapur
- (d) Raigarh
- (e) Durg

**Answer: A**

The Food Processing Industries Minister, Narendra Singh Tomar virtually inaugurated the Indus Best Mega Food Park at Tilda block of Raipur district in Chhattisgarh.

The Mega Food Park will ensure value addition, longer shelf life for farm produce, better price realization for farmers, excellent storage facility and will provide an alternate market for farmers in the region.

The park has been set up in over 63 acres of land at a project cost of over Rs 145 crore and is estimated to provide direct and indirect employment to about

five thousand persons and benefit about 25 thousand farmers.

**79. The Union Territory of Ladakh recently launched the YounTab scheme for students to encourage digital learning. How many students will benefit from the scheme?**

- (a) 9800
- (b) 12300
- (c) 13500
- (d) 11800
- (e) 10200

**Answer: B**

Ladakh Lt Governor, RK Mathur has launched the YounTab scheme for students in the Union Territory. It is formulated to encourage digital learning, bridge the digital divide between connected and unconnected and mitigate the Covid pandemic disruptions.

A total of 12,300 students of 6th to 12th class from government schools will benefit from the scheme.

He also distributed 12,300 tablets among them in Leh via virtual mode.

**80. World Environment day is celebrated every year on 5 June. Which country hosted the World Environment Day 2021?**

- (a) India
- (b) Bangladesh
- (c) Nepal
- (d) Pakistan
- (e) Sri Lanka

**Answer: D**

World Environment Day is observed on June 5 every year.

The purpose of World Environment Day is to spread awareness about the threat to the environment due to rising pollution levels and climate change.

The theme of 47th World Environment Day is Ecosystem Restoration.

The first World Environment Day was observed in 1974,

This year Pakistan will host the day in collaboration with the United Nations Environment Programme.

**81. International Day for the Fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing is observed on 5 June. The day was proclaimed in which year?**

- (a) 2015
- (b) 2016
- (c) 2017
- (d) 2018
- (e) 2019

**Answer: C**

International Day for the Fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing is observed on June 5.

The day is observed to draw attention towards the issue of illegal fishing.

In December 2017 the UN General Assembly in its annual resolution on sustainable fisheries proclaimed 5 June as the "International Day for the Fight Against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing."

Due to the illegal, unregulated and unreported fishing activities, every year a loss of 11-26 million tonnes of fish is reported, UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) stated.

About FAO:

Headquarters: Rome, Italy

Established: 1945

Head: Qu Dongyu

**82. FIFA-World Cup winner Sami Khedira recently announced his retirement from the sport.. The world cup winner hails from which country?**

- (a) France
- (b) Rome
- (c) Russia
- (d) Germany
- (e) UK

**Answer: D**

Germany's World Cup-winning midfielder Sami Khedira said he will retire following his club Hertha Berlin's final match of the Bundesliga season against Hoffenheim.

Khedira, 34, began his career at VfB Stuttgart and helped them win the league title in the 2006-07 season before moving to Real Madrid, where he won the league and Champions League in a trophy-laden spell.

Khedira played 77 games for Germany scoring seven goals and helped them win the 2014 World Cup in Brazil.

**83. Himachal Pradesh's Former Horticulture Minister Narinder Bragta passed away. He was served as the present \_\_\_\_\_ of Himachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly.**

- (a) Health Minister
- (b) Education Minister
- (c) Chief Whip
- (d) Deputy CM
- (e) Governor

**Answer: C**

Former Horticulture Minister, Himachal Pradesh Vidhan Sabha Chief Whip and member of Assembly from Jubbal and Kotkhai Mr Narinder Bragta

passed away in PGI Chandigarh after prolonged illness this morning. Currently he is serving as Chief Whip of Himachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly.

He was appointed as the chief whip of the state government in September 2018 with the rank of a cabinet minister.

**84. The Union Cabinet has assured the safe potable tap water by 2022 in every household of North Western States. What was its earlier target?**

- (a) 2023
- (b) 2024
- (c) 2025
- (d) 2026
- (e) 2027

**Answer: B**

The Center has decided that in the 5 North-Western States and UTs i.e. Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission will be expedited and every rural household will be provided with tap water connections by 2022, instead of by 2024.

Assured supply of potable tap water in every home will improve the lives of more than 5 Crore people living in villages in this region, especially women and girls.

With this massive increase in allocation, and speed of implementation, these 5 States/UTs, are set to achieve 'Har Ghar Jal' status by 2022, two years before the national target of 2024.

The mission was launched by PM Narendra Modi on 15 August, 2019.

**85. Which of the following PSUs has become a signatory to UN Global Compact's CEO Water**



**Mandate to better their water and sanitation agenda?**

- (a) NTPC
- (b) NHPC
- (c) ONGC
- (d) GAIL
- (e) SAIL

**Answer: A**

India's largest power utility, NTPC Ltd, under the Ministry of Power, has become a signatory to the prestigious UN Global Compact's CEO Water Mandate, that focus on efficient water management

It is a UN Global Compact initiative to demonstrate commitment & efforts of companies to better their water and sanitation agenda as part of long term Sustainable Development Goals.

It is designed to assist companies in the development, implementation, and disclosure of comprehensive water strategies.

About NTPC:

Founded: 1975

**86. International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression is observed on June 4 each year. What is the theme of International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression 2021?**

- (a) Stop Attacks on Children
- (b) Stop aggression against innocence
- (c) Zero Violence against Children by 2030"
- (d) Stop Abusing the Innocents
- (e) None of the Above

**Answer: A**

International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression is observed globally on 4th June every year.

This day affirms the United Nations' commitment to guard the rights of children.

This day is to acknowledge the pain suffered by children who are the victims of physical, mental and emotional abuse.

On 19th August 1982, the United Nations, decided to commemorate this day of each year as the International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression.

The theme of 2021 International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression is 'Stop Attacks on Children'.

**87. In June 2021, Which country became the eleventh signatory to the Artemis accord, a blueprint for space cooperation with NASA?**

- (a) Australia
- (b) India
- (c) New Zealand
- (d) Russia
- (e) Israel

**Answer: C**

New Zealand became the eleventh signatory to the Artemis Accords, a blueprint for space cooperation and supporting the U.S. space agency's plans to return humans to the moon by 2024 and to launch a human mission to Mars.

The New Zealand space industry is worth 1.7 billion New Zealand dollars (\$1.2 billion).

The other signatories to the accords are the US, Australia, Britain, Canada, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, South Korea, the United Arab Emirates, and Ukraine. Brazil also said it plans to sign.

**88. In June 2021, Air Marshal Ballabha Radha Krishna was appointed as the next Vice Chief of Air Staff at the Western Command in Delhi. He succeeded whom among the following?**

- (a)Atma Ram Nanda
- (b)Karambir Singh
- (c)Vivek Ram Chaudhari
- (d)Bipin Rawat
- (e)Robin K Dhowan

**Answer: C**

The Indian Air Force will see a number of changes at the top as Air Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari has been appointed as the next Vice Chief of Air Staff in the Air headquarters.

Air Marshal Ballabha Radha Krishna would be succeeding Chaudhari at the Western Command in Delhi while Air Marshal RJ Duckworth would be taking charge of the Central Air Command in Prayagraj.

**89. Which of the following banks has announced the plans to become carbon neutral by 2031-32?**

- (a)Axis Bank
- (b)HDFC Bank
- (c)ICICI Bank
- (d)Yes Bank
- (e)RBL Bank

**Answer: B**

Ahead of the World Environment Day on June 5, private sector lender HDFC Bank announced its plans to become carbon-neutral by 2031-32.

As part of this initiative, the bank is looking at reducing its emissions, energy, and water consumption.

It will continue to incorporate and scale up the use of renewable energy in its operations.

About HDFC :

Headquarters:Mumbai

MD & CEO: Shashidhar Jagdishan

**90. Kyle Jamieson was awarded the 2021 version of the Gamer's Cap. He belongs to which country?**

- (a)UK
- (b)Australia
- (c)New Zealand
- (d)Germany
- (e)France

**Answer: C**

New Zealand-All Rounder Kyle Jamieson won the 2021 edition of the Players' Cap, which is awarded to the player who has been voted by the New Zealand players and support staff as their 'cricketer of the year'.

The inaugural Players' Cap was won by Brendon McCullum in 2012, while New Zealand captain Kane Williamson has won the most such awards, with three to his name, in consecutive years from 2015 to 2017.

**91. The Defence Ministry has signed a contract with Mahindra Telephonics for procurement of how many Airport Surveillance Radars with Monopulse Secondary Surveillance Radar India for Indian Navy and Indian Coast Guard?**

- (a)5
- (b)7
- (c)9
- (d)11
- (e)13

**Answer: D**

Mahindra & Mahindra has announced that the Defence Ministry has signed a contract with Mahindra Telephonics Integrated Systems for procurement of 11 Airport Surveillance Radars with Monopulse Secondary Surveillance Radar for Indian Navy and Indian Coast Guard.

The procurement costs Rs323.47cr and will be made under the 'Buy & Make' category.

The installation of these radars will increase the air domain awareness around airfields and enhance safety & efficiency in flying operations of Indian Navy and Indian Coast Guard.

**92. France halted its joint military operations with Mali until it received guarantees about a return to civilian rule in Mali. Name the capital city of Mali.**

- (a) Bamako
- (b) Porto Novo
- (c) Abuja
- (d) Accra
- (e) Lome

**Answer: A**

France is halting joint military operations with Mali over last week's coup in the West African country.

France said the suspension would continue until it received guarantees about a return to civilian rule in Mali.

French forces have been supporting troops from Mali, Chad, Mauritania, Niger, and Burkina Faso to fight militants in the Sahel region.

About Mali:

Capital: Bamako

Currency: West African CFA Franc

President: Ibrahim Boubacar Keita

**93. Dr. Patrick Amoth has been elected the chairperson of the Executive Board of the World Health Organisation in June 2021. He has taken over from whom of the following?**

- (a) Dr. Shakti Kansal
- (b) Dr. Michael Hills
- (c) Dr. Harsh Vardhan
- (d) Dr. Uma Nagpal

(e) Dr. John Simpson

**Answer: C**

Dr. Patrick Amoth, the acting Director-General for Health, Ministry of Health of Kenya has been appointed as the Chairman of the World Health Organisation (WHO) Executive Board, for a period of one year.

The announcement was made during the 149th session of the WHO Executive Board, on June 02, 2021, by the outgoing Chair Dr. Harsh Vardhan.

Mr. Amoth replaces Union Health Minister, Government of India, Dr. Harsh Vardhan, who completed his tenure as Chairman of WHO Executive Board on June 02, 2021.

Dr. Vardhan will continue to be a member of the Executive Board of WHO till 2023.

**94. NHPC has partnered with Ratle hydroelectric Power for implementing \_\_\_\_\_ MW Ratle project in the union territory of Jammu and Kashmir.**

- (a) 550
- (b) 650
- (c) 750
- (d) 850
- (e) 950

**Answer: D**

State-owned hydro power giant NHPC has incorporated a joint venture firm Ratle Hydroelectric Power Corporation Ltd for implementing 850 MW Ratle project in the union territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

The JV was incorporated on June 01, 2021, between NHPC and Jammu & Kashmir State Power Development Corporation Ltd (JKSPDC) holding an equity share of 51% and 49% respectively.

Ratle Hydroelectric Project (850 MW), is a Run of River Scheme located on River Chenab, Kishtwar district, Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

The Ministry of Power has already conveyed investment sanction for the construction of the 850 MW Ratle HE Project at an estimated cost of Rs5281.94cr (at Nov.2018 price level).

**95. The film 'Water Burial' has bagged the best film National Award on environment conservation at the 67th National Film Awards 2021. The film revolves around the dark ritual of a local tribe of which state?**

- (a) Arunachal Pradesh
- (b) Assam
- (c) Rajasthan
- (d) Bihar
- (e) Jharkhand

**Answer: A**

Arunachal Pradesh's Water Burial has bagged the best film National Award on environment conservation at 67th National Films Awards 2021.

The film is directed by independent filmmaker Shantanu Sen and is produced by AM Television.

Inspired by the popular Assamese novel Saba Kota Manuh, which is written by Yeshe Dorjee Thongchi, Water Burial is in Monpa dialect and has an intriguing storyline around a dark ritual of a local tribe in Arunachal Pradesh.

**96. Hitendra dave has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer of the which among the following bank?**

- (a) ICICI Bank
- (b) Bank of China
- (c) Barclays Bank
- (d) HSBC Bank
- (e) Bank of America

**Answer: D**

The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Ltd. (HSBC) announced the appointment of Hitendra Dave as Chief Executive Officer of HSBC India subject to receipt of regulatory approval.

He has been appointed as interim Chief Executive Officer effective June 7, 2021.

Dave succeeds Surendra Rosha who will be moving to Hong Kong as the co-chief executive of HSBC Asia-Pacific.

About HSBC

Headquarters: London, UK

CEO: Neon quinn

**97. Recently, Punjab state topped the charts of the national performance grading index of school education for 2019-20 released by the center. The grading index ranks states on the basis of how many parameters?**

- (a) 50
- (b) 60
- (c) 70
- (d) 80
- (e) 90

**Answer: C**

Union Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' recently approved the release of the Performance Grading Index (PGI) 2019-20 for states and Union Territories, which is designed to "catalyse transformational change" in the field of school education.

According to the Performance Grading Index (PGI) released by the education ministry, Punjab, Chandigarh, Tamil Nadu, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, and Kerala occupy the highest grade A++ in 2019-20 in the field of school education.

The grading index which analyses the performance of states on 70 parameters has put Delhi, Gujarat, Haryana, Rajasthan, Puducherry, Dadra and Nagar Haveli in the A+ category.

Punjab has scored the maximum points for governance and management; Bihar and Meghalaya have scored the lowest in terms of infrastructure and facilities.

**98. Which of the following International Airport has achieved net energy neutral status in the Financial Year 2020-21 as part of its sustainability goals?**

- (a) Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose International Airport, Kolkata
- (b) Chennai International Airport, Chennai
- (c) Guru Ram Das Jee International airport, Amritsar
- (d) Indira Gandhi international airport, New Delhi
- (e) Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru

**Answer: E**

The Kempegowda International Airport here has achieved net energy neutral status in the Financial Year 2020-21 as part of its sustainability goals.

Bengaluru international airport (BIAL) has been able to save nearly 22 lakh units of energy in the Financial Year 2020-21, enough to power nearly 9,000 houses for a month.

It has also begun purchasing 40 million units of solar power through open access and wind power purchase through open access

**99. How many ethanol dispensing stations was launched by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Pune under a pilot project on the occasion of World Environment Day?**

- (a) 2
- (b) 3
- (c) 4

(d) 5

(e) 6

**Answer: B**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched three E100 ethanol dispensing stations in Pune under a pilot project on the occasion of World Environment Day.

One of the ethanol dispensing stations has come up at Samgamwadi petrol pump, another at Chowisawadi village and third at Wesley road.

In 2020, oil companies spent ₹21,000 crore on ethanol procurement.

Government has set the target of 20 percent ethanol blending in petrol by 2025.

**100. Sanjeev Nandan Sahai has been elected as the next chairman of the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB). He previously served as the \_\_\_\_\_.**

- (a) Power Secretary
- (b) Health Secretary
- (c) IOCL Director
- (d) ONGC Chairman
- (e) PMO

**Answer: A**

Former Power Secretary Sanjeev Nandan Sahai is set to take over as next chairman of the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB).

A search committee headed by V K Saraswat, Member (S&T), NITI Aayog, cleared the name of Sahai.

About PNGRB:

Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board is a statutory body in India.

HQ:- New Delhi

**101. The Indian Broadcasting Foundation has appointed Vikram Sen as the Chairman of its newly**



formed self-regulatory body Digital Media Content Regulatory Council (DMCRC). He served in which of the following?

- (a) Supreme Court
- (b) Ministry of Information & Technology
- (c) Bollywood
- (d) Reliance Industries
- (e) Sony Pictures

**Answer: A**

The Indian Broadcasting Foundation (IBF) announced the appointment of former Supreme Court judge Justice Vikramjit Sen as the Chairman of its newly formed self-regulatory body Digital Media Content Regulatory Council (DMCRC).

DMCRC is formed as per the mandate of the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021.

The move was done to bring together the broadcasters and OTT (over-the-top) platforms.

Besides, six other eminent industry members which include filmmaker Nikkhil Advani, writer and director Tigmanshu Dhulia, filmmaker and writer Ashwiny Iyer Tiwari, content producer and distributor Banijay Group CEO and founder Deepak Dhar would also be part of the self-regulatory body.

**102. Name the former supreme court judge who will head the National Human Rights Commission as recommended by the Cabinet.**

- (a) Ranjan Gagoi
- (b) Arun Mishra
- (c) T S Mishra
- (d) HL Dattu
- (e) Dipak Mishra

**Answer: B**

Justice Arun Kumar Mishra, former Judge of the Supreme Court of India, has joined as the new

Chairperson of the National Human Rights Commission, NHRC, India.

Justice Arun Mishra the 8th Chairperson of the NHRC, India.

The name of Justice Mishra was recommended by a panel consisting of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah, Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha, Harivansh, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla and the Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha, Mallikarjun Kharge

About NHRC

Established: 1993

Headquarters: New Delhi

**103. Recently, the Defence Ministry launched a Mobile Training App for Directorate General National Cadet Corps (NCC). When was the organisation created?**

- (a) 1950
- (b) 1960
- (c) 1965
- (d) 1970
- (e) 1972

**Answer: A**

Defence Secretary Dr. Ajay Kumar launched Directorate General National Cadet Corps (NCC) Mobile Training App Version 2.0 in New Delhi.

The app will assist in conducting countrywide online training to NCC cadets during the COVID-19 pandemic conditions.

It is aimed at providing NCC-related basic information and entire training material (Syllabus, Précis, Training Videos, etc)

NCC was created by the Act of 1950. It was established on the line of 'University Corps' created under Indian Defence Act 1917, to fill the shortage in the Army.

**104. Which of the following companies has appointed Adar Poonawala as its chairman and soon be rebranded as Poonawala group company?**

- (a) Capri Global
- (b) Centrum Capital
- (c) Magma Fincorp
- (d) Baid Leasing & Financing
- (e) Aditya Birla Capital

**Answer: C**

Mumbai-based non-banking finance company Magma Fincorp Limited announced the appointment of Adar Poonawalla as the chairman of the company.

Poonawalla is also the chief executive officer of Serum Institute of India, the maker of Oxford University-AstraZeneca Covishield vaccine in India.

The announcement is part of a series of leadership changes following the Poonawala-controlled Rising Sun Holdings (RSH) acquiring controlling stake through an equity infusion of ₹3,456 crore earlier this month.

The Company has also appointed Mr. Abhay Bhutada as the Managing Director.

Magma will soon be rebranded as Poonawalla Group company.

**105. Gift city regulator IFSCA has constituted a committee on Investment Funds to be headed by Nitesh Shah. He is the Managing Director of which of the following?**

- (a) Kotak Mahindra Asset Management
- (b) Axis Bank
- (c) Muthoot Finance Company
- (d) ICICI Bank
- (e) HDFC Bank

**Answer: A**

The International Financial Services Centers Authority (IFSCA) has constituted an expert committee on investment funds under the chairmanship of Kotak Mahindra Asset Management Company Ltd MD Nitesh Shah.

The Committee comprises leaders from the fund Management Sectors.

The committee will recommend the authority on the roadmap for the funds industry in the IFSC.

**106. Subrata Bhattacharjee has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to which of the following countries?**

- (a) Serbia
- (b) Chile
- (c) Afghanistan
- (d) Mali
- (e) Monaco

**Answer: B**

Shri Subrata Bhattacharjee appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Chile

The 1989 batch IFS officer is currently serving as the honourable Ambassador of India to the Republic of Serbia. The ambassador post at the Embassy of Chile is currently vacant.

He is expected to join soon

About Chile:

Capital: Santiago

Currency: Chilean peso

**107. Which day has been adopted as the World Neglected Tropical Diseases Days by the 74th session of the World Health Assembly?**

- (a) March 1
- (b) January 30
- (c) February 28
- (d) February 4

(e) April 30

**Answer: B**

Seventy-fourth World Health Assembly endorsed a decision recognizing 30 January as World Neglected Tropical Diseases Day ('World NTD Day').

The proposal to recognise the day was floated by the United Arab Emirates. It was adopted unanimously by the delegates.

NTDs are a group of infections that are most common among marginalised communities in the developing regions of Africa, Asia and the Americas. They are caused by a variety of pathogens such as viruses, bacteria, protozoa and parasitic worms.

World NTD Day commemorates the simultaneous launch of the first NTD road map and the London Declaration on NTDs on 30 January 2012.

The first World NTD Day was celebrated informally in 2020.

**108. Name the last surviving as well as the youngest member of the Indian constituent Assembly, who died recently.**

- (a) T.M. Kalliannan
- (b) E.R Eswaran
- (c) M. Mathiventhan
- (d) Mohan Kumar Mangalam
- (e) P.V Senthil

**Answer: A**

T.M. Kalliannan Gounder, the last surviving former member of the Indian Constituent Assembly, died on the age of 101 at Thiruchengode in western Tamil Nadu.

Kalliannan Gounder was born on January 10, 1921 at Akaraipatti village in Namakkal.

He joined the Indian National Congress on the age of 19 and took part within the Quit India motion. He was elected to the Indian Constituent Assembly

whereas he was 28-years-old. He was reportedly the youngest member within the Constituent Assembly then and in addition a member of India's first provisional parliament.

Mr. Gounder served as a Member of Legislative Council in Tamil Nadu and in addition as and MLA thrice, between 1952 and 1967.

**109. Name the country's private sector general insurer which has partnered with Microsoft to strengthen and automate audits of service calls.**

- (a) Aditya Birla General Insurance
- (b) ICICI Lombard General Insurance
- (c) Bharti AXA General Insurance
- (d) Bajaj Allianz general Insurance
- (e) SBI General Insurance

**Answer: B**

The country's largest private sector general insurer, ICICI Lombard has tied up with Microsoft to strengthen and automate the quality control processes.

The insurer will make use of Microsoft's Azure Speech Services and Natural Language Processing (NLP) to screen its daily service calls made by customer service reps.

The sooner course required the corporate to manually display screen a pattern of 20% of the over 1000 calls a day that the corporate made for potential enhancements.

The improved effectivity will allow ICICI Lombard to enhance its customer support, mentioned Nayak. The brand new system permits Lombard to display screen 100% of its calls now.

About ICICI Lombard:

CEO: Bhargav Dasgupta

Headquarters: Mumbai

**110. Which among the following drug major has acquired the rights to trademark and patent diabetes drug under the brand Oxra, Oxramet and Oxraduo from AstraZeneca?**

- (a) Divis Laboratories
- (b) Biocon Ltd
- (c) Sun Pharma
- (d) Dr Reddy's
- (e) Cipla Ltd

**Answer: C**

Drug major Sun Pharma has acquired the rights to trademarks of diabetes drug Dapagliflozin under brands Oxra, Oxramet and Oxraduo in India from AstraZeneca Pharma India's parent company with effect from May 28, 2021.

Sun Pharma has also taken a patent license to manufacture and commercialise Dapagliflozin and Dapagliflozin with Metformin combination in India from AstraZeneca AB with effect from May 28, 2021, the filing added.

**111. Union Minister Narendra Singh Tomar virtually launched the Horticulture Cluster Development Programme for the growth of horticulture. The programme will be first implemented in how many horticulture clusters?**

- (a) 10
- (b) 12
- (c) 14
- (d) 16
- (e) 18

**Answer: B**

Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Narendra Singh Tomar virtually launched the Horticulture Cluster Development Programme (CDP) to ensure holistic growth of horticulture. In a pilot

phase, the programme will be implemented in 12 horticulture clusters out of the total 53 clusters selected for the programme.

The programme is designed to leverage geographical specialisation and promote integrated and market-led development of horticulture clusters. Based on the learnings from the pilot project, the programme will be scaled up to cover all the identified clusters.

**112. The Center has proposed to borrow how much amount to compensate the shortfall in cess collections under GST agreement?**

- (a) 1.28 lakh crores
- (b) 1.36 lakh
- (c) 1.40 lakh crores
- (d) 1.25 lakh crores
- (e) 1.58 lakh crores

**Answer: E**

The central government has proposed to borrow Rs 1.58 lakh crore to fund the shortfall in cess collections needed to compensate states under the Goods and Services Tax agreement.

The government has projected the compensation required for the current year at Rs 2.7 lakh crore, assuming nominal GDP growth of 7% for 2021-22.

Of this, about Rs 1-1.1 lakh crore will likely be collected through the cess imposed, according to the proposal.

The remaining Rs 1.58 lakh crore, will be funded through borrowings by states via the federal government.

**113. REC Ltd has signed an MoU with which of the following states to set up a 1000 LPM oxygen generation plant in the state as a part of its CSR initiative?**

- (a)Uttar Pradesh
- (b)Uttarakhand
- (c)Himachal Pradesh
- (d)Assam
- (e)Bihar

**Answer: B**

REC Ltd, has signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the Chief Medical Officer, Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand, committing financial assistance to the tune of Rs 1.85 crore under its CSR initiative.

As part of the project, 1,000 LPM oxygen generation plant will be set up at Base Hospital, Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand.

Along with that, 22 oxygen concentrators and 200 fowler beds with wheels will also be provided to the hospital, increasing its bed capacity from 250 to 450.

The initiative is aimed at strengthening the covid care facility at the hospital to provide necessary medical care to the local community.

**114. Research Design & Standards Organization has recently become the nation's first institution to be declared as Standard Developing Organization under the mission called "One Nation One Standard" by the BIS. The Institution is located at which place?**

- (a)New Delhi
- (b)Kolkata
- (c)Bengaluru
- (d)Lucknow
- (e)Chennai

**Answer: D**

Research Design & Standards Organization (RDSO) has recently become the nation's first institution to be declared as Standard Developing Organization (SDO) under the mission called "One Nation One Standard" by the Bureau of Indian Standards.

BIS SDO recognition is approved for one institution per sector, which maintains global best standards as per the WTO's Code of Good Practices.

The recognition is valid for 3 years and requires renewal after completion of the validity period.

Research Designs & Standards Organization (RDSO), Lucknow, is the sole R&D Wing of Ministry of Railways, is one of India's leading Standard formulating Body undertaking standardization work for the railway sector.

**115.Vice Admiral Sandeep Naithani has assumed the charge of the Chief of Materiel of the Indian Navy by replacing whom among the following?**

- (a)Sreekumar Nair
- (b)SR Sharma
- (c)Sunil Lanba
- (d)RK Dhowan
- (e)Ashok Kumar

**Answer: B**

*Vice Admiral Sandeep Naithani has assumed charge as the Chief of Materiel of the Indian Navy. Vice Admiral Sandeep Naithani, Controller of Warship Production and Acquisition (CWP&A), replaced Vice Admiral SR Sarma, who retired recently.*

Further, Vice Admiral Sreekumar Nair, took over as the Director-General Naval Projects (DGNP), Visakhapatnam.

**116.Ranjitsinh Disale has been appointed as the World Bank Education Advisor for its Coach Project for a period of how many years?**

- (a)1year
- (b)2 years
- (c)3 years
- (d)4 years



(e) 5 years

**Answer: C**

Ranjitsinh Disale has been appointed as the World Bank Education advisor, starting from June 2021 to June 2024.

He is the first Indian to have been awarded the Global Teacher Award in 2020, and will now be working on the Coach Project, launched by the World Bank in March 2021.

The project aims to 'help countries accelerate learning by improving teacher professional development.'

About World Bank

Headquarters: Washington DC, USA

Established: 1944

President: David Malpass

**117. Justice Bala Krishna Narayana has been appointed as the head of UP Human Rights Commission. He previously served as the judge of which high court?**

- (a) Bombay High Court
- (b) Allahabad High Court
- (c) Chandigarh High Court
- (d) Andhra Pradesh High Court
- (e) Calcutta High Court

**Answer: B**

Justice Bala Krishna Narayana, former Judge of the Allahabad High Court, has been appointed as the new Chairperson of the Uttar Pradesh Human Rights Commission.

Governor Anandiben Patel has issued an order regarding the appointment of Justice Bal Krishna Narayan as the chairman of the Uttar Pradesh Human Rights Commission.

He will remain in the post for three years, or till he reaches the age of 70.

**118. Which of the following IITs has developed nano-fibre based oral tablets, called as AmB, to treat fungal infections post COVID treatment?**

- (a) IIT Kanpur
- (b) IIT Pune
- (c) IIT Delhi
- (d) IIT Hyderabad
- (e) IIT Ropar

**Answer: D**

Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Hyderabad has developed nano-fibre based oral tablets of Amphotericin B, called as AmB.

Amphotericin B tablets are nano-fibre based oral medicine that can be used to treat fungal infections which are currently spreading in India post COVID treatment and is effective in treating Kala Azar.

This medicine is reportedly cheaper, higher AmB absorption and less Nephrotoxicity.

AmB was earlier available in injectable form only.

**119. The Securities and Exchange Board of India has signed an MoU with which of the following countries for mutual cooperation and technical assistance?**

- (a) Japan
- (b) Ireland
- (c) Chile
- (d) Luxemburg
- (e) Israel

**Answer: D**

Prime Minister, Narendra Modi has given its approval for the proposal of Securities & Exchange Board of India (SEBI) to sign a bilateral Memorandum of Understanding between Securities and Exchange Board of India and Financial and

Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier (CSSF), Luxembourg.

The MoU will strengthen cross border cooperation in the area of securities regulations and facilitate mutual assistance, contribute towards efficient performance of the supervisory functions aid in imparting technical domain knowledge and enable effective enforcement of the laws and regulations governing the securities markets of India and Luxembourg.

The technical assistance programme would benefit the Authorities by way of consultations on matters relating to capital markets, capacity building activities and training programmes for the Staff

**120. IIT Madras recently hosted Asia's first International Memory Studies Workshop virtually. Where was the International Memory Studies Association founded?**

- (a) New York
- (b) London
- (c) Amsterdam
- (d) Sweden
- (e) Switzerland

**Answer: C**

Indian Institute of Technology Madras' Centre for Memory Studies recently hosted Asia's first International Memory Studies Workshop virtually.

The workshop aimed to precede the Indian Network for Memory Studies (INMS) launch and bring together participants worldwide.

The workshop was conducted from 26th to 30 April 2021 and had 108 registered participants.

The Institute is in the process of building an XR Lab using virtual tools such as Augmented Reality/Virtual

Reality to curate, comprehend & critique various facets of literature, history, and culture.

The launch of the INMS will take place in mid-June 2021 through a virtual event at IIT Madras.

About International Memory Studies Association:

Founded in 2016, Amsterdam, the MSA is a professional association for Memory Studies scholars, as well as those who are active in museums, memorial institutions, archives, the arts and other fields engaged in remembrance.

**121. The National Green Tribunal has recently given the nod for the implementation of 'Vishwamitri River Action Plan'. The river is located in which state?**

- (a) Uttarakhand
- (b) Kerala
- (c) Gujarat
- (d) Himachal Pradesh
- (e) Rajasthan

**Answer: C**

The Principal Bench of the National Green Tribunal (NGT) recently directed the Vadodara Municipal Corporation (VMC), Gujarat and other authorities to implement the Vishwamitri River Action Plan, including preparation for demarcation, plantation and maintaining the integrity of the river.

The crocodiles, turtles & highly protected species have been breeding in the stretches of the river.

Vishwamitri River in Vadodara is among the 351 polluted river stretches identified by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB)

About NGT:

Chairman: Adarsh Kumar Goel

Headquarters: New Delhi

**122. TCS has recently launched its first European innovation center in Amsterdam. Name the other places which have the TCS co-innovation center.**

- (a) New York
- (b) Bern
- (c) Melbourne
- (d) Moscow
- (e) Both a & b

**Answer: A**

Tata Consultancy Services has launched TCS Pace Port Amsterdam, a co-innovation and advanced research center designed to help customers successfully navigate their growth and transformation journeys.

CS Pace Port Amsterdam is the third co-innovation center by TCS, after New York and Tokyo, in a global network of physical-digital innovation hubs that bring to life the TCS Pace philosophy of unifying the best of TCS' innovation assets, capabilities and practices to build meaningful and accelerated outcomes.

The TCS Pace Innovation Architecture provides a structured framework for companies to ideate better, work on creative solutions faster, and focus their efforts on real, purpose-driven business needs.

**123. Recently, HDFC has installed mobile ATMs across 50 cities in India. Customers can conduct how many types of transactions on these mobile ATMs?**

- (a) 5
- (b) 8
- (c) 10
- (d) 12
- (e) 15

**Answer: E**

HDFC Bank has installed mobile ATMs across 50 cities in India, which can be used for over 15 transactions by customers at each location for a specific period.

The ATMs have been deployed in various metros and non-metros given the restrictions imposed by Covid-19.

The Mobile ATM will cover 3-4 stops in a day.

About HDFC:

CEO: Sashidhar Jagdishan

Headquarters: Mumbai

Tagline: We understand your world

**124. Which among the following telecom operators has appointed Shabnam Syed as executive vice president of its post-paid marketing?**

- (a) BSNL
- (b) Airtel
- (c) Vodafone Idea
- (d) Reliance JIO
- (e) None

**Answer: C**

Vodafone Idea Ltd (VIL) has appointed Shabnam Syed as executive vice president of post-paid marketing.

Before VIL, Shabnam Syed was VP-Marketing and Ecommerce at Go Air.

She has more than 20 years of experience in marketing strategy, digital marketing and Analytics and brand management among others.

**125. Which among the following state has recently celebrated its birthday on 2 June, 2021?**

- (a) Telangana
- (b) Chhattisgarh
- (c) Jharkhand
- (d) Uttarakhand

(e) Mizoram

**Answer: A**

Telangana celebrated its seventh birthday on 2 June.

The state was officially formed on June 2, 2014, and is commonly known as Telangana Formation Day to mark the significance in the state's history for the Telangana movement throughout the years.

The state of Telangana officially came into existence under the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act of Parliament in 2014.

Telangana, the 29th state in the country, came into existence after it was carved out of Andhra Pradesh, triggering massive protests in the Seemandhra region.

**126. Olympic Activist Lee Evan has passed away recently. He was associated with which of the following sports?**

- (a) Discus Throw
- (b) Shot Put
- (c) Sprinting
- (d) Triple Jump
- (e) High Jump

**Answer: C**

The record-setting sprinter & Olympic activist Lee Evans Passed away.

He was 74.

He became the first man to crack 44 seconds in the 400 meters, winning the gold medal at the Mexico City Games in 43.86

He also Co-founded the Olympic Project for Human Rights.

**127. 'XraySetu' a new AI-driven platform, has been developed for early detection of COVID 19. The**

**Platform can be operated through which of the apps?**

- (a) Facebook
- (b) Whatsapp
- (c) Instagram
- (d) Arogya Setu
- (e) e-Sanjeevani

**Answer: B**

A new AI-driven platform called 'XraySetu' has been developed with the help of Chest X-ray, to help in the early detection of COVID 19.

The app has been developed by ART PARK (AI & Robotics Technology Park), with support from the Department of Science & Technology (DST), GOI, in collaboration with Bangalore based HealthTech startup Niramai and the Indian Institute of Science (IISc).

It can work with low-resolution images sent via mobiles, is quick and easy to use, and can facilitate detection in rural areas.

It is useful for RT-PCR tests and CT-Scans are not easily available and can be operated through Whatsapp,

**128. Indian-origin girl Abinaya Dinesh has bagged the 'WWDC21 Swift Student Challenge Award' of which company for creating an app?**

- (a) Sony
- (b) HP
- (c) Lenovo
- (d) Samsung
- (e) Apple

**Answer: E**

Abinaya Dinesh, a 15-year-old Indian-origin girl, is among the three winners of the annual tech giant Apple WWDC21 Swift Student Challenge.

It is a platform for the young brains willing to demonstrate their coding and problem-solving skills. Dinesh created an app called Gastro at Home, which she plans to launch on the App Store this summer.

Apple has selected 350 Swift Student Challenge winners from 35 different countries and regions from June 7-11.

**129.State owned Union Bank of India has nominated AK Vinod as its Chief Compliance Officer. He is nominated for a minimum period of how many years?**

- (a)1
- (b)2
- (c)3
- (d)4
- (e)5

**Answer: C**

State-owned Union Bank of India stated it has nominated A K Vinod as its chief compliance officer with effect from June 1, 2021.

He replaced K L Raju, general manager.

He has been nominated as the CCO for a minimum period of three years.

Previously Vinod was handling MSME and the small corporate vertical of the bank.

**130.Chief Election Commissioner has recommended a series of guidelines to the Law Ministry including the linkage of Aadhaar with Voter ID cards for free & fair elections. Name the Chief Election Commissioner.**

- (a)Sushil Chandra
- (b)Om Prakash Rawat
- (c)Sunil Arora
- (d)Nasim Zaidi

(e)Kumar Jyoti

**Answer: A**

In a bid to ensure free and fair elections, the Election Commission of India has made a series of recommendations to the Law Ministry including cancellation of candidature & increasing the imprisonment to 2 years in case of false affidavit by poll candidates.

He has also suggested linking the Aadhar Card with the Voter ID card to prevent duplicity of EPIC cards.

Currently the statute allows inclusion of names of only those people who have turned 18 years old as of 1st January of the year.

Current Chief Election Commissioner is Shri Sushil Chandra

**131.The National AI Portal, which serves as a one-stop digital platform for sharing of resources, celebrated its \_\_\_\_\_ Anniversary on May 28, 2021.**

- (a)1st
- (b)2nd
- (c)3rd
- (d)4th
- (e)5th

**Answer: A**

The 'National AI Portal' celebrated its first anniversary on May 28, 2021.

It was launched in May 2020 by a joint initiative of the Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY) and the National e-Governance Division (NeGD).

The portal works as a one-stop digital platform for sharing of resources such as articles, startups, investment funds in AI, resources, companies and educational institutions related to AI in India, case studies, research reports etc.



It also has a section about learning and new job roles related to AI.

**132. DPIIT has recognised as many as 50000 startups so far. Which of the following states have largest number of startups?**

- (a) Maharashtra
- (b) Kerala
- (c) Tamil Nadu
- (d) Uttarakhand
- (e) All of the Above

**Answer: A**

As many as 50,000 startups have been recognized by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) since the launch of the Startup India flagship initiative on January 16, 2016.

The initiative is intended to catalyze a startup culture and build a strong and inclusive ecosystem for innovation and entrepreneurship in India.

Maharashtra, Karnataka, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat have emerged as the largest number of these entrepreneurs.

**133. ICICI Bank became the 1st bank in Asia-Pacific to offer the facility, called 'SWIFT gpi Instant', for cross border inward payments of upto \_\_\_\_\_ lakhs.**

- (a) 1 lakh
- (b) 2 lakh
- (c) 2.5 lakh
- (d) 3 lakh
- (e) 5 lakh

**Answer: B**

ICICI Bank, the first bank in Asia-Pacific and the second globally to offer the facility, called 'SWIFT gpi Instant', for cross border inward payments.

The bank has tied up with SWIFT to offer a facility that helps overseas partner banks to send instant

remittances on behalf of their customers to the beneficiary in India.

Personal remittances of up to `2 lakh sent through 'SWIFT gpi Instant' are processed instantly and credited into the beneficiary account held with any bank\* in India, via the IMPS network.

**134. Hyderabad International Airport has been awarded the Gold Recognition by the Airports Council International for the \_\_\_\_\_ time in a row.**

- (a) 2nd
- (b) 3rd
- (c) 4th
- (d) 5th
- (e) 6th

**Answer: C**

For the fourth consecutive year, Hyderabad International Airport has been awarded the Gold Recognition by the Airports Council International (ACI) Asia-Pacific Green Airports Recognition 2021, in the below 25 million passengers per annum (MPPA) category.

GMR-led Hyderabad International Airport Ltd (GHIAL), the ACI's Green Airports Recognition programme promotes best environmental practices to minimize the aviation industry's impact on the environment.

**135. On June 3, 2021, SpaceX launched a cargo ship with thousands of tiny sea creatures to the International Space Stations. What is the total weight of the shipment?**

- (a) 5000 pound
- (b) 4800 pound
- (c) 6500 pound
- (d) 7300 pound

(e) 8200 pound

**Answer: D**

On June 03, 2021, SpaceX launched thousands of tiny sea creatures to the International Space Station, along with a plaque-fighting toothpaste experiment and powerful solar panels.

This is 7,300-pound (3,300-kilogram) which also includes fresh lemons, onions, avocados and cherry tomatoes for the station's seven astronauts.

The Dragon cargo capsule, also brand new, is delivering the first of three sets of high-tech solar panels designed to bolster the space station's aging power grid.

**136. The Centre has recently included which language in the CoWIN app facility after the proposal of the State's minister?**

- (a) Gujarati
- (b) Kannada
- (c) Bengali
- (d) Tamil
- (e) Assamese

**Answer: D**

The Centre has assured to include Tamil language in the CoWIN app facility after an appeal from Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin.

The Tamil Nadu Government stated that along with the nine existing languages included in the CoWIN app, the facility in Tamil language will be available in a day or two according to the Principal Health Secretary.

**137. Validity of which of the following tests has been extended to lifetime with retrospective effect from 2011 by the UNION Education Minister?**

- (a) TET
- (b) CTET

(c) UGC NET

(d) GATE

(e) JEE

**Answer: A**

The Union Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' announced that the government has decided to extend the validity period of the Teachers Eligibility Test (TET) qualifying certificate from 7 years to lifetime with retrospective effect from 2011.

In 2020, the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) in its 50th meeting of the general body had approved the extension of the TET certificate validity from 7 years to a lifetime.

For a career in the elementary teaching profession in India, passing a relevant TET is mandatory.

**138. The state of Bihar declared how much percent reservation for girls in engineering and medical colleges?**

- (a) 20%
- (b) 25%
- (c) 30%
- (d) 33%
- (e) 49%

**Answer: D**

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar took a major decision to declare 33% reservation for girls in engineering and medical colleges of the state.

He mentioned that at least one-third of the seats in the enrollment in engineering and medical colleges of the state should be reserved for girl students as it would increase the number of girl students.

The initiative would motivate the girl students towards pursuing higher and technical education.

**139. Who among the following has been appointed as the new CEO & MD of the apparel retailer Benetton India?**

- (a) M. Balakrishnan
- (b) Sunil Arora
- (c) Ramprasad Sridharan
- (d) Sandeep Chugh
- (e) Deepak Chawla

**Answer: C**

Apparel retailer Benetton Group has announced the appointment of Ramprasad Sridharan as the new CEO and managing director of Benetton India.

Ramprasad replaces Sandeep Chugh, who has decided to leave the position after being associated with the group for 10 years.

**140. How many crores have been sanctioned by NABARD to set up drinking water supply projects in Odisha under the Rural Infrastructure Development fund?**

- (a) 156 crores
- (b) 198 crores
- (c) 230 crores
- (d) 245 crores
- (e) 254 crores

**Answer: E**

NABARD has sanctioned Rs 254 crore to set up two mega piped drinking water supply projects in Odisha under the Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF).

The two mega projects will come up in the Puri district (covering Brahmagiri and Kru shnaprasad block) and the Jajpur district (covering Badachana and Dharmasala blocks).

These projects are expected to bring clean and safe drinking water to an 8.78 lakh rural population

across 1.37 lakh households in 565 villages of the state on completion.

The projects will contribute to achieving the goal of providing drinking water to the rural population by 2022.

**141. Which of the following banks has launched a NR saving account scheme for the mariners?**

- (a) Axis Bank
- (b) HDFC Bank
- (c) Federal Bank
- (d) ICICI Bank
- (e) RBL bank

**Answer: C**

Federal Bank launched an exclusive NR savings account scheme for the Seafarer segment.

This scheme is specially curated and crafted for the mariners and its services are clubbed with state-of-the-art digital banking platforms that help the mariners enjoy seamless banking transactions, irrespective of the geo-coordinates and time zone differences.

The scheme offers facilities like preferential exchange rate for monthly inward remittances, premium debit card with domestic airport lounge access, linked zero balance NRO account, and bespoke financial planning and customised wealth management products and services.

**142. On June 04, 2021, Union Minister, Thaawarchand Gehlot virtually launched the SAGE initiative and portal for elderly persons. What is G in SAGE?**

- (a) Grievance
- (b) Growth
- (c) Garima
- (d) Gaming

(e)Government

**Answer: B**

The Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment, Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot virtually launched an initiative called, SAGE (Seniorcare Aging Growth Engine) on June 04, 2021, and also the SAGE portal to support India's elderly persons.

The SAGE portal will act as a "one-stop access" of elderly care products and services by credible start-ups.

The basic aim of this initiative is to involve youth for elderly care by way of start-ups.

**143. Which circle of SBI has got B Sankar as the new Chief General Manager recently?**

- (a)Chennai
- (b)Andhra Pradesh
- (c)Delhi
- (d)Mumbai
- (e)Lucknow

**Answer: A**

Chennai circle of SBI has got a new Chief General Manager.

B Sankar assumed charge as Chief GM of SBI Chennai Circle recently.

He earlier served as the GM NW-II in the same circle.

The circle which covers the entire TN and Puducherry has 1,243 branches under its jurisdiction.

There are 16 circles of the SBI namely Ahmedabad, Andhra Pradesh (new), Bengaluru, Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Chandigarh, Chennai, Delhi, Jaipur (new), Kolkata, Lucknow, Mumbai, North-East, Patna, Telangana, and Thiruvananthapuram.

**144. Which IT major has announced a partnership with Finastra to help corporate banks across Asia Pacific accelerate their digital transformation?**

- (a)Infosys
- (b)IBM
- (c)TCS
- (d)Accenture
- (e)Wipro

**Answer: E**

Wipro has announced a partnership with Finastra to help corporate banks across Asia Pacific accelerate their digital transformation.

Under the partnership, the companies will create a unique offering that combines Wipro's comprehensive services catalogue with Finastra's front-to-back trade finance and cash-management solutions.

The partnership will help banks make this transition quickly through access to Wipro's service portfolio, from consulting and digital to infrastructure and operations and Finastra's leading solutions namely Fusion Trade Innovation and Fusion Cash Management.

**145. Name the eye-wear brand which recently launched a COVID Relief Helpline to offer a helping hand to the needy.**

- (a)RayBan
- (b)Vogue
- (c)Lenskart
- (d)Fastrack
- (e)Oakley

**Answer: C**

Lenskart, India's fastest growing eye-wear brand under its Lenskart Foundation, launches a COVID Relief Helpline.

The purely whats-app- based helpline allows anyone to message on the number with their requirement and help they need regarding COVID-19.

While the helpline facilitates the information, the brand Lenskart Foundation with its partnered panel of doctors also helps in managing the COVID-19 disease at home.

The Foundation claimed it has received more than 200 requests from Delhi-NCR, Bengaluru, Chennai, Kolkata, apart from states like Jammu, Punjab and Uttarakhand.

**146. Which state government gave its nod for the creation of a special purpose vehicle or operations and maintenance of large multi-village surface water supply schemes across the state?**

- (a) Maharashtra
- (b) Rajasthan
- (c) Haryana
- (d) Punjab
- (e) Uttarakhand

**Answer: D**

The Punjab cabinet gave its nod for the creation of a special purpose vehicle (SPV) for operations and maintenance of large multi-village surface water supply schemes across the state.

The move is aimed to ensure supply of potable water on a long term sustainable basis in rural areas of water quality affected districts.

This SPV — Punjab Rural Water (Utility) Company — under the Water Supply and Sanitation department will be a utility company.

The cabinet, chaired by Chief Minister Amarinder Singh, also accorded approval to open an account in the name of the SPV, with seed money of Rs 25 crore allocated from the World Bank funds (64 per

cent) and state budget (36 per cent), to support its functioning in the initial five years, it said.

**147. Telangana state government ordered a digital survey of agriculture lands in how many selected villages across the state on a pilot basis from June 11?**

- (a) 12
- (b) 19
- (c) 23
- (d) 27
- (e) 33

**Answer: D**

Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao ordered digital survey of agriculture lands in 27 select villages across the state on a pilot basis from June 11.

He directed officials to select three villages from his home constituency Gajwel and select the remaining 24 villages from other 24 districts.

Based on the outcome of the pilot survey, the digital survey will be extended later to the entire state. After the completion of the digital survey of agricultural lands, the survey will be undertaken in all urban areas.

**148. China's 'artificial sun' has set a new world record by sustaining a temperature of \_\_\_\_\_ million degree celsius.**

- (a) 80
- (b) 90
- (c) 100
- (d) 110
- (e) 120

**Answer: E**

China's 'artificial sun' recently broke the world record as it achieved a plasma temperature of 120 million



degree Celsius for 101 seconds and 160 million Celsius for 20 seconds.

This has set new records in the field of nuclear fusion, media reports

The experiment was achieved by Experimental Advanced Superconducting Tokamak (EAST) device, or the "artificial sun," located at the Hefei Institutes of Physical Science of the Chinese Academy of Sciences.

EAST is part of the International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor (ITER) facility—a collaboration of 35 nations, also comprising India.

**149. When is the World Pest Awareness Day Observed every year?**

- (a) June 2
- (b) June 3
- (c) June 4
- (d) June 5
- (e) June 6

**Answer: E**

Every year, World Pest Day (also sometimes called World Pest Awareness Day) is observed on 06 June.

The objective behind celebrating this day is to create awareness of how pest management helps preserve the quality of life for people.

The first World Pest Day was marked in 2017.

World Pest Day was initiated by the Chinese Pest Control Association.

**150. The RBI has extended the bank license of Rupee cooperative bank for another three months until August 31, 2021. The Bank is based in which city?**

- (a) Pune
- (b) New delhi

(c) Nagpur

(d) Gurugram

(e) Hyderabad

**Answer: A**

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has extended the bank license of the Pune based Rupee Cooperative Bank for another three months until August 31, 2021.

As of March 2021, the bank has received a total of 263.93 crore rupees and Earned 70.70 crore in the past five years.

The bank has been profitable for five years

The bank announced in a statement that there were no negative comments in the context of the audit or RBI's annual review.

**151. Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has launched several initiatives to enhance the SATAT scheme. Expand 'S' in SATAT.**

- (a) Sustainable
- (b) Scientific
- (c) Systematic
- (d) Senior
- (e) Solution

**Answer: A**

Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas & Steel Shri Dharmendra Pradhan in a virtual ceremony launched several initiatives to provide major fillip to the SATAT initiative, and help India leap ahead towards a greener tomorrow.

This included signing of a Cooperation Agreement by Oil and Gas majors including IndianOil, HPCL, BPCL, GAIL and IGL, for the promotion and development of the SATAT (Sustainable Alternative Towards Affordable Transportation) scheme.

The SATAT scheme aims to set up Compressed Biogas production plants and make CBG available in the market for use as a green fuel.

'SATAT', launched on 1.10.2018, envisages targeting production of 15 MMT of CBG from 5000 plants by 2023.

**152. Which state's Council of Ministers has adopted a resolution to include disaster and pandemic management as a part of the curriculum for every high school and college student?**

- (a)Gujarat
- (b)Haryana
- (c)Odisha
- (d)Telangana
- (e)Kerala

**Answer: C**

Odisha's Council of Ministers has adopted a resolution to include disaster and pandemic management as a part of the curriculum for every high school and college student.

The state will also train its employees on the fundamental nature of different kinds of disaster and pandemic management.

Disaster and pandemic management will be in the government recruitment syllabus as well.

**153. The US handed over a key military base in which city to the Afghan forces on 28 May 2021?**

- (a)Kabul
- (b)Jalalabad
- (c)Mazar-i-Sharif
- (d)Tashkent
- (e)Kandhar

**Answer: A**

The top NATO Commander in Afghanistan, Gen. Scott Miller oversaw handing over of a key military base in the capital Kabul to the Afghan forces as the

US continued with the withdrawal amid surging violence in the country.

Also, the US had by last week officially handed over five facilities to the Afghan Ministry of Defense with which it has completed up to 25% of the entire retrograde process.

**154. Who has been elected as the Asia and Oceania Representative in the International Association of Ultrarunners Executive Council for 2021-2025?**

- (a)Hilary Walker
- (b)Robert Boyce
- (c)Nadeem Khan
- (d)Diana Amza
- (e)Nagraj Adiga

**Answer: E**

India's Nagraj Adiga has been elected as the Asia-Oceania Representative at the recently concluded 2021 International Association of Ultrarunners (IAU) Congress at which the IAU council elections were held.

Adiga works closely with the Athletics Federation of India and with various Government bodies to promote health, fitness, and encourage budding sportspersons.

About International Association of Ultrarunners (IAU)

Headquarters: Monaco Cedex

General Secretary: Hilary Walker

**155. Which of the following organization has launched the Agri Services E-Marketplace portal for small farmers?**

- (a)NABARD
- (b)SEBI
- (c)CRIDA
- (d)CSC

(e)ICAR

**Answer: D**

The CSC E-Governance India Ltd (CSC SPV) announced the launch of an e-marketplace or portal for agri services, mainly to help small farmers.

Through the agri services portal, the farmers will be able to buy seeds, fertilisers, pesticides, cattle feed, and other agri-input products.

CSC SPV plans to reach out to 6,000 Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs), one in each block of the country, this year.

The portal has already onboarded 1,000 FPOs on this new platform. These FPOs will enrol about 1 crore farmers for availing various services.

The CSC SPV is a special purpose vehicle under the Ministry of Electronics & IT that provides a host of electronic services to consumers through its common service centres.

**156.Name the noted novelist who has come out with his new essay collection titled 'Languages of Truth:Essays 2003-2020'.**

- (a)Amrita Pritam
- (b)Salman Rushdie
- (c)Vikran Seth
- (d)Khushwant Singh
- (e)Ruskin Bond

**Answer: B**

The noted novelist Salman Rushdie has come out with his new essay collection, titled "LANGUAGES OF TRUTH: Essays 2003-2020".

The book has been published by Random House.

In his new book, the author talks about his view and imagination of the change in literature and culture, written between 2003 and 2020.

**157.Microsoft rolled out the 1st Asia Pacific Sector Cyber Security Executive Council. The council consists of policy makers from which of the following countries?**

- (a)Malaysia
- (b)Indonesia
- (c)Croatia
- (d)Afghanistan
- (e)All the above

**Answer: B**

Microsoft has launched the first Asia Pacific Public Sector Cyber Security Executive Council.

The Council will Consist policy makers and influencers from Brunei, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand, supported by cybersecurity professionals.

The council aims to accelerate public-private partnerships in cybersecurity, share threat as the APAC countries continue to experience a higher-than-average encounter rate for malware and ransomware attacks -- 1.6 and 1.7 times higher respectively than the rest of the world.

**158.Which of the following insects in Netherland has been trained to identify samples infected with COVID-19?**

- (a)Butterfly
- (b)Honey Bee
- (c)Bugs
- (d)Cricket
- (e)Dragonfly

**Answer: B**

Dutch researchers have trained bees, which have an unusually keen sense of smell, to identify samples infected with COVID-19, to reduce the waiting times for test results to just seconds.

To train the bees, scientists in the bio-veterinary research laboratory at Wageningen University gave them sugary water as a reward after showing them samples infected with COVID-19.

It can take hours or days to get a COVID-19 test result, but the response from the bees is immediate.

The method is also cheap, potentially making it useful for countries where tests are scarce.

**159. China has reported the first case of a human infected with H10N3 influenza in which province?**

- (a) Jiangsu
- (b) Fujian
- (c) Hubei
- (d) Guangdong
- (e) Sichuan

**Answer: A**

China has reported the world's first case of a human infected with H10N3 avian influenza in its eastern province of Jiangsu.

China's National Health Commission (NHC) confirmed this in a statement.

The case, detected in a male aged 41 and living in Zhenjiang, a city in the eastern part of the province, was an occasional poultry-to-human transmission.

**160. L&T Construction has bagged an order from Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Boards. The project will be funded by which country's International Cooperation Agency?**

- (a) Germany
- (b) UK
- (c) Japan
- (d) Australia
- (e) Netherlands

**Answer: C**

The water and effluent treatment business of Larsen & Toubro (L&T) Construction has bagged an order from Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) to design, build and operate sewage treatment plants.

The project is funded by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). It will benefit 18.04 lakh people in Bengaluru city.

The contract also includes intermediate sewage pumping stations along with construction of main sewers for 110 villages in the Mahadevpura and Bommanahalli region (K&C valley catchment) of Bengaluru city.

**161. India has ranked 4th in the latest International Hockey Federation World Rankings. Which country leads the list?**

- (a) Belgium
- (b) Australia
- (c) Germany
- (d) Netherlands
- (e) Spain

**Answer: A**

In Hockey, Indian men's team maintained their fourth position in the latest International Hockey Federation world rankings.

Belgium, lead the table, followed by Australia. The Netherlands are placed third.

Germany has jumped to fifth place while Great Britain has also moved up a spot to the sixth position.

In the women's category, India is ranked ninth. The Netherlands women's team is leading while Argentina is second.

Australia climbed to third position while Germany slipped to fourth position with 2115.185 points. Great Britain is ranked fifth.

**162. Indian Navy's oldest hydrographic survey ship INS Sandhayak was decommissioned in June 2021.**

**The ship served the nation for how many years?**

- (a) 30
- (b) 40
- (c) 50
- (d) 60
- (e) 70

**Answer: B**

Indian Navy's oldest hydrographic survey ship INS Sandhayak was decommissioned at Naval Dockyard in Visakhapatnam after serving the nation for 40 glorious years.

During its 40 years of commissioned service, INS Sandhayak undertook over 200 major hydrographic surveys in Western and Eastern coasts of the Indian peninsula, the Andaman Sea, and minor surveys in neighbouring countries including Sri Lanka, Myanmar and Bangladesh.

It also participated in the maiden joint INDO-US HADR (humanitarian assistance and disaster relief) exercise 'Tiger-Triumph' in 2019, the statement added.

**163. Which movie has won the Audience Award for Best Feature at the 19th Indian Film Festival of Los Angeles?**

- (a) Fire in the Mountains
- (b) Childhood on Edge
- (c) Rammat-Gammat
- (d) Seththumaan
- (e) Biriyaani

**Answer: A**

Filmmaker Ajitpal Singh's acclaimed movie "Fire in the Mountains" has won the Audience Award for Best Feature at the 19th Indian Film Festival of Los Angeles (IFFLA).

The 19th edition of the festival concluded its eight-day run on 27th May, during which it showcased 40 films in 17 languages, including movies by 16 women directors.

Tamil director Thamizh's debut *Seththumaan (Pig)* has won the 2021 Indian Film Festival Of Los Angeles (IFFLA) grand jury award for best feature while Sajin Baabu's *Biriyaani* earned an honourable mention.

**164. Rajasthan government has offered saplings of 4 medicinal herbs to all the families of the state as a part of Ghar Ghar Aushadhi Yojana. Which of the following is not one among them?**

- (a) Tulsi
- (b) Ajmod
- (c) Ashwagandha
- (d) Giloy
- (e) Kalmegh

**Answer: B**

In a unique move, the Rajasthan government will offer saplings of four selected medicinal herbs to all the state's families as part of Ghar Ghar Aushadhi Yojana.

The mega scheme is targeted to reach out to all 1,26,50,000 families residing in the state, extending them an opportunity to take home saplings of the four selected medicinal herbs; Tulsi, Ashwagandha, Giloy and Kalmegh.

A fund of Rs 210 crore has been sanctioned by the state government for the five year scheme, of which Rs 31.4 crore will be spent in the first year for



distributing more than five crore saplings among half of the households in the state.

In five years every family will receive in total 24 saplings.

**165.EPFO has allowed its members to avail the second non-refundable Covid-19 advance to support its subscribers during the second wave of pandemic.**

**When was the EPFO established?**

- (a)1952
- (b)1955
- (c)1961
- (d)1968
- (e)1970

**Answer: A**

To support its subscribers during the second wave of Covid pandemic, EPFO now allowed its members to avail second non-refundable Covid advance.

The provision for special withdrawal to meet the financial need of members during pandemic was introduced in March 2020, under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana (PMGKY).

An amendment to this effect was made by the Ministry of Labour & Employment in Employees' Provident Funds Scheme, 1952.

Under this provision, non-refundable withdrawal to the extent of the basic wages and dearness allowances for three months or up to 75% of the amount standing to member's credit in the EPF account, whichever is less, is provided. Members can apply for a lesser amount also.

About EPFO:

Founded: 1952

Headquarters: New Delhi

**166.Who among the following has ranked 1st in the Times 50 Most Desirable Man 2020, released in June 2021?**

- (a)Vicky Kaushal
- (b)Sushant Rajput
- (c)Vijay Deverakonda
- (d)Aditya Roy Kapoor
- (e)Dulquer Salmaan

**Answer: B**

The Times 50 Most Desirable Men 2020 list has been unveiled, and it includes some of the most dashing men under 40 from across fields.

The ranking is based on votes cast in an online poll. Sushant Singh Rajput has made it to the top of the 2020 list.

The Arjun Reddy star Vijay Devarakonda came in second and the third position was bagged by Aditya Roy Kapur.

Many other notable actors such as Vicky Kaushal, Dulquer Salmaan, Tiger Shroff, Ranveer Singh also made it to the list in various ranks.

**167.In June 2021, The Expert Committee on Variable Capital Company submitted its report to IFSCA. Who headed the committee?**

- (a)JP Majumdar
- (b)M. Balakrishnan
- (c)K P Krishnan
- (d)Injetisrinivas
- (e)None of these

**Answer: C**

In June 2021, the Expert Committee on Variable Capital Company (VCC) headed by K.P. Krishnan submitted its report on the feasibility of VCCs in the International Financial Services Centres(IFSCs) to the International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA).

International Financial Services Centres Authority constituted a Committee of Experts ('the Committee') to examine the feasibility of the Variable Capital Company ('VCC') in India to examine the suitability of the Variable Capital Company as a vehicle for fund management in the International Financial Services Centre in India.

**168. As per the latest report released by the International Labour Organisation, the global unemployment rate will be 5.7% in 2022. What is the current year's rate?**

- (a) 5.9%
- (b) 6.1%
- (c) 6.3%
- (d) 6.5%
- (e) 6.7%

**Answer: C**

The International Labour Organization recently shared a report where they mentioned that the global unemployment rate will be at 5.7 percent in 2022, with an estimated 205 million people worldwide will be without jobs.

In the year 2021, the global unemployment rate is 6.3% as compared to 5.4% in the year 2020.

Additionally, compared to 2019, another 108 million workers all over the world are now categorised as poor or extremely poor.

About ILO:

Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland

Formed: 1919

Director General : Guy Ryder

**169. The Financial Stability and Development Council has constituted an inter regulators panel to deal with Fintech Challenges. Who among the**

**following was first proposed the creation of the council?**

- (a) Raghuram rajan
- (b) Urjit patel
- (c) Shaktikanta Das
- (d) Arun Jaitley
- (e) Manmohan Singh

**Answer: A**

Government affiliated financial Stability and Development Council has set-up a new inter-regulatory body for addressing regulatory quagmires within the fintech industry

The move comes after several fintech platforms, especially online mutual funds platforms, faced regulatory hurdles in their business operations.

