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SECTION 1

Topic Wise Current Affairs in short

Topic 1 - Important Days

International Workers' Day: 1st May



- Every year on May 1st, the world commemorates International Labour Day (also known as May Day or International Workers' Day).
- The day honours the working class's struggle, devotion, and loyalty and is observed as a national holiday in many countries.
- A major union protest in favour of the eight-hour workday demand took place in Chicago and a few other cities on May 1, 1886.
- The International Socialist Conference proclaimed 1 May to be an international holiday for workers in commemoration of the Haymarket affair in 1889, which is now recognised as International Workers' Day.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Headquarters of International Labour Organization: Geneva, Switzerland.
- President of International Labour Organization: Guy Ryder.
- International Labour Organization Founded: 1919.

World Laughter Day 2021: 02 May



- Every year on the first Sunday in May, World Laughter Day is observed. It's a day dedicated to raising awareness of the many health benefits of laughter. The date for 2021 is Tuesday, May 2nd.
- On the initiative of Dr. Madan Kataria, founder of the worldwide Laughter Yoga movement, World Laughter Day was first observed on May 10, 1998, in Mumbai.

World Tuna Day: 2 May



- Every year on the 2nd of May, the world celebrates World Tuna Day. The United Nations (UN) created this day to raise awareness about the value of tuna fish. In 2017, it is observed for the first time.

- According to the United Nations, tuna is important for food security and nutrition in a large number of countries around the world. At the same time, tuna fisheries exist in over 96 countries, and their potential is continuously expanding.

World Press Freedom Day observed globally on 3 May



- Every year on May 3rd, the world commemorates World Press Freedom Day. World Press Day is another name for it. The day also honours journalists who have died in the line of duty.
- They will have to risk their lives or face difficult circumstances in order to bring news from all over the world to the public's attention.
- "Information as a Public Good" is the theme of this year's World Press Freedom Day.
- World Freedom Day was created by the United Nations General Assembly in 1993 to support the independence of the African press.

International Firefighters' Day: 04 May



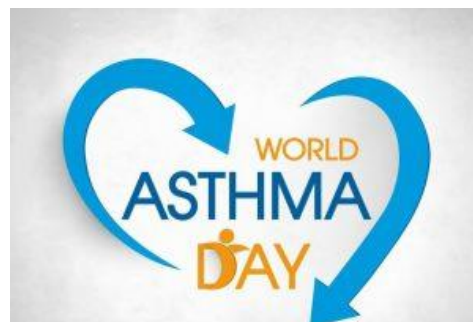
- Since 1999, the International Firefighters' Day (IFFD) has been observed on May 4th every year. The day is observed to honour and recognise the sacrifices made by firefighters in order to keep their community and environment as secure as possible.
- Following the tragic deaths of five firefighters in a bushfire in Australia on December 2, 1998, the day was created.

Coal Miners' Day: 4 May



- Coal Miners' Day is observed on May 4 to honour the contributions of some of the Industrial Revolution's unsung heroes.
- The day is commemorated to express gratitude for coal miners and to honour their achievements.
- Coal miners spend the majority of their days in the pits, digging, tunnelling, and extracting coal. They delve deep into the Earth to unearth the treasures that keep us alive. One of the most difficult jobs is coal mining.

World Asthma Day 2021: 04 May



- Every year on the first Tuesday in May, World Asthma Day is commemorated. World Asthma Day will be celebrated on May 4, 2021 this year.
- Around the world, the day raised awareness of asthma and how to treat it. Although the primary emphasis is on the asthmatic, assistance can also be extended to relatives, friends, and caregivers.
- “Uncovering Asthma Misconceptions” is the theme for World Asthma Day in 2021.

Headquarters: Hague, Netherlands.

World Hand Hygiene Day: 05 May



- Every year on May 5, the World Hand Hygiene Day is commemorated. The World Health Organization (WHO) is commemorating World Hand Hygiene Day to raise awareness about the importance of hand hygiene in preventing many serious infections.
- ‘Seconds Save Lives: Clean Your Hands’ is the theme for 2021. Hand washing is recognised as one of the most important ways to prevent a wide variety of infections, including the COVID-19 virus, on this day.

International Day of the Midwife: 05 May



- Since 1992, the 5th of May has been designated as International Day of the Midwife. This day is observed to honour the role of midwives and to raise awareness about their importance in providing vital care to mothers and their newborns.
- “Follow the Data: Invest in Midwives” is the theme for the 2021 International Day of the Midwife.
- The idea for a day to honour and remember midwives arose from a conference held by the International Confederation of Midwives in the Netherlands in 1987.
- International Midwives' Day was first observed on May 5, 1991, and is now observed in over 50 countries worldwide.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Director-General of the World Health Organization: Tedros Adhanom.
- Headquarters of WHO: Geneva, Switzerland.

International No Diet Day: 06 May



- On May 6, International No Diet Day is celebrated, with a light blue ribbon as its symbol. It's an annual event that celebrates body acceptance, including overweight acceptance and the variety of body shapes.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- International Confederation of Midwives President: Franka Cadee;
- International Confederation of Midwives

- It means accepting that your body is perfect just the way it is and focusing on being safe and involved rather than worrying about your weight or body shape.
- The day is devoted to promoting a balanced lifestyle, with an emphasis on fitness at any size, as well as increasing awareness of the risks of dieting and the risk of failure.

World Athletics Day 2021: 05 May



- The 5th of May is designated as World Athletics Day in the year 2021. The date of World Athletics Day is subject to change; the IAAF determines the date, but the month remains the same as May.
- In 1996, the first World Athletics Day was observed. The primary goal of World Athletics Day is to increase youth participation in athletics.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- World Athletics President: Sebastian Coe;
- World Athletics Headquarters: Monaco;
- World Athletics Founded: 17 July 1912.

World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day: 8 May



- Every year on May 8, the World Red Cross and

Red Crescent Day is commemorated. The aim of the day is to honour the values of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, which include democracy, humanity, impartiality, universality, solidarity, and neutrality, in order to alleviate human suffering and allow people to live a dignified life.

- 'Unstoppable' is the theme for World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day in 2021.
- The day also commemorates the birth of Henry Dunant, the founder of the International Committee of the Red Cross (8 May 1828). (ICRC). He was the first person to receive the Nobel Peace Prize.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- President of the ICRC: Peter Maurer.
- Headquarters of ICRC: Geneva, Switzerland.

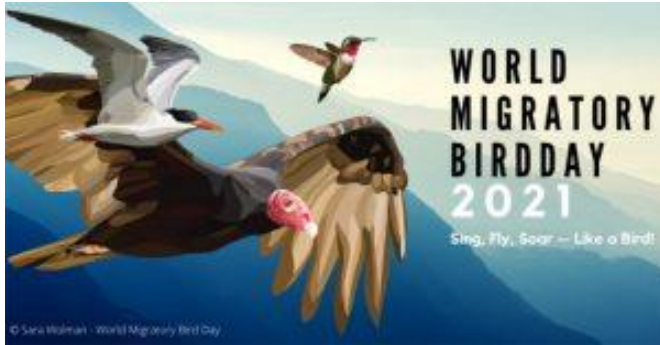
World Thalassemia Day: 08 May



- **World Thalassemia Day** is celebrated on **May 8** every year to commemorate Thalassemia victims and to encourage those who struggle to live with the disease.
- The theme for 2021 World Thalassemia Day is **"Addressing Health Inequalities Across the Global Thalassaemia Community"**.
- Thalassemia is an inherited blood disorder that is characterised by less haemoglobin and lesser than normal blood cells. A person suffering from thalassemia has at least one of the parents

as a carrier of the disease.

World Migratory Bird Day: 08 May



- On May 8, 2021, the world celebrates World Migratory Bird Day. The day's goal is to raise awareness about migratory birds and the value of international cooperation in their conservation.
- The theme of this year's World Migratory Bird Day is "Sing, Fly, Soar – Like a Bird!"
- The theme for World Migratory Bird Day in 2021 is a call to people all over the world to reconnect with nature by consciously listening to – and watching – birds wherever they are.
- At the same time, the theme encourages people all over the world to communicate their mutual love of birds and nature through their own voices and imagination.

Time of Remembrance and Reconciliation for Those Who Lost Their Lives during the 2nd World War



- The United Nations observes the Time of Remembrance and Healing for those who died during World War II every year on May 8-9.
- The day honours all those who perished during World War II. The 76th anniversary of World War II is this year.
- The day was founded in 2004 and has been observed by the United Nations ever since. However, a resolution passed by the United Nations in 2010 encouraged NGOs, member countries, and other organisations to participate in the day's commemoration.
- The date is not, however, the final end of World War II. This is due to Japan's refusal to surrender until August 15, 1945.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Secretary-General of the United Nations: Antonio Guterres.
- The United Nations (UN) is an organization between countries established on 24 October 1945 to promote international cooperation.

International Day of Argania: 10 May



- The United Nations General Assembly declared the 10th of May as the International Day of Argania in 2021. Morocco proposed the resolution, which was co-sponsored by 113 UN member states and adopted by consensus.
- The argan tree (*Argania Spinosa*) is a native

plant of Morocco's sub-Saharan region in the southwest, where it grows in arid and semiarid environments.

India celebrates National Technology Day on 11th May



- On the 11th of May, India commemorates National Technology Day. The Shakti-I nuclear missile was successfully tested today at the Indian Army's Pokhran Test Range in Rajasthan.
- The emphasis of the day will be on reviving the economy through science and technology. It also celebrates the accomplishments of our scientists and engineers in the fields of science and technology, as well as encouraging students to pursue science as a profession.
- Every year on May 11th, National Technology Day is observed across India to commemorate the Shakti nuclear test, which took place in Pokhran on that date in 1998.
- Shakti also known as the Pokhran Nuclear Test was the first nuclear test code-named '**Smiling Buddha**' was carried out in **May 1974**.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- National Science Day is celebrated all over India on 28th February.

International Nurses Day observed globally on 12 May



- Every year on May 12th, the world celebrates International Nurse Day. The anniversary of Florence Nightingale's birth is commemorated on this day.
- Lady with the Lamp was another name for her. She was a British social reformer and statistician who founded modern nursing.
- 'Nurses: A Voice to Lead – A Vision for Future Healthcare' is the topic of the 2021 International Nurses Day.
- During the Crimean War, Florence Nightingale was tasked with caring for British and allied soldiers in Turkey.
- She is most known for establishing the Nightingale School of Nursing, which opened in 1860 at St. Thomas' Hospital in London, in order to systematise nursing education. She received the Order of Merit for the first time as a woman (1907).

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Geneva, Switzerland is the headquarters of the International Council of Nurses.
- The International Council of Nurses was established in 1899.
- Annette Kennedy is the President of the International Council of Nurses.

International Day of Families: 15 May



- The International Day of Families is noticed each year on 15 May to mirror the significance that the global local area appends to families.
- This day gives a chance to advance attention to issues identifying with families and to build the information on the social, financial and segment measures influencing families.
- The topic of 2021 is "Families and New Technologies".
- In 1993, the UN General Assembly chose in a goal that 15 May of consistently ought to be seen as The International Day of Families.

- Dengue is spread through the chomp of the female mosquito (*Aedes aegypti*).
- Dengue is a mosquito-borne infection that is brought about by the dengue infection of four particular serotypes — DEN-1, DEN-2, DEN-3 and DEN-4.
- Dengue fever, which is carried by mosquitos of the *Aedes albopictus* species, can cause flu-like symptoms such as severe muscular pain and nausea, as well as mortality if not treated effectively.

On the 16th of May, the International Day of Light is commemorated.



National Dengue Day: 16 May



- In India, the National Dengue Day is noticed each year on 16 May.
- The day is a drive by the Ministry of Healthy and Family Welfare, to bring issues to light about dengue and its preventive measures, and readiness for control of the vector-borne sickness before the transmission season starts.

- Every year on May 16th, the International Day of Light (IDL) commemorates the first practical operation of the laser by scientist and engineer Theodore Maiman in 1960.
- The day commends the job that light plays in science, culture and craftsmanship, training, and reasonable turn of events, and in fields as different as medication, interchanges, and energy to help accomplish the objectives of UNESCO – 'instruction, uniformity, and harmony. The message of 2021 International Day of Light is "Trust Science".'
- The festivity of the International Day of Light will empower different areas of society worldwide to get enjoy exercises that show how science, innovation, workmanship and culture can help in accomplishing the objectives of UNESCO for example building the establishment for serene social orders

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- UNESCO headquarters: Paris, France.
- UNESCO Head: Audrey Azoulay.
- UNESCO Founded: 16 November 1945

International Day of Peaceful Coexistence: May 16th



- The International Day of Living Together in Peace is hung on sixteenth May each year since 2018.
- The UN General Assembly, pronounced 16 May the International Day of Living Together in Peace, as a methods for routinely preparing the endeavors of the global local area to advance harmony, resistance, consideration, comprehension and fortitude.
- The Day means to maintain the craving to live and act together, joined in contrasts and variety, to fabricate a practical universe of harmony, fortitude and amicability.
- The United Nations General Assembly chose to praise sixteenth May as the International Day of Living Together in Peace on eighth December 2017

The 17th of May is World Telecommunication and Information Society Day.



- The World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (WTISD) is noticed each year on 17 May since 1969, to celebrate the establishing of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).
- The topic of 2021 is "Speeding up Digital Transformation in testing times".
- The ITU was established on 17 May 1865, when the principal International Telegraph Convention was endorsed in Paris.
- The primary goal of the day is to raise worldwide familiarity with the progressions achieved by the Internet and new advancements in social orders and economies, just as of approaches to connect the computerized partition

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- International Telecommunication Union Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland;
- International Telecommunication Union Founded: 17 May 1865;
- Houlin Zhao is the Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union.

The 17th of May is World Hypertension Day.



- World Hypertension Day (WHD) is observed on May 17th throughout the world to raise public awareness about the rising prevalence of high blood pressure (BP) and to encourage residents of all nations to avoid and control this silent killer. In May of 2005, the day was held for the first time.
- World Hypertension Day (WHD) is an initiative of the World Hypertension League (WHL), an affiliated section of the International Society of Hypertension.
- The theme for World Hypertension Day 2021 is Measure Your Blood Pressure Accurately, Control It, Live Longer.

The 6th UN Global Road Safety Week will be held from May 17 to 23, 2021.



- The sixth UN Global Traffic Safety Week, which this year is commended somewhere in the range of 17 and 23 May, call for 30 km/h (20 mph) speed cutoff points to be the standard for urban communities, towns and towns around the world.
- UN Global Road Safety Week (UNGRSW) is a biennial worldwide street security crusade facilitated by WHO. Each UNGRSW has a backing subject. The subject for the sixth UNGRSW is Streets forever, under the slogan #Love30.
- It unites people, governments, NGOs, companies, and different associations from around the world to bring issues to light of street wellbeing and make changes that will

decrease the quantity of street passings
Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- WHO was established on 7 April 1948.
- WHO is a specialized agency of the United Nations responsible for international public health.
- WHO is headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland
- WHO current President is Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus

World AIDS Vaccine Day: 18 May



- World AIDS Vaccine Day, (also known as HIV Vaccine Awareness Day), is observed annually on May 18 to promote the continued urgent need for a vaccine to prevent HIV infection and AIDS.
- The first World AIDS Vaccine Day was thus observed on May 18, 1998, to commemorate the anniversary of Clinton's speech.
- The concept of World AIDS Vaccine Day was proposed on May 18, 1997, during a commencement speech at Morgan State University made by then-President Bill Clinton, which underlined the need for a vaccine to curb the spread of HIV.

International Museum Day: 18 May



- The International Museum Day is commended on 18 May, since 1977, to bring issues to light about the way that "Galleries are a significant methods for social trade, enhancement of societies and advancement of common agreement, collaboration and harmony among people groups".
- The topic of International Museum Day 2021: "The Future of Museums: Recover and Reimagine". It is composed by the International Council of Museums (ICOM).

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- President of International Council Of Museums: Suay Aksoy;
- International Council Of Museums Headquarters: Paris, France;
- International Council Of Museums Founder: Chauncey J. Hamlin;
- International Council Of Museums Founded: 1946.

On the 20th of May, the world celebrates World Bee Day.



- Every year on May 20th, the world celebrates World Bee Day. Anton Jana, the father of beekeeping, was born on this date in 1734 in Slovenia.
- The goal of bee day is to raise awareness about the importance of bees and other pollinators in the ecosystem. Bees are responsible for around 33% of the world's food production, making them essential for the preservation of biodiversity, ecological balance, and pollution reduction.
- "Bee engaged: Build Back Better for Bees" is the

theme of World Bee Day 2021.

- In December 2017, the United Nations Member States supported Slovenia's request to declare May 20 as World Bee Day.
- The resolution urged the adoption of particular conservation measures and emphasised the importance of bee preservation and the value of bees to humankind. In 2018, the inaugural World Bee Day was observed.

The following are key takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Food and Agriculture Organization Director-General: QU Dongyu.
- Food and Agriculture Organization Headquarters: Rome, Italy.
- Food and Agriculture Organization Founded: 16 October 1945.

On the 20th of May, the world celebrates World Metrology Day.

- Every year on the 20th of May, the world celebrates World Metrology Day. On this day, several countries throughout the world work to raise awareness of metrology and its advancement in the area.
- World Metrology Day is an annual celebration of the signature of the Metre Convention on 20 May 1875 in Paris, France by representatives of seventeen nations.
- The World Metrology Day project is realised jointly by the International Organization of Legal Metrology (OIML) and Bureau International des Poids et Mesures (BIPM).

The following are key takeaways for all competitive exams:

- International Organization of Legal Metrology Headquarters: Paris, France.
- International Organization of Legal Metrology Founded: 1955.

May 21st is National Anti-Terrorism Day.



- The National Anti-Terrorism Day is commemorated on May 21 in India to commemorate the death anniversary of Rajiv Gandhi, India's former Prime Minister.
- The day is also marked to foster togetherness among people and to propagate the message of peace, tranquilly, and humanity.
- Rajiv Gandhi was the youngest Prime Minister of India. He was the country's sixth Prime Minister, and he led the country from 1984 until 1989.
- Mr Gandhi was slain by a human bomb on May 21, 1991. In Tamil Nadu, he was slain in a terrorist attack. Then, under the V.P. Singh administration, the United Nations declared May 21st to be Anti-Terrorism Day.

World Day for Dialogue and Development on Cultural Diversity



- World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development is observed globally on 21

May every year.

- The day aims to celebrate the richness of the world's cultures and highlight the significance of its diversity as an agent of inclusion and positive change for achieving peace and sustainable development.
- In the year 2001, The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) adopted the 'Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity' as a result of the destruction of the Buddha statues of Bamiyan in Afghanistan in 2001.
- Then in December 2002, the UN General Assembly (UNGA) in its resolution 57/249, declared 21 May to be World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Audrey Azoulay is the Director-General of UNESCO.
- UNESCO was founded on November 4, 1946.
- The headquarters of UNESCO is in Paris, France.

On the 21st of May, the world celebrates International Tea Day.

- On India's proposal, International Tea Day is honoured worldwide on May 21. The goal of International Tea Day is to enhance the working conditions of tea farmers and workers.
- The UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) declared International Tea Day to increase awareness of tea's significant cultural and economic significance around the world, as well as its relevance in combatting hunger and poverty.
- Based on a proposal made by India at the FAO Intergovernmental Group (IGG) on Tea in October 2015, the United Nations General Assembly has declared May 21 as International Tea Day.

The 22nd of May is the International Day for Biological

Diversity.



- The United Nations celebrates International Day for Biological Diversity on 22 May every year to raise awareness about the issue of a significant reduction in biological diversity due to certain human activities.
- Biological Diversity comprises a wide variety of plants, animals and microorganisms including genetic differences within each species, for example, between varieties of crops and breeds of livestock.
- This year 2021 the theme is “We’re part of the solution”. The slogan was chosen to be a continuation of the momentum generated last year under the over-arching theme, “Our solutions are in nature”, which served as a reminder that biodiversity remains the answer to several sustainable development challenges.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- The United Nations Headquarters in New York, United States of America.
- Mr. Antonio Guterres is the United Nations Secretary-General

World Turtle Day celebrated on 23 May



- The World Turtle Day is observed on May 23 every year by American Tortoise Rescue, a nonprofit organization.
- The day is celebrated to raise awareness among people to protect turtles and tortoises and their disappearing habitats around the world. The day is being celebrated since 2000 by American Tortoise Rescue, a nonprofit organization established in 1990 for the protection of all species of tortoise and turtle.
- The theme of 2021 World Turtle Day is “Turtles Rock!”.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Susan Tellem and Marshall Thompson are the founders of American Tortoise Rescue.
- American Tortoise Rescue is a non-profit organisation based in Malibu, California.

International Day to End Obstetric Fistula observed on 23 May



- Since 2013, the United Nations (UN) has observed the International Day to End Obstetric Fistula on the 23rd of May to promote action toward treating and preventing obstetric fistula, a disorder that affects many girls and women in impoverished countries following childbirth.
- The day is commemorated to increase awareness and enhance efforts to eliminate obstetric fistulas, as well as to encourage post-surgery follow-up and tracking of fistula sufferers. One of the most dangerous and terrible injuries that can occur following

childbirth is obstetric fistula.

- The global Campaign to End Fistula was launched in 2003 by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and its partners as a joint effort to prevent fistula and restore the health of people affected by the illness. In 2012, the day was declared a national holiday.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- United Nations Population Fund Headquarters: New York, United States;
- United Nations Population Fund Head: Natalia Kanem;
- United Nations Population Fund Founded: 1969.

World Thyroid Day celebrated on 25 May



- Every year on May 25, the world commemorates World Thyroid Day. The WTD's major goal is to raise awareness about the importance of thyroid health, as well as the prevention and treatment of thyroid illnesses.
- This day was created in 2008 as part of a campaign led by the European Thyroid Association (ETA) and the American Thyroid Association (ATA), which was followed by the Latin American Thyroid Society (LATS) and the Asia Oceania Thyroid Association (AOTA) to honour patients with thyroid diseases as well as the doctors and physicians who treat them.
- The thyroid is a butterfly-shaped gland in the throat that generates T3 (thyroxine) and T4 (triiodothyronine) and is kept in good working

order by Thyroid-stimulating hormone (TSH). It controls the body's metabolism, and anomalies in this can lead to malfunctioning physiological systems.

International Missing Children's Day: 25 May



- International Missing Children's Day is noticed worldwide on 25th May each year. This day is noticed for missing youngsters who have discovered their direction home, recall those that are survivors of wrongdoing, and proceed with endeavors to search out those that are as yet absent.
- 25 May is currently generally alluded to as Missing Children's Day, with the forget-me-not bloom as its symbol.
- The day was broadcasted in 1983, by U.S. President Ronald Reagan. In 2001, 25 May was the primary officially perceived as International Missing Children's Day (IMCD), to a joint exertion with respect to the International Center for Missing and Exploited Children (ICMEC), Missing Children Europe and in this way the European Commission.

Indian Commonwealth Day: 24th May



- Every year on the second Monday in March, Commonwealth Day is commemorated. On May 24, however, another Commonwealth Day is observed in India.
- This year's Commonwealth Day theme is "Delivering a Common Future." The purpose of this subject is to show how the 54 Commonwealth countries are innovating, connecting, and transforming to help achieve important goals like as combating climate change, promoting good governance, and attaining gender equality.
- Empire Day was not commemorated until after the death of Queen Victoria on January 22, 1901. On May 24, 1902, the Queen's birthday, the first Empire Day was observed. Even before it was formally recognised as an annual occasion, many schools around the British Empire were celebrating it.

Vesak Day 2021 is marked on the 26th of May around the world.



- On May 26, 2021, the world celebrates Vesak Day. Vesak, or Full Moon Day, is the holiest day for Buddhists all around the world. Lord Gautham Buddha acquired enlightenment on this day.
- Every year, the United Nations commemorates the Day. Since 2000, the United Nations has

commemorated this day. In 1999, a resolution was enacted to commemorate the day. The International Vesak Summit has been held annually since 2004. It was held in Vietnam in 2019. The summit has previously taken place 11 times in Thailand, three times in Vietnam, and once in Sri Lanka.

- The decision to commemorate Buddha's birthday as Vesak Day was originally made in 1950 at the World Fellowships of Buddhists summit in Sri Lanka. Buddhist leaders from several nations attended the summit.

International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers: 29 May



- The "Worldwide Day of United Nations Peacekeepers" is seen on May 29 yearly.
- The day is praised to honor every one of the people who have served and keep on serving in United Nations peacekeeping activities for their significant degree of demonstrable skill, devotion, and mental fortitude and to respect the memory of the individuals who have lost their lives in the reason for harmony.
- The day was assigned by United Nations General Assembly on December 11, 2002, and first celebrated in 2003. The 2021 Theme: "The way to an enduring harmony: Leveraging the force of youth for harmony and security."

International Everest Day: 29th May



- Worldwide Everest Day is being seen on 29th May. Nepalese Tenzing Norgay and New Zealand's Edmund Hillary had climbed Mt. Everest on this day in 1953, as the primary people to accomplish the accomplishment.
- Nepal chose to notice the day as International Everest Day in 2008 when the unbelievable climber Hillary died.
- Everest Day on May 29 consistently in memory of the main highest point of Mt. Everest by Sir Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay Sherpa on the day in 1953.
- The day is commended with dedication occasions, parades, and exceptional occasions in Kathmandu and the Everest area.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Nepali name of Mt. Everest: Sagarmatha;
- Tibetan name: Chomolungma.
- Prime minister of Nepal: KP Sharma Oli; President: Bidhya Devi Bhandari.
- Capital of Nepal: Kathmandu; Currency: Nepalese rupee.

World Digestive Health Day: 29 May



- Consistently, World Digestive Health Day (WDHD) is seen on 29 May. It is coordinated by the World Gastroenterology Organization (WGO) in a joint effort with the WGO Foundation (WGOF).
- Every year the day centers upon a specific stomach related infection and additionally problem to expand overall population familiarity with anticipation, pervasiveness, determination, the executives and treatment of the sickness and additionally issue. The topic of WDHD 2021 is "Corpulence: An Ongoing Pandemic."
- World Digestive Health Day was dispatched in 2004 to check the 45th commemoration of the formation of the World Gastroenterology Organization. The association has more than 100 part social orders and 50,000 individual individuals everywhere on the world.

Amnesty International Day: 28 May



- Amnesty International Day is noticed each year on May 28, since it was on this day in 1961 that this non-administrative association was established in London.
- The Amnesty International was established on 28 May 1961 in London, following the distribution of the article "The Forgotten Prisoners" in The Observer, a British paper, by the legal counselor Peter Benenson.
- Amnesty International is a non-administrative association that spotlights on the insurance of common freedoms, by attempting to forestall maltreatments to basic liberties, battle for equity for those whose rights have been abused, grow and authorize basic liberties

securities in worldwide law, by campaigning governments and other amazing gatherings and publicizing their infringement.

- The association enjoys won the 1977 Nobel Harmony Prize for its "safeguard of human nobility against torment," and the United Nations Prize in the Field of Human Rights in 1978.

World Hunger Day observed on 28 May



- World Hunger Day is noticed worldwide on 28 May each year. The target of this day is to bring issues to light about in excess of 820 million individuals living in ongoing yearning around the world.
- It is seen since 2011 to not just spread mindfulness about the discomfort of constant appetite yet in addition to tackle craving and neediness through economical endeavors.
- World Hunger Day is a drive by The Hunger Project, initially began in the year 2011. This year points the eleventh yearly WHD to view at hunger in general.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- India ranked 94 among 107 nations in the Global Hunger Index 2020.

International Day of Action for Women’s Health: 28 May



- The International Day of Action for Women's Health (International Women's Health Day) is noticed each year on May 28 since 1987 to bring issues to light on the issues identified with ladies' wellbeing and prosperity.
- Latin American and Caribbean Women's Health Network (LACWHN) and Women's Global Network for Reproductive Rights (WGNRR) dispatched the day.
- After a seemingly endless amount of time after year, ladies, young ladies, promoters and partners have kept on making a move and go to bat for sexual and conceptive rights for what they are: an inseparable and unavoidable piece of our common liberties

International Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories



- The United Nations is noticing the International Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories from May 25 to 31, 2021. On December 06, 1999, the UN General Assembly required the yearly recognition of the Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories.
- In UN Charter, a Non-Self-Governing Territory is characterized as a Territory "whose individuals have not yet achieved a full proportion of self-government.

World No-Tobacco Day: 31 May



- Consistently, on 31st May, the World Health Organization (WHO) and worldwide accomplices observe World No Tobacco Day (WNTD).
- The yearly mission is a chance to bring issues to light on the unsafe and dangerous impacts of tobacco use and recycled smoke openness, and to debilitate the utilization of tobacco in any structure.

Topic 2: Agreements

TRIFED inks MoU with ‘The LINK Fund’ for tribal development



TRIBAL COOPERATIVE
MARKETING DEVELOPMENT
FEDERATION OF
INDIA LIMITED -
TRIFED

- The Connection Fund has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Tribal Co-operative Marketing Federation of India (TRIFED) for a collaborative project titled "Sustainable Livelihoods For Tribal Households in India." Both organisations will collaborate on the project to achieve the following goals:
- Tribal Development and Employment Generation, by assisting tribals in increasing value addition in their produce and products; Sustainable livelihoods and value addition, by increasing income and employment generation through technological intervention in value addition for MFPs, produce, and craft; and Sustainable livelihoods and value addition, by assisting tribals in increasing value addition in their produce and products.

Indian Bank signs MoU with BSNL



- Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited and Indian Bank signed an MoU to provide seamless telecom services to the Indian Bank at market rates. This may indicate that the telco is providing services to the bank at a lower market rate than average.
- For its Wide Area Network across the world, the bank already uses BSNL and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited's services. BSNL and its subsidiary MTNL are linking 5,000 Indian Bank branches and ATMs, according to Dr VK Sanjeevi, chief general manager of Chennai Telephones.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Indian Bank Headquarters: Chennai, Tamil

Nadu.

- Indian Bank CEO: Padmaja Chundurur.
- Indian Bank Tagline: Your Own Bank, Banking That's Twice As Good.
- Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited Chairman & MD: Pravin Kumar Purwar.
- Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited Headquarters: New Delhi.

Yono by SBI Joins Hands with Shivrai Technologies



- Shivrai Technologies has collaborated with Yono SBI, a leading digital banking network, to create a free application to assist smallholder, marginal, and large-holder farmers.
- This will help them to concentrate on the expenses they have incurred as well as the accurate bookkeeping of total income.
- The aim is to assist farmers across the country in effectively managing their accounts and reducing losses. FarmERP, Shivrai's B2B brand, is also owned by the company.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- SBI Chairperson: Dinesh Kumar Khara.
- SBI Headquarters: Mumbai.
- SBI Founded: 1 July 1955.

Facebook to introduces vaccine finder tool on mobile

app in India



- In India, Facebook has partnered with the Indian government to launch a vaccine finder tool on its mobile app, which will help people locate vaccination clinics in their region.
- Earlier this week, the social media behemoth announced a USD 10 million grant for COVID-19 emergency response efforts in the region.
- Facebook will begin rolling out its Vaccine Finder tool on the Facebook mobile app in India, which will be available in 17 languages, in partnership with the Indian government, to help people find vaccine locations near them.
- The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has provided the locations and hours of operation of vaccine centres in this tool (MoHFW).
- In total, 15.22 crore doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered in the world.
- In addition, more than 2.45 crore people have registered on the Co-WIN digital platform ahead of the start of Phase 3 of the COVID-19 vaccination for those over the age of 18 on May 1.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Chief Executive Officer of Facebook: Mark Zuckerberg.
- Facebook Headquarters: California, US.

PepsiCo Foundation partners with SEEDS to set up COVID care centres



- The PepsiCo Foundation, the company's philanthropic arm, announced that it has teamed up with the non-profit Sustainable Environment and Ecological Development Society (SEEDS) to initiate a neighbourhood COVID-19 vaccination drive and establish COVID care centres.
- Maharashtra, Punjab, West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, and Telangana will be the highlight. SEEDS will promote Covid-19 vaccines to the general public and establish Covid care centres with beds and medical equipment, including oxygen cylinders, as part of the agreement.

Rolls-Royce and HAL Sign MoU for Supporting MT30 Marine Engine Business



- HAL and Rolls-Royce have signed a memorandum of understanding to develop packaging, installation, marketing, and service support for Rolls-Royce MT30 marine engines in India.
- Rolls-Royce and HAL will extend their long-standing collaboration in India and collaborate for the first time in the field of marine applications as a result of this MoU.

- This collaboration would take advantage of HAL's IMGT (Industrial and Marine Gas Turbine) Division's extensive experience working with Indian shipyards on marine gas turbines.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Hindustan Aeronautics Limited: CMD: R Madhavan;
- Hindustan Aeronautics Limited HQ: Bengaluru;
- Rolls-Royce CEO: Torsten Muller-Otvos;
- Rolls-Royce Founder: Bayerische Motoren Werke AG;
- Rolls-Royce Founded: 1904;
- Rolls-Royce Headquarters: Westhampnett, United Kingdom.

Oil and Gas PSUs inks MoU for Shri Badrinath Dham



- IndianOil, BPCL, HPCL, ONGC, and GAIL have signed Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) with the Shri Badrinath Utthan Charitable Trust for the construction and redevelopment of Shri Badrinath Dham in Uttarakhand as a Spiritual Smart Hill Town.
- In the first phase of the project, these PSUs will contribute Rs. 99.60 crore.
- The programme is part of the government's attempt to increase tourism by attracting more visitors, which would help the state's economy. Shri Badrinath Dham's rejuvenation work is expected to be done in three years.

Geojit sign an ink pact with PNB to offer three-in-one

account

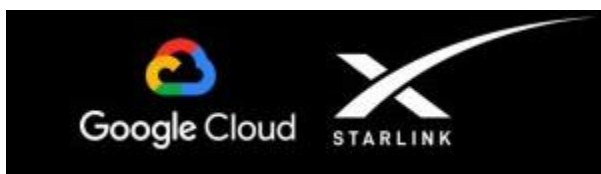


- Geojit Financial Services has gone into a concurrence with Punjab National Bank to give a three-in-one record to the last's clients.
- The new help gives clients who have an investment account with PNB, a PNB Demat account and a Geojit exchanging account. Saving and Demat records can be opened online in PNB with a problem free methodology.
- The 3-in-1 record makes it simpler for PNB clients to move assets progressively by means of the installment door office from their bank accounts to meet their speculation needs.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Punjab National Bank Headquarters: New Delhi.
- Punjab National Bank MD and CEO: S. S. Mallikarjuna Rao.
- Punjab National Bank Founded: 19 May 1894, Lahore, Pakistan.

Google Cloud and SpaceX have teamed to provide satellite internet service.



- Google Cloud and SpaceX marked an arrangement for giving web access through Starlink satellite.
- Google will give the Cloud framework to this network Project, while Space X will introduce

ground terminals in Google's cloud server farms for interfacing Starlink satellites. It will help in giving quick network access to the rustic regions. This assistance will be accessible to clients before the finish of 2021.

- The first Starlink terminal will be set up in a Google server farm in Ohio, United States. Prior, Microsoft has likewise consented to a comparative arrangement with SpaceX to interface its Azure cloud to Starlink.
- Starlink is an undertaking under which SpaceX intends to send 12,000 satellites to give space-based web.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- SpaceX founder & CEO: Elon Musk.
- SpaceX Founded: 2002.
- SpaceX Headquarters: California, United States of America.
- Google CEO: Sundar Pichai.
- Google Founded: 4 September 1998, California, United States.
- Google Founders: Larry Page, Sergey Brin.

Memorandum of Understanding between India and Microsoft on Digital Transformation of Tribal Schools



- The Ministry of Tribal Affairs and Microsoft have signed a Memorandum of Understanding on a cooperative project for tribal school digital transformation.
- In tribal communities, Ashram Schools and

Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) have been established.

- Microsoft will provide tribal children with an Artificial Intelligence curriculum in Hindi and English.
- 250 EMRS will be created in the first phase of the initiative. A total of 50 schools will receive intense instruction out of the 250 total. In addition, in the first phase, 500 master trainers will be taught.
- Teachers will be educated in stages to use Artificial Intelligence applications and production technologies like Office 365. This will expose instructors to the realm of cooperation and help them grasp how virtual field excursions may improve education.
- At the conclusion of the programme, the teachers will get E-Certificates and E-badges from Microsoft Education Centers.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Minister of Tribal Affairs: Arjun Munda;
- Microsoft CEO: Satya Nadella;
- Microsoft Headquarters: Redmond, Washington, United States.

SBI and HyperVerge Join Forces to Launch AI-Assisted Online Account Opening



- HyperVerge announced its partnership with SBI, with one of its flagship products, the Video Banking solution, which aims to achieve a 10x

improvement in the number of account openings per day per agent.

- The new service will offer a quick and completely paperless experience to customers with minimal ID documents. Assisted by AI engines with an accuracy of 99.5%, HyperVerge's Video Banking solution enables SBI to provide convenient digital banking services to millions of Indians.
- Last year, the Reserve Bank of India (equivalent to the Federal Reserve) allowed banks to adopt the Video Customer Identification Process (V-CIP). This measure has proven to be prophetic given the rising Covid-19 cases.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Dinesh Kumar Khara is the Chairman of the SBI.
- Mumbai is the headquarters of SBI.
- SBI is an acronym for Small Business Innovation Research. On July 1, 1955, the company was founded.
- India and Israel sign a three-year agriculture cooperation agreement.



- India and Israel have inked a three-year joint work program which will proceed till 2023. A joint work program was started determined to upgrade collaboration in horticulture.
- Under the new work program, 13 Centers of Excellence (CoEs) were set up to make Indian ranchers mindful of Israeli homestead and water advances. A model environment in farming called Villages of Excellence (VoE) will

likewise be made across eight states inside 75 towns.

- The new program will advance the expansion in net gain and improve the occupation of the individual rancher. India and Israel have finished four comparable joint work programs effectively.

TRIFED and NITI AAYOG to partner to implement the Van Dhan Yojana



- TRIFED (Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India), Ministry of Tribal Affairs is set to collaborate with NITI Aayog for execution of Van Dhan Vikas Kendra (VDVK) drive under Van Dhan Yojna in 39 Tribal Aspirational areas recognized by NITI Aayog.
- These remember locale for the provinces of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat,

Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Odisha, Telangana and Tripura.

- Van Dhan ancestral new businesses or VDVK is a program for esteem expansion, marking and showcasing of Minor Forest Produces by setting up Van Dhan Kendras to work with the making of reasonable jobs for the woodland based clans.
- Through this organization, NITI Aayog will uphold TRIFED in the idea of intermingling (a joint effort between State and Central Governments, Development accomplices) for the VDVK Mission with Article 275 (1), DMF (District Mineral Foundations), and Scheduled Tribe Component (STC) of various services.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Minister of Tribal Affairs: Arjun Munda.
- NITI Aayog Formed: 1 January 2015.
- NITI Aayog Headquarters: New Delhi.
- NITI Aayog Chairperson: Narendra Modi.

Topic 3: Appointment

Amitabh Chaudhry Re-appointed as MD & CEO of Axis Bank



- The bank board has re-appointed Amitabh Chaudhry as the Managing Director and CEO of the private sector lender Axis Bank for another three years. His second three-year term will begin on January 1, 2022, and end on December 31, 2024.
- Chaudhry was first named as Axis Bank's Managing Director (MD) and CEO for a three-year term, beginning January 1, 2019 and ending December 31, 2021. He was the MD and CEO of HDFC Standard Life Insurance Company

before that.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Axis Bank Headquarters: Mumbai;
- Axis Bank Founded: 1993.

T Rabi Sankar named RBI deputy governor



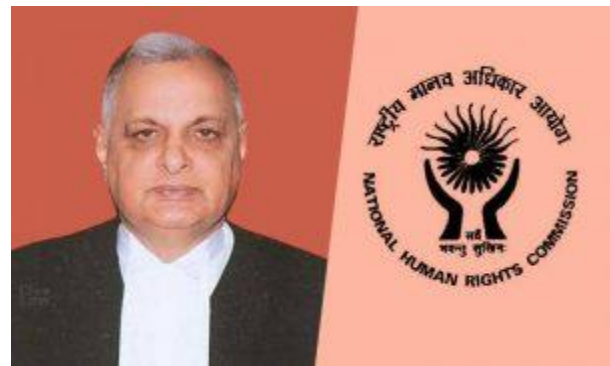
- T Rabi Sankar, the executive director of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), has been elected the central bank's fourth Deputy Governor. His nomination has been confirmed by the Cabinet Appointments Committee.
- At the Reserve Bank of India, he is in charge of the payments system, fintech, information technology, and risk management.
- He takes over as deputy governor from BP Kanungo, who retired on April 2 after receiving a one-year extension in his place.

Kotak Mahindra Life appoints Mahesh Balasubramanian as MD



- On May 1, Kotak Mahindra Life Insurance Company Limited (KLI) announced the appointment of Mahesh Balasubramanian as managing director. Following the retirement of G Murlidhar, he was selected.
- Balasubramanian has been appointed by the firm, which has received approval from the Insurance Regulatory Development Authority of India. The appointment is for a three-year term. Suresh Agarwal has been promoted to Kotak General Insurance's MD and CEO.

Justice Pant appointed NHRC acting chairperson



- Justice (retired) Prafulla Chandra Pant, a member of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), was appointed acting chairperson of the Commission on April 25.
- Justice Pant, a retired Supreme Court judge, was named to the NHRC on April 22, 2019. Since Justice H.L. Dattu, a former Chief Justice of India, completed his term on December 2, 2020, the role of chairperson has been vacant.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- National Human Rights Commission Formed: 12 October 1993;
- National Human Rights Commission Jurisdiction: Government of India;
- National Human Rights Commission Headquarters: New Delhi.

RM Sundaram appointed as Director of Indian Institute

of Rice Research



- The Indian Institute of Rice Research (IIRR), an arm of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, has appointed Raman Meenakshi Sundaram as its Director. He was a Principal Scientist (Biotechnology) at the institute's Crop Improvement Section prior to this promotion.
- He is a world-renowned scientist who works in the fields of rice biotechnology, molecular breeding, and genomics. He has published over 160 scientific papers in prestigious national and international journals, as well as many novels, book chapters, and influential articles.

Vijay Goel takes over as CMD of THDCIL



- Vijay Goel has been appointed chairman and managing director of THDC India Ltd.
- From May 1, 2021, his appointment will take effect.
- From NHPC Ltd, he came to the company in 1990 as a senior personnel officer (SPO). He has

more than 35 years of diverse experience in human resource management.

