

GENERAL AWARENESS-CURRENT AFFAIRS
MONTH OF APRIL-2021

List of Important Days

- April 01 - Utkal Divas or Odisha Day.
- April 02 - International Children's Book Day (ICBD). (Theme - "The Music of Words.")
- April 02 - World Autism Awareness Day.
- April 04 - International Mine Awareness Day.
- April 05 - International Day of Conscience.
- April 06 - International Day of Sport for Development and Peace.
- April 07 - World Health Day.
- April 09 - Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) Valour Day (Shaurya Diwas).
- April 10 - World Homeopathy Day.
- April 11 - World Parkinson's Day.
- April 11 - National Safe Motherhood Day.
- April 12 - International Day of Human Space Flight.
- April 13 - International Turban Day.
- April 14 - Ambedkar Jayanti (Bhim Jayanti).
- April 14 - World Chagas Disease Day.
- April 15 - Himachal Day.
- April 16 - World Voice Day. (Theme - "ONE WORLD | MANY VOICES")
- April 17 - World Hemophilia Day. (Theme - "Adapting to Change: Sustaining care in a new world")
- April 19 - World Liver Day.
- April 20 - UN Chinese Language Day.
- April 21 - National Civil Services Day.
- April 22 (fourth Thursday in April) - International Girls in ICT Day.
- April 22 - International Mother Earth Day. (Theme - "Restore Our Earth")
- April 23 - UN English Language Day & UN Spanish Language Day.
- April 23 - World Book and Copyright Day (also known as 'International Day of the Book' and 'World Book Day').
- April 24 - World Day for Laboratory Animals.
- April 24 - National Panchayati Raj Day.
- April 24 - International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace.
- April 24 - World Veterinary Day. (Theme - "Veterinarian response to the COVID-19 crisis")
- April 25 - World Malaria Day. (Theme - "Reaching the Zero Malaria Target")
- April 25 - International Delegate's Day.
- April 26 - International Chernobyl Disaster Remembrance Day.

- April 26 - World Intellectual Property Day. (Theme - "Intellectual property and small businesses: Taking big ideas to market")
- April 28 - Workers' Memorial Day or International Commemoration Day for Dead and Injured Workers. (Theme - "Health and Safety is a fundamental workers' right")
- April 28 - World Day for Safety and Health at Work. (Theme - "Anticipate, prepare and respond to crises - Invest Now in Resilient Occupational Safety and Health Systems")
- April 29 - International Dance Day. (Theme - "Purpose of dance")
- April 30 - International Jazz Day.
- April 30 - Ayushman Bharat Diwas.
- Last week of April - World Immunization Week. (Theme - "Vaccines bring us closer")

Reserve Bank of India

- The Reserve Bank of India has increased the **limit** for Way and Means Advances (WMA) for the **State Governments/UTs** from Rs. 32,225 crore (fixed in February 2016) to **Rs. 47,010 crore** based on the recommendation of a **committee** headed by **Shri Sudhir Shrivastava**.
 - This represents an increase of about 46%.
- The Reserve Bank of India has enhanced the limit of **maximum balance** at end of the day maintained in **Payments Bank** from Rs 1 lakh to **Rs.2 lakh** per individual customer.
- In a major move in the online payments segments, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has decided to allow payment system operators to take **direct membership** of Centralized Payment Systems (CPS), such as **RTGS** and **NEFT**.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued a show-cause notice prior to **cancelling** the licence of fraud-hit **Sambandh Finserve Pvt Ltd**.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has **cancelled** the licence of Maharashtra-based **Bhagyodaya Friends Urban Co-operative Bank Limited** due to inadequate capital.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has **capped** the **tenure** of Managing Director and Chief Executive of commercial banks to **15 years**.
 - The same limit will also be applicable to whole-time directors (WTD). This means that the same incumbent cannot hold the post for more than 15 years.
 - The revised instructions will be applicable to all the Private Sector Banks including Small Finance Banks (SFBs) and wholly owned subsidiaries of Foreign Banks. However, it will not be applicable to foreign banks operating as branches in India.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has joined the **Central Banks and Supervisors Network** for Greening the Financial System (NGFS) as a member.
 - Green finance assumed significance in the context of climate change.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) will be set up a new **Regulations Review Authority** (RRA 2.0) from May 1, 2021, to review the regulations, circulars, reporting systems and compliance procedures of the central bank for streamlining them and making them more effective.
 - The RRA will be set up for a period of one year unless the timeline is extended by the RBI.

State Bank of India

- India's largest lender, **State Bank of India**, has raised **\$1 billion** from **Japan Bank** for International Cooperation (**JBIC**) to extend loans to the supply chain of the **Japanese automobile industry** in India.

Other Banks

- **Axis Bank** has entered into a **Share Purchase Agreement** for sale of 100 per cent stake in its subsidiary, Axis Bank UK Limited to OpenPayd Holdings Ltd.

- **SBI Funds Management Pvt. Ltd** has informed that it has become the first mutual fund house in India to **cross the Rs.5 lakh crore average assets** under management (AAUM) mark.
 - SBI MF has seen a growth of 35% during the financial year 2020-21, with its average AUM increasing from Rs.3.73 lakh crore to Rs.5.04 lakh crore.
- **Airtel Payments Bank** launched its new '**Rewards 123**' savings account, which provides customers with perks and rewards.
 - The Rewards 123 Savings Account is built specifically that allows you to get access to a variety of perks when you save and transact digitally.
- **Axis Bank Ltd** informed it has become co-promoters of **Max Life Insurance Company Limited**, after completion of the acquisition of 12.99% stake collectively by the Axis Entities in the company.
- The UP-based **Shivalik Small Finance Bank Limited** commenced operations as a Small Finance Bank (SFB) with effect from April 26, 2021.
 - It must be remembered that the Shivalik Mercantile Co-operative Bank (SMCB) is the first urban co-operative bank (UCB) in India to receive licence from RBI to operate as a Small Finance Bank (SFB).
- The **ICICI Bank** has announced the launch of a digital and contactless banking platform, especially for retail merchants.
 - The service, called '**Merchant Stack**', is targeted at the over 2 crore retail merchants in the country, covering grocers, supermarkets, large retail store chains, online businesses and large e-commerce firms.

Supreme Court

- The Supreme Court ruled on April 9, 2021 that people **above** the age of **18 years** are **free to choose their religion**.
 - The ruling was delivered by an SC bench comprising Justices RF Nariman, BR Gavai and Hrishikesh Roy.

Central Government

- The central government has declared **April 14, Dr BR Ambedkar's birthday** a public holiday.
 - The country already celebrates his birthday as Ambedkar Jayanti every year.
- The Government of **India** recently announced that it is fully prepared to implement mandatory **hallmarking of gold** artefacts and jewellery from **June 1, 2021**.

States

- **Rajasthan** started the registration for its **Mukhya Mantri Chiranjeevi Swasthya Bima Yojana**.
 - Rajasthan has become the first state in the country, where each family will get health insurance of ₹5 lakh each year.
- The **Odisha** state government has proposed a **second biosphere reserve** in the southern part of the state at Mahendragiri. It is a mountain in the Gajapati district of the state.
- The Chief Minister of **Andhra Pradesh**, YS Jagan Mohan Reddy recently released the first tranche of **Rs.672 crores** under the **Jagananna Vidya Deevena Scheme** for the year 2021-22.
 - This reimbursed the fees for 10.88 lakh students.