About FSDC:

The FSDC is a regulatory council constituted by the government in 2010 to address all regulatory matters regarding the financial industry. It was first proposed by the Raghuram Rajan Committee in 2008.

**170. The Ministry of Labour & Employment has constituted an expert panel headed by Ajit Mishra for which of the following purposes?**

- (a) Fixation of Minimum wages
- (b) Fixation of Working Hours
- (c) Fixation of national floor Minimum Wages
- (d) Both (b) & (c)
- (e) Both (a) & (c)

**Answer: E**

The government has constituted an expert group led by Prof Ajit Mishra, that will give recommendations on fixation of minimum wages and national floor minimum wage.

Minimum wage is different for different categories of workers.

National floor refers to the minimum level of wage that is applicable to all categories of workers across the country.

The group has been constituted for a period of three years from the date of notification.

**171. The Seed Minikit Programme was launched by Narendra Singh Tomar by distributing Seed Minikits to farmers. The kits would be provided by the NCS, NAFED and which of the following?**

- (a) Gujarat State Seed Corporation
- (b) Maharashtra State Seed Corporation
- (c) Rajasthan State Seed Corporation
- (d) Andhra Pradesh State Seed Corporation
- (e) Odisha State seed Corporation

**Answer: A**

The Union Minister Narendra Singh Tomar on June 2, 2021, launched a seed Minikit programme by distributing the high-yielding varieties of seeds of oilseeds and pulses to farmers

The mini-kits under the program are being provided by the Central agencies NAFED, National Seeds Corporation (NCS), and Gujarat State Seeds Corporation and the wholly funded by the government through the National Food Security Mission.

The distribution of the seeds under the program will continue till June 15, 2021, so that the seeds can reach the farmers before the Kharif sowing commences.

Under the National Food Security Mission, a total of 20,27,318 seed minikits of pulses, more than 74,000 groundnut mini kits, and 8 lakh soybean seed minikits are to be provided free of cost directly to the farmers.

**172. Which among the following has been approved by the cabinet to help overhaul the rental housing legal framework across the country?**

- (a) Model Tenancy Act
- (b) Rent control Act
- (c) Landlords & Tenants Act
- (d) Lease & Rent Act
- (e) Premises Tenancy Act

**Answer: A**

The Union Cabinet has approved the Model Tenancy Act, a move that will help overhaul the legal framework with respect to rental housing across the country.

In a statement, the government is expected to give a fillip to private participation in rental housing as a business model for addressing the huge housing shortage.

The Act will enable institutionalisation of rental housing by gradually shifting it towards the formal market.

**173. The Cabinet on June 2, 2021, gave its ex post facto nod on signing and ratification of an Agreement on 'Cooperation in the field of Mass Media' between all the Member States of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization. The agreement for the same was signed in which year?**

- (a) 2016
- (b) 2017
- (c) 2018
- (d) 2019
- (e) 2020

**Answer: D**

The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on June 2, 2021, approved the signing and ratification of Provide an opportunity for

the Member States to share innovations and best practices in the field of Mass Media.

The Agreement on 'Cooperation in the field of Mass Media' between all the Member States of Shanghai Cooperation Organization was signed in June 2019.

The Member States of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization consists of eight countries: India, China, the Kyrgyz Republic, Kazakhstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Russia, and Uzbekistan.

**174. Dr. Harsh Vardhan launched the revamped Central Government Health Scheme and the Umbrella schemes of Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi on the National Health Authority's IT platform. How much amount of financial assistance has been provided under the RAN scheme?**

- (a) 10 lakh
- (b) 15 lakh
- (c) 5 lakh
- (d) 7 lakh
- (e) 12 lakh

**Answer: B**

Dr. Harsh Vardhan launched the revamped Central Government Health Scheme and the Umbrella schemes of Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi and Health Minister's Discretionary Grant (HMDG) on National Health Authority's IT platform.

The Union Minister remarked that the CGHS, a comprehensive Health Scheme for Serving Employees, Pensioners, Members of Parliament, ex-MPs, etc., and their dependent family members, during the last 7 years has expanded to 72 Cities with more than 38 lakh beneficiaries covered under the scheme.

He also informed that under RAN, financial assistance up to Rs 15 lakhs is provided to poor patients suffering from major life-threatening

diseases/cancer/rare diseases, for medical treatment at Government hospitals

**175. The Competition Commission of India has approved the acquisition of Avana, TFPL by Unifeeder. When is the CCI formed?**

- (a) 1999
- (b) 1987
- (c) 2003
- (d) 2009
- (e) 1978

**Answer: C**

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) approves the acquisition of Avana Logistek Limited, Transworld Feeders Private Limited and Transworld Feeders FZCO by Unifeeder ISC FZCO

The proposed combination envisages the acquisition of a stake in AvanaLogistek Limited (Avana), Transworld Feeders Private Limited (TFPL) and Transworld Feeders FZCO by Unifeeder ISC FZCO (Unifeeder).

Unifeeder is indirectly held by DPW, forming part of DPW group. In India, Unifeeder is present through its subsidiaries, Feedertech Pte. Limited (Feedertech) and Perma Shipping Line Pte. Limited. Feedertech provides EXIM feeder services and Perma Shipping Line Pte. Limited provides EXIM non-vessel owning common carrier (NVOCC) services.

***Business of Avana comprises multimodal domestic coastal services and NVOCC solutions.***

About CCI

Formed: 2003

Headquarters: New Delhi

**176. How many modules of short films of Investor Education & Protection Fund Authority have been launched by the Union Minister of State Anurag Thakur?**

- (a) 4
- (b) 5
- (c) 6
- (d) 8
- (e) 9

**Answer: C**

Union Minister of State for Finance and Corporate Affairs, Anurag Singh Thakur launched the six modules of short films of Investor Education & Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA) titled "Hisaab Ki Kitaab". These short films developed by Common Services Centers (CSC) eGov as a part of their training tool.

The various modules highlight the importance of budget, saving, the importance of Insurance schemes, various social security schemes of the government etc.

The modules also interestingly portray the consequences of a common man falling prey to the schemes and how they should protect themselves from Ponzi schemes.

These short films will be used by IEPFA and its partnering organisation for Investor Awareness Programs across the country.

During the launch, a trivia of all the 6 modules was showcased.

**177. What is the GDP estimation of India as per the Reserve Bank of India in the FY 2021-22?**

- (a) 10.5%
- (b) 9.5%
- (c) 8.5%
- (d) 11.5%

(e) 11%

**Answer: B**

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) slashed its growth estimate for 2021-22 to 9.5% from a projection of 10.5%, citing the impact of the second wave of the pandemic.

The central bank, however, raised the inflation estimate a tad higher to 5.1% due to gathering price pressures.

**178. Recently, International Chess Federation & Tech Mahindra have signed an MoU to create the Global Chess league. Where is the headquarters of FIDE located?**

- (a) Lausanne
- (b) Geneva
- (c) Zurich
- (d) Paris
- (e) New York

**Answer: A**

International Chess Federation (FIDE) & Tech Mahindra have signed an MoU to create the Global Chess league.

The competition was established as a first-of-its-kind "phygital" (physical and digital) league, engaging professional players and others

. A new holding company will be created to operate the functioning of the League having Viswanathan Anand as mentor and partner

About FIDE

HQs: Lausanne, Switzerland;

**179. Ally Ewing has won the Bank of Hope LPGA Match Play at Shadow Creek. She defeated whom among the following?**

- (a) Lexi Thompson
- (b) Sophia Popov



- (c) Nelly Korda  
(d) JinYoung KO  
(e) Cristee Kerr

**Answer: B**

Golfer Ally Ewing won the Bank of Hope LPGA Match Play held at Shadow Creek, North Las Vegas by beating Sophia Popov, 2 and 1 for her second tour victory.

Ewing won the difficult par-4 14th with a birdie to take a 2-up lead and closed out her German rival with a double-bogey halve on the par-3 17th in the final event before the U.S. Women's Open next week at Olympic in San Francisco.

The 28-year-old former Mississippi State player won her first tour title in October in Florida at Reynolds Lake Oconee, still playing under her maiden name of McDonald.

**180. The National Medical Plant Board and the National Botanical Research Institute have signed an MoU for which of the following purposes?**

- (a) To establish herbs nurseries  
(b) Cultivation of quality planting material  
(c) Production of plants on high altitudes  
(d) Developing different agro climate zones  
(e) All of the Above

**Answer: E**

The National Medicinal Plant Board (NMPS) and the National Botanical Research Institute (CSIR-NBRI) signed an MoU on June 4 for extending joint collaborative efforts to boost the cultivation and production of medicinal plants and herbs in India.

The MoU will facilitate development of Quality Planting Material (QPM) of medicinal plants and herbs identified by NMPB, help in establishment of their nurseries for QPM, development, promotion, conservation and cultivation of the appropriate

medicinal plants in different agro-climatic zones, including the threatened medicinal plant species and plants for the high-altitude regions.

Through this collaboration NMPB will support CSIR-NBRI in carrying out the potential medicinal plant species with high commercial value for the Germplasm collection/conservation and establishment of nursery and seed banks/gene banks.

About NBRI

Headquarters: Lucknow Uttar Pradesh

About NMPS

Headquarters: New delhi

**181. Which of the following South Asian countries performed better than India in the 17 sustainable Development Goals adopted as a part of the 2030 agenda by 193 United Nations member states in 2015?**

- (a) Bangladesh  
(b) Nepal  
(c) Bhutan  
(d) Sri Lanka  
(e) All of the Above

**Answer: E**

India's rank has slipped by two places from last year to 117 on the 17 SDGs adopted as a part of the 2030 agenda by 193 United Nations member states in 2015.

India ranks below four South Asian countries -- Bhutan, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh.

The overall SDG score of India is 61.9 out of 100.

Jharkhand and Bihar are the least prepared to meet the SDGs by 2030.

About SDG:

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, was adopted by all United Nations Member States in

2015, which provides a shared blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and into the future.

There are 17 SDGs which are an urgent call for action by all countries - developed and developing - in a global partnership.

**182. Recently, StAR MF has signed an MoU with GUMCCSL to deepen its network for rural engagement. StAR MF is a mutual fund distributor of which company?**

- (a) NSE
- (b) BSE
- (c) MCX
- (d) CSE
- (e) MSE

**Answer: B**

BSE StAR MF, India's largest mutual funds distributor platform, has signed a memorandum of understanding with Godavari Urban Multi State Credit Co-Op Society Ltd (GUMCCSL) at Nanded to deepen its network of over 70,000 registered distributors.

The partnership with BSE StAR MF will ensure that customers are on-boarded through an easy and hassle-free digital process and the efforts are aligned towards a less-paper ecosystem.

The MoU aims to facilitate cooperation between BSE StAR MF and rural markets in areas like financial inclusion, investment goals and wealth creation.

About BSE Star MF:

Established: 2009

Headquarters: Mumbai

About GUMCCSL:

Established: 2013

Headquarters: Nanded, Maharashtra

**183. Which of the following government organisations has partnered with To TERRE to promote carbon neutrality in higher education institutes?**

- (a) NTPC
- (b) UGC
- (c) NHPC
- (d) AICTE
- (e) EESL

**Answer: E**

State-run EESL and non-government organisation TERRE have partnered to mainstream carbon neutrality in higher educational institutes on the World Environment Day.

The MoU has been signed on the occasion of World Environment Day with the view to set up a launch platform for kick starting the actions on carbon neutrality in educational institutions, it added.

TERRE and EESL will work together to propose nation-wide projects, across educational institutes/campuses in India. These projects will transform the higher educational campuses in India into hubs for energy efficiency, renewable energy, emission reduction and air-pollution abatement.

All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE) is supporting this much needed partnership.

**184. Scientists from which of the following institutes have developed an artificial synaptic network that mimics the human brain?**

- (a) IISc
- (b) TIFR
- (c) JNCASR
- (d) NISER
- (e) IIISER

**Answer: C**

A team of scientists from Bengaluru's Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR) has developed a device that can emulate the cognitive actions of a human brain, and is more efficient than conventional techniques.

A prototyping kit has been developed to emulate Pavlov's dog behaviour which demonstrates the potential of this device towards neuromorphic artificial intelligence.

The JNCASR team composed of Prof G.U. Kulkarni and B. Bharath.

**185. The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has issued a draft notification in May 2021 to amend the Central Motor Vehicles Rules of which year to increase e-mobility?**

- (a) 1989
- (b) 1987
- (c) 1983
- (d) 1993
- (e) 1997

**Answer: A**

The ministry of road transport and highways has issued a draft notification proposing to exempt battery-operated vehicles (BOV) from payment of a fee for issue or renewal of registration certificate (RC).

The the general public and all stakeholders have been sought within a period of 30 days from the date of issuance of this draft notification.

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has issued a draft notification dated May 27, 2021, further to amend the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989, proposing to exempt BOV from payment of

fees for the purpose of issue or renewal of RC and assignment of new registration mark.

This has been notified to encourage e-mobility, the statement added.

**186. Union Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan dedicated a 200-bedded Covid care facility in which steel plant of SAIL?**

- (a) Bhilai
- (b) Durgapur
- (c) Rourkela
- (d) Bokaro
- (e) Burnpur

**Answer: B**

Union Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan dedicated Jumbo a Covid Care facility in SAIL's Durgapur Steel Plant.

The facility has a 200- bedded COVID care facility at Durgapur Steel Plant.

The centre is equipped with the facility of gaseous oxygen which will be directly being drawn from the plant through a dedicated pipeline ensuring uninterrupted oxygen supply for the patients.

A double storied building has been swiftly modified to be used as a COVID hospital, with all necessary installations and medical equipment. This centre, located beside the national highway – GT Road, has an added vantage point for the COVID patients of the region to access the hospital.

**187. The Goods & Service Tax council constituted a \_\_\_\_\_ Member council to examine tax exemptions on the range of Covid-19 essentials.**

- (a) 10
- (b) 9
- (c) 8
- (d) 7

(e)6

**Answer: C**

The Centre constituted an eight-member ministerial panel under the convenership of Meghalaya chief minister Conrad K Sangma to examine Goods and Services Tax (GST) exemptions on a range of Covid-19 essentials such as vaccines, drugs, testing kits and ventilators, according to the Union finance ministry.

Currently vaccines and cotton masks attract 5% GST, most of these items fall in the 12% tax slab. Testing kits, drugs, medical oxygen, oxygen concentrators and ventilators fall under the 12% tax bracket. Alcohol-based sanitisers, hand wash gels, disinfectants and thermometers attract 18% GST.

The group of ministers was constituted after several member states of the council, such as West Bengal and Punjab asked for exempting GST on all Covid-essential materials.

The GoM will submit its recommendations to the GST Council on or before June 8.

**188. Name the online medical platform that has been acquired its rival Medlife, to create India's largest online Pharmacy.**

- (a) Pharmeasy
- (b) NetMeds
- (c) Apollo
- (d) Practo
- (e) 1mg

**Answer: A**

Mumbai-based Pharmeasy announced the acquisition of rival Medlife, thereby creating India's largest online pharmacy.

The deal will make PharmEasy the largest player in the domestic online pharmacy sector, with the combined entity set to serve 2 million customers a month.

The deal values the stake of Medlifeshareholders at \$250 million.

This acquisition spells the end of Medlife as a brand.

**189. A team of scientists has discovered 4 new species of gecko from Meghalaya and Mizoram. The new species belongs to the family of which animal?**

- (a) Snakes
- (b) Frogs
- (c) Birds
- (d) Monkeys
- (e) Lizard

**Answer: E**

A team of scientists have found four new species of geckos (*Cyrtodactylus*), two each in Meghalaya and Mizoram.

The new species are a part of the *Cyrtodactylus* group.

The name *Cyrtodactylus karsticolais* is dedicated to the habitat from which this species was discovered while *Cyrtodactylus agarwali* has been named after Ishan Agarwal, one of India's leading herpetologists.

**190. NASA has planned to implement two new missions 'DAVINCI +' and 'VERITAS +' to which of the following planets?**

- (a) Moon
- (b) Venus
- (c) Jupiter
- (d) Saturn
- (e) Mars

**Answer: B**

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has announced two new missions that are aimed at studying the planet Venus.

According to NASA's press release, the missions named DAVINCI+ and VERITAS will be a part of the agency's Discovery Program.

The mission will also look at the similarities between Earth and Venus.

For the development of both missions, NASA has allotted USD 500 million each. The timeline for the launch of these missions is between 2028-2030.

**191. China Space Agency has launched 'Fengyun-4B' Meteorological Satellite to Earth's Geostationary orbit. The Satellite has a measurement resolution of \_\_\_\_\_ Meters to scan Earth.**

- (a)250
- (b)300
- (c)350
- (d)400
- (e)450

**Answer: A**

China successfully launched the first of a new generation meteorological satellite into planned orbit which will be used in the fields of weather analysis, environmental and disaster monitoring.

The satellite, Fengyun-4B (FY-4B), was launched by a Long March-3B rocket in the early hours from the Xichang Satellite Launch Centre in Sichuan Province, state-run Xinhua news agency reported.

It is equipped with a rapid imager, improving measurement resolution to 250 meters from the geostationary orbit and accelerating scan imaging of the Earth.

**192. Which of the following cities of India were listed on the Index of the AIRINC Global 150 cities for financial attractiveness ranking?**

- (a)Hyderabad Mumbai
- (b)New Delhi & Mumbai
- (c)Mumbai & Kolkata
- (d)Kolkata & New Delhi
- (e) New Delhi & Chennai

**Answer: B**

IRINC Global 150 Cities Index comprises three different types of ranks.

These ranks are — Overall attractiveness ranking, lifestyle ranking & financial ranking of cities.

The rankings evaluate the salary levels, cost of living, and taxes in a particular market in order to create an overall score for financial attractiveness.

Manama has topped the "AIRINC Global 150 Cities Index financial attractiveness ranking" for the third straight year.

Top 5 cities under this segment are as it is — Manama(Bahrain) at first, Georgetown(Cayman Islands) at number two and Zurich, Geneva and Riyadh are at number three, four and five respectively.

New Delhi and Mumbai are the only Indian cities listed in the Index.

**193. Which of the following Mutual Fund has become the 1st mutual fund in India to integrate NPCI's UPI Autopay platform?**

- (a)Fusion Microfinance
- (b)Sonata Finance
- (c)Arth Microfinance
- (d)Satin Credentials
- (e)Vistaar Financial Services

**Answer: D**

SCNL is the first player in the micro finance segment in India to integrate NPCI's UPI Autopay platform.



Satin Creditcare Network (SCNL) announced that the company has made loan EMI payments more seamless for its customers by introducing UPI AutoPay.

This will also be the first time that customers can pay their loan EMIs via UPI platform.

HSBC India is a banking partner to Satin Creditcare.

By associating with Satin Creditcare, HSBC India has become the only international bank as part of the UPI AutoPay platform. This strategic alliance between Satin Creditcare, HSBC and NPCI would ensure borrowers get a unique, hassle-free and effective loan repayment experience.

**194. Edelweiss Retail Finance Ltd has partnered with which of the following banks for priority sector lending to MSMEs?**

- (a) Central bank of India
- (b) Union Bank of India
- (c) Allahabad Bank
- (d) Canara Bank
- (e) Indian Overseas Bank

**Answer: A**

Edelweiss Retail Finance Ltd (ERFL) announced strengthening of its co-lending partnership with Central Bank of India for priority sector lending to micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs).

MSMEs can now avail of collateral free business loans up to Rs 50 lakh as against Rs 10 lakh earlier.

Additionally, they can also avail of loan against property up to Rs 10 crore. Building on the success of their partnership, the lenders have collaborated to introduce specially designed products with increased loan limits for the MSME segment.

Mehernosh Tata, CEO of Edelweiss Retail Finance, said the initiative is aimed towards unlocking higher

business value and delivering a digitally enhanced experience to MSME borrowers.

**195. Digital Payment provider Paytm has launched its Initial Public Offering to raise \_\_\_\_\_ billion dollars, which would be India's largest IPO debut ever.**

- (a) \$ 1 billion
- (b) \$ 2 billion
- (c) \$ 3 billion
- (d) \$ 4 billion
- (e) \$ 5 billion

**Answer: C**

Digital Payment provider Paytm is all set to make its market debut as early as this year, with an aim to raise \$3 billion (around Rs 22,000 crore).

If successful, this could be the biggest initial public offering (IPO) by an Indian company, breaking Coal India's 2010 record of Rs 15,475 crore.

Paytm -- backed by investors like SoftBank Group, Ant Group and Berkshire Hathaway -- is targeting a valuation of \$25 billion to \$30 billion, 1.5-1.8 times the current valuation of \$16 billion.

Paytm has emerged as one of the largest digital payments players in the country and ranks third in terms of UPI payments with a market share of around 12 per cent.

**196. Which company has won the Gold Stevie Award 2021 for the 'Most Valuable Medical Innovation' at the 2021 Asia-Pacific Gold Stevie Award under the Covid-19 response category?**

- (a) Lupin
- (b) Sun Pharma
- (c) Cipla
- (d) Dr Reddy's

(e) Spice Healthcare

**Answer: E**

SpiceHealth, a healthcare company founded by the promoters of SpiceJet, has won the Gold Award at the 2021 Asia-Pacific Stevie Awards for 'Most Valuable Medical Innovation' under Covid19.

SpiceHealth was the first organisation to introduce the RT-PCR testing house by providing checks in cell laboratories at ₹499, versus the then-present rate of ₹2,400 in Delhi and helped convey down Covid-19 testing price dramatically throughout the nation.

This award is based on the average scores of more than 100 global professionals for more than 900 nominations from organizations and over three months of judging.

**197.Hong Kong's Tsang Yin Hung became the fastest female climber to reach the peak of Mount Everest. She climbed the peak in \_\_\_\_\_.**

- (a)24 hours 50 minutes
- (b)25 hours 50 minutes
- (c)26 hours 50 minutes
- (d)27 hours 50 minutes
- (e)28 hours 50 minutes

**Answer: B**

Hong Kong mountaineer Tsang Yin-hung has recorded the world's fastest ascent of Everest by a woman with a time of just under 26 hours.

Tsang, 44, scaled the 8,848.86-metre (29,031 feet) mountain in a record time of 25 hours and 50 minutes .

She beat the record set by the Nepali woman PhunjoJhangmu Lama in 2017, who climbed the peak in 39 hours and 6 minutes.

**198.Which state government has notified the formation of the state's Institution for Future Transformation, a state planning body on the lines of Center's NITI Aayog?**

- (a)Gujarat
- (b)Goa
- (c)Odisha
- (d)Andhra Pradesh
- (e)Haryana

**Answer: B**

The Goa government has notified the formation of Goa Institution for Future Transformation (GIFT), a state planning body modelled on the lines of the Centre's NITI Aayog.

The Chairman of GIFT will be the Chief Minister (CM) of Goa (Current CM – Dr. Pramod Sawant).

It will assist, advise and guide the government on policy making, its formulation and implementation.

It will also help in monitoring sustainable development goals and evaluation of several development plans, programmes and schemes.

**199.On 4 June 2021, the Defence Ministry gave its nod for modernising Air Defence Guns and Ammunition of Indian army under Buy & make category. What is the cost of the project?**

- (a)4300 crores
- (b)5000 crores
- (c)6000 crores
- (d)6600 crores
- (e)7200 crores

**Answer: C**

In a boost for the air defence system, the Defence Ministry approved the proposals concerning modernisation of its Army's air defence guns.

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The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC), in its meeting chaired by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, has approved proposals concerning capital acquisitions of various equipment for modernisation and operational needs of the armed forces amounting to approx Rs 6,000 crore under the Buy and Make (Indian) category.

Further to better equip the armed forces to meet the operational challenges and facilitate faster induction of required arms and ammunitions, the DAC extended the timelines for progressing urgent capital acquisitions under the delegated powers to the armed forces upto August 31, 2021.

**200. Recently, SEBI has enhanced the overseas investment limit for a mutual fund house to USD 1 billion. What was the previous limit?**

- (a) USD 500 million
- (b) USD 600 million
- (c) USD 700 million
- (d) USD 800 million
- (e) USD 900 million

**Answer: B**

Capital markets regulator Sebi enhanced the overseas investment limit for a mutual fund house to USD 1 billion from the existing USD 600 million.

The overall mutual fund industry limit is capped at USD 7 billion, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi).

The increase in the limit would allow mutual funds to allocate a higher share of their corpus for foreign securities.

**June 2<sup>nd</sup> week Current Affairs MCQ**

**1. World Ocean Day is observed annually on June 8. What was the theme of the World Ocean Day 2021?**

- (a) Innovation for a Sustainable ocean
- (b) The Ocean: Life and Livelihood
- (c) Gender and oceans
- (d) Solutions for Healthier Ocean
- (e) Our Oceans, Our Future

**Answer: B**

World Oceans Day is observed annually on June 8 to make people aware of the negative impact of human activities such as garbage disposal, sewage, oil leaks from ships, and drilling station accidents.

The United Nations (UN) declared World Oceans Day as an official occasion in 2008.

The theme for World Oceans Day 2021 is 'The Ocean: Life and Livelihoods'.

**2. Which state holds the first spot in the Anemia Mukt Bharat Index 2021 in national Ranking with a score of 64.1?**

- (a) Himachal Pradesh
- (b) Madhya Pradesh
- (c) Odisha
- (d) Andhra Pradesh
- (e) Haryana

**Answer: B**

Recently the Union Minister for Health and family welfare has released the Anemia Mukt Bharat Index.

The index is based on the parameters like coverage of Iron Folic acid supplementation across the beneficiaries to support progress. Madhya Pradesh is the first position with a score of 64.1 followed by Odisha with a score of 59.3.

Himachal Pradesh has climbed to the third spot in the Anemia Mukht Bharat Index 2020-21 national ranking with a score of 57.1.

About Anemia Mukht Bharat Index.

Launched: 2018

Launched by : UNICEF & MoHFW

**3. What amount of penalty has been imposed by RBI on Bank of India for contravention of norms including Frauds-Classification & Reporting ?**

- (a) 2 crore
- (b) 6 crore
- (c) 4 crore
- (d) 5 crore
- (e) 7 crore

**Answer: C**

The RBI has imposed a penalty aggregating to Rs 6 crores on Bank of India and Punjab National Bank for contravention of norms, including one related to "Frauds – Classification and Reporting".

A penalty of Rs 4 crores has been imposed on the Bank of India and Rs 2 crores on Punjab National Bank.

The RBI said the statutory Inspection for Supervisory Evaluation (ISE) of Bank of India was conducted with reference to its financial position as on March 31, 2019.

The bank had also conducted a review and submitted a Fraud Monitoring Report (FMR) dated January 1, 2019 pertaining to detection of fraud in an account.

**4. The World Bank has approved \_\_\_\_\_ million loan with a target to boost the performance of how many MSMEs?**

- (a) USD 650 million
- (b) USD 550 million
- (c) USD 500 million
- (d) USD 700 million
- (e) USD 600 million

**Answer: B**

The World Bank's Board of Executive Directors has approved a USD 500 million program to support India's nationwide initiative to revitalise the MSME sector, which has been heavily impacted by the COVID-19 crisis.

The program targets improvements in the performance of 555,000 MSMEs.

Out of some 58 million MSMEs in the country, more than 40 per cent lack access to formal sources of finance

The USD 500 million loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD), has a maturity of 18.5 years including a 5.5-year grace period.

**5. Which country has been named as the host of the inaugural International Hockey Federation (FIH) Hockey5s World Cup to be held in 2024?**

- (a) India

- (b) Pakistan
- (c) Singapore
- (d) Oman
- (e) Malaysia

**Answer: D**

Oman has been named as the host of the inaugural International Hockey Federation (FIH) Hockey5s World Cup.

The FIH said the men's and women's events will take place in Oman's capital city Muscat in January 2024.

The governing body said its Executive Board named Oman as host, after a recommendation from the organisation's Events Bidding Task Force.

Bids were received from Oman, India, Pakistan and Singapore to host the event.

About Oman:

Capital : Muscat

Currency: Omani rial

**6. Raimona reserve forest in kokrajhar district has been recently announced as the national park of Assam. It is Assam's \_\_\_\_\_ National Park.**

- (a) 4th
- (b) 5th
- (c) 6th
- (d) 7th
- (e) 8th

**Answer: C**

Raimona reserve forest in lower Assam became the state's sixth national park and Dihingpatkai became the state's seventh national park.

Spread over 422sqkm in Kokrajhar district, Raimona National Park straddles the northern part of the notified Ripu reserve forest, which forms the westernmost buffer to the Manas Tiger Reserve.

Over 150 species of butterflies, 170 species of birds and 350 species of plants are found in the park.

The five national parks that existed prior to the 422 sq. km Raimona are Kaziranga, Manas, Nameri, Orang and Dibru-Saikhowa.

**7. Shri S. Inbasekar has been appointed as the next High commissioner of India to the state of Papua New Guinea. Name the capital city of Papua New Guinea.**

- (a) Mt Hagen
- (b) Arawa
- (c) Morobe
- (d) Port Moresby
- (e) Rabaul

**Answer: D**

Shri S. Inbasekar (IFS:2004), presently Director in the Ministry, has been appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to the Independent State of Papua New Guinea.

He is expected to take up the assignment shortly.

About Papua New Guinea

Capital: Port Moresby

Currency : Papua New Guinea Kina

**8. As per the Marine Products Export Development authority, India's Seafood export**



slumped by how much percentage in the Financial Year 2021 due to disrupted production & supply in key markets?

- (a) 10%
- (b) 10.5%
- (c) 11%
- (d) 11.5%
- (e) 12%

**Answer: C**

India's seafood exports have slumped by nearly 11% in volume and value in FY21 as a coronavirus pandemic disrupted production and supply in key markets.

The volume shrunk by 10.88% at 11,49,341 tonnes from a year ago.

In dollar terms the export plummeted by 10.81% to \$5.96 billion, a three-year low.

The data released by the Marine Products Export Development Authority

**9. Indian Navy is all set to receive 3 MH-60 'Romeo' Multirole helicopters from US in July 2021. How many helicopters will Indian Navy get in total by 2023?**

- (a) 12
- (b) 24
- (c) 36
- (d) 30
- (e) 20

**Answer: B**

The Indian Navy would receive three MH-60 "Romeo" multirole helicopters from the US in July.

India had signed a Rs 15,157 crore (\$2.13 billion) contract with the US for the Lockheed

Martin choppers in February 2020 in a significant ramp-up of military capabilities for the Navy in detecting and destroying enemy submarines in the Indian Ocean.

A Navy team is in America and its initial training for Romeo helicopters has started. These three helicopters will be used for the training of this team.

The next batch of Romeo helicopters will be handed over to the Indian Navy in November.

The third consignment of helicopters will be delivered to the Navy in India in June-July next year. In total, the Navy will get all 24 helicopters by 2023.

**10. India's first International Maritime Cluster would be come up in which of the following cities?**

- (a) Ahmedabad
- (b) Mumbai
- (c) Chennai
- (d) Panaji
- (e) Kochi

**Answer: A**

Gujarat Maritime Board (GMB) will set up the country's first international maritime services cluster at GIFT City, Ahmedabad.

The maritime cluster would be developed as a dedicated ecosystem comprising ports, shipping, logistics services providers and government regulators, all present in the same geographic vicinity — GIFT City.

GIFT City is India's first operational smart city and international financial services.

11. Indian Oil Corporation has signed MoU with Gujarat government to invest 24000 crores at its Gujarat Refinery. How many projects will be implemented by the company?

- (a) 5
- (b) 6
- (c) 4
- (d) 7
- (e) 3

**Answer: B**

Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOCL) has signed an Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Gujarat Government to invest around INR 24,000 Crore in 6 projects at its Gujarat Refinery in Koyali, Vadodara district, Gujarat.

The 6 projects include India's 1st Hydrogen dispensing station which aims to fuel 75 buses of Gujarat State Road Transport Corporation running between Vadodara and Kevadia Ashram.

The project will expand the capacity of Gujarat Refinery to 18 million metric tonne per annum from 13.7 million metric tonne.

12. Interpol has launched a new global database named I-Familia to identify missing persons.

Where is the headquarters of Interpol located?

- (a) China
- (b) USA
- (c) UK
- (d) France
- (e) Russia

**Answer: D**

Recently, the Interpol has launched a new global database named "I-Familia" to identify missing persons through family DNA and help the police solve cold cases in member countries.

I-Familia is the first global database to automatically control for such differences without requiring any form of knowledge of the missing person's genetic ancestry and provide standardized guidelines on what constitutes a match

It builds on Interpol's long-standing success in direct DNA matching.

About Interpol:

The International Criminal Police Organization (Interpol) is an intergovernmental organization that helps coordinate the police force of 194 member countries.

It is headquartered in Lyon, France.

13. The Yamuna International Airport Pvt Ltd has received the credit sanction for Rs 3725 crore from which bank for the development of Noida International Airport?

- (a) AIIB
- (b) SBI
- (c) IMF
- (d) Canara bank
- (e) HSBC bank

**Answer: B**

The Yamuna International Airport Pvt Ltd (YIAPL) has received the final credit sanction of Rs 3725 crore from the State Bank of India

(SBI) for the development of Noida International Airport (NIA)

The funding is a crucial milestone for the project as it validates the financial viability of the project while also outlining the next steps for the establishment of the Noida International Airport. The entire loan of INR 3725 crore has been underwritten by SBI on a door-to-door loan tenure of 20 years.

**14. Which of the following social media platforms has appointed Spoorthi Priya as its Grievance officer for India?**

- (a)Whatsapp
- (b)WeChat
- (c)Twitter
- (d)Facebook
- (e)Instagram

**Answer: D**

Social media giant Facebook has named Spoorthi Priya as its grievance officer for India . The move comes in the backdrop of the new IT rules coming into effect recently that require significant social media intermediaries - those with over 50 lakh users - to appoint a grievance officer, nodal officer and a chief compliance officer. These personnel are required to be residing in India.

As per Facebook's website, users can contact Spoorthi Priya - who is the Grievance Officer - through an e-mail ID

**15. Who has taken over from Anup Khandelwal to become the new president of Association of National Exchange Members of India (ANMI)?**

- (a)Vijay Bhushan
- (b)SK Rustagi
- (c)KK Maheshwari
- (d)Naresh Tejwani
- (e)Rakesh Somani

**Answer: C**

Stock brokers' association ANMI appointed K K Maheshwari as the new president with a five-pronged priority roadmap for the next couple of months in view of the coronavirus pandemic. He takes over from the outgoing president Anup Khandelwal, the Association of National Exchanges Members of India (Anmi) . Maheshwari will lead Anmi in 2021, a year which is both unique and challenging for the organisation.

The five focus areas are -- redundant and duplicate compliances, mitigating the impact of peak margin norms, making investor education a way of life for members, establishing direct and better connectivity among members and stakeholders and establishing Anmi as a better and a stronger united forum.

**16. Co-Founder of Mahendra Groups and Infosys have honoured which of the following cities with a new name 'TecHalli'?**

- (a)Bengaluru
- (b)Gurugram
- (c)Hyderabad
- (d)Ahmedabad

(e)Noida

**Answer: A**

Mahindra Group Chairman Anand Mahindra and Infosys co-founder Nandan Nilekani have chosen "TecHalli" as an alternative name for Bengaluru, instead of India's Silicon Valley.

The name includes the word "halli" which means "village" in Kannada.

Mahindra had conducted a caption competition, calling for a new title for the country's tech capital.

**17. The National Institute of Immunology has received the trademark from the Department of Biotechnology for the development of SPAG9 antigen. The antigen is discovered for which of the following disease?**

- (a)Cancer
- (b)Thalassemia
- (c)TB
- (d)Diabetes
- (e)Leukaemia

**Answer: A**

The SPAG9 antigen developed by the National Institute of Immunology (NII) has received the ASPAGNIITM trademark, from the Department of Biotechnology (DBT).

India's first indigenous tumour antigen SPAG9 was discovered in 1998 by Dr Anil Suri.

He heads the Cancer Research Programme at the NII, a DBT institute.

ASPAGNIITM is being used in dendritic cell (DC) based immunotherapy in cervical, ovarian cancer and will also be used in breast cancer.

About NII

Headquarters; New Delhi

Chairman: MGK Menon

**18. As per the government data, USA became the second largest source of FDI during 2020-2021. Which of the following is the top source of FDI in the country?**

- (a)Mauritius
- (b)Singapore
- (c)UAE
- (d)Japan
- (e)Germany

**Answer: B**

The US replaced Mauritius as the second largest source of foreign direct investment into India during 2020-21 with inflows of USD 13.82 billion, according to government data.

Singapore remained the top source of foreign direct investment (FDI) into the country for the third consecutive fiscal year at USD 17.41 billion.

During the last financial year, India attracted USD 5.64 billion in FDI from Mauritius, according to the data by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT).

The island country was followed by UAE (USD 4.2 billion), Cayman Island (USD 2.79 billion), Netherlands (USD 2.78 billion), UK (USD 2.04 billion), Japan (USD 1.95 billion), Germany (USD 667 million), and Cyprus (USD 386 million).

**19. Name the US based IT company, which has climbed to 185 on the 2021 Fortune 500 list recently.**

- (a) Cognizant
- (b) Synchron
- (c) Xerox
- (d) NexGen
- (e) Qualcomm

**Answer: A**

Cognizant climbed to 185 on the 2021 Fortune 500 list with a digital focus driving the advancement of the annual ranking of America's largest companies.

The US-based IT company with a strong offshore presence in India, debuted the list in 2011 at 484.

It entered the top 200 in 2018 and rose nine spots on this year's list.

Fortune 500 companies are ranked based on their total revenue for their respective fiscal years.

Cognizant's 2020 revenue of \$ 16.7 billion raised the company to its current rank of 194 on the 2020 Fortune 500 ranking.

**20. The 2nd edition of the UN Global Sustainable Transport Conference would be taken place in China. Where did the first conference take place in 2016?**

- (a) Turkmenistan
- (b) Uzbekistan
- (c) Thailand
- (d) UK

(e) Sweden

**Answer: A**

The second United Nations (UN) Global Sustainable Transport Conference will take place from October 14 to 16 in Beijing, China.

Theme of the Conference : sustainable transport, sustainable development

It provides an opportunity to focus attention on the opportunities, challenges and solutions towards achieving sustainable transport worldwide.

The first Global Sustainable Transport Conference was held in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan, in 2016.

**21. Recently, the CII-Indian Green Building Council has signed an MOU with the Indian Institute of Architects. Who is the chairman of the council?**

- (a) Kishore Khaitan
- (b) Sameer Sinha
- (c) Sachin Sharma
- (d) CR Raju
- (e) V Suresh

**Answer: E**

The CII-Indian Green Building Council (IGBC) and Indian Institute of Architects (IIA) signed an MoU to give a fillip to the Green Building Movement & Sustainable Development in the field of Architectural Design and planning.

V Suresh, Chairman, IGBC and C R Raju, National President, Indian Institute of Architects



exchanged the MoU in the virtual platform in august presence of supporting organisations. India is one of the top 3 countries in the world in terms of registered green building footprint with 6,548 Green Building projects registered.

**22. India-origin Thomas Vijayan has bagged the Nature TTL Photographer of the Year 2021. He hails from which Indian State?**

- (a) Kerala
- (b) Tamil Nadu
- (c) Andhra Pradesh
- (d) Karnataka
- (e) Goa

**Answer: A**

Thomas Vijayan won Nature TTL Photographer of the Year 2021.

Vijayan, hailing from Kerala and now settled in Canada, shot the picture titled 'The World is Going Upside Down', in Borneo.

Vijayan, who got £1,500 (Rs.1.5 lakh) cash prize.

**23. Vidya Prakash has been appointed as the new Registrar General of NGT. He is appointed for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ years.**

- (a) 1 year
- (b) 2 year
- (c) 3 year
- (d) 4 year
- (e) 5 year

**Answer: A**

Additional Sessions Judge Vidya Prakash has been appointed as the Registrar General of the

National Green Tribunal (NGT) on deputation basis with effect from May 29, 2021 for a period of one year.

The position fell vacant after Registrar General Ashu Garg died due to COVID-19 recently. He was lastly posted as Additional Sessions Judge, Delhi.

**24. Agritech venture capital firm Omnivore has appointed Dr Harsh Kumar Bhanwala as senior adviser. He formerly served as the chairman of \_\_\_\_\_.**

- (a) ICAR
- (b) NABARD
- (c) SEBI
- (d) IFFCO
- (e) FSSAI

**Answer: B**

Agritech venture capital firm Omnivore has appointed Dr Harsh Kumar Bhanwala as senior adviser, effective from June 1, to mentor its portfolio companies, advise on new investments, and help develop the fund's rural fintech investment strategy.

Between 2013 and 2020, Dr Bhanwala was chairman of the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (Nabard).

**25. Odisha Government has launched a doorstep delivery service for oxygen concentrators. The delivery will be available in how many cities in the first phase?**

- (a) 3
- (b) 5

(c)7

(d)8

(e)11

**Answer: B**

The Odisha Government has launched a doorstep delivery service for oxygen concentrators.

The home delivery service for Oxygen concentrators will be available in 5 major cities of the state in the first phase.

The facility is also available at the Odisha COVID dashboard app for Android and iOS operating systems.

**26. What is the theme of 2021 World Food Safety Day, observed on June 7?**

(a) Safe Food today for a Healthy tomorrow

(b) Food Safety, Everyone's Business

(c) Feeding the World Right

(d) Safe Food, Safe world

(e) None

**Answer: A**

World Food Safety Day is observed every year on June 7 to draw attention and inspire action to prevent, detect and manage food borne risks.

This year's theme, 'Safe food today for a healthy tomorrow'.

In 2018, the United Nations General Assembly declared June 7 as World Food Safety Day.

The World Health Organization (WHO) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) jointly facilitate the observance of World Food Safety Day, in collaboration with

the Member States and other relevant organizations.

**27. On which date, the UN Russian Language day has observed annually?**

(a) June 6

(b) June 7

(c) June 8

(d) June 9

(e) June 10

**Answer: A**

UN Russian Language Day is observed annually on June 6.

The event was established by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in 2010.

UN Russian Language Day coincides with the birthday of Alexander Pushkin, a Russian poet who is considered the father of modern Russian language.

**28. Facebook India launched 'The Facebook India Tech Scholars' programme for mentoring law students. How many law students will be covered in the first edition of the programme?**

(a) 6

(b) 7

(c) 8

(d) 9

(e) 10

**Answer: C**

Facebook India has launched a new initiative to provide students from leading law schools in the

country a platform for research and mentorship on topics related to technology law and policy.

The Facebook India Tech Scholars(FITS) programme has Shardul

AmarchandMangaldas& Co as a knowledge partner.

The programme aims to provide students from select leading law schools in the country a platform for research and mentorship on topics related to technology law and policy.

The first edition of the FITS programme will offer eight law students an opportunity to work on a research project with leading Indian think tanks that also extend mentorship support to the students.

**29. Abdulla Shahid has been elected as the president of the 76th UN General Assembly. He currently serves as the Foreign Minister of which nation?**

- (a) Mauritius
- (b) Malaysia
- (c) Indonesia
- (d) Maldives
- (e) Chile

**Answer: D**

The Maldives' Foreign Minister Abdulla Shahid was elected as the new President of the UN General Assembly (UNGA), winning a three-fourth majority against contender Afghanistan's former foreign minister Zalmi Rassoul.

The election to the UNGA presidential post is held on an annual basis, rotated amongst

various regional groupings. The 76th UNGA session (2021-22) was the turn of the Asia-Pacific group.

This is the first time the Maldives will be occupying the office of the President of the UNGA.

**30. Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with which among the following bank to provide a wide range of financial products and services to its customers?**

- (a) ICICI Bank
- (b) Kotak Mahindra Bank
- (c) HDFC Bank
- (d) Axis Bank
- (e) Federal Bank

**Answer: C**

Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with HDFC Bank to provide a wide range of financial products and services to its customers.

As part of the MoU, HDFC Bank will provide a wide range of financial products and services to its customers through an extensive network of branches across the country.

In addition, KIADB, will nominate HDFC Bank as one of its banking partner so that eligible investor/customer of KIADB can avail of credit facilities from HDFC Bank as per Bank process and policies.

About HDFC:

Headquarters: Mumbai

MD & CEO: Shashidharan Jagdishan

**31. Who among the following has been recently appointed as an election commissioner?**

- (a) Sushil Chandra
- (b) Anup Chandra Pandey
- (c) Rajiv Kumar
- (d) V Suresh
- (e) Sukumar Sen

**Answer: B**

Former Uttar Pradesh-cadre Indian Administrative Services (IAS) officer Anup Chandra Pandey has been appointed as an election commissioner.

While Sushil Chandra is the Chief Election Commissioner, Rajiv Kumar is the other election commissioner.

**32. Which state has announced a major change in the states' liquor policy, moving away from Prohibition to Restriction?**

- (a) Rajasthan
- (b) Gujarat
- (c) Andhra Pradesh
- (d) Odisha
- (e) Haryana

**Answer: C**

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy announced a major shift in his government's liquor policy, moving away from prohibition (nishedham) to restriction (niyantrana).

The government has escrowed revenue from liquor sales and borrowed more than Rs 10,000 crore from various banks, the policy has ostensibly been changed from prohibition to restriction.

About Andhra Pradesh

Capitals:- Visakhapatnam (Executive), Amaravati (legislative), Kurnool (judicial)

**33. Who among the following has been appointed as the new director of the CSIR-Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology, Hyderabad?**

- (a) Vinay K Nandicoori
- (b) Ch Mohan Rao
- (c) Rakesh K Mishra
- (d) Lalji Singh
- (e) H sharat Chandra

**Answer: A**

Dr Vinay K Nandicoori has been appointed as the new director of the CSIR-Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB), Hyderabad. He is a well-known molecular biologist, & has been a scientist at the DBT-National Institute of Immunology, New Delhi.

Dr Nandicoori's research interest extensively spans molecular signalling networks in Mycobacterium tuberculosis (causes TB)

**34. Tsitsi Dangarembga has been awarded the PEN Pinter prize 2021. The novelist hails from which country?**

- (a) West Indies
- (b) South Africa

- (c) Russia
- (d) Zimbabwe
- (e) Colombia

**Answer: D**

Tsitsi Dangarembga, the Booker-shortlisted writer from Zimbabwe, has won the PEN Pinter Prize 2021. According to, the annual award is given to an author who has a 'significant body of poetry, essays, plays, or fiction of outstanding literary merit, written in English'.

Tsitsi Dangarembga, the author of the book 'Nervous Conditions', was arrested in 2020 while she was protesting and taking a stand against corruption. She was also shortlisted for Booker Prize 2020 for her work, 'This Mournable Body'.

The PEN Pinter Prize was established in 2009. It is given by the free speech campaigners English PEN in the memory of Nobel-laureate playwright Harold Pinter.

**35. The World Bank projected India's economy to grow at 8.3 percentage in 2021 and \_\_\_\_\_ percentage in 2022?**

- (a) 8%
- (b) 7.5%
- (c) 7%
- (d) 7.2%
- (e) 6.8%

**Answer: B**

The World Bank projected India's economy to grow at 8.3 percent in 2021 and 7.5 percent in 2022, even its recovery is being hampered by an unprecedented second wave of the COVID-

19, the largest outbreak in the world since the beginning of the deadly pandemic.

According to a World Bank report, the global economy is set to expand by 5.6 percent in 2021.

**36. How much contribution would be provided by France to the International Solar Alliance for capacity building & training activities in the area of solar energy?**

- (a) 1 million euros
- (b) 2 million euros
- (c) 3 million euros
- (d) 4 million euros
- (e) 5 million euros

**Answer: A**

France will make a direct contribution of 1 million euros to the International Solar Alliance. The amount is expected to benefit the ISA's flagship programme, STAR-C (Solar Technology Application Resource Centre) "which provides capacity building and training activities on all aspects of solar energy development.

The contribution will particularly serve in skilling programmes in the Indo-Pacific region and Africa.

About France

France President: Emmanuel Macron;

Capital: Paris

Currency: Euro

About international solar alliance

Headquarters: Gurugram

Director General: Ajay Mathur



**37. The Central Government would procure how much percentage of the COVID vaccines produced by the vaccine manufacturers for distribution in States and UTs with effect from 21 June, 2021?**

- (a) 50%
- (b) 65%
- (c) 75%
- (d) 80%
- (e) 90%

**Answer: C**

The Central Government will procure 75% of the COVID vaccines produced by the vaccine manufacturers and distribute them to States and Union Territories. Domestic vaccine manufacturers can provide vaccines directly to private hospitals. This would be restricted to 25% of their monthly production.

The revised guidelines will come into effect from June 21, 2021.

The private hospitals can charge up to a maximum of Rs 150 per dose as service charges.

**38. Uttar Pradesh government has recently announced to provide 4 Lakh smartphones to whom among the following for their welfare?**

- (a) SHGs
- (b) Anganwadi workers
- (c) College Girls
- (d) Senior Citizens
- (e) None of the Above

**Answer: B**

To promote the welfare of Anganwadi workers in the state, the Uttar Pradesh government will equip 4 lakh Anganwadi workers with smartphones.

The Anganwadi workers have been important in controlling COVID in the state.

This move will facilitate the functioning of Anganwadi workers to work and lend maximum transparency in the implementation of the schemes.

**39. Name the Former Karnataka minister and six-time BJP legislator who passed away recently.**

- (a) Srivilliputhur
- (b) C Aranganayagam
- (c) C M Udasi
- (d) Babagouda Patil
- (e) D Pandian

**Answer: C**

Former Karnataka minister and six-time BJP legislator C M Udasi passed away at a private hospital in Bengaluru due to age-related illness. He was 85.

Udasi was the minister for public works in the B S Yediyurappa cabinet in 2008 had represented the Hangal Assembly constituency in Haveri district for six times.

He was undergoing treatment for kidney and heart-related problems at the Narayana Hrudayalaya for the last 15 days, according to his family members.

**40. In QS World University rankings 2022, how many Indian universities made its debut among the top 400?**

- (a) 8
- (b) 7
- (c) 5
- (d) 4
- (e) 3

**Answer: A**

Eight Indian universities have been named in the QS World University Ranking 2022. Out of the eight Indian universities, seven are the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs).

In QS World University rankings 2022, eight Indian universities were in top 400. IIT-Bombay ranked 177th has fallen five spots from the previous edition. IIT-Delhi (185th) and IIT-Sc (186th)

IIT-Madras (255th), IIT-Kanpur (277th), IIT-Guwahati made its debut among the top 400 this time, with a global rank of 395, bettering 75 positions from previous edition.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) secured the top spot

**41. Which of the following countries has built its first naval ship that would be fully equipped with stealth technology to make it hard to detect?**

- (a) China
- (b) France
- (c) Russia
- (d) Germany
- (e) USA

**Answer: C**

Russia is building its first naval ship that will be fully equipped with stealth technology to make it hard to detect.

The hull of the Mercury naval corvette dubbed project 20386 has already been built and the vessel is expected to be delivered to the navy next year.

The warship would be armed with cruise missiles, anti-aircraft missiles and artillery.

**42. Girish Chandra Chaturvedi has been reappointed as the part-time Chairman of ICICI Bank for a period of how many years?**

- (a) 1
- (b) 2
- (c) 3
- (d) 4
- (e) 5

**Answer: C**

Private lender, ICICI Bank, has received RBI's approval for the re-appointment of Girish Chandra Chaturvedi as the part-time Chairman of the Bank.

Chaturvedi will be the part-time chairman of ICICI Bank for a 3-years tenure starting July 01, 2021, on extant terms and conditions.

**43. Dihing Patkai has been named as Assam's 7th National Park. It is a home to more number of \_\_\_\_\_ habitat?**

- (a) Tiger
- (b) Asiatic Lions
- (c) Clouded Leopard
- (d) Elephant

(e) Reptiles

**Answer: D**

Assam Government has notified DihingPatkai as the 7th National Park of the state.

This notification comes four days after the creation of 422-sq. km Raimona National Park in Kokrajhar district of Assam.

DihingPatkai is a 234.26-sq. km stretch covering Dibrugarh and Tinsukia districts of Assam. It is a major elephant habitat. It has recorded 310 species of butterflies.

Park also comprises 47 species of reptiles & mammals, including tiger and clouded leopard.

With this addition, Assam now has the third most National Parks (7) in India.

Madhya Pradesh with 12 national parks maintains the top slot and it is followed by Andaman & Nicobar Islands having 9 national parks.

**44. Which edition of India-Thailand Coordinated Patrol (Indo-Thai CORPAT) between the Indian Navy and the Royal Thai Navy is being conducted recently in the Andaman Sea?**

- (a) 27th
- (b) 29th
- (c) 31st
- (d) 36th
- (e) 38th

**Answer: C**

The 31st edition of the India-Thailand Coordinated Patrol (Indo-Thai CORPAT) between the Royal Thai Navy and the Indian

Navy started on June 9 and will continue till June 11, 2021.

Indian Naval Ship Saryu which is an indigenously built Naval Offshore Patrol Vessel, and His Majesty's Thailand Ship Krabi which is an offshore patrol vessel, along with the Dornier Maritime Patrol Aircraft from both India and Thai Navy have been participating in the Indo-Thai CORPAT.

**45. International boxer and Arjuna awardee**

**Dingku Singh Ngangom passed away. He was conferred with Padma Shri in which year?**

- (a) 2010
- (b) 2011
- (c) 2012
- (d) 2013
- (e) 2015

**Answer: D**

International boxer and Arjuna awardee Dingku Singh Ngangom, hailing from Manipur, died after a protracted fight against cancer.

He was bestowed the Arjuna award in 1998 and was presented the nation's fourth-highest civilian honour -- the Padma Shri -- in 2013.

**46. Name the Deputy Governor Of RBI who got a two year extension from June 22, 2021.**

- (a) Mahesh Kumar Jain
- (b) Rabi Shankar
- (c) M Rajeshwar Rao
- (d) Michael Patra
- (e) Sachin Chaturvedi

**Answer: A**

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet approved the re-appointment of Mahesh Kumar Jain, Deputy Governor, Reserve Bank of India (RBI), for two years with effect from June 22.

As a result, the central bank now has four serving RBI Deputy Governors.

The other three serving deputy governors are Michael Patra, M Rajeshwar Rao and Rabi Sankar.

**47. Which of the following states have come up with a new initiative named 'Pran Vayu Devta Pension Scheme' to honour all those trees which are of the age 75 and above?**

- (a) Punjab
- (b) Haryana
- (c) Rajasthan
- (d) Gujarat
- (e) Bihar

**Answer: B**

Haryana Government has announced two new schemes namely 'Pran Vayu Devta Pension Scheme' and 'Oxy Van' on the occasion of World Environment Day.

PVDPS is an initiative to honour all those trees which are of the age of 75 years and above and have served humanity throughout their life by producing oxygen, reducing pollution, providing shade and so on.

A pension amount of Rs 2,500 would be given per year in the name of PVDPS.

The pension shall be given by the Urban Local Bodies department for the upkeep of the trees, installing plates, grilles etc.

Whereas, Oxy Van are identified pieces of land, on which as many as 3 crore trees would be planted.

The Oxy Vans will occupy 10 percent of the 8 lakh hectares of land across Haryana.

**48. Ferrari has named Benedetto Vigna as its new company CEO. Where is the headquarters of the company situated?**

- (a) UK
- (b) USA
- (c) France
- (d) Italy
- (e) Russia

**Answer: D**

Ferrari has named Benedetto Vigna as its new company CEO, taking over from interim chief John Elkann.

Vigna currently serves as the president of STMicroelectronics' Analog, MEMS and Sensor Group, and is a member of the company's executive committee.

About Ferrari

Ferrari S.p.A. is an Italian luxury sports car manufacturer based in Maranello, Italy.

**49. Which among the following country has become the first country in the world to adopt bitcoin as legal tender?**

- (a) Canada
- (b) Australia
- (c) El Salvador
- (d) Argentina
- (e) European Union

**Answer: C**

El Salvador became the first country in the world to adopt bitcoin as legal tender after Congress approved President Nayib Bukele's proposal to embrace the cryptocurrency.

.Bukele has touted the use of bitcoin for its potential to help Salvadorans living abroad to send remittances back home, while saying the U.S. dollar will also continue as legal tender.

The law will take effect in September.

**About El Salvador**

El Salvador

Capital: San Salvador;

Currency: United States Dollar

**50. Football Association has named Debbie Hewitt as its first Chairwoman. The association is a governing body of football located in \_\_\_\_\_.**

- (a) England
- (b) Paris
- (c) New York
- (d) London
- (e) California

**Answer: A**

England's Football Association named corporate executive and former RAC chief, Debbie Hewitt as its first woman chair, ending months of speculation over Greg Clarke's successor following his exit over inappropriate remarks.

The FA, which was formed in 1863 and has been working to become more inclusive,

launched its 'Pursuit of Progress' initiative in 2018.

FA is the governing body of football located in England.

**51. Thales appointed Ashish Saraf as Vice-President and Country Director for India with effect from June 1, 2021. Thales is the multinational defence and aerospace group of which country?**

- (a) Russia
- (b) France
- (c) Germany
- (d) USA
- (e) UAE

**Answer: B**

French multinational defence and aerospace firm Thales has appointed Ashish Saraf as Vice-President and Country Director for India with effect from June 1, 2021.

Saraf succeeds Emmanuel de Roquefeuil who takes up a new role as the VP and heads for Thales in the Middle East.

Prior to joining Thales, Saraf served as the president and head of region for Airbus Helicopters – India and South Asia where he led Airbus, Helicopters, sales, services, training, innovation, industrial partnerships and government relations functions across the civil, para public and military markets in the region.

**52. Name the National award-winning Bengali film director who passed away recently.**

- (a) Buddhadeb Dasgupta
- (b) Sudipta Chakrobarty



(c) Prosenjit Chatterjee

(d) Rahul Bose

(e) Srijit Mukherjee

**Answer: A**

Renowned Bengali filmmaker Buddhadeb

Dasgupta died at the age of 77. He was suffering from a kidney ailment.

Buddhadeb Dasgupta, who was also a celebrated poet, had won several National Awards for his contribution to Bengali cinema. Dasgupta began his career as a lecturer in a college before taking a plunge into filmmaking in the 70s, after having enrolled his name as a member of Calcutta Film Society.

Some of his notable films include "Neem Annapurna", "Grihajuddha", "Bagh Bahadur", "Tahader Katha", "Charachar", "Lal Darja", "Uttara", "Swapner Din", "Kaalpurush" and "Janala".

Dasgupta had also directed Hindi films -- "Andhi Gali" and "Anwar Ka Ajab Kissa".

**53. Which among the following districts of Punjab has been chosen by the NITI Aayog for the pilot project of 1 billion saplings?**

(a) Jalandhar

(b) Amritsar

(c) Patiala

(d) Moga

(e) Ludhiana

**Answer: D**

Niti Aayog has selected Moga in Punjab along with Ranchi in Jharkhand as two districts of the

country where the pilot project of planting close to one billion saplings would be started.

Ninety lakh saplings will be planted in Moga in five years.

The outcome in these two districts, saplings will be planted in 110 other aspirational districts of the country.

Niti Aayog's aspirational district programme mission director is Rakesh Ranjan

**54. How much amount has been allocated by the government for waste management in 2 lakh villages under the Swachh Bharat Mission?**

(a) 40700 crores

(b) 30700 crores

(c) 60700 crores

(d) 20700 crores

(e) 80700 crores

**Answer: A**

The government has allotted over Rs 40,700 crore for solid and liquid waste management (SLWM) in more than two lakh villages in the financial year 2021-22 under the Swachh Bharat Mission Gramin (SBMG).

The second phase of SBM(G) aims at achieving comprehensive cleanliness in villages also called ODF (Open Defecation Free) Plus status by focusing on ODF sustainability and ensuring SLWM arrangements in villages.

**55. RBI has allowed banks to charge Rs 21 for post limit ATM transactions from January 1, 2022. How many free transactions are**

provided by the banks from their own bank's ATM?

- (a) 4
- (b) 5
- (c) 6
- (d) 7
- (e) 8

**Answer: B**

The Reserve Bank permitted banks to increase charges for cash and non-cash ATM transactions beyond the free monthly permissible limit from next year. Bank customers will have to pay Rs 21 per transaction, instead of Rs 20, with effect from January 1, 2022, if they exceed the monthly limit of free transactions.

Five free transactions every month from their own bank ATMs.

**56. DBS has topped the Forbes' World's best Banks list 2021 in India category. Which bank has secured the second position on the list?**

- (a) Axis Bank
- (b) ICICI Bank
- (c) HDFC Bank
- (d) CSB Bank
- (e) IPPB Bank

**Answer: D**

DBS has been named by Forbes in their list of World's Best Banks 2021 in India category.

The second bank on the list is Kerala-based CSB Bank, followed by ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank, and Axis Bank. State Bank of India ranks seventh on the list.

India Post Payments Bank and Paytm Payments Banks are in the list.

Andhra Pradesh State Co-operative Bank - the only cooperative bank on the list.

**57. Who has been reappointed as the Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer of Bandhan Bank for a period of three years?**

- (a) Gopal Tripathi
- (b) Chandra Shekhar Ghosh
- (c) Anup Chandra Pandey
- (d) Sanjay Aggarwal
- (e) Amit Lamba

**Answer: B**

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has granted approval for re-appointment of Chandra Shekhar Ghosh as the managing director and chief executive officer for a period of 3 years, with effect from 10 July 2021.

The re-appointment as above is subject to the approval of shareholders at the ensuing annual general meeting of the bank.

Bandhan Bank operates as a commercial bank.

The bank has its presence in 34 states and union territories in India with 5,310 banking outlets serving 2.30 crore customers, as on 31 March 2021.

**58. Which of the following states has launched 'e-Nirman' portal and Mobile app for Unorganised Sector Workers?**

- (a) Goa
- (b) Odisha
- (c) Madhya Pradesh

(d) Andhra Pradesh

(e) Gujarat

**Answer: E**

Gujarat government has announced the launch of 'e-Nirman' web portal and a mobile application to facilitate online registration of workers from the unorganized sector to enroll them for various government welfare schemes. According to the state administration, the new portal intends to create a database of all the workers from unorganised sectors in the state and roll out special smart cards to them for easy access to state funded welfare schemes. 21000 service centers have been set up for registration work and to issue the U-WIN smart cards.

As per state government data, so far about 9.20 lakh workers from the unorganised sector are registered on the portal and have received the U-WIN smart cards from the state government.

**59. World Accreditation Day is annually observed on which day across the world?**

(a) 6 June

(b) 7 June

(c) 8 June

(d) 9 June

(e) 10 June

**Answer: D**

World Accreditation Day (WAD) was observed on 9th June. The day is celebrated every year to highlight and promote the role of accreditation in trade and economy.