Ujjwala Singhania takes over as 38th National President FICCI FLO



- FICCI Ladies Organization (FLO), Southeast Asia's oldest women-led and women-centric business chamber, has appointed Ujjwala Singhania as its National President.
- Singhania will concentrate on empowering women as the 38th National President of FLO by facilitating an enabling atmosphere that encourages women to engage in entrepreneurship, business participation, and economic growth.
- FLO will carry out a number of initiatives under her leadership in order to encourage more women to participate in India's industrial and economic growth narrative.

Indian-origin expert Sankar Ghosh elected to National Academy of Sciences



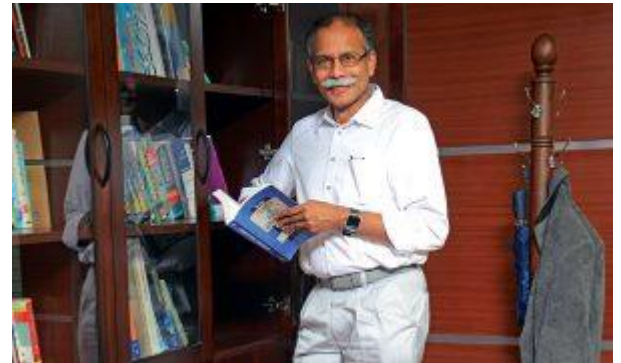
- Sankar Ghosh, an award-winning immunologist of Indian ancestry, has been elected to the National Academy of Sciences for his "distinguished and continuing achievements in original study."
- He was one of the Academy's newly elected members, which totaled 120. The National Academy of Sciences is a private, charitable organisation established in 1863 by President Abraham Lincoln under a Congressional charter.
- It awards membership to scientists who have made significant contributions to science, and it advises the federal government and other organisations on science, engineering, and health policy, along with the National Academy of Engineering and the National Academy of Medicine.

RBI appoints Jose J Kattoor as Executive Director



- Jose J Kattoor has been appointed Executive Director of the Reserve Bank of India (ED). Mr Kattoor was the Regional Director for Karnataka at the Reserve Bank of India's Bengaluru Regional Office before being promoted to ED.
- He will be in charge of the Human Resource Management, Corporate Strategy and Budget, and Rajbhasha departments.
- Mr Kattoor has worked at the Reserve Bank for the past three decades in correspondence, human resource management, financial inclusion, supervision, currency management, and other fields.

Padmakumar Nair Appointed As CEO Of National Asset Reconstruction Company



- Padmakumar M Nair, the prospective National Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd's CEO, has been named. Padmakumar is now the Chief General Manager of SBI's Stressed Assets Resolution Group.
- National Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd. is a planned bad bank that would combine and take over lenders' stressed assets and resolve them, as mentioned by Finance Minister •Nirmala Sitharaman in the budget for 2021-22.
- A bad bank is a financial entity that takes over a lender's problematic assets and works to resolve them.
- A bad bank is a financial entity that acquires and resolves the bad assets of lenders.

PESB appoints Arun Kumar Singh as next CMD of BPCL



- The Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB), the government's head-hunter, has picked Arun Kumar Singh as the chairman and managing director of state-run oil refining and marketing firm Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL).
- Arun Kumar Singh is now the director of marketing of BPCL, as well as the Director of Refineries. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, would have to approve his appointment.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Mumbai is the headquarters of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd.
- Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) is a public limited company based in India. The year the company was founded was 1952.

Manisha Kapoor joins the executive committee of ICAS



- Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI) reported that its overall secretary Manisha Kapoor has been designated to the leader board of the International Council for Advertising Self-Regulation (ICAS).
- Until April, ASCI served on the leader council as a part for a two-year term.
- Now, Kapoor will play an influential position on the council till 2023. She will be one of the four worldwide VPs on the leader board of trustees.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- President of ICAS: Guy Parker;
- ICAS Headquarters: Brussels Capital, Belgium;

- Advertising Standards Council of India Founded: 1985;
- Advertising Standards Council of India Headquarters: Mumbai

Martin Griffiths appointed new UN Humanitarian Chief



- Veteran British ambassador Martin Griffiths has been delegated as the new Chief at the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), for a time of five years.
- Griffiths will supplant Mark Lowcock as the new Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator (USG/ERC) of OCHA. He is presently filling in as the United Nations Special Envoy for Yemen.
- The United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) plans to fortify the global reaction to complex crises and cataclysmic events. The base camp of OCHA is situated in two areas which are New York and Geneva.
- **Important takeaways for all competitive exams:**
- OCHA Founded: 19 December 1991;
- OCHA Headquarters: New York, United States and Istanbul, Turkey.

Ramesh Powar appointed Head Coach of Indian Women's Cricket team



- The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has announced Ramesh Powar's appointment as Team India's Head Coach (Senior Women).
- Sulakshana Naik, Madan Lal, and Rudra Pratap Singh, three members of the Cricket Advisory Committee, interviewed the applicants and unanimously approved on Powar's candidacy.
- Powar, a former international, represented India in two Tests and 31 One-Day Internationals.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Secretary of BCCI: Jay Shah.
- President of BCCI: Sourav Ganguly.

Headquarters of BCCI: Mumbai, Maharashtra; Founded: December 1928.

Indian-American Neera Tanden appointed as White House senior adviser



- American-Indian President Joe Biden has chosen Neera Tanden as a senior adviser. She is presently the president and CEO of the Center for American

Progress, a progressive think organisation (CAP).

- Due to strong opposition from Republican senators, she withdrew her candidacy as Director of the White House Office of Management and Budget.
- Ms Tanden formerly worked for the US Department of Health and Human Services as a senior consultant on health reform. She worked on specific parts of former President Barack Obama's signature legislative achievement, the Affordable Care Act, with Congress and stakeholders.

Footwear Brand Bata India appoints Gunjan Shah as new CEO



- Footwear organization Bata India has delegated Gunjan Shah as its new Chief Executive Officer (CEO).
- He will join Bata in his new part from 21 June 2021, for a time of five years. Shah replaces Sandeep Kataria, who has been raised as the Global CEO of Bata Brands in November 2020.
- Prior to this, Shah was the Chief Commercial Officer (COO) at Britannia Industries. Bata Corporation is a global footwear and style adornment producer and retailer, with its settle situated in Lausanne, Switzerland and an Indian branch situated in Gurugram, Haryana.

Satoshi Uchida has been named the new CEO of Suzuki Motorcycle India.



- Satoshi Uchida has been named the new Company Head of Suzuki Motorcycle India. As part of Suzuki Motor Corporation's worldwide restructuring, he has taken the place of Koichiro Hirao.
- In April 2021, Suzuki Motorcycle India set a new monthly sales record, delivering 77,849 units. Suzuki Motor Firm is a global Japanese corporation headquartered in Minami-Ku.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Suzuki Motor Corporation Founder: Michio Suzuki;
- Suzuki Motor Corporation Founded: October 1909;
- Suzuki Motor Corporation CEO: Osamu Suzuki.

Reserve Bank Innovation Hub CEO Rajesh Bansal has been appointed.



- The Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH) Board of Directors has appointed Rajesh Bansal as its chief executive officer (CEO) with effect from

May 17, 2021, according to a statement from the RBIH.

- The Reserve Bank Innovation Hub would provide internal infrastructure to support fintech research and collaboration with innovators and startups.

Narinder Batra re-elected as FIH President



- Narinder Batra has been re-elected as the President of the International Hockey Federation (FIH) for the second consecutive term.
- He was elected during the virtual 47th Congress of FIH, where he beat Marc Coudron, Chief of Belgium Hockey Federation, by just two votes.
- He will hold the office until 2024 because the FIH has reduced the term from four to three years.
- The veteran Indian sports administrator is the only Asian to be appointed to the top post in the world body's 92-year-old history.
- He is also the President of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) and a Member of the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Lausanne, Switzerland is the headquarters of the International Hockey Federation (FIH).
- Thierry Weil is the CEO of the International Hockey Federation.
- The International Hockey Federation is a global governing body for hockey. 7th of January, 1924.

Himanta Biswa Sarma is elected to the Board of Directors of the BWF.



- The Badminton Association of India (BAI) President Himanta Biswa Sarma has been elected as a Member of the c for the period 2021-25.
- Sarma was elected among 31 contestants to the 20-member BWF Council on May 22, 2021, at the virtual AGM and Council election of BWF, where he got 236 votes in favour. He is also the Vice President of Badminton Asia and the Chief Minister of Assam

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Badminton World Federation Headquarters: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia;
- Badminton World Federation President: Paul-Erik Hoyer Larsen.
- Sreejesh is a member of the FIH Athletes' Committee.



- Star India hockey team goalkeeper PR Sreejesh was re-appointed as a member of the

International Hockey Federation (FIH) Athletes' Committee during the virtual meeting of the world body's Executive Board.

- He has been a member of the panel since 2017. The experienced Sreejesh, who has led the Indian team in the past, was one of the four new members appointed by the EB which met two days before the 47th FIH Congress, which will also be held online.
- The EB confirmed the appointment of four new members for the Athletes' Committee. Sreejesh Parattu (IND), Marlena Rybacha (POL), Mohamed Mea (RSA) and Matt Swann (AUS) are now joining the Committee. Steve Horgan (USA), the new chair of the FIH Rules Committee, succeeding David Collier.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- The FIH is headquartered in Lausanne, Switzerland.
- FIH (International Federation of Hockey) Founded on the 7th of January, 1924 in Paris, France;

CRPF DG Kuldiep Singh gets additional charge of NIA



- Chief General of Central Reserve Police Force, Kuldiep Singh has been given extra charge of Director General of National Investigation Agency, NIA.
- He will hold the extra post after 31st or this month after the superannuation of Y C Modi.
- The Ministry of Home Affairs allotted the extra charge to Singh, a 1986-group West Bengal

framework official, who has been taking care of the post of CRPF Director General since March 16 this year.

- He has been designated as DG, CRPF up to September 30, 2022—the date of his superannuation.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- National Investigation Agency Headquarters: New Delhi;
- National Investigation Agency Founder: Radha Vinod Raju;
- National Investigation Agency Founded: 2009.

IPS Subodh Kumar Jaiswal is the new Director of the CBI.



- Subodh Jaiswal, an IPS officer, has been named Director of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI). He was the most senior of the three officers selected for the CBI Directorship.
- The high-powered committee led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi short-listed Jaiswal, along with KR Chandra and VS Kaumudi, out of 109 officers for the top job. NV Ramana, the Chief Justice of India, and Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, are also members of the committee.
- The Cabinet Appointments Committee has approved the appointment of Shri Subodh Kumar Jaiswal, IPS (MH: 1985) as Director, Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) for a

period of two years from the date of assumption of charge of the office or until further orders, whichever is earlier, based on the panel recommended by the Committee.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Central Bureau of Investigation Headquarters: New Delhi.
- Central Bureau of Investigation Founded: 1 April 1963.

On July 5th, Andy Jassy will take over as CEO of Amazon.



- On July 5th, Andy Jassy will take over as CEO of Amazon, the business revealed at a shareholder meeting. In February, Amazon announced that Jassy, the current CEO of Amazon Web Services (AWS), would succeed Jeff Bezos as the company's CEO.
- Bezos will take over as executive chair of Amazon's board of directors. Jassy joined the company in the late 1990s and was entrusted with researching what would eventually become Amazon Web Services (AWS) in 2003.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Amazon.com Inc Founded: 5 July 1994.
- Amazon.com Inc Headquarters: Seattle, Washington, United States.

Jagjit Pavadia elected as president of Vienna based

INCB

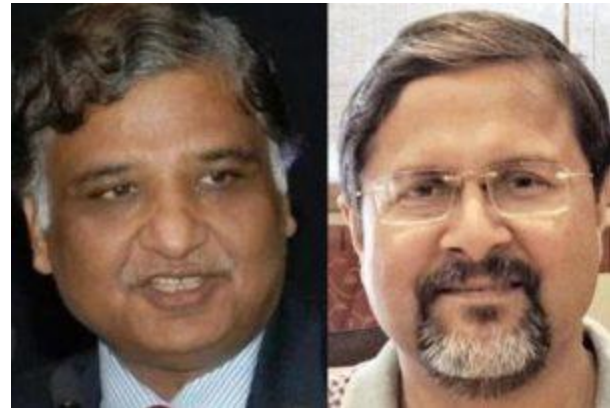


- Jagjit Pavadia, the previous Narcotics Commissioner of India and a resigned official of the Indian Revenue Service (Customs), has been chosen leader of the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB).
- She is the main Indian to head the Vienna-based association and the subsequent lady to hold this office.
- The Board will give specific consideration to the opportune stock of and admittance to controlled medications during crisis circumstances. It will likewise proceed with its work on the improvement of rules for the control and observing of cannabis and cannabis-related substances.
- INCB screens the consistence of UN Member States with the three worldwide medication control shows and the working of the global medication control framework.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- International Narcotics Control Board Headquarters: Vienna, Austria;
- International Narcotics Control Board President: Cornelis P. de Joncheere;
- International Narcotics Control Board Founded: 1968.

One-year extension for RAW chief Samant Goel, IB head Arvind Kumar



- Examination and Analysis Wing boss, Samant Kumar Goel and Intelligence Bureau head Arvind Kumar were allowed a one-year augmentation in their administrations.
- Goel, a 1984-group IPS official from Punjab framework, would keep on being the Secretary of Research and Analysis Wing (RAW) for a period one year past the presence residency which closes on June 30.
- Additionally, Kumar, an IPS official of Assam and Meghalaya framework, will keep on heading the Intelligence Bureau for a time of one year after June 30.

B.V.R. Subrahmanyam to be Commerce Secretary



- The arrangements panel of the Cabinet (ACC) has endorsed the arrangement of B.V.R. Subrahmanyam, Chief Secretary Jammu and Kashmir as an official on unique obligation in the Department of Commerce. A request gave by the Union Ministry of Personnel, Public

Grievances and Pensions.

- Mr Subrahmanyam is a 1987 clump IAS official of the Chhattisgarh unit and was sent on delegation to Jammu and Kashmir in June 2018.
- He filled in as Chief Secretary when the State was bifurcated into two Union Territories in 2019. He is a generally experienced official having worked in Manmohan Singh Prime Minister's Office as Joint Secretary.

Louvre gets its first female leader in 228 years



- Student of history Laurence des Cars turns into the principal female leader of Musée du Louver,

the world's biggest gallery in Paris, France in 228 years.

- She was delegated as the principal female leader of Musée du Louver by the President of France, Emmanuel Macron.
- Laurence des Cars, 54, is as of now heading the Musée d'Orsay, the Paris milestone gallery which is committed to nineteenth century workmanship.
- On September 1, 2021, she will supplant the current president, Jean-Luc Martinez, who had been going the Orsay historical center for as long as eight years.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- France Capital: Paris.
- France President: Emmanuel Macron.
- France Prime minister: Jean Castex
- France Currency: Euro.

Topic 4: Award

Japan's Order of the Rising Sun honour to Shyamala Ganesh



- Shyamala Ganesh, a Bengaluru-based Japanese

teacher, was recently awarded the "Order of the Rising Sun" by the Japanese government. She teaches Japanese at the Septuagenarian institution as well as the Ohara School of Ikebana in Bengaluru's RT Nagar.

- Since its establishment 38 years ago, she has tutored hundreds of students. Ikebana is a Japanese flower arrangement technique.
- The award is given to those who have made outstanding contributions to the promotion of Japanese culture, international affairs, professional development, and environmental protection.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Japan Capital: Tokyo;
- Japan Currency: Japanese yen;
- Japan Prime minister: Yoshihide Suga.

Maria Ressa conferred UNESCO World Press Freedom Prize 2021



- Maria Ressa has been elected the UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize laureate for 2021.
- According to UNESCO, the \$25,000 award “recognises outstanding contributions to the defence or promotion of press freedom, especially in the face of danger.” The award is named after Colombian journalist Guillermo Cano Isaza.
- Ressa's more than three-decade career as a journalist was highlighted by UNESCO, which highlighted her role as CNN's lead investigative reporter for Asia and as news chief of Philippine broadcaster ABS-CBN.
- Ressa has recently been the victim of "online attacks and judicial procedures" for her investigative work and position as CEO of Rappler, according to her citation.

Singer Pink bags Icon Award at Billboard Music Awards



- Pink will receive the Icon Award at the Billboard Music Awards in 2021. (BBMAs).
- The award honours artists who have charted on Billboard and have had a lasting influence on the music industry.
- Neil Diamond, Stevie Wonder, Prince, Jennifer Lopez, Celine Dion, Cher, Janet Jackson, Mariah Carey, and Garth Brooks are among the past honorees.

Gita Mittal to be awarded Arline Pacht Global Vision Award



- Justice Gita Mittal, the former Chief Justice of the Jammu and Kashmir High Court, has been named one of the two winners of the Arline Pacht Global Vision Award for 2021.
- On May 7, 2021, during the virtual opening ceremony of the IAWJ Biennial Conference, the Award will be presented. Margarita Luna Ramos of Mexico shares the honour with her.
- In 2016, the International Association of

Women Judges (IAWJ) founded this award. The award will be given to the first Indian judge, Justice Mittal. The award is given to a serving or retired female judge in recognition of her service to the IAWJ.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- President of International Association of Women Judges: Vanessa Ruiz;
- International Association of Women Judges Founded: 1991;
- International Association of Women Judges HQ: Washington DC, USA.

Naomi Osaka wins top title at 2021 Laureus World Sports Awards



- Naomi Osaka, the world's number two tennis player, has been named "Sportswoman of the Year" at the Laureus World Sports Awards in 2021. The Laureus Sports Awards are Osaka's second. She received the "Breakthrough of the Year" prize in 2019.
- Rafael Nadal of Spain, the World No. 2 in the men's category, was named "Laureus Sportsman of the Year" for 2021. This is Nadal's second title; he also won the prestigious award in 2011.

Here is the complete list of Winners:

- Sportsman of the Year Award: Rafael Nadal

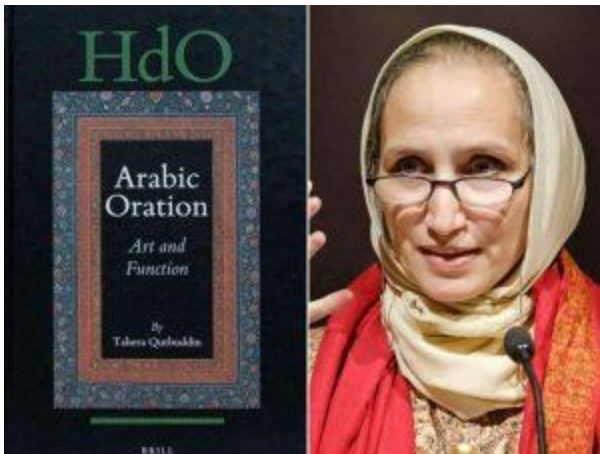
- Sportswoman of the Year Award: Naomi Osaka
- Team of the Year Award: Bayern Munich
- Breakthrough of the Year Award: Patrick Mahomes
- The comeback of the Year Award: Max Parrot
- Sport for Good Award: KICKFORMORE by KICKFAIR
- Lifetime Achievement Award: Billie Jean King
- Athlete Advocate of the Year Award: Lewis Hamilton
- Sporting Inspiration Award: Mohamed Salah
- Sporting Moment of the Year Award: Chris Nikic

Anupam Kher wins best actor award at New York City International Film Festival



- Anupam Kher won the Best Actor award for his performance in the short film Happy Birthday at the New York City International Film Festival.
- The film has been directed by Prasad Kadam and produced by FNP Media. Besides Anupam, Happy Birthday stars Aahana Kumra. The film also won the Best Short Film award at the festival.

Dr Tahera Qutbuddin 1st Indian To Win Arab World Nobel Prize



- Dr. Tahera Qutbuddin, a professor of Arabic Literature at the University of Chicago and a Mumbai native, was recently named the 15th Sheikh Zayed Book Award winner.
- The award is widely regarded as the Arab world's Nobel Prize. She was honoured for her most recent book, "Arabic Oration – Art and Function," which was released in 2019 by Brill Academic Publishers in Leiden.
- She presents a detailed theory of Arabic literature in its foundational oral time, which dates from the seventh and eighth centuries AD, in the book. She also explores how it has influenced modern-day sermons and lectures.

IREDA conferred with Green Urja Award



- Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd (IREDA) has been consulted with the "Green Urja Award" for being the Leading Public Institution in the Financing Institution for Renewable Energy this year by the Indian

Chamber of Commerce (ICC).

- IREDA gets the honor for the crucial and formative job it plays in Green Energy Financing.
- The grant perceives our colossal commitment to the advancement of the Renewable Energy Sector in accordance with the Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision of Atma Nirbhar Bharat.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- IREDA Headquarters location: New Delhi;
- IREDA Founded: 11 March 1987.

Shakuntala Hark Singh of Indian origin receives World Food Award 2021



- Dr Shakuntala Hark Singh Thilstad, an Indian-origin worldwide nutritionist, has been awarded the "World Food Award" for the year 2021.
- She devised a comprehensive, nutritionally sensitive approach to seafood and food systems, and his study was recognised with an award.
- The Nobel Prize for Food and Agriculture is another name for the prize. Every year, the committee chooses a recipient of the \$ 250,000 title and prize money.
- According to the World Food Award's website, Dr. Shakuntala's research on Bangladesh's tiny fish species will aid in the development of a nutritionally aware approach to the seafood system at all levels.
- With this assistance, millions of underprivileged people in Asia and Africa will be able to eat a

more nutritional diet.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- World Food Programme Headquarters: Rome, Italy;

World Food Programme Founded: 1961.

Andrea Meza crowned 69th Miss Universe 2020



- Miss Mexico Andrea Meza has been delegated as the 69th Miss Universe 2020. Then again, Miss India's Adline Quadros Castelino made it to the Top 4.
- Brazil's Julia Gama is the primary next in line, Peru's Janick Maceta is the second next in line while India's Adline Castelino and Dominican Republic's Kimberly Perez are third second place and fourth second place, individually.
- This year, the show is being held in Miami, Florida's Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino Hollywood. Zozibini Tunzi of South Africa crowns her replacement in the occasion.

NBA creates social justice award, named for Abdul-Jabbar



- The NBA has announced the development of a new award, the Kareem Abdul-Jabbar Social Justice Champion Award, to honour players who are making significant progress in the battle for social justice.
- A hippie from Nagaland's far off Longleng area, Nuku Phom has won the current year's Whitley Awards 2021, otherwise called the Green Oscar. Nuku Phom's name, alongside that of five others, was reported as of late
- Each NBA club will submit one player for consideration; five finalists will be chosen, and one winner will be chosen. The winning player will earn \$100,000 to donate to his favourite charity.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- NBA Founded: 6 June 1946, New York, United States;
- NBA Commissioner: Adam Silver;
- NBA Headquarters: New York, United States.

Nuklu Phom, a Nagaland environmentalist, has been awarded the coveted Whitley Awards for the year 2021.

- Nuku Phom, an environmentalist from Nagaland's rural Longleng area, received the Whitley Awards 2021, often known as the Green Oscar, this year. Nuku Phom's name was recently released, along with the names of five other people, at a virtual award ceremony hosted by the Whitley Fund for Nature in the United Kingdom (WFN).
- Nuku and his group need to offer options that draw in networks in protection utilizing the Amur bird of prey as a leader.
- The grant perceives Phom's endeavors at setting up another biodiversity harmony hallway changing the destiny of Amur Falcons, which come to perch in Nagaland every year, from being pursued by local people.

- Worth £40,000, the honor is for making another organization of local area claimed woods to secure Amur Falcons and increment biodiversity in Nagaland.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Chief Minister of Nagaland: Neiphiu Rio;
Governor of Nagaland: R. N. Ravi

Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank is the recipient of the 'International Invincible Gold Medal.'



- Worldwide Invincible Gold Medal of this current year has been presented on Union Education Minister Dr Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank. He has been recognised for his uncommon responsibility and extraordinary assistance to humankind through his compositions, social and famous public life.
- The choice was made after due consultations by a powerful advisory group properly established under the authority of Dr Tony Nader who is the worldwide top of the Maharshi association. This honor will be given by the overall Maharishi Organization and its colleges.

Kobe Bryant is inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame after his death.



- Kobe Bryant, a Los Angeles Lakers superstar, has been inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame posthumously.
- Michael Jordan, the NBA's greatest player, introduced him during the event in Connecticut, and his widow, Vanessa, accepted his induction on his behalf.
- Bryant, who won the NBA Most Valuable Player award in 2008, retired from the Los Angeles Lakers in 2016.
- In January 2020, the five-time NBA champion died in a helicopter crash at the age of 41.
- Cambridge DNA sequencing pioneers get 1-million-euro Nobel Prize in technology
- Two British chemists who developed a super-fast DNA sequencing technique that paved the way for revolutionary healthcare advances were awarded Finland's version of the Nobel science prizes
- Professors Shankar Balasubramanian and David Klenerman of Cambridge University were awarded the 1 million euro (\$1.22 million) Millennium Technology Prize for their work developing progressively quicker and cheaper technologies to sequence the human genome over a 27-year period.
- The Technology Academy Finland, which presents the biennial prize, said the pair's Next-Generation DNA Sequencing technology (NGS) "means tremendous benefits to society, from helping to battle deadly diseases like Covid-19 or cancer to better understanding crop illnesses and boosting food supply."

Suresh Mukund is the first Indian to get the annual 'World Choreography Award 2020'.



- The Emmy Award-nominated Indian choreographer Suresh Mukund, has won the 10th Annual 'World Choreography Award 2020', (also known as Choreo Awards), becoming the first Indian to win the prestigious honour.
- He won the award in the 'TV REALITY SHOW/COMPETITION' category, for his work on the hit American TV reality show 'World of Dance'.
- Mukund is the director and choreographer of the Indian dance crew 'The Kings', which won the 2019 season of World of Dance.
- The World Choreography Awards, famously known as the "Oscars of Dance", takes place every year, in Los Angeles, to showcase the most innovative and original works by the world's best choreographers featured in television, film, commercials, digital content, and music videos.

Jane Goodall, a naturalist, is the winner of the Templeton Prize for Lifetime Achievement in 2021.



- Jane Goodall, a naturalist, has been named the Templeton Prize winner for 2021 in appreciation of her life's work on animal intelligence and humanity.
- In the 1960s, Goodall made a name for herself by conducting breakthrough research on chimps in Tanzania.
- The Templeton Prize is a yearly award given to a live individual "whose extraordinary

contributions further Sir John Templeton's philanthropic vision: harnessing the power of the sciences to study the deepest issues of the universe and humankind's role and purpose within it," according to the judges.

About Templeton Prize

- Instituted: 1973;
- Presented by: John Templeton Foundation;
- Reward(s): £1.1 million;
- Currently held by: Francis Collins;
- Awarded for: Outstanding contributions in affirming life's spiritual dimension, whether through insight, discovery, or practical works.

Hockey India wins Etienne Glichitch Award



- Hockey India has won the prestigious Etienne Glichitch Award in recognition of its contribution to the growth and development of the sport in the country.
- The awards were announced by the game's governing body FIH during the HockeyInvites virtual conference. It was part of its 47th FIH Congress which concluded with the FIH Honorary Awards.

Other awards granted in the 47th FIH Congress include:

S.no	Award	Winners
1	Pablo Negre Award	Uzbekistan Hockey Federation
2	Theo Ikema Award	Polish Hockey Association
3	HRH Sultan Azlan Shah Award	Sharon Williamson of New Zealand
4	Guust Lathouwers Memorial Trophy	Ivona Makar

6. Kerala’s Shaji N.M. wins India Biodiversity Award 2021



- Shaji N.M., often known as Kerala's "Tuber Man," has been honoured with the India Biodiversity Award 2021 in the category of "Conservation of Domesticated Species."
- During the International Day for Biological Diversity (IDB) 2021, the award, which includes a monetary prize of Rs. 2 lakh and a citation, was announced.
- Shaji has received seven State prizes for his

work in conserving about 200 tuber crops on his farm, including larger yam, lesser yam, elephant foot yam, arrowroot, colocasia, sweet potato, cassava, and Chinese potato.

- In addition, he was awarded the Plant Genome Savior Reward 2015 by the PPV&FR Authority in New Delhi.
- SpiceHealth receives a Gold Stevie Award in 2021.



- Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare and Chairman of WHO Executive Board, Dr Harsh Vardhan, led the 74th World Health Assembly in virtual mode.
- SpiceHealth, a medical services organization established by the advertisers of SpiceJet, has won the Gold Award at the 2021 Asia-Pacific Stevie Awards for 'Most Valuable Medical Innovation' under Covid19.
- At when Covid-19 was at an untouched unreasonable in India in November 2020, SpiceHealth, underneath the administration of Avani Singh, disturbed the Real-Time Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) testing house by giving checks in cell research centers at ₹499, versus the then-present pace of ₹2,400

in Delhi and passed on down Covid-19 testing cost significantly all through the country.

- The Asia-Pacific Stevie Awards are the one business grants program to perceive advancement inside the work environment in each of the 29 countries of the Asia-Pacific region. The Stevie Awards are comprehensively considered to be the world's chief business grants, giving acknowledgment for accomplishment in applications much the same as The International Business Awards for a very long time.

Nobel Laureate Amartya Sen conferred with Spain's top award



- Indian financial specialist and Nobel Laureate, Amartya Kumar Sen has been consulted with the '2021 Princess of Asturias Award' by Spain in the sociologies classification.
- Princess of Asturias Awards is yearly prizes granted by the Princess of Asturias Foundation in Spain to people, substances or associations from around the world who make eminent accomplishments in technical disciplines, humanities, and public undertakings.
- The 87-year-old Sen was chosen from 41 competitors of 20 ethnicities for "His exploration on starvations and his hypothesis of human turn of events, government assistance financial aspects and the basic instruments of destitution have added to the battle against foul play, imbalance, infection and

obliviousness".

- The honor contains a monetary reward of 50,000 Euros alongside a Joan Miro design addressing and representing the honor, a recognition and badge.

Veteran Indian Chemist C.N.R. Rao Receives 2020 International ENI Award



- Noted Indian researcher and Bharat Ratna Professor, C.N.R. Rao has been congratulated with the International Eni Award 2020 (additionally called the Energy Frontier grant). The International Eni Award is viewed as the Nobel Prize in Energy Research.
- He has been presented the prize for his work on metal oxides, carbon nanotubes and different materials and two-dimensional frameworks.
- Educator Rao will be introduced the Eni Awards 2020 on 14 October 2021, during an authority service held at the Quirinal Palace in Rome. The Eni Award is granted yearly by the Italian oil and gas organization Eni to empower better utilization of fuel sources and expanded natural examination.

3 Indian peacekeepers to be honoured with UN's prestigious medal



- Corporal Yuvraj Singh, non military personnel peacekeeper Ivan Michael Picardo, and Moolchand Yadav are among those to be regarded with the UN's esteemed award.
- Corporal Yuvraj Singh was serving at the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) while

non military personnel peacekeeper Ivan Michael Picardo was related with UNAMISS as a common peacekeeper.

- Moolchand Yadav was related with the United Nations Assistance Mission in Iraq (UNAMI).
- Three Indian peacekeepers, who set out their lives while serving in United Nations (UN) peacekeeping missions a year ago, are among 129 military, police and regular citizen work force respected with a renowned UN decoration granted post mortem for fortitude and penance in the line of obligation.

Topic 5: Banking News

RBI imposes ₹3 crore penalty on ICICI Bank



- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has fined ICICI Bank Rs 3 crore for failing to follow its instructions about the shifting of securities from one group to another.
- The Bank was fined for failing to follow certain instructions found in its Master Circular on "Prudential Norms for Classification, Valuation, and Operation of Investment Portfolio by Banks."

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- ICICI Bank Headquarters: Mumbai,

Maharashtra.

- ICICI Bank MD & CEO: Sandeep Bakhshi.
- ICICI Bank Tagline: Hum Hai Na, Khayal Apka.

RBI Announces Term Liquidity Facility of Rs. 50,000 Crore For Healthcare



- Governor Shaktikanta Das of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced a Rs 50,000 crore Covid-19 healthcare package for lending to entities such as vaccine manufacturers, medical equipment suppliers, hospitals, and related industries, as well as patients in need of funds for treatment.

- The new Rs 50,000 crore on-tap special liquidity facility will be made available to banks at the repo rate for access to emergency health protection amid the economic stress caused by India's second wave of Covid-19.
- This facility allows banks to make loans until March 31, 2022. This Covid loan will be available for up to three years, and it will be listed as a priority sector loan before it is repaid or maturity.

Kotak Mahindra Bank to Extend Online Payments to Farmers & Traders



- The National Agriculture Market (eNAM), a pan-India electronic trading platform for farm produce, has chosen Kotak Mahindra Bank (KMBL) as a digital payments partner.
- All stakeholders on the eNAM network, including growers, traders, and farmer producer organisations, will be able to conduct online transactions thanks to KMBL (FPOs).
- Kotak will facilitate trade between a buyer and seller of agricultural produce by providing payment, clearing, and settlement services on the eNAM platform.
- To allow fast and secure transactions for Agri participants who have joined the plat, Kotak has integrated its payment system and portal directly with the payment interface of eNAM.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Kotak Mahindra Bank CEO: Uday Kotak.
- Kotak Mahindra Bank Establishment: 2003.
- Kotak Mahindra Bank Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra.

- Kotak Mahindra Bank Tagline: let's make money simple.

RBI sets up an advisory group to assist RRA 2.0



- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has appointed an advisory committee to assist the second Regulatory Review Authority (RRA 2.0), which was set by the central bank on May 01, 2021 to streamline regulations and reduce the enforcement burden of controlled entities.
- The Advisory Group will be led by SBI Managing Director S Janakiraman.
- The second Regulatory Review Authority (RRA 2.0) was established for a one-year period beginning May 1, 2021, to review legislation, circulars, reporting processes, and enforcement procedures in order to streamline and improve them.
- The group will assist RRA 2.0 by defining rules, guidelines, and returns that can be rationalised and submitting reports to RRA with the recommendations/suggestions on a regular basis.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- RBI 25th Governor: Shaktikant Das; Headquarters: Mumbai; Founded: 1 April 1935, Kolkata.

CSC, HDFC Bank launches chatbot 'Eva'



- To assist Village Level Entrepreneurs (VLEs) in providing banking services to the last mile rural consumers, HDFC Bank and Common Services Centres (CSCs) launched chatbot 'Eva' on CSCs Digital Seva Portal.
- This initiative would bring India and Bharat closer together. India's urban population has been easy to pick up on and adapt to the digital world. Since rural India has a lower Internet penetration rate, it has faced challenges.
- VLEs will learn about HDFC Bank's goods and services, which will expand services to last-mile customers and improve banking services for the last-mile.
- The **24x7 service** will allow VLEs to access accurate information about various products, processes and resolve queries about HDFC Bank's services.
- VLEs would improve their business by learning about **account opening, loan lead generation and product details**.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Headquarters of HDFC Bank: Mumbai, Maharashtra;
- MD and CEO of HDFC Bank: Sashidhar Jagdishan;
- The tagline of HDFC Bank: We understand your world.
- 7. Jana Small Finance Bank launches 'I choose

my number' feature



- Jana Small Finance Bank has reported the dispatch of the "I pick my number" highlight for every one of its clients across India.
- This new component gives the bank's current and new clients the alternative to choose their #1 numbers as their investment funds or current record number.
- The bank will permit its clients to pick their #1 numbers as the last 10 digits of their financial balance, investment funds or current.
- The allotment of the record number picked by the client will be dependent upon the accessibility of the mentioned number.
- This added highlight will assist clients with relating and associate with the bank all the more intently as they pick favorable or fortunate numbers.
- The slogan of Jana Small Finance Bank: 'Paise Ki Kadar';
- MD and CEO of Jana Small Finance Bank: Ajay Kanwal;
- Jana Small Finance Bank Founded: 24 July 2006;
- Jana Small Finance Bank Headquarters Location: Bengaluru

RBI cancels licence of United Co-operative Bank



- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has dropped the permit of United Co-employable Bank Ltd over

insufficient capital, administrative rebelliousness, situated in Bagnan, West Bengal.

- Through a request dated May 10, 2021, the national bank has restricted the co-employable moneylender from continuing financial business, with impact from the end of business on May 13, 2021.
- RBI said it dropped the permit as United Co-usable Bank didn't have satisfactory capital and acquiring possibilities.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- RBI 25th Governor: Shaktikant Das; Headquarters: Mumbai; Founded: 1 April 1935, Kolkata.

Airtel Payments Bank launches DigiGold



- Airtel Payments Bank has introduced "DigiGold," a digital platform that allows clients to invest in gold. This was done in collaboration with SafeGold, a digital gold supplier.
- Customers of Airtel Payments Bank's saving account may invest in 24K gold via the Airtel Thanks app with DigiGold. Customers may now give DigiGold to relatives and friends who have an Airtel Payments Bank savings account.
- The gold bought by clients is put away safely by SafeGold at no extra cost and can be sold through the Airtel Thanks application whenever in an issue of not many snaps.
- There is no base speculation esteem necessity and clients can begin with as low as one rupee.
- Airtel Payments Bank as of late expanded its reserve funds store cutoff to ₹2 lakh in

accordance with RBI rules. It presently offers an expanded loan fee of 6% on stores between ₹1-2 lakh.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Airtel Payments Bank's MD and CEO: Nubrata Biswas.
- Airtel Payments Bank Headquarters: New Delhi.
- Airtel Payments Bank Founded: January 2017.
- The RBI fines City Union Bank and three other lenders.



- The RBI has imposed monetary penalty on City Union Bank, Tamilnad Mercantile Bank and two other lenders for contravention of certain directions issued by the central bank.
- A penalty of Rs 1 crore has been imposed on City Union Bank Limited for contravention of/non-compliance with certain provisions contained in the RBI (Lending to MSME Sector) Directions, 2017 and the circulars on the Educational Loan Scheme and Credit Flow to Agriculture – Agricultural Loans – Waiver of Margin/Security Requirements.
- In another statement, the RBI said it has imposed a penalty of Rs 1 crore on Tamilnad Mercantile Bank for non-compliance with certain provisions of directions issued by it on the Cyber Security Framework in Banks.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Shaktikant Das is the 25th Governor of the Reserve Bank of India, with headquarters in

Mumbai and a founding date of 1 April 1935 in Kolkata.

IDBI Bank announces the establishment of a digital loan processing system



- IDBI Bank has launched a fully computerised loan processing system, which includes over 50 products for MSME and agriculture.
- The LPS for MSME and Agri goods integrates easily with data fintech, bureau validations, document storage, account management, and customer notifications, among other things.
- These aspects of the fully digitised and automated loan processing system are also aimed at offering the bank's MSME and Agri customers with a superior tech-enabled banking experience.
- For higher underwriting standards, the platform is developed to combine knock-off criteria and credit policy characteristics.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Rakesh Sharma is the CEO of IDBI Bank.
- Mumbai, Maharashtra is the headquarters of IDBI Bank.

The Reserve Bank of India will distribute a surplus of Rs 99,122 crore to the Central Government in FY21.



- The Reserve Bank of India would transfer a surplus of Rs 99,122 crore to the Central Government for the nine-month period ending March 31, 2021. (July 2020-March 2021). The 5.50 percent Contingency Risk Buffer will remain unchanged.
- This year, RBI's accounting year was altered from July-June to April-March to correspond with the government's accounting year.
- As a result, the accounting year 2020-21 of RBI has only 9 months. It must be noted that every year, RBI transfers its entire surplus which it has earned as profit to Central Government

The RBI has increased the full-KYC PPI limit from Rs 1 lakh to Rs 2 lakh.



- The Reserve Bank of India has increased the maximum amount of full-KYC PPIs (KYC-compliant PPIs) that can be outstanding from Rs. 1 lakh to Rs. 2 lakh.

- Aside from that, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has ordered that by March 31, 2022, all prepaid payment instruments (PPIs) or mobile wallets such as Paytm, PhonePe, and Mobikwik be completely KYC-compliant and interoperable.
- The RBI has also allowed cash withdrawals from Non-Bank PPI Issuers' Full-KYC PPIs. The following conditions apply to such cash withdrawals:
 - Maximum limit of Rs. 2,000 per transaction with an overall limit of Rs. 10,000 per month per PPI.
 - All cash withdrawal transactions performed using a card/wallet shall be authenticated by an Additional Factor of Authentication (AFA) / PIN;
 - RBI has increased the limit of cash withdrawal from Points of Sale (PoS) terminals using debit cards and open system prepaid cards (issued by banks) to Rs 2000 per transaction within an overall monthly limit of Rs. 10,000 across all locations (Tier 1 to 6 centres). Earlier this limit was Rs 1000 for Tier 1 and 2 cities while Rs 2000 for Tier 3 to 6 cities.

GIFT AIF receives India's first FPI licence from Kotak Mahindra Bank.



- True Beacon Global's GIFT IFSC alternative investment fund (AIF) has received the first-ever foreign portfolio investor (FPI) licence from Kotak Mahindra Bank. This is the first FPI licence awarded by any custodian bank or designated depository participant (DDP) in the country to an AIF incorporated in the GIFT IFSC.

- AIF is a major business vertical at GIFT IFSC, and it provides significant benefits and a competitive advantage for establishing a fund in GIFT City's IFSC. True Beacon launched its first AIF in GIFT-City in collaboration with Kotak Mahindra Bank, with PricewaterhouseCoopers (PWC) as consultants.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Kotak Mahindra Bank is India's first non-banking finance company which is converted into a bank;
- Kotak Mahindra Bank Establishment: 2003 (Kotak Mahindra Finance Ltd. was established in 1985, converted to Kotak Mahindra Bank in 2003);
- Kotak Mahindra Bank Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra;
- Kotak Mahindra Bank MD & CEO: Uday Kotak;
- Kotak Mahindra Bank Tagline: Let's Make Money Simple.

Equitas Small Finance Bank allows you to open an NRI account online.



- Equitas Small Finance Bank is the first Small Finance Bank to provide its NRI customers the convenience of opening the account.
- Equitas Small Finance Bank is the first Small Finance Bank to provide online account opening to its NRI customers.
- In addition, the company will be the only one in the Small Finance Bank market to employ Virtual Relationship Managers that work in different time zones. NRIs can open accounts online using a smartphone or a computer that is

linked to the Internet.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Equitas Small Finance Bank MD & CEO Vasudevan P N;
- Equitas Small Finance Bank Headquarters: Chennai;
- Equitas Small Finance Bank Founded: 2016.

