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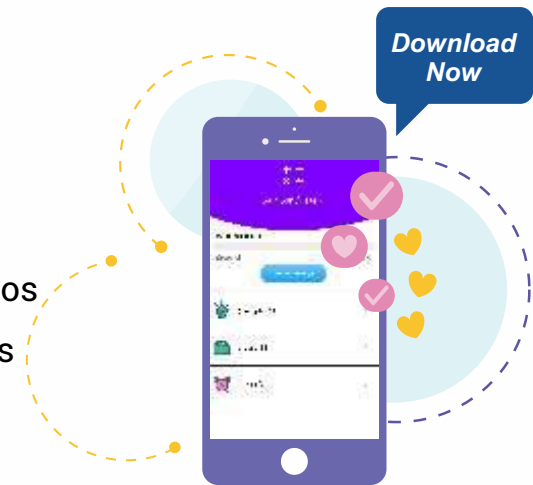
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IMPORTANT RATES (04-10-2021)

Repo Rate	4.00%
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Oct. 11	International Day of the Girl Child
Oct. 15	International Day of Rural Women
Oct. 16	World Food Day
Oct. 24	World Polio Day

IMPORTANT DAYS IN NOVEMBER

Nov. 09	World Service Day
Nov. 14	Children's Day
Nov. 16	International Day for Endurance
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Success Story

Name: Tsering Lakhi Bhutia
Education: Graduation
Examination Name: IDBI Executive
Final Selection : Executive



IBT: I wish you many congratulations for you proved that you have the caliber to achieve your goal. You must be feeling proud of yourself.

Tsering: Thank you, sir.

IBT: How did you feel when you got to know that you have qualified the exam?

Tsering: The moment I checked the result, I could not believe that I qualified the exam. I checked it 3-4 times, then only I could believe that I really nailed the exam. I am very glad. Initially, I was little scared like other students if I would be able to qualify any exam, but finally my efforts and hard work proved to be fruitful and I experienced that being underconfident is fruitless. I succeeded in overcoming my fear and got selection. My dedication and sincerity helped me to crack the exam. I am really feeling overwhelmed.

IBT: What was your future plan before joining the Institute?

Tsering: I've always aspired to get a govt. job. The same was the dream of my parents. I took a few govt. exams during my graduation. Results of those examinations made me realize that I need coaching. This is the reason I joined IBT Institute which, I think, has been the smart decision of mine as it is the most prestigious institute in India. The reason I am calling IBT a prestigious Institute is that it provides its students everything which is required to qualify the desired exam like Mock Tests, Study Notes,

Books, Magazines, Lifetime Membership Card (LMC), and most importantly experienced and worthy teachers.

IBT: What strategy did you follow to achieve your goal?

Tsering: I consider that to qualify any exam one should have understanding of every concept of each subject. That's why I was determined to attend all the classes regularly. I focused not only on my favorite subjects but also on the subjects which were not dear to me. In beginning, I used to have many doubts which I would clear in the separate doubt sessions provided by the Institute. After practicing all the topics, I majorly focused on my weak areas and revised the strong chapters.

IBT: What you think is the best strategy while taking any competitive exam?

Tsering: Sir, I think, time management is crucial while taking any competitive exam. One ought to allocate appropriate time to each question. One must pay attention not only on speed but also on accuracy. Students must make their own strategy as per their own strengths and weaknesses. This would only be possible if they are taking mock tests on the regular basis along with the time bound practice of the questions.

IBT: How much time did you use to devote for the preparation of the exam?

Tsering: Sir, I never made a hard and fast rule for myself to study for a fixed no. of hours, but I used to study for 4-6 hours a day. I always used to decide the number of topics that I was going to practice in a day. For me, achieving that target was much important rather than fixing study hours.

IBT: What contribution did IBT Institute make to your success?

Tsering: Faculty of IBT Institute helped me a lot to clear all my doubts regarding the subjects. It is only due to the flexible batch timings, regular guidance, doubt sessions and weekly mock tests because of which I became able to qualify this examination.

IBT: Would you like to say something to your parents or teachers?

Tsering: I would like to attribute my success to my parents who always supported me, my teachers who were always there to guide me and IBT Institute as a whole which supported me during my journey towards success. The faculty members guided me in the proper direction.

IBT: Would you like to suggest something to other aspirants?

Tsering: Firstly, they have to be very clear what they want to achieve in their life and if they are really interested in joining the govt. job, they must not leave any room for preparation. Dedication and diligence are the keys to reach the summit of success.

IBT: Celebrating your success and wishing that you achieve everything best in your life!

Tsering: Thank you very much, sir!

PRECIOUS WORDS

"Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new."

LIST OF INDIAN MEDALISTS AT TOKYO PARALYMPICS 2020

A total of 17 athletes won a medal at the recently-concluded Tokyo Paralympics as India registered its best-ever haul at the mega event. 5 gold medals, 8 silver, and 6 bronze. This is how well the Indian contingent performed at the Tokyo Paralympics, winning 19 medals to register their best-ever haul the mega event.

It was paddler Bhavinaben Patel who got India off the mark on the third day of the Paralympics by winning a silver in the women's singles table tennis Class 4 category. India clinched its first gold of the event through shooter Avani Lekhara in women's 10m air rifle shooting standing SH1 event. A few days later, she went on to win another medal, bagging bronze in the women's 50m rifle 3 positions shooting SH1.

- 1. Avani Lekhara** - Gold Medal - women's 10m air rifle shooting standing SH1 AND Bronze Medal - women's 50m rifle 3 positions shooting SH1

Avani Lekhara won India's first medal in shooting at the Tokyo Paralympics in the women's 10m air rifle standing SH1 event on Monday. Lekhara won the gold medal with a total score of 249.6 in the final, equalling the world record.

- 2. Sumit Antil** - Gold Medal - men's javelin throw F64

India's Sumit Antil set a new world record, after smashing multiple throughout the event, to win the gold medal in the men's javelin throw (F64) event with the best throw of 68.85m in the final.

- 3. Manish Narwal** - Gold Medal - men's P4 Mixed 50m Pistol SH1

Indian shooters Manish Narwal clinched the gold medal in the P4 - Mixed 50m Pistol SH1 final at the Asaka Shooting Range.

The 19-year-old Manish created the Paralympic record as he amassed 218.2 points to clinch the yellow metal.

- 4. Pramod Bhagat** - Gold Medal -badminton men's singles SL3

Indian shuttler Pramod Bhagat added to India's medal rush by winning the gold medal in the men's singles (SL3) event. He defeated Great Britain's Daniel Bethell 21-14,21-17 to win the final. It also happened to be India's first-ever badminton Paralympics medal.



- 5. Krishna Nagar** - Gold Medal - badminton men's singles SH6

India's para-shuttler Krishna Nagar secured the gold medal in the final of the men's singles badminton SH6 event by defeating to Chu Man Kai of Hong Kong. Nagar beat Man Kai 21-17, 16-21 and 21-17 as India finished with a record medal tally of 19 at the Paralympic Games.

- 6. Nishad Kumar** - Silver medal - men's high jump T47

Nishad Kumar soared to a silver medal by setting a personal best and an Asian record. His best effort of 2.06m earned him a silver, as USA's Roderick Townsend-Roberts claimed gold with a world-record-setting jump of 2.15m.

- 7. Bhavinaben Patel** - Silver medal - women's singles table tennis Class 4 category

Gujarat's Bhavinben Patel sent a wave of celebration across the country on the third day of the Paralympics when she clinched India's first-ever TT Paralympics medal. In the gold medal match, she lost to China's Zhou Ying 7-11,5-11,6-11.

- 8. Devendra Jhajharia** - Silver Medal

India's Devendra Jhajharia won the silver medal in the men's javelin throw - F46 final event with his best throw of 64.35

- 9. Mariyappan Thangavelu** - Silver Medal:

Mariyappan Thangavelu (born 28 June 1995) is an Indian Paralympic high jumper. He represented India in the 2016 Summer Paralympics games held in Rio

de Janeiro in the men's high jump T-42 category and the 2020 Summer Paralympic games held in Tokyo in the men's high jump T-63 category, winning the gold medal and silver medal respectively in the finals. He is India's first Paralympian gold medalist since 2004.

- 10. Yogesh Kathuniya** - Silver Medal - men's discus throw F56

India's Yogesh Kathuniya bagged the silver medal in the men's Discus throw (F56) event on Monday by registering his best throw of 44.38m in the final. Kathuniya was only bested by Brazil's world-record holder Batista dos Santos Claudiney who registered a throw of 45.59m to win the gold medal.

- 11. Praveen Kumar** - Silver Medal - men's high jump T64

Praveen Kumar bagged the silver medal in the men's high jump T64 category with a jump of 2.07m in the event final. En route to bettering India's medal tally, the 18-year-old set the new Asian record.

- 12. Suhas L. Yathiraj** - Silver Medal - badminton men's singles SL4

India's para-shuttler Suhas L Yathiraj won the silver medal at the Paralympic Games. Yathiraj lost to France's Lucas Mazur in the final of the men's singles badminton SL4 event. Yathiraj lost to Mazur 21-15, 17-21, 15-21 in the final. The 38-year-old is the District Magistrate of Gautam Buddh Nagar (Noida). Suhas also became the first-ever IAS officer to win a medal at the Paralympics.

- 13. Singhraj Adhana** - Bronze Medal - men's 10m air pistol shooting SH1 AND Silver Medal - men's P4 Mixed 50m Pistol SH1

Singhraj Adhana, a 39-year-old shooter, who is afflicted with polio and was making his Games debut, shot a total of 216.8 to finish the event in third place after qualifying for the eight-man final as the sixth best shooter.

- 14. Sundar Singh Gurjar** - Bronze Medal - men's javelin throw F46

Sundar Singh Gurjar won the bronze medal in the F46 final event with his best throw of 64.01. Devendra added a silver to his two golds of his Paralympics career.

- 15. Manoj Sarkar** - Bronze Medal -badminton men's singles SL3

A few minutes after Pramod's victory, and quite literally so, India's Manoj Sarkar won the bronze medal in the men's singles (SL3) badminton event to better. He defeated Japan's Daisuke Fujihara 22-20,21-13 in the final to take India's medal tally to 17 at the close of the penultimate day.

- 16. Harvinder Singh** - Bronze Medal - men's individual recurve - open archery

Harvinder Singh notched up India's first ever archery medal in the Paralympics, holding his nerves to down Kim Min Su of Korea in a thrilling shoot-off for the men's individual recurve bronze in the ongoing Games. In the bronze playoff, the 31-year-old was leading 5-3 before the Korean clinched the fifth set shooting a perfect 10 to force a shoot-off where the Indian responded in style shooting a perfect 10 against Kim's 8 for a 6-5 (26-24, 27-29, 28-25, 25-25, 26-27) (10-8) win.

- 17. Sharad Kumar** - Bronze Medal - men's high jump T42

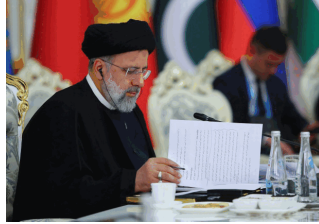
It was a double delight for India in the High jump (T63) event as stars Mariyappan Thangavelu and Sharad Kumar won the silver and bronze medal, respectively, in the final. Mariyappan clinched silver after leaping the mark of 1.86m. This is his second medal at the Games, having already won a gold in Rio 2016. Meanwhile, Sharad Kumar grabbed bronze after scaling his season-best mark of 1.83m.

Tokyo Paralympics 2020 Medals Tally Country Wise

Sr. No.	Countries	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	China	31	22	26	79
2	Great Britain	16	12	15	43
3	RPC	13	7	20	40
4	United States	11	7	4	22
27	India	5	8	6	19

Iran becomes 9th member of Shanghai Cooperation Organization

Iran was officially admitted as a full member of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO). The decision to admit Iran as a full member was declared in the 21st summit of the SCO leaders in Dushanbe, Tajikistan. At the end of the 21st Summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO), the leaders of the eight main members of the organisation agreed to change the membership of the Islamic Republic of Iran from an observer member to a full member and signed the relevant documents.



- The leaders of the eight permanent members of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) have agreed to change the membership of the Islamic Republic of Iran from an observer state to a full member state.
- India was made an observer at the SCO in 2005 and has generally participated in the ministerial-level meetings of the grouping which focus mainly on security and economic cooperation in the Eurasian region.
- Iran had held observer status for the past 15 years.
- After the technical and legal process concludes - which could take up to two years - Iran will formally join a group that accounts for about one-third of the world's land and exports trillions of dollars annually - as it counts China, Russia and India, in addition to several Central Asian states, among its members
- Prior to the creation of SCO in 2001, Kazakhstan, China, Kyrgyzstan, Russia and Tajikistan were members of the Shanghai Five.
- It is a permanent intergovernmental international organisation. It was created in 2001.
- India and Pakistan became members in 2017 at the Astana Summit.
- The SCO Charter was signed in 2002 and entered into force in 2003.

India's first long-range nuclear missile tracking ship commissioned

- India launched its first nuclear-missile tracking ship--INS Dhruv. It will be India's first naval vessel that is capable of tracking nuclear missiles at a long-range.
- The INS Dhruv could provide early warning of attacks by ballistic missiles launched from Pakistan and China. The satellite and ballistic missile tracking ship was known by the code designation VC-11184. The 10,00 tonnes vessel would play a key role in advancing India's presence in the Indo-Pacific region
- The ship, built by the Hindustan Shipyard in collaboration with the DRDO and NTRO, will be commissioned from Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh.
- The INS Dhruv is equipped with the DRDO developed state-of-the-art active scanned array radar or AESA that can scan monitor spy satellites watching over India as well as monitor missile tests in the entire region.
- INS Dhruv will also be able to map ocean beds for research and detection of enemy submarines. INS Dhruv will also monitor seas to detect spy satellites. With this, the Indian Navy would be able to keep an eye on out in the entire region from the Gulf of Aden to the South China Sea via Malacca, Sunda, Lombok, Ombai, and Wetar straits.
- Since both China and Pakistan have nuclear ballistic capabilities and land disputes with India, therefore, the INS Dhruv will help Indian Navy to strategise its military operations better across all three dimensions of naval warfare - sub-surface, surface, and aerial.
- With the induction of Dhruv vessel, India will join an elite list of countries that presently consists of only France, the US, the UK, Russia, and China, who possess and operate such ships.



INDIA SCORED 46TH RANK IN THE GLOBAL INNOVATION INDEX 2021

- India has climbed 2 spots and has been ranked 46th by the World Intellectual Property Organization in the Global Innovation Index 2021 rankings. India has been on a rising trajectory, over the past several years in the Global Innovation Index (GII), from a rank of 81 in 2015 to 46 in 2021. Innovation has been at the forefront of our battle against the unprecedented crisis created by the pandemic, and will be pivotal in driving the country's resilience and self-reliance, as enshrined in the Prime Ministers' clarion call on Atma Nirbhar Bharat.
- The consistent improvement in the GII ranking is owing to the immense knowledge capital, the vibrant start-up ecosystem, and the amazing work done by the public and the private research organizations. The Scientific Departments like the Department of Atomic Energy; the Department of Science and Technology; the Department of Biotechnology and the Department of Space have played a pivotal role in enriching the National Innovation Ecosystem.
- The NITI Aayog has been working tirelessly to ensure the optimization of the national efforts for bringing policy led innovation in different areas such as electric vehicles, biotechnology, nano technology, space, alternative energy sources, etc. The India Innovation Index, the latest edition of which was released last year by the NITI Aayog, has been widely accepted as a major step in the direction of decentralization of innovation across all the states of India. A constant thrust in monitoring and evaluating India's position in the global rankings has been provided by the NITI Aayog, including in the GII.
- The GII is the fulcrum for the governments - across the world - to assess the social and the economic changes in their respective countries. Over the years, the GII has established itself as a policy tool for various governments and helped them to reflect upon the existing status quo.
- The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) has also been leading from the front as a torchbearer of India's journey towards an innovation driven economy. This year, the NITI Aayog, in partnership with the CII and the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO), is hosting, virtually, the India Launch of the GII and the Global Innovation Conclave during September 21-22, 2021.
- To join the Global Innovation Conclave and India launch of the Global Innovation Index 2021 scheduled, virtually, during September 21-22, 2021, please register through the following link www.ciihive.in/GLOBEINNO.

Charanjit Singh Channi took oath as Punjab Chief Minister

- Congress leader and MLA Charanjit Singh Channi on September 20 took oath as Chief Minister of Punjab. Two Deputy Chief Ministers - O.P. Soni and Sukhjinder Randhawa - also took oath along with the Chief Minister.
- Punjab Governor Banwarilal Purohit administered the oath of office and secrecy, with Congress leaders, including former party president Rahul Gandhi, State unit president Navjot Singh Sidhu and others, present on the occasion.
- Former Chief Minister Amarinder Singh skipped the event though he had extended his best wishes to Mr. Channi.
- Mr. Channi, 58, is the first Dalit to head the government in the State. He was Technical Education Minister in the Amarinder Singh Cabinet. A close aide of Mr. Sidhu, he was among the ministers who had rebelled against Capt. Amarinder, expressing lack of faith in the former Chief Minister's ability to fulfil the party's election promises. He had attacked him on several issues - the Bargari sacrilege issue, failure to curb the drugs and transport mafias and other unkept election promises made in 2017.
- Meanwhile, the turmoil in Punjab Congress seems to be far from over as former Punjab Congress State president Sunil Jakhar raised questions on the party's strategy of going to the upcoming Assembly poll under the leadership of Mr. Sidhu rather than Mr. Channi, saying it undermined the Chief Minister's authority.

IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

World Food Programme (WFP)

The World Food Programme (WFP) is the leading humanitarian organization saving lives and changing lives, delivering food assistance in emergencies and working with communities to improve nutrition and build resilience.

It was founded in 1961 by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) with its headquarters in Rome, Italy.

UNESCO

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) is a specialized agency of the United Nations (UN). It seeks to build peace through international cooperation in Education, Sciences and Culture.

UNESCO's Headquarters are located in Paris and the Organization has more than 50 field offices around the world. It has 193 Members and 11 Associate Members (As of April 2020) and is governed by the General Conference and the Executive Board.

Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership

The Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) is a mega-regional economic agreement being negotiated since 2012, between ASEAN and Free Trade Agreement (FTA) member partners.

UNICEF

United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) is a special program of the United Nations (UN) devoted to aiding national efforts to improve the health, nutrition, education, and general welfare of children.

UNICEF was created in 1946 as International Children's Emergency Fund (ICEF) by UN relief

Rehabilitation Administration to help children affected by World War II.

UNICEF became a permanent part of the United Nations in 1953.

International Labour Organization

The International Labour Organization (ILO) celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2019. Established in 1919 by the Treaty of Versailles as an affiliated agency of the League of Nations. Became the first affiliated specialized agency of the United Nations in 1946.

Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland

G-7

The Group of Seven (G-7) is an informal bloc of industrialized democracies—France, Germany, Italy, the United Kingdom, Japan, the United States, and Canada—that meets annually to discuss issues of common interest like global economic governance, international security and energy policy.

The G-7 has its roots in an informal meeting of the finance ministers of France, West Germany, the U.S, Great Britain, and Japan (the Group of Five) in the wake of the 1973 oil crisis.

South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC)

The South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) was established with the signing of the SAARC Charter in Dhaka on 8 December 1985. The idea of regional cooperation in South Asia was first raised in November 1980. After consultations, the foreign secretaries of the seven founding countries—Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka—met for the first time in Colombo in April 1981. Afghanistan became the newest member of SAARC at the 13th annual summit in 2005. The Headquarters and

Secretariat of the Association are at Kathmandu, Nepal.

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) is an independent agency of the executive branch of the United States federal government responsible for the civilian space program, as well as aeronautics and aerospace research.

Headquarters: Washington, DC, USA

World Health Organization (WHO)

World Health Organization (WHO), the United Nations specialized agency for Health was founded in 1948. Its headquarters are situated in Geneva, Switzerland.

There are 194 Member States, 150 country offices, six regional offices.

World Trade Organisation (WTO)

The World Trade Organization (WTO) is the only global international organization dealing with the rules of trade between nations. At its heart are the WTO agreements, negotiated and signed by the bulk of the world's trading nations and ratified in their parliaments. The WTO has 164 members (including European Union) and 23 observer governments (like Iran, Iraq, Bhutan, Libya, etc).

International Monetary Fund (IMF)

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) is an organization of 189 member countries, each of which has representation on the IMF's executive board in proportion to its financial importance so that the most powerful countries in the global economy have the most voting power. The IMF, also known as the Fund, was conceived at a UN conference in Bretton Woods, New Hampshire, United States, in July 1944.

NATIONAL NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2021

HYDERABAD GETS INDIA'S FIRST INDIGENOUS COAL GASIFICATION BASED PLANT

- India's first indigenously designed high ash coal gasification based Methanol Production Plant has been inaugurated at BHEL R&D Centre, Hyderabad.
- The plant was funded by Department of Science and Technology at the initiative of NITI Aayog, PMO-India and Ministry of Coal.
- It can create 0.25 ton per day (TPD) Methanol from high ash Indian coal using 1.2 TPD Fluidized bed gasifier.
- Purity of the crude methanol produced is between 98 and 99.5%.

INDIA TO ORGANIZE FIRST-EVER GLOBAL BUDDHIST CONFERENCE IN NOVEMBER 2021

- India is set to host first-ever Global Buddhist Conference in Nava Nalanda Mahavihara campus, in Nalanda, Bihar on November 19 and 20, 2021.
- It is being organized by Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR).
- It focuses on making India the centre of Buddhism, by promoting Buddhist activities.
- **Theme:** Buddhism in Literature.
- Conference will be conducted at Dharamsala, Gangtok, Sarnath, and Telangana in India and overseas in Cambodia, Japan, South Korea, and Thailand.

ARUNACHAL PRADESH LAUNCHES TWO SCHEMES

- In Arunachal Pradesh, the state government has launched two ambitious schemes related to agriculture and horticulture sector.
- The scheme for agriculture sector is called 'Atma Nirbhar Krishi Yojna'. The state government has allocated Rs 60 crore to the scheme.
- The scheme for horticulture sector is named 'Atma Nirbhar Bagwani Yojna'. A similar amount of Rs 60 crore has been allocated to this scheme as well.
- Both the schemes are based on front-ended subsidies. The credit link for the same will be provided to beneficiaries by SBI, Arunachal Pradesh Rural Bank and Arunachal Pradesh Cooperative Apex Bank.
- To avail the benefits of the schemes, beneficiaries will get the subsidy assistance in the following proportion: 45% (govt subsidy): 45% (bank loan): 10% (to be borne by the farmer).

GOVERNMENT LAUNCHES AYUSH AAPKE DWAR CAMPAIGN TO DISTRIBUTE MEDICINAL PLANT

- As a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebration, the Ministry of AYUSH has launched a campaign titled 'AYUSH AAPKE DWAR', which aims to distribute medicinal plant saplings to 75 lakh households in one year.
- The campaign was inaugurated by Union Minister of AYUSH Sarbananda Sonowal from Mumbai on September 03, 2021, during which he distributed medicinal plant saplings to citizens.
- Subsequently, the campaign was launched from more than 45 locations across the country.
- The medicinal plants being distributed include Tejpatta, Stevia, Ashoka, Giloy, Ashwagandha, Lemongrass, Tulsi, Sarpagandha and Amla.
- Under this campaign, it is proposed to undertake the cultivation of medicinal plants across 75,000 hectares in one year.

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MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE LAUNCHES "EK PAHAL" CAMPAIGN FOR JUSTICE DELIVERY AT DOORSTEP

- Department of Justice under the Ministry of Law and Justice has launched the "Ek Pahal" campaign to encourage mass registration under Tele-Law.
- Tele-Law means the use of communications and information technology for the delivery of legal information and advice. Department of Justice has partnered with NALSA and CSC e-Governance Service India Limited for mainstreaming legal aid to the marginalized communities through Common Services Center (CSC).
- This e-interaction between lawyers and people would be through the video-conferencing infrastructure available at the CSCs.
- The Ek Pahal campaign will run across the country from 17th September till 2nd October.



INDIA WILL BECOME 3RD LARGEST IMPORTER BY 2050: UK REPORT



- As per the latest Global Trade Outlook issued by the UK's Department of International Trade, India will become the world's 3rd largest importer by 2050.
- With a share of 5.9% of global imports, India will be right behind China and the US.
- At present, India is ranked 8th among largest importing nations with a 2.8% import share.
- As per the report it is set to become the fourth-largest importer by 2030.
- Increasing middle-class spending will help the country have a share of 5.9%.

UTTARAKHAND GETS INDIA'S LARGEST OPEN-AIR FERNERY

- India's largest open-air fernery has been inaugurated in Ranikhet, Uttarakhand
- It will serve the dual objective of conservation of fern species as well as creating awareness about their ecological role, promoting further research.
- It has around 120 different types of ferns, covering an area of over 4 acres of land at an altitude of 1,800m.
- Fernery has been developed under Govt's Compensatory Afforestation Management Funds Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) scheme.

SIKKIM DECLARES 'KATLEY' AS STATE FISH

- The Sikkim has declared 'Copper Mahseer' locally named 'Katley' (*Neolissochilus hexagonolepis*) as the State fish.
- In Sikkim, Katley is found in varied altitudes covering the entire state predominantly confined in Teesta and Rangit rivers and their tributaries.
- In the year 1992, ICAR-National Bureau of Fish Genetic Resources (ICAR-NBFG), Lucknow had categorized Katley fish as endangered species.
- Later on, in the year 2014 the fish was also categorized as endangered by IUCN.

PM NARENDRA MODI INAUGURATES SARDARDHAM BHAVAN

- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the Sardardham Bhavan in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, via video conferencing on September 11, 2021.
- He also performed the "Bhoomi Pujan" of the Sardardham Phase-II Kanya Chhatralaya (girls' hostel) project.
- Both these establishments are dedicated to the "Iron Man of India," Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.
- The project is developed by the Vishwa Patidar Samaj.
- Sardardham Bhavan: The state-of-the-art Sardardham Bhavan provides separate hostel facilities to girls and boys from rural areas who aspire for better career prospects.
- Phase I of the Sardardham Bhavan project is built over an area of 11,672 square feet at an estimated cost of Rs 200 crore, near the Vaishnodevi circle in the Ahmedabad-Gandhinagar border area.

GUJARAT LAUNCHES VATAN PREM YOJANA

- The 1st meeting of the governing body of Vatan Prem Yojana was held at Gandhinagar under the chairmanship of CM Vijay Rupani.
- Works to the tune of Rs 1,000 cr has been proposed to be completed by December 2022.
- A project management unit has been formed for the smooth implementation of the scheme.
- It has also been made possible for donors to send money online.
- Under the scheme NRIs can contribute 60% of the cost of a village-level project, rest will be borne state govt.

INDIA'S 1ST DUGONG CONSERVATION RESERVE TO BE IN TAMIL NADU



- Tamil Nadu govt declared 500 sq km of the biodiversity-rich waters in the Palk Bay as India's 1st dugong conservation reserve.
- The reserve will span the northern part of the Palk Bay from Adiramapattinam to Amapattinam.
- According to Wildlife Institute of India (WII) estimates, only 200-250 Dugongs are left in the wild, of which 150 are found in the Palk Bay and Gulf of Mannar in Tamil Nadu.
- It also found Gulf of Kutch and Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

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BHUBANESWAR BECOMES FIRST CITY IN COUNTRY TO ACHIEVE 100% VACCINATION AGAINST COVID-19



- Odisha capital's Bhubaneswar has become first city in India to achieve 100% vaccination of its people against COVID-19
- Additionally, about 1 lakh migrant workers have also been administered first dose of COVID vaccine
- Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation had set benchmarks for different categories of people to complete the vaccination process within the specific timelines by the 31st July 2021.
- Those vaccinated include about 9 lakh people of 18 years of age and above.

PM MODI TO UNVEIL 10 EDUCATION SCHEMES ON FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF NEP

- Celebrating a year of the new National Education Policy (NEP), Prime Minister Narendra Modi will on Thursday unveil at least 10 schemes including an academic bank of credit (ABC) in tertiary education, a competency-based assessment system for the school sector, and a framework for

internationalisation of Indian education.

- Initiatives to be launched also include Vidya Pravesh, a three-month play-based school preparation module for class 1 students; Indian sign language as a subject at the secondary level; and unveiling of NISHTHA 2.0, an integrated programme of teacher training designed by the national council for education research and training (NCERT).
- The prime minister will also announce a new initiative called Structured Assessment For Analysing Learning Levels (SAFAL), a competency-based assessment framework for Grades 3, 5 and 8 students studying in schools affiliated to the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE).

KARNATAKA BECOMES FIRST STATE TO ISSUE ORDER IMPLEMENTING NEP-2020

- Karnataka has become the first state in the country to issue the order with regard to the implementation of National Education Policy-2020, State Higher Education Minister C N Ashwath Narayan claimed.
- The state government has issued an order on Saturday on the implementation of NEP-2020 with effect from the current academic year 2021-2022.
- Earlier on July 29, on the first anniversary of NEP, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched SAFAL (STRUCTURED Assessment For Analysing Learning), a competency-based assessment for grades 3,5, and 8 introduced by the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE).