Personalities

- UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador, **David Beckham**, is fronting a global initiative to inspire confidence in vaccines and encourage parents around the world to vaccinate their children against deadly diseases.

Defence and National Security

- A multinational Military Exercise named '**SHANTIR OGROSHENA**' 2021 (Front Runner of the Peace) was held in **Bangladesh** from April 04 to 12, 2021.
 - Theme - "Robust Peace Keeping Operations".

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has congratulated **DRDO** and DMSRDE Kanpur for developing a **Light Weight Bullet Proof Jacket**.
- The Defence Research and Development Organization (**DRDO**) has developed an **Advanced Chaff Technology** to **safeguard naval ships** against missile attack.
- **Australia** recently launched the Australia-India Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative Partnership.
 - Australia has provided a grant of 1.4 million Australian dollars (Rs 8.12 crores) to support the initiative.
- The 19th edition of the **Indian and French Navy** bilateral exercise '**Varuna-2021**' has started in the **Arabian Sea**.
- The Defence Research and Development Organization has developed a single crystal blade technology as part of their indigenous **helicopter** development program for the helicopter **engine application**.
 - DRDO has also supplied 60 number of crystal blades to **HAL** (Hindustan Aeronautics Limited). Single-crystal blades are used in helicopter engines.
- North Atlantic Treaty Organization (**NATO**) has launched joint military exercises "**DEFENDER-Europe 21**" in **Albania** with thousands of military forces from the **United States** and other countries in the first such large-scale drills since World War II in the Western Balkans.

Schemes/Initiatives

- The Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (**TRIFED**) operating under Ministry of Tribal Affairs recently launched the "**SANKALP SE SIDDDHI**".
 - It is a hundred-day drive. The main aim of the drive is to activate the Van Dhan Vikas Kendras located in tribal villages.
- Union Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr **Harsh Vardhan** along with Union Minister of Tribal Affairs Arjun Munda launched the Tribal Health Collaborative '**Anamaya**' through a video conference on April 07, 2021.
- The Union Education Minister, Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' launched the world's first Microsensor based Explosive Trace Detector (**ETD**) called "**NanoSniffer**".
 - The ETD has been developed by NanoSniff Technologies, an **IIT Bombay** incubated startup.
- **Water Sports and Adventure Institute** (WSAI) has been established by the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (**ITBP**) at **Tehri Dam** in **Uttarakhand**.

Summit/Conference

- Indian Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** holds a virtual summit with **Netherlands** Prime Minister Mark Rutte.
- The opening ceremony of the **Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2021** was held in **Boao**, south China's Hainan Province.
 - Theme - "A World in Change: Join Hands to Strengthen Global Governance and Advance Belt and Road Cooperation".

Agreement/Deal/Signed

- In a bid to promote Ayurveda as the mainstream treatment for the prevalent lifestyle-related diseases, **Vinoba SevaPratisthan** (VSP), in collaboration with the **Ministry of AYUSH**, has successfully organized a 3-day "**Ayurveda Parav** in **Bhubaneswar**.
- **ICICI Bank** and **PhonePe** announced their partnership for the issuance of **FASTag** using **UPI** on the **PhonePe App**.
- The Union Cabinet recently apprised an MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) signed between **India** and **Japan**.

- The MoU was signed between the National Atmospheric Research Laboratory (NARL) that operates under the Department of Space, GoI and the Research Institute for Sustainable Humanosphere called the **RISH** that operates under the Kyoto University of Japan.
- **India** has finalized an **air bubble agreement** with **Sri Lanka**, making it the 6th such arrangement in SAARC region & the 28th in total.
 - All the eligible passengers will be able to travel between the 2 countries in the near future.
- **Singapore** ratified the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (**RCEP**) agreement, the world's largest free trade agreement, led by **China**.
 - In doing so, Singapore became the **first among 15 participating** countries to ratify RCEP. The RCEP must first be ratified by at least six ASEAN and three non-ASEAN member states to come into effect.
- **Bharti Axa Life** and **Fincare Small Finance Bank** have joined hands for a **bancassurance** partnership under which the bank will sell insurance policies to its customers.
- The Government of **India** and **Germany** have signed an agreement for Technical Cooperation in enhancing practices to prevent **plastic from** entering the **marine** environment at a virtual ceremony in New Delhi.
 - The project titled '**Cities Combating Plastic Entering the Marine Environment**' will be implemented for a period of three and a half years.
- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the agreement signed between Government of **India** and the Government of **UK**.
 - The agreement was signed on Customs Cooperation and Mutual Administrative Assistance in Customs matters.
- **Indian Army** signs MoU with Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (**HPCL**) and executing agency National Integrity and Educational Development Organisation (**NIEDO**) for Ladakh Ignited Minds project.

Meet/Visit

- Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs, **Nirmala Sitharaman** has participated virtually in the **Second G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors (FMCBG)** meeting.
 - This meeting held under the **Italian Presidency** to discuss policy responses to global challenges to restore strong, sustainable, balanced and inclusive growth.

Fund

- **Indian** Government has provided Nepali **Rs.800 crores** of grant assistance for strengthening **road infrastructure** in the Terai region in Nepal.
- The **World Bank** and Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (**AIIB**) have approved the loan for **USD 300 million** (about Rs.2190 crore) canal-based drinking water projects in **Punjab**.
- The **World Bank** Board of Executive Directors has approved a **USD 32 million** projects to improve management capacity and quality of health services in **Mizoram**.
- **India** has contributed an additional **\$500,000** to the United Nations **Trust Fund** for Counter-Terrorism, taking the country's donation to the UN office set up to combat terrorism to over \$1 million. With this amount, India's total contribution to it so far is \$1.05 million.
- The **Asian Development Bank** gave its approval to **USD 484 mn** loan to improve the road maintenance and transport connectivity in the Chennai-Kanyakumari Industrial Corridor- CKIC in **Tamil Nadu**.
- **Ghaziabad Nagar Nigam (GNN)** has announced successfully raising and listing India's first **Green Municipal bond issue**. GNN raised ₹150 crores at a cost of 8.1 per cent.
 - Money will be used to clean up dirty water by setting up a tertiary water treatment plant and supply piped water through water meters to places like Sahibabad.

Economy

- The Receivables Exchange of India Ltd (**RXIL**) informed that it had crossed the monthly transaction volumes of **Rs.1000 crore** in **March**.
- Rating agency **Fitch** Ratings has kept the sovereign rating of **India** unchanged at '**BBB-**' with a negative outlook.
 - Earlier, Fitch had estimated GDP contraction of 7.5 per cent in 2020-21 and growth of 12.8 per cent in the fiscal year FY22, followed by 5.8 per cent in FY23.