World Accreditation Day was jointly initiated by the International Accreditation Forum (IAF) and International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) with an aim to raise awareness of the importance of accreditation-related activities.

WAAD was first celebrated in the year 2008.

The theme for the 2020 World Accreditation Day is "Accreditation: Improving Food Safety".

**60. The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved Tata Power Company Limited's proposed purchase of how much percent stakes in 3 power utilities in Odisha?**

(a) 33%

(b) 49%

(c) 51%

(d) 65%

(e) 73%

**Answer: C**

The Tata Power Company Limited's (TPCL) proposed purchase of 51% stake of each in three power utilities in Odisha has been cleared by the fair trade regulator Competition Commission of India (CCI).

The company is to buy the stakes in Western Electricity Supply Company of Odisha (WESCO), Southern Electricity Supply Company of Odisha Ltd (SOUTHCO) and Central Electricity Supply Company of Odisha Ltd (CESCO).

The deal comes after separate competitive bidding process initiated by the Odisha Electricity Regulatory Commission.

**61. Which state has delivered free food to more than 55 lakh people in the last 6 months under 'Khana Chahiye Programme'?**

- (a) Haryana
- (b) Punjab
- (c) Maharashtra
- (d) Andhra Pradesh
- (e) Telangana

**Answer: C**

Project Mumbai' provides free food to more than 55 lakh people in the last 6 months under its 'Khana Chahiye' programme.

Various NGOs are making an enormous contribution in the fight against COVID pandemic through different initiatives and 'Project Mumbai' is one of them.

They have also provided free food grain and medicines to needy senior citizens.

The NGO was also instrumental in the vaccination of jail inmates of Arthur Road Jail.

It provided Oxygen Concentrators free of cost to Government Hospitals in 20 districts.

**62. NITI Aayog launched 'Surakshit Hum Surakshit Tum Abhiyaan' in 112 aspirational districts with which of the following organization?**

- (a) HelpAge India
- (b) Smile Foundation
- (c) Piramal Foundation

- (d) Citizens Foundation India
- (e) Mahatma Gandhi Foundation

**Answer: C**

NITI Aayog and Piramal Foundation launched 'Surakshit Hum Surakshit Tum Abhiyaan' in 112 Aspirational Districts to assist district administrations in providing home-care support to COVID-19 patients who are asymptomatic or having mild symptoms.

The campaign would provide covid home-care support to 20 lakh citizens.

Piramal Foundation would work with district magistrates to support the training of NGOs and volunteers.

The campaign would also undertake capacity building of citizens for correct usage of Oxygen concentrators that have been supplied to these districts.

Volunteers would be trained to support 20 affected families each by educating caretakers to follow COVID protocols, provide psycho-social support and timely updates about patients to the administration.

**63. Indian cricketer Virender Sehwag has launched an AI-enabled coaching website to offer a personalised learning experience for the younger players. What is the name of the app?**

- (a) CRICURU
- (b) CRIGURU
- (c) CRIApp
- (d) CRIBABA
- (e) ViCRI

**Answer: A**

Indian star cricketer and opener Virender Sehwag has launched CRICURU, an experiential learning app.

It is India's first AI-enabled coaching website, to offer a personalised learning experience for the younger players.

The app is available on both iOS and Android devices.

The curriculum for each player is developed personally by Virender Sehwag along with Sanjay Bangar, former Indian player and batting coach of the Indian cricket team (2015-19).

CRICURU is designed to help youngsters learn playing cricket through master classes of 30 handpicked player-coaches from across the globe like AB de Villiers, Brett Lee, Brian Lara, Chris Gayle, Dwayne Bravo, Harbhajan Singh, Jonty Rhodes.

**64. A book titled 'skill it, kill it' has been authored by Ronnie Screwvala. He is a well-known \_\_\_\_\_.**

- (a) Film Producer
- (b) Athlete
- (c) Singer
- (d) Journalist
- (e) Actor

**Answer: A**

Film producer Ronnie Screwvala authored a book titled skill it , kill it.

The Book published by Penguin Random House in July 2021.

The Book deals with Ronnie Screwvala's stories, failures, and Personal learnings.

It will give an insider's view of the 'invisible' skills sought and rewarded by global businesses, top recruiters and leading CEOs.

**65. Delhi and Hyderabad Airports have been felicitated by the ACI Asia-Pacific Green Airports Recognition 2021. Delhi & Hyderabad have bagged the award for how many times in a row respectively?**

- (a) 3rd, 4th
- (b) 4th, 5th
- (c) 4th, 3rd
- (d) 5th, 4th
- (e) 6th, 5th

**Answer: D**

Delhi & Hyderabad airport have recently (June 2021) been received ACI Asia-Pacific Green Airports recognition.

It is notable that GMR Airports-run Delhi and Hyderabad airports have been felicitated by the Airports Council International (ACI) Asia-Pacific Green Airports Recognition 2021 for their environment sustainable initiatives under the below 25 Million Passengers Per Annum (MPPA) category.

The award was decided by a distinguished global panel that highly praised DIAL's Green taxiing initiatives at IGI Airport based on TaxiBots.

This is the fifth consecutive year where DIAL (Delhi International Airport Limited) has been appreciated and awarded for its sustainable initiatives.

GHIAL (GMR Hyderabad International Airport Limited) has received Gold Recognition for the



fourth times in a row for its sustainable airport operations for effective Air Quality Management.

**66. Which of the following Digital payment startups has inked a 3 year long pact to become an official partner of International Cricket Council?**

- (a) RazorPay
- (b) MoneyTap
- (c) BharatPe
- (d) PhonePe
- (e) Paytm

**Answer: C**

Digital payments startup BharatPe announced it has inked a three-year long deal to become an official partner with International Cricket Council (ICC).

As per the agreement, BharatPe will promote the association across broadcast and digital platforms, as well as execute in-venue brand activations at all the ICC events until 2023.

About BharatPe :

Co-founder and CEO : Ashneer Grover

Founded : 2018

Headquarters : New Delhi

About ICC :

Headquarters: Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Founded: 15 June 1909

Chairman : Greg Barclay

**67. CBSE has collaborated with which among the following IT Company to introduce coding & Data Sciences in schools for classes 6 to 12th?**

- (a) Apple
- (b) Google
- (c) Microsoft
- (d) IBM
- (e) TCS

**Answer: C**

The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) introduced Coding for Classes 6 to 8 and the Data Science curriculum for Classes 8 to 12 in collaboration with Microsoft.

The coding and data science curriculums are focused on building critical thinking, computational skills, problem-solving skills, creativity, and hands-on exposure to new technologies.

Microsoft has designed supplementary handbooks in both coding and data sciences, aligned with NCERT patterns and structures, and cover real-life examples aimed at building exposure to the ethical dimensions.

**68. What edition of Global Nitrogen Initiative was hosted by Germany's Federal Environment Agency virtually?**

- (a) 6th
- (b) 7th
- (c) 8th
- (d) 9th
- (e) 10th

**Answer: C**

The 8th International Nitrogen Initiative Conference (INI2020) was scheduled to convene in Berlin, Germany, from 3-7 May

2020. But, due to the pandemic it was cancelled last year and was held recently- virtually.

The initiative was set up in 2003 under sponsorship of the Scientific Committee on Problems of the Environment (SCOPE) and from the International Geosphere-Biosphere Program (IGBP).

It is a triennial event that brings together scientists from around the world dealing with reactive nitrogen compounds in agriculture, industry, traffic, soil, water and air.

The aim of the initiative is to share ideas and visions to improve future holistic management of reactive nitrogen.

The program is currently a sustained partner of Future Earth.

**69. G7 Nations recently has made an agreement to introduce a global minimum corporate tax rate for Multinational companies. What is the proposed tax rate?**

- (a) 10%
- (b) 12%
- (c) 15%
- (d) 18%
- (e) 20%

**Answer: C**

The G7 group of leading economies have reached "a historic agreement" to reform the global tax system to make it fit for the global digital age.

G7 nations' Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors meeting held in London from June 4 to 5 2021, chaired by the British finance

minister, Rishi Sunak, made an agreement to introduce a global minimum corporate tax rate of at least 15 percent for multinational companies (MNCs).

The global minimum tax would end the race-to-the-bottom in corporate taxation, and help the global economy thrive, by levelling the playing field for businesses and encouraging countries to compete on positive bases, such as educating and training their work forces and investing in research and development and infrastructure.

**70. As per the Global Home Price Index Report 2021, India has secured 55th position in the Q1 2021. Where did India stand in Q1 2020 as per the report?**

- (a) 50th
- (b) 49th
- (c) 46th
- (d) 43rd
- (e) 47th

**Answer: D**

India has moved down 12 spots in the global home price index to 55th rank in Q1 2021 against 43rd rank in Q1 2020, with a decline of 1.6 percent year-on-year (YoY) in home prices, Knight Frank, an international property consultancy, in its latest research report - Global House Price Index - Q1 2021.

The Global House Price Index tracks the movement in mainstream residential prices across 56 countries and territories worldwide using official statistics.

In the 12-month percentage change for Q1 2020 – Q1 2021, Turkey continues to lead the annual rankings with prices up by 32 percent YoY, followed by New Zealand at 22.1 percent YoY and Luxembourg with 16.6 percent YoY. Spain was the weakest-performing territory in Q1 2021, where home prices fell by 1.8 percent YoY, followed by India with -1.6 percent.

**71. United Nations General Assembly at the High-Level Meeting on HIV and AIDS adopted a political declaration to end AIDS by 2030. Who is the President of UNGA?**

- (a) Abdulla Shahid
- (b) Antonio Guterres
- (c) Volkan Bozkir
- (d) Miroslav Lajcak
- (e) Peter Thomson

**Answer: A**

During the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), High-Level Meeting (HLM) on HIV/AIDS (Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immuno Deficiency Syndrome), the assembly approved a declaration to end AIDS by 2030.

The Assembly stated that COVID-19 has increased inequalities and pushed access to AIDS medicines, treatments and diagnosis off track.

The declaration also committed the assembly's 193 member countries to implement. Maldives' Foreign Minister Abdulla Shahid is the newly elected President of the UN General Assembly (UNGA).

**72. In the 47th G7 leader summit 2021, which among the following countries were invited to participate as the 'Guest countries' along with India?**

- (a) Australia, New Zealand
- (b) China, Russia
- (c) Spain, Ireland
- (d) Australia, South Korea
- (e) China, UAE

**Answer: D**

The United Kingdom has invited Indian Prime Minister as a guest to attend the 47th G7 summit that was scheduled to be held in June 2021.

Apart from India, Australia and South Korea are also invited to participate in the proceedings of the summit as "guest countries".

The proposed summit was the first in-person G-7 summit in almost two years.

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually participated in the meeting and called G7 summit members for 'One Earth One Health'. In the summit, India, South Korea, Australia, South Africa, and the G7 countries signed the 'Open Societies' agreement.

**73. Which among the following countries was/were elected by the 75th session of the General Assembly as the non-permanent members of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) for the 2022-23 term?**

- (a) Albania

- (b) Brazil
- (c) Ghana
- (d) Only (b) & (c)
- (e) All of the Above

**Answer: E**

Albania, Brazil, Gabon, Ghana, and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) were elected as non-permanent members of the UN Security Council for a two-year term. The newly elected members will take up their new responsibilities on Jan. 1, 2022, and will serve till Dec. 31, 2023.

The election for the non-permanent members of the Security Council is held through secret ballot and candidates require a two-thirds majority in the General Assembly to get elected. India, Ireland, Mexico and Norway had begun the term as non-permanent members of the UN Security Council from 1 January 2021. UNSC is headquartered in New York, USA.

**74. PSUs have sanctioned how much percentage of the total loan under PM SVANidhi Scheme to street vendors as on 31 May 2021?**

- (a) 80%
- (b) 85%
- (c) 90%
- (d) 95%
- (e) 99%

**Answer: D**

PSUs have been at the forefront for advancing loans under the PM Street Vendors Atmanirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi), and have sanctioned

2.316 million loans, about 95% of total loans sanctioned under this scheme as on May 31.

About 2.421 million loans have been sanctioned as on May 31, and 2.064 loans have been disbursed as on May 31, the Department of Financial Services.

The PM-SVANidhi was launched to provide working capital loans up to Rs 10,000 to about 5 million street vendors. The loan has a tenure of one year, and is to be repaid in monthly instalments. Street vendors availing themselves of loans under the scheme get a 7 percent interest subsidy from the government, and banks get graded guarantee cover for the loans.

The scheme aims at financing approximately 50 lakh street vendors.

**75. Which city has been named as the world's most liveable city in the annual ranking released by the European Intelligence Unit survey?**

- (a) Melbourne
- (b) Adelaide
- (c) Osaka
- (d) Auckland
- (e) Brisbane

**Answer: D**

Auckland in New Zealand has been named the world's most liveable city, in an annual ranking that has been shifted by the corona virus pandemic

The New Zealand city ranks top in the Economist Intelligence Unit's Liveability rankings ahead of Osaka in Japan, and Adelaide in Australia, in second and third places

respectively. After being in the top spot since 2018, Austrian capital Vienna dropped to 12th in the rankings.

Six of the top 10 cities in the March 2021 survey are in New Zealand or Australia, where tight border controls have allowed residents to live more normal lives.

**76. Which state government has announced a complete waiver of property tax for cinema houses, multiplexes and gyms from April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022 in view of the pandemic?**

- (a) Kerala
- (b) Tamil Nadu
- (c) Andhra Pradesh
- (d) Gujarat
- (e) Haryana

**Answer: D**

The Gujarat government announced a complete waiver of property tax for cinema houses, multiplexes and gyms from April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022 in view of the pandemic.

The decision was taken during a working committee meeting chaired by the chief minister Vijay Rupani.

These institutions would also be exempted from fixed charges in electricity bills and would be required to pay the bills based on actual electricity consumption.

**77. Rajasthan government has introduced CM Anuprati Coaching scheme for underprivileged**

**students for which of the following examinations?**

- (a) UPSC
- (b) CA
- (c) NDA
- (d) NEET
- (e) JEE

**Answer: A**

Rajasthan has launched Chief Minister Anuprati Coaching Scheme to help underprivileged students prepare for entrance examinations to civil services and professional courses, with an aim to give them equal opportunity.

Students belonging to scheduled caste, scheduled tribe, other backward classes (OBC), extremely backward castes, minority and economically weaker sections with annual family income less than 8 lakhs per annum will be able to avail the scheme run by the tribal area development, minority affairs, and social justice and empowerment departments.

Under the scheme, free coaching will be provided for preparation for civil services examination, conducted by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC).

**78. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has extended the LIC chairman's tenure to March 2022. Who is the chairman of the LIC ?**

- (a) Sunil Arora
- (b) MR Kumar
- (c) R Kishore
- (d) Pankaj Kumar



(e) Kalraj Mishra

**Answer: B**

The appointments committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the extension of the tenure of MR Kumar as the Chairman of state-owned insurance company Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC).

Now under the extended term, Mr Kumar will serve on the post till March 13, 2022. Earlier his term as LIC chairman was supposed to end on June 30, 2021.

About LIC:

Headquarters: Mumbai;

Founded: 1 September 1956

**79. Andhra Pradesh CM recently launched Jagananna Thodu Scheme. Under the scheme, what amount of interest free loan would be provided to small and petty vendors?**

- (a) ₹ 10000
- (b) ₹ 12000
- (c) ₹ 15000
- (d) ₹ 20000
- (e) ₹ 21000

**Answer: A**

Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy launched the Jagananna Thodu scheme, which aims at providing a helping hand to small and petty vendors across the State.

Under the scheme, an interest-free loan of Rs 10,000 will be provided to 3.7 lakh small and petty vendors at an expenditure of Rs 370 crore.

The scheme was launched by Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy on November 25, 2020 and this is the second consecutive year the scheme is being extended to benefit the small and petty vendors.

The main objective of the scheme is to free vendors from paying heavy interest to the loans taken from private parties.

**80. Which among the following UTs has reserved all government jobs in the UT for the locals?**

- (a) Chandigarh
- (b) Jammu & Kashmir
- (c) Ladakh
- (d) Andaman & Nicobar
- (e) Puducherry

**Answer: C**

In a major decision that could bring joy to the residents of frontier Ladakh region, the Union Territory (UT) administration has reserved all government jobs for the locals.

Though the rules to define the criteria of such locals are yet to be framed, it shall come into force from the date of its publication in the official gazette.

The new recruitment rules were announced by Ladakh's Lieutenant Governor R K Mathur. "No person shall be qualified for appointment to the Service unless the person is a Resident of Union Territory of Ladakh," read the Union Territory of Ladakh Employment (Subordinate) Service Recruitment Rules, 2021.

About Ladakh:

Capital: Leh, Kargil

Lieutenant Governor: RK Mathur

**81. Jahan Vote, Wahan Vaccination campaign was recently launched by the Delhi government.**

**The campaign targets people \_\_\_\_\_ of age.**

- (a) Above 18
- (b) Above 30
- (c) Above 45
- (d) Above 60
- (e) Above 80

**Answer: C**

With an aim to vaccinate all people above 45 years against COVID-19 in Delhi within the next four weeks, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal launched 'Jahan Vote, Wahan Vaccination' campaign.

Under this campaign, people would have to visit their designated polling stations to get vaccinated.

Main objective is within four weeks if there is no shortage of vaccines, all the people above 45 years of age will be vaccinated in Delhi.

**82. Which among the following IT service major has appointed Anup Purohit as its Chief Information Officer?**

- (a) Infosys
- (b) Wipro
- (c) Accenture
- (d) TCS
- (e) HCL

**Answer: B**

IT services major Wipro Ltd mentioned it has appointed Anup Purohit as its chief information officer (CIO).

Purohit will note Sanjeev Singh, chief operations officer, at the Bengaluru-based company.

Purohit brings with him over 25 years of experience across banking and financial services, centered around innovation in digital banking, financial management, business solutions & service delivery, portfolio & program management, risk & controls and information security.

**83. Lt General SM Shafiuddin Ahmed has been named as the next Army chief of Bangladesh.**

**He replaced whom among the following?**

- (a) Lt General Abu Belal
- (b) Lt General Abdullah Ibne Jayed
- (c) Lt General KM Shafiullah
- (d) Lt General Aziz Ahmed
- (e) Lt General Shaiful Alam

**Answer: D**

Lieutenant General SM Shafiuddin Ahmed was named as the next chief of the Bangladesh Army and would assume the charge on June 24, the defence ministry said.

Shafiuddin, who currently serves as the army's quartermaster general, will serve for three years and would be promoted to the rank of General before taking up the position of the Chief of the Army Staff.

He would replace incumbent Army chief General Aziz Ahmed.

Shafiuddin was commissioned in the 9th Bangladesh Military Academy (BMA) Long Course in 1983.

**84. How many higher educational Institutes of Bihar have been nominated for the prestigious 'One District-One Green Champion Awards' under the Swachhta Action Plan?**

- (a) 8
- (b) 12
- (c) 15
- (d) 9
- (e) 11

**Answer: B**

The Mahatma Gandhi National Council of Rural Education of the Union Ministry of Education has announced the "One District – One Green Champion" awards for 2020-21 to 400 higher educational institutions of the country, including 12 from Bihar under the Swachhta Action Plan. The 12 higher educational institutions selected for the prestigious "One District-One Green Champion Awards" are Xavier's College of Management and Technology from Patna and other institutions from Begusarai, Darbhanga, Gaya, Purnia, Bhagalpur, Nalanda, Sitamarhi, Gopalganj, East Champaran, Khagaria, Gopalganj and Madhubani.

This award is given for the contribution of selected higher educational institutions to the Swachhta Education and Practices.

**85. Which Indian actress has won the Best Actor Award at the 2021 UK Asian Film festival?**

- (a) Shabana Azmi
- (b) Tillotama Shome
- (c) Kalki Koechin
- (d) Supriya Patahak
- (e) Sakshi Tawar

**Answer: B**

Indian actress Tillotama Shome has made the country proud by winning the Best Actor award at the 2021 UK Asian Film Festival (UKAFF). Tillotama won the award for her role in the film Raahgir: The Wayfarers.

The film has been directed by Goutam Ghose. The UK Asian Film Festival (UKAFF) 2021 was the 23rd edition of the annual event.

Apart from Tillotama, filmmaker Goutam Ghose has also won the Best Director award at the UKAFF.

**86. A New Species of Coffee Plant named Argostemmaquarantena has been discovered in which Indian State?**

- (a) Tamil Nadu
- (b) Uttarakhand
- (c) Assam
- (d) Kerala
- (e) Andhra Pradesh

**Answer: D**

A New Species of Coffee Plant Argostemmaquarantena Discovered in Wagamon hills, Kerala.

The New Species belongs to the family Rubiaceae.

The plant was recognized by an analysis group consisting of Anoop P. Balan and A.J. Robi,

school of the Division of Botany, Bishop Abraham Memorial School, Thuruthicad, Pathanamthitta district; and N. Sasidharan, former Chief Scientist, Kerala Forest Analysis Institute (KFRI), Peechi.

Argostemma quarantena is a perennial herb which grows to a top of 3-7cm and is characterised by putting white flowers.

**87. Recently, a New Book titled 'Tiananmen square the making of protest' was released. The book deals with the Tiananmen square protests in which country?**

- (a) Japan
- (b) Vietnam
- (c) China
- (d) South Korea
- (e) Afghanistan

**Answer: C**

A New Book titled Tiananmen square the making of protest is Authored by Former Indian foreign secretary Vijay Gokhale and is published by HarperCollins.

The Book deals with the 1989 Tiananmen Square protests in China from an Indian perspective in a persuasive and precise manner. The Book Mainly focuses on the principal player of the time, Deng Xiaoping, the general secretary of the all-powerful Chinese Communist Party (CCP).

About Vijay Gokhale:

Vijay Gokhale is considered as an expert on Chinese affairs

He Served as an Ambassador to Germany and China.

**88. On June 07, 2021, Sunil Chhetri became the second-highest active international goal scorer. Who holds the number 1 spot?**

- (a) Rober Lewandowski
- (b) Cristiano Ronaldo
- (c) Lionel Messi
- (d) Michel Platini
- (e) Johan Cruyff

**Answer: B**

Sunil Chhetri, Captain of the Indian football team became the second-highest active international goalscorer with 74 goals. He surpassed Argentina's Lionel Messi with this record.

Chhetri is only behind Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo in the all-time goal scorer's list among active players in international football.

About All India Football Federation (AIFF) :

President: Praful Patel

Headquarters : New Delhi

Founded: 23 June 1937

**89. Assam Chief Minister has announced the one time financial assistance of \_\_\_\_\_ Lakh for every woman in the state who had lost her husband due to Covid-19.**

- (a) ₹ 1 Lakh
- (b) ₹ 2 Lakh
- (c) ₹ 2.5 Lakh
- (d) ₹ 3 lakh
- (e) ₹ 3.5 lakh

**Answer: C**

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has announced one-time financial assistance of Rs 2.5 lakh for every woman in the state who had lost her husband due to Covid-19. CM Sarma said that this financial assistance will be provided from the Chief Minister's Relief Fund.

Covid widows will also be entitled to the benefits of the Orunodoi scheme and they will receive a monthly widow pension under the ongoing Indira Miri Universal Widow Pension Scheme.

**90. What is the theme of World Day Against Child Labour, 2021, celebrated on June 12 every year?**

- (a) Save the childhood
- (b) Protect children from Child labour
- (c) Children shouldn't work in fields but in Dreams
- (d) Generation safe & healthy
- (e) Act now: End Child labour

**Answer: E**

The International Labour Organization (ILO) launched the World Day Against Child Labour in 2002 to focus attention on the global extent of child labour and the action and efforts needed to eliminate it.

Each year on 12 June, the World Day brings together governments, employers and workers organizations, civil society, as well as millions of people from around the world to highlight the

plight of child labourers and what can be done to help them.

This year's World Day Against Child Labour focuses on action taken for the 2021 International Year for the Elimination of Child Labour.

The theme of this year's World Day Against Child Labour is "Act now: End child labour!"

**91. Which city of Australia has moved closer to landing the 2032 Olympics after winning the approval of the International Olympic Committee?**

- (a) Melbourne
- (b) Adelaide
- (c) Sydney
- (d) Brisbane
- (e) Perth

**Answer: D**

The Australian city of Brisbane moved closer to landing the 2032 Olympics after winning the approval of the International Olympic Committee's executive board and the choice will be put to a final vote next month.

Queensland state capital Brisbane had been the preferred host.

If Brisbane is elected, as expected, it would become the third Australian city after Melbourne.

**92. Karnataka Chief Minister has launched a DBT mobile application to transfer funds directly to beneficiaries of various government welfare**



**schemes. How many schemes of the state are currently in the ambit of the platform?**

- (a)100
- (b)50
- (c)80
- (d)150
- (e)120

**Answer: E**

Karnataka Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa launched a DBT mobile application that will help transfer funds directly to beneficiaries of various government welfare schemes.

Schemes announced in the budget, which provide financial assistance in the state, will be brought under the DBT platform.

This platform would identify the beneficiary through Aadhaar number.

120 schemes in the state have been included in this platform.

**93. Which among the following companies has acquired a majority of shares in digital health start-up 1MG?**

- (a)Aditya Birla Group
- (b)Tata Sons
- (c)Mahindra & Mahindra
- (d)ITC
- (e)Reliance Group

**Answer: B**

Tata Digital, a 100 per cent subsidiary of Tata Sons, acquired a majority stake in digital health start-up 1MG, continuing its series of investments in the online commerce ecosystem.

The investment in 1MG is in line with the Tata group's vision of creating a digital ecosystem that addresses the consumer needs across categories in a unified manner.

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**94. Which among the following bank has announced the launch of 'GharGhar Ration' Program, an employee-funded program for its low-income customers affected by Covid-19?**

- (a)HDFC Bank
- (b)Axis Bank
- (c)IDFC First Bank
- (d)DBS Bank
- (e)ICICI Bank

**Answer: C**

IDFC FIRST Bank has announced the launch of "Ghar Ghar Ration" Program, an Employee-funded program for its low-income customers whose livelihoods are affected by COVID-19.

"Ghar Ghar Ration" is a unique program where employees have contributed from their personal income to set up a Customer COVID Care Fund to provide relief to 50,000 COVID affected low-income IDFC FIRST Bank customers.

Employees of the Bank contributed one day to one month's salary for the purpose.

Employees are procuring ration kits comprising 10 kg rice/flour, 2 kg dal (lentils), 1 kg sugar and salt, 1 kg cooking oil, 5 packets of assorted spices, tea and biscuits and other essentials

needed to support a small family for about a month.

In rural locations, the ration kits are delivered physically by employees and in urban locations, employees provide pre-paid cards worth Rs.

1800 to affected customers, which can be used to buy such essential supplies.

Under the pilot program, employees have already distributed 1000 ration kits in Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Haryana successfully.

**95. Shailesh Govind Ganpule, an assistant professor, was conferred the award with the 'NSG Counter-IED and Counter-Terrorism Innovator Award 2021' for developing a "blast-resistant" helmet. He is an assistant professor of which IIT?**

- (a) IIT Roorkee
- (b) IIT Pune
- (c) IIT Madras
- (d) IIT Bombay
- (e) IIT Kharagpur

**Answer: A**

IIT Roorkee professor wins NSG award for 'explosion resistant' helmet

Shailesh Govind Ganpule, An assistant professor in the Department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering of IIT Roorkee was conferred with the award 'NSG Counter-IED and Counter Terrorism Innovator Award 2021' for the development of a "Explosion resistant" helmet.

This was the second edition of the annual award by NSG.

The Ceremony took place at National Security Guard (NSG) campus Near Maneshwar, Gurgaon.

Pro. The 'Blast-Resistant Helmet', designed by Shailesh Ganpule, is an improved version of the conventional helmet to protect military personnel from IED-induced blast waves with a technical readiness of 4.

**96. Rebeca Grynspan has become the first woman to be appointed secretary-general of the UN's trade and development body. She is a former Vice President of which nation?**

- (a) El Salvador
- (b) Costa Rica
- (c) Mexico
- (d) Nicaragua
- (e) Guatemala

**Answer: B**

Rebeca Grynspan became the first woman to be appointed secretary-general of the UN's trade and development body.

Grynspan has had a career spanning many years and has held several high-level positions including, among others, former Under Secretary General of the UN and Associate Administrator of the UN Development Programme (UNDP).

She has also served as UNDP's regional director for Latin America and the Caribbean, a member of the high-level panel on financing for

development, and Vice President of Costa Rica (1994 to 1998).

About UNCTAD

The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development was established in 1964 as a permanent intergovernmental body.

Parent organization: UN General Assembly; UN Secretariat

HQ: Geneva, Switzerland

**97. According to Fitch Solutions, the average Indian household would spend how much percentage of the total household budget on food in 2025?**

- (a) 33.2%
- (b) 33.6%
- (c) 35.3%
- (d) 35.7%
- (e) 36.2%

**Answer: C**

According to Fitch Solutions, the average Indian household will spend 35.3 percent of the total household budget on food in 2025, increasing by 2.1 percentage points from 33.2 percent in 2005. Growing wages and disposable income has led to this change in proportion over the past 20 years, enabling the average Indian household to afford more than just basic food staples.

Over 2005-2025, Fitch forecasts food spending to grow by an annual average of 12 per cent compared to the annual average inflation rate of 6.3 per cent over the same period, indicating real growth in food spending over this period

**98. India has joined hands with which nation for cooperation on recruitment of Indian workers in the nation?**

- (a) Bahrain
- (b) Kuwait
- (c) Oman
- (d) Qatar
- (e) Saudi Arabia

**Answer: B**

India and Kuwait signed an MoU that brings Indian domestic workers in the Gulf nation within a legal framework that provides them with the protection of the law and streamlines their recruitment.

The MoU will ensure the rights and obligations of both the domestic workers and the employer.

The MoU will establish a 24-hour assistance mechanism for domestic workers. It will also establish a joint committee for assessment and periodic review and follow-up on the implementation of the MoU.

**99. Russia would provide an advanced satellites to which among the following country to help it track potential military targets?**

- (a) Iran
- (b) Israel
- (c) Oman
- (d) Kuwait
- (e) UAE

**Answer: A**

Russia is preparing to provide Iran with an advanced satellite that would enable it to track

potential military targets across the Middle East, the Washington

The plan would deliver a Russian-made Kanopus-V satellite equipped with a high-resolution camera which could be launched from Russia within months, the Post said.

**100. The Karadi Path Education company has bagged the International Excellence Award from London Book Fair for its Educational Learning Resources. The company is based in which city?**

- (a) Bengaluru
- (b) Kochi
- (c) Hyderabad
- (d) Chennai
- (e) Ahmedabad

**Answer: D**

The Karadi Path Education Company has been announced as the winner by the London Book Fair International Excellence Awards for the category - Educational Learning Resources. Karadi Path is the only firm from India to win the award this year presented by the London Book Fair in partnership with the UK's Publishers Association. The shortlist for the different categories of the Awards featured 15 countries across five continents.

The award particularly recognizes resources that are designed to be cost-effective, employing the advantages of technology to reach underserved areas, tribal and rural schools.

**101. The World Donor day is observed every year on which date?**

- (a) June 12
- (b) June 13
- (c) June 14
- (d) June 15
- (e) June 16

**Answer: C**

World Blood Donor Day is observed on 14 June to mark the anniversary of Karl Landsteiner. It was first celebrated in 2004 to spread awareness about the need for regular blood donations and its requirement to save lives.

On this day, Blood Donors donate blood themselves to save the lives of accident victims or those who are in need of blood transfusion for the surgeries.

The World Blood Day 2021 slogan is "Give blood and keep the world beating".

**102. As per the report of NITI Aayog and RMI, India would save logistic fuel worth Rs \_\_\_\_\_ Lakh crore between 2020 and 2050 if the freight sector is transformed.**

- (a) ₹ 211 Lakh Crore
- (b) ₹ 311 Lakh Crore
- (c) ₹ 411 Lakh Crore
- (d) ₹ 511 Lakh Crore
- (e) ₹ 611 Lakh Crore

**Answer: B**

India can save fuel worth Rs 311 lakh crore in the next three decades by deploying clean and

cost-effective mode of transportation for goods, as per a report from NITI Aayog and Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI).

The report stated that India can lower its logistics' cost by 4% of the country's GDP (Gross Domestic Product) and cut down 10 gigatonnes of carbon dioxide emissions till 2030 by taking these measures.

Currently, logistics includes around 13% of the total costs for the companies in the country, making exports uncompetitive in comparison with China.

**103. On June 9, 2021, Digital India Corporation and Indian Council of Agriculture Research have signed an MoU to provide farmers demand based tele agriculture Advisories. The DIC was established in which year?**

- (a) 2001
- (b) 2007
- (c) 2011
- (d) 2013
- (e) 2017

**Answer: A**

Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has signed a MoU with the Digital India Corporation (DIC) to provide location specific farm tele-advisories.

DIC will provide the complete technical solution with support for development, hosting & managing the requisite ICT platform.

Meanwhile, ICAR would manage and monitor the entire operations via their extension

services network in the form of Krishi Vigyan Kendras, various domain specific research institutes & network of Agri Universities etc, in a proper manner.

About DIC:

DIC is a non-profit Organisation set up by MeitY as 'Media Lab Asia' in 2001.

It was renamed as 'Digital India corporation' in 2017.

About ICAR:

Headquarters: new delhi

Founded: 1929

Director General: Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra

**104. Ukhnaa Khurelsukh became the 6th democratically elected President of which among the following country?**

- (a) Mongolia
- (b) El Salvador
- (c) Mali
- (d) Costa Rica
- (e) Columbia

**Answer: A**

Former Mongolian Prime Minister, Ukhnaa Khurelsukh became the country's sixth democratically elected president, further consolidating the power of the ruling Mongolian People's Party (MPP) with a landslide victory. Khurelsukh will replace incumbent Khaltmaa Battulga.

About Mongolia

Capital: Ulaanbaatar or Ulan Bator

Currency: Mongolian togrog



105. On June 9, 2021, Rajasthan government has approved the Mukhyamantri Kisan Mitra Urja Yojana. Under the scheme, the government would provide how much amount per month to the farmers on their electricity bill?

- (a) ₹ 500
- (b) ₹ 800
- (c) ₹ 1000
- (d) ₹ 1500
- (e) ₹ 2000

**Answer: C**

The Rajasthan government has approved the draft of the Mukhyamantri Kisan Mitra Urja Yojana, under which agriculture power consumers will get Rs 1,000 every month. Under this scheme, Rs 1,000 per month and a maximum of Rs 12,000 per year will be given to metered agricultural consumers by the state government on electricity bills. This will bring a financial burden of Rs 1,450 crore per annum. Under this, electricity bills will be issued bi-monthly by the electricity distribution companies.

Central and state government employees and other income taxpayers will not be eligible for the subsidy.

Eligible consumers will have to get their Aadhaar number and bank account linked with the scheme. The grant amount will be payable only if all dues are cleared by the consumers.

106. Foreign secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla has recently released a stamp to mark

the Anniversary of India-Germany Ties. Year 2021 marks \_\_\_\_\_ Anniversary of India-Germany ties.

- (a) 50th
- (b) 61st
- (c) 65th
- (d) 70th
- (e) 75th

**Answer: D**

A new postage stamp has been released to mark the 70th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between India and Germany.

Both Germany and India are releasing stamps to mark the occasion.

The Indian stamp was released by Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla, with Vineet Pandey, Secretary, Posts and Walter Lindner, German Ambassador to India.

Shringla also spoke about the longstanding collaboration in health, research and development, and higher education.

107. Which state government has announced one-time financial assistance of Rs 5000 for financially weak artists due to the Covid-19 lockdown?

- (a) Chhattisgarh
- (b) Kerala
- (c) Rajasthan
- (d) Maharashtra
- (e) Gujarat

**Answer: C**

The Ashok Gehlot-led Rajasthan government has decided to provide one-time financial assistance of Rs 5,000 to artists reeling under financial troubles due to the Covid-19 lockdown. Around 2,000 financially weak artists will receive the financial aid.

The Rajasthan government had made an allocation of Rs 15 crore in this year's state budget for artist welfare.

**108. Researchers on which of the following IITs have developed a technique that can detect the forming of cyclones in the North Indian Ocean region much in advance?**

- (a) IIT Delhi
- (b) IIT Madras
- (c) IIT Pune
- (d) IIT Kharagpur
- (e) IIT Roorkee

**Answer: D**

Researchers at the Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur and Yantai Institute of Coastal Zone Research in China have developed a technique that can detect the forming of cyclone in the North Indian Ocean region much in advance.

Researchers have devised a novel method using Eddy detection technique to investigate the formative stages and advance detection time of tropical cyclogenesis in the region.

It detects a possible cyclone from the time the eddy is formed.

The study has been conducted under the Climate Change Program with the support from

the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India.

**109. Biotechnology company MyLab has appointed whom among the following as its brand ambassador recently?**

- (a) Salman Khan
- (b) Akshay Kumar
- (c) Amitabh Bachchan
- (d) Ranbir Kapoor
- (e) Rajkumar Rao

**Answer: B**

Bollywood superstar Akshay Kumar has been appointed as the new brand ambassador of biotechnology company MyLab Discovery Solutions.

This announcement comes days after the Pune-based firm launched the country's first COVID-19 self-test kit -- CoviSelf.

The partnership with Akshay is aimed at creating awareness for My Lab's products and kits such as CoviSelf.

About MyLab:

CEO: Mr. Debarshi Deb

Headquarters: Lonavala, Maharashtra

**110. Which State's Education Department has joined hands with Doordarshan to broadcast online classes for students of Class 1 to 12?**

- (a) Jharkhand
- (b) Meghalaya
- (c) Mizoram
- (d) Gujarat
- (e) Bihar

**Answer: A**

In Jharkhand, the State Education Department in collaboration with Doordarshan will broadcast video lectures and online classes for students of Class 1 to 12 from June 14 onwards for next three months. The department has signed a contract with Doordarshan.

Initiating the online classes on Doordarshan again, the state education department is in no mood to risk the lives of children likely to be affected in the possible third wave of COVID-19. Schools have been providing online content to students since the beginning of the new academic session, but post summer vacations, students shall be benefited with special video lectures aired on Doordarshan regional channel.

**111. According to the announcements of Athletic Federation of India, which of the following Indian city would host the 4th Grand Prix?**

- (a) New Delhi
- (b) Patiala
- (c) Meerut
- (d) Lucknow
- (e) Ludhiana

**Answer: B**

The Athletics Federation of India (AFI), announced that the Indian Grand Prix 4 will be held on June 21 at the National Institute of Sports in Patiala.

The decision to host the domestic events was made to give Indian athletes the maximum chance to qualify for Tokyo. India's star sprinters Dutee Chand & Hima Das are

expected to participate in the fourth Indian GP of 2021.

National Inter-State Athletics Championships will be held at the same venue from June 25.

About AFI

Formed: 1946

Headquarters: New Delhi

**112. The 1st edition of two-day -Arab-India-Energy Forum was held virtually on June 9, 2021. Which of the following countries held the chairmanship of the forum?**

- (a) Monaco
- (b) Morocco
- (c) Oman
- (d) Egypt
- (e) Libya

**Answer: B**

The 1st edition of the two-day -Arab-India-Energy Forum was held in a virtual format on June 9, 2021.

The forum was held under the co-chairmanship of India & Morocco.

The inaugural session of the forum was addressed by Power minister RK Singh.

The aim of the forum is to exchange knowledge, expertise and best practices in the field of energy efficiency programs.

**113. How many proposals have been approved by the government for construction of 3.61 lakh houses under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban?**

- (a) 506

- (b)607
- (c)708
- (d)809
- (e)910

**Answer: C**

The Government has approved 708 proposals for construction of 3.61 lakh houses under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana – Urban (PMAY-U).

The decision was taken at the 54th Meeting of the Central Sanctioning and Monitoring Committee (CSMC) under PMAY-U held in New Delhi.

The Meeting was attended by 13 States and UTs.

These houses are proposed to be constructed across Beneficiary Led Construction and Affordable Housing in Partnership verticals. In addition, 'PMAY-U Awards 2021 – 100 Days Challenge' was also launched by Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) Durga Shanker Mishra.

**114. The Government of Bihar has sanctioned how much amount for payment of compensation to deaths due to COVID in the state?**

- (a) ₹ 100crore
- (b) ₹ 200 crore
- (c) ₹ 250 crore
- (d) ₹ 300 crore
- (e) ₹ 400 crore

**Answer: D**

The Bihar government has sanctioned Rs. 300 crore for payment of compensation to deaths due to COVID in the state.

This decision was taken at the cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar.

The government has given approval for the release of this amount from the state contingency fund for meeting the expenditure on the payment of compensation to the next of the kin of those who died due to COVID – 19.

The compensation amount already announced by the government is Rs. four lakh for each death due to covid in the state.

**115. In June 2021, Karnataka has launched a 33.83 crore scheme of Direct Benefit Transfer to 2.16 lakh street vendors in the state. How much amount would be directly transferred to every vendor under the scheme?**

- (a) ₹ 1000
- (b) ₹ 1500
- (c) ₹ 2000
- (d) ₹ 2500
- (e) ₹ 3000

**Answer: C**

Karnataka Government on 8 June 2021 launched a ₹33.83 crore scheme for street vendors through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) of ₹2,000 each to 2.16 lakh vendors in the state. The state govt distributes Covid-19 relief to street vendors registered under the Department of Skill Development, Entrepreneurship and Livelihood's Deendayal Antyodaya Scheme, a National Urban Livelihood Mission.

**116. Which state government would set up three pediatric centers in the state with an estimated cost of Rs 540 crore?**

- (a) Karnataka
- (b) Andhra Pradesh
- (c) Odisha
- (d) West Bengal
- (e) Tamil Nadu

**Answer: B**

The Andhra Pradesh CM Jagan Mohan Reddy decided on 7 June 2021 to set up three pediatric centers in the state with an estimated cost of Rs 540 cr.

The government has decided to set up three centers in Visakhapatnam, Tirupati, and Vijayawada-Guntur region and to shell out Rs 180 cr on each center.

The wards and pediatric centers will have state-of-art facilities for children.

**117. As per the latest census, how many double hump camels are there in the Leh district and the whole country?**

- (a) 298
- (b) 398
- (c) 498
- (d) 598
- (e) 698

**Answer: A**

Leh in Ladakh is the only place where one can see double hump camels in India.

This species of camel known as Bactrian Camel is the only living remnant of India's connection

with the famous silk route and Ladakh as the link of this ancient trade route.

As per the latest census, there are 298 Bactrian Camels in number in Leh district and the whole country.

**118. External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar is on a three day visit to which country from June 9 to June 12, 2021?**

- (a) Sweden
- (b) Kuwait
- (c) Oman
- (d) Saudi Arabia
- (e) Morocco

**Answer: B**

External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar is on a three days visit to Kuwait from 9 June 2021. He is visiting Kuwait at the invitation of the Foreign Minister and Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Sheikh (Dr.) Ahmed Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Sabah.

This is his first visit to Kuwait as External Affairs Minister.

He would hold high-level meetings there.

**119. Which company has announced to become the title partner of the London Marathon from 2022, following the race on October 3, 2021?**

- (a) Microsoft
- (b) TCS
- (c) Reliance
- (d) Adani Groups
- (e) Apple



**Answer: B**

Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) will become the title partner of the London Marathon from 2022, following the race on October 3, 2021.

It has signed a six-year partnership with the mass sporting event.

The ambition for 2021 is for 50,000 runners to take part in the mass participation event from Blackheath to The Mall, and a further 50,000 in the virtual event.

**120. Who among the following country has taken over as the Joint Secretary of Navy and Defence Staff in the Department of Military Affairs?**

- (a) Anil Puri
- (b) Kapil Mohan Dhir
- (c) Raksa Saciva
- (d) Ajay Kumar
- (e) Somnath Ghosh

**Answer: B**

Rear Admiral Kapil Mohan Dhir has taken over as the Joint Secretary (Navy and Defence Staff) in the Department of Military Affairs.

He is the first Armed Forces officer to a tenant this assignment.

He is an alumnus of National Defence Academy Khadakwasla, Pune and was commissioned into the Indian Navy on 01 Jan 1985.

He is the Senior most Serving Marine Commando (MARCOS) and has served in frontline afloat and ashore assignments including Command of the premier MARCOS establishment.

**121. June 9 marks the death anniversary of which of the following tribal freedom fighters?**

- (a) Govind Ranade
- (b) Chitranjan Das
- (c) Lakshmi Sahgal
- (d) Khudiram Bose
- (e) Birsa Munda

**Answer: E**

9 June marks the death anniversary of tribal freedom fighter Birsa Munda.

Birsa Munda had participated in anti-missionary and anti-establishment activities between 1886 and 1890 in Chaibasa.

He was arrested by the British police on 3 March 1900.

He died young, at 25, in Ranchi jail on June 9 the same year.

Jharkhand was carved out of Bihar on his birth anniversary on 15 Nov 2000.

**122. The Indian Olympic Association has announced to drop Chinese sportswear as its official kit partner. Name the sportswear brand which has been dropped by the IOA.**

- (a) Li Ning
- (b) Peak
- (c) Anta
- (d) None of these
- (e) Erike

**Answer: A**

The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has dropped Chinese sportswear maker Li Ning as its official kit partner.

Athletes Would wear unbranded apparel at the Tokyo Games instead.

Chinese companies have faced a backlash in India since 20 Indian soldiers were killed in a clash with Chinese forces in a Himalayan border dispute in 2020.

**123. Which of the following group of companies is all set to acquire bankrupt conglomerate Videocon Industries for Rs 2962 crores?**

- (a) Tata Steels
- (b) JSW Steels
- (c) Vedanta
- (d) Hindalco
- (e) SAIL

**Answer: C**

The Mumbai bench of insolvency tribunal has cleared Vedanta Group arm's resolution plan to acquire bankrupt conglomerate Videocon Industries.

The National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) has approved a bid by Twin-Star Technologies to acquire the 13 firms of Videocon Industries Ltd for Rs 2,962 crore.

Financial creditors' claims worth over Rs 61,773 crore have been admitted.

**124. Dr. Reddy's Laboratories has entered into a strategic partnership with Rockwell Industries for 500 freezers to store Sputnik V. Rockwell Industries is based in which city?**

- (a) Hyderabad
- (b) Bengaluru
- (c) Chennai

(d) New Delhi

(e) Lucknow

**Answer: A**

Dr. Reddy's Laboratories has entered into a strategic partnership with Hyderabad-based Rockwell Industries, specializing in commercial cold chain appliance manufacturing.

They will provide vaccine freezers for storing Sputnik V, the Russian-made Covid-19 vaccine. The deal has been closed to supply at least 750 Covid-19 vaccine freezers to various hospitals and institutions across the country, 500 of these being specifically for Sputnik V.

Sputnik V vaccine requires a temperature of -18°C to remain stable and potent.

**125. Roop Mallik has been elected as an associate member of the European Molecular Biology Organisation. He is a professor at which of the following IITs?**

- (a) IIT Bombay
- (b) IIT Pune
- (c) IIT Delhi
- (d) IIT Ropar
- (e) IIT Kanpur

**Answer: A**

Roop Mallik, a professor in the Department of biosciences and bioengineering at IIT Bombay, has been elected as an associate member of the European Molecular Biology Organisation (EMBO).

He is the fifth Indian scientist and the only one from IIT Bombay to join the life scientists' community.

He is the only Indian among nine associate members elected to EMBO for the year 2021.

**126. How many awards have been bagged by the Hindustan Times at the recently held International News Media Association (INMA) Global Awards 2021?**

- (a) 2
- (b) 3
- (c) 4
- (d) 5
- (e) 6

**Answer: C**

Hindustan Times (HT) Codeathon won four awards, in various segments, at the recently held International News Media Association (INMA) Global Awards 2021.

Along with the four awards, HT Codeathon also achieved an honorable mention in the Best Initiative to Register Users category.

The Hindustan Times Codeathon was launched in October 2020 in collaboration with the Delhi government.

It is a Coding Olympiad for classes 6 to 9 students that aims to emphasize the significance of coding for the younger generation, helps them to boost their critical skills, logical thinking, and also problem-solving skills.

**127. Actress Lakshmi Devy has won the prestigious Gold Remi Award for Direction at the 54th World fest Houston International Film**

**Festival. She was conferred the award for which among the following films?**

- (a) Masala Padam
- (b) Cinema Company
- (c) When the Music Changes
- (d) Nil Gavani Sellathey
- (e) Don't be Afraid

**Answer: C**

Indian American actress and filmmaker Lakshmi Devy has won the prestigious Gold Remi Award for Direction at the 54th World fest Houston International Film Festival.

She was awarded for her film "When the Music Changes".

To top this off "When the music changes" also won Best Mid Length Feature film at the New York City Independent Film Festival.

Other previous recipients of the Remy Awards include Spielberg, Lucas, Ang Lee, the Coen Brothers, Ridley Scott, John Lee Hancock, Brian de Palma, Randal Kleiser, etc.

**128. Researchers in Australia have confirmed the discovery of Australia's largest dinosaur species ever found. What is the nickname of the dinosaurs?**

- (a) Hatcher
- (b) Kelsey
- (c) Cooper
- (d) Lane
- (e) Elvis

**Answer: C**

A gigantic dinosaur discovered in Australia's outback has been identified as a new species

and recognized as one of the largest to ever roam the Earth, according to palaeontologists.

The Australian cooperensis, part of the titanosaur family that lived about 100 mn years ago, has finally been named and described 15 years after its bones were first uncovered.

It has the nickname Cooper.

It was about 80 to 100 feet long and 16 to 21 feet tall at its hip. It weighed somewhere between 25 and 81 tons.

**129. Which state government has decided to replicate the annual Bharat Ratna and Padma awards to be presented every year to one person who has made a significant contribution to society?**

- (a) Gujarat
- (b) Kerala
- (c) Andhra Pradesh
- (d) Assam
- (e) Uttarakhand

**Answer: D**

The Assam cabinet has decided to institute the 'Asom Ratna' award to be presented every year to one person who has made a significant contribution to society.

A decision in this regard was taken during a meeting of the cabinet chaired by Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma in Guwahati.

The cabinet also decided to bestow 'Asom Bibhushan' award to three people,

'Assam Bhushan' to five people and 'Asom Shree' to 10 people every year.

The awards will be accompanied by a cash reward of Rs 5 lakhs, Rs 3 lakhs, Rs 2 lakhs and Rs 1 lakh, respectively, with other benefits like free medical treatment of critical illness, free stay at Assam Bhawans, free travel on ASTC buses, among others.

**130. Which country's navy has demonstrated air-to-air refuelling operations using an unmanned aircraft ?**

- (a) Russian Navy
- (b) Indian Navy
- (c) Chinese Navy
- (d) US Navy
- (e) Japanese Navy

**Answer: D**

For the first time in history, the US Navy and Boeing have demonstrated air-to-air refuelling operations using an unmanned aircraft – the Boeing-owned MQ-25 T1 test asset – to refuel other aircraft.

The successful flight demonstrated that the MQ-25 Stingray can fulfill its tanker mission using the Navy's standard probe-and-drogue aerial refueling method.

The drone transferred 325 of the 500 pounds of fuel available during the approximately 4.5-hour test flight, Dave Bujold, Boeing's MQ-25 program director, said during a press conference.

**131. In June 2021, Union Bank of India has picked up how much percentage stakes in the National Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd?**

- (a) 10%
- (b) 12%
- (c) 6%
- (d) 9%
- (e) 8%

**Answer: D**

Union Bank of India (UBI) will pick a 9 percent stake in the National Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd (NARCL).

It has identified Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) worth Rs 7,800 crore to be transferred to the proposed bad bank for resolution.

A bad bank refers to a financial institution that takes over the bad assets of lenders and undertakes resolution.

UBI Managing Director and CEO Rajkiran Rai G said that bad loans of around Rs 2 lakh crore will be transferred to NARCL in tranches by public sector banks

**132. The Indian Mango Promotion Programme began in Bahrain on 11 June 2021. How many varieties of mangoes were displayed in the programme?**

- (a) 8
- (b) 10
- (c) 12
- (d) 14
- (e) 16

**Answer: E**

A week-long Indian Mango Promotion Programme began in Bahrain on 11 June 2021. Total 16 varieties of the Mango including three Geographical Indications certified are on display.

The mangoes were sourced from farmers in Bengal and Bihar by the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) registered exporter.

APEDA has been initiating measures to boost mango exports from the non-traditional regions and states. APEDA has been conducting virtual buyer-seller meets and festivals to promote mango exports. It recently organised mango festival in Berlin, Germany

**133. Who among the following has inaugurated the newly revamped Hardayal Municipal Heritage Public Library at Chandni Chowk in Delhi?**

- (a) Narendra Modi
- (b) Ramnath Kovind
- (c) Arvind Kejriwal
- (d) Ramesh Pokhriyal
- (e) Harsh Vardhan

**Answer: E**

Union Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan inaugurated the newly revamped Hardayal Municipal Heritage Public Library at Chandni Chowk in Delhi.

The library consists of rare collections such as the Persian Mahabharata, translated by Abul Fazl and composed in the court of Emperor Akbar.



It has also archived copies of the Delhi Gazette from 1917 till 1988.

The library has been renovated with a public investment of more than Rs 3 crores.

**134. As per the All Indian Survey of Higher Education report 2019-20, the Institutes of National Importance has increased to \_\_\_\_\_ in 2020.**

- (a) 75
- (b) 95
- (c) 110
- (d) 125
- (e) 135

**Answer: E**

The Ministry of Education has released the All Indian Survey of Higher Education (AISHE) report 2019-20.

The report revealed that the number of Institutes of National Importance has increased from 75 in 2015 to 135 in 2020.

The number of PhDs has also increased by 60 percent in the last five years.

As per the AISHE report 2018-19, BTech and MTech programmes had seen a dramatic fall.

**135. State Bank of India has launched a collateral-free loan called 'Kavach Personal Loan' of up to Rs \_\_\_\_\_ lakh at an 8.5% annual interest rate.**

- (a) 2 lakh
- (b) 3 lakh
- (c) 5 lakh
- (d) 7 lakh

(e) 7.5 lakh

**Answer: C**

The State Bank of India (SBI) has introduced a collateral-free loan called 'Kavach Personal Loan' for its customers facing financial stress due to COVID treatment-related expenditures. SBI, under the scheme, is providing collateral-free personal loans of up to Rs 5 lakh at an 8.5% annual interest rate.

It is aimed at helping customers meet medical expenses for COVID-19 treatment.

**136. As per the new rules, all restaurants and food businesses will now have to declare their 14-digit FSSAI license or registration number on cash receipts and purchase invoices. The guidelines will come into effect from \_\_\_\_\_.**

- (a) July 2021
- (b) August 2021
- (c) September 2021
- (d) October 2021
- (e) January 2022

**Answer: D**

Starting October 2021, all restaurants and food businesses will have to declare their 14-digit FSSAI license or registration number on cash receipts and purchase invoices.

This was announced by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) on June 10, 2021.

This would help customers file complaints against eateries easily in case of any irregularities.

**137. Which of the following police forces has inked a MoU with the Rashtriya Raksha University for mutual cooperation and expertise in the area of academics, research, and training?**

- (a)SSB
- (b)BSF
- (c)ITBP
- (d)NSG
- (e)Delhi Police

**Answer: E**

The Delhi Police has inked a MoU with the Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU). It has been signed for mutual cooperation and sharing of resources and expertise in the area of academics, research, and training. Both will assess and focus on specific requirements of Delhi Police and the RRU regarding training, research, and extension programs including other areas of mutual interest.

Delhi police was established in 1861.

RRU was formed in 2009. Professor Bimal N Patel is the Director of the University.

**138. Which of the following countries has scrapped the controversial social media tax in the 2021/2022 financial year budget?**

- (a)Uganda
- (b)Burundi
- (c)South Sudan
- (d)Kenya
- (e)Tanzania

**Answer: A**

Uganda has scrapped the controversial social media tax in the 2021/2022 financial year budget.

Amos Lugoloobi, Designate Minister of state for finance in charge of planning, has repealed the 200 shillings (0.05 U.S. dollars) excise duty imposed on the use of social media.

The govt has instead introduced a direct tax of 12% on airtime and mobile internet data in the East African country.

About Uganda:

Capital: Kampala

PM: Robinah Nabbanja

Currency: Shillings

**139. As per the new report by the ILO and UNICEF, the number of children in child labour has risen to \_\_\_\_\_ million worldwide.**

- (a)120 million
- (b)140 million
- (c)160 million
- (d)180 million
- (e)200 million

**Answer: C**

The number of children in child labour has risen to 160 million worldwide.

The data was given in a new report by the International Labour Organization (ILO) and UNICEF.

The report warns that progress to end child labour has stalled for the first time in 20 years, reversing the previous downward trend that saw

child labour fall by 94 million between 2000 and 2016.

About ILO:

Formed: 1919

Director general: Guy Ryder

About UNICEF:

Formed: 1946

Head: Henrietta H. Fore

Headquarters: New York

**140. Nagaland has become the \_\_\_\_\_ state in the North East to introduce the PCV for children below 5 years.**

- (a) 7th
- (b) 8th
- (c) 9th
- (d) 6th
- (e) 5th

**Answer: B**

Nagaland has introduced the Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine, PCV for children below five years of age in the state under the Universal Immunization program.

With this, Nagaland has become the 8th state in the North East to introduce the PCV for children.

The new vaccine PCV is to prevent deaths among children under five years of age against Pneumococcal disease.

**141. Which of the following countries has regained its voting rights in the United Nations General Assembly after making the minimum payment on its UN dues?**

- (a) Iran
- (b) Iraq
- (c) Israel
- (d) Kuwait
- (e) Oman

**Answer: A**

Iran regained its voting rights in the United Nations General Assembly on 11 June 2021 after making the minimum payment on its UN dues.

Iran lost its voting rights in the 193-member General Assembly in January 2021 because it was more than two years in arrears. It owed a total of more than \$65 million to the world body.

**142. Tata Consultancy Services has expanded its strategic partnership with which airline of the UK to embark on a new phase of recovery and growth?**

- (a) EasyJet
- (b) Wizz Air
- (c) Virgin Atlantic
- (d) British Airways
- (e) Ryanair

**Answer: C**

Tata Consultancy Services has announced plans to expand its partnership with Virgin Atlantic, one of the UK's leading airlines, to create innovative customer experiences.

The partnership will enhance technology operations where TCS will enable Virgin Atlantic to leverage the best of Microsoft Azure through

a series of technology and business transformation initiatives.

**143.Which state has launched special 'pink booths' to encourage the women of the state to take a shot of the coronavirus disease (Covid-19) vaccine?**

- (a)Rajasthan
- (b)Gujarat
- (c)New Delhi
- (d)Maharashtra
- (e)Uttar Pradesh

**Answer: E**

The Uttar Pradesh government has decided to launch special 'pink booths' to encourage the women of the state to take a shot of the coronavirus disease (Covid-19) vaccine.

These booths have started operating in all 75 districts of the state on 7 June 2021.

While one booth will cater to women between the age of 18 and 44, the other one to those above the age of 45.

**144.On the first Sunday in June every year, National Survivors Day is observed. In which year, the day was established?**

- (a)2003
- (b)1995
- (c)1990
- (d)1998
- (e)1987

**Answer: D**

On the first Sunday in June every year, National Cancer Survivors Day is observed in the U.S. and worldwide.

The day was established by the nonprofit National Cancer Survivors Day Foundation in 1998.

For the year 2021, the day fell on 6 June 2021.

The day is an international event to raise awareness of cancer, sufferers, and survivors.

**145.Which among the following smartphone brands has roped in Sara Ali Khan as its Chief Style Icon to promote its smartphones?**

- (a)Vivo
- (b)Redmi
- (c)Samsung
- (d)Sony
- (e)Oppo

**Answer: A**

Smartphone brand Vivo has roped in actress Sara Ali Khan as its 'Chief Style Icon' to promote its upcoming Y-series smartphones. As part of the association, Sara will be seen across the marketing campaign of upcoming stylish Y series smartphones, starting from Y73. She would also be doing a special unboxing of the Y73 phone on 10th June 2021.

About VIVO

Established: 2009

Headquarters: China

**146.Which city in Gujarat is all set to become India's first electric vehicle city?**

- (a)Ahmedabad

- (b) Surat
- (c) Vadodara
- (d) Kevadiya
- (e) Gandhinagar

**Answer: D**

Kevadiya in Gujarat is being developed as an electric vehicle city.

The town also boasts of having the 182-meter statue of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel popularly known as the Statue of Unity.

The push for EVs comes in the backdrop of the government's ₹18,100 crore production linked incentive (PLI) scheme to make lithium-ion cells, with the government looking to attract investments worth ₹45,000 cr.

**147. In June 2021, Maharashtra Government has formed a committee to study the amendments in the Banking Regulation Act and their impact on cooperative banks. Name the head of the committee.**

- (a) Hasan Mushrif
- (b) Balasaheb Patil
- (c) Balasaheb Thorat
- (d) Amit Deshmukh
- (e) Sachin Naik

**Answer: B**

Maharashtra Government has formed a committee to study the amendments in the Banking Regulation Act and its impact on the functioning of co-operative banks.

The 13-member committee, headed by Co-operation Minister Balasaheb Patil will have senior Ministers like Balasaheb Thorat, Hasan

Mushrif, Amit Deshmukh besides banking experts.

Maharashtra has about 457 urban cooperative banks that have been under the dual regulation by the State Registrar of Societies and the RBI. However, after the amendments made to The Banking Regulation Act approved by Parliament in September 2020, has brought cooperative banks under the direct supervision of the RBI.

**148. India has been elected to the United Nations Economics & Social Council (ECOSOC) for the term 2022-24 in the Asia-Pacific state category along with which country?**

- (a) Afghanistan
- (b) Kazakhstan
- (c) Oman
- (d) All of the above
- (e) Only (b) & (c)

**Answer: D**

India was elected in the Asia-Pacific States category along with Afghanistan, Kazakhstan and Oman in the elections held.

India has been elected to the UN Economic & Social Council for the term 2022-24.

The ECOSOC is at the centre of the UN development system and brings together people and issues to promote collective action for a sustainable world.

In the Economic and Social Council by-election, Greece, New Zealand and Denmark were elected for a term of office from January to December 2022 and Israel was elected for



a term of office beginning January 1, 2022 and until December 31, 2023.

**149. Which municipal corporation has announced the financial assistance of Rs 1000 for all students to buy unlimited internet packs and continuing digital learning?**

- (a) Nagpur Municipal Corporation
- (b) Thane Municipal Corporation
- (c) Navi Mumbai municipal Corporation
- (d) Pune Municipal Corporation
- (e) Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation

**Answer: C**

Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation has announced financial assistance of Rs. 1000 for all its students to buy unlimited internet packs and continue their digital learning.

The decision has been taken to lessen the parent's burden and ensure that students don't miss out on schooling due to lack of resources. The corporation has further decided to provide worksheets to the students.