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KERALA POLICE LAUNCHED 'PINK PROTECTION' PROJECT

- The Kerala Police launched a new initiative called the Pink Protection project for the protection of women in public, private and digital spaces.
- The Pink Protection project aims to prevent dowry-related issues, cyber-bullying & humiliation in public places. It has 10 components, one of which is activating the existing Pink Police Patrol system, named Pink Janamaithri Beat.
- They will collect information from panchayat members, neighbours and other locals and hand it over to the Station House Officers for further action.
- The Pink Beat system, in which specially trained women police officers have been deployed, will be present at Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) and private buses and in front of schools, colleges and other public places including bus stops.
- Pink control rooms have been set up in all 14 districts to coordinate the activities.
- The Pink Shadow Patrol team will also be deployed to detect the presence of anti-socials in crowded areas and to take action.
- A bullet patrol team of woman police officers called "Pink Romeo" was also launched as part of the project.



PM TO LAUNCH PRADHAN MANTRI UJJWALA YOJANA 2.0



- PM Modi will launch Ujjwala 2.0 (Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana-PMUY) by handing over LPG connections at Mahoba Uttar Pradesh.
- In budget 2021-22, provision for an additional one crore LPG connection under PMUY scheme to provide deposit-free LPG connections to those low-income families.
- It will provide first refill and hotplate free of cost to the beneficiaries.
- Enrolment procedure will require minimum paperwork.
- Ujjwala 1.0 was launched in 2016.

UNIQUE PROGRAMME TO CELEBRATE AZADI KA AMRIT MAHOTSAV LAUNCHED

- Culture Ministry has launched unique programme to celebrate Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav on Independence Day 2021
- In this initiative, people have been invited to sing the National anthem and upload the video on website www.RASHTRAGAAN.IN.
- The compilation of National Anthem will be shown live on 15th August 2021.
- Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav was started from Mahatma Gandhi's Sabarmati Ashram on 12th March 2021.

J&J'S JANSSEN SINGLE-DOSE COVID VACCINE GETS APPROVAL IN INDIA

- In a bid to expand India's vaccine basket, US-based pharmaceutical giant Johnson and Johnson (J&J) single-dose Covid-19 vaccine gets Emergency Use Approval (EUA) from the government of India. J&J becomes the fifth vaccine to get Emergency Use Approval in India by the government of India. The other four vaccines include Bharat Biotech's Covaxin, Serum Institute of India's Covishield, SputnikV by Gamaleya Research Institute and Moderna.
- J&J has joined hands with Biological E Limited, an Indian biotechnology and biopharmaceutical company based in Hyderabad, for the supplying and manufacturing of the vaccines. The international pharma company earlier in a statement issued on 5th August 2021 has stated that Biological E will be an important part of Johnson and Johnson's global supply chain network, helping to supply its COVID-19 vaccine, named Janssen through extensive collaborations and partnerships with governments, health authorities and organisations such as Gavi and the COVAX Facility.

'MY HANDLOOM MY PRIDE EXPO' LAUNCHED

- National Handloom Development Corporation has organized Handloom My Pride Expo at Dilli Haat to celebrate the 7th National Handloom Day (August 7).
- The Expo will provide direct access to the Handloom weavers of various areas of India, to market their genuine Handloom products to consumers.
- The exhibition will be open to public from 11 am to 8 pm till 15th August.

PM MODI INTERACTS WITH BENEFICIARIES OF PMGKAY IN MADHYA PRADESH

- The Prime Minister, Narendra Modi interacted with the beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) in Madhya Pradesh today via video conferencing.
- An intensive campaign to create more awareness about the scheme is being conducted by the state government so that no eligible person is left out.
- The state is celebrating 7th August, 2021 as Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana Day.
- Governor and Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh were also present on the occasion. About 5 crore beneficiaries are benefitting through the scheme in Madhya Pradesh.
- While addressing the programme, Prime Minister expressed his concerns about the flood situation in many districts of MP.

STARTUPBLINK LAUNCHED CORONAVIRUS INNOVATION REPORT 2021

- Together with Health Innovation Exchange (HIEx), StartupBlink has launched 'The Startup Ecosystem Podcast - The Covid-19 Innovation Report 2021' that includes the rankings of 100 cities and 40 countries.
- The report takes a deeper look into the sub-categories (such as innovations in Prevention, Treatment and Diagnostics) in each location.
- US leads global coronavirus innovation efforts, followed by Israel, Canada, Belgium, Switzerland, and UK.

JULY 2021**ODISHA EMERGED AS ONLY STATE IN INDIA TO HAVE ALL 3 SPECIES OF CROCODILES**

- Odisha has emerged as the only state in India to have all three species of crocodiles.
- Crocodiles: They are critically endangered species. The species has been subjected to incessant killings at the hands of humans, for fulfilling their commercial needs.
- There are three popularly known species of crocodiles, found in India, namely:
 - The Mugger Crocodile (*Crocodylus palustris*).
 - The Gharial (*Gavialis gangeticus*).
 - The Saltwater Crocodile (*Crocodylus porosus*).

NITI AAYOG LAUNCHED NATIONAL CONSULTATION ON PREVENTION OF OBESITY

- NITI Aayog has organised 'National Consultation on Prevention of Maternal, Adolescent and Childhood Obesity'.
- The consultation was organized in view of rising incidents of obesity in children and women over the past decade.
- Global experts, representatives from UN bodies, central ministries and national research institutions presented evidence regarding increasing prevalence of obesity and best practices for obesity reduction.

ANDHRA PRADESH INAUGURATES INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION E-CONFERENCE

- Andhra Pradesh Governor Biswa Bhusan Harichandan has virtually inaugurated two-day International Education e-Conference on the theme of 'Holistic Education for Excellence in Life'.
- It has been organised by Prajapita Brahma Kumari Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya.
- Children will be equipped with intellectual, mental, physical, emotional and spiritual capabilities to face the demands and challenges of everyday life and real-world education.

GOI EXTENDED FAME II SCHEME TILL 2024

- The GoI has extended the Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Electric Vehicles in India Phase II (FAME Phase II) by 2 yrs.
- It is an ambitious scheme to expedite the adoption of electric vehicles launched on April 1, 2019, for 3 yrs.
- The extension will help push EV sales, especially in the two and three-wheeler segments.
- According to data available, only 5% or around Rs 500 crore of the allocated Rs 10,000 crore has been spent so far to make green mobility affordable.

TELANGANA TO PROVIDE RS 10 LAKH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO DALIT FAMILIES

- Telangana govt has announced Rs 10 lakh financial assistance to eligible Dalit beneficiaries under the Chief Minister Dalit Empowerment Programme.
- The guidelines for the 'Programme' was finalized in an all-party meeting.

- The amount will be transferred directly to the bank accounts of the selected beneficiaries.
- In the first phase, the assistance would be given to 100 families selected from each of the 119 Assembly Constituencies.

INDIA RANKS 10 IN ITU'S GLOBAL CYBERSECURITY INDEX 2020

- India ranked 10th in the Global Cybersecurity Index 2020 (GCI) released by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).
- It is a United Nations (UN) agency for information and communication technologies (ICT).
- India jumps 37 places from 47th in the previous ranking.
- The USA is ranked first, followed by the UK.
- The GCI is a composite index produced, analyzed, and published by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).
- ITU headquarter: Geneva, Switzerland.

INDIAN RANKED 20TH IN THE GLOBAL STARTUP ECOSYSTEM INDEX 2021

- India ranked 20th among the 100 countries in the Global Startup Ecosystem Index 2021 by Startup Blink.
- The country was in the 17th spot in 2019 and slid six spots down in 2020 and stood at 23.
- Like last year, the US, the UK, Israel, Canada, and Germany are in the top five spots.
- The report has a score for each location, which is calculated as the sum of three parameters - quality and business environment.
- India started StartUp India in January 2016.

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AMAZON FUTURE ENGINEER PROGRAMME LAUNCHED IN INDIA

- As per company, Amazon future programme will enable access to quality computer science education as well as career opportunities for students from underrepresented and underserved communities.
- During the first year of its launch, Amazon aims to enable and deliver learning opportunities to about 1 lakh students from 900 government and aided schools in seven states of India.
- Amazon Future Engineer programme was launched with the aim of addressing the gap by bringing early exposure and access to computer science education to students by means of in-person, online and blended learning formats.

VLADIMIR PUTIN'S UNITED RUSSIA PARTY RETAINS A MAJORITY IN PARLIAMENTARY POLL

- In Russia, United Russia party of incumbent President Vladimir Putin has retained a majority in parliament.
- However, the party lost around one-fifth of its support.
- Over 33 per cent of ballots have been counted so far with Putin's party winning over 45% of the votes while its nearest rival Communist Party polled around 22% of the votes.
- Putin, who has been in power as president or prime minister since 1999, still dominate ahead of the next presidential election in 2024.

INDIA-US: MOUS FOR COOPERATION IN HEALTH AND BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

- Union minister for health and family welfare, Mansukh Mandaviya, addressed the closing session of 4th Indo-US Health Dialogue on September 28, 2021. This session was hosted by India.
- The two-day Dialogue deliberated upon several ongoing collaborations in the health sector between both the countries.
- During the dialogue, issues related to areas of concern related to strengthening of epidemiological research & surveillance, one health, vaccine development, zoonotic & vector-borne diseases, health policies and health systems etc were discussed.
- Countries signed two MoUs at the concluding session:
One MoU was signed between health ministry of India and Department of

Health and Human Services of USA regarding cooperation in the field of health & biomedical sciences.

Second MoU was signed between Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and National Institute of Allergy & Infectious Diseases for cooperation on International Centre for Excellence in Research (ICER).

CANADIAN PM JUSTIN TRUDEAU WINS HISTORIC THIRD TERM

- Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau hung onto power on 20 September as his main rival conceded defeat, but his Liberals fell short of his goal for a majority win.
- Trudeau, in power since 2015 and governing with a minority of House of Commons seats since 2019, decided to gamble on an early vote and capitalize on his government's handling of the pandemic, which included massive spending to support individuals and businesses and a push for high vaccination rates.

INDIA-AUSTRALIA HOLDS INAUGURAL 2+2 MINISTERIAL DIALOGUE IN NEW DELHI

- India and Australia are undertaking their first-ever 2+2 ministerial dialogue at the Hyderabad House in New Delhi on September 11, 2021.
- The high-level foreign and defence ministerial level dialogue will further ramp up the overall defence and strategic cooperation between the two countries, including in the Indo-Pacific cooperation amid China's increasing military assertiveness in the region.
- Indian delegation at inaugural 'two-plus-two' talks is being led by External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh with their Australian counterparts Marise Payne and Peter Dutton, respectively.
- India have 2-2 Ministerial level meetings framework with very few countries, including the USA and Japan.



FRANCE AND GREECE SIGN DEFENCE DEAL



- France and Greece signed a multibillion-euro defence deal on September 27, 2021, to boost the defence capabilities.
- The defence deal includes Athens' decision to buy three French warships under a strategy of boosting its defence capacities across the Eastern Mediterranean amid recurring tensions with Turkey.
- President of France Emmanuel Macron and Prime Minister of Greece, Kyriakos Mitsotakis announced the defence and security strategic partnership at a joint news conference in Paris.
- Defence partnership between both the countries will increase and intensify cooperation among them in the defence and security sector on the basis of mutual interests.
- It will also help in protect the sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity in both the states.

About the deal

- Under the defence deal, Greece will purchase three French frigates. Frigates would be built by defence contractor Naval Group in Lorient, in western
- Deal also includes an option for acquisition of a fourth frigate.

WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM TO HOST NEXT ANNUAL MEETING IN DAVOS

- Next annual meeting of the World Economic Forum (WEF) will be held in Davos, Switzerland in January 2022.
- It will be the first major in-person congregation of the world leaders in almost two years since the deadliest pandemic hit the world.
- The theme of the Summit will be the 'Working Together, Restoring Trust'.
- The Annual Meeting 2022 will be the first global leadership event to set the agenda for a sustainable recovery.

AUSTRALIAN RESEARCHERS UNCOVER FOSSIL OF NEW EAGLE SPECIES

- Scientists have excavated the remains of an ancient eagle near a barren, dried-up lake in Southern Australia.
- This majestic bird is believed to be 25 million years old when the land of southern Australia was teemed with lush forests.
- For eagle, this part of the land was teemed with helpless prey.
- It was found near Australia's Lake Pinpa, which is now-deserted.
- Discovery includes a whopping 63 well-kept fossils which also comprises the entirety of the eagle's skeleton.
- Koala-hunting eagle was slightly smaller and leaner than the wedge-tailed eagle. However, its the largest eagle known in Australia, found about 25 million years ago. They are known as wedge-tail, or wedgies in Australia. They had a broad-winged bird of prey, similar to size of bald eagle of America.

SOMALIA HOSTS FIRST PUBLIC FILM-SCREENING IN 30 YEARS

- Somalia hosted its first public film-screening in 30 years that raises hopes of a cultural revival in the war-ravaged country.
- Two short films by Somali director Ibrahim C.M. were shown at National Theatre in Mogadishu, where heavy security was in place.
- It is a platform that provides an opportunity to Somali songwriters, storytellers, movie directors and actors to present their talent openly
- It was built by Chinese engineers as a gift from Mao Zedong in 1967.

INDIA IS DUBAI'S SECOND BIGGEST TRADE PARTNER

- India has emerged as the second biggest trading partner of Dubai, after China. India's overall volume, in the first half of 2021, is touching 38.5 billion dirhams.
- As per a statement of Dubai government, Dubai had a trade volume of 86.7 billion dirham with China in H1 (first half) of 2021. It is followed by India and the U.S. respectively at second and third positions.
- Trade with India has increased by 74.5% year-on-year to 67.1 billion dirhams in 2021 from 38.5 billion dirham in H1 of year 2020.
- China recorded a growth of 30.7% growth year-on-year. It is having a total trade of 66.3 billion dirhams with Dubai in H1 2021.
- In H1 2021, the US traded 32 billion dirhams with Dubai. This amount has increased by 1% year-on-year from 31.7 billion dirhams in 2020.
- Saudi Arabia was placed at fourth position with the trade value of 30.5 billion dirhams. It has increased by 26% as compared to H1 quarter of 2020.

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SHEHROZE KASHIF BECOMES THE YOUNGEST MOUNTAINEER IN THE WORLD TO SCALE MT. K2



- Pakistani climber named Shehroz Kashif (19 years) has become the youngest mountaineer in the world to reach the summit of K2 (second-highest peak in the world).
- He achieved the feat of scaling the 8,611-metre high peak with the aid of bottled oxygen, on July 27, 2021.
- Prior to him, Sajid Sadpara, the son of the legendary climber Muhammad Ali Sadpara, was the youngest person to have climbed K2 at the age of 20.

INDIA RANKS 122ND ON NEW GLOBAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INDEX

- India has been ranked 122 on 2020 Global Youth Development Index among 181 countries.

- It has been released by Commonwealth Secretariat in London.
- Triennial rankings of youth development measures the extent to which young people are engaged to contribute beneficially in their societies, policies and tools.
- Top nations: Singapore, Slovenia, Norway, Malta and Denmark.
- Worst nation: Chad, Central African Republic, South Sudan, Afghanistan and Niger.

UNICEF INDIA COLLABORATES WITH FACEBOOK FOR SAFE ONLINE ENVIRONMENT

- Facebook has collaborated with UNICEF India to launch 1-year joint program for ending violence against children with a special focus on online safety.
- It will include nationwide social media campaign and capacity building for 1lakh schoolchildren on online safety, digital literacy, and psychosocial support
- It will help to improve children's resilience and capacity to access the digital world safely.

CUBA TO RECOGNISE AND REGULATE CRYPTOS SUCH AS BITCOIN

- The Caribbean nation Cuba is set recognise and regulate cryptocurrencies such as bitcoin for payments, its government said through Resolution 215 published in the official gazette on Thursday. The resolution noted that the country's central bank will frame rules for virtual currencies. "The Central Bank of Cuba, for reasons of socioeconomic interest, may authorize the use of certain virtual assets in commercial transactions, and license virtual asset service providers for operations related to financial, exchange and collection or payment activities.
- It added that financial institutions and other legal entities in the country can "only use virtual assets among themselves and with natural persons, to carry out monetary-commercial operations, and exchange and redemption; as well as to satisfy pecuniary obligations, when so authorized by the Central Bank of Cuba.

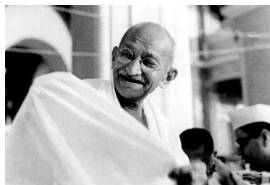
UK ANNOUNCES NEW SANCTIONS AGAINST MYANMAR

- The United Kingdom has announced new Myanmar sanctions, saying it was targeting a key business associate of the military government for providing arms and financial support following a coup earlier this year.
- The UK's foreign ministry said it would impose an asset freeze on conglomerate Htoo Group of Companies and its founder Tay Za, adding that the tycoon was involved in arms deals on behalf of the military.



RESOLUTION REINTRODUCED IN US CONGRESS TO AWARD CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL TO MAHATMA GANDHI

- An influential US lawmaker from New York reintroduced a resolution in the US House of Representatives to posthumously award the prestigious Congressional Gold Medal to Mahatma Gandhi in recognition of his promotion of peace and nonviolence.
- The Congressional Gold Medal is the highest civilian award in the United States. Gandhi would be the first Indian to receive a Congressional Gold Medal, an honour bestowed upon such great figures as George Washington, Nelson Mandela, Martin Luther King Jr., Mother Teresa, and Rosa Parks.



GREATER MALE CONNECTIVITY PROJECT: AFCONS TO BUILD BRIDGE IN MALDIVES



- This project is dubbed as The Greater Male Connectivity Project (GMCP).
- It will comprise of a 6.74 km-long bridge and causeway link between Male and islands of Villingli, Thilafushi and Gulhifalhu.
- Project will be completed by Indian construction giant AFCONS.
- Contract for Greater Male Connectivity - Male to Thilafushi Link Project was signed between the Ministry of National Planning, Housing & Infrastructure and AFCONS Infrastructure Ltd.
- India has provided a grant of \$100 million and a Line of Credit of \$400 million to fund the project.
- GMCP project is a bigger project than the Sinamale Bridge that was built with Chinese assistance. Sinamale Bridge connects Male with Hulhumale and Hulhule and was completed in the year 2018. GMCP project aims to connect four islands that accounts for half of Maldivian population. It will add dynamism to Maldivian transport and economic activities. It will connect Male with planned international port of Gulhifalhu and an industrial zone at Thilafushi. Project will use renewable energy and will utilise solar power for lighting purposes.

U.S. WAR IN AFGHANISTAN ENDS AS FINAL EVACUATION FLIGHTS DEPART

- The last United States forces left Afghanistan late Monday, ending a 20-year occupation that began shortly after Al Qaeda's attacks on 9/11, cost over \$2 trillion, took more than 170,000 lives and ultimately failed to defeat the Taliban, the Islamist militants who allowed Al Qaeda to operate there.
- Five American C-17 cargo jets flew out of Hamid Karzai International Airport in Kabul just before midnight, American military officials said, completing a hasty evacuation that left behind tens of thousands of Afghans desperate to flee the country, including former members of the security forces and many who held valid visas to enter the United States.

WORLD BANK TO GIVE \$250 MILLION LOAN FOR DAMS SAFETY PROJECT

- The Government of India, the Central Water Commission, government representatives from 10 participating states and the World Bank has signed a \$250 million project for long-term dam safety program and improving the safety and performance of existing dams across various states of India. The project will be implemented in approximately 120 dams across the states of Gujarat, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Kerala, Meghalaya, Maharashtra, Odisha, Manipur, Tamil Nadu and Rajasthan and at the national level through the Central Water Commission (CWC).

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UNSC ADOPTS NEW RESOLUTION ON AFGHANISTAN



- The United Nations Security Council (UNSC), under India's Presidency, has adopted a new resolution on Afghanistan, demanding that the territory must not be used to threaten any country or shelter terrorists.
- The resolution adopted by UNSC also expects that the Taliban will adhere to the commitments made by it regarding the safe and orderly departure from the country of Afghans and all the foreign nationals.
- The UNSC on August 30, 2021, adopted the resolution sponsored by the UK, France, and the US with 13 members voting in favour, none against, and permanent, veto-wielding members China and Russia abstaining.

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SINGAPORE UNVEILED ONE OF WORLD'S LARGEST FLOATING SOLAR PANEL FARMS

- Singapore has unveiled one of the World's largest floating solar panel farms, which can produce enough electricity to power the island's five water treatment plants quadrupling its solar energy production by 2025.
- It is located on a reservoir in western Singapore.
- It is 60 megawatt-peak solar photovoltaic farm with 1,22,000 solar panels and has been built by wholly-owned subsidiary of Sembcorp Industries.
- It will help to reduce carbon emissions by about 32 kilo tonnes.

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES BECAME 1ST GULF NATION TO OPEN EMBASSY IN ISRAEL

- United Arab Emirates (UAE) has become the first Gulf state to open an embassy in Israel.
- UAE embassy is situated in Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, Israel, followed by the inauguration of Israel's embassy in the UAE last month.
- Normalisation of ties between UAE and Israel were discussed for the first time on trade and investment opportunities across economy, air travel, technology and culture.
- Sudan and Morocco have since also moved to establish ties with Israel.

CHINA BEGAN CONSTRUCTION OF WORLD'S FIRST SMALL NUCLEAR REACTOR



- The Chinese newspaper said the project has been launched by China National Nuclear Corporation (CNNC) and will have power generation capacity of 125,000 kilowatts and its annual power generation capacity would be 1 billion kilowatt hours capable of serving 526,000 households.
- The report added the small reactor technology has independent intellectual property rights which was developed by CNNC for over ten years and reportedly has high safety and flexible deployment capability.
- The reactor can use nuclear energy for various functions including power generation and can be used in the mining sector, industrial parks and for high-end consumption industries.
- China has reportedly built 51 nuclear power units with 19 under construction. The Linglong 1 is being built as a demonstration project in Changjiang nuclear power plant paving the way for modular small reactor technology to be taken up on a global scale.

ETHIOPIA'S RULING PARTY WON NATIONAL PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION

- In Ethiopia, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed's Prosperity party won national parliamentary election. National Election Board of Ethiopia announced that the ruling party won 410 seats out of 436 in the federal parliament. This landslide victory assured a second term for the prime minister Abiy Ahmed. Last month's election was largely peaceful but opposition parties decried harassment and intimidation.
- Abiy Ahmed came to power in April 2018 after the former prime minister resigned amid widespread protests. He had taken many steps for political and economic reforms during his tenure but also drawn intense international criticism for his handling of the conflict in the Tigray region has that left thousands of people dead.

ITALY CROWNED EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS AFTER SHOOTOUT WIN OVER ENGLAND

- Italy won their second European Championship trophy by defeating England 3-2 in the penalty shoot-out in the Euro 2020 final at Wembley Stadium in London.
- Italy goalkeeper Gianluigi Donnarumma saved two England penalties to win by a 3-2 shootout.
- It was the first final to be decided on penalties since Czechoslovakia beat West Germany in 1976.
- Italy's goalkeeper Gianluigi Donnarumma was the Best player and Cristiano Ronaldo has won the Golden Boot in the tournament.



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- The 24th meeting of the Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC) was held recently. Who is the Chairperson of this FSDC?
Finance Minister
- The Ministry of AYUSH has launched the campaign 'AYUSH AAPKE DWAR' to distribute medicinal plant saplings to how many households in one year?
75 lakh
- The AtmaNirbhar Krishi Yojna and AtmaNirbhar Bagwani Yojna are the two new schemes launched by which state for the agriculture and horticulture sector farmers?
Arunachal Pradesh
- Central government has recently inked Karbi Anglong Peace Agreement with which state?
Assam
- India's first dugong conservation reserve is planned to be established in which state?
Tamil Nadu
- India's first building made of bio-bricks from agro-waste has been inaugurated at which place?
IIT Hyderabad
- The Chandigarh Railway Station has been recognised with the 5- star 'Eat Right Station' certification of FSSAI. How many Railway stations in India are now awarded this certification?
5
- TRIFED has planned to set up Atmanirbhar Bharat corner in how many Indian Missions/ Embassies, across the world in the next 3 months?
75
- India's tallest air purification tower has been installed in which state/ UT of the country?
Chandigarh
- Name the portal launched by the Ministry of Environment to regulate air pollution in 132 Non-Attainment cities across the country
PRANA
- Which institution has topped the overall category ranking of the NIRF India Rankings 2021?
IIT Madras
- BHEL has set up India's first-ever indigenously designed High Ash Coal Gasification Based Methanol Production Plant in which city? BHEL has set up India's first-ever indigenously designed High Ash Coal Gasification Based Methanol Production Plant in which city?
Hyderabad
- The NIRF India Rankings 2021 is which edition of the annual ranking of institutions and universities in India, launched by Ministry of Education?
6th
- The Research Institution category is the newly introduced category in India Rankings 2021. Which Indian institution has topped in this category?
Iisc Bengaluru
- The Main Bhi Digital 3.0 is a special campaign launched by the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology in collaboration with?
Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- Which product has been added in the Revised Transport and Marketing Assistance (TMA) for Specified Agriculture Products Scheme'?
Dairy Products
- India is the host country for 16th Assembly of Asian Organisation of Supreme Audit Institutions (ASOSAI) in 2024. Who has been appointed as the chairman of the Assembly on behalf of India?
G C Murmu
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the Sardardham Bhavan in which city of the country recently?
Ahmedabad
- Which Indian state has recently launched the initiative of 'Medicine from the Sky' to use drones for delivering drugs and vaccines?
Telangana
- India's largest open-air fernery has been inaugurated in which of these place?
Ranikhet
- India has jointly launched a 'Centre of Excellence on Offshore Wind' with which country?
Denmark
- Which state has recently launched the Millet Mission to become the hub of millet in India?
Chhattisgarh

- Which of these states has achieved the top position in the installation of off-grid solar pumps under PM-KUSUM? **Haryana**
- Nuakhai is a harvest festival, celebrated by the native of which Indian state? **Odisha**
- The Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi has laid the foundation stone of the Raja Mahendra Pratap Singh State University in which city? **Aligarh**
- The Campaign titled Shoonya has been launched by which organisation to promote zero-pollution delivery vehicles? **NITIAayog**
- The Government of India will host the first ever Global Buddhist Conference in November 2021 in which state? **Bihar**
- Name the campaign launched by the Department of Justice for Justice Delivery at doorstep? **Ek Pahal**
- The Planetarium Innovation Challenge has been launched by which body for Indian start-ups and tech entrepreneurs? **MyGov**
- What is the deadline to link PAN and Aadhaar? **March 31, 2022**
- Which institute has launched the unique and innovative device that can generate electricity from water drops, raindrops, water streams, and ocean waves? **IIT Delhi**
- Who is the head of the group of ministers (GoM) formed for better implementation of various welfare schemes meant for the SC, ST, OBC, minorities, women? **Rajnath Singh**
- Sirarakhong chilly and Tamenglong Orange are the newly Geographical Index (GI) tagged products of which state? **Manipur**
- Which state has declared Cooper Mahseer or Katley as its state fish? **Sikkim**
- How many Indian beaches have been awarded with the Blue Flag Certification by the Foundation for Environment Education in Denmark? **10**
- The ZEE Entertainment Enterprises Limited is being merged with which media company to become the biggest entertainment industry in India? **Sony Pictures**
- The National Single Window System (NSWS) for the investors and businesses in India, has been launched by which ministry? **Ministry of Commerce and Industry**
- The first consignment of laden dwarf containers train service from Jawaharlal Nehru Port (JNPT), has been flagged off to which place? **Kanpur**
- Former Commissioner of Delhi Police, Yudhvir Singh Dadwal, who has passed away recently, was also the former Governor of which state? **Arunachal Pradesh**
- What shall be the maximum stake that can be held by PSBs and Public FIs in the newly formed India Debt Resolution Company Ltd (IDRCL)? **49%**
- The National Service Scheme (NSS) Awards are conferred annually by which ministry? **Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports**
- The Operation Blue Freedom launched recently is a world record expedition, of a team of people with disabilities from across the country from Delhi to reach which destination? **Siachen Glacier**
- Centre has launched Pradhan Mantri Gatishakti scheme for holistic development of infrastructure sector and boosting employment. What is the approx amount that will be invested in the scheme? **Rs 100 trillion**
- Harshit Raja is the 69th and newest Grandmaster in Chess for India. He hails from which city? **Pune**
- How many Gallantry awards have been approved by President Ramnath Kovind for armed forces, police and paramilitary personnel on the occasion of Independence Day on August 15, 2021? **144**
- Which state in India has become the first to recognise the Community Forest Resource Rights (CFRR) in an urban area and in core area of a tiger reserve? **Chhattisgarh**
- Which Indian hospital has become the first hospital of India to house a fire station inside the hospital premises? **AIIMS, New Delhi**
- Unmukt Chand has recently announced his retirement from which game for India? **Cricket**
- Vice President of India Shri M Venkaiah Naidu recently unveiled the foundation stone of Innovation and Development Centre of Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR). In which city is the centrally-owned JNCASR based? **Bengaluru**
- What will be the interest rate that will be applicable on the green and sustainable deposits programme launched by HDFC bank for retail clients? **6.55%**
- The mobile app Photographic Record of On-site Facility (PROOF) has been launched by which state/UT? **Jammu & Kashmir**

