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1. What is the range of inland waterways, that are operational in India?

- A) 1000 km
B) 2000 km
C) 4000 km
D) 6000 km



- ✓ Ports, Shipping and Waterways Minister Sarbananda Sonowal introduced the Inland Vessels Bill, 2021 in the Lok Sabha. It seeks to provide safety of navigation, protection of life and cargo and prevention of pollution that may be caused.
- ✓ It also seeks to bring in transparency in administration of inland water transportation, strengthen procedures governing inland vessels. Inland waterways of 4000 km are operational in India.

2. Two cities of which state have been selected by UNESCO under 'Historic Urban Landscape Project'?

- A) Uttar Pradesh
B) Madhya Pradesh
C) Maharashtra
D) Odisha



- ✓ Gwalior and Orchha cities from Madhya Pradesh have been selected by UNESCO under 'Historic Urban Landscape Project'. The project was started in the year 2011, for the inclusive and well-planned development of fast-growing historical cities. Six cities of South Asia, including Ajmer and Varanasi in India are already involved in this project. Orchha and Gwalior have been included as the seventh and eighth cities.

3. Which Indian state has set up India's second village of books?

- A) Odisha
B) Kerala
C) Karnataka
D) West Bengal



- ✓ Bhilar, a village in Maharashtra's Satara district, was declared a 'village of books' by the State government in 2017. India's second village of books, has been set up in the small Kerala village, Perumkulam, five kilometres from the Kottarakkara town in Kollam district.
- ✓ A library has been started in memory of Mahatma Gandhi, to promote readers from the village to read more books.

4. World's first 3D-printed steel bridge was recently unveiled in which city?

- A) Amsterdam
B) Tokyo
C) Sydney
D) Moscow



- ✓ World's first 3D-printed steel bridge was opened to the public in Amsterdam recently. It was developed by MX3D, a Dutch robotics company, in collaboration with a team of experts. The bridge was unveiled by Her Majesty Queen Máxima of the Netherlands.
- ✓ The bridge was developed for four years and was installed over one of the oldest canals in Amsterdam's city centre - the Oudezijds Achterburgwal.

5. How many countries make up the Mekong-Ganga Cooperation?

- A) 5
B) 6
C) 7
D) 8

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- ✓ The Mekong-Ganga Cooperation (MGC) is an intergovernmental cooperation among 6 nations namely - India, Cambodia, Myanmar, Thailand, Laos and Vietnam. It was established in the year 2000 to boost diplomatic cooperation among these countries. Recently, the 11th Mekong-Ganga Cooperation (MGC) meeting was organized, and India was represented by the External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar.

6. Which Indian became the third Indian to win Tennis singles match at Olympic?

- A) Somdev Devvarman
B) Sumit Nagal
C) Yuki Bhambri
D) Rohan Bopanna



- ✓ Sumit Nagal became only the third Indian to win a men's singles match at an Olympics edition and the first in 25 years, when he defeated Denis Istomin in the first match at Tokyo Games.
- ✓ Zeeshan Ali was the first Indian to win a singles match at the 1988 Seoul Games when he beat Victor Caballero from Paraguay. After that, Leander Paes won the men's singles bronze at the 1996 Atlanta Games, beating Brazil's Fernando Meligeni.

7. Which Ministry is implementing the Companies Act, 2013 in India?

- A) Finance Ministry
B) Corporate Affairs Ministry
C) MSME Ministry
D) Commerce and Industries Ministry



- ✓ The Union Government has amended the rules pertaining to incorporation of companies under the Companies Act, 2013.
- ✓ The Corporate affairs ministry, which is implementing the Companies Act, 2013, has amended the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014. Changes are made with respect to allotment of a new name to an existing company under Section 16 of the Act. The changes will come into effect from September 1.

8. Which space agency has been selected by NASA to provide launch services for Europa Clipper Mission?

- A) Blue Origin
B) SpaceX
C) Virgin Galactic
D) Boeing



- ✓ NASA has selected Space Exploration Technologies Corp. (SpaceX), to provide launch services for Europa Clipper Mission. It is the Earth's first mission to conduct detailed investigations of Jupiter's moon Europa. The mission will launch in October 2024 on a Falcon Heavy rocket from NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida.
- ✓ NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory leads the development of the Europa Clipper mission in partnership with the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory.

9. As per the recent data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO), what is the unemployment rate in 2019–20?

- A) 6.1%
- B) 5.4%
- C) 4.8%
- D) 3.2%



- ✓ According to the third annual report on periodic labour force survey (PLFS), conducted by the National Statistical Office (NSO) between July 2019–June 2020, the unemployment rate fell to 4.8% in 2019–20.
- ✓ The unemployment rate in 2018–19 was 5.8% and in 2017–18 was 6.1%. Labour indicators recorded an increase in 2019–20, as compared to previous years.

10. How many virology research and diagnostic labs are proposed to be set up by the Union Government, during 2021–22 to 2025–26?

- A) 12
- B) 42
- C) 82
- D) 142

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- ✓ The Government of India has proposed to establish 42 virology research and diagnostic laboratories across the country, at a total cost of Rs324 crore. These would be established during the 15th Finance Commission period of 2021–22 to 2025–26. These would be established through a scheme under the Department of Health Research (DHR), Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR).

1. Where is the "United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific" (UNECSAP) headquartered?

- A) Paris
B) Bangkok
C) Rome
D) Vienna



- ✓ UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia Pacific, which is headquartered in Bangkok, Thailand has recently released a Global Survey on Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation. Under this evaluation 143 countries have been scored on 5 key indicators. India has scored 90.32 per cent for the year 2021 as against its score of 78.49 per cent in 2019. In terms of transparency, India scored 100 per cent in 2021.

2. When is the National Broadcasting Day observed in India?

- A) July.23
B) July.25
C) July.27
D) July.29



- ✓ National Broadcasting Day is celebrated in India on July 23 every year. On the same day in the year 1927, the first ever radio broadcast in the country was carried out from the Bombay Station. The first broadcast was done by a private organisation called the Indian Broadcasting Company. At present, Prasar Bharati is the National public service broadcasting agency.
- ✓ It comprises of Doordarshan Television Network and All India Radio. To commemorate this, the All-India Radio organized a symposium on "Creation of New India and Broadcasting Medium" in New Delhi.

3. When is Income Tax Day is celebrated in India?

- A) July.24
B) July.26
C) July.28
D) July.30



- ✓ Income Tax Day is celebrated on July 24 by the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) and all field offices. On the same day in the year 1860, Income tax was originally introduced in India by Sir James Wilson, to compensate for the losses incurred during the first war of independence. This is the 161st anniversary of Income Tax Day.

4. How many participants are part of India's Olympic contingent for Tokyo 2021?

- A) 100
B) 127
C) 153
D) 200



- ✓ India has sent a large contingent of 127 participants for the Tokyo Olympics 2021, who will be participating in 18 sport events. These include two alternate players and one reserve goalie in men's and women's hockey squads. In the previous Olympics of 2016, 117 athletes participated in 15 sporting events.

5. Which country played host for the G20 Energy and Environment ministers' meeting 2021?

- A) India
B) Italy
C) USA
D) France



- ✓ The Energy and environment ministers meeting of the G20 countries, hosted by Italy was held at Naples. This meeting has assumed significant importance since it has been convened 100 days ahead of the UN Climate conference – COP 26 at Glasgow.
- ✓ But this meeting has been criticized since the member nations have failed to agree on the wording of key climate change commitments in their final communique.

6. When is the National Fish Farmers Day observed in India?

- A) July.10
B) July.15
C) July.20
D) July.25



- ✓ National Fish Farmers Day is celebrated in India on July 10, every year, to commemorate the two scientists: Dr K H Alikunhi and Dr. H.L. Chaudhury, who had invented 'Induced breeding technology' on this day in 1957. The Government has launched Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) for fish farmers. 2021 will mark 21st National Fish Farmers' Day.

7. When is 'World Day against Trafficking in Persons' observed?

- A) July.30
B) July.31
C) August.01
D) August.02



- ✓ 'World Day against Trafficking in Persons' is observed every year on July 30 across the world, to raise awareness of the situation of victims of human trafficking and for protection of their rights.
- ✓ In the year 2013, the United Nations General Assembly held a high-level meeting to review the Global Plan of Action and designated July 30 as the World Day against Trafficking in Persons. The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime assists member countries in their efforts. The theme of the day is, "Victims' Voices Lead the Way".

8. What is the theme of 'World Breastfeeding Week' 2021?

- A) Protect Breastfeeding: A Shared Responsibility
B) Innocenti Declaration Anniversary
C) Exclusive Breastfeeding
D) Support Lactating Mothers



- ✓ World Breastfeeding Week is celebrated during the first week of August (August 1-7) across the world in many countries.
- ✓ The campaign was initially organised by the World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action (WABA) in association with the World Health Organisation (WHO) and UNICEF in 1992. The week also marks the signing of the Innocenti Declaration. The theme of this year (2021) is "Protect Breastfeeding: A Shared Responsibility".

9. As per the recent Quality of Life (QoL) survey, what is the percent of adults in India leading a poor quality of life?

- A) 16.2%
B) 25.6%
C) 46.2%
D) 72.6%



- ✓ The Quality of Life (QoL) survey, based on a WHO questionnaire and additional tools, was conducted between May and June 2021 among Indian adults in several cities. It marks the launch of fifth year of Protein Week. As per the survey, nearly 46.2 percent of adults in India lead a poor quality of life.

- ✓ While Kolkata recorded the highest percentage of adults (65 percent) with poor QoL score, Mumbai topped the list with high score. The Protein Week is celebrated annually between July 24–30, by Danone India in collaboration with CII.
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10. Sohra is a town located in which Indian state?

- A) Assam
B) Arunachal Pradesh
C) Meghalaya
D) Madhya Pradesh



- ✓ Sohra, also known as Cherrapunjee, is a high-altitude town in the northeast Indian state of Meghalaya. The Union Home Minister Amit Shah, launched the Green Sohra Afforestation Campaign at Sohra. Amit Shah also inaugurated the Greater Sohra Water Supply Scheme. This afforestation campaign will be run by the Meghalaya Government with the help of Assam Rifles.
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1. Which Indian organisation has rolled out a customised space-themed merchandise programme?

- A) DRDO
B) ISRO
C) HAL
D) BEL



- ✓ The Indian Space Research Organisation launched a customised space-themed merchandise programme. Recently eight companies have registered for partnership with ISRO, to undertake this programme.
- ✓ Interested persons will be able to purchase authorised products related to ISROs missions and work, such as scale models, T-shirts, space-themed educational games, science toys, among others. This brand promotion exercise will create awareness and interest among students, children and public, in space science and technology.

2. The first ever World Drowning Prevention Day is observed on which date, in 2021?

- A) 2021 July.23
B) 2021 July.25
C) 2020 July.27
D) 2020 July.29



- ✓ The first ever World Drowning Prevention Day (WDPD) is observed 25 July 2021, co-ordinated by the World Health Organisation (WHO). The United Nations (UN) General Assembly adopted the resolution on global drowning prevention on 28 April 2021.
- ✓ An estimated 236,000 people drown every year, and drowning is among the ten leading causes of death for children aged 5-14 years.

3. "Azad Ki Shaurya Gatha" exhibition, which was inaugurated recently, is based on the life of which freedom fighter?

- A) Chandrasekhar Azad
B) Bhagat Singh
C) Subhash Chandra Bose
D) Rani of Jhansi



- ✓ Union Minister of State for Culture and Parliamentary Affairs Arjun Ram Meghwal recently inaugurated the exhibition "Azad Ki Shaurya Gatha" based on the life of the martyr 'Chandrasekhar Azad'.
- ✓ The exhibition was inaugurated at Indira Gandhi National Center for the Arts, New Delhi. This is a part of "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav", to celebrate 75 years of our country's freedom. A series of programs are being organised by Ministry of Culture for celebrating "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav".

4. The North Eastern Space Applications Centre (NESAC) is located in which Indian state?

- A) Nagaland
B) Meghalaya
C) Assam
D) Sikkim



- ✓ The North Eastern Space Applications Centre (NESAC) is a joint initiative of Department of Space (DOS) and the North Eastern Council (NEC). It is located in Umiam, Meghalaya. The Union Home Minister, Amit Shah, recently laid the foundation stone for the Multipurpose Convention Centre and Exhibition Facility of the North Eastern Space Applications Centre-NESAC, in Shillong.

5. Mirabai Chanu has registered India's first medal at the Tokyo Olympics in which sporting event?

- A) Sprint
B) Wrestling
C) Boxing
D) Weight lifting



- ✓ India's weightlifter Mirabai Chanu has clinched the silver medal in the 49kg category and has opened the country's medal account at the Tokyo Olympics 2021. She is the second India woman to bag a silver medal at the Olympics after PV Sindhu. Also, she became the first Indian woman weight lifter to win a silver at the Olympics.

6. Which Indian hydrographer won the Alexander Dalrymple award given by the British Government?

- A) Vinay Badhwar
B) Karambir Singh
C) R Hari Kumar
D) Anil Kumar Chawla



- ✓ India's chief hydrographer Vice Admiral Vinay Badhwar received the Alexander Dalrymple award by the British government, in recognition of his works in areas of hydrography and nautical cartography.
- ✓ The award has been named after the first hydrographer of the British Admiralty and was instituted in 2006. Vice Admiral Badhwar was conferred with the award in 2019 but the award ceremony was held recently, due to the pandemic.

7. Which institution along with International Energy Agency (IEA) launched the 'Renewables Integration in India' report?

- A) BEE
B) NITI Aayog
C) PFC
D) REC



- ✓ A report on "Renewables Integration in India 2021" was jointly launched NITI Aayog and the International Energy Agency (IEA).
- ✓ The report is based on the outcome of three state workshops held with the Governments of Maharashtra, Karnataka and Gujarat to understand the specific energy transition challenges faced by these renewable-rich states. The report highlights that India's power system requires identification of resources and advance technology initiatives.

8. Which is the first country to approve genetically modified 'Golden rice'?

- A) USA
B) Philippines
C) China
D) Sri Lanka



- ✓ The Philippines became the world's first country to approve the commercial production of genetically modified "golden rice", named for its bright yellow colour. The rice has been enriched with the vitamin A precursor beta-carotene to make it more nutritional.
- ✓ Experts hope that this rice will combat childhood blindness. International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), along with Philippine Rice Research Institute has developed golden rice.

9. ARMEX-21, a major skiing expedition launched by the Indian Army covers which two regions?

- A) Ladakh and Uttarakhand
- B) Gulmarg and Ladakh
- C) Manali and Gulmarg
- D) Ladakh and Rohtang Pass



- ✓ ARMEX-21 is a major skiing expedition launched by the Indian Army from Karakoram Pass in Ladakh to Lipulekh Pass in Uttarakhand, covering around 1,500 km distance. This comes to close proximity with the LAC in Ladakh, Himachal, Garhwal and Kumaon sectors. The expedition comes amid border tensions between India and China.

10. Which Indian Naval Ship participated in the 325th Navy Day celebrations of the Russian Navy?

- A) INS Tabar
- B) INS Trishul
- C) INS Talwar
- D) INS Trikhand



- ✓ The 12th edition of exercise INDRA NAVY, a biennial bilateral maritime exercise between Indian Navy and Russian Navy was held in the Baltic Sea from 28 to 29 July 2021.
- ✓ Initiated in 2003, Ex INDRA NAVY epitomises the long-term strategic relationship between the two navies. This exercise was undertaken as part of the visit of INS Tabar to St Petersburg, Russia to participate in the 325th Navy Day celebrations of the Russian Navy. The exercise was progressed over two days and included various facets of fleet operations such as anti-air firings, underway replenishment drills, helicopter ops, boarding drills and seamanship evolutions.

1. What is the name of the Defence Exercise by 12 Eastern African countries, which recently commenced along the East Coast of Africa?

- A) Vajra Prahar
- B) DUSTLIK II
- C) Garuda Shakti
- D) Cutlass Express



- ✓ Exercise Cutlass Express 2021, commenced on July 26 along the East Coast of Africa. It is an annual maritime exercise conducted to promote national and regional maritime security in East Africa and the Western Indian Ocean.
- ✓ The 2021 edition of the exercise involves the participation of 12 Eastern African countries, US, UK, India and various international organisations, like IMO, UNODC, EUNAVFOR, CRIMARIO and EUCAP Somalia. Indian Naval Ship (INS) Talwar is participating in Exercise Cutlass Express 2021.

2. Where is 'Indian Institute of Food Processing Technology' located?

- A) Thanjavur
- B) Tirunelveli
- C) Chennai
- D) Salem



- ✓ Lok Sabha has recently passed National Institutes of Food Technology, Entrepreneurship and Management Bill, 2021. It has awarded the status of 'Institutions of National Importance' to NIFTEM (National Institute of Food Technology Entrepreneurship and Management) at Kundli in Haryana and IIFPT (Indian Institute of Food Processing Technology) at Thanjavur in Tamil Nadu.

3. Which is the first Green Special Economic Zone of India?

- A) Chennai (Tamil Nadu)
- B) Santa Cruz (Maharashtra)
- C) Cochin (Kerala)
- D) Kandla (Gujarat)



- ✓ Kandla Special Economic Zone (KASEZ) is the First Green SEZ to achieve the IGBC Green Cities Platinum Rating for Existing Cities, by CII's Indian Green Building Council (IGBC).
- ✓ KASEZ was Asia's first Export Processing Zone and it is considered as India's largest multi-product functional SEZ. It is situated on the gulf of Kutch on the west coast of Gujarat at a distance of 9 Kms from Kandla port.

4. Ramappa Temple, which has been conferred with the UNESCO 'World Heritage Site' tag, is situated in which state?

- A) Kerala
- B) Karnataka
- C) Telangana
- D) Maharashtra



- ✓ The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has recently conferred the 'World Heritage Site' status to the 13th-century Ramappa which is situated in Palampet, Telangana.
- ✓ This temple is said to be built in the year 1213 by Recherla Rudra of Kakatiya Dynasty. At the world heritage committee, a consensus of 17 countries supported this move.