**150. Reliance Foundation has donated how many All-terrain Vehicles to Mumbai Police after the approval by the Government of Maharashtra?**

- (a) 5
- (b) 7
- (c) 9
- (d) 10
- (e) 15

**Answer: D**

Aiming for a more efficient and increased patrolling across tourist places in Mumbai, the city police has received ten All-Terrain Vehicles. The ATVs were flagged by Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray and Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar in the presence of some other Ministers and senior Police Officers.

These ATVs were donated to the Mumbai Police by Reliance Foundation after due approval by the Government of Maharashtra. The petrol engine-powered ATVs are capable of reaching the speed of 50-60 kilometres per hour on sandy surfaces.

**151. Karnataka state government has decided to upgrade 149 taluks and 19 district hospitals in preparation of Covid third wave. What is the total cost of the project?**

- (a) 500 crore
- (b) 800 crore
- (c) 1000 crore
- (d) 1200 crore
- (e) 1500 crore

**Answer: E**

In Karnataka, the State Government has decided to spend 1,500 crore rupees to upgrade 149 Taluk and 19 District Hospitals in preparation for a possible COVID third wave.

The upgradation will be done within a period of three months.

AIR correspondent reports that out of 1,500 crore rupees, around 800 crore rupees will be used for infrastructure revamp and remaining

600 to 700 crore rupees will be for paying salary to the staff every year.

It is also planned to impart three months training to 10th and 12th passed students in basic life support techniques so that they can be deployed in hospitals and ambulances.

**152. On 7 June 2021, Indian Navy inducted 3 indigenously built advanced light helicopters. The 3 helicopters were built by which company?**

- (a) L&T
- (b) HAL
- (c) BHEL
- (d) MIDHANI
- (e) ISRO

**Answer: B**

The Indian Navy inducted three indigenously-built advanced light helicopters ALH MK-III that would be used for maritime reconnaissance and coastal security.

The three helicopters, made by the Centre-run Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, were inducted at the Indian Naval Station (INS) Dega, Eastern Naval Command (ENC), in Visakhapatnam.

These helicopters are fitted with modern surveillance radar and electro-optical equipment, which enable them to undertake the role of maritime reconnaissance in addition to providing long-range search and rescue, both by day and night.

In addition to special operations capabilities, ALH MK-III is also fitted with a heavy machine gun to undertake constabulary missions.

**153. Name the Olympic-bound Indian wrestler who has been provisionally suspended after failing a dope test during the recent Qualifiers in Bulgaria.**

- (a) Sumit Malik
- (b) Narsingh Pancham Yadav
- (c) Deepak Punia
- (d) Ravi Kumar Dahiya
- (e) Seema Bisla

**Answer: A**

Olympic-bound Indian wrestler Sumit Malik has been provisionally suspended after failing a dope test during the recent Qualifiers in Bulgaria, a major embarrassment for the country with just weeks left for the Games in Tokyo.

It marks the second consecutive instance of a wrestler being caught in dope net before the Olympics -- the previous being ahead of the 2016 Rio Olympics when Narsingh Pancham Yadav had failed one and was slapped with a four-year ban.

Malik, the 2018 Commonwealth Games gold-medallist, had qualified for the Tokyo Olympics in the 125kg category at the Bulgaria event which was the last chance for wrestlers to earn quotas.

**154. Virendra Nanavati has been elected as a member of the International Swimming Federation Bureau. Where is the headquarters of the Federation located?**

- (a) Switzerland
- (b) Japan

- (c)Denmark
- (d)Germany
- (e)France

**Answer: A**

Virendra Nanavati has been elected as a member of the International Swimming Federation (FINA) Bureau at the world body's General Congress held in Qatar.

Nanavati, who is currently a vice-president of Indian Olympic Association and executive director of Swimming Federation of India (SFI), is the first Indian to be elected as a Bureau member of the FINA.

He was elected for the term of 2021-2025.

He is also a former general secretary of SFI.

Headquarters of the International Swimming

Federation is located in Lausanne, Switzerland.

The current President of the Federation is

Husain Al-Musallam.

**155.Which state has launched the Knowledge Economy Mission to provide employment to the educated under a single platform?**

- (a)Tamil Nadu
- (b)Karnataka
- (c)Telangana
- (d)Kerala
- (e)Andhra Pradesh

**Answer: D**

Kerala government has launched 'Knowledge Economy Mission' to boost job prospects in the state by supporting knowledge workers.

The initiative was announced in the State Budget on June 4.

It was spearheaded by Kerala Development and Innovation Strategic Council (K-DISC) and they will submit a comprehensive project report before July 15.

For implementation and funding purposes, a knowledge economy fund will be created.

**156.The United Nations has suspended the voting rights of how many countries over delinquent dues?**

- (a)2
- (b)3
- (c)4
- (d)5
- (e)6

**Answer: D**

The United Nations has suspended the voting rights of Iran and four smaller African countries because they have not settled delinquent dues. The international body says Iran, Sao Tome and Principe, Central African Republic, Comoros and Somalia owe two years worth of dues and under the U.N. charter.

As a result of the move, Iran and the Central African Republic cannot vote in the General Assembly, the present session of which ends in September.

Iran owes more than \$16 million in dues, more than any other delinquent nation.

**157.In June 2021, NITI Aayog has released an annual plan for gradual rollout of E20 Ethanol . As per the plan, ethanol production capacity will be raised to \_\_\_\_\_ Crore litre.**

- (a) 700
- (b) 900
- (c) 1100
- (d) 1300
- (e) 1500

**Answer: E**

NITI Aayog released the annual plan for the gradual roll-out of E20 ethanol-blended petrol in the country by 2025.

Releasing the annual plan, NITI Aayog said that the achievement of the E20 blending target by 2025 will lead to immense benefits like saving Rs 30,000 crore of foreign exchange per year, energy security, lower carbon emissions, better air quality, self-reliance, use of damaged foodgrains, increasing farmers' incomes, employment generation, and greater investment opportunities.

As per the plan, the pan-India ethanol production capacity will be raised from the current 700 crore litres to 1500 crore litres. Further, a phased rollout of E10 fuel will be undertaken by April 2022.

**158. Tata Digital Ltd, a subsidiary of Tata Sons Ltd, announced to invest \_\_\_\_\_ millions in fitness start-up CureFit.**

- (a) \$ 25 million
- (b) \$ 50 million
- (c) \$ 75 million
- (d) \$ 100 million
- (e) \$ 125 million

**Answer: C**

Tata Digital Ltd, a subsidiary of Tata Sons Ltd, has agreed to invest up to \$75 million in fitness startup CureFit.

Mukesh Bansal, co-founder and chief executive officer (CEO) of CureFit Healthcare Pvt. Ltd, will continue as CEO and also take up an executive role at Tata Digital as president.

Earlier, Bansal had founded apparel and fashion website Myntra in 2007.

Tata Digital's latest investment follows its continuing investments and acquisitions in the digital space, even as the Tata group works on a super app for consumers.

**159. US president Joe Biden began his first trip abroad after becoming the President of America. He was on visit to which country?**

- (a) Japan
- (b) Australia
- (c) China
- (d) UK
- (e) Russia

**Answer: D**

US President Joe Biden began his first trip abroad after becoming the President of America.

He was on visit to Europe.

The US President will make his first stop of the trip at the seaside village of St. Ives in Cornwall where he will participate in the G7 summit.

The meeting is expected to be dominated by vaccine diplomacy, trade, climate and an

initiative for rebuilding infrastructure in the developing world.

Biden's summit with Putin on June 16 in Geneva is the capstone of the trip, an opportunity to raise US concerns directly with the Russian leader about ransomware attacks emanating from Russia, Moscow's aggression against Ukraine and a host of other issues.

**160. Union Minister Nitin Gadkari has approved 700 crores for the construction of the two-lane tunnel in which city of Uttarakhand?**

- (a) Dehradun
- (b) Mussoorie
- (c) Nainital
- (d) Haridwar
- (e) Roorkee

**Answer: B**

The Union minister for Road Transport and Highways, Nitin Gadkari announced that Rs 700 crore has been approved for constructing a two-lane tunnel in Mussoorie between the Mall Road and the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration.

The tunnel will help improve traffic regulation and make commuting more convenient in Mussoorie.

This tunnel will be 2.74 kilometres in length.

**161. Name the Father of Indian Peasant Movement whose 26th death anniversary was observed on June 9, 2021.**

- (a) Acharya NG Ranga
- (b) Vallabhbhai Patel

- (c) Aurobindo Ghosh
- (d) Subramania Bharati
- (e) Bagha Jatin

**Answer: A**

The 26<sup>th</sup> death anniversary of the "Father of the Indian Peasant Movement" Acharya NG Ranga was observed on 9 June 2021.

Gogineni Ranga Nayukulu, also known as N. G. Ranga, was an Indian freedom fighter, farmers' leader, and veteran Parliamentarian.

**162. The Telangana High court's bench strength has been increased from 24 to \_\_\_\_\_ Judges.**

- (a) 28
- (b) 32
- (c) 36
- (d) 40
- (e) 42

**Answer: E**

The bench strength of the Telangana High Court, which has over 2.3 lakh pending cases, has been increased from 24 to 42 judges.

The proposal to raise the bench strength by hiring new judges had been lying dormant with the Union government for two whole years and was revived by the Chief Justice of India (CJI) NV Ramana.

Now as per the scheme, out of 42, 28 judges would be made from bar quota and the rest 14 judges would be promoted under the service category.



**163. Dr Charu Khosla has won the prestigious Greenpreneur award 2021. She is an Assistant Dean of which university of Punjab?**

- (a) Lovely professional university
- (b) Chitkara University
- (c) Chandigarh university
- (d) Akal University
- (e) Guru Nanak Dev university

**Answer: B**

Dr. Charu Khosla, Assistant Dean, Chitkara University, Punjab, won the prestigious Greenpreneur Award 2021 organised by FICCI in association with Punjab government for exemplary work in 'Energy Management'.

The Greenpreneur Awards 2021 were organised by Startup Punjab in collaboration with Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI FLO) Amritsar to honour Punjab's finest entrepreneurs in Energy Management, Water Management, Waste and Material Productivity, and Innovative Practices in Sustainability.

FLO is the women wing of the FICCI, which has its headquarters in New Delhi, with 17 chapters covering different geographical regions of India. Dr Charu Khosla is the Founder of BB OORJA Pvt. Ltd., which has been incubated by Chitkara University.

The startup uses clean and green fuel through agro-waste management for its smokeless cooking stove, a unique product for households and hotels.

**164. The centre has approved 5MHz in 700 MHz frequency band to Indian railways for public safety and security services at the stations and in trains. What is the estimated cost of the project? (Approx.)**

- (a) 10000 crore
- (b) 15000 crore
- (c) 20000 crore
- (d) 25000 crore
- (e) 30000 crore

**Answer: D**

The Union Cabinet has approved allotment of 5 MHz spectrum in the 700 MHz frequency band to the Indian Railways, a long-standing demand of the national transporter.

This move will give a fillip to public safety and security at stations and in trains.

The idea behind spectrum allotment is to provide LTE (long-term evolution)-based mobile train radio communication on its routes.

The project will require over Rs 25,000 crore investment and be completed in 5 years.

The spectrum charges may be levied based on a formula as prescribed by DoT for royalty charges and licence fee for captive use as recommended by Trai.

**165. Haryana government has announced the setting up of a Metropolitan Development Authority for Panchkula. Which of the following cities of Haryana already have such a body?**

- (a) Ambala
- (b) Gurugram

- (c)Panchkula
- (d)Both a & b
- (e)Both b & c

**Answer: E**

Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar announced setting up of a Metropolitan Development Authority (MDA) for Panchkula, making it the third city after Gurugram and Faridabad to have such a body.

He also shared his government's plans for making Panchkula a major hub for industrial investment, tourism and adventure sports activities.

The authority, while working in coordination with other departments like Haryana Shehri Vikas Pradhikaran, HSIIDC, and Municipal Corporation would ensure the availability of infrastructure and other key facilities to the people, he said.

**166. Noted Social worker and retired professor Radhamohan passed away. He was conferred with Padma Shri award in which year?**

- (a)2016
- (b)2017
- (c)2018
- (d)2019
- (e)2020

**Answer: E**

Radha Mohan, a former Odisha information commissioner and retired professor of economics who had turned a barren patch of land into lush forest and popularised organic

farming, passed away at a private hospital in Bhubaneswar .

He was 78 and is survived by three daughters.

Last year, Radha Mohan and his conservationist daughter Sabarmatee were awarded Padma Shri in the field of agriculture for their sterling work in organic farming.

Three decades ago, the father-daughter duo started Sambhav, a resource centre for farmers where many vanishing food crops such as clove bean, jack bean, black rice and sword bean were grown through organic means.

**167. Naftali Bennett was sworn in as Israel's new Prime Minister. He succeeded whom among the following?**

- (a)Ariel Sharon
- (b)Benjamin Netanyahu
- (c)Menachem Begin
- (d)Ehud olmert
- (e)Reuven Rivlin

**Answer: B**

Naftali Bennett was sworn in as Israel's new Prime Minister, ending Benjamin Netanyahu's 12-year hold on power and the political uncertainty that gripped the Jewish nation for months after inconclusive elections.

Bennett, the 49-year-old leader of the right-wing Yamina party, took oath of office after the Knesset (Parliament) elected him as the 13th Prime Minister of Israel by approval with a razor-thin majority of 60-59 in the 120-member house.

His government has 27 ministers, nine of them women.

About Israel:

Capital: Jerusalem

President: Reuven Rivlin

Currency: Israeli new shekel

**168. India has tied up with which among the following nation as the fourth largest reserve holder in the world?**

- (a) UK
- (b) Japan
- (c) France
- (d) Russia
- (e) Germany

**Answer: D**

As per Reserve Bank of India's data, the foreign exchange reserves of India has crossed the \$600 billion mark for the first time.

The Forex reserve of India increased by USD 6.842 billion to \$605.008 billion in the week ended June 04, 2021. This is the lifetime high of India's foreign asset.

With this, India has tied with Russia as the fourth largest reserve holder in the world. The forex reserve of Russia is calculated to be \$605.2 billion.

**169. A mobile application called Namaste Yoga was organized by the Ministry of Ayush in association with which among the following?**

- (a) Parmarth Niketan Ashram
- (b) Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga
- (c) The Yoga Institute

(d) Ashtanga Yoga Research Institute

(e) Integral Yoga Institute

**Answer: B**

On June 11, 2021, a mobile application called Namaste Yoga Launched by the Ministry of Ayush.

On June 11, 2021, The Ministry of Ayush organised a curtain raiser event for the 7th International Day of Yoga, virtually.

The event was organised by the Ministry of Ayush in association with Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY).

**About Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY):**

Established : 1998

Located at : New Delhi

Officer In Charge : Dr. Ishwar V Basavaraddi

**170. 1951 Asiad medallist and 1952 Olympics marathoner Surat Singh Mathur passed away recently. He belonged to which of the following places?**

- (a) Delhi
- (b) Lucknow
- (c) Meerut
- (d) Ambala
- (e) Jaipur

**Answer: A**

India's 1951 Asian Games marathon bronze medal winner and 1952 Olympian Surat Singh Mathur Passed away.

He was 90.

Surat Singh Mathur was born in the Mohammadpur Majri village (Karala) of Delhi.

Mathur became a special coach in the Municipal Corporation of Delhi in 1977.

Mathur is the first athlete from independent India to complete an Olympic marathon race, at the 1952 Helsinki Games.

He was also a two-time National champion.

**171. Name the first Indian doctor to become DM in Neurology, who has died recently.**

- (a) Atma Ram Bansal
- (b) Praveen Gupta
- (c) Ashok Pangariya
- (d) Dinesh Nayak
- (e) Mukul Verma

**Answer: C**

On June 11, 2021, Noted neurologist and Padma Shri recipient Dr Ashok Panagariya Passed away.

He was 71.

He was the first Indian doctor to become DM in Neurology.

He was the Vice Chancellor of Rajasthan University of Health Sciences, Jaipur.

He also received the fourth highest Indian civilian award and the highest Indian award in the medical category, Padma Shri in 2014.

**172. The book titled 'Home in the World' would be published in July by Penguin Random House. Name the author of the book.**

- (a) Chetan Bhagat
- (b) Ruskin Bond
- (c) Amartya Sen
- (d) Amrita Pritam

(e) RK Narayan

**Answer: C**

One of the world's leading public intellectuals of our time, Nobel laureate Amartya Sen has penned his memoir 'Home in the World'.

The book will be published in July by Penguin Random House.

In this book, Sen shares how it was Rabindranath Tagore who gave him his name Amartya.

He also reminisces the conversations at Calcutta's famous Coffee House and at Cambridge, and Marx's, Keynes' and Arrow's ideas all of which shaped his views.

Primary Tag: Books & Authors

Secondary Tag: Outline

**173. Name the Former Indian cricketer who has released his autobiography titled 'Believe - What Life and Cricket Taught Me'.**

- (a) MS Dhoni
- (b) Sachin Tendulkar
- (c) Kapil Dev
- (d) Irfan Pathan
- (e) Suresh Raina

**Answer: E**

Former Indian batsman, Suresh Raina has released his autobiography 'Believe – What Life and Cricket Taught Me'.

The book is co-authored by Bharat Sundaresan, Suresh Raina narrated the journey he has had for India and the golden word (Believe) from Sachin Tendulkar that he etched on his arm as a tattoo.

**174. Who has chaired the Grievance Redressal Board of the recently formed Digital Publisher Content Grievances Council (DPCGC)?**

- (a) Arjan Kumar Sikri
- (b) HL Dattu
- (c) TS Thakur
- (d) Deepak Mishra
- (e) Rajendra Mal Lodha

**Answer: A**

The Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI) announced that former Supreme Court judge Justice Arjan Kumar Sikri will chair the Grievance Redressal Board of the Digital Publisher Content Grievances Council (DPCGC).

The recently formed DPCGC is backed by 14 publishers of online curated content as members.

It will function as an independent body and act as the second tier within the three-tier grievance redressal mechanism mandated in the IT (Digital Media) Rules, 2021.

**175. Novak Djokovic has claimed the 19th Grand Slam title after defeating whom among the following?**

- (a) Stefanos Tsitsipas
- (b) Roland Garros
- (c) Roger Federer
- (d) Rafael Nadal
- (e) Roy Emerson

**Answer: A**

Novak Djokovic (Serbia) defeated Stefanos Tsitsipas (Greece) to lift the French Open title. He became the first men's player in 52 years to win all four Grand Slam titles twice.

The 2021 French Open triumph is Djokovic's second Roland Garros title, the first coming in 2016. French pair Nicolas Mahut and Pierre-Hugues Herbert claimed the French Open doubles title for the second time.

It was their fifth Grand Slam title as a team.

**176. Jammu and Kashmir government has signed a memorandum of understanding with which private airline for the transportation of perishable horticulture and agricultural produce to various destinations across the country?**

- (a) SpiceJet
- (b) Vistara
- (c) TruJet
- (d) GoAir
- (e) Indigo

**Answer: D**

In a significant decision, the Jammu and Kashmir government signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with a Mumbai based private airliner, GoAir for the transportation of perishable horticulture and agricultural produce to various destinations across the country. Under the MoU, the airline will charge Rs 24, Rs 34, Rs 47, Rs 48 and Rs 50 per kg for the transportation of perishable fruit produce from Jammu and Srinagar to Delhi, Mumbai/Pune, Chennai, Kolkata and Bengaluru respectively.

The government had invited bids from airlines regarding this and GoAir was selected as it offered the lowest rates per kg for the transportation of perishable fruit produce.

**177. Hindustan Unilever Limited has appointed whom among the following to the HUL Management Committee as executive director with effect from July 1, 2021?**

- (a) Pratap Bose
- (b) Kedar Lele
- (c) Arjan Kumar
- (d) Vivek Dahiya
- (e) Suresh kumar

**Answer: B**

Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL) announced the appointment of Kedar Lele, currently chairman and managing director of Unilever Bangladesh, to the HUL Management Committee as executive director, customer development. The appointment is effective 1 July 2021.

Lele is taking over from Srinandan Sundaram who will move into his new role as executive director, foods and refreshment.

Srinandan Sundaram, currently executive director, customer development, is set to succeed Sudhir Sitapati, who quit earlier, with effect from 1 July.

Sitapati joined Hindustan Unilever as a management trainee in 1999 and managed roles across sales and marketing.

**178. Which bank has expanded its collaboration with Oracle and Infosys to provide improved customer experience through Oracle CX (Customer Experience) platform?**

- (a) RBL bank
- (b) CSB Bank
- (c) DBS Bank
- (d) Federal bank
- (e) Shivalik Mercantile bank

**Answer: D**

Federal Bank has expanded its strategic collaboration with Oracle and Infosys, to offer an enhanced customer experience through Oracle CX (Customer Experience) platform. The collaboration will focus on creating a comprehensive integrated Customer Relationship Management (CRM) solution across marketing, sales, customer service, and social listening to strengthen Federal Bank's operations, and to deliver connected, data-driven, and intelligent customer experiences across all touchpoints.

About Federal Bank

Headquarters: Aluva, Kerala

MD & CEO: Shyam Srinivasan

**179. Name the Indian-origin journalist who has won the Pulitzer Prize for exposing China's vast infrastructure for detailing Muslims.**



- (a) Shankkar Aiyer
- (b) Javed Anand
- (c) Anuraddhabhasin
- (d) Megha Rajgopalan
- (e) Shiv Aroor

**Answer: D**

Megha Rajagopalan, an Indian-origin journalist, along with two contributors, has won the Pulitzer Prize for innovative investigative reports that exposed a vast infrastructure of prisons and mass internment camps secretly built by China for detaining hundreds of thousands of Muslims in its restive Xinjiang region.

Rajagopalan from BuzzFeed News is among two Indian-origin journalists who won the US" top journalism award .

In 2017, not long after China began to detain thousands of Muslims in Xinjiang, Rajagopalan was the first to visit an internment camp — at a time when China denied that such places existed.

**180. The center has allocated how much amount for the implementation of Jal Jeevan mission to Uttar Pradesh?**

- (a) 10870 crore
- (b) 11870 crore
- (c) 12870 crore
- (d) 13870 crore
- (e) 14870 crore

**Answer: A**

The Centre has allocated Rs 10,870 crore to Uttar Pradesh under Jal Jeevan Mission in 2021-22 as the state government looks to provide 7.8 million piped water connections across 60,000 villages this year ahead of the assembly polls next year.

The central allocation for the mission has been increased to Rs 10,870.50 crore from Rs 2,571 crore last fiscal and Rs 1,206 crore in 2019-20.

**181. Which Bollywood actor has launched a new initiative named ' SAMBHAVAM' to help IAS aspirants join free coaching scholarships?**

- (a) Sonu Sood
- (b) Akshay Kumar
- (c) Aamir Khan
- (d) Ranbir Kapoor
- (e) Ranvir Singh

**Answer: A**

Bollywood Actor Sonu Sood announced 'Sambhavam', to provide free coaching scholarships for students who wish to give exams like the UPSC and join the IAS.

The 47-year-old wrote, 'Karni hai IAS ki tayyari. Hum lenge aap ki zimmedari (if you wish to prepare for IAS, we will take your responsibility.' Sonu wrote that he was 'thrilled' to announce the platform.

He also revealed that the last date to register to apply for the scholarships was June 30.

**182. With a new version of Windows scheduled for 2021, Microsoft will end support for Windows 10 by which year?**

- (a) 2022
- (b) 2023
- (c) 2024
- (d) 2025
- (e) 2026

**Answer: D**

With a new version of Windows, potentially called Windows 11, scheduled to launch by the end of this month, Microsoft has announced that support for Windows 10 will end on October 14, 2025.

Microsoft has listed the EOL (End of Life) for the Windows 10 operating system for both Home and Pro versions via its website.

It means that the latest updated version of Windows 10 will cease to be supported for updates and security as the company pushes towards its newer OS (operating systems) offerings.

**183. At the 44th GST council, the Finance Minister has announced to keep Covid vaccines in which slab rate?**

- (a) 5%
- (b) 12%
- (c) 18%
- (d) 28%
- (e) 9%

**Answer: A**

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced that Covid vaccines will continue to attract Goods and Services Tax at 5 per cent. However, medication to treat mucormycosis, widely known as black fungus, will not be taxed under the indirect tax regime.

The GST rate for Remdesivir has been reduced from earlier 12 per cent to 5 per cent.

The announcements came during the 44th GST Council meet.

**184. India's top gas importer Petronet LNG would invest how much amount over a five year period to expand business as well as infrastructure?**

- (a) 129 billion
- (b) 187 billion
- (c) 210 billion
- (d) 165 billion
- (e) 196 billion

**Answer: B**

India's top gas importer Petronet LNG will invest ₹187 billion over five years to expand infrastructure as well as business.

The company has planned a ₹67 billion budget to expand its 17.5-million-tonne per annum (mtpa) Dahej terminal on the West coast to 22.5 mtpa, building a new jetty and Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) tanks at Kochi terminal and a new terminal on the East coast. Of this, it will spend ₹44.5 billion on the Dahej terminal; ₹7 billion on the Kochi terminal, and ₹15.4 billion on the proposed East coast terminal.

It has also planned an ₹80 billion capex to set up 1,000 LNG stations over five years and ₹40 billion on setting up 100 compressed biogas plants over three years.

**185. How many Indian start-ups have been selected to undertake joint R&D and technology transfer projects under the India-Russia Joint Technology assessment and accelerated commercialization Program?**

- (a) 1
- (b) 2
- (c) 3
- (d) 4
- (e) 5

**Answer: C**

Three Indian S&T-led small-to-medium enterprises/ Start-ups have been selected to undertake joint R&D and technology transfer projects under the India-Russia Joint Technology Assessment and Accelerated Commercialization Program.

Two of the selected companies – Prantae Solutions and Jayon Implants are being funded under joint R&D Projects, and the third company, Ananya Technologies, has been funded for technology adoption from Russia.

The key aim of the project is to create and commercialize unique, innovative medical devices for patients with rheumatoid arthritis, degenerative lesions, injury, and arthrosis of the joints of the upper limbs of a person.

The India-Russia Joint Technology Assessment and Accelerated Commercialization Program was launched in July 2020 as a bilateral initiative between India and Russia to foster collaboration in Science, Technology and Innovation.

**186. ICMR is all set to start National Covid-19 serosurvey in June 2021. This will be**

\_\_\_\_\_ Serosurvey conducted by ICMR in the country.

- (a) 1st
- (b) 2nd
- (c) 3rd
- (d) 4th
- (e) 5th

**Answer: D**

The ICMR's fourth round of national-level sero survey to assess the intensity of the spread of COVID-19 in India will begin June, but all states/UTs should also be encouraged to conduct them so that information from all geographies can be collected, the Centre said.

According to the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), the sero survey will be held across 70 districts in 21 states and will include children aged 6 years and above.

**187. Which of the following rating agencies has downgraded Delhi International Airport Ltd's corporate family rating to B 1 from Ba3?**

- (a) CRISIL
- (b) ICRA
- (c) CARE

- (d) Moody  
(e) TransUnion

**Answer: D**

Moody's Investors Service has downgraded Delhi International Airport Ltd's (DIAL's) corporate family rating and senior secured ratings to B1 from Ba3.

It has also downgraded DIAL's baseline credit assessment to b1 from ba3. At the same time, Moody's has downgraded Clifton Ltd's senior secured bond rating to B1 from Ba3.

The outlook on the ratings is negative.

The rating downgrade reflects the adverse impact of reduced passenger traffic and airport revenue in the current fiscal year ending March 2022 due to a surge in daily infection numbers since late March.

**188. According to a new research, a microscopic multi-celled organism has returned to life after how many years of being frozen in Serbia?**

- (a) 10000  
(b) 12000  
(c) 18000  
(d) 20000  
(e) 24000

**Answer: E**

A microscopic animal called a bdelloid rotifer came back to life after being frozen for 24,000 years in Siberia and then successfully made clones of itself as per the Russian scientists. The research team used a drilling rig to collect core samples from Alazeya River in the Russian

arctic then used radiocarbon dating to determine that the age of the specimen was between 23,960 to 24,485 years old. They had previously identified single-celled microbes capable of similar feats.

**189. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has inaugurated 2 centers of excellence of Border Road organisation in Delhi. When was the BRO established?**

- (a) 1950  
(b) 1960  
(c) 1970  
(d) 1980  
(e) 1990

**Answer: B**

Defence Minister of India Rajnath Singh dedicated to the nation two Centres of Excellence established by Border Roads Organisation (BRO) at Seema Sadak Bhawan in New Delhi. These Centres have been established to achieve excellence in road safety as well as foster growth in the construction of roads, bridges, airfields and tunnels.

The Centre of Excellence for Road Safety & Awareness (CoERSA) strives to raise awareness about road safety

The Centre of Excellence for Roads, Bridges, Air Fields and Tunnels (CoERBAT) focuses on institutionalising the knowledge and expertise gathered over the years.

About BRO

Established 1960

Director General: Lt Rajiv Chaudhary

**190. Who has become the first woman to get a D. Litt degree from Indira Gandhi Sangeet University in the field of Kathak Dance?**

- (a) Vidhi Nagar
- (b) Sevatlana Tulasi
- (c) Malti Shyam
- (d) Sunayana Aggarwal
- (e) Sunena Gupta

**Answer: A**

Dr. Vidhi Nagar, a Kathak dance teacher from BHU's Faculty of Music and Stage Arts, has been given a D. Litt degree from Indira Gandhi Sangeet University, Khairagarh.

She is the first woman to get the D. Litt Degree in the field of Kathak.

In the year 2013, she won the Academy Award. She has also written a novel 'Kathakputli'.

**191. India's export of agriculture, Organic and Tea in the FY 2020-21 has been increased by how much percentage?**

- (a) 17.34%
- (b) 12.56%
- (c) 15.93%
- (d) 18.36%
- (e) 19.20%

**Answer: A**

After remaining stagnant for the last three years, the export of agriculture and allied products during 2020-21 grew 17.34 per cent to \$41.25 billion.

In 2017-18 and 2018-19, they hovered around \$38 billion, thereafter declining to \$35.16 billion in 2019-20.

India is seeing growth in the export of cereals, non-basmati rice, wheat, millets, maize, and other coarse grains. The largest markets for India's agricultural products are the US, China, Bangladesh, the UAE, Vietnam, Saudi Arabia, Indonesia, Nepal, Iran, and Malaysia.

**192. As per the Global Skills Report 2021, released by Coursera, India has been ranked 67th globally. Which country has topped the list?**

- (a) Luxembourg
- (b) Austria
- (c) Switzerland
- (d) Norway
- (e) Iceland

**Answer: C**

As per the 'Global Skills Report 2021' released by Coursera, India has been ranked 67th overall globally. Switzerland topped the rankings followed by Luxembourg & Austria.

The report reveals that, overall, India ranks 67th globally, with 38 percent proficiency, with mid-rankings in each domain, 55th in business and 66th in both technology and data science.

Indian learners have high proficiency in digital skills like Cloud Computing (83%) and Machine Learning (52%) & 54% in Mathematical skills. Improvement is needed in digital skills because in Data Analysis and Statistical programming, ranked only at 25% and 15% skills proficiency.

**193. Tally solution has announced the launch of what edition of MSME Honours to celebrate the diversity of change-makers in society and economy?**

- (a) 2nd
- (b) 4th
- (c) 3rd
- (d) 1st
- (e) 5th

**Answer: D**

Tally Solutions, a pioneer in the software products industry, announced the launch of the first edition of 'MSME Honours' - an initiative to celebrate the diversity of change-makers driving real impact in the society and the economy.

These honours will be given out once a year on the occasion of International MSME day (27th June) and are applicable to all types of businesses with a turnover less than 250 crores and valid GST registration.

**194. Renowned Dalit poet and activist Siddalingaiah has passed away recently. He wrote poems in which language?**

- (a) Kannada
- (b) Tamil
- (c) Malayalam
- (d) Assamese
- (e) Hindi

**Answer: A**

Renowned Kannada Dalit poet and activist Siddalingaiah passed away on, June 11.

Siddalingaiah was one of Karnataka's first prominent Dalit poets, and was one of proponents of the Dalit Bandaya literary movements.

He was also a playwright, activist and politician, and one of the founders of the Dalit Sangharsh Samithi in Karnataka.

He was a Member of Legislative Assembly in 1988, and in 2006, he became the chairperson of the Kannada Development Authority.

Siddalingaiah was known as a symbol of Kannada Dalit literature.

**195. Which of the following companies has announced the appointment of Pratap Bose as the executive Vice President & Chief Design Officer to its newly formed Global Design Organisation?**

- (a) Reliance Groups
- (b) Mahindra Group
- (c) Adani Groups
- (d) Vedanta Group
- (e) JSW Steel

**Answer: B**

The Mahindra Group announced the appointment of Pratap Bose as the Executive Vice President and Chief Design Officer to lead its newly formed Global Design

The Global Design organization will comprise of the recently announced Mahindra Advanced Design Europe (M.A.D.E), which is being set up in Coventry in the West Midlands, U.K and the existing Mahindra India Design Studio (M.I.D.S).



The Global Design Organization will harness the world-class talent pool and expand its global technology footprint.

**196. In which country, about 33000 severely malnourished children are at high risk of death, as per UNICEF?**

- (a) South Sudan
- (b) Kenya
- (c) Ethiopia
- (d) EL-Salvador
- (e) Somalia

**Answer: C**

About 33,000 severely malnourished children in the Tigray region of Ethiopia are at high risk of death, the UN children's agency UNICEF has warned.

Tigray has been devastated by fighting between government forces and rebels, with 1.7 million people displaced since the conflict began in November 2020.

According to the assessment, the food situation in the region has reached the level of a catastrophe, which it defines as starvation and death affecting small groups of people spread over large areas.

**197. Government think tank NITI Aayog has recommended the name of which bank for privatisation in the current fiscal (2021-22) as a part of Disinvestment product?**

- (a) Central Bank of India
- (b) Canara Bank
- (c) Bank of India

(d) Bank of Maharashtra

(e) Bank of Baroda

**Answer: A**

NITI Aayog has recommended divesting government stake in Central Bank of India and Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) as part of the privatisation initiative announced in the Union Budget.

As per the new PSE (Public Sector Enterprise) policy for 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat', NITI Aayog is entrusted with the task to suggest names of PSUs in strategic sectors to be merged, privatised, or made subsidiaries of other PSUs. While Central Bank and IOB have been recommended for disinvestment, Bank of India may be a potential candidate for sale.

**198. Team of Astronauts has discovered a new planet which has cooler temperature and has the possibility of having water clouds. The planet is how many light years away from the Earth?**

- (a) 100
- (b) 90
- (c) 80
- (d) 70
- (e) 60

**Answer: B**

NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory and the University of New Mexico have discovered a new planet that is three times as big as Earth.

The planet, named TOI-1231b is 90 light-years away from Earth, according to Nasa scientists.

The planet, a temperate sub-Neptune-sized body with a 24-day orbit, has a temperature similar to our Earth because the red dwarf itself is less potent, the scientists added.

The Nasa scientists anticipated that there might be clouds present high in the atmosphere

**199. Who has become the 1st Indian to qualify for the Paralympic games & has been awarded a wild card entry for the game?**

- (a) Aruna Tanwar
- (b) Latika Bhandari
- (c) Kashish Malik
- (d) Taha Bukhari
- (e) Navjeetmaan

**Answer: A**

Aruna Tanwar has become India's first-ever Taekwondo entry in the Paralympics. Tanwar has been awarded a wild card entry for the Tokyo Paralympics. Aruna is the current World No. 4 in the women's U-49 category. A five time national champion, she has finished on the podium in the last four years at both

Asian Para Taekwondo Championships and World Para Taekwondo Championships.

Tokyo Paralympics will be held from August 24 to September 5

**200. What edition of the International Level Crossing Awareness Day was observed on 10th June 2021?**

- (a) 10th
- (b) 11th
- (c) 12th
- (d) 13th
- (e) 14th

**Answer: D**

Network Rail and the International Union of Railways (UIC) are pleased to be co-organising an online international conference to launch the 13th International Level Crossing Awareness Day (ILCAD) on 10 June 2021.

This conference attracts railway industry representatives, road authorities, academics, and many others from around the world who are working to raise awareness about the dangers surrounding level crossings.

The Theme of ILCAD 2021 is "Distraction kills!"  
The slogan is distraction.

### June 3<sup>rd</sup> week Current Affairs MCQ

**1. Which state has welcomed its agricultural year through a 3-day long annual festival known as 'Raja Parba'?**

- (a) Jharkhand
- (b) Chhattisgarh

- (c) Odisha
- (d) Telangana
- (e) Assam

**Answer: C**

Raja Parba, a 3-day festival celebrating womanhood across Odisha.

This year the day is being celebrated from June 14, 2021 to June 16, 2021.

During this period, it is believed that Mother Earth menstruates and prepares herself for future agricultural activities with the arrival of monsoon. Different kinds of pithas such as 'Poda Pitha', 'Manda', 'Kakara', 'Arisha', 'Chakuli' and 'Chandrakala' have been made available on 'Pitha on Wheels' (kiosks on wheels). These vehicles selling traditional cakes have been stationed in Bhubaneswar, Cuttack and Sambalpur.

The events are conducted by the Odisha Tourism Development Corporation.

**2. Which of the following international organisations has released a handbook titled 'Estimating the burden of Foodborne Diseases: a Practical handbook for countries' to address the problem of food borne illness?**

- (a) WHO
- (b) FAO
- (c) UNICEF
- (d) UNCTAD
- (e) OECD

**Answer: A**

The World Health Organization (WHO) released a handbook to help assess the burden of foodborne diseases and locate data gaps to help strengthen health infrastructure.

The handbook aims to:

- Estimate the burden of disease for selected foodborne hazards;
- Develop a framework for routine updating of estimates and evaluation of trends;

- Provide a baseline against food safety interventions .

The WHO also organised a webinar on June 29 to discuss the details about the handbook.

About WHO:

Formed: 1948

Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland

Director General: Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus

**3. India has signed a pact with which country for developing cooperation between two countries in the area of environment?**

- (a) Nepal
- (b) Bhutan
- (c) Sri Lanka
- (d) Japan
- (e) UK

**Answer: B**

India and Bhutan have inked an MoU for developing cooperation between two countries in the area of environment.

The MoU is a platform to further enhance Indian and Bhutanese partnership and support, exchange best practices in areas like prevention of air pollution, climate change, etc.

It also provides the possibility to have joint the projects in areas of mutual interest.

About Bhutan:

Capital: Thimphu

PM: Lotay Tshering

**4. Indian sprint legend Milkha Singh passed away. How many times had he won the gold in Asian games?**

- (a) 1
- (b) 2
- (c) 3

(d)4

(e)5

**Answer: D**

Indian sprint legend Milkha Singh passed away in June 2021.

The legendary athlete was a four-time Asian Games gold medallist and 1958 Commonwealth Games champion.

His timing at the Italian capital was a national record for 38 years till Paramjeet Singh broke it in 1998.

He was honored with the Padma Shri in 1959.

He also represented India in the 1956 and 1964 Olympics.

**5. NGT has formed a committee for the rejuvenation of the Varuna and Assi rivers. The rivers are tributaries of which river?**

(a) Ganga

(b) Godavari

(c) Brahmaputra

(d) Indus

(e) Narmada

**Answer: A**

The National Green Tribunal has formed a committee for the rejuvenation of the Varuna and Assi rivers in Varanasi.

The rivers are tributaries of the river Ganga.

A bench headed by NGT Chairperson Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel constituted an independent Monitoring Committee for the purpose.

Fecal coliform bacteria count at Varun-Ganga confluence is 71 million per 100ML of water (Ganga Jal).

**6. Which among the following company has been recognized as the Global Innovation Partner of the**

**Year by Snowflake, the data cloud company on June 16, 2021?**

(a) Deloitte

(b) Accenture

(c) Wipro

(d) L&T

(e) TCS

**Answer: D**

Larsen & Toubro Infotech has been recognized as the Global Innovation Partner of the Year by Snowflake, the data cloud company.

LTI received this prestigious recognition during the Snowflake Virtual Partner Summit held on June 16, 2021.

With its automation-first approach, LTI's unique Canvas PolarSled platform provides speed, performance, and risk reduction to Snowflake customers.

About L&T Infotech

CEO: Sanjay Jalona

Headquarters: Mumbai

**7. The Centre has set a target to reduce road accident deaths by 50 percent by the year**

\_\_\_\_\_.

(a) 2023

(b) 2024

(c) 2025

(d) 2028

(e) 2030

**Answer: B**

The Centre has set a target to reduce road accident deaths by 50 percent by the year 2024.

This was announced by Minister for Road Transport and Highways and MSMEs, Nitin Gadkari while addressing a virtual session on 'Role of Corporates in Arresting Road Fatalities'.

It was organized by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) in June 2021.

The minister also emphasised the need for identification of 'black spot' in every state, district and city, and said that the World Bank and ADB have already sanctioned a scheme by which the Centre is allocating ₹14,000 crores for states, National Highways Authority of India and other stakeholders to remove black spots.

**8. Telangana government has proposed to spend \_\_\_\_\_ Crore in 2021 to replicate the Andhra Pradesh government's flagship program Nadu-Nedu.**

- (a) ₹ 1000 crore
- (b) ₹ 2000 crore
- (c) ₹ 3000 crore
- (d) ₹ 4000 crore
- (e) ₹ 4500 crore

**Answer: B**

The Telangana government has embarked on a school infrastructure development program similar to that of the Andhra Pradesh government's flagship program Nadu-Nedu.

To execute the project, the Telangana government would be utilizing the Andhra government's "Nadu-Nedu" software for developing the infrastructure.

Telangana government has proposed to spend Rs 2,000 crore in 2021 for it.

In 2019, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy launched the Nadu-Nedu programme which aims at transforming government schools into vibrant and competitive institutions.

**9. International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict is observed every year on which day?**

- (a) 15th June
- (b) 16th June
- (c) 17th June
- (d) 18th June
- (e) 19th June

**Answer: E**

International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict is observed on June 19 every year.

Its aim is to raise awareness of the need to put an end to conflict-related sexual violence.

The resolution was adopted by the UN General Assembly on June 19, 2015.

The date marks the Security Council resolution 1820 (2008), where sexual violence as a tactic of war was condemned.

**10. The United Nations Global Compact has recognized Sumant Sinha as one of the ten 2021 SDG Pioneers. He is currently the chairman & MD of which company?**

- (a) Adani electricity
- (b) Greenco
- (c) ReNew power
- (d) Tata Power
- (e) CLP India

**Answer: C**

The United Nations Global Compact has recognized Sumant Sinha as one of ten 2021 SDG Pioneers.

He is the Chairman and MD of ReNew Power.

SDG Pioneers are business leaders selected by the UN Global Compact for doing an exceptional job to advance the Sustainable Development Goals

(SDGs) through the implementation of the UN Global Compact Ten Principles.

**11. Name the British lawyer who has been sworn in as the new Chief Prosecutor at the International Criminal Court.**

- (a) Marilyn Mosbe
- (b) Karim Khan
- (c) Piotr Hofmański
- (d) Joan Donogue
- (e) Nagendra Singh

**Answer: B**

British lawyer Karim Khan has been sworn in as the new Chief Prosecutor at the International Criminal Court.

He replaces outgoing prosecutor Fatou Bensouda of Gambia.

Khan is a specialist in international criminal law and human rights law.

During a career spanning decades, he has argued in all the major international courts and conducted high-profile probes.

About International Criminal Court

Headquarters: The Hague, Netherland

President: Piotr Hofmański

**12. Which country would make a vaccine passport available from July 2021 for the country's travellers?**

- (a) Germany
- (b) USA
- (c) Japan
- (d) UK
- (e) France

**Answer: C**

Japan will make a vaccine passport available from July 2021 for Japanese travellers.

The certificate will be paper-based rather than digital and will be issued by local governments.

The passports will include information such as the holder's date of inoculation and the manufacturer of the shot they received.

They will be available both in English and Japanese.

**13. Which among the following global sports brands has extended its decade-long partnership with former cricketer Yuvraj Singh by signing him as the face of the brand?**

- (a) Puma
- (b) Nike
- (c) Adidas
- (d) ESPN
- (e) Asics

**Answer: A**

PUMA has extended its decade-long partnership with former cricketer Yuvraj Singh by signing him as the face of PUMA Motorsport in India.

With this, he also joins the brand's global league of legends like Thierry Henry, Boris Becker, and Usain Bolt.

Globally, PUMA is associated with Scuderia Ferrari, Mercedes-AMG Petronas Formula One Team, Aston Martin Red Bull Racing, BMW M Motorsport, etc.

**14. The Asian Development Bank has approved USD 250 million loans to which country to help finance reforms?**

- (a) India
- (b) Bangladesh
- (c) Nepal
- (d) Bhutan
- (e) Maldives

**Answer: B**



The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved USD 250 million loans to Bangladesh to help finance reforms.

It is aimed at improving the inclusiveness and responsiveness of the country's social development and resilience program.

The Strengthening Social Resilience Program will include institutional and policy reforms to address cross-sector issues of social development in Bangladesh.

**15. IMD, ICMR along with an NGO have launched an expert committee to eliminate Malaria in India.**

**What is the target set by the government to eliminate the disease?**

- (a) 2025
- (b) 2028
- (c) 2026
- (d) 2030
- (e) 2024

**Answer: D**

Malaria No More, a non-governmental organisation, in collaboration with the India Meteorological Department (IMD) and the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) is creating an India Interagency Expert Committee on Malaria and Climate (IEC) to explore and advance climate-based solutions for accelerating malaria elimination in India.

According to a press release, India has made steady progress towards achieving Prime Minister Narendra Modi's goal of malaria elimination by 2030.

About NGO: Malaria No More

CEO: Martin Edlund

Headquarters: Seattle, USA

**16. June 17 is observed as World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought. What is the theme of the day for the year 2021?**

- (a) Restoration, Land, Recovery
- (b) Let's Grow the Future Together
- (c) Food, Feed, Fibre
- (d) Our Land, Our Home, Our Future
- (e) Land has true Value. Invest in it.

**Answer: A**

The desertification and drought day 2021 is observed on 17 June every year. The day's focus is to turn the degraded land that has lost its natural productivity due to human activity into healthy land. The United Nations General Assembly in the early 90s decided on a resolution to observe June 17 as World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought. This year's theme is "Restoration, Land, Recovery. We build back better with healthy land".

**17. In June 2021, the US President signed a new version of the 'Atlantic Charter' with UK PM Boris Johnson. In which year, the original Atlantic Charter was signed by the two countries?**

- (a) 1951
- (b) 1941
- (c) 1939
- (d) 1956
- (e) 1948

**Answer: B**

US President Joe Biden and UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson signed an amended version of the Atlantic Charter during the G7 summit in Cornwall, England.

The original Atlantic Charter was a post-war declaration signed by former US President Franklin D. Roosevelt and former UK Prime Minister Winston Churchill in 1941 following the Declaration of St

James' Palace, the first meeting of the Allied powers during World War II in London.

It outlined the aims of the relationship between the two nations following World War II.

The amended Atlantic Charter has eight commitments looking at shared US-UK values and tackling modern day challenges.

**18. As per the SIPRI Yearbook 2021, which of the following countries are expanding their nuclear arsenals along with India?**

- (a) Russia
- (b) China
- (c) UK
- (d) Mauritius
- (e) Japan

**Answer: B**

China, Pakistan and India have 350, 165 and 156 nuclear warheads respectively as of January this year and the three countries appear to be expanding their nuclear arsenals, a study by Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) has said.

The nine nuclear armed states are: US, Russia, the U.K., France, China, India, Pakistan, Israel and North Korea.

These countries together possessed an estimated 13,080 nuclear weapons at the start of 2021.

Russia and the US together possessed over 90% of global nuclear weapons and have extensive and expensive modernisation programmes under way.

The five largest arms importers were Saudi Arabia, India, Egypt, Australia and China, which together accounted for 36% of total arms imports.

The SIPRI Yearbook is released by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)

which researches international armament and conflict.

**19. What was the theme of the UN Trade Forum 2021 took place virtually from June 14-15, 2021?**

- (a) The Green deal for Sustainable Future
- (b) Towards a green and inclusive recovery
- (c) Sustainable & Resilient Recovery
- (d) New Frontiers in the Digital Economy
- (e) Trade 2030

**Answer: B**

Union Minister for Commerce & industry Piyush Goyal represented India at the UN Trade Forum 2021 which took place virtually from June 14-15, 2021

Theme of the Forum is 'Towards a green and inclusive recovery'.

UN Trade Forum is a high level political forum of UNCTAD.

About UNCTAD:

Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland

Member Countries: 195

Secretary General: Isabelle Annie J. Durant

**20. On June 15, 2021, the government of India has extended its 4th Line of Credit worth USD 108.28 million to which among the following country for their new Parliament building?**

- (a) Romania
- (b) Algeria
- (c) Tanzania
- (d) Benin
- (e) Eswatini

**Answer: E**

Export-Import Bank of India [Exim Bank] has, on behalf of the Government of India, extended Line of

Credit of USD 108.28 million to the Government of the Kingdom of Eswatini (Swaziland) for construction of a new Parliament building in Eswatini.

The LOC Agreement to this effect was signed through exchange between Mr. Nirmal Veda, General Manager, Exim Bank, and H.E. Mr. Neal H. Rijkenberg, Hon'ble Finance Minister, Government of the Kingdom of Eswatini (Swaziland).

With the signing of the above LOC Agreement, Exim Bank, till date, has extended four (Four) Lines of Credit to the Government of the Kingdom of Eswatini (Swaziland), on behalf of the Government of India, taking the total value of LOCs extended to USD 176.58 million.

The LOCs extended to the Government of the Kingdom of Eswatini (Swaziland) cover projects in sectors including Information Technology, Disaster Management, Agriculture and Construction.

**21. How many railway stations in Kashmir are integrated with Rail Wi-Fi network?**

- (a) 10
- (b) 12
- (c) 15
- (d) 18
- (e) 19

**Answer: C**

All 15 Kashmir valley railway stations, including Srinagar, are now integrated with the 6021 station Rail Wi-Fi network.

The stations are Baramulla, Hamre, Pattan, Mazhom, Budgam, Srinagar, Pampore, Kakapora, Avantipura, Panzgam, Bijbehara, Anantnag, Sadura, Qazigund and Banihal.

The country's Wi-Fi rail network is one of the largest integrated Wi-Fi networks in the world.

**22. Which among the following states has recently announced a scheme called 'Ashirbad' to provide financial Assistance to orphans?**

- (a) Assam
- (b) West Bengal
- (c) Telangana
- (d) Odisha
- (e) Chhattisgarh

**Answer: D**

Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik has announced a special scheme to provide financial support to the orphans.

The scheme "Ashirbad", is meant to offer financial support to orphan children, who have lost both their parents, or either of the earning parents.

Under the scheme, different slabs of financial support, the maximum being Rs. 2500 per month, have been envisioned for such children.

**23. In June 2021, the government has announced to establish how many Divyangta Khel Kendras in different parts of the country?**

- (a) 3
- (b) 4
- (c) 5
- (d) 6
- (e) 8

**Answer: C**

The government has announced the establishment of five Divyangta Khel Kendras in different parts of the country.

The decision has been taken looking at the interest towards the sports among the Divyangjan and their good performance in Paralympics.

One such facility will be opened in Ahmedabad.

This was announced at the SamajikAdhikaritaShivir for the distribution of aids to Divyangjan.

**24. What edition of National Reading Day has observed in India on 19 June 2021?**

- (a) 19th
- (b) 23rd
- (c) 24th
- (d) 26th
- (e) 29th

**Answer: D**

India observed the 26th edition of National Reading Day on 19 June 2021.

It is an annual event that falls on the death anniversary of PN Panicker, the man behind the 'Library Movement in Kerala'.

The P N Panicker Foundation has been observing the national reading day, reading week, and reading month since June 19, 1996.

The motto of National Reading Day is 'Read and Grow'.

**25. Name the Indian-American chemist who has been honoured with European Inventor Award 2021 in the 'Non-European Patent Office Countries' category.**

- (a) Sumita Mitra
- (b) Asima chatterjee
- (c) Animesh chakraborty
- (d) Geeta Mittal
- (e) Akansha Arora

**Answer: A**

Indian-American chemist Sumita Mitra has been honoured with European Inventor Award 2021 in the 'Non-European Patent Office Countries' category.

She successfully integrated nanotechnology into dental materials to produce stronger and more aesthetically pleasing fillings.

The award is presented annually by the European Patent Office to recognize outstanding inventors from Europe and beyond.

She was also elected to the National Academy of Engineering in 2021 for her work and invention in nanotechnology in the dental field and was also inducted in the US National Inventor Hall of Fame.

**26. PayPoint India has signed agreements with 12 financial institutions to add lending verticals to its portfolio of services. Where is the headquarters of PayPoint located?**

- (a) New Delhi
- (b) Bengaluru
- (c) Pune
- (d) Nagpur
- (e) Mumbai

**Answer: E**

PayPoint India has signed agreements with 12 financial institutions to add lending verticals to its portfolio of services.

The Mumbai-based company has signed 'lead generation agreements' with Punjab National Bank, ICICI Bank, Deutsche Bank, and NBFCs such as Bajaj Housing, Piramal Housing, and Hero Fincorp, among others.

Ketan Doshi is the Managing Director of PayPoint India.

**27. What is the theme of International Yoga Day 2021, observed on June 21 every year?**

- (a) Connect the Youth
- (b) Yoga for well-being
- (c) Climate Action

(d) Yoga for Peace

(e) Yoga for Health

**Answer: B**

The International Yoga Day has been celebrated annually on 21 June since 2015.

The theme for International Yoga Day 2021 is 'Yoga for well-being.'

The day has been celebrated since 2015. It was first proposed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

India, along with the United Nations and WHO, is launching an app called M-Yoga aiming to provide easy access to Yogic practice.

**28. Under the IBPS scheme of the Centre, which state is the highest in the employment generation by creating 12,234 new jobs?**

(a) Tamil Nadu

(b) Kerala

(c) Gujarat

(d) Haryana

(e) Andhra Pradesh

**Answer: E**

The India Business Process Outsourcing Promotion Scheme (IBPS) launched by the Centre has facilitated expansion of several IT and BPO companies in tier-II and III cities across the country and Tamil Nadu has become the second State in new job generation.

Under the IBPS Scheme, Andhra Pradesh is the highest in employment generation by creating 12,234 new jobs followed by Tamil Nadu at 9,401 while remaining was spread across Punjab, Odisha, Maharashtra, Jharkhand and Bihar.

**29. Edtech AlmaBetter allocated how much amount to train and upskill 25000 data scientists by March 2022?**

(a) 50 lakh

(b) 1 crore

(c) 1.5 crore

(d) 2 crore

(e) 5 crore

**Answer: D**

AlmaBetter, an edtech company which focuses on community and cohort-based data science learning, has allocated ₹2 crore to train and upskill 25,000 data scientists by March 2022, and make them employment ready.

The platform provides risk-free education to upskill aspirants, making them job ready and guaranteeing placements addressing the job crunch in the space at a minimum of six lakh rupees per annum.

A certain percentage of the two crore fund will also go towards scholarships based on merit, financial aid, paraphernalia like laptops and wifi connections towards students' benefit.

**30. Who among the following has attended the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation meet in the third week of June 2021 in Dushanbe, tajikistan?**

(a) S Jaishankar

(b) Rajnath Singh

(c) Narendra Modi

(d) Ajit Doval

(e) Amit Shah

**Answer: D**

National Security Advisor Ajit Doval attended a meeting of the top security officials from the member nations of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) in Tajikistan capital Dushanbe.

Tajikistan, the current president of the SCO, is hosting the meeting of the top national security

officials of the eight-nation grouping on June 23 and 24.

Pakistani National Security Advisor Moeed Yusuf and Afghan NSA Hamdullah Mohib are among the participants at the in-person meeting that is discussing key regional security issues including the evolving situation in Afghanistan.

India and Pakistan became its permanent members in 2017.

SCO was founded at a summit in Shanghai in 2001 by the Presidents of Russia, China, Kyrgyz Republic, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.

**31. DPIIT secretary Guruprasad Mohapatra passed away in June 2021. Prior to DPIIT, He served as the chairman of which among the following organization?**

- (a) Indian Railways
- (b) Airport Authority of India
- (c) NTPC
- (d) Power Grid Corporation
- (e) India Post

**Answer: B**

Secretary in the Department of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) Guruprasad Mohapatra died of COVID-19 related complications.

Prior to taking over as DPIIT secretary in August 2019, Mohapatra served as chairman of the Airports Authority of India (AAI).

He was a Gujarat cadre 1986 batch IAS officer. He had earlier served as joint secretary in the Department of Commerce. At the state level, he held the portfolio of Municipal Commissioner in Surat, Gujarat.

**32. Which state already has a two-child norm for contesting in Panchayat polls and has planned to implement the policy for availing benefits under specific schemes funded by the state government?**

- (a) Maharashtra
- (b) Uttar Pradesh
- (c) Assam
- (d) Himachal Pradesh
- (e) Odisha

**Answer: C**

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said that the Assam government will gradually implement a two-child policy for availing benefits under specific schemes funded by the state.

The proposed population control policy will, however, not be applicable in all the schemes in Assam immediately as many of the benefits are offered by the central government, the Chief Minister said during the press conference.

Assam currently has a two-child norm along with requirements of minimum educational qualifications and functional sanitary toilets for contesting in panchayat polls as per an amendment in 2018 to the Assam Panchayat Act, 1994.

**33. Name the Rajasthan based climate activist who has won the United Nations Land for Life Award 2021.**

- (a) Shyam Sundar Jyani
- (b) Disha Rabi
- (c) Licypriya Kangujam
- (d) Sundarlal Bahuguna
- (e) Vandana Shiva

**Answer: A**

Recently, Shyam Sundar Jyani, a Rajasthan-based climate activist, has won the prestigious United



Nations' Land for Life Award for his environment conservation concept, Familial Forestry. The winner was announced on 17th June 2021 which is the World Day to Combat Familial Forestry means transferring the care of the tree and environment in the family so that a tree becomes a part of the family's consciousness. The Land for Life Award was launched in 2011 at the UNCCD. Every two years, the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) organizes the Land for Life Award.

**34. Which country has pledged to donate USD 200 million to the COVAX programme to supply the coronavirus vaccines for lower income countries?**

- (a) USA
- (b) UK
- (c) Japan
- (d) China
- (e) South Korea

**Answer: E**

South Korea has pledged to donate a total of \$200 million to the COVAX programme that is supplying coronavirus vaccines for lower-income countries, the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization (GAVI) said.

COVAX, backed by GAVI and the World Health Organization (WHO), aims to secure 2 billion vaccine doses by the end of 2021.

The Republic of Korea pledges a contribution of a total of \$100 million this year, and in 2022 another \$100 million in the form of a combination of financial and in-kind contribution.

**35. Indian-Origin Judge Mahmud Jamal became the first non-white person to be nominated to the Supreme Court of which Country?**

- (a) USA
- (b) Australia
- (c) Canada
- (d) Argentina
- (e) Brazil

**Answer: C**

Indian-origin Justice Mahmud Jamal has become the first non-white person to be nominated to the Supreme Court of Canada.

He has been elevated from the Court of Appeal for Ontario where he has served since 2019.

Justice Jamal was born in 1967 in Nairobi where his family had migrated from India a generation earlier.

**36. Kevin O'Brien recently announced his retirement from One Day International Cricket. He is the batsman of which country?**

- (a) England
- (b) West Indies
- (c) Ireland
- (d) Australia
- (e) New Zealand

**Answer: C**

Ireland all-rounder Kevin O'Brien has announced his retirement from one-day internationals.

The 37-year-old Dubliner, who remains available for Test and T20 cricket, won 153 caps in the 50-over format, scoring over 3,000 runs and taking a national record 114 wickets in the format with his lively medium pace.

He is best known for a blistering World Cup hundred that saw Ireland beat England by three wickets in Bangalore during the 2011 edition.

**37. Romania became the fourth country barred from the Tokyo Weightlifting Competition. Which among the following is one among the countries barred earlier?**

- (a) Thailand
- (b) Bulgaria
- (c) Iran
- (d) Turkey
- (e) Ukraine

**Answer: A**

Romania becomes the fourth country barred from the Tokyo weightlifting competition after Egypt, Malaysia and Thailand, which were also excluded over doping-related issues.

Another 15 countries can send only a limited number of athletes to Tokyo over past doping, including major powers Russia, Iran and Turkey.

The IWF ruling allows for Romania's suspension to be lifted four months early on Feb. 15 if the Romanian federation pays a fine of \$50,000 and no more of its athletes or staff break anti-doping rules before then.

**38. World Refugee Day is observed on 20 June every year. When was the day first observed?**

- (a) 1999
- (b) 2001
- (c) 2005
- (d) 1995
- (e) 2010

**Answer: B**

World Refugee Day is observed every year on June 20 to respect and honour the courage and resilience of refugees across the world.

The day aims to build understanding and empathy for refugees building their lives in countries new to them.

World Refugee Day was celebrated for the first time on June 20, 2001, on the 50th anniversary of the 1951 Refugee Convention.

The United Nations General Assembly officially designated June 20 as World Refugee Day in December 2000.

This year the theme for World Refugee Day is 'Together we heal, learn and shine'.

**39. Which among the following bank became a top performer among public sector lenders in terms of retail and MSME loan growth during 2020-21?**

- (a) Bank of Maharashtra
- (b) Allahabad Bank
- (c) Bandhan Bank
- (d) Indian Bank
- (e) Central bank of India

**Answer: A**

Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) has become a top performer among public sector lenders in terms of retail and MSME loan growth during 2020-21.

The Pune-based lender recorded a 35 percent growth in MSME loans at ₹23,133 crores in 2020-21.

It was followed by Indian Bank which posted a 15.22 percent growth in loan disbursement to MSMEs with aggregate loans at ₹70,180 crores at the end of March 2021.

About Bank of Maharashtra:

MD & CEO: A S Rajeev

Headquarters: Pune

**40. Name the smartphone maker company which has developed a technology that allows smartphones and other electrical devices to charge using sound.**

- (a) Redmi

- (b)Xiaomi
- (c)Vivo
- (d)Samsung
- (e)Lenovo

**Answer: B**

Chinese smartphone maker Xiaomi has developed a technology that allows smartphones and other electrical devices to charge using sound.

The patent was filed with the China National Intellectual Property Administration.

The system uses mechanisms for storing energy and a sound charger.

It converts the vibration from sound waves into the alternating current.

**41. Which among the following state government has inaugurated Minnagam, a consumer grievance redressal centre on 20 June 2021?**

- (a)Tamil Nadu
- (b)Karnataka
- (c)Kerala
- (d)Telangana
- (e)Andhra Pradesh

**Answer: A**

Tamil Nadu CM M.K.Stalin inaugurated Minnagam, a consumer grievance redressal centre in Chennai on 20 June 2021.

The consumers of electricity in the state can report their grievances to the centre through mobile phones.