- The 5th BRICS Industry Ministers Meeting was held recently under the chairmanship on India. Who is the Union Minister of Commerce and Industry in GoI? **Piyush Goyal**
- The Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) has inked an agreement with which telecom operator to ensure high quality and high speed internet facility to states in the North Eastern Region of India? **BSNL**
- The Minister of State for Culture addressed the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Culture Ministers Meeting under the Chairship of Tajikistan. Name the MoS for culture in GoI.? **Arjun Ram Meghwal**
- Which of these regions in India has got the highest altitude herbal park of the country recently? **Chamoli**
- The Hisar Airport is being renamed after which ruler? **Maharaja Agrasen**
- India's first Solar Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Station has been inaugurated at which highway? **Delhi to Chandigarh Highway**
- NTPC Ltd. has unveiled India's largest floating solar PV project in which city of India recently? **Visakhapatnam**
- Yuktdhara is a portal to plan for new MGNREGA assets using Remote Sensing and GIS based information. The portal has been launched by which organisation? **ISRO**
- NeoBolt is India's first indigenous motorized wheelchair vehicle. The vehicle has been developed by which institution? **IIT Madras**
- India's first smog tower has been set up in which city? **New Delhi**
- Name the Indian UT which has recently launched first of its kind online grievance redressal portal to address the grievances of the migrants in the UT? **Jammu & Kashmir**
- The 'National Monetisation Pipeline' was recently launched by FM Nirmala Sitharaman. The pipeline has been developed by which organisation? **NITI Aayog**
- New Delhi is the 48th safe city in the world as per the Safe Cities Index 2021, which ranked 60 global cities for the level of urban safety. The index is released by which organisation? **Economist Intelligence Unit**
- The NIPUN Bharat Mission aims to ensure every child achieves the desired learning competencies in reading, writing and numeracy by the end of Grade 3, by which year? **2026-27**
- India's first Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP) substitute machine 'Jivan Vayu', has been developed by which institute? **IIT Ropar**
- Which agency has launched 'Forum for Decarbonizing Transport' in partnership with World Resources Institute(WRI) India? **NITI Aayog**
- India recently hosted the 11th Meeting of the BRICS High Representatives Responsible for National Security. Name the National Security Advisor of India who chaired the meeting? **Ajit Doval**
- India's first green hydrogen electrolyzer manufacturing unit has been unveiled in which city? **Bengaluru**
- India's first Heart Failure Biobank has been set up in which city? **Thiruvananthapuram**
- The Pradhan Mantri Dakshta Aur Kushalta Sampann Hitgrahi (PM-DAKSH) Yojana has been unveiled by which ministry? **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment**
- Which is the first state on India to issue order regarding the implementation of the National Education Policy 2020? **Karnataka**
- Which Prime Minister of independent India is the first to chair the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) open debate, after assuming the Presidency of the month? **Narendra Modi**
- The Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) was launched by which ministry? **Ministry of Rural Development**
- The eNagar mobile application and portal has been launched by which state to provide a digitally centralized solution for citizen-centric services? **Gujarat**
- How many LPG gas connection distribution will be covered under the Ujjwala 2.0, the second phase of the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY), launched on August 10, 2021? **1 crore**
- Which state has announced the launch of a new IT sector award named after former prime minister Rajiv Gandhi? **Maharashtra**
- Which Indian airport has been ranked as the best airport of the country as per the 2021 Skytrax World Airport Awards list? **Delhi Airport**
- As per OECD, what is the GDP growth rate estimated for Indian economy in FY22? **9.9%**
- Kappa and Delta, which has been in news recently, is related to _____? **Covid variant**

INTERNATIONAL

- India is the first country in Asia to launch a Plastic Pact to promote circular economy for plastics. The pact has by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) in collaboration with which organisation?
World-Wide Fund for Nature-India
- India has recently inked Project Agreement (PA) for Air-Launched Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (ALUAV) with which country? *United States*
- Nepal Government has inked an agreement with which country for the reconstruction of cultural heritage projects and health sector projects which got damaged during the 2015 earthquake? *India*
- The Pacific Air Chiefs Symposium 2021 (PACS-21) was held at which place? *Hawaii*
- India has been chosen as the Host Nation for the G20 Summit in which of the upcoming years? *2023*
- Which country holds the Presidency of G20 in 2021? *Italy*
- The programme named 'Bujurgonki Baat-DeshKeSaath' has been launched by which ministry?
Ministry of Culture
- India recently undertook its maiden 2+2 ministerial dialogue with which of these countries? *Australia*
- The first-ever in-person QUAD Leaders' Summit is scheduled to be held in which country in September 2021? *United States*
- Which auto company has announced to close its business in India? *Ford*
- What is the rank of India in the Global Innovation Index 2021? *46*
- Eden is the first beach from _____ to get coveted Blue Flag tag ? *Puducherry*
- The Global Innovation Index is released annually by which organisation? *World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)*
- Which country has been approved as the 9th permanent member state of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)? *Iran*
- How many SDG Advocates are appointed by UN Secretary General till date to deliver the 17 SDGs by 2030? *16*
- Football legend Gerd Muller who passed away at 75, played for which country? *Germany*
- Name the President of Afghanistan who has stepped down recently after the control of the country was taken by the Taliban forces?
Ashraf Ghani
- What is the Financial Inclusion Index (FI-Index) for the period ending March 2021, introduced by the RBI? *53.9*
- Maki Kaji, who has passed away recently, was the creator of which innovative *Sudoku*
- Muhyiddin Yassin has recently resigned as the Prime Minister of which country? *Malaysia*
- The bilateral navy exercise named 'Exercise Konkan 2021' was held between the Indian Navy and the Navy of which country recently?
Britain
- Hakainde Hichilema has won the Presidential election of which country? *Zambia*
- What is the theme of the World Humanitarian Day 2021?
#TheHumanRace
- The Indian Navy and Vietnam Navy recently undertook bilateral maritime exercise in which region, where INS Ranvijay and INS Kora participated from Indian side?
South China Sea
- Which company has roped in Saikhom Mirabai Chanu as its brand ambassador? *Amway India*
- What is the revised GDP growth rate of India as projected by India Ratings (Ind-Ra) in FY22? *9.40%*
- The Cybersecurity Multi-Donor Trust Fund has been launched by which organisation? *World Bank*
- Which organisation will be responsible to manage the Ubharte Sitaare Fund (USF)?
SIDBI and EXIM
- Which financial body has signed \$500 million loan with Indian government to expand the metro rail network in Bengaluru? *ADB*
- The Virtual Open Schooling platform for NIOS has been designed by Ed4All in association with which company? *Microsoft*
- Which city has topped the Safe Cities Index 2021? *Copenhagen*
- Which country has recently developed world's first ever "fossil-free" steel? *Sweden*
- The Government of India has partnered with which inter-governmental organisation to Setup Network of Genomic Surveillance and Study the Overlap of SARS-CoV-2 with tuberculosis? *BRICS*
- Which country has topped the 2021 Global Manufacturing Risk Index?
China
- The world's largest and tallest observation wheel is set to be launched in which city? *Dubai*
- Which country has launched world's first Nano Urea, for the welfare of the farmers across the globe? *India*
- The Research report 'Ecowrap' is released by which organisation?
SBI

- The International Dairy Federation (IDF) has elected the MD of Amul brand Dr. R S Sodhi, as its board member, to represent India. Where is the headquarter of IDF located?
Brussels
- Microsoft has launched its first ever Asia Pacific Public Sector Cyber Security Executive Council to combat cyber threat. How many policy makers will be part of this council initially?
15
- The Union Cabinet has recently approved for signing and ratification of agreement for cooperation in the field of Mass Media between all the Member States of which inter-governmental group?
Shanghai Cooperation Organisation
- Which country will host the second United Nations Global Sustainable Transport Conference, scheduled to be held in October 2021?
China
- Recently, the 2021 BRICS Foreign Ministers Meet was held virtually under the chairmanship of which country?
India
- Which country is the host country for the 2021 World Environment Day?
Pakistan
- United Nations Decade on Ecosystem Restoration 2021-30, will be led by UNEP jointly with which organisation?
Food and Agriculture Organization
- Name the Indian University which has been adjudged as the best University of the country in the Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings 2022?
IISC Bengaluru
- Which country has become the first in the world to grant legal tender status to bitcoin?
El Salvador
- Which University has topped the QS World University Rankings 2022?
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- The India's first International Maritime Services is set to be established in which place?
GIFT City
- As per the report of Chainalysis, a blockchain analysis company based in Manhattan, New York, India ranked 18th among top 25 countries in terms of Bitcoin Investment Gain in 2020. Which country has topped this list?
United States
- Which city has topped the Global Liveability Index 2021?
Auckland
- Who has been appointed as the Chef de Cabinet for the 76th session of the UN General Assembly (UNGA), that will begin from September 2021?
K Nagaraj Naidu
- Who has been appointed as the new Secretary General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)?
Rebeca Grynspan
- The Global Liveability Index is released by which entity?
Economist Intelligence Unit
- Which country is the host for G7 Summit 2021?
United Kingdom
- What is the rank of India in the World Giving Index 2021, by the Charities Aid Foundation (CAF)?
14th
- The Conference of BRICS Network Universities 2021, has been organised at which Indian institute?
IIT Bombay
- The Central Bank of which country has topped in terms of surplus transfer to government as a percentage to GDP in 2020-21?
Turkey
- Which country has topped in the SIPRI Yearbook 2021?
USA
- What is the rank of India in the Global Peace Index (GPI) 2021?
135
- Who is the winner of 2021 Land for Life Award given by the UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)?
Familial Forestry, Rajasthan, India
- Which country has topped the Global Peace Index (GPI) 2021?
Iceland
- The Global Peace Index (GPI) is released by which organisation?
Institute for Economics and Peace
- What is the rank of India in the World Competitiveness Index 2021?
43
- Which country has topped the World Competitiveness Index 2021?
Switzerland

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BANKING & FINANCE

- LIC has bought 3.9 percent shares of which bank recently?
Bank of India
- Which company has launched India's first digital payment interactive geospatial platform named Pulse?
PhonePe
- Companies are required to inform the SEBI when an entity holds more than ____ percent shares in a listed company?
5%
- Which financial institution has approved USD 150 million loan to fund sustainable housing project for the urban poor in Tamil Nadu?
Asian Development Bank
- Indian women hockey player Rani Rampal and cricketer Smriti Mandhana has been appointed as the brand ambassador of which bank?
Equitas Small Finance Bank
- Which bank has recently announced the launch of digital FD facility on the Google Pay app, without the need to open account with the bank?
Equitas Small Finance Bank
- What amount has been allocated to the PLI Scheme for textile sector by the Union Cabinet?
Rs 10,683 crores
- What is the projected GDP growth rate of India in FY22 as per the S&P Global Ratings?
9.5%
- HDFC Bank has partnered with which organisation to provide credit support to MSME sector?
National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC)
- Which bank has launched the POS device 'WisePOSGo', an all in one swiping machine to process business payments?
Karnataka Bank
- As per the S&P Global Ratings, the Sovereign Rating of India is? *BBB*
- How much amount has been allocated to the PLI Scheme in the Union Budget 2021-22?
Rs 1.97 lakh crore
- How many merchant bankers have been appointed by the Government to manage the Initial Public Offering (IPO) of LIC?
10
- Bank of Baroda has launched its digital banking platform under which name to bring all banking services under one roof?
bob World
- Which financial body has approved USD 112 million loan recently to improve water supply infrastructure in Jharkhand?
Asian Development Bank
- How many Boards for Advance Rulings (BAR) has been set up by CBDT to ensure faster disposal of cases of tax disputes?
3
- RBI has recently removed which bank from its PCA restrictions?
UCO Bank
- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has recently approved how much amount of loan as additional financing to scale up the improvement of rural connectivity in Maharashtra?
USD 300 million
- What is the new deadline to file the income tax returns for financial year 2020-21 (AY2021-22)?
December 31
- RBI has launched the 'Third Cohort' under the Regulatory Sandbox (RS). What is the theme of this cohort?
MSME Lending
- Which is the first bank in India to launch real-time online tracking for cross-border payments for corporate clients in partnership with SWIFT Global Payments Innovation (GPI)?
DBS Bank
- What is the GDP growth rate projection of Indian economy in Calendar Year 2021 as per the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)?
7.2%
- NPCI has partnered with which entity to enable UPI QR-based payments acceptance in 10 Asian markets?
Liquid Group
- The annual Doing Business report will no longer be released due to data irregularities issues. The report was released by which organisation?
World Bank
- Name the mobile app launched by LIC for its development officers?
PRAGATI
- HDFC has tied up with Paytm to issue co-branded credit card from October 2021. The credit cards will be based on which platform?
Visa
- Which state has won the FSSAI's State Food Safety Index (SFSI) 2020-21 in large state category?
Gujarat
- World Alzheimer's Day is observed annually on ____
September 21
- Which state has won the FSSAI's State Food Safety Index (SFSI) 2020-21 in small state category?
Goa
- Which Union Territory has won the FSSAI's State Food Safety Index (SFSI) 2020-21?
Jammu & Kashmir
- Uttar Pradesh government has approved to set up the 'Electronic Park' in which of these regions?
Noida
- Yes Bank has recently tied up with which payment network to offer the credit card to its customers?
Visa
- What is the latest estimated GDP growth rate of India as per ADB in 2021-22?
10%

- As per OECD, the GDP of India economy is projected at _____ percent in the financial year 2021-22? **9.7 percent**
- What is the Global economic growth forecast in 2021, as per OECD? **5.7%**
- What is the paid-up capital of India Debt Resolution Company Ltd (IDRCL), set up by the government for managing bad loans? **Rs. 80.5 lakh**
- What is the revised GDP growth rate of India as projected by India Ratings (Ind-Ra) in FY22? **9.40%**
- What will be the interest rate that will be applicable on the green and sustainable deposits programme launched by HDFC bank for retail clients? **6.55%**
- What is the Financial Inclusion Index (FI-Index) for the period ending March 2021, introduced by the RBI? **53.9**
- Centre has launched Pradhan Mantri Gatishakti scheme for holistic development of infrastructure sector and boosting employment. What is the approx amount that will be invested in the scheme? **Rs 100 trillion**
- What is the estimated monetisation potential of National Monetisation Pipeline (NMP)? **Rs 6.0 lakh crores**
- Which financial body has signed \$500 million loan with Indian government to expand the metro rail network in Bengaluru? **ADB**
- What is the total corpus of the Ubharte Sitaare Fund (USF), launched recently by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman? **Rs 250 crore**
- The "12% Club" app has been launched by which fintech firm? **BharatPe**
- What is the projected GDP growth rate of world economy for the fiscal year 2021-22? **5.8%**
- What is the projected GDP growth rate of Indian economy for FY22 as per Moody's latest report? **9.3%**
- What is the estimated GDP growth rate for India in fiscal year 2021-22, as per SBI? **7.9%**
- Jagannath Bidyadhar Mohapatra has been roped in as the new Chairman of which of these organisation? **CBDT**
- For FY23 (2022-23), Moody's has estimated the GDP growth rate of India at _____ **7.9%**
- What amount of On-Tap Liquidity Window has been launched by RBI for contact-intensive sectors? **Rs. 15,000 crore**
- What is the projected GDP growth rate of India in 2021-22, as per the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)? **9.5%**
- What is the current Marginal Standing Facility Rate? **4.25%**
- What shall be the interest rate applicable on banks if they park their excess money up to the size of the COVID loan book with RBI? **Repo Rate**
- The SDG India Index and Dashboard 2020-21 released by NITI Aayog is which edition of the annual report and ranking? **Third**
- Which bank in India has tied with SWIFT to launch 'SWIFT gpi Instant', for cross border inward payments? **ICICI Bank**
- As per CRISIL, what is the estimated GDP growth rate of India in the financial year 2021-2022? **9.5%**
- What amount was transferred by RBI as surplus to the government for FY21? **Rs 99,122 crore**
- How much amount has been approved by World Bank to boost MSME sector in India, in the second phase through Raising and Accelerating Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME) Performance (RAMP) Program? **USD 500 million**
- What is the projected GDP growth rate of India as per World Bank in the financial year 2021-22? **8.3%**
- According to the World Bank, the global economy is projected to grow at _____ percent in FY22? **5.6%**
- What is the most recent GDP growth rate projection of India as per ICRA, in FY22? **8.5%**
- RBI has approved the three year re-appointment of Girish Chandra Chaturvedi as the part-time Chairman of which bank? **ICICI Bank**
- What is the interchange fee per transaction for financial transactions that banks can charge w.e.f August 1, 2021? **Rs 17**
- What is the maximum amount that banks can charge from customers (per transaction) w.e.f January 01, 2022, after free ATM transaction are over? **Rs 21**
- Which bank has topped the 2021 World's Best Banks in India list, by Forbes? **DBS**
- Which bank has launched a new loan product named 'Kavach Personal Loan', to provide financial assistance to customers facing economic crises due to covid related treatment costs? **State Bank of India**
- Ukhnaa Khurelsukh has recently won the 2021 Presidential election of which country? **Mongolia**

NEW APPOINTMENT

- Who has been appointed as the Vice-President of the Asian Squash Federation (ASF) from India?
Cyrus Poncha
- Who is the Chairperson of Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC) Sub-Committee?
RBI Governor
- The Food Processing Week is being observed by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries from September 06 to 12, 2021. Name the Minister of State for Food Processing Industries.
Prahlad Singh Patel
- Who has been named as the new Managing Director (MD) of Export-Import Bank of India (EXIM Bank)?
Harsha Bhupendra Bangari
- Name the new Chairman-cum-Managing Director (CMD) of the United India Insurance Company Limited (UIICL) appointed by the ACC?
SL Tripathy
- Who represented India at the World Health Organization- South East Asia Regional Office (WHO-SEARO), 2021?
Bharati Pravin Pawar
- Who has been appointed as the new Chairman and Managing Director of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL)?
Arun Kumar Singh
- Who represented India at the Pacific Air Chiefs Symposium 2021 (PACS-21)?
Birender Singh Dhanoa
- Which Indian Minister has been named as the Sherpa for the G20, when India holds the Presidency of the group?
Piyush Goyal
- Baby Rani Maurya has announced her resignation as the Governor of which state?
Uttarakhand
- The Ministry of Coal has constituted a task force committee to oversee the coal-based hydrogen production program. Who is the head of this task force?
Vinod Kumar Tiwari
- Name the MD & CEO of the IDFC First Bank, who has been re-appointed to the post by RBI for further three years?
V. Vaidyanathan
- Government has constituted an expert committee to frame new laws for drugs, cosmetics and medical devices. Who is the head of this committee?
VG Somani
- Who has been appointed as the new Governor of Nagaland?
Prof. Jagdish Mukhi
- Who has been appointed as the new CEO of the Ujjivan Financial Services?
Sanjeev Barnwal
- Vijay Rupani has recently resigned as the Chief Minister of which state?
Gujarat India is the host
- Who has been appointed as the Vice-Chairman of Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti (GSDS) by the Centre?
Vijay Goel
- Who has been appointed as the new chief executive officer (CEO) of Yahoo?
Jim Lanzone
- Who has been named as the new Chief Minister of Gujarat to replace Vijay Rupani?
Bhupendra Patel
- Aziz Akhannouch has been appointed as the new Prime Minister of which country?
Morocco
- Who has been appointed as the new Acting Chairperson of the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT)?
Justice M. Venugopal
- Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of Indian National Space Promotion Authorization Centre (In-SPACE)?
Pawan Kumar Goenka
- Name the Chief Minister of Punjab who has resigned from the post recently?
Amarinder Singh
- Who has been roped in by the Fino Payments Bank as its first ever brand ambassador?
Pankaj Tripathi
- Who has been appointed as the new Chief Minister of Punjab post the resignation of Amarinder Singh?
Charanjit Singh Channi
- Who has been named as the new Chief of the Air Staff, to succeed incumbent Air Chief Marshal RKS Bhadauria?
Vivek Ram Chaudhari
- Name the Prime Minister of Canada who has won third tenure after winning general election 2021?
Justin Trudeau
- Who is the head of the panel constituted by the Government to recommend concrete road map to strengthen India's sustainable finance architecture?
Ajay Seth
- Name the mountaineer who has achieved the feat of becoming the fastest Indian to scale two peaks?
Geeta Samota
- Name the Indian who has been appointed as one of the 17 SDG Advocate by the UN Secretary General in 2021?
Kailash Satyarthi
- Adi Godrej has announced to step down as the Chairman of Godrej Industries effective from October 01, 2021, Who will take over Mr Godrej?
Nadir Godrej
- Name the Indian chess player who has won the 2021 Spilimbergo Open chess tournament?
Raunak Sadhwani
- Who is the current Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports?
Anurag Singh Thakur

- The 5th BRICS Industry Ministers Meeting was held recently under the chairmanship on India. Who is the Union Minister of Commerce and Industry in GoI? **Piyush Goyal**
- Which actress has been appointed as the chairperson of the Mumbai Academy of Moving Image (MAMI) Film Festival, replacing Deepika Padukone? **Priyanka Chopra**
- The Minister of State for Culture addressed the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Culture Ministers Meeting under the Chairship of Tajikistan. Name the MoS for culture in GoI.? **Arjun Ram Meghwal**
- Who is the incumbent CEO of Infosys? **Salil Parekh**
- Ismail Sabri Yaakob has been appointed as the new Prime Minister of which country? **Malaysia**
- Name the newly appointed CEO of BARC India? **Nakul Chopra**
- Who has been appointed as the new Governor of Manipur? **La. Ganesan**
- Who has been appointed as the joint secretary in the Ministry of Cooperation? **Abhay Kumar Singh**
- Name of E-Comic cum Activity Book launched by the government on accessibility-related issues for Divyangs? **Priya -The Accessibility Warrior**
- Who has been appointed as the new Director General of National Investigation Agency (NIA)? **Kuldeep Singh**
- Who has been appointed as the new President of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for 2021-22? **T V Narendran**

- Who has been appointed as the Grievance Officer for India by WhatsApp? **Paresh B Lal**
- Who has been appointed as the first Chairman for the newly formed Digital Media Content Regulatory Council (DMCRC) by IBF? **Vikramjit Sen**
- Isaac Herzog, has recently been elected as the new President of which country? **Israel**
- Dr Vinay K Nandicoori has been appointed as the Director at the CSIR-Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB). Where is the CCMB located? **Hyderabad**
- Who has been roped in as the Chairman of World Health Organisation (WHO) Executive Board to succeed Dr Harsh Vardhan? **Dr Patrick Amoth**
- Who among the following has been appointed as the new Chairperson of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) of India? **Arun Mishra**
- Serum Institute of India CEO, Adar Poonawalla has recently been appointed as the Chairman of which NBFC? **Magma Fincorp Limited**
- Who has been appointed as Education Advisor by World Bank to represent India in 2021? **Ranjitsinh Disale**
- Vishwvir Ahuja has been re-appointed as the MD & CEO of which bank by RBI till June 2022? **RBL Bank**
- The Election Commissioner (EC) of India has two Election Commissioner (EC). While one of the EC is Rajiv Kumar, who is the other newly appointed EC? **Anup Chandra Pandey**

OBITUARIES

- Jacques Rogge, who has passed away recently at the age of 79, was the former President of which of these organisations? **International Olympic Committee**
- Legendary Football player Jean-Pierre Adams who has passed away recently, played for which country? **France**
- Keshav Desiraju who has passed away recently had formerly served at which post in the Union Cabinet? **Health Secretary**
- Oscar Fernandes who has passed away at the age of 80 was a _____? **Politician**
- Manorama Mohapatra who has passed away recently was a renowned litterateur of which language? **Odia**
- Name the President of the Akhil Bharatiya Akhara Parishad, who has passed away recently? **Narendra Giri**
- What was the profession of T.M. Kalliannan Gounder, who has passed away at the age of 101? **Freedom Fighter**
- Sir Anerood Jugnauth, who has passed away recently was the former President of which country? **Mauritius**
- Asian Games gold medal-winning Indian player Dingko Singh, who has passed away recently, was associated with which game? **Boxing**
- What was the profession of Buddhadeb Dasgupta who has passed away recently? **Filmmaker**
- Dr Ashok Panagariya, who has passed away, was a renowned _____? **Neurologist**

AWARDS

- Name the winner of Women's Prize for Fiction 2021? *Susanna Clarke*
- The National Florence Nightingale Awards 2020 has been conferred upon how many awardees by President Ramnath Kovind? **51**
- Which Indian organisation has won the UNESCO King Sejong Literacy Prize 2021 under the UNESCO International Literacy Prizes?
National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS)
- Which programme has won the outstanding drama series at the 2021 Emmy Award? *The Crown*
- How many awardees have been conferred with the National Service Scheme (NSS) Awards for the year 2019-20 by President Ramnath Kovind? **42**
- Who has been conferred with the 2021 Global Goalkeeper Award by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation?
Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka
- International Dublin Literary Award 2021 for her novel 'Lost Children Archive' *Valeria Luiselli*
- 'WHO Director-General Special Recognition Award'
Dr Harsh Vardhan
- International Business Book of the Year Award 2021
Nitin Rakesh and Jerry Wind
- International Booker Prize 2021 for 'At Night All Blood Is Black'
David Diop
- 2021 Nature TTL Photography Awards for his photo of an Orangutan clinging to a tree
Thomas Vijayan
- 'NSG Counter-IED & Counter-Terrorism Innovator Award 2021'
Prof. Shailesh Ganpule

- Land for Life Award by the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)
Familial Forestry
- Global Innovation Partner of the Year by Snowflake
Larsen & Toubro Infotech
- Central European University's highest award of Open Society Prize 2021 for her work in public health services *KK Shaileja*
- India's Best Employers among Nation Builders 2021 *NTPC*
- Airport Council International (ACI) Director General's Roll of Excellence
Cochin International Airport
- 'Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievement Award' for 2020
Delhi Metro
- 'The Order of Polar Star'
RK Sabharwal
- Japan's Fukuoka Grand Prize 2021
P Sainath
- Best Film Award in the Documentary section (Best Biographical) '*Decoding Shankar*'
- Kuvempu Rashtriya Puraskar
Dr Rajendra Kishore Panda
- 'Air Transport World's (ATW) 2021 Airline of the Year' *Korean Air*
- Humboldt Research Award in Economics *Kaushik Basu*
- Bahrain Keraleeya Samajam (BKS)'s Literary Award for 2021
N N Pillai
- Olympic Laurel at the Tokyo Games *Muhammad Yunus*
- Oeil d'Or (Golden Eye) award for best documentary at the 74th Cannes Film Festival
Director Payal Kapadia's, 'A Night of Knowing Nothing'

BOOKS & AUTHORS

- The book named "Know Your Rights and Claim Them: A Guide for Youth" is an upcoming book by which celebrity? *Angelina Jolie*
- Who is the author of the book titled 'A Rude Life: The Memoir'?
Vir Sanghvi
- Which Indian Bollywood personality has launched a book titled 'Back to the Roots'?
Tamannaah Bhatia
- Who is the author of the book "Gita Govinda :Jaydeva's Divine Odyssey"? *Utpal K. Banerjee*
- Who is the author of the book "Human Rights and Terrorism in India"? *Subramanian Swamy*
- Raksha Mantri has recently released a book titled 'Shining Sikh Youth of India' as a part of the commemoration of the 400th birth anniversary of Guru Tegh Bahadur. Who is the author of the book?
Prabhleen Singh
- Who is the author of the book '400 Days'? *Chetan Bhagat*
- Who is the author of the book "LANGUAGES OF TRUTH: Essays 2003-2020"? *Salman Rushdie*
- Name the Indian who has been awarded with the 'WHO Director-General Special Recognition Award' for accomplishments in the area of tobacco control? *Harsh Vardhan*
- Who is the winner of the 2021 International Booker Prize?
David Diop
- Name the winner of the prestigious 2021 Nature TTL Photography Awards? *Thomas Vijayan*
- Name the winner of the International Business Book of the Year Award for 2021?
Nitin Rakesh and Jerry Wind
- Name the winner of 2021 Azerbaijan Grand Prix? *Sergio Perez*

SPORTS

- Pramod Bhagat has won a gold medal at the Tokyo Paralympics in which event? *Badminton*
- Manish Narwal has recently won gold in which event for India at the Tokyo Paralympics? *Shooting*
- Indian para-athlete Singhraj Adhana has claimed two medals for India at the ongoing Tokyo Paralympics in which event? *Shooting*
- Manoj Sarkar has won the bronze medal in which event of Paralympics 2020? *Badminton*
- How many medals have been won by India at the Tokyo Paralympics 2020? *19*
- Which player has won the F1 Dutch Grand Prix 2021?
Max Verstappen
- Indian para-athlete Krishna Nagar won the gold medal in which event at the 2020 Paralympics?
Badminton
- Which country has topped the medal tally at the 2020 Summer Paralympics at Tokyo? *China*
- Neeraj Chopra has been appointed as the brand ambassador of which of these companies?
Tata AIA Life Insurance
- Jimmy Greaves, who has passed away recently, was the former Football player from which country? *England*
- Name the winner of the F1 Italian Grand Prix 2021?
Daniel Ricciardo
- Which player has won the 2021 US Open women's singles title?
Emma Raducanu
- Pooja Rani has recently won the gold medal for India in which sports event? *Boxing*
- Which among these football players has scripted his name in the Guinness World Records for becoming the highest goalscorer in the men's international football history *Cristiano Ronaldo*
- Which player has won the US Open 2021 men's singles title? *Daniil Medvedev*
- Which player has been adjudged as the ICC Men's Player of the Month for August 2021? *Joe Root*
- Name the winner of the ICC Women's Player of the Month for August 2021? *Eimear Richardson*
- What is the theme of the International Day of Democracy 2021? *Strengthening democratic resilience in the face of future crises*
- Cricket player Brendan Taylor has announced his retirement from international cricket. He played for which country? *Zimbabwe*
- Lasith Malinga, who has announced his retirement from all forms of cricket, played for which country? *Sri Lanka*
- Harmilan Kaur Bains has created national record in which event at the 60th National Open Athletics Championships in Warangal?
1500m
- Who has been named as the mentor of the Indian cricket Men's team for the ICC T20 World Cup 2021?
MS Dhoni
- Which player has won the Asian Snooker Championship 2021?
Pankaj Advani
- Who has been named as the 70th and latest Chess Grandmaster of India? *Cordelia Cruises*
- What is the official motto of the Beijing 2022 Winter Olympics and Paralympics?
Together for a Shared Future
- How many Teams will be participating in the 2027 ICC Men's Cricket World Cup? *14*
- Sanjeet Kumar, is an Indian sports person, related to which sports category? *Boxing*
- Which player has won the inaugural edition of 2021 Belgrade Open Tennis Tournament?
Novak Djokovic
- CRICURU is India's first AI-enabled coaching website, launched by which Indian cricket player?
Virender Sehwag
- Who has won the men's single title at the Roland Garros Tennis Tournament 2021, also known as French Open? *Novak Djokovic*
- Nirmal Milkha Singh, the wife of legendary sprinter Milkha Singh, has passed away recently. She was the former captain of India national team in which sports event?
Volleyball
- Who has been named as the ICC Men's Player of the Month of May?
Mushfiqur Rahim
- Which Indian player has recently been inducted in the special edition of ICC Hall of Fame list in June 2021?
Vinoob Mankad
- Who is the winner of the 2021 Gelfand Challenge chess title?
D. Gukesh
- Kathryn Bryce, has been named as ICC Women's Player of the Month of May. She plays for which country? *Scotland*
- How many players have been inducted in the ICC Hall of Fame list as on June 13, 2021? *103*
- Who has been named as the ICC Men's Player of the Month of May?
Mushfiqur Rahim
- The youngest-ever chess Grandmaster *Abhimanyu Mishra*

SCIENCE & TECH

- The entity which tokenizes the actual card credentials and de-tokenizes them whenever required is known as TSP. What does TSP stands for?