5. A Kerala Veterinary Doctor has recently received patent for inventing biodiesel from which product?

- A) Glass
- B) Cotton
- C) Chicken waste
- D) Fish waste



- ✓ John Abraham, a veterinary doctor turned inventor, has received the patents for inventing biodiesel from slaughtered chicken waste. The biodiesel offers mileage of over 38 km per litre at around 40 per cent of the current price of diesel. It is also expected to lower the air pollution by half. The Indian Patent Office granted the patent for inventing 'biodiesel produced from rendered chicken oil'.

6. Which Indian state/UT people consumed the highest quantity of fish in 2019-20?

- A) Kerala
- B) Gujarat
- C) Lakshadweep
- D) Chhattisgarh



- ✓ As per a recent data produced in the Lok Sabha on fish consumption in India, people from Lakshadweep ate 105.6 kg fish per person in 2019-20. They eat 300 gm of fish every day, while the people of Haryana need a year to consume as much.
- ✓ The national average was at around 6.46 kg a year. Andaman and Nicobar Islands came second with an annual per capita fish consumption of 59 kg. Tripura was at third position with 25.45 kg. During 2019-20, the quantity of fish caught in the country was 141.64 lakh tonne, 30% of which is produced from Andhra Pradesh.

7. 13-year-old Momiji Nishiya, who recently won gold medal in the Tokyo Olympics, plays which sports?

- A) Gymnastics
- B) Skateboard
- C) Swimming
- D) Shooting



- ✓ Skateboarding player, 13-year-old Momiji Nishiya became the youngest gold medallist from Japan as she won the women's street skateboarding event of the 2020 Olympics. Another Japanese player Yuto Horigome had won the first ever men's gold in the sport recently.
- ✓ Nishiya dominated Aori Nishimura, the reigning world champion, in the final. 13-year-old Brazilian Rayssa Leal was second and Japan's Funa Nakayama bagged the bronze.

8. Operation Vijay was a Major Defence operation conducted by India against which nation?

- A) China
- B) Pakistan
- C) Myanmar
- D) Sri Lanka



- ✓ Operation Vijay or more commonly called as the Kargil war, was a defence operation against Pakistan, conducted in the year 1999. July 26th of every year is celebrated as the Vijay Diwas, which marks India's victory against Pakistan in the war.

9. Which global body approved its first-ever "Vision for Everyone" resolution?

- A) UNGA
- B) WHO
- C) World Bank
- D) AIIB



- ✓ The UN General Assembly approved its first-ever resolution on vision. The "Vision for Everyone" resolution was sponsored by Bangladesh, Antigua, and Ireland, and co-sponsored by over 100 countries.
- ✓ UNGA called on its 193 member nations to ensure access to eye care for everyone in their countries to help at least 1.1 billion people with vision impairment who currently lack eye services, by 2030.

10. What is the name of the digital ecosystem of agriculture, being created by the Ministry of Agriculture?

- A) Agristack
- B) Agro India
- C) Atmanirbhar Agri
- D) Kisanstack



- ✓ The Agriculture Ministry has commenced the project of creating 'Agristack', which is a digital ecosystem of agriculture in the country. It aims to help the government in effective planning towards increasing the income of farmers and improving the efficiency of the agriculture sector.
- ✓ Recently, the Agriculture Ministry also announced that the Government is aiming to create a National Farmers Database using digitised land records, to provide personalised services to farmers.

1. Which Ministry is associated with 'India Cycles4Change Challenge'?

- A) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
 B) Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs
 C) Ministry of Science and Technology
 D) Ministry of Agriculture



- ✓ Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs launched the 'India Cycles4Change Challenge' in 2020, to create cycle-friendly initiatives across the country. Recently, the Ministry awarded 11 cities with the title of 'India's Top 11 Cycling Pioneers'. With this, the next stage of the first season has started. The top 11 cities shall receive an award of Rs 1 crore each to scale up their cycling initiatives.

2. Which is the first state to launch free COVID-19 vaccination through private hospitals using CSR funds?

- A) Tamil Nadu
 B) Kerala
 C) Karnataka
 D) Andhra Pradesh



- ✓ The Tamil Nadu government has become the first in the country to launch free Covid-19 vaccination at private hospitals. The scheme is being funded by Corporate Social Responsibility funds of various companies. Under the scheme, 130 private hospitals have been identified to provide free Covid vaccines to the people.
 ✓ The Union government procures 75% of the vaccines produced and the remaining 25 percent is available for private hospitals, which is largely under-utilised.

3. What is the name of 'India's first indigenous physiological parameters monitoring system for COVID-19 patients'?

- A) COVID BEEP
 B) COVID SYS
 C) C19- MONITOR
 D) C19- CHECK



- ✓ "COVID BEEP" is India's first indigenous, wireless physiological parameters monitoring system for COVID-19 patients, developed by ESIC Medical College Hyderabad in collaboration with Electronics Corporation of India Ltd (ECIL) and Department of Atomic Energy.
 ✓ A proposal has been recently submitted to Ministry of Labour & Employment for large scale deployment of the system.

4. With reference to Medical College Admission, "All India Quota" scheme was introduced in which year?

- A) 1975
 B) 1980
 C) 1986
 D) 1990



- ✓ In 1986, "All India Quota" scheme was introduced under the directions of Supreme Court. It was introduced with an aim to provide domicile-free merit-based opportunities to students from any state who aspire to study in medical college located in another state.
 ✓ The scheme comprises 15% of UG seats and 50% of PG seats in government medical colleges. The Union Health Ministry has recently announced that 27% reservation for Other Backward Classes (OBCs) and 10% reservation for Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) will be offered under the All-India Quota scheme for Undergraduate and Postgraduate medical and dental courses from 2021-22 onwards.

5. How many Tiger reserves of India have received accreditation of the Global Conservation Assured Tiger Standards (CAITS)?

- A) 5
 B) 3
 C) 11
 D) 14



- ✓ On the occasion of International Tiger Day, Bhupendra Yadav (Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate change) stated that 14 Tiger reserves of India have received accreditation of the Global Conservation Assured Tiger Standards (CAITS).
 ✓ The 14 accredited tiger reserves are Manas, Kaziranga and Orang in Assam; Satpura, Kanha and Panna in Madhya Pradesh; Pench in Maharashtra; Valmiki tiger reserve in Bihar; Dudhwa in Uttar Pradesh; Sunderbans in West Bengal; Parambikulam in Kerala; Bandipur in Karnataka and Mudumalai & Anamalai in Tamil Nadu.
 ✓ CAITS is a set of criteria that sets best practice and standards to manage tigers and their conservation. It is a globally accepted conservation tool. CAITS was launched in 2013. It was developed by tiger and protected area experts. It is an important part of T*2, the global goal to double the number of tigers by 2022. The long-term goal of CAITS is to ensure safe heavens for Tigers.

6. Who won the Maharashtra Bhushan Award 2021?

- A) Sachin Tendulkar
 B) Lata Mangeshkar
 C) Asha Bhosle
 D) Ratan Tata



- ✓ Under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray, Maharashtra Bhushan Selection Committee selected Asha Bhosle for the prestigious Maharashtra Bhushan Award 2021. It was announced by Amit Deshmukh, the cultural affairs minister of Maharashtra.
 ✓ Maharashtra Bhushan is the highest civilian award of Maharashtra. It is given for the outstanding achievement in the fields of literature, art, sport, science, social work, journalism and public administration.
 ✓ It is presented annually by the Government of Maharashtra. It was first awarded in 1996. Purushottam Laxman Deshpande was the first person to win this award. Cash prize of Rs. 10 lakh, a memento and citation is given to the winner of the Maharashtra Bhushan Award.

7. Which company collaborated with CBSE and Ministry of Education for "AI For All" initiative?

- A) Microsoft
 B) Intel
 C) Wipro
 D) Dell



- ✓ Intel, CBSE and Ministry of Education announced the launch of the "AI For All" initiative on July 29, 2021.
 ✓ The main aim of this initiative is to create a basic understanding of Artificial Intelligence (AI) for everyone in India. AI for All is a 4-hour, self-paced learning programme.

8. When is the 'International Day for the Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystem' observed annually?

- A) July.23
 B) July.26
 C) July.28
 D) July.30



- ✓ The International Day for the Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystem, was adopted by the General Conference of UNESCO in 2015. UNESCO celebrates International Day for the Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystem on July 26 annually.
- ✓ It aims to raise awareness about mangrove ecosystems and to promote their sustainable management and conservation. According to UNESCO, mangroves are disappearing at a rate that is 3–5 times faster than overall losses of global forest cover. The main reasons are infrastructure development, urbanisation and agricultural land conversion.

9. The Ministry of Science and Technology is to set up North-East's first Centre of Excellence in which state?

- A) Assam
- B) Sikkim
- C) Arunachal Pradesh
- D) Meghalaya



- ✓ The Ministry of Science and Technology is setting up a first-of-its-kind Centre of Excellence in the Northeast, at Kimin in Papum Pare district of Arunachal Pradesh.
- ✓ The project to establish the Centre for Bio-Resources and Sustainable Development as a Centre of Excellence was sanctioned by the Department of Biotechnology. The construction of the new building and other infrastructure has been completed at a cost of nearly Rs 50 crore.

10. By what %, the e-waste generated in India has increased in 2020, compared to the previous year?

- A) 12.6%
- B) 24.6%
- C) 31.6%
- D) 42.6%

31.6%

- ✓ Union Minister of State for Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Ashwini Kumar Choubey has stated that India has generated 10,14,961.2 tonnes of e-waste in the year 2020. This is approximately 31.6 per cent increase from the quantum of e waste generated the previous year. Also, it has been stated that, the national level data pertaining to e waste is available only from the year 2017–18 onwards.

1. Which institution is implementing the Bamboo Oasis on Lands in Drought (BOLD) project?

- A) KVIC
 B) NABARD
 C) SIDBI
 D) Indian Army



- ✓ Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has been implementing the Bamboo Oasis on Lands in Drought (BOLD) project. It was launched from a tribal village in Rajasthan in July, with plantation of 5000 saplings of special bamboo species.
- ✓ Recently, KVIC planted 1000 bamboo saplings at Tanot village in Jaisalmer, in collaboration with the Border Security Force (BSF). BSF will be responsible for maintaining the plants. It aims to reduce desertification and provide livelihood to the local population.

2. Where is the headquarters of the Geological Survey of India (GSI) located?

- A) New Delhi
 B) Kolkata
 C) Ranchi
 D) Raipur



- ✓ The Geological Survey of India (GSI) has taken up seven lithium exploration projects in Arunachal Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Jammu & Kashmir and Rajasthan.
- ✓ GSI is headquartered in Kolkata. The Atomic Minerals Directorate for Exploration and Research (AMDER) under Department Atomic Energy (DAE) has undertaken lithium exploration in Karnataka and Rajasthan. This is seen as a part of India's energy security plans. ₹18,100 crore production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme was announced recently to make lithium-ion cells to promote e-mobility in India.

3. "Dholavira", a Harappan City, is presently located in which Indian state?

- A) Andhra Pradesh
 B) Madhya Pradesh
 C) Gujarat
 D) Karnataka



- ✓ Dholavira, which is a Harappan City in the Rann of Kutch of Western Gujarat, has been inducted into the list of UNESCO's World Heritage sites. This makes it the 40th site from India to be inscribed into the list. This site was discovered in the year 1968 and is known for its unique characteristics like water management, special burial structures etc.

4. Earth System Science Data Portal has been developed and launched by which Ministry?

- A) Ministry of Civil Aviation
 B) Ministry of Earth Sciences
 C) Ministry of Mines
 D) Ministry of Home Affairs



- ✓ The Union Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) has launched an integrated portal named Earth System Science Data Portal. This portal would make available various earth related data for the public. The portal was launched as a part of the 15th Foundation Day celebration of the ministry on 27th July 2021 and has been developed in tune with the Digital India initiative of the Government of India.

5. Which organization releases the 'World Economic Outlook' report?

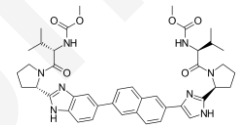
- A) RBI
 B) UNESCO
 C) World Bank
 D) IMF



- ✓ The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has released an update to the World Economic Outlook (WEO) for the month of July 2021, under the title "Fault Lines widen in the Global Recovery". As per the WEO update, the global economy is projected to grow 6.0 percent in 2021 and 4.9 percent in 2022. IMF also downgraded India's Growth Projection to 9.5% from 12.5% for 2021-22.

6. Which country has registered the world's first affordable drug 'Ravidasvir', for treating Hepatitis C?

- A) India
 B) China
 C) Malaysia
 D) Russia



- ✓ Malaysia has registered the world's first affordable drug for treatment of hepatitis C. This has paved the way for accessible treatment to millions of people affected by the disease across the globe. The drug named 'Ravidasvir' has been approved to be used with an existing drug sofosbuvir.
- ✓ The new drug development was initiated by Malaysia's Ministry of Health and has been developed by Drugs for Neglected Diseases initiative (Geneva-based Nonprofit drug organization) together with Pharco, an Egyptian generic drug manufacturer.

7. Shehroze Kashif, who has become the youngest person to reach the summit of K2, belongs to which country?

- A) India
 B) Pakistan
 C) Myanmar
 D) Nepal



- ✓ Shehroze Kashif (19), a Mountaineer from Pakistan has become the youngest person to reach the summit of K2 - the world's 2nd highest mountain peak, which is at an altitude of 8,611-metre from mean sea level. Recently in May 2021, he scaled Mount Everest and became the youngest person from Pakistan to scale the world's highest peak.

8. Which organization conducted the "Good Food for All" competition?

- A) Food and Agricultural Organization
 B) World Health Organization
 C) United Nations
 D) World Bank



- ✓ The "Good Food for All" competition was conducted by the United Nations, in search of the 'Best Small Businesses' that are providing inspiring, diverse and impactful solutions to improve access to healthy and sustainable food.
- ✓ In the competition, 3 India-based enterprises - Edible Routes Private Limited, Oorja Development Solutions India and Taru Naturals are among the winners of the "Best Small Businesses".

9. Kishtwar District, which has been affected by cloudburst and flash floods is located in which state / UT?

- A) Jammu & Kashmir
- B) Assam
- C) Meghalaya
- D) Arunachal Pradesh



- ✓ Jammu & Kashmir's mountainous Kishtwar district has been affected by a cloud burst which is followed by a severe flash flood. The state's Disaster Response Force has been swung into action, but the hilly region and difficult terrain are posing challenges in the rescue operations.

10. On which date, "International Friendship Day" is celebrated by the United Nations?

- A) August.08
- B) August.01
- C) July.30
- D) July.28



- ✓ In 2011, the UN General assembly proclaimed July 30 as the International Day of Friendship. The decision was taken with an idea that this day will create a friendship bond between peoples of different cultures, countries and religions.
- ✓ The United Nations is an international organisation which was founded in 1945. It is headquartered in New York. The main aim of this organisation is to maintain international peace and security, develop friendly relations among nations, achieve international cooperation and act as a center for harmonising the actions of different nations. At present, 193 countries are the members of the United Nations (UN).

1. What was the theme of the "World Day against Trafficking 2021"?

- A) Save lives
 B) The future we want, the UN we need
 C) Human Trafficking: Call Your Government to Action
 D) Victims voices lead the way



- ✓ "World Day against Trafficking 2021" was observed on July 30 by the 'United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime'. The theme of 2021 was "Victims' voices lead the way".
- ✓ This theme was set to raise awareness about the importance of interacting with the survivors of human trafficking. United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime is an international organisation or agency that was founded in 1997. It is headquartered in Vienna (Austria). Its parent organisation is United Nations Secretariat.

2. Which two space agencies collaborated to launch the mission called "NISAR"?

- A) ROSCOSMOS and NASA
 B) NASA and CNSA
 C) ISRO and ROSCOSMOS
 D) ISRO and NASA



- ✓ NISAR (NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar) which is a joint mission of ISRO and NASA is proposed to be launched in 2023. It is focusing on making global measurement of land surface changes using advanced radar imaging. The information was given by Jitendra Singh, Earth Sciences Minister.
- ✓ NISAR Satellite will be the first satellite to use dual frequencies. It will be used for remote sensing. It will be also used for global observations over all land masses including the Polar cryosphere and the Indian Ocean region i.e., it will help in understanding the natural processes of the Earth.

3. What is the venue of INDRA-21, the Joint Military Exercise of Indian Army and Russian Army?

- A) New Delhi
 B) Moscow
 C) Volgograd
 D) Ghaziabad



- ✓ A 13-day mega military exercise between Indian and Russian army is scheduled to be organised from August 1 at Volgograd city located in Russia. The name of the Joint military exercise between Indian and Russian army is INDRA. The exercise is the 12th edition of INDRA and it is named "INDRA-21".
- ✓ The military exercise will help in strengthening the bilateral security cooperation and will serve to reinforce the longstanding bond of friendship between India and Russia.

4. Which Bank's license has been cancelled by RBI in the end of July 2021 due to poor financial conditions?

- A) Andhra Pradesh Gramin Vikas Bank
 B) Aryavart Bank
 C) Madgaum Urban Co-operative Bank Limited
 D) Prathama UP Gramin Bank



- ✓ Reserve Bank of India (RBI) cancelled the license of Madgaum Urban Co-operative Bank Limited which is located at Margao in Goa. The license was cancelled on July 29, 2021. According to RBI, the bank would not be able to pay full amount to its depositors with its current financial position so its license has been cancelled.