The centre will be functional 24 hours, to handle complaints.

All the complaints would be passed on to the related executive engineers in the districts.

**42. Gujarat government gave its nod to the scheme related to the prevention of marine salinity from**

**entering the coastal villages of Saurashtra. What is the cost of the project?**

- (a)80 crore
- (b)96 crore
- (c)102 crore
- (d)108 crore
- (e)113 crore

**Answer: C**

The Gujarat government has given in-principle approval to a scheme worth 102 crore rupees to prevent marine salinity from entering the coastal villages of Saurashtra.

The scheme has been approved keeping in view the long-term interest of lakhs of citizens and villages in the area.

With this scheme, around 2100 hectares of land in 23 villages of Gir Somnath district will become more fertile.

**43. According to a study by IIT Indore, which among the following plants can be used in making memory chips and other storage devices?**

- (a)Cactus
- (b)Giloy
- (c)Aloe vera
- (d)Cattails
- (e)Yarrow

**Answer: C**

Aloe vera may be useful in making memory chips, according to a study by IIT Indore.

Aloe vera has an “electronic memory effect chemical”, which may be useful in making memory chips and other data storage devices.

The study was carried out by the Materials and Device (MAD) laboratory of the institution's physics department.

Synthetic chemicals are used for making memory chips currently.

**44. Which equity firm has signed definitive agreements with the Vini Cosmetics group to acquire a controlling stake in the company?**

- (a) Blackstone
- (b) KKR
- (c) TPG Capital
- (d) Carlyle Group
- (e) Apollo Global

**Answer: B**

US private equity firm KKR has signed definitive agreements with the Vini Cosmetics group to acquire a controlling stake in the company.

Vini Cosmetics makes Fogg, a brand of deodorants and other consumer brands.

KKR has invested \$625 million to acquire the stake in the group that is led by Darshan and Dipam Patel and VC firm Sequoia Capital.

**45. Name the Indian Navy's ship which has been given the 'best ship' title at the Fleet Awards Function 2021.**

- (a) Satpura
- (b) Kamorta
- (c) Kiltan
- (d) Khukri
- (e) Sahyadri

**Answer: E**

Indian Navy's Sahyadri has been given the 'best ship' title at the Fleet Awards Function 2021.

INS Kamorta has received the title of the most spirited ship.

INS Kiltan and INS Khukri won the best corvette trophy amongst corvettes and similar classes of ships.

The function was held on 19 June 2021 to mark the culmination of the Operational Cycle of the Eastern Fleet.

**46. Which country has partnered with India to launch the Hydrogen Task force under the aegis of the Strategic Clean Energy Partnership (SCEP)?**

- (a) Israel
- (b) UK
- (c) Uzbekistan
- (d) USA
- (e) Japan

**Answer: D**

A US-India hydrogen task force has been launched under the aegis of the Strategic Clean Energy Partnership (SCEP).

India and the US launched the Strategic Energy Partnership in New Delhi in April 2018.

Four working groups have been created under the Strategic Energy Partnership—oil and gas, power and energy efficiency, renewable energy, and sustainable development.

**47. Who among the following has represented India in the G20 Education Ministers meet held on 22 June 2021 under the chairmanship of Italy ?**

- (a) Ramesh Pokhriyal
- (b) Sanjay Dhotre
- (c) Harsh Vardhan
- (d) Amit Shah
- (e) Narendra Modi

**Answer: B**

Minister of State for Education, Sanjay Dhotre represented India in the G20 Education Ministers meet on 22 June 2021.

He also attended the joint meeting of G20 Ministers for Education and Labour and Employment on the same day.

The two meetings were being held in a blended mode under the Chairmanship of Italy.

India participated in virtual mode.

**48. The Bushehr nuclear power plant has undergone an unexplained temporary emergency shutdown on 19 June 2021. The plant is located in which country?**

- (a) Israel
- (b) Iran
- (c) Oman
- (d) UAE
- (e) Saudi Arabia

**Answer: B**

Iran's sole nuclear power plant has undergone an unexplained temporary emergency shutdown.

The Bushehr plant shutdown began on 19 June 2021 and will last for three to four days.

This is the first time Iran has reported an emergency shutdown of the plant.

Bushehr is fueled by uranium produced in Russia and it is monitored by the United Nations' International Atomic Energy Agency.

**49. Vedanta group has shortlisted how many start-ups from the first edition of the Vedanta Spark Initiative?**

- (a) 8
- (b) 15
- (c) 19
- (d) 21
- (e) 23

**Answer: E**

Vedanta Group has shortlisted 23 start-ups from the first edition of the Vedanta Spark initiative

The short-listed startups would get opportunities within the group to implement and demonstrate business impact and opening up revenues to win commercial orders for a potential global rollout. Vedanta Spark was launched in October 2020.

The shortlisted startups embrace Spark cognition, Machinemax, Throughput, Promethean Energy, Dimension NXG, Infrd, Zededa, MaximL, Tachyus, Neewee, SenseGiz, Guardhat, Prysmex, MicroSilicon, Detect Technologies, ExactSpace, Imagine, Algo, Affine, Safe AI, Planys, Enmovil, and Edgistify.

**50. How much amount has been approved by the BCCI Apex Council to support India's forthcoming Olympic campaign in Tokyo?**

- (a) ₹ 5 crore
- (b) ₹ 10 crore
- (c) ₹ 15 crore
- (d) ₹ 20 crore
- (e) ₹ 25 crore

**Answer: B**

BCCI Apex Council has approved up to Rs 10 crore to support India's forthcoming Olympic campaign in Tokyo.

It sanctioned the proposal in an emergent meeting after it received a request from the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

The apex council has decided to release Rs 2.5 crore liquid funds and a maximum of Rs 7.5 crore for running a promotional campaign in the lead-up to the Olympics.

**51. The World Hydrography Day has observed every year on which day?**

- (a) June 19
- (b) June 20
- (c) June 21
- (d) June 22
- (e) June 23

**Answer: C**

World Hydrography Day is observed every year on 21 June.

The theme for World Hydrography Day 2021 is 'One hundred years of international cooperation in hydrography.'

The day was approved and implemented by the International Hydrographic Organization (IHO).

The day is observed to increase awareness about the protection of safe navigation for sailors.

**52. The centre has approved a plan for restructuring of the Ordnance Factory Board into how many fully government owned corporate entities?**

- (a) 15
- (b) 9
- (c) 13
- (d) 7
- (e) 10

**Answer: D**

The Union Cabinet has approved the restructure of the British-era Ordnance Factory Board (OFB), which has 41 factories, into seven new fully government-owned corporate entities on the lines of Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSU).

The corporatisation of the ordnance factories is aimed at bringing autonomy, improving accountability and bringing efficiency.

Through these seven new entities, the existing 70,000-strong workforce of the OFB will see no change in their service conditions along with their pension, which would continue and be borne by the national government.

The 7 entities will produce ammunition and explosives, vehicles, weapons equipment, troop comfort items, parachutes and ancillary products.

About OFB:

Headquarters: Kolkata, West Bengal

Director General: CS Vishwakarma

Formed: 1775

**53. Renowned Jammu-based Islamic scholar Mufti Faiz-ul-Waheed has passed away in June 2021. He translated the Quran into which language?**

- (a) Gojri
- (b) Hindi
- (c) English
- (d) Khowar
- (e) Dogri

**Answer: A**

Renowned Jammu-based Islamic scholar Mufti Faiz-ul-Waheed, who first translated Quran into Gojri language, has passed away in Jammu.

The scholar had also authored several booklets including 'Siraj-um-Muneera', 'Ahkam-e-Mayyat' and 'Namaz Kae Masayil Quran-o-Hadees Ki Roshni Mei'.

Gojri language is spoken in Jammu and Kashmir.

**54. Which among the following IITs hosted a three-day long virtual conference of BRICS network universities in June 2021?**

- (a) IIT Pune
- (b) IIT Bombay
- (c) IIT Delhi
- (d) IIT Roorkee
- (e) IIT Kharagpur

**Answer: B**



The Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IIT Bombay) hosted a three day virtual “Conference of BRICS Network Universities”.

This conference is being held as a part of India’s Chairmanship of the 13th BRICS Summit in 2021.

The basic objective of BRICS Network University is enhancing educational cooperation in general, and especially in the realm of research and innovation.

The theme of the Conference of BRICS Network Universities is “Electric Mobility”.

Around 100 students, researchers and faculty from the BRICS Network Universities of the five-member countries will participate in the conference.

**55. The government has appointed whom among the following as a Counsellor in India’s Permanent Mission in the World Trade Organisation for three years?**

- (a) Aashish Chandorkar
- (b) Sumant Sinha
- (c) V Vaidyanath
- (d) Satya Nadella
- (e) Praveen Sinha

**Answer: A**

The government has appointed a private person Aashish Chandorkar as Counsellor in India’s Permanent Mission in the World Trade Organisation for three years.

For the first time, a private person has been appointed at the Mission.

Chandorkar is director of Smahi Foundation of Policy and Research.

About WTO:

WTO HQ: Geneva, Switzerland,

Membership: 164 member states,

Formed: 1 January 1995

**56. The Ministry of Culture has signed an MoU with the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways for cooperation in development of the National Maritime Heritage Complex at which place in Gujarat?**

- (a) Dholavira
- (b) Champaran
- (c) Lothal
- (d) Vadodara
- (e) Rajkot

**Answer: C**

Recently, the ministry signed a memorandum of understanding with the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways ‘Cooperation in Development of National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC) at Lothal, Gujarat’.

The museum will have an edutainment approach and use the latest technology.

According to the plan, the NMHC will be spread over 400 acres and will include National Maritime Heritage Museum, LightHouse Museum, Heritage Theme Park, Maritime Institute etc., which would be developed in a phased manner.

There will be pavilions to showcase the artefacts or maritime heritage of the respective states and union territories. There will be tourist facilities such as maritime themed hotels and eco-resorts.

Architect Hafeez Contractor has been selected as the Principal Project Consultant, according to media reports.

**57. TRAI has recently incorporated Telecommunication Services Interconnection Regulation 2021 in its Schedule IX by amending the Interconnection Regulations of which year?**

- (a) 1994
- (b) 2005
- (c) 2011

(d)2017

(e)2019

**Answer: D**

The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) in June released the Telecommunication (Broadcasting and Cable) Services Interconnection (Addressable Systems) (Third Amendment) Regulations, 2021 which provides a framework for technical compliance of Compliance of Conditional Access System (CAS) and Subscriber Management Systems (SMS).

The framework is incorporated as Schedule IX by amending the Interconnection Regulations, 2017.

The framework is expected to bring several important benefits to the television broadcasting sector as well as the consumers.

The operationalization and oversight of the framework shall be carried out through a Testing and Certification Agency, which shall be prescribed by the authority later.

About TRAI:

Chairman: PD vaghela

Established: 1997

**58. According to a report of the International Energy Agency, India would add 17 GW renewable capacity in 2021. How much would India add in 2022 as per the report?**

(a)18.2 GW

(b)19.3 GW

(c)19.7 GW

(d)20.1 GW

(e)20.5 GW

**Answer: B**

The International Energy Agency has forecast that India will add 17 GW renewable capacity in 2021

and 19.3 GW in 2022, with the total still under 140 GW by 2022.

As per the 'Renewable Energy Market Update: outlook for 2021 and 2022' by IEA India;s Renewable capacity additions declined by 50% in 2020 compared to 2019.

Globally in 2020, the annual renewable capacity additions increased 45% to almost 280 GW- The highest year-on-year basis since 1999.

About IEA:

Headquarters: paris, Italy

Executive director: Dr Fatih Birol

**59. On June 14, 2021, what edition of North Atlantic Treaty Organisation summit was held at Brussels in Belgium?**

(a)25th

(b)28th

(c)31st

(d)35th

(e)37th

**Answer: C**

The 2021 Brussels summit of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) was the 31st formal meeting of the heads of state and heads of government of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, held in Brussels, Belgium.

The summit of the 30-member NATO was the first for U.S. President Joe Biden after the tumultuous four years seen under his predecessor Donald Trump, who called the military alliance "obsolete." The leaders agreed on the "NATO 2030" agenda, and developed its next Strategic Concept in time for the summit in 2022.

**60. India has retained 43rd rank in the annual world Competitive Index 2021. The Index measures the**

**competitiveness and prosperity of how many nations on 4 parameters?**

- (a) 100
- (b) 85
- (c) 64
- (d) 78
- (e) 144

**Answer: C**

India maintained 43rd rank on an annual World Competitiveness Index compiled by the Institute for Management Development (IMD) that examined the impact of COVID-19 on economies around the world this year.

The 64-nation list was led by Switzerland, while Sweden has moved up to the second position (from sixth last year), Denmark has lost one place to rank third, the Netherlands has retained its fourth place and Singapore has slipped to the fifth place (from first in 2020).

Among the BRICS nations, India is ranked second after China (16), followed by Russia (45th), Brazil (57th) and South Africa (62th).

The index ranks nations by examining four factors -- economic performance, government efficiency, business efficiency, and infrastructure.

**61. On June 16, Government of India has signed a loan agreement with ADB to improve the transport connectivity and facilitate industrial development in Tamil Nadu. What is the amount of the loan?**

- (a) USD 384 million
- (b) USD 484 million
- (c) USD 584 million
- (d) USD 684 million
- (e) USD 784 million

**Answer: B**

Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Indian Government signed a \$484 million loan to improve transportation connectivity and facilitate industrial development in Tamil Nadu's Chennai–Kanyakumari Industrial Corridor (CKIC)

CKIC is a part of India's East Coast Economic Corridor (ECEC), which runs from West Bengal to Tamil Nadu and connects India to the South, Southeast, and East Asian manufacturing networks. The project will upgrade roughly 590 km of state highways in the CKIC influence areas, which span 23 of Tamil Nadu's 32 districts between Chennai and Kanyakumari.

**62. India has extended USD 100 million Line of Credit to which country for the projects related to Solar Energy Sector?**

- (a) Bangladesh
- (b) Sri Lanka
- (c) Malaysia
- (d) Nepal
- (e) Maldives

**Answer: B**

India has extended a USD 100 million Line of Credit to Sri Lanka to finance projects in the solar energy sector.

Agreement was signed between the Sri Lankan government and the Export-Import Bank of India.

This LOC will also ensure that Sri Lanka's 70 percent power requirements are fulfilled by renewable energy sources by 2030.

LOC will also finance solar energy projects in Sri Lanka, announced during the Founding Conference of International Solar Alliance (ISA) in 2018.

It includes projects like rooftop solar photo-voltaic systems for households and government buildings.

**63. As per the CII, India's GDP growth rate is set to increase at what percentage during the current fiscal year?**

- (a) 7.5%
- (b) 8.5%
- (c) 9.5%
- (d) 10.5%
- (e) 11%

**Answer: C**

As per the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), the country's gross domestic product is expected to grow at 9.5 per cent in the current financial year (FY 2021-22).

This will take the GDP to a level that is slightly higher than in FY20.

It also estimates that the Indian economy requires a Rs 3 Lakh crores fiscal stimulus including the cash transfers to households through Jan Dhan Accounts.

About CII

Chairman: TV Narendran

Established: 1895

**64. On June 16, Which company has appointed its Chief Executive Officer Satya Nadella as its Chairman?**

- (a) Amazon
- (b) Infosys
- (c) Google
- (d) Microsoft
- (e) TCS

**Answer: D**

Microsoft Corp. named Chief Executive Officer Satya Nadella as its new chairman.

Nadella took over as the software giant's CEO in 2014, succeeding Steve Ballmer.

The company also appointed former chairman John Thompson as lead independent director and declared a quarterly dividend of 56 cents per share payable.

**65. Maharashtra government has appointed whom among the following as the Brand Ambassador of Corona Vaccination Program in the Jalgaon district of Maharashtra due to his selfless service?**

- (a) Sonu Sood
- (b) Mukund Gosavi
- (c) Rajanikant Arole
- (d) Pandurang Shastri
- (e) Yashwant Ambedkar

**Answer: B**

Maharashtra govt has appointed Mukund Gosavi as brand ambassador of Corona vaccination program due to his selfless service.

Mukund Gosavi is a person with 80% disability.

However this did not stop him from helping needy people during the pandemic situation.

He arranged essential items to at least 1000 people and reduced fear among Covid positive patients by counselling them.

**66. Recently, the BCCI accepted whose plea to reduce his ban from cricket to seven years?**

- (a) Shubham Gill
- (b) S Sreesanth
- (c) Ravindra Jadeja
- (d) Ankeet Chavan
- (e) Ajit Chandila

**Answer: D**

The BCCI has finally accepted Mumbai left-arm spinner Ankeet Chavan's plea that he be allowed to play professional cricket since Board Ombudsman DK Jain has reduced his life ban to seven years.

Ankeet Chavan, one of the three Rajasthan Royals players who was banned for life for spot-fixing in 2013, can now resume competitive cricket. In 2013, the BCCI disciplinary committee had found S Sreesanth, Chavan, and Ajit Chandila guilty of spot-fixing in the IPL and had handed them life bans.

**67. Recently, GI Certified Jalgaon Bananas was exported to UAE. The Jalgaon Banana got its GI certification in which year?**

- (a) 2015
- (b) 2016
- (c) 2017
- (d) 2018
- (e) 2019

**Answer: B**

Indian exporters have shipped a consignment of fibre and mineral-rich 'Jalgaon bananas' to Dubai. The cargo of 22 tons of GI certified Jalgaon bananas was sourced from farmers of Tandalwadi village, part of Jalgaon district of Maharashtra.

In 2016, the Jalgaon banana got its GI certification, registered with Nisargraja Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Jalgaon.

India's banana export has been rising sharply because of adoption of farm practices as per the global standards.

India is the world's leading producer of bananas with a share of around 25% in total output. Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Kerala, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Madhya Pradesh contribute more than 70% of the country's banana production.

**68. Recently, the government has announced the phase implementation of mandatory hallmarking of**

**gold jewellery. It would be initially available in how many districts?**

- (a) 275
- (b) 283
- (c) 256
- (d) 230
- (e) 318

**Answer: C**

The government announced the phased implementation of mandatory hallmarking of gold jewellery with effect from June 16.

In the first phase, gold hallmarking will be available only in 256 districts and jewellers having annual turnover above Rs 40 lakh will come under its purview.

However, a certain category of jewellery and items will be exempted from the mandatory requirement of hallmarking like watches, fountain pens and special types of jewellery such as Kundan, Polki and Jadau.

**69. Who among the following has released the book titled 'Beyond Here and Other Poems', a collection of 61 poems written by senior bureaucrat**

**Bishnupada Sethi?**

- (a) Naveen Patnaik
- (b) Narendra Modi
- (c) YS Jagan Mohan Reddy
- (d) Mamta Banerjee
- (e) Yogi Adityanath

**Answer: A**

Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik released a book of poems 'Beyond Here and Other Poems' written by senior bureaucrat Bishnupada Sethi.

It is a collection of 61 poems that are a reflection of a spectrum of experiences of life, perception of death and philosophical contemplation.



The cover design of the 161-page book has been made by eminent artist Gajendra Sahu.

Sethi, Principal Secretary in the Information and Public Relations department has written several poetry and other books including 'My World of Words' and 'Beyond Feelings'.

**70. Which university along with a Pune-based organisation, Lighthouse Communities Foundation would set up centres near slum clusters to help youngsters develop skills for better employability?**

- (a) ST Stephen University
- (b) NMIMS
- (c) Integral University
- (d) Delhi Skill and Entrepreneurship University
- (e) LPU

**Answer: D**

The Delhi Skill and Entrepreneurship University (DSEU) along with a Pune-based organisation will set up centres near slum clusters here to help youngsters develop skills for better employability.

The first four centres, being called 'lighthouses', will be set up at Kalkaji, Malkaganj, Matia Mahal and Patparganj.

At these centres, urban disadvantaged youths will be trained under a sustainable livelihood programme -- 'Lighthouse: Centre for Skilling and Livelihood'.

This is being supported by the Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board.

"Through the 'lighthouse intervention', youth in low-income or slum communities will be able to make more informed life choices and acquire necessary skills for improved employability.

**71. Name the author of the book titled 'The Nutmeg's Curse: Parables for a Planet in Crisis' to be released in October 2021.**

- (a) Arundhati Roy
- (b) Shash Tharoor
- (c) Amitav Ghosh
- (d) JK Rowling
- (e) Twinkle Khanna

**Answer: C**

Jnanpith Awardee and renowned author Amitav Ghosh authored a book titled, 'The Nutmeg's Curse: Parables for a Planet in Crisis'.

It is published by John Murray.

The book talks about the history of the influence of colonialism on the world, through the story of the nutmeg.

Some of Ghosh's other notable works include the Ibis trilogy and 'The Great Derangement' among others.

**72. Recently, PM launched 'Customized Crash Course Programme for COVID-19 Frontline Workers'. The training programme would be conducted in how many training centers across 26 states?**

- (a) 151
- (b) 121
- (c) 131
- (d) 111
- (e) 101

**Answer: D**

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi launched 'Customized Crash Course programme for Covid 19 Frontline workers' via video conferencing.

The training programme would be conducted in 111 training centres spread over 26 states.



About one lakh frontline workers will be trained in this initiative.

The training will be imparted to Covid warriors in six customised job roles namely Home Care Support, Basic Care Support, Advanced Care Support, Emergency Care Support, Sample Collection Support, and Medical Equipment Support.

The Customized Crash Course programme for Covid 19 Frontline workers has been designed as a special project under the Central Component of Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana 3.0, with a total financial outlay of Rs. 276 crore.

**73. Labour Minister Santosh Gangwar has signed a Statement of Intent with which international organisation for Youth empowerment?**

- (a) UNGA
- (b) UNICEF
- (c) WTO
- (d) UNCTAD
- (e) UNSC

**Answer: B**

The Union Minister of State for Labour and Employment, Santosh Gangwar, on behalf of the Ministry of Labour and Employment, signed a Statement of Intent with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

The collaboration will facilitate direct dialogue and feedback mechanism between youth and other stakeholders including policymakers.

Gangwar also informed that the National Career Service (NCS), launched in 2015, caters to the employment and career needs of the youth.

About UNICEF:

Headquarters: New York, USA

Executive Director: Henrietta Holsman Fore

**74. Which of the following institute has signed an MOU with central Institute of Road Transport for Industry-oriented Knowledge in Transport Management?**

- (a) IIM Jodhpur
- (b) IIT Hyderabad
- (c) IIM Nagpur
- (d) IIM Indore
- (e) IIT Bhubaneswar

**Answer: C**

The Indian Institute of Management Nagpur (IIMN) signed an agreement with the Central Institute of Road Transport (CIRT) to build competencies and generate industry-oriented knowledge in transport management.

This collaboration will open new doors for development of the automobile hub of the country, particularly in the transport sector.

The coming together of these two institutions in a digitally disruptive world will play a significant role in shaping the talent by adding new-generation skills and consequently act as a catalyst for the growth of the region, as well as of Maharashtra

CIRT is a joint initiative of the Ministry of Shipping and Transport and the Association of State Road Transport Undertakings.

Established 1967

Headquarters: Pune, Maharashtra

Director: Rajendra B Saner Patil

**75. On June 16 2021, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh addressed which edition of ASEAN Defence Ministers Meeting Plus 2021?**

- (a) 4th
- (b) 6th

- (c) 8th  
(d) 10th  
(e) 12th

**Answer: C**

8th ASEAN Defence Ministers Meeting (ADMM) Plus was held on June 16, 2021.

Brunei is the Chair of the ADMM Plus forum this year.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh stressed on "peaceful resolutions of disputes through dialogue and adherence to international rules and laws."

The ADMM Plus is an annual meeting of Defence Ministers of 10 ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) countries and eight dialogue partner countries – Australia, China, India, Japan, New Zealand, Republic of Korea, Russia and the United States.

**76. Which among the following digital payment platforms has expanded its network of Bank partners by adding lenders such as SBI, IndusInd, HSBC India and Federal Bank?**

- (a) Paytm  
(b) PhonePe  
(c) RazorPay  
(d) GooglePay  
(e) Amazon Pay

**Answer: D**

Digital wallet platform Google Pay has expanded its network of bank partners offering cards tokenization on the Google Pay app and added lenders including SBI, IndusInd Bank, Federal Bank, and HSBC India. It has successfully rolled out tokenization with Kotak Mahindra, SBI Cards and Axis bank earlier.

**Tokenization is a feature that enables users to make debit or credit card payments through a secure**

**digital token attached to their phone without having to physically share their credit or debit card details**

**77. Recently, Chandrasekhar has passed away recently. He was related to which profession?**

- (a) Politician  
(b) Actor  
(c) Author  
(d) Athlete  
(e) Singer

**Answer: B**

Veteran actor Chandrashekhar, best known for featuring in films like "Cha ChaCha", and "Surang", and playing the role of Arya Sumant on the popular TV serial "Ramayan", passed away due to age-related ailments.

He was 98.

Born in Hyderabad, Chandrashekhar started out as a junior artiste in the film industry in the early 1950s, before bagging his first film in the leading role with V Shantaram's "Surang" in 1954.

**78. In June 2021, the centre has approved the 'Deep Ocean Mission to study biodiversity, impact of climate change. What is the estimated cost of the mission?**

- (a) ₹ 4077 crore  
(b) ₹ 5500 crore  
(c) ₹ 3850 crores  
(d) ₹ 2823 crore  
(e) ₹ 4950 crore

**Answer: A**

Recently, the Union Cabinet has approved the long pending Deep Ocean Mission.

The development of the mission has been going on since 2018.

It aims to study biodiversity, impact of climate change, and establish an offshore marine station to explore sources of thermal energy.

It is expected to cost Rs. 4,077 crore over the next five years.

The estimated cost for the first phase of three years (2021-2024) would be Rs. 2,823.4 crore.

The Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) will be the nodal ministry implementing this multi-institutional mission.

**79. Recently, LIC Cards has joined hands with which among the following bank to launch the contactless prepaid gift card 'Shagun' on RuPay platform?**

- (a) DBS bank
- (b) HDFC Bank
- (c) IDBI Bank
- (d) Axis Bank
- (e) ICICI Bank

**Answer: C**

LIC Cards Services Ltd (LIC CSL) has launched a contactless prepaid gift card 'Shagun' in collaboration with IDBI Bank on the RuPay platform.

Shagun card, in the initial phase, will be available to LIC and its subsidiaries for official use. The card will be used to facilitate awards and special rewards during official conferences and functions.

The Shagun gift card offers customisation in the form of flexible loading of any amount ranging from Rs 500 to Rs 10,000.

With this card, the customer can perform multiple transactions within the validity of 3 years.

**80. Which company has recently kicked off an initiative 'Report It, Don't Share It!' to keep children safe on the internet?**

- (a) Google
- (b) Facebook
- (c) Whatsapp
- (d) Twitter
- (e) Instagram

**Answer: B**

Facebook has recently (June 2021) launched an initiative named 'Report it, Don't share it!'.

It encourages users to report and not share child abuse content on its platform.

This initiative is being undertaken in collaboration with civil society organisations like Aarambh India Initiative, Cyber Peace Foundation, and Arpan.

Facebook users can report content where a child may be at risk by calling 1098 and reporting it to the Childline India Foundation.

Additionally, if the content is on Facebook's family of apps, it can be reported on fb.me/onlinechildprotection.

**81. Recently, Reserve Bank of India has allowed prepaid mobile recharge through the BBPS by adding 'mobile prepaid recharges' as a biller Category. What does "P" stand in BBPS?**

- (a) Price
- (b) Payment
- (c) Performance
- (d) Practice
- (e) Process

**Answer: B**

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) allowed prepaid mobile recharge through the Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS).

Mobile recharge through BBPS will be allowed from or before August 31, 2021.

BBPS is a RBI conceptualised ecosystem driven by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI). It offers bill payment services to consumers through network of agents/ retail shops/ bank-branches and digital channels like internet banking of banks, mobile app of banks, among others, allowing multiple payment modes like Card, UPI, AePS, wallet, cash and provides instant confirmation.

Till now, BBPS had all categories of billers which raise recurring bills, except mobile prepaid recharges, as eligible participants, on a voluntary basis.

**82. Which among the following banks has announced the launch of 'STACK for Corporates' to offer digital banking solutions for corporates and their entire ecosystem?**

- (a) RBL Bank
- (b) Federal bank
- (c) HDFC bank
- (d) Axis Bank
- (e) ICICI Bank

**Answer: E**

ICICI Bank has launched 'ICICI Stack For Corporates' to offer digital banking solutions for corporates and their entire ecosystem across 15 leading industries.

With this launch, the bank intends to become the preferred banking partner for the entire ecosystem of corporates and their stakeholders.

It is a first-of-its-kind initiative that offers a comprehensive set of 360-degree digital banking solutions for corporates and their entire ecosystem across 15 leading industries.

**83. PM Modi has virtually addressed the 5th edition of Viva Tech held in June 2021. Where did the event take place?**

- (a) New York
- (b) London
- (c) Rome
- (d) Paris
- (e) Geneva

**Answer: D**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually addressed the 5th edition of VivaTech.

VivaTech is one of the largest digital and startup events of Europe, held in Paris every year since 2016.

VivaTech is jointly organized by Publicis Groupe, a prominent advertising and marketing conglomerate, and Les Echos, a leading French media group.

PM Modi was invited as a Guest of Honour to deliver the keynote address at VivaTech 2021, which has been organised from 16-19 June 2021 in Paris.

During his address, PM Modi invited the world to invest in India based on the five pillars: Talent, Market, Capital, Eco-system and, Culture of openness.

**84. Javelin Thrower Neeraj Chopra has won the gold medal in the Meeting Cidade de in Lisbon, Portugal. He hails from which state?**

- (a) Punjab
- (b) Haryana
- (c) Rajasthan
- (d) Uttar Pradesh
- (e) Bihar

**Answer: B**

Indian Javelin Thrower Neeraj Chopra from Haryana won gold medal in the Meeting Cidade de Lisboa in

Lisbon, with a throw of 83.18 metres recorded with his sixth and last attempt.

In the field of five Portuguese competitors, 23-year-old Chopra's best throw was 83.18m, which turned out to be a gold medal-winning effort as the other competitors failed to cross the 80m mark.

Chopra's opening throw was 80.71m while his second and third attempts were no throws.

Chopra has a season-best of 88.07m recorded in March in Patiala.

Lisbon competition marked Chopra's return to foreign soil after nearly 18 months.

**85. Recently, Kenneth Kaunda passed away. He was the 1st President of Which country?**

- (a) Mozambique
- (b) Botswana
- (c) Zimbabwe
- (d) Tanzania
- (e) Zambia

**Answer: E**

Kenneth Kaunda, Zambia's founding president and a champion of African nationalism who spearheaded the fights to end white minority rule across southern Africa, has died at the age of 97.

Kaunda was a leader of the campaign that ended British colonial rule and he became Zambia's first democratically elected president in 1964.

He led the country, which became a one-party state, until 1991 when he was defeated in an election following the introduction of multiparty politics.

**86. World Crocodile Day is annually observed on 17th June across the globe. How many species of crocodile exist in the world?**

- (a) 20
- (b) 22

(c) 24

(d) 26

(e) 28

**Answer: C**

World Crocodile Day is celebrated on 17th June.

The day is a global awareness campaign to highlight the plight of endangered crocodiles and alligators around the world.

The crocodile Research Coalition in collaboration with the Belize Zoo observed the first crocodile day in 2017.

There are 24 different species of crocodile in the world.

Philippines crocodile and Chinese alligators are on critically endangered list.

Mugger or Marsh crocodiles, Gharial and estuarine or saltwater crocodiles are found in India.

**87. When is the International Picnic day observed across the globe?**

- (a) June 15
- (b) June 16
- (c) June 17
- (d) June 18
- (e) June 19

**Answer: D**

International Picnic Day is celebrated every year on June 18 to encourage everyone to go out and spend an amazingly easy and stress-free day with their loved ones.

It is believed that this type of informal outdoor meal became a popular pastime in France after the French Revolution in the mid-1800s.

**88. Which among the following country has become the world's first mask-free country in the Corona period?**

- (a)UK
- (b)Israel
- (c)USA
- (d)Bhutan
- (e)Italy

**Answer: B**

Israel was the first country to remove the mandatory face mask rule as it declared itself as COVID-free in April.

Israel's 70% of the population has been vaccinated.

The country reported no new COVID-19 cases since April 24 as the lockdown measures curbed the infection.

Here the rule of applying masks in closed places will end from June 15.

This was announced by Israel's Health Minister Yuli Edelstein.

**89. In June, 2021, Who among the following has been re-elected as Chairman of the industry association Cellular Operators' Association of India (COAI)?**

- (a)Ajai Puri
- (b)Rakesh asthana
- (c)Somen Banerjee
- (d)Promod Mittal
- (e)Sanchit Nandella

**Answer: A**

Chief Operating Officer of Bharti Airtel, Ajai Puri has been re-elected as Chairman of the industry association for 2021-22.

Announcing the leadership for 2021-22, Cellular Operators' Association of India (COAI) said that Pramod Kumar Mittal, President of Reliance Jio Infocomm, will continue as Vice Chairman of the association.

About COAI

Headquarters: New Delhi;

Founded: 1995

**90. Name the Maha Vir Chakra awardee for gallantry in the 1965 Indo-Pak war, who has passed away recently.**

- (a)Sameer Nigam
- (b)Rakesh Asthana
- (c)Raghubir Singh
- (d)Anmol Gupta
- (e)Mukund Gosavi

**Answer: C**

Mahavir Chakra recipient legendary veteran, Brigadier Raghubir Singh has passed away.

He was commissioned on 18 Apr 1943 into the Sawaiman Guards as a Second Lieutenant and fought a number of wars including the second world war.

For this gallant act, the then President of India, Dr S Radhakrishnan, honoured Lieutenant Colonel (later Brigadier) Raghubir Singh with Maha Vir Chakra, the second-highest gallantry award in the country.

He also participated in the Burma war in 1944 and went to Japan to fight.

Thereafter, he fought in the Indo Pak war of 1947-48 in the Uri sector immediately after independence.

**91. In June 2021, which state government has launched e-Pathshala and e-Mulyankan platforms for the students of the state?**

- (a)Odisha
- (b)Andhra Pradesh
- (c)Uttar Pradesh
- (d)Uttarakhand
- (e)Himachal Pradesh

**Answer: A**



Recently, Odisha government launched e-Pathshala and e-Mulyankan initiatives for students of the state.

These on-line platforms will benefit college students, academics and district training officers (DEOs).

The e-Pathshala is a web-based studying platform that has repositories of e-contents within the type of paperwork, audios and movies.

The e-Mulyankan platform is designed to behave as a digital bank of practice tests and model questions for the students to apply for exams. The teachers can conduct exams, mock examinations and closing examinations by the e-Mulyankan platform.

**92. Which among the following companies has joined hands with NABARD for the implementation of its 'Employability through Skill Initiative Project (ESIP) Phase II?**

- (a) Adani Enterprise
- (b) Tata Steel
- (c) JSW Steel
- (d) Ambuja Cement
- (e) Reliance Group

**Answer: D**

Ambuja Cement Foundation has joined hands with National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) for implementation of its employability through skill initiative project's second phase.

The foundation received grant assistance from NABARD under the Gramya Vikas Nidhi, a fund created for the development of off-farm sector activities.

The project will provide skill training across 19 locations for two years in 12 trades. It has already reached over 4,000 youth despite the pandemic.

**93. Recently, which among the following company has got the approval from regulator IRDAI to undertake insurance broking?**

- (a) Policybazaar
- (b) Etmoney
- (c) Growup
- (d) Radar Bazaar
- (e) None of these

**Answer: A**

Policybazaar has got approval from regulator IRDAI to undertake insurance broking, a development that will help the company augment business and expand its bouquet of services.

With this development, the company will surrender its web aggregator licence to the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) and undertake business including insurance aggregation under the broking umbrella.

The broking licence will allow the company to venture into segments which it could not do in the past like claims assistance, offline services, and establish Points of Presence network.

About Policybazaar

CEO: Yashish Dahiya

Founded: June 2008

HQ: Gurugram, Haryana

**94. Startup WeInnovate Biosolutions has launched the alcohol free, non-toxic sanitisers. The startup is based in which city?**

- (a) Delhi
- (b) Pune
- (c) Indore
- (d) Ahmedabad
- (e) Surat

**Answer: B**

Pune based start-up, WelInnovateBiosolutions, has developed the hand sanitiser that prolongs antimicrobial activity. Alcohol-free, aqueous, non-inflammable and non-toxic hand sanitiser developed from silver nanoparticles will be available in the market soon.

Central Drugs Standards Control Organisation (CDSCO) has approved a clinical trial for the hand sanitizer and demonstrated high efficiency in killing viruses.

**95. Recently, which country has authorised the use of Johnson and Johnson single dose vaccine for emergency use in the country?**

- (a) India
- (b) Pakistan
- (c) Nepal
- (d) Bangladesh
- (e) Singapore

**Answer: D**

The government of Bangladesh has authorised Johnson and Johnson single dose COVID vaccine for emergency use in the country.

Johnson and Johnson had received the approval of the World Health Organisation (WHO) in March this year.

Johnson and Johnson is the sixth COVID 19 vaccine which has been approved for emergency use in Bangladesh.

Earlier, Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) has been provided to CoronaVac produced by the Chinese Company Sinovac, Pfizer mRNA, Covishield produced by the Serum Institute of India, Russian produced Sputnik V vaccine and Sinopharm produced by the Beijing Institute of Biological products.

**96. Dr. Tadang Mini became the first Indian woman to be the Coaches Committee of the International Boxing Association. She hails from which state?**

- (a) Arunachal Pradesh
- (b) Sikkim
- (c) Assam
- (d) Meghalaya
- (e) Manipur

**Answer: A**

Dr. Tadang Minu based in Arunachal Pradesh has been appointed to the Coaches Committee of the International Boxing Association (AIBA), the parent body for boxing in the world.

She is the first woman in the country and the second Indian to be appointed as a member of AIBA.

She is also the president of the Arunachal Amateur Boxing Association (AABA).

**97. Name the app launched by Telangana Government for AI startups to solve tough business problems.**

- (a) ProbUp
- (b) Tackle Up
- (c) FreeUp
- (d) Revv Up
- (e) Clear Up

**Answer: D**

As part of the Year of AI 2020 initiative, the Telangana government launched the Telangana Artificial Intelligence Mission (TAIM) accelerator programme Revv Up, which is exclusively designed for growth-stage artificial intelligence (AI) startups. The vision of T-AIM is to develop Telangana as a global hub for AI startups. Revv Up, which will begin its first cohort in July.

**98. Which state's sports department became the first department of the country to launch a special mobile app for the sports department as well as the sportsperson?**

- (a) Haryana
- (b) Gujarat
- (c) Punjab
- (d) Rajasthan
- (e) Assam

**Answer: C**

Punjab Sports and Youth Services Minister Rana Gurmit Singh Sodhi launched a special Mobile App "Khedo Punjab" for putting the Sports Department and all the Sports persons of State of Punjab on Digital platform.

Rana Sodhi informed that this is the first time in the history of the Sports Department that the department has launched a mobile app.

He said that with the launch of Mobile App, the current sports persons and the budding players will be in a position to register online and can choose any game of their interest besides identifying their International, National and State goals, which will finally help in building competitive enthusiasm. Further the financial and administrative control will also become easy through this digital platform.

**99. Which of the following UT/State government has decided to double the district Capex Budget for the current fiscal year?**

- (a) Jammu & Kashmir
- (b) Ladakh
- (c) Tamil Nadu
- (d) Kerala
- (e) Puducherry

**Answer: A**

In a historic decision, Jammu and Kashmir government has more than doubled District Capex Budget for the current fiscal.

It has allocated over 12,600 crore rupees, which is more than double compared to the previous year's budget of 5134 crore rupees.

The District Capex Budget has been doubled for the equitable development of Jammu & Kashmir with active involvement of Panchayats, BDCs and DDCs. The District Capex Budget for all 20 districts was approved during a high-level meeting chaired by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha in Srinagar.

**100. Which of the following UT has planned to launch a network of community radios by early 2022?**

- (a) J&K
- (b) Puducherry
- (c) Ladakh
- (d) Daman & Diu
- (e) Puducherry

**Answer: C**

Ladakh Union Territory administration is planning to launch a network of Community Radios by early 2022.

The network would have a central studio and 48 transmission locations with priority to connect the unconnected areas of the region.

**101. As per the new income tax rules, what is the deadline to link PAN with Aadhaar card?**

- (a) June 30, 2021
- (b) September 30, 2021
- (c) October 31, 2021
- (d) December 31, 2021
- (e) March 31, 2022

**Answer: A**

The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) had recently extended the deadline to link Permanent Account Number (PAN) with Aadhaar number to June 30, 2021, due to the difficulties posed by the ongoing Covid pandemic.

The previous deadline for linking PAN card with Aadhaar was March 31, 2021, end of the current financial year.

The PAN cards which are not linked to Aadhaar would become useless and declared "inoperative" and the KYC status will also become invalid.

According to the IT Department, if you do not link your PAN to Aadhaar, then it would become invalid under Section-139AA of the Income Tax Act.

And once it becomes invalid, you would not even be able to file ITR online and your tax refund may get stuck.

**102. Which among the following state has given its nod to transfer Rs 2000 each to the bank account of all the Building and Other Construction Workers?**

- (a) Assam
- (b) Nagaland
- (c) Manipur
- (d) Arunachal Pradesh
- (e) Sikkim

**Answer: B**

Nagaland Government has announced the approval for transfer of 2,000 rupees each to the bank accounts of all the Building and Other Construction Workers.

The amount will be debited from the state's Cess Fund.

There has been a huge displacement of daily wage workers taking place all over the country, especially the construction workers owing to the present pandemic situation and the continuing lockdown,

Therefore, the State Government will be depositing an amount of 2,000 rupees each to the beneficiaries registered under the State Labour Department.

The Department said, all technical details of the beneficiaries have been worked out and transfer of the benefit will be done through Direct Bank Transfer.

**103. Which among the following Union ministers has launched "Jaan Hai To Jahaan Hai" awareness campaign?**

- (a) Narendra Modi
- (b) Piyush Goyal
- (c) Sanjay Dhotre
- (d) Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi
- (e) Amit Shah

**Answer: D**

Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi will begin a pan-India campaign "Jaan Hai To Jahan Hai" to tackle concerns and myths about the COVID-19 vaccine from June 21.

Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi will launch an awareness campaign for coronavirus vaccination "Jaan Hai To Jahan Hai" from Uttar Pradesh's Rampur district. "Jaan Hai To Jahan Hai" campaign will start from June 21 in rural areas across the country to create awareness about coronavirus vaccination and prevent apprehensions and rumours.

**104. As per the Ease of Living Index 2020 released by the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE), which city has been named as the most liveable city of India?**

- (a) Chennai
- (b) New Delhi
- (c) Mumbai
- (d) Bengaluru

(e) Shimla

**Answer: D**

Solution:

Bengaluru has been named as the most liveable city of India, in the Ease of Living Index 2020, released by the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE).

The Ease of Living Index 2020 is part of the report titled State of India's Environment 2021.

Bengaluru is followed by Chennai, Shimla, Bhubaneswar, and Mumbai, as the top five best cities respectively

The report focused on four parameters to determine the ease of living index score of each city, which are: quality of life, economic ability, sustainability and citizens' perceptions.

Each city was rated out of 100 in all parameters.

The Ease of Living Index 2020 is the second edition of the index after the first one was launched in 2018.

**105. Which country in association with India has jointly launched a hydrogen task force under the strategic clean energy partnership?**

- (a) Russia
- (b) USA
- (c) Germany
- (d) China
- (e) Australia

**Answer: B**

The United States Department of Energy (DOE), India's Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) and the US India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) have jointly launched a US-India Hydrogen Task Force. This is under the US-India Strategic Clean Energy Partnership (SCEP).

The formation of this task force was first announced in April 2021 by US Deputy Secretary of Energy, David M Turk.

The Hydrogen Task Force will be organized into a Steering Committee at the Government level, an Industry council, and working groups or subcommittees in identified priority areas.

The focus will be on strengthening cooperation on hydrogen between industry and institutions from both countries.

**106. When is the World Music Day observed every year to honour the musicians and singers for the gift of music?**

- (a) 19 June
- (b) 17 June
- (c) 21 June
- (d) 18 June
- (e) 22 June

**Answer: C**

World Music Day is celebrated on June 21 every year to honour the musicians and singers for the gift of music, which gives flight to the imagination and life to everything.

World Music Day was first celebrated in the year 1982 on Solstice in France.

The day is also known as Fête de la Musique in Paris,

More than 120 countries celebrate World Music Day and organise free public concerts in parks, stadiums and public places.

Music lovers organise different musical concerts and events on this special day.

**107. Which state government has signed an MoU with the Survey of India for implementing the Svamitva Scheme in the state?**

- (a) Odisha
- (b) Uttar Pradesh

- (c) Assam
- (d) Uttarakhand
- (e) Bihar

**Answer: C**

The Assam government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Survey of India for implementing the Svamitva scheme in the state, which aims to provide an integrated property validation solution for rural areas.

The MoU was signed between Assam, Director of Land Records and Surveys, Shantanu P Gotmare and Director Assam and Nagaland, Survey of India. Survey of India, as the technology partner, will take steps for survey of inhabited rural land by drone as well as establishment of ground based control stations to enable a detailed spatial database of properties in rural areas.

It is expected to reduce property related disputes in rural areas and legal cases.

The Svamitva scheme was launched on a pilot basis on April 24, 2020, on the occasion of National Panchayati Raj Day, and was rolled out across India on April 24 this year.

**108. Recently, the Reserve Bank of India has imposed a penalty of 23 lakhs on 3 cooperative banks. Which of the following is not one among them?**

- (a) Mogaveera Cooperative Bank
- (b) M Visvesvaraya Cooperative bank
- (c) Indapur Urban Cooperative Bank
- (d) Baramati Sahakari Cooperative Bank
- (e) None of the above

**Answer: B**

The RBI imposed penalties of Rs 23 lakh on three cooperative banks, including Mogaveera Co-

operative Bank Limited, Mumbai, for contravention of various norms.

A penalty of Rs 12 lakh has been imposed on Mogaveera Co-operative Bank Limited, Rs 10 lakh on Indapur Urban Cooperative Bank, and Rs 1 lakh on The Baramati Sahakari Bank Limited, Baramati. In each case, the RBI added that the penalty was imposed due to deficiencies in regulatory compliance, and is not intended to pronounce upon the validity of any transaction or agreement entered into by the bank with its customers.

**109. Ebrahim Raisi has recently secured the landslide victory in which country's presidential election?**

- (a) Iran
- (b) Iraq
- (c) Kuwait
- (d) Kazakhstan
- (e) Uzbekistan

**Answer: A**

Iran's hard-line judiciary chief won the country's presidential election in a landslide victory on June 19

Sayyid Ebrahim Raisol-Sadati, commonly known as Ebrahim Raisi, is an Iranian conservative and principlist politician and Muslim jurist who is the president-elect of Iran, having been elected in the 2021 Iranian presidential election.

He is Chief Justice of Iran from 2019.

Appointed by Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei to the high-profile job of judiciary chief in 2019, Raisi was placed under U.S. sanctions a few months later over human rights violations.

About Iran

Capital: Tehran

Currency: Iranian rial



**110. The world's third largest diamond weighing more than 1,000 carats have been discovered in which among the following country?**

- (a) Zambia
- (b) Botswana
- (c) Lesotho
- (d) Mozambique
- (e) Nigeria

**Answer: B**

A huge diamond weighing more than 1,000 carats, which could be the third-largest mined in history, has been discovered in the southern African country of Botswana.

The high-quality gemstone weighing 1,098.3 carats was unearthed earlier this month in the Jwaneng mine owned by Debswana, the mining company jointly owned by the Botswana government and the De Beers Group.

It is the third largest in the world, behind the 3,106-carat Cullinan found in South Africa in 1905 and the 1,109-carat Lesedi La Rona discovered in Botswana in 2015.

About Botswana

Capital: Gaborone

President: Mokgweetsi Masisi

Currency: Botswana pula

**111. Which among the following Telecom operators has announced a strategic partnership with Tata Group for implementing a 5G network solution for India?**

- (a) Jio
- (b) Airtel
- (c) Vodafone
- (d) BSNL
- (e) Idea Cellular

**Answer: B**

Bharti Airtel and Tata Group announced a strategic partnership for implementing 5G network solutions for India.

Based on open radio access network (ORAN) technology, the plan is to roll out the solution initially for India and subsequently for exports.

Bharti Airtel has roped in Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) for its system integration capability.

The ORAN technology requires expertise in integration of disparate elements of hardware and software based on an open source technology.

This will be available for commercial development starting January 2022.

**112. In June 2021, which country's military has successfully tested an airborne high power laser that can shoot down drones?**

- (a) Israel
- (b) Iran
- (c) France
- (d) China
- (e) Russia

**Answer: A**

The Israeli military has successfully tested an airborne high-power laser that can shoot down drones.

Israel is among the first countries to use such capabilities

A prototype, developed with Elbit Systems, was mounted on a civilian plane and successfully shot down "several" drones in a recent test over the Mediterranean Sea, according to Brig. Gen. Yaniv Rotem, head of military research and development at the Defense Ministry.

As per the Defence Ministry, the weapon will have a range of 8-10 km and will be operational by 2025.

**113. Recently, Muthoot Fincorp has picked up how many stakes in the Hyderabad based fintech startup Paymatrix?**

- (a) 49%
- (b) 51%
- (c) 54%
- (d) 65%
- (e) 73%

**Answer: C**

Gold loan company Muthoot Fincorp has picked up 54% stake in Hyderabad-based rental collection startup Paymatrix by buying out existing investors as part of its added focus on the digital payments segment.

The investment in Paymatrix will help the company to extend its existing lending business by giving us a competitive edge in terms of expanding product offerings.

Paymatrix was set up in 2016 with a vision to streamline property rent payments and rent collections for tenants and landlords.

It was incubated by IIT Hyderabad along with the Paypal accelerator program.

**114. Which private sector lender has announced its collaboration with SWIFT to offer instant facility for cross border inward remittances?**

- (a) HDFC Bank
- (b) ICICI Bank
- (c) Axis Bank
- (d) Federal Bank
- (e) RBL Bank

**Answer: B**

ICICI Bank announced that it has tied up with SWIFT to offer instant facility for cross-border inward remittances.

This facility will help overseas partner banks to send instant remittances on behalf of their customers to the beneficiary in India.

The service that offers instant credit works by connecting 'SWIFT gpi', the high-speed cross-border rails with a real-time domestic payments infrastructure.

The solution makes the cross-border personal remittances up to Rs 2 lakh coming into India, transparent, reliable and instant.

**115. Recently, the government eased the listing norms for the companies which have a market capitalization of more than \_\_\_\_\_ at the time of listing.**

- (a) 1 lakh crore
- (b) 2 lakh crore
- (c) 3 lakh crore
- (d) 5 lakh crore
- (e) 7.5 lakh crore

**Answer: A**

Companies that have a market capitalisation of more than Rs 1 lakh crore at the time of listing can now sell just five per cent of their shares, with the latest amendment in rules, a move that would be beneficial for the government during the proposed initial public offer of LIC.

Such entities will be required to increase its public shareholding to 10 per cent in two years and raise the same to at least 25 per cent within five years.

The Department of Economic Affairs under the finance ministry has amended the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Rules.

**116. Who among the following became the 12th woman officer to be inducted as a fighter pilot in IAF from Jammu & Kashmir?**

- (a) Bhawana Kanth
- (b) Mohana Singh
- (c) Mawya Sudan
- (d) Avani Chaturvedi
- (e) Shivika Khurana

**Answer: C**

Bringing laurels to Jammu and Kashmir, Flying Officer Mawya Sudan has become the first woman from the state to be inducted as a fighter pilot in the Indian Air Force.

She is the 12th female fighter pilot in the Air Force.

Mawya Sudan, 24, belongs to Lamberi village near the Line of Control (LoC) in Rajouri district of Jammu division.

She was commissioned as a fighter pilot on 19 June at the Airforce Academy in Hyderabad during the Combined Graduation parade ceremony.

Chief of the Air Force Air Marshal RKS Bhaduria was the Chief Guest and Reviewing Officer of the Combined Graduation Parade.

**117. According to the UN report, India has received USD 64 billion in FDI in 2020. India is the \_\_\_\_\_ largest recipient of inflows in the world.**

- (a) 2nd
- (b) 3rd
- (c) 4th
- (d) 5th
- (e) 6th

**Answer: D**

India received \$64 billion foreign direct investment (FDI) in 2020. According to a United Nations report, India has become the fifth largest country in the world in terms of foreign investment.

The second wave of the Covid-19 affected the overall economic activity in the country, but its strong fundamentals provided optimism in the medium term.

The World Investment Report 2021, released by the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), said that global FDI flows have been badly hit by the pandemic and plunged by 35% in 2020 to \$1 trillion from \$1.5 trillion the previous year.

**118. Who among the following has won the parliamentary elections in Armenia with 53.92 percent votes?**

- (a) Robert Kocharyan
- (b) Nikol Pashinyan
- (c) Armen Sargysyan
- (d) Levon Kocharyan
- (e) Artur Vanetsyan

**Answer: B**

The party of Armenia's acting PM Nikol Pashinyan has won the parliamentary elections.

Preliminary results from all 2,008 polling stations give the Civil Contract party 53.92% votes.

The opposition Armenia alliance led by ex-President Robert Kocharyan is a distant second with 21%.

The election is being monitored by experts from the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe.

The vote was called after Armenia's defeat in a war with Azerbaijan over the disputed Nagorno-Karabakh region.

The region is internationally recognised as part of Azerbaijan.

**119. Which company has set to acquire the 1200 MW Essar Power's Mahan Project, located at Singrauli district of Madhya Pradesh?**

- (a) Adani Power
- (b) Reliance Group
- (c) GreenCo
- (d) Hindustan Powers
- (e) GN Power

**Answer: A**

Adani Power Limited (APL), will acquire the 1,200 megawatt (MW) Essar Power's Mahan Project located at Singrauli district of Madhya Pradesh. Essar Power's Mahan power plant supplies power through the Mahan-Sipat transmission line and is also connected with a railway siding 18 km away from the plant for the supply of coal and other raw materials.

According to industry sources, Adani Power will shell out close to Rs 3,000 crore for the Mahan Project.

**120. On June 20, 2021, Union Minister Harsh Vardhan released a book titled 'My Joys and My Sorrows-as a Mother of a Special Child'. The book has written by whom among the following?**

- (a) Kamala Das
- (b) Anita Nair
- (c) Manju Kapoor
- (d) N Sehgal
- (e) Krishna Saxena

**Answer: E**

Dr. Harsh Vardhan released 'My Joys and Sorrows-as a Mother of a Special Child' written by Dr. Krishna Saksena in New Delhi on June 20, 2021.

As the title suggests, the book is about the challenges of being a mother to a special-needs child.

The book is the epitome of the bravery and endurance of a mother, in the best tradition of Indian motherhood.

Dr Krishna Saxena has been a teacher by vocation. She was the first woman to get the PHD Degree from Lucknow University in 1955.

**121. Which of the following states has launched a scheme called Mukhya Mantri Udyami Yojana to give 10 Lakh loan for business startups of Youth and Women?**

- (a) Uttarakhand
- (b) Uttar Pradesh
- (c) New Delhi
- (d) Bihar
- (e) Rajasthan

**Answer: D**

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has launched two ambitious schemes christened as the 'Mukhya Mantri Yuva Udyaymi Yojna' and the 'Mukhya Mantri Mahila Udyami Yojana'.

Both the schemes launched to promote entrepreneurship among youth and women of all sections under the state's Mukhaya Mantri Udyami Yojana scheme.

Youth and Women-irrespective of caste and creed, wishing to start entrepreneurship, will get a loan of Rs 10 lakh, in which Rs 5 lakh would be a grant from the state government and the rest Rs 5 lakh will come as a loan, refundable in 84 instalments.

**122. Whole Time Director, Ananta Barua's tenure has been extended by 2 years. He is the Whole**

**Time Member of which of the following organisations?**

- (a) DCM
- (b) SEBI
- (c) NABARD
- (d) IFCI
- (e) NFL

**Answer: B**

The Centre has extended the tenure of appointment of Ananta Barua as Whole-time Member (WTM) of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) for a period of two years beyond July 31

He was appointed as SEBI Whole-time Member in June 2018 for a period of three years.

He is a Commerce Graduate with LL.B from University of Delhi. He also holds a Diploma in Management.

Prior to SEBI, he was on deputation to Central Bank of Bahrain as Legal Adviser and has also worked with Industrial Finance Corporation of India (IFCI), National Fertilizers Ltd. (NFL) and DCM Ltd..

**123.K.K. Shailajahas bagged the prestigious 2021 Central European University (CEU) Open Society Prize. She is the former health minister of which state?**

- (a) Telangana
- (b) Karnataka
- (c) Madhya Pradesh
- (d) Tamil Nadu
- (e) Kerala

**Answer: E**

The Central European University (CEU) Open Society Prize for 2021 has been awarded to KK Shailaja, the former Health Minister of Kerala.

The award was presented to her in recognition of “her determined leadership and community-based public health work, saving lives during the pandemic”.

She demonstrates to the world that determined leadership, community-based public health and effective communication can save lives.

The CEU' Open Society Prize is awarded annually to an individual or organisation “whose achievements have contributed substantially to the creation of an open society”.

**124.Recently, the Union Cabinet has approved the Inland Vessel Bill 2021. It replaced which bill?**

- (a) Inland Vessels Act, 1917
- (b) Inland Vessels Act, 1919
- (c) Inland Vessels Act, 1921
- (d) Inland Vessels Act, 1916
- (e) Inland Vessels Act, 1915

**Answer: A**

The Union Cabinet approved the Inland Vessel Bill 2021 that will streamline and regulate inland vessels running in the country.

The Inland Vessels Bill 2021 will replace Inland Vessels Act, 1917.

The Inland Vessel Bill, 2021 will promote economical and safe transportation as well as trade through inland waterways.

The Bill will make provisions for safe navigation, protection of cargo, and prevent pollution caused during the use of inland vessels, he added.

**125.V Kanagaraj has been appointed as the chairman of Andhra Pradesh Police Complaints Authority. He is a former judge of which High Court?**

- (a) Andhra Pradesh High Court
- (b) Allahabad High Court

(c) Bombay High Court

(d) Madras High Court

(e) Calcutta High Court

**Answer: D**

Retired Madras High Court judge V Kanagaraj has been appointed as the Chairman of the Andhra Pradesh Police Complaints Authority (PCA).

The tenure of Justice Kanagaraj will be three years from the date of assuming charge.

The appointment of Justice Kanagaraj as the PCA chairman comes more than an year after his appointment as the State Election Commission (SEC) by the YS Jagan Mohan Reddy government was struck down by the AP High Court in May 2020.

**126. According to a study conducted by Tata Memorial Centre, India has spent how much amount on Oral Cancer Treatment in the year 2020?**

(a) 2386 cr

(b) 4386 cr

(c) 1386 cr

(d) 3386 cr

(e) 5386 cr

**Answer: A**

India spent approximately Rs 2,386 crore in 2020 on oral cancer treatment, according to a study conducted by the Mumbai-based Tata Memorial Centre (TMC).

The amount is paid for by insurance schemes, government and private sector, spending out of pocket payments and charitable donations or a combination of these.

This is a significant portion of the healthcare budget allocation the government made in 2019-20, towards a single disease.

Without any inflation in costs, this will result in an economic burden on the country of Rs 23,724 crore over the next ten years.

**127. Who among the following has been named as a member of the High-Level Advisory Group on sustainable and Inclusive Recovery Growth formed by the World Bank and IMF?**

(a) Montek Singh Ahluwalia

(b) Raghuran Rajan

(c) Nirmala Sitharaman

(d) Shaktikanta Das

(e) Geeta Gopinath

**Answer: A**

Montek Singh Ahluwalia has been named as a member of a High-Level Advisory Group (HLAG) formed by the World Bank and International Monetary Fund (IMF) amid the dual crisis posed by climate change and the COVID-19 pandemic. Montek Singh Ahluwalia is a distinguished fellow at the Centre for Social and Economic Progress (CSEP) and former Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission of India.

He earlier served as the first Director of the Independent Evaluation Office at the International Monetary Fund in 2001.

The High-Level Advisory Group was formed by the World Bank Group and IMF on June 15 to overcome challenges arising due to climate change and the COVID-19 pandemic.

The group will be jointly led by Mari Pangestu, World Bank's Managing Director for Development Policy and Partnerships, Lord Nicholas Stern of the London School of Economics and Ceyla Pazarbasioglu, IMF's Director, Strategy, Policy and Review Department.



**128. Election Commission of India has come out with an 'Atlas on General Elections 2019'. The atlas includes how many thematic maps?**

- (a) 42
- (b) 35
- (c) 50
- (d) 65
- (e) 72

**Answer: A**

The Election Commission of India on June 15, 2021, released 'General Elections 2019: An Atlas'.

Chief Election Commissioner Sushil Chandra along with Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar and Election Commissioner Anup Chandra Pandey released the Atlas.

The Atlas comprises all statistical figures and data of the General Elections 2019. It consists of 90 tables and 42 thematic maps depicting various facets of the elections. The Atlas also gives away interesting anecdotes, facts, and legal provisions regarding Indian elections.

The Atlas will also compare the average number of electors per polling station in different states during the 2014 and 2019 General Elections.

**129. India has conducted a joint naval exercise at the Indian Ocean under the motive 'Free and Open Indo-Pacific' with which country?**

- (a) UK
- (b) Japan
- (c) Indonesia
- (d) Sri Lanka
- (e) Australia

**Answer: B**

Ships of the Indian Navy and Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF) participated in a joint

naval exercise at the Indian Ocean to realize "Free and Open Indo-Pacific (FOIP).

Naval cooperation between India and Japan has increased in scope and complexity over the years.

**130. Which of the following IT major has joined the World Economic Forum's Partnership for New Work Standards initiative?**

- (a) Wipro
- (b) Accenture
- (c) TCS
- (d) Microsoft
- (e) Infosys

**Answer: A**

Digital transformation major Wipro has joined the World Economic Forum's Partnership for New Work Standards initiative to establish a healthy, resilient and equitable future of work.

The initiative aims to co-create new frameworks, shape forward-thinking people policies, and utilise tools and technologies to collectively build human-first work standards with people at the heart of business.

The company is also undertaking initiatives to support and equip its people with dedicated programs for physical, social, financial and mental well-being.

About Wipro:

Headquarters: Bengaluru

Established: 1945

**131. On June 18, 2021, Who among the following was elected as the Secretary General of United Nations from January 1, 2022?**

- (a) Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala
- (b) Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus
- (c) Antonio Guterres

- (d) Volkan Bozkir  
 (e) Audrey Azoulay

**Answer: C**

Antonio Guterres was re-elected as the United Nations Secretary General for a second five-year term.