Token Service Provider

- The Earth observation satellite, Gaofen-5 02, has been launched by which country?

China

- India has launched the "Climate Action and Finance Mobilization Dialogue (CAFMD)" with which country?

United States

- Which among these space-tech startups has become the first private company to formally sign agreement with ISRO for using its expertise and facilities?

Skyroot Aerospace

- India's first FASTag-based metro parking facility has been launched in which city?

New Delhi

- Name the fast payment systems of Singapore with which RBI has recently linked its Unified Payments Interface (UPI)?

PayNow

- Which bank has enabled the launch of India's first FASTag-based metro parking facility?

Paytm Payments Bank

- India's first CO2 capture plant, which extracts CO2 directly from the blast furnace gas has been launched by which company?

ONGC

- The AI-based language translator software 'Project Udaan' has been launched by which Indian institute?

IIT Bombay

- What was the name of the mission under which SpaceX launched world's first all civilian crew to orbit the Earth?

Inspiration-4

- Which online medical platform has acquired the Medlife, to become largest online pharmacy in India?

PharmEasy

DEFENCE

- SIMBEX 2021 was the annual bilateral maritime exercise of India and Singapore. The exercise was which edition of the annual event?

28th

- India is taking part in the multi-nation military exercise named 'ZAPAD 2021'. Which country is hosting the exercise?

Russia

- The India-Australia bilateral navy exercise AUSINDEX-2021 is which edition of the annual exercise?

4th

- India's first ever emergency landing strip at National Highway for the Indian Air force Planes has been launched in which state?

Rajasthan

- What is the name given to India's first ever satellite and nuclear-missile tracking ship?

INS Dhruv

- India has declared to institutionalise regular Defence Dialogue with which of these regions, on the sidelines of the biennial DefExpo military exhibition?

Africa

- India is participating in the 6th Exercise PEACEFUL MISSION - 2021, of SCO member states from September 13 to 25, 2021. Which country is hosting the exercise?

Russia

- Which country recently tested the indigenously developed submarine-launched ballistic missile (SLBM) and became the first country without nuclear weapon to develop such missile system?

South Korea

- The Exercise PEACEFUL MISSION -2021 is a Joint Counter Terrorism Exercise of which intergovernmental group?

SCO

- The Indian Navy is participating in the third maritime exercise 'Samudra Shakti' with the Navy of which country?

Indonesia

- The multilateral military exercises, 'Steadfast Defender 2021', has been organised by which group of inter-governmental organisation?

NATO

- Who has been appointed as the new Deputy Chief of Naval Staff?

Ravneet Singh

- Air Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari has been appointed as the next Vice Chief of the Air Staff. He will succeed whom to take over the charge from July 2021?

Harjit Singh Arora

- The 31st India-Thailand Coordinated Patrol (Indo-Thai CORPAT) in June 2021 is being held in which place?

Andaman Sea

- Navies of India and UAE in Abu Dhabi' Zayed Talwar Exercise 2021

- India and Indonesia in Indian Ocean region

36th CORPAT Exercise

- India, Sri Lanka and the Maldives at Maritime Warfare Centre, Mumbai

'TTX-2021'

- Indian and Indonesian Navies at Southern Arabian Sea

'PASSEX'

- Kolkata, Kochi, Talwar, Tabar, Trikand, Jalashwa and Airavat ships of Indian Navy

'Samudra Setu-II'

- Indian and French Navy at Arabian Sea

Varuna 2021

- India and the US in Bakloh in Himachal Pradesh

11th Indo-US

Joint Special Forces Exercise Vajra Prahar 2021

- Indian Navy and the United States Navy in Eastern Indian Ocean Region (Bay of Bengal)

'PASSEX'

- India and Uzbekistan at Chaubatia near Ranikhet, Uttarakhand

'DUSTLIK II'

- Indian Navy, Indian Army, Coast Guard, and Indian Air Force in Indian Ocean

TROPEX-21

IMPORTANT DAYS

- The International Day of Charity is observed annually on which day?
05 September
- In India, when is the National Teachers' Day celebrated?
05 September
- The International Day of Clean Air for blue skies takes place on which day globally?
September 07
- What is the theme for the International Day of Clean Air for blue skies 2021?
Healthy Air, Healthy Planet
- International Literacy Day is observed every year on _____
September 08
- PM Modi inaugurated the "Shikshak Parv-2021". What is the theme of the event?
Quality and Sustainable Schools: Learnings from Schools in India
- What is the theme of International Literacy Day 2021?
Literacy for a human-centred recovery: Narrowing the digital divide
- Which day has been declared by the UN to celebrate the International Day to Protect Education from Attack?
09 September
- Which day has been observed as the World Suicide Prevention Day annually globally?
10 September
- What is the theme of the World Suicide Prevention Day (WSPD) 2021?
Creating hope through action
- What was the theme of the BRICS Summit 2021?
BRICS@15: Intra-BRICS Cooperation for Continuity, Consolidation and Consensus
- What was the theme of Himalayan Day 2021?
Contribution of Himalayas and our responsibilities
- The United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation is an international day commemorated on _____
12 Sept
- When is the World First Aid Day observed globally?
Second Saturday of September
- What is the theme of the United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation 2021?
South-South cooperation: solidarity in support of a more inclusive, resilient and sustainable future
- What is the theme of the World First Aid Day 2021?
First aid and road safety
- The Government of India observes the Hindi Day on which of these days?
14 September
- When is the National Forest Martyrs Day observed in India?
11 September
- Which among these days is celebrated as the International Day of Democracy every year?
15 September
- The National Engineer's Day is celebrated in India on which day?
15 September
- The World Lymphoma Awareness Day is an annual observation, which is held on _____
15 September
- The International Day for the preservation for Ozone layer (World Ozone Day) is observed annually on?
16 September
- What is the theme of the 2021 World Ozone Day?
Montreal Protocol - keeping us, our food and vaccines cool
- When is the International Day of Peace commemorated annually?
21 September
- The International Week of the Deaf (IWD) is being observed in which week of the month of September 2021?
September 20 to 26
- What is the theme of International Day of Peace 2021?
Recovering Better for an Equitable and Sustainable World
- Which of the following days is observed on 22 September every year?
World Rhino Day
- What is the theme of World Alzheimer Day 2021?
Know Dementia, Know Alzheimer's
- When is the International Day of Sign Languages observed?
23 September
- What is the theme of the 2021 International Day of Sign Languages?
We Sign For Human Rights
- The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) has announced to observe the National Pension System Diwas (NPS Diwas) on which day?
01 October
- When is the UN recognised Global Day of Parents celebrated globally?
01 June
- Every Year, June 01 is dedicated to celebrate which of these days?
World Milk Day
- What is the theme of 2021 Global Day of Parents?
Appreciate all parents throughout the world
- The theme of 2021 World Milk Day is _____.
Sustainability in the Dairy Sector
- The World Health Organisation has decided to formally observe which day as the World Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTD) Day annually?
30 January



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INDIAN POLITY

- Which Fundamental Right in the Indian Constitution states that every person has the right to practice, profess and propagate the religion of their choice.
Right to Freedom of Religion
- Whose recommendation is mandatory to impeach the President of India from his office before the completion of his/her term?
Two houses of the parliament
- Who is the Chairman of the National Integration Council?
The Prime Minister
- Within what period, the Parliament has to approve Financial emergency declared by the President?
Two Months

ECONOMICS

- The Indian rupee sign has been placed at which among the following in the Unicode character set?
U+20B9
- National Housing Bank is the wholly subsidiary of RBI. In which year, NHB was established?
1988
- All commercial banks including branches of foreign banks functioning in India, local area banks and regional rural banks are insured by the DICGC. What is the full form of DICGC?
Deposit Insurance And Credit Guarantee Corporation
- In context with the Branch licensing for foreign Banks in India, (which is exclusively under RBI), at least how many branch licenses require to be cleared every year by the RBI as per India's World Trade Organization commitments?
12

AGRICULTURE

- In which phase cells divide at maximum rate permitted by the composition of the medium
Log phase
- Pseudomonas striata and Bacillus megaterium is known as
PSB
- Central nervous system of insects arises as a thickening of
Ectoderm
- The phenomenon by which the immature insects are able to reproduce is known as
Paedogenesis
- Indian Institute of Natural Resins and Gums is located at
Ranchi
- Protein hydrolysate is used as an attractant for the control of
Fruit fly

HISTORY & CULTURE OF INDIA

- Bobbili veena, also known as Saraswathi Veena or the Ekanda Veena, is a large plucked string instrument used in Carnatic classical music. It is made from which of the following trees?
Jackwood
- The festival Baisakhi or Vaisakhi is commemorates which important event of Sikh History?
Establishment of Khalasa Panth
- Sayana, an important commentator on Vedas was associated with which empires?
Vijayanagar Empire
- Which Mughal painters is credited for painting Siberian Crane and the Dodo for the first time?
Ustad Mansur
- The famous Muslim pilgrimage town "Galiakot" is located in which states of India?
Rajasthan

GEOGRAPHY

- Tangaliya shawl, a unique weaving style has been given GI (Geographical Indications) recognition by the Central government in the later half of 2009. This is an indigenous craft of which of the following states?
Gujarat
- Which is the main problem faced by the farmers of Phoenix dactylifera commonly known as Date Palm?
The sex of the saplings is not so easy to identify
- At which places, the Borlaug Institute for South Asia (BISA) has been established in India?
Ludhiana
- Which scientists is known for the introduction of IR8, also known as the "miracle" rice?
Dr Gurdev Singh Khush

ENVIRONMENT

- Where is the Headquarters of the "United Nations Environment Program" (UNEP)?
Nairobi (Kenya)
- The Humidity of the Atmosphere is measured with the help of a measuring instrument
hygrometer
- Which layer of the Atmosphere absorbs ultraviolet rays coming from the Sun
ozone layer
- Heating curves decrease at a Height of 1 kilometer in the troposphere
6.4 degree centigrade
- Which Instrument Used to measured Atmospheric pressure
Barometer
- Radio & communication transmission is possible by which layer of Atmosphere
Ionosphere
- In which Layer of Atmosphere the Airplane fly
Stratosphere

AWARDS

SEPTEMBER 2021

THOMAS VIJAYAN WINS NATURE TTL PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR 2021



- Kerala-based Thomas Vijayan, who is now settled in Canada, has won 2021 Nature TTL Photography Awards for his photo of an Orangutan clinging to a tree.
- The photograph is titled 'The World is Going Upside Down'.
- Vijayan was adjudged as the overall winner of the competition from over 8,000 entries for Nature TTL Photographer of the Year 2021, which carries grand prize of 1,500 pounds (Rs.1.5 lakh).
- Nature TTL is the world's leading online nature photography resource.

ARUNACHAL PRADESH'S WATER BURIAL BAGS BEST FILM NATIONAL AWARD ON ENVIRONMENT CONSERVATION

- Water Burial has won the best film award on environment conservation at the 67th National Films Awards 2021. 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.

- The film, which is directed by independent filmmaker Shantanu Sen in Monpa dialect, has garnered positive reviews for its uniqueness in portraying the rituals of the tribals of the Northeast and bringing the attention of the mainstream media towards it. Water Burial is presented by Sanjive Narain, Chief Managing Director of Prag News, produced by AM Television and co-produced by Faruque Iftikar.

INDIAN ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANIZATION WINS PRESTIGIOUS UN AWARD

- The 2021 Land for Life Award has been won by Familial Forestry of Rajasthan, a unique concept that relates a tree with a family, making it a green "family member."
- Familial Forestry is headed by climate activist and it's founder of Shyam Sunder Jyani.
- An eight-member international jury declared Familial Forestry from Rajasthan, India, winner of this year's Land for Life Award because of its innovative land restoration and conservation method that promotes the well-being of communities and improves their relationship with nature.
- The Land for Life Award presentation will take place in August at the 8th Kubuqi International Desert Forum in China, and the winner will be invited to present and highlight his work and accomplishment at the UNCCD's 15th Session of Conference of the Parties in 2022.

ZIMBABWEAN NOVELIST TSITSI DANGAREMBGA WINS PEN PINTER PRIZE 2021

- Tsitsi Dangarembga, the Booker-shortlisted Zimbabwean writer who was arrested last year in Harare while protesting against corruption, has been awarded the PEN Pinter prize, praised for her "ability to capture and communicate vital truths even amidst times of upheaval".
- The prize is given by free speech campaigners English PEN in memory of the Nobel laureate Harold Pinter. It goes to a writer of "outstanding literary merit" who, as Pinter put it in his Nobel speech, shows a "fierce intellectual determination ... to define the real truth of our lives and our societies". Previous winners include Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, Margaret Atwood and Linton Kwesi Johnson.

QX GLOBAL GROUP WON OUTSOURCING SERVICE PROVIDER OF THE YEAR AWARD

- Business process management services provider, QX Global Group, announced that it had received Outsourcing Service Provider of the Year Award at the 19th Edition of the Asian Leadership Awards.
- The award was conferred under the Asian Outsourcing Leadership Awards category.
- QX Global has delivery centres in Ahmedabad, Baroda, Mumbai and Noida, and provides cost savings, process efficiencies and transformation in finance, accounts, payroll and recruitment.

AMUL'S SODHI CONFERRED WITH ASIA PACIFIC PRODUCTIVITY CHAMPION AWARD

- In recognition of enhanced productivity and efficient milk supply chain, R S Sodhi, managing director, Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (GCMMF), was conferred with the regional award as Asia Pacific Productivity Champion from Asian Productivity Organization (APO), Tokyo, Japan.
- This is the first time in the past 20 years an Indian has received the prestigious award.
- Sodhi's name was unanimously recommended for the award by the Government of India's National Productivity Council (NPC) under the Department of Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce & Industry.

AMARTYA SEN'S 'HOME IN THE WORLD' MEMOIR TO RELEASE IN JULY

- Nobel laureate Amartya Sen has penned his memoir 'Home in the World'.
- It will be published by Penguin Random House.
- In the memoir, he shares details from his life and explores the idea of 'home'.
- In this book, Sen shares how it was Rabindranath Tagore who gave him his name Amartya.
- Sen, 87, won the prestigious Nobel Prize for Economics in 1998.
- He was conferred with National Humanities Medal by the USA.
- Other Books: 'The Argumentative Indian', 'The Idea of Justice'.

2021 EMMY AWARD WINNERS: A COMPLETE LIST

- The 73rd Primetime Emmy Awards ceremony was held on September 19, 2021 in Los Angeles, California.
- The award honored the best in U.S. prime time television programming from June 1, 2020, until May 31, 2021, as chosen by the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences.
- 2021 Emmy Award Some winners at the Emmy Award 2021:
- Outstanding Drama Series -The Crown
- Outstanding Comedy Series - Ted Lasso
- Outstanding Variety Talk Show-Last Week Tonight with John Oliver
- Outstanding Limited Series -The Queen's Gambit
- Outstanding Actor - Comedy: Jason Sudeikis - Ted Lasso
- Outstanding Actor - Drama: Josh O'Connor
- Outstanding Actor - Limited Series or Movie: Ewan McGregor -Halston
- Outstanding Actress - Comedy: Jean Smart - Hacks
- Outstanding Actress - Drama: Olivia Colman - The Crown
- Outstanding Actress - Limited Series or Movie: Kate Winslet - Mare of Easttown

LG MANOJ SINHA DISTRIBUTED 'KASHMIR YOUNG LEADERSHIP AWARD'

- Lt Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, Manoj Sinha has felicitated Young achievers with 'Kashmir Young Leadership Award' during Kashmir Leadership Summit in Srinagar
- The award is given for the outstanding work in different fields and lauded their contribution for bringing positive changes in society.

NATIONAL MINERAL DEVELOPMENT WINS RAJBHASHA KEERTHI PURASKAR

- National Mineral Development under Ministry of Steel has won highest and most prestigious award, Rajbhasha Keerthi Puraskar during Rajbhasha Diwas Samaroh in New Delhi.
- Award was received by Shiva Shanmuganathan, Executive Director (Corporate Affairs) on behalf of NMDC.
- NMDC has been winning this award for the last 3 years in a row, which goes on to show its dedication towards the implementation of Hindi as the Official Language.

BANGLADESH PM SHEIKH HASINA HONOURED WITH SDG PROGRESS AWARD



- Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has been conferred with the SDG Progress award for Bangladesh's steady progress in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by the UN-sponsored Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN).
- Prime Minister Hasina is currently visiting the US to attend the 76th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA).
- The SDSN was set up in 2012 under the auspices of the UN Secretary-General. Led by development economist Jeffery Sachs, the SDSN seeks to mobilize global scientific and technological expertise to promote practical solutions for sustainable development.

AUGUST 2021**SERUM INSTITUTE FOUNDER CYRUS TO RECEIVE LOKMANYA TILAK AWARD**

- Dr Cyrus Poonawalla, Chairman of the Pune-based vaccine maker Serum Institute of India (SII), has been selected for the prestigious Lokmanya Tilak National Award for 2021.
- Mr Poonawalla has been named for his work during the COVID-19 pandemic, by manufacturing the Covishield vaccine.
- He will receive the award on August 13. The award comprises a cash prize of Rs one lakh and a memento.
- The Lokmanya Tilak national award is given annually since 1983 on August 1, the death anniversary of Lokmanya Tilak, by the Lokmanya Tilak Trust. However this year the date has been changed due to the coronavirus situation.

RAJIV GANDHI KHEL RATNA AWARD RENAMED AS MAJOR DHYAN CHAND KHEL RATNA AWARD

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the renaming of the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award (the country's highest sporting honour) after hockey wizard Major Dhyan Chand.
- Major Dhyan Chand (1905-79) was known for his extraordinary goal-scoring feats, in addition to earning

three Olympic gold medals, in 1928, 1932 and 1936, during an era where India dominated the field hockey.

MAHARASHTRA GOVT ANNOUNCES RAJIV GANDHI AWARD FOR IT SECTOR

- Maharashtra Govt has announced new award for Information and Technology (IT) sector, named after the former PM Rajiv Gandhi, as a tribute to his pioneering work in the technology sector.
- Rajiv Gandhi Award for IT sector:
- It will be conferred upon companies and institutions for excellence in IT sector every year.
- It will be given annually on August 20 (birth anniversary of Rajiv Gandhi)
- Rajiv Gandhi is widely credited for starting a telecom revolution in India.

MOHAMMAD AZAM FROM KARIMNAGAR DISTRICT IN TELANGANA AWARDED NATIONAL YOUTH AWARD

- Mohammad Azam from Karimnagar district in Telangana has been awarded the National Youth Award recently by the Union Youth Affairs and Sports Minister Anurag Singh Thakur in Delhi for displaying exemplary leadership qualities.
- He has been providing skills to youth and conducting personality development camps for them from Chintakunta and Rekurthy villages in his district.

COMMERCE MINISTRY CONFERS NATIONAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AWARDS 2020

- Minister of Commerce and Industry has conferred National Intellectual Property Awards 2020 to the winners.
- The award is conferred every year by Office of Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks (CGPDTM), Dept for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- It is given to individuals, institutions, organisations, enterprises, police units and other legal entities, for IP creation, commercialization and enforcement.

POWERGRID WINS THE PRESTIGIOUS GLOBAL ATD BEST AWARD

- Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID), a Maharatna CPSU under Ministry of Power, Government of India has been awarded the coveted "Association for Talent Development (ATD) 2021 BEST Award". POWERGRID securing 8th rank among the 71 organizations from around the globe, thus becoming the only PSU to win this award and one of the only two companies of India in the Top 20.
- The Association for Talent Development (ATD, formerly ASTD) is the world's largest association dedicated to those who develop talent in organizations and ATD's BEST Award is the talent development industry's most rigorous and coveted recognition.

NEUROSURGEON BASANT MISRA RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS AANS AWARD



- Odisha-born neurosurgeon Dr Basant Kumar Misra has been conferred the prestigious American Association of Neurological Surgeons' 'International Lifetime Achievement Award in Neurosurgery'. Misra is the first Indian physician to receive the AANS honor which was conferred on him at a virtual ceremony during the AANS Annual Scientific Meeting 2021 held in Orlando, Florida. He was the world's first surgeon to perform Computer-Guided Aneurysm surgery.
- Mishra completed his MBBS from VIMSAR, Burla. He received a Master of Surgery from Delhi University in 1980 and MCh Neurosurgery from AIIMS New Delhi in 1983.
- He is the chief of surgery, head of the department of neurosurgery, and Gamma knife radiosurgery, PD Hinduja Hospital and Medical Research Centre, Mumbai. He is president of the Asian Australasian Society of Neurological Surgeons and the World Federation of Skull Base Societies, is also first vice president of the World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies.
- He is also the recipient of the most prestigious Dr BC Roy National Award in the category of 'Eminent Medical Person' (Highest Medical Award in India) in 2018.

MAHATMA GANDHI TO BE GIVEN THE US CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL

- An influential US lawmaker from New York reintroduced a resolution in the US House of Representatives to posthumously award the prestigious Congressional Gold Medal to Mahatma Gandhi in recognition of his promotion of peace and nonviolence.
- The Congressional Gold Medal is the highest civilian award in the United States. Gandhi would be the first Indian to receive a Congressional Gold Medal, an honour bestowed upon such great figures as George Washington, Nelson Mandela, Martin Luther King Jr., Mother Teresa, and Rosa Parks.

SRI BASAVA INTERNATIONAL AWARD FOR SEER OF BHALKI HIREMATH

- Karnataka government has selected Sri Basavalinga Pattaddevaru, senior seer of Bhalki Hiremath, for the prestigious Sri Basava International Award. Minister for Kannada and Culture V. Sunil Kumar will present the award at Ravindra Kalakshetra in Bengaluru. The septuagenarian seer has spent over five decades in the Lingayat religious institution in the Bidar district.
- The centre was set up in 2003 when an abandoned baby from Ujani village near Aurad in Bidar district was adopted. The seer moved the court to adopt the child. The Central and State governments later recognised the centre as an authorised Central adoption resource agency.

INDIAN FILM FESTIVAL OF MELBOURNE AWARDS 2021 ANNOUNCED

- The Family Man 2 actors Manoj Bajpayee and Samantha Akkineni were among the winners of the latest edition of the Indian Film Festival of Melbourne Awards. The IFFM 2021 were held virtually on Friday with several stars from various film industries in attendance. Eminent Indian artists like Shoojit Sircar, Anurag Kashyap, Thiagarajan Kumararaja, Sriram Raghavan were amongst the presenters, along with Richa Chadha, Guneet Monga, Onir and others as jury members.

ALEJANDRO PRIETO WINS BIRD PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR 2021



- Mexican photographer Alejandro Prieto has emerged as the winner of the Bird Photographer of the Year (BPOTY) 2021. He has won for capturing a photograph of a greater roadrunner staring up at the barbed-wire-clad border wall between the USA and Mexico, with what almost looks like a sense of bewilderment.
- The image has been given the title as 'Blocked'. The Bird Photographer of the Year comes with a cash prize of £5,000. He was chosen from among 22,000 entries from 73 countries.

JULY 2021**PALAGUMMI SAINATH AWARDED 2021 FUKUOKA PRIZE**

- Noted journalist P. Sainath has been selected for the Fukuoka Prize for 2021.
- The Academic Prize and the Prize for Arts and Culture will go to Kishimoto Mio of Japan and Prabda Yoon of Thailand resp.
- The Fukuoka Prize is given annually to distinguished people to foster and increase awareness of Asian cultures.
- The Grand Prize has earlier been awarded to Muhammad Yunus from Bangladesh, historian Romila Thapar, and sarod maestro Amjad Ali Khan.

DELHI METRO BAGS JAPAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS' AWARD

- Delhi Metro has won the 'Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievement Award' is for the year 2020 from the Japan Society of Civil Engineers.
- DMRC has been awarded for its "high-quality" infrastructure development projects under phases I-III.
- This award is given to highly selective showcasing projects in the development of civil engineering technology across the world.
- The JSCE termed the Delhi Metro's project as high-quality Infrastructure development project.

ODIA POET RAJENDRA KISHORE PANDA BAGGED KUVEMPU RASHTRIYA PURASKAR

- The Kuvempu Rashtriya Puraskar, the national award instituted in memory of late poet laureate Kuvempu, has been awarded to renowned Odia poet Dr. Rajendra Kishore Panda for the year 2020.
- The prestigious award carries a cash award of Rs. 5 lakh, a silver medal, and a citation.
- The name of Dr. Panda was finalised by a three-member committee consisting of celebrated Kannada poet H S Shivaprakash, former secretary of Central Sahitya Academy Agrahara Krishnamurthy, and eminent Bengali author Shyamal Bhattacharya.

OM CHERI N. N. PILLAI RECEIVED BAHRAIN KERALITE SOCIETY LITERARY AWARD

- Journalist and playwright Omchery N N Pillai has been selected for the Bahrain Keraleeya Samajam (BKS)'s Literary Award for 2021. BKS president P V Radhakrishna Pillai, general secretary Varghese Karackal and literary wing secretary Firoz Thiruvathra announced the award.
- The Jury was headed by the novelist M Mukundan. Literary critic Dr K S Ravikumar, writer and Kerala Chief Secretary Dr V P Joy, and Radhakrishna Pillai were part of the jury. The award constitutes a cash prize of `50,000 and a citation acknowledging the achievement. The award ceremony will be held later in Delhi. "His enormous contributions as a whole to Malayalam language and literature are remarkable, which ultimately led to this award.

"INVEST INDIA" WON INVESTMENT PROMOTION AGENCY AWARD 2021

- 'Invest India' has been awarded the world's most innovative Investment Promotion Agency 2021 by OCO Global.
- OCO Global is a leading economic development advisory firm, working with govt and companies worldwide on international investment and trade.
- Invest India, set up in 2009, is a non-profit venture under the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- Minister of Commerce: Piyush Goyal

KOREAN AIR AWARDED "2021 AIRLINE OF THE YEAR" AWARD

- Korean Air was selected for the "2021 Airline of the Year" award by the Air Transport World (ATW).
- The awards ceremony will be held in Boston on October 5, 2021.
- The ATW's Airlines of the Year award has a huge honor that is called the Oscar in the global aviation industry.
- It started in 1974 and this year is 47th.