Companies/Industry

- **Facebook** and **Google** are planning to build new subsea cables from the **US to Singapore** and **Indonesia**.
- Online investment platform **Paytm Money** has set up a new **R&D facility** in **Pune**, Maharashtra, which will drive product innovation, especially in the area of equity, mutual funds, and digital gold.
- Bengaluru-based digital payments and financial services company, **PhonePe** has become the first company to cross **one billion transactions** on Unified Payments Interface (UPI) infrastructure.
- **Bharti Airtel** has entered into an agreement with **Reliance Jio** Infocomm to transfer 'Right to Use' for some of its **800 MHz spectrum** in three circles to the Mukesh Ambani-led firm.
 - Following this agreement, Bharti Airtel will receive a consideration of ₹1,037.6 crores from Reliance Jio for the proposed transfer.
- The Indian Council for Cultural Relations (**ICCR**) tied up with the **Gamapp Sportswizz Tech** Private Limited to launch "**LITTLE GURU**" application.
 - It is a specialized mobile application for **learning Sanskrit**.
 - A Sanskrit learning app '**Little Guru**' has launched in **Bangladesh** by the Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre (IGCC) of the High Commission of India.

Space

- The **United Arab Emirates** named the next two astronauts in its space programme on 10th April, including the country's **first female astronaut**.
 - **Noura al-Matroushi** is the UAE's first female astronaut.
 - The announcement gave no biographical information about her or her male counterpart, **Mohammed al-Mulla**.
- The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) programme will land the first **person of colour** on the **moon** as a part of its **Artemis Programme**.
 - In addition, NASA will also land **first woman on the moon** under the programme.
 - NASA had finalised around 18 astronauts under its Artemis Programme. It included the Indian American **Raja Chari**.
- The Ingenuity **Mars helicopter** of **NASA** has made yet another successful flight on the red planet.
- **China** has named its first-ever Mars rover "**Zhurong**" after an ancient fire god ahead of a landing attempt on the Red Planet in May.
 - The China National Space Administration (CNSA) revealed the name at the sixth China Space Day held in Nanjing. The Chinese name for Mars, "Huoxing," literally means "fire star."
- **China** successfully launches **Tianhe** space station core module into orbit.

Science and Technology

- The **Maharashtra** government has declared an area at **Amboli** in Western ghats in Sindhudurg district, where a **rare freshwater fish species** was discovered, as a biodiversity heritage site.
- A professor and a research associate of Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) **Kanpur** have developed a **sensitive watch** for the use of **visually impaired people**.

- **Met Office** and **Microsoft** are to build a **weather forecasting supercomputer** in the **UK**.
 - The UK Government is to invest **1.2 billion** Pound Sterling in the project.

Health/Diseases/Drugs

- The **World Health Organisation** recently announced that it will provide **4000 Oxygen Concentrators** to **India** to help the country in its fight against COVID-19.
 - The **UK** recently sent **495 Oxygen Concentrators** and 140 ventilators to India.
 - **Ireland** announced that it is preparing to send 700 oxygen concentrators to India.
 - **Saudi Arabia** recently shipped 80 tonnes of Oxygen to India.

Energy/Gas/Oil

- The biggest **floating solar power plant** of India is to be set up at **Ramagundam in Telangana**. The capacity of the solar power plant is 100 MW.
- The **Barakah nuclear power plant** in the **United Arab Emirates'** began its commercial operations.
- India's first Floating Storage and Regasification Unit (**FSRU**) has arrived at H-Energy's Jaigarh Terminal in the Ratnagiri district of **Maharashtra**, on the west coast of India.

Transport/Cars/Scooters

- Indian Railways' **West Central Railway** zone gets **fully electrified**, after CCRS Inspection and Commissioning of electrification of Kota - Chittaurgarh railway section (Srinagar - Jalindri) in the state of **Rajasthan**.
 - West Central Railways has become the **first fully electrified** railway zone in the country.

Films and Film Festival

- Chloé Zhao's "**Nomadland**" has won **best picture** at the 93rd Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences (AMPAS) award.
 - China-born **Zhao** has become the first woman of color to win **best director** and a historically diverse group of winners took home awards.
 - Zhao is also only the **second woman** in Oscar history to win the Academy award.
 - The Chinese born film maker **Chloe Zhao** has become the **first Asian woman** to win the **Best director** at the **Academy Awards**. She won the award for her film **Nomadland**.

Appointments/Election (or) Latest who is who?

- **Subhash Kumar** has assumed the additional charge as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (**ONGC**) on April 01, 2021.
 - Kumar succeeds incumbent CMD, **Shashi Shanker**, who superannuated on March 31, 2021.
- Senior IAS officer, **Mukhmeet S. Bhatia** took over the charge of Director General of Employees' State Insurance Corporation (**ESIC**).
- Former Quality Council of India (QCI) chief **Adil Zainulbhai** has appointed chairman of **Capacity Building Commission**.
 - The government has approved a commission under National Programme for Civil Services Capacity Building (NPCSCB), also known as 'Mission Karmayogi', to train civil servants at all levels.
- Chairman and Managing Director of Tractors and Farm Equipment (TAFE) Limited, **Mallika Srinivasan** has been appointed as the chairperson of the Public Enterprises Selection Board (**PESB**).
- Former Reserve Bank of India Governor **Dr Urjit Patel** has been appointed as Additional Director of **Britannia** Industries with effect from 31st March 2021 for the tenure of 5 years.
- **Digit Insurance** has roped in cricketer **Virat Kohli** as its brand ambassador.
- **Shabir Hussein Shekhadam Khandwawala**, who has served as the Gujarat Director General of Police (DGP) before, is the new **BCCI** Anti-Corruption Unit chief.
 - He takes over from **Ajit Singh** whose tenure ended on March 31.

- President Ram Nath Kovind has appointed Justice **N V Ramana** as the 48th **Chief Justice of India**, accepting the recommendation made by the outgoing CJI SA Bobde.
- Noted socio-technologist, **Dr Chintan Vaishnav** has been appointed the mission director of **Atal Innovation Mission (AIM)**, the government's flagship initiative under NITI Aayog.
 - Vaishnav will take over from **Ramanathan Ramanan** later this month.
- Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, the director-general of the World Health Organization (WHO), appointed **Carl Bildt** as **WHO Special Envoy** for the Access to COVID-19 Tools Accelerator (ACT-Accelerator). Bildt succeeds **Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala** and **Andrew Witty** in the special envoy role.
- The Central Government has approved the appointment of **Tarun Bajaj** as the new **Revenue Secretary** under the Ministry of Finance.
- The government has appointed **S Ramann** as Chairman and Managing Director of Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI).
- **Kosovo's** parliament elected **Vjosa Osmani** as the country's new **president**.
- Bollywood actor **Sonu Sood** has been made the **brand ambassador** for **Punjab's anti-coronavirus vaccination** programme.
- **Niger's** newly-elected President Mohamed Bazoum appointed **Ouhoumoudou Mahamadou** as the country's new **Prime Minister** on April 3, 2021.
- **Poonam Gupta** will be the new director-general of the policy think tank National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER).
 - Gupta will succeed the current head of the think tank, **Shekhar Shah**, to become the first woman to hold the post.
 - Currently, Gupta is the lead economist at the World Bank in Washington DC.
- The incumbent Election Commissioner (EC) **Sushil Chandra** has been named to become the next **Chief Election Commissioner (CEC)** of India.
 - He will replace incumbent CEC, **Sunil Arora**, who will retire on April 12, 2021.
- IAS officer, **Siddharth Singh Longjam** will take over as the National Anti-Doping Agency's Director-General.
- Conservative Former Banker, **Guillermo Lasso** was elected as the next **President of Ecuador** on April 11, 2021.
- Global sportswear brand **Puma** has signed long-term endorsement deals with cricketers **Washington Sundar** and **Devdutt Padikkal**.
 - Puma India, which recently announced its partnership with Royal Challengers Bangalore, has been consistently investing in India's sports ecosystem.
- The **United States** Senate on April 21, 2021, confirmed **Vanita Gupta** to serve as the **Associate Attorney General** of the US.
- Accenture India's chairperson, **Rekha M Menon** has been appointed as chairperson of the National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM), becoming the first woman to take the top role in the software lobby group's 30-year history.
- India's Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG), **GC Murmu** has been chosen as the **external auditor** by the Hague-based Conference of State Parties of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), for a three-year term starting 2021.
- Justice **NV Ramana** took the oath as the **48th Chief Justice of India (CJI)** on April 24, 2021.
 - He succeeds Chief Justice of India **SA Bobde**, who retired on April 23rd.
- Public Enterprise Selection Board selected **Amit Banerjee** as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of **Bharat Earth Movers Limited, (BEML)** an Indian Public Sector Undertaking.
- Market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has given approval to the appointment of **Arun Raste** as MD and CEO of National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange Limited (NCDEX) for a period of 5 years.