ICICI Bank has collaborated with NPCI to link its 'Pockets' digital wallet to the UPI



- ICICI Bank has declared the dispatch of an interesting office of connecting a UPI (Unified Payments Interface) ID to its advanced wallet 'Pockets', denoting a takeoff from the current practice that requests such IDs be connected with an investment funds ledger.
- This drive empowers clients to attempt little worth regular exchanges straightforwardly from their 'Pockets' wallet. Further, clients who as of now have a UPI ID, will get another ID when they sign on to the 'Pockets' application.
- This drive empowers clients to attempt little worth ordinary exchanges straightforwardly from their 'Pockets' wallet utilizing UPI in a free from any and all harm way. It assists them with smoothing out the quantity of exchanges being embraced every day from their bank account and accordingly clean up their investment account proclamation of various passages.
- Further, it extends the helpful utilization of UPI to youthful grown-ups like undergrads, who might not have a bank account.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- ICICI Bank Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- ICICI Bank MD & CEO: Sandeep Bakhshi.
- ICICI Bank Tagline: Hum Hai Na, Khayal Apka.

RBI Annual Report 2021: Highlights



- Hold Bank of India (RBI) has distributed its yearly report and features "resource nature of banks and their readiness requires close observing for higher provisioning for forthcoming quarters".
- In its yearly report, the national bank said the country's development prospects currently basically rely upon how quick India can capture the second rush of COVID-19 contaminations.

RBI Annual Report 2021:

- RBI in its semi-yearly monetary dependability report prior featured terrible credit proportion of banks could ascend to 13.5% under the gauge pressure situation by September 2021.
- The Provision Coverage Ratio (PCR) of banks improved from 66.6% in March 2020 to 75.5 % by December 2020, due to reasonable provisioning by banks above administrative solutions on accounts profiting ban and going through rebuilding.
- The money to hazard weighted resources proportion (CRAR) of banks expanded to 15.9%

by December 2020, in March it was 14.8%.

- In its report, RBI forewarned "banks being moneylenders should give a genuine image of terrible advances after Supreme Court lifted the interval stay on grouping non-performing resources (NPA) in March 2021.
- As per it, waiver of progressive accrual on all advance records settled on a ban during March-August 2020 would put weight on the monetary wellbeing of banks.
- The Gross NPA proportion of banks diminished from 8.2% in March 2020 to 6.8% in December 2020.
- The Gross NPA proportion for non-banking monetary foundations (NBFCs) expanded from 6.8% in March to 5.7% in December 2020.
- The capital sufficiency proportion of NBFCs expanded from 24.8% in December 2020 to 23.7% in March.
- Fakes detailed by banks fell by 25% in esteem terms in only one year to Rs 1.38 lakh crore toward the finish of financial year finished March 2021, information delivered by the RBI as a feature of it yearly report appeared.
- The Reserve Bank of India on 27th May said banknotes available for use saw a higher than the normal increment during 2020-21, because of preparatory holding of money by individuals because of the COVID-19 pandemic, and its delayed continuation. Worth and volume of banknotes available for use expanded by 16.8% and 7.2% separately in 2020-21.

RBI imposes Rs 10 crore penalty on HDFC Bank



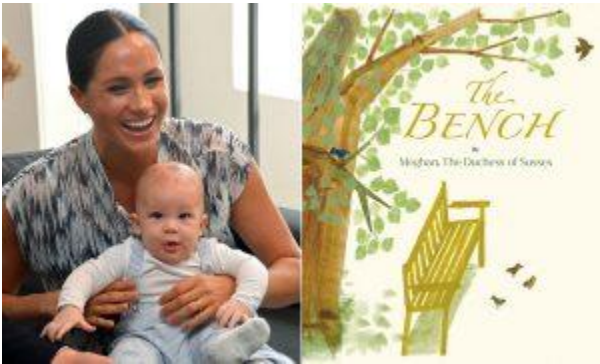
- The Reserve Bank of India has forced a fine of Rs 10 crore on HDFC Bank for insufficiencies in administrative consistence found in the car credit arrangement of the bank.
- According to the RBI, HDFC Bank has disregarded the arrangements of area 6(2) and segment 8 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.
- In the wake of accepting a grievance from an informant, RBI led an assessment in the advertising and offer of outsider non-monetary items to the bank's vehicle advance clients and tracked down that the bank was in contradiction of administrative headings.
- RBI has forced the money related punishment in the activity of forces vested by the national bank under the arrangements of Section 47A(1)(c) read with Section 46(4)(i) of the Banking Regulation Act.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Headquarters of HDFC Bank: Mumbai, Maharashtra;
- MD and CEO of HDFC Bank: Sashidhar Jagdishan;
- The tagline of HDFC Bank: We understand your world.

Topic 6: Books and Author

Meghan Markle to release Children’s Book ‘The Bench’



- On June 8, Meghan Markle will release *The Bench*, a book inspired by a poem she wrote for her husband, Prince Harry, on his first Father's Day as a father to son Archie.
- The novel, which features Christian Robinson's watercolour illustrations, began as a poem written by Markle for Harry on the first Father's Day after Archie was born.

Kalki Koechlin Authors her Debut Book Titled 'Elephant In The Womb'



- With her first novel, "Elephant In The Womb," Bollywood actress Kalki Koechlin makes her debut as an author. The book is an illustrated non-fiction book about motherhood that has yet to be published.
- Valeriya Polyanychko illustrated it, and Penguin Random House India published it (PRHI). For mothers, expectant mothers, and "anyone even thinking of motherhood," the book tells a story about pregnancy and parenting.

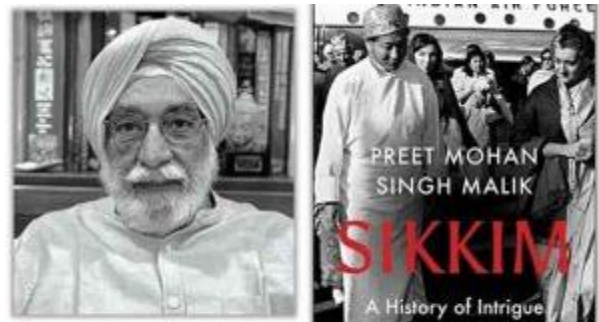
A book titled 'Life in the Clock Tower Valley' author by

Shakoor Rather



- Shakoor Rather, a journalist for the Press Trust of India (PTI), has written his first novel, "Life in the Clock Tower Valley."
- Speaking Tiger released the novel, which discusses Kashmir's pristine history, painful present, and always-uncertain future.
- It also contains historical and political knowledge about Kashmir, as well as rarely discussed environmental issues.

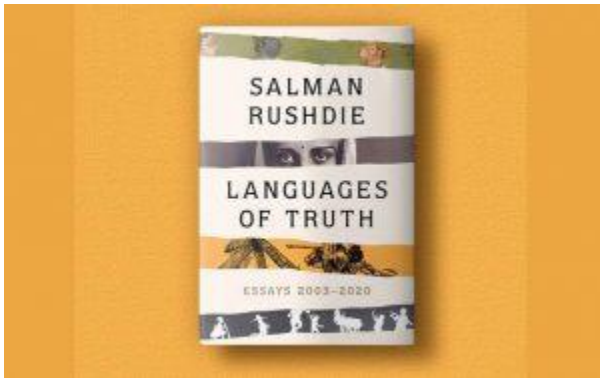
The book "Sikkim: A History of Intrigue and Alliance" was published.



- The book "Sikkim: A History of Intrigue and Alliance", distributed by HarperCollins India, delivered on May 16, which is commended as Sikkim Day.
- Former representative Preet Mohan Singh Malik joins experiences into the extraordinary history of the past realm of Sikkim with the interesting story of how it became India's 22nd state in his new book.

- The objective of the book, he says, is to explain and build up the supremacy of vital issues that lay behind India's choice to acknowledge the interest that Sikkim is converged with India.
- Sikkim stays critical from an essential perspective, given its closeness to Tibet and the pivotal Siliguri Corridor that associates India's northeastern states with the remainder of the country.
- Sikkim likewise stays a conundrum for most, with numerous confusions about its set of experiences and its consolidation with India in 1975.

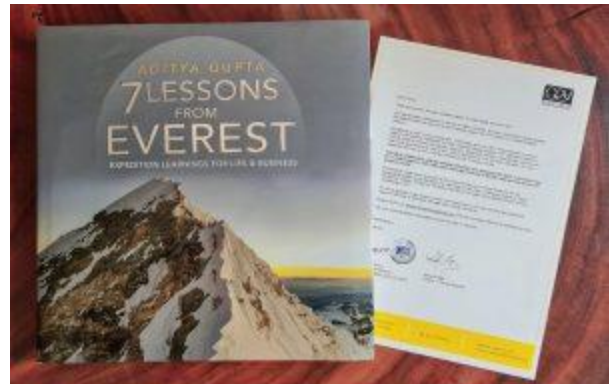
A book title “Languages of Truth: Essays 2003-2020” by Salman Rushdie



- A book named "Dialects of Truth: Essays 2003-2020" created by Salman Rushdie. In his new book, Rushdie endeavors to play out a cautious castling move.
- He proposes his work has been misjudged and abused in light of the fact that the scholarly

- culture has abandoned brio-filled creative composition toward the humbler pleasures of "autofiction," as exemplified by crafted by Elena Ferrante and Karl Ove Knausgaard.

A new book to raise funds for child rights amid pandemic



- Aditya Gupta, a Delhi-based business visionary and mountain dweller intend to raise Rs 1 crore for COVID-19 alleviation from the deal continues of his as of late delivered book "7 Lessons from Everest – Expedition Learnings from Life and Business".
- The end table book, with 350 staggering pictures spread more than 250 pages, is composed by Aditya Gupta.
- The book portrays the writer's experience of scaling Mt Everest at 50 years old in 2019 and shares the temperances of "planning, enthusiasm, constancy, mental durability, and strength". The returns from the book will be given to NGO Child Rights and You (CRY).

Topic 7: Defence News

Indian Navy launches Operation Samudra Setu-II



- In the midst of the worsening COVID-19 pandemic, the Indian Navy has initiated Operation Samudra Setu-II to aid in the faster transportation of medical oxygen and other supplies from other countries to India.
- Seven Indian Naval ships have been deployed as part of Operation Samudra Setu II to transport liquid medical oxygen-filled cryogenic containers and related medical equipment from different countries. Kolkata, Kochi, Talwar, Tabar, Trikand, Jalashwa, and Airavat are the warships in question.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Chief of Naval Staff: Admiral Karambir Singh.
- Indian Navy Founded: 26 January 1950.

Armed Forces Launches Op “CO-JEET” for Mental Health Of COVID Patients



- To aid anti-COVID-19 efforts, the armed forces have initiated operation "CO-JEET," which includes improving India's medical system and oxygen supply chains. Along with these, CO-

JEET also takes steps to ensure people's mental health.

- Patients need confirmation that "they will be fine" in addition to medical treatment, and this is often what they need to regain self-confidence and courage. Personnel from the three wings of the armed forces have been pressed into action as part of the CO-JEET initiative to help restore oxygen supply chains, set up COVID beds, and assist the civilian administration in its fight to contain the virus's spread.

Indian Army sets up Covid Management Cell for real-time response



- The Indian Army has developed a Covid Management Cell to improve efficiency in organising real-time responses to the country's exponential increase in Covid cases.
- It assists civil administration with testing, admissions to military hospitals, and transportation of essential medical equipment, among other things.
- At different hospitals, the Army has deployed additional physicians, including specialists, super specialists, and paramedics.
- The Armed Forces Medical Services' Short Service Commissioned doctors have been given an extension until December 31, 2021 by the Defence Ministry, bringing the total number of doctors in the AFMS to 238.
- The army has also mobilised its resources to

assist the civil administration to tide over the current Covid-19 situation in the country.

- Army has provided 100 beds each at Lucknow and Prayagraj to cater to the surge in cases.
- A total of 200 drivers have been kept on standby for driving oxygen transporters to various parts of the country and 10 TATRA and 15 ALS vehicles are on standby to tranship medical supplies arriving at Palam airport.

DRDO’s anti-Covid drug 2-DG receives DCGI approval for emergency use



- The Drug Controller General of India (DCGI) has given emergency approval to a DRDO-developed anti-COVID-19 therapeutic drug called drug2-deoxy-D-glucose (2-DG) for Coronavirus patients in India.
- The drug was established in partnership with Dr Reddy's Laboratories in Hyderabad by the Institute of Nuclear Medicine and Allied Sciences (INMAS), a lab of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).
- In contrast to SOC, a slightly higher proportion of patients in the 2-DG arm improved symptomatically and were free of supplemental oxygen dependency by day 3 (42 percent vs 31 percent), suggesting early relief from oxygen therapy/dependence.

- The medication is packaged as a powder in a sachet that must be dissolved in water.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Chairman DRDO: Dr G Satheesh Reddy.
- DRDO Headquarters: New Delhi.
- DRDO Established: 1958.
- 8. Indian and Indonesian navies conduct exercise in Arabian sea



- The Indian and Indonesian Navies directed Passage Exercise (PASSEX) in the southern Arabian Sea with an attention on further improving their interoperability. The activity was pointed toward improving interoperability and comprehension between both the amicable naval forces.
- From the Indian Navy, INS Sharda, an Offshore Patrol Vessel (OPV) with a Chetak helicopter partook in the activity.
- From the Indonesian Navy, KRI Sultan Hasanudin, a 90m Corvette participated in the activity.
- PASSEXes are routinely led by IN with units of Friendly Foreign Countries. The last PASSEX among IN and the Indonesian Navy was directed on 13 Mar 21 between INS Kalpeni, IN Dornier and KRI Sultan Iskandar Muda.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Indonesia President: Joko Widodo;
- Indonesia Capital: Jakarta;
- Indonesia Currency: Indonesian Rupiah;
- Chief of Naval Staff (CNS): Admiral Karambir Singh;
- Integrated Headquarters of Ministry of Defense (Navy): New Delhi.

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- The System was conceptualised and designed by the Indian Navy's Diving School of the Southern Naval Command, which has competence in this field because the basic concept is employed in some of the diving sets used by the school.
- To address current oxygen shortages, the Indian Navy has developed an Oxygen Recycling System (ORS).
- ORS uses the fact that only a tiny portion of oxygen taken by a patient is really absorbed by the lungs, while the remainder is expelled together with carbon dioxide produced by the body to increase the life of existing medical oxygen cylinders by two to four times.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Chief of Naval Staff: Admiral Karambir Singh.
- Indian Navy Founded: 26 January 1950.

INS Rajput to be decommissioned on May 21



- The first destroyer of the Indian Navy, INS Rajput, will be decommissioned on May 21. It was commissioned on 04 May 1980. After rendering service for 41 years, it will be decommissioned at the Naval Dockyard of Visakhapatnam.
- INS Rajput was built by Russia in the 61 Communards Shipyard. Its Original Russian name was 'Nadezhny'.
- INS Rajput served for both Western and Eastern Fleets and its first commanding officer was Capt Gulab Mohanlal Hiranandani. It is the 1st Indian Naval Ship to be associated with an Indian Army regiment – the Rajput Regiment. It participated in many operations including Operation Aman, Operation Pawan, Operation Cactus, etc.

Aashritha V Olety is India's 1st woman flight test engineer



- Unit Leader, Aashritha V Olety is the sole lady in the IAF qualified for the job, and as a flight test engineer, she will be liable for assessing airplane and airborne frameworks before their enlistment into the military.
- Aashritha V Olety, a local of Karnataka, has graduated as a feature of the 43rd Flight Test Course.

NSA Doval commissions Indian Coast Guard’s ship Sajag



- Public safety Advisor (NSA), Ajit Doval has charged the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) Offshore Patrol Vessel (OPV) Sajag, which has been built by Goa Shipyard Limited.
- Sajag is the third in a progression of five seaward watch vessels natively planned in accordance with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'Make in India' vision.
- The natively constructed transport is fitted with cutting edge innovation gear, weapon and sensors skilled to convey a twin-motor helicopter and four high velocity boats

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Director-General of Indian Coast Guard: Krishnaswamy Natarajan.
- Indian Coast Guard Headquarters: New Delhi.

Topic 8: Economy

GST revenues touch all-time high of ₹1.41 lakh in April



- In April 2021, gross revenues from the Goods and Services Tax in India reached a new high of Rs.1.41 lakh crore, indicating that economic activity might not be as severely impacted as it was last year despite the ongoing second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- April's GST collections were 14 percent higher

than the previous record of 1.24 lakh crore in March 2021, making it the seventh month in a row since October that GST revenues have reached 1 lakh crore.

Barclays Projects India’s GDP Growth Forecast to 10% in FY22



- UK-based global brokerage firm Barclays has cut India’s GDP growth estimate for 2021-22 (FY22) to 10 per cent from its earlier

estimate of 11 per cent.

- Apart from this, Barclays has estimated the economy to contract by 7.6 per cent in FY21.

Goldman Sachs lowers GDP growth forecast for India in FY22 to 11.1%



- Due to rising intensities of state lockdowns to control the spread of coronavirus infections, Goldman Sachs has lowered its GDP growth rate forecast for the Indian economy to 11.1 percent in fiscal year FY22 (April 1, 2021, to March 31, 2022).
- Goldman Sachs has also lowered its growth outlook for the calendar year 2021 to 9.7% from 10.5 percent previously.

S&P Revises India’s GDP Growth Forecast to 9.8% for FY22



- The US-based S&P Global Ratings has lowered the GDP growth forecast of the Indian economy to 9.8 per cent for the financial year 2021-22 (FY22).

- The US-based rating agency in March had an 11 per cent GDP growth forecast for India for April 2021-March 2022 fiscal. on account of a fast economic reopening and fiscal stimulus.

RM Sundaram appointed as Director of Indian Institute of Rice Research



- The Indian economy is expected to rise 9.5 percent in 2021-22, according to Fitch Solution (April 2021 to March 2022).
- The drop in real GDP is due to the economic harm caused by state-level lockdowns imposed in response to the sudden and steep increase in coronavirus cases.

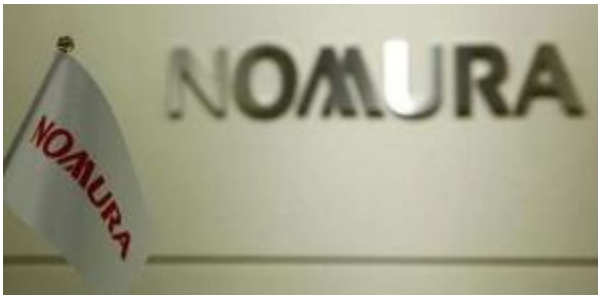
Moody’s Projects India’s GDP Forecast for FY22 to 9.3%



- So, Puducherry is the fourth State/UT to provide assured tap water supply to every rural home under Jal Jeevan Mission.
- Jal Jeevan Mission is a flagship programme of the Union Government. It was announced in August 2019. It aims to provide a tap water

connection to every rural household of the country by 2024.

Nomura Revises GDP Growth Estimate of India in FY22 to 10.8%



- The rating organization Moody's has cut the (GDP) gauge of India for FY22 (01 April 2021-31 March 2022) to 9.3 percent. Prior this rate was projected at 13.7 percent.
- The descending amendment in GDP gauges is because of the second rush of Covid diseases the nation over, which have set off restricted lockdowns and versatility checks.

United Nations: India Projected To Grow At 10.1% In 2022



- The United Nations has projected that the Indian economy would develop at 10.1 percent in the schedule year 2022, almost twofold the 5.9 percent development estimate for the country in the January report.
- But advised that the development viewpoint of 2021 was "profoundly delicate" as the nation was the "new hotbed of the pandemic."
- The mid-year update said that India will register a 7.5-per cent growth rate in the calendar year 2021, after an estimated contraction of 6.8 per cent in 2020

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- United Nations Headquarters in New York, USA.
- Mr Antonio Guterres is the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

HDFC Bank projects India's GDP growth for FY22 at 10%



- HDFC Bank has sliced India's development projection to 10 percent from 11.5 percent for the current monetary year, referring to the unfavorable impact of the second Covid-19 wave.
- In a most dire outcome imaginable of COVID-19, the bank has anticipated the GDP rate to be at 8%.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Headquarters of HDFC Bank: Mumbai, Maharashtra;
- MD and CEO of HDFC Bank: Sashidhar Jagdishan;
- The tagline of HDFC Bank: We understand your world.

Care Ratings Projects India's GDP Forecast to 9.2% for FY22



- The homegrown rating office, Care Ratings, has reconsidered the GDP development conjecture of India for the current financial year 2021-2022 (FY22) to 9.2 percent.
- This is lower than 10.2 percent assessed before in April 2021.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- The homegrown rating office, Care Ratings, has overhauled the GDP development estimate of India for the current financial year 2021-2022 (FY22) to 9.2 percent.
- This is lower than 10.2 percent assessed before in April 2021.

Retail inflation eases to 4.29% in April



- Retail inflation in the country, as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI), fell to 4.29 percent in April.
- Separately, India's manufacturing output increased by 22.4 percent in March, according to the Index of Industrial Production (IIP). The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation has produced two unique data sets (MoSPI).
- During the month of March, retail inflation was 5.52 percent.

India's WPI Inflation Rate Increases To 10.49% In April 2021



- The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade as of late delivered Wholesale Price in India for the period of April 2021. The yearly pace of expansion for the period of April 2021 was 10.49%.
- The WPI for the long stretch of April 2021 remained at 128.1. The base year in ascertaining WPI is fixed as 2011-12.
- The WPI Food file comprises of food items from the made items gathering and food articles from the essential articles bunch. The WPI Food Index expanded from 153.4 in March 2021 to 158.9 in April 2021. The expansion rate in April is 7.58% and that of March is 5.28%.

In 2020-21, foreign direct investment will increase by 19% to \$59.64 billion dollars.



- Foreign direct ventures (FDI) into the nation grew 19% to USD 59.64 billion during 2020-21 because of measures taken by the public authority on the facades of strategy changes, speculation assistance and simplicity of working together.
- Total FDI, including value, re-contributed profit

and capital, rose 10% to the "most elevated ever" of USD 81.72 billion during 2020-21 as against USD 74.39 billion of every 2019-20.

- In terms of top financial backer nations, Singapore is at the top with a 29 percent share. It was trailed by the US (23%) and Mauritius (9%) during the last financial. FDI value inflow developed by 19% in 2020-21 (USD 59.64 billion), contrasted with 2019-20 (USD 49.98 billion)

Barclays pegs India’s FY22 GDP growth at 7.7%



- In the worst-case scenario, if the country is hit by the third wave of the Covid epidemic, Barclays has projected India's economic growth for fiscal 2021-22 (FY22), as measured by gross domestic product (GDP), at 7.7%.
- If another wave of comparable tight lockdowns is imposed across the country for eight weeks later this year, the economic cost, it predicts, could soar by at least \$42.6 billion.

SBI research: GDP likely grew by 1.3% in Q4 FY21



- According to an SBI research paper titled 'Ecowrap,' India's GDP is anticipated to have

increased at 1.3 percent in the fourth quarter of 2020-21 and declined by roughly 7.3 percent for the full financial year.

- In conjunction with the State Bank Institute of Leadership (SBIL), Kolkata, the State Bank of India (SBI) has created a 'nowcasting model' containing 41 high-frequency indicators linked with industry activity, service activity, and the global economy.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams

- SBI Chairperson: Dinesh Kumar Khara.
- SBI Headquarters: Mumbai.
- SBI Founded: 1 July 1955.

GST Council forms 8-member panel to examine tax exemption on Covid material



- The Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council has established a gathering of priests (GoM) to settle on the paces of COVID-19 alleviation material. As of now, 5% GST is required on locally made immunizations, while it is 12% for COVID medications and oxygen concentrators. Liquor based sanitisers, hand wash, sanitizers and thermometers draw in 18% GST.
- An eight-part pastoral board under the Meghalaya boss clergyman Conrad K Sangma to think about Goods and Services Tax (GST) exceptions on a scope of Covid-19 fundamentals like immunizations, drugs, testing packs and ventilators.

- As indicated by its terms of reference, the GoM will look at the requirement for GST concession or exclusion on Covid antibodies, medications and meds for Covid therapy, testing packs for Covid identification, clinical evaluation oxygen,

beat oximeters, hand sanitisers, oxygen treatment instruments (concentrators, generators and ventilators), PPE units, N95 covers, careful veils, temperature

Topic 9: International News

UK become the first country to allow Driverless cars on roads



- The United Kingdom is the first country to announce regulations for self-driving cars operating at low speeds. The United Kingdom aims to be a leader in the deployment of autonomous driving technology.
- By 2035, the UK government estimates that about 40% of all vehicles in the country will be self-driving. This will result in the creation of 38,000 jobs in the region.
- The ALKS will have a speed limit of 37 miles per hour. The ALKS will only be able to drive in one lane.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Prime minister of United Kingdom: Boris Johnson.
- Capital of the United Kingdom: London.

PESCO: EU approves US participation for the first time



- Norway, Canada, and the United States recently received approval from the European Union to join the Permanent Structured Cooperation (PESCO) defence initiative.
- The European Union has approved a third country to join the PESCO project for the first time. The countries will now take part in the European Military Mobility Project.
- It is a part of the security and defence strategy of the European Union. It was formed in accordance with the Treaty of European Union, which was ratified by the Treaty of Lisbon in 2009. About four-fifths of PESCO's members are also members of NATO. The North Atlantic Treaty Organization is known as NATO.
- Non-EU participants will be able to participate in PESCO starting in November 2020, according to the European Union. Following this, Canada, the United States, and Norway asked to join PESCO.
- Four European Union member states declare themselves neutral. Austria, Ireland, Finland, and Sweden are the countries in question.

Nepal's Kami Rita scales Everest for record 25th time



- Kami Rita, a Nepalese climber, has reached the summit of Mount Everest for the 25th time, breaking his own record for most summits. Rita, 51, climbed Everest for the first time in 1994 and has returned nearly every year since.
- He's one of several Sherpa guides whose knowledge and skills are crucial to the safety and success of the climbers. **Important takeaways for all competitive exams:**
- Nepali name of Mt. Everest: Sagarmatha;
- Tibetan name: Chomolungma.

Former Senator Bill Nelson Sworn in as the 14th NASA Administrator



- Former Senator Bill Nelson was sworn in as NASA's 14th administrator, charged with implementing the Biden-Harris administration's vision for the agency.
- Nelson was a payload specialist on space shuttle flight 61-C in 1986 and served in the United States Senate for 18 years from Florida.
- Nelson has spent more than four decades in public service, first in the state legislature and

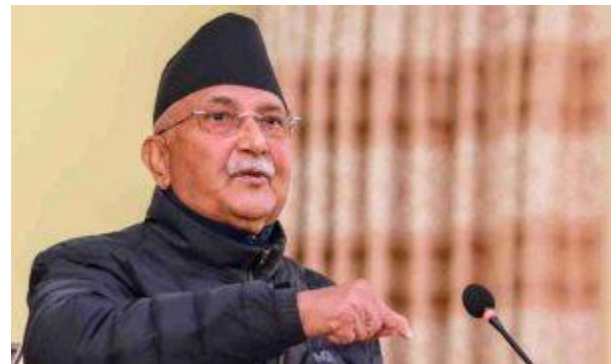
then as State Treasurer.

- He served in the United States Senate three times, representing Florida for 18 years. His committees covered a wide range of government policy issues, including defence, intelligence, and foreign policy, as well as finance and health care.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Headquarters of NASA: Washington D.C., United States.
- NASA Founded: 1 October 1958.

K P Sharma Oli loses vote of confidence in House of Representatives



- K P Sharma Oli, Nepal's prime minister, has lost a confidence vote in the House of Representatives.
- Sharma, K P Oli had 93 votes in favour and 124 votes against him. To win the trust vote in the lower chamber of the House of Representatives, he needed at least 136 votes in the 275-member House of Representatives.
- PM Oli faced a vote of confidence when the NCP (Nationalist Congress Party) withdrew its support from the government.
- K P Sharma Oli was removed from the Nepal Communist Party's core membership in January over his decision to dissolve Parliament.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Nepal's capital is Kathmandu, and the Nepalese

Rupee is the country's currency.

- Bidya Devi Bhandari, the President of Nepal

Hostilities between Israel and Hamas escalated after the air strikes



- The Israeli military has besieged rockets in various regions in Gaza. It is the most exceptional airstrikes in Gaza since 2014. Hamas had red many rockets towards Israel on Monday. From that point forward, Israel has done many airstrikes in Gaza.
- The Gaza-based Palestinian gathering, Hamas, had red rockets towards Israel in dissent of the conflict between Israeli police and Palestinian nonconformists in the Al-Aqsa Mosque. Al-Aqsa Mosque is situated in Jerusalem. It is the third holiest spot for Muslims.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

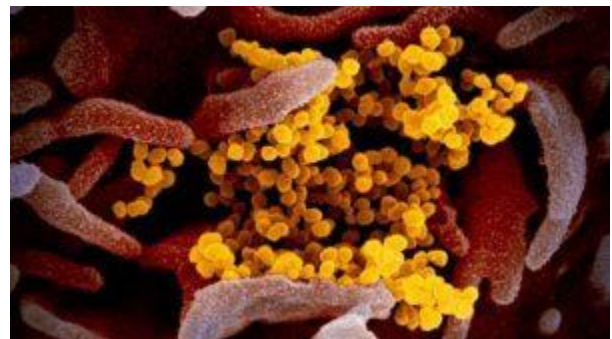
- Jerusalem is Israel's capital, and the Israeli shekel is its currency.
- Israel's Prime Minister is Benjamin Netanyahu.

KP Sharma Oli Re-appointed as Prime Minister of Nepal



- In Nepal, KP Sharma Oli was re-selected as the Prime Minister of the country by President Bidhya Devi Bhandari.
- Oli was regulated the promise of office by the President on May 14, 2021. Presently, he should demonstrate that he has dominant part support in the House inside 30 days.
- This will be his third stretch as Prime Minister. He was first named as PM from 12 October 2015 to 4 August 2016, and afterward again from 15 February 2018 to 13 May 2021.

WHO classified Indian coronavirus variant as a “global variant of concern”



- The World Health Organization has arranged a Covid variation found in India as a worldwide "variation of concern".
- This variation has been named B.1.617. As per World Health Organization, this variation is now spread to in excess of 30 nations.
- It is more contagious than different variations. This variation is additionally called the "twofold freak variation". It was first distinguished by the United Kingdom wellbeing specialists.
- The B.1.617 variation is the fourth variation of Covid ordered by the WHO. It has two changes alluded to as E484Q and L452R.
- Viruses make at least one variations by changing themselves. Infections change themselves so they can cohabitate with people.
- Scientists across the world are as yet considering the Vaccine adequacy against the B.1.617 variation.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- WHO was established on 7 April 1948.
- WHO is a specialized agency of the United Nations responsible for international public health.
- WHO is headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland.
- WHO current President is Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus.

China becomes the world’s first country to ban synthetic cannabinoids



- China will be the first country in the world to outlaw all synthetic cannabis compounds. The restriction is expected to take effect on July 1.
- China will be the first country in the world to prohibit the use of all synthetic cannabinoids. On July 1, the ban is expected to take effect.
- Some synthetic cannabinoids can be found in e-cigarette oil, while others may be found in cut tobacco manufactured from diverse flower petals, plant stems, and leaves. In Xinjiang, it is known by the moniker "Natasha."

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- China Capital: Beijing.
- China Currency: Renminbi.
- China President: Xi Jinping.

Sir David Attenborough named COP26 People’s Advocate



- Sir David Attenborough, incredibly famous telecaster and common antiquarian, has been named COP26 People's Advocate for the U.K's. Presidency of UN environmental change culmination in Glasgow this November.
- Attenborough has effectively motivated great many individuals in the U.K. and all throughout the planet with his energy and information to follow up on environmental change and ensure the planet for people in the future.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- COP26:- 26th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties.

China’s First Mars Rover ‘ZhuRong’ Successfully Lands on Mars



- China effectively accomplished the accomplishment of handling its first Mars Rover

'Zhu Rong' on the red planet, on May 15, 2021, turning into the solitary second country to do as such.

- Till date, just the United States has effectively handled its wanderer on Mars. Any remaining nations that have attempted have either slammed or lost contact not long after arriving at the surface.
- The vehicle utilized a blend of a defensive case, a parachute and a rocket stage to make the plunge. Zhurong, which implies God of Fire, was conveyed to Mars on the Tianwen-1 orbiter.
- China's Mars meanderer, called Zhurong after an antiquated fire god in Chinese folklore, will head out in different directions from the lander by driving down a foldable incline. Whenever it has conveyed, the meanderer is relied upon to spend in any event 90 Mars days.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- China National Space Administration Founded: 22 April 1993;
- China National Space Administration Administrator: Zhang Kejian;
- China National Space Administration Headquarters: Haidian District, Beijing, China.

Penpa Tsering has been chosen president of the Tibetan government in exile.

- PTsering, the former speaker of Tibet's exile parliament, has been elected as the next president of the exile government.
- The election, which was held in two phases in January and April, was attended by almost 64,000 Tibetans living in exile in India, Nepal, North America, Europe, Australia, and other parts of the world.
- After the Dalai Lama's departure from politics, it was the third direct election of leadership.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Tibet Capital: Lhasa;
- Tibet Currency: Renminbi.

Mali's Prime Minister, Moctar Ouane, was re-elected.



Moctar Ouane is reappointed as Prime Minister of Mali. He was designated as Prime Minister of the overseer government in August 2020 after the evacuation of Ibrahim Boubacar Keita.

Ouane should frame another administration with space for the political class, under the guidelines of President Bah N'Daw.

In April 2021, Mali's interval government had reported that it would hold a sacred choice on October 31 and a political decision in February 2022.

Mali is confronting a political emergency because of questioned administrative decisions and monetary emergency because of financial stagnation, defilement, and the Covid-19 pandemic.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- It is a landlocked country in West Africa;
- It is the eighth-largest country in Africa;
- Its capital is Bamako and the currency is the West African CFA Franc.

The SBIRS Geo-5 missile warning satellite is launched by an Atlas V rocket for the US Space Force.



- The Atlas V rocket was launched from the Cape Canaveral Space Force Station in Florida by United Launch Alliance.
- SBRIS Geo-5 Missile Warning Satellite was launched on an Atlas V rocket. SBRIS stands for Space-Based Infrared System in its entire form. It's for missile warning, missile battlespace characterisation, and defence characterisation.
- SBRIS is a Space Tracking and Surveillance System in a nutshell. SBRIS was created to satisfy the US Space Force System's Infrared Space Surveillance requirements. The SBRIS satellites spotted almost a thousand missiles in 2020 alone.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- United Launch Alliance CEO: Tory Bruno;
- United Launch Alliance Founded: 1 December 2006;
- United Launch Alliance Headquarters: Centennial, Colorado, United States.
- China has successfully launched the Haiyang-2D ocean monitoring satellite.



- China has launched a new ocean-monitoring

satellite into orbit as part of its aim to develop an all-weather, round-the-clock dynamic ocean environment monitoring system that will provide early warning of marine disasters.

- The satellite was dispatched by a Long March-4B rocket conveying the Haiyang-2D (HY-2D) satellite from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center in northwest China.
- The HY-2D will shape a group of stars with the HY-2B and HY-2C satellites to fabricate an all-climate and nonstop unique sea climate observing arrangement of high recurrence and medium and enormous scope.
- The HY-2D was created by the China Academy of Space Technology, and the transporter rocket by the Shanghai Academy of Spaceflight Technology.
- China's space program made critical headways a week ago when it handled a shuttle on Mars, turning into the second country after the United States to have a wanderer on the red planet.

The following are key takeaways for all competitive exams:

- China National Space Administration is a government agency in China that is in charge of space exploration. The company was founded on April 22, 1993.
- Zhang Kejian is the administrator of China's National Space Administration.
- Headquarters of the China National Space Administration are located in Beijing's Haidian District.

Kenyan Chief Justice Martha Koome becomes the country's first female chief justice.



- Martha Karambu Koome is Kenya's first woman chief justice. She is the first woman to head any of the three branches of government.
- Koome, 61, a calm but adamant proponent of women's rights, takes over the judiciary ahead of next year's general elections and is expected to play a key role in resolving any future election issues.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Kenya Capital: Nairobi;
- Kenya Currency: Kenyan shilling;
- Kenya President: Uhuru Kenyatta.

The United Kingdom announces a plan for a "Global Pandemic Radar."



- The United Kingdom will foster a high level global microbe reconnaissance organization to recognize Covid-19 variations and arising illnesses.
- This Global Pandemic Radar will guarantee the early recognition of new variations and arising microbes, so immunizations and medicines expected to stop them can be quickly evolved.
- Prime serve Boris Johnson reported the plans, in front of the Global Health Summit facilitated by Italy and the European Union (EU).
- The radar is required to be completely fully operational with an organization of reconnaissance centers before the finish of 2021, with the point of altogether improving worldwide wellbeing security going into one year from now.
- WHO will lead an execution bunch, upheld by worldwide wellbeing good cause the Wellcome

Trust, to dispatch the new global association to recognize, track and offer information on new Covid variations and screen immunization opposition in populaces.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Boris Johnson is the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom.
- UK Capital: London.

IMF proposes \$50 billion global vaccination plan



- The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has proposed a \$50 billion worldwide vaccination strategy that will reach at least 40% of the world's population by the end of 2021 and 60% by the first half of 2022.
- Additional upfront grants to Covax, excess dosage donations, and free cross-border flows of raw ingredients and finished vaccines are all required to meet the immunisation aim.
- In her address to the G20 Health Summit, IMF Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva highlighted that the world can exit this unparalleled health and economic crisis with strong and concerted action now and with little in terms of financing relative to the outsized benefits.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- IMF Headquarters: Washington, D.C. U.S.
- IMF Managing Director and Chairman: Kristalina Georgieva.
- IMF Chief Economist: Gita Gopinath.

Collinet Makosso is the next Prime Minister of the Republic of Congo.



- The President of the Republic of Congo, Denis Sassou Nguesso has selected Anatole Collinet Makosso as the nation's Prime Minister.
- He supplanted Clement Mouamba, in-office since 2016. Prior to this arrangement, Makosso was the instruction clergyman of the Central African country. He was additionally pastor of youth and city guidance from 2011 to 2016.
- Since 2016, he has stood firm on the foothold of Minister of Primary and Secondary Education responsible for proficiency. Mr Collinet Makosso was the agent crusade chief of up-and-comer Sassou Nguesso during the last official political decision.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Brazzaville is the capital of Congo.
- Congo's official currency is the Congolese franc.

David Barnea Appointed as Israel's Next Mossad Chief



- David Barnea has been named the next head of Israel's intelligence organisation, the Mossad,

by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

- On June 1, Barnea, a former career Mossad operative, will take over as head of Israel's spy organisation from Yossi Cohen. Since gaining office in 2016, Cohen has served as Israel's spymaster.
- Barnea, who is in his fifties, lives north of Tel Aviv in the Sharon region. He served in the elite Sayeret Matkal special operations squad throughout his military service. He joined the Mossad some 30 years ago and rose through the ranks to become a case officer.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Prime Minister of Israel: Benjamin Netanyahu.
- Israel Capital: Jerusalem.
- Israel Currency: Israeli Shekel.

Ecuador's Lasso has been sworn in as the country's first right-wing president in 14 years.



- Guillermo Lasso, a moderate, expected the administration of Ecuador and has become the first traditional innovator in quite a while in Ecuador.
- The 65-year-old previous financier beat left-wing market analyst Andres Arauz in a second-adjust run a month ago and succeeds the tremendously disliked Lenin Moreno.
- Guillermo Alberto is an investor, financial specialist, essayist and government official who as of late turned into the 47th leader of Ecuador. He is the first middle right president in quite a while.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Ecuador Capital: Quito;
- Ecuador Currency: United States Dollar.

US Senate confirms Christine Wormuth as first female Army secretary



- Christine Wormuth was affirmed consistently by the Senate to be the principal female secretary of the Army.
- Wormuth, who drove President Joe Biden's change group at the Pentagon, got an overwhelmingly warm gathering from individuals from the Senate Armed Services Committee during a conference this month.

Bashar Al-Assad Re-Elected as Syrian President for 4th Term



- Syrian President, Bashar al-Assad has been reappointed for the fourth consecutive 7-year term in an avalanche triumph, winning 95.1 percent of the all out votes cast.
- The 55-year-old Assad is filling in as the nineteenth President of Syria since 17 July 2000.
- Just before the political decision, the United States, Britain, France, Germany and Italy said the survey was "neither free nor reasonable", and Syria's divided resistance has considered it a "joke".

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Syria Capital: Damascus; Currency: Syrian pound.

Topic 10: Miscellaneous New

Vaishali Hiwase becomes 1st woman to be appointed officer commanding in BRO



- Vaishali S Hiwase is the first woman to be appointed officer commanding of the Border

Roads Organisation (BRO), where she will be in charge of providing connectivity across the Indo-China border. Vaishali is from Wardha, Maharashtra, and she recently completed a challenging assignment in Kargil.

- The Border Roads Organisation (BRO) has named a woman officer as the commanding officer of a Road Construction Company (RCC) tasked with providing connectivity in a high-altitude region along the India-China border, marking a first.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Director-General of BRO: Lt. Gen. Rajeev Chaudhary;
- BRO Headquarters: New Delhi;
- BRO Founded: 7 May 1960.

Anand Mahindra launches Project ‘Oxygen on Wheels’



- Following an acute oxygen shortage caused by a serious second wave of coronavirus, Mahindra Group Chairman Anand Mahindra has launched a project called "Oxygen on Wheels" to make transportation of oxygen from producing plants to hospitals and homes easier.
- In India, especially in Maharashtra, the ‘Oxygen on Wheels’ initiative will bridge the gap between oxygen production and transportation.
- Around 70 Mahindra Bolero pickup trucks have been lined up to link oxygen producers with hospitals and homes in order to supply oxygen cylinders.
- Mahindra Logistics is in charge of the project's implementation. Apart from this, an operations control centre has been established and the storage location is replenished from the local refilling plant. A direct-to-consumer model is also being conceived.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Mahindra Group CEO: Pawan Kumar Goenka.
- Mahindra Group Founded: 2 October 1945, Ludhiana.

Wipro overtakes HCL Tech to become third most-valued Indian IT firm



- Jagmohan Malhotra, the former Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, has died.
- Jagmohan was the Governor of Jammu and Kashmir for two terms, from 1984 to 1989 and again from January to May 1990. He had previously held the positions of Lieutenant Governor of Delhi, Goa, and Daman & Diu.
- In 1996, Jagmohan was elected to the Lok Sabha for the first time, and in 1998, he served in the Atal Bihari Vajpayee government as the Union Minister for Urban Development and Tourism. He was also awarded the Padma Shri in 1971, the Padma Bhushan in 1977, and the Padma Vibhushan in 2016.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Chairman of Wipro Limited: Rishad Premji.
- Wipro Headquarters: Bengaluru;
- Wipro MD and CEO: Thierry Delaporte.