ECONOMIST KAUSHIK BASU GETS HUMBOLDT AWARD

- Indian economist Kaushik Basu conferred with the Humboldt Research Award for 2021 by Dr. Hans-Bernd Schäfer of Bucerius Law School Hamburg, Germany.
- The award recognizes excellence through an entire career and offers research collaboration opportunities.
- Basu is a professor of economics at Cornell University.
- He was the chief economist of the World Bank from 2012 to 2016 and Chief Economic Adviser to the Indian government from 2009 to 2012.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

SEPTEMBER 2021

SUHAS YATHIRAJ BECOMES FIRST IAS OFFICER TO WIN PARALYMPIC MEDAL



- India's Suhas Lalinalakere Yathiraj won silver medal in badminton SL4 category at 2020 Tokyo Paralympics.
- He lost gold medal match to the top-seeded Lucas Mazur of France.
- Suhas is currently the District Magistrate of Noida and became the first-ever IAS officer to win a medal at the Paralympics.
- Suhas had lost to Mazur, who has won three gold medals in European Championships as well.
- Suhas had earlier outwitted Indonesia's Fredy Setiawan 21-9 21-15 in the semifinal.

S RAMESH APPOINTED AS MD OF BHARAT PETRO RESOURCES LIMITED

- S Ramesh has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) of Bharat Petro Resources Limited (BPRL).
- His tenure will be from the date of his assumption of charge of the post till the date of his superannuation, i.e. July 31, 2022, or until further orders.
- He is currently serving as General Manager in Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL).
- BPRL was incorporated in October 2006 as a 100% subsidiary of BPCL.

PIYUSH GOYAL APPOINTED INDIA'S SHERPA FOR G-20

- Commerce & Industry Minister Piyush Goyal has been appointed India's Sherpa for the G-20, according to the Ministry of External Affairs.
- The next G-20 Summit is scheduled for October 30-31, 2021 under Italian Presidency.
- India will be part of the G-20 Troika (preceding, current, and incoming G-20 Presidencies) from December 1, 2021 till November 30, 2024.
- G-20 is a major international grouping that brings together 19 of the world's major economies and the European Union, with its members. It accounts for more than 80 per cent of global GDP, 75 per cent of global trade and 60 per cent of global population.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been leading India's representation at G-20 Summits since 2014.

UTTARAKHAND GOVERNOR BABY RANI MAURYA RESIGNS

- Uttarakhand Governor Baby Rani Maurya has announced her resignation from the position on September 08, 2021, almost two years before completing her term, citing a personal reasons.
- The 64-year-old Baby Rani Maurya was appointed as the Governor of Uttarakhand in August 2018, succeeding Krishan Kant Paul.
- Prior to becoming the governor of Uttarakhand, she served as the mayor of Agra in Uttar Pradesh, from 1995 to 2000.

G C MURMU ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF ASOSAI FOR 2024-2027

- The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India G C Murmu has been elected as Chairman of the Assembly of the Asian Organisation of Supreme Audit Institutions (ASOSAI).
- Mr. Murmu was elected to the post on September 07, 2021, by the 56th governing board of ASOSAI during the 15th Assembly of ASOSAI.
- He has been appointed for a period of three years from 2024-27. India will host the 16th Assembly of ASOSAI in 2024.
- As the chairman, GC Murmu will be the chief executive of ASOSAI and represent ASOSAI in its dealings with national and international organisations.

CYRUS PONCHA ELECTED AS VICE-PRESIDENT OF ASIAN SQUASH FEDERATION

- Squash Rackets Federation of India (SRFI) Secretary-General, Cyrus Poncha has been unanimously elected as Vice-President of the Asian Squash Federation (ASF) on September 04, 2021, during the 41st annual general meeting of ASF.
- The Dronacharya Awardee has been elected for a period of four-year term.
- David Mui of Hong Kong was elected unopposed as the President of ASF for a second term..
- Apart from Cyrus Poncha, Mr. Fayez Abdullah S.AI-Mutairi of Kuwait and Tae-sook Hee of Korea have been also elected as the Vice-Presidents of ASF.

ZERODHA GETS IN-PRINCIPLE APPROVAL FROM SEBI TO START A MUTUAL FUND BUSINESS



- India's largest broking firm Zerodha has received in-principle approval to set up an asset management company (AMC) company.
- With this, discount brokerage joins entities like Samco Securities and Bajaj Finserv to get market regulator Sebi's nod for mutual fund (MF).
- Co-Founder & CEO of Zerodha: Nithin Kamath.
- AMC is a firm that invests pooled funds from clients, putting the capital to work through different investments including stocks, bonds, real estate and more.

S.L. TRIPATHY APPOINTED AS CMD OF UNITED INDIA INSURANCE

- S.L.Tripathy has been appointed as the Chairman-cum-Managing Director (CMD) of United India Insurance Company Limited (UIICL).
- He succeeded Girish Radhakrishnan.
- He is currently serving as the General Manager and Director at The New India Assurance Company Limited.
- UIICL: Leading Indian nationalized general insurance company under the ownership of Ministry of Finance. It is headquartered in Chennai, India.

YAHOO APPOINTS JIM LANZONE AS ITS NEW CEO

- The web service provider, Yahoo, has named Jim Lanzzone as its new chief executive officer (CEO) on September 10, 2021.
- Jim Lanzzone was currently serving as the CEO of the Dating app Tinder.
- Jim Lanzzone will replace Guru Gowrappan, to the post of Yahoo CEO.
- As for the Tinder, Renate Nyborg has been appointed as the new CEO of the dating app to replace Lanzzone.

YOSHIHIDE SUGA TO STEP DOWN AS JAPAN'S PRIME MINISTER

- Japan's Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga speaks to media after he announced to pull out of a party leadership race at his official residence in Tokyo, Japan, September 3, 2021.
- Japanese Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga would step down, setting the stage for a new premier after a one-year tenure marred by an unpopular COVID-19 response and rapidly dwindling public support. Suga, who took over after Shinzo Abe resigned last September, citing ill health, has seen his support ratings sink to below 30% as the nation struggles with its worst wave of COVID-19 infections ahead of a general election this year.

HARSHA BHUPENDRA BANGARI APPOINTED AS MD OF EXIM BANK

- Government has appointed Harsha Bhupendra Bangari as the new Managing Director (MD) of Export-Import Bank of India (EXIM Bank).
- Before this Bangari was posted as deputy managing director at EXIM Bank.

- She has been appointed for a period of three years or until further orders of the government.
- Bangari will replace the incumbent MD David Rasquinha, who was appointed for five years on July 20, 2014.

RBI APPROVES RE-APPOINTMENT OF VAIDYANATHAN AS IDFC FIRST BANK CHIEF

- V. Vaidyanathan has been appointed as the Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) of IDFC First Bank with effect from December 19, 2021.
- His appointment is approved by RBI for a further period of three years.
- He first took charge as the MD & CEO of IDFC FIRST Bank in December 2018, after the merger of IDFC Bank and Capital First.
- Headquarters of IDFC First Bank: Mumbai
- IDFC FIRST bank received universal banking licence from RBI in July 2015.

GOVT APPOINTS 10 MERCHANT BANKERS FOR MANAGING IPO OF LIC

- Govt has appointed 10 merchant bankers for managing Initial Public Offering (IPO) of Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC), which is likely to be launched in January-March quarter 2022
- Role of merchant bankers in the case of IPO is of Issue management, Promotional activities, Credit syndication, Project counselling, and Portfolio management, etc.
- Name of these merchant bankers: Goldman Sachs (India), Citigroup India, SBI Capital Market, ICICI Securities, etc.

AUGUST 2021

VICE ADMIRAL SN GHORMADE TAKES CHARGE AS NEW VICE CHIEF OF NAVY

- Vice Admiral SN Ghormade (AVSM, NM) assumed charge as the Vice Chief of Naval Staff on July 31, 2021, at a formal ceremony in New Delhi.
- He succeeds Vice Admiral G Ashok Kumar who retired on July 31, 2021, after more than 39 years of illustrious service.
- The Flag officer SN Ghormade was commissioned in the Indian Navy on January 01, 1984.
- He was awarded the Ati Vishisht Seva Medal (AVSM) on January 26, 2017 and Nausena Medal (NM) in 2007 by the President of India, and a Commendation by the Chief of the Naval Staff in 2000.

SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI LAUNCHES DSF BID ROUND-III

- Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas & Housing and Urban Affairs Hardeep Singh Puri has launched the Discovered Small Field (DSF) Bid Round-III.
- Under the bid round, 75 discoveries across 32 Contract areas in 11 basins/locations are being offered.
- Estimated Hydrocarbon in place of approximately 232 MMTOE of oil and oil equivalent gas are on offer.
- In the earlier two rounds, 54 contracts were awarded to 27 companies including 12 new entrants.

MYANMAR ARMY CHIEF APPOINTED HIMSELF AS PRIME MINISTER



- The State Administration Council of Myanmar has been reformed as the 'Caretaker government of Myanmar' headed by the Chief of the Myanmar military Senior General Min Aung Hlaing as the Prime Minister.
- Hlaing also pledged to hold elections by 2023.
- General Hlaing took over power in Myanmar in February after removing the government headed by the State Counsellor Aung San Suu Kyi.
- Myanmar has witnessed regular protests since February against the military govt.

BVLGARI APPOINTS PRIYANKA CHOPRA AS ITS BRAND AMBASSADOR

- Italian luxury brand Bvlgari has appointed actor Priyanka Chopra Jonas as global brand ambassador.
- Bvlgari is known for its gemstone jewellery, watches, fragrances, accessories, and leather goods.
- In 2020, the company partnered with perfume and taste company Firmenich on a sustainable flower farming project called "Flower Gems of India."
- She is also a global UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador and recipient of the prestigious Danny Kaye Humanitarian Award.

BHARAT BILLPAY APPOINTS PAYU'S NOOPUR CHATURVEDI AS NEW CEO

- Bharat Bill Payment System has appointed Noopur Chaturvedi as its new chief executive officer.
- She is former PayU and Airtel Payments Bank, executive.
- BBPS is NPCI's flagship bill payments platform that was hived off into a separate subsidiary in April 2021.
- She has worked with Airtel Payments Bank, Samsung, ING Vysya Bank and Citibank in various senior roles.
- She is an alumnus of the Indian Institute of Management, Lucknow, of the 99-01 batch.

MINI IPE APPOINTED AS LIC MD AHEAD OF PROPOSED

- Mini Ipe took charge as managing director of Life Insurance Corporation of India.
- Ipe is a post-graduate in commerce and joined LIC in 1986 as a direct recruit officer.
- She has a diverse experience in LIC having worked in various capacities.
- LIC is India's 2nd-largest financial services institution with a Rs 31 lakh crore balance sheet, next to the country's largest bank, State Bank of India (SBI), with assets of Rs 39.51 lakh crore.
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DHONI BECOMES THE FIRST BRAND AMBASSADOR OF HOMELANE



- Home interiors brand HomeLane has entered into a three-year strategic partnership with Mahendra Singh Dhoni as an equity partner and brand ambassador.
- As part of the partnership, Dhoni will own equity in HomeLane and will be the company's first brand ambassador.
- With the upcoming cricket and festive season, HomeLane and MS Dhoni are jointly working on a brand new campaign that will be released during the new IPL season.

PPK RAMACHARYULU APPOINTED RAJYA SABHA SECRETARY GENERAL

- Rajya Sabha Chairman, M Venkaiah Naidu has appointed Dr PPK Ramacharyulu, who is the secretary in the Rajya Sabha Secretariat since 2018, as the secretary general. He succeeds Desh Dipak Verma, who demitted office as secretary-general after serving the top post for four years. Ramacharyulu is the first insider to have risen from the ranks of the secretariat to the top post in the about 70 years of the Rajya Sabha.
- Ramacharyulu joined the Rajya Sabha Secretariat in 1983 after serving in the Lok Sabha Secretariat for a year. Ramacharyulu had served as special secretary, Andhra Pradesh Legislature.

CENTRE APPOINTS ATUL BHATT AS CMD OF RINL

- Atul Bhatt has been appointed as chairman and managing director (CMD) of disinvestment-owned steel company Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd (RINL). He was the CMD of state-owned consultancy firm MECON, which offers a full range of services required to set up a project from concept to commissioning including turnkey execution. PK Rath retired as CMD RINL on May 31, after serving the company for 38 years.
- RINL is a special steel-making player based in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh. The company, without any captive iron ore mines, owns and operates a 7.3-million tonne (MT) steel plant in the state. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) had given in-principle approval for 100 per cent disinvestment of government stake in RINL, along with the company's stake in subsidiaries/joint ventures through strategic disinvestment by way of privatisation.

NIKOL PASHINYAN RE-APPOINTED AS PRIME MINISTER OF ARMENIA

- Nikol Pashinyan (46 years) has been re-appointed officially as the Prime Minister of Armenia by the President Armen Sarkissian with effect from August 2, 2021.
- He is the leader of the Civil Contract Party and won majority of seats around 71 in parliamentary elections in June 2021.
- He was first appointed as the Prime Minister of Armenia in 2018.

CENTRE APPROVES EXTENSION TO RAJIV GAUBA'S TERM AS CABINET SECRETARY

- Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has extended the tenure of Rajiv Gauba, as the Cabinet Secretary of India, for a further period of 1-year.
- He is a 1982-batch IAS officer of Jharkhand cadre and was appointed to the top bureaucratic post of the country in August 2019 for two years.
- Prior to this, he was Union Home Secretary from August 2017 to August 2019.
- His term of service was to end on August 30, 2021.

EBRAHIM RAISI TAKES OVER AS PRESIDENT OF IRAN



- Ultra-conservative cleric and judiciary chief Ebrahim Raisi has taken over as eighth President of Iran with effect from August 3, 2021.
- He replaced moderate President Hassan Rouhani who was not allowed run for a third consecutive term.
- He won Iranian presidential elections in June with 61.95% of the vote.
- Ebrahim Raisi has also become 1st Iranian president to be sanctioned by US even before assuming office as he was designated in 2019.

JULY 2021**KARNAM MALLESWARI MADE FIRST VICE-CHANCELLOR OF DELHI SPORTS UNIVERSITY**

- Former Padma Shri-winning Indian weightlifter, Karnam Malleshwari has been appointed as the first vice-chancellor of Delhi Sports University.
- She is currently working as Chief General Manager in the FCI.
- She is the first Indian woman to win a medal at the Olympics.
- She won a bronze medal at the 2000 Sydney Olympics.
- She has also been awarded Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award (1995), Arjuna Award (1994) and Padma Shri (1999).

AMITABH KANT GETS 1-YR EXTENSION AS NITI AAYOG CEO

- The Centre has granted a 1-year extension to Amitabh Kant (1980 IAS), CEO of NITI Aayog till June 2022.
- He played an instrumental role in initiatives such as Make in India, Start-up India, Incredible India and "God's Own Country" initiatives.
- He has also been piloting the Union government's ease of doing business initiative.
- He was appointed as the CEO of the public policy think tank in 2016.

KK VENUGOPAL'S TENURE AS ATTORNEY GENERAL EXTENDED BY ANOTHER YEAR

- 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
- He also served as an Additional Solicitor General during the Morarji Desai govt.
- The AG is the Indian govt chief legal advisor and is its principal barrister in the SC of India.

SATISH AGNIHOTRI TAKES OVER AS MD NHSRCL

- Satish Agnihotri, retired IRSE officer of 1982 batch has taken charge as Managing Director, National High-Speed Rail Corporation Ltd on Thursday. He holds a Bachelor of Engineering (Civil), 1982 and Master of Engineering (Structures), 1984, both from IIT, Roorkee and was conferred the distinguished Alumnus Award in 2013 by IIT, Roorkee.
- Agnihotri comes with more than 19 years of experience in implementation of mega rail infrastructure projects. He has worked as Chairman & Managing Director, Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL), a schedule 'A' CPSE under the Ministry of Railways for close to 9 years. He also held the position of Chairman, High-Speed Rail Corporation Ltd (HSRC), a fully owned subsidiary of RVNL since its inception in July 2012 till August 2018.

AIR MARSHAL VIVEK RAM CHAUDHARI APPOINTED AS NEW IAF VICE CHIEF

- Air Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari has been appointed as the new Vice Chief of the Indian Air Force.
- He will succeed Air Marshal Harjit Singh Arora.
- He is currently serving as Commander-in-Chief of the IAF's Western Air Command (WAC).
- An alumnus of the National Defence Academy, Air Marshal Chaudhari was commissioned into the fighter stream of the IAF on December 29, 1982.
- Air Marshal Arora retired from service in June 2021.

MEENESH SHAH APPOINTED AS THE CHAIRMAN OF NDDB

- National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) executive director, Meenesh Shah has been assigned the additional charge of the post of Chairman of NDDB.
- He Varsha Joshi whose tenure ended on May 31.
- Shah had taken over the post for a period of six months with effect from June 1.
- Shah is a member secretary of the Indian National Committee (INC) of the International Dairy Federation (IDF).

THE US APPOINTED INDIAN-AMERICAN ATUL KESHAP AS INTERIM ENVOY TO INDIA

- The US has appointed Indian-American Atul Keshap as the country's Charge'd Affairs in India.
- Ambassador Keshap's appointment will reinforce the close US partnership with the Government and people of India.

SPORTS

RAJA RITHVIK BECOMES INDIA'S 70TH GRANDMASTER



- R Raja Rithvik (17 years) from Warangal has become India's 70th and newest chess Grandmaster (GM).
- He has achieved his third and final norm Chess Tournaments in Budapest, Hungary, to enter the GM club.
- Rithvik earned his first GM norm in 2019.
- He touched the magical 2500 Elo mark in the fourth round of the tournament after beating Vaclav Finek.

DHONI NAMED MENTOR FOR INDIAN MEN'S TEAM FOR T20 WORLD CUP 2021

- Mahendra Singh Dhoni has been named as the Mentor of the Indian cricket Men's team for ICC T20 World Cup 2021.
- T20 world cup will be played in Oman and UAE from October 18 onwards.
- Virat Kohli has recently announced to step down as the captain of T20 cricket team after the World Cup.
- It will be Dhoni's first stint as a member of the support staff of the Indian cricket team.
- Dhoni had previously mentored Jharkhand in domestic tournaments.

ODISHA TO HOST JUNIOR MEN'S WORLD CUP HOCKEY FROM NOVEMBER 24 TO DECEMBER 5

- Odisha will host the junior men's World Cup Hockey in coming November. Chief minister Naveen Patnaik announced this in capital Bhubaneswar last evening. He also unveiled the logo and trophy for the tournament.
- As many as 16 countries will take part in the event that will be held in the Kalinga stadium in Bhubaneswar from the 24th November 5th December 2021. Odisha had hosted the 2018 men's hockey world cup.

PRAMOD BHAGAT CREATES HISTORY, BECOMES FIRST INDIAN SHUTTLE TO WIN GOLD AT TOKYO PARALYMPICS 2020

- Indian shuttler Pramod Bhagat created history as he won a Gold medal in the men's singles badminton SL3 final match at the ongoing Tokyo Paralympics on September 04, 2021. He defeated Daniel Bethell of Great Britain, 2-0.
- Badminton has been introduced for the first time in Paralympics this year.
- The 33-year-old Pramod Bhagat, from Bhubaneswar, has now become the first athlete from India to win gold in Badminton in the Paralympics or Olympics.
- Meanwhile, Indian player Manoj Sarkar has won the bronze in the same event.

MAX VERSTAPPEN WON DUTCH GRAND PRIX 2021

- Max Verstappen won the Netherlands Grand Prix 2021 and reclaimed the Formula One championship lead from Lewis Hamilton.
- The Red Bull driver's leading seventh win of the season and 17th of his career.
- Championship leader Lewis Hamilton could only manage second place in his Mercedes F1.
- Hamilton's Mercedes teammate Valtteri Bottas was third.

JOE ROOT, EIMEAR RICHARDSON NAMED ICC PLAYERS OF THE MONTH

- England Test skipper Joe Root has been named as the ICC Men's Player of the Month for August 2021.
- He scored 507 runs in three Tests against India in August.
- He also scored 3 important centuries, including an unbeaten 180* at Lord's, and MRF Tyres ICC Test Rankings for batters.
- Ireland's Eimear Richardson has bagged the ICC Women's Player of the Month for August 2021.

130TH EDITION OF DURAND CUP KICKS OFF IN KOLKATA

- The 130th edition of Durand Cup has been kicked off at the Vivekananda Yubabharati Krirangan in Kolkata.
- 16 teams will be participated in this edition of the oldest club football tournament in Asia while two clubs East Bengal and Mohun Bagan are not participating.
- Mohammedan Sporting Club started their campaign in the tournament with an emphatic win against the Indian Air Force Football team.
- The final match will be held on 3rd October.

DANIIL MEDVEDEV WINS 2021 US OPEN TENNIS TITLE



- Russia professional Tennis player Daniil Medvedev (25 years) has won 2021 US Open men's singles Tennis Title, after beating Novak Djokovic (Serbia) by 6-4, 6-4, 6-4.
- This is the maiden Grand Slam title won by Medvedev.
- Women's single winner: Emma Raducanu (Great Britain) defeated Leylah Fernandez (Canada).
- Men's double winner: Rajeev Ram and Joe Salisbury.
- Women's double winner: Samantha Stosur and Zhang Shuai.
- Mixed Doubles: Desirae Krawczyk and Joe Salisbury.

BRENDAN TAYLOR OF ZIMBABWE ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT FROM INTERNATIONAL CRICKET

- Former Zimbabwe skipper and wicket-keeper batsman Brendan Taylor (34 years) has announced his retirement from international cricket.
- He made this announcement while playing third final ODI match against Ireland.
- He made his ODI debut for Zimbabwe against Sri Lanka in 2004.
- He has scored 6677 runs from 204 ODI matches and is just 112 short of former Zimbabwe batsman Andy Flower's national record of 6786.

INDIAN-ORIGIN TEENAGER AMONG WINNERS OF APPLE WWDC21 SWIFT STUDENT CHALLENGE

- Abinaya Dinesh, a 15-year-old Indian-origin girl, is among three winners of the annual tech giant Apple WWDC21 Swift Student Challenge, a platform for the young brains willing to demonstrate their coding and problem-solving skills.
- Passionate about the intersection of medicine and technology, something that became personal for her last year, 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, as it opens all-virtual Worldwide Developers Conference (WWDC) 2021? from June 7-11.

INDIAN MEN'S TEAM MAINTAIN 4TH POSITION, WOMEN'S TEAM HOLD ON TO 9TH IN FIH WORLD RANKINGS

- In Hockey, Indian men's team maintained their fourth position while women's team held to ninth position in the latest International Hockey Federation world rankings.
- Despite missing the European leg of the FIH Hockey Pro- League series in Great Britain, Spain and Germany in April and May, the Indian men's team maintained its fourth spot.
- In the women's category, India are ranked ninth. The Netherlands women's team is leading while Argentina are second.
- Australia climbed to third position while Germany slipped to fourth position with 2115.185 points. Great Britain are ranked fifth.

LASITH MALINGA ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT FROM CRICKET



- Sri Lankan fast bowler Lasith Malinga (38 years) has announced his retirement from all forms of cricket.
- Prior to this announcement, he took retirement from Test cricket in 2011 and then from the ODIs in 2019.
- He played 30 Tests, 226 ODIs and 84 T20Is for Sri Lanka in which he took a total of 546 wickets (101 in Tests, 338 in ODIs and 107 in T20Is) across all formats.
- Malinga holds the record for most hat-tricks in international cricket.

BEIJING 2022 WINTER GAMES REVEALS OFFICIAL MOTTO: "TOGETHER FOR A SHARED FUTURE"

- Beijing 2022 on 17 September 2021 sent out warm invitations worldwide with the unveiling of "Together for a Shared Future" as its official motto.
- An expert panel selected the motto from 79 proposals submitted since May 2020 and finalized after repeated discussions.
- As the Beijing 2022 organizers explained, "Together" depicts how mankind stays strong when facing adversities and points out the solution to overcome those difficulties and create a better future; "For a shared future" embodies a vision for a better life and conveys hope and confidence.

SANJEET KUMAR WON GOLD MEDAL IN 91KG CATEGORY IN ASIAN AMATEUR BOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2021

- The 2021 Asian Amateur Boxing Championships was held from 24 to 31 May 2021 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.
- Indian heavyweight boxer Sanjeet Kumar defeated Olympic silver-medallist Vassiliy Levit of Kazakhstan, in the 91kg final to win gold medal at the tournament.
- He was the lone gold medal winner among the Indian men's contingent.
- The 19-member Indian contingent, including both men and women, secured 15 medals comprising 2 gold, 5 silver and 8 bronze.
- In Men's category, apart from Sanjeet Kumar, top-seed Amit Panghal (52kg) and Shiva Thapa (64kg) won Silver Medal while Vikas Krishan Yadav (69kg) and Varinder Singh (60kg) secured bronze medals.

WRESTLER VINESH PHOGAT WINS GOLD IN WOMEN'S 53 KG FREESTYLE AT POLAND RANKING SERIES

- Tokyo Olympic Games bound wrestler Vinesh Phogat won the women's 53kg freestyle gold with an 8-0 win over Khrystyna Bereza of Ukraine at the Poland Ranking Series in Warsaw yesterday. With less than 50 days to go for the Olympic Games to begin, Vinesh looked strong in defence and swift in attacks and counter-attacks.
- The gold-winning effort of Vinesh is likely to improve her seeding in the 53kg freestyle event at the Olympics, to be held from July 23 to August 8. Khrystyna settled for silver.

ICC EXPANDS MEN'S ODI CRICKET WORLD CUP TO 14 TEAMS FOR 2027 & 2031 EDITIONS

- The International Cricket Council (ICC) has announced that the Men's Cricket World Cup in 2027 and 2031, will once again be a 14-team, 54-match tournament.
- Earlier in 2019 World Cup, only 10 teams contested, compared to 14 teams in 2015 World Cup.
- These 14 teams will split into two groups of seven. Top three from each group will be progressing to a Super Six stage, followed by semifinals and final.
- ICC has also decided to expand the men's T20 World Cup to 20 teams. The tournament will take place every two years from 2024-2030.

PÉREZ WINS DRAMATIC AZERBAIJAN GP AFTER VERSTAPPEN CRASH AND HAMILTON BLUNDER

- Sergio Perez won his second Formula One race at the Azerbaijan Grand Prix after a dramatic finish to the race in Baku.
- Driver Championship leader and Perez's Red Bull teammate Max Verstappen crashed with just 4 laps to go.
- Mercedes' Lewis Hamilton, meanwhile, went off course while trying to win the race on the standing restart in the two-lap shootout.
- Four-time champion Sebastian Vettel took second for Aston Martin after an impressive drive after qualifying 11th.
- Pierre Gasly was third for AlphaTauri.

BRAZIL TO HOST COPA AMERICA FOR 2ND CONSECUTIVE TIME

- Brazil will be hosting Copa America for the 2nd consecutive time after Colombia and Argentina were stripped of hosting rights for the football tournament.
- It has been announced by South American soccer body CONMEBOL after it ruled out Argentina amid an increase in COVID-19 cases.
- Colombia was removed as co-host as street protests against President Iván Duque rocked the nation.
- Copa America was initially scheduled for 2020, but was postponed due to COVID-19.

DEBBIE HEWITT TO BECOME FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION'S FIRST CHAIRWOMAN IN ITS 157-YEAR HISTORY

- England's Football Association (FA) made history after appointing Debbie Hewitt as the first female chair in its 157-year history. Hewitt is expected to take up the position in January 2022 and the appointment is subject to confirmation by the FA Council next month. But once the formalities are completed, Hewitt will become the permanent successor to Greg Clarke, who resigned after he was accused of making racially offensive remarks in front of a parliamentary committee. Here is a look at who is Debbie Hewitt and some deeper information about the Debbie Hewitt FA announcement.
- Debbie Hewitt has an extensive background in business as she is a former chief executive of RAC and the current non-executive chair at Visa Europe, the clothing brand White Stuff and the financial services group BGL, which owns the website Compare The Market.

F1 LEADER MAX VERSTAPPEN WINS FRENCH GP AHEAD OF RIVAL LEWIS HAMILTON

- Formula One championship leader Max Verstappen overtook Lewis Hamilton on the penultimate lap to win the French Grand Prix and extend his lead over his title rival to 12 points.
- Verstappen used the DRS system to catch Hamilton on Lap 52 and pass him on the inside before zooming off to clinch his third win of the season and 13th of his career. A bonus point for the fastest lap made it a great day for Red Bull, which had never beaten Mercedes on the Paul Ricard circuit in southern France.
- Verstappen has 131 points to Hamilton's 119 after seven races.
- Red Bull's Sergio Perez sneaked past a dejected Valtteri Bottas to take third place and strengthen Red Bull's lead in the constructors' championship.
- Verstappen took an impressive pole position ahead of Hamilton and his teammate Bottas.

SAURABH CHAUDHARY BAGS BRONZE MEDAL AT ISSF WORLD CUP SHOOTING

- Saurabh Chaudhary opened India's account at the ISSF World Cup here with a bronze in the men's 10m air pistol event after the country's shooters endured a modest opening day on which podium finishes eluded the likes of Manu Bhaker and Elavenil Valarivan.
- The 19-year-old Saurabh scored 220 in the final after qualifying with a score of 581. Compatriot Abhishek Verma finished fifth in the same event with a score of 179.3 after also shooting 581 in the qualifying.