The term will begin on January 1, 2022. He was appointed as the UN chief by the 193-member United Nations General Assembly.

President of the 75th session of the UN General Assembly Volkan Bozkir announced his appointment.

Guterres, 72, started his first term in 2017, becoming the ninth UN chief since the international body's founding in 1945.

About UN:

Established: 1945

Headquarters: New York, USA

**132. Researchers from India and which other country have developed a new improved imaging method to make a clear image of objects in fog?**

- (a) France  
 (b) Germany  
 (c) USA  
 (d) China  
 (e) Japan

**Answer: A**

Researchers from Raman Research Institute (RRI), Space Applications Centre, Shiv Nadar University in Gautam Buddha Nagar and Université Rennes & Université Paris-Saclay of France have modulated light source and demodulated them at the observer's end to achieve sharper images.

With this technique, imaging of objects during foggy weather may now be clearer, as this method can improve images captured on foggy days.

This technique involves modulation of light source and demodulation at the observer's end.

**133. Name the Formula One Champion who has got out of coma after 6 years recently.**

- (a) Pierre Gasly  
 (b) Michael Schumacher  
 (c) Nicholas Latifi  
 (d) George Russell  
 (e) Esteban Ocon

**Answer: B**

Formula 1 legend Michael Schumacher is reportedly conscious and has been discharged from the Hospital in Paris after experimental treatment, according to French media reports.

He was placed under a medically induced coma after a head injury.

Michael Schumacher and Lewis Hamilton hold the record for the most World Driver's Championship with 7 championships.

He belonged to notable teams like Jordan, Benetton, Ferrari, Mercedes.

**134. Indonesian player and an olympic double gold medallist Markis Kido passed away recently. He was related to which sport?**

- (a) Badminton  
 (b) Football  
 (c) Tennis  
 (d) Basketball  
 (e) Archery

**Answer: A**

Indonesian badminton player Markis Kido, an Olympic doubles gold medallist, has died aged 36

from a heart attack, the Badminton World Federation (BWF) said .

The doubles specialist won gold at the 2008 Beijing Olympics partnering Hendra Setiawan, a year after the pair won the men's doubles title at the world championship in Kuala Lumpur.

He also won the World Cup title in 2006 and Asian Games gold four years later, also partnering Setiawan.

**135. Which Bank has entered into an MoU with The National Small Industries Corporation Ltd to support MSMEs with credit requirements?**

- (a) Bank of India
- (b) Union Bank of India
- (c) Central Bank of India
- (d) Bank of Baroda
- (e) State Bank of India

**Answer: B**

Union Bank of India has entered into an MOU with the National Small Industries Corporation Ltd under "NSIC Bank Credit Facilitation Scheme" to support MSMEs with credit requirements.

Under the arrangement, the MSME Unit can approach any of NSIC branch offices which are also operating as Finance Facilitation Centre (FFC) and submit their request for loan requirements from Union Bank of India.

About Union Bank

Headquarters; Mumbai, Maharashtra

MD & CEO: Rajkiran Rai

**136. Which bank has launched a health insurance policy to cover the uncertainties posed by the COVID-19 pandemics?**

- (a) Bank of Maharashtra

- (b) Karnataka Bank
- (c) Corporation Bank
- (d) Allahabad Bank
- (e) DCB Bank

**Answer: B**

Karnataka Bank recently launched a special health insurance policy to cover the uncertainties posed by COVID-19.

At a nominal premium of ₹ 399, inclusive of all taxes, one can avail oneself of health cover for COVID-19 under this policy.

The policy will cover in-patient hospital expenses up to ₹ 3 lakh, out-patient treatment expenses of ₹ 3,000 and will also provide ₹ 1,000 per day towards expenses incurred on 14 days of quarantine at a government or military hospital.

The policy will be valid for 120 days.

**137. Facebook has acquired mapping start-up Mapillary as part of an effort to take on Apple and Google at mapping the world at ground level. Mapillary is based in which country?**

- (a) Sweden
- (b) Germany
- (c) Canada
- (d) Australia
- (e) Japan

**Answer: A**

Facebook has acquired Swedish mapping start-up Mapillary as part of an effort to take on Apple and Google at mapping the world at ground level.

Mapillary is a Swedish start-up that uses software to tell what is in photos taken at ground level.

The company then lets other map builders use this street-level data to improve their own maps.

Mapillary's street-level data could help Facebook to bolster the maps it offers through its platforms by making them more accurate.

The terms of the deal with Facebook were not disclosed.

**138. Which of the following IITs has been planned to produce 25,000 N95 and N99 grade face masks per day to fight the COVID-19 pandemic?**

- (a) IIT Madras
- (b) IIT Kanpur
- (c) IIT Bombay
- (d) IIT Pune
- (e) IIT Kharagpur

**Answer: B**

Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kanpur is going to produce 25 thousand N95 and N99 grade face masks per day to contribute to the country's collective effort to fight the COVID-19 pandemic. This is a first-of-its-kind initiative by any IIT or a Technology Business Incubator of an academic institution of India.

The production capacity is soon going to increase to 30 thousand masks per day.

Masks will be manufactured in the premises of IIT Kanpur's business incubator by a company E-Spin Nanotech in collaboration with Indeema Fibres. The company will be manufacturing both N95 and N99 masks.

The production line is completely automated to prevent contamination during manufacturing and to assure the public of a safe product.

**139. Recently, the Reserve Bank of India has given an in-principle approval to which of the following to set up a Small Finance Bank?**

- (a) None of these

- (b) Deloitte
- (c) Lincoln International
- (d) Centrum Financial Services
- (e) HDFC Asset Management

**Answer: D**

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has given "in-principle" approval to Centrum Financial Services Ltd (CFSL) to set up a small finance bank (SFB), which will take over the debt ridden Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative Bank (PMC Bank).

Jaspal Bindra-led CFSL, and its partner BharatPe, a payments system company, will infuse Rs 1,800 crore into the small finance bank.

It will take 120 days to commence operations.

This 'in-principle' approval has been accorded in specific pursuance to the Centrum Financial Services Limited's offer dated February 1, 2021

**140. US president Joe Biden has signed a bill for establishing which day as Juneteenth National Independence day?**

- (a) 17 June
- (b) 18 June
- (c) 19 June
- (d) 20 June
- (e) 21 June

**Answer: C**

President Joe Biden has signed a bill establishing Juneteenth, the date commemorating the end of slavery in the United States, as a federal holiday. Biden, in what he called "one of the greatest honors" of his presidency, signed the bill two days before Juneteenth itself, which is on June 19 each year. Juneteenth National Independence Day will become the 12th legal public holiday.

Juneteenth celebrates the emancipation of the last enslaved African Americans.

**141. Recently, Maharashtra celebrated 'Zenda Satyagraha' at the South Central Zonal Cultural Centre in which city?**

- (a) Pune
- (b) Nagpur
- (c) Mumbai
- (d) Nashik
- (e) Aurangabad

**Answer: B**

In Maharashtra, a programme called 'Zenda Satyagraha' was organized at the South Central Zonal Cultural Center-SCZCC in Nagpur.

The programme was organised under 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' being celebrated all over the country.

**142. In which of the following states/UTs the first-ever -10-meter shooting range was inaugurated in June 2021?**

- (a) Himachal Pradesh
- (b) Jammu & Kashmir
- (c) Ladakh
- (d) Uttarakhand
- (e) Meghalaya

**Answer: B**

In Jammu & Kashmir the first-ever -10-meter shooting range was inaugurated at Youth Hostel in Srinagar.

The shooting range has all the modern equipment for 10 meter air rifle and 10 meter air pistol events.

A first of its kind basic training camp will be started within a few days for students and the shooting range shall be utilised for the upliftment of this spot.

**143. How many Indian peacekeepers has been serving with the United Nations Mission in South Sudan received medals for recognition from the UN force Commander in Bor in June 2021?**

- (a) 103
- (b) 120
- (c) 135
- (d) 140
- (e) 155

**Answer: C**

On June 14, the United Nations awarded 135 Indian soldiers currently on UN Duty as peacekeepers.

These soldiers are often called the Blue Berets.

They were awarded for their dedicated service towards their outstanding performance in Jonglei State and the Greater Pibor Administrative Area.

The medal ceremony took place in Bor, South Sudan.

The ceremony was presided over by Lt Gen Shailesh Tinaikar, UN Force Commander, who is also an Indian Army Officer.

Apart from the Indian troops, 103 Sri Lankan Blue berets were also awarded the medal.

**144. Name the Indian woman, who clinched the gold in the 10-meter air pistol para women event at the World Shooting Para Sport Cup in Peru on 16th June 2021.**

- (a) Sakshi Malik
- (b) Heena Sidhu
- (c) Avani Lekhara
- (d) Rubina Francis
- (e) Pooja Agarwal

**Answer: D**

Madhya Pradesh shooter Rubina Francis has set a world record and won herself the gold in the 10-

metre air pistol para women event at World shooting Para Sport Cup in Peru.

Rubina, 21, scored 238.1 points and beat the world record of AysegulPehlivanlar of Turkey, also securing the Paralympic quota for India at the Tokyo games this year.

Rubina has won more than 15 medals in national and international events.

**145.Name the Indian woman cricketer who has broken the record for the highest individual score on Test Debut.**

- (a)Chanderkantha Kaul
- (b)Shafali Verma
- (c)Runa Basu
- (d)Gargi Banerjee
- (e)Nilima Jogalekar

**Answer: B**

Opener Shafali Verma has broken the record for the highest individual score by an Indian woman cricketer on Test debut. Shafali hit 96 on her Test debut against England Women at the County Ground in Bristol on 17 June'21.

Shafali broke the record of Chanderkanta Kaul who had scored 75 on her Test debut.

She also became the first Indian women cricketer to hit a six on Test debut. It was only the second six hit by an Indian woman in Test cricket.

**146.Which of the following bank has announced a Rs 15 crore to support the Dabbawalas in Mumbai, who are without work due to Covid-19?**

- (a)DBS Bank
- (b)Bank of Maharashtra
- (c)SBI
- (d)HSBC Bank
- (e)ICICI Bank

**Answer: D**

HSBC has announced a grant worth Rs 15 crore to support the dabbawalas of Mumbai, who have been out of work since the COVID-19 pandemic began in 2020.

The financial assistance will include help on food security, life insurance, education support for their families, and new bicycles once lockdowns are lifted, as per the HSBC statement.

With no earnings over the past 14 months, dabbawalas are in a financial crisis and it has been difficult for them to feed their families.

**147.On June 17, 2021 which state government has announced one time financial assistance of Rs 5000 each to small shopkeepers, construction workers, auto rickshaw drivers and unorganised labourers in the state?**

- (a)Gujarat
- (b)Haryana
- (c)Punjab
- (d)Rajasthan
- (e)Uttar Pradesh

**Answer: B**

The Haryana government announced one-time financial assistance of Rs 5,000 each to small shopkeepers, construction workers, auto-rickshaw drivers and unorganised labourers in the state

The chief minister also added that a financial package of Rs 5,000 each will be given to 12 lakh families who are engaged in the unorganised sector such as construction workers and auto-rickshaw drivers.

This package is worth Rs 600 crore.

Moreover, the state government announced Rs 5,000 each for ASHA workers and those engaged in



the National Health Mission. It would entail an expenditure of Rs 11 crore.

Similarly, a package of Rs 150 crore was announced for small shopkeepers.

**148. On 17 June, 2021, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh dedicated how many roads to the nation built by BRO in North-East border areas?**

- (a) 10
- (b) 11
- (c) 12
- (d) 15
- (e) 16

**Answer: C**

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on June 17, dedicated 12 roads to the nation, built by Border Roads Organisation in Northern and Eastern border areas.

Chief Ministers of Assam and Arunachal Pradesh, Union Ministers Kiren Rijju and Dr Jitendra Singh and Chief of Defence Staff General Bipin Rawat were among the dignitaries who attended the event virtually.

The Defence Minister e-inaugurated a 20-kilometre long double lane Kimin-Potin road, along with nine other roads in Arunachal Pradesh and one each in the Union Territory of Ladakh and Jammu and Kashmir.

The roads have been constructed under 'Arunank', 'Vartak', 'Brahmank', 'Udayak', 'Himank' and 'Sampark' projects of BRO.

Mr Singh lauded BRO for its contribution in infrastructure development of remote border areas of the country, especially amid the COVID-19 restrictions.

The roads inaugurated hold strategic and socio-economic importance as they will play an important

role in strengthening national security as well as promoting development of the North-East region.

**149. Which of the following roads in Delhi has been notified as the 'non-motorised' zone from 9am to 9pm?**

- (a) Sansad Marg
- (b) Shahjahan Road
- (c) Dara Shikoh Road
- (d) Chandni chowk Road
- (e) Safdarjung Road

**Answer: D**

According to a gazette notification released on June 14, no motor vehicle will be allowed to ply on the main road of Chandni Chowk from Red Fort to Fatehpuri Mosque from 9 am to 9 pm on all days till further order.

Chandni Chowk Road has been notified as a non-motorised zone due to redevelopment work going on in the area. However, in case of emergency motorised vehicles will be allowed to use the road.

**150. In June 2021, Gujarat government has announced a compensation of Rs \_\_\_\_\_ per acre for salt-pan workers who incurred losses due to cyclone Tauktae.**

- (a) ₹ 2000
- (b) ₹ 3000
- (c) ₹ 4000
- (d) ₹ 5000
- (e) ₹ 1000

**Answer: B**

Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani y announced a compensation of Rs 3,000 per acre for salt-pan workers who incurred losses due to cyclone Tauktae.

The government had conducted a survey of losses incurred by salt-pan workers, it added.

On humanitarian grounds, the government would give a compensation of Rs 3,000 per acre (up to maximum of 10 acres).

Salt mounds worth crores of rupees were washed away in different parts of Gujarat due to the flooding caused by heavy rains brought by the cyclone.

**151. Which among the following bank recently has got the approval to the lead sponsor of National Asset Reconstruction Company Limited or bad bank with a 12% stake in the entity?**

- (a) Bank of Baroda
- (b) Canara Bank
- (c) SBI
- (d) Allahabad Bank
- (e) Union Bank

**Answer: B**

State-owned Canara Bank announced that it will be the lead sponsor of National Asset Reconstruction Company Limited (NARCL) or bad bank with 12 per cent stake in the entity.

Bad bank refers to a financial institution that takes over bad assets of lenders and undertakes resolution.

"The Indian Banks' Association (IBA), vide their letter dated May 13, 2021 requested Canara Bank to participate in NARCL as sponsor. The board of Canara Bank has given in-principle approval for taking stake in NARCL.

Various public sector banks (PSBs) have also announced that they have earmarked a significant portion of their NPAs to be transferred to NARCL.

The proposed NARCL would be 51 per cent promoted by PSBs and remaining by private sector lender.

**152. As per the data released by SIPRI, India has estimated \_\_\_\_\_ nuclear warheads as of January 2021.**

- (a) 350
- (b) 165
- (c) 156
- (d) 179
- (e) 128

**Answer: C**

A study by Swedish think tank SIPRI revealed that India possessed an estimated 156 nuclear warheads at the start of 2021 compared to 150 at the start of last year, while Pakistan had 165 warheads, up from 160 in 2020. China's nuclear arsenal consisted of 350 warheads up from 320 at the start of 2020.

The nine nuclear armed states - the U.S., Russia, the U.K, France, China, India, Pakistan, Israel and North Korea - together possessed an estimated 13,080 nuclear weapons at the start of 2021.

Russia and the U.S. together possessed over 90% of global nuclear weapons and have extensive and expensive modernisation programmes under way.

**153. Sustainable Gastronomy Day is observed on June 18 every year. When was the day initiated by the United Nations General Assembly?**

- (a) 2008
- (b) 2012
- (c) 2014
- (d) 2016
- (e) 2019

**Answer: D**

Sustainable Gastronomy Day is observed on June 18 across the globe.

The day is marked to draw the world's attention towards the role that sustainable gastronomy can play in terms of sustainable development.

By definition, gastronomy is a study of food and culture. It also includes nutritional facts, food science, and cooking techniques among other things.

The day was commemorated after the United Nations General Assembly adopted the resolution on December 21, 2016, and designated June 18 as Sustainable Gastronomy Day.

The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), and United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) work to ensure that the day is celebrated properly across the world.

**154. For the first time in history, Indian army has opened a recruitment process for which among the following in Military Police?**

- (a) Nepali women
- (b) Sri Lankan women
- (c) Bhutanese women
- (d) Bangladeshi women
- (e) None

**Answer: A**

The Indian Army, for the first time, has opened vacancies for Nepali women in Military Police.

The Indian Embassy in Kathmandu has released the announcement calling for eligible Nepali women to submit their application online.

The announcement has set a certain criteria but has also given some relaxation to the children whose parents died during service in the Indian Army.

As per the criteria those who have passed class 10, aged between 16 to 21 years and height above than 152 cm can apply.

The deadline for submitting applications is July 20.

Those categorised as Veer Nari, are eligible to apply up to 30 years, according to the notice.

**155. Which among the following state's cabinet has given approval to acquire land for a semi high-speed railway project, Silverline?**

- (a) Karnataka
- (b) Telangana
- (c) Gujarat
- (d) Kerala
- (e) Goa

**Answer: D**

The Kerala cabinet has given its approval for the Detailed Project Report (DPR) of the Thiruvananthapuram-Kasaragod Semi-High Speed Rail corridor, Silver Line, which aims to cover about 529.45 km in four hours.

Silver Line will have stations at Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam, Chengannur, Kottayam, Ernakulam, Cochin Airport, Thrissur, Tirur, Kozhikode, Kannur and Kasaragod.

The cost of the project is estimated to be Rs 63,941 crore.

It is expected to be completed in five years.

Starting from Thiruvananthapuram, trains on the Silver Line will reach Kasaragod in four hours, covering a distance of 529.45 km through 11 districts.

**156. The Ministry of MSME has extended the validity of the Udyog Aadhaar Memorandum from 31st March, 2021 to \_\_\_\_\_.**

- (a) 31st June 2021
- (b) 31st October 2021
- (c) 31st December 2021

(d) 31st January 2022

(e) 31st March 2022

**Answer: C**

Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises has extended the validity of EM Part-II and UAMs from 31.03.2021 to 31.12.2021.

This would facilitate the holders of EM Part-II and UAMs to avail benefits of the provisions under various existing schemes and incentives including Priority Sector Lending benefits of MSME.

Considering the hardships faced by MSMEs during the prevailing COVID-19 situation and the representations received from the various MSME associations, financial institutions and Government departments dealing with the interest of MSME Sector.

**157. On June 17, 2021, the government has amended the Cable Television Network Rules of which year to give legal recognition to the self-regulatory bodies for television?**

(a) 1990

(b) 1992

(c) 1994

(d) 1996

(e) 1998

**Answer: C**

The central government issued a notification amending the Cable Television Network Rules, 1994 thereby providing a statutory mechanism for redressal of grievances/complaints of citizens.

The notification issues Cable Television Networks (Amendment) Rules, 2021.

It provides for a three-level grievance redressal mechanism — self-regulation by broadcasters, self-regulation by the self-regulating bodies of the broadcasters, and oversight by an Inter-

Departmental Committee at the level of the Union government.

Various Self-regulatory bodies like News Broadcasters Standards Authority (NBSA) and Broadcasting Content Complaints Council (BCCC) will get legal recognition.

There are over 900 television channels that have been granted permission by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (MIB).

**158. Punjab government has set to come up with the State Cancer Institute in Amritsar. What is the total cost of the project?**

(a) ₹ 100 crore

(b) ₹ 120 crore

(c) ₹ 140 crore

(d) ₹ 160 crore

(e) ₹ 180 crore

**Answer: B**

In Punjab, Chief Secretary Vini Mahajan has directed the Medical Education Department to make the State Cancer Institute in Amritsar functional within the current fiscal.

The Institute is being established at Amritsar in order to provide the best possible healthcare facilities to the cancer patients in the state.

Rs 120-crore project would have been a state-of-the-art 150-bed complex that would provide world-class treatment facilities to the cancer patients.

**159. Union Road Transport and Highway Ministry has notified a common format of the PUC Certificate to be issued across the country. The new guidelines are issued under which of the following acts?**

(a) Central Road & Infrastructure Fund, 2000

(b) Motor Vehicle Act, 1988

(c) Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989

(d) The Carriage by Road Act, 2007

(e) The National Highways Act, 1956

**Answer: C**

Union Road Transport & Highways Ministry has notified a common format of the PUC (Pollution Under Control) Certificate to be issued across the country.

The new common format has been issued under Central Motor Vehicle Rules 1989 and will help in introduction of uniform PUC format across the country.

The initiative will also help in linking the PUC database with the National Register.

It added that a concept of Rejection slip is being introduced for the first time under which vehicle owners will be intimated the reason for rejection of their PUC certificates.

It also informed that this initiative will aid enforcement agencies to better control the issue of polluting vehicles through the IT-enabled services with it.

**160. US based Arizona State university has partnered with how many Indian Universities to offer joint degrees and share its vast faculty and research resources?**

- (a) 4
- (b) 5
- (c) 6
- (d) 7
- (e) 8

**Answer: C**

The Arizona State University (ASU), a leading varsity in the US, will partner with 6 Indian universities to offer joint degrees, make twinning

arrangements, and share its research resources and established faculty.

The first tie-up is with the 25-year-old NorthCap University (NCU), formerly known as the ITM University, in Haryana. This partnership is being executed through the US education consulting firm Cintana Education.

The partnerships will be beneficial in bringing down the cost of education for students aiming to study in the US, as the courses can also be offered at the Indian partner University.

Julia Rosen, vice president of global academic initiatives at ASU, said the partnership with NCU would also witness sharing syllabus and expertise in online learning. ASU will share its 15 years' research trajectory and is planning on dual degrees with the Indian varsity.

**161. Tata Motors & Tata Powers have inaugurated India's largest Solar Carport in Pune. The solar carport would generate \_\_\_\_\_ Lakh kW electricity per year.**

- (a) 56.4
- (b) 66.4
- (c) 76.4
- (d) 86.4
- (e) 96.4

**Answer: D**

Tata Motors & Tata Powers have jointly set up India's largest grid-synchronized, behind-the-meter solar carport at the Tata Motors car plant in Chikhali, Pune.

The 6.2 MW solar carport deployed by Tata Power will generate 86.4 lakh kWh of electricity per year and is estimated to reduce 7,000 tons of carbon emissions annually and 1.6 lakh tons over its lifecycle.



Spanning over 30,000 square meters, this carport will not only generate green power, but will also provide covered parking for finished cars in the plant.

**162. Actor-cinematographer Shaman Mithru passed away in June 2021. He made his acting debut in which year?**

- (a) 1999
- (b) 2005
- (c) 2011
- (d) 2015
- (e) 2019

**Answer: E**

Actor and cinematographer Shaman Mithru breathed his last at a private hospital in Chennai . He was 43.

Shaman Mithru worked as a cinematographer and an actor in the Tamil film industry.

Shaman worked as a cinematographer in projects.

He made his acting debut with Thoratti, which released in 2019.

Apart from playing the lead role, Shaman doubled up as a producer for Thoratti.

**163. Which among the following country has set to get the world's most powerful magnet for a fusion reactor that aims to replicate the process that powers the Sun?**

- (a) Russia
- (b) USA
- (c) China
- (d) France
- (e) Germany

**Answer: D**

France is all set to get the world's most powerful magnet for a fusion reactor that aims to replicate the process that powers the Sun.

It will be a central component of France's energy project.

The magnet will be 18 metres tall, 4.2 metres wide, and weigh around 1000 tonnes once fully constructed.

With a magnetic field strength of 13 teslas, it will be about 280,000 times stronger than Earth's own magnetic field, making it strong enough to lift an entire aircraft carrier, which weighs around 100,000 tons (90,700 metric tons).

**164. In June 2021, the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBDT) has reduced tariff value for the import of edible oil by up to how much dollar per tonne?**

- (a) 100
- (b) 08
- (c) 112
- (d) 122
- (e) 130

**Answer: C**

The government has reduced the tariff value for import of edible oil, including palm oil, by up to USD 112 per tonne, a move which experts said can lead to lower domestic prices.

It has cut the tariff import value of crude palm oil by USD 86 per tonne, and of RBD and crude palmolein by USD 112 per tonne each.

It also reduced the base import price of crude soybean oil by USD 37 per tonne.



The changes in tariff value of edible oil are effective from June 17, 2021.

**165. The Dairy department has agreed in principle to provide about 5 acres of land for NDRF base camp at which district of Maharashtra?**

- (a) Jalgaon
- (b) Nagpur
- (c) Pune
- (d) Gadchiroli
- (e) Mahad

**Answer: E**

Dairy Department agrees in principle to provide about 5 acres of land for NDRF base camp at Mahad district of Maharashtra.

NDRF is an Indian specialised force constituted for the purpose of a special response to a threatening disaster situation under the Disaster Management act, 2005.

**166. Denmark's Fund IFU has acquired 39% stakes in Acme Solar Holdings Ltd solar project in Rajasthan. What is the total capacity of the solar project?**

- (a) 100 MW
- (b) 200 MW
- (c) 250 MW
- (d) 300 MW
- (e) 350 MW

**Answer: C**

Denmark's state-owned fund IFU and United Nations Office for Project Services' S3i have acquired 39 percent and 10 percent stake respectively in Acme Solar Holdings Ltd's 250 MW solar project in Rajasthan.

Acme Solar holds the majority 51% stake in the project, which has a total investment requirement of

euro 150 million and was awarded by state-run Solar Energy Corporation of India Ltd (SECI). This equity stake dilution at the project level by Acme follows Norway's Scatec becoming an equal partner in a 900 MW solar project in Rajasthan, that Acme is setting up.

**167. Who among the following has been nominated as the Founding President of the Indian Delphic Council to head the Indian movement?**

- (a) Bijendra Goel
- (b) Kalanithi Maran
- (c) Ravi Pandit
- (d) Anshu Jain
- (e) Rakesh Khurana

**Answer: A**

Bijender Goel, a former special representative to Jharkhand and former adviser to the Union labour and employment ministry, has been nominated as the Indian Delphic Council's founding president. The nomination was made by the International Delphic Council (IDC), which is a voluntary, not-for-profit, non-political and non-religious global organisation that works to foster harmony among people through engagements in various art forms and cultural identities through the Delphic Games. The Delphic Games are a sacred and ancient tradition of celebrating art, music, myth, dance, poetry, song, philosophy, theatre and sports. The games were started over 1,000 years ago in ancient Greece prior to the Olympic Games and had at the time a similar level of importance in society, according to a statement.

**168. Who among the following has been named as the chairwoman of the US Federal Trade Commission by US President Joe Biden?**

- (a) Nikki Haley
- (b) Lina Khan
- (c) Kiran Desai
- (d) Anoushka Shankar
- (e) Deepa Mehta

**Answer: B**

President Joe Biden named Lina Khan chairwoman of the Federal Trade Commission, She will take over the agency from Acting Chairwoman Rebecca Kelly Slaughter, who has been a commissioner for three years and had been expected by some to be tapped by Biden to lead the agency permanently. Khan rose to prominence with a 2017 research paper on Amazon.com Inc. that she wrote as a law student at Yale University.

**169. In June 2021, which of the following state has decided to ban the production, import, storage, circulation and the usage of single use plastic?**

- (a) Punjab
- (b) Bihar
- (c) Telangana
- (d) Gujarat
- (e) Haryana

**Answer: B**

The Bihar state cabinet decided to ban production, import, storage, circulation and usage of single-use plastic, the waste of which was becoming a major issue for disposal. Environment and forest minister Niraj Singh Bablu said the ban would come in effect after 180 days of the gazette notification.

**170. On 15th June 2021, which state has taken measures to provide medicare to children at all government hospitals for free of cost?**

- (a) Andhra Pradesh
- (b) Odisha
- (c) Madhya Pradesh
- (d) Gujarat
- (e) Rajasthan

**Answer: A**

Andhra Pradesh government on 15 June 2021 ordered that measures should be taken to provide medicare to children at all government hospitals for free of cost. Special arrangements are being made to provide training to medical staff in pediatric-related issues. The state also decided to constitute 'Medical Hubs' all over the state, near to human habitat.

**171. Karnataka has announced a compensation for BPL card holders families who have lost an adult earning member due to Covid-19. What is the amount of compensation announcement by the govt?**

- (a) 1 Lakh
- (b) 1.5 Lakh
- (c) 1.8 Lakh
- (d) 2 Lakh
- (e) 2.5 Lakh

**Answer: A**

Karnataka Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa announced Rs 1 lakh relief to each family under Below Poverty Line (BPL) which has lost an earning or adult member due to COVID-19. The decision will benefit about 25,000 to 30,000 such families incurring an expenditure of Rs 250 crore to Rs 300 crore to the state exchequer.

**172. Telangana state government has launched 'Medicine in Sky' initiative in partnership with whom among the following?**

- (a) NITI Aayog
- (b) International Monetary Fund
- (c) HealthNet Global
- (d) Only (B) & (C)
- (e) Only (A) & (C)

**Answer: E**

Telangana government has launched 'Medicine from the Sky' initiative in partnership with World Economic Forum, Niti Aayog, and HealthNet.

Under this project, Beyond Visual Line of Sight (BVLOS) drone flights will be used for delivery of vaccines and drugs using the identified airspace of the Vikarabad district.

Through Medicine From The Sky, Telangana became the first state to pilot Beyond Visual Range of Sight drone delivery of vaccines and essentials.

The pilot project will be launched in Vikarabad district and the first phase of flights with specific groups are tentatively expected to begin in the last week of June.

**173. The world's first wooden satellite has set to launch in 2021. What is the weight of the satellite?**

- (a) 1 lbs
- (b) 1.8 lbs
- (c) 2 lbs
- (d) 2.2 lbs
- (e) 2.6 lbs

**Answer: D**

The world's first "wooden satellite" is preparing to launch this year.

WISA Woodsat, a nanosatellite that measures 4 by 4 by 4 inches (10 by 10 by 10 centimeters) and weighs about 2.2 lbs. (1 kilogram), uses a special

type of coated plywood (called WISA) for its surface panels.

The wooden satellite will launch as part of a mission, designed by Arctic Astronautics, a Finnish company manufacturing cubesat kits for students.

**174. In June, 2021, which state has decided to make 'English medium' compulsory across government, private aided and unaided degree colleges across the state?**

- (a) Karnataka
- (b) Tamil Nadu
- (c) Andhra Pradesh
- (d) Kerala
- (e) Telangana

**Answer: C**

The Andhra Pradesh Government is making 'English Medium' compulsory across all government, private aided, and unaided degree colleges in the state from the academic year 2021-22.

Out of 65,981 Telugu medium students, 24,007, 16,925, and 24,960 have enrolled themselves in BA, B.com, and BSc courses respectively and English medium education is "bound to immensely benefit".

The curriculum in degree colleges has been thoroughly revised with effect from 2020-21 with a mandatory internship for 10 months.

30% of the revised curriculum consists of skilled-oriented programs. The department is also developing spoken English courses at levels 1, 2, and 3.

**175. Who among the following has inaugurated the renovated Mahatma Gandhi Library at the University of Nairobi in Kenya?**

- (a) S Jaishankar
- (b) Narendra Modi
- (c) Piyush Goyal
- (d) Nitin Gadkari
- (e) Hardeep Singh Puri

**Answer: A**

S. Jaishankar has inaugurated renovated Mahatma Gandhi Library at Nairobi University. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar inaugurated the renovated Mahatma Gandhi Library at University of Nairobi. Jaishankar, who is on a three-day visit to Kenya, said that India's association with Nairobi university goes back to decades.

In 1956, the statue of Mahatma Gandhi was unveiled in the University.

He also informed that every year, the Government of India offers 400 scholarships to Kenyans.

**176. Lisa Banes passed away in June 2021. She was related to which of the following fields?**

- (a) Acting
- (b) Politics
- (c) Journalism
- (d) Medicine
- (e) Chess

**Answer: A**

The 65-year-old Banes, who was struck by a scooter or motorcycle while crossing a street on 4 June, passed away.

Banes appeared in numerous television shows and movies, including *Gone Girl* in 2014 and *Cocktail* with Tom Cruise in 1988. On television, she had roles on *Nashville*, *Madam Secretary*, *Masters of Sex* and *NCIS*.

She acted on stage regularly, including Broadway appearances in the Neil Simon play *Rumors* in 1988,

in the musical *High Society* in 1998 and in the Noel Coward play *Present Laughter* in 2010.

Banes lived in Los Angeles and was married to Kathryn Kranhold.

**177. In June 2021, who among the following has launched the 'Nafed Fortified Rice Bran Oil'?**

- (a) Sudhanshu Pandey
- (b) Raosaheb Dadarao Danve
- (c) Amit Kumar
- (d) Leena Nandan
- (e) Shukracharya K Jadhav

**Answer: A**

Sudhanshu Pandey, Secretary, Department of Food and Public Distribution e-launched "Nafed Fortified Rice Bran Oil".

This initiative will significantly reduce the country's consumption dependence on imported edible oil in the future.

This Rice bran oil will be marketed by NAFED (National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd), India's apex Agri-marketing Organisation which has been serving the country since 1958.

**178. Which of the following Banks has announced the Bank's STACK for Corporates in June 2021?**

- (a) SBI
- (b) HDFC Bank
- (c) ICICI Bank
- (d) Union Bank
- (e) Axis Bank

**Answer: C**

Private lender ICICI Bank launched 'ICICI STACK for Corporates', a comprehensive set of digital banking solutions for corporates and their entire ecosystem including promoters, group companies,

employees, dealers, vendors and all other stakeholders.

A first-of-its-kind initiative, the 'ICICI STACK for Corporates' offers customised digital banking services to companies in over 15 leading industries—such as financial services, IT/ITES, pharmaceuticals, steel to name a few— and their entire ecosystem.

About ICICI

Headquarters: Mumbai

MD &CEO:Sandeep Bakhshi

**179.The Indo-German Science and Technology Center Industrial Fellowship programme was launched on which foundation day of IGSTC in June 2021?**

- (a)10th
- (b)11th
- (c)12th
- (d)13th
- (e)14th

**Answer: B**

The Indo-German Science & Technology Centre (IGSTC) Industrial Fellowship programme was launched by Secretary, Department of Science and Technology, Govt. of India Prof. Ashutosh Sharma on the occasion of IGSTC's 11th Foundation day on 14th June 2021.

The IGSTC Industrial Fellowship shall support young Indian PhD students and Post-Doctoral researchers in Science & Engineering for industrial exposure at German industries and industrial R&D institutions.

The programme was launched at a virtual meeting in the presence of the IGSTC Governing Body Co-Chairs & members, representatives from Indian & German Governments, Industries and Academia.

**180.Which of the following firms has received the final approval from the US health regulator for Testosterone Topical solution, used for treating Testosterone deficiency?**

- (a)Aleor
- (b)Sun Pharma
- (c)Glenmark
- (d)Cipla
- (e)Zydus

**Answer: A**

Drug firm Alembic Pharmaceuticals , joint venture firm AleorDermaceuticals has received final approval from the US health regulator for Testosterone Topical Solution, used for treating testosterone deficiency.

AleorDermaceuticals has received final approval from the US Food and Drug Administration (USFDA) for its abbreviated new drug application (ANDA) for Testosterone Topical Solution USP, 30 mg per pump actuation.

Testosterone Topical Solution actuation is indicated for replacement therapy in males for conditions associated with a deficiency or absence of endogenous testosterone.

**181.The International Cricket Council has signed up with which digital stockbroking firm as its official partner until the end of 2023?**

- (a)ICICI Direct
- (b)Upstox
- (c)Angel Broking
- (d)ShareKhan
- (e)Zerodha

**Answer: B**

The International Cricket Council (ICC) has signed up digital stockbroking firm Upstox as its official partner.

The partnership will encompass all ICC events until the end of 2023, starting with the inaugural ICC World Test Championship Final between India and New Zealand to be held during 18-23 June in Southampton, the UK.

Anurag Dahiya, chief commercial officer, ICC, said this association provides Upstox with a platform to educate and engage both existing and new customers.

“2021-23 is a period in which the ICC will host no fewer than five senior level World Cups across Men's and Women's cricket.

About Upstox

CEO: Ravi Kumar

Established: 2009

**182. In June 2021, the department of commerce has unveiled an IT- based Smart Enforcement App for which of the following?**

- (a) Trucks
- (b) Cars
- (c) Two-wheelers
- (d) Buses
- (e) All of the above

**Answer: A**

As a strategy to reduce logistics costs on road transportation, the Government of India, Department of Commerce, Logistics Division has developed a risk-based approach on the implementation of smart enforcement of rules and regulations related to road-based violations by trucks.

It has also developed an IT based solution to make enforcement mechanism technology driven.

The Smart Enforcement App will have wide ranging economic benefits for the state and help in reduction of logistics costs.

An effective enforcement will be critical in preventing not just revenue loss but also accidents and loss of human lives making Indian roads safer for trade and commuters.

It was decided to take up states on first-cum-first basis and cover at least ten states within 2021-22.

**183. The Union Cabinet has increased the nutrient based subsidy rates for Phosphatic and potassic fertilizers by how much amount to support farmers during the ongoing crop season?**

- (a) 500
- (b) 700
- (c) 900
- (d) 1200
- (e) 1500

**Answer: D**

MOVING TO provide relief to farmers amid the Covid crisis, the Union Cabinet cleared the decision to increase subsidy for di-ammonium phosphate (DAP) fertilisers from Rs 500 to Rs 1,200 for a 50-kg bag, and approved nutrient-based subsidy rates for P&K (phosphate and potassium) fertilisers for 2021-22 till the present kharif season.

The approved rates will be effective from the date of notification, which was issued on May 20.

The estimated additional subsidy burden for such an arrangement will be around Rs 14,775 crore.

**184. Name the former World No. 4 Tennis Player, who has announced her retirement at the end of the 2021 season.**

- (a) Stefanos Tsitsipas
- (b) Andrey rublev
- (c) Matteo Berrettini
- (d) Dominic thiem



(e) Kiki Bertens

**Answer: E**

Former World No. 4 Kiki Bertens announced that she will retire at the end of the 2021 season.

The 10-time winner from the Netherlands underwent Achilles surgery last October.

Bertens' best showing in a Grand Slam event came in 2016 when he reached the semifinals of the French Open before losing to Serena Williams.

Bertens reached her high singles ranking of No. 4 in May 2019. She also has won 10 doubles titles.

**185. A busy road in which city of Madhya Pradesh has been declared as a 'Covisafe Road'?**

- (a) Bhopal
- (b) Indore
- (c) Ujjain
- (d) Gwalior
- (e) Jabalpur

**Answer: B**

In an attempt to raise awareness about the COVID-19 pandemic and encourage people to get vaccinated, a busy road in Madhya Pradesh's Indore city has been declared a "Covisafe road"

The road from Lantern Chouraha to Janjeerwala Chouraha in the city was declared a "Covisafe road" by state water resources minister Tulsiram Silawat.

According to officials, the stretch, which is nearly 800 metres long, has a drive-in COVID-19 vaccination centre and a testing facility for sample collection.

The model road has been developed with the help of the district administration, police, Indore Municipal Corporation (IMC), Indian Medical Association and other organisations.

**186. Various organisations have initiated a Twitter campaign, demanding the official status to which of the following languages in Karnataka and Kerala?**

- (a) Hindi
- (b) Kannada
- (c) Konkani
- (d) Kodava
- (e) Tulu

**Answer: E**

Various organizations have initiated a Twitter campaign demanding official language status to Tulu in Karnataka and Kerala and received an overwhelming response.

The Tulu speakers, mainly in Karnataka and Kerala, have been requesting the governments to give it official language status and include it in the eighth schedule to the Constitution.

As per the 2011 Census report, there are 18,46,427 Tulu-speaking people in India. Some scholars suggest Tulu is among the earliest Dravidian languages with a history of 2000 years.

**187. Team of Researchers from India and Philippines have discovered a tree that belongs to the genus of coffee family in Andaman & Nicobar island. What is the height of the tree?**

- (a) 10 m
- (b) 12 m
- (c) 15 m
- (d) 17 m
- (e) 19 m

**Answer: C**

A 15-meter-tall tree that belongs to the genus of the coffee family has recently been discovered from the Andaman Islands by a team of researchers from India and the Philippines.

The new species, *Pyrostrialalji*, is also the first record of the genus *Pyrostria* in India.

They are usually found in Madagascar but the recently discovered species is new to science.

The tree is distinguished by a long stem with a whitish coating on the trunk, and oblong-ovate leaves with a cuneate base, and was first reported from South Andaman's Wandoor forest.

The species has been assessed as 'Critically Endangered' based on the International Union for Conservation of Nature's (IUCN) Red List criteria.

**188. Which state government has announced to set up a Vedic Education and Sanskar Board to revive the knowledge of Sanskrit scriptures and Vedas?**

- (a)Uttar Pradesh
- (b)Uttarakhand
- (c)Rajasthan
- (d)Himachal Pradesh
- (e)Gujarat

**Answer: C**

The Rajasthan government will soon set up a Vedic Education and Sanskar Board to revive the knowledge of Sanskrit scriptures and Vedas.

The board is likely to be formed in the next four to five months.

A committee, formed to define aims, objectives and functioning of the board, has submitted its report to the state government, Minister of State (MoS) for Sanskrit Education Subhash Garg mentioned, adding modules will be presented before the board based on the report.

He stated the Vedic board would come into function after approval from Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot.

**189. Which company has released a 'design your EMI' home personal loan product to enable**

**consumers to customize their equated monthly installments (EMIs)?**

- (a)Godrej Housing finance
- (b)AGI Infra Ltd
- (c)Alchemist Realty Ltd
- (d)3P land Holding Ltd
- (e)Ajmera Ltd

**Answer: A**

Godrej Housing Finance (GHF) has released a 'design your EMI' home personal loan product to enable consumers to customize their equated monthly installments (EMIs).

This is aimed at optimising their cash flows and brings down the price tag of dwelling ownership. Manish Shah, MD & CEO, Godrej Housing Finance explained EMIs can be customized to go well with customers' requirements.

A buyer might want to get started with a smaller sized EMI and little by little boost it or start off with a larger EMI and normalize it.

**190.Which skin care products company in India has announced the appointment of Ajay Simha as the marketing director?**

- (a)Vaseline
- (b)Nivea
- (c)Ponds
- (d)Clinique
- (e)Lakme

**Answer: B**

Nivea India announced the appointment of Ajay Simha as the marketing director.

With over a decade of experience across various categories such as personal care, male grooming, face, lip and sun care, Simha has championed leading various brand portfolios both in India as well as globally.

Before taking over as marketing director, Nivea India, Simha was responsible for the Nivea body care and cleansing and baby care portfolio across the Middle East and North Africa.

About Nivea India

Headquarters: Mumbai

Formed: 2005

**191. West Bengal has relaunched its 'Krishak Bandhu scheme' doubling the assistance to farmer-beneficiaries to Rs \_\_\_\_\_ a year.**

- (a) 5000
- (b) 6000
- (c) 8000
- (d) 10000
- (e) 20000

**Answer: D**

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee relaunched her government's Krishak Bandhu scheme, doubling the assistance to farmers to Rs 10,000 a year.

Additionally, those having less than one acre of cultivable land will now receive a minimum of Rs 4,000 per annum, on a pro-rata basis.

Farmers will now receive increased financial support from Rs 5,000 to Rs 10,000 for one acre or more of cultivable land.

The scheme would benefit over 60 lakh farmers. The money will be paid in two equal instalments.

**192. Watch manufacturer Timex Group has appointed whom among the following as the Vice President of Sales and Marketing?**

- (a) Ravi Kumar
- (b) Manoj Juneja
- (c) Ankit Fitkariwala
- (d) Varun Jain

(e) Rakesh sharma

**Answer: B**

Watch manufacturer Timex Group India announced the appointment of former ADIDAS India executive Manoj Juneja as Vice President Sales & Marketing. He brings with him over two decades of deep understanding of the consumer goods segment of the Indian market.

In the past 22+ years, Manoj spearheaded the sales & e-commerce vertical for ADIDAS India and prior to that worked with LG Electronics.

About Timex:

Headquarters: Middlebury, Connecticut, United States

Founder: Thomas Olsen

**193. The Reserve Bank of India holds which spot in terms of reserves transferred to the government as a percentage of gross domestic product for the fiscal year 2020-21?**

- (a) 1st
- (b) 2nd
- (c) 3rd
- (d) 4th
- (e) 5th

**Answer: B**

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) was second in terms of reserves transferred to the government as a percentage of gross domestic product (GDP) for the fiscal year 2020-21.

Turkey has been ranked first followed by India.

Recently, RBI has transferred Rs 99,122-crore surplus to the government for FY21 which is 73% higher than the Rs 57,128 crore paid out in 2019-20. The surplus transferred by RBI constitutes 0.44% of GDP, while that of the Central Bank of the Republic of Turkey constitutes 0.5% of GDP.

**194. What is the theme of this year's World Sauntering Day, celebrated on June 19 every year?**

- (a) Rushing Through Life
- (b) Shine the light
- (c) Together we heal, learn, shine
- (d) The best remedy for short temper is a long walk
- (e) None of the Above

**Answer: D**

World Sauntering Day is celebrated on June 19 every year.

World Sauntering Day 2021 Theme is "The best remedy for a short temper is a long walk".

The purpose is to remind people to slow down and enjoy life as opposed to rushing through it.

It is also referred to as International Sauntering Day.

The word 'saunter' means to walk slowly in a relaxed manner.

**195. When is the World Sickle Day observed every year across the globe?**

- (a) June 17
- (b) June 18
- (c) June 19
- (d) June 20
- (e) June 21

**Answer: C**

World Sickle Cell Awareness Day is observed every year on June 19 to increase awareness and understanding of the disease and the challenges faced by its patients and their families.

The World Sickle Cell Day 2021 Theme is 'Shine the Light on Sickle Cell'.

Sickle Cell Disease Day is celebrated to raise awareness about its treatment measures and to get effective control over this disease across the world.

This year the Sickle Cell Society is celebrating 40 years of working in the sickle cell community. World Sickle Cell Day is a United Nations recognized day to raise awareness of sickle cell at a national and international level.

**196. The Journey of the Hindi Film "The Art of Life" has won the "Outstanding Achievement Award" at Singapore film fest. The film has been written and directed by whom among the following?**

- (a) Nikhil Meswani
- (b) Sanjeev Sivan
- (c) Satosh Sivan
- (d) Nila Madhab
- (e) Santosh Panda

**Answer: E**

The Journey of the Hindi Film "The Art of Life" written and Directed by Santosh Panda has been rewarded with an Outstanding Achievement Award at World Film Carnival at Singapore recently. The film based on sand art also highlights the Culture, Tourism and Disaster Management by Odisha.

The Singapore International Film Festival is a film festival held annually in Singapore and is one of the most significant film festivals in Asia.

**197. A documentary on which of the following renowned figures has won the Best Documentary Feature Award at the 21st New York Indian Film Festival?**

- (a) Mahatma Gandhi
- (b) Rabindra Nath Tagore
- (c) Narendra modi
- (d) APJ Abdul kalam
- (e) B.R Ambedkar

**Answer: A**

A documentary on Mahatma Gandhi produced by internationally-renowned South African filmmaker Anant Singh has won the Best Documentary Feature Award at the 21st New York Indian Film Festival.

The film, titled 'Ahimsa – Gandhi: The Power of the Powerless', written and directed by Ramesh Sharma, was produced by Singh's company Videovision to commemorate the 150th anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi's birth in 2019.

These include Gandhi's granddaughter Ila Gandhi and her grandsons Arun Gandhi and Rajmohan Gandhi living in America.

The song 'Ahimsa' in this film is sung by U2 and AR Rahman and lyrics are penned by Bono and Rahman.

**198. Every year, Father's Day has been celebrated on which of the following Day?**

- (a) Third Saturday of June
- (b) Third Friday of June
- (c) Third Sunday of June
- (d) Second Saturday of June
- (e) Second Sunday of June

**Answer: C**

Father's Day is commemorated in most parts of the world on the third Sunday of June. This year it is being observed on June 20.

Father's Day is a celebration of fathers, honouring fatherhood, paternal bonds and the role fathers play in society. The Civil War veteran and single dad who inspired Father's Day.

Sonora Smart Dodd sat in the pews of Central Methodist Episcopal Church in Spokane, Wash., on May 9, 1909, as her pastor extolled the virtues of mothers.

The most common complete form of FATHER is 'Follower Adviser Teacher Honorable Educated Reminder'

**199. Which among the comprehensive digital lending platform has been launched by IndusInd Bank to enable the customers to meet their financial requirements from their home itself?**

- (a) Indus Ease credit
- (b) Indus Easy credit
- (c) Ease Indus Credit
- (d) Indus Ease Debit
- (e) Indus Easy Debit

**Answer: B**

IndusInd Bank announced the launch of 'Indus Easy Credit', a comprehensive digital lending platform that enables customers to meet their financial requirements from the comfort of their homes. With this, both existing as well as non-IndusInd Bank customers can instantly avail personal loans or credit cards on a single platform in a completely paperless and digital manner.

'IndusEasyCredit' offers a fully digital end to end process that leverages the power of India's public digital infrastructure – 'India Stack' to offer personal loans and credit cards in a paperless, presence less and cashless manner.

The stack leverages more than 35 interfaces to digitally verify KYC and employment information as well as analyse bank statements.

**200. National Institute of Mental Health & Neuro Sciences has appointed Dr Pratima Murthy as the Director for a period of five years. NIMHANS is located in which city?**

- (a) Chennai
- (b) Hyderabad

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- (c)Cochin
- (d)Bengaluru
- (e)Vijayawada

**Answer: D**

Dr Pratima Murthy, head of Department of Psychiatry, National Institute of Mental Health & Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS), Bengaluru has been appointed as Director of the Institute for a period of five years.

She will retire in March 2026. Dr Murthy was awarded the WHO Regional Director's Special

Recognition Award on 'World No Tobacco Day 2021' last month.

She has been appointed by NIMHANS on the approval of the central government as the full-term director of the institute of national importance after Prof and Head of Neurology, All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Dr Padma Srivastava could not assume the top office due to some technical reasons.

### June 4<sup>th</sup> week Current Affairs MCQ

1. International Olympic Day is celebrated on June 23 every year. Where is the headquarters of the International Olympic Committee located?

- (a)Paris
- (b)Lausanne
- (c)Geneva
- (d)New York
- (e)London

**Answer: B**

International Olympic Day is celebrated on June 23 to encourage more people to participate in the Olympic games and raise awareness about the number of sports held during this event.

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) was founded in 1894 by Baron Pierre de Coubertin and the first modern Olympic Games were held in Athens in 1896.

The theme for 2021: Stay healthy, stay active with the #Olympic Day workout.

IOC HQ: Luassane, Switzerland

2. In June, 2021, which country has signed an MoU with India for cooperation in agriculture and allied sectors?

- (a)Japan
- (b)Maldives
- (c)Fiji
- (d)Sri Lanka
- (e)Mauritius

**Answer: C**

Union Minister Narendra Singh Tomar, and Minister of Agriculture, Waterways & Environment of Fiji, Dr. Mahendra Reddy signed an MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) for cooperation in the field of Agriculture and allied sectors between India and Fiji. The MoU provides for cooperation in various areas of dairy industry development, rice industry development, horticulture Industry development, root crop diversification, coconut Industry development, food processing industry development, water resources management, agriculture mechanization, agricultural research, animal husbandry, cultivation, value addition, and



marketing, pest and disease, post-harvest and milling, breeding and agronomy.

The MoU will remain valid for a period of five years from the date of its signing.

A Joint Working Group will be created under the MoU to set down procedures and plan and will hold its meetings alternatively in India and Fiji once every two years.

**3. Which among the following companies has won the recognition as India's Best Employers among Nation-Builders 2021?**

- (a) NTPC
- (b) SAIL
- (c) IOCL
- (d) Bharat petroleum
- (e) GAIL

**Answer: A**

For the first time, NTPC won recognition as India's Best Employers among Nation-Builders 2021. It has been recognized as the 'Great Place to Work' for the 15th straight year by the Great Places to Work Institute.

It has been ranked at 38th. It was ranked 47 last year.

NTPC, a Maharatna Community and Public Sector Unit works under the Ministry of Power.

Chairman of NTPC is Sri Gurdeep Singh

**4. PhonePe has launched India's first wallet with Auto Top - Up. Where is the headquarters of the company situated?**

- (a) Hyderabad
- (b) Bengaluru
- (c) Pune
- (d) Mumbai
- (e) New Delhi

**Answer: B**

PhonePe has launched Wallet Auto Top-Up feature using UPI e-mandates for its customers.

This feature allows PhonePe customers to set up a UPI e-mandate once, after which PhonePe will automatically top up their wallet balance when it falls below a minimum level.

This means customers can make multiple payments using their Wallet, without having to top up their wallet balance.

About PhonePe:

CEO: Sameer Nigam

HQ: Bengaluru

**5. Recently Moody's Investors Service has slashed India's growth projection to 9.6% for 2021. What was its earlier forecast?**

- (a) 10.6%
- (b) 11.2%
- (c) 12.5%
- (d) 13.9%
- (e) 14.1%

**Answer: D**

Moody's Investors Service slashed India's growth projection to 9.6% for 2021 calendar year, from its earlier estimate of 13.9%.

In its report titled 'Macroeconomics India: Economic shocks from second COVID wave will not be as severe as last year's', Moody's said high-frequency economic indicators show that the second wave hit India's economy in April & May.

**6. In June 2021, a new book titled 'It's a Wonderful Life' was published by Aleph Book Company. Who is the author of the book?**

- (a) Mindi Kaling
- (b) Sejal Badani

- (c) Ruskin Bond
- (d) Khushwant Singh
- (e) Amrita Pritam

**Answer: C**

Indian British author Ruskin Bond authored a new book titled 'It's a Wonderful Life' is published by Aleph Book Company.

The book is written in a perceptive, uplifting, deeply moving, and non-fictional way.

Bond's First Novel was 'The Room on the Roof'. He is also a recipient of Padma Shri in 1999 and Padma Bhushan in 2014.

**7. Name the founder of the antivirus software company 'McAfee' who died recently in a prison in Spain.**

- (a) Sant Esteve
- (b) John David
- (c) Peter A. Leav
- (d) Albert Bourla
- (e) Michael Hart

**Answer: B**

John David McAfee, the founder of the antivirus software maker bearing his name, died in a prison in Spain after a Spanish court said that he could be extradited to the United States on tax-evasion charges.

McAfee Corp. is an American global computer security software company.

McAfee Associates, the software company that he founded, was once a household name in computer security.

McAfee CEO: Peter A. Leav.

**8. Which among the following company has reached a new milestone as the company's market capitalization hit \$2 trillion for the first time?**

- (a) Microsoft
- (b) Amazon
- (c) Apple
- (d) TCS
- (e) Wipro

**Answer: A**

Microsoft reached a new milestone as the company's market capitalization hit \$2 trillion for the first time.

Apple became the first publicly traded U.S. company to reach the \$2 trillion mark in August.

Amazon, valued at \$1.77 trillion, is also approaching the \$2 trillion club.

About Microsoft:

HQ: Washington, USA

Founders: Bill Gates, Paul Allen

**9. Name the former Olympic medalist weightlifter who has been appointed by the Delhi government as the first Vice-Chancellor of Delhi Sports University.**

- (a) Venkat Rahul
- (b) Mirabai Chanu
- (c) Karnam Malleswari
- (d) Punam Yadav
- (e) Sathish Sivalingam

**Answer: C**

The Delhi government appointed former Olympic medalist weightlifter Karnam Malleswari as the first Vice-Chancellor of Delhi Sports University.

Malleswari is the first Indian woman weightlifter to bring home an Olympic medal.

She created history at the Sydney Olympics in 2000 by lifting 110 kilograms and 130 kilograms in the 'snatch' and 'clean and jerk' categories.

**10. SD Shibu Lal would head the task force to help the government in bringing major reforms in bureaucracy through its ambitious "Mission Karmayogi. SD Shibu Lal is the former CEO of which company?**

- (a) ONGC
- (b) TCS
- (c) Infosys
- (d) Tata Motors
- (e) IOCL

**Answer: C**

Former Infosys CEO S D Shibu Lal appointed chairperson of a three-member task force formed to help the government in bringing major bureaucratic reforms through its ambitious "Mission Karmayogi". To effectively roll out this competency-driven mission, a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV), namely Karmayogi Bharat, to be set up as a not-for-profit company.

Besides Lal who is founder of ShikshaLokam and founder and ex-CEO of Infosys Limited, Govind Iyer, Consultant at global management consulting group Egon Zehnder, and Pankaj Bansal, Co-founder and Group CEO of HR tech company PeopleStrong, will be part of the task force, according to a Personnel Ministry order.

**11. The Nature TTL Photographer of the Year 2021 competition announced its winners across 9 categories. Who among the following crowned the winner in the "Animal Behavior" category?**

- (a) Thomas Vijayan
- (b) Raghu Rai
- (c) Atul Kasbekar
- (d) Dayanita Singh
- (e) Sooni Taraporevala

**Answer: A**

The Nature TTL Photographer of the Year 2021 competition announced its winners that span across 9 themes.

Photographer Thomas Vijayan was crowned the winner of the "Animal Behavior" category as well as the overall winner of the competition.

He received the "Nature TTL Photographer of the Year 2021" title for his portrait of an orangutan climbing a tree upside down.

The categories for the competition were split as follows: Animal Behavior, Camera Traps, Landscapes, Small World, The Night Sky, Urban Wildlife, Wild Portraits, and a new Under 16 category, which carried the Young Nature Photographer of the Year 2021 title.

About Nature TTL: An online photography tutorial  
Founder: Will Nicholls

**12. Recently, the Labour ministry has constituted an expert group to fix minimum wages. The group would be led by whom among the following?**

- (a) VK Paul
- (b) Girish Bapat
- (c) Surjit Bhalla
- (d) Rajiv Gauba
- (e) Ajit Mishra

**Answer: E**

The government has constituted an expert group that will give recommendations on fixation of minimum wages and national floor minimum wage. Minimum wage is different for different categories of workers.

The group has been constituted for a period of three years from the date of notification.

The expert group is chaired by Prof Ajit Mishra, Director, Institute of Economic Growth.

The members of the expert group include Prof Tarika Chakraborty, IIM Calcutta, Anushree Sinha, Senior Fellow, National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER), Vibha Bhalla, Joint Secretary, H Srinivas, Director General, V V Giri National Labour Institute (VVGNI).

National floor refers to the minimum level of wage that is applicable to all categories of workers across the country.

**13. RBI has recently announced a separate liquidity window of how much amount for certain contact intensive sectors with tenors of up to three years?**

- (a) 5000 crore
- (b) 10000 crore
- (c) 15000 crore
- (d) 20000 crore
- (e) 25000 crore

**Answer: C**

RBI decided to open a separate liquidity window of Rs 15,000 crore with tenors of up to three years at the repo rate till March 31, 2022, for contact-intensive sectors.

Under this, banks are expected to create a separate COVID loan book.

By way of an incentive, such banks will be eligible to park their surplus liquidity up to the size of the COVID loan book created.

It includes sectors like hotels, tourism, spas, beauty clinic, event organizers, etc.

**14. Deepak Agarwal has been appointed as the first director of the directorate of religious affairs. Where is the headquarters of the directorate located?**

- (a) Varanasi
- (b) Ahmedabad
- (c) New Delhi

- (d) Lucknow
- (e) Gurugram

**Answer: A**

Varanasi Divisional Commissioner Deepak Agarwal has been appointed the first director of the directorate of religious affairs (DRA), headquartered in Varanasi.

The state cabinet on December 11, 2020 had approved the proposal to set up DRA to ease administrative functioning in promoting religious sites as tourism hubs.

As per the decision, the DRA headquarters would be established with the help of Kashi Vishwanath Special Area Development Board (KVSADB) and the DRA's sub-office would be set up at Kailash Mansarovar office building in Ghaziabad.

The minister said, as the holy city was the cultural capital, seat of learning, birth and work place of legendary individuals, it was selected to house the first DRA office.

**15. In June 2021, SBI Cards & Payment Services has tied up with which platform to launch an exclusive co-branded contactless credit card?**

- (a) GoodEarth
- (b) Fabindia
- (c) Stylebaaj
- (d) Patanjali
- (e) Cbazaar

**Answer: B**

SBI Cards & Payment Services has tied up with Fabindia to launch an exclusive co-branded contactless credit card - Fabindia SBI Card.

The card is designed with curated benefits and privileges to offer a rewarding shopping experience to its premium customers. The card comes in two

variants - Fabindia SBI Card SELECT and Fabindia SBI Card.

Fabindia SBI Card SELECT offers 10% value back to customers buying in-stores at Fabindia along with complimentary domestic airport lounge access.

The card also offers milestone benefits worth Rs 1250 on quarterly spends of Rs 200,000, in the form of gift vouchers.

**16. Which among the following telecom companies has collaborated with Google Cloud on 5G technology and consumer segments nationwide?**

- (a) Bharti Airtel
- (b) Reliance Jio
- (c) Vodafone
- (d) Idea
- (e) BSNL

**Answer: B**

Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited (Jio) a subsidiary of Reliance Industries Limited and Google Cloud are embarking on a comprehensive long-term strategic relationship with a goal of powering 5G in enterprise and consumer segments nationwide.

Jio and Google Cloud will collaborate to bring a portfolio of 5G edge computing solutions to help industries address real business challenges.

These services will use Jio's 5G network software and Google Cloud's innovations in AI/ML data and analytics and other cloud-native technologies—delivered by Jio and powered by Google Cloud.

Jio will also adopt Google Cloud's scalable serverless data analytics platform to advance its data-led innovation strategy.

**17. Which bank has recently launched the Aarogyam healthcare business loan to bolster India's health infrastructure?**

- (a) Bank of Baroda
- (b) Canara Bank
- (c) Allahabad Bank
- (d) State Bank of India
- (e) Indian Overseas Bank

**Answer: D**

To provide enhanced support to the healthcare sector amid the pandemic, State Bank of India has launched the Aarogyam healthcare business loan. Under this new product, the entire healthcare ecosystem such as hospitals, nursing homes, diagnostic centres, pathology labs, manufacturers, suppliers, importers, logistic firms engaged in critical healthcare supply can avail of loans.

About SBI

Chairman: Dinesh Kumar Khara

Headquarters: Mumbai

**18. The National Skill Development Corporation has collaborated with which social media platform To Fuel Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Opportunities For Youth?**

- (a) Facebook
- (b) Instagram
- (c) Twitter
- (d) Telegram
- (e) Whatsapp

**Answer: E**

The National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) and WhatsApp announced an alliance to launch the Digital Skill Champions Program that aims to train India's youth on digital skills, in order to make them employment ready.



Through this program, school and university students would be coached to imbibe digital and online skills that would culminate with WhatsApp and NSDC awarding 'Digital Skill Champions' certification.