World’s largest aeroplane by Stratolaunch completes test flight



- The world's largest plane soared into clear skies over California's Mojave Desert, built to transport hypersonic vehicles and allow easy access to space. It was created by the company Stratolaunch to transport hypersonic vehicles and provide easy access to space.
- The Roc aircraft has a twin-fuselage configuration and the world's longest wingspan of 385 feet (117 metres), surpassing the Hughes H-4 Hercules flying boat's 321 feet (98 m).
- The Stratolaunch will be able to fire rockets from a high altitude and will be capable of carrying a 550,000-pound payload.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Stratolaunch Headquarters: Mojave, California, USA;
- Stratolaunch CEO & President: Jean Floyd.

The World's Longest Pedestrian Bridge Opens in Portugal



- According to a press release from UNESCO's Arouca World Geopark, the world's longest pedestrian suspension bridge, dubbed "Arouca," has opened in Portugal.
- The Arouca Bridge has a half-kilometer (almost 1,700-foot) metal walkway suspended from cables that runs the length of its span. The Paiva River flows through a waterfall 175 metres (574 feet) below.
- The bridge joins the banks of the Paiva River by steel cables strung between V-shaped concrete

towers. The record-breaking bridge was constructed by the Portuguese studio Itecons and took several years to complete. It was designed by Conduril at a cost of \$2.8 million (2.3 million euros).

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Portugal President: Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa;
- Portugal Capital: Lisbon;
- Portugal Currency: Euro.

Arzan Nagwaswalla: 1st Parsi on Indian cricket team since 1975



- Arzan Nagwaswalla, a 23-year-old Gujarati left-arm seamer, has been named as a reserve player in India's World Test Championship final squad against New Zealand in Southampton.
- Arzan Rohinton Nagwaswalla is the first Parsi cricketer to break into the national team since 1975, and the only successful Parsi cricketer. He comes from a Parsi community in a village near the Maharashtra border.
- Farokh Engineer last played for India in a Test match in 1975, though Diana Edulji last played for the women's team in July 1993.
- Nagwaswalla is the first Parsi cricketer to break into the Indian men's team since 1975. He is the youngest member of a Parsi group from the village of Nargol.

Paytm unveiled COVID-19 vaccine finder tool



- On its Mini App store, Paytm introduced the 'COVID-19 Vaccine Finder,' a tool that allows people to verify the availability of vaccination slots.
- People will be able to verify the availability of vaccination slots for a particular date by entering various pin codes or district information as well as their age group (18+ or 45+) on the website.
- If the slots are likely to be crowded in the near future, users can opt for real-time updates from Paytm when a slot becomes available. The automated process eliminates the time and effort of constantly refreshing the platform for new slots.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Paytm HQ: Noida, Uttar Pradesh;
- Paytm Founder & CEO: Vijay Shekhar Sharma;
- Paytm Founded: 2009.

Mayflower 400: World's First Unmanned Vessel To Navigate Across Atlantic



- The "Mayflower 400," the world's first unmanned

vessel, is ready to traverse the Atlantic. It was created in partnership with IBM by the maritime research company ProMare. It will set sail for the Atlantic on May 15, 2021, with the goal of tracking aquatic creatures, analysing plastic in the water, and researching marine pollution.

- The Mayflower 400 is a totally self-contained vessel. It's a 9-ton trimaran with a length of 15 metres. It is fueled by artificial intelligence and solar panels that collect energy from the sun.
- The ship was built with a \$1 million investment from ProMare and worldwide contributions in the form of technology from India, the United States, and Switzerland.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- IBM Chief Executive Officer(CEO): Arvind Krishna;
- IBM Headquarters: Armonk, USA.

Harley-Davidson launches all-electric motorcycle brand 'LiveWire'



- Harley-Davidson Inc. has dispatched an all-electric bike brand "LiveWire," the most recent exertion by the organization to increase wagers on the quickly developing electric vehicle market.
- The organization would make a different electric vehicle-centered division, as it intends to draw in the up and coming age of more youthful and all the more earth cognizant riders.
- Named after Harley's first electric motorbike,

which was uncovered in 2019, the "LiveWire" division is scheduled to dispatch its previously marked cruiser in July.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Harley-Davidson Inc. CEO: Jochen Zeitz (Mar 2020–);
- Harley-Davidson Inc. Founded: 1903.

Airline Company GoAir Rebrands itself as 'Go First'



- GoAir, which is owned by the Wadia Group, has relaunched as 'Go First,' with the new slogan "You Come First."
- The decision to rename after 15 years is part of the company's effort to run the airline as a ULCC (ultra-low-cost carrier) to mitigate the effects of the COVID-19 epidemic.
- Under ULCC ambitions, Go First will fly narrow-body aircraft across its fleet, including Airbus A320 and A320 Neos (new engine option) jets.
- This will not only assure passenger safety, comfort, and time savings, but will also let them to enjoy the benefits of the next-generation fleet at ultra-low rates, ensuring that their travel plans are never disrupted.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- GoAir Founder: Jehangir Wadia;
- GoAir Founded: 2005;
- GoAir Headquarters: Mumbai.

Cyclone Taukate makes landfall in a number of states.



- In the early hours of Sunday, Cyclone Taukate reached its peak strength and has now evolved into a Very Severe Cyclonic Storm (wind speeds of 118 to 166 km/hr).
- The most recent twister alert gave by the India Meteorological Department (IMD) has said that this tempest would arrive at near Gujarat coast, Maharashtra, Goa.
- Light to direct power precipitation is relied upon to proceed over waterfront Karnataka and Kerala till Monday.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- India Meteorological Department Headquarters: Mausam Bhavan, Lodhi Road, New Delhi.
- India Meteorological Department Founded: 1875.

The IDRBT is constructing a national digital financial infrastructure (NADI)



- The Institute for Development and Research in Banking Technology (IDRBT) is building a cutting edge Digital Financial Infrastructure named National Digital Financial Infrastructure (NADI). NADI would give a guide and structure to future advanced monetary administrations development in India.
- NADI will comprise of current organization framework which incorporates 5G/Edge Cloud with SDNs (programming characterized organizing) for associating with the basic server farm foundation at the back-end.
- IDRBT is an arm of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- It will likewise have the middleware framework for supporting both computerized character check, advanced personality evaluation and computerized resource the board with the help of effective computerized record innovations and AI/ML advances."

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- IDRBT Headquarters location: Hyderabad;
- IDRBT Founded: 1996.

National Gallery of Modern Art launched Audio-Visual Guide App



- International Organization of Legal Metrology Headquarters: Paris, France.
- International Organization of Legal Metrology Founded: 1955.

National Gallery of Modern Art:

- It was founded in 1954.
- It is the premier art gallery under the Ministry of Culture.
- It has a collection of art of more than 2000 artists.

Cyclone Yaas is expected to make landfall in West Bengal and Odisha.



- Between May 26 and 27, a category 5 cyclonic storm is expected to make landfall along the coasts of West Bengal and Odisha. The cyclone will be named 'Yaas' once it has formed.
- Yaas will be just as dangerous as Amphan, which emerged in the Bay of Bengal in May of last year. Yaas refers to a Jasmine-like tree with a pleasant aroma, as termed by Oman.
- The World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) maintains a rotational list of cyclone names, including names specific to each tropical zone. If a cyclone is particularly dangerous, its name is never used and substituted with another. Currently, there are 169 names on the list, which will be rotated on a regular basis.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- World Meteorological Organisation Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland;
- World Meteorological Organisation Founded:

23 March 1950;

- World Meteorological Organisation President: David Grimes.

World’s largest iceberg breaks off from Antarctica



- The European Space Agency (ESA) has confirmed that the world's largest iceberg has fractured off the coast of Antarctica using satellite photographs.
- The finger-shaped iceberg broke away from the Ronne Ice Shelf, a vast ice shelf that covers over 400,000 square kilometres. Copernicus Sentinel-1 was used to capture the photographs.
- The Copernicus Sentinel spacecraft is the first ESA Earth Observation spacecraft to implement communications security on the command link.

People of Indian ancestry Anvee Bhutani is the next President of the Oxford Student Union.



- At the completion of a Student Union (SU) byelection, an Indian-origin Human Sciences student from Magdalen College at the University of Oxford was declared the winner.
- Anvee Bhutani, Co-Chair of the Oxford SU's

Campaign for Racial Awareness and Equality (CRAE) and President of the Oxford India Society, ran in the by-election for the 2021-22 academic years, which saw a record turnout.

IBF to be renamed as Indian Broadcasting and Digital Foundation



- The Indian Broadcasting Foundation (IBF), the summit assemblage of telecasters, is being renamed as Indian Broadcasting and Digital Foundation (IBDF), as it extends its domain to cover advanced stages to bring all computerized (OTT) players under one rooftop.
- IBDF is currently shaping another completely possessed auxiliary to deal with all issue relating to computerized media.
- IBDF will likewise frame a Self-Regulatory Body (SRB), according to the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021 as told by the Government of India on 25th February 2021.

Mount Nyiragongo erupts in the Republic of Congo



- Mount Nyiragongo ejected in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Mount Nyiragongo is one of a few volcanoes close to the DRC's line with

Rwanda and Uganda. Its last significant ejection, in 2002, slaughtered 250 individuals and uprooted thousands.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- President of the Republic of Congo: Denis Sassou Nguesso;
- Prime Minister of Republic of Congo: Anatole Collinet Makosso;
- Congo Capital: Brazzaville;
- Congo Currency: Congolese franc.

Bollywood actor Sanjay Dutt receives UAE’s Golden Visa



- The UAE government granted Bollywood entertainer Sanjay Dutt with its Golden Visa. The Golden Visa framework basically offers long haul residency to individuals with exceptional abilities.
- In 2019, UAE carried out another framework for long haul home visas empowering outsiders to live, work and study there without the need of a public support and with 100% responsibility for business.
- According to reports, Sanjay Dutt is the primary standard to get the Golden Visa. The visas have a legitimacy of one or the other 5 or 10 years and are recharged naturally.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- UAE Capital: Abu Dhabi;
- UAE Currency: United Arab Emirates dirham;
- UAE President: Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan.

Topic 11: National News

India, Russia to establish a ‘2+2 ministerial dialogue’



- India and Russia have agreed to create a ‘2+2 Ministerial Dialogue’ at the level of Foreign and Defense Ministers.
- India has developed the ‘2+2 Ministerial dialogue’ process with Russia, making it the

fourth and first Non-Quad member country to do so.

- With the United States, Japan, and Australia, India has such a mechanism. It is expected to strengthen India's and Russia's bilateral strategic partnership.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Russia President: Vladimir Putin.
- Russia Capital: Moscow.
- Russia Currency: Russian Ruble.

BRO celebrates 61st raising day on 7th May



- The Border Roads Organisation (BRO) was founded on May 7, 1960, with the primary aim of securing India's borders and building infrastructure in remote parts of the country's north and northeast.
- BRO celebrated its 61st Raising Day on May 7, 2021. (foundation day).
- It is the Ministry of Defense's leading road building department.
- Its main responsibility is to provide road connectivity in India's border regions. It also improves and retains border infrastructure to fulfil India's overall tactical and strategic objectives.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Director-General of BRO: Lt. Gen. Rajeev Chaudhary;
- BRO Headquarters: New Delhi;
- BRO Founded: 7 May 1960.

Serum Institute to invest £240 million to expand its vaccine business in UK



- With a £240 million investment, the Serum Institute of India (SII) is expanding its vaccine business in the United Kingdom.
- In collaboration with Codagenix INC, the serum has already begun phase one trials of a one-dose nasal vaccine for coronavirus in the United Kingdom.
- This was part of a £533 million infusion of new Indian capital into the UK's fast-growing sectors of health and technology.
- Clinical trials, research and development, and likely vaccine production would all benefit from Serum's investment. This will help the United Kingdom and the rest of the world in combating the coronavirus pandemic and other deadly diseases.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- The SII was founded by Cyrus Poonawalla (Adar Poonawalla's father) in 1966.
- Adar Poonawalla joined the Serum Institute of India in 2001 and became the CEO of the company in 2011.

CBSE launches 'Dost for Life' mobile app



- For students and parents, the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has released a new mobile app. The new app "Dost for Life" is an exclusive psychological counselling app for CBSE-affiliated school students and parents.
- The latest App will serve students and parents from CBSE-affiliated schools in various parts of

the world at the same time.

- Other resources included in the app include suggested course guides for post-secondary education, mental health and well-being tips, and a "corona guide" with guidance on everyday safety policy, learning from home, and self-care.
- The counselling sessions shall be provided to students of classes 9-12 by 83 volunteer counsellors and school principals.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- CBSE Chairman: Manoj Ahuja;
- CBSE Head Office: Delhi;
- CBSE Founded: 3 November 1962.

PM Kisan Samman Nidhi: Eighth Instalment released



- Prime Minister Narendra Modi as of late delivered the eighth portion of Prime Minister Kisan Samman Nidhi.
- The Government of India moves Rs 6,000 to the record of little and peripheral ranchers. These assets are moved in three portions.
- The first portion of Rs 2,000 is made among April and June.
- The second Installment is made among August and November.
- The third portion is made among December and Marc

India loses the Farzad-B gas field in Iran, which was found by ONGC.



- India lost the ONGC Videsh Ltd-found Farzad-B gas field in the Persian Gulf after Iran granted an agreement for fostering the monster gas field to a nearby organization.
- The National Iranian Oil Company (NIOC) has marked an agreement worth USD 1.78 billion with Petropars Group for the advancement of Farzad B Gas Field in the Persian Gulf.
- The field holds 23 trillion cubic feet of set up gas saves, of which around 60% is recoverable. It likewise holds gas condensates of around 5,000 barrels for each billion cubic feet of gas.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Iran Capital: Tehran;
- Iran Currency: Iranian rial;
- Iran President: Hassan Rouhani

The Chief Minister of Manipur launches the 'MOMA Market' for vegetables.



- Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh has launched a smartphone application called "Manipur Organic Mission Agency (MOMA)

Market" to guarantee that residents have fresh veggies delivered to their homes during the COVID-19-induced curfew.

- MOMA a unit of the state cultivation and soil preservation division dispatched the application under the CM's management to make new vegetables accessible for everyday utilization and to lessen the misery deals of ranch produce during the COVID-19 pandemic lockdown.
- MOMA has been relegated to work around there and channel ranch produces to shoppers by means of home conveyance to forestall vegetable misfortunes and COVID-19 spread.
- Farmers Producer Companies (FPCs) working with MOMA will gather vegetables from different ranches. It will at that point be moved to cold stockpiling and stockrooms at the office's perplexing in Sanjenthong and different areas.
- Finally, the buyer's MOMA Market request will be dispatched to their doorstep.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Chief Minister of Manipur: N. Biren Singh; Governor: Najma Heptulla.

Haryana Declares Black Fungus A Notified Disease



- In Haryana, Black Fungus has been classified as a notified illness, which means that each case must be reported to the appropriate authorities. This will make it easier to track and manage an epidemic.
- The COVID-19 pandemic in India has catalysed the spread of black fungus or mucormycosis, which can disfigure people even when it is not

fatal. Declaring a disease notifiable helps collate information and lets authorities monitor the disease and set off early warnings.

- "Black fungus" mainly affects people on medication for other health problems that reduce their ability to fight environmental pathogens, according to the Indian Council of Medical Research.
- The COVID-19 epidemic in India has transformed the fungal infection into a severe illness that has disfigured and killed many people.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Haryana Capital: Chandigarh.
- Haryana Governor: Satyadev Narayan Arya.
- Haryana Chief Minister: Manohar Lal Khattar

In Pune, India's first agriculture export facilitation centre was established.



- The Mahratta Chamber of Commerce, Industry, and Agriculture (MCCIA) has dispatched India's first agro-trade help focus in Pune, as a team with National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD).
- The new Facilitation Center will fill in as a one-stop-place for the exporters in the farming area just as lift rural fares from the district, according to worldwide principles.
- The Center would manage the imminent exporters on different important parts of the 'ranch to-fork chain of agro-sends out through its specialists. It would put together

mindfulness programs, preparing projects and workshops on the connected angles, coordinate visits to send out houses for getting functional direction, sort out purchaser merchant gatherings and so on

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- NABARD Founded: 12 July 1982;
- NABARD Headquarters: Mumbai;
- NABARD Chairman: G R Chintala.

Six heritage sites have been added to India's tentative list of UNESCO World Heritage Sites.



- The Union Culture Minister Prahlad Singh Patel recently announced that around six cultural heritage sites have been added to the UNESCO World Heritage Sites.
- With this, the total number of sites in the UNESCO World Heritage Sites Tentative list has increased to 48.

The following six places have successfully entered the tentative list of UNESCO World Heritage sites.

- Ganga Ghats of Varanasi,
- Temples of Kancheepuram in Tamil Nadu,
- Satpura Tiger Reserve in Madhya Pradesh,
- Maharashtra Military Architecture
- Hire Benkal Megalithic site,
- Bhedaghat Lametaghat of Narmada Valley in Madhya Pradesh

The DRDO creates the 'DIPCOVAN' Covid-19 antibody detection kit.



- India's Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has developed a Covid-19 antibody detection kit.
- The DIPCOVAN kit can detect both spikes as well as nucleocapsid proteins of Coronavirus with a high sensitivity of 97%.
- DIPCOVAN is intended for the qualitative detection of IgG antibodies in human serum or plasma, targeting SARS-CoV-2 related antigens.
- It offers a significantly faster turnaround time of just 75 minutes to conduct the test without any cross-reactivity with other diseases. The kit has a shelf life of 18 months.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams

- Dr. G Satheesh Reddy, Chairman of the DRDO
- New Delhi is the headquarters of the DRDO.
- DRDO is an acronym for Defense Research and Development Organization. The year the company was founded was 1958.

The Cabinet approved the establishment of a new Indian Consulate General in the Maldives.



- Union Cabinet, led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has endorsed the kickoff of another

Consulate General of India around there, the Maldives in 2021.

- India and Maldives share ethnic, semantic, social, strict and business joins saturated with artifact.
- Maldives possesses a significant spot in the 'Neighborhood First Policy' and the 'SAGAR' (Security and Growth for All around there) vision of the Government of India.
- The force and energy in the reciprocal relationship have arrived at exceptional levels under the authority of Prime Minister Modi and President Solih. This is additionally a forward-glancing step in quest for our public need of development and improvement or 'SabkaSaathSabka Vikas'.
- Augmentation of India's strategic presence will, between alia, give market admittance to Indian organizations and support Indian fares of labor and products. This would have an immediate effect in increasing homegrown creation and work in accordance with our objective of a confident India or 'Atmanirbhar Bharat'.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Ibrahim Mohamed Solih is the President of the Maldives.
- Male is the capital of the Maldives, and the Maldivian Rufiyaa is the country's currency.

The Ayush Ministry is hosting a five-part webinar series called "Be With Yoga, Be At Home."



Ministry of AYUSH

- In the run-up to the International Day of Yoga in 2021, the Ministry of Ayush is organising a

variety of activities. One of these is a series of five webinars that the Ministry is hosting in conjunction with five famous organisations across the country, each of which will offer one webinar on a different topic under the broad theme of "Be with Yoga, Be at Home."

- The Art of Living, The Yoga Institute, ArhamDhyanYog, and other well-known organisations are only a few examples.
- This series of five informative webinars aims to remind a larger audience about problems that have become highly essential in the current Covid-19 scenario.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Minister of State (IC) of the Ministry of AYUSH: Shripad Yesso Naik.



- The Union Cabinet has allowed endorsement to the Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) went into by the Institute of Cost Accountants of India and the Institute of Company Secretaries of India with different nations and associations.
- The MoUs try to work with common acknowledgment of capabilities and a scope of cooperative exercises for the trading of information.
- The marked MoUs would help in the headway of the objectives on value, public responsibility and advancement among the recipients nations.
- The Institute of Cost Accountants of India

(ICoAI) and the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) have marked MoUs with unfamiliar associations specifically Institute of Public Accountants (IPA), Australia, Chartered Institute for Securities and Investment, UK (CISI), Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA), UK, Institute of Certified Management Accountants, Sri Lanka and Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators (ICSA), UK.

India to launch mobile tech platform ‘UNITE AWARE’ for UN peacekeepers



- India will launch ‘UNITE AWARE,’ a mobile technology platform for UN peacekeepers to boost their safety and security while on the job.
- The Union Cabinet has allowed endorsement to the Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) went into by the Institute of Cost Accountants of India and the Institute of Company Secretaries of India with different nations and associations.
- It will be dispatched during India's United Nations Security Council (UNSC) Presidency term in August 2021 (Presidency of the UNSC Council is held by every one of the individuals thusly for one month).
- UNITED AWARE will expand the situational consciousness of the peacekeepers by giving territory related data.
- India has spent USD 1.64 million on the

undertaking and is creating it in association with the UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations and Department of Operational Support.

- The data about the stage was shared by India's Deputy Permanent Representative to the UN, Ambassador K Nagaraj Naidu during his virtual location to UNSC Open Debate 'Peacekeeping Operations: Improving wellbeing and security of peacekeepers.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Jean-Pierre Lacroix is the UN Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations.
- Headquarters of the United Nations Department of Peacekeeping Operations is in New York, USA.

Rajnath Singh announces the inauguration of the SeHAT OPD portal.

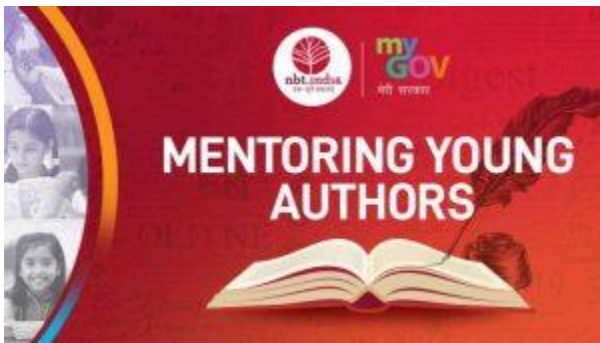


- Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh has dispatched the 'Administrations e-Health Assistance and Tele-counsel (SeHAT) OPD gateway, through video conferencing.
- The fundamental intention of the entrance is to give telemedicine administrations to the serving Armed Forces staff, veterans and their families.
- The entrance can be gotten to at <https://sehatopd.in/>, to benefit the telemedicine administrations
- SeHAT OPD entry is the last form with cutting

edge wellbeing highlights.

- The preliminary adaptation was dispatched in August 2020 and in excess of 6,500 clinical meetings have effectively been carried on the beta rendition.

Government launches YUVA PM Scheme For Mentoring Young Authors



- The Department of Higher Education under the Ministry of Education has dispatched another drive called 'YUVA-Prime Minister's Scheme For Mentoring Young Authors'. YUVA represents Young, Upcoming and Versatile Authors.
- It is an Author Mentorship program to prepare youthful and sprouting writers, under 30 years old to advance perusing, composing and book culture in the country, and venture India and Indian compositions internationally.
- The National Book Trust, India under the Ministry of Education will be the Implementing Agency for the plan.
- A sum of 75 creators will be chosen through an All India Contest, that will be led through <https://www.mygov.in/> from 1 June – 31 July 2021.
- The youthful winning creators will be prepared by prominent creators/tutors.
- A united grant of Rs.50,000 each month for a time of a half year for every creator will be paid under the Mentorship Scheme.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Chairman of National Book Trust, India: Govind Prasad Sharma.
- The National Book Trust, India is an apex body, established by the Government of India in the year 1957.

Govt announces scheme to provide pension for dependents of Covid victims



- The Prime Minister Narendra Modi-drove Government of India has reported two significant measures for those families who have lost the acquiring part because of Covid, to alleviate monetary challenges that might be looked by them.
- Initially, the public authority have chosen to give family annuity to such families and furthermore, give them upgraded and changed protection pay.

PM Modi announces Rs 10 Lakh PM CARES Fund for kids orphaned due to COVID



- PM Narendra Modi has reported various government assistance measures for youngsters who lost their folks to COVID-19.
- All youngsters who have lost either the two guardians or enduring guardians or legitimate watchmen or new parents because of COVID-19 will be upheld under PM-CARES for Children plot.
- The public authority has declared the "PM-CARES for Children" plot under which fixed stores will be opened in the names of such kids from the PM-CARES reserve.
- The complete corpus of the asset will be Rs 10 lakh for every youngster.

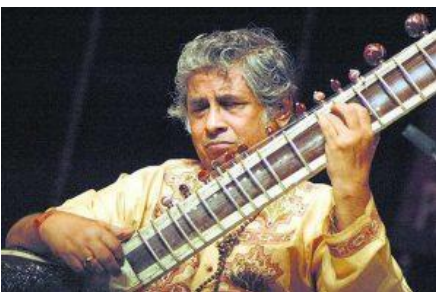
Topic 12: Obituaries

Senior TV Journalist Rohit Sardana Passes Away



- Rohit Sardana, a well-known TV journalist and news anchor, died of a heart attack after contracting the deadly COVID-19 infection. The young journalist was just 41 years old at the time. Sardana worked for Zee News from 2004 to 2017, before joining AajTak.
- He hosted Taal Thok Ke, a show that addresses current issues in India, for Zee News, and he hosted Dangal, a debate show for AajTak. In 2018, the Indian government honoured Sardana with the Ganesh Shankar Vidyarthi Puraskar.

Sitar maestro Pandit Devabrata Chaudhuri Passes Away



- Pandit Debu Chaudhuri, a master of the sitar, died as a result of COVID-19 complications.
- The Senia or Gharana style of music was represented by the Legend of Sitar. He received the Padma Bhushan and the Padma Shri awards. He was also a teacher and a novelist, having written six books and composed a number of new ragas.

Film and TV Actor Bikramjeet Kanwarpal Passes Away



- Bikramjeet Kanwarpal, a well-known actor who appeared in a number of films, TV shows, and web series, died as a result of Covid-19 complications. The actor most recently appeared in Anil Kapoor's 24 and the web series Special OPS.
- He had served in the army and was now retired. Creature 3D, Horror Story, Prem Ratan Dhan Payo, Bypass Road, and Shortcut Romeo are just a few of his well-known films.

Assam's first female IAS officer Parul Debi Das passes

away



- Parul Debi Das, Assam's first female IAS officer, has died. She was an IAS officer from the Assam-Meghalaya cadre.
- She was the daughter of Ramnath Das, a former cabinet minister in undivided Assam. Naba Kumar Das, the former Chief Secretary of Assam, was her sister.

'Shooter Dadi' Chandro Tomar passed away



- Chandro, the shooter Tomar, also known as "Shooter Dadi," died of Covid-19 at the age of 89.
- Tomar, a native of Uttar Pradesh's Baghat village, was well into her 60s when she first picked up a rifle, but she went on to win numerous national competitions for veterans, her exploits inspiring the award-winning Bollywood film "Saand ki Aankh."

Aeronautical Scientist Manas Bihari Verma Passes Away



- Manas Bihari Verma, an Indian aeronautical scientist who was instrumental in the creation of the Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) – Tejas, has died.
- He spent 35 years as an aeronautical scientist at the Defence Research Development Organization (DRDO).
- In 2018, the Padma Sri civilian honour was bestowed upon the renowned scientist.

Former J&K Governor Jagmohan Passes Away



- Former Jammu and Kashmir Governor, **Jagmohan Malhotra** has passed away.
- Jagmohan served two terms as Jammu and Kashmir Governor, once from **1984 to 1989**, and then from January 1990 to May 1990. He had also served as Lieutenant Governor of **Delhi, Goa and Daman & Diu**.
- Jagmohan was elected to the **Lok Sabha** for the

first time in **1996** and served as the Union Minister for Urban Development and Tourism in the **Atal Bihari Vajpayee** government in 1998. Apart from this, he was honoured with the **Padma Shri in 1971, Padma Bhushan in 1977** and **Padma Vibhushan in 2016**.

V Kalyanam, Mahatma Gandhi’s Former Personal Secretary, Passes Away



- V Kalyanam, Mahatma Gandhi's former personal assistant, died. From 1943 to 1948, when Gandhi was assassinated, he was Gandhi's personal secretary.
- Gandhiji's notes, a cheque with his signature, and other Gandhi-related literature were all held by Kalyanam. He spoke Bengali, Gujarati, Hindi, Tamil, and English fluently. In the 1960s, he was also identified with Rajaji as a devout follower of Mahatma Gandhi.

Former Union Minister and RLD Founder Ajit Singh Passes Away



- Ajit Singh, a former Union Minister and the founder and leader of the Rashtriya Lok Dal

(RLD), died of COVID-19. He was the son of Chaudhary Charan Singh, India's former Prime Minister.

- Minister of Commerce and Industry in Prime Minister V. P. Singh's cabinet; Minister of Food Processing Industries in P. V. Narasimha Rao's cabinet; Minister of Agriculture in Atal Bihari Vajpayee's government; and Minister of Civil Aviation in Manmohan Singh's cabinet.

Actress Abhilasha Patil passes away due to Covid-19



- Abhilasha Patil, who appeared in films such as "Good News," "Badrinath Ki Dulhania," and "Chhichhore," died of Covid-19 complications. She was in her early forties at the time.
- Patil also appeared in Marathi films such as Te Aath Diwas, Bayko Deta Ka Bayko, Prawaas, Pipsi, and Tujha Majha Arrange Marriage, in addition to Bollywood films.

Senior Journalist Shesh Narayan Singh Passes Away of Covid-19



- Shesh Narayan Singh, a veteran senior

journalist, died while receiving treatment for COVID-19. He was 70 years old.

- Shesh Narain Singh had a two-decade career as a journalist, political analyst, and foreign policy specialist.

Veteran Music Composer Vanraj Bhatia Passes Away



- After a brief illness, veteran music composer Vanraj Bhatia passed away. He was India's best-known composer of Western classical music. He composed music for commercials, feature films, mainstream films, television shows, and documentaries, among other things.
- For the television film Tamas (1988), Bhatia received the National Film Award for Best Music Direction, the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for Creative and Experimental Music (1989), and India's fourth-highest civilian honour, the Padma Shri (2012).

Renowned Sculptor and Rajya Sabha MP Raghunath Mohapatra Passes Away



- Raghunath Mohapatra, an eminent sculptor, architect, and Rajya Sabha member, died while undergoing treatment for COVID-19.
- Mohapatra, who was born in Odisha, received the Padma Shri in 1975, the Padma Bhushan in 2001, and the Padma Vibhushan in 2013 for his groundbreaking contributions to art, architecture, and culture.

Kerala's Oldest Serving MLA KR Gouri Amma Passes Away at 102



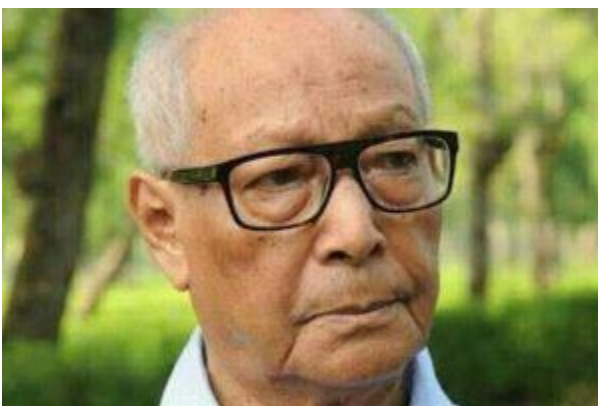
- The senior-most socialist head of Kerala, KR Gouri Amma, who was the principal Revenue Minister in the primary socialist service of the state in 1957, has died because old enough related sicknesses. She was 102.
- She was the second longest-serving MLA in Kerala Legislative Assembly and furthermore the last enduring individual from the main Kerala government. After the split of the Communist Party in 1964, K. R.
- She joined the recently shaped Communist Party of India (Marxist). She framed and headed the ideological group Janathipathiya Samrakshana Samithy (JSS) in 1994 after her ouster from CPI (M).
- She was the primary force behind Kerala's landmark Land Reforms Bill. She had won 13 of the 17 assembly elections that were held.

Freedom fighter Anup Bhattacharya passes away



- Anup Bhattacharya, a freedom fighter and Swadhin Bangla Betar Kendra musician, died. He served as a composer and music director at Swadhin Bangla Betar Kendra during Bangladesh's independence war. He is also a founding member of the Rabindra Sangeet Shilpi Sangstha (Rabindra Sangeet Shilpi Sangstha).
- During the Freedom War of 1971, his tunes "Teer Hara Ei Dheu-er Sagor," "Rokto Diye Naam Likhhechi," "Purbo Digonte Surjo Utheche," and "Nongor Tolo" persuaded the freedom fighters. In 1971, the mechanism for radio telecom was Swadhin Bangla Betar Kendra.

Sahitya Akademi Award-Winning Journalist Homen Borgohain passes away



- Noted Assamese litterateur and columnist, Homen Borgohain has died. He was related with a few papers and was most as of late filling in as the proofreader in head of Assamese every day Niyomiya Barta until his demise.

- He was likewise the President of Assam Sahitya Sabha. He was granted Sahitya Akademi Award in 1978 for the Assamese language for his novel 'Pita Putra'. He has composed a few books, short stories and verse.

Arjuna-winning veteran paddler Chandrasekar passes away



- V. Chandrasekar, a three-time National table tennis champion and former International paddler, died of COVID-related complications. He was the president of the Tamizhaga Table Tennis Association at the time (TTTA).
- Chandrasekar, who won the Arjuna Award in 1982, is 63 years old. My fightback from Death's Door, Chandra's autobiography with Seetha Srikanth, was published in 2006.

Former CBI officer K Ragothaman passes away



- K Ragothaman, a former CBI officer, has died. He was the Special Investigation Team's (SIT) principal investigator in the Rajiv Gandhi assassination case. In 1988, he received the Police Medal, and in 1994, he received the President Medal.
- Ragothaman is the author of several works,

including Rajiv Gandhi's Assassination, Third Degree Crime Investigation Management, and Crime and the Criminal. In 1968, he joined the CBI as a police sub-inspector.

Times Group Chairperson Indu Jain Passes Away



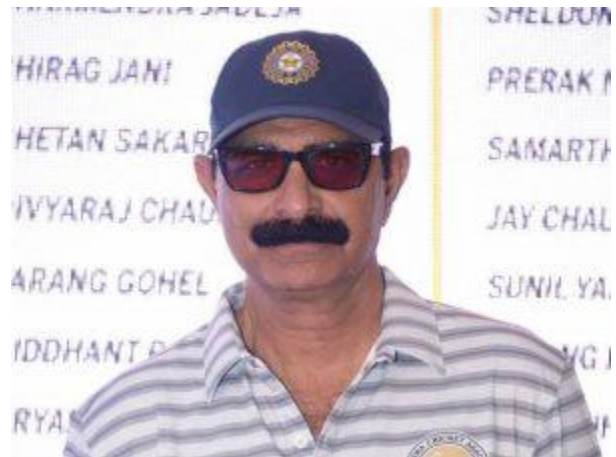
- Pioneering humanitarian and Times Group Chairperson, Indu Jain has died because of Covid-related inconveniences.
- The noticeable Indian media character, Indu Jain was the executive of India's biggest media bunch, Bennett, Coleman and Co. Ltd., which is prominently known as the Times Group, which claims the Times of India and other enormous papers.
- Being a mystic, Jain had a profound information on antiquated sacred texts and was the supporter of Sri Ravi Shankar and Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev. Other than this, Jain was additionally enthusiastic about ladies' privileges and was the author leader of Ficci Ladies Organization (FLO).

Noted Indian mathematician, Professor MS Narasimhan has died. Teacher Narasimhan, alongside C. S. Seshadri, were known for their verification of the Narasimhan–Seshadri hypothesis.



- He is the simply Indian to get the King Faisal International Prize in the field of science.
- He was moved on from Loyola College, Chennai, and Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Bombay Narasimhan had additionally acquired PhD from Mumbai University.

Rajendrasinh Jadeja, a BCCI referee, has died.



- Rajendrasinh Jadeja, a former Saurashtra pacer and BCCI referee, died of COVID-19.
- He was a fantastic all-rounder and one of the best right-arm medium pacers in the game.
- He took 134 and 14 wickets in 50 first-class matches and 11 List A games, respectively. In first-class cricket, he scored 1,536 runs and 104 runs in List A cricket.

Rajeev Satav, a Congress Member, Has Passed Away.



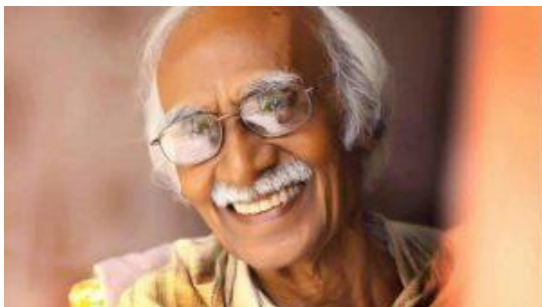
- Rajeev Satav, a senior Congress politician and Rajya Sabha MP, died just days after recuperating from a coronavirus illness.
- He was a member of the Rajya Sabha from Maharashtra and was in charge of the Gujarat affairs of the All India Congress Committee (AICC). He formerly served in the 16th Lok Sabha as a Member of Parliament from Hingoli in Maharashtra.

Dr. KK Aggarwal, the former President of the Indian Medical Association, has died.



- He was a renowned physician and cardiologist who also served as the chairman of the Indian Heart Care Foundation.
- For his achievements to medicine, he received the Dr BC Roy Award in 2005 and the Padma Shri in 2010, India's fourth-highest civilian award.
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Ki. Rajanarayanan, a well-known Tamil writer and folklorist, has died at the age of thirteen.



- Noted Tamil folklorist and acclaimed essayist Ki. Rajanarayanan has died.
- Famously called by his Tamil initials as KiRa, he was known as the pioneer of 'Karisal Literature'.
- KiRa was regarded with the Sahitya Academy grant in 1991 for his novel 'Gopalapurathu Makkal'. He was a famous author of short stories, books, legends and papers and has distributed more than 30 books.

Shri Chaman Lal Gupta, a former Union Minister, has died.



- Chaman Lal Gupta, a senior BJP politician and former government minister, has died. He had a distinguished political career that spanned five decades, commencing in 1972 when he was elected to the J&K Legislative Assembly.
- He represented Jammu's Udhampur seat in the 11th, 12th, and 13th Lok Sabha.
- Apart from that, Chaman Lal Gupta served as Union Minister of State for Civil Aviation from October 13, 1999 to September 1, 2001, Union Minister of State (independent charge) for Food Processing Industries from September 1, 2001 to June 30, 2002, and Union Minister of State for Defence from September 1, 2001 to June 30, 2002. (July 1, 2002 to 2004).

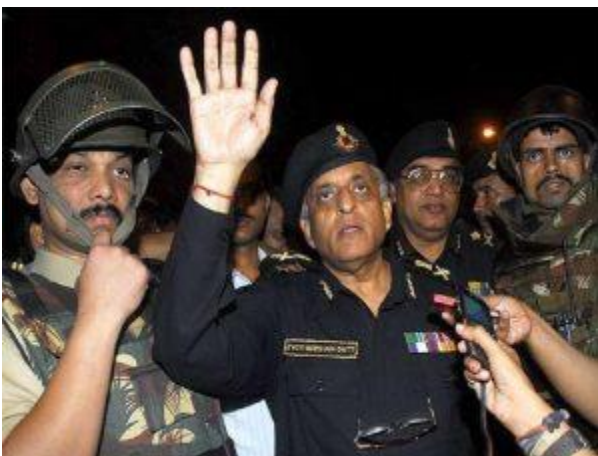
Jagannath Pahadia, the former Chief Minister of

Rajasthan, has died.



- Senior Congress leader and former Rajasthan chief minister Jagannath Pahadia has passed away due to COVID-19.
- He served as the Chief Minister of Rajasthan from 6 June 1980 to 14 July 1981. Apart from this, he was also a former Governor of Haryana and Bihar.

Former National Security Adviser JK Dutt, who oversaw the counter-terrorism operations in the aftermath of the 26/11 attacks, has died.

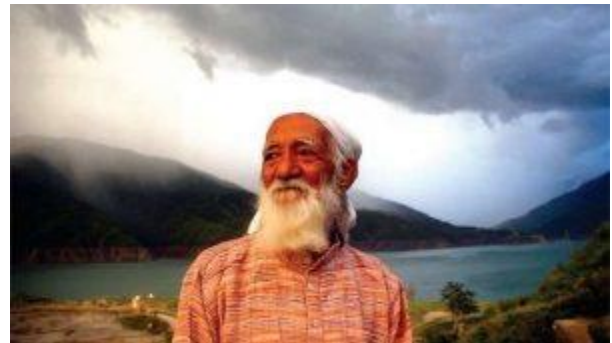


J.K. Dutt, former Director-General of the National Security Guards (NSG) who headed the force during the

26/11 Mumbai terror attack, passed away due to COVID-19 related complications.

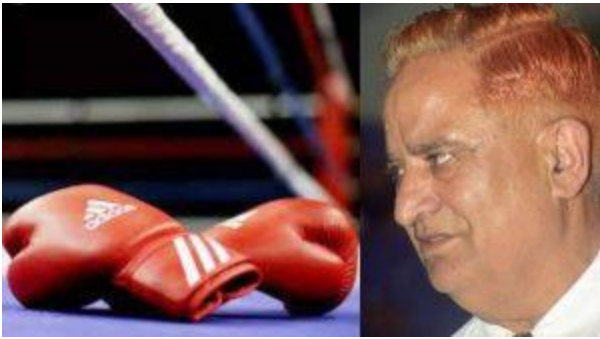
JK Dutt saw counter-terror and rescue efforts during operation Black Tornado in the 26/11 Mumbai terror attack.

Sunderlal Bahuguna, an environmentalist, died on March 13th.



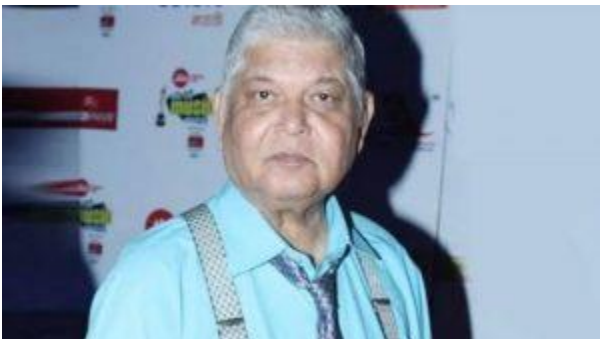
- Well-known environmentalist and Gandhian, Sunderlal Bahuguna has passed away. He was 94. A pioneer in environmental protection, Mr Bahuguna led the charge against the construction of big dams in the Himalayas in the 1980s. He was fervently opposed to the construction of the Tehri dam.
- Bahuguna, who lived for decades in his Silyara ashram in Tehri Garhwal, inspired many young people in his passion for the environment. His ashram was open to young people, with whom he communicated with ease.
- Bahuguna, along with local women, founded the Chipko movement in the Seventies to prevent the felling of trees in the ecologically sensitive zones. The movement’s success led to the enactment of a law to ban the felling of trees in ecologically sensitive forest lands. He also coined the Chipko slogan: ‘ecology is the permanent economy.’