5. Which is the first Indian city to be selected for "International Clean Air Catalyst" Programme?

- A) Surat
 B) Gurugram
 C) Indore
 D) Bhopal



- ✓ Indore is the India's Cleanest city. It is now the first Indian city to be selected for the "International Clean Air Catalyst" Programme. The programme/project will run for 5 years with an aim to purify the air of the city. Indore Municipal Corporation and Madhya Pradesh Pollution Control Board will look after this project.
- ✓ The International Clean Air Catalyst programme is an initiative by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), WRI and the Environmental Defense Fund to expedite clean air solutions in cities. The Headquarter of USAID is in Washington D.C. (USA). It was founded on 3 November 1961 by John F. Kennedy.

6. Which two countries organised the 3rd Arctic Science Ministerial Meeting, 2021?

- A) India and Japan
 B) Japan and Iceland
 C) Japan and Russia
 D) India and Sri Lanka



- ✓ 3rd Arctic Science Ministerial Meeting, 2021 was organised by Japan and Iceland. It was virtually hosted by Japan.
- ✓ The meeting was organised for discussing research and cooperation in the Arctic region. The theme of the meeting was "Knowledge for a Sustainable Arctic".

7. As of July 2021, who is the Union Minister of Civil Aviation?

- A) Piyush Goyal
 B) Jyotiraditya Scindia
 C) Narendra Modi
 D) Nirmala Sitharaman



- ✓ Airport Economic Regulatory Authority (AERA) Amendment Bill was introduced on July 29, 2021 in the Lok Sabha by Jyotiraditya Scindia, Minister of Civil Aviation. The Bill proposes to modify the definition of major airport under the AERA Act 2008. It paves the way for privatisation of a small loss-making airport by clubbing it with a larger airport. It will also help in accelerating the UDAN regional connectivity.

8. Where was the UN Food Systems Pre-Summit 2021 organised recently?

- A) Paris
 B) Rome
 C) New York
 D) Sweden



- ✓ UN Food Systems Pre-Summit 2021 was organised recently by United Nations and Government of Italy in Rome. Narendra Singh Tomar, Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare represented India in this Pre-Summit. Narendra Singh Tomar delivered the Ministerial statement which highlighted the importance of Agriculture in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 2030. Out of 17 SDGs, 12 SDGs are directly dependent on agriculture.

9. Which educational institute will help in establishing a National Centre of Excellence for Animation, Visual effects, Gaming and Comics?

- A) IIT Mumbai
- B) IIT Chennai
- C) IIT Kharagpur
- D) IIM Bengaluru



- ✓ Anurag Thakur, Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting has announced that a National Centre of Excellence for Animation, Visual effects, Gaming and Comics (CoE) will be set up in collaboration with IIT Bombay. The main objective of the CoE is creating a world-class talent pool in India. Media and Entertainment sector is one of the largest growing sectors in India.
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10. Kangra painting, which was recently in news, is associated with which state?

- A) Himachal Pradesh
- B) Uttarakhand
- C) Madhya Pradesh
- D) Uttar Pradesh



- ✓ Kangra painting is the pictorial art of Kangra, Himachal Pradesh. Kangra painting evolved as a unique form of art under the reign of the rulers of the former princely state, Kangra.
- ✓ But without government patronage, this unique art is getting unpopular slowly and its almost dying. To make the art popular again, Kangra Arts Promotion Society has experimented in producing a commercial form of Kangra art that could help sustain artists. They have decided to adorn sarees with Kangra painting.
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1. Who won the Lokmanya Tilak National Award 2021?

- A) Sanjay Gupta
 B) Deepak Tilak
 C) Cyrus Poonawalla
 D) Adar Poonawalla



- ✓ Deepak Tilak, the president of the Lokmanya Tilak Trust recently announced that Dr. Cyrus Poonawalla, chairman of Serum Institute of India (SII) will be honoured with the prestigious "Lokmanya Tilak Award 2021". He will be awarded for his contribution towards the society by manufacturing Covisheild and hence helping in saving many lives during the coronavirus pandemic.
- ✓ Lokmanya Tilak National Award was started in 1983. The award is annually given on August 1, the death anniversary of Lokmanya Tilak.

2. On which date, "Muslim Women Rights Day" was observed in India for the first time?

- A) August 12
 B) July 30
 C) August 1
 D) July 26



- ✓ On August 1, "Muslim Women Rights Day" was observed across the country for the first time. This day was observed to celebrate the enactment of the law against 'Triple Talaq' for completing its two years.
- ✓ According to Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, Minister of Minority Affairs, the Government enacted the law against Triple Talaq on 1st August, 2019 and this law made the social malpractice of Triple Talaq as a criminal offense.

3. Who is the first Indian woman to win two Olympic medals?

- A) Deepika Kumari
 B) Manika Batra
 C) P V Sindhu
 D) Saina Nehwal



- ✓ P V Sindhu is the first Indian woman to win two Olympic medals. She won her first Olympic medal, which was a silver medal, at Rio Olympics 2016. She won a bronze medal at Tokyo Olympics 2021 after defeating He Bing Jiao of China. PV Sindhu belongs to Hyderabad, Telangana.
- ✓ Her Personal coach is Park Tae Sang and the national coach of Badminton is Pullela Gopichand. She got Padma Bhushan Award in 2020. She has been also awarded with Padma Shri (2015), Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award in 2016 and Arjuna Award in 2013.

4. Who has been appointed as the new Controller General of Accounts (CGA) in August, 2021?

- A) V.N. Kaul
 B) Rajiv Mehrishi
 C) Soma Roy Burman
 D) Deepak Das



- ✓ Government of India has appointed Deepak Das as the new Controller General of Accounts (CGA) of India. CGA comes under the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance. Deepak Das is the 25th CGA. He is a 1986-batch Indian Civil Accounts Service (ICAS) officer.
- ✓ He earlier served as the Principal Chief Controller of Accounts in the Central Board of Direct Taxes.

5. Which institute has collaborated with the Ministry of Ayush to conduct a study on 'Ashwagandha' for promoting recovery from Covid-19?

- A) Gautam Buddha University
 B) IIT Delhi
 C) Patanjali Ayurveda College
 D) London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine



- ✓ All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) and London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to conduct study on 'Ashwagandha' for promoting recovery from Covid-19. Clinical trials will be conducted on 2000 participants in three U.K. Cities: Birmingham, Leicester and London.

6. Who has been appointed as the new Director General Artillery?

- A) Major General Vikas Joshi
 B) Lt Gen J P Singh
 C) Lt Gen Tarun Kumar Chawla
 D) Lt Gen Vinod Nayanar



- ✓ On 1 August 2021, Lt Gen Tarun Kumar Chawla has been appointment as the Director General of Artillery. He takes over the appointment from Lt Gen K Ravi Prasad, PVSM, VSM who completed thirty-nine years of distinguished service in the army. Lt Gen Tarun Kumar Chawla, AVSM is an alumnus of St. Thomas High School and National Defence Academy, Khadakwasla.
- ✓ He was commissioned into a Field Regiment of Artillery in June 1984. He has also served as a Military observer at the United Nations Mission in Liberia (UNOMIL).

7. Under whose chairmanship, the BRICS Counter Terrorism Working Group Meeting, 2021 was organized recently?

- A) Brazil
 B) Russia
 C) India
 D) China



- ✓ A virtual meeting "BRICS Counter Terrorism Working Group" was organised recently on July 28-29 under the chairmanship of India. It was the 6th meeting of the BRICS Counter Terrorism Working Group.
- ✓ The main outcome of the meeting was the finalisation of the BRICS Counter Terrorism Action Plan containing specific measures for the implementation of the BRICS Counter Terrorism Strategy adopted by BRICS leaders in 2020.

8. Which initiative has been launched by the Government of India for Pre-school kids?

- A) NDEAR
 B) SAFAL
 C) Vidya Pravesh
 D) Academic Bank



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched some initiatives as a part of the extension to the National Education Policy 2020 on July 29th, 2021. Vidya Pravesh initiative has been launched for Pre School Kids, basically for Grade 1 students. Under this initiative, three-month play module will be set for the children to prepare them for school. It will also include a subject of Indian Sign language at the Secondary Level.

9. Who has been appointed as the new General Manager of South Western Railway (SWR)?

- A) Rahul Jain
- B) Sanjay Kumar Mohanty
- C) Sanjeev Mittal
- D) Sanjeev Kishore



- ✓ Sanjeev Kishore has been appointed as the new General Manager of South Western Railway (SWR). Earlier, he served as Additional Member (Production Units) of Railway Board. South Western Railway is one of the 18 Railway zones in India. It is headquartered at Hubballi in Karnataka state. It was carved out from Southern Railways and South-Central Railways in 2003.

10. Which personal reading machine has been designed by CSIR for visually impaired people?

- A) Think Pad
- B) Inditrust
- C) Kindle
- D) Divya Nayan



- ✓ CSIR - Central Scientific Instruments Organisation, Chandigarh developed a personal reading machine "Divya Nayan" for visually impaired people. In this device, any printed or digital document can be accessed in the form of speech output. User can place the device over the document to be read and manually scan it.
- ✓ The image is converted into text, text is converted to speech and audio with the help of language dependent optical character. Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR) was established by the Government of India in September 1942. It is an autonomous body and has emerged as the largest research and development organisation in India. The institute was founded by Shanti Swaroop Bhatnagar.

1. In terms of biological databases, what is the rank of India?

- A) 1st
B) 2nd
C) 3rd
D) 4th

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- ✓ India ranks Fourth among the top 20 countries which is contributing to biological databases. Union Minister Jitendra Singh released the "Biotech-PRIDE Guidelines. The term PRIDE means "Promotion of Research and Innovation through Data Exchange".
- ✓ It has been developed by Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science and Technology. These guidelines will enable exchange of information to promote research and innovation in different research groups across the country. The Indian Biological Data Center (IBDC) will initially implement these guidelines. Other existing datasets/dataset centers will connect to this IBDC called BioGrid.

2. Which country holds the world record in the mixed 4x100m medley relay?

- A) India
B) China
C) Japan
D) Britain



- ✓ Britain won a gold medal recently at the Tokyo Olympics in a mixed 4x100m medley relay event which is a Swimming event. Four British swimmers including male and female both participated in the mixed 4x100m medley relay and they finished first by taking total time duration of 3:37.58s. They set a world record by finishing the event in this time duration. The four swimmers who set this world record are Kathleen Dawson, Adam Peaty, James Guy and Anna Hopkin.

3. In which state / union territory, Karaikal Port is located?

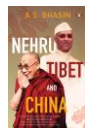
- A) Tamil Nadu
B) Puducherry
C) Andhra Pradesh
D) Kerala



- ✓ The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways has set up a committee after receiving the proposals from the government of Puducherry and Sri Lanka to start the passenger shipping between Karaikal Port (Puducherry) and Kankesanthurai Port (Sri Lanka). A memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed between India and Sri Lanka in 2011.

4. Who is the author of the newly published book, "Nehru, Tibet and China"?

- A) Aravind Adiga
B) Ramesh Narayan
C) Avtar Singh Bhasin
D) Ramchandra Guha



- ✓ Penguin Random House India published a new book "Nehru, Tibet and China" which is authored by Avtar Singh Bhasin. Avtar Singh Bhasin is also the publisher of original archival documents. The book "Nehru, Tibet and China" describes about the various details and events that took place from the Independence of India to the 1962 Indo-China war.
- ✓ Avtar Singh Bhasin served in the Ministry of External Affairs for about 30 years. He retired in 1993 as the Director of the Historical Division. He has also served in the Ministry of Defence and National Archives of India. He has written various books on South Asian Affairs like "India in Sri Lanka: Between Lion & the Tigers".

5. Which country is named the President of the UN Security Council for August 2021?

- A) Germany
B) France
C) United Kingdom
D) India



- ✓ India, which has been elected as a non-permanent member of the Security Council recently, will serve as its president for the month of August, 2021. India, Norway, Ireland, Mexico and Kenya were elected as the non-permanent members of the 15-nation-UNSC for a two-year term beginning January 1, 2021.
- ✓ Tunisia will begin 2021 as the President of the Council in January. It will be followed by each of the members in turn for one month, as per the English alphabetical order of the name of member states.

6. Which city in India become the first city to achieve 100% Covid-19 Vaccination?

- A) Surat
B) Noida
C) Bhubaneswar
D) Indore



- ✓ Anshuman Rath, the Zonal Deputy Commissioner of Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (South-east zone) said that Bhubaneswar has become the first city to achieve 100% Covid-19 Vaccination.
- ✓ Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation made different categories of people who are above 18 years like front-line workers, health workers, 18-44 age group, people above 45 years of age. So, it achieved this target by July 31.

7. Who is the first female swimmer to win seven medals in a single Olympic event?

- A) Emma McKeon
B) Sarah Sjöström
C) Pernille Blume
D) Kaylee McKeown



- ✓ Emma McKeon became the first female swimmer to win seven medals in a single Olympic event. She won seven medals at the Tokyo Olympics. She belongs to Australia. She had broken the Olympic record twice in the Tokyo Olympic. She completed the 50m freestyle event in 24.02 seconds and set a world record and then again broken this record by completing the 50m freestyle in 24 seconds.
- ✓ Emma McKeon joins Michael Phelps, Matt Biondi and Otto, as the only swimmers to win five or more golds at one Games/event.

8. Who composed the theme song of India for Tokyo Paralympics 2020?

- A) Yogeshwar Dutt
B) Deepa Malik
C) Sanjeev Singh
D) Varun Singh Bhati



- ✓ Sanjeev Singh, who is a specially-abled (Divyang) cricketer, composed and sung the theme song of India for the Tokyo Paralympics. The theme song "Kar De Kamaal Tu" was launched by Anurag Thakur, the Sports Minister of India. In the Tokyo Olympics, a record number of 54 athletes from India will participate in nine sports disciplines.

9. Nellyode Vasudevan Namboothiri, who dies recently, was associated with which dance form?

- A) Kathak
- B) Kathakali
- C) Bharatanatyam
- D) Mohiniyattam



- ✓ Nellyode Vasudevan Namboothiri was a Kathakali artist. He belonged to Kerala. He was a scholar in Sanskrit and Hindu Puranas and was a recipient of several awards including Kendra Sangeet Natak Akademi, Kerala Sangeetha Nataka Akademi award, Kerala State Kathakali Prize etc.

10. In which state, the first orchid conservation centre of North India has been inaugurated?

- A) Haryana
- B) Uttarakhand
- C) Punjab
- D) Himachal Pradesh



- ✓ The first orchid conservation centre of North India has been inaugurated in Chamoli district of Uttarakhand. The main purpose of the conservation centre is to conserve orchid species and create ventures for tourism and livelihood for local people.
- ✓ Orchid is a flowering plant and its scientific name is Orchidaceae. All orchid species are protected under CITES. CITES was enforced on 1 July, 1975. Ivonne Higuero is the current Secretary-General of CITES. It is headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland.

1. Who has been appointed as the Prime Minister of Armenia?

- A) Nikol Pashinyan
 B) Artur Sargsyan
 C) Aram Vardevanian
 D) Armen Sarkissian



- ✓ Nikol Pashinyan, the chairman of the Civil Contract Party has been re-appointed as the Prime Minister of Armenia. He was first appointed as the Prime Minister in 2018. President Armen Srkissian approved Pashinyan's candidacy for the post of Prime Minister of Armenia.
- ✓ Armenia is a country in Asia. It lies in the mountainous Caucasus region between Asia and Europe. Yerevan is the capital of Armenia and Armenian dram is its currency.

2. Who is/was the first Indian Prime Minister to chair UNSC debate?

- A) Indira Gandhi
 B) Dr Manmohan Singh
 C) Narendra Modi
 D) Atal Bihari Vajpayee



- ✓ India started its two-year tenure as non-permanent member of United Nations Security Council (UNSC) on January 1, 2021. India is holding the presidency of UNSC for August and Narendra Modi has become the first Prime Minister to chair an open debate at UNSC.
- ✓ India has been a member of UNSC in 1950–51, 1967–68, 1972–73, 1977–78, 1984–85 and 1991–92 earlier. UNSC was created after World War II when league of Nations failed to maintain world peace. The first session of UNSC was held on January 17, 1946. It is among six principal organs of United Nations and is tasked with ensuring international peace and security.

3. Who won the gold medal in women's singles badminton at Tokyo Olympics?

- A) Greysia Polii
 B) P V Sindhu
 C) Tai Tzu-ying
 D) Chen Yufei



- ✓ Chen Yufei won the gold medal in women's singles badminton at Tokyo Olympics on August 2, 2021. She defeated Taiwan's Tai Tzu ying 21-18, 19-21, 21-18 to capture the title. She is a Chinese badminton player. She won the girls' singles junior titles at the 2016 Asian and the World Junior Championships. In 2017, she was awarded the "2017 Most Promising Player of the Year".

4. Who won the gold medal in men's singles badminton at Tokyo Olympics on August 2, 2021?

- A) Viktor Axelsen
 B) Chen Long
 C) Kevin Cordon
 D) Wang Tzu-wei



- ✓ Viktor Axelsen won the gold medal in men's singles badminton at Tokyo Olympics on August 2, 2021. He belongs to Denmark. He defeated Chen long of china who won the gold medal in 2016 Olympics held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Viktor Axelsen is the 2017 World Champion and the gold medalist of 2020 Summer Olympics.
- ✓ He became the first European player to win the World Junior Championship. He defeated Kang Ji-wook of Korea in 2010 and won the World Junior Championship.

5. Who has been appointed as the special trade envoy of Australian Prime Minister?

- A) Tony Abbott
 B) S Jaishankar
 C) Piyush Goyal
 D) Rakesh Asthana



- ✓ Tony Abbott has been appointed as the special trade envoy of Australian Prime Minister for his visit to India. He has been appointed with a purpose to deepen trade and investment links that will help drive post-covid recovery.
- ✓ The main focus of the proposed meeting will be on the building of 'secure and resilient supply chains'. Tony Abbott was the former Prime Minister of Australia. He was appointed as the 28th Prime Minister of Australia from 2013–2015.