The course is based on a module-format, is comprehensive and intensive in imparting knowledge about important aspects of the online ecosystem, equipping students with technology-based learning on campuses across tier 3 and 4 towns and cities throughout the country.

The partnership identifies two broad areas of collaboration viz., WhatsApp Digital Skills Academy and Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendra (PMKK) and WhatsApp Business App Training sessions.

**19. Which International Airport in India has won the Airport Council International's (ACI) Director General's Roll of Excellence honour for Airport Service Quality?**

- (a) Cochin International Airport
- (b) Indira Gandhi International Airport
- (c) Guru Ram Dass Jee International Airport
- (d) Thiruvananthapuram International Airport
- (e) Chennai International Airport

**Answer: A**

The Cochin International Airport Ltd (CIAL) won the Airport Council International's (ACI) Director General's Roll of Excellence honour for Airport Service Quality.

The ACI, a global body of airport operators established the Roll of Excellence recognition to those airports which, in the opinion of the passengers, have consistently delivered excellent services in the Airport Service Quality Survey.

Cochin International Airport has consistently delivered excellence in customer service by winning multiple ASQ awards over five years during the past 10 years and is one of only six airports worldwide that will receive the recognition this year.

**20. Which bank has announced the launch of 'Pay your Contacts', a new feature that enables its customers to send money or make payments to any of their contacts across all payment apps?**

- (a) HDFC Bank
- (b) ICICI Bank
- (c) Kotak Mahindra Bank
- (d) Axis bank
- (e) Federal Bank

**Answer: C**

Kotak Mahindra Bank has announced the launch of 'Pay Your Contact' – an innovative feature on KMBL's mobile banking app that uses the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) platform and allows customers to send money or make payments to any of their contacts across all payment apps simply by entering the beneficiary's mobile number.

With 'Pay Your Contact', KMBL customers no longer need to remember or obtain the bank account number or IFSC code or remember UPI IDs to send money or make payments.

**21. The International Maritime Organisation has designated 25 June as International Day of Seafarer. In which year, the day was designated by the organisation?**

- (a) 2000
- (b) 2003
- (c) 2007
- (d) 2010



(e)2015

**Answer: D**

The International Maritime Organization, a specialised agency of the United Nations responsible for regulating shipping, designated June 25 as International Day of the Seafarer in the year 2010.

Since 2011, the IMO has celebrated the day.

This day to spread awareness about the work and lives of seafarers.

The theme of 2021 is 'Seafarers: at the core of shipping's future.'

**22. As per the Hurun Report and EdelGive Foundation, who among the following has emerged as the biggest philanthropist globally in the last 100 years by donating \$102 billion?**

- (a)Azim Premji
- (b)Bill Gates
- (c)Jamsetji Tata
- (d)Warren Buffet
- (e)George Soros

**Answer: C**

JamsetjiNusserwanji Tata, founder of the Tata Group has occupied the numero uno position in the EdelGive Hurun Philanthropists of the Century, leaving behind stalwarts like Bill Gates and Warren Buffet.

The report states that Tata Group's total donations peg around \$102.4 billion and that has been in sectors like education and healthcare.

The Tata Group is the only Indian company that has reached the top 10 positions. Besides that, the other Indian that made it to the list is the founder-chairman of Wipro Ltd, Azim Premji. He was ranked 12 with donations worth \$22 billion.

Bill Gates & Melinda French Gates, Henry Wellcome, Howard Hughes and Warren Buffett are among the top 5.

**23. According to the Report of the Bank for International Settlement, India's Bank credit-to-GDP ratio rose to how much percentage in the year 2020?**

- (a)36%
- (b)48%
- (c)51%
- (d)56%
- (e)65%

**Answer: D**

As per the latest data from Bank for International Settlements (BIS), bank credit-to-GDP ratio has increased to a five-year high at about 56% in 2020.

*The country's credit-to-GDP ratio improved to 56.075 per cent in 2020 from a low of 52.7 per cent in 2019.*

Total outstanding bank credit was at \$1.52 trillion in 2020 at the credit-to-GDP ratio of 56%. However, this was the second lowest among all other Asian countries.

In case of emerging market peers' credit-to-GDP ratio is 135.5% while it is at 88.7% in advanced economies.

Massive credit-driven stimulus which the government pushed to help tide over impact of covid-19 pandemic in 2020, incremental credit growth increased by only 5.56%. It was the lowest recorded growth. In 1962, the growth rate was at 5.38%.

**24. Recently, India has announced to host what edition of the Asian Ministerial Energy Roundtable in the year 2022?**

- (a) 7th
- (b) 9th
- (c) 11th
- (d) 12th
- (e) 13th

**Answer: B**

International Energy Forum (IEF) recently informed that India has agreed to host the 9th Asian Ministerial Energy Roundtable (AMER9) in 2022. India agreed to host the 9th roundtable after a virtual meeting between IEF Secretary-General Joseph McMonigle and Oil Minister Dharmendra Pradhan. This meeting focused on global energy security. The previous meeting was held in Abu Dhabi in 2018 and co-hosted by India. The International Energy Forum (IEF) is the world's largest energy organization with 71 member countries, accounting for 90 per cent of the global energy market.

**25. The Central government in collaboration with which state government has signed a loan of 32 million dollars with World Bank to improve management capacity and quality of health services in the state?**

- (a) Assam
- (b) Odisha
- (c) Mizoram
- (d) Bihar
- (e) Jharkhand

**Answer: C**

The Government of India, Government of Mizoram and the World Bank have signed a \$32 million Mizoram Health Systems Strengthening Project to

improve management capacity and quality of health services in Mizoram, particularly for the benefit of under-served areas and vulnerable groups

A key focus will be to strengthen the effectiveness of the state health insurance programme.

The Mizoram Health Systems Strengthening Project will benefit the people across all eight districts of the state.

**26. Which of the following states has secured the first position in the state's awards category as per the Union Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry's Smart Cities Award 2020?**

- (a) Uttar Pradesh
- (b) Tamil Nadu
- (c) Madhya Pradesh
- (d) Kerala
- (e) Karnataka

**Answer: A**

Uttar Pradesh is the top performer among all Indian states in rankings given by the Centre's Smart Cities Mission project, followed by Madhya Pradesh and Tamil Nadu as per results of the India Smart Cities Awards Contest (ISAC) 2020.

Among cities, Indore and Surat were adjudged joint winners, and Chandigarh was ranked first among Union territories.

The awards were given based on a range of themes like social aspects, governance, culture, urban environment, sanitation, economy, built environment, water and urban mobility.

**27. Recently, India's Olympic theme song 'Lakshya Tera Samne Hai' was launched. The song has been composed by whom among the following?**

- (a) A.R Rahman
- (b) Arijit singh
- (c) Mohit Chauhan
- (d) Kumar Sanu
- (e) Sonu Nigam

**Answer: C**

Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports Kiren Rijiju launched the official theme song of the Indian Olympic Team of Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. The song has been composed and sung by popular playback singer Mohit Chauhan.

The high energy song composed and sung by Mohit Chauhan encapsulates the spirit of every athlete's dream to bring glory for the country at the highest podium.

The Games will open on July 23 and over 100 Indian athletes have qualified for the event so far.

**28. S&P Global Ratings cut India's growth forecast for the current fiscal to \_\_\_\_\_ percentage from 11 per cent earlier.**

- (a) 10.5%
- (b) 10%
- (c) 8%
- (d) 9.5%
- (e) 9%

**Answer: D**

S&P Global Ratings cut India's growth forecast for the current fiscal to 9.5 per cent, from 11 per cent earlier, and warned of risk to the outlook from further waves of COVID pandemic.

The agency lowered the growth outlook saying that a severe second COVID-19 outbreak in April and May led to lockdowns imposed by states and sharp contraction in economic activity.

About S&P Global

Headquarters: New York, USA

**29. The Maharashtra Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme aims to provide educated unemployed youths and training in the next five years. Under the scheme, the trainees would be entitled to get \_\_\_\_\_ of the scholarship payable to them**

- (a) 60%
- (b) 50%
- (c) 30%
- (d) 25%
- (e) 75%

**Answer: E**

The Maharashtra Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (MAPS) aims to provide employment and training to 5 lakh educated unemployed youths in the next five years.

During the current year, one lakh youths will get apprenticeship opportunities.

Under this scheme, the trainees will be entitled to get 75% of the scholarship payable to them or a maximum of Rs 5,000 whichever is less.

**30. Researchers of which of the following IITs have developed oral tablets at an affordable and effective solution for Black Fungus, declared as an epidemic recently?**

- (a) IIT Delhi
- (b) IIT Hyderabad
- (c) IIT Kanpur
- (d) IIT Bombay
- (e) IIT Roorkee

**Answer: B**

Oral tablets of Amphotericin B (AmB), developed by IIT-Hyderabad researchers in 2019 as a potential cure for Leishmaniasis or Kala Azar, could be now an affordable and effective solution for Black Fungus

or mucormycosis which was declared as an epidemic recently.

The premier institute has offered to transfer technology to interested drug manufacturers for mass production.

The 60 mg AmB tablet will be affordable at ₹200.

**31. When is the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking observed every year?**

- (a) June23
- (b) June24
- (c) June25
- (d) June26
- (e) June27

**Answer: D**

The International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking is observed on 26 June every year with the aim to create awareness about issues related to drugs and strengthen action and cooperation in order to make the world free of drug abuse.

The General Assembly, on 7 December, 1987, decided to mark 26 June as the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking by resolution 42/112.

The theme this year is "Share Facts On Drugs, Save Lives".

Every year, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) prepares the World Drug Report which contains factual data and statistics to address the current drug problem.

**32. Recently, the International Financial Services Centres Authority formed a 11-member committee to explore avenues for ship financing and leasing. Who would lead the committee?**

- (a) Nandan Nilekani

- (b) Usha Thorat
- (c) Vandana Aggarwal
- (d) Neetu David
- (e) Mukundakam Sharma

**Answer: C**

This 11-member committee will be chaired by Vandana Aggarwal, former senior economic advisor to the government of India.

The committee will examine existing legal, regulatory, tax and other applicable frameworks, along with best global practices and submit its recommendations to IFSCA within a period of three months.

IFSCA is the unified regulator at GIFT City in Gandhinagar.

The committee would submit its recommendations to IFSCA in three months.

**33. As per the World Drug Report released by the U.N. Office on Drugs and Crime, 275 million people used drugs worldwide in 2020. Where is the UNODC headquartered?**

- (a) Paris
- (b) Geneva
- (c) Brussels
- (d) Vienna
- (e) Rome

**Answer: D**

Around 36 million people suffered from drug use disorders as 275 million people used drugs worldwide in 2020, according to the 2021 World Drug Report which was released by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) in June 2021.

As per the report, in the last 24 years, cannabis potency had increased by as much as four times in parts of the world during the COVID-19 pandemic.

In surveys of health professionals across 77 countries, 42 per cent asserted that cannabis use had increased.

About UNODC

Headquarters: Vienna, Austria

Established: 1997

**34. Which of the following is incorrect about the qualifications prescribed by RBI for managing directors and whole-time directors of urban cooperative banks (UCBs)?**

I. MLAs and representatives of municipal corporations will not be eligible to hold such positions in the primary UCBs. MPs are eligible.

II. They should be a post graduate or have qualifications in finance discipline

III. Minimum age is 40

(a) I and II

(b) Only I

(c) I and III

(d) Only III

(e) All are incorrect

**Answer: C**

RBI prescribed qualifications for managing directors (MDs) and whole-time directors (WTDs) of urban cooperative banks (UCBs).

Some rules are as follows:

- MPs, MLAs and representatives of municipal corporations will not be eligible to hold such positions in the primary UCBs.
- They should be a post graduate or have qualifications in finance discipline—could be either chartered/cost accountant, MBA (finance) or have a diploma in banking or cooperative business management.
- Age should not be below 35 or more than 70.

- The person shall have a combined experience of at least eight years at the middle/senior management level in the banking sector (including the experience gained in the concerned UCB) or non-banking finance companies engaged in lending (loan companies) and asset financing.
- Regarding the tenure of appointment, it mentioned the particular person may be appointed for a maximum of 5 years and will likely be eligible for re-appointment.
- Besides MPs, MLAs and representatives of municipal firms and native our bodies, individuals engaged in enterprise, commerce or having substantial curiosity in any firm too won't be eligible for appointment to such positions.

**35. Minister of State for Education Sanjay Dhotre has launched an “affordable” and “accurate” Rapid Antigen Test kit for Covid costing**

\_\_\_\_\_ developed by \_\_\_\_\_

(a) Rs 50, IIT Bombay

(b) Rs 100, IIT Delhi

(c) Rs 50, IIT Delhi

(d) Rs 100, IIT Bombay

(e) Rs 100, IIT Pune

**Answer: C**

Minister of State for Education Sanjay Dhotre launched an “affordable” and “accurate” Rapid Antigen Test kit for Covid developed by IIT Delhi.

The kit costs just Rs 50, and is 100% indigenously developed and manufactured.



The Antigen testing kit has been developed by IIT-D's Centre for Biomedical Engineering (CBME) led by Professor Harpal Singh.

**36. Swimmer Kaylee McKeown breaks a 100-meter backstroke world record. She belongs to which country?**

- (a) England
- (b) Germany
- (c) South Africa
- (d) Australia
- (e) USA

**Answer: D**

Australian swimmer Kaylee McKeown breaks the 100-meter backstroke world record at the South Australian Aquatic Centre with a time of 57.45 seconds from the previous mark of 57.57 seconds set by American Regan Smith in 2019. Emily Seebohm finished second in 58.59 to qualify for her fourth Olympics.

**37. Which state government has named Nobel laureate Esther Duflo and former Reserve Bank of India Governor Raghuram Rajan as part of a five-member Economic Advisory Council for the state?**

- (a) Kerala
- (b) Tamil Nadu
- (c) Karnataka
- (d) Maharashtra
- (e) Gujarat

**Answer: B**

The Tamil Nadu government named Nobel laureate Esther Duflo and former Reserve Bank of India Governor Raghuram Rajan as part of a five-member Economic Advisory Council for the state. The other members in the council are former Chief Economic Adviser Arvind Subramanian,

development economist Jean Drèze and former Union Finance Secretary S Narayan.

Raghuram Rajan headed the Reserve Bank of India from 2013 to 2016.

**38. Which state government has joined hands with the UN World Food Programme to empower and support women through Self Help groups till December 2023?**

- (a) Odisha
- (b) Uttar Pradesh
- (c) Uttarakhand
- (d) Maharashtra
- (e) Tamil Nadu

**Answer: A**

*The government of Odisha and the United Nations World Food Programme have joined hands to improve household food and nutritional security by strengthening livelihood initiatives*

This collaboration will support Women's Self-Help Groups (WSHGs) by providing technical assistance and capacity development, directly contributing to long-term food security and developing a replicable model.

The partnership, effective till December 2023, will also be focusing on improving the linkage of women groups with government procurement systems, increasing awareness on entitlements, building capacity of women's groups, and developing monitoring tools and undertaking evaluations to improve function of the groups.

**39. Surat Singh Mathur passed away recently. He was related to which field?**



- (a) Politics
- (b) Acting
- (c) Athletics
- (d) Journalism
- (e) Writing

**Answer: C**

Surat Singh Mathur was the first athlete from independent India to complete a marathon at the Olympic Games

Running with the legendary Czech long distance runner Emil Zatopek at the 1952 Helsinki Olympics, Mathur completed the marathon race in the 52nd place at a timing of 2:58.92s.

He was a bronze medalist at first ever Asian Games in 1951 and a two-time national champion

**40. In which state, the world's first Genetically Modified rubber sapling was planted recently?**

- (a) Kerala
- (b) Mizoram
- (c) Assam
- (d) Goa
- (e) Uttarakhand

**Answer: C**

Recently, the world's first Genetically Modified (GM) rubber plant developed by Rubber Research Institute was planted in Assam.

The rubber plant is the first of its kind developed exclusively for this region, and is expected to grow well under the climatic conditions of the mountainous northeastern region.

GM technology allows the transfer of genes for specific traits between species using laboratory techniques.

About Rubber Institute:

Headquarters: Kottayam, Kerala

**41. As per the Reuters Institute Digital News Report, 2021, what percentage of the respondents used smartphones to access news in India?**

- (a) 51%
- (b) 57%
- (c) 63%
- (d) 69%
- (e) 73%

**Answer: E**

India was ranked 31 out of 46 countries on level of trust in news in the Reuters Institute Digital News Report, 2021.

Only 38% of the respondents from India said they trust news overall.

Finland had the highest levels of overall trust in news (65%) while the U.S. had the lowest levels of trust (29%).

This is the first time India features in the main report.

It shows India is one of the strongest mobile-focused markets, with 73% of the respondents using smartphones to access news.

**42. Ashgabat was named the world's most expensive city for foreign workers in the Mercer Cost of Living Survey recently. What of the following Indian cities are not in the list?**

- (a) New Delhi
- (b) Chennai
- (c) Bengaluru
- (d) Mumbai
- (e) Hyderabad

**Answer: E**

Ashgabat, the capital of Turkmenistan in Central Asia, has been named the world's most expensive city for foreign workers.

The city topped the list in a 2021 cost-of-living survey by consultancy firm Mercer. Hong Kong was on the second position, followed by Beirut in Lebanon and Tokyo in Japan,

As far as India is concerned, Mumbai remains India's most expensive city at 78th rank but has dropped 18 places in this year's ranking. Other Indian cities on the list are New Delhi (117), Chennai (158), Bengaluru (170), and Kolkata (181).

**43. Union Minister Jitendra Singh has inaugurated a mega quintal capacity seed processing plant at Kathua district of Jammu and Kashmir recently.**

**What is the seed processing capacity of the plant?**

- (a) 16 lakh
- (b) 18 Lakh
- (c) 20 Lakh
- (d) 22 Lakh
- (e) 24 Lakh

**Answer: E**

Union Minister Jitendra Singh inaugurates mega quintal capacity Seed Processing plant at Kathua District of Jammu and Kashmir.

Dr. Singh dedicated to the public the mega quintal capacity Seed Processing Plant with 16 lakh seed generation and 24 lakh seed processing capacity, the first-of-its-kind, to have come up in this entire region.

The move will help in doubling farmers' income in India and the plant will cater to the entire Union Territory and also to Punjab and Himachal Pradesh.

**44. Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSMEs) Day is celebrated every year on 27 June.**

**The United Nations designated the day in which year?**

- (a) 2010

(b) 2013

(c) 2017

(d) 2018

(e) 2020

**Answer: C**

Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSMEs) Day is celebrated every year on June 27 to recognise the contribution of these industries in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.

According to the UN, as many as 90% of businesses are generated from MSMEs and these businesses provide 60 to 70 per cent of employment. MSME contribution to GDP is 50% worldwide.

In 2021, the theme is "MSME 2021: key to an inclusive and sustainable recovery."

The UN designated 27 June as Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises Day through a resolution passed in the UN General Assembly in April 2017.

**45. Researchers of which IIT have developed algorithms for drones to help study how fire behaves in space stations, shuttles and satellites?**

- (a) IIT Pune
- (b) IIT Madras
- (c) IIT New Delhi
- (d) IIT Bombay
- (e) IIT Ropar

**Answer: B**

Researchers at the Indian Institute of Technology Madras have developed algorithms for drones to help study how fire behaves in space stations, shuttles, and satellites.

The research team stated that a multirotor microgravity platform can also simulate reduced-gravity environments.

According to the team, a multirotor microgravity platform can also simulate reduced-gravity environments similar to Moon and Mars, thereby recreating those conditions on Earth for experiments.

The team claims that at present, generating microgravity (gravity experienced is close to zero) is possible only through space stations, satellites, space shuttles, sounding rockets, and drop towers, almost all of which are beyond the reach of most educational institutions in India.

**46. Recently, PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated Zen Garden and Kaizen Academy in Ahmedabad. Zen-Kaizen seeks to showcase art, culture, landscape and architecture of which country?**

- (a) Japan
- (b) France
- (c) Germany
- (d) Russia
- (e) Israel

**Answer: A**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually inaugurated a Japanese Zen garden and Kaizen academy at the Ahmedabad Management Association (AMA) in June 2021.

This is yet another instance showcasing the close bond between India and Japan."

'Zen-Kaizen' at AMA seeks to showcase several elements of Japanese art, culture, landscape, and architecture, and it is a joint endeavour of the Japan Information and Study Centre at AMA and Indo-Japan Friendship Association (IJFA), Gujarat, supported by the Hyogo International Association (HIA), Japan.

**47. Which of the following states has claimed to be the first Rabies-Free state in the country with not even a single case in 3 years?**

- (a) Tamil Nadu
- (b) Kerala
- (c) Karnataka
- (d) Goa
- (e) Odisha

**Answer: D**

Goa is now the first rabies-free state in the country. The task of rabies control has been carried out by the Mission Rabies project, which is being run through a central government grant.

Goa achieved 5,40,593 vaccinations against rabies in dogs and educated nearly a lakh people in dog bite prevention across the state as well as set up 24-hours rabies surveillance.

**48. Which country's first solo-operated deepwater gas field has started the production recently?**

- (a) US
- (b) India
- (c) Japan
- (d) China
- (e) UAE

**Answer: D**

China's first solo-operated deepwater gas field started production, the country's national offshore producer China National Offshore Oil Corporation Ltd said.

Shenhai-1, meaning deepsea, is expected to produce up to 3.39 billion cubic meters (bcm) of gas every year, or roughly 2% of China's total gas output.

The deepsea gas project, built in the Lingshui 17-2 gas field in the South China Sea.

**49. Srihari Natraj has qualified for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics recently. He is a renowned**

- \_\_\_\_\_.
- (a) Golfer
  - (b) Weightlifter
  - (c) Boxer
  - (d) Swimmer
  - (e) Sprinter

**Answer: D**

Swimmer Srihari Natraj qualifies for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. Srihari Natraj qualified for the Olympics in the 100m backstroke after clocking an impressive 53.77 seconds in a time trial event.

This is the first time in the history of the Olympics that two Indian swimmers have earned direct qualification to the Games.

Sajan Prakash became the first Indian swimmer to earn a direct qualification to this Olympics.

**50. Vigilance Commissioner Suresh N Patel was recently appointed as the Central Vigilance Commissioner. He replaced whom among the following?**

- (a) Vikas Swarup
- (b) Sanjay Kothari
- (c) Ajit Kumar
- (d) Hardeep S Puri
- (e) Padma Akbaruddin

**Answer: B**

Vigilance Commissioner Suresh N Patel will act as the central vigilance commissioner (CVC) in the Central Vigilance Commission, according to a Personnel Ministry notification.

The appointment was necessitated after Sanjay Kothari completed his term as the chief of the probity watchdog.

The commission is headed by the CVC and can have a maximum of two vigilance commissioners.

**51. Which state has emerged as the only state as home to all three species of crocodiles due to recent spotting of the natural nesting of Gharial species of crocodile?**

- (a) Andhra Pradesh
- (b) West Bengal
- (c) Tamil Nadu
- (d) Odisha
- (e) Madhya Pradesh

**Answer: D**

Odisha has emerged as the only state to have all the three species of the reptile freshwater Gharials at Satkosia in Mahanadi, muggers in Bhitarkanika National park and saltwater crocodiles.

For the first time, since the Gharials were introduced in the rivers of Odisha, back in 1975, the state has seen their natural nesting.

As many as 28 hatchlings were spotted recently.

**52. DRDO has recently test fired enhanced 122 mm Caliber Pinaka rockets at Integrated Test Range in Chandipur, Odisha. It can destroy targets at Distances upto \_\_\_\_\_ km.**

- (a) 50 km
- (b) 80 km
- (c) 45 km
- (d) 35 km
- (e) 60 km

**Answer: C**

DRDO successfully test fired enhanced Pinaka Rocket at Integrated Test Range in Chandipur, Odisha. 122 mm Caliber rockets were

launched from a Multi-Barrel Rocket Launcher (MBRL) and now the enhanced range version of the indigenously developed Pinaka Rocket System can destroy targets at distances up to 45 kilometres. The rocket system has been developed jointly by Pune based Armament Research and Development Establishment and High Energy Materials Research Laboratory.

**53. Recently, Yamuna International Airport Pvt. Ltd has secured \_\_\_\_\_ crore loan from State Bank of India for development of airport in Jewar, Uttar Pradesh.**

- (a) ₹ 3725 Crore
- (b) ₹ 4275 Crore
- (c) ₹ 2725 Crore
- (d) ₹ 6525 Crore
- (e) ₹ 5775 Crore

**Answer: A**

Yamuna International Airport Pvt. Ltd (YIAPL) secured ₹3,725 crore loan from SBI for development of airport in Jewar, UP.

The funding is a crucial milestone as it validates financial viability of the project while also outlining the next steps for the establishment of the Noida International Airport.

YIAPL is a 100 percent subsidiary of Zurich Airport International and has been incorporated to develop the airport in Jewar, which is around 70 km from the main Delhi region.

**54. Recently, Indian wrestler Vinesh Phogat has won the gold at the Poland Open in which category?**

- (a) 50 Kg
- (b) 53 Kg
- (c) 57 Kg
- (d) 62 Kg

(e) 68 Kg

**Answer: B**

Indian wrestler Vinesh Phogat won the 53kg gold at the Poland Open in Warsaw giving herself some crucial practice ahead of the Tokyo Olympics.

It is the third title of the season for the 26-year-old Vinesh, who claimed gold medals at the Matteo Pellicone event (March) and Asian Championship (April) earlier.

**55. The Union Cabinet recently approved the merger of Central Railside Warehouse Company Ltd with its holding enterprise Central Warehousing Corporation. When was the Central Warehousing Corporation formed?**

- (a) 1957
- (b) 1962
- (c) 1969
- (d) 1971
- (e) 1978

**Answer: A**

The Union Cabinet chaired by PM approved the merger of Central Railside Warehouse Company Ltd with its holding enterprise Central Warehousing Corporation.

The merger will facilitate the setting up of at least 50 more railside warehouses near goods-shed locations, which is likely to generate employment opportunities.

The merger is expected to be completed within 8 months.

About Central Warehousing Corporation

The Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) was set up in 1957. It functions under the Warehousing Corporations Act, 1962 for warehousing of agricultural produce and other notified commodities.

**56. June 23 has been observed as International Widows Day. When was the day first observed?**

- (a) 2011
- (b) 2019
- (c) 2020
- (d) 2012
- (e) 2015

**Answer: A**

June 23 has been observed as International Widows Day since 2011 to draw attention to the voices of widows, highlight the problems they face and galvanize the support that they need.

The first International Widows Day took place in 2005. It was formally adopted as International Widows Day by the UN in 2010, the 6th edition.

The day was established by The Loomba Foundation.

**57. Who among the following has been appointed as the brand ambassador of OnePlus wearables?**

- (a) Virat Kohli
- (b) MS Dhoni
- (c) Sachin Tendulkar
- (d) Jasprit Bumrah
- (e) Rohit Sharma

**Answer: D**

OnePlus, the global technology brand welcomed cricketer Jasprit Bumrah as Brand Ambassador for its Wearables category.

The OnePlus Wearable category includes the OnePlus Watch, the first global smart wearable from OnePlus.

About One Plus:

HQ: Shenzhen, China

CEO: Pete Lau

**58. Which of the following entities has partnered together to launch the Step Up credit card?**

- (a) Bankbazaar
- (b) SBM Bank
- (c) PaisaBazaar
- (d) Both c & b
- (e) Both a & c

**Answer: D**

Paisabazaar.com, India's largest lending marketplace & Credit Score platform and SBM Bank India, the youngest universal Bank announced the launch of Step Up Credit Card – a credit-builder product designed for consumers with limited access to formal credit, due to ineligible credit score. It is the first product to be launched under Paisabazaar's neo-lending strategy.

About PaisaBazaar:

CEO & Co-founder - Naveen Kukreja

**59. In June 2021, Online pharmacy start-up PharmEasy has acquired how much percentage stakes in diagnostics chain Thyrocare Technologies?**

- (a) 51%
- (b) 49%
- (c) 62%
- (d) 66%
- (e) 73%



**Answer: D**

Online pharmacy startup PharmEasy is acquiring a majority stake in diagnostics chain Thyrocare Technologies as it looks to diversify and bolster its testing business.

PharmEasy parent API Holdings signed a definitive agreement to acquire a 66.1% stake in Thyrocare for Rs 4,546 crore.

This is the first acquisition of a listed company by an Indian unicorn.

**60. A consignment of which of the following varieties of fruits, cultivated by the farmers of Maharashtra's Sangli has been exported to Dubai recently?**

- (a) Custard Apple
- (b) Dragon fruit
- (c) Banana
- (d) Ratnagiri Aam
- (e) Litchi

**Answer: B**

A consignment of Dragon fruit, which was renamed as Kamalam in India, cultivated by the farmers of Tadsar village in Maharashtra's Sangli has been exported to Dubai.

Dragon fruit is not a local product of India and grown mainly in Malaysia, Thailand, the Philippines, the United States and Vietnam, production of the fruit began in India in the early 1990s

Producing states of Dragon Fruit includes :-  
Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Odisha, etc.

**61. Bollywood's veteran cinematographer and director Sivan passed away recently. How many times had he won the National Award in his career?**

- (a) 1
- (b) 2

(c) 3

(d) 4

(e) None of the Above

**Answer: C**

Mollywood's veteran cinematographer and director Sivan passed away recently.

The ace cinematographer rose to fame in the Malayalam film industry with the photographs, he took for a film titled Chemmeen.

Sivan has won a National Award three times in his career.

Cinematographer Santosh Sivan, Sangeeth Sivan and Sanjeev Sivan are his sons.

His popular films include Abhayam, Yagam, Keshu, Kochu Kochu Mohangal, Oru Yathra, etc

**62. In June 2021, Deepika Kumari has clinched her third gold medal at the tournament in Paris by defeating who among the following?**

- (a) Elena Osipova
- (b) Lisa Barbelin
- (c) An San
- (d) Kang Chae-Young
- (e) Kim Soo

**Answer: A**

Indian archer Deepika Kumari beat Elena Osipova of Russia 6-0 in the final to clinch her third gold medal at the tournament.

Deepika has also won the top prize in the mixed team and women's individual recurve events.

Deepika's 2nd gold medal came with husband Atanu Das in the mixed team recurve event.

Before Deepika, Ankita Bhakat & Komalika Bari won gold in the women's recurve event

**63. The government has recently extended the second phase of the FAME India scheme for the**

**promotion of Electric Vehicles. The scheme has been extended for how many years?**

- (a) 1
- (b) 2
- (c) 3
- (d) 4
- (e) 5

**Answer: B**

The government has extended the second phase of the FAME India scheme by two years till March 31, 2024, for faster adoption of electric mobility and development of its manufacturing ecosystem in the country.

Phase-II of FAME India Scheme is being implemented from April 1, 2019 for three years with a total budgetary support of Rs 10,000 crore.

The second phase of the Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Electric Vehicles India scheme focuses on supporting the electrification of public and shared transportation.

**64. International Advanced Research Centre for Powder Metallurgy and New Materials has developed cost-effective catalysts for metal-air batteries recently. Where is the main campus of ARCI located?**

- (a) Goa
- (b) Delhi
- (c) Kochi
- (d) Hyderabad
- (e) Bengaluru

**Answer: D**

The International Advanced Research Centre for Powder Metallurgy and New Materials (ARCI), an autonomous research and development centre of Department of Science and Technology (DST), has developed a cost-effective electrocatalyst that can

increase efficiency of metal-air batteries and reduce costs.

The electrocatalyst, which is capable of catalyzing two different types of reactions, is bi-functional and non-precious metal-based.

About ARCI:

Headquarters: Hyderabad

Established: 1997

**65. Recently, Max Verstappen has won the formula one Styrian Grand Prix 2021. What brand of car does Max Verstappen drive?**

- (a) Mercedes
- (b) Red Bull
- (c) Ferrari
- (d) Renault
- (e) BMW

**Answer: B**

Red Bull's Max Verstappen beat Lewis Hamilton to take a dominant victory in the Styrian Grand Prix and extend his championship lead to 18 points.

It was his second and Red Bull's fourth consecutive win, as he moved into a position of control in the title race.

**66. Ambassador of India to the United Nations co-hosted a special event at the United Nations HLDE 2021 on India's efforts to achieve the 2030 agenda. Name the Ambassador of India to the United Nations.**

- (a) T S Tirumurti
- (b) Ajit Kumar
- (c) Vikas Swarup
- (d) Amit Mishra
- (e) Yash Pal Puri

**Answer: A**

Ambassador of India to the United Nations T S Tirumurti has expressed happiness over co-hosting a special event at the United Nations HLDE 2021 on India's efforts to achieve the 2030 agenda. Accelerating Citizen-Centric Energy Transition" - Special event at United Nation HLDE 2021 on India's efforts to achieve 2030 Agenda.

**67. As per the Comptroller and Auditor General report for 2018-19, which state's power sector companies has incurred Rs 13000 crores loss?**

- (a) Maharashtra
- (b) Karnataka
- (c) Odisha
- (d) Tamil Nadu
- (e) Uttar Pradesh

**Answer: D**

Increased power purchase, coal handling, financing and employee costs has resulted in the five Tamil Nadu state power sector companies incurring a loss of about Rs 13,176 crore, said the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) in its report for 2018-19. The CAG report said the power utility incurred an additional cost of Rs 7,396 crore in higher power purchase and generation

**68. Government of Assam has recently signed an MoU with Survey of India for the Survey of Villages and Mapping with Improvised Technology in Village Areas. Which scheme is related to the mapping survey of Villages?**

- (a) Svamitva scheme
- (b) Suvarna scheme
- (c) Sukanya scheme
- (d) Sowparnika Scheme
- (e) Swabhoomi scheme

**Answer: A**

The Assam government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Survey of India for implementing the Svamitva scheme (Survey of Villages and Mapping with Improvised Technology in Village Areas) in the state, which aims to provide an integrated property validation solution for rural areas.

The MoU was signed between Assam, Director of Land Records and Surveys, Shantanu P Gotmare and Director Assam and Nagaland, Survey of India. The Union Ministry of Panchayati Raj, and Assam Government's Department of Revenue and Disaster Management will implement the scheme with the support of the Panchayat and Rural Development. Survey of India, as the technology partner, will take steps for survey of inhabited rural land by drone as well as establishment of ground based control stations to enable a detailed spatial database of properties in rural areas.

**69 Which of the following state's CM e-launched the Agricultural Diversification Scheme-2021 for benefitting vanbandhu-farmers in the tribal areas of the state?**

- (a) Uttar Pradesh
- (b) West Bengal
- (c) Jharkhand
- (d) Gujarat
- (e) Bihar

**Answer: D**

Gujarat Chief Minister Mr. Vijay Rupani e-launched the Agricultural Diversification Scheme-2021 for benefitting vanbandhu-farmers in the tribal areas of the state.

This scheme will benefit more than 126000 Vanbandhu farmers of 14 tribal districts from Ambaji to Umargam in Gujarat.

Under this scheme tribal farmers will get fertilizer-seed assistance of Rs. 31 crores.

**70. IIM Nagpur and Central Institute of Road Transport recently signed an MOU to generate industry-oriented knowledge in transport management. Where is the Central Institute of Road Transport located?**

- (a) Pune
- (b) Mumbai
- (c) Hyderabad
- (d) New Delhi
- (e) Chennai

**Answer: A**

A collaboration between IIMN ( Indian Institute of Management Nagpur) and CIRT presents opportunities to build competencies and generate industry-oriented knowledge in transport management.

Pune is renowned as the automobile and transport hub, as evidenced by the situation of a seminal institution such as the Central Institute of Road Transport (CIRT) in the city.

**71. National Statistics Day is observed on June 29 every year. Who is known as father of statistics?**

- (a) PC Mahalanobis
- (b) M. N Roy
- (c) M. Vishweshwaraiah
- (d) B. N Rao
- (e) C. V Raman

**Answer: A**

The Government of India has been celebrating the National Statistics Day every year on 29 June. The

day is celebrated on the birth anniversary of Late Professor P C Mahalanobis. Often referred to as the 'father of Indian statistics'.

He had established National Sample Survey in 1950 and was also the founder of Indian Statistical Institute. His contributions to the world of Statistics, are celebrated on this day.

The theme for this year's National Statistics Day is Sustainable Development Goal (SDG)- 2 (End Hunger, Achieve Food Security and Improved Nutrition and Promote Sustainable Agriculture).

**72. Which country became the first country to sign the framework agreement of the International Solar Alliance Framework Agreement and Instrument of Ratification with India?**

- (a) Denmark
- (b) Norway
- (c) Sweden
- (d) Singapore
- (e) Germany

**Answer: A**

Denmark signed the framework agreement of the International Solar Alliance Framework Agreement (ISA FA) and Instrument of Ratification with India. Meanwhile, Denmark becomes first country to ratify International Solar Alliance Framework Agreement (ISA FA) after amendments to it entered into force on January 8, 2021.

ISA is an alliance of over 120 countries initiated by India.

**73. Recently, Anshula Rao became the first women cricketer to be handed a four-year ban after failing the dope test. She hails from which state?**

- (a) Odisha

- (b) Maharashtra
- (c) Madhya Pradesh
- (d) Uttar Pradesh
- (e) Rajasthan

**Answer: C**

Madhya Pradesh all-rounder Anshula Rao became the first women cricketer to be handed a four-year ban after failing the dope test.

She was handed the ban by the panel of the National Anti-Doping Agency.

Earlier she was also found guilty of consuming a banned anabolic steroid '19- Norandrosterone.

**74. Which among the following has described obesity as the 'silent epidemic'?**

- (a) WHO
- (b) UNGA
- (c) NITI Aayog
- (d) Health Ministry of India
- (e) Both a & c

**Answer: C**

NITI Aayog convened the National Convention on Prevention of Maternal, Adolescent and Childhood Obesity under the chairmanship of Dr. V.K. Paul, Member (Health), NITI Aayog and Co-chairmanship of Dr. R Hemalatha, Director, Nutrition Institute of India.

NITI Aayog described obesity as a "silent epidemic". Dr. V.K Paul called for a multi-sectoral approach to target adolescents in a bid to promote activity and healthy lifestyle.

**75. The Central government has extended the tenure of KK Venugopal by one more year till June 30, 2022. He is associated with which of the following designations?**

- (a) Solicitor General of India
- (b) Attorney General of India
- (c) SEBI Chairman
- (d) LIC Chairman
- (e) None of the Above

**Answer: B**

The Central government has extended the tenure of Attorney General for India KK Venugopal by one more year till June 30, 2022.

Venugopal was appointed as the Attorney General on July 1, 2017 for a three year term.

Last year too, his tenure was extended by one year.

**76. Which state has emerged as an integral part of the Bureau of Energy Efficiency's (BEE) endeavour to save energy on a large scale in the country again?**

- (a) Kerala
- (b) Goa
- (c) Andhra Pradesh
- (d) Gujarat
- (e) Haryana

**Answer: C**

Andhra Pradesh has once again emerged as an integral part of the Union Ministry of Power's Bureau of Energy Efficiency's endeavour to save energy on a large scale.

Two districts in Andhra Pradesh — East and West Godavari — are the two of the three districts in the country chosen by the BEE to map energy intensive glass and refractory MSME units to introduce Energy Efficiency (EE) measures.

The other district is Chirkunda in Jharkhand.

The BEE selected one district each in three States for glass industry clusters in Rajasthan, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh, and two States for refractory

clusters in one district in Jharkhand and two districts in Andhra Pradesh for conducting a detailed energy audit.

The BEE is now examining the proposal of APSECM to initiate energy audit and technology assessment in spinning, cold storage and dal processing units and identification of the energy efficient technologies in a large scale in some selected MSME clusters in AP.

**77. ICC Men's T20 World Cup, originally slated to be held in India, would now be shifted to**

- \_\_\_\_\_.
- (a) UAE
  - (b) Australia
  - (c) New Zealand
  - (d) UK
  - (e) Oman

**Answer: A**

ICC Men's T20 World Cup, originally slated to be held in India, will now be shifted to the UAE.

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), which holds the hosting rights of this year's event, will inform the International Cricket Council (ICC) in this regard.

The T20 World Cup was postponed last year due to the pandemic.

**78. Who among the following has recently launched 'itat e-dwar', an e-filing portal?**

- (a) Narendra Modi
- (b) Amit Shah
- (c) Rajnath Singh
- (d) Ramesh Pokhriyal
- (e) Ravi Shankar Prasad

**Answer: E**

Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad, Union Minister for Law & Justice, Communications and Electronics & IT, formally launched the e-filing portal of Income Tax Appellate Tribunal (ITAT), 'itat e-dwar', in New Delhi.

The newly developed e-Filing Portal would enable the parties to file their Appeals, Miscellaneous Applications, documents, paper books, etc., electronically.

**79. June 29 is observed as the International Day of the Tropics, every year. What is the theme of 2021 International Day of the Tropics?**

- (a) The Tropical Regions are Important
- (b) Digital Divide in the Tropics
- (c) We are the Tropics
- (d) Tropics & Sustainability
- (e) None

**Answer: B**

June 29 is observed as the International Day of the Tropics, every year.

The event is an UN initiative that aims to promote tropical regions on Earth, raise awareness about the conservation strategies, and celebrate the remarkable diversity that abounds the planet.

In 2014 on June 29, Nobel Laureate Aung San Suu Kyi had introduced the 'State of the Tropics Report' that suggested a very distinct point of view on the tropical regions.

Theme of this year's International Day of the Tropics is The Digital Divide in the Tropics.



**80. Which of the following social media platforms has appointed American Jeremy Kessel as the new grievance officer for India?**

- (a) WhatsApp
- (b) LinkedIn
- (c) Twitter
- (d) Instagram
- (e) Google

**Answer: C**

Twitter has appointed its global legal policy director Jeremy Kessel as the new grievance officer for users in India.

Under the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules 2021, social media intermediaries have to appoint an official to address complaints from Indian subscribers.

**81. Facebook-owned messaging platform WhatsApp has appointed whom among the following as the Head of Payments in India?**

- (a) Shyam Srinivasan
- (b) Manu Sawhney
- (c) Vinay Prakash
- (d) Manesh Mahatme
- (e) Subhash Kumar

**Answer: D**

Manesh Mahatme, who was an Amazon Pay executive, has been appointed as WhatsApp's Head of Payments in India. WhatsApp is a Facebook-owned messaging platform.

Mahatme will be entrusted with enhancing the payments experience for the users. He will also be responsible for scaling the service offering across the country.

Manesh Mahatme possesses 17 years of experience in digital financial services and payments across CitiBank, Airtel Money and Amazon.

Before being appointed as WhatsApp, Head of Payments in India, Mahatme worked for seven years in Amazon Pay as the Director and Board member of Amazon Pay India.

**82. Justice Ravi Vijaykumar Malimath has appointed as the acting chief justice of which of the following high courts?**

- (a) Allahabad High Court
- (b) Calcutta High Court
- (c) Himachal Pradesh High Court
- (d) Andhra Pradesh High Court
- (e) Bombay High Court

**Answer: C**

Justice Ravi Malimath, senior-most judge of the Himachal Pradesh High Court, has been appointed Acting Chief Justice with effect from July 1, 2021, consequent upon the retirement of the present Chief Justice L Narayana Swamy

Prior to his appointment, Malimath was serving as the acting chief justice of the Uttarakhand high court.

**83. In June 2021, FM Nirmala Sitharaman has announced a Rs \_\_\_\_\_ Crore loan guarantee scheme for Covid affected sectors.**

- (a) 1.1 lakh
- (b) 1.5 lakh
- (c) 1.9 lakh
- (d) 2.1 lakh
- (e) 2.2 lakh

**Answer: A**

FM announced a Rs 1.1-lakh crore loan guarantee scheme for Covid-affected sectors, including Rs 50,000 crore for the health sector.

She announced the enlargement of the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) given as part of the Atma Nirbhar Bharat Package by Rs 1.5 lakh crore from the present corpus of Rs 3 lakh crore.

Addressing a press conference in New Delhi, Sitharaman said as many as 25 lakh people stand to benefit from the credit guarantee scheme.

**84. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs has collaborated and NCERT joined hands for NISHTHA Capacity Building Programme. Under the programme teachers and students from how many states would be participated in the first phase?**

- (a) 2
- (b) 3
- (c) 5
- (d) 7
- (e) 9

**Answer: B**

The Ministry of Tribal Affairs (MoTA) and the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), recently collaborated on a joint mission for the NISHTHA capacity-building programme for Eklavya school teachers and principals.

Under the programme, teachers and principals from 120 Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRSs) from 3 States (Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, and Chhattisgarh) participated in the first batch of the programme.

**85. Recently, the Odisha State government has appointed how many Honorary Wildlife Wardens across all the districts as per the provision of Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972?**

- (a) 21

(b) 31

(c) 41

(d) 51

(e) 61

**Answer: C**

Odisha State government appointed 41 Honorary Wildlife Wardens (HWWs) across all the districts as per the provision of Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972. They have been appointed for a period of two years till June 2023.

The Government of India appoints private citizens as Honorary Wildlife Wardens (HWWs), on the basis of their commitment to the cause of conservation.

**86. Benigno Aquino passed away on June 24, 2021. He was the former President of which country?**

- (a) Philippines
- (b) Switzerland
- (c) Armenia
- (d) Colombia
- (e) Thailand

**Answer: A**

On June 24, 2021, Former Philippine President Benigno Aquino Passed away.

He was 61

He served as the 15th president of the Philippines from 2010 to 2016.

In 2013, Times Magazine named him one of the 100 Most Influential People in the World.

**87. Which Global payments technology has announced the appointment of Nikhil Sahni as the new Division President, South Asia and Country Corporate Officer, India?**

- (a) Mastercard
- (b) Visa
- (c) Rupay

(d) American Express

(e) Paypal

**Answer: A**

Global payments technology major Mastercard announced the appointment of Nikhil Sahni as the new Division President, South Asia and Country Corporate Officer, India.

Sahni replaces Porush Singh, who will be relocating to Singapore and will assume a new role within the company.

He will oversee Mastercard's operations, and position the company's extensive suite of products, solutions and services across the sub-continent, including Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Nepal, Maldives and Bhutan, in addition to India.

**88. Which of the following nation recently has appointed Atul Keshap as interim envoy to India?**

(a) USA

(b) UK

(c) UAE

(d) Israel

(e) Australia

**Answer: A**

The US has appointed Indian-American career diplomat Atul Keshap, an old India-hand at the state department, as the country's Charge D Affairs in Delhi.

He most recently served as the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs and as the US Ambassador to Sri Lanka and Maldives.

**89. Which of the following vaccines recently got the nod of India for its first mRNA vaccine?**

(a) Mopharma

(b) Coderma

(c) Moderma

(d) Moderna

(e) Sinopharm

**Answer: D**

India approved a fourth Covid-19 vaccine, and its first mRNA vaccine, Moderna's mRNA-1273, thereby clearing the path for importing foreign regulator-approved Covid vaccines to India without bridging clinical studies.

Moderna vaccine which has 94.1 percent efficacy will be available here through its Indian partner Cipla. Storage for the medium term for Moderna vaccine is in the range of -25 to -15 °C.

**90. Name the comprehensive programme which was launched by the Jammu & Kashmir government for Catalysing women entrepreneurship in the union territory?**

(a) NAARI

(b) HAUSLA

(c) ASHA

(d) SHAKTI

(e) UNNATI

**Answer: B**

Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir Manoj Sinha launched a scheme "Hausla" for women entrepreneurs of the Union Territory (UT) which aims at promoting their potential and enabling a wider reach of their products and services.

The intent of the innovative initiative is to empower Women as vital drivers of the overall development process in the UT by identifying & empowering

Women Entrepreneurs as role models, providing them with markets, networks, training & continuous support and subsequently building an ecosystem to inspire other local women entrepreneurs

**91. Name the India's oldest newspaper, which would enter its 200 years on July 1, 2021.**

- (a) The Hindu
- (b) Rajya Samachar
- (c) Bombay Samachar
- (d) Punjab Kesari
- (e) Nava Bharat

**Answer: C**

On July 1, India's oldest running newspaper, Mumbai Samachar, will enter its 200th year.

The Gujarati newspaper, with its office located in an iconic red building at Horniman Circle in Mumbai's Fort area, was first published in 1822.

It was founded by a Parsi scholar

Fardoonji Murazban, who had experimented with various other publishing options before landing on this successful print run.

Formerly called Bombay Samachar, in Gujarati the paper has always run as Mumbai na Samachar.

**92. Amrita Padda has been appointed as the Chief People Officer of which of the following telecom operators?**

- (a) Bharti Airtel
- (b) Reliance Jio
- (c) Vodafone
- (d) Idea
- (e) BSNL

**Answer: A**

Bharti Airtel has appointed Amrita Padda as Chief People Officer to lead the company's people strategy as the company transforms into a digital

services provider according to a company announcement.

Padda joins the company from October 1 this year and will report to Gopal Vittal, managing director and CEO, Bharti Airtel.

Padda has work experience of over two decades with Hindustan Unilever, where she has handled the entire spectrum of Human Resources roles.

**93. In June, 2021, The Ministry of Defence has signed a contract with which Shipyard Limited for the construction of two Pollution Control Vessels for the Indian Coast Guard?**

- (a) Goa Shipyard Ltd
- (b) Cochin Shipyard Ltd
- (c) Naval Dockyard
- (d) Hindustan Shipyard Ltd
- (e) Mazagon Dock Ltd

**Answer: A**

On June 22, 2021, The Ministry of Defence has signed a contract with Goa Shipyard Ltd (GSL) for the construction of two Pollution Control Vessels (PCVs) for the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) at a cost of about Rs 583 crore.

These Special Role ships will be indigenously designed and will be developed & built by GSL.

The acquisition is under 'Buy Indian Indigenously Designed Developed & Manufactured (Buy Indian-IDDMM)', the highest priority category for defence capital procurements.

The acquisition will augment the capability of ICG to respond to oil spill disasters at sea and also will enhance Pollution Response (PR) efficiency.

**94. Who among the following has been named as the captain of the Women's Hockey Team at next month's Tokyo olympics?**

- (a) Savita Punia
- (b) Manpreet Kaur
- (c) Rani Rampal
- (d) Deep Grace Ekka
- (e) Madhu yadav

**Answer: C**

India's men's and women's hockey teams will be captained by Manpreet Singh and Indian forward Rani Rampal respectively at next month's Tokyo Olympics.

For Both teams, two vice-captains were also appointed namely Deep Grace Ekka and Savita. Both teams are composed of 16 members each.

**95. Guenter Butschek stepped down from his role of Managing Director & CEO on 30 June 2021. He was the MD & CEO of which company?**

- (a) Mahindra & Mahindra
- (b) Tata Motors
- (c) Volkswagen
- (d) Honda
- (e) Toyota

**Answer: B**

Tata Motors, in a regulatory filing made after trading hours, stated that Guenter Butschek would be stepping down from his role as CEO & MD from 30 June 2021.

Butschek had informed the company about his desire to relocate to Germany at the end of the contract for personal reasons.

Pursuant to this, Girish Wagh is being appointed as the executive director to the board of Tata Motors from 1 July 2021.

**96. Investment firm Red Bird Capital Partners has acquired how much percent stakes in the IPL franchise Rajasthan Royals?**

- (a) 10%

- (b) 12%
- (c) 15%
- (d) 18%
- (e) 25%

**Answer: C**

Private investment firm RedBird Capital Partners, has picked up a 15 percent stake in Rajasthan Royals for an undisclosed amount.

The Royals, winners of the inaugural IPL in 2008, are majority owned by London-based venture capitalist Manoj Badale's investment firm Emerging Media.

**97. Which of the following IITs has set to start a 'Masters of Public Policy' postgraduate programme from the upcoming academic session 2021-22?**

- (a) IIT Pune
- (b) IIT Bombay
- (c) IIT Kanpur
- (d) IIT Delhi
- (e) IIT Kharagpur

**Answer: D**

IIT Delhi is starting a 'Master of Public Policy (MPP)' postgraduate programme from the upcoming academic session 2021-22.

The course will be offered by the School of Public Policy (SPP).

The programme will focus on developing critical thinking, analytical abilities, and ethical practices among the students, equipping them to take on STI & public policy issues in the spirit of furthering the public interest.

**98. To protect the rights of Transgender community, which state government has decided to constitute a Transgender Protection Cell in the state?**

- (a) Gujarat

- (b) Rajasthan
- (c) Uttar Pradesh
- (d) Maharashtra
- (e) Kerala

**Answer: B**

The Rajasthan government decided to constitute a Transgender Protection Cell under the Protection of Rights of Transgenders Act, 2019, in the state and has approved the proposal of the Finance department in this regard.

The state government's step comes in the light of discrimination and atrocity faced by the community.

The protection cell will work directly from the office of the Director-General of Police and prevent crimes against the people.

The department will be a team of six people, including a police inspector, a sub-inspector, two constables, a counsellor or psychological counsellor and a data entry operator.

All of them will be working on a contractual basis.

**99. Which country's government has unveiled plans to make online hate speech a crime?**

- (a) Canada
- (b) UK
- (c) USA
- (d) Australia
- (e) New Zealand

**Answer: A**

Canada's Liberal government recently unveiled plans to make online hate speech a crime, although the proposed legislation excludes social media platforms for now.

The proposed amendments to Canada's criminal codes and human rights act, which have been in the works for many months, come just weeks after an attack that killed four members of a Muslim family.

**100. Which one of the following has recently released a report on the "Not-For-Profit" hospital model in India?**

- (a) NITI Aayog
- (b) ICAR
- (c) ICMR
- (d) Finance Commission
- (e) AIIMS

**Answer: A**

NITI Aayog released a comprehensive study on the not-for-profit hospital model in the country, which is a step towards closing the information gap on such institutions and facilitating robust policymaking in this area.

The report was released by NITI Aayog Member Dr VK Paul, in the presence of CEO Mr Amitabh Kant, Additional Secretary Dr Rakesh Sarwal.

**101. The Minister of State for Chemicals & Fertilizers has virtually inaugurated the Pradhanmantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendra in which among the following state?**

- (a) Karnataka
- (b) Himachal Pradesh
- (c) Assam
- (d) Nagaland
- (e) Tripura

**Answer: B**

Minister of State for Chemicals & Fertilizers virtually inaugurated the Pradhanmantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendra in Pragpur at Kangra, Himachal Pradesh.



The 7836 Jan Aushadhi Kendras are operating day and night tirelessly to serve the poor and the needy. Shri Mandaviya informed that apart from selling affordable and quality generic medicines, many Jan Aushadhi Kendras have distributed ration kit, cooked food, free medicines, etc., to the needy people during the lockdown period.

Shri Mandaviya informed that the Government has set a target to increase the number of Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras (PMBJKs) to 10000 by March 2024. As on 11th June, 2021, the number of stores has increased to 7836. Similarly, in the State of Himachal Pradesh, 66 Jan Aushadhikendras have been opened, he added.

**102. National High-Speed Rail Corporation Limited has collaborated with which among the following for the formulation of the world's first exclusive green rating system for high-speed rail?**

- (a) Association for Environment Conscious Building
- (b) National Association of Home Builders
- (c) UK Green Building Council
- (d) Green building council
- (e) Indian Green Building Council

**Answer: E**

National High-Speed Rail Corporation Limited has collaborated with the Indian Green Building Council (IGBC) for the formulation of the world's first exclusive green rating system for high-speed rail.

According to the company, this rating system will be a tool to enable new high-speed rail (HSR) stations to apply energy-efficient concepts during design and construction, so as to further reduce adverse environmental impacts that are measurable. The objective of IGBC Green HSR Rating is to ensure

environmental sustainability while enhancing the commuter experience.

The virtual conference for the launch of the Green High-Speed Rail Rating system was attended by IGBC's Chairman V Suresh, NHRCL's Managing Director Achal Khare all directors along with other senior officials from NHRCL and IGBC.

**103. FlexiLoans.com has partnered with which among the following to provide working capital loans to its more than 1,00,000 retailers and distributors across the country?**

- (a) Lingo
- (b) Practo
- (c) Dexcom
- (d) MDCNE
- (e) Retailio

**Answer: E**

Fintech platform FlexiLoans.com has partnered with Retailio, a business-to-business healthcare marketplace, to provide working capital loans to its more than 1,00,000 retailers and distributors across the country.

This partnership aims to fund over 15,000 pharma retailers in the next 18 months.

**104. Lophopogonprasannae, a new species of \_\_\_\_\_ has been discovered in Anantapur district of Andhra Pradesh.**

- (a) Wheat
- (b) Neem
- (c) Chilli
- (d) Grass
- (e) Sunflower

**Answer: D**

A new grass species has been discovered in the Nigidi forest of Anantapur district. The grass species has been named after reputed botanist Dr PV Prasanna, scientist G, Botanical Survey of India (BSI).

Andhra Pradesh Biodiversity Board research scientist Dr Kothareddy Prasad, who discovered the new species, said: "The new grass species belongs to the genus 'Lophopogon' and rice family. It is named as Lophopogonprasannae."

**105. The Minority Affairs Minister Mukhtar launched a nationwide awareness campaign, "JaanHaiToJahaanHai" in which among the following state to create awareness on Corona vaccination in rural and remote areas of the country?**

- (a) Uttar Pradesh
- (b) Bihar
- (c) Jharkhand
- (d) Gujarat
- (e) Assam

**Answer: A**

The Minority Affairs Minister launched a nationwide "JaanHaiToJahaanHai" awareness campaign to create awareness on Corona vaccination in rural and remote areas of the country and also to "Crush and Curb" the rumours and apprehensions, being spread by some vested interests regarding the on-going vaccination drive.

Launching the campaign from the Primary Health Centre, Chamraua in Rampur, Uttar Pradesh, Shri Naqvi said that "Hesitation to Vaccination is Corona Invitation".

**106. Nirmal Kaur has been passed away recently. He was associated with which sports?**

- (a) Volley Ball
- (b) Golf
- (c) Chess
- (d) Cricket
- (e) Football

**Answer: A**

Former Indian women volleyball team captain Nirmal Kaur, who is the wife of sprint legend Milkha Singh, died at a Mohali hospital after fighting Covid-19 complications for over 3 weeks.

She was 85 and is survived by his husband, one son and three daughters. Nirmal was brought to Fortis Hospital at Mohali on May 26, two days after Milkha was admitted to the same facility due to COVID-pneumonia.

A former Director of Sports for Women in the Punjab Government and ex captain of the Indian national volleyball team, Nirmal had fought a valiant battle till the very end, the family spokesperson said.

**107. The government of India and Karnataka jointly has inaugurated three centres of excellence under the Indo-Israel Agricultural Project. The COE for Mango has been set in which among the following city?**

- (a) Kolar
- (b) Bagalkote
- (c) Dharwad
- (d) Both A & C
- (e) Both B & C

**Answer: A**

The government of India and Karnataka jointly inaugurated three centres of excellence (CoE) in the southern state under the Indo-Israel Agricultural Project (IIAP). The three COEs will include one for

pomegranate in Bagalkote, mango in Kolar and vegetables in Dharwad district.

“CoE is an advanced & intensive agricultural farm that generates knowledge, demonstrates best practices and trains farmers based on Israeli novel agro-technology tailored to the local conditions. The newly inaugurated CoEs will help farmers in Karnataka to choose and adopt the technology that suits them best, with the goal of doubling their income,” the statement stated.

**108. The Quality Council of India and the Association of Indian Manufacturers of Medical Devices have launched ICMED plus scheme. What does C mean in ICMED?**

- (a) Creation
- (b) Coordination
- (c) Classification
- (d) Classification
- (e) Certification

**Answer: E**

The Quality Council of India (QCI), and the Association of Indian Manufacturers of Medical Devices (AiMeD) have added further features to the Indian Certification of Medical Devices (ICMED) the Scheme that had been launched for Certification of Medical Devices in 2016.

The ICMED 13485 PLUS, as the new scheme has been christened, will undertake verification of the quality, safety and efficacy of medical devices. The ICMED 13485 PLUS Scheme was launched digitally today. The Chairperson, Quality Council of India graced the occasion along with other dignitaries.

**109. PLI scheme has been decided to extend the tenure of the scheme launched in 2020-21 by one year till \_\_\_\_\_.**

- (a) 2024-25
- (b) 2025-26
- (c) 2026-27
- (d) 2023-24
- (e) 2027-28

**Answer: B**

PLI scheme provides incentive of 6% to 4% on incremental sales of goods under target segments that are manufactured in India, for a period of five years. Incentives are applicable from 01.08.2020 with base year as 2019-20.

It has been decided to extend the tenure of the scheme launched in 2020-21 by one year i.e. till 2025-26. Participating companies will get option of choosing any five years for meeting their production targets under the scheme.

**110. The CCI has approved the acquisition of United Breweries Ltd by Heineken International B.V. United Breweries is a \_\_\_\_\_ based company.**

- (a) Canned Berries Manufacturer
- (b) Oil Manufacturer
- (c) Beer Manufacturer
- (d) Car Manufacturer
- (e) Shampoo Manufacturer

**Answer: C**

Fair trade regulator CCI has approved Heineken International B.V.'s proposed acquisition of an additional equity stake in United Breweries Ltd (UBL).

This, however, is subject to the outcome of certain court proceedings, a combination notice filed with the Competition Commission of India (CCI) noted.

"The proposed transaction relates to HIBV's potential acquisition of additional equity stake in UBL," it said.

United Breweries is engaged in the manufacture, sale and distribution of beer in India.

**111. The WHO has published new LIVE LIFE guidelines to help countries reduce the global suicide mortality rate by a third by \_\_\_\_\_.**

- (a) 2025
- (b) 2035
- (c) 2028
- (d) 2030
- (e) 2027

**Answer: D**

Reducing the global suicide mortality rate by a third is both, an indicator and a target (the only one for mental health) in the United Nations-mandated Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). But the world will not be able to reach this target if a new report by the WHO is to be believed.

The WHO had published new LIVE LIFE guidelines to help countries reduce the global suicide mortality rate by a third by 2030.

The novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic has increased mental stress globally. But the new WHO report shows a crisis was already in place in 2019. The report titled Suicide worldwide in 2019 was published June 17, 2021. It shows that some 703,000 people or one in a 100, died by suicide in 2019.

**112. Actor Will Smith has released his autobiography titled WILL. It would be published by which among the following publishers?**

- (a) Rupa Publications
- (b) HarperCollins Publishers India

- (c) Roli Books
- (d) Hachette India
- (e) Penguin Random House

**Answer: E**

Actor Will Smith revealed the title and cover of his upcoming. The inspirational memoir titled WILL is set to be published by Penguin Press on November 9. The book, which Smith has co-written with Mark Manson, will be published by Penguin Press, an imprint of Penguin Random House.

As per People magazine, in WILL, Will will explore his personal trajectory, from his childhood in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to his iconic roles in The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air and an array of hit films like Ali (2001) and Hitch (2005).