GRAND SLAM TOURNAMENT FRENCH OPEN 2021 CONCLUDED



- French Open 2021 concluded in Roland Garros in Paris, France.
- World No.1 Novak Djokovic of Serbia won the Men's Singles title after beating Stefanos Tsitsipas of Greece.
- It was Djokovic's 2nd title in the tournament.
- Czech Republic's Barbora Krejickova won the women's Sigle title.
- Krejickova also won the women's double title in the tournament with Katerina Siniakova.
- Men's doubles: Nicolas Mahut and Pierre-Hugues Herbert.
- Mixed doubles: Desirae Krawczyk and Joe Salisbury.

KAYLEE MCKEOWN BREAKS 100M BACKSTROKE WORLD RECORD AT OLYMPIC TRIALS

- Australia's Kaylee McKeown says the death of her father 10 months ago inspired her to break the 100m backstroke world record. The 19-year-old set a world benchmark at Australia's Olympic trials in Adelaide.
- McKeown clocked 57.45 seconds in the 100m backstroke final, bettering the previous world record of 57.57 set by American Regan Smith in 2019. Her father Sholto died in August last year after a two-year battle with brain cancer. He was 53.

DEEPIKA KUMARI COMPLETED HATTRICK OF GOLD MEDALS IN PARIS ARCHERY WORLD CUP



- Deepika Kumari completed a hat-trick of gold medals at the Archery World Cup Stage 3 after winning the women's individual recurve event.
- She beat Elena Osipova of Russia 6-0 in the women's individual recurve final.
- She also won gold medals in the mixed team and women's recurve team events.
- Deepika's 2nd gold medal came with her husband Atanu Das in the mixed team recurve event.
- Deepika, Ankita Bhakat and Komalika Bari defeated Mexico in the women's recurve team event.

ICC T20 WORLD CUP 2021 RELOCATED TO UAE, OMAN

- The venue for ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2021 has been shifted to the UAE and Oman.
- It was announced by the International Cricket Council (ICC).
- The tournament is scheduled to be held from October 17 to November 14.
- The T20 World Cup was postponed last year due to the pandemic.
- The BCCI will remain the hosts of the event, which will now be held in Dubai International Stadium, the Sheikh Zayed Stadium in Abu Dhabi, the Sharjah Stadium, and the Oman Cricket Academy Ground.

BANKING & FINANCIAL AWARENESS

NIRMALA SITHARAMAN CHAIRS 24TH MEETING OF FINANCIAL STABILITY AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

- Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman chaired the 24th meeting of the Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC).
- Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC) is the apex level forum set up by the Government of India for strengthening and institutionalizing the mechanism for maintaining financial stability, enhancing inter-regulatory coordination and promoting financial sector development.
- Finance Minister is the chairperson of FSDC. It must be noted that FSDC Sub-Committee is chaired by the Governor, RBI.

EIGHT MAJOR BANKS JOIN THE ACCOUNT AGGREGATOR NETWORK

- SBI, ICICI, Axis Bank, IDFC Bank, KM Bank, HDFC Bank, IndusInd Bank, and Federal Bank, have joined the Account Aggregator network.
- AA network will enable customers to easily access and share their financial data.
- Neo bank Fi has also joined the AA network and is one of the first fintech to join the ecosystem.
- This was created through an inter-regulatory decision by RBI, SEBI, IRDAI, PFRDA through an initiative of the FSDC.
- The licence for AAs is issued by the RBI.

LIC PICKS UP NEARLY 4% STAKE IN BOI THROUGH OPEN MARKET TRANSACTION

- The LIC has picked up nearly 4% equity shares in Bank of India through an Open Market Transaction.
- Before the latest acquisition of shares in the bank, LIC held over a 3.17% stake in the state-owned bank.
- LIC's stake in Bank of India has now increased to 7.05%, equivalent to 28,92,87,324 shares.
- With this QIP, government shareholding in the bank has come down to 82.50% from 90.34% earlier.
- BoI MD and CEO: Atanu Kumar Das

SBM BANK PARTNERS WITH ONECARD FOR A MOBILE-BASED CREDIT CARD.

- SBM Bank has partnered with OneCard to launch a mobile-based credit card to cater the tech-savvy populace who have embraced digital as a natural way of life.
- OneCard will leverage Visa's technology and global acceptance in this co-branded credit card offering through an app.
- This partnership will build products that meet specific consumer need gaps and provide innovative solutions
- It is a significant step towards acknowledging and expanding digital ecosystem.

RBI ALLOWS TOKENIZATION IN CARD-ON-FILE SERVICES

- RBI has allowed two enhancements in card tokenization services. They are as follows:
- Device-based tokenization framework will now be applicable to Card-on-File Tokenisation (CoFT) services as well. CoF means that the Credit/Debit card details are stored by merchants for ease of payment.
- Card issuers (banks) to offer card tokenization services as Token Service Providers. It shall be done with explicit customer consent requiring Additional Factor of Authentication

TRIFED TO SETUP ATMANIRBHAR CORNER IN 75 MISSIONS AND EMBASSIES AROUND THE WORLD

- Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED) in collaboration with the Ministry of External Affairs, is setting up an Atmanirbhar Bharat corner in 75 Indian Missions/ Embassies across the world in the next 3 months.
- The first such Atma Nirbhar Bharat corner was successfully inaugurated at Indian Embassy in Bangkok, Thailand on August 15, 2021. Apart from this, TRIFED will also be establishing Atmanirbhar corners in 75 embassies of foreign countries set up in India.
- Purpose: The corner will be an exclusive space to promote GI-tagged tribal art and craft products besides natural and organic products.

EQUITAS SMALL FINANCE BANK TIE-UP WITH GOOGLE PAY TO LAUNCH DIGITAL FD



- The Equitas Small Finance Bank (ESFB) has launched a new initiative in partnership with Google Pay, under which it will enable the users of Google Pay app to open fixed deposits (FDs) on Google Pay, in under 2 minutes without having to open a bank account with ESFB.
- This is a first-of-its-type initiative by a bank. Initially, the initiative is available for Google Pay users who are accessing the app from Android.
- Users will get Interest rate of 6.35% on FD with tenure of one year.
- Upon maturity, the principal and interest of the FD will go directly to the existing bank account of the user, which could be in any bank in India.

ADB APPROVES \$150 MILLION LOAN FOR URBAN POOR HOUSING PROJECT IN TAMIL NADU

- Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved loan of \$ 150 million (about Rs 1,095 crore) for a sustainable housing project for the urban poor in Tamil Nadu.
- This loan amount will be used for constructing housing units in nine different locations and relocation of about 6,000 households vulnerable to natural hazards to safer locations
- Aim: to provide vulnerable and disadvantaged households access to inclusive, safe, and affordable housing infrastructure and services

BANK OF BARODA LAUNCHES DIGITAL BANKING PLATFORM 'BOB WORLD'

- Bank of Baroda has launched its digital banking platform named 'bob World' to provide all banking services under one roof.
- Pilot test of this platform began on August 23, 2021.
- It will converge more than 220 services with an all-inclusive and seamless virtual banking experience, encompassing all digital banking services under one roof for the convenience of customers.

GOVT ADDS DAIRY PRODUCTS UNDER TMA SCHEME FOR SPECIFIED AGRICULTURE PRODUCTS'

- Department of Commerce (under Ministry of Commerce & Industry) had introduced 'Transport and Marketing Assistance (TMA) for Specified Agriculture Products Scheme' in 2019. The objective of TMA was to provide assistance for the international component of freight, to reduce the freight costs for the Indian exporters of agriculture products.
- Now the Department has notified 'Revised Transport and Marketing Assistance (TMA) for Specified Agriculture Products Scheme' for exports effected on or after 01.04.2021 up to 31.03.2022. There are two major changes in the revised scheme:
 - Dairy products will now be eligible for assistance under the revised scheme.
 - Rates of assistance have been increased, by 50% for exports by sea and by 100% for exports by air.

HDFC BANK PARTNERS WITH NSIC TO PROVIDE CREDIT SUPPORT TO MSMEs



- HDFC Bank has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC) for providing credit support to the micro, small and medium enterprise (MSME) sector.
- The branches of HDFC bank will extend support to the MSME projects in the areas they are located in and to other important industrial sectors across the country.
- National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC), is an ISO 9001:2015 certified Government of India Enterprise under the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME).

KARNATAKA BANK LAUNCHES POS DEVICE 'WISEPOSGO' FOR MERCHANT CUSTOMERS

- The Karnataka Bank has launched an all-in-one Point-of-Sales (POS) swiping machine dubbed as 'WisePOSGo', for its merchant customers to process business payments.
- WisePOSGo is a compact, lightweight and user-friendly device, designed to keep in view the specific cost-centric requirements of the bank's MSME customers.
- The private sector lender has rolled out this POS device in collaboration with Mswipe Technologies Pvt Ltd.
- Apart from processing payments, merchants can also make calls using the WisePOSGo swiping machine.

GOVT INCREASED FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO OPEN AYUSH COLLEGES



- Central govt has increased financial support from Rs 9 crore to Rs 70 crore to open more Ayush colleges across the country.
- There are only few Ayush colleges in the North-East and Indian traditional medicine systems can only be popularised by making available more qualified practitioners.
- Ministry of Ayush has also accorded in-principle approval for upgrading Government Ayurvedic College, Jalukbari, Assam as the Centre of Excellence with support of up to Rs 10 crore.

GOVT REDUCES STANDARD RATE OF DUTY ON EDIBLE OIL

- Govt has reduced the standard rate of duty on Crude Palm Oil, Crude Soyabean oil and Crude Sunflower Oil to 2.5 % to ensure the availability of edible oil to consumers at fair prices.
- Standard rate of duty on Refined Palm Oil, Refined Soyabean oil and Refined Sunflower Oil to 32.5%.
- Along with this, Agri-cess for Crude Palm Oil has been increased from 17.5% to 20%.
- With this, worth Rs 1,100 crore and total direct value of benefits is expected to be passed on to the consumers.

INDIA AND US LAUNCH CLIMATE ACTION AND FINANCE MOBILIZATION DIALOGUE

- India and USA have launched Climate Action and Finance Mobilization Dialogue (CAFMD) to strengthen India-US bilateral cooperation on climate and environment.
- CAFMD is one of the two tracks of the India-U.S. Climate and Clean Energy Agenda 2030 partnership launched at Leaders' Summit on Climate in April 2021.
- It will demonstrate how the world can align swift climate action with inclusive and resilient economic development.

INDIA, SINGAPORE ANNOUNCES LINKING OF UPI AND PAYNOW FAST PAYMENT SYSTEMS



- RBI and Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) have announced project to link their respective fast payment systems viz. Unified Payments Interface (UPI) and PayNow.
- It will enable users of each of the two fast payment systems to make fund transfer from India to Singapore and vice versa using UPI and PayNow.
- It will made operational by July 2022.

DBS BANK PARTNERS WITH SWIFT TO LAUNCH CROSS-BORDER PAYMENT TRACKING

- DBS Bank in partnership with SWIFT Global Payments Innovation (GPI) has launched real-time online tracking for cross-border payments for its corporate clients.
- It can be availed using bank's corporate online banking platform 'DBS IDEAL'.
- DBS is the first bank in India and Asia-Pacific to offer this service to corporate clients without any additional cost.

UNCTAD PROJECTS INDIAN ECONOMY TO EXPAND 7.2% IN 2021

- United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) has projected India's economic growth rate as 7.2% for calendar year 2021 in its Trade and Development report.
- India's economic growth rate for the calendar year 2022 is projected to be 6.7%, while India's economy shrank by 7% in Calendar Year 2020.
- UNCTAD expects the global economy to recovery in 2021, growing at 5.3%.
- UNCTAD also expects South-Asia region to expand by 5.8% in 2021.

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HPCL LAUNCHES NON-FUEL RETAIL STORE 'HAPPY SHOP' IN MUMBAI

- Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL) has unveiled its branded store 'Happy Shop' in Mumbai marking its foray into non-fuel retailing.
- This is the HPCL's latest offering at its Club HP retail outlet.
- Store will provide home utility products including food, toiletries, healthcare products, bakery products, groceries, medicines and more.
- Apart from this, customers will be able to browse the merchandise on HPCL's HP-Pay App (available on Play store/App Store).

CAS RKS BHADAURIA ATTENDS PACIFIC AIR CHIEFS SYMPOSIUM 2021 (PACS-21) IN HAWAII

- The Pacific Air Chiefs Symposium 2021 (PACS-21) was held in Hawaii, at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, from August 30 to September 02, 2021.
- The theme of the event was "Enduring Cooperation towards Regional Stability".
- PACS-21 provided an opportunity for enhancing mutual understanding and deepening of relationships among participating nations.
- The participants of PACS-21 included Air Chiefs of countries in the Indo-Pacific region.
- From India, Air Chief Marshal RKS Bhaduria, Chief of the Air Staff (CAS) attended PACS-21. He was nominated as the Dean for the Symposium.

BIENNIAL AUSINDEX MARITIME WARFARE EXERCISES TO COMMENCE THIS WEEK

- Australia's Northern Territory will host the biennial AUSINDEX maritime warfare exercises between the Royal Australian and the Indian navies.
- The exercise will be conducted ahead of the two countries holding their first "2+2" Foreign and Defence Ministers meet in New Delhi.
- AUSINDEX 21 will provide both the Navies an opportunity to strengthen joint defence capabilities in support of a stable and secure Indo-Pacific region.

INDIA AND US INKS PROJECT AGREEMENT FOR AIR - LAUNCHED UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLE

- The Ministry of Defence, Government of India and US Department of Defence have signed a Project Agreement (PA) for Air-Launched Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (ALUAV), under the Joint Working Group Air Systems in the Defence Technology and Trade Initiative (DTTI). The PA was signed on July 30, 2021.
- The PA for ALUAV is part of the Research, Development, Testing and Evaluation (RDT&E) Memorandum of Agreement, which was first signed between Ministry of Defence and US Department of Defence, in January 2006 and renewed in January 2015.

- The RDT&E aims at deepening defence technology collaboration between the two nations through co-development of defence equipment.
- Under the collaboration, the two countries will work towards design, development, demonstration, testing and evaluation of systems to co-develop an ALUAV Prototype.
- The DTTI aims to bring sustained leadership focus to promote collaborative technology exchange and create opportunities for co-production and co-development of future technologies for Indian and US military forces.

INDIA BECOMES FIRST ASIAN NATION TO LAUNCH 'PLASTICS PACT'

- India has become the first country in Asia to launch a Plastics Pact, a new platform to promote a circular system for plastics.
- The India Plastic Pact platform was launched on September 03, 2021 by the British High Commissioner to India, Alexander Ellis, at the 16th Sustainability Summit hosted by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).
- The new platform 'India Plastic Pact' is a joint effort of World-Wide Fund for Nature-India (WWF India) and the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), and envisions to create a world where plastic is valued and does not pollute the environment.
- The Pact targets the businesses to transition towards a circular economy for plastics by 2030.
- The initiative is supported by UK Research & Innovation (UKRI) and WRAP, a global NGO based in the UK, and endorsed by the British High Commission in India.

28TH SINGAPORE-INDIA MARITIME BILATERAL EXERCISE 'SIMBEX-2021' CONCLUDES



- The 28th edition of Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX) took place from September 02 to 04, 2021.
- The SIMBEX-2021 annual bilateral maritime exercise was hosted by the Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN) in the southern fringes of the South China Sea.
- The Indian Navy was represented by Guided Missile Destroyer INS Ranvijay with a ship borne helicopter, ASW Corvette INS Kiltan and Guided Missile Corvette INS Kora and one P8I Long Range Maritime Patrol Aircraft.
- The exercise aimed to strengthen the bilateral defence ties between both countries.

INDIAN ARMY TO TAKE PART IN MILITARY EXERCISE 'ZAPAD 2021' IN RUSSIA

- The Indian Army will participate in a multi-nation military exercise named 'ZAPAD 2021' at Nizhny in Russia.
- The exercise will be held between September 03, 2021 and September 16, 2021.
- More than a dozen countries from Eurasia and South Asia will also participate in the exercise.

UNION MINISTER INAUGURATES PRANA PORTAL TO REGULATE AIR POLLUTION IN 132 CITIES

- On September 07, 2021, the Union Minister of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change, Bhupender Yadav launched a portal named PRANA, for the regulation of air pollution in 132 cities across the country.
- PRANA stands for Portal for Regulation of Air pollution in Non-Attainment cities.
- The PRANA portal can be accessed at prana.cpcb.gov.in.
- The cities which come under the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) will be covered.
- Apart from this, the Union Minister also dedicated the first functional smog tower of India, installed in Anand Vihar in New Delhi to the country.

CDOT LAUNCHES LAB TO DEVELOP INTEGRATE ALERT SYSTEM FOR DISASTER MANAGEMENT

- Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) has launched lab to design and develop a pan-India integrated alert system for disaster management on the occasion of its 38th Foundation Day.
- It is being administered by National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA).
- C-DOT has been running a pilot to send alerts to people at the time of Cyclone Yaas in affected areas as well as for Covid-19 to manage isolation zones in selected states.
- C-DOT was established in August 1984.

MINISTRY OF COAL TO PREPARE ROAD MAP FOR COAL BASED HYDROGEN PRODUCTION



- Ministry of Coal has constituted two committees one is a task force to oversee the program and another is a committee of experts to give guidance to the Ministry to Prepare Road Map for Coal-based Hydrogen Production.
- The task force on coal-based hydrogen production will be headed by Shri Vinod Kumar Tiwari, Additional Secretary Coal.
- The expert committee on coal-based hydrogen production will be headed by Shri R.K. Malhotra, Director General (FIPI).

MSME TOOL ROOM, HYDERABAD BAGS PATENT FOR FIREWORKS MAKING MACHINE

- MSME Tool Room Central Institute of Tool Design (CITD), Hyderabad has obtained patent for the invention entitled Automatic Machine for Production of Conical Shaped Fireworks (Anaar) for 20 years.
- CITD signed an MOU with Standard Fireworks Pvt Ltd (SFPL) for automation processes.
- As a first project, CITD has taken up for Module-1 for flower pot chemical filling-packing.
- It consists of 10 different stations like paper cutting, pasting, chemical filling, etc.

MOS HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE DR BHARTI ADDRESSES 74TH WHO-SEARO



- The Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare Dr. Bharati Pravin Pawar represented India at the World Health Organization- South East Asia Regional Office (WHO-SEARO) through video-conference on September 07, 2021.
- This is the 74th Session of the WHO Regional Committee, for South-East Asia, organised from September 6 - September 10, 2021.

INDIA & DENMARK JOINTLY LAUNCH CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE ON OFFSHORE WIND

- The Union Minister for Power and New and Renewable Energy, Shri R.K Singh and his Danish counterpart, Mr Dan Jørgensen, Denmark Minister for Climate, Energy and Utilities, jointly launched 'Centre of Excellence on Offshore Wind', as part of the Green Strategic Partnership.
- The Danish minister accompanied by a delegation of officials is on a visit to India to hold a meeting for cooperation in the field of Renewable Energy with a focus on Offshore Wind Energy.
- During the meeting held on September 09, 2021, both sides agreed to further cooperation in renewable energy, especially offshore wind and green hydrogen.

LCA-MK2 TO ROLL OUT NEXT YEAR, FIRST FLIGHT IN 2023

- Roll-out of the aircraft (Mk2) is planned next year and the first flight is scheduled in early 2023.
- Configuration for Light Combat Aircraft (LCA)-Mk2 has been frozen and steel cutting is expected to begin soon.
- It features enhanced range and endurance including an onboard oxygen generation system, which is being integrated for the first time.
- Mk2 is 1,350 mm longer featuring canards and can carry a payload of 6,500 kg compared to 3,500 kg the LCA can carry.

INDIA TO HOLD BIENNIAL DEFENCE DIALOGUE WITH AFRICAN NATIONS

- The Government of India has proposed to institutionalise the India-Africa Defence Dialogue, as a regular event, to be held on the sidelines of the biennial DefExpo military exhibition.
- The first India-Africa Defence Ministers Conclave (IADMC) was held at DefExpo in February 2020 in Lucknow.
- Following this, the second India - Africa Defence Dialogue will be held on the sidelines of the DefExpo, scheduled to be held at Gandhinagar, Gujarat in March 2022.
- The Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses in New Delhi, shall be the knowledge partner of India Africa Defence Dialogue to assist in providing necessary support for enhanced defence cooperation between the two countries.
- Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh will host the Defence Ministers of African Nations at the upcoming India - Africa Defence Dialogue.

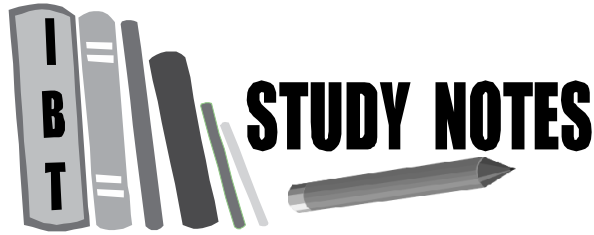
CHHATTISGARH LAUNCHES 'MILLET MISSION' TO BECOME MILLET HUB OF INDIA



- Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel has announced to launch 'Millet Mission' to provide a proper price rate to farmers for minor cereal crops.
- Other important benefits under Millet Mission to include input assistance for millet, procurement arrangements, aid farmers in the processing of crops, etc.
- To implement the mission, the state government has signed an MoU with Indian Institute of Millet Research (IIMR), Hyderabad and collectors of 14 districts of the state.

SKYROOT AEROSPACE BECOMES FIRST SPACE STARTUP TO FORMALLY TIE-UP WITH ISRO

- Hyderabad-based Space technology startup, Skyroot Aerospace has become the first private company to formally enter into an agreement with ISRO to get access to their facilities and expertise for the development and testing of subsystems and systems of space launch vehicles.
- Skyroot Aerospace is building Vikram series of rockets to carry small satellites into space.
- First launch vehicle in the series, Vikram-1 is scheduled to be launch in 2022.



Quantitative Aptitude

PERCENTAGE

Percentage is used to compare two quantities. Percentage is per-cent which means parts per hundred (1/100).

- If we have to convert percentage into fraction then it is divide by 100.

Example:- $40\% = 40/100 = 2/5$

- If we have to convert fraction into percentage we have to multiply it with 100.

Example:- $4/5 = 4/5 * 100 = 80\%$

- $x\%$ of y is given by $(y \times x/100)$

Important Fraction to Percentage conversion table:-

$$1 = 100\%$$

$$1/2 = 50\%$$

$$1/3 = 33.33\% = 33 \frac{1}{3}\%$$

$$1/4 = 25\%$$

$$1/5 = 20\%$$

$$1/6 = 16.66\% = 16 \frac{2}{3}\%$$

$$1/7 = 14.28\% = 14 \frac{2}{7}\%$$

$$1/8 = 12.5\% = 12 \frac{1}{2}\%$$

$$1/9 = 11.11\% = 11 \frac{1}{9}\%$$

$$1/10 = 10\%$$

$$1/11 = 9.09\% = 9 \frac{1}{11}\%$$

$$1/12 = 8.33\% = 8 \frac{1}{3}\%$$

Some Short tricks based on Condition:-

- If A's income is $r\%$ more than B's income, the B's income is less than A's income by

$$[r / (100 + r) \times 100]\%$$

- If A's income is $r\%$ less than B's income, the B's income is more than A's income by

$$[r / (100 - r)] \times 100\%$$

- If A is $x\%$ of C and B is $y\%$ of C then A is $(x/y) \times 100\%$ of B.

- If a number 'x' is successively changed by $a\%$, $b\%$, $c\%$, then final value :

$$x (1 + a/100) (1 + b/100) (1 + c/100)$$

- The net change after two successive changes of $a\%$ and $b\%$ is:

$$(a + b + ab/100) \%$$

- The population of a town is 'P'. It increased by $x\%$ during 1st year, increased by $y\%$ during 2nd year and again increased by $z\%$ during 3rd year. The population after 3 years will be, $P \times [(100 + x)/100] \times [(100 + y)/100] \times [(100 + z)/100]$

- Suppose in an examination, $x\%$ of total number of students failed in subject A and $y\%$ of total number of students failed in subject B and $z\%$ failed in both the subject. Then,

(i) Percentage of students who passed in both the subjects = $[100 - (x + y - z)]\%$

(ii) Percentage of students who failed in either subject = $(x + y - z)\%$

- If due to $r\%$ decrease in the price of an item, a person can buy A kg more in Rs.x, then Actual price of that item = $Rs (rx) / ((100 - r)A)$ Per kg

Example : If due to 10% decrease in the price of sugar, Ram can buy 5 kg more sugar in Rs 100, then find the actual Price of sugar ?

Solution : Here $r = 10\%$, $x = 100$ and $A = 5$ kg

$$\text{Actual price of sugar} = 10 \times 100 / \{(100 - 10) \times 5\}$$

$$= Rs. 2(2/9)$$

- If the population of a town is P and it increases at the rate of $R\%$ per annum, then

(i) Population after n year = $P(1+r/100)^n$

(ii) Population, n year ago = $P/(1+r/100)^n$

EXAMPLES

- From a container having pure milk, 20% is replaced by water and the process is repeated thrice. At the end of the third operation, the milk is

(A) 40% pure (B) 50% pure

(C) 51.2% pure (D) 66% pure

(E) None of these

2. Anita made a mixed fruit jam containing 30% mango, 20% apple, 30% banana and 20% pineapple. What quantity of pineapple must be added to 200 g of jam such that the % of mango becomes 25%?
(A) 30 g (B) 40 g (C) 50 g (D) 60 g
(E) 80 g
3. 30% of the men are more than 25 years old and 80% of the men are less than or equal to 50 years old. 20% of all men play football. If 20% of the men above the age of 50 play football, what percentage of the football players are less than or equal to 50 years?
(A) 25% (B) 20% (C) 60% (D) 80%
(E) 70%
4. A jar was full with honey. A person used to draw out 20% of the honey from the jar and replaced it with sugar solution. He has repeated the same process 4 times and thus there was only 768 gm of honey left in the jar, the rest part of the jar was filled with the sugar solution. The initial amount of honey in the jar was:
(A) 1.25 kg (B) 1.875 kg (C) 1.50 kg (D) 2.25 kg
(E) None of these
5. A shopkeeper Raju increased the price of a product by 37% due to which a customer found it difficult to purchase the required amount. But somehow the customer purchased only 68% of the required amount. What is the net percentage difference in the expenditure on that product ?
(A) 5.78% (B) 6.84% (C) 7.32% (D) 4.68%
(E) 5.84%
6. The shopkeeper increased the price of a production by 25% so that customer finds it difficult to purchase the required amount. But some how the customer managed to purchase only 70% of the required amount. What is the net difference in the expenditure on that product ?
(A) 12.5% less (B) 15% more
(C) 10% more (D) 5% more
(E) 17.5 less
7. Ram gives 60% of his salary to his father, 70% of remaining salary he invested in scheme A and B in ratio of 4:3 and remaining he keeps in bank account. If the difference between the amount given to his father and that he invested in scheme A is 840, how much Ram salary?
(A) 1850.64 (B) 1909.09 (C) 1664 (D) 2324.64
(E) None of these.
8. The numbers of boys and girls in a college are in the ratio of 3:2. If 20% of the boys and 25% of the girls are adults, the percentage of students, who are not adults, is
(A) 58% (B) 60% (C) 78% (D) 83%
(E) None of these
9. In the half yearly exam only 80% of the students were passed out of these (passed in half yearly) only 50% student are passed in annual exam. Out of those who did not pass the half yearly exam, 70% passed in annual exam. What per cent of the students passed the annual exam ?
(A) 42% (B) 54% (C) 66% (D) 56%
(E) None of these
10. If the expenditure of company B increased by 20% from 1995 to 1996, the income in 1996 will be how many times the income in 1995?
(A) 2.16 (B) 1.2 (C) 1.8 (D) equal
(E) None of these
11. N% of a two digit natural number P is M more than 20% of P. If M is 30% of twice of P, then find the value of N.
(A) 200 (B) 240 (C) 360 (D) 40
(E) 80

SOLUTIONS

1. (C) Total quantity = 100%
quantity removed = 20%
Reqd. milk = $\left(1 - \frac{20}{100}\right)^3$
= $100 \times \frac{64}{125}$
= 51.2%
2. (B) Amount of pineapple = 20 % of 200 = 40 g
Amount of mango = 30% of 200 = 60 g
Amount of pineapple added be x g
60 g = 25 % of (200 + x)
60 = 0.25 × (200 + x)
200 + x = 240 ? 40 g.
3. (D) Let total men = 100
Football players = 20
20% of above 50 yrs. = 20% of 20 = 4
Football players less than & equal to 50 = 16
So, $\frac{16}{20} \times 100 = 80\%$

4. (B) Let initial amount of honey in jar work be K gram

$$768 = K \left(1 - \frac{20}{100}\right)^2$$

$$768 = K \left(1 - \frac{1}{5}\right)^4$$

$$768 = K \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^4$$

$$K = \frac{768 \times 625}{256} = 1875$$

$$= 1.875 \text{ kg}$$

5. (B) Price = Quantity \times Rate = $1 \times 1 = 1$

$$0.68 \times 1.37 = 0.9316$$

$$\text{Dec. in price} = \frac{1 - 0.9316}{1} \times 100$$

$$= \frac{0.0684 \times 100}{1} = 6.84\%$$

6. (A) Quantity \times Rate = price

$$1 \times 1 = 1$$

$$0.7 \times 1.25 = 0.875$$

$$\text{Decrease in price} = \frac{0.125}{1} \times 100$$

$$= 12.5\%$$

7. (B) Let Ram salary be x

$$\text{Ram gives to his father} = x \times 60/100$$

$$= 3x/5$$

$$\text{Remaining ram salary} = x - 3x/5$$

$$= 2x/5$$

$$\text{Investment of ram in scheme A and B}$$

$$= 2x \times 70/100$$

$$= 7x/25$$

$$\text{Money invested in scheme A}$$

$$= 7x/25 \times 4/7$$

$$= 4x/25$$

$$\text{According to question}$$

$$3x/5 - 4x/25 = 840$$

$$= 1909.09 \text{ ans.}$$

8. (C) Let the number of total boys and girls is 100

$$\therefore \text{Boys : Girls} = 3:2 \rightarrow \text{Sum of ratio terms}$$

$$= 3 + 2 = 5$$

$$\therefore \text{Number of boys} = 100 \times (3/5) = 60$$

$$\text{and number of girls} = 100 \times (2/5)$$

$$\therefore \text{The number of adults} = \frac{60 \times 20}{100} + \frac{40 \times 25}{100}$$

$$= 12 + 10 = 22$$

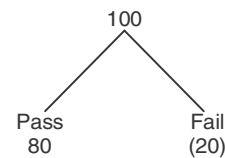
$$\therefore \text{The number of non-adults}$$

$$= 100 - 22 = 78$$

$$\therefore \text{Percentage of Student, who are not adults} =$$

$$78\%$$

9. (B) Half yearly exam



Annual exam

$$80 \times 0.5 + 20 \times 0.70$$

$$40 + 14$$

$$\text{Total pass in annual exam} = 40 + 14 = 54\%$$

10. (B) Let expenditure of B in 1995 be x.

$$\text{Then } E_{96B} = 1.2x \text{ (since } x + 20\% \text{ of } x = 1.2x)$$

$$\text{Now, } I_{95B} = E_{95B} [(100+80)/100]$$

$$= 1.8x$$

$$I_{96B} = E_{96B} [(100+80)/100] \times 1.2x$$

$$I_{96B}/I_{95B} = 1.2 \text{ times}$$

11. (E) Let the two digit number be T.