Indian boxing’s first Dronacharya awardee coach O P Bhardwaj passes away



- O P Bhardwaj, the first Dronacharya awardee coach in Indian boxing, has died. When it was first created in 1985, he shared the highest national honour in coaching with Bhalchandra Bhaskar Bhagwat (wrestling) and O M Nambiar (athletics).
- From 1968 through 1989, Bhardwaj was India's national boxing coach and a national selector. At the National Institute of Sports India in Patiala, he was the first chief instructor for the sport.

Veteran music director Laxman of the “Raam-Laxman” duo composers passes dead.



- Renowned music chief "Laxman" of the well known couple arrangers "Raam-Laxman", has died because of a cardiovascular failure. His genuine name was Vijay Patil, however was otherwise called Raamlaxman and was generally well known for his work with Rajshri Productions of Hindi movies.
- Laxman made music for a few out of their hit films like Agent Vinod (1977), Maine Pyar Kiya (1989), Hum Aapke Hain Koun..! (1994), Hum Saath Hain (1999). Raamlaxman has worked in just about 75

movies in Hindi, Marathi and Bhojpuri.

Former Atomic Energy Commission of India Chief Srikumar Banerjee Passes Away



- The previous Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission of India, Dr. Srikumar Banerjee, has died. He resigned as Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission and Secretary of the Department of Atomic Energy in 2012.
- He had likewise filled in as the Director of the Bhabha Atomic Research Center (BARC) for a very long time till 2010.
- Dr Banerjee got the Padma Shri in 2005 and the Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Award in 1989 for his extraordinary help in the field of science, particularly in the space of nuclear energy and metallurgy.

China’s ‘father of hybrid rice’ Yuan Longping passes away



- Yuan Longping, a Chinese scientist best known for inventing a hybrid rice variety that substantially increased the country's grain output, died at the age of 91.

- Yuan developed a high-yield hybrid rice strain in 1973, which was then cultivated on a big scale in China and other countries to significantly increase output.

Ex-Formula One boss Max Mosley passes away



- Max Mosley, the previous head of Formula One's overseeing body, has kicked the bucket at 81 years old subsequent to experiencing malignant growth.
- The most youthful child of Oswald Mosley, the head of the British extremist development during the 1930s.

- Mosley was a hustling driver, group proprietor and legal counselor prior to turning out to be leader
- Author And Art Curator Alka Raghuvanshi Passes Away**



- Creator And Art Curator Alka Raghuvanshi died. She was India's originally prepared workmanship guardian, having prepared at the Goldsmiths College, London and the Museum of Modern Art in Oxford.
- She has curated and planned more than 25 significant presentations a large number of which made a trip to different pieces of the country and the world.

Topic 13: Ranks & Reports

LIC Among Top Ten Most-Valuable Insurance Brand Globally



भारतीय जीवन बीमा निगम
LIFE INSURANCE CORPORATION OF INDIA

- According to the Brand Finance Insurance 100 study for 2021, the state-owned insurance behemoth 'Life Insurance Corporation (LIC)' has emerged as the third strongest and tenth most

successful insurance brand globally.

- Brand Finance, a London-based brand valuation company, has published its annual report to recognise the world's most successful and strongest insurance brands.

According to the report:

- Most Valuable Indian Insurance Brand – LIC (10th)
- Most Strongest Indian Insurance Brand – LIC (3rd)
- Most Valuable Global Insurance Brand – Ping An Insurance, China
- Most Strongest Global Insurance Brand – Poste Italiane, Italy

New Delhi ranks 32nd in Global Prime Residential Index by Knight Frank



- New Delhi and Mumbai are ranked 32nd and 36th in the Global Prime Residential Index, according to London-based property consultancy Knight Frank.
- Though Bengaluru dropped four places to number 40 in the first quarter of 2021, Delhi and Mumbai both dropped one spot.
- This quarter, the index is led by three Chinese cities: Shenzhen, Shanghai, and Guangzhou. Shenzhen was the best-performing global city, with an increase of 18.9%, while New York was the worst-performing market, with a decline of 5.8%.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Chairman and Managing Director at Knight Frank India: Shishir Baijal.
- Knight Frank Headquarters: London, United Kingdom;
- Knight Frank Founded: 1896;

- Knight Frank Founders: Howard Frank, John Knight, William Rutley.

NITI Aayog, Mastercard release report on Connected Commerce



- A study titled 'Connected Commerce: Creating a Roadmap for a Digitally Inclusive Bharat' has been released by the NITI Aayog. The study was published in partnership with Mastercard by the NITI Aayog.
- The report addresses the numerous barriers to accelerating digital financial inclusion in India, as well as recommendations for making digital services more available to the country's 1.3 billion people.
- Building information-sharing systems, including a "fraud repository," and ensuring that online digital commerce platforms carry warnings to alert consumers to the risk of fraud; enabling agricultural NBFCs to access low-cost capital and deploy a "physical (physical + digital) infrastructure"

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- NITI Aayog Formed: 1 January 2015.
- NITI Aayog Headquarters: New Delhi.
- NITI Aayog Chairperson: Narendra Modi.
- Mastercard Headquarters: New York, United States.
- Mastercard President: Michael Miebach.

World Bank report: India was the largest recipient of remittances in 2020



- According to the World Bank's "Migration and Development Brief," India was the greatest beneficiary of remittances in 2020. Since 2008, India has been the top beneficiary of remittances.
- However, India received over USD 83 billion in remittances in 2020, a 0.2 percent decrease from 2019. (USD 83.3 billion). Globally, remittances were USD 540 billion in 2020, down 1.9 percent from USD 548 billion in 2019.
- In current US dollar terms, India, China, Mexico, the Philippines, and Egypt were the top five remittance receiving nations in 2020.
- In terms of GDP, the top five grantees in 2020 were smaller economies: Tonga, Lebanon, Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, and El Salvador.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- World Bank Headquarters: Washington, D.C., United States.
- World Bank Formation: July 1944.
- World Bank President: David Malpass.

New Zealand PM Jacinda Ardern Tops Fortune's World's 50 Greatest Leaders 2021



- Jacinda Ardern, the Prime Minister of New Zealand, has been included to Fortune Magazine's list of the "World's 50 Greatest Leaders" for 2021.
- The 'World's 50 Greatest Individuals' list for 2021 is the ninth edition of the yearly list, which honours leaders, some well-known and others less so, who made a difference during the Covid-19 pandemic's "really unusual times."
- From India, Adar Poonawalla, the chief executive officer (CEO) of Serum Institute of India (SII) is the only Indian among the top 10 names. He is placed in the 10th spot.

India climbs to 3rd spot on EY index



- India has moved a notch higher at the third spot on EY's Renewable Energy Country Attractiveness Index due to exceptional performance on the solar photovoltaic (PV) front.
- India has moved one position above (3rd) from the previous index (4th), this is primarily because of the exceptional performance on the solar PV front.
- The US retains the top position on RECAI 57, China has remained a buoyant market and maintains the second position.
- India also committed to setting up 450 GW for renewable energy power capacity (installed) by 2030 in the recent climate summit hosted by the US

India is Asia-second-largest Pacific's insurance-technology market.



- According to S&P Global Industry Intelligence data, India is the second-largest insurance technology market in Asia-Pacific, accounting for 35% of the \$3.66 billion in insurtech-focused venture capital invested in the area.
- According to the statistics, there are at least 335 private insurtechs operating in Asia-Pacific, with 122 of them declaring a total of \$3.66 billion in capital raised through private placement arrangements.

Jharkhand ranks first in implementation of Smart City Mission schemes



- Based on the development of Smart City project implementation, Jharkhand took first place out of 36 Indian states and union territories, while Rajasthan came in second.
- The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs issued the rankings (MoHUA).
- Simultaneously, Ranchi, the capital of Jharkhand, has ascended to 12th place in terms of progress on the continuing mission plans in 100 cities.
- On the other side, Delhi is ranked 11th in the list of States and Union Territories, and Bihar is ranked 27th. The New Delhi Municipal

Corporation is ranked 41st, and the capital of Bihar, Patna, is ranked 68th.

Karnataka is the first state to implement Ayushman Bharat.



- Karnataka has been ranked first in establishing Health and Wellness Centres under Ayushman Bharat Program to provide comprehensive primary health care in rural areas. Karnataka is leading in implementing the project for 2020-2021.
- While the Centre had set a target of establishing 2,263 centres, the State has upgraded 3,300 centres till March 31. With a score of 90 out of 95, the state ranks on top when it comes to the implementation of the project for the year 2020- 21 as per the health and family welfare department.
- With the objective of providing quality health care for all under the Ayushman Bharat – Arogya Karnataka scheme, all PHCs are being upgraded under National Health Mission. The state has a target of upgrading 11,595 Centres as HWCs.
- Counselling sessions for adults, public yoga camps, ENT care, first aid during emergency and referrals to tertiary hospitals are some of the services being offered in these centres.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Bengaluru is the capital of Karnataka.
- Vajubhai Vala is the Governor of Karnataka.

- B. S. Yediyurappa is the Chief Minister of Karnataka

Asia’s richest and second richest persons are now Indians



- Billionaire Gautam Adani has edged past Chinese tycoon Zhong Shanshan to become the second-richest Asian, according to the Bloomberg Billionaire Index.
- China’s Zhong was the richest Asian till February when he lost the crown to Mukesh Ambani, India’s richest person and chairman of Reliance Industries Ltd.
- However, while Ambani lost \$175.5 million this year, Adani’s wealth surged by \$32.7 billion to touch \$66.5 billion, against Zhong’s \$63.6 billion.
- Ambani’s total wealth now stands at \$76.5 billion, making him the 13th richest in the world, followed by Adani at 14th.

Bloomberg Billionaires Index on May 21, 2021:

Rank	Name	Net Worth	Country
1	Jeff Bezos	\$189B	US
2	Elon Musk	\$163B	US
3	Bernard Arnault	\$162B	France

4	Bill Gates	\$142B	US
5	Mark Zuckerberg	\$119B	US
6	Warren Buffet	\$108B	US
7	Larry Page	\$106B	US
8	Sergey Brin	\$102B	US
9	Larry Ellison	\$91.2B	US
10	Steve Ballmer	\$89.2B	US
11	Francoise Bettercourt Meyers	\$87.2B	France
12	Amancio Ortega	\$82.4B	Spain
13	Mukesh Ambani	\$76.3B	India
14	Gautam Adani	\$67.6B	India
15	Zhong Shanshan	\$65.6B	China

Forbes Highest paid Athletes list 2021 released



- The factors used by Forbes’ for calculation include all prize money, salaries and bonuses earned between May 1, 2020, and May 1, 2021.

Ranking Index

Rank	Name	Sports	Earning
1	Conor McGregor (Ireland)	MMA	\$180 million
2	Lionel Messi (Argentina)	Soccer	\$130 million
3	Cristiano Ronaldo (Portugal)	Soccer	\$120 million
4	Dak Prescott (United)	Football	\$107.5 million

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5	Lebron James (United States)	Basketball	\$96.5 million
6	Neymar (Brazil)	Soccer	\$95 million
7	Roger Federer (Switzerland)	Tennis	\$90 million
8	Lewis Hamilton (United Kingdom)	Formula 1	\$82 million
9	Tom Brady (United States)	Football	\$76 million
10	Kevin Durant (United States)	Basketball	\$75 million

Topic 14: Schemes & Committee

IFSCA constitutes an expert committee on Investment Funds



- The International Financial Services Centers Authority (IFSCA) has established a specialist panel on Investment Funds.
- The Committee has been shaped under the Chairmanship of Nilesh Shah, Managing Director of Kotak Mahindra Asset Management Co. Ltd. It will comprehensively audit the worldwide accepted procedures and make suggestions to IFSCA on the guide for the asset's business in the International Financial Service Centers (IFSCs).

CBSE launches Young Warrior movement to combat Covid-19



- CBSE dispatched a cross country Young Warrior development to draw in 5 million youngsters to battle against Covid-19. This development is required to affect 50 million individuals. The Board has dispatched the development along with the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, YuWaah-UNICEF, and a multi-partner consortium of more than 950 accomplices.
- Understudies and instructors between the ages of 10 and 30 years can join this development to defend themselves, their families, their networks, and the country!.
- The development will contain a progression of simple and genuine undertakings with the Young Warriors acquiring a UNICEF endorsement for their investment and fulfillment of assignments.
- The assignments incorporate elevating admittance to checked wellbeing and fundamental administrations, immunization enrollment, Covid suitable practices, legend busting and so on
- These errands will be facilitated in 10 provincial dialects to secure themselves, their families and their neighborhood against Covid-19.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- CBSE Chairman: Manoj Ahuja;
- CBSE Head Office: Delhi;
- CBSE Founded: 3 November 1962.

Topic 15: Science & Technology

SpaceX to launch 'DOGE-1 Mission to the Moon'



- Elon Musk's SpaceX is preparing to launch the "DOGE-1 Mission to the Moon," the first-ever commercial lunar payload funded entirely with Dogecoin.
- The Falcon 9 rocket is expected to launch the satellite in the first quarter of 2022. Geometric Energy Corporation, a Canadian organisation, is in charge of the dogecoin-funded mission (GEC).
- DOGE-1, a 40-kilogram cube satellite, will be carried by SpaceX as a rideshare on a Falcon 9 rocket.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- SpaceX founder & CEO: Elon Musk.
- SpaceX Founded: 2002.
- SpaceX Headquarters: California, United States of America.

ISRO develops 3 cost-effective ventilators, oxygen concentrator



- The Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC) of the Indian Space Research Organisation has established three separate types of ventilators

and an oxygen concentrator at a time when a shortage of this vital medical equipment caused many Covid-19 patients across the country to die.

- Prana, VaU, and Svasta are the names we gave them based on their designs, features, and specifications. All three are user-friendly, completely automated, and equipped with touch-screen capabilities, as well as meeting all safety requirements.
- Prana is a low-cost ventilator that works in the same way as commercially available high-end ventilators, delivering respiratory gas to the patient through automatic compression of an Ambu bag. Svasta is a ventilator that works without electricity, and the VaU is a low-cost ventilator that works in the same way as commercially available high-end ventilators.
- The VSSC has also developed Shwaas, a portable medical oxygen concentrator. It can provide 10 litres of enriched oxygen per minute, which is enough for two patients at once.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- ISRO Chairman: K.Sivan.
- ISRO Headquarters: Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- ISRO established: 15 August 1969.

IIT Ropar has created a portable, environmentally friendly mobile cremation system.



- IIT Ropar has fostered a convenient eco-accommodating electric incineration framework. It is one of its sort of innovation that delivers no smoke regardless of utilizing wood for incineration. It depends on wick-oven innovation.
- The truck has been created as a team with the organization Cheema Boilers Limited.
- The truck molded versatile incineration framework has hardened steel protection on the two sides of the truck for diminishing warmth misfortune and wood utilization. It requires some investment to discard the body completely when contrasted with typical wood-based incineration. It utilizes half wood than ordinary wood-based incineration, so it is an eco-accommodating innovation.

Dependence Jio has joined a multinational collaboration to construct an underwater cable network.



- Telecom administrator Reliance Jio is developing the biggest worldwide submarine link framework fixated on India with worldwide accomplices and submarine link provider Subcom to oblige expanded information interest.
- The two submarine link frameworks which the organization intends to convey will interface India with Asia Pacific business sectors (Singapore, Thailand and Malaysia) and others with Italy and Africa.
- Submarine link networks associate a few

countries for the progression of web and telecom administrations. This high limit and rapid frameworks will give in excess of 200 Tbps (terabits each second) of limit crossing more than 16,000 kilometers.

- The IAX framework that will associate India from Mumbai and Chennai to Thailand, Malaysia, and is required to be prepared for administration by mid-2023 and the IEX framework that will stretch out India's network to Italy, arriving in Savona and extra arrivals in the Middle East and North Africa is relied upon to be prepared for administration in mid 2024.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Reliance Jio President Infocomm: Mathew Oommen;
- Reliance Jio Founder: Mukesh Ambani;
- Reliance Jio Founded: 2007;
- Reliance Jio Headquarters: Mumbai.

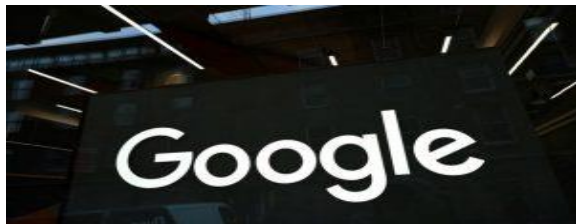
Iran Develops "Simorgh," Its Most Powerful Supercomputer



- Iran has revealed another supercomputer named 'Simorgh', which is multiple times more remarkable than the past supercomputer of the nation to date.
- The supercomputer has been grown natively by Tehran's Amirkabir University of Technology (AUT). It has been named after a legendary Phoenix-like bird 'Simurgh'.

- Currently, Simorgh has a presentation limit of 0.56 petaflops,
- However, the nation asserts this ability to arrive at one petaflop in two months.
- The supercomputer will be utilized for man-made consciousness responsibilities, traffic and climate information, and picture preparing.

In India, Google launches News Showcase with top publications.



- Google has announced the launch of its global licensing programme News Showcase in India. Google has sealed agreements with 30 Indian publishers to offer access to some of their content.
- Amid mounting pressure from the global media fraternity asking for a fair price and advertising share from technology platforms. In February, the Indian Newspaper Society (INS) had also asked search engine Google to compensate newspapers for the use of content published by them and sought a larger share of its advertising revenue.
- The content from these publishers will begin to appear in dedicated News Showcase story panels in Google News and on Discover pages in English and Hindi. The support for more local languages will be added in the future. It will also pay participating news organizations to give readers access to a limited amount of paywalled content.

The following are key takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Sundar Pichai, Google's CEO.
- Google was founded on September 4, 1998, in California, USA.
- Larry Page and Sergey Brin are the co-founders of Google.

Microsoft has decided to retire its iconic Internet Explorer



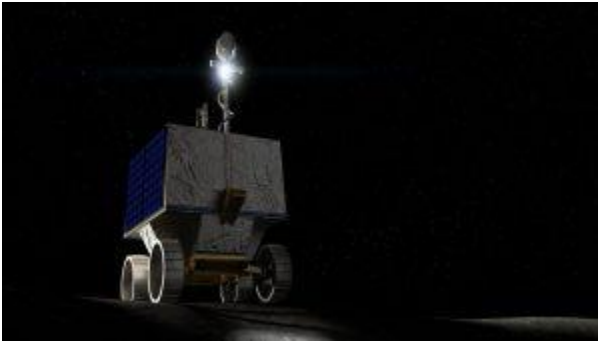
- Tech-giant Microsoft has decided to retire its iconic Internet Explorer (IE) browser, with effect from 15 June 2022, after more than 25 years of its launch. The Internet Explorer (IE) browser was launched in 1995.
- Microsoft recommends its users shift to Microsoft Edge (2015) before June 15, 2022, for a faster, more secure and more modern browsing experience.
- Internet Explorer was once the most widely used web browser, with 95 per cent usage share by 2003.
- However, its usage share declined since the launch of Firefox (2004) and Google Chrome (2008), as well as the growing popularity of mobile operating systems such as Android and iOS that do not support Internet Explorer.
- Internet Explorer 11 (IE11) is the eleventh and final version of the Internet Explorer web browser officially released on October 17, 2013.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Satya Nadella is the CEO of Microsoft.
- Microsoft Headquarters: Redmond, Washington, United States.

NASA to send its first mobile robot to search for water

on the moon



- The United States National Aeronautics and Space Administration is wanting to look for water and different assets on the moon in 2023.
- The US office, as a feature of its Artemis program, is intending to send its first versatile robot to the Moon in late 2023 looking for ice and different assets on and underneath the lunar surface.
- The Volatiles Investigating Polar Exploration Rover, or VIPER will gather information that would help NASA map assets at the lunar South Pole that could one day be reaped for long haul human investigation at the Moon.

- The information got from VIPER can possibly help our researchers in deciding exact areas and centralizations of ice on the Moon and will assist us with assessing the climate and likely assets at the lunar south pole in anticipation of Artemis space travelers.
- VIPER runs on sun based force. It will be needed to rapidly move around the limit swings in light and dim at the lunar South Pole.
- NASA has granted an undertaking request to Astrobotic for VIPER's dispatch, travel and conveyance to the lunar surface as a component of the office's Commercial Lunar Payload Services (CLPS) drive.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Bill Nelson, NASA's 14th administrator;
- NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) The company was founded on October 1, 1958.

Topic 16: Sports News

Lewis Hamilton wins Portuguese Grand Prix



- The Portuguese Grand Prix was won by Lewis Hamilton, who beat out championship rival Max

Verstappen and Mercedes teammate Valtteri Bottas.

- Verstappen came in second, and Bottas, who started from pole, finished a poor seventh. Sergio Perez finished fourth, with McLaren's Lando Norris sixth.
- In the opening laps, the reigning Formula One champion was in third place, but he made two spectacular moves in the final nine laps to win his second race of the season.

Sri Lankan all-rounder Thisara Perera Announces Retirement



- Thisara Perera, the Sri Lankan all-rounder and former captain, has declared his retirement from international cricket, ending a nearly 12-year international career.
- After making his debut in December 2009, Perera went on to play six Tests, 166 One-Day Internationals (2338 runs, 175 wickets), and 84 Twenty-20 Internationals (1204 runs, 51 wickets) for Sri Lanka. The 32-year-old intends to play domestic and franchise cricket in the future.

Sindhu, Michelle Li appointed ambassadors for IOC’s ‘Believe in Sport’ campaign



- PV Sindhu of India and Michelle Li of Canada have been appointed athlete ambassadors for the International Olympic Committee’s (IOC) "Believe in Sport" campaign aimed at preventing competition manipulation, according to the Badminton World Federation.
- Sindhu and Li will collaborate with other athlete ambassadors from around the world to raise awareness and inspire athletes to avoid sport

manipulation.

- Since April 2020, the duo has served as global ambassadors for the BWF’s I am badminton" initiative. The IOC’s "Believe in Sport" initiative was introduced in 2018 to raise awareness of the threat of competition manipulation among athletes, coaches, and officials.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- International Olympic Committee Headquarters: Lausanne, Switzerland;
- International Olympic Committee President: Thomas Bach;
- International Olympic Committee Founded: 23 June 1894, Paris, France.

Mark Selby becomes World Snooker Champion



- Mark Selby, an English professional snooker player, has won the World Snooker Championship for the fourth time.
- He secured the Championship title after beating fellow snooker player Shaun Murphy 18-15 in a professional snooker tournament held at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield, England, from April 17 to May 3, 2021.
- Selby had previously won the Championship in 2014, 2016, 2017, and 2021.

Nuwan Zoysa banned for 6 years for breaching ICC’s

anti-corruption code



- Nuwan Zoysa, a former Sri Lankan player and coach, has been suspended from all cricket for six years after being found guilty of violating the ICC anti-corruption code by an ICC Anti-Corruption Tribunal.
- Zoysa's suspension is retroactive to October 31, 2018, when he was provisionally suspended.
- “Being a party to an arrangement or attempt to correct or contrive or otherwise inappropriately affect the outcome, advancement, behaviour, or another element (s) of an International Match,” Zoysa was found guilty.
- The other penalty is for “intentionally promoting any Participant to breach Code Article 2.1” by “directly or implicitly soliciting, causing, enticing, instructing, persuading, motivating, or intentionally facilitating any Participant to breach Code Article 2.1.”

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Chairman of ICC: Greg Barclay.
- CEO of ICC: Manu Sawhney.
- Headquarters of ICC: Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

AICF launches Checkmate Covid Initiative



- To assist the chess community affected by the pandemic, the All India Chess Federation has launched the ‘Checkmate Covid Initiative.’
- FIDE (World Chess Federation) president Arkady Dvorkovich, five-time world champion Viswanathan Anand, World Rapid Chess Champion Koneru Humpy, AICF president Sanjay Kapoor, and secretary Bharat Singh Chauhan attended an online event to launch the initiative.
- The idea is to provide not only financial support to the chess community impacted by COVID, but also a team of physicians who will work around the clock to provide the best care possible.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- All India Chess Federation President: Sanjay Kapoor;
- All India Chess Federation Headquarters location: Chennai;
- All India Chess Federation Founded: 1951.

Lewis Hamilton clinches his fifth successive Spanish Grand Prix



- The 2021 Spanish Grand Prix was won by Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes-Great Britain) on May 9, 2021. This is Lewis Hamilton's fifth consecutive Spanish Grand Prix victory, and his third of the season.
- Valtteri Bottas (Mercedes-Finland) finished third, followed by Max Verstappen (Red Bull Racing-Netherlands). The race was part of the Formula One World Championship's fourth round in 2021.

Aryna Sabalenka wins her Maiden Madrid Open Women’s singles title



- The world number seven, Aryna Sabalenka of Belarus, won the 2021 Madrid Open women's singles title, defeating world number one Ashleigh Barty of Australia.
- Sabalenka won her 10th WTA singles title, her second of the season and her first on clay. The Madrid Open is a professional WTA tennis tournament held on clay courts in Madrid, Spain. Sabalenka defeated Barty of Australia 6-0, 3-6, 6-4.
- Barbora Krejčíková and Katerina Siniakova of

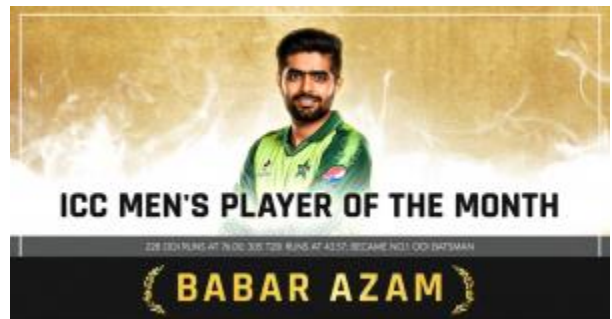
the Czech Republic defeated Gabriela Dabrowski of Canada and Demi Schuurs of France 6-4, 6-3 in the women's doubles final.

Alexander Zverev beats Matteo Berrettini to win his 2nd Madrid title



- Alexander Zverev won the Mutua Madrid Open for the second time in 2021, defeating Matteo Berrettini 6-7(8), 6-4, 6-3 to claim his fourth ATP Masters 1000 title. In a final against Thiem in 2018, he won his first Madrid title.
- He won for the fourth time in the Masters 1000, for the first time in three years. He'll be looking to build on his fourth-round exit at the French Open last year.

Pakistan’s Babar Azam Wins ICC Players of the Month for April 2021



- For his consistent and stellar performances in all formats in the recently concluded series against South Africa, Pakistani captain Babar Azam has been named the ICC Men's Player of

the Month for April 2021.

- Along with Babar, Alyssa Healy, the Australian women's team wicketkeeper-batsman, was named ICC Women's Player of the Month for her outstanding performances in April.
- The ICC Player of the Month Awards honour the best performances by male and female cricketers in all aspects of international cricket over the course of the year.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Chairman of ICC: Greg Barclay.
- CEO of ICC: Manu Sawhney.
- Headquarters of ICC: Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

New Zealand wicketkeeper BJ Watling to retire after World Test Championship

- New Zealand wicketkeeper-batsman BJ Watling has reported he would be resigning from worldwide cricket after the three Tests, including the World Test Championship last against India, on their forthcoming England visit.
- Watling has played 73 Tests, 28 ODIs and 5 T20Is for the BlackCaps.
- Watling turned out to be only the ninth wicketkeeper to hit a twofold hundred and the first to hit a twofold against England when he did as such in Bay Oval in 2019.
- Watling has been associated with two 350 or more stands, one with Brendon McCullum in 2014 against India and the other with Kane Williamson the next year.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Prime priest of New Zealand: Jacinda Ardern.
- Capital of New Zealand: Wellington.
- The cash of New Zealand: New Zealand dollar.

Manchester City crowned 2020-21 Premier League champions



- Manchester City has relegated Premier League champions for the third time in four seasons after Manchester United collided with a 2-1 loss against Leicester.
- United began the century ruling English football, presently City is the power with five titles in 10 seasons and the greatest spenders on moves and compensations.
- City has now won three Premier League titles and eight significant prizes under Guardiola, who a year ago marked another two-year agreement to stay at the club until 2023.

Rafael Nadal won the Italian Open for the tenth time.



- Rafael Nadal beat world number one Novak Djokovic to win a tenth Italian Open title. Second seed Nadal won through 7-5, 1-6, 6-3 in 2hr 49min against the reigning champ in the 57th profession confrontation between the pair.

- The triumph likewise procured Nadal a 36th ATP Masters 1000 crown, equalling Djokovic's record since the arrangement was set up in 1990.
- Iga Swiatek, a Polish teenager, defeated Czech ninth seed Karolina Pliskova 6-0, 6-0 to win the Italian Open in the women's category. Swiatek, who is ranked 15th in the world, won her third WTA championship.

Tejaswini Shankar of India has won three consecutive high jump titles in the United States.



- Representing Kansas State University, India's Tejaswini Shankar won back-to-back men's high jump titles in the Big 12 Outdoor Track and Field Championships in Manhattan, USA.
- He is the third Indian to compete in the highly competitive USA circuit, the breeding ground for many US track and field Olympians. Shankar had also won the men's high jump title in the 2019 edition of the Big 12 Outdoor Track and Field Championships while the 2020 edition was cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Arjan Bhullar becomes the first fighter of Indian descent to win an MMA title.

- When Arjan Bhullar defeated Brandon Vera to become the heavyweight world champion in the Singapore-based One Championship, he became the first Indian-origin fighter to win a world championship in a top-level MMA company.

- He was the first Indian-origin freestyle wrestler to compete in the Olympics for Canada.

Due to COVID-19, the Asia Cup 2021 has been postponed indefinitely.



- The Asia Cup T20 tournament, which was scheduled to be held in June in Sri Lanka, has been postponed indefinitely due to the Covid-19 pandemic.
- The tournament which was originally scheduled to be held in September 2020 in Sri Lanka was moved to June 2021 due to COVID-19.
- With all the teams planning for their Future Tour Programs (FTPs) for the next two years, the tournament is likely to happen only after the 2023 ICC 50-over World Cup.

Barcelona Women won the Women's Champions League trophy after defeating Chelsea Women.



- The Women's Champions League was won by Barcelona Women, who defeated Chelsea Women. Barcelona swept Chelsea away in Gothenburg, * * scoring four goals in the opening 36 minutes to win the Women's

Champions League for the first time.

- Barcelona has won the Women's Champions League for the first time. Barcelona became the first club to win both the men's and women's Champions Leagues, and this was the largest margin of victory in a women's final ever.

In October 2022, India will host the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup.



- The U-17 women's World Cup will be held in India from October 11 to 30 next year, Fifa Council said on 21st May. India was earlier scheduled to host the 2020 U-17 World Cup but it was postponed to 2021 before being cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic.
- The FIFA Council approved key dates for the international match calendars, including the dates of the 2022 U-17 World Cup in India.
- The Council also approved dates for the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup India 2022 (11-30 October 2022), FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup Costa Rica 2022 (10-28 August 2022), as well as a 14-team playoff for the FIFA Arab Cup 2021, taking place between 19 and 25 June this year and Women's World Cup Australia and New Zealand 2023 from July 20 to August 20, 2023.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- President of FIFA: Gianni Infantino; Founded: 21 May 1904.

- Headquarters: Zürich, Switzerland

Atletico Madrid wins La Liga for the 11th time.



- On May 22nd, Atletico Madrid pipped city rivals Real Madrid to the La Liga title with a 2-1 comeback win at Real Valladolid, thanks to Luis Suarez's goal.
- Atletico won the league with 86 points, while Real came in second with 84 points after a late 2-1 win over Villarreal. Valladolid was relegated to Spain's second level after finishing 19th.

Red Bull's Max Verstappen wins Monaco Grand Prix 2021



- Red Bull's Max Verstappen has won the Monaco Grand Prix interestingly to take the Formula One title lead from Lewis Hamilton.
- Ferrari's Carlos Sainz Jr. completed second, while McLaren, L. Norris arrived in a frustrating third spot. Verstappen's second success this

season and twelfth of his vocation moved the Red Bull driver four focuses in front of Hamilton generally speaking.

- The seven-time best on the planet completed seventh on an awful day for the normally super dependable Mercedes group.

Casper Ruud wins the Men's Singles title in the Geneva Open tennis tournament.



- Casper Ruud of Norway has won the ATP Geneva Open final, defeating Denis Shapovalov 7-6 (8/6), 6-4.
- With a win in Geneva, the Norwegian world number 21 will be one of the top 16 seeds in Paris.
- Ruud improved to 2-2 in finals, all in clay-court events, with his second career title. Last year, the 22-year-old Norwegian won the crown in Buenos Aires.

Ashok Kumar, the only Indian referee to officiate in wrestling in Tokyo Olympics



- Ashok Kumar will be the solitary arbitrator from the nation to administer in wrestling matches of the Tokyo Olympic Games.
- He was named in the rundown of authorities delivered by the United World Wrestling (UWW).
- Ashok, who will administer in his second successive Olympics. He is a UWW arbitrators' teacher too.

Chelsea wins 2020-21 UEFA Champions League Final



- Chelsea crushed Manchester City 1-0 in the last, to lift the 2020-21 UEFA Champions League title, on May 29, 2021, played at the Estádio do Dragão in Porto, Portugal.

Mary Kom Settles with Silver Medal at 2021 Asian Boxing Championships



- Indian pugilist Mary Kom, lost to double cross best on the planet Nazym Kyzaibay of Kazakhstan, to agree to silver award at the 2021

ASBC Asian Boxing Championships in Dubai.

- The five-time Asian Championships gold medallist Mary Kom was contending in a high power 51kg last.
- This is the second silver for Mary Kom at the Asian Championships who has recently won silver in 2008.

IPL 2021 to resume in the UAE in September-October



- The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has affirmed that the IPL 2021 Phase 2 will be held in the UAE during the September-October window.
- In a Special General Meeting led by BCCI president Sourav Ganguly, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) affirmed to the State units that the competition should be moved out of India by virtue of 'storm.'

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Secretary of BCCI: Jay Shah;
- President of BCCI: Sourav Ganguly;
- Headquarters of BCCI: Mumbai, Maharashtra; Founded: December 1928

Topic 17: State News

Karnal Admin rolls out 'Oxygen on wheels' to tackle oxygen crisis



- The Karnal administration (Haryana) has rolled out 'Oxygen on Wheels' to help hospitals combat the COVID-19 pandemic and oxygen crisis.
- The aim is to keep medical oxygen flowing smoothly to hospitals that treat Covid patients.

- A carrier vehicle known as a Mobile oxygen bank, which is filled with 100 oxygen cylinders, is sent to every district hospital that requests an emergency supply.
- This 24-hour service has been able to meet the needs of many hospitals in the region. The initiative is available to all Karnal district hospitals 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Haryana Capital: Chandigarh.
- Haryana Governor: Satyadev Narayan Arya.
- Haryana Chief Minister: Manohar Lal Khattar.

Mamata Banerjee takes oath as West Bengal CM for the 3rd consecutive time



- In the aftermath of Covid and post-poll violence in parts of the state, Mamata Banerjee was sworn in as West Bengal Chief Minister for the third time. The oath ceremony took place in the Raj Bhavan's "Throne Room" with Covid protocols in place.
- On Rabindranath Tagore's birthday, May 9, the rest of the cabinet and the council of ministers will be sworn in.
- Mamata Banerjee was elected to her third term in Bengal with a landslide victory. The Trinamool Congress secured 213 of the 292 seats, while the BJP came in second with 77.
- Mamata Banerjee will be escorted by the Kolkata Police to her office in Nabanna, where she will be given a guard of honour.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- West Bengal Governor: Jagdeep Dhankhar.

Indian Army Launches First Solar Plant in North Sikkim



- In Sikkim, the Indian Army recently inaugurated the country's first green solar energy harvesting

facility. It was created to benefit the Indian army's troops.

- Vanadium-based battery technology is used at the factory. It was built at a height of 16,000 feet. The plant has a capacity of 56 KVA. It was completed in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) in Mumbai.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Chief Minister of Sikkim: PS Golay.
- Governor of Sikkim: Ganga Prasad.

Odisha announces Gopabandhu Sambadika Swasthya Bima Yojana



- The Gopabandhu Sambadika Swasthya Bima Yojana for journalists has been declared by the Odisha government. Journalists have been designated as frontline Covid warriors in Odisha. More than 6500 state journalists will be affected.
- A health insurance cover of Rs 2 lakh will be given to each Journalist under the Gopabandhu Sambadika Swasthya Bima Yojana. The scheme would provide Rs 15 lakh in financial assistance to the families of journalists who died while on duty from COVID-19.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Chief Minister of Odisha: Naveen Patnaik and Governor is Ganeshi Lal.

Nation's first 'Drive in Vaccination Center' unveiled in

Mumbai



- In Mumbai, MP Rahul Shewale inaugurated the country's first "Drive-in Vaccination Center." This centre is located in the parking lot of Dadar's Kohinoor Square Tower.
- This unique 'Drive-in Vaccination Center' has been made open to residents at a time when people with disabilities are having difficulty getting to vaccination centres.
- The centre also offers transportation to people who do not have access to their own car. The vaccine programme has begun, and the facility is open to people from all walks of life.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Maharashtra Governor: Bhagat Singh Koshiyari.
- Maharashtra Capital: Mumbai.
- Maharashtra CM: Uddhav Thackeray.

DMK chief Stalin appointed as the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu



- MK Stalin, the leader of the Dravida Munnetra

Kazhagam (DMK), has been appointed as the chief minister of Tamil Nadu by Governor Banwarilal Purohit. The 68-year-old is the son of the late M Karunanidhi, who served as Tamil Nadu's chief minister for five terms.

- The DMK-led alliance won 159 seats, far exceeding the 118-seat majority requirement. The party gained 133 seats in the election on its own.
- Stalin led the United Progressive Alliance (UPA), of which the DMK is a member, to victory in 38 of the 39 parliamentary seats in Tamil Nadu in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections.

Himachal Pradesh is Building 'Forest Ponds' to Harvest Rainwater



- The Himachal Pradesh government has invested Rs 20 crore in the Parvat Dhara project, which involves rejuvenating water bodies and recharging aquifers through the forest department.
- Bilaspur, Hamirpur, Jogindernagar, Nachan, Parvati, Nurpur, Rajgarh, Nalagarh, Theog, and Dalhousie are among the ten forest divisions where work has begun.
- Current ponds have been cleaned and maintained as part of the scheme. In addition, new reservoirs, contour trenches, dams, check dams, and retaining walls have been built to control soil erosion.
- The plan aims to raise the water level by storing water for as long as possible. Efforts are also

being made to improve the green cover by planting fruit-bearing plants.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Himachal Pradesh Governor: Bandaru Dattatreya;
- Himachal Pradesh CM: Jai Ram Thakur.

N Rangasamy Sworn in as Chief Minister of Puducherry



- N Rangasamy, the member of the All India NR Congress (AINRC), was sworn in as the Chief Minister of the Union Territory of Puducherry for the record fourth time on May 07, 2021.
- Lieutenant governor (additional charge) Tamilisai Soundararajan administered the oath of office and secrecy to N Rangasamy. Prior to this, the 71-year-old served as Chief Minister of Puducherry as a member of the Indian National Congress from 2001 to 2008 and then as a member of the AINRC from 2011 to 2016.

Himanta Biswa Sarma chosen Assam’s new chief minister



- On May 8, 2021, Himanta Biswa Sarma was sworn in as Assam's 15th Chief Minister. Sarbananda Sonowal, the incumbent, will be replaced by him. With effect from May 10, 2021, he will assume command of the office.
- In the state's 2021 assembly elections, the BJP won a second consecutive term. In Assam's 126-member parliament, the party secured 60 seats. After leaving the Congress six years ago, Mr Sarma joined the BJP in 2015.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Assam Governor: Jagdish Mukhi.

Tripura Launches Auro Scholarship Programme of Sri Aurobindo Society



- Ratan Lal Nath, Tripura's Education Minister, announced the launch of the Sri Aurobindo Society's "Auro Scholarship Program" for all students in the state.
- Students who achieve benchmark success in 10-minute curriculum-aligned Quizzes are awarded a monthly micro-scholarship by the Auro Scholarship Program in order to inspire them to achieve better learning outcomes.
- Thousands of Tripura students will benefit directly, and the state's educational standards will be raised to new heights.
- The scholars will benefit in the long run from

the month-to-month micro-scholarship scheme.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Chief Minister of Tripura: Biplab Kumar Deb;
Governor: Ramesh Bais.

Puducherry becomes ‘Har Ghar Jal’ UT



- Under the Jal Jeevan Mission, Puducherry has met its goal of providing 100 percent piped water to rural communities (JJM). Previously, the Jal Jeevan Mission brought tap water to every rural house in Goa, Telangana, and the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.
- So, Puducherry is the fourth State/UT to give guaranteed faucet water supply to each provincial home under Jal Jeevan Mission.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Chief Minister of Puducherry: N Rangasamy.

Delhi Police launched vehicle helpline ‘COVI Van’ for senior citizens



- Delhi Police has dispatched a helpline number

for senior residents who are battling with their fundamental requirements in the midst of Covid-19.

- South District Police of the public capital has dispatched a COVI Van Helpline (012-26241077) for senior residents in the neighborhood in the midst of the Covid circumstance here.
- The data of beginning of COVI Van has been dispersed in the Greater Kailash - 1 region through beat officials and Residents Welfare Association (RWA).
- All the precautionary measures including – sanitisation, gloves, covers and social separating – will be taken while and after each visit.
- After accepting any call from COVI Van, sent police official on COVI Van with a beat official will go to the place of senior residents and help them in getting their requirements, including any fundamental thing, inoculation and medications.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Arvind Kejriwal is the Chief Minister of Delhi, while Anil Baijal is the Lieutenant Governor of Delhi.

Punjab CM Amarinder Singh Declares Malerkotla as 23rd District



- On the occasion of Eid-ul-Fitr, Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh designated Malerkotla as the state's 23rd district on May 14, 2021.