**113. Armament Research and Development Establishment developed Canopy Severance System in association with High Energy Material Research Laboratory for fighter aircraft which helps safe ejection of pilot in distress. ARDE is \_\_\_\_\_ based organization.**

- (a) Hyderabad
- (b) Pune
- (c) Jaipur
- (d) Lucknow
- (e) Nagpur

**Answer: B**

All modern aircraft are equipped with a Canopy Severance System (CSS), which is an escape path clearance system for the pilot in case of emergencies occurring on the aircraft.

State-of-the-art CSS has been developed ab-initio at Armament Research and Development Establishment (ARDE), Pune in association with

High Energy Material Research Laboratory (HEMRL), Pune, for the indigenously developed LCA Tejas and Trainer Aircraft, HJT-36 Aircraft and HTT-40 Aircraft. It provides safe passage by pre-weakening/severing the canopy to facilitate the smooth escape of the pilot in the shortest possible time.

**114. Which among the following Insurance Company has introduced an option for customers to buy health insurance via a monthly subscription instead of paying the annual premium upfront?**

- (a) SBI General Insurance
- (b) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance
- (c) ICICI General Insurance
- (d) Bharti AXA General Insurance
- (e) Navi General Insurance

**Answer: E**

Navi General Insurance has introduced an option for customers to buy health insurance via a monthly subscription (EMI) instead of paying the annual premium upfront.

Navi's option to pay monthly Equated Monthly Installments (EMIs) for health insurance will make it more affordable, and ultimately make health insurance more accessible to a larger set of customers. The policies can be purchased at EMIs starting as low as ₹240 per month, according to the Navi General Insurance press release, issued on 14 June.

Navi Health offers comprehensive health insurance that covers more than 20 health benefits including in-patient hospitalization, pre and post hospitalization expenses, covid-19 hospitalization, domiciliary hospitalization, 393 day-care procedures, road ambulance cover, vector-borne disease cover

and optional critical illness, maternity and newborn baby cover.

**115. The World Humanist Day has been observed every year on June 21. In which among the following country, National Humanist Day has observed first?**

- (a) Switzerland
- (b) Russia
- (c) Netherlands
- (d) Argentina
- (e) US

**Answer: C**

World Humanist Day is celebrated every year on 21 June and we've been celebrating it since the 1980s. It's an opportunity for humanists all around the world to publicise the positive values of humanism and to share the global concerns of the humanist movement. 2013, the first National Humanist Day was organized in The Netherlands.

**116. A high-level committee consisting of representatives from the 3 services has been formed for the consultations on the creation of integrated triservice theatre commands. This comes under which among the following ministry?**

- (a) Ministry of Defence
- (b) Ministry of Finance
- (c) Ministry of Personnel
- (d) Ministry of External Affairs
- (e) Ministry of Home Affairs

**Answer: E**

A high-level committee consisting of representatives from the 3 services (Army, Air Force and Navy) and the Ministries concerned such as Department of Defence, Ministry of Home Affairs, and National Security Council Secretariat has been formed for the



consultations on the creation of integrated triservice theatre commands.

The panel consists of the Vice Chiefs of the three companies, the Chief of Built-in Defence Workers to the Chairman Chiefs of Workers Committee, and representatives Ministries similar to Residence Affairs, Finance and Legislation.

**117. Which among the following department has launched a Special Call for North East Region as a part of its Mission Programme “Biotech-Krishi Innovation Science Application Network”?**

- (a) Department of Biotechnology
- (b) Department of Science
- (c) Department of Tribal
- (d) Department of Rural
- (e) Department of Agriculture

**Answer: A**

The Department of Biotechnology (DBT) has issued a Special Call for North East Region as a part of its Mission Programme “Biotech-Krishi Innovation Science Application Network (Biotech-KISAN)”, with the aim to understand the local problems of the NER farmers and provide scientific solutions to those problems.

Biotech-KISAN is a scientist-farmer partnership scheme launched in 2017 for agriculture innovation with an objective to connect science laboratories with the farmers to find out innovative solutions and technologies to be applied at farm level. Under this scheme, so far 146 Biotech-KISAN Hubs have been established covering all 15 agroclimatic zones and 110 Aspirational Districts in the country.

**118. Munishwar Nath Bhandari has been appointed as the Chief Justice of which among the following High Court?**

- (a) Chhattisgarh High Court
- (b) Gujarat High Court
- (c) Odisha High Court
- (d) Allahabad High Court
- (e) Rajasthan High Court

**Answer: D**

Justice Munishwar Nath Bhandari, senior most judge of the Allahabad High Court will take over as acting Chief Justice of Allahabad High Court on June 26 after retirement of current Chief Justice, Sanjay Yadav.

**119. National Export Insurance Account Trust has promoted the Medium and Long Term project exports by extending risk covers. NEIA Trust has supported \_\_\_\_\_ projects of Rs 52,860 crore by 63 different Indian Project Exporters till March 31, 2021.**

- (a) 56
- (b) 211
- (c) 114
- (d) 125
- (e) 136

**Answer: B**

National Export Insurance Account (NEIA) Trust promotes Medium and Long Term (MLT) project exports by extending risk covers.

It provides covers to buyer's credit, given by EXIM Bank, to less credit-worthy borrowers and supporting project exporters.

NEIA Trust has supported 211 projects of Rs 52,860 crore in 52 countries by 63 different Indian Project Exporters till March 31, 2021.



It has been decided to provide additional corpus to NEIA over 5 years. This will enable it to underwrite additional Rs. 33,000 crore of project exports.

**120. What is the theme of the United Nations Public Service Day 2021, celebrated every year on 23 June?**

- (a) Action Today, Impact Tomorrow: Innovating and Transforming Public Services and Institutions to Realize the Sustainable.
- (b) Transforming governance to realize the Sustainable Development Goals'.
- (c) Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals through effective Delivery of Services, Innovative Transformation and Accountable Institutions
- (d) Creativity, innovation and transformation of the public service.
- (e) None of these

**Answer: E**

The United Nations Public Service Day is celebrated every year on 23 June with the aim to appreciate the value of public service to the common people. It highlights the contribution and role of public service in the development process all over the world.  
Theme for United Nations Public Service Day 2021

This year, the United Nations Public Service Day will be celebrated under the theme of "Innovating the Future Public Service: New Government Models for a New Era to Reach the SDGs".

**121. What is the total outlay paid by MPL Sports Foundation according to the terms and conditions of the sponsorship deal for the IOA?**

- (a) Rs. 8 crore
- (b) Rs. 4 crore
- (c) Rs. 5 crore

(d) Rs. 7 crore

(e) Rs. 9 crore

**Answer: A**

The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) roped in mobile gaming platform MPL Sports Foundation as the principal sponsor of the country's contingent for the upcoming Tokyo Olympics and next year's Birmingham Commonwealth Games. The association is set to last till December 31, 2022.

The statement further read that according to the terms and conditions of the sponsorship deal, MPL will pay a total of Rs. 8 crore to the IOA.

The IOA also said that dairy giant Amul has agreed to be a sponsor for the Tokyo Games to be held from July 23 to August 8.

**122. Which among the following countries has launched a new trilateral for the Indo-Pacific stability?**

- (a) India-Italy-France
- (b) India-Russia -Japan
- (c) France- Russia- Italy
- (d) India-Italy-Japan
- (e) India-France-Russia

**Answer: D**

India-Italy-Japan launched their trilateral — the second trilateral involving India and a European power — hoping to create stability and a rules-based international order based on the consent of all, not on the power of the few in the Indo-Pacific region.

The trilateral was launched through a virtual meeting involving the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), the Embassies of Italy in Tokyo and New Delhi and the

Japanese foreign ministry besides representatives of the three countries' important think tanks.

**123. The ICAR has developed bio-fortified crop varieties having high nutrients. How many crop varieties would be dedicated to the nation?**

- (a) 24
- (b) 21
- (c) 19
- (d) 16
- (e) 14

**Answer: B**

ICAR has developed bio-fortified crop varieties having high nutrients like protein, iron, zinc, vitamin-A. These varieties are tolerant to diseases, insects, pests, drought, salinity, and flooding, early maturing and amenable to mechanical harvesting also developed. 21 such varieties of rice, peas, millet, maize, soyabean, quinoa, buckwheat, winged bean, pigeon pea & sorghum will be dedicated to the nation.

**124. Afthonia Lab has announced a strategic partnership with which among the following bank to support fintech companies in India to innovate and inject new ideas?**

- (a) Federal Bank
- (b) ICICI Bank
- (c) Yes Bank
- (d) Axis Bank
- (e) PNB Bank

**Answer: C**

Afthonia Lab has announced a strategic partnership with YES Bank to support fintech companies in India in their efforts to innovate and inject new ideas that would transform the Indian financial sector. Afthonia Lab's portfolio startups will be able to develop APIs

in a sandbox environment, allowing them to experiment with innovative ideas and test their solutions in real time.

**125. Agricultural Diversification Scheme-2021 has been virtually launched by the Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani. How much financial assistance has been provided to the farmer as seed assistance?**

- (a) Rs. 33 crores
- (b) Rs. 37 crores
- (c) Rs. 30 crores
- (d) Rs. 36 crores
- (e) Rs. 31 crores

**Answer: E**

In Gujarat, Chief Minister Vijay Rupani e-launched Agricultural Diversification Scheme-2021 benefiting vanbandhu- farmers in tribal areas.

The scheme will benefit more than 1.26 lakh farmers from 14 tribal districts of the state. Inaugurating the scheme, Mr Rupani said that the state government is working to make agriculture sustainable and profitable in the tribal areas.

Under this scheme tribal farmers will get fertilizer-seed assistance of Rs. 31 crores in which 45 kg of urea, 50 kg of NPK and 50 kg of ammonium sulphate will be provided.

Seeds of crops like maize, Bitter Melon (karela), Calabash (dudhi), tomato, millet, etc. are provided under this scheme.

**126. In which among the following Airport, the Adani Airport Holdings has acquired 23.5 percent stake?**

- (a) Chennai International Airport
- (b) Mumbai International Airport
- (c) Guru Ram Dass Jee International Airport
- (d) Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel International Airport,
- (e) Thiruvananthapuram International Airport

**Answer: B**

Adani Airport Holdings (AAHL), a wholly owned subsidiary of Adani Enterprises, has acquired 23.5 percent stake in Mumbai International Airport (MIAL) from ACSA Global (ACSA) and Bid Services Division (Mauritius), or Bidvest, for ₹1,685.25 crore, the company said in a regulatory filing.

**127. According to the report by Credit Suisse Research Institute, Wealth of India's super-rich has slipped to \_\_\_\_\_ % due to the rupee's fall in the year 2020.**

- (a) 4.7%
- (b) 4.1%
- (c) 4.3%
- (d) 4.4%
- (e) 4.9%

**Answer: D**

In spite of Mukesh Ambani, Gautam Adani, the Poonawallas and many other Indians seeing a jump in their net worth in the pandemic-hit 2020, overall wealth of the country's super-rich dipped 4.4 per cent to USD 12.83 trillion in the year due to the rupee's fall, and so did their tally, says a report.

The number of dollar millionaires in India fell from 7,64,000 in 2019 to 6,98,000 solely because of the rupee's fall, while their cumulative wealth stood at USD 12.833 trillion, down USD 594 billion or 4.4 per cent from the previous year, according to the report by Credit Suisse Research Institute.

**128. Which among the following country has hosted a two-day summit on Green Hydrogen initiatives beginning tomorrow involving the BRICS nations?**

- (a) Russia
- (b) South Africa

- (c) India
- (d) China
- (e) Brazil

**Answer: C**

India is all set to host a two-day summit on Green Hydrogen initiatives beginning tomorrow involving the BRICS nations. The prestigious event offers a platform to share their respective Green Hydrogen initiatives and views on how to take it to the next level in their own countries.

The event will be held through video-conference and conclude on Wednesday. It will be anchored by India's largest power producer and one of the global energy majors, NTPC Ltd. The virtual summit will bring the best brains, policy makers and major stakeholders from the BRICS nations deliberating and discussing at length the future of Hydrogen in the energy mix.

**129. ISRO together with NOAA led a multinational project called CEOS COAST. What does first S mean in CEOS COAST?**

- (a) Satellites
- (b) Sector
- (c) Surveillance
- (d) Scientist
- (e) Services

**Answer: A**

A multinational project, co-led by ISRO (Indian Space Research Organisation) and NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) from the US, that aims to improve the accuracy of coastal data based on satellite and land-based observations has been endorsed by a UN body for its use of innovative technology, and for fostering trust and collaboration among scientists.

The project is called Committee on Earth Observation Satellites Coastal Observations, Applications, Services, and Tools (CEOS COAST).

**130. As per the announcement from the Financial Minister, a new scheme for strengthening public health infrastructure and human resources with outlay of \_\_\_\_\_ Crore.**

- (a) Rs. 18,220 Crore
- (b) Rs. 20,220 Crore
- (c) Rs. 23,220 Crore
- (d) Rs. 21,220 Crore
- (e) Rs. 19,220 Crore

**Answer: C**

A new scheme for strengthening public health infrastructure and human resources with outlay of Rs. 23,220 crore was also announced. The new scheme will focus on short term emergency preparedness with special emphasis on children and paediatric care/paediatric beds. An outlay of Rs. 23,220 crore is earmarked for the scheme to be spent in the current financial year itself.

**131. How many member committee has formed to protect and improve the quality of the coastal environment by the Karnataka Coastal Zone Management Authority?**

- (a) 17-member
- (b) 20-member
- (c) 13-member
- (d) 11-member
- (e) 15-member

**Answer: E**

The 15-member body is expected to protect and improve the quality of the coastal environment. The Union government has issued a gazette notification on June 17 constituting the Karnataka Coastal Zone Management Authority.

**132. BRICS nations agreed on an innovation co-operation at \_\_\_\_\_ edition of BRICS S&T Steering Committee meeting.**

- (a) 8th
- (b) 11th
- (c) 19th
- (d) 15th
- (e) 9th

**Answer: B**

BRICS nations comprising of Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa unanimously agreed on an innovation co-operation at the 11th BRICS S&T Steering Committee meeting.

The proposal put forward by India would be considered at the BRICS Science, Technology and Innovation Entrepreneurship (STIEP) working group for elaborating the action plan, read a Ministry of Science & Technology release.

The concept and action plan for BRICS Innovation Cooperation 2021-2024 was discussed during the meeting organized on June 22, 2021 to review the implementation of BRICS Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) Calendar of Activities.

**133. Which of the following Institute has been ranked as a pioneering B-school in the Positive Impact Rating 2021 recently?**

- (a) FORE School of Management
- (b) Xavier Institute of Management & Entrepreneurship,
- (c) Birla Institute of Management Technology
- (d) Goa Institute of Management
- (e) Loyola Institute of Business Administration

**Answer: D**

Goa Institute of Management (GIM) has been ranked as a pioneering B-school in the Positive Impact Rating 2021 recently.

The report was launched at the United Nations Principles for Responsible Management Education Global Forum event held virtually from New York. GIM Director Ajit Parulekar on Tuesday said the B-school emerged as a leader and was one of the 46 business schools from 21 countries worldwide that took part in the rating.

**134. Tax Inspectors Without Borders programme has been launched by Bhutan in partnership with India. TIWB is a joint initiative of OECD & \_\_\_\_\_**

- (a) UNDP
- (b) UNESCO
- (c) UNSC
- (d) UNGA
- (e) UN

**Answer: A**

Tax Inspectors Without Borders (TIWB), a joint initiative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), launched its programme in Bhutan today. India was chosen as the Partner Jurisdiction and has provided the Tax Expert for this programme.

This programme is expected to be of about 24 months' duration through which India in collaboration with the UNDP and the TIWB Secretariat aims to aid Bhutan in strengthening its tax administration by transferring technical know-how and skills to its tax auditors, and through sharing of best audit practices. The focus of the programme will be in the area of International Taxation and Transfer Pricing.

**135. IFFCO has planned to set up a nano urea liquid manufacturing plant in which among the following country?**

- (a) Ireland
- (b) France
- (c) Argentina
- (d) Japan
- (e) Brazil

**Answer: C**

Leading fertiliser cooperative IFFCO will set up a nano urea liquid manufacturing plant in Argentina in partnership with two agencies -- Instituto Nacional de Asociativismo y Economía Social (INAES) and Cooperative Confederation of Argentina 'Cooperar'. IFFCO, INAES and Cooperar -- entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the same, it said in a statement.

According to IFFCO, the three will together analyze the feasibility of setting up a nano urea fertiliser manufacturing plant in Argentina with mutual collaboration.

**136. According to the Annual Report of the Secretary-General on Children and Armed Conflict released by which among the following organisation recorded over 19,300 children, including boys and girls, suffered from one or more incidents of grave violations against them in 2020?**

- (a) UNSC
- (b) UNESCO
- (c) UNGA
- (d) UNICEF
- (e) UN

**Answer: E**



Over 19,300 children, including boys and girls, suffered from one or more incidents of grave violations against them in 2020, according to the Annual Report of the Secretary-General on Children and Armed Conflict (CAAC) released by the United Nations (UN).

The report also noted that 26,425 grave violations were committed against children last year, including attacks on schools and hospitals.

**137. Which among the following state has signed an MOU with the British government under their 'ACT4Green' programme to enable the Indian and UK start-ups to expand internationally?**

- (a) Tamil Nadu
- (b) Maharashtra
- (c) West Bengal
- (d) Karnataka
- (e) Assam

**Answer: B**

Maharashtra signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the British government under their 'ACT4Green' programme, which aims to enable the Indian and UK start-ups to expand internationally through market entry support in their respective cross-border markets of interest.

The MoU was signed during a virtual ceremony organised by the Maharashtra State Innovation Society (MSInS), a nodal agency setup under the aegis of Skill Development, Employment and Entrepreneurship of the Maharashtra government. The society is responsible for the execution of the state's innovative start-up policy.

**138. According to which among the following, India's share in the global engineering and research and development market is expected to grow at a compound annual growth rate of 12-13 per cent to reach USD 63 billion by 2025?**

- (a) Nasscom
- (b) FICCI
- (c) RAW
- (d) IB
- (e) NSDC

**Answer: A**

India's share in the global engineering and research and development (ER&D) market is expected to grow at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 12-13 per cent to reach USD 63 billion by 2025, according to industry body Nasscom.

Speaking at the Nasscom Engineering R&D Showcase 2021 event, Nasscom President Debjani Ghosh noted that the pandemic has altered the way consumers behave, interact with companies, and how businesses interact.

**139. Triton Electric Vehicle Pvt Ltd has signed an MOU with the Telangana government for setting up a manufacturing unit for electric vehicles at the National Investment & Manufacturing Zone in which among the following city?**

- (a) Warangal
- (b) Hyderabad
- (c) Zaheerabad
- (d) Peddapalli
- (e) Narayanpet

**Answer: C**

Triton Electric Vehicle Pvt Ltd entered into a MoU with the Telangana government for setting up a manufacturing unit for electric vehicles at the



National Investment & Manufacturing Zone at Zaheerabad.

Principal Secretary for IT and Industries Jayesh Ranjan and Triton Electric Vehicle Pvt Ltd India development head M Mansoor signed the MoU in the presence of IT and Industries Minister KT Rama Rao, an official release said.

**140. As per the new announcement from FM, the Export Credit Guarantee Corporation's products support around \_\_\_\_\_ of India's merchandise exports.**

- (a) 28%
- (b) 30%
- (c) 25%
- (d) 21%
- (e) 35%

**Answer: B**

Export Credit Guarantee Corporation (ECGC) promotes exports by providing credit insurance services. Its products support around 30% of India's merchandise exports. It has been decided to infuse equity in ECGC over 5 years to boost export insurance cover by Rs. 88,000 crore.

**141. As per the Quacquarelli Symonds Executive MBA Rankings, What is the rank of Indian Institute of Management Bangalore in the Asia-Pacific category?**

- (a) 39<sup>th</sup>
- (b) 21<sup>st</sup>
- (c) 10<sup>th</sup>
- (d) 19<sup>th</sup>
- (e) 5<sup>th</sup>

**Answer: C**

The Post Graduate Programme in Enterprise Management (PGPEM) of the Indian Institute of

Management Bangalore (IIMB) has been ranked the best in India in the latest edition of QS Executive MBA Rankings.

IIMB has bagged the 39<sup>th</sup> spot globally, making it the only Indian institute to feature in the list of the top 100.

In the Asia-Pacific category, IIMB holds the 10<sup>th</sup> spot, leading the B-school brigade from India, it said. IIM Bangalore secured the top rank in India with a score of 61.8.

The programme scored notably well on the parameter of career outcomes, employer reputation and thought leadership.

Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) has evaluated 176 global EMBA programmes from all over the world, IIMB added.

**142. Which among the following brand has partnered with Alliance Insurance launched a tailor-made insurance policy, "Women's cancer shield" for breast cancer female patients?**

- (a) Clovia
- (b) Shyaway
- (c) Victoria's Secret
- (d) La Senza
- (e) Calvin Klein

**Answer: A**

Women's personal care brand, Clovia in partnership with Alliance Insurance launched a tailor-made insurance policy, "Women's cancer shield" for breast cancer female patients.

The partnership involves Clovia as the medium of making insurance reach out to consumers through its platform while Alliance Insurance as the insurance partner to facilitate the breast cancer insurance policy.

In India, a woman is diagnosed with breast cancer every four minutes. With breast cancer accounting for 14 percent of cancers in Indian women, this initiative aims to reinforce awareness for the ailment, the company said.

**143. Euphlyctis Kerala, new species of skittering frog, has been found in which among the following sanctuary of Kerala?**

- (a) Mangalavanam Bird Sanctuary
- (b) Peechi-Vazhani Wildlife Sanctuary
- (c) Begur Wildlife Sanctuary
- (d) Chinnar Wildlife Sanctuary
- (e) Thattekkad hen sanctuary

**Answer: E**

A brand new species of skittering frog has been recognized from the environment of the Thattekkad hen sanctuary.

A crew of researchers from the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI), Mount Carmel Faculty (MCC), Bengaluru, and Nationwide Institute of Science Training and Analysis (NISER), Bhubaneswar, made the invention.

The brand new species is called as Euphlyctis Kerala in honour of the exceptional biodiversity of the State, which can be identified for a lot of endemic species of frogs.

The analysis findings of the research are printed within the Worldwide Journal Zootaxa printed from New Zealand.

**144. Which among the following missile with a range of 1,000 km has been test-fired by the Defence Research and Development Organisation from an integrated test range in Balasore in Odisha?**

- (a) Nag
- (b) Akash
- (c) Trishul
- (d) Nirbhay
- (e) Agni

**Answer: D**

The Nirbhay subsonic cruise missile, having a range of around 1,000 km, developed a technical snag during a test firing on Monday at a facility in Odisha, forcing its developer DRDO to abort the trial, official sources said.

The missile was test-fired by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) from an integrated test range in Balasore in Odisha at around 10:30 AM.

"Minutes later, the missile developed a technical snag following which the trial process was aborted. The DRDO is analysing all the details," said a source.

The DRDO has already carried out several successful trials of the 'Nirbhay' missile since October 2014.

**145. According to the recent government data, China has replaced which among the following country as the second largest export destination for India in fiscal 2021?**

- (a) US

- (b) UAE
- (c) Russia
- (d) Japan
- (e) Singapore

**Answer: B**

China replaced the UAE as the second largest export destination for India in fiscal 2021, with outbound shipments to the neighbouring country rising 27.53% to \$21.18 billion in the pandemic year.

The US remained the country's top export partner, according to government data, but shipments declined 2.78% to \$51.63 billion in a year when India's merchandise trade — both exports and imports — fell amid global lockdowns and disruption to logistics due to the pandemic.

**146. In which among the following state, the Detailed Project Reports of LiDAR based survey of forest areas has not conducted?**

- (a) Goa
- (b) Chhattisgarh
- (c) Manipur
- (d) Arunachal Pradesh
- (e) Tripura

**Answer: D**

Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Shri Prakash Javadekar in a virtual event today released the Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) of LiDAR based survey of forest areas in ten states namely Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Nagaland, and Tripura.

**147. Meenesh Shah has been appointed as the Chairman of National Dairy Development Board by replacing whom among the following?**

- (a) Varsha Joshi
- (b) Bala Krishanan
- (c) S.N Hari
- (d) Reeta Govind
- (e) Subramaniam

**Answer: A**

Meenesh Shah, Executive Director, National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) has taken over the additional charge of the post of Chairman, NDDB for a period of six months with effect from 1st June 2021 until further orders. Ms Varsha Joshi's tenure as Chairman of NDDB ended on 31st May 2021.

Shah obtained his BSc degree in Dairy Technology from Sheth MC College of Dairy Science (Anand Agricultural University), Anand and also holds a Post Graduate Diploma in Rural Management from the Institute of Rural Management, Anand (IRMA).

**148. Hemis festival has been celebrated on the 10th and 11th of the fifth lunar month as per Buddhist calendar. The festival is celebrated in \_\_\_\_\_**

- (a) Jammu & Kashmir
- (b) Madhya Pradesh
- (c) Ladakh
- (d) Assam
- (e) Nagaland

**Answer: C**

Every year, the high point of the tourist season is the colourful Hemis festival celebrated on the 10th and 11th of the fifth lunar month (according to the Buddhist calendar). Unfortunately, this year a number of travel agencies miscalculated the dates (June 14-15), and a number of foreign tourists caught only the fag end of the festival.

During the Hemis festival, 250 Buddhist Lamas of the Hemis gompa (monastery), 40 km south-east of Leh, commemorate the birthday of Padma Sambhava, eighth-century founder of the Red School (old school) of Buddhism. The Indian missionary is reputed to have travelled extensively across the Himalayas to convert the rugged people of this region to the gentle ways of Buddhism

**149. The CCI has approved the acquisition of the Zuarinagar plant by Paradeep Phosphates Limited. Zuarinagar plant is \_\_\_\_\_ based.**

- (a) Odisha
- (b) Goa
- (c) Karnataka
- (d) Madhya Pradesh
- (e) Gujarat

**Answer: B**

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved the acquisition of the Zuarinagar plant of Zuari Agro Chemicals Limited by Paradeep Phosphates Limited.

As per the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, the proposed combination envisages the acquisition of Zuarinagar, Goa plant of Zuari Agro Chemicals Limited (ZACL) by Paradeep Phosphates Limited (PPL).

As a result of the acquisition, PPL shall acquire the business of developing and manufacturing urea and non-urea fertiliser products presently being carried out by ZACL at the Zuarinagar, Goa Plant.

**150. Which among the following Insurance company has launched a new centralized web-based work-**

**flow-based IT platform, e-PGS, for its group business operations?**

- (a) Life Insurance Corporation
- (b) Aviva Life Insurance
- (c) Bharti AXA Life Insurance
- (d) Canara HSBC Oriental Bank of Commerce Life Insurance
- (e) Edelweiss Tokio Life Insurance

**Answer: A**

Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) has launched a new centralized web-based work-flow-based IT platform, e-PGS, for its group business operations.

M R Kumar, Chairman of LIC, inaugurated the project e-PGS at the Central Office, Mumbai in the presence of Managing Directors Vipin Anand, Mukesh Gupta, Raj Kumar and S Mohanty. Rakesh Sharma, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of IDBI Bank received the first digital receipt, generated on new IT platform to the bank as Master Policy Holder in one of its group policies from M R Kumar

**151. The Reserve Bank has launched the 2020-21 round of its annual survey on computer software and ITES exports, used for compilation of balance of payments statistics. What does S mean in ITES?**

- (a) Services
- (b) Survey
- (c) Source
- (d) Statistics
- (e) Site

**Answer: A**

The Reserve Bank has launched the 2020-21 round of its annual survey on computer software and information technology enabled services (ITES)

exports, results of which are used for compilation of balance of payments statistics. The RBI has been conducting this annual survey since 2002-03. It collects data on various aspects of computer services exports as well as exports of ITES and business process outsourcing (BPO).

The survey results are released in the public domain, besides being used for compilation of balance of payments (BoP) statistics and other uses.

**152. Which among the Indian Naval Ship has to be commissioned in 2022 to coincide with the 75th year of India's Independence?**

- (a) INS Talwar
- (b) INS Kadamba
- (c) INS Vikramaditya
- (d) INS Arihant
- (e) INS Vikrant

**Answer: E**

The Union government expects the much-delayed first indigenous aircraft carrier 1 (IAC-1), christened Indian Naval Ship (INS) Vikrant, to be commissioned in 2022, coinciding with the 75th year of India's Independence.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, who is on a visit to INS Kadamba, the Navy's premier naval base in Karwar, Karnataka, was confident that the commissioning of IAC-1 would take place in 2022. He described the indigenous aircraft carrier as a shining example of the Navy's efforts towards being self-reliant.

Although the keel of the IAC-1 was laid in February 2009 and the warship has been under construction

ever since at the Cochin Shipyard Limited, it has faced numerous time and cost overruns. The IAC-1's first sea trials are expected to take place in December 2021.

**153. Which among the following ministry has delivered the Ministerial Address on Declaration and EWG Priorities at G20 Ministers' Meeting?**

- (a) Ministry of Finance
- (b) Ministry of Home Affairs
- (c) Ministry of Labour and Employment
- (d) Ministry of External Affairs
- (e) Ministry of Defence

**Answer: C**

Union Minister for Labour and Employment Shri Santosh Gangwar has said that India is making collective efforts to reduce gender gaps in labour force participation. The country is ensuring education, training, skilling, entrepreneurship development and equal pay for equal work. Delivering Ministerial Address on Declaration and Employment Working Group Priorities at G20 Labour and Employment Ministers' Meeting here today, Shri Gangwar said, the new Code on Wages, 2019 shall reduce gender-based discrimination in wages, recruitment and conditions of employment. Women are entitled for all types of work in all establishments. Employers have to ensure their safety and provisions for working hours. Women can now work even during night hours.

**154. Parassala B Ponnammal has passed away recently in Kerala. She was \_\_\_\_\_ by profession.**

- (a) Yoga Master
- (b) Musician
- (c) Doctor

- (d) Teacher  
(e) Classical Dancer

**Answer: B**

Parassala B Ponnammal, a doyen of carnatic music from Kerala passed away on Tuesday. She was 96. She passed away at her residence at Valiyasala in Thiruvananthapuram city on June 22 at 1 pm. Age-related illness is assumed to be the cause of death. Awarded the Padma Shri in 2017, Ponnammal's loved ones remembered her as an unassuming and a gentle soul who chose to lead a low profile life.

The state government honored her with the Swathi Sangeetha Puraskaram named after Swathi Thirunal Rama, the highest honour instituted for musicians in the state, in 2008. She was also honoured with the Kerala Sangeet Natak Akademi Award and Sangeet Natak Akademi fellowship among others.

**155. The Defence Secretary Dr Ajay Kumar has invited many countries for active collaborations to fight COVID-19 at \_\_\_\_\_ edition of Moscow Conference on International Security.**

- (a) 12th  
(b) 5th  
(c) 3rd  
(d) 9th  
(e) 11th

**Answer: D**

"Active collaborations, research partnerships and leveraging each other's strengths are the ways ahead to fight pandemics like COVID-19," said Defence Secretary Dr Ajay Kumar in his address at the plenary session of the 9th Moscow Conference on International Security on the topic 'Role of Military Agencies in fighting against COVID-19', in Moscow, Russia on June 23, 2021. Defence

Ministers of Kazakhstan, Mongolia, Zimbabwe, Sudan and UN Under Secretary General for Peacekeeping among others participated in the session.

Noting that global challenges like COVID-19 make no distinction among nations, the Defence Secretary stressed on bolstering infrastructure and capabilities for global response to prevent eruption of such diseases in future. He urged the international community to focus on proactive vaccinations and keep ahead of the curve to deal with COVID-19 pandemic.

**156. What % (approx.) of qualified institutional placement has been picked up by Canara bank in Indian Bank?**

- (a) 12%  
(b) 8%  
(c) 6%  
(d) 10%  
(e) 18%

**Answer: C**

Life Insurance Corporation (LIC), SBI Life and Canara Bank were among the top investors picking up stakes in Indian Bank under a QIP.

The country's largest and the only state-owned life insurer, LIC, picked up 17.80 per cent of the shares issued under the qualified institutional placement (QIP), which closed.

It was followed by SBI Life Insurance (11.87 per cent), SBI Mutual Fund and its various schemes (11.87 per cent), Societe Generale and its various schemes (9.74 per cent) and Canara Bank subscribing to 5.93 per cent of the shares offered in



the issue, according to the regulatory filing by Indian Bank.

Indian Bank raised a total of ₹1,650 crore in its QIP of shares, which were issued at ₹142.15 apiece.

**157. In which among the following districts of Madhya Pradesh, MOIL has not explored the options of manganese ore mining as per the recent tripartite agreement?**

- (a) Indore
- (b) Jabalpur
- (c) Balaghat
- (d) Chhindwara
- (e) Jhabua

**Answer: A**

State-owned MOIL has signed a pact with the Madhya Pradesh government and the Madhya Pradesh State Mining Corporation Ltd (MPSMCL) to explore the options of manganese ore mining in four districts of the state. The four districts of Madhya Pradesh are Balaghat, Jabalpur, Jhabua, and Chhindwara.

"MOIL has signed a tripartite MoU (memorandum of understanding) with the Government of Madhya Pradesh and the Madhya Pradesh State Mining Corporation Limited (MPSMCL) to explore the possibilities of manganese ore mining in Balaghat, Jabalpur, Jhabua, and Chhindwara districts," it said

**158. The Ministerial Thematic Forum for UN High-level Dialogue on Energy has been recently held in a virtual manner. Which among the following is not a theme of the forum?**

- (a) Energy Access
- (b) Forum on Innovation

(c) Forum on Finance and Investment

(d) Forum on Trade and Customs

(e) Energy Transitions Forum

**Answer: D**

Ministerial-level Thematic Forums will bring together key stakeholders from 21-25 June 2021, to mobilize actions on the road to the High-level Dialogue on Energy in September 2021.

During the Ministerial Thematic Forums week, there will be five Forums. Each Forum will focus on one of the five themes of the Dialogue: Energy Access (21 June), Energy Transitions Forum (23 June), Forum on Enabling SDGs through Inclusive, Just Energy Transitions (24 June), Forum on Innovation, Technology and Data (22 June), and Forum on Finance and Investment (25 June).

**159. What is the penalty has been imposed by RBI on a Pune based JansevaSahakari Bank Limited for deficiencies in regulatory compliance?**

- (a) ₹5 lakh
- (b) ₹8 lakh
- (c) ₹2 lakh
- (d) ₹4 lakh
- (e) ₹6 lakh

**Answer: C**

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed a total penalty of ₹8 lakh on three Maharashtra-based co-operative banks for deficiencies in regulatory compliance.

A penalty of ₹4 lakh has been imposed on Excellent Co-operative Bank, Mumbai, and ₹2 lakh each on JansevaSahakari Bank Limited, Pune and The Ajara Urban Co-operative Bank, Ajara (Kolhapur).

**160. Which among the following country's Society of Civil Engineers has awarded the Delhi Metro's Phase I, II, and III projects with the prestigious 'Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievement Award' for the year 2020?**

- (a) Japan
- (b) US
- (c) Singapore
- (d) France
- (e) China

**Answer: A**

Japan Society of Civil Engineers (JSCE) has awarded the Delhi Metro's Phase I, II, and III projects with the prestigious 'Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievement Award' for the year 2020. The Delhi Metro project was dubbed a "High-Quality Infrastructure Development Project" by the JSCE.

In its award note, the JSCE said the Delhi Metro's projects raised awareness of safety and efficiency at construction sites in India while also providing residents with safe, secure, and comfortable transportation. This award is given to highly selective projects showcasing the advancement of civil engineering technology across the world.

**161. How much stake has been acquired by HDFC Bank in Virtuoso Infotech, founded by Preeti Nahar and Yogesh Satpute?**

- (a) 7.9%
- (b) 7.6%
- (c) 7.4%
- (d) 7.1%
- (e) 7.7%

**Answer: C**

Virtuoso Infotech Pvt. Ltd., an enterprise software solutions company, founded by Preeti Nahar and Yogesh Satpute, based out of Pune.

India's largest private sector bank HDFC and its subsidiary HDFC Securities Limited has acquired a 7.4 per cent stake in Virtuoso Infotech.

Virtuoso Infotech specializes in product engineering and offers customized software solutions for enterprises across a wide range of sectors. The list includes software solutions for Hospitality, Finance, Media, Religious Institutions, Communities, Cloud Computing, Food & Travel industries, using Data Analytics and Machine Learning.

**162. Which among the following power giant has set to install 60 GW of renewable energy capacity by 2032?**

- (a) Power Grid Corporation
- (b) GAIL
- (c) IOC
- (d) BHEL
- (e) NTPC

**Answer: E**

State-owned power giant NTPC said it has set a target to install 60 gigawatts (GW) of renewable energy (RE) capacity by 2032.

NTPC has become India's first energy company to declare its energy compact goals as part of the UN High-level Dialogue on Energy (HLDE).

'NTPC has set a target to install 60 GW of renewable energy capacity by 2032.

The country's largest power producer is also aiming 10 per cent reduction in net energy intensity by 2032.

**163. Which among the following organisation has designated June 27 as Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises Day?**

- (a) UNDO
- (b) UN
- (c) UNESCO
- (d) WTO
- (e) None of these

**Answer: B**

Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSMEs) Day is celebrated every year on June 27 to recognise the contribution of these industries in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The UN designated June 27 as Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises Day through a resolution passed in the UN General Assembly in April 2017.

In 2021, the theme is "MSME 2021: Key to an inclusive and sustainable recovery."

**164. The Financial Action Task Force has retained which among the following country in the grey list?**

- (a) US
- (b) Israel
- (c) Pakistan
- (d) France
- (e) Syria

**Answer: C**

The Financial Action Task Force (FATF) retained Pakistan in its "grey list" for failing to adequately investigate and prosecute senior leaders and commanders of UN-designated terrorist groups. The watchdog noted that "Pakistan's continued political commitment has led to significant progress across a comprehensive CFT action plan".

FATF recognised Pakistan's progress and noted that since February this year, the country "has made progress to complete two of the three remaining action items on demonstrating that effective, proportionate and dissuasive sanctions are imposed for TF convictions and that Pakistan's targeted financial sanctions regime was being used effectively to targeted terrorist assets".

**165. 'Growing Up Biden', a book has been penned by whom among the following?**

- (a) Barack Obama
- (b) Ashley Biden
- (c) Hilary Clinton
- (d) Valerie Biden
- (e) Donald Trump

**Answer: D**

US President Joe Biden's sister Valerie Biden Owens has signed a book deal with Celadon Books to pen a memoir 'Growing Up Biden'. Valerie Biden Owens is not just close to President Biden but has also been his longtime political strategist. Celadon Books told The Associated Press on June 24 that Owens' 'Growing Up Biden' will be released on April 12, 2022. In the memoir, Valerie is expected to share about her childhood as the only girl among four siblings, how her equation with her elder brother evolved over the years and her "trailblazing, decades-long professional relationship" with Biden.

**166. How much loan assistance has been approved by the World Bank to transform foundational learning in government schools of Andhra Pradesh?**

- (a) 250 million dollars
- (b) 300 million dollars
- (c) 350 million dollars
- (d) 150 million dollars

(e) 200 million dollars

**Answer: A**

Andhra Pradesh has started a programme to transform foundational learning in government schools for which the World Bank has approved a loan of 250 million dollars.

The main objectives of the programme called Supporting Andhra's Learning Transformation (SALT) are strengthening foundation schools and providing training and skill development to teachers,

**167. Which among the following state has virtually inaugurated the country's first Fenton Catalytic Reactor, an advanced industrial wastewater treatment plant, at Vatva industrial area of the city?**

- (a) Maharashtra
- (b) Karnataka
- (c) Madhya Pradesh
- (d) Gujarat
- (e) Assam

**Answer: D**

Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani virtually inaugurated the country's first Fenton Catalytic Reactor, an advanced industrial wastewater treatment plant, at Vatva industrial area of the city.

With 30 MLD (million litres per day) capacity, Fenton Catalytic Reactor has been set by the Green Environment Services Co-operative Society Limited (GESCSL) in its premises in Vatva GIDC at a cost of Rs 70 crore, an official release stated.

**168. The RBI has extended the restrictions on which among the following till December 31, 2021?**

- (a) South Indian Bank
- (b) Kotak Mahindra Bank

(c) None of these

(d) Indusland Bank

(e) IDFC Bank

**Answer: C**

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) extended the restrictions on Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative Bank (PMC Bank) further from July 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021. The RBI said that the directions have been extended taking into account the time required for completion of reconstruction of PMC Bank.

The RBI said that after careful consideration, the proposal from Centrum Financial Services Ltd (CFSL) along with Resilient Innovation Pvt Ltd (BharatPe) has been found to be prima facie feasible.

**169. The World Allergy Week has observed on which among the following days to raise awareness of the impact of allergy in our communities?**

- (a) 12-18 June 2021
- (b) 13-19 June 2021
- (c) 10-18 June 2021
- (d) 14-20 June 2021
- (e) 11-17 June 2021

**Answer: B**

World Allergy Week (13-19 June 2021) is a global campaign of the World Allergy Organisation (WAO), which aims to raise awareness of the impact of allergy in our communities.

The theme for World Allergy Week 2021 is Anaphylaxis and ASCIA anaphylaxis resources

**170. K K Venugopal has been extended for one year as Attorney General till June 30, 2022. He took as the \_\_\_\_\_th Attorney General of India.**

- (a) 11th
- (b) 12th
- (c) 13th
- (d) 14th
- (e) 15th

**Answer: E**

The Central Government has extended the tenure of Attorney General K K Venugopal by one more year till June 30, 2022.

Last year, his tenure was extended by one year.

Venugopal was appointed as AG on July 1, 2017.

He took over as the 15th Attorney General of India after former AG Mukul Rohatgi resigned.

**171. The website for the Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan has been launched by which among the following ministry?**

- (a) Ministry of IT & Broadcasting
- (b) Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
- (c) Ministry of Home Affairs
- (d) Ministry of Agriculture
- (e) Ministry of Finance

**Answer: B**

Union Minister Shri Thawarchand Gehlot in the presence of Shri Krishan Pal Gurjar, Shri Ramdas Athawale & Shri Ratan Lal Kataria launched the website for the Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan(NMBA) on the occasion of International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking.

The Day is observed worldwide to strengthen action and cooperation in achieving the goal of a sustainable world free of substance abuse. The

Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, which is the nodal ministry for Drug Demand Reduction, implements various programmes for the drug abuse prevention across the country.

**172. The SIDBI has partnered with GAME to help micro, small and medium enterprise address their challenges that were accentuated during the pandemic. What does "E" mean in GAME?**

- (a) Entrepreneurship
- (b) Efficient
- (c) Entertainment
- (d) Energy
- (e) Eager

**Answer: A**

The Global Alliance for Mass Entrepreneurship (GAME) and the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) have signed a pact to help micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) address their challenges that were accentuated during the pandemic.

The broad themes covered under the partnership include expanding credit access, increasing formalisation, building competitive clusters, and improving the legal framework for ease of doing business, according to a statement released on Sunday.

**173. Rungia longifolia, a new plant subspecies has been discovered by a team of researchers from Jawaharlal Nehru Tropical Botanic Garden and Research Institute. The Plant has found in \_\_\_\_\_.**

- (a) Karnataka
- (b) Assam
- (c) Nagaland



(d) Sikkim

(e) Kerala

**Answer: E**

A team of researchers from Jawaharlal Nehru Tropical Botanic Garden and Research Institute (JNTBRI) and the University of Kerala has discovered a new plant subspecies from the Western Ghats. Named *Rungia longifolia* subsp. *keralensis*, the plant subspecies was discovered by a team comprising S Santhosh Kumar and Sam P Mathew of the JNTBRI, R Jagadeesan of the Department of Botany at Kerala University and A Gangaprasad, Director of the department's Centre for Biodiversity Conservation.

Named after Kerala, as it was discovered in the state, the sub-species belongs to *Rungia longifolia* herb species, endemic to Sri Lanka. It is classified under the Acanthaceae plant family.

**174. The ministry of Corporate Affairs has recently raised the threshold turnover and borrowing limits of small and medium companies. The SME became unlisted firm only when the turn over not exceeding to \_\_\_\_\_ crore.**

(a) Rs 350 crore

(b) Rs 250 crore

(c) Rs 550 crore

(d) Rs 750 crore

(e) Rs 150 crore

**Answer: B**

The ministry of corporate affairs (MCA) has raised the threshold turnover and borrowing limits in its definition of small and medium companies (SMCs) to align the applicable accounting standards rules with the latest definition as per the ministry of micro, small & medium enterprises.

According to the notification, SMCs have been defined as unlisted firms with a turnover not exceeding Rs 250 crore and with no borrowings in excess of Rs 50 crore.

"The main objective was to mirror the existing accounting standards under the Companies Act, 1956, in the 2013 act.

**175. Aditya Nath Das, the Chief Secretary of which among the following state has recently got his extension for three months?**

(a) Haryana

(b) West Bengal

(c) Odisha

(d) Tamil Nadu

(e) Andhra Pradesh

**Answer: E**

The Centre has extended the tenure of Andhra Pradesh Chief Secretary Aditya Nath Das by three months. Following the request by Chief Minister YS Jaganmohan Reddy to extend the tenure of Das, who is due to retire from service on June 30 on attaining the age of superannuation, by three months, the Centre approved his extension till September 30, 2021.

Kuldeep Chaudhary, Under-Secretary, Department of Personnel and Training, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, communicated to the AP Principal Secretary (General Administration) about extension of service of Das by three months under Rule 16(1) of AIS (DCRB) Rules, 1958.

**176. India has successfully tested which among the following missile from the off the coast of Odisha?**



- (a) Aakash
- (b) Nag
- (c) Agni
- (d) Prithiv
- (e) Nirbhay

**Answer: C**

India successfully carried out the test-firing of a new missile of the Agni series known as Agni-Prime off the coast of Odisha.

"India successfully carried out the test-firing of a new missile of the Agni series known as Agni-Prime at 10.55 am today, off the coast of Odisha. The new nuclear-capable missile is fully made up of composite material and it was a textbook launch.

As per Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) officials, Agni-Prime is a new generation advanced variant of the Agni class of missiles.

**177. "Anomalies in Law and Justice", a book has been released by NV Ramana. This book has authored by whom among the following?**

- (a) Atul Yadav.
- (b) Fatimah Beevi
- (c) Bhadra Sinha
- (d) M. Patanjali Sastria
- (e) RV Raveendran

**Answer: E**

Chief Justice of India Justice NV Ramana released former Supreme Court judge RV Raveendran's book Anomalies in Law and Justice. The CJI spoke on the occasion which was followed by a panel discussion.

Talking about the book Anomalies in Law and Justice in the panel discussion, the CJI said the

book is an attempt to explain to the layman that the law and the legal system is still evolving and that it requires more critical thinking to resolve issues which have persisted in the system for a long time. The book covers procedural as well as substantive law relating to civil procedure, electoral reforms and the alternate dispute resolution mechanism.

**178. National Insurance Awareness Day has been observed every year on which among the following date?**

- (a) June 30
- (b) June 28
- (c) June 23
- (d) June 25
- (e) June 29

**Answer: B**

On June 28th each year, National Insurance Awareness Day 2021 observed : In the time of the pandemic, the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has introduced several policies and rule changes in Life, Health and Motor cover for the benefit of policyholders since the last year. One can say that it has been quite an eventful year for the insurance industry even as the Covid-19 pandemic led to a nationwide lockdown.

**179. Mastercard has invested in which among the following to provide millions of micro, small and medium enterprises easy-to-use solutions that could help them rapidly digitise?**

- (a) Paytm
- (b) Phonepe
- (c) Instamojo
- (d) BillDesk
- (e) PayU

**Answer: C**

Mastercard has made a strategic equity investment in payments and online selling platform Instamojo to provide millions of micro, small and medium enterprises easy-to-use solutions that could help them rapidly digitise.

The investment is expected to strengthen both companies' efforts to support MSMEs, as well as gig economy workers such as small food and beverage operators, electricians, tutors, and more, the two ventures said.

**180. Laurel Hubbard has become the first transgender athlete to compete at the Olympics under which among the following category?**

- (a) 71 Kg
- (b) 63 Kg
- (c) 89 Kg
- (d) 87 Kg
- (e) 55 Kg

**Answer: D**

Weightlifter Laurel Hubbard will become the first transgender athlete to compete at the Olympics after being selected by New Zealand for the women's event at the Tokyo Games, a decision set to fuel the debate over inclusion and fairness in sport.

Hubbard will compete in the super-heavyweight 87-kg category, her selection made possible by updated qualifying requirements.

**181. Which among the following Organisation has approved the loan to implement the Supporting Andhra's Learning Transformation programme in Andhra Pradesh?**

- (a) World Bank

- (b) IBRD

- (c) ADB

- (d) Both A & B

- (e) Both A & C

**Answer: D**

The lending arm of the World Bank, International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) has approved the loan to implement the SALT (Supporting Andhra's Learning Transformation) programme in Andhra Pradesh.

World Bank approved Loan for SALT Programme in AP. The loan amount of Rs 1860 crore is approved by the World Bank's IBRD. The SALT Programme will transform Andhra Pradesh's government schools into vibrant and competitive platforms by enhancing teaching practices, learning outcomes and school management in basic education.

The tenure of the programme is 5 years and will be executed from the academic years of 2021-22 to 2026-27.

**182. Two units of Baihetan hydropower plant have been built on the Yangtze River to generate electricity in which among the following country?**

- (a) China
- (b) Japan
- (c) Vietnam
- (d) Malaysia
- (e) South Korea

**Answer: A**

Two units of China's Baihetan hydropower plant, said to be the largest under construction globally, on the Yangtze river went on-stream, generating electricity from the project for the first time.

Built by China Three Gorges Corp, operator of the world's largest hydropower plant in the world - the Three Gorges Dam, the Baihetan plant is located on the border between the southwestern provinces of Yunnan and Sichuan on the upstream section of the Yangtze considered to be Asia's longest river. The project's first two 1-gigawatt (GW) turbines will begin formal operations after a three-day trial that began on Monday, national broadcaster, China Central Television (CCTV) said.

**183. Dvara E-Dairy Solutions Pvt Ltd has partnered with which among the following insurance company to launch of "Surabhi e-Tag", an AI powered digital tag to identify cattle based on muzzle identity?**

- (a) Edelweiss Tokio Life Insurance
- (b) Aegon Life Insurance
- (c) IFFCO-TOKIO General Insurance
- (d) Bharti AXA Life Insurance
- (e) Canara HSBC Oriental Bank of Commerce Life Insurance

**Answer: C**

Dvara E-Dairy Solutions Pvt Ltd, a portfolio company of Dvara Holdings (Formerly Dvara Trusteeship), announces the launch of "Surabhi e-Tag", an AI powered digital tag to identify cattle based on muzzle identity. Muzzle images of the cattle are collected through the Surabhi mobile application and stored in hi-resolution images as a unique digital identity.

The company has partnered with IFFCO-TOKIO General Insurance Company Limited to assist in digital transformation from the existing cattle identity solutions.

**184. India has completed as Chair of Governing Body of International Labour Organization. Which among the following country become next chair?**

- (a) Tajikistan
- (b) Sweden
- (c) Russia
- (d) Saudi Arabia
- (e) Denmark

**Answer: B**

Shri Apurva Chandra, Secretary (L&E) completed his tenure as Chair of Governing Body of International Labour Organization today after holding the position for the period October 2020-June 2021. He has handed over the responsibility of the Chair to Ambassador Anna Jardfelt, Permanent Representative of Sweden to the United Nations Office in Geneva.

**185. The first 5 lakh Tourists Visas would be issued visa free of charge to visit India as per the new announcement from Finance Minister. The benefit would be available \_\_\_\_\_ per tourist.**

- (a) 3 times
- (b) 1 time
- (c) 2 times
- (d) 4 times
- (e) 5 times

**Answer: B**

An another scheme for Tourism sector aimed at boosting the tourism sector. It envisages that once Visa issuance is restarted, the first 5 lakh Tourists Visas will be issued visa free of charge to visit India. However, the benefit will be available only once per tourist. The facility will be applicable till 31st March, 2022 or till 5 lakh visas are issued, whichever is earlier. Total financial implications of the scheme to the government will be Rs 100 crore.

**186. Indian Naval Ship Tabar has deployed to Participate in Joint Exercises with Friendly Navies in \_\_\_\_\_**

- (a) Africa and Europe
- (b) US and Europe
- (c) US and South America
- (d) South America and Europe
- (e) Africa and South America

**Answer: A**

Towards enhancing military cooperation with friendly nations, Indian Naval Ship Tabar commenced her prolonged deployment on 13 June 2021 and will visit a number of ports in Africa and Europe till end September.

During port visits, Tabar will conduct professional, social and sporting interactions. The ship will also participate in a number of joint exercises with friendly navies.

During the deployment, INS Tabar will transit across the Gulf of Aden, Red Sea, Suez Canal, Mediterranean Sea, North Sea and Baltic Sea while making port calls at Djibouti, Egypt, Italy, France, UK, Russia, Netherlands, Morocco, and Arctic Council countries like Sweden and Norway. In addition to PASSEX with host navies of countries being visited, the ship is also scheduled to participate in bilateral exercises like Ex Konkan with Royal Navy, Ex Varuna with French Navy and Ex Indra with Russian Federation Navy.

**187. Under the Loan Guarantee Scheme, each Travel and Tourism Stakeholders would be eligible to get a loan up to \_\_\_\_\_ Lakh.**

- (a) ₹ 2.5 Lakh
- (b) ₹ 2 Lakh

(c) ₹ 10 Lakh

(d) ₹ 1 Lakh

(e) ₹ 5 Lakh

**Answer: C**

Another new scheme announced t aims at providing relief to people working in tourism sector. Under new Loan Guarantee Scheme for COVID-affected sectors, working capital/personal loans will be provided to people in tourism sector to discharge liabilities and restart businesses impacted due to COVID-19 pandemic.

The scheme will cover 10,700 Regional Level Tourist Guides recognised by Ministry of Tourism and Tourist Guides recognised by the State Governments; and about 1,000 Travel and Tourism Stakeholders (TTS) recognized by Ministry of Tourism.

TTS's will be eligible to get a loan upto Rs. 10 lakh each while tourist guides can avail loan upto Rs 1 lakh each. There will be no processing charges, waiver of foreclosure/prepayment charges and no requirement of additional collateral. Scheme to be administered by the Ministry of Tourism through NCGTC.

**188. Ravi Malimath has been appointed as the acting Chief Justice of which among the following state?**

- (a) Chhattisgarh
- (b) Odisha
- (c) Jharkhand
- (d) Tripura
- (e) Himachal Pradesh

**Answer: E**

Justice Ravi Malimath, senior-most judge of the Himachal Pradesh High Court, has been appointed Acting Chief Justice with effect from July 1, 2021,

consequent upon the retirement of the present Chief Justice L Narayana Swamy.

**189. Which among the following bank has selected TCS BaNCS to transform its treasury operations to manage risk better, enhance asset class coverage, and drive future growth?**

- (a) Doha Bank
- (b) Bank of China
- (c) Commercial Bank of Kuwait
- (d) Bank of Scotland
- (e) Citi Bank

**Answer: C**

Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) Ltd said that Commercial Bank of Kuwait (CBK), one of the largest financial institutions in Kuwait, has selected its core banking solution TCS BaNCS to transform its treasury operations to manage risk better, enhance asset class coverage, and drive future growth.

CBK was looking for a modern, integrated treasury solution to help transform its treasury operations and offer new generation asset classes, enhance risk management, and ensure regulatory compliance.

**190. Sajjan Prakash has become the first-ever Indian to qualify for the Olympic Games in the men's 200m butterfly event at the Sette Colli Trophy in Rome, Italy. He has associated with which among the following sports?**

- (a) Weight lifting
- (b) Skating
- (c) Swimming
- (d) Discus Throw
- (e) Wrestling

**Answer: C**

Sajan Prakash became the first-ever Indian swimmer to qualify for the Olympic Games by breaching the 'A' standard time, clocking 1:56:38 seconds in the men's 200m butterfly event at the Sette Colli Trophy in Rome, Italy.

The Games 'A' standard was set at 1:56.48 seconds and the 27-year-old Prakash completed the run 0.10 seconds faster at the FINA-accredited Olympic qualifier.

**191. The Fukuoka Grand Prize 2021 has been awarded to P. Sainath. He is a \_\_\_\_\_ by profession.**

- (a) Cartoonist
- (b) Journalist
- (c) Film Maker
- (d) Politician
- (e) Doctor

**Answer: B**

Renowned journalist P. Sainath was the recipients of the Fukuoka Grand Prize 2021, one of Japan's top awards open to people from all Asian countries for "investigate[ing] impoverished farming villages in India, listen[ing] to voices from the rural population".

The Fukuoka Prize has three categories, Academic Prize, Culture Prize and the Grand Prize. Sainath was the recipient of the Grand Prize. Previous Indian winners of the prize include Professor Romila Thapar (Academic Prize), Ustad Amjad Ali Khan (Culture) and A.R. Rahman (Grand Prize).

**192. Sivan has passed away recently in Kerala. He was a/an \_\_\_\_\_ by profession.**

- (a) Cardiologist
- (b) Agriculturist

- (c) Politician
- (d) Cinematographer
- (e) Musician

**Answer: D**

National Award-winning cinematographer and director Sivan suffered a cardiac arrest on Thursday (June 24) and breathed his last at his home in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. He was 89. His funeral and last rites are expected to be performed today. Sivan's untimely death has left the Malayalam film industry in shock.

**193. Indian Bank, Business Mentoring Program "MSME Prerana", has been recently launched by Nitin Gadkari in which among the following state?**

- (a) Maharashtra
- (b) Bihar
- (c) Gujarat
- (d) Jharkhand
- (e) West Bengal

**Answer: A**

Indian Bank launches its flagship Business Mentoring Program 'MSME Prerana' in the state of Maharashtra. 'MSME Prerana' is a novel, unique and innovative business mentoring program, first of its kind to empower MSME Entrepreneurs.

The program will begin from Nagpur followed by other important cities in Maharashtra. While launching this flagship program, Shri Nitin Gadkari, Hon'ble Union Minister of MSME and Road, Transport and Highway said, "I thank and appreciate Indian Bank team for thinking out of the box and introducing this great initiative for MSMEs."

**194. Who among the following has become the Youngest Indian to Play All Three Formats when India took on England in the first ODI in Bristol?**

- (a) Smriti Mandhana
- (b) Arundhati Reddy
- (c) Mithali Raj
- (d) Harmanpreet Kaur
- (e) Shafali Verma

**Answer: E**

Swashbuckling India opener Shafali Verma became the youngest player from the country to make debuts across all formats, when India took on England in the first ODI in Bristol. Having made her T20I debut in 2019, Shafali played the only Test between the two sides earlier, and now is the fifth youngest ever to play in the three formats of the game.

**195. Japan would provide \_\_\_\_\_ worth of cold chain equipment and related assistance to India to ensure vaccines against coronavirus reach all and boost the country's fight against the COVID-19 pandemic.**

- (a) \$ 9.7 Million
- (b) \$ 9.3 Million
- (c) \$ 9.1 Million
- (d) \$ 9.5 Million
- (e) \$ 9.9 Million

**Answer: B**

Japan will provide USD 9.3 million worth of cold chain equipment and related assistance to India to ensure vaccines against coronavirus reach all and boost the country's fight against the COVID-19 pandemic.

The assistance is channelled through the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).



**196. Mir Hazar Khan Khoso has passed away recently. He was a former Prime Minister of which among the following country?**

- (a) Afghanistan
- (b) Israel
- (c) Malaysia
- (d) Pakistan
- (e) Kuwait

**Answer: D**

Pakistan's former caretaker Prime Minister Mir Hazar Khan Khoso passed away on Saturday due to a cardiac arrest, his family said.

Khoso died in Quetta, capital of Balochistan. He was 95. His body will be buried in the Lehri area of the province.

His son Amjad Hussain told the media that his father had been unwell for sometime and the cause of death was a cardiac arrest

**197. How much additional assistance has been announced by US to help India respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and strengthen the country's preparedness for the future health emergencies?**

- (a) \$ 39 Mn
- (b) \$ 33 Mn
- (c) \$ 40 Mn
- (d) \$ 38 Mn
- (e) \$ 41 Mn

**Answer: E**

The US has announced an additional USD 41 million assistance to help India respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and strengthen the country's preparedness for the future health emergencies, taking the total aid to more than USD 200 million.

In April and May, India struggled with the second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic with more than 3,00,000 daily new cases. Hospitals were reeling under a shortage of medical oxygen and beds.

"India came to the assistance of the United States during this country's time of need, and now the United States stands with the people of India as they continue to battle the COVID-19 pandemic," the US Agency for International Development said on Monday.

**198. "Enforcing Contracts Portal" has been recently inaugurated by Secretary of which among the following department?**

- (a) Department of Revenue
- (b) Department of Justice
- (c) Department of Defence
- (d) Department of Customs
- (e) Department of Corporate

**Answer: B**

On 28th June, 2021 an exclusive "Enforcing Contracts Portal" was inaugurated by Shri Barun Mitra, Secretary (Justice) at the Department of Justice, Delhi in the presence of senior officers of the Department of Justice.

The new portal also hosts online reporting by all High Courts regarding the Mediation and Arbitration centres annexed to the Commercial Courts in order to monitor and promote institutional mediation & arbitration by way of Pre-institution Mediation and Settlement(PIMS) of commercial cases. PIMS has been introduced with the aim of reducing pendency of cases and to promote mediation as a viable dispute resolution alternative in commercial cases.

The Enforcing Contracts portal direct URL link :

<https://doj.gov.in/eodb/>

**199. IBRS has sanctioned Rs 1,860 Crore for SALT programme in Andhra Pradesh. What does L mean in SALT?**

- (a) Learning
- (b) Leasing
- (c) Local
- (d) Lack
- (e) Looting

**Answer: A**

SALT programme in Andhra International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD), the lending arm of World Bank Group, had sanctioned a fund of Rs 1,860 Crore to Andhra Pradesh for supporting the Implementation of the 'Supporting Andhra's Learning Transformation' (SALT) programme.

Competitive one by improving their quality of Teaching practices, learning outcomes, and School management in basic education. It is a 5-year project and it will be Implemented from the academic year 2021 22 to 2026-27.

**200. Which among the following organisation has reported different types of violence inflicted on transit routes in West and North Africa, the Mediterranean Sea, and Central America?**

- (a) UNIDO
- (b) UNICEF
- (c) UNODC
- (d) UNSC
- (e) UNESCO

**Answer: C**

A UN report published highlighted that migrants smuggled across borders are often subjected to extreme violence, torture, rape and kidnapping, whether in transit or in captivity, but authorities take little action to address these offences.

The UN Office on Drugs and Crime's (UNODC) report focuses on transit routes in West and North Africa, the Mediterranean Sea, and Central America. It also examines the differing types of violence inflicted on men and women, and presents factors and motivations behind abuse committed during smuggling operations, UN News reported.