N% of a two digit natural number P is M more than 20% of P.

$$\Rightarrow NP/100 = M + 0.2P \quad \dots(i)$$

M is 30% of twice of P.

$$\Rightarrow M = 0.3(2P) = 0.6P \quad \dots(ii)$$

Putting the value of M in Eq (ii) we get,

$$\Rightarrow NP/100 = 0.6P + 0.2P$$

$$\Rightarrow NP = 80P$$

$$\Rightarrow N = 80$$

Reasoning Ability

MATHEMATICAL OPERATIONS (INEQUALITY)

The Reasoning section of every competitive exam includes questions from the topic “Mathematical Operators/ Fictitious Symbols”. Here, we are uploading different types of questions which will surely help you in the upcoming Railways & SSC Exams. This topic deals with the questions on basics of fundamental operations — addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Sometimes, the questions involving these operations are set using artificial symbols. The candidate has to substitute the real signs and solve the questions accordingly to get the answer.

Basic Concepts & Short Tricks of Fictitious Symbol questions:

Different types of questions covered in this chapter are as follows

- Symbol Substitution
- Balancing the Equation
- Interchange of Signs and Numbers
- Trick Based Mathematical Operations
- Before discussing details for solving questions, lets check the meaning of certain symbols in below table:–

SYMBOLS EXPLANATION OFSYMBOLS

<	First letter is smaller than second letter.
>	First letter is greater than second letter.
≥	First letter is greater than or equal to second letter.
≤	First letter is smaller than or equal to second letter.
=	First letter is equal to second letter.
“	First letter is not equal to second letter.

- To check the different relationship, we are presenting some different statement and conclusions in below table. From given below table you will get clear concept of relationship between two letters.

Sr. No.	Statement	Conclusion
1.	(a) $x > y > z$	$x > z$
	(b) $x > y \geq z$	
	(c) $x \geq y > z$	
	(d) $x = y > z$	
	(e) $x > Y = z$	
2.	(a) $x < y < z$	$x < z$
	(b) $x < y \leq z$	
	(c) $x \leq y < z$	
	(d) $x = y < z$	
	(e) $x < y = z$	

- (a) $x > y \geq z$ $x > z$
 (b) $x = y \geq z$ (either $x > z$ or $x = z$)
 (c) $x \geq y = z$
- (a) $x \leq y \leq z$ $x < z$
 (b) $x = y \leq z$ (either $x < z$ or $x = z$)
 (c) $x \leq y = z$
- (a) $x < y < z$ either 1 or 2 follows if only
 (b) $x \leq y > z$ of the following cases are
 (c) $x < y \geq z$ given as they form a
 (d) $x > y \leq z$ complementary pairs
 (e) $x \geq y < z$

RULES FOR PRIORITY OF SYMBOLS

- RULE 1:** $> \geq =$
For example : If $A > B \geq C = D$
 Then, $A > C$ and $A > D$
- RULE 2:** $< \leq =$
For example : If $P < S \leq T = U$
 Then, $P < U$ and $P < T$
- RULE 3:** $> <$ (No relation)
For example : If $M > K < N$
 Then there will be no relation between M and N.
- RULE 4:** $> \leq$ (No relation)
For example : If $V > J \leq X$
 Then there will be no relation between V and X.
- RULE 5:** $< >$ (No relation)
For example : If $C < E > O$
 Then there will be no relation between C and O.
- RULE 6:** $< \geq$ (No relation)
For example : If $D < S \geq Z$
 Then there will be no relation between D and Z.
- RULE-7:** (a) **Either- or case:** In equality it is very important condition. Mostly students make mistakes in this condition. For clear concept we are giving example of “either-or”
- 1st condition for “either-or” is both conclusions should be wrong.
 - 2nd condition is that variables of both conclusions should be same.

Eg. :-

1. Statement: $A \geq B = C$

Conclusion: (a) $A > C$ (not true) (b) $A = C$ (not true);/

In above example, relation between A and C is $A \geq C$. But both the conclusions are wrong and both have same variables. And by combining both conclusions you will get the actual relation between A and C which comes from statement.

2. Statement: $M = N \geq O \geq P = Q$ **Conclusion I:** (a) $M > Q$, (b) $M = Q$

From the above statement it is clear that M is either equals to Q or M is greater than Q, So individually both the conclusions are wrong but by combining them we will get that M is either greater than or equals to Q ($M \geq Q$).

Conclusion II: (a) $N > P$ (b) $N = P$

Similarly from the above statement for conclusion II we can see that there is an either / or case between N and P, So N either will be greater than or equals to P.

(b) The complicated case of "Either-or" :

1. Statement: $U \geq J \geq K = L$ **Conclusions:** (1) $U < L$ (not true) (2) $U = L$ (not true)

In the above statement we cannot find the relation between U and L. There may be three possibilities of relation between U and L.

i.e. (a) $U > L$ (b) $U < L$ (c) $U = L$

And we are getting all possibilities by combining both conclusions. So, this is also one case of "Either-or".

2. Statement: $E < H \leq C, E > D, O \leq H < Z$ **Conclusions:** I. $O \geq D$ II. $D > O$

In the above question by combining the statements together we get $D < E < H \geq O$. So we cannot find the relation between O and D. As there can be three possible cases: O is either greater, lesser or equals to D. In conclusions I and II we can find all the three possible cases so the answer will be either conclusion I or II follow.

3. Statement: $J \geq B < T \geq U > V \geq X$ **Conclusions:** I. $J < X$ II. $X \leq J$

This is another example showing that no direct relation is found between X and J and all the three possible conditions as $J > X$, $J < X$ or $J = X$ can be there. So the answer will be either conclusion I or II follow.

RULE 8: Questions based on inequality are of two types:-

- (1) Direct Inequality
- (2) Indirect Inequality

(1) **Direct Inequality** : In this type, relationship symbols between variables are given indirect form.

Example:-**1. Statement:** $U = V \geq W < X = Y \leq Z$ **Conclusion:** (a) $Z > V$ (not true) (b) $V \geq X$ (not true)

Here, both conclusion (a) and (b) does not follow. As there is relation between Z and V, V and X. And here, variables of both conclusions are different. So, there will no "either-or" case.

2. Statement: $A > V > X \geq U > N$ **Conclusions:** (a) $X > N$ (true) (b) $A > N$ (true)**3. Statement:** $X > Y = Z > V < W$ **Conclusions:** (a) $Y = V$ (not true) (b) $X > V$ (true)

Here, conclusion (a) is wrong as Y is greater than V and conclusion (b) is right.

4. Statement: $P = Q = S \leq W < V$ **Conclusions:** (a) $Q \leq W$ (true) (b) $S \leq V$ (not true)

Here, Conclusion (a) is right and (b) is wrong because S will be less than V ($S < V$).

5. Statement: $H > M < Q \leq R > X < Y$ **Conclusions:** (a) $M > R$ (not true)(b) $M \leq R$ (not true)

Here both conclusions are wrong but variables are same. And by combining both conclusions we are getting all three possibilities of relation between M and R. So, here answer will be either conclusion (a) or (b) follows.

(2) **Indirect Inequalities:** In this type, relationship symbols between variables are given in coded form.

Example:- $A \odot B$ means 'A' is smaller than 'B' $A \# B$ means 'A' is greater than 'B' $A \% B$ means 'A' is either smaller than or equal to 'B' $A \$ B$ means 'A' is either greater than or equal to 'B' $A @ B$ means 'A' is neither smaller than nor greater than 'B'**1. Statement:** $D \# A, A \odot X, X \odot Z$ **Conclusion:** I. $D \odot X$ II. $A \odot Z$

For solving coded inequalities, there is one method to decode all coded symbol and decode symbols between statement and conclusion and then check the relationship between variables.

Solution: Statement: $D > A, A < X, X < Z$

Conclusion: I. $D < X$ (Not true)

II. $A < Z$ (True)

Now we are taking an example of Indirect inequality.

Example: – $P \odot Q$ means 'P' is smaller than 'Q'

$P \# Q$ means 'P' is greater than 'Q'

$P \% Q$ means 'P' is either smaller than or equal to 'Q'

$P \$ Q$ means 'P' is either greater than or equal to 'Q'

$P @ Q$ means 'P' is neither smaller than nor greater than 'Q'

2. **Statement:** $D \# A, A \odot X, X \odot Z$

Conclusions: (i) $D \odot X$ (ii) $A \odot Z$

Steps to apply Magic for trick :-

1. First of all we place all different symbols of inequalities.

2. Now, we decode given information and place that particular code at different symbols.

3. Now we will try to solve the question as

In conclusions I. it is asked $D \odot X$?

As in statement it is given $D \# A, A \odot X$

So, we cannot compare # and \odot as they belongs to different group.

And in conclusion II. It is asked $A \odot Z$? And in statement it is given $A \odot X, X \odot Z$

So, $A \odot Z$ is correct.

Example:-

Statement : $R \# J, J \$ H, H @ M$

Conclusion: I. $R \# H$ II. $J \$ M$

As in conclusions I. It is asked $R \# H$?

So, we will find the relation between R and H and we have to compare # and \$. And # and \$ belongs to same group and priority of # is more than \$.

So, conclusions I. is correct.

And in conclusions II. We have to find relation between R and H and for this we have to compare \$ and @, \$ and @ belongs to same group and priority of \$ is more than @.

So, Conclusions II. Is correct.

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE

VOICE

What is Voice?

Voice is that form of a verb which tells us whether the subject does something or has something done to it.

Example:

Active Voice: He is reading a novel.

Passive Voice: A novel is being read by him.

Rules to Changing Voice:

- a) Subject should be placed in place of Object and object should be in place of Subject.
- b) "By" is used with a noun or a pronoun for showing doer
- c) We can change voice of only a transitive verb that is a verb with an object.
- d) We can't change voice of an intransitive verb that is a verb without an object.
- e) The voice of Future Continuous Tense cannot be changed.
- f) The voice of all the Perfect Continuous Tenses cannot be changed.

Rules to Change of verb:-

Tense	Verb in Active Voice	Verb in Passive Voice
Present Indefinite	V1 + s, es, ies	Is / are / am + PP verb
Past Indefinite	Past Verb (V2)	Was / Were + PP verb
Future Indefinite	Shall \ will + V1	Shall / will +be + PP verb
Present Continuous	Is / are / am + V1+ing	Is / are /am being + PPVerb
Past Continuous	Was /were + V1+ing	Was /were + being + PP verb
Present Perfect	Has + Have + V3	Has + have + been + PP verb
Past Perfect	Had + V3	
Future Perfect	Shall / Will + Have + PPVerb	Shall/Will+hav +been +PP verb

Examples: Present

- a) You do not tell a lie (Active Voice)
A lie is not told by you (passive voice)
- b) I eat a mango (active voice)
A mango is eaten by me (passive)

Examples: Past

- a) He wrote a letter (active Voice)
A letter was written by him (Passive Voice)
- b) You did not take tea (Active Voice)
Tea was not taken by you (Passive Voice)

Examples: Future

- a) I shall take tea (Active Voice)
Tea will be taken by me (Passive voice)
- b) She will sing a song (Active Voice)
A song will be sung by her (Passive Voice)

Examples: Present Continuous

- a) He is driving a car (Active Voice)
A car is being driven by him (Passive Voice)

- b) I am writing a letter (Active Voice)

A letter is being written by me (Passive Voice)

Examples: Past Continuous

- a) She was offering prayers (Active Voice)
Prayers were being offered by her (Passive Voice)
- b) What were you doing? (Active Voice)
What was being done by you? (Passive Voice)

Examples: Present Perfect

- a) I have bought two pens (Active Voice)
Two pens have been bought by me (Passive Voice)
- b) He has posted the letter (Active Voice)
The letter has been posted by him (Passive Voice)

Examples: Past Perfect

- a) I had taken food (Active Voice)
Food had been taken by me (Passive Voice)
- b) Had he broken your pen? (Active Voice)
Had your pen been broken by him? (Passive Voice)

Example: Future Perfect

- a) I shall have finished the work (Active Voice)
The work will have been finished by me (Passive Voice)
- b) He will have posted the letter (Active Voice)
The letter will have been posted by him (Passive Voice)

EXAMPLES

Direction (1-10): The given sentences are given in the Active voice and four alternatives are given against each sentence. You need to select the right alternative which has the right passive voice. If the right alternative is not given, choose option (d) as your option.

1. I don't like the food they serve at that restaurant.
 - (a) The food being served by them at the restaurant is liked by me.
 - (b) The food they serve at the restaurant is liked by me.
 - (c) The food served by them at the restaurant is liked by me.
 - (d) None of the above
2. I surf the Internet every day.
 - (a) Internet is surfed by me every day.
 - (b) Internet is being surfed by me every day.
 - (c) Internet was surfed by me every day.
 - (d) None of the above
3. Don't you clean your room every day?
 - (a) Isn't your room clean by you every day?
 - (b) Isn't your room cleaned by you every day?
 - (c) Every day, isn't your room cleaned by you?
 - (d) None of the above
4. We will visit the museum in the afternoon.
 - (a) The museum will visit by me in the afternoon.
 - (b) The museum will be visit by me in the afternoon.
 - (c) The museum will be visited by me in the afternoon.
 - (d) None of the above
5. You are not watching the movie.
 - (a) The movie is not being watched by us.
 - (b) The movie is not being watched by you.
 - (c) The movie was not being watched by us.
 - (d) None of the above
6. Were you visiting your cousin last weekend?
 - (a) Was your cousin being visited by you last weekend?
 - (b) Was your cousin visited by you last weekend?
 - (c) Was your cousin being visited last weekend?
 - (d) None of the above

7. Had you cleaned up the mess by the time they came home?
 - (a) Had the mess been cleaned by you by the time they came home?
 - (b) Had the mess been cleaned up by you by the time they came home?
 - (c) Had the mess being cleaned up by you by the time they came home?
 - (d) None of the above
8. He will have received the letter by tomorrow.
 - (a) The letter will have been received by him by tomorrow.
 - (b) The letter will has been received by him by tomorrow.
 - (c) The letter will have been received by him by the next day.
 - (d) None of the above
9. He has finished his homework.
 - (a) The homework has been finished by him.
 - (b) The homework had been finished by him.
 - (c) The homework has finished by him.
 - (d) None of the above
10. After Rani had finished the work, she went to lunch.
 - (a) After the work was finished by Rani, she went to lunch.
 - (b) After the work was finished by Rani, lunch was being done by her.
 - (c) After the work had been finished by Rani, she went to lunch.
 - (d) None of the above

ANSWERS

1. (c) is the correct alternative.
2. (a) is the correct alternative.
3. (b) is the correct alternative.
4. (d) is the correct alternative as the correct Passive Voice would be "The museum will be visited by us in the afternoon."
5. (b) is the correct alternative.
6. (a) is the correct alternative.
7. (b) is the correct alternative.
8. (a) is the correct alternative.
9. (d) is the correct alternative as the correct Passive Voice would be "His homework has been finished by him."
10. (c) is the correct alternative.

BANKING AWARENESS

Different Types of Bank Accounts & their features

What is a Bank Account?

A 'bank account' can be referred to as suitable negotiation you happen to do with a bank to safeguard your hard-earned money in exchange for certain terms and conditions that vary on the choice you make under different types of bank accounts and also on the bank. Once you agree to the terms and condition of the bank, it then keeps your money and provides you with an account number which functions as a reference number for all further transactions which you make as a customer of that bank. The bank also pays you interest on the money you keep safe with the bank.

How to open a Bank Account?

Given below is the process of opening a bank account which is easy and simple and can be summed up in a few steps:

- Research about the good banks and compare the facilities that it provide including the percentage of interest they offer.
- Choose a favorable bank as per your need.
- Visit the nearest branch of that bank and choose the type of account you want to open.
- Fill in your details carefully in the 'account opening form' provided by the bank officer.
- Attach a copy of valid ID proof with the form as asked by the bank.
- You will be required to produce an 'introducer' to open your account, wherein the introducer's signature will be required on the form itself. This is done to safeguard the bank's interest.
- Submit the carefully filled form along with all the required documents. The officer then will verify the information provided by you.
- Deposit the initial amount as required by the bank to activate the account. This amount may vary depending on the bank.
- (A) passbook, checkbook and an ATM card will be issued as per the choices you tick in the form.

Types of Bank Accounts

Bank Accounts are mainly four different types. They are as given below:

- 1) Current Account
- 2) Savings Account
- 3) Recurring Deposit Account
- 4) Fixed Deposit Account

Current Account

A 'current account' is mainly meant for businessmen, companies, firms, and public enterprises, as it is not suitable for those who want to invest or save for a longer time also no interest is paid in these types of accounts. There is no provision of interest being paid, on the money that is deposited in such accounts. A customer can deposit and withdraw his/her money any number of times in a day. The deposits which are made under these accounts can be termed as the most 'liquid' deposits, always being in the flow and operational also, the deposits in these accounts are more like a liability than an asset to the bank. Bank may charge a penalty if minimum balance is not maintained in a current account.

Saving Account

The saving account is the most popular and widely preferred deposit account by the bank customers who want to safeguard their money as well as want to earn some interest on it.

Fixed Deposit

Fixed deposits are more Popularly known as FD account, it is a type of financial instrument that is provided by banks which offers an even higher rate of interest on the deposits made by an account holder, as compared to a regular savings account, until the period of maturity. Fixed Deposit account can also be called 'Term Deposits' / Bonds.

Recurring Deposits

Recurring Deposits refers to an account that provides the facility of saving a small amount of money for a certain period and also earn a high-interest rate. the term 'recurring' basically indicates to something that occurs periodically or repeatedly. These types of accounts are more commonly known as RD accounts.

PRACTICE SET

1. Which of the following is not acceptable as address proof for opening a bank account by an individual?
 - (A) Letter from any recognized public authority
 - (B) Domicile certificate
 - (C) A rent agreement indicating the address of the customer duly registered with State Govt.
 - (D) Other than those gives as options
2. Balance in a current account is classified as which of the following?

(A) Hybrid deposit	(B) Term deposit
(C) Demand deposit	(D) Fixed deposit

3. What is the number of digits in IFSC Code?
(A) 11 (B) 15
(C) 97 (D) 4.
4. The savings bank account that does not operate for more than 24 months, then the account is called?
(A) dormant account (B) tdemat account
(C) inoperative account (D) inactive amount
5. What is the full form of BSBDA?
(A) Basic Saving and Bank Deposit Access
(B) Basic Saving and Bank Demand Account
(C) Broad Saving and Bank Deposit Account
(D) Basic Saving and Bank Deposit Account
6. What do we call the money that is lent for one day in the call money market? (Marks: 0)
(A) Call Money (B) Notice Money
(C) Term Money (D) Day Money
7. Why do banks borrow money in the call money market?
(A) To meet sudden demand for funds arising out of large outflows
(B) To fill the temporary mismatches in funds
(C) To meet the Statutory reserve requirements
(D) All of the above
8. What do we call the money that is lent for more than one day but less than 15 days in the call money market?
(A) Call Money (B) Term Money
(C) Notice Money (D) None of the above
9. What is the maturity period of Money Market Instruments? (Marks: 0)
(A) Less than 15 days (B) Less than 1 year
(C) Less than 181 days (D) Less than 90 days
10. What do we call the facility given to a current account holder of withdrawal of more amount than his deposit?
(A) Overdraft (B) EMI
(C) Sweep-in Facility (D) Recurring Deposit
11. Who is the chairperson of the academic advisory council named 'College of Supervisors (CoS)' set up by the Reserve Bank of India to strengthen supervision over regulated entities?
(A) Mahesh Kumar Jain (B) N S Viswanathan
(C) M. Rajeshwar Rao (D) T. Rabi Sankar
12. Sharad Goklani is the President and CTO of which bank?
(A) Utkarsh Small Finance Bank
(B) Ujjivan Small Finance Bank
(C) Jana Small Finance Bank
(D) AU Small Finance Bank
13. Which bank has been adjudged as 'India's Best Bank for SMEs' at the Asiamoney Best Bank Awards 2021?
(A) HDFC Bank (B) ICICI Bank
(C) DBS Bank (D) Axis Bank
14. Which of the following company became the first one to cross one billion transactions on Unified Payments Interface (UPI) infrastructure?
(A) Google Pay (B) Mobikwik
(C) Amazon Pay (D) PhonePe
15. Which organization has launched SHWAS and AROG Loan Schemes for MSMEs for COVID Preparedness?
(A) SIDBI (B) RBI
(C) SBI (D) NABARD
16. What is the maximum amount outstanding in respect of full-KYC PPIs (KYC-compliant PPIs)?
(A) Rs 1 lakh (B) Rs 50,000
(C) Rs 2 lakh (D) Rs 1.5 lakh
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(C) Rs 2 lakh (D) Rs 1.5 lakh
18. Which sector has recently been added to MSME sector by the Government of India for purpose of Priority Sector Lending?
(A) Textile trade
(B) Food processing
(C) Chemical and Fertilizer trade
(D) Retail and Wholesale trade
19. Who is the CEO of NPCI Bharat BillPay Ltd?
(A) Kalpana Morparia (B) Ranjana Kumar
(C) Noopur Chaturvedi (D) Naina Lal Kidwai
20. India has linked its Unified Payments Interface (UPI) service with PayNow. PayNow is a payment service of which country?
(A) Nepal (B) UAE
(C) Sri Lanka (D) Singapore

ANSWER KEY

- | | | | | |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 1. (c) | 2. (C) | 3. (a) | 4. (a) | 5. (b) |
| 6. (a) | 7. (d) | 8. (c) | 9. (c) | 10. (a) |
| 11. (b) | 12. (C) | 13. (d) | 14. (c) | 15. (a) |
| 16. (c) | 17. (c) | 18. (d) | 19. (c) | 20. (d) |



TRICKY QUESTIONS

Quantitative Aptitude

- A dealer bought a television set for 10,000 and sold it for 12,000. Find the profit/ loss made by him for 1 television set. If he had sold 5 television sets, find the total profit/loss.
(A) 10000 (B) 12200 (C) 15500 (D) 16200
(E) None of these
- Sanjay bought a bicycle for 5,000. He sold it for 600 less after two years. Find the selling price and the loss percent.
(A) 25% (B) 12% (C) 75% (D) 84.67%
(E) None of these
- A man bought an old bicycle for 1,250. He spent 250 on its repairs. He then sold it for 1400. Find his gain or loss %.
(A) 20% (B) 6.67% (C) 15% (D) 3.67%
(E) None of these
- Sara baked cakes for the school festival. The cost of one cake was 55. She sold 25 cakes and made a profit of 11 on each cake. Find the selling price of the cakes and the profit percent.
(A) 20 (B) 122 (C) 15 (D) 160
(E) None of these
- Hameed buys a colour T.V set for 15,200 and sells it at a loss of 20%. What is the selling price of the T.V set?
(A) 12160 (B) 12200 (C) 15500 (D) 16200
(E) None of these
- Find the cost price of the scooty If it is sold at 13600 with 15% loss?
(A) 20000 (B) 12200 (C) 15000 (D) 16000
(E) None of these
- The speed of a boat in still water is 15 km/h. It can go 30 km upstream and return downstream to the original point in 4 h 30 min. The speed of the stream is:
(A) 5 km/h (B) 8 km/h
(C) 10 km/h (D) 15 km/h
(E) 18 km/h
- The speed of boat in still water is 16 kmph and speed of the current is 2 kmph. It takes a total of 6.5 hours to row upstream from point A to point B and downstream from point B to point C. If the distance from point A to point B is two third the distance between point B and C, what is the total distance travelled by the boat (both up and down stream)?
(A) 112 km (B) 98 km (C) 124 km (D) 90 km
(E) 105 km
- A motorboat covers a certain distance downstream in 1 hour, while it comes back in $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours. If the speed of the stream be 3 kmph, what is the speed of the motorboat in still water?
(A) 15 kmph (B) 14 kmph (C) 3 kmph (D) 2 kmph
(E) None of these
- A man takes four times as long to row up as to row down the river. If the rate of river is 6 km/hr, what is the rate of the man in still water ?
(A) 10 km/hr (B) 9 km/hr
(C) 12 km/hr (D) 15 km/hr
(E) None of these
- A 640 metre long train takes 160 seconds more to cross a platform twice its length than it takes to cross a pole at the same speed. What is the speed of the train in metre/second?
(A) 16 (B) 10
(C) 8 (D) Cannot be determined
(E) None of these
- A train leaves station P at 6.30 a.m. and reaches station Q at 11 a.m. Another train leaves station Q at 9 a.m. and reaches station P at 11.30 a.m. The distance between these two stations are 36 km. At what time do the two trains cross each other?
(A) 9.33 a.m. (B) 9.43 a.m.
(C) 9.53 a.m. (D) 10.53 a.m.
(E) 10.33 a.m.
- A train running at a speed of 54 km/hr crosses a platform in 30 seconds. The platform is renovated and its length is doubled. Now, the same train running at same speed crosses the platform in 46 seconds. Find the length of train.
(A) 180 metres (B) 200 metres
(C) 210 metres (D) 240 metres
(E) 450 metres
- It takes six hours for a 400 km journey, if 120 km is done by train and the rest by car. It takes 1 hour more, if 80 km is done by train and the rest by car. What is the ratio of the speed of the train to that of the car?
(A) 5 : 18 (B) 18 : 5 (C) 5 : 12 (D) 12 : 5
(E) 2 : 1

15. Train A travelling at 72 km/hr takes 15 to sec to cross Train B when travelling in opposite direction whereas it takes 45 seconds to overtake it when travelling in the same direction. If the length of train B is 200 meters, find the length of Train A.
 (A) 50 m (B) 200 m (C) 250 m (D) 400 m
 (E) 500 m
16. A train 150 m long crosses a platform 300 metre long in 30 seconds. On a Sunday morning, a motorcyclist was driving on the platform in same direction as of the train. How much time in seconds will the train take to overtake the motorcyclist, if speed of motorcyclist is 18km/hr?
 (A) 20 (B) 12 (C) 15 (D) 20
 (E) None of these

SOLUTIONS

1. (A) Selling Price of the television set = 12,000
 Cost Price of the television set = 10,000
 S.P. > C.P., there is a profit
 Profit = S.P. - C. P. = 12000 - 10000
 Profit = 2,000
 Profit on 1 television set = 2,000
 Profit on 5 television sets = 2000 × 5
 Profit on 5 television sets = 10,000
2. (C) Cost Price of the bicycle = 5000
 Loss = 600
 Selling Price = Cost Price - Loss = 5000 - 600
 Selling Price of the bicycle = 4400

$$\text{Loss} = \frac{\text{Loss}}{\text{C.P.}} \times 100 = \frac{600}{5000} \times 100 = 12\%$$
 Loss = 12%
3. (B) Cost Price of the bicycle = 1,250
 Repair Charges = 250
 Total Cost Price = 1250 + 250 = 1,500
 Selling Price = 1,400
 C.P. > S.P., there is a Loss
 Loss = Cost Price - Selling Price
 = 1500 - 1400 = 100
 Loss = 100

$$\text{Percentage of the loss} = \frac{\text{Loss}}{\text{C.P.}} \times 100$$

$$= \frac{100}{1500} \times 100 = \frac{20}{3} = 6\frac{2}{3}\% \text{ (or) } 6.67\%$$
 Loss = 6.67%

4. (A) Cost price of 1 cake = 55
 Number of cakes sold = 25
 Cost price of 25 cakes = 55 × 25 = 1375
 Profit on 1 cake = 11
 Profit on 25 cakes = 11 × 25 = 275
 S.P. = C.P. + Profit = 1375 + 275 = 1,650
 S.P. = 1,650

$$\text{Percentage of the profit} = \frac{\text{Pr ofit}}{\text{C.P.}} \times 100$$

$$= \frac{275}{1375} \times 100 = 20$$

$$\text{Profit} = 20\%$$

5. (A) C.P. = 15,200
 Loss = 20%

$$\text{S.P.} = \frac{100 - \text{Loss}\%}{100} \times \text{C.P.}$$

$$= \frac{100 - 20}{100} \times 15200$$

$$= \frac{80}{100} \times 15200 = 12,160$$

6. (D) Loss = 15%.
 S.P. = 13,600

$$\text{C.P.} = \frac{100}{100 - \text{Loss}\%} \times \text{S.P.}$$

$$= \frac{100}{100 - 15} \times 13600$$

$$= \frac{100}{85} \times 13600 = 16,000$$

Hence the cost price of the scooty is 16,000.