6. As per the data of NCRB, which Indian state registered the maximum number of suicides due to unemployment in 2019?

- A) Bihar
 B) Karnataka
 C) Rajasthan
 D) Himachal Pradesh



- ✓ Suicide cases due to unemployment have increased by 24% in 2019 as compared to 2016. As per the data of NCRB, Karnataka registered the maximum number of suicides (553) due to unemployment in 2019. Karnataka is followed by Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu.
- ✓ National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) is an Indian agency which collects and analyses crime data in accordance with the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and Special Local Laws (SLL). NCRB was set up in 1986. It is headquartered in New Delhi and works under the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA). IPS Ramphal Pawar is the current director of NCRB.

7. Which nation, India has defeated to clinch the bronze medal in hockey in the Tokyo Olympics?

- A) Belgium
 B) Germany
 C) Argentina
 D) Netherlands



- ✓ The Indian men's hockey team has claimed an Olympic medal after 41 years, beating Germany 5–4 to claim the bronze in the ongoing Olympic Games on 5th August, 2021. It is India's third hockey bronze medal in the history of the Olympics. The other two came in 1968 Mexico City and the 1972 Munich Games.

8. Samagra Shiksha Scheme covers the school education from which class to which class?

- A) From preschool to Class 11
 B) From preschool to Class 10
 C) From preschool to Class 9
 D) From preschool to Class 12



- ✓ The Union Cabinet on 4th August, 2021 approved the continuation of the Samagra Shiksha Scheme for school education for another five years. Provision of training of master trainers for Anganwadi workers, incinerator and sanitary pad vending machines in all girls' hostels, addition of new subjects instead of stream in existing senior secondary schools, holistic progress card for each learner, and upgrade of all Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas up to class 12 are among the initiatives in the revised scheme. Samagra Shiksha Scheme covers the school education from preschool to Class 12.

9. At which place, DefExpo-2022 is scheduled to be held?

- A) Gandhinagar
- B) Surat
- C) Gurugram
- D) Lucknow



- ✓ DefExpo-2022 is scheduled to be held from 11-13 March, 2022 in Gandhinagar (Gujarat). Ministry of Defence organises Military exhibitions in form of the Defence Expo and the Aero India every two years. DefExpo is basically the land and naval systems show of the Defence Ministry. The last edition of the DefExpo was held in Lucknow. Before 2014, It was used to be organised only in New Delhi.

10. Who is the first woman to retain 100m and 200m titles at the Olympics?

- A) Elaine Thompson
- B) Dina Asher-Smith
- C) Imani-Lara Lansiquot
- D) Daryll Neita



- ✓ At the Tokyo Olympics 2020, Elaine Thompson becomes the first woman to retain 100m and 200m Olympic Titles. She is from Jamaica. She is a four-time Olympic champion. She set a national and Olympic record of finishing 100m (women's category) race in 10.61 seconds. She is the second-fastest woman in the 200metres with a time of 21.53 seconds. Griffith-Joyner of the United States of America is considered as the fastest woman.

1. Who is the third Indian Boxer to win a bronze medal at the Olympics?

- A) Lovlina Borgohain
 B) Busenaz Surmeneli
 C) Mary Kom
 D) Sakshi Chaudhary



- ✓ Lovlina Borgohain became the 3rd Indian boxer after Vijender Singh and Mary Kom to win a bronze medal at the Olympics. She won the bronze medal at the Tokyo Olympics 2020. She belongs to Golaghat (Assam). She also won a bronze medal at the 2018 AIBA Women's World Boxing Championship and the 2019 AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships. She became the 6th person from Assam to get the Arjuna Award.

2. Which country has approved the sale of Harpoon Joint Common Test Sets to India?

- A) Russia
 B) Israel
 C) UK
 D) USA



- ✓ Harpoon is an all-weather, over-the-horizon, anti-ship missile system. The United States of America has approved the sale of one Harpoon Joint Common Test Set (JCTS) along with the related equipment to India for an estimated cost of USD 82 million.
 ✓ This will help in improving India's capability to meet current and future threats. The principal contractor of the deal will be Boeing Company which is headquartered in Chicago, USA.

3. According to the Central Universities (Amendment) Bill, 2021, Sindhu Central University is to be established in which state / Union Territory?

- A) Ladakh
 B) Jammu and Kashmir
 C) Punjab
 D) Haryana



- ✓ On 6th August, 2021, a bill seeking to establish a central university in the Union Territory of Ladakh was passed in the Lok Sabha. Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, in his brief statement about the Central Universities (Amendment) Bill, 2021, said that every year, around 7,000 students go out of Ladakh for education and with the establishment of the central university around 2,500 students will get the opportunity to study there. The Sindhu central university will be established at a cost of Rs 760 crore.

4. As per the existing Indus Water Treaty, all the waters of which three rivers are allocated to India for unrestricted use?

- A) Indus, Jhelum and Chenab
 B) Ganga, Yamuna and Godavari
 C) Sutlej, Beas and Ravi
 D) Beas, Koshi and Bhagirathi



- ✓ A parliamentary group recommended re-negotiating the Indus Water Treaty with Pakistan to address the impact of climate change on water supply in the basin and other challenges not covered by the agreement.
 ✓ On 5th August, 2021, the Standing Committee on Water Resources tabled the report before the Lok Sabha. According to the Indus Waters Treaty which was signed by India and Pakistan in 1960, all waters of the Sutlej, Beas and Ravi rivers are allocated to India for unrestricted use. Most of the waters of the western Indus, Jhelum and Chenab rivers are allocated to Pakistan.

5. National Handloom Day is observed on which date?

- A) 6th August
 B) 8th August
 C) 5th August
 D) 7th August



- ✓ On 7th August, 2021 the Textile Ministry has celebrated the 7th National Handloom Day. On this day the handloom weaving community will be honoured for their contribution in the socio-economic development of India. Three Handloom Craft Villages at Mohpara Village, District Golaghat in Assam, Kovalam in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, and Kanihama, Budgam in Srinagar are being set up by the Ministry in collaboration with the respective State governments.

6. Which Ministry is implementing the PM-DAKSH Yojana?

- A) Ministry of Home Affairs
 B) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
 C) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
 D) Ministry of Law and Justice



- ✓ On 7th August, 2021, Dr. Virendra Kumar, Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment has launched 'PM-DAKSH' Portal and 'PM-DAKSH' Mobile App.
 ✓ This portal and app have been developed by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, in collaboration with NeGD, to make skill development schemes accessible to the target groups of Scheduled Castes, Backward Classes and Safai Karamcharis. From the year 2020-21 the Pradhan Mantri Dakshta Aur Kushalta Sampann Hitgrahi (PM-DAKSH) Yojana is being implemented by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

7. Ravi Dahiya, who won the wrestling silver medal in Tokyo Olympics, is from which state?

- A) Gujarat
 B) Haryana
 C) Punjab
 D) Assam



- ✓ Ravi Dahiya became only the second Indian wrestler to win a silver medal at the Olympic Games after he lost the men's freestyle 57kg title clash to reigning world champion Zaur Uguev. Ravi Dahiya belongs from Haryana.

8. Which Indian Visual Artist & Illustrator has won the 2021 Eisner Award?

- A) Anand Radhakrishnan
 B) Gopin Varghese
 C) Bhaskar Rao
 D) Priyesh Trivedi



- ✓ Indian Visual Artist & Illustrator Anand Radhakrishnan has won the 2021 Eisner Award for Best Painter/Multimedia Artist (interior art). He shared the award with UK based colourist John Pearson for "Blue in Green," a graphic novel authored by Ram V. Eisner Award is named after graphic novel legend Will Eisner and this award is known as the "Oscar of the comic field" and is presented in 32 categories.

9. Which state government has launched the Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam scheme?

- A) Tamil Nadu
 B) Kerala
 C) Andhra Pradesh
 D) Telangana



- ✓ Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam programme was launched by Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin in Samanapalli village in Krishnagiri on Thursday to deliver essential healthcare at the doorstep of the people. Under this scheme those above 45 years of age and others with infirmities will be screened through routine door-to-door check-ups and detect non-communicable diseases that are also seen to cause sudden mortalities and impact the quality of life.
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10. Which country has topped the medals tally in Tokyo 2020 Olympics?

- A) China
- B) Japan
- C) USA
- D) Germany



- ✓ The Tokyo 2020 Games were declared closed by IOC chief Thomas Bach on August 8, 2021. The Olympic flag was passed to Paris mayor Anne Hidalgo for the 2024 Games at the Tokyo closing ceremony.
 - ✓ The United States topped the tally with 39 gold medals, just one ahead of China. Host Japan finished third with 27 golds followed by Great Britain with 22 and the Russian Olympic Committee, the team for Russian athletes after their country was banned for systematic doping, were fifth with 20. India finished 48th with 1 gold, 2 silver and 4 bronze medals.
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1. Which country hosted the 8th Justice Ministers meet 2021 of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation?

- A) India
B) Tajikistan
C) China
D) Russia



- ✓ The 8th Justice Ministers meet 2021 of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation meeting was hosted by Tajikistan (2021 SCO Presidency). Union Minister for Law & Justice, Kiren Rijiju participated in the 8th Justice Ministers Meeting 2021 of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) held at Tajikistan virtually.
- ✓ The meeting was chaired by M K Ashuriyon, Minister of Justice of the Republic of Tajikistan. SCO is celebrating its 20th Anniversary under the slogan '20 years of SCO: Cooperation for Stability and Prosperity'. The next meeting will be held in Pakistan in 2022.

2. Who chaired the UNSC High-Level Open Debate on Enhancing Maritime Security?

- A) S. Jaishankar
B) TS Tirumurti
C) Syed Akbaruddin
D) Narendra Modi



- ✓ PM Narendra Modi has chaired UNSC High-Level Open Debate on "Enhancing Maritime Security" Stressing on enhancing maritime security. Prime Minister Narendra Modi called for peaceful settlement of disputes as per international law. PM Narendra Modi is the first Indian PM to chair UNSC meet.

3. Which year has been declared by United Nations as International Year of Peace and Trust?

- A) 2020
B) 2022
C) 2021
D) 2019



- ✓ The United Nations has declared 2021 as the International Year of Peace and Trust, the International Year of Creative Economy for Sustainable Development, the International Year of Fruits and Vegetables, and the International Year for the Elimination of Child Labour. Also, the Catholic Church has proclaimed 2021 as the Year of Saint Joseph.

4. Under the Tribunals Reforms Bill, 2021, how many appellate tribunals will be abolished?

- A) 5
B) 6
C) 7
D) 9



- ✓ A bill seeking to abolish as many as nine appellate tribunals, including the Film Certification Appellate Tribunal (FCAT), was approved by Parliament with the Rajya Sabha passing the proposed legislation on August 9, 2021. The Tribunals Reforms Bill, 2021, was approved by Lok Sabha on August 3.
- ✓ All cases pending before such tribunals or authorities will be transferred to the Commercial Court or High Court. The legislation also provides for uniform terms and conditions of service for chairperson and members of various tribunals.

5. Which Indian state government will present its first ever paperless budget on 13th August?

- A) Tamil Nadu
B) Kerala
C) Karnataka
D) Sikkim



- ✓ The Assembly of Tamil Nadu will witness its first ever paperless budget session, with P.T.R. Palanivel Thiaga Rajan, State Finance Minister set to present the revised budget for 2020-21 on 13th August. This will be Tamil Nadu's first e-budget.

6. Under which survey, conducted by National Sample Survey Office, it is showing that poverty in India is on the rise?

- A) Consumption Expenditure Survey
B) Periodic Labour Force Survey
C) National Accounts Statistics 2021
D) National Indicator Framework



- ✓ India's Consumption Expenditure Survey (CES) is conducted by National Sample Survey Office every five years. But, CES data has not been released since 2011-2012. Under this survey there are clear indications that Poverty in India is on rise again.
- ✓ CES was conducted in the year 2017-18 but its data was not made public by the Government. A new CES is likely to be conducted in 2021-22 for which data will be available by end of 2022.

7. Which High Court has recently quashed Tamil Nadu's law banning online games?

- A) Madras High Court
B) Kerala High Court
C) Bombay High Court
D) Kolkata High Court



- ✓ Madras High Court has revoked a law that was passed by the state government of Tamil Nadu which banned online games like poker, rummy and other skill-based games that involve stakes.
- ✓ Quashing an amendment on the Tamil Nadu Gaming Act that banned online games, the court stated that complete ban on online games is disproportionate and irrational.

8. How many industrial Corridors have been approved under the National Industrial Corridor Programme (NICP) so far?

- A) 10
B) 11
C) 20
D) 21



- ✓ The Government of India has approved development of 11 Industrial Corridors with 32 Projects which will be developed in four phases around the country as part of the National Industrial Corridor Programme (NICP).
- ✓ These include: DMIC: Delhi Mumbai Industrial Corridor, CBIC: Chennai Bengaluru Industrial Corridor, Extension of CBIC to Kochi via Coimbatore, AKIC: Amritsar Kolkata Industrial Corridor, HNIC: Hyderabad Nagpur Industrial Corridor, HWIC: Hyderabad Warangal Industrial Corridor, HBIC: Hyderabad Bengaluru Industrial Corridor, BMIC: Bengaluru Mumbai Industrial Corridor, VCIC: Vizag Chennai Industrial Corridor, OEC: Odisha Economic Corridor and DNIC: Delhi Nagpur Industrial Corridor

9. What is India's rank in the Global Youth Development Index?

- A) 122
- B) 132
- C) 121
- D) 131



- ✓ India is ranked 122nd on a new Global Youth Development Index measuring the condition of young people across 181 countries, released by the Commonwealth Secretariat in London on 10th August.
- ✓ Singapore ranked topmost while Niger came last. The index ranks countries between 0.00 (lowest) and 1.00 (highest) according to the developments in youth education, employment, health, equality and inclusion, peace and security, and political and civic participation. It looks at 27 indicators including literacy and voting to showcase the state of the world's 1.8 billion people between the age of 15 and 29.

10. India participated in Naval Exercise AL-MOHED AL-HINDI 2021 with which country recently?

- A) United Arab Emirates
- B) Saudi Arabia
- C) Qatar
- D) Oman



- ✓ Bearing testimony to the growing defence ties between India and Saudi Arabia, INS KOCHI, the flagship destroyer of Indian Western Naval Fleet, arrived at Port Al-Jubail on August, 2021. The visit by the ship heralds a new chapter in the bilateral defence ties with the commencement of the harbour phase of first Naval Exercise between the two countries - 'AL-MOHED AL-HINDI 2021', according to a statement issued by the Indian Embassy in Riyadh.

1. Recently, the Taxation Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2021 was passed in Lok Sabha to remove the contentious retrospective tax provision in Income Tax Act. Who was finance minister when retrospective tax provision was included in 2012?

- A) P Chidambaram
 B) Pranab Mukherjee
 C) Arun Jaitley
 D) Jaswant Singh



- ✓ The Taxation Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2021 was passed in the Lok Sabha on 6th August, 2021. The bill seeks to do away with the contentious retrospective tax provision.
- ✓ The Taxation Laws (Amendment) Bill proposes to amend the Income Tax Act, 1961 to provide that no tax demand shall be raised in the future on the basis of the retrospective amendment for any indirect transfer of Indian assets if the transaction was undertaken before May 28, 2012. Pranab Mukherjee was the finance minister when retrospective tax provision was included in 2012.

2. Who is the current chairperson of National Commission for Women, who recently got three-year extension?

- A) Ajay Tyagi
 B) M R Kumar
 C) Rekha Sharma
 D) Dr Dhriti Banerjee



- ✓ On 7th August, 2021 Rekha Sharma was reappointed as the Chairperson of the National Commission for Women for another 3-year term w.e.f. 07.08.2021, or till the age of 65 years or until further orders, whichever is the earliest.

3. Ganga Pathway, which is said to be a version of Mumbai's famous Marine Drive, is being opened in which Indian city?

- A) Kolkata
 B) Varanasi
 C) Patna
 D) Kanpur



- ✓ Bihar's capital city Patna is all set to get its own version of Mumbai's famous Marine Drive. The 5.50km-long Digha-AN Sinha Institute stretch of the ambitious Ganga Pathway is all set to be opened next year. The 'Ganga pathway' is part of Rs 3,390 crore project which is coming up on the southern bank of river Ganga to minimise traffic on the congested Ashok Rajpath. The total length of project is 20.50km

4. Recently, which bank has been empanelled by RBI to act as an Agency Bank?

- A) HDFC Bank
 B) ICICI Bank
 C) Canara Bank
 D) Karnataka Bank



- ✓ Recently, Karnataka Bank has been empanelled by RBI to act as an 'Agency Bank' to facilitate transactions related to government businesses. As an empanelled Agency Bank, it is authorised to undertake government businesses such as revenue receipts and payments on behalf of the Centre and States, pension payments in respect of the same, collection of stamp duty charges and also any other item of work specifically advised by the RBI.

5. Which country is host to the International Army Games – 2021?

- A) Russia
 B) India
 C) France
 D) USA



- ✓ A 101-member contingent of the Indian Army will proceed to Russia to participate in International Army Games – 2021 from 22 August to 04 September 2021.
- ✓ The contingent will participate in Army Scout Masters Competition (ASMC), Elbrus Ring, Polar Star, Sniper Frontier and Safe Route games showcasing various drills in High Altitude Area terrain, operations in snow, sniper actions, combat engineering skills in obstacle ridden terrain in the various competitions. The contingent will also contribute two observers (one each) for the Open Water and Falcon Hunting games.

6. Which country won gold medal in men's football in Tokyo Olympics, 2021?

- A) Argentina
 B) Australia
 C) Brazil
 D) Egypt



- ✓ On 7th August, 2021 Brazil won the gold medal in men's football at the Tokyo Olympics by beating Spain 2-1 in the final played. Malcolm and Matheus Cunha scored for Brazil while Mikel Oyarzabal scored for Spain. Mexico won the bronze medal by beating Japan with a score of 3-1. Canada defeated Sweden 3-2 on penalties after the match was tied 1-1 to win the gold medal in women's football. Bronze medal was won by United States which beat Australia 4-3.