- Malerkotla is a Muslim-dominated region that was formed out of the state's Sangrur district.
- Malerkotla will be proclaimed a district by the end of 2017, according to the administration.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Punjab CM: Captain Amarinder Singh.
- Punjab Governor: V.P.Singh Badnore.

Uttarakhand Police Launches ‘Mission Hausla’

- The Uttarakhand Police has dispatched a drive called "Mission Hausla" to assist individuals with getting oxygen, beds, ventilators, and plasma for Covid-19 patients.
- Besides these, police will likewise assist general society with getting prescriptions implied for Covid-19 administration as a feature of the mission and apportions.
- Delivering meds, oxygen and apportion at the doorsteps of families doing combating the Covid and organizing between plasma contributors and those needing it will likewise be a portion of the exercises to be taken up by the police as a component of the mission.
- Police stations will fill in as nodal habitats for overseeing jams in market regions and guaranteeing COVID-suitable conduct by individuals like wearing veils and social removing out in the open spots, he said. Harsh move will be made against the individuals who abuse the standards.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Chief Minister of Uttarakhand: Tirath Singh Rawat;
- Governor of Uttarakhand: Baby Rani Maurya.

Himachal Government launches ‘Ayush Ghar-Dwar’ program



- Himachal Government has dispatched the 'Ayush Ghar-Dwar' program to keep the home disengaged Covid-19 positive patients sound by rehearsing Yoga. This program has been begun by the Department of AYUSH in a joint effort with the Art of Living association.
- Yoga Bharti's teachers would offer their types of assistance in the program. During the dispatch, around 80 home disconnected Covid positive patients from everywhere the state were likewise associated for all intents and purposes.
- Under the program, roughly 1000 virtual gatherings via web-based media stages like zoom, WhatsApp and Google meet will be framed to interface with COVID positive patients in home seclusion. The drive expects to give an all encompassing medical services approach through AYUSH to guarantee physical as well as mental, social and profound prosperity.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Himachal Pradesh Governor: Bandaru Dattatreya;
- Himachal Pradesh CM: Jai Ram Thakur.

A pilot programme for ‘medicine from the sky’ is being tested at a hospital in the Vikarabad region.



- The Telangana government has chosen 16 essential medical services places (PHCs) spread around Vikarabad region emergency clinic for pilot testing the aspiring 'Medication from the sky', the first-of-its-sort project including conveyance of meds through various robots.
- The region emergency clinic has been chosen as the essential issue inferable from the presence of cold chain offices and the chose PHCs are both inside the Visual Line of Sight (VLOS) and Beyond Visual Line of Sight (BVLOS) range.
- A consortium of seven administrators headed by Blue Dart Med-Express had been chosen for the venture to be dispatched in the VLOS scope of 500 meters at first and will be increased slowly to a 9 km range.
- The venture would be dispatched in three waves beginning with a pilot followed by planning the course network for the activity of robots for conveying antibody/medication in the ideal local area wellbeing focuses and PHCs.
- The project is being dispatched following the endorsement conceded by the Civil Aviation Ministry to the solicitation made by the State to give restrictive exception from the Unmanned Aircraft System Rules 2021 for directing trial BVLOS drone trips for conveyance of immunizations.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Telangana Capital: Hyderabad.
- Telangana Governor: Tamilisai Soundararajan.

- Telangana Chief minister: K. Chandrashekar Rao.

The West Bengal administration has given its approval to the formation of a Legislative Council.



- The West Bengal bureau, led by Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, has supported the arrangement of the Legislative Council.
- At present, just Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Telangana, Maharashtra, Bihar, and Uttar Pradesh have Legislative Council. Beforehand, West Bengal had a bicameral council yet it was abrogated by the United Front government in 1969.
- The State Legislative Council is the Upper place of the state assembly.
- It is set up under Article 169 of the Indian Constitution.
- The size of the State Legislative Council cannot be more than one-third of the members of the State Legislative Assembly.
- Parliament of India can create or abolish the State Legislative Council of a state if that state's legislature passes a resolution for that with a special majority.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Chief Minister of West Bengal: Mamata Banerjee; Governor: Jagdeep Dhankhar.

The state of Jharkhand has launched the 'Amrit Vahini' app, which allows patients to book hospital beds

online.



- Jharkhand has launched the 'Amrit Vahini' App, which allows people to book hospital beds online. Patients with coronary artery disease in Jharkhand can book hospital beds online through the 'Amrit Vahini' App, which was unveiled by Chief Minister Hemant Soren.
- 'Amrit Vahini' App, the state government would be able to provide better facilities for the people infected with the coronavirus.
- One can acquire full information regarding the availability of hospital beds and even book one for oneself or someone else through the 'Amrit Vahini' App or website. The person's reserved bed will be held for him for the following two hours.

Pinarayi Vijayan is sworn in for the second time as Kerala Chief Minister.



- Pinarayi Vijayan was sworn as Kerala Chief Minister for the second time in the shadow of the Covid-19 crisis in the state. The oath ceremony took place with Covid protocols in

place at the Central Stadium in Thiruvananthapuram.

- Governor Arif Mohammed Khan administered the oath of office to 76-year-old Vijayan. It is the second stint of the Marxist veteran in the top office.
- The new Left Democratic Front (LDF) government bucked the trends, as Kerala usually alternates between the Left and a Congress government, by registering a dominant win in the 6 April assembly polls. The LDF won 99 of 140 seats

The following are key takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Arif Mohammad Khan is the Governor of Kerala.

The Bihar government has launched the 'HIT Covid App' in order to maintain constant monitoring.



- Bihar government has launched 'HIT Covid App' to ensure regular monitoring and tracking of those Covid-19 patients, who are in home isolation across the state. HIT stands for home isolation tracks.
- Chief Minister Nitish Kumar said the app will help the health workers in regular monitoring of home-isolated patients.
- Health workers will visit the patients at home every day and feed data in the app after measuring their temperature and oxygen level.
- These data will be monitored at the district level. If the oxygen level is below 94, the patient

will be shifted to the nearby dedicated Covid health centres for proper treatment.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Nitish Kumar is the Chief Minister of Bihar, while Phagu Chauhan is the Governor.

Covid-19 donations: Haryana and Gujarat repay GST



- Haryana and Gujarat have become the first governments to indicate that GST components paid for Covid-19-related medical products will be reimbursed.
- These medical supplies would include oxygen concentrators, ventilators, and pharmaceuticals, all of which would be provided to state governments at no cost. Haryana's waiver is effective till June 30, while Gujarat's is good until July 31.
- Gujarat has declared that the IGST imposed as part of customs on the import of Covid-related items will be reimbursed.
- Haryana has gone even farther, declaring reimbursement of even the Centre's GST component by opting to repay the state government for all state, national, and IGST components on Covid-related supplies.
- The Centre has already exempted the IGST on Covid-related relief material given or received from outside India for free distribution until June 30.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Haryana Capital: Chandigarh.
- Haryana Governor: Satyadev Narayan Arya.
- Haryana Chief Minister: Manohar Lal Khattar.
- Gujarat Chief Minister: Vijay Rupani.
- Gujarat Governor: Acharya Devvrat.

The Maharashtra government announces the commencement of "Mission Oxygen Self-Reliance."



- To address the state's oxygen demand, the Maharashtra government has created the "Mission Oxygen Self-Reliance" project. Under this system, special incentives will be granted to enterprises that produce oxygen.
- The state's current capacity for producing oxygen is 1300 MT per day. Units established in the Vidarbha, Marathwada, Dhule, Nandurbar, Ratnagiri, and Sindhudurg regions will be eligible for incentives of up to 150 percent of their eligible fixed capital investments, while units established in the rest of Maharashtra will be eligible for general incentives of up to 100 percent.
- For MSME units with a fixed capital investment of up to Rs 50 crore, the government would also provide a refund on gross SGST, stamp duty, electricity duty, and unit subsidy of power cost for a period of five years, as well as an interest subsidy.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Maharashtra Governor: Bhagat Singh Koshyari.
- Maharashtra Capital: Mumbai.
- Maharashtra CM: Uddhav Thackeray.

Haryana govt launches ‘Sanjeevani Pariyojana’ to treat COVID patients at home



- The Haryana government has started an anti-Covid “Sanjeevani Pariyojana,” which would give supervised and prompt medical care at home for persons in rural areas who have mild to moderate Covid-19 symptoms.
- This Pariyojana was created to improve medical care in rural areas where awareness about the second wave of Covid-19 and its treatment is still poor. It is a crucial step toward providing medical care to those who need it the most and at the most inconvenient times.
- It will mobilise 200 final year and pre-final year medical students and interns by connecting them to consultants and specialists, broadening the reach of medical assistance beyond trained doctors.
- It will mobilise 200 medical students and interns in their final and pre-final years by connecting them with consultants and specialists, extending the reach of medical support beyond professional professionals.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Haryana Capital: Chandigarh.
- Haryana Governor: Satyadev Narayan Arya.

- Haryana Chief Minister: Manohar Lal Khattar.
- Uttarakhand CM declared Vatsalya Yojana for children orphaned due to Corona**



- Uttarakhand Chief Minister Tirath Singh Rawat has reported Chief Minister Vatsalya Yojana for stranded kids who have lost their folks because of Covid-19.
- Under the plan, the State Government will make courses of action for their upkeep, instruction and preparing for work up to the age of 21 years.
- The Chief Minister said that such stranded offspring of the state will be given a support stipend of 3000 rupees each month.
- The state government will make laws for the fatherly property of these vagrants in which nobody will reserve the option to sell their fatherly property until they are grown-ups. This duty will be with the District Magistrate of the concerned locale.
- The Chief Minister additionally said that the youngsters whose guardians have kicked the bucket because of Covid-19 will be given 5% flat reservation in government occupations of the state government.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Chief Minister of Uttarakhand: Tirath Singh Rawat;
- Governor of Uttarakhand: Baby Rani Maurya.

The Balbir Singh Senior International Hockey Stadium in Mohali has been renamed.



- The Punjab government has finally announced that the Mohali International Hockey Stadium will be renamed after triple Olympic gold medalist and Padma Shri Balbir Singh Sr.
- The Punjab government has finally announced that the Mohali International Hockey Stadium will be renamed after triple Olympic gold medalist and Padma Shri Balbir Singh Sr.
- The administration also stated that a scholarship programme in the legend's name will be established for deserving hockey players in the state.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Captain Amarinder Singh is the Chief Minister of Punjab.
- V.P.Singh Badnore is the Governor of Punjab.

Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma Appoints 'Guardian Ministers'



- Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has selected 'Gatekeeper Ministers' to supervise the execution of government strategy choices, authoritative changes, and other government assistance plots in every one of the 34 regions of the state.
- 13 'Watchman Ministers' have been named for each of the 34 locale in Assam, for adjusted, fast and economical advancements of these regions.
- The doled out clergymen will be answerable for the execution of all midway supported plans just as the express' own need programs.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Assam Governor: Jagdish Mukhi.

Kerala's new Smart Kitchen Scheme



- Boss Minister of Kerala, Pinarayi Vijayan has reported a secretary-level board of trustees will figure rules and suggestions on the execution of the "Brilliant Kitchen Scheme" in the state to satisfy responsibilities of the Left Democratic Front (LDF).
- It plans to represent and decrease the responsibility of ladies' homegrown work. Brilliant Kitchen Scheme will be dispatched by July 10, 2021.
- Under the plan, ladies of state will be offered advance to restore their kitchen.
- The advance will be given a low-financing cost

in portion plans. The plan looks to decrease the responsibility of ladies' homegrown work.

- Kerala CM: Pinarayi Vijayan.
- Kerala Governor: Arif Mohammad Khan.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

Topic 18: Summits & Conferences

India, UK unveil 10 year roadmap for Bilateral Trade Partnership

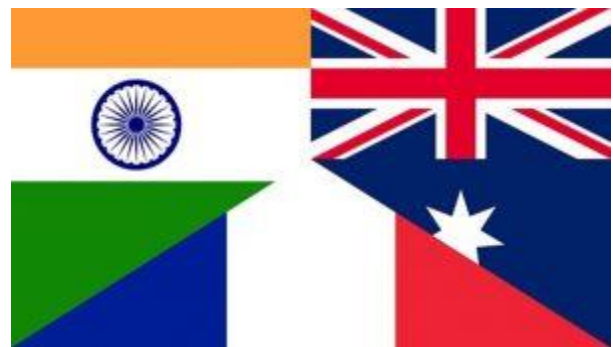


- Shri Narendra Modi, India's Prime Minister, and Boris Johnson, the British Foreign Secretary, held a virtual summit meeting.
- Both leaders launched an ambitious 10-year road map to elevate the India-UK bilateral relationship to a comprehensive strategic partnership during the Summit meeting. Boris Johnson, the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, revealed a £1 billion trade investment between India and the United Kingdom.
- These pacts included topics including migration and mobility, digital and technology, telecommunications, energy and medicine, and counter-terrorism, as well as an agreement to increase cooperation on climate change through a new renewables and power partnership.
- They also introduced the Enhanced Trade Partnership, which included the negotiation of a substantive Free Trade Agreement (FTA) as well as the consideration of a temporary trade

agreement to provide immediate benefits.

- By 2030, the two countries have set an ambitious goal of more than doubling bilateral trade.

India, France, Australia hold first trilateral dialogue



- On the sidelines of the G7 Foreign Ministers' Meeting in London, the first-ever India-France-Australia Trilateral Foreign Ministerial Dialogue was conducted.
- Dr. S. Jaishankar, India's External Affairs Minister, Mr. Jean-Yves Le Drian, France's Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs, and Senator Marise Payne, Australia's Minister for Foreign Affairs, all attended the conference.
- The trilateral meeting between France, India, and Australia was launched in September 2020 at the level of Foreign Secretaries, but was quickly elevated to ministerial level. Maritime security, the climate, and multilateralism are the three common priorities.

Prahlad Singh Patel Virtually Participates In G20 Tourism Ministers' Meeting



- Prahlad Singh Patel, Union Minister of State for Tourism and Culture (I/c), attended the G20 Tourism Ministers' Meeting in Italy on May 4, 2021.
- The aim of this discussion was to work together to protect tourism businesses and employment, as well as to develop policy recommendations to help the travel and tourism industry recover in a sustainable and resilient manner.
- He also expressed India's support for the United Nations World Tourism Organization's (UNWTO) Principles for the Transition to a Green Travel and Tourism Economy, which were submitted as a further contribution to the policy field "Green Transformation" to embrace sustainability in tourism.

PM Modi Participates in Virtual India-EU Leaders' Meeting



- PM Narendra Modi attended the India-EU Leaders' Meeting, which was held in a hybrid format. Portugal is hosting the India-European

Union Leaders' Meeting. The grouping's chair is currently held by Portugal. PM Modi attended the event at the invitation of Mr. Charles Michel, President of the European Council.

- The meeting was attended by the representatives of all 27 EU member states, as well as the President of the European Council and the European Commission. This is the first time that the EU has held an EU+27 meeting with India.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- European Council Founded: 9 December 1974;
- European Union Headquarters location: Brussels, Belgium;
- European Union Founded: 1 November 1993.

India Chairs 1st BRICS Employment Working Group (EWG) Meeting Virtually

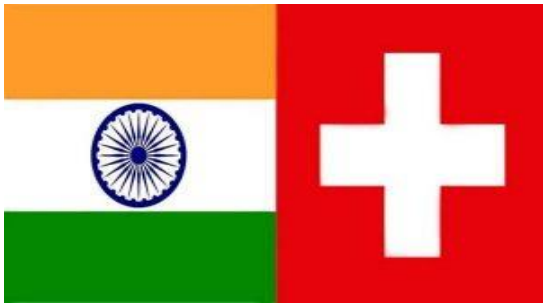


- In 2021, the BRICS Employment Working Group (EWG) conducted its first virtual meeting. The summit was chaired by India, which will take over as the BRICS President in 2021.
- Shri Apurva Chandra, Secretary, Labour and Employment, presided over the meeting.
- Promoting Social Security Agreements among BRICS Nations, Formalization of Labor Markets, Women's Participation in the Workforce, and Gig and Platform Workers - Role in the Labor Market were among the primary topics covered during the summit.
- The summit also included officials from the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the International Social Security Agency (ISSA), in addition to the BRICS nations.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Representatives of BRICS member nations include Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa.

4th India-Swiss Financial Dialogue held virtually



- The fourth India-Swiss Financial Dialog was held here essentially through video conferencing. Ajay Seth, Secretary Economic Affairs drove the Indian appointment.
- The assignment from the Swiss side was driven by Daniela Stoffel, State Secretary, and State Secretariat for International Finance, Switzerland.
- The exchange, between alia, covered sharing of encounters by the two nations for joint effort on different viewpoints including ventures, International Financial Services Center Authority (IFSCA), National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF), FinTech, maintainable money and cross boundary monetary administrations.
- Further, matters identifying with G20, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and duty challenges emerging from the digitalization of the economy were examined alongside foundation financing, read the delivery.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Switzerland Currency: Swiss franc;
- Switzerland Capital: Bern;
- President of Switzerland: Guy Parmelin.

26th Meeting of Group of Ministers on COVID-19



- The 26th meeting of the Group of Ministers on COVID-19 was headed by Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Dr Harsh Vardhan
- The government-developed CoWIN platform, which allows people to register for vaccination appointments and book them online, will soon be available in Hindi and 14 other regional languages, according to the 26th GOM meeting.
- The INSACOG (Indian SARS CoV-2 Genomics Consortium) network will grow by around seventeen laboratories.
- The INSACOG (Indian SARS CoV-2 Genomics Consortium) network will be expanded by around seventeen more laboratories.
- The production of Amphotericin-B will be enhanced to treat Mucormycosis, a COVID-19 black fungal illness.

Italy hosts the Global G20 Summit



- The Global G20 Health Summit was co-hosted by European Commission along with Italy as part of its G20 presidency amid the surge and

spread of coronavirus cases.

- The summit adopted the agenda to overcome the Covid-19 pandemic. It also decided to develop and endorse a Rome Declaration of principles.
- Summit noted the risk of more transmissible variants has increased with nine people losing their lives to Covid-19 per minute.
- As per WHO officials, the future of the pandemic is in hands of G20 leaders. G20 has also contributed to the launch of ACT-Accelerator as it was launched after G20 called for a global mechanism to accelerate the development of tests, treatments and vaccines.

Important takeaways for all competitive exams:

- Italy Capital: Rome;
- Italy's currency is the Euro.
- Sergio Mattarella is the President of Italy.

The 74th World Health Assembly is chaired by Dr. Harsh Vardhan.



- Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare and Chairman of WHO Executive Board, Dr Harsh Vardhan, led the 74th World Health Assembly in virtual mode.
- According to Dr Harsh Vardhan, the leader board has requested further endeavors which can guarantee reasonable and fair admittance to COVID-19 antibodies under COVAX Facility.
- Board prescribed 74th World Health Assembly to think about the report on emotional wellness readiness and reaction for the Covid-19 pandemic.
- It further suggested underwriting refreshed thorough Mental Health Action Plan for 2013 to 2030 and urged WHO to work as a team with World Organization for Animal Health and Food and Agriculture Organization so that wellspring of zoonotic infection can be recognized.

SECTION 2

Detailed Analysis of Important Events

TOPIC 1: Economics

[pib] GI certified Gholvad Sapota

Note4Students

From UPSC perspective, the following things are important :

Prelims level : GI tags in news

Mains level : Not Much

In a significant lift to fares of Geographical Indication (GI) confirmed items, a transfer of Dahanu Gholvad Sapota from the Palghar area of Maharashtra was delivered to the United Kingdom.

Gholvad Sapota

- GI affirmation of Gholvad Sapota is held by Maharashtra Rajya Chikoo Utpadak Sangh and

the organic product is known for its sweet and novel taste.

- It is accepted that the remarkable taste is gotten from the calcium-rich soil of Gholvad town.
- Currently, in the Palghar locale, around 5000 hectares of land is under sapota or manor.
- Sapota is filled in numerous states-Karnataka, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal and Andhra Pradesh.
- Karnataka is known to be the most elevated cultivator of the organic product, trailed by Maharashtra.

Do you know?

A batch of 2.5 metric tonnes of GI certified Banganapalli and Survarnarekha mangoes procured from growers in Andhra Pradesh's Krishna and Chittoor districts was transported to South Korea earlier this month

TOPIC 2: Enviro & Diversity

Person in news: Sunderlal Bahuguna

Note4Students

From UPSC perspective, the following things are important :

Prelims level : Sunderlal Bahuguna

Mains level : Various conservation movements in India

Veteran environmentalist and architect of the Chipko Movement Sunderlal Bahuguna, 94 has succumbed to

COVID.

Answer this PYQ in the comment box:

Q.In India, the problem of soil erosion is associated with which of the following?

1. Terrace cultivation
2. Deforestation
3. Tropical climate

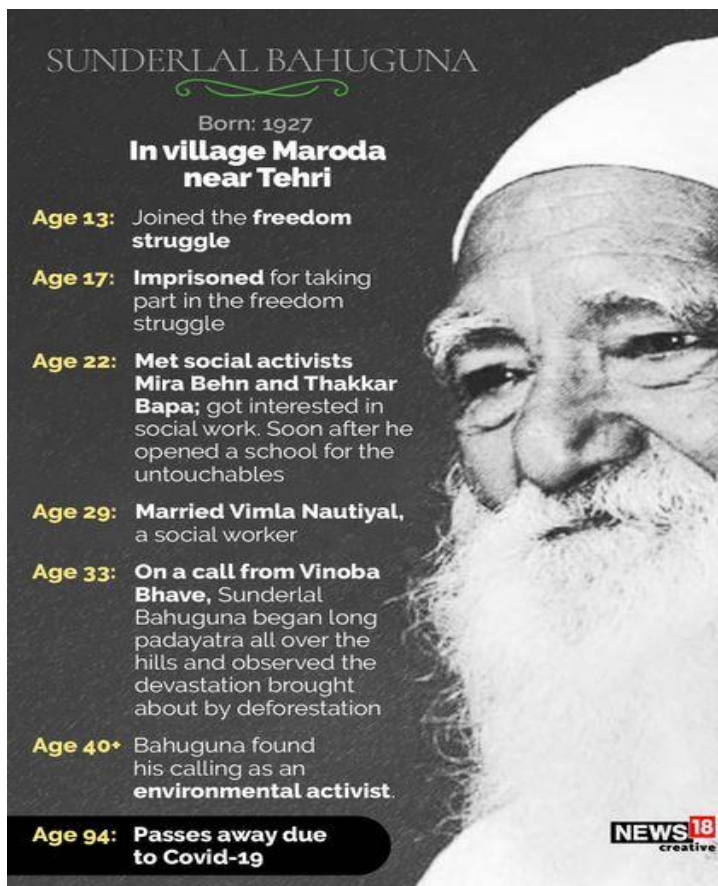
Select the correct answer using the code given below:

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 2 only

(c) 1 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3



Sunderlal Bahuguna

- Bahuguna was one of the heads of the Chipko development, battling for the protection of backwoods in the Himalayas.
- Chipko signifies 'embrace' or 'environmentalists' and this tremendous development was a decentralized one with numerous pioneers normally being town ladies.
- Often, they would affix themselves to trees with the goal that lumberjacks couldn't chop down backwoods.
- These activities hindered the annihilation, however more significantly, they carried

deforestation to the public's consideration.

His contributions

- From 1981-1983, Sunderlal Bahuguna drove a 5,000-kilometer walk across the Himalayas, finishing with a gathering with late PM Indira Gandhi, to secure a few spaces of the Himalayan timberlands from tree-felling.
- Sunderlal Bahuguna was additionally an innovator in the development to go against the Tehri dam project and in safeguarding India's streams.
- He additionally worked for ladies' privileges and the privileges of poor people.
- His techniques were Gandhian, utilizing quiet obstruction and peacefulness.
- The Chipko Movement got the 1987 Right Livelihood Award.

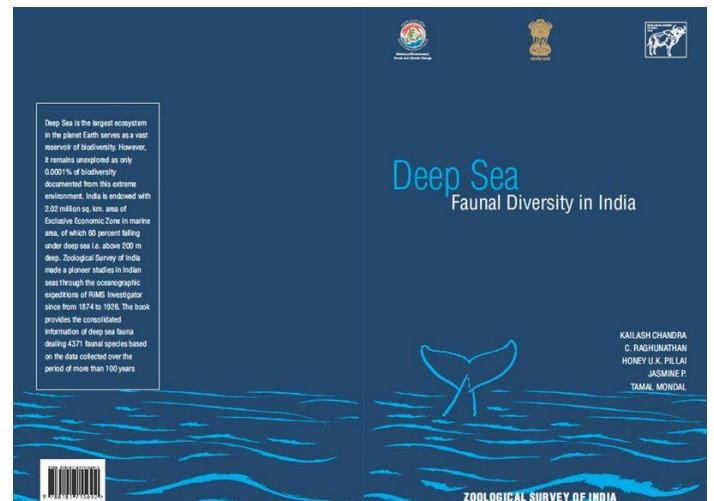
Deep Sea Faunal Diversity in India

Note4Students

From UPSC perspective, the following things are important :

Prelims level : Deep Sea Faunal Diversity in India

Mains level : Not Much



- India is home to 4,371 species of deep-sea fauna, including 1,032 species under the kingdom Protista and 3,339 species under the kingdom Animalia, a recent publication by the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) has revealed.

Highlights of the Survey



- India is encircled by the Arabian Sea, the Bay of Bengal, the Andaman Sea, and the Laccadive Sea (Lakshadweep Sea).
- Of the 4,371 species, a limit of 2,766 animal categories has been accounted for from remote ocean spaces of the Arabian Sea, trailed by 1,964 species from the Bay of Bengal, 1,396 species from the Andaman Sea, and just 253 species from the Laccadive Sea.

RIMS ship investigator

- India is one of the nations that made a spearheading investigation in the profound Indian Ocean district in 1874 by charging a RIMS (Royal Indian Marine Survey) transport specialist.
- This led tremendous examinations in oceans around India and kept on working till 1926.

Components of the exploration

- The remote ocean biological system was the most neglected environment across the world. It included aqueous vents, submarine gullies, remote ocean channels, seamounts, cold leaks,

and mud volcanoes.

- This distribution, the first of its sort, gives standard data on all gatherings of fauna and natural life forms in the Indian remote oceans.
- Not just will this help our insight on monitoring and overseeing remote ocean faunal assets, however it will likewise clear route for their feasible use.

Key discoveries

(1) Mammals

- There are 31 types of ocean vertebrates that are found in the remote ocean biological system of Indian waters, including the Critically Endangered Irrawaddy Dolphin.
- Two different species, the Indo-Pacific Finless Porpoise and the Sperm Whale are recorded as 'Helpless' in the IUCN grouping.
- The rundown of vertebrates incorporates Cuvier's Beaked Whale and Short-bent Common Dolphin, which plunge as profound as 8,000 meters beneath the Earth's surface.

(2) Marine turtles

- Out of the seven types of marine turtles found across the world, five species have been recorded from Indian waters.
- India is known as truly outstanding and biggest favorable places for ocean turtles, particularly for Olive Ridley and Leatherback Turtles, across the world.

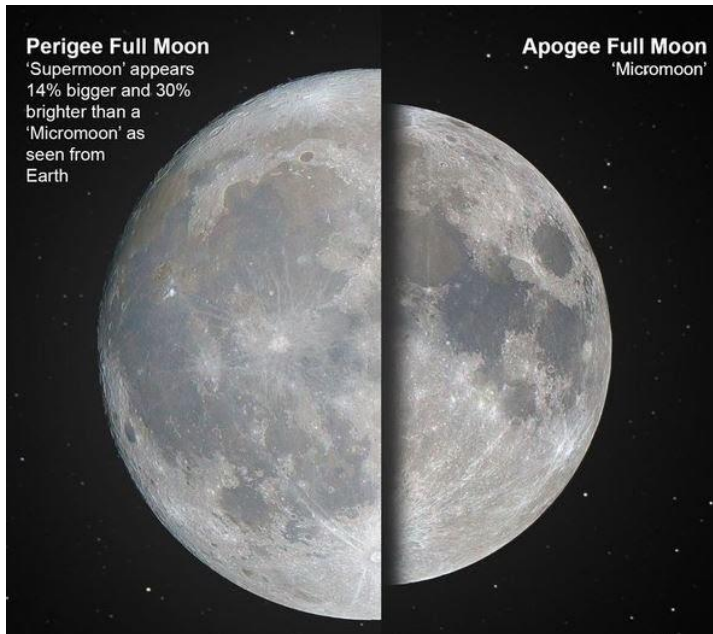
What is a Supermoon?

Note4Students

From UPSC perspective, the following things are important :

Prelims level : Lunar Eclipse

Mains level : Not Much



The Moon will have the nearest approach to Earth on May 26, and therefore will appear to be the closest and largest Full Moon or “supermoon” of 2021.

What is a Supermoon?

- A supermoon happens when the Moon's circle is nearest to the Earth while the Moon is full.
- As the Moon circles the Earth, there is a state of time when the distance between the two is the least (called the perigee when the normal distance is around 360,000 km from the Earth).
- Likewise, there is a state of time when the distance is the most (called the apogee when

the distance is around 405,000 km from the Earth).

- Presently, when a full moon shows up right when the distance between the Earth and the Moon is the least, in addition to the fact that it appears to be more splendid it is bigger than a customary full moon.
- As indicated by NASA, the term supermoon was authored by soothsayer Richard Nolle in 1979.
- In a commonplace year, there might be two to four full supermoons and two to four new supermoons in succession.

What is happening today?

- Two divine occasions will occur simultaneously.
- One is the supermoon and the other is an all out lunar overshadowing, which is the point at which the Moon and Sun are on inverse sides of the Earth.
- Due to the complete lunar overshadowing, the moon will likewise have all the earmarks of being red.
- This is on the grounds that the Earth will impede a portion of the light from the Sun from arriving at the moon.
- The Earth's climate channels the light, it will mollify "the edge of our planet's shadow" "giving the Moon a profound, blushing shine."

TOPIC 3: Governance

Rajasthan to use MLA fund for vaccination

Note4Students

From UPSC perspective, the following things are

important :

Prelims level : MLA-LAD scheme

Mains level : Paper 2- Using MLA-LAD funds for Covid vaccination

MLA-LAD Fund for buying vaccine

- The Rajasthan Chief Minister has accepted a proposal to contribute 3 crore each from the MLA Local Area Development (LAD) Fund as part of efforts to mobilise financial resources for COVID-19 immunisation.
- To cover expenditures, each legislator's fund has been enhanced from 2.25 crore to 5 crore each year.
- The State's 200 MLAs would donate a total of 600 crore to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund's vaccination fund account
- Of the remaining \$2 million in the MLA-LAD Fund, \$1 million will be used to improve medical infrastructure, acquire equipment, and establish model community health centres.

About MLA-LAD Fund

- MLA Local Area Development is a programme that allows each MLA to carry out minor development projects in his or her area.
- The MLALAD Scheme is meant to be used for minor but critical projects/works that are based on community needs.
- Funds will be granted every year in the State's Plan Budget under this programme.

E-way bill integrated with FASTag, RFID

Note4Students

From UPSC perspective, the following things are important :

Prelims level : EWB system in GST regime

Mains level : GST benefits

GST officers have been armed with real-time data of commercial vehicle movement on highways with the integration of the e-way bill (EWB) system with FasTag

and RFID.

Why such a move?

- The combination of e-way bill, RFID, and FASTag will empower charge officials to attempt live carefulness in regard of EWB compliances by organizations and will help check tax avoidance.
- It will help in forestalling income spillage by continuous recognizable proof of instances of reusing and additionally non-age of EWBs.

What are E-way charges (EWB)?

- Under the GST system, carriers should convey the eWay Bill while moving products starting with one spot then onto the next when certain conditions are fulfilled.
- EWBs are obligatory for between state transportation of products esteemed over Rs 50,000 from April 2018, with the exclusion to valuable things like gold
- In this framework, organizations and carriers need to deliver before a GST reviewer the e-way bill, whenever inquired.
- On normal, 25 lakh products vehicle developments from in excess of 800 costs are accounted for consistently to the e-way charge framework.

Advantages of the move

- Tax officials would now be able to get to gives an account of vehicles that have passed the chosen tolls without EWBs in the previous couple of moments.
- Also, vehicles conveying basic items explicit to the state and having passed the chosen cost can be seen.
- Any dubious vehicles and vehicles of EWBs created by dubious citizen GSTINs, that have passed the chosen cost for a close to continuous premise, can likewise be seen in this report.
- The officials can utilize these reports while leading carefulness and make the cautiousness

movement more successful.

- Also, the officials of the review and implementation wing can utilize these reports to recognize fake exchanges like bill exchanging, reusing of EWBs.

Back2Basics: Bharatanatyam

- Bharatanatyam recently called Sathir Attam is a significant type of Indian traditional dance that began in Tamil Nadu.
- It is one of the most established old style dance customs in India.
- It has been supported in the sanctuaries and courts of southern India since the old time.
- It is one of eight types of dance perceived by the Sangeet Natak Akademi (the others being Kathak, Kuchipudi, Odissi, Kathakali, Mohiniyattam, Manipuri, and Sattriya).
- The word Bharata is a mental aide, comprising of "bha"- "ra"- "ta".
- According to this conviction, bha represents bhava (sentiments, feelings), ra represents raga (tune, structure for melodic notes), and ta represents tala (beat).

Indian SARS-CoV-2 Genomic Consortia (INSACOG)

Note4Students

From UPSC perspective, the following things are important :

Prelims level : Indian SARS-CoV-2 Genomic Consortia (INSACOG)

Mains level : Not Much

In early March, members of the Indian SARS-CoV-2 Genomic Consortia (INSACOG), an advisory group to the Central government, warned of a new and contagious form of the novel coronavirus.

What is INSACOG?

- INSACOG is a consortium of 10 labs the nation over entrusted with examining COVID-19 examples from wraps of patients and hailing the presence of variations that were known to have spiked transmission globally.
- It has likewise been entrusted with checking whether certain blends of transformations were getting more inescapable in India.
- Some of these labs had started checking for changes in April 2020 itself, however it was anything but a container India exertion.
- The foundations included were labs of the Department of Biotechnology, the CSIR, the ICMR, and the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW).
- The National Center for Disease Control (NCDC) under the MoHFW was entrusted with planning the assortment of tests from the States also corresponding illness with the transformations.
- The work started in January by sequencing tests of individuals who had a background marked by movement from the United Kingdom and an extent of positive examples locally.

What are the findings?

- The "unfamiliar" variations distinguished were essentially the B.1.1.7 (first recognized in the United Kingdom) and the B.1.351 (first found in South Africa) and few P2 variations (from Brazil).
- However, a few labs hailed the developing presence of variations recognized in India that were clubbed into a group of between related variations called B.1.617, otherwise called the 'twofold freak' variation.
- It was essentially because of two transformations — E484Q and L452R — on the spike protein.
- The B.1.617 family was set apart as a global 'variation of worry' after it was connected to a new spike in cases in the UK.
- INSACOG labs likewise tracked down that the

B.1.1.7 variation, which is set apart by expanded infectivity, is particularly more common in a few northern and focal Indian States in contrast with southern States.

- Beyond identifying patterns, why is genome sequencing useful?
- The motivation behind genome sequencing is to comprehend the part of specific changes in expanding the infection's infectivity.
- Some changes have likewise been connected to safe getaway, or the infection's capacity to sidestep antibodies, and this has ramifications for immunizations.
- Labs across the world, remembering numerous for India, have been contemplating if the antibodies grew so far are successful against such freak strains of the infection.
- They do this by extricating the infection from COVID-19-positive examples and developing enough of it. At that point, blood serum from individuals who are immunized, and accordingly have antibodies, is drawn.
- Using various tests, researchers decide the amount of the antibodies accordingly separated are needed to murder a bit of the refined infection.
- In general, the antibodies created after immunization — and this was valid for Covaxin, Covishield, Pfizer and Moderna pokes — had the option to kill variations.
- Antibody levels are by all account not the only markers of security and there is an equal organization of cell insusceptibility that assumes a basic part in how antibodies initiate resistance.
- The ebb and flow proof for most COVID-19 immunizations is that they have practically 75% to 90% viability in ensuring against illness yet less so in forestalling re-disease and transmission.

Challenges faced by INSACOG

- Given that the novel Covid is spreading, changing, and showing topographical varieties,

the point of the gathering was to grouping in any event 5% of the examples.

- For numerous reasons, this has so far been distinctly around 1%, fundamentally because of a deficiency of assets and deficient reagents and devices important to increase the interaction.
- While a portion of these issues, the INSACOG, notwithstanding being inhabited by master researchers, is at last a warning gathering to the Central government and a piece of its correspondence structure.
- Warnings about arising variations were not disclosed with adequate criticalness and the sharing of datasets, even inside constituent gatherings of the INSACOG, was not exactly ideal.

IBF to cover Streaming Platforms

Note4Students

From UPSC perspective, the following things are important :

Prelims level : Indian Broadcasting Foundation

Mains level : Self regulation by electronic media

The Indian Broadcasting Foundation (IBF), the highest body of broadcasters, will be renamed the Indian Broadcasting and Digital Foundation after expanding its scope to include digital streaming providers (IBDF).

Why such a move?

- The move would bring telecasters and OTT (over-the-top) stages, which have seen a generous leap in their viewership base after the pandemic, under one rooftop.
- For this, the IBDF was currently framing another completely claimed auxiliary to deal with all questions of advanced media, an authority proclamation said.
- The IBDF would likewise frame a self-administrative body, the Digital Media Content

Regulatory Council (DMCRC), for computerized OTT stages.

The Indian Broadcasting Foundation

- The IBF is a unified representative body of television broadcasters in India.
- The organization was founded in the year 1999. Over 250 Indian television channels are associated with it.

- The organization is credited as the spokesman of the Indian Broadcasting Industry.
- The IBF is the parent organization of the Broadcasting Content Complaints Council (BCCC) which was set up in the year 2011.
- The BCCC examines content-related complaints relating to all non-news general entertainment channels in India.

Note: The IBF has no statutory backing.

TOPIC 4: International Relations

Russia’s Nord Stream 2 Pipeline

the company behind Russia’s Nord Stream 2 pipeline to Europe.

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From UPSC perspective, the following things are important :

Prelims level : Nord Stream 2 Pipeline

Mains level : Not Much

Nord Stream pipelines from Russia



Nord Stream 2 Pipeline

- It is an arrangement of seaward petroleum gas pipelines running under the Baltic Sea from Russia to Germany.
- It incorporates two dynamic pipelines running from Vyborg to Lubmin close to Greifswald shaping the first Nord Stream, and two further pipelines under development running from Ust-Luga to Lubmin named Nord Stream 2.
- In Lubmin the lines interface with the OPAL line to Olbernhau on the Czech boundary and to the NEL line to Rehden close to Bremen.
- The first line Nord Stream-1 was laid and initiated in 2011 and the second line in 2012.
- At 1,222 km long, Nord Stream is the longest sub-ocean pipeline on the planet, outperforming the Langede pipeline.

US sanctions

- Nord Stream projects have been gone against by the United States just as by a few Central and Eastern European nations on account of worries that the pipelines would build Russia's impact around there.

The US government has decided to waive sanctions on

- The US protection from Nord Stream 2 is likewise affected by the nation's expanded creation of flammable gas, which gives the US monetary motivating force to oppose the Russian inventory of gas to the EU, for US shale gas.

China's 17+1 Cooperation Forum

Note4Students

From UPSC perspective, the following things are important :

Prelims level : 17+ 1 Forum

Mains level : Not Much

Cooperation between China and Central and Eastern European Countries



Lithuania has decided to quit China's 17+1 cooperation forum with central and eastern European states that include other EU members, calling it "divisive".

About 17+ 1 Forum

- The gathering is a shortened form for Cooperation among China and Central and Eastern European Countries.
- It is a drive by the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs to advance business and speculation relations among China and 16 nations of CEE (CEEC).

- The nations are Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, North Macedonia, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, and Slovenia.
- The design was established in 2012 in Warsaw to push for the participation of the "17+1" (the 17 CEE nations and China).
- Its objectives are to advance the Chinese Belt and Road Initiative and upgrade participation in the fields of foundation, transportation, and coordinations, exchange and speculation".

UAE's Golden Visa Scheme

Note4Students

From UPSC perspective, the following things are important :

Prelims level : Golden visa scheme

Mains level : Not Much

A Bollywood actor has recently received a golden visa from the UAE government.

What is the Golden Visa?

- The Golden Visa framework basically offers long haul residency (5 and 10 years) to individuals having a place with the accompanying gatherings: financial backers, business visionaries, people with exceptional abilities any semblance of specialists, clinical experts and those inside the logical and information fields, and wonderful understudies.
- The fundamental advantage of the visa will be security.
- The UAE government has clarified that they are focused on giving ostracizes, financial backers and basically everybody hoping to make the UAE their home an additional motivation to have a sense of safety about their future.

Who are eligible to apply?

- For the 10-year visa, financial backers having no not exactly AED (Dirham) 10 million worth of public venture, either as a speculation store or an organization, can apply.
- Be that as it may, at any rate 60% of the complete speculation should not be as land and the contributed sum should not be advanced, or in the event of resources, financial backers should expect full possession.
- The financial backer should have the option to hold the speculation for at least three years also.
- The drawn out visa can likewise incorporate the holder's companion and youngsters, just as one chief and one consultant.
- Notwithstanding the previously mentioned, far off nationals who are hoping to set up their

business in the UAE may likewise apply for perpetual residency (5 years) through the Golden Business Visa conspire.

Perks for the talent

- Other than business visionaries, people with particular ability can likewise apply for the visa. They incorporate specialists, analysts, researchers, financial backers and craftsmen.
- These people might be conceded a 10-year visa following accreditations allowed by their individual divisions and fields and the visa will likewise be stretched out to their companions and youngsters.
- Uncommon secondary school and college understudies are qualified for a 5-year residency visa in the UAE.

TOPIC 5: Polity

Mekedatu Project

Note4Students

From UPSC perspective, the following things are important :

Prelims level : Mekedatu Project

Mains level : Cauvery Water Dispute

The National Green Tribunal (NGT), Southern Zone has appointed a joint committee to look into allegations of unauthorized construction activity taking place in Mekedatu, where the Karnataka government had proposed to construct a dam across the Cauvery River.



What is the Mekedatu Project?

- Mekedatu, which means goat's jump, is a

profound canyon arranged at the conversion of the streams Cauvery and Arkavathi, around 100 km from Bengaluru, at the Kanakapura taluk in Karnataka's Ramanagara region.

- In 2013, at that point Karnataka declared the development of a multi-reason adjusting supply project.
- The task expected to reduce the drinking water issues of Bengaluru and Ramanagara locale.
- It was additionally expected to produce hydro-power to meet the force needs of the state.