- Japanese Sportswear brand **ASICS** announced that it has appointed **Ravindra Jadeja**, the all-rounder of the Indian cricket team and Chennai Super Kings as its brand ambassador.
- **Bajaj Auto** has announced the appointment of **Neeraj Bajaj** as its new Chairman of the Board with effect from May 1, 2021.
- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the appointment of **T V Somanathan** as the new **Finance Secretary**.
 - He will replace **Ajay Bhushan Pandey** who superannuated in February 2021.

Deaths

- Veteran film and TV actress **Shashikala Om Prakash Saigal** passed away.
- The president of Gita Press, **Radheshyam Khemka**, passed away.
- India's first female cricket commentator **Chandra Naidu** passed away.
- Britain's **Prince Philip**, the Duke of Edinburgh passed away.
- **Balbir Singh Junior**, who was a member of the silver medal-winning 1958 Asian Games Indian hockey team passed away.
- Eminent Historian **Yogesh Praveen** passes away.
- Veteran actor **Kishore Nandlaskar**, who was a popular face in both Marathi and Hindi films, has passed away due to COVID-19 complications.
- Noted Bengali poet, **Shankha Ghosh** has passed away following COVID-19 complications.
 - He was known by his pen name Kuntak.
- Noted Indian Islamic scholar, spiritual leader and author **Maulana Wahiduddin Khan** has passed away due to Covid-19 complications.
- Popular Gujarati and Hindi film actor **Amit Mistry**, who was last seen in the Amazon Prime Video series "Bandish Bandits", has passed away.
- Veteran Gujarati poet and folk singer **Dadudan Pratapdan Gadhvi** has passed away.
- Eminent Indian educationist, popular columnist and prolific author, who wrote in Odia and English, **Manoj Das** has passed away.
- Former election commissioner **G.V.G. Krishnamurthy** passes away.
- Former CBI Chief **Ranjit Sinha** passes away.
- Veteran Tamil actor and comedian **Vivek** passes away.

Awards/Honours

- Actor-politician **Rajinikanth** will receive the **Dadasaheb Phalke Award** for 2019, India's highest film honour.
- Professor **Suman Chakraborty** has been selected for the 30th **GD Birla Award** for Scientific Research for his outstanding contribution to engineering science and its applications in developing technologies for **affordable healthcare**.
- Lawrence Gussman Professor Emeritus of Computer Science, **Alfred V. Aho** has won the 2020 Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) **A.M. Turing Award**, known informally as the "Nobel Prize of computing."
 - Aho shares the award with his long-time collaborator **Jeffrey David Ullman**.
- The famous **Devishankar Awasthi** Award has been awarded to the prolific Hindi prose, journalist, and critic **Ashutosh Bhardwaj**.
 - This honour has been given to him for his work 'Pitra-Vadh'.
- **Dutee Chand** will be honoured with the **Chhattisgarh Veerni Award** at the inaugural edition of the awards.
- Acclaimed filmmaker, **Guneet Monga** to be conferred with honour of the **Knight of the Order of Arts and Letters** (Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres).

- Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi, Sheikh Mohamed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan has honoured Indian-origin businessman **Yusuffali MA** and 11 other individuals with **Abu Dhabi's top civilian award** for their noble and charitable contributions to the community.
- The Union Education Minister, Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank recently presented the **AICTE Lilavati Awards, 2020** in **New Delhi**.
 - The awards were presented based on the theme "**Women Empowerment**".
 - The winners were selected by AICTE (All India Council for Technical Education) in six sub-themes.
- India seamer **Bhuvneshwar Kumar** has won the **ICC Player of the Month award** for his superlative show in the recent limited over series against England in March.
- New Zealand star cricketer **Kane Williamson** was recently awarded the **Sir Richard Hadlee medal**.
- **Priyanka Mohite** from Satara in western Maharashtra has scaled **Mt Annapurna**, the 10th highest mountain peak in the world, becoming the **first Indian woman** climber to achieve the feat.
- **Rumana Sinha Sehgal**, Software engineer turned entrepreneur from Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh, won the **Nelson Mandela World Humanitarian Award 2021** by the Diplomatic Mission Global Peace.
- **Krithi Karanth** becomes 1st Indian woman to get '**Wild Innovator Award**'.
- Two Indian firms, **Reliance's Jio Platforms** and e-learning startup **Byju's** have been featured in **Time Magazine's 2021** list of 100 most **influential companies**.
- Indian skipper **Virat Kohli** was awarded the title of the **Wisden Almanack's ODI Cricketer** of the 2010s on April 15, 2021.
- Director **Roberto Benigni** will be receiving the Golden Lion for **Lifetime Achievement** at the 78th **Venice International Film Festival**.

Sports/Game

- Mercedes star **Lewis Hamilton** got his bid for an eighth world title off to a thrilling start with victory in the **Bahrain Grand Prix 2021**.
 - **Max Verstappen** (Red bull) and **V Bottas** (Mercedes) stand 2nd and 3rd Position Respectively.
- **Aniyan Midhun** of Nattika won the **gold** at the **South Asian Wushu Championship** that concluded in **Nepal**. The 28-year-old youth represented the country in the 70-kg category.
- **Hubert Hurkacz** of Poland has won the **Miami Open title**.
 - He won the title playing against **Jannik Sinner**.
- **Uzbekistan** officially announced that **AIBA Men's World Boxing Championships** will take place in **Tashkent** in **2023**.
- Pakistan Skipper **Babar Azam** replaces Indian Captain Virat Kohli as World No-1 batsman in **ICC Men's ODI Rankings**.
- Tamil Nadu's, **Arjun Kalyan** became India's **68th Chess Grandmaster** when he crossed the 2500 ELO mark after beating Dragan Kosic in the fifth round of GM Round Robin "Rujna Zore-3" in **Serbia**.
- **Manchester City** won the **League Cup** football tournament for a record-equalling fourth time in succession with a deserved victory over a disappointing Tottenham Hotspur side at Wembley.
- **Rafael Nadal** beat Stefanos Tsitsipas to win his 12th **Barcelona Open title**.
- **Max Verstappen** (Red Bull - Netherlands) won the **Emilia Romagna F1 Grand Prix 2021**, in Imola, Italy.
- **India** Clinches 14 medal at 2021 **Senior Asian Wrestling Championship**.