7. Chief Election Commissioner of India has inaugurated the 11th Annual Meeting of FEMBoSA. Who is the current Chief Election Commissioner of India?

- A) Achal Kumar Jyoti
 B) Sunil Arora
 C) Rajeev Kumar
 D) Sushil Chandra



- ✓ Chief Election Commissioner of India and current Chairman, FEMBoSA Sushil Chandra accompanied by Election Commissioners Rajeev Kumar and A.C. Pandey, on 11th August, 2021 inaugurated the 11th Annual meeting of the Forum of the Election Management Bodies of South Asia (FEMBoSA) for the year 2021. The meeting in Virtual mode was hosted by the Election Commission of Bhutan.

8. Which Indian city has been declared as the first 'water plus' city of India?

- A) Kolkata
 B) Bengaluru
 C) Indore
 D) Hyderabad



- ✓ Indore, the country's cleanest city, has now been declared as the first 'water plus' city of India under the Swachh Survekshan 2021, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said. Indore City received the certification from the centre.

9. Which ministry has inaugurated an exhibition on Quit India Movement?

- A) Ministry of Culture
- B) Ministry of Tourism
- C) Ministry of Education
- D) Ministry of Commerce and Industry



- ✓ On 8 August, 2021 Culture Minister G. Kishan Reddy has inaugurated an Exhibition on 'Quit India Movement' in New Delhi.
- ✓ As part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav being celebrated to mark 75th years of Independence, National Archives of India has organised the exhibition that will continue till November 8.

10. Navies of which two countries have conducted exercise Zayed Talwar 2021?

- A) India and Russia
- B) India and UAE
- C) India and Australia
- D) India and United States of America



- ✓ On 7th August, 2021 navies of India and UAE conducted exercise 'Zayed Talwar 2021' off the coast of Abu Dhabi. INS Kochi, with two integral Sea King MK 42B helicopters, deployed in the Persian Gulf, participated in the exercise.
- ✓ UAE participated with UAES AL - Dhafra, a Baynunah class guided missile corvette and one AS - 565B Panther helicopter. As part of the exercise, the ships undertook tactical manoeuvres, Over the Horizon Targeting, Search and Rescue and Electronic Warfare exercises to enhance interoperability and synergy between the two navies. Helicopters were extensively used all through the exercise ranging from Search and Rescue serial to passing of targeting data to ships for simulated missile engagement drills.

1. Which country has topped the medals tally in Tokyo 2020 Olympics?

- A) USA
 B) China
 C) Japan
 D) India



- ✓ The Tokyo 2020 Games were declared closed by IOC chief Thomas Bach on August 8, 2021. The Olympic flag was passed to Paris mayor Anne Hidalgo for the 2024 Games at the Tokyo closing ceremony. The United States topped the tally with 39 gold medals, just one ahead of China.
- ✓ Host Japan finished third with 27 golds followed by Great Britain with 22 and the Russian Olympic Committee, the team for Russian athletes after their country was banned for systematic doping, were fifth with 20. India finished 48th with 1 gold, 2 silver and 4 bronze medals.

2. When was the International Day of Indigenous Peoples celebrated every year?

- A) August 09
 B) August 10
 C) August 11
 D) August 12



- ✓ The International Day of Indigenous Peoples was celebrated on August 9, 2021 with its theme: "Leaving no one behind: Indigenous peoples and the call for a new social contract".
- ✓ There are over 476 million indigenous peoples living in 90 countries across the world, accounting for 6.2% of the global population. Indigenous peoples are the holders of a vast diversity of unique cultures, traditions, languages and knowledge systems.

3. Recently, 79th anniversary of Quit India movement was observed. From which place in Mumbai, Mahatma Gandhi gave the call of Do or Die to drive away Britishers?

- A) August Kranti Maidan
 B) Rajabai Clock Tower
 C) Tower of Silence
 D) Mani Bhavan



- ✓ The 79th anniversary of Quit India movement was observed on August 8, 2021. On this day in 1942, father of the nation Mahatma Gandhi gave the clarion call of Do or Die to all Indians to drive away Britishers from the country. The movement had begun from Gowalia Tank in Mumbai. The day is observed as August Kranti Day every year.

4. How many medals so far India has won in Athletics at the Olympics?

- A) 1
 B) 2
 C) 3
 D) 4



- ✓ Neeraj Chopra, who won the historic gold for India in athletics by throwing 87.58m at the men's Javelin Throw final. Not only is this Independent India's first gold in Athletics at the Olympics but also the only medal ever by an Indian from Athletics.

5. How many police officers in the country have been conferred with the Home Minister's Medal for Excellence in Investigation award?

- A) 151
 B) 152
 C) 155
 D) 145

152

- ✓ As many as 152 police officers in the country have been conferred with the 'Union Home Minister's Medal for Excellence in Investigation' for 2021 for their high professional standards of investigation of crime. The Union Home Ministry, in a statement on August 12, 2021, said the awardees include 28 women police officials from across the country. This medal was constituted in 2018 with the objective to promote high professional standards of investigation of crime and to recognise such excellence in investigation by investigating officers.

6. What amount has been released by the PM as seed money for 7,500 SHG members under PM Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises scheme?

- A) Rs 35 crore
 B) Rs 45 crore
 C) Rs 15 crore
 D) Rs 25 crore



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi on August 12, 2021 released Rs 25 crore as seed money for 7,500 SHG members under the PMFME (PM Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises) scheme of the Ministry of Food Processing Industries and Rs 4.13 crore as funds to 75 FPOs. These SHGs are promoted under the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM).

7. How many workers, employed in the Departmental Undertakings & Public Sector Undertakings of the Central and State Governments and Private Sector Units, will be awarded the Prime Minister's Shram Awards?

- A) 67
 B) 75
 C) 59
 D) 69

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- ✓ On August 12, 2021, the Government of India announced the Prime Minister's Shram Awards (PMSA) for the year 2018. These awards are to be awarded to 69 workers employed in the Departmental Undertakings & Public Sector Undertakings of the Central and State Governments and Private Sector Units employing 500 or more workers in recognition of their distinguished performance.
- ✓ This year the Prime Minister's Shram Awards are given in three categories namely Shram Bhushan Awards which carry a cash prize of Rs.1,00,000/- each, Shram Vir/Shram Veerangana Awards which carry a cash prize of Rs. 60,000/- each and Shram Shree/Shram Devi Awards which carry a cash prize of Rs.40,000/- each.

8. Which team has won CONCACAF Gold Cup 2021?

- A) USA
 B) Mexico
 C) Costa Rica
 D) Qatar



- ✓ The United States Men's National Team (USMNT) has won the CONCACAF Gold Cup 2021 by defeating Mexico in the finals. The final was held in the Allegiant Stadium, Las Vegas, Nevada, USA. This 2021

championship win marks the 7th Gold Cup title won by US. This year's tournament was the 16th edition of this biennial tournament which is organized by CONCACAF.

9. Which date of August is celebrated as World Lion Day?

- A) August 09
- B) August 10
- C) August 11
- D) August 12



- ✓ World Lion Day is celebrated on August 10 every year in a bid to raise awareness on lions. The day also seeks to mobilise support for protection and conservation of Lion.
- ✓ As per World Wide Fund for animals (WWF), it only lives in grasslands and plains. India is home to majestic Asiatic Lion, who inhabit protected territory of Sasan-Gir National Park. According to WWF, lions were once found throughout Africa, Asia and Europe. But over the years, their numbers have reduced across these continents. Initiative to protect lion started in 2013 so the first World Lion Day was observed in 2013 itself.

10. In which national park, last remaining population of the Asiatic Lions are found?

- A) Dudhwa National Park
- B) Kaziranga National Park
- C) Gir National Park
- D) Kanha Tiger Reserve



- ✓ Last remaining population of the Asiatic Lions are found in Gir National Park of Gujarat. In 2020, population of Asiatic lions has surged by almost 29% in Gujarat's Gir forests. The distribution area of lions has also increased by 36%. Gir National Park and Wildlife Sanctuary, also known as Sasan Gir, is a forest, national park, and wildlife sanctuary near Talala Gir in Gujarat, India. This national park was established in 1965.

1. Which state has become the first state in the country to implement National Education Policy-2020?

- A) Uttar Pradesh
 B) Karnataka
 C) Gujarat
 D) Madhya Pradesh



- ✓ 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 CN 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.

2. Which country has become the first country in the world to grant patent for an invention by Artificial intelligence?

- A) South Africa
 B) England
 C) Australia
 D) Sweden



- ✓ South Africa has become the first country in the world to grant patent for an invention made by Artificial intelligence (AI). The country has granted a patent to a food container system which is based on Fractal Geometry and was invented by an AI system known as DABUS (Device for Autonomous Bootstrapping of Unified Sentience).
- ✓ Stephen Thaler has created DABUS and it is a type of AI which is referred to as creativity machines as they are capable of complex functions. DABUS' main function are spoiled food alerts, emergency warning system, etc.

3. From which state, PM Modi launched Ujjwala 2.0 scheme?

- A) Rajasthan
 B) Uttar Pradesh
 C) West Bengal
 D) Assam



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched Ujjwala 2.0 (Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana - PMUY) by handing over LPG connections, at Mahoba, Uttar Pradesh on 10th August, 2021, via video conferencing. During the event, the Prime Minister interacted with beneficiaries of the Ujjwala.
- ✓ Addressing the event, the Prime Minister said the number of people, especially women whose lives have been illuminated by the Ujjwala Yojana is unprecedented. This scheme was launched in 2016 from Ballia in UP.

4. Which organization has undertaken the installation of Agro-Automatic Weather Stations?

- A) Indian Meteorological Department
 B) DRDO
 C) CSIR
 D) NDMA



- ✓ The Indian Meteorological Department has undertaken installation of Agro-Automatic Weather Stations to provide exact weather forecast to the people, especially the farmers. The installation was done at District Agromet Units located in the Krishi Vigyan Kendras under the Indian Council of Agriculture Research network.

5. Bhindawas has been recognized as a Ramsar site. In which state is it located?

- A) Gujarat
 B) Rajasthan
 C) Odisha
 D) Haryana



- ✓ Recently, four more wetlands from India have been recognized from the Ramsar Secretariat as Ramsar sites. These sites are Wadhvana and Thol from Gujarat and Sultanpur and Bhindawas from Haryana.
- ✓ The number of Ramsar sites in India is 46 and the surface area covered by these sites is now 1,083,322 hectares. While Haryana gets its first Ramsar sites, Gujarat gets three more after Nalsarovar which was declared in 2012.

6. In which state/UT, Investor Summit 2021 is being organized?

- A) Maharashtra
 B) Gujarat
 C) Karnataka
 D) Delhi



- ✓ The Investor Summit is being organized by the Gujarat government in collaboration with the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.
- ✓ The Investor Summit will focus on the synergies presented by the ship-breaking industry at Alang, for the development of an integrated scrapping hub. It is being conducted in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. This summit will see participation from various potential investors, industry experts and the concerned central and state government ministries. The National Vehicle Scrappage Policy was announced by the PM on 13th August, 2021.

7. Chief Scientist of World Health Organization has urged the nations to prioritize reopening of schools amid the COVID pandemic. Who is the current Chief Scientist of World Health Organization?

- A) Gagandeep Kang
 B) Maria Van Kerkhove
 C) Dr Soumya Swaminathan
 D) Norman Borlaug



- ✓ Chief Scientist of World Health Organization, Dr Soumya Swaminathan, urged the nations to prioritize reopening of schools amid the COVID pandemic. Chief scientist highlighted that, COVID has indirectly affected the education greatly by shutting down schools globally. So, she asked to prioritize school opening while maintaining proper health and hygiene.
- ✓ Amid the COVID pandemic, 1.5 billion children were suddenly out of school and affected their education. In January 2021, Right to Education Forum published its report highlighting that, ten million girls in India could drop out of secondary school amid COVID pandemic.

8. In association with which organization, Government e-Marketplace has organized the 5th edition of the National Public Procurement Conclave?

- A) Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry
 B) ASSOCHAM
 C) NASSCOM
 D) Confederation of Indian Industry



- ✓ The 5th edition of the National Public Procurement Conclave (NPPC) was organized by Government e-Marketplace (GeM) in association

with the Confederation of Indian Industry [CII] on the theme "Technology enabled Government Procurement – Towards Efficiency, Transparency, and Inclusiveness".

- ✓ The conclave was inaugurated virtually by Minister of State for Commerce and Industry, Smt. Anupriya Patel.

9. Which state/UT has won 7 TRIFED Van Dhan Awards 2021?

- A) Arunachal Pradesh
- B) Nagaland
- C) Sikkim
- D) Himachal Pradesh



- ✓ Nagaland has bagged seven prestigious national awards in the Van Dhan Vikas Yojana (VDVY) and Minimum Support Price (MSP) schemes for exemplary performance in various categories.
- ✓ The VDVY and MSP for Minor Forest Produce (MFP) scheme focus on farmers' entrepreneurship programmes through processing, packaging, branding and marketing of locally available products, according to an official statement issued on Monday. Nagaland topped in three categories – Best Survey, Best Training and the greatest number of Van Dhan Vikas Clusters (VDVKCs) established.

10. Which Indian airport has ranked among world's top-50 best airports in Skytrax World Airport Award ranking 2021?

- A) Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport, Mumbai
- B) Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi
- C) Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport, Kolkata
- D) Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, Hyderabad



- ✓ The Skytrax World Airport Award ranking 2021 was recently published in which Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi has emerged among world's top-50 best airports in the 2021.
- ✓ Delhi Airport emerged as best airport in India for the third consecutive year. Mumbai, Hyderabad, and Bengaluru have also found a rank among world's 100 best airports. According to Skytrax 2021 world airport's awards list, Delhi has been ranked at 45th position. Ranking has improved by five places as compared to number 50 in 2020. Delhi airport is first Indian airport to achieve this mark. Hyderabad has been ranked at 64th. Mumbai is at 65th number. Bengaluru is at 71st number.

1. On which date of August is International Youth Day celebrated?

- A) August 07
B) August 08
C) August 10
D) August 12



- ✓ International Youth Day is marked on August 12. The theme of the day this year has been decided as "Transforming Food Systems: Youth Innovation for Human and Planetary Health". The first International Youth Day was celebrated in 1999.

2. Which organization has released The Handbook for Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Implementation?

- A) National Development Council
B) NITI Aayog
C) Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
D) Ministry of Road Transport and Highways



- ✓ NITI Aayog today released a handbook to guide state governments and local bodies to frame policies and norms towards setting up charging networks for electric vehicles (EV).
- ✓ The objective is to enhance charging infrastructure and facilitate a rapid transition to electric mobility in the country. The Handbook for Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Implementation has been jointly developed by NITI Aayog, Ministry of Power (MoP), Department of Science and Technology (DST), Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), and World Resources Institute (WRI) India.

3. Who has been appointed as the new chairman of National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority?

- A) Kamlesh Kumar Pant
B) Shubhra Singh
C) Dr Rakesh Sarwal
D) Dr K Rajeswara Rao



- ✓ Kamlesh Kumar Pant, IAS has been appointed as the new chairman of National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) by the Appointments Committee of the Union Cabinet. Pant, formerly the Principal Secretary (Revenue) in the government of Himachal Pradesh and also the Financial Commissioner (Appeals) at Himachal Pradesh and the head of the Himachal Pradesh State Pollution Control Board, has taken charge of NPPA with immediate effect.

4. Which National Park has become the first national park in India to be equipped with satellite phones?

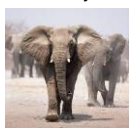
- A) Kaziranga National Park
B) Gir National Park
C) Anamudi Shola National Park
D) Anshi National Park



- ✓ Kaziranga National Park has become the first national park in India to be equipped with satellite phones. The satellite phones will be used in pockets of the park's six ranges with no wireless or poor mobile connectivity. The Park authorities will bear the monthly expenses for the service provided by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.

5. Which date of August is observed as World Elephant Day?

- A) August 10
B) August 12
C) August 14
D) August 16



- ✓ 12th August is observed as World Elephant Day to draw focus towards protection and conservation of elephants.
- ✓ World Elephant Day aims to accelerate efforts to offer better protection to elephants, prevent the trade of ivory, improving enforcement policies, conserve elephant habitat, illegal poaching, better captive environments for elephants, and reintroduce the captive elephants back in their natural sanctuaries.

6. In which State/UT, Narendra Singh Tomar has inaugurated the world's second-largest refurbished state-of-the-art National Gene Bank?

- A) New Delhi
B) Uttar Pradesh
C) Gujarat
D) Goa



- ✓ Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Narendra Singh Tomar has inaugurated the world's second-largest refurbished state-of-the-art National Gene Bank at the National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources (NBPGR), Pusa in New Delhi. The need for bio fortified crop varieties is being felt, which the government is trying to overcome.
- ✓ The National Gene Bank established in the year 1996 to preserve the seeds of Plant Genetic Resources (PGR) for future generations, has the capacity to preserve about one million germplasm in the form of seeds. Presently it is protecting 4.52 lakh accessions, of which 2.7 lakh are Indian germplasm and the rest have been imported from other countries.

7. What is the rank of Neeraj Chopra in the World Athletics ranking?

- A) 01
B) 02
C) 03
D) 04



- ✓ Javelin Thrower Neeraj Chopra has finished at number 2nd rank in the World Athletics ranking after securing Gold Medal at the Tokyo Olympics 2020. Neeraj Chopra has been ranked second with his score of 1315. He is only behind German athlete Johannes Vetter who is having the score of 1396.

8. With which state, APEDA has collaborated to export five unique varieties of apples to Bahrain?

- A) Jammu & Kashmir
B) Himachal Pradesh
C) Uttarakhand
D) Arunachal Pradesh



- ✓ APEDA in collaboration with Himachal Pradesh Horticultural Produce Marketing and Processing Corporation Ltd (HPMC) exported first consignment comprising of five unique varieties of apples in order to promote agricultural and processed food products exports to newer destinations.
- ✓ 5 varieties of apples including Dark Baron Gala, Royal Delicious, Scarlet Spur, Red Velox & Golden Delicious were exported to Bahrain. These apples were sourced from farmers of Himachal Pradesh. 1st consignment was exported by APEDA registered DM Enterprises.