7. (A) Let speed of stream = x

$$\frac{30}{15 + x} + \frac{30}{15 - x} = \frac{9}{2} \text{ hr}$$

$$x = 5 \text{ km/h}$$

8. (E) $\frac{2x}{42} + \frac{x}{18} = 6.5$

$$x = 63 \text{ km}$$

$$\text{total distance} = \frac{2x}{3} + x$$

$$= \frac{5x}{3} = 105 \text{ km}$$

9. (A) According to questions

$$(x + 3) \times 1 = (x - 3) \frac{3}{2}$$

$$x = 15 \text{ km ph}$$

10. (A) Let speed of man = x

$$x + 6 = 4(x - 6)$$

$$x + 6 = 4x - 24$$

$$30 = 3x$$

$$x = 10 \text{ km/hr}$$

11. (C) Speed of train = x m/sec

$$\text{Length of plat form} = 2 \times 640 = 1280$$

$$\text{total length} = 1280 + 640 = 1920$$

$$\frac{1920}{x} - \frac{640}{x} = 160$$

$$x = 8 \text{ m/sec}$$

12. (B) D = 36 km

$$\text{Speed of } T_1 = \frac{36}{4.5} = 8 \text{ kmph}$$

$$\text{Speed of } T_2 = \frac{36}{2.5} = 14.4 \text{ kmph}$$

Distance travelled by the 1st train when they meet = $8 \times t = 8t$

Second train travels for $(t - 2.5)$

Distance travelled by 2nd train when they meet = $14.4 \times (t - 2.5)$

$$= 14.4t - 36$$

$$\text{Now } 8t + 14.4t - 36 = 36$$

$$t = 3 \text{ hour } 13 \text{ min}$$

13. (C) Speed of train

$$= \frac{(\text{length of train} + \text{length of platform})}{\text{time taken}}$$

Ist case

$$15 = \frac{(T + P)}{30}$$

$$T + P = 450 \quad \dots(i)$$

IInd case

Speed of train

$$= \frac{\text{length of train} + \text{length of platform}}{\text{time taken}}$$

$$15 = (T + 2P)/46$$

$$T + 2P = 690 \quad \dots(ii)$$

$$\text{From e.q. (i) } P = 450 - T$$

in e.q. (ii)

$$T + 2(450 - T) = 690$$

$$T = 210 \text{ m}$$

14. (B) Let the speed of the train = x km/hr

Speed of the car = y km/hr

$$\frac{120}{x} + \frac{280}{y} = 6 \quad \dots (1)$$

$$\frac{80}{x} + \frac{320}{y} = 7 \quad \dots (2)$$

From (1) and (2), we get

$$x : y = 18 : 5$$

15. (C) Let length of train A = x

Let speed of train B = y

Speed of Train A = 72 km/hr

$$= 72 \times \frac{5}{18} = 20 \text{ m/sec}$$

When both trains are going in opposite direction

$$x + 200 = (20 + y) \times 15 \quad \dots(1)$$

When both trains are going in same direction

$$x + 200 = (20 - y) \times 45 \quad \dots (2)$$

Solving 1 and 2

We get $y = 10 \text{ m/sec}$ and $x = 250 \text{ m}$

16. (C) Total distance = 450m

Time = 30 sec

$$\text{Speed of train} = \frac{450}{30} = 15 \text{ m/sec}$$

$$\text{Speed of bike} = 18 \times \frac{5}{18} = 5 \text{ m/sec}$$

$$\text{Relative speed} = 15 - 5 = 10 \text{ m/sec}$$

$$\text{Required time} = \frac{150}{10} = 15 \text{ sec}$$

Reasoning Ability

Directions (1 to 2): In the following question assuming the given statements to be true, find which of the conclusion among given three conclusions is/are definitely true and then give your answers accordingly.

1. Statements:

$$Z = B; B \geq Y; D > Y; D \leq E$$

Conclusions:

I. $D \geq B$

II. $E > Y$

III. $Y \leq Z$

- (A) None is true (B) Only I and II are true
 (C) Only II and III are true (D) Only III and I are true
 (E) All are true

2. Statements:

$$X \leq E; E = I; L > I; V \geq L$$

Conclusions:

I. $I \geq X$

II. $E > L$

III. $I > V$

- (A) None is true (B) Only I is true
 (C) Only II is true (D) Only III is true
 (E) All are true

3. Which of the following symbols should be placed in the blank spaces respectively (in the same order from left to right) in order to complete the given expression in such a manner that " $Z > Y$ " definitely holds True?

$$Z _ C _ D _ Y$$

- (A) $>, =, >$ (B) $=, <, <$
 (C) $<, <, =$ (D) $<, =, >$
 (E) $=, <, <$

4. Which of the following symbols should be placed in the blank spaces respectively (in the same order from left to right) in order the complete the given expression in such a manner that makes the expression ' $L > Q$ ' as well as ' $Z \leq P$ ' definitely true?

$$L _ P _ S _ Q _ Z$$

- (A) $=, =, \geq, \geq$ (B) $>, \geq, =, >$
 (C) $>, <, =, \leq$ (D) $>, =, =, \geq$
 (E) $>, =, \geq, >$

Directions (5 to 8): In the following question assuming the given statements to be True, find which of the conclusion among given conclusions is/are definitely true and then give your answers accordingly.

5. Statements:

$$Z \geq B < C; D = B; Z < E; F < D < E$$

Conclusions:

I. $D > C$

II. $Z < C$

III. $F < B$

- (A) Only III is True (B) Only I is True
 (C) Both I and III are True (D) Both II and III are True
 (E) Both I and II are True

6. Statements:

$$P \leq Q > R = S; S < T; T = P > U; V < U$$

Conclusions:

I. $Q = P$

II. $Q > P$

III. $P < V$

- (A) Only III is True (B) Both I and II are True
 (C) Only II is True (D) Only I is True
 (E) Either I or II is True

7. Statements:

$$Z > N = U \geq L; F \leq X < L$$

Conclusions:

I. $X > N$

II. $Z > F$

- (A) Only conclusion I is true.
 (B) Only conclusion II is true.
 (C) Either conclusion I or II is true.
 (D) Neither conclusion I nor II is true.
 (E) Both conclusions I and II are true.

8. Statements:

$$P > Z = R \geq S; S < T; P < U$$

Conclusions:

I. $P > S$

II. $U = S$

III. $R < U$

- (A) None is true (B) Only I is true
 (C) Only I and II are true (D) Only II and III are true
 (E) Only I and III are true

9. Statements:

$C \geq D, D \leq E, E > G, G < H$

Conclusions:

I. $C > E$

II. $H > E$

III. $G < D$

- (A) Only I follows (B) Only II follows
 (C) Only III follows (D) Both I and II follow
 (E) None follows

10. Which of the following symbols should be placed in the blank spaces respectively (in the same order from left to right) in order to complete the given expression in such a manner that "D < A" definitely holds True?

A ___ B ___ C ___ D

- (A) $>, \geq, <$ (B) $\leq, <, =$
 (C) $\geq, =, <$ (D) $\geq, =, >$
 (E) None of these

Directions (11-13): Given below are the jumbled letters of a word and their corresponding numbers. Select the combination of numbers that makes a meaningful word .

11. N Y H S E O T

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

- (a) 3742615 (b) 3275416
 (c) 3615472 (d) 3274516

12. P T I O L F O R O

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

- (a) 198367524 (b) 198762543
 (c) 198264537 (d) 198267534

13. A L E G Z

4 2 1 5 3

- (a) 42135 (b) 42513
 (c) 42153 (d) 41235

14. Name a single letter, which can be prefixed to the following words in order to obtain entirely new words?

TOP TABLE NAIL MALL

- (a)C (b)S (c)B (d)H

15. Make a meaningful word from the given responses.

CAT_RI_G

- (a) ST (b)EN (c)TR (d)MR

Directions (16 to 20): In the question below are given four statements followed by four conclusions numbered I, II, III and IV. You have to take the given statements to be true even if they seem to be at variance with commonly known facts. Read all the conclusions and then decide which of the given conclusions logically follows from the given statements disregarding commonly known facts.

16. Statements:

Some doors are walls.

Some doors are teeth.

No wall is a teeth.

Some teeth are books.

Conclusions:

I. Some doors are not walls.

II. Some books are not teeth.

III. No wall is a books.

IV. Some books are wall.

- (A) None follows
 (B) Only I, II, III follow
 (C) Only either III or IV follows
 (D) Only conclusion I and either III or IV follows
 (E) None of these

17. Statements:

All Mats are nests.

All nests are chips.

No cats is nest.

All kites are frogs.

Some kites are cats.

Conclusions:

I. All nests can be kites.

II. No mat is Dog.

III. Some chips can be kites.

IV. Some kites are not nests.

- (A) Only IV follows (B) Only II follows
 (C) Only III follows (D) Only II and IV follow
 (E) All follow

18. Statements:

Some trees are jungles.

Some jungles are flowers.

All flowers are lilies.

No tree is seed.

Conclusions:

I. Some lilies are jungles.

II. Some lilies are trees.

III. Some flower are seed

IV. No flower is seed

- (A) Either I or II follow
 (B) Only III follows
 (C) Either conclusion III or IV follows
 (D) Conclusion I and either III or IV follows
 (E) None of these

19. Statements:

All flowers are gardens
 All gardens are stones.
 All stones are fences.

Conclusions:

- I. Some fences are gardens.
- II. All gardens are fences.
- III. Some stones are flowers.
- IV. All flowers are stones.

- (A) Only I and II follows (B) Only II and III follows
- (C) Only III and IV follows (D) Only I and III follows
- (E) All follows

20. Statements:

Some Bastman are Team.
 Some Hockey are Team.
 All Team are Country.
 All Country are Cricket.

Conclusions:

- I. Some Bastman are Cricket.
- II. Some Hockey are Country.
- III. Some Bastman are Hockey .
- IV. No Bastman is Hockey .

- (A) Conclusion I and either I or III follows.
- (B) Conclusion II and either III or IV follows.
- (C) Conclusion II and either II or III follows.
- (D) Conclusion I and either I or II follows.
- (E) Conclusion I and II follows and either III or IV follows.

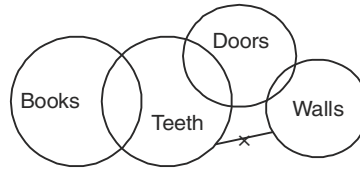
ANSWER KEY

- | | | | | |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 1. (C) | 2. (B) | 3. (A) | 4. (D) | 5. (A) |
| 6. (E) | 7. (B) | 8. (E) | 9. (E) | 10. (D) |
| 11. (C) | 12. (C) | 13. (A) | 14. (B) | 15. (B) |
| 16. (B) | 17. (E) | 18. (D) | 19. (E) | 20. (E) |

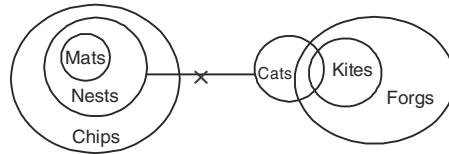
EXPLANATION :

- 11. Combination of numbers 3615472 means HONESTY
- 12. Combination of numbers 198267534 means PORTFOLIO
- 13. Combination of numbers 42153 means GLAZE
- 14. From Prefixed S we can obtain words STOP STABLE SNAIL SMALL
- 15. CATERING word can be formed .

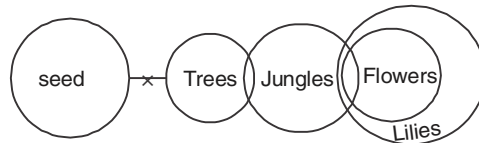
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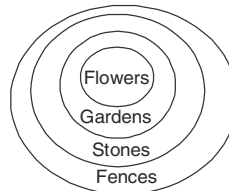
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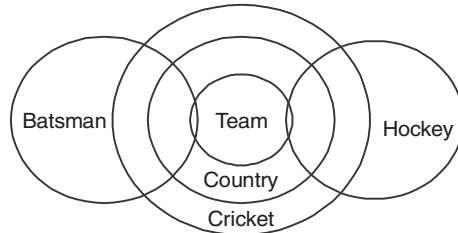
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IMPORTANT QUESTIONS

English Language

Direction (1-5): In the following questions, the 1st and the last sentences of a passage are numbered 1 and 6. The rest of the passage is split into four parts and labeled A, B, C and D. These four parts are not given in their proper order. Read the sentence and find out which of the four combinations is correct.

Q.1. 1. In this new study we focused on seed dispersal and insect predation, two ecosystem processes where birds play important roles.

- A. Insect-eating (insectivorous) birds ensure that any germinating saplings have a fighting chance at survival.
- B. We subsequently measured thousands of different bird species' beaks, wings and legs in museum collections.
- C. Fruit-eating (or frugivorous) birds spread the seeds of forest trees.
- D. The initial data collection involved nine months of gruelling fieldwork surveying the region's birds.

6. Finally, new analytical procedures were used to show how the types of birds present, and with them and how their body designs changed as the landscape evolved.
(a)ADBC (b)CBDA (c)CADB (d)CABD

Q.2. Biodiversity reaches its zenith in south-east Peru.

- A. Nowhere on Earth can you find more species of animals and plants than in this corner of the Amazon that rubs up against the feet of the towering Andean mountains.
- B. In 2012, I spent a hectic few days in the exhausting Madre de Dios region, at the invitation of the Peruvian tourist board, which wanted to raise awareness of the region's potential.
- C. These forests are also home to a culturally diverse human population, many of whom still live in voluntary isolation from the rest of humanity.
- D. This vast wilderness of 2m square km of rainforests and savannahs is formed of the headwaters of three major river basins, the Juruá, Purús, and Madeira.

6. In the lush lowland rainforests our team of ornithologists recorded more than 240 bird species in a few hours.
(a)DACB (b)DABC (c)ABCD (d)DCAB

Q.3. The reality of mermaids was assumed during medieval times, when they were depicted matter-of-factly alongside known aquatic animals such as whales.

- A. One story dating back to the 1600s claimed that a mermaid had entered Holland through a dike, and was injured in the process.
- B. Hundreds of years ago sailors and residents in coastal towns around the world told of encountering the sea maidens.
- C. She eventually became a productive citizen, learning to speak Dutch, perform household chores, and eventually converted to Catholicism.
- D. She was taken to a nearby lake and soon nursed back to health.

6. Another mermaid encounter once offered as a true story is described in Edward Snow's "Incredible Mysteries and Legends of the Sea.

(a)BACD (b)ABDC (c)ADBC (d)BADC

Q.4. In most cultures, clothing was introduced as a method of protecting the human body against extreme weather conditions -strong winds, intense heat, cold and precipitation.

- A. Finally, more impermeable weaves protect the human body from coming into contact with the water of rain or snow.
- B. Additionally, the clear weaves of clothing avoid the ultraviolet radiation of the sun and the burns in the skin, protecting it, therefore, from the heat.
- C. Since water is an excellent thermal storage cell, when the cold rain drops of snow flakes fall and touch the human skin, they immediately send through the nerve cells a message to the human brain that the exposed area is becoming colder than the rest of the body and causing people to feel discomfort.
- D. In particular, the weaves of clothes prevent the circulation of air around the skin and thus, avoid the exit of the air reheated by the skin, which makes people feel uncomfortable and cold.

6. But people wear clothing for functional as well as social reasons.

(a)DBCA (b)ACBD (c)DCBA (d)DBAC

Q.5. Stress isn't always bad.

- A. But in today's hectic world, the workplace too often seems like an emotional roller coaster.
- B. A little bit of stress can help you stay focused, energetic, and able to meet new challenges in the workplace.
- C. Long hours, tight deadlines, and ever-increasing demands can leave you feeling worried, drained, and overwhelmed.

D. It's what keeps you on your toes during a presentation or alert to prevent accidents or costly mistakes.

6. And when stress exceeds your ability to cope, it stops being helpful and starts causing damage to your mind and body—as well as to your job satisfaction.

(a) BDCA (b) BDAC (c) DACB (d) DBAC

Direction (6-15): In these questions the sentences are divided into three parts labeled (a), (b), and (c). One of these parts has an error. Find out which part of a sentence has an error and choose the appropriate letter. If there is no error; choose option (d).

6. Those who converts people through(a)/ force are serving private ends,(b)/ and not the religion.(c)/ No error (d)
7. Marriage makes men do better(a)/ in certain spheres of work and(b)/ has a detrimental effect on other spheres.(c)/ No error (d)
8. A friendly advice is not biased(a)/ and is thus reliable and(b)/ at the same time it is pleasant.(c)/ No error (d)
9. Talking with a number of(a)/ people is so meaningless as the sounds(b)/ produced by striking cymbals.(c)/ No error (d)
10. One should read a book so(a)/ that one can think carefully about what(b)/ it says and then judge it's value.(c)/ No error (d)
11. Natural philosophy enable a man to go(a)/ deep into a subject and moral philosophy fosters(b)/ a serious attitude in a man.(c)/ No error (d)
12. A new habit can be(a)/ cultivated better by intermittent(b)/ effort rather than continuous practice.(c)/ No error (d)
13. Religion is the chief bond which keeps(a)/ human society united; therefore, it is necessary(b)/ that the religion itself be free from discord.(c)/ No error (d)
14. Children make it easy bear(a)/ hard work because the parents' (b)/ labour will benefit the children.(c)/ No error (d)
15. A man wanting to give up wine gradually lessens(a)/ the quantity imbibed, progressing from(b)/ drinking bouts to a mere glass on mealtime.(c)/ No error (d)

Direction (16-20): In the following questions, out of the four alternatives, choose the word which is opposite in meaning to the given word.

16. VACUOUS
(a) intelligent (b) vacant
(c) shallow (d) creepy
17. METICULOUS
(a) profound (b) dangerous
(c) careless (d) excessive

18. PURITANICAL
(a) permissive (b) facile
(c) graceful (d) generous
19. PARSIMONIOUS
(a) exhort (b) abhor
(c) extravagant (d) extend
20. ACCENTUATE
(a) prior (b) feasible
(c) mask (d) penance

Direction (21-25): In the following questions, out of four alternatives; choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the given word.

21. COVETOUS
(a) sensible (b) grasping
(c) essential (d) pious
22. SABBATH
(a) rest day (b) overmorrow
(c) significant (d) leisure
23. ELEEMOSYNARY
(a) selfish (b) extract
(c) attract (d) charitable
24. NONCHALANT
(a) authentic (b) meagre
(c) unconcerned (d) evident
25. ARRAIGN
(a) hortative (b) complex
(c) censure (d) divest

Direction (26-30): Read the paragraphs carefully and out of four given options; choose the best answer to each question.

While we appreciate the blessings nature bestows on us, we forget that we are plundering her treasures and thereby divesting our children of the pleasure of enjoying nature in all her abundance and variety in the future. The beauty of nature has been extolled in the works of poets and artists. When Wordsworth describes the daffodils dancing in the breeze or when our eyes alight on a painting by William Turner, our hearts are filled with an indescribable emotion. If a mere representation can move us so much, imagine the power of the real thing. If you have seen Massachusetts during fall season, you can never forget it in your lifetime. Nature has myriad facets. If the sea was a bright blue in the morning, by noon it has become an emerald green hue. The colors of the sky keep changing from pale pink at dawn to a dazzling blue at mid morning and a bright orange by sunset and purple by twilight. Nature reflects our moods. When the sun shines, we feel happy and hopeful.

When clouds cover the sky and the rain falls in torrents, we feel pensive. A balmy moonlit night can awaken the lover in us. Such is the transformative power of nature's beauty. Even evil surrenders before the beauty of nature. It has been observed that patients in hospital recover faster if they are in a room with windows that offer a pleasant view. Beyond providing pure pleasure, nature's beauty can therefore offer therapy for sick minds and bodies. So it is all the more _____ that we do our best to preserve it for future generations.

26. What is being forgotten by us?
- That we are ransacking nature's treasures.
 - That we are depriving our children of pleasure of enjoying nature.
 - That nature is bestowing blessings on us.
 - Both (a) and (b)
27. How does the beauty of nature, highly appreciated in the works of poets and artists, affect us?
- It fills our hearts with inexpressible emotions.
 - It describes the scenes of Massachusetts during fall season.
 - Expression of beauty of nature moves us so much.
 - Both (a) and (c)
28. Which of the following statements is/are true?
- Nature has a definite number of facets.
 - The colour of the sky turns from bright pink to pale orange by sunset.
 - Nature can transform our mood.
 - First we feel happy then the sun shines.
29. Which of the following statements is/are true?
- Patients in hospital recover faster if they are in the room.
 - Nature provides pure pleasure.
 - Evil withstands the beauty of nature.
 - All of the above
30. Which of the following words can appropriately fill the blank given in the last sentence?
- appreciable
 - graceful
 - essential
 - Both (a) and (b)

ANSWERS

- (c)
- (a)
- (d)
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- (b)
- (a) is the correct answer as the word "converts" should be replaced with "convert".

- (c) is the correct answer as the word "on" should be replaced with "in".
- (a) is the correct answer as "not biased" should be replaced with "unbiased".
- (b) is the correct answer as "so" should be replaced with "as".
- (c) is the correct answer as "it's" should be replaced with "its".
- (a) is the correct answer as "enable" should be replaced with "enables".
- (c) is the correct answer as "continuous practice" should be preceded by "by".
- (c) is the correct answer as "from" should be replaced with "of".
- (a) is the correct answer as "easy" should be followed by "to".
- (c) is the correct answer as "on" should be replaced with "at".
- (a) **Vacuous:** having or showing a lack of thought or intelligence; mindless.
- (c) **Meticulous:** showing great attention to detail; very careful.
- (a) **Puritanical:** having or displaying a very strict or censorious moral attitude towards self-indulgence.
- (c) **Parsimonious:** very unwilling to spend money.
- (c) **Accentuate:** make more noticeable.
- (b)
- (a)
- (d)
- (c)
- (c)
- (d) is the correct answer as it is clear from "we forget that we are plundering her treasures and thereby divesting our children of the pleasure of enjoying nature".
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- (c)

BANKING AWARENESS

1. The Handbook of Statistics on the Indian Economy is released annually by which of the following?
 - (A) Ministry of Finance
 - (B) National Payments Corporation of India
 - (C) Reserve Bank of India
 - (D) Small Industries Development Bank of India
2. In _____, an IPO applicant's bank account doesn't get debited until shares are allotted to them.
 - (A) ADDS
 - (B) ASBA
 - (C) ABSA
 - (D) ASSA
3. A bank which is recognized as a bank capable of providing ASBA services to its customers is known as?
 - (A) SCSB
 - (B) SCSS
 - (C) SABS
 - (D) SBSS
4. Which of the following is another name for bad loans?
 - (A) Over draft
 - (B) Non performing Asset
 - (C) Stop loan
 - (D) Liability Loan
5. What is the share of State Government in Regional Rural Bank?
 - (A) 50%
 - (B) 15%
 - (C) 35%
 - (D) 20%
6. As per the Banking Ombudsman Scheme, a person can file a complaint to the Banking Ombudsman, if the satisfied reply is not received from the bank within a period of _____.
 - (A) 12 month
 - (B) 6 month
 - (C) 3 month
 - (D) 1 month
7. National Housing Bank (NHB) is a wholly owned subsidiary of _____.
 - (A) Reserve Bank of India
 - (B) Government of India
 - (C) SIDBI
 - (D) NABARD
8. What is the maturity period of Public Provident Fund (PPF) account?
 - (A) 10 years
 - (B) 7 years
 - (C) 8 years
 - (D) 15 years
9. What is the minimum yearly investment required in Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana?
 - (A) Rs 150
 - (B) Rs 500
 - (C) Rs 250
 - (D) Rs 100
10. _____ refers to individuals and populations without access to common financial services
 - (A) Financial Deprivation
 - (B) Financial Exclusion
 - (C) Banking Access
 - (D) Financial Spam
11. The opening of new branches and shifting of existing branches of banks is governed by the provisions of which Act?
 - (A) Banking Regulations Act, 1949
 - (B) Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934
 - (C) Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007
 - (D) Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881
12. A 'Banking Outlet' is a fixed point service delivery unit, manned by either bank's staff or its Business Correspondent where services of acceptance of deposits, encashment of cheques/cash withdrawal or lending of money are provided for a minimum of _____ per day for at least _____ a week.
 - (A) 4 hours; six days
 - (B) 4 hours; five days
 - (C) 5 hours; four days
 - (D) 5 hours; five days
13. Under the Under a "corridor" system, which rate acts as the policy rate by RBI?
 - (A) repo rate
 - (B) reverse repo rate
 - (C) CRR
 - (D) SLR
14. _____ liquidity refers to the ability of individual institutions to meet their liabilities and other payments needs.
 - (A) funding
 - (B) market
 - (C) central bank
 - (D) All of these
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 - (A) positive margin
 - (B) demand liquidity
 - (C) system deficit
 - (D) central bank liquidity
17. Which of the following acts as the nodal agency for the Digi Dhan mission and hence publishes digital payment data on Digidhan Dashboard?
 - (A) NPCI
 - (B) RBI
 - (C) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
 - (D) Ministry of Finance

18. Which of the following is an effective mechanism to solve the problem of delayed payments and liquidity issues of MSMEs.
 (A) CERSAI (B) CGTMSE
 (C) LSP (D) TReDS
19. What is the loan limit under MUDRA?
 (A) Rs 50,000 (B) Rs 5 lakh
 (C) Rs 10 lakh (D) Rs 15 lakh
20. Priority Sector Lending Scheme is applicable to?
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31. What is India's GDP growth rate projection for 2020-21 as per the second advanced estimates projected by the National Statistical Office (NSO)?
 (A) -7.7% (B) -8.0%
 (C) 7.7% (D) 8.0%
32. NPCI has partnered with which bank for the RuPay SoftPoS for merchants?
 (A) PNB (B) Canara Bank
 (C) SBI (D) Bank of India
33. Which bank has launched 'Shaurya Salary Account' to provide banking and financial services to the personnel of the Armed Forces and Paramilitary services?
 (A) HDFC Bank (B) ICICI Bank
 (C) Axis Bank (D) Bandhan Bank
34. RBI has announced to launch the FI Index to measure the extent of financial inclusion in the country. RBI will release the FI Index annually in which month?
 (A) January (B) April
 (C) July (D) October

ANSWERKEY

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| 1. (C) | 2. (B) | 3. (A) | 4. (B) | 5. (B) |
| 6. (D) | 7. (B) | 8. (D) | 9. (C) | 10. (B) |
| 11. (A) | 12. (B) | 13. (A) | 14. (A) | 15. (B) |
| 16. (D) | 17. (C) | 18. (D) | 19. (C) | 20. (D) |
| 21. (A) | 22. (B) | 23. (A) | 24. (A) | 25. (B) |
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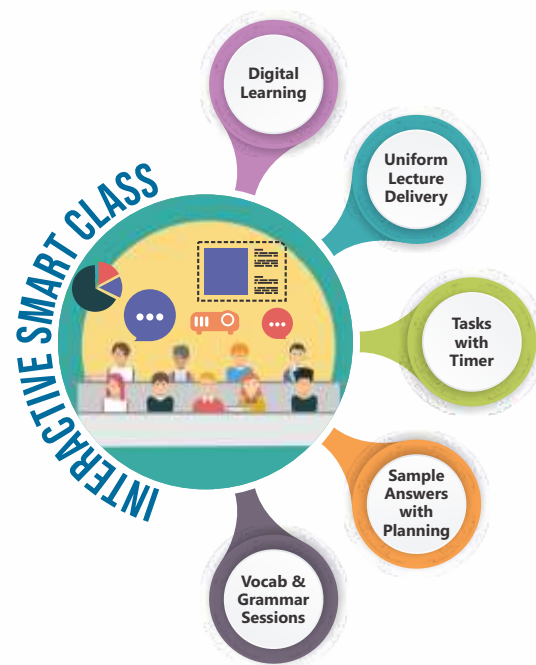
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