Report

- The World Economic Forum has released the **Global Gender Gap Report 2021**.
 - India has been ranked **140th** among 156 countries on the index.
 - With this, India became the third-worst performer in South Asia.
- Team India Captain **Virat Kohli** has retained his **top** spot in the ICC rankings for **ODI batsmen** released.
 - **Rohit Sharma** has been ranked **third**, behind Pakistan's **Babar Azam**.
 - **K L Rahul** has moved up from 31st to **27th** spot.
 - **Hardik Pandya** has achieved a career best **42nd** position while **Rishabh Pant** has entered the **top 100**.
- The UK based payments system company **ACI** recently released a report on digital payments. According to the report, **India** has the highest number of real-time online transactions in 2020.
 - India was ahead of China, US, South Korea, UK, Thailand in number of online transactions.
- The **ARWU** (Academic Ranking of World Universities) is also called Shanghai Ranking.
 - Around **fifteen** Indian Universities have made it to the ARWU, 2020.
 - The **Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore** has secured the **top** position among the higher education institutes in India.
 - **Calcutta University** secured **second** position among the higher education institutes in India.
- Forbes released its 35th Annual **World's Billionaires List** that was **topped** by Amazon Founder **Jeff Bezos**.
 - Tesla CEO **Elon Musk** ranked as **second-richest** and LVMH CEO **Bernard Arnault** featured on the **third** spot.
 - **Bill Gates** was ranked **fourth**, followed by **Mark Zuckerberg, Warren Buffett** and **Larry Ellison**.
- The Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell operating under Ministry of Petroleum recently released a report on petroleum consumption of India.
 - According to the report, **fuel consumption** of the country **reduced** by **9.1%** in the year 2020-21 as compared to that of the previous year.
 - This is the first time the petroleum consumption contracted to the highest since 1998-99.
- **India** is placed at the **87th** position among 115 countries in the 2021 **Energy Transition Index (ETI)**.
 - The report is published by the World Economic Forum (WEF), prepared in collaboration with Accenture to track nations on the current performance of their energy systems across various aspects.
- The **Uttar Pradesh** government won the "**E-Panchayat Puraskar 2021**", ranking first in Category I.
 - It was followed by **Assam** and **Chhattisgarh** at the **second** position, while **Odisha** and **Tamil Nadu** stood **third**.
- **India** has retained its position as the **third** biggest **military spender** in the world in 2020, according to new data titled 'SIPRI Military Expenditure Database' published by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) on April 26, 2021.
- **India** has been placed at **49th** position among 104 nations in the Chandler Good Government Index (CGGI) 2021.
 - **Finland** has **topped** the CGGI Index 2021 and **Venezuela** is the **last** ranked country at 104.
- **HDFC Bank** has emerged as the **top** arranger of corporate bond deals in 2020-21 (FY21).
 - **Axis Bank** came in second, while **ICICI Bank** **third**.
 - However, for the last quarter of FY21, i.e January- March 2021, **Axis Bank** was the top arranger of corporate bond deals while **HDFC** was second in the last quarter.
 - Axis Bank managed 16 deals worth Rs. 106.6 billion while HDFC Bank had 19 deals worth around Rs.70.4 billion.

General - National

- The Government of **India** recently launched the **Unique Land Parcel Identification Number (ULPIN)** scheme in **ten** states.
 - The ULPIN is described as “Aadhaar for land”.
 - The ULPIN is a fourteen-digit Alpha Numeric ID.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently appealed to the Chief Ministers of the States to organise “**Tika Utsav**”.
 - Tika Utsav is a vaccine festival. It is to be held between April 11, 2021, and April 14, 2021.
- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs recently approved **subsidy for Urea** that are to be produced by TFL.
 - TFL is a state-run fertilizer plant. It is Talcher Fertilizer Plant.
 - The TFL is to commission a new fertilizer plant in Odisha.
- **India** was recently elected to the **three** bodies of the United Nations. All these three bodies operate under United Nations Economic and Social Council.

General - International

- **China** gave its approval to the proposal for the most controversial and sweeping overhaul of **Hong Kong's electoral system**.
- The world's first **animal vaccine** against the novel **coronavirus** has been registered in **Russia**, the country's agriculture safety watchdog Rosselkhoznadzor.
 - The vaccine for animals, developed by a unit of Rosselkhoznadzor (Federal Service for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Surveillance), was named **Carnivac-Cov**.
- **New Zealand** temporarily suspended entry for **all travellers** from **India**, including **its own citizens** due to high number of COVID-19 cases in the country.
- The House of Representatives in the US recently passed a bill to make **Washington DC**, the **fifty first US state**.
- The **Maui Dolphins** are found only in the West Coast of **New Zealand** and nowhere else in the world. There are only 63 Maui dolphins left in the world.
 - The New Zealand Government along with World Wide Fund and some few fishing companies is to develop a drone that is capable of finding and tracking Maui dolphins using Artificial Intelligence.
- The Government of the **United Kingdom** became the **first country** on April 28, 2021, to announce that it will be **regulating** the use of **self-driving cars** at slow speeds on motorways.
- **Italy** launches first ever **mega food park** in **India**.

Books and Authors

- A new book titled ‘**Manohar Parrikar: Brilliant Mind, Simple Life**’ authored by **Nitin Gokhale** was released.
- The **updated** version of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's book named ‘**Exam Warriors**’ was launched.
- The climate activist-author, **Aakash Ranison** has come out with a new e-book titled “**Climate Change Explained – for one and all**”, on the occasion of Earth Day.
- “**The Living Mountain**” is a new story by Jnanpith winner and internationally renowned author **Amitav Ghosh**, written during the course of the pandemic.
- A book titled ‘**Believe – What Life and Cricket Taught Me**’, the much-awaited **Suresh Raina** autobiography is set to hit the bookstands in May 2021.
 - The book is Co-authored by Raina and sports author **Bharat Sundaresan**, the biography will be published by the prestigious publishing house, Penguin India.