9. Which country has test fired a cruise missile with a new turbofan engine named Manik?

- A) India
- B) Israel
- C) Germany
- D) Japan



- ✓ The Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) has successfully tested the 'Nirbhay' Indigenous Technology Cruise Missile, powered by the Made-in-India 'Manik' Turbofan Engine. The missile was designed by the Aeronautical Development Establishment, a DRDO laboratory in Bengaluru.
- ✓ The engine was designed and developed by another DRDO laboratory, Gas Turbine Research Establishment, which is also based in Bengaluru. The 'Nirbhay' subsonic missile, which has a range of 1000 kilometers, was fired from a military testing facility off the coast of Odisha on Wednesday and it flew for nearly 150 kms in 15 minutes.

10. Which date in August is celebrated as the International Left-Handers' Day?

- A) August 12
- B) August 13
- C) August 14
- D) August 15



- ✓ The International Left-Handers' Day 2021 is celebrated every year on August 13. It is a way to acknowledge those who, unlike the majority of the population, are born left-handed. A considerable part of the population, almost 10-12% of the global population, consists of left-handers. There are people who are afraid of the left-side or left-handed people. This condition can take the form of a phobia and is known as Sinistrophobia.

1. Which date of August has been declared as Partition Horrors Remembrance Day?

- A) August 10
B) August 12
C) August 14
D) August 18



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has declared that August 14 will be observed as 'Partition Horrors Remembrance Day' to acknowledge the pain undergone by Indians due to the partition of India in 1947.

2. Indian Navy has participated in the U.S. Navy-led Southeast Asia Cooperation and Training (SEACAT) military exercise. Where was this exercise held?

- A) Australia
B) Brunei
C) Singapore
D) Timor-Leste



- ✓ The Indian Navy participated in the U.S. Navy-led Southeast Asia Cooperation and Training (SEACAT) military exercise in Singapore.
✓ The main purpose of SEACAT2021 was to enhance interoperability, share maritime security concerns, and maintain a rule-based international order. Other countries participating in the exercise include Australia, Bangladesh, Brunei, Canada, France, Germany, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Maldives, New Zealand, Philippines, South Korea, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Timor-Leste, United Kingdom and Vietnam. SEACAT was held for the first time in the year 2002.

3. Which state's police department has launched a first-of-its-kind Drone Forensic Lab and Research Centre?

- A) Tamil Nadu
B) Rajasthan
C) Kerala
D) Bihar



- ✓ Kerala police has launched a first-of-its-kind Drone Forensic Lab and Research Centre with an aim to address the rising concerns in this regard. Along with addressing the threat aspects of drones, the lab-cum-research centre is also tasked to look at the utility part of the unmanned aerial vehicles. Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan inaugurated this Forensic Lab and Research Centre.

4. Which National Park has become the first national park in India to be equipped with satellite phones?

- A) Promotion of Biofuels for a Better Environment
B) Promote Green Fuels & Save Earth
C) End use of Fossil Fuels
D) Save Green Planet



- ✓ The World Biofuel Day is observed every year on 10th of August to create awareness about the importance of non-fossil fuels as an alternative to conventional fossil fuels. The day also highlights the various efforts made by Government in the biofuel sector. The 2021 theme of Biofuel Day is "Promotion of Biofuels for a Better Environment".

5. On which date, the World Organ Donation Day is observed recently?

- A) August 10
B) August 13
C) August 14
D) August 16



- ✓ The World Organ Donation Day is observed every year on August 13 to encourage people to donate their precious organs. Every year, about 5 lakh people die awaiting organ transplants due to non-availability of organs. There is a wide gap between the number of transplants awaited and the organs available.
✓ Organ donation is a process where an organ is transferred from the body of the one who is giving the organ (donor) to the one who needs the organ (recipient). The donor can be living or deceased. Organs that can be donated are kidney, lungs, heart, eye, liver, pancreas, cornea, small intestine, bone tissues, heart valves & veins.

6. On which date, the World Photography Day was observed recently?

- A) August 18
B) August 19
C) August 20
D) August 21



- ✓ The World Photography Day is observed every year on August 19 to encourage photographers across the planet to share a single photo with the world with an aim - to share their world with the world. The date of August 19 was chosen to commemorate the invention of the Daguerreotype, a photographic process developed by Frenchmen Louis Daguerre and Joseph Nicéphore Niépce in 1837.
✓ On 9th of January 1839, the French Academy of Sciences announced the Daguerreotype process. On August 19 that same year, the French government purchased the patent and announced the invention as a free gift to the world. This event was an important step in the development of modern-day photography.

7. On which date, the World Humanitarian Day is observed?

- A) August 18
B) August 19
C) August 20
D) August 21



- ✓ The World Humanitarian Day is held every year on August 19 to pay tribute to aid workers who risk their lives in humanitarian service, and to rally support for people affected by crises around the world.
✓ The day recognizes humanitarian personnel and those who have lost their lives working for humanitarian causes. The day was designated by the UN General Assembly to commemorate the 19th of August 2003 bombing of the United Nations headquarters in Baghdad, Iraq.

8. On which date, the Communal Harmony Day is celebrated in India?

- A) August 20
B) August 18
C) August 15
D) August 14



- ✓ Rajiv Gandhi served as the 6th Prime Minister of India from 1984 to 1989. He took office after the 1984 assassination of his mother, Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, to become the youngest Indian Prime Minister at the age of 40. In 21st May 1991, Rajiv Gandhi was assassinated by a Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) suicide bomber during an election rally in Sriperumbudur in Tamil Nadu. His death anniversary is also observed as National Anti-Terrorism Day.

9. On which date, the World Senior Citizen's Day is celebrated?

- A) August 20
- B) August 21
- C) August 22
- D) August 23



- ✓ The World Senior Citizen's Day is celebrated every year on 21st of August to raise awareness about the issues that affect older adults. The day also recognizes & acknowledges the contributions of older people to the society. It provides an opportunity to show our appreciation for their dedication, accomplishments, and services they give throughout their lives.

10. Which organization has launched a new Cybersecurity Multi-Donor Trust Fund?

- A) Asian Development Bank
- B) European Central Bank
- C) Reserve Bank of India
- D) World Bank



- ✓ The World Bank has launched a new Cybersecurity Multi-Donor Trust Fund aimed at better defining and systematically rolling out the cybersecurity development agenda to help ensure a more substantial reflection of cybersecurity considerations across its programs and financing. Developed as an associated trust fund under the World Bank's broader Digital Development Partnership Umbrella, the Cybersecurity Multi-Donor Trust Fund's launch was made possible with donor contributions from Estonia, Germany, Japan, and the Netherlands.
- ✓ The new Cybersecurity Multi-Donor Trust Fund will help ensure that countries and their citizens can safely and securely take full advantage of the ongoing digital transformation and development.

1. Which State has launched Dalit Bandhu scheme?

- A) Tamil Nadu
 B) Telangana
 C) Madhya Pradesh
 D) Chhattisgarh



- ✓ Telangana has launched the Dalit Bandhu scheme at Salapalli village in Huzurnagar Assembly Constituency. CM K Chandrashekhara Rao has launched this scheme on a pilot basis by handing over certificates to the select beneficiaries sanctioning financial assistance of Rs 10 lakh each to take up their choice of income generation activity.
- ✓ Also, a separate Protection Fund will be created. Dalit Bandhu Samitis would be established at different levels – from village level to State level – and these would be entrusted with the responsibility of managing the dalit protection fund.

2. What amount will be invested in Pradhan Mantri Gatishakti initiative?

- A) Rs 150 Lakh crore
 B) Rs 300 Lakh crore
 C) Rs 200 Lakh crore
 D) Rs 100 Lakh crore



- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced Rs 100 lakh crore Pradhan Mantri Gatishakti initiative on August 15, 2021. This initiative will create employment opportunities for youth in India. It will also lead to growth and development of infrastructure. It also increases the possibilities of new future economic zones.

3. Which date is observed as World Prediabetes Day?

- A) August 14
 B) August 18
 C) August 21
 D) August 23



- ✓ To spread awareness about Prediabetes and flatten the curve of diabetes, a first-time global event was held on August 14 as World Prediabetes Day. The World Prediabetes Day will be celebrated annually on 14 August starting from the year 2021.
- ✓ This event has been strategically chosen 90 days ahead of diabetes day as scientifically it takes 90 days to mend the lifestyle to reverse Prediabetes and prevent progression to diabetes. In India, 9 crore people are living with Prediabetes. Almost 75% of these will go on to develop diabetes within the next 5 years.

4. In which state/UT, World's first bio-bank in Ayurveda is going to be set up?

- A) Uttarakhand
 B) Uttar Pradesh
 C) Goa
 D) New Delhi



- ✓ Union Ayush Minister Sarbananda Sonowal recently announced that World's first bio-bank in Ayurveda is going to be set up in the All-India Institute of Ayurveda, New Delhi. AIIA is a public Ayurveda medicine and research institute in New Delhi that was founded in 2015. It is an autonomous institute under the AYUSH Ministry. The institute offers postgraduate and doctoral studies in a variety of Ayurvedic disciplines.

5. Who has inaugurated the Health QUEST study which will be undertaken by 20 private hospitals across India?

- A) Dr K Sivan
 B) Dr Harsh Vardhan
 C) Mansukh L Mandaviya
 D) Dr Balram Bhargava



- ✓ Dr K Sivan, Secretary, Chairman, Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) formally inaugurated the Health QUEST study (Health Quality Upgradation Enabled by Space Technology of ISRO) which will be undertaken by 20 private hospitals across India.
- ✓ Objective of the study is to strive towards reducing human errors and achieve zero defect and quality service in the emergency and intensive care units of hospitals. The study aims to upgrade the healthcare system standards in the country in line with the ISRO quality standards and best practices.

6. In which Indian city, the world's first museum on wheels was inaugurated?

- A) Bengaluru
 B) Mumbai
 C) Kolkata
 D) Chennai



- ✓ An iconic museum on wheels inside the trams of Kolkata was inaugurated by West Bengal transport and housing minister Firhad Hakim, commemorating the 75th anniversary of India's independence.
- ✓ Kolkata is getting the world's first museum on a tram that symbolizes how people's solidarity survived the freedom struggle, partition and the events of 1947. It will be on display at Esplanade (Central Kolkata) till Dec-end and from 1st Jan, it will move to other parts of the city.

7. Thomas Dennerby has been appointed as head coach of Indian women's football team ahead of the AFC Women's Asian Cup 2022. Which country is the host of this event?

- A) China
 B) Japan
 C) India
 D) South Korea



- ✓ Thomas Dennerby will take charge of the Indian women's national team as head coach with immediate effect ahead of the AFC Women's Asian Cup India 2022. AFC Women's Asian Cup 2022 will be hosted by India from January 20-February 6. Dennerby was earlier in charge of India's U-17 World Cup squad and will go back to that duty once the Asian Cup is over. The 2022 AFC Women's Asian Cup will be the 20th edition of the AFC Women's Asian Cup.

8. Recently, with which country's navy, the Indian Navy has carried out joint drills in the South China Sea?

- A) Thailand
 B) Japan
 C) Cambodia
 D) Vietnam



- ✓ The Indian Navy has carried out joint drills with the Vietnamese Navy in the South China Sea as part of maritime cooperation between the two countries. INS Ranvijay and INS Kora undertook bilateral maritime exercises with Vietnam People's Navy (VPM) frigate VPNS Ly Thai To (HQ-012). The bilateral interaction aims to consolidate the strong bond shared by the two navies and would be another step towards strengthening India-Vietnam defence relations.

- ✓ The sea phase included surface warfare exercises, weapon firing drills and helicopter operations. Regular interactions between the two navies over the years have enhanced their interoperability and adaptability.

9. With which country, the Union Cabinet has given approval for India to partner with in the field of Disaster Management?

- A) South Korea
- B) Switzerland
- C) Bangladesh
- D) Nepal



- ✓ The Union Cabinet was approved the Memorandum of Understanding signed on March, 2021 between the National Disaster Management Authority, Ministry of Home Affairs, the Republic of India and the Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief, People's Republic of Bangladesh on Cooperation in the field of Disaster Management, Resilience and Mitigation.
- ✓ The MoU seeks to put in place a system, whereby both India and Bangladesh will be benefited from the Disaster Management mechanisms of each other and it will help in strengthening the areas of preparedness, response and capacity building in the field of Disaster Management.

10. By which year, the government is going to provide fortified rice to the poor under various schemes?

- A) 2023
- B) 2022
- C) 2025
- D) 2024



2024

- ✓ Prime Minister Modi announced to provide fortified rice to poor under various schemes by the year 2024. This decision was taken in order to address the problem of malnutrition in India. Providing nutrition to every poor person India is a priority of the government.
- ✓ This decision was taken in the view that, malnutrition and lack of essential nutrients among poor women and poor children is a major hurdle in their development.

1. How many gold medals did India win at the World Archery Youth Championships?

- A) 1
B) 2
C) 3
D) 4



- ✓ India has won 3 gold medals in Archery Championships. The Indian contingent won 15 medals at the World Archery Youth Championships.
- ✓ The 2021 World Archery Youth Championships was held in Wroclaw in Poland. Out of the 15 medals, India has won three gold medals in the compound cadet women's and men's and mixed team events. The women's team defeated Turkey 228-216 in the final match to win a gold medal.

2. Which organization has launched a year-long Amrit Mahotsav Quiz programme?

- A) AIR
B) CSIR
C) ISRO
D) NITI Aayog



- ✓ All India Radio has launched a unique innovative programme named Azadi Ka Safar Akashvani Ke Saath on national as well as regional channels. A year-long Amrit Mahotsav Quiz is being organized by the News Services Division of All India Radio as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations.

3. Which organization has flagged off Freedom Cyclothon 2021?

- A) Border Security Force
B) Ministry of Home Affairs
C) Indian Air Force
D) DRDO



- ✓ To mark the 75th Anniversary of Independence Day, Border Security Force (BSF) Director General SS Deswal flagged off 'Freedom Cyclothon 2021' from the RS Pura area in Jammu and Kashmir that will end at Dandi in Gujarat. The Cyclists will cover four States/Union Territories namely Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab, Rajasthan and Gujarat.
- ✓ The mission of the Cyclothon is to spread the message of New India Fit India, Atmanirbhar Bharat, Ek Bharat Shresth Bharat and Clean Village Green Village. The cyclists will cover a distance of 1993 kilometres.

4. Who has been elected as the new president of Institute of Economic Growth (IEG) Society?

- A) Dr Manmohan Singh
B) Amitabh Kant
C) Ajay Tyagi
D) NK Singh



- ✓ Chairman of 15th Finance Commission, NK Singh, has been elected as the new president of Institute of Economic Growth (IEG) Society. He succeeded former Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh who was the President of IEG since 1992. His name was recommended by Dr Manmohan Singh for the consideration of the IEG's general assembly.
- ✓ Manmohan Singh stepped down from this position for health concerns. It is an autonomous, multidisciplinary centre that is used for advanced research and training. It was founded by VKRV Rao in 1952, but became operational in 1958. It is located at University Enclave of University of Delhi, New Delhi.

5. With which country, India has participated in the bilateral naval exercise 'Exercise Konkan 2021'?

- A) Sri Lanka
B) Australia
C) Russia
D) United Kingdom



- ✓ India has participated in the bilateral naval exercise 'Exercise Konkan 2021' with United Kingdom. This naval exercise was held between the Indian Navy and the Royal Navy of Britain in Portsmouth, UK.
- ✓ INS Tabar took part in the annual bilateral exercise Konkan between the Indian Navy and Britain's Royal Navy. The Indian Navy and Royal Navy have been conducting the bilateral naval exercise Konkan every year since 2004.

6. Which Indian city was adjudged the second most polluted city out of the 50 'most polluted cities' in the world?

- A) Ghaziabad
B) Kanpur
C) Gurugram
D) Delhi



- ✓ Uttar Pradesh's Ghaziabad was adjudged the second most polluted city out of the 50 'most polluted cities' in the world in 2020 by a report prepared by British company HouseFresh. Ghaziabad reported an average Air Quality Index (AQI) of 2.5 particulate matter (PM) in 106.6µg/m³, the report said.
- ✓ Preceding Ghaziabad, Chinese city of Hotan in Xinjiang province has been named the most polluted city with a PM_{2.5} of 110.2µg/m³. The report attributed the air pollution in Hotan to sandstorms resulting from its closeness to the Taklimakan Desert, which is the largest shifting sand desert in the world. For Ghaziabad, the cause of pollution has been assigned to traffic volumes.

7. With which organization, MyGov under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology have come together to jointly launch the Amrit Mahotsav Shri Shakti Innovation Challenge 2021?

- A) Global Fund for Women
B) National Organization for Women
C) Women for Women International
D) UN Women



- ✓ On the occasion of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, the 75th year of Independence of India, MyGov under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology and UN Women have come together to jointly launch the Amrit Mahotsav Shri Shakti Innovation Challenge 2021. The aim is to empower women to help them achieve their full potential. The winners will be awarded 5,00,000 each.

8. Recently, who has been appointed as the brand ambassador for Amway?

- A) P V Sindhu
B) Neeraj Chopra
C) Sushila Chanu
D) Saikhom Mirabai Chanu



- ✓ Amway India has announced that it has appointed Olympian Saikhom Mirabai Chanu as the brand ambassador for Amway and its Nutrilite range of products. Chanu will spearhead the company's campaigns focused on product ranges such as Nutrilite Daily, Omega and All Plant Protein among others.

- ✓ Saikhom Mirabai Chanu, a weightlifter, won the silver medal at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics in the women's 49kg category.