Issues with the project

- Soon after the project was announced TN has objected over granting of permission or environmental clearance.
- Explaining the potential for damage to the lower riparian state of TN, it said that the project was in violation of the final award of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal.
- It stated that the project will affect the natural flow of the river Cauvery considerably and will severely affect the irrigation in TN.

TOPIC 6: Science Tech Art & Culture

Hottest planet in the known universe discovered

Note4Students

From UPSC perspective, the following things are important :

Prelims level : Hottest known planet

Mains level : Paper 3-Hottest known planet discovered

About the planet

- TOI-1431b, also known as MASCARA-5b, was discovered 490 light-years away from Earth and may be the hottest planet ever discovered.
- The global team that discovered the finding was led by researchers from the University of Southern Queensland's Centre for Astrophysics in Toowoomba.
- The daytime temperature is around 2700 degrees Celsius, while the nighttime temperature is around 2300 degrees Celsius - no living could exist in this environment.
- This temperature is substantially higher than most metals' melting points, with many of them turning to liquid at temperatures below 2000

degrees Celsius.

- Titanium melts at 1670 degrees Fahrenheit, platinum at 1770 degrees Fahrenheit, and stainless steel at 1375 to 1530 degrees Fahrenheit.

Planet with a retrograde orbit

- These kinds of planets, known as ultra-hot Jupiters, are uncommon, but this one is even more remarkable because of its retrograde orbit.
- All of the planets in our Solar System revolve in the same direction as the Sun and are aligned in the same plane.
- The orbit of this new planet is so skewed that it actually rotates in the opposite direction as its home star.

NASA's OSIRIS-REx begins journey back from asteroid

Note4Students

From UPSC perspective, the following things are important :

Prelims level : Asteroid Benu

Mains level : Paper 3- OSIRIS-REx starts journey back to the earth

On May 11, NASA's Origins, Spectral Interpretation, Resource Identification, Security, Regolith Explorer (OSIRIS-REx) spacecraft will depart asteroid Benu, and start its two-year-long journey back to Earth.

About OSIRIS-REx

- NASA's OSIRIS-REx mission is the first to visit a near-Earth asteroid, scan its surface, and gather a sample.
- The mission was launched in 2016, and it arrived at its destination in 2018. Since then, the spacecraft has been utilising small rocket thrusters to match the asteroid's velocity. It also utilised this time to survey the surface and identify potential sites to take samples.
- In October 2020, the spacecraft made a short encounter with the asteroid Benu, from which it collected dust and pebble samples.
- After the surface was disturbed, the robotic arm of the spaceship took some samples.
- The spacecraft's engineers have also confirmed that the spacecraft fired its thrusters shortly after making contact with the surface and "safely backed away from Benu."

About Benu

- Benu is an ancient asteroid that has not undergone much compositional change over billions of years, implying that chemicals and rocks from the formation of the solar system can be found underneath its surface.
- About 20-40% of Benu's interior is empty space, and astronomers estimate it originated in the first 10 million years of the solar system's formation, putting its age at 4.5 billion years.
- Benu is classified as a B-type asteroid, which means it contains considerable amounts of carbon and other minerals.

2-DG: DRDO's new oral drug for Covid-19

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From UPSC perspective, the following things are important :

Prelims level : 2DG

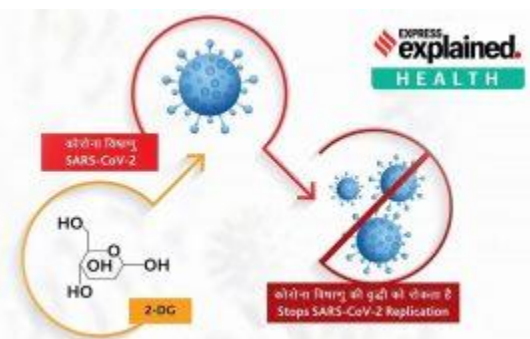
Mains level : COVID-19 Treatment

Defence Minister has released the first batch of the indigenously developed anti-Covid-19 drug, 2-deoxy-D-glucose or '2-DG'.

What is the news?

The formulation was certified by the Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) on May 1 for emergency use as an additional treatment in moderate to severe Covid-19 patients.

What is 2-DG?



- 2-DG was created by the DRDO's Institute of Nuclear Medicine and Allied Sciences (INMAS) in New Delhi in partnership with Dr Reddy's Laboratories, a Hyderabad-based pharmaceutical firm (DRL).
- In Covid-19 infected individuals, the 2-DG anti-Covid medication is likely to minimise their reliance on medical oxygen.
- The drug's pseudo glucose molecule prevents the virus from infecting the intestines.

- As a result, it's been recommended for Coronavirus-infected patients who need life-saving medical oxygen.
- The Medication Controller General of India recently granted emergency use approval to DRDO's new anti-Covid oral drug, 2-deoxy-D-glucose (2-DG) (DCGI).
- 2-DG prevents COVID-19 from spreading within the body's cells.
- The results of clinical trials have revealed that this molecule aids in the speedier recovery of hospitalised patients and minimises the need for supplementary oxygen.
- On various endpoints, patients treated with 2-DG showed faster symptomatic cure than patients treated with Standard of Care (SoC).
- When compared to SoC, the median time to achieve normalisation of certain vital signs parameters showed a considerably favourable trend (2.5 days difference).
- The 2 DG drug, like glucose, circulates throughout the body, reaching virus-infected cells where it stops viral synthesis and damages the protein's energy generation, preventing virus proliferation. • The medicine also works to prevent viral infection from spreading to the lungs, allowing us to reduce patients' reliance on oxygen.

How does it work?

- Data from clinical trials demonstrate that the molecule aids in the speedier recovery of Covid-19 patients and minimises their use on supplementary oxygen.
- This medication is special in that it only accumulates in virally infected cells.

Advantages

- Because 2-DG is a generic chemical and a glucose analogue, it is simple to manufacture and distribute in large quantities.
- The medication comes in powder form in a sachet and can be used orally after being

dissolved in water.

Mucormycosis infection in COVID-19 patients

Note4Students

From UPSC perspective, the following things are important :

Prelims level : Mucormycosis

Mains level : Post covid hazards

Hospitals across the country have started to report a number of cases of Mucormycosis, an invasive fungal infection affecting patients who have recently recovered from COVID-19.

What is Mucormycosis?

- Mucormycosis is a fungal infection produced by a group of moulds known as micromycetes that is aggressive and invasive.
- It can affect a variety of organs, but it is most commonly seen as invasive rhino-orbito-cerebral illness, which spreads via the sinuses and into the brain, affecting the ear, nose, throat, and mouth. • Although it is not infectious, it can cause significant internal damage and can be deadly if not caught early.
- It's an ancient condition, but the rapid rise in the invasive form of the sinus variation, which affects the orbit and, in some cases, the brain, resulting in blindness, stroke, or death, is potentially new and worrying.

What causes the disease?

- The most prevalent underlying cause is diabetes mellitus, followed by haematological malignancies and solid-organ transplants.
- According to a study, diabetes mellitus was recorded in 54 percent to 76 percent of

patients.

- The indiscriminate use of a high dose of steroids in COVID-19 patients, sometimes even in less symptomatic individuals, appears to be what triggers Mucormycosis in patients after COVID-19.
- This causes diabetics' blood sugar levels to rise, making them susceptible.

Symptoms

- Stuffy nose, bloody, blackish, or brown discharge from the nose, and other signs to be aware of.
- Other signs and symptoms include blackish discoloration of the skin, swelling or numbness around the face, one-sided facial discomfort, toothache or jaw discomfort, drooping or swelling of the eyelids, double vision, redness of the eyes, and abrupt vision loss.
- Due to its high carbon content, the asteroid only reflects roughly 4% of the light it receives, which is extremely low when compared to a planet.
- Bennu is the name of an Egyptian god.
- In 1999, a crew from NASA's Lincoln Near-Earth Asteroid Research team discovered the asteroid.

Risk of mucormycosis in Covid-19 patients

Note4Students

From UPSC perspective, the following things are important :

Prelims level : Mucormycosis

Mains level : Paper 2- Mucormycosis infection risk in Covid-19 patients

About mucormycosis

- Mucormycosis is a fungal infection that has a 50 percent fatality rate.

- A growing proportion of Covid-19 patients have had this infection either in the hospital or after being discharged.
- The condition most commonly affects the skin, but it can also damage the lungs and the brain.
- Sinusitis, blackish nasal discharge, face pain, headaches, and pain around the eyes are some of the most prevalent symptoms.

Who is at risk

- Mucormycosis is substantially more likely among patients who have been hospitalised with Covid-19, especially those who needed oxygen therapy during their illness.
- However, mucormycosis has been seen in individuals with asymptomatic Covid-19 infection.
- Patients with uncontrolled diabetes were at a greater risk of mucormycosis prior to the pandemic.
- These individuals have a higher risk of mucormycosis for two reasons.
- The first is that Covid-19 weakens their immune system more more.
- Second, corticosteroids are used to treat them, which causes their blood sugar levels to rise, increasing their risk of mucormycosis.

Treatment

- There are a variety of medications and antifungal treatments available now to treat mucormycosis.
- These can be administered intravenously or orally.
- Surgery and antifungal treatments are required to remove the afflicted dead tissues.

[pib] 3D distribution of Molecular & Atomic Hydrogen in Galaxies

Note4Students

From UPSC perspective, the following things are

important :

Prelims level : Read the attached story

Mains level : Formation of stars

Indian scientists have estimated the three-dimensional distribution of molecular and atomic hydrogen in a nearby galaxy which can help lead to clues to the star formation processes and the evolution of the galaxy.

Study on Hydrogen distribution

- Galaxies like the one we dwell in, the Milky Way, comprise of circles containing stars, sub-atomic and nuclear hydrogen, and helium.
- The sub-atomic hydrogen gas falls on itself in particular pockets, shaping stars, its temperature was discovered to be low – near 10 kelvin, or - 263 °C, and thickness is around 60 to 240 light-years.
- The nuclear hydrogen expands both above and underneath the plates.
- Indian researchers have assessed that sub-atomic hydrogen broadens farther from the circle in the two ways, up to around 3000 light-years.
- This vaporous part is hotter than the one riding the circle and has similarly lesser densities, hence getting away from prior perceptions.

- They considered it the 'diffuse' segment of the sub-atomic plate.

Answer this PYQ in the comment box:

Q. Which one of the following sets of elements was primarily responsible for the origin of life on the Earth?

(a) Hydrogen, Oxygen, Sodium

(b) Carbon, Hydrogen, Nitrogen

(c) Oxygen, Calcium, Phosphorous

(d) Carbon, Hydrogen, Potassium

Why does this study matter?

- The sub-atomic hydrogen gas converts to singular stars under the draw of gravity, subsequently holding signs to the star development measures and the advancement of the universe.
- If a critical piece of the gas stretches out past the dainty circle of two or three hundred light-years, it might clarify why cosmologists additionally notice stars at a couple thousand light-years opposite to the galactic plate.

TOPIC 7: Trivia

Appointments to the Kalakshetra Foundation

Note4Students

From UPSC perspective, the following things are important :

Prelims level : Kalashetra, Bharatanatyam

Mains level : Classical dances of India

The Central government has appointed 12 eminent artists and musicians to the board of the prestigious institution.

Kalakshetra Foundation

- It is an expressions and social institute devoted to the conservation of customary qualities in Indian workmanship and artworks, particularly

in the field of Bharatanatyam dance and Gandharvaveda music.

- Based in Chennai, India, the institute was established in January 1936 by Rukmini Devi Arundale and her better half George Arundale.
- Under Arundale's direction, the organization accomplished public and worldwide acknowledgment for its extraordinary style and compulsiveness.
- In January 1994, an Act of the Parliament of India perceived the Kalakshetra Foundation as an "Establishment of National Importance."

Who was Rukmini Devi Arundale?

- Devi (1904 – 1986) was an Indian theosophist, artist, and choreographer of the Indian old style dance type of Bharatanatyam, and an extremist for creature government assistance.
- She was the primary lady in Indian history to be designated an individual from the Rajya Sabha.
- The most significant evangelist of Bharatanatyam from its unique 'sadhir' style predominant among the sanctuary artists, the Devadasis, she likewise worked for the re-foundation of conventional Indian expressions and specialties.
- She upheld the reason for Bharata Natyam which was viewed as a foul craftsmanship.
- She 'cleaned' and eliminated the inalienable sensuality of Sadhir to make it satisfactory to Victorian British ethical quality and Indian upper-position elites.

UAE’s Golden Visa Scheme

Note4Students

From UPSC perspective, the following things are important :

Prelims level : Golden visa scheme

Mains level : Not Much

A Bollywood actor has recently received a golden visa

from the UAE government.

What is the Golden Visa?

- The Golden Visa framework basically offers long haul residency (5 and 10 years) to individuals having a place with the accompanying gatherings: financial backers, business visionaries, people with exceptional abilities any semblance of specialists, clinical experts and those inside the logical and information fields, and wonderful understudies.
- The fundamental advantage of the visa will be security.
- The UAE government has clarified that they are focused on giving ostracizes, financial backers and basically everybody hoping to make the UAE their home an additional motivation to have a sense of safety about their future.

Who are eligible to apply?

- For the 10-year visa, financial backers having no not exactly AED (Dirham) 10 million worth of public venture, either as a speculation store or an organization, can apply.
- Be that as it may, at any rate 60% of the complete speculation should not be as land and the contributed sum should not be advanced, or in the event of resources, financial backers should expect full possession.
- The financial backer should have the option to hold the speculation for at least three years also.
- The drawn out visa can likewise incorporate the holder's companion and youngsters, just as one chief and one consultant.
- Notwithstanding the previously mentioned, far off nationals who are hoping to set up their business in the UAE may likewise apply for perpetual residency (5 years) through the Golden Business Visa conspire.

Perks for the talent

- Other than business visionaries, people with particular ability can likewise apply for the visa. They incorporate specialists, analysts, researchers, financial backers and craftsmen.
- These people might be conceded a 10-year visa following accreditations allowed by their

individual divisions and fields and the visa will likewise be stretched out to their companions and youngsters.

- Uncommon secondary school and college understudies are qualified for a 5-year residency visa in the UAE.

SECTION 3

Practice Questions with Answers

PRACTICE QUESTIONS

1) International Labour Day or May Day is Observed on which date?

- A) May 12
- B) May 11
- C) May 1
- D) May 4
- E) May 3

2) Soli Sorabjee who passed away was an eminent ____.

- A) Director
- B) Singer
- C) Producer
- D) Lawyer
- E) Actor

3) NFAI brought out a rich treasure of audio recordings on the occasion of ____ birth anniversary of Dadasaheb Phalke.

- A) 143rd
- B) 145th
- C) 149th
- D) 150th
- E) 151st

4) I&B Ministry assemble year-long centenary celebrations of who among the following?

- A) Sandip Ray
- B) Uttam Kumar
- C) Soumitra Chatterjee
- D) Satyajit Ray
- E) Bijoy Ray

5) The Finance Ministry has planned to provide additional amount of upto Rs ____ crore to States.

- A) 10000
- B) 11000
- C) 12000
- D) 13000
- E) 15000

6) Which country has recently unveiled core module of its space station?

- A) Israel
- B) France
- C) China
- D) Japan
- E) Germany

7) Which state government has handed over Rs 61 crore into accounts of over 6.10 lakh street vendors of the state?

- A) Uttar Pradesh

- B) Chhattisgarh
- C) Bihar
- D) Madhya Pradesh
- E) Haryana

8) The government of which state has initiated the Corona Warriors Scheme?

- A) Chhattisgarh
- B) Madhya Pradesh
- C) Haryana
- D) Bihar
- E) Kerala

9) The Agriculture Minister reported Target of food grains production for 2021-22 is _____ million tonnes.

- A) 150
- B) 200
- C) 250
- D) 350
- E) 307

10) Which of the following company has received a CCI approval for the BigBasket deal?

- A) Bata
- B) Reliance
- C) Tata Group
- D) Exon
- E) ITC

11) What is the theme of the World Press Freedom Day?

- A) Best of Information
- B) Producing and disseminating information
- C) Information as a Public Good
- D) Information is New
- E) Tackling misinformation

12) G-7 ministers will meet to hold first in-person talks in ____ years.

- A) 6
- B) 5
- C) 4
- D) 2
- E) 3

13) International Firefighters Day is Observed on which date?

- A) May 3
- B) May 1
- C) May 11
- D) May 12
- E) May 4

14) Chandro Tomar who passed away recently was an eminent ____.

- A) Singer
- B) Writer

- C) Actor
- D) Shooter
- E) Dancer

15) Who among the following has declared some guidelines for the Production Linked Incentive Scheme for the Food Processing Industry?

- A) Nitin Gadkari
- B) NS Tomar
- C) Amit Shah
- D) Narendra Modi
- E) Prahlad Patel

16) The government has alarmed the people: Vial for Remdesivir injection by name _____ is fake.

- A) COVIVIAL
- B) COVINEW
- C) COVIPRI
- D) COVIVAX
- E) COVISHIELD

17) Which national government has vowed 1.7 billion dollars in childcare subsidies?

- A) Israel
- B) France
- C) Germany
- D) Australia
- E) China

18) Which political party is set to form a new government in Kerala?

- A) CPI-M
- B) JDU
- C) BJP
- D) Congress
- E) LDF

19) Which Bank has mulled investing in NARCL?

- A) Axis
- B) Bandhan
- C) IDBI
- D) SBI
- E) HDFC

20) SII endorses accepting Rs 1,732 crore for _____ crore doses of Covishield vaccine.

- A) 10.5
- B) 9.5
- C) 8
- D) 11
- E) 10

21) International No Diet Day is Observed On which date?

- A) May 1
- B) May 11
- C) May 6

D) May 3

E) 15

E) May 4

22) RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das announces SLTRO for small finance banks for Rs. _____ crore at repo rate.

A) 8500

B) 7500

C) 12500

D) 10000

E) 5000

23) Ajit Singh who passed away recently belonged to which political party?

A) AIADMK

B) Congress

C) BJP

D) JDU

E) RLD

24) The Ministry of Civil Aviation has granted conditional exemption from Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) Rules, 2021 to _____ entities to conduct Beyond Visual Line of Sight (BVLOS) experimental flights of drones.

A) 11

B) 12

C) 10

D) 20

25) World's Widest Airplane Stratolaunch Roc has recently completed its Successful ____ Test Flight.

A) 5th

B) 2nd

C) 1st

D) 3rd

E) 4th

26) S&P Global Ratings Revises India's GDP Growth Forecast to _____ per cent for FY22.

A) 11

B) 10

C) 9.8

D) 9.5

E) 10.5

27) The Applicability of Aadhaar Government has notified which Section of the Social Security Code – 2020 to collect details for the database of beneficiaries under various social security schemes?

A) 118

B) 119

C) 140

D) 141

E) 142

28) RBI has Announced Term Liquidity Facility Of ₹

_____Crore For Healthcare.

- A) 25,000
- B) 40,000
- C) 50,000
- D) 55,000
- E) 45,000

29) Cabinet has approved strategic disinvestment & transfer of management control in which of the following Bank?

- A) SBI
- B) IDBI
- C) UCO
- D) BOI
- E) BOB

30) Mamata Banerjee sworn in as West Bengal Chief Minister for the _____ time.

- A) 6th
- B) 5th
- C) 4th
- D) 3rd
- E) 2nd

31) World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day is Observed on which date?

- A) May 1
- B) May 2
- C) May 8

- D) May 3
- E) May 11

32) Which of the following publishers will release Meghan Markle's First Children's Book ?

- A) Hachette
- B) Oxford
- C) Harvard
- D) Random House Children's Books
- E) Penguin

33) Which state has started with PRANAYAMA started to help COVID patients to maintain oxygen level?

- A) Chhattisgarh
- B) Uttar Pradesh
- C) Haryana
- D) Bihar
- E) Andhra Pradesh

34) Shesh Narayan Singh who passed away was a veteran _____.

- A) Singer
- B) Journalist
- C) Writer
- D) Director
- E) Actor

35) Which institution has unveiled a new mobile application for psycho social wellness of students,

parents?

A) FICCI

B) CII

C) Niti Aayog

D) CBSE

E) ICSE

C) 180

D) 190

E) 150

36) Ayush Ministry has launched a nationwide campaign to distribute _____ & Kabasura Kudineer for the fight against COVID19 pandemic.

A) AYUSH 11

B) AYUSH 64

C) AYUSH 12

D) AYUSH 50

E) AYUSH 67

39) Which state will provide about 30 lakh new tap water connections in current FY under Jal Jeevan Mission?

A) Telangana

B) Kerala

C) Haryana

D) Bihar

E) Chhattisgarh

40) Gujarat government has asked All MLAs to allot Rs _____ lakh for health infrastructure.

A) 70

B) 65

C) 60

D) 50

E) 55

37) Which country has called upon WHO to ask Taiwan for the World Health Assembly as an observer?

A) Australia

B) China

C) US

D) France

E) Germany

41) Mother's Day is Observed on _____ Sunday of May.

A) 5th

B) 4th

C) 2nd

D) 1st

E) 3rd

38) India and EIB signed a finance contract for the second tranche of _____ mn Euro for Pune Metro Rail.

A) 110

B) 200

42) Who has been appointed as Chennai Corporation

Commissioner?

- A) Sudip Kodyal
- B) Pradeep Doshi
- C) Nikhil Raj
- D) Gagandeep Singh Bedi
- E) Anand Sharma

- C) Naomi Osaka
- D) Jennifer Brady
- E) Serena Williams

43) MK Kaushik and Ravinder Pal Singh who passed away recently were eminent _____.

- A) Physicians
- B) Dancers
- C) Singers
- D) Cricket players
- E) Hockey players

46) The Education Minister has donated Rs _____ crore from MPLAD fund for Haridwar medical supply.

- A) 1
- B) 1.50
- C) 2.50
- D) 2
- E) 3

44) Minister of State for Finance Anurag Thakur has claimed _____ lakh doses of Sputnik V vaccine.

- A) 4
- B) 3
- C) 2
- D) 1.5
- E) 2.5

47) In which city has ESIC installed oxygen generation plants at two hospitals?

- A) Lucknow
- B) Surat
- C) Gwalior
- D) Pune
- E) Delhi

45) At the Laureus World Sports Awards 2021 who among the following has won the sportswomen of the year award?

- A) Venus Williams
- B) Manlo Santana

48) Who will be sworn in as Chief minister of Assam?

- A) Sunil Raj
- B) Jagdish Mukhi
- C) Himat Biswa Sarma
- D) NS Tomar
- E) Arun Singh

49) Pressure Swing Adsorption Oxygen Plants has been

inaugurated in which state?

- A) Telangana
- B) Chhattisgarh
- C) Kerala
- D) Himachal Pradesh
- E) Haryana

- C) 3rd
- D) 1st
- E) 2nd

50) NHIDCL has recently given ____ Critical Care Life Support Ambulances to Ladakh.

- A) 6
- B) 4
- C) 3
- D) 2
- E) 5

53) Which state government has initiated a campaign called "My Village – Corona Free Village"?

- A) Jharkhand
- B) Bihar
- C) Haryana
- D) Madhya Pradesh
- E) Gujarat

51) CJI has launched an official mobile App for Journalists. Who is the current CJI?

- A) Sunil Singh
- B) Anand Raj
- C) NV Ramana
- D) Sudip Sharma
- E) Navneet Tyagi

54) SWAMIH was recently completed ____ residential project.

- A) 5th
- B) 4th
- C) 3rd
- D) 1st
- E) 2nd

52) Elisabetta Belloni has been appointed as the _____ woman in charge of Italy's secret agency.

- A) 5th
- B) 4th

55) After _____ years of service, GoAir has been renamed Go First.

- A) 21
- B) 15
- C) 12
- D) 10

E) 8

56) On what day is International Museum Day observed?

- A) May 1
- B) May 2
- C) May 18
- D) May 3
- E) May 4

57) Which DRDO medicine has been approved for the treatment of Covid-19 patients?

- A) 6-DG
- B) 5-DG
- C) 4-DG
- D) 2-DG
- E) 3-DG

58) Rajendrasinh Jadeja, who recently passed away, was a well-known _____

- A) Singer
- B) Dancer
- C) Hockey player
- D) Tennis player
- E) Cricketer

59) The list of the World's 50 Greatest Leaders was

announced by Fortune, and WHO came out on top

- A) Steve Balmer
- B) Warren Buffett
- C) Narendra Modi
- D) Jacinda Arden
- E) Jessica Tan

60) Which state government is responsible for the 'HIT Covid App'?

- A) Kerala
- B) Uttar Pradesh
- C) Chhattisgarh
- D) Madhya Pradesh
- E) Bihar

61) Reema Jain has been named Chief Digital Officer of which company?

- A) Dell
- B) Microsoft
- C) VI
- D) Nokia
- E) Jio

62) On May ____, the world celebrates bees day.

- A) 24th

- B) 23rd
- C) 20th
- D) 21st
- E) 22nd

63) On what date is International Tea Day commemorated?

- A) May 11
- B) May 20
- C) May 21
- D) May 30
- E) May 24

64) Which state's chief minister, Jagannath Pahadia, died recently?

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

65) On May ____, World Metrology Day is observed.

- A) 24th
- B) 23rd
- C) 22nd
- D) 21st

- E) 20th

66) On what day is National Anti-Terrorism Day observed?

- A) May 11
- B) May 10
- C) May 18
- D) May 21
- E) May 19

67) _____ May is World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development.

- A) 11th
- B) 19th
- C) 23rd
- D) 21st
- E) 22nd

68) On May __, National Missing Children's Day is observed.

- A) 20
- B) 30
- C) 25
- D) 22
- E) 21

69) Which company holds the Guinness World Record

for the largest programming competition in the world?

- A) Xiaomi
- B) Microsoft
- C) Dell
- D) TCS
- E) HCL

- B) Bihar
- C) Gujarat
- D) Jharkhand
- E) Haryana

70) Who is the major champion of the PGA Championship?

- A) Arnie Schmidt
- B) Ringgit Jones
- C) Connor Den
- D) Mike Bryan
- E) Phil Michelson

73) Which team's manager has been named England's manager of the year?

- A) AS Roma
- B) Barcelona
- C) Tottenham
- D) Arsenal
- E) Manchester City

71) The World Health Assembly was recently chaired by the Union Health Minister.

- A) 69th
- B) 74th
- C) 73rd
- D) 72nd
- E) 71st

74) Which institution will bestow the 'Annapurna Award' for Indian eateries operating outside of India?

- A) Assocham
- B) FICCI
- C) ICCR
- D) Niti Aayog
- E) CII

72) Which state has ranked first in terms of Smart City Mission implementation?

- A) Kerala

75) Who among the following has won the Rudolf Schindler Award for the first time?

- A) Dr Sudhir Kumar
- B) Dr Nageshwar Reddy
- C) Dr Anand Sharma

D) Dr Nitin Kulkarni

E) Dr Amit Sharma

76) Which day of May is designated as World Thyroid Day?

A) 24

B) 23

C) 21

D) 22

E) 25

77) In New York, who among the following met with UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres?

A) Anurag Thakur

B) Narendra Modi

C) NS Tomar

D) S. Jaishankar

E) Amit Shah

78) Which country has implemented a 'Global Pandemic Radar' strategy?

A) Israel

B) France

C) UK

D) China

E) Denmark

79) Which organisation has formed an Investment Funds expert committee?

A) NHB

B) IFSCA

C) RBI

D) SEBI

E) PFRDA

80) Social media companies are requesting more time to comply with new digital standards set down in Section of the IT Act.

A) 78

B) 67

C) 70

D) 71

E) 79

81) Who has been sworn in as the next Speaker of the Kerala Assembly?

A) Suhdri Raj

B) Nitin Prakash

C) M B Rajesh

D) Rajesh Kumar

E) Anand Varma

82) Who has been named the new Director of the CBI?

- A) Raj Singh
- B) Sudhir Verma
- C) Nitin Desai
- D) Subodh Kumar Jaiswal
- E) Arun Dhawan

83) The famous Etienne Glichitch Award has been given to which institution?

- A) Cricket India
- B) Cycling India
- C) Boxing India
- D) Badminton India
- E) Hockey India

84) Which South Asian institution has won the Social Media for Empowerment Awards?

- A) IIT Kharagpur
- B) IIT Madras
- C) KITE
- D) IIT Delhi
- E) IIM Bengaluru

85) Cabinet gives nod for MoUs entered into by ICoAI& ___ with foreign countries.

- A) Niti Aayog
- B) FICCI

- C) Assocham
- D) ICSI
- E) CII

86) On May ____, Menstrual Hygiene Day is observed.

- A) 29
- B) 11
- C) 28
- D) 22
- E) 13

87) HS Doreswamy, who recently passed away, was a _____

- A) Director
- B) Actor
- C) Writer
- D) Freedom fighter
- E) Musician

88) Which country's President Guillermo Lasso has been sworn in?

- A) Sweden
- B) Uganda
- C) Ethiopia
- D) Denmark
- E) Ecuador

89) Fiame Naomi Mata'afa was sworn in as the country's first female prime minister.

- A) Tonga
- B) Samoa
- C) Vanuatu
- D) Fiji
- E) Iceland

90) Balbir Singh Senior International Hockey Stadium has been renamed to which international hockey stadium?

- A) Surat
- B) Chandigarh
- C) Mohali
- D) Delhi
- E) Kolkata

91) On what date is the International Day of Light observed?

- A) May 11
- B) May 2
- C) May 16
- D) May 3
- E) May 4

92) The National Gallery of Modern Art is launching a

new online summer class called _____

- A) VIDYA 2021
- B) ART 2021
- C) AIM 2021
- D) NAIMISHA 2021
- E) WORKSHOP 2021

93) The 'International Invincible Gold Medal' has been awarded to who among the following?

- A) Prahlad Patel
- B) Amit Shah
- C) Narendra Modi
- D) NS Tomar
- E) RP Nishank

94) Who among the following has won the Women's Singles championship at the Italian Open?

- A) BJ King
- B) Iga Swiatek
- C) Karolina Pliskova
- D) Coco Gauff
- E) Simona Halep

95) Sunil Jain, who died lately, was a seasoned _____

- A) Director
- B) Writer

- C) Actor
- D) Journalist
- E) Singer

- A) 11
- B) 12
- C) 13
- D) 16
- E) 15

96) On what date is World Telecommunication and Information Society Day observed?

- A) May 1
- B) May 2
- C) May 3
- D) May 4
- E) May 17

99) In the next five years, Indian Railways plans to instal Wi-Fi in railway stations.

- A) 2,500
- B) 6,000
- C) 5,000
- D) 4,000
- E) 3,500

97) Which institution is responsible for the development of an Oxycare system for soldiers?

- A) BHEL
- B) BEL
- C) DRDO
- D) HAL
- E) BEL

100) MINI TV, a new video streaming service, was launched by which company?

- A) Xiaomi
- B) Realme
- C) Samsung
- D) Sony
- E) Amazon

98) On May ____, Sikkim celebrates its independence.

ANSWERS

1) Answer: C

Labor Day is an annual holiday that honours the

contributions of employees.

The roots of Labour Day can be traced back to the labour movement, specifically the eight-hour day

movement, which called for eight hours of work, eight hours of leisure, and eight hours of rest every day.

The International Day of Workers, also known as International Labour Day, is a day devoted to all workers and labourers around the world on May 1.

This day honours workers and helps them to understand their rights.

The roots of the day can be traced back to the labour movement, specifically the eight-hour day movement.

It is also observed in Central and South America, as well as in some areas of the Caribbean.

Labor Day is observed at various times during the year in the United States, Australia, and Canada.

The first Labour Day was observed in India in 1923, and the day is known as Antarrashtriya Shramik Diwas or Kamgar Din across the country.

The concept for Labor Day was conceived by Peter J. McGuire, a carpenter and labour union leader.

He believed that American employees should have their own day.

Early in 1882, he presented his idea to the Central Labor Union in New York, and they agreed that the holiday was a fine one.

2) Answer: D

Soli Sorabjee, the former Attorney General of India and a renowned jurist, died on April 30, 2021.

He was 91 years old when he died.

In 1971, he was named as a Supreme Court senior counsel.

From 1977 to 1980, he was the Solicitor General of India.

He served as India's Attorney General twice, from 1989

to 1990 and again from 1998 to 2004.

In 1997, the United Nations named him as a Special Rapporteur for Nigeria to report on the country's human rights situation.

He also became a member, and later chairman, of the United Nations Sub Commission on the Promotion of Human Rights.

3) Answer: E

The National Film Archive of India (NFAI) has released a rich treasure of audio recordings in the public domain to commemorate the 151st birth anniversary of Dadasaheb Phalke, the founder of Indian cinema.

On the NFAI website, approximately 8000 minutes of interviews with veteran Indian film artists are now available.

These are the fascinating tales of journeys of actors, technicians, producers, directors, and studio owners, beginning with the silent age of Indian cinema.

Conducted mostly in the 1980s, these interviews were recorded as part of the Oral History Project of NFAI's Research Programme and features long interviews of pioneering film personalities, narrating the experiences about their life, stories and anecdotes from the world of cinema.

4) Answer: D

The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting will host year-long centenary celebrations of late Satyajit Ray throughout India and abroad in honour of the legendary filmmaker.

Satyaji Ray was a well-known director, screenwriter, illustrator, graphic designer, and music composer.

He began his career in advertising and got the idea for his first film, Pather Panchali, while illustrating Bibhutibhushan Bandopadhyay's novel for children.

He shot to international fame as a result of the film.

Ray went on to make films like Charulata, Agantuk, and Nayak, among others.

He was also a prolific writer, making the famous sleuth Feluda and scientist Professor Shonku, a popular part of Bengali Literature.

The Government of India honoured him with the Bharat Ratna, the highest civilian award, in 1992.

5) Answer: E

The Finance Ministry has agreed to provide States with an additional sum of up to 15 thousand crore rupees in the form of a 50-year interest-free loan for capital projects.

For the fiscal year 2021-22, the Department of Expenditure has released new guidelines on the Scheme of Financial Assistance to States for Capital Expenditure.

Capital investment creates jobs, particularly for the poor and unskilled, has a strong multiplier impact, increases the economy's potential productive capacity, and leads to faster economic growth.

Despite the Centre's poor financial situation, the Finance Ministry said it was agreed last year to initiate a Scheme for Special Assistance to States for Capital Expenditure.

Financial assistance is given to state governments in the form of a 50-year interest-free loan under the Scheme.

6) Answer: C

The central module of China's space station was launched, setting off a series of main launch missions aimed at completing the station's construction by the end of next year.

The Tianhe module was launched by the Long March-5B Y2 rocket from the Wenchang Spacecraft Launch Site on the coast of the southern island province of Hainan.

According to Bai Linhou, deputy chief designer of the space station at the China Academy of Space Technology (CAST), the Tianhe module will serve as the management and control centre of the space station Tiangong, which means Heavenly Palace, with a node that can dock with up to three spacecraft at a time for short stays or two for longer stays.

7) Answer: D

Via Direct Benefit Transfer, the Madhya Pradesh government transferred Rs 61 crore into the accounts of more than 6 lakh 10,000 street vendors in the state.

In the meantime, the state recorded 12,400 new cases, with 13,584 patients surviving.

The state has an 83 percent recovery rate.

The government, according to Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chauhan, is completely committed to alleviating the difficulties faced by the poor as a result of the covid pandemic.

In the meantime, the incidence of corona infection is steadily declining.

In terms of corona infection, the state ranks 14th in the world.

The number of active corona cases in the state has decreased to 90,796.

The state's overall positivity rate has dropped to 21.1 percent.

Mr. Chouhan, the state's chief minister, said that the state now receives enough oxygen.

On April 29, the state received 556.2 metric tonnes of oxygen and consumed 467 metric tonnes of oxygen.

8) Answer: B

The Corona Warriors Scheme has been initiated by the state government of Madhya Pradesh.

Family members of health workers who have died while

on Corona duty will be compensated by the government.

The government will award their families an honorarium of Rs 50 lakhs.

Meanwhile, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has confirmed that the Corona vaccination campaign for people over the age of 18 will not begin on May 1st due to vaccines not being received from the manufacturers.

On May 3rd, the vaccines are expected to arrive in the state.

Those over the age of 18 will receive the Covid vaccine free of charge.

While reviewing COVID conditions, Chief Minister Mr Chouhan directed that new vaccination centres be developed in light of the Corona infection, and that vaccination work not be done in hospitals.

So far, 80 lakh 66 thousand 980 Corona vaccine doses have been administered in the state, with 70 lakh 19 thousand 763 first doses and 10 lakh 47 thousand 217 second doses.

9) Answer: E

The goal for foodgrain production for 2021-22, according to Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar, is 307 million tonnes.

While speaking at the National Conference on Agriculture for the Kharif Campaign-2021, Mr. Tomar said.

Higher output goals for pulses and oilseeds, he said, are critical to reducing our reliance on imports and realising the Aatmanirbhar Bharat dream.

During the meeting, participants discussed how to review and assess their preparedness for managing Kharif crops, including ensuring the availability of seeds, pesticides, fertilisers, and equipment, as well as their prepositioning at the Block stage.

Mr. Tomar reported that the agriculture sector has

demonstrated its resilience in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Agriculture and related industries, he said, have contributed to GDP growth in a consistent manner.

Agriculture's share of GDP rose from 17.8% in 2019-20 to 19.9% in 2020-21, according to the Economic Survey 2020-21.

10) Answer: C

With the Competition Commission of India's approval of the Tata group's \$1 billion acquisition of BigBasket, the Tata group's foray into India's growing e-grocery market is complete.

The CCI said in a statement that it has given its approval for Tata Digital, a Tata Sons subsidiary, to buy 63.4 percent of Supermarket Grocery Supplies Ltd, a B2B company that owns online retailer BigBasket.

According to reports, the transaction values BigBasket at over \$1.8 billion and will provide an exit for both majority and minority shareholders, including Chinese internet giant Alibaba.

Tata Digital is also in the process of taking on the likes of Vijay Shekhar Sharma's Paytm in developing India's first 'super-app' and is already in talks to acquire e-pharma start-up 1mg.

11) Answer: C

"This year's World Press Freedom Day theme, "Information as a Public Good," emphasises the indisputable value of confirmed and trustworthy information.

It emphasises the critical role of free and competent journalists in producing and disseminating this material, as well as the importance of combating disinformation and other harmful content – Audrey Azoulay, UNESCO Director-General, on World Press Freedom Day.

12) Answer: D

Foreign and development ministers from the Group of

Seven major industrial countries will meet in London this week for the first time in two years, with US Secretary of State Antony Blinken meeting with British host Dominic Raab.

The troop withdrawal from Afghanistan and a post-Brexit trade agreement are likely to come up in Blinken and Raab's talks.

A potential prisoner swap with Iran is also likely to come up in their discussions.

There has been speculation that the US and the UK are in talks with Iran about the release of prisoners, which may include British-Iranian woman Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe.

13) Answer: E

The 4th of May is International Firefighters' Day.

It was founded after a proposal was emailed around the world on January 4, 1999 in response to the tragic deaths of five firefighters in a bushfire in Australia.

Following the tragic deaths of five firefighters in a bushfire in Australia on December 2, 1998, the day was created.

14) Answer: D

Chandro Tomar, aka 'Shooter Dadi,' died on April 30, 2021.

He was 89 years old at the time.

Chandro Tomar, dubbed "Shooter Dadi," is a shooter.

She was from the Uttar Pradesh village of Baghpatt.

Tomar, who was well into her 60s when she first picked up a pistol, went on to win numerous national competitions and even inspired a Bollywood film based on her life.

Her exploits were the inspiration for the award-winning Bollywood film "SaandkiAankh."

Shooter Dadi received several awards in the senior citizen category, including the President of India's Sri Shakti Sanman.

15) Answer: B

The government has released guidelines for the 'Food Processing Industry Production Linked Incentive Scheme' (PLISFPI).

Narendra Singh Tomar, Minister of Food Processing Industry, also launched an online portal for the PLISFPI.

According to the Ministry, as part of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's announcement of the Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan, the government has approved a new Central Sector Scheme, PLISFPI, for implementation from 2021-22 to 2026-27 with a budget of Rs 10,000 900 crore.

The aim is to help create global food manufacturing champions that are commensurate with India's natural resource endowment, as well as to promote Indian food brands in international markets.

The Ministry announced that it is accepting applications from three types of applicants for sales-based rewards and grants for Branding and Marketing activities abroad under the scheme.

Large companies that qualify for incentives based on sales and investment criteria fall into Category-1.

Applicants in this group could also conduct Branding and Marketing practises outside of the United States and apply for a grant via the scheme using a single application.

16) Answer: C

The government has declared that a Remdesivir injection vial in circulation with the name "COVIPRI" is a forgery.

The Press Information Bureau reported that there is no Remdesivir known as COVIPRI.

People have been warned not to purchase medical supplies from untrustworthy sources and to be wary of fake medicines and injections.

17) Answer: D

The funding is aimed at families with more than one child in daycare, with subsidies for families with two or more children under the age of five years increasing to a rate of 95 percent for their second and subsequent children.

The initiatives, according to Australian Treasurer Josh Frydenberg, are aimed and are an investment in strengthening the Australian economy and increasing female labour participation.

He went on to say that the extra investment would stimulate up to 300,000 additional work hours each week – equivalent to 40,000 people working an extra day per week – and increase Australia's economic growth by around 1.5 billion Australian dollars per year, according to the Treasury.

18) Answer: E

Kerala's new government will be formed by the CPM-led LDF.

Governor Arif Mohammad Khan received Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan's resignation letter.

The CPI (M) and the LDF are expected to start talks soon about forming a new government.

The matter will also be discussed in depth at the upcoming CPI (M) State Secretariat conference.

Members of the state politburo will convene a meeting prior to this to discuss and decide on the next steps.

19) Answer: C

IDBI Bank is considering investing in the National Asset Reconstruction Company (NARCL), a joint venture between banks to clean up their balance sheets.

Large public and private sector banks will invest in

NARCL, according to Rakesh Sharma, MD & CEO of IDBI Bank. Each bank will own less than 10% of the company.

As a result, Sharma stated that IDBI Bank would consider investing in the company.

He mentioned that consortium loans worth more than Rs. 500 crore would be transferred to NARCL.

He added that the amount of stressed loans to be shifted to NARCL would be a reasonable number, allowing the bank to reduce its gross non-performing assets.

20) Answer: D

The Serum Institute of India (SII) backed up the government's claim that the company received a 100% advance of Rs 1,732.50 crore on April 28 for 11 crore doses of the Covishield vaccine for May, June, and July.