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TO THE POINTS: APRIL-2021

- SBI has inked a **1 billion** loan agreement with Japan Bank for International Cooperation.
- As per the First half of FY22 the Government has pegged the market borrowing at **Rs.7.24 lakh crore**.
- The Government has announced **Rs.14500-crore** capital infusion in **4 Public Sector Banks**.
- Government extends Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme to June 30, 2021 or such time till amount of **3 lakh crore** is sanctioned.
- India and **US** will carry out military drill **Vajra Prahar 2021** in Himachal Pradesh.
- DPIIT has recently upgraded **Industrial Entrepreneurs Memorandum** portal.
- **Didier Ratsiraka** who passed away recently was the president **Madagascar**.
- CBIC has notified **ICEGATE** as a common portal for bills of entry and registration.
- Women-led startup **Astrone**, has developed an innovative wireless product that gives fibre-like bandwidth at fraction of cost of fibre.
- **6 new species** of butterfly have been discovered in **Nacaduba sinhala ramaswamii sadasivan**.
- **Union Bank of India** has launched the “Uni-Carbon Card”.
- **Walter Anthony Gustavo ‘Wag’ Pinto** who passed away recently was a former **Army officer**.
- In ICC Men’s Cricket World Cup Super League standings India has now moved to **7th** position.
- **Beverly Cleary** who passed away recently was an eminent **Writer**.
- India’s biggest floating solar power plant project has come up in **Telangana**.
- PEL has recently appointed **Khushru Jijina** to its board as Executive Director.
- BIMSTEC has recently concluded Connectivity master plan for Bay of Bengal region. It consists of **7 members**.
- **Spicy, Juicy, Lip-smacking Good Indian Food** at 7 day long India Food Week was held in **China**.
- **Andhra Pradesh** governor has recently bagged the Kalinga Ratna award.
- In spite of a tumultuous fiscal, BSE StAR MF processed over **9.38 crore** transactions amounting to **Rs.3,33,095 crore** in the financial year 2020-21.
- **Subash Kumar** assumed additional charge as ONGC CMD.
- Deputy governor **BP Kanungo** recently retired against expectations of a second extension.
- World Bank and AIIB sanctioned loan for **USD 300 million** canal-based drinking water projects in Punjab.
- Dutch development bank has infused \$ **137 million** in India’s Green Growth Equity Fund.
- **Jeh Wadia** has recently stepped down as MD of **Bombay Dyeing**.
- **Mallika Srinivasan** has been named as the chairperson of Public Enterprises Selection Board.
- **Kamalpreet Kaur** was booked for the Tokyo Olympic Games after she sent the discus to **65.06 metres** in her first and only legal throw.
- **Adani Transmission** will acquire **WCTL** for **Rs 3,370 crore**.
- **Jal Shakti** ministry has deployed sensor-based IoT devices to monitor rural drinking water supply systems.

- Solar Physicists of **ARIES** have Developed a New Novel Technique for Tracking the Solar Eruptions.
- **Venkiah Naidu** has Released Book Agriculture in India authored by Mohan Kanda.
- 9 cities in Australia and New Zealand to host the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup.
- Odisha Foundation Day was observed on **April 1**.
- Cabinet Approves Production Linked Incentive Scheme for Food Processing Industry with an outlay of Rs.10900 crores.
- The Government recently announced Interest Rates on Small Savings Schemes for Q1 of FY 2021-22 (April-June) which will remain effective till **June 30**.
- The Deadline for Linking PAN-Aadhaar has recently been extended to **June 30**.
- AYUSH Ministry has asked for applications for Prime Minister's Yoga Awards where the winners will receive Rs.25 lakh cash awards.
- Government has recently unveiled an All-India Survey of Migrant Workers which is done every **Quarter**.
- Lightweight Bullet Proof Jacket has been developed by **DRDO**.
- International Children's Book Day was observed on **April 2**.
- **Mansukh Mavadiya** has inaugurated a new cruise service connecting Hazira port in Surat and Diu Island.
- India will participate in the **2nd** Sherpas meeting of G7 and guest countries.
- **S Jaishankar** has held discussion with Tajikistan Defence Minister Colonel General Sherali Mirzo.
- Vikram Misri, India's Ambassador to **China** has recently interacted with representatives of Indian industry in Shanghai.
- World Autism Awareness Day was observed on **April 2**.
- **2000** Bangladeshi students will receive the Muktijoddha Scholarships.
- Vice president recently made an appearance in Bhubaneswar on two-day visit to **Odisha** recently.
- Training & Awareness Programme organised for Self Help Groups under National Rural Livelihood Mission was held in **Kargil**.
- Central Government has suggested upto **25** per cent % tax concession on purchase of new vehicles on submission of scrappage certificate.
- The Central government has approved **780** crore project for up gradation of Kargil Zanskar road.
- Digital payments have surged recently with UPI transactions crossing **5** lakh crore in March.
- RBI has increased the deadline to process recurring online transactions with AFA to **September 30**.
- **Subash Kumar** has taken additional charge as CMD of ONGC.
- As per the WEF's gender gap index 2021, India has ranked **140** among 156 nations.
- **Manjinder Singh** has been appointed as Chief of Staff, Western Command.
- The World Bank has approved a USD **32** million project to upgrade health services in Mizoram.
- **Mukhmeet S. Bhatia** has been appointed as Director General of ESIC.
- **Urijit Patel** has been appointed as additional director of Britannia.
- Super Star Rajinikanth will be honoured with **51st** Dadasaheb Phalke Award.
- NCML has inked a pact with Agriculture Skill Council.

- Maruti Suzuki has recently partnered with **Karnataka** bank for vehicle financing.
- Indian Army to participate in Multinational Military Exercise 'Shantir Ogroshena -2021' in **Bangladesh**.
- International Day for Awareness on Mine and Assistance in Mine Action was observed on **April 4**.
- Facebook and **Google** have jointly planned to launch 2 new undersea internet cables from the US West Coast to Singapore and Indonesia.
- **TRIFED** has unveiled the "Sankalp se Siddhi" - Village and Digital Connect Drive.
- The Central Government has announced the Birth anniversary of Dr B R Ambedkar as a public holiday with effect from 2021, The birth anniversary of Dr BR Ambedkar celebrated on **April 14**.
- National Maritime Day was observed on **April 5**.
- The Foreign Minister of **Russia** will come to New Delhi for a two-day visit to India.
- **Uttar Pradesh** government will inaugurate a unique gift scheme to promote covid vaccination.
- Foot marchers of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' have reached **Gujarat** recently.
- The Shistura Hiranyakeshi in Sindhudurg has become the **5th** Biological Heritage Site.
- CRISIL has reported India's GDP rate at -7% for FY21 and **11** per cent for FY22.
- UNESCAP has reported India's Economic Growth Rate at **7** per cent in 2021-22.
- Japanese Nobel laureate Isamu Akasaki who passed away recently was the inventor of **Blue Led**.
- **4th** batch of Rafale fighter jets has landed in India from France.
- NPCI has transferred Bharat Bill Payments business to its new subordinate company NBBL from **April 1**.
- KPSC has appointed **Shivashankarappa S Sahukar** as its New chairman.
- A New Book 'Manohar Parrikar: Brilliant Mind, Simple Life' has been Authored by **Nitin Gokhale**.
- Shashikala who passed away recently was a veteran **Actress**.
- **Venkiah Naidu** has released a new book called 'Suparipalana'.
- South Asian Wushu Championship Kerala-based Aniyam Midhun has won Gold. The event was held in **Nepal**.
- Digvijaysinh Zala who passed away recently belonged to **Congress**.
- PM Chaired High-level meeting will commemorate the **400th** birth anniversary of Guru Tegh Bahadur.
- **RBI** has decided to publish Financial Inclusion Index annually.
- Union Cabinet has approved PLI Scheme for Air Conditioners and LED Lights with an annual outlay of **4500** crores.
- The **1st** online PDOT Programme for migrant workers has recently been unveiled to supplement physical training.
- Nearly **68%** loans under PMMY have been accredited to women entrepreneurs.
- **Narendra Modi** along with Seychelles President Wavel Ramkalawan will inaugurate a range of Indian projects in Seychelles.
- **Sikkim** State Skill development Ministry will organize 1st regional workshop on PMKVY 3 at Gangtok.
- The IMF has projected the growth rate for Bangladesh -at **5** percent.