9. Which organization has launched Urja, an AI enabled virtual assistant?

- A) Hindustan Petroleum
- B) NTPC Limited
- C) Power Grid Corporation of India
- D) Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited



- ✓ Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL), has launched Urja, a virtual assistant with AI/NLP (Artificial Intelligence/Natural Language Processing) capabilities and trained on more than 600 use cases.
- ✓ In an effort to make BPCL's customer interface complete and digitally integrated, Urja, the chatbot is now available on the company's website for any questions. Urja speaks in 13 languages (English, Hindi, Tamil, Kannada, Malayalam, Telugu, Marathi, Gujarati, Oriya, Bengali, Punjabi, Urdu and Assamese).

10. Which day is observed as Hiroshima Day?

- A) August 6
- B) August 7
- C) August 10
- D) August 15



- ✓ 6 August is observed as Hiroshima Day to acknowledge the massive devastation and human suffering brought by the dropping of nuclear bomb on Hiroshima in 1945. This year is the 76th anniversary of the atomic bombing. It was the first city to be attacked by a nuclear bomb. The US created two atomic bombs named 'The Little Boy' dropped in the city of Hiroshima and 'The Fat Man' in the city of Nagasaki on August 6 and 9 respectively.

1. In which state, India's highest herbal park has been inaugurated?

- A) Uttarakhand
 B) Himachal Pradesh
 C) Sikkim
 D) Mizoram



- ✓ India's highest altitude herbal park situated at a height of 11,000 feet was inaugurated at Mana village close to the Indo-China border in Uttarakhand's Chamoli district. The research wing of Uttarakhand's Forest department has developed the park over three acres of land given by Mana Van panchayat, under the central government's Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act (CAMPA), scheme.
- ✓ It has been developed in three years under central government's Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) scheme. The herbal park has around 40 species found in high altitude alpine areas in the Indian Himalayan region.

2. Recently, former chief minister Kalyan Singh has passed away. He was the chief minister of which state?

- A) Haryana
 B) Rajasthan
 C) Uttar Pradesh
 D) Madhya Pradesh



- ✓ Former Uttar Pradesh chief minister and former Rajasthan Governor Kalyan Singh passed away in Lucknow at the age of 89 on August 21, 2021. Kalyan Singh became the chief minister of the state for the first time in 1991. He was at the helm of the affairs in the state when the Babri masjid was demolished in 1992. He was CM from 24 June 1991 - 6 December 1992 and from 21 September 1997 - 12 November 1999.

3. In which city, National Thermal Power Corporation has commissioned the largest floating solar PV project of 25 MW?

- A) Kayamkulam
 B) Omkareshwar
 C) Ramagundam
 D) Visakhapatnam



- ✓ The National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) Ltd, has commissioned the largest floating solar PV project of 25MW on the reservoir of its Simhadri thermal station in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh. This is also the first solar project to be set up under the Flexibilisation Scheme, notified by the Government of India in 2018.
- ✓ The floating solar installation which has a unique anchoring design is spread over 75 acres in an RW reservoir. This floating solar project has the potential to generate electricity from more than 1 lakh solar PV modules.

4. Which date in August is observed as The International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief?

- A) 23 August
 B) 22 August
 C) 20 August
 D) 24 August



- ✓ The International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief was observed by the UN on August 22, 2021. Commemoration of the day recognises the importance of providing victims of acts of violence based on religion or belief and members of

their families with appropriate support and assistance in accordance with applicable law. It was first made official in 2019.

5. Which state's seven indigenous food products have been launched by Union Minister of State for Food Processing Industries and Jal Shakti Prahlad Singh Patel?

- A) Assam
 B) Manipur
 C) Odisha
 D) Madhya Pradesh



- ✓ Union Minister of State for Food Processing Industries and Jal Shakti Prahlad Singh Patel has launched seven indigenous food products of Manipur in Imphal, as part of the Make in India initiative.
- ✓ The indigenous food products are Black Rice Laddoo, Black Rice Fruit & Nut Cookies, Hot and Spicy Bhujia, Kabok (puffed rice) Mixture, Manipuri Casava Burfi, Bamboo Shoot Muraba and Fig Laddoo. These products were developed under the Incubation Lab project of Manipur Food Industries Corporation Limited (MFICL) in collaboration with TQS Global, Ghaziabad with a budget provision of ₹10 lakh.

6. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar announced the rollout of a mobile tech platform at the UN Security Council. What is the name of this platform?

- A) UNITE Peace
 B) UNITE Aware
 C) UNITE X
 D) UNITE World



- ✓ External Affairs Minister (EAM), S Jaishankar, announced the rollout of "UNITE Aware" tech to help protect UN peacekeepers. He made this announcement at the UN headquarters in New York while he was chairing UN Security Council open debate on "Technology and Peacekeeping".
- ✓ UNITE AWARE is a mobile tech platform developed by India to provide terrain-related information to the UN peacekeepers so as to ensure their safety. India has spent 1.64 million USD for this project.

7. Which organization has developed an advanced Chaff technology to safeguard fighter aircrafts against hostile radar threats?

- A) ISRO
 B) HAL
 C) DRDO
 D) BHEL



- ✓ The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has developed an advanced Chaff technology to safeguard the fighter aircraft of the Air Force against hostile radar threats.
- ✓ Defence Laboratory, Jodhpur, developed the advanced Chaff material and chaff cartridge-118/I in collaboration with High Energy Materials Research Laboratory (HEMRL), Pune, meeting the qualitative requirements of the IAF. Chaff is a critical defence technology used to protect fighter aircraft from hostile radar threats.

8. Recently, which organization has signed an agreement among themselves for cooperation in remote sensing satellite data sharing?

- A) G20
 B) BIMSTEC
 C) BRICS
 D) European Union



- ✓ Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa (BRICS) signed an agreement for cooperation in remote sensing satellite data sharing. The pact inked enables building a virtual constellation of specified remote sensing satellites of BRICS space agencies and their respective ground stations will receive the data. The agreement was signed under India's BRICS Chairship.

9. With which organization, the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways is collaborating for pavement engineering and intelligent transportation systems?

- A) IIT Madras
- B) IIT Gandhinagar
- C) IIT Bombay
- D) IIT Delhi



- ✓ IIT Madras is collaborating with the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH), Government of India, on pavement engineering and intelligent transportation systems.
- ✓ This includes research on novel pavement materials & technologies, hydrogen cell transportation, automatic vehicle classification, novel toll systems, incident management systems, traveller information systems, FastTAG data analytics and traffic simulations besides transportation safety. IIT Madras will train 8 to 10 students including MoRTH's nominated officers in the field of Highway Engineering.

10. Which date is observed as World Humanitarian Day?

- A) August 19
- B) August 21
- C) August 23
- D) August 25



- ✓ The United Nations marks August 19 as World Humanitarian Day to honour the sacrifices of all those who choose to serve humanity against all odds.
- ✓ Theme for 2021 WHD: #TheHumanRace: a global challenge for climate action in solidarity with people who need it the most. It was commemorated for the first time on 19 August 2009, after it was formally recognised by the United Nations General Assembly in 2009.

1. From which State, a rare orchid species has been found for the first time in India?

- A) Uttarakhand
 B) Himachal Pradesh
 C) Sikkim
 D) Mizoram



- ✓ A rare orchid species -- *Cephalanthera erecta* var. *oblanceolata* -- has been found for the first time in India in Uttarakhand's Chamoli district at an altitude of 1870 metres. A research paper on the new addition to Indian flora has been published in *Nelumbo*, the six-monthly journal of BSI and volumes listing the orchid species of India will soon be updated.

2. With which organization, Universal Service Obligation Fund has partnered for high-speed internet access to North Eastern States?

- A) BSNL
 B) MTNL
 C) Airtel
 D) Vi



- ✓ For making available high quality and high-speed internet access to the States of North Eastern Region of the country, Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) has signed an Agreement with Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited for hiring of 10 Gbps International Bandwidth for Internet Connectivity to Agartala from Bangladesh Submarine Cable Company Limited BSCCL Bangladesh through Cox Bazar and Kuakata.
- ✓ Under the Agreement, USOF will provide financial support to BSNL for a period of three years for hiring the International Bandwidth. The availability of high-speed internet access will help the citizens in accessing various e-services such as e-governance, e-education, e-health, e-commerce, e-banking, etc.

3. Which country has commenced anti-submarine drills in the South China Sea?

- A) Japan
 B) China
 C) Singapore
 D) Indonesia



- ✓ Japan's Maritime Self-defense Force has commenced anti-submarine drills in the South China Sea, as per the recent statement from the Japanese Defence Ministry. The exercise deployed three vessels including a helicopter aircraft carrier and a submarine.
- ✓ The entire South China Sea is claimed by China, which has established military outposts on artificial islands. The United States has been accusing China of militarising the South China Sea.

4. Recently, which state has launched COVID Affected Livelihood Support Scheme to provide assistance to those who had been severely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic?

- A) Manipur
 B) Puducherry
 C) Maharashtra
 D) Odisha



- ✓ Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh has launched COVID-19 Affected Livelihood Support Scheme to provide assistance to those who had been severely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic in the State.
- ✓ The distribution of a total amount of Rs 1.56 crore to 6,276 beneficiaries of the scheme at the rate of Rs 2500 per beneficiary marked the launch function.

5. What is the name of the portal that has been launched by the government to help in facilitating new MGNREGA assets using remote sensing and geographic information system-based data?

- A) Bhoomi Rashi
 B) Madad
 C) Yuktdhara
 D) eSanad



- ✓ The government has launched a new geospatial planning portal, 'Yuktdhara', which will help in facilitating new MGNREGA assets using remote sensing and geographic information system-based data. The portal will serve as a repository of geotags created under various national rural development programmes.
- ✓ This platform will serve as a repository of assets (geotags) created under various national rural development programmes.

6. India has pitched indigenously built fighter aircraft, anti-tank missiles at 'ARMY-2021.' In which country ARMY-2021 is being held?

- A) India
 B) Russia
 C) Israel
 D) United States of America



- ✓ India has pitched its indigenously built fighter aircraft LCA Tejas, Anti-Tank Guided Missiles, Arjun Main Battle Tank (MK1A) at the International Military-Technical Forum "ARMY-2021" which is being held in the Moscow region.
- ✓ DRDO is participating in the International Military-Technical Forum "ARMY-2021" at Kubinka, Moscow from Aug.22-28. DRDO is the part of India's pavilion where advanced defence technologies and systems will be displayed along with Indian Defence Industries namely Goa Shipyard Limited, Ordnance Factories and Bharat Earth Movers Limited etc.

7. Recently, which organization has launched 34 satellites?

- A) ISRO
 B) Space X
 C) NASA
 D) OneWeb



- ✓ Bharti Group-backed OneWeb, a low earth orbit (LEO) satellite communications company has confirmed the launch of 34 satellites by Arianespace from the Baikonur Cosmodrome. The launch follows the successful completion of OneWeb's 'Five to 50' mission. This launch brings OneWeb's total in-orbit constellation to 288 satellites.

8. Which bank has launched a digital and instant Blocked Account for students aspiring to study in Germany?

- A) Citibank
 B) ICICI Bank Germany
 C) Deutsche Bank
 D) State Bank of India



- ✓ ICICI Bank Germany has announced the launch of a digital and instant Blocked Account for students aspiring to study in Germany. A Blocked Account is a special type of account wherein students are required to keep a certain amount of money in order to get a Balance Confirmation Certificate (BCC). This account is mandatory for getting a student Visa in Germany.

- ✓ This account offers students a complimentary Current Account that the students can use in Germany. It also comes with a VISA debit card which can be used anywhere in the world.

9. Which state has emerged as a leading state in trading at National Agriculture Market (eNAM)?

- A) Tamil Nadu
- B) Rajasthan
- C) West Bengal
- D) Kerala



- ✓ Rajasthan has emerged as a leading state in trading at National Agriculture Market (eNAM). Rajasthan was the first state to allow conversion of all single trading licenses into unified license to promote e-Trade of farm products. Till now, total 37346 traders are working as unified licensee traders.

10. Recently, who has become the first Indian to receive Congressional Gold Medal?

- A) Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose
- B) Mahatma Gandhi
- C) Bhagat Singh
- D) B R Ambedkar



- ✓ New York Congresswoman Caroline Maloney re-introduced legislation in the U.S. House of Representatives to posthumously award the Congressional Gold Medal to Mahatma Gandhi. He has been awarded for his contributions made through his methods of non-violence. He would become the first Indian to receive the Congressional Gold Medal, which is the highest civilian award in the US.

1. In which city, the Centre for Research and Innovation in Artificial Intelligence has been inaugurated?

- A) Chennai
 B) Hyderabad
 C) Thiruvananthapuram
 D) Bengaluru



- ✓ Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has virtually inaugurated the Centre for Research and Innovation in Artificial Intelligence set up at the Indian Institute of Technology-Hyderabad. He also inaugurated the first Academic Building of the Department of Materials Science & Metallurgical Engineering, High-Performance Computing Centre and High-Resolution Electron Microscopy Facility.
- ✓ Centre for Research and Innovation in Artificial Intelligence is being set up in collaboration with Japan International Cooperation Agency-JICA. The University has an agreement with Honeywell Technology Solutions for setting up the lab.

2. Which country is hosting the 2021 edition of the World Athletics U20 Championships?

- A) Ghana
 B) Kenya
 C) South Africa
 D) Jamaica



- ✓ The 2021 World Athletics U20 Championships, also known as the World Junior Championships, are an international athletics competition for athletes qualifying as juniors taking place from 17 to 22 August 2021 at the Nyayo Sports Complex in Nairobi, Kenya.

3. Which date is observed as World Mosquito Day?

- A) August.18
 B) August.20
 C) August.22
 D) August.24



- ✓ World Mosquito Day is observed on 20 August annually to raise awareness about the causes of malaria and how it can be prevented. This day is observed to highlight the efforts of health officials, non-governmental organizations and other organizations in the fight against the disease caused by malaria. On World Mosquito Day every year, awareness is created around diseases caused by mosquitoes.
- ✓ This year the theme of World Mosquito Day 2021 is "Reaching the zero-malaria target". The day also commemorates the discovery by British physician Sir Ronald Ross in 1897 that female mosquitoes transmit malaria between humans. In 1902 Ross won the Nobel Prize in Medicine and became the first Briton to receive it.

4. With the inauguration of the first solar electric vehicle charging station at the Karnal lake resort, which highway has become the first e-vehicle friendly highway in India?

- A) Delhi-Chandigarh Highway
 B) Delhi-Mumbai Highway
 C) Delhi-Jaipur Highway
 D) Delhi-Meerut Highway



- ✓ The Union Heavy Industries Minister Dr. Mahendra Nath Pandey inaugurated the country's very first Solar Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Station at the Karnal Lake Resort. With the inauguration of the first solar electric vehicle charging station at the Karnal lake resort, the Delhi-Chandigarh Highway has become the first e-vehicle friendly highway in India. The EV charging station at the Karnal lake resort is

strategically located at the midpoint of the Delhi-Chandigarh highway and is equipped to cater to all types of E-cars plying currently in the country.

✓ The network of Solar-based Electric Vehicle Charging stations (SEVCs) is set up by Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) under the FAME-1 [Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of (Hybrid) & Electric Vehicles in India] scheme of the Ministry of Heavy Industries.

5. What is India's rank in terms of crypto adoption worldwide?

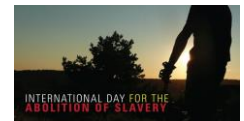
- A) First
 B) Second
 C) Third
 D) Fourth



- ✓ India ranks second in terms of crypto adoption worldwide behind Vietnam, according to the 2021 Global Crypto Adoption Index by blockchain data platform Chainalysis. A report by US-based research platform Finder released this month corroborated that the top five countries in terms of crypto adoption were all from Asia.
- ✓ The company surveyed 47,000 users worldwide and 30% of those surveyed in India said they owned cryptocurrencies. Bitcoin is the most popular coin in India, followed by Ripple, Ethereum and Bitcoin Cash, according to the report.

6. Which date is observed as International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition?

- A) August.20
 B) August.21
 C) August.22
 D) August.23



- ✓ United Nations observes 23 August every year as "International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition". This day is intended to remember and honour the tragedy of the slave trade in the memory of all peoples who were dehumanised by the cruel practice or systemic racism. It is a day to honour the memory of the men and women who, in Saint-Domingue in 1791, revolted and paved the way for the end of slavery and dehumanization.

7. Which date is observed as Chennai Day?

- A) August.22
 B) August.24
 C) August.25
 D) August.27



- ✓ Chennai celebrated its 382nd birthday on August 22. It was on August 22, 1639, that the village of Madrasapatnam was purchased by the East India Company from the Vijayanagar Empire. The concept of celebrating Madras Day was conceptualized in 2004.

8. Which day is observed as World Senior Citizen Day in 2021?

- A) August.21
 B) August.22
 C) August.24
 D) August.26



- ✓ The World Senior Citizen Day is celebrated to raise awareness about issues affecting older people and support, honour and show appreciation to seniors and to recognize their achievements.
- ✓ The day was proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly on December 14, 1990.

9. O. Chandrasekharan, who passed away recently, represented India in the Olympics in which sport?

- A) Hockey
- B) Wrestling
- C) Long Jump
- D) Football



- ✓ Former Indian Footballer O. Chandrasekharan passed away in Kochi on August 24, 2021 at the age of 86.
- ✓ Chandrasekharan was part of the Indian team that participated in the 1960 Rome and the 1964 Tokyo Olympics. He was also a member of the Indian team that won the gold in 1962 Asian Games in Jakarta and the silver medal in Asian Cup in Tel Aviv the same year. He captained the Maharashtra team that won the 1963 Santosh Trophy.

10. Which organization has released the report 'Key Indicators for Asia and the Pacific 2021' which states that the pandemic is threatening Asia and the Pacific's progress?