"We support this assertion as well as the accuracy of the data.

We've been working closely with the Indian government for the past year, and we appreciate their support.

"We remain committed to increasing vaccine development in order to save as many lives as possible," SII said.

The company responded after the Ministry of Health issued a statement denying that it had put any new orders for the Covishield vaccine with SII.

21) Answer: C

Every year on May 6, International No Diet Day is observed.

A light blue ribbon serves as the emblem.

The annual celebration of body acceptance, including fat acceptance and body shape diversity, is known as International No Diet Day (INDD).

The Institute of Medicine summarises that this day is also devoted to encouraging a healthier lifestyle with an

emphasis on wellbeing at any size and increasing awareness of the possible risks of dieting and the possibility of success.

In 1992, the United Kingdom hosted the first International No Diet Day.

22) Answer: D

In the wake of the second wave of COVID-19 cases in India, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das declared a special long-term repo operation (SLTRO) for small finance banks on May 5, 2021.

The central bank will conduct a Rs 10,000 crore special operation at the repo pace.

The facility will be open until the 31st of October 2021.

Small business units, micro and small businesses, and other unorganised sector organisations will receive additional funding.

It has been agreed to conduct special three-year long-term repo operations for the SFBs, worth Rs 10,000 crore at repo rate, to be used for new lending of up to Rs 10 lakh per borrower.

23) Answer: E

On May 06, 2021, former Union minister and chief of the Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD), Chaudhary Ajit Singh, Passed away.

He was 82.

24) Answer: D

The Ministry of Civil Aviation has granted conditional exemption from the Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) Rules, 2021 to 20 organisations in order for them to perform experimental drone flights beyond visual line of sight (BVLOS).

The preliminary permission grant is intended to aid in the creation of a supplementary system for future UAV

rules pertaining to drone operations outside visual line of sight (BVLOS).

BVLOS trials will aid in the creation of a platform for potential drone deliveries and other large drone applications.

These exemptions are conditional on full compliance with the conditions specified in the EOI notice as well as the BEAM Committee's directions/exemptions issued (or to be issued in the future).

This conditional exemption shall be valid for period of one year

25) Answer: B

The world's largest aircraft, the "Stratolaunch Roc," successfully completed a second test flight.

The Stratolaunch Roc successfully completed a test flight over the deserts of Southern California.

The flight, which lasted more than three hours, brings the organisation one step closer to realising its aim of using the massive plane to launch hypersonic vehicles into the air.

At a maximum speed of 199 mph, the vehicle reached an altitude of 14,000 feet (about 2.6 miles).

The Roc is a dual-fuselage aircraft with a 385-foot wingspan.

Stratolaunch, an American aerospace corporation, built it, and it's known as "Roc."

26) Answer: C

On May 05, 2021, S&P Global Ratings slashed India's GDP growth forecast for the current financial year to 9.8% for the financial year 2021-2021 (FY22).

The US-based rating agency Earlier in March 2021, the estimate was 11 percent.

About S&P Global Ratings :

Headquarters: New York, New York, United States

27) Answer: E

The Ministry of Labour and Employment has notified Section 142 of the Social Security Code, 2020, which covers the applicability of Aadhar.

The Ministry of Labour and Employment will be able to collect Aadhaar information for the database of beneficiaries under various social protection schemes as a result of the section's notification.

The National Informatics Centre is working on the National DataBase for Unorganized Employees (NDUW), which is nearing completion.

28) Answer: C

The Reserve Bank of India will provide a 50,000 crore term liquidity facility on May 5, 2021, to facilitate access to funds for emergency medical services.

In the fight against the Covid-19 pandemic, it is the selfless effort of health care practitioners and other frontline staff.

Vaccine producers, importers and suppliers of vaccinations and priority medical supplies, hospitals and dispensaries, pathology laboratories, manufacturers and suppliers of oxygen and ventilators, importers of vaccines and Covid-related medicines, distribution companies, and patients for care are all eligible for new lending under the programme.

The funds will be available for up to three years, and this lending will be classified as a priority sector before it is repaid or matured.

Banks will use this facility to make loans until March 31, 2022.

At 40 basis points above the reverse repo rate, banks will build a special loan book and park liquidity equal to

their Covid loans.

Individual borrowers and small businesses with loans of up to Rs 25 crore who have not been restructured previously and who were standard as of March 2021 will be considered for restructuring until September 30, 2021.

Small finance banks (SFBs) will be able to access Rs 10,000 crore in special three-year long-term repo operations (SLTROs) at repo rates, which will be used for new lending of up to Rs 10 lakh per borrower.

This is to offer additional assistance to small businesses, microbusinesses, and small industries.

29) Answer: B

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs gave its in-principle approval for strategic divestment and management control transition in IDBI Bank Ltd on May 5, 2021.

IDBI Bank is owned by the Government of India (GoI) and the Life Insurance Corporation (LIC), which together own over 94 percent of the business.

With a 49.24 percent stake in the bank, LIC is a promoter with management control, while GoI is a co-promoter with a 45.48 percent stake.

The degree to which the Government of India and the Life Insurance Corporation of India will divest their respective shareholdings will be determined at the meeting.

30) Answer: D

Mamata Banerjee was sworn in as the Chief Minister of West Bengal for the third time on May 5, 2021.

The oath of office was administered to the ruling All India Trinamool Congress (TMC) supremo.

At a simple ceremony held at the Raj Bhavan in Kolkata, Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar administered her oath of office and secrecy.

TMC secured a landslide two-thirds majority in the 2021 assembly elections under DIDI's leadership, securing 216 seats out of a total of 290.

31) Answer: C

World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day is an annual commemoration of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement's founding principles.

This year's theme is "Together, we are #unstoppable!" Every year on May 8, the World Red Cross Day commemorates the Red Crescent Movement's and the International Red Cross's beliefs.

The birthday of Henry Dunant, the founder of the International Committee of the Red Cross, falls on this day (ICRC).

He has also been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

On May 8, 1828, he was born.

32) Answer: D

In June 2021, Meghan, Duchess of Sussex, will publish her first children's book, titled "The Bench."

The Book's Description:

The relationship between Prince Harry and their son, Archie, is the subject of the novel.

Random House Children's Books will print it.

The Bench will be published on June 8th by Random House Children's Books.

Meghan will also narrate the book's audiobook version.

Meghan will narrate the audiobook version, which is illustrated by award-winning illustrator Christian Robinson.

33) Answer: E

Many COVID-19 patients in Andhra Pradesh have begun

practising PRANAYAMA to obtain natural oxygen.

850 patients at the Patrunivalasa COVID Care Centre in Srikakulam, Andhra Pradesh, have been practising yoga under the guidance of yoga instructors to improve their fitness.

J. Nivas, the district collector, has been visiting the Yoga Centre on a regular basis and has seen good results.

34) Answer: B

Shesh Narayan Singh, a veteran senior journalist, died on May 7, 2021.

He was 70 years old.

To honour his memory, the Noida Media Club (NMC) has agreed to hold annual seminars to pay tribute to him," said Pankaj Parashar, president of the Noida Medical Club.

The NMC also announced plans to build a memorial in Noida in honour of the journalists who have died as a result of the pandemic across India.

He was a foreign policy expert, a journalist, and a political analyst.

He had a long and illustrious career that spanned two decades.

35) Answer: D

The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has released a new mobile application for students' and parents' psychosocial wellbeing.

The new CBSE Dost for Life app is for students in grades 9 to 12, and it will be available for therapy sessions on May 10th.

The board has developed this facility for the ease, comfort, and usefulness of students and parents within the secure home setting, in contrast to the current practise of therapy through toll free numbers around the world.

On Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, qualified counsellors will perform free live therapy sessions through this app.

Students and parents will communicate via a chat box at their leisure during one of two time slots: 9.30 AM to 1.30 PM or 1.30 PM to 5.30 PM.

Students will also be able to access information on suggested course guides after ten plus two, mental health and well-being tips, a corona guide, and rap songs via the app.

36) Answer: B

The Ministry of Ayush is launching a major nationwide campaign to distribute its proven poly herbal Ayurvedic drugs AYUSH 64 and Sidha drug KabasuraKudineer in response to the country's second COVID-19 outbreak.

These drugs' effectiveness has been demonstrated in multi-center clinical trials.

Union Minister Kiren Rijiju has initiated a multi-stakeholder initiative to ensure that drugs meet the vulnerable in a transparent and effective manner.

Sewa Bharati is the campaign's chief partner.

It's worth noting that, since the COVID-19 pandemic hit the world, the Ministry of Ayush has taken a number of steps to monitor and mitigate COVID 19, as well as collaborating closely with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in the battle against COVID 19.

India aims to improve its role in the battle against the COVID19 pandemic with the Ministry's recent initiative to launch a nationwide campaign for distribution of AYUSH-64 and KabasuraKudineer.

37) Answer: C

The US has asked World Health Organization Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus to invite Taiwan to attend the upcoming World Health Assembly (WHA) annual meeting as an observer, claiming that there is no fair basis for Taipei's continued exclusion from the

forum.

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken said that global health and global health security challenges do not respect borders or political disputes, and that Taiwan provides valuable contributions and lessons learned from its approach to these issues, and that WHO leadership and all responsible nations should recognise that excluding the interests of 24 million people at the WHA serves only t

From May 24 to June 1, the WHA will hold its 74th annual meeting digitally from Geneva, Switzerland.

38) Answer: E

The Government of India and the European Investment Bank (EIB) signed a virtual signing ceremony for the second tranche of the 150 million Euro finance contract for the Pune Metro Rail project.

Mr. Christian Kettel Thomsen, Vice-President of the EIB, and Mr. K. Rajaraman, Additional Secretary in the Ministry of Finance, signed the loan on behalf of the Government of India.

The project aims to provide a reliable, clean, economical, and pollution-free Mass Rapid Transit System in a densely populated area of Pune served by heterogeneous traffic options, according to a statement from the Ministry of Finance.

The EIB loan will be used to help finance the development and operation of two 31.25-kilometer corridors: one from Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation to Swargate and the other from Vanaz to Ramvadi, as well as the procurement of a similar fleet of metro cars.

In addition, the project would benefit a large population of working-class people by providing urban mobility for their livelihood.

The Maharashtra Metro Rail Corporation Ltd is the project's implementation department.

39) Answer: B

Under the Jal Jeevan Mission, Kerala will have about 30 lakh new tap water connections in the current fiscal year.

Kerala presented their Annual Action Plan on preparing and execution of the Jal Jeevan Mission, according to the Jal Shakti Ministry.

Kerala has more than 67 lakh rural households, with more than 21 lakh having access to running water.

According to the Ministry, about four lakh connections were given in Kerala in the previous fiscal year.

By 2024, the state intends to achieve the 'Har Ghar Jal' target.

The Ministry has urged the State to make household coverage in SC/ST majority areas and Aspirational districts a top priority.

Jal Jeevan Mission is the flagship programme of the Central Government, which aims to provide household tap water connection to every rural household by 2024.

40) Answer: D

All MLAs in Gujarat will be required to set aside a minimum of 50 lakh rupees from their local area development fund to upgrade hospital facilities.

The decision was made by the Gujarat government at a meeting of the Core Committee for Covid Control.

Every MLA in Gujarat will be forced to use their local area development fund to purchase medical equipment for hospitals, according to the Gujarat government.

This would aid in the modernization of medical facilities in civil hospitals, district hospitals, community health centres, primary health centres, and civic hospitals.

MLAs will allocate funds to hospitals in their constituencies, according to official sources.

MLAs can also donate their grants to the hospitals run

by charitable trusts on a no-profit basis.

41) Answer: C

Mother's Day is a long-standing tradition of honouring the women in our lives who have raised us, comforted us, and, well, mothered us.

Everyone has one or knows someone who treats them like a mother.

On the second Sunday in May, we pay tribute to the women who have raised us.

Mother's Day is a holiday celebrating a family's or individual's mother, as well as motherhood, maternal ties, and mothers' impact in society.

Anna Jarvis, who had the idea of celebrating Mother's Day in honour of mothers and motherhood in 1907, was the founder of Mother's Day.

This day was declared a national holiday in 1914.

42) Answer: D

Agricultural Production Commissioner Gagandeep Singh Bedi has been appointed as Commissioner of Greater Chennai Corporation, replacing G Prakash, in yet another round of bureaucratic reshuffle by the new DMK administration.

During the lockdown last year, Singh was a driving force behind the 'e-thottam' initiative.

43) Answer: E

On May 08, 2021, Former Two Indian Hockey Players Maharaj Krishan Kaushik & Ravinder Pal Singh Passed Away.

Maharaj Krishan Kaushik was 66 and Ravinder Pal Singh was 60.

Both the players were the members of the Indian hockey team that won the gold medal in 1980 Summer Olympics at Moscow.

44) Answer: D

Anurag Thakur, Minister of State for Finance, claims that 1.5 lakh doses of Sputnik V have already arrived in India, and that the Russian Direct Financial Commitment Fund has partnered with regional Indian companies for bulk manufacturing.

Mr Thakur elaborated on measures taken by the Centre to deal with the COVID pandemic in response to a letter written by Congress leader MallukarjunKharage to Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Mr Thakur claimed that IAF transport planes flew 50 sorties, airlifting 61 oxygen containers with a capacity of 1142 MT from abroad.

Naval ships – Kolkata, Kochi, Tabar, Trikand, Jalashwa and Airavat – have been deployed for shipment of liquid clinical oxygen-filled cryogenic containers and associated healthcare devices from numerous nations in the Center East and South-East Asia.

45) Answer: C

On May 06, 2021, Tennis players Rafael Nadal and Naomi Osaka picked up the Laureus Sportsman and Sportswoman of the Year awards.

About Naomi Osaka :

This is Osaka's second Laureus Sports Awards.

In 2019, she won the "Breakthrough of the Year" award.

46) Answer: B

Union Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank has donated Rs 1.5 crore from his Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLAD) fund to help combat the second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic in his Lok Sabha constituency of Haridwar.

Baba Barfani, Base Hospital, Mela Hospital, and Civil Hospital Roorkee are among the four Dedicated Covid

Health Centres (DCHC) in Haridwar that will benefit from the funds.

47) Answer: E

The Employees State Insurance Corporation, which is part of the Ministry of Labour and Employment, has built oxygen generation plants at two of its hospitals in the Delhi NCR.

A 440 litres per minute (LPM) plant at the ESIC Hospital and Medical College in Faridabad and a 220 LPM plant at the ESIC Hospital in Jhilmil, New Delhi, are among them.

The Corporation is assisting in the war against Covid-19 by turning 30 hospitals around the country into Covid Dedicated facilities.

There are approximately 4200 beds in these hospitals, including 300 ICU beds and 250 ventilator beds.

All people of the country now have access to the service.

A dashboard has also been started to facilitate beneficiaries to know about availability of beds in these hospitals.

48) Answer: C

Himant Biswa Sarma, the leader of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), will be sworn in as the new chief minister of Assam, a day after being elected "unanimously" as the BJP's legislature party's leader in the state.

Assam governor Jagdish Mukhi administered the oath of office to Sarma in Guwahati, making him the state's 15th chief minister.

Central observers Narendra Singh Tomar and Arun Singh were present at the BJP legislature party meeting in Guwahati.

49) Answer: D

Pressure swing adsorption (PSA) oxygen plants were inaugurated at Dr Radhakrishnan Government Medical

College in Hamirpur and Jawahar Lal Nehru Government Medical College in Chamba by Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur.

From Shimla, the CM practically threw open the plants.

The plant in Chamba has been operational for some time and has a capacity of 400 PLM, while the plant in Hamirpur has a capacity of 300 PLM.

Both plants, he said, would ensure a constant supply of oxygen to patients admitted to both schools.

To meet the state's demand, the state government has approached the union government about raising the state's oxygen quota from 15 to 30 MT.

50) Answer: B

The National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation (NHIDCL) of the Road Transport and Highways Ministry delivered four critical care life support ambulances to the Union Territory of Ladakh.

The ambulances were flagged off for public service by Ladakh MP Jamyang Tsering Namgyal.

In the presence of Leh Hill Council CEC Tashi Gyalton, MP Jamyang, and Leh DC Shrikant Suse, Leh CMO Dr. DorjeMotup received the vehicles after Principal Secretary of UT Administration Pawan Kotwal inaugurated.

51) Answer: C

N.V. Ramana, the Chief Justice of India, has established an official mobile application for journalists to cover the Supreme Court's proceedings.

The new 'Indicative Notes' function aims to provide brief explanations of major decisions in an easy-to-understand style.

When it comes to the legal process in our country, Chief Justice Ramana emphasised that transparency is a time-honored ideal.

The portable application will assist writers with covering

the Supreme Court procedures in a capable and reasonable manner from the solace and wellbeing of their homes, considering the developing worries of the COVID pandemic.

The Chief Justice likewise educated that the Supreme Court is additionally examining to broadcast live procedures of the legal disputes in the pinnacle court, for which the interaction of additional contemplations and agreement is now in progress.

52) Answer: D

Executive Mario Draghi has designated representative Elisabetta Belloni as the top of Italy's government agent organization, the principal lady to lead the Department of Information Security (DIS).

Belloni, 62, has since 2016 been secretary general of the unfamiliar service – the top occupation in the conciliatory help.

53) Answer: E

In Gujarat, 'Maru Gam – Corona Mukta Gam' or My Village – Corona Free Village – crusade dispatched by the state government has helped in checking the spread of Covid-19 in provincial regions.

Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani had dispatched this 15-day crusade on the first of May on the event of the state's establishment day.

The mission was dispatched to check the spread of contamination due to Covid at town level to guarantee the townspeople stay liberated from the pandemic.

54) Answer: D

As per an assertion delivered by the Ministry of Finance, the private task – 'Rivali Park', arranged in rural Mumbai, was the principal lodging project in the nation to have gotten subsidizing under the public authority's SWAMIH Fund, overseen by the SBICap adventures.

Account Minister Nirmala Sitharaman gave over belonging to home purchasers practically as the Center's Special Window for Affordable and Mid-

Income Housing (SWAMIH) finished its first private venture.

55) Answer: B

Low-cost carrier GoAir has rebranded itself as Go First after 15 years, the company announced.

The purpose of the revamp is to fully embrace the ultra-low-cost airline model to gain an advantage over its peers.

The carrier is aiming at young travellers with the rebrand.

The airline was preparing for an initial share sale to raise funds for its ambitious expansion plans.

The Go First as ULCC (ultra-low-cost carrier) would operate single aircraft type across its fleet, which currently has both Airbus A320 and A320Neos (new engine option) planes in operation

56) Answer: C

Worldwide Museum Day is a global day held yearly close by 18 May, facilitated by the International Council of Museums.

The topic for IMD 2021 is 'The Future of Museums – Recover and Reimagine'.

ICOM has welcomed historical center experts and the local area to offer imaginative plans of action to defeat the monetary, social and ecological changes which they are looking right now.

The occasion features a particular subject which changes each year to mirror the premise of the worldwide gallery local area's distractions.

57) Answer: D

On May 17, 2021, Union Defense Minister Rajnath Singh and Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan dispatched the main clump of medication 2-deoxy-D-glucose

medication to treat Covid-19 patients.

It has been created by DRDO's Institute of Nuclear Medicine and Allied Sciences (INMAS) in a joint effort with Dr Reddy's Laboratories.

Around 2-DG Drug :

The 2-DG (2-deoxy-D-glucose) is an enemy of COVID-19 helpful use of the medication.

It got Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) endorsement for crisis use after the medication was discovered to be ok for treating COVID-19 patients in its stage 2 preliminaries.

It helps in quicker recuperation of hospitalized patients and diminishes oxygen reliance.

58) Answer: E

On May 16, 2021, Former Saurashtra pacer and BCCI match official Rajendrasinh Jadeja Passed away.

He was 66.

Rajendrasinh was one of the best right-arm medium pacers and a surprising all-rounder.

He played 50 top notch matches and 11 List A games, taking 134 and 14 wickets individually.

Rajendrasinh filled in as the BCCI's true ref in 53 five star matches, 18 List A games and 34 T20s.

59) Answer: D

New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Arden beat Fortune's rundown of the world's 50 biggest pioneers and Adar Poonawalla too made it to the rundown.

Chief of Serum Institute of India, Poonawalla is the lone Indian among the main 10 names on the rundown.

Arden has been commended for her proficiency in handling and halting the Covid flood in her country.

Poonawalla, then again, has likewise assumed a critical part in the assembling and providing COVID-19 immunizations.

Different names who caused it to the rundown of top 10 of the main 50 pioneers to incorporate mRNA pioneers; Paypal CEO Daniel H Schulman; NBA Rescuers; Africa Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's John Nkengasong; Ping A's Jessica Tan among others.

60) Answer: E

Bihar government dispatched 'HIT Covid App' to guarantee normal checking and following of those Covid-19 patients, who are in home confinement across the state.

HIT represents home segregation following. Boss Minister Nitish Kumar said the application will help the wellbeing laborers in ordinary checking of home – separated patients.

Prosperity representatives will go to the victims at abiding day by day and feed information inside the application subsequent to estimating their temperature and oxygen stage.

This information will most likely be observed on the locale stage.

In the event that the oxygen stage is under 94, the influenced individual will likely be moved to the nearby dedicated Covid prosperity habitats for right treatment.

61) Answer: C

Jain will lead computerized procedure, execution and appropriation across the organization.

Vodafone Idea Ltd (VIL) has named Reema Jain as its Chief Digital Officer. She joins the telecom administrator from Unilever, where she was its head.

Be that as it may, the organization figured out how to draw in senior ability including Jagbir Singh who joined

as the new CTO.

It additionally delegated Vivek Jain as the leader VP of advertising and Mathan Babu Kasilingam as chief VP of innovation security.

62) Answer: C

World Bee Day is praised on May 20.

The topic of World Bee Day 2021 is: Bee Engaged – Build Back Better for Bees.

On this day Anton Janša, the pioneer of beekeeping, was brought into the world in 1734.

The motivation behind the global day is to recognize the part of honey bees and different pollinators for the biological system.

The U.N. has assigned May 20 as the day to commend these acclaimed pollinators.

"There are 20,000 types of honey bees all throughout the planet and a ton of these honey bees are in decrease," says honey bee master Hien Ngo.

63) Answer: C

Global Tea Day is noticed yearly on May 21, as per the United Nations.

The goal was received on December 21, 2019 and approaches the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization to lead the recognition of the Day.

The justification UN observing May 21 as International Tea Day is that the period of tea creation starts in May in the vast majority of the tea delivering nations.

As indicated by the UN, tea has restorative worth and has the capability of bringing medical advantages to individuals.

64) Answer: D

On May 19, 2021, Veteran Congress leader and former Rajasthan chief minister Jagannath Pahadia Passed

away.

He was 89.

About Jagannath Pahadia :

Pahadia was the chief minister of Rajasthan for about eleven months from June 6, 1980 to July 13, 1981.

65) Answer: E

World Metrology Day is an occasion happening on 20 May commending the International System of Units.

The subject for World Metrology Day 2021 is "Estimation for Health".

The date is the commemoration of the marking of the Meter Convention in 1875.

Metrology is the investigation of estimation.

The World Metrology Day project is as of now acknowledged mutually by the BIPM and the OIML.

World Metrology Day is a yearly festival of the mark of the Meter Convention on 20 May 1875 by agents of seventeen countries.

66) Answer: D

Against Terrorism Day is seen on May 21 in India consistently.

The target behind the recognition of this day is to wean away from the young from psychological warfare and the religion of viciousness by featuring the enduring of average citizens and showing how it is biased to the public interest.

It was on this day in the year 1991 that previous Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi was killed.

This year celebrates Rajiv Gandhi's 30th passing commemoration as India notices Anti-Terrorism Day.

67) Answer: D

The World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialog and Development is a United Nations–endorsed worldwide occasion for the advancement of variety issues.

It is right now celebrated on May 21.

Consistently on 21 May, the World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialog and Development celebrates the lavishness of the world's societies, yet in addition the fundamental part of intercultural discourse for accomplishing harmony and supportable turn of events.

68) Answer: C

Public Missing Children's Day has been celebrated in the United States on May 25, since 1983, when it was first declared by President Ronald Reagan.

It falls around the same time as the International Missing Children's Day, which was set up in 2001.

The 2021 National Missing Children's Day banner challenge champ is Heidy Jimena Perez Veleta from Sunnyside Elementary School around there, Kansas.

Heidy's banner addresses the topic "Bringing Our Missing Children Home," through her bright portrayal of two hands framing a heart.

Missing Children's Day with a function respecting the courageous and excellent endeavors of offices, associations, and people to ensure kids.

69) Answer: D

Tata Consultancy Services' modifying challenge, TCS CodeVita, has won a Guinness World Records title for the world's biggest PC programming rivalry.

"The 10th period of TCS CodeVita has won a Guinness World Records title as the world's biggest PC programming rivalry with 136,054 members from 34 nations".

The 2021 TCS CodeVita contest welcomed understudies from around the world to set their programming abilities in opposition to one another to be positioned among the top understudy software engineers internationally.

70) Answer: E

On May 23, 2021, Phil Mickelson won the PGA Championship by two shots over Brooks Koepka and South African Louis Oosthuizen.

Mickelson (50 Years old) is the most established victor in the 161 years of significant title golf.

He wrapped everything up with a one-over-standard 73 at the Ocean Course that left him at six under on the week.

The triumph by Mickelson denoted the 6th significant title win of his vocation and first since the 2013 British Open.

Mickelson turned into the tenth player to win studies thirty years, a world class list that begins with Harry Vardon and was most as of late accomplished by Tiger Woods.

71) Answer: B

Association Health Minister Dr. Unforgiving Vardhan seats 74th World Health Assembly.

Chief General of the World Health Organization Dr Tedros was likewise present on the event.

Featuring the accomplishments of the 148th meeting, which was held from eighteenth January to 26th January 2021, Dr Harsh Vardhan noticed that the Board called for additional endeavors to guarantee reasonable and fair admittance to COVID-19 immunizations through the COVAX Facility and urged WHO to work intimately with World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) to distinguish the zoonotic wellspring of the infection.

The Board underscored the significance of embracing a 'One Health' approach following thought of a report on

enemy of microbial opposition and invited Member State's support in the update of the Codex Code of Practice to Minimize and Contain Foodborne Antimicrobial Resistance."

72) Answer: D

Jharkhand has clinched the first position in the recent ranking released by the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India, based on the progress of the implementation of the Smart City Mission's schemes running in different 100 cities of the Country's 36 states and union territories.

At the same time, Jharkhand's Capital Ranchi has risen to 12th position in terms of progress of the ongoing mission plans in 100 cities.

On the other hand, Delhi is at number 11 in the list of States and Union Territories and Bihar at number 27 and New Delhi Municipal Corporation is at number 41 and Bihar Capital Patna at 68th position in the list of cities.

The Urban and Housing Development Department, Government of Jharkhand informed this through a press note.

73) Answer: E

Guardiola's honor came only days after it was reported that City safeguard Ruben Dias had been casted a ballot the footballer of the year by England's Football Writers Association.

London Manchester City's Pep Guardiola has been named administrator of the year by England's League Managers' Association.

City completed 12 focuses in front of second-put Manchester United and furthermore won a fourth sequential League Cup, beating Tottenham Hotspur 1-0 at Wembley in April.

Guardiola's group takes on Chelsea in the Champions League last.

74) Answer: C

The Indian Council for Cultural Relations is likely to institute 'Annapurna Award' for Indian restaurants abroad that attract the highest footfall of local non-NRI people.

ICCR president Vinay Sahasrabudde recently made the announcement on the occasion of the fourth Deendayal Upadhyay Memorial International Oration, it said, noting that Chicago-based food historian Collin Taylor Sen also spoke on India's culinary culture as soft power.

Observing that India's influence on world's cuisine is greater than that of any other civilization, Sen said vegetarianism and Ayurveda-based food are two most significant contributions of the country to global food traditions.

75) Answer: B

Padma Bhushan awardee Dr D Nageshwar Reddy, who is also the chairman of AIG Hospitals, has won the highest honour from the American Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ASGE) — the Rudolf V Schindler Award.

Dr D Nageshwar Reddy has received the Rudolf V Schindler award in the annual Crystal Award of American Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ASGE), one of the apex bodies of GI Endoscopy, a press release said.

Named after Dr Schindler, who is widely considered as 'father of gastroscopy', the Rudolf V Schindler award is the highest category in the Crystal Awards of ASGE.

76) Answer: E

World Thyroid Day happens on 25th May every year.

World Thyroid Day targets expanding public familiarity with thyroid infections, in particular the significance of their convenient finding, treatment and anticipation.

Thyroid problems are exceptionally normal around the world; they influence individuals, everything being

equal, and have an enormous scope of manifestations.

The Department of Health (DOH) joins the remainder of the world in noticing the International Thyroid Awareness Week (ITAW) and World Thyroid Day (WTD) 2021, with the topic "Mother-Baby-Iodine: The Importance of Iodine on the Woman and her Baby", which intends to bring issues to light on Iodine Deficiency Disorders on ladies of regenerative age, particularly pregnant and lactating moms, and on kids during their initial 1000 days of life from origination.

77) Answer: D

Outside Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar met UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres in New York and examined the COVID challenge, underlining the significance of discovering dire and compelling worldwide immunization arrangements.

In his first up close and personal communication with the UN boss since India entered the UN Security Council as a non-lasting part in January this year, Jaishankar likewise referenced that the countering illegal intimidation and radicalization remain needs for the whole area.

He featured India's helpful part in UNSC and passed on needs of the country's Presidency in August.

78) Answer: C

The UK is working with the World Health Organization (WHO) to dispatch 'worldwide pandemic radar' to recognize arising COVID-19 variations and track new infections all throughout the planet.

Executive Boris Johnson reported the plans, in front of the Global Health Summit facilitated by Italy and the European Union (EU).

The radar is required to be completely ready for action with an organization of observation centers before the finish of 2021, with the point of essentially improving worldwide wellbeing security going into one year from now.

79) Answer: B

The International Financial Services Centers Authority (IFSCA) has been set up as a bound together controller to create and manage monetary items, monetary administrations and monetary organizations in the International Financial Service Centers (IFSCs) in India.

The Fund Industry has been assuming an undeniably significant part in intermediating between searchers of capital and financial backers.

IFSC has been effectively captivating with partners to upgrade the Global reach of GIFT-IFSC.

The administrative methodology has been to benchmark with Global Standards and receives a facilitative structure to give simplicity of tasks to searcher just as supplier of capital.

80) Answer: E

Web tech goliaths including Facebook, WhatsApp, and Twitter could be in a tough situation as they are yet to completely consent to the upgraded IT rules declared by the Government in February.

Under the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021 (IL Rules), endorsed by the Center under Section 79 of the IT Act, web-based media organizations and online elements, including OTT players like Netflix and Amazon Prime, where to set up an oversight component for computerized media and online curated content.

They were approached to delegate boss consistence officials, who might be liable for bringing down shocking substance/posts inside 24 hours of accepting a grumbling from skillful specialists.

81) Answer: C

CPM's MB Rajesh was chosen the Speaker of the fifteenth Kerala Assembly with help from 96 officials in the 140-part Assembly.

While Rajesh's triumph was an inevitable end product because of the LDF's beast larger part in the Assembly,

UDF had assigned Kundara MLA PC Vishnunath as its competitor.

The UDF competitor got backing of 40 administrators.

The LDF and UDF have 99 and 41 administrators in the Assembly individually.

82) Answer: D

Senior IPS officer from Maharashtra Subodh Kumar Jaiswal will be the new Director of the Central Bureau of Investigation.

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet approved his name from a shortlist prepared by the high power panel, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Justice NV Ramana.

"The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has, based on the panel recommended by the Committee, approved the appointment of Shri Subodh Kumar Jaiswal as Director, Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) for a period of two years".

83) Answer: E

Hockey India has won the lofty Etienne Glichitch Award in acknowledgment of its commitment to the development and advancement of the game in the country.

The honors were reported by the game's overseeing body FIH during the Hockey Invites virtual meeting.

It was important for its 47th FIH Congress which closed with the FIH Honorary Awards.

"Hockey India was reported as the champs of the Etienne Glichitch Award in acknowledgment of its surprising commitment to the development and improvement of Hockey".

The honor offers acknowledgment to various people, groups and associations for their extraordinary commitments to the game of hockey.

84) Answer: C

The Kerala Infrastructure and Technology for Education (KITE) under the Department of General Education has won the Social Media for Empowerment Awards South Asia (SM4E) award for using social media for social empowerment to ensure digital education through the 'First Bell; programme in the state.

The award was in the category 'Innovations @Covid19'.

General Education Minister V Sivankutty congratulated the KITE for achieving the milestone.

85) Answer: D

The Union Cabinet, led by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has allowed ex-present facto endorsement on the Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) went into by Institute of Cost Accountants of India (ICoAI) and Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) with different Foreign Countries/Organizations.

The Institute of Cost Accountants of India (ICoAI) and the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) have marked MoUs with unfamiliar associations in particular Institute of Public Accountants (IPA), Australia, Chartered Institute for Securities and Investment, UK (CISI), Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA), UK, Institute of Certified Management Accountants, Sri Lanka and Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators (ICSA), UK.

The marked MoUs would help in progression of the objectives on value, public responsibility and development among the recipients' nations.

86) Answer: C

Feminine Hygiene Day is a yearly appreciation day on May 28 to feature the significance of good feminine cleanliness the board at a worldwide level.

The current year's topic is 'Activity and Investment in Menstrual Hygiene and Health.'

It was started by the German-based NGO WASH United

in 2014.

The target behind this day is to make mindfulness among each individual with respect to the difficulties and difficulties young ladies and ladies face during period.

87) Answer: D

On May 26, 2021, Eminent Gandhian and political dissident HS Doreswamy died,

He was 103.

About HS Doreswamy

Brought into the world on April 10, 1918, Bangalore.

He participated in the Quit India development and was imprisoned for a very long time from 1943 to 1944.

He was likewise a columnist and ran a paper called Paura Vani, what voiced the yearnings of a free India.

88) Answer: E

Traditionalist Guillermo Lasso expected the administration of Ecuador, turning into the nation's first conservative innovator in quite a while.

The 65-year-old previous broker beat left-wing financial analyst Andres Arauz in a second-adjust run a month ago and succeeded the tremendously disliked Lenin Moreno.

He acquires an oil-delivering nation doing combating financial and wellbeing emergencies with the Covid pandemic having tainted just about 420,000 individuals and murdered more than 20,000, as indicated by an AFP tally.

89) Answer: B

Mata'afa was confirmed as the country's first female executive at an exceptional function in a tent external parliament after the island country's long-serving ruler would not surrender power and requested the

entryways of the structure to be bolted.

Fiamé Naomi Mata'afa made the vow of office in a marquee in the parliament's nurseries, leaving vulnerability over who controls the Pacific island country.

The Federated States of Micronesia became the first country to recognize her as the legitimate Prime Minister of Samoa.

90) Answer: C

Following a one-year stand by, the Punjab Government at last declared to rename the Mohali International Hockey Stadium, Sector 63, after triple Olympian and Padma Shri Balbir Singh Sr.

The arena will presently be known as Olympian Balbir Singh Senior International Hockey Stadium.

"Because of specific conditions, the task got postponed.

We had chosen a year ago to commit this arena to Balbir Singh Sr.

His commitment towards advancing hockey is gigantic and unparalleled," referenced by Punjab Sports Minister Rana Gurmit Singh Sodhi, who officially made the declaration on the primary passing commemoration of the amazing hockey player and mentor.

91) Answer: C

The International Day of Light is praised on 16 May every year, the commemoration of the main effective activity of the laser in 1960 by physicist and designer, Theodore Maiman.

The subject for International Day of Families 2021 is 'Families and new advancements'.

It centers around the effect of new advances on the prosperity of families.

This day is a call to fortify logical participation and saddle its capability to encourage harmony and

maintainable turn of events.

92) Answer: D

Public Gallery of Modern Art will begin a month long online summer workshop-NAIMISHA 2021.

Culture Ministry has said that this remarkable craftsmanship holiday will give a stage to make and draw in with expressions of the human experience.

The current term of the program is seventeenth May to thirteenth June.

The arranged workshops and hosts of related occasions are relied upon to start creative mind, inventiveness and interest in visual and other related expressions.

The thought behind planning and conveying on the web intuitive projects is to give an inventive outlet to youngsters, and undoubtedly totally intrigued grown-ups.

93) Answer: E

The International Invincible Gold Medal of this year has been conferred on Union Training Minister Dr Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank.

Maharshi Organization's around the globe president Dr Tony Nader, states that Dr. Nishank has been recognized for his remarkable determination and excellent support to humanity through his writings, social and illustrious general public lifetime.

The choice was built soon after thanks deliberations by a high-driven committee duly constituted underneath the leadership of Dr Tony Nader.

94) Answer: B

In Tennis, Polish young person Iga Swiatek (19 Years) has won the Women's Singles title of Italian Open.

She had entered the finals in the wake of destroying 17-year-old American Coco Gauff 7-6, 6-3 in the last four.

She Defeated Czech Karolina Pliskova 6-0, 6-0 with what

is known as a "twofold bagel" score in the highest point conflict in Rome that endured only 46 minutes.

Iga Swiatek will move into the best 10 of WTA Rankings without precedent for her profession after a heartless execution in the Italian Open last against previous World No. 1 Karolina Pliskova

95) Answer: D

On May 15, 2021, Veteran writer Sunil Jain Passed away.

He was 58.

About Sunil Jain :

He was the overseeing proofreader of the Financial Express.

He was the Business Editor at the Indian Express and worked in basic senior jobs at Business Standard and the Financial Express.

96) Answer: E

World Telecommunication and Information Society Day is a worldwide day announced in November 2006 by the International Telecommunication Union Plenipotentiary Conference in Antalya, Turkey, to be commended yearly on 17 May.

The subject of World Telecommunication Day 2021 is: Accelerating advanced change in testing times.

From youngsters' school instruction to grown-ups' telecommuting and significant exercises like banking and surprisingly keeping in contact with family, the pretended by telecom has gotten vital.

The Day celebrates the establishing of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) on 17 May, 1865.

In this manner, The World Telecommunication and Information Society Day is devoted to the development of correspondence and how data traversed the world.

97) Answer: C

The DRDO-created 'Oxycare' framework for officers, which is utilized in high elevation regions where oxygen levels drop, will currently be utilized for Covid patients.

A sum of 1,50,000 units worth Rs 322 crore will be bought under the PM Cares Fund.

Oxycare is a SpO2-based oxygen supply framework, which directs oxygen that is regulated to patients dependent on the detected SpO2 levels.

The Ministry of Defense expressed that PM Cares Fund has agreed authorization for acquisition of 1, 50,000 units of 'Oxycare' framework created by Defense Research and Development Organization (DRDO) at an expense of Rs 322.5 crore.

98) Answer: D

Sikkim commends its statehood day on May 16. The 45th State Day of Sikkim was seen in a short capacity held here at Chintan Bhawan.

The capacity was gone to by Governor Ganga Prasad as the central visitor, while boss clergyman Prem Singh Tamang was available as the visitor of honor.

Association Information and Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar stretched out good tidings to individuals of Sikkim on the event of Sikkim State Foundation Day.

Lead representative, boss priest and different dignitaries offered laurels and honored the sculpture of Padma Vibhushan Late Kazi Lhendup Dorji Khangsarpa, the primary boss priest of Sikkim.

The sixteenth day of May is being praised as the State Day, the day when Sikkim turned into the 22nd condition of the Indian Union in 1975.

99) Answer: B

Railroads appointed Wi-Fi at 6,000 Railway stations in five years.

A rail route has charged Wi-Fi at 6,000 Railway stations in five years.

Railroad Ministry educated,, Indian Railways keeps on adding to Digital India drive and associate various pieces of the country with rapid Wi-Fi office.

With the appointing of Wi-Fi at Hazaribagh Town falling under Hazaribagh locale of Jharkhand state in Dhanbad Division of East Central Railway as on 15.05.2021, Indian Railways dispatched Wi-Fi at 6,000 Railway stations.

100) Answer: E

Amazon has dispatched another video web-based feature, called miniTV.

The help offers clients "expertly" made and curated content across web arrangement, satire shows, tech news, food, magnificence, design and that's only the tip of the iceberg.

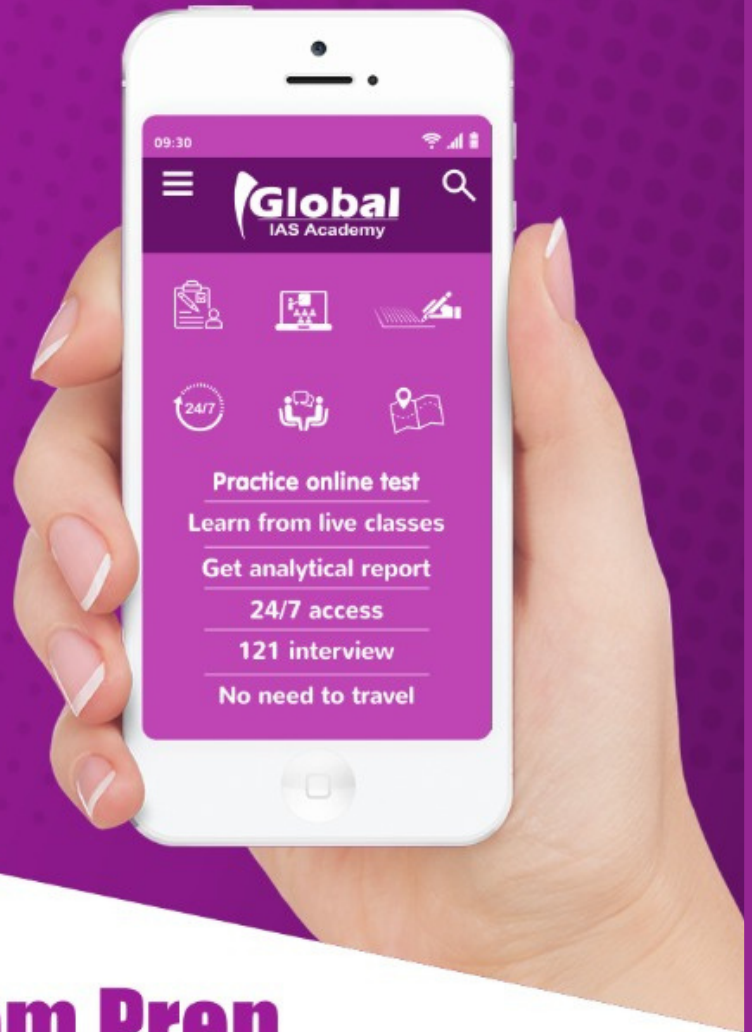
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