- Union Ministers Dr Harsh Vardhan and Arjun Munda have jointly inaugurated Tribal Health Collaborative **Anameya**.
- Digital healthcare platform Practo has launched online consultations in **15** vernacular languages.
- Tanla has appointed **Aravind Vishwanathan** as its CFO.
- The Government has appointed S Ramann as **SIDBI** Chairman & MD.
- Radheshyam Khemka who passed away recently was an eminent **Editor**.
- **Vivo** has appointed Virat Kohli as its brand ambassador.
- The Governor of **Tamil Nadu** has appointed Selvakumar as Vice-Chancellor of TANUVAS.
- **Harsh Vardhan** has launched the Integrated Health Information Platform.
- The CJI has launched an – AI-driven research portal named **SUPACE**.
- **Narendra Modi** has released the Hindi Version of Odisha Itihaas.
- A Book Titled Exam Warriors Updated Version has been Released by PM Modi. It was first published in **2018**.
- ICCR 71st Foundation Day was observed on **April 9**.
- Theme of the 2 day scientific conference on the occasion of World Homoeopathy Day - **Homoeopathy – Roadmap for Integrative Medicine**.
- PM Modi has recently made the virtual summit with his Counterpart from **Netherlands** for a supply chain in the Indo-Pacific region.
- **NITI Aayog** has recently unveiled an Online Dispute Resolution handbook.
- **Rajnath Singh** has held talks with Defence Minister of Kazakhstan Lieutenant General Nurlan Yermekbayev.
- **4** sailors from India have qualified for Tokyo Olympics 2021.
- ICCR Foundation Day has been marked at Indian Embassy in **South Korea**.
- Surveyors' Day has been observed on **April 10**.
- Jeep India and **Axis** Bank have jointly launched the Jeep Financial Services.
- Finance Minister has virtually attended the **103rd** Development Committee Meeting of World Bank-IMF.
- **Priyanka Chopra Jonas** will present at BAFTA awards 2021.
- Wipro has appointed **Subha Tatavarti** as the CTO.
- HDFC will acquire **9.9** per cent stake in Kerala-based asset management firm.
- To boost Seychelles' maritime security India has gifted **100** crores patrol vessel PS Zoroaster.
- World Homeopathy Day was observed on **April 10**.
- A New Book Akhtari is based on the life of **Begum Akhtar**.
- Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal has launched **Nano Sniffer**, a micro sensor based explosive trace detector.
- United Nations International Day of Conscience was observed on **April 5**.
- RBI decided to enhance aggregate limit of WMA for States, UTs by **46** per cent from current limit of Rs.32225 crores.
- **Pham Minh Chinh** has become Vietnam's next Prime Minister.

- RBI has raised the G-SAP for orderly G-Sec market to **1 lakh crores**.
- PM Modi recently hailed the completion of Arch closure of Chenab Bridge. It is located in **Jammu and Kashmir**.
- RBI has planned to dispense Rs.50000 crores refinance to all-India financial institutions.
- **Russia** has launched the World's First Covid-19 Vaccine For Animals – 'CarnivacCov'.
- **Rajasthan** Marked first state to launch "Health Insurance for All" its residents.
- Chief Electoral Officer of West Bengal Ariz Aftab recently unveiled **2 SVEEP** Trams in Kolkata.
- India has attracted a total FDI inflow of USD **72.12** billion during April 2020 to January, 2021.
- International Day of Sport for Development and Peace (IDSDP) was observed on **April 6**.
- IMF reforms its growth projection for India to **12.5** per cent for FY 2021-22.
- RBI has kept repo rate unchanged and GDP growth for FY 2021-22 forecast to be **10.5** per cent.
- RBI has increased the deposit limit of payments banks to Rs.**2 lakh**.
- World Health Day was observed on **April 7**.
- RBI has put forward mandatory interoperability of full KYC prepaid instruments. It was introduced in **2018**.
- Digit Insurance has appointed **Virat Kohli** as Brand Ambassador.
- Justice N V Ramana has been appointed as the **48th** Chief Justice of India.
- **Ola Electric** has been appointed auto veteran Yongsung Kim as head of global sales and distribution, overseeing India and international markets.
- **Ajai Seth** has become the new Economic Affairs Secretary.
- Suman Chakraborty has been nominated for **30th** edition of the GD Birla Award for Scientific Research.
- Spices Board India under Ministry of Commerce and Industry signed MoU with **UNDP** recently.
- **DRDO** has developed a bullet-proof jacket for Indian Army.
- **4th** batch of three Rafale fighter jets land in India from France.
- Reliance Infra has sold Reliance centre at Santacruz to Yes Bank for Rs.**1200** crores.
- Uzbekistan's capital Tashkent will host the **2023** Men's Boxing World Championships.
- Bharat Dynamics Limited has flagged off the **Aakash** Missile for Delivery to Indian Army.
- A book titled Cinema Through Rasa: A Tryst with Masterpieces in the Light of Rasa Siddhanta has been authored by **Prachand praveer**.
- Forbes' Annual Billionaire has listed Jeff Bezos at the top & Mukesh Ambani has been ranked at **10th**.
- In the 2021 Miami Open Tennis Tournament Hubert Hurkacz of Poland and Ashleigh Barty of Australia have won. This was the **36th** edition of the Miami Open.
- CRPF Valour Day was observed on **April 9**.
- Fatima R Zakaria who passed away recently was a renowned **Journalist**.
- India along with **Russia's** Friendship Car Rally has been flagged off by Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh.
- **Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank** has recently inaugurated the SARTHAQ initiative.

- PM Modi recently held a Virtual Summit with his **Netherlands** counterpart to discuss ways to strengthen the relationship.
- Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana recently marked the **6** year of completion.
- **Vjosa Osmani** has been elected as new President of Kosovo.
- Over Rs.250 crore has been sanctioned for augmenting healthcare facilities in North East States.
- **S Satish** was honoured with an international ranger award.
- Cricketer **Bhuvneshwar Kumar** has been nominated for the ICC 'Player of the Month'.
- Byju's will acquire Aakash Educational Services for \$ **1** billion.
- CCI has approved the proposed combination relating to acquisition of PAMPL, PTCPL & PRAPL by SAMC.
- Narendra Singh Tomar has launched the Madhukranti portal and Honey Corners of NAFED in **New Delhi**.
- **Ramesh Pokhriyal** has launched the 'MyNEP2020' Platform for Digital Consultation.
- Wrestler **The Great Khali** has recently been inducted in the WWE Hall of Fame 2021.
- Chandra Nayudu who passed away recently was an eminent **Commentator**.
- National Safe Motherhood Day was observed on **April 11**.
- Ouhoumoudon Mahadou has vowed to become as the new Prime Minister of **Niger**.
- **Jitendra Singh** has been called to promote the 'Teeka Utsav'.
- Sanskrit learning app 'Little Guru' will be unveiled in **Bangladesh**.
- LG RK Mathur has initiated the National Training programme on Packaging in **Leh**.
- Flipkart has made partnership with Adani Group, to create **2500** direct jobs.
- World Parkinson's Day was observed on **April 11**.
- UK's Prince Philip, husband of Queen Elizabeth II recently passed away at **99**.
- **ICMR** has appointed BP Acharya as advisor to NARFBR.
- **Chloe Zhao** has become the first Asian woman to win top prize in DGA Awards history.
- International Day of Human Space Flight was observed on **April 12**.
- "Little Guru" app has been launched at Indian Embassy in **China**.
- **RP Nishank** will give out AICTE Lilavati Awards 2020 on women empowerment to winners.
- **Axis** bank has become the co-promoter of Max Life Insurance.
- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman recently attended the **2nd** Virtual G20 Finance Ministers.
- Avian species count has reached **1340** New Species with the Three-banded rosefinch Discovered in Arunachal Pradesh.
- Sports Minister has inaugurated the Khelo India State Centre of Excellence for Rowing discipline in **Srinagar**.
- B.R. Ambedkar Remembrance Day was observed on **April 14**.
- 'Vishu' - festival of harvest has been celebrated by **Kerala** recently.
- World Chagas Disease Day was observed on **April 14**.
- EdCIL has received the highest reward ever dividend of Rs.**12.5** Crores for 2019-20.