- A) World Bank
- B) Asian Development Bank
- C) International Monetary Fund
- D) United Nations Development Programme



Asian Development Bank

- ✓ The COVID-19 pandemic has pushed an estimated 75 million to 80 million more people in developing Asia into extreme poverty as of last year compared with what would have happened without COVID-19, according to a new report by the Asian Development Bank (ADB).
- ✓ The 'Key Indicators for Asia and the Pacific 2021' says the pandemic is threatening Asia and the Pacific's progress toward critical targets under the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Progress has also stalled in areas such as hunger, health and education where earlier achievements across the region had been significant.

1. Which state has announced a Microfinance Incentive and Relief Scheme?

- A) Puducherry
B) Sikkim
C) Assam
D) Telangana



- ✓ The Assam government has signed a memorandum of understanding with 37 microfinance lenders for implementation of the Assam Microfinance Incentive and Relief Scheme (AMFIRS), 2021.
- ✓ The scheme is aimed at providing financial relief to the microfinance borrowers in Assam to help them continue maintaining good credit discipline in COVID-19 times.

2. Which organization has made a natural gas discovery in a block in Gujarat?

- A) Reliance Petroleum
B) Vedanta
C) Indian Oil Corporation
D) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation



- ✓ Vedanta has made a natural gas discovery in a block in Gujarat that it had won in the open acreage licensing policy (OALP) round. It had notified the DGH and Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas of a gas and condensate discovery [named 'Jaya'] in its exploratory well Jaya1. It was drilled in OALP Block in Bharuch District of Gujarat.

3. In which city, India's first smog tower has been inaugurated?

- A) Kolkata
B) Delhi
C) Mumbai
D) Bengaluru



- ✓ Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has inaugurated India's first smog tower in Delhi's Connaught Place. If the pilot project is successful, more smog towers will be installed in the national capital. The tower constitutes a pilot study to assess the reduction of particulate air pollution in urban areas through 'air cleaning.' The 2-year-long pilot study will be carried out by IIT Delhi and IIT Bombay. The two institutions are technical advisors for the project.

4. Who has been appointed as the new governor of Manipur?

- A) Tamilisai Soundararajan
B) La Ganesan
C) Hariharan Raja Sharma
D) L Murugan



- ✓ President Ram Nath Kovind on 22nd August appointed senior BJP leader from Tamil Nadu La Ganesan as the new governor of Manipur. The post of the governor had fallen vacant after the retirement of Najma Heptulla earlier this month. Heptulla had demitted office on August 10 and on the same day the temporary charge was given to Sikkim Governor Ganga Prasad.

5. Which country has become the first country in the world to manufacture fossil-free steel?

- A) Germany
B) India
C) Russia
D) Sweden



- ✓ Sweden has become the first country in the world to manufacture fossil-free steel which is also known as green steel. Green steel has been developed by HYBRIT Technology and the first delivery was done to Volvo AB as a trial run. This initiative was in process since the year 2016 and the full-scale production will begin from 2026. According to reports, replacing coking coal with hydrogen is expected to reduce emissions from steelmaking by at least 90%.

6. Who has won silver in women's long jump at World Athletics under-20 championships?

- A) Deepika Kumari
B) Priyanka Goswami
C) Seema Punia
D) Shaili Singh



- ✓ Shaili Singh won the women's long jump silver with a 6.59m leap (wind advantage +2.2) at the World Athletics under-20 championships in Nairobi on August 22, 2021. She missed the gold by just one centimetre to Sweden's Maja Askag (6.60m). Askag also won gold in triple jump. India finished with three medals (two silver and a bronze) in the five-day meet for its best-ever tally at a World championship. Host Kenya topped the table with 16 medals, including eight gold.

7. Which organization has designed a motorised wheelchair that can be used on roads as well as on uneven terrain?

- A) NITI Aayog
B) IIT Madras
C) DRDO
D) IIT Bombay



- ✓ The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras has designed a motorised wheelchair that can be used on roads as well as on uneven terrain. 'Neobolt' is a battery-operated vehicle capable of travelling at a speed of 25km/h and move up to 25 km per charge. The vehicle has been commercialised through a start-up named NeoMotion.

8. Which organization has released a report which states that children in India are at extreme high risk of impacts of climate crisis?

- A) UNICEF
B) World Bank
C) World Health Organisation
D) NITI Aayog



- ✓ According to a new report by UNICEF, Children in India are at extreme high risk of impacts of climate crisis. As per report, India is among four South Asian countries where children are most at risk. Climate change threatens their health, education, and protection. Pakistan, Bangladesh, Afghanistan and India are the four South Asian countries where children are at extremely high risk. Pakistan was ranked at 14th position, Bangladesh at 15th, Afghanistan at 25th while India at 26th.
- ✓ Nepal is ranked at 51st, Sri Lanka 61st, while Bhutan is ranked 111th. Indians will face 'acute water shortages' in upcoming years. At the same time, flash flooding will increase significantly in India's urban areas once the global temperature increases to 2° Celsius. Further, 21 of world's 30 cities with the most polluted air were in India in 2020.
- ✓ These findings were published in UNICEF's report titled: "The Climate Crisis Is a Child Rights Crisis: Introducing the Children's Climate Risk Index" (CCRI). CCRI is the first focussed report on children by UNICEF.

9. which state has approved two credit-linked schemes for the agro-based sectors?

- A) Sikkim
- B) Manipur
- C) Arunachal Pradesh
- D) Nagaland



- ✓ The Arunachal Pradesh cabinet has approved two credit-linked schemes, which will facilitate Rs 300 crore investments in the agro-based sectors.
- ✓ The state government has earmarked Rs 60 crore of subsidies each for Atma Nirbhar Krishi Yojana for agriculture and Atma Nirbhar Bagwani Yojana for horticulture during the fiscal year 2021-22. The credit-linked programmes will have three components – bank loans, subsidy and beneficiaries' contribution. The schemes will be available for cultivators, self-help groups and farmer producer organisations.

10. Which state/UT has launched a special mission called "Mission Vatsalya" in order to help women who lost their husbands to COVID?

- A) Maharashtra
- B) Kerala
- C) Delhi
- D) Jharkhand



- ✓ Maharashtra government launched a special mission called "Mission Vatsalya" in order to help women who lost their husbands to COVID-19. Mission Vatsalya will provide several services and some 18 benefits under one roof to those women. It been designed for widows, with special focus on widows coming from rural areas, poor backgrounds and deprived sections.
- ✓ Under this mission, schemes like Sanjay Gandhi Niradhar Yojana and Gharkul Yojana will benefit those for women. This mission is being implemented by women and child development (WCD) Department. Officers from WCD department, child development project officers, Anganwadi workers and local unit officers are visiting homes these women to provide them services.

1. Which organization has launched a mobile app called ANANDA?

- A) State Bank of India
 B) Employees' Provident Fund Organisation
 C) India Post
 D) Life Insurance Corporation of India



- ✓ Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) launched a mobile app called "Ananda mobile app" for its agents and intermediaries in order to onboard the prospective customers. ANANDA stands for Atma Nirbhar Agents New Business Digital Application. ANANDA is the paperless solution for new business processes.
- ✓ This digital application will help in onboarding process to get insurance policy by a paperless module with the help of agent or intermediary. The app comprises of all distinctive features of the digital app. App could be developed as a result of high-level usage of ANANDA module. It was built on paperless KYC process by using Aadhaar based e-authentication. It provides an easy access to the field force in reaching out the prospective customers by means of latest technology.

2. Which ministry has launched the SUJALAM campaign?

- A) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
 B) Ministry of Jal Shakti
 C) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
 D) Ministry of Rural Development



- ✓ Ministry of Jal Shakti started the SUJALAM campaign on August 25, 2021. SUJALAM Campaign is a 100 days campaign launched as a part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations. This campaign seeks to create more Open Defecation Free (ODF) Plus villages by undertaking waste water management across villages in India.
- ✓ During the campaign, ten lakh Soak-pits will be created. Efforts under the campaign would be directed towards achieving the Open Defecation Free (ODF) plus status for villages in an accelerated manner.

3. Under EASE 3.0, which bank has won the award for the best improvement from the baseline performance?

- A) Canara Bank
 B) Punjab National Bank
 C) Indian Bank
 D) Union Bank of India



- ✓ Union Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs Nirmala Sitharaman today unveiled the fourth edition of the Public Sector Bank (PSB) Reforms Agenda 'EASE 4.0' for 2021-22 - tech-enabled, simplified, and collaborative banking.
- ✓ She unveiled the annual report for the PSB Reforms Agenda EASE 3.0 for 2020-21 and participated in the awards ceremony to felicitate best performing banks on EASE 3.0 Banking Reforms Index.
- ✓ State Bank of India, Bank of Baroda and Union Bank of India have won the awards for best performing banks for PSB Reforms EASE 3.0 based on the EASE index. Indian Bank won the award for the best improvement from the baseline performance. SBI, BoB, Union Bank of India, Punjab National Bank and Canara Bank won the top awards in different themes of the PSB Reforms Agenda EASE 3.0.

4. According to Cushman & Wakefield's 2021 World Manufacturing Danger Index, what is India's rank in the most sought-after manufacturing destination across the world?

- A) First
 B) Second
 C) Third
 D) Fourth



India has emerged as the second most sought after manufacturing destination across the world. According to Cushman & Wakefield's 2021 World Manufacturing Danger Index, India has surpassed the United States as the world's second most desired manufacturing destination.

This year, India and the United States traded second and third place, respectively, putting India one rank higher than last year's rankings, when India was ranked third.

5. With which organization, Department of Biotechnology has collaborated to study the impact of severe COVID-19 conditions on TB patients?

- A) BRICS
 B) G20
 C) G7
 D) BIMSTEC



- ✓ Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science and Technology, in collaboration with BRICS countries is implementing SARS-CoV-2 NGS-BRICS consortium and multi centric programme to study the impact of severe COVID-19 conditions on TB patients. The SARS-CoV-2 NGS-BRICS consortium will advance COVID-19 health-relevant knowledge and contribute to improvements in health outcomes.

6. With which country, India has agreed to form a permanent bilateral channel for consultations on Afghanistan?

- A) Russia
 B) Iran
 C) China
 D) United States of America



- ✓ India and Russia have agreed to form a permanent bilateral channel for consultations on Afghanistan. India, Russia and Iran were previously the main backers of an anti-Taliban alliance when the Islamist group was last in power in Kabul between 1996-2001.

7. Who has been appointed as the Chairman of Advisory Board for Banking and Financial Frauds?

- A) Padmaja Chundur
 B) SS Mallikarjuna Rao
 C) T M Bhasin
 D) Has Mukh Adhia



- ✓ T M Bhasin has been re-appointed as the Chairman of Advisory Board for Banking and Financial Frauds by Central Vigilance Commission. His tenure will be of 2 years. The board was constituted to examine bank frauds of over Rs 50 crore and recommend action.

8. With which organization, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has partnered to enable users to book vaccination appointments?

- A) WhatsApp
 B) Twitter
 C) Telegram
 D) Google



- ✓ WhatsApp has partnered with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) to enable users to book vaccination appointments through its platform. Users can now book vaccination slots by sending 'Book Slot' to MyGov Corona Helpdesk bot on WhatsApp. The messaging service recently added a feature to enable users to download their vaccination certificate from WhatsApp.

9. In association with the Planning Department of which state has the Vice President of India launched Vaccinate India Programme?

- A) Uttar Pradesh
- B) Telangana
- C) Andhra Pradesh
- D) Karnataka



- ✓ Vice President of India, M. Venkaiah Naidu, launched "Vaccinate India Programme" on August 24, 2021. This programme was organised by Give India Foundation and Sustainable Goals Coordination Centre in Bengaluru. It was launched under CSR in association with Planning Department of the Karnataka government. India started its COVID-19 vaccines programme on January 16, 2021.

10. World Water Week is organized from which date in August?

- A) 19-23 August
- B) 23-27 August
- C) 20-26 August
- D) 27-31 August



- ✓ The World Water Week is an annual event organized by Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI) since the year 1991 with the aim to address the global water issues and related concerns of international development.
- ✓ The World Water Week 2021 has been organised from 23-27 August. This year's event has been organized entirely in digital format. The theme for World Water Week 2021 is 'Building Resilience Faster'.

1. Which country took charge as the Chair of Stop TB Partnership Board in 2021?

- A) UK
B) Australia
C) India
D) Bangladesh



- ✓ Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare Mansukh Mandaviya took over charge as the Chairperson of Stop TB Partnership Board. The Minister will hold the responsibility with immediate effect until 2024. He will lead the efforts of the Stop TB Partnership Secretariat, partners, and the TB community at large, towards reaching the UN TB targets by 2022, a milestone moment in the effort to end TB by 2030.

2. Who is the author/editor of the book titled 'Accelerating India: 7 Years of Modi Government'?

- A) K J Alphons
B) Kummanam Rajasekharan
C) A P Abdullakutty
D) A N Radhakrishnan



- ✓ Former Union Minister, K J Alphons has released a book titled 'Accelerating India: 7 Years of Modi Government'. He has recently presented his book to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
✓ 28 eminent authors have contributed 25 essays in the book on 25 sectors of Indian governance. This is a documentation of achievements of the Modi Government.

3. Women Entrepreneurship Platform is the initiative of which institution?

- A) NITI Aayog
B) UN Women
C) Women and Child Development Ministry
D) NASSCOM



- ✓ The NITI Aayog and the US-based tech giant Cisco launched the next phase of the Women Entrepreneurship Platform.
✓ The next phase has been titled 'WEP Nxt', and it will leverage Cisco's technology and experience, to enable more women-owned businesses across the country. The platform was formally launched on 8 March 2018 by NITI Aayog.

4. "Shared Destiny-2021" Defence Exercise is scheduled to be held in which country?

- A) China
B) Thailand
C) Pakistan
D) Mongolia



- ✓ The militaries of China, Pakistan, Mongolia and Thailand are said to take part in a multinational peacekeeping exercise named "Shared Destiny-2021" Defence Exercise. The Exercise is set to be organised by the People's Liberation Army in China's central Henan province next month.
✓ The four countries will take part in the first multinational peacekeeping live exercise "Shared Destiny-2021". The Defence exercise is to be held in China from September 6-15.

5. 'Payments Infrastructure Development Fund' scheme is the initiative of which institution?

- A) NPCI
B) RBI
C) NASSCOM
D) DSCI



- ✓ 'Payments Infrastructure Development Fund' scheme is the initiative of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). It was launched with a corpus of Rs 345 crore, with an aim to create 30 lakh new touch points every year for digital payments in tier-3 to tier-6 centres.
✓ Reserve Bank has recently extended the scheme for encouraging deployment of Point of Sale (PoS) infrastructure to street vendors covered under the PM SVANidhi programme in tier 1 and 2 centres.

6. Recently, with which country India has conducted naval exercise in the South China Sea?

- A) Philippines
B) Malaysia
C) Thailand
D) Indonesia



- ✓ Two ships of the Indian Navy, namely INS Ranvijay and INS Kora, on deployment to the Western Pacific, carried out a Maritime Partnership Exercise with BRP Antonio Luna of the Philippine Navy in the West Philippine Sea.
✓ Both navies remain committed to further strengthening bilateral collaboration in the maritime domain towards a collective aim of ensuring a stable, peaceful and prosperous Indo-Pacific.

7. Which state has allocated Rs 300 crore for the restoration of Water bodies and parks in the state?

- A) Tamil Nadu
B) Kerala
C) Madhya Pradesh
D) Karnataka



- ✓ Water bodies and parks in urban local bodies in Tamil Nadu will be restored and amenities upgraded at an estimated cost of Rs 300 crore. Also, the government would implement the urban wage employment programme to improve the livelihood of the urban poor at a cost of Rs 100 crore.
✓ The scheme aims at providing employment to the urban poor by engaging them in the creation and maintenance of public assets like parks, play fields, storm water drains, roads, buildings and rejuvenation of water bodies. Municipal Administration Minister K.N. Nehru has announced an allocation of ₹300 crore for the Namakku Naame scheme. Under the scheme, water bodies will be restored in all Municipal Corporations, including the Greater Chennai Corporation, and new parks will be set up.

8. Which city has been named as the world's safest city from among 60 global cities, in Safe Cities Index 2021?

- A) Tokyo
B) Sydney
C) Hong Kong
D) Copenhagen



- ✓ Denmark's capital city, Copenhagen, has been named as the world's safest city from among 60 global cities, in Safe Cities Index 2021, released by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU). Copenhagen scored 82.4 out of 100. Yangon is at the bottom of the index with a score of

39.5. New Delhi is placed at 48th position with a score of 56.1, while Mumbai is at 50th place with a score of 54.4.

- ✓ The Index was first released in the year 2015. In 2021, cities are ranked based on 76 indicators of security across five broad pillars, which are digital, health, infrastructure, personal and environmental.

9. With which organization, NITI Aayog jointly launched the 'Forum for Decarbonizing Transport' in India?

- A) Environmental Defense Fund
- B) World Economic Forum
- C) World Resources Institute
- D) Centre for Global Development



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- ✓ NITI Aayog and World Resources Institute (WRI), India, jointly launched the 'Forum for Decarbonizing Transport' in India as part of the NDC-Transport Initiative for Asia (NDC-TIA) project. NITI Aayog is the implementing partner for India. The project aims at bringing down the peak level of GHG emissions (transport sector) in Asia.
- ✓ The NDC Transport Initiative for Asia (TIA 2020-2023) is a joint programme of seven organizations that will engage China, India, and Vietnam in promoting a comprehensive approach to decarbonizing transport in their respective countries.

10. What is the name of the force comprising of 32 female staff that has been constituted to combat Naxalism in the Sukma district?

- A) Durga Fighter
- B) Badra Fighter
- C) Nari Fighter
- D) Devi Fighter



- ✓ A 'Durga Fighter' force comprising 32 female staff has been constituted to combat Naxalism in the Naxal-affected Sukma district. The idea behind an all-women force is to promote gender equality. They will be trained for commando duty for a month. Asha Sen will be the captain of Durga Fighter.