- **Narendra Modi** recently interacted with Intel CEO through video conferencing.
- Siachen Warriors will celebrate **37th** Siachen Day.
- Haryana Chief Minister has approved purchase of **200** acres of land for AIIMS.
- **Niti Aayog** has launched the 'Poshan Gyan'.
- Satish Kaul who passed away recently was an eminent **Actor**.
- 'Tamizh Puththandu' has recently been celebrated across **Tamil Nadu**.
- World Knowledge Day was observed on **April 14**.
- **Nirmala Sitharaman** has recently held a virtually meet up with President World Bank Group David Malpass.
- Paytm Payments Bank has recorded a **970** million digital transactions in March.
- NHB has recently unveiled Rs.10000 crore Special Refinance Facility-SRF 2021.
- **K Madhavan** has been appointed as President of the Walt Disney Company India and Star India.
- **Bhuvneshwar Kumar** has bagged the ICC Men's Player of the Month for March.
- Kane Williamson has bagged the Sir Richard Hadlee Medal. He belongs to **New Zealand**.
- CCI has approved Rising Sun Holdings' acquisition of **60** per cent stake in Magma Fincorp.
- Rajnath Singh recently inaugurated the **1st** edition of the IAF Commanders' Conference 2021.
- **China** has opened a 5G signal station at the world's highest radar location.
- **Piyush Goyal** has launched the Electronic Marketplace e-SANTA for Aqua Farmers.
- Indian Army Officer has broken **2** Guinness World Records for Fastest Solo Cycling.
- Jallianwala Bagh massacre was observed on **April 13**.
- Jitendra Singh has unveiled **75** series Pension awareness to mark 75 years of India's independence.
- **Rajnath Singh** has initiated the IAF Commanders' Conference 2021.
- Uzbekistan along with **Kazakhstan** has unveiled the construction of a trans-border trade center.
- **Venkiah Naidu** has introduced the commemorative postage stamp of former Chief of Brahma Kumaris Rajyogini Dadi Janki.
- **Narendra Modi** has inaugurated Raisina Dialogue 2021.
- **S Jaishankar** will meet and talk with French counterparts in New Delhi.
- The **2nd** edition of Shahi Snan will come about at Kumbh Mela in Haridwar.
- Microsoft will obtain speech-recognition firm Nuance for USD **16** billion.
- China Development Bank will extend a loan to **Sri Lanka** for USD 500 million.
- Sanjay Chakravarty who passed away at 79 was a legendary **Shooter**.
- Deutsche Bank will provide loan of **600** crore to NCDC.
- **Sushil Chandra** has been appointed as Chief Election Commissioner of India.
- **Siemens** has appointed Vivek Kanade as MD.
- Pramerica Life Insurance has appointed **Kalpana Sampat** as MD, CEO.
- **HAL** has won Indian Society for Training & Development award.
- BAFTA Awards 2021: 'Ma Rainey's Black Bottom' has picked up **2** awards recently.

- **Vedanta** has signed MoU with research institutes for value-creation from bauxite residue.
- OneWeb has signed a MoU with the Government of **Kazakhstan**.
- Union Education Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' has launched **SARTHAQ**, the NEP Implementation Plan for School Education.
- World Art Day was observed on **April 15**.
- **Harsh Vardhan** has launched the Aahaar Kranti mission.
- The Governor of **Nagaland** has conducted sensitization-cum-consultation meeting with all tribal hoho leaders of State.
- The **77th** Anniversary of Flag Hoisting Day was observed at Manipur.
- **HDFC** has decided to raise Rs.50,000 crore through bonds within 12 months.
- **Ghaziabad** Municipal Corporation has provided India's First Green Bonds.
- NCAER has appointed **Poonam Gupta** as its new Director General.
- National Titanic Remembrance Day was observed on **April 15**.
- **Smriti Mathur** has appointed as Pega India Head of People Organization.
- **Dr Vajrala** has won the Mana Telugu Tejam Award.
- **Ravi Shankar Prasad** has introduced an Online Grievance Management Portal of National Commission for Scheduled Castes.
- Atal Innovation Mission and **Niti Aayog** have jointly signed an agreement with Dassault Systemes Foundation.
- Balbir Singh Junior who passed away at 88 was an eminent **Hockey Player**.
- Oberoi Group and **EESL** have signed an MoU.
- CCI has approved the acquisition of **89.6** per cent stake in Gangavaram port by Adani Ports.
- Government has launched **MANAS** community mental-health digital platform.
- **NITI Aayog** has launched the Poshan Gyan', a Digital Repository on Nutrition Information.
- Union Agriculture Ministry has signed an MoU with **Microsoft** for a pilot project in 100 villages of six states.
- **NS Tomar** has launched a National Nursery Portal.
- **Bhuvneshwar Kumar** along with Lizelle Lee has won ICC Players of the Month for March 2021.
- Yogesh Praveen who passed away recently was an eminent **Historian**.
- World Haemophilia Day was observed on **April 17**.
- G.V.G. Krishnamurthy who passed away recently was former **CEC**.
- Indian Air Force Commanders' Conference 2021 was concluded recently in **New Delhi**.
- Ranjit Sinha who passed away recently was former director of **CBI**.
- Bui Thanh Son has become the new Foreign Minister of **Vietnam**.
- Chief Minister of **Andhra Pradesh** has unveiled the Amul Project in Guntur.
- Krishna Prasad was appointed as Group Editorial Officer of **The Hindu**.
- **Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank** has launched the World 1st affordable and long-lasting hygiene product DuroKea Series.
- In Delhi **Manish Sisodia** has been appointed nodal minister for Covid management.

- Shaukat Tareen has been appointed as the as new finance minister of **Pakistan**.
- Film **Puglya** has bagged the Best Foreign Language Feature award.
- India and **France** have Inked an Agreement for cooperation on Gaganyaan Mission.
- Bharti Airtel unit Nettle has recently acquires **100%** stake in OneWeb India.
- **Ajai Seth** took charge as new Economic Affairs Secretary.
- Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal has chaired the **1st** meeting of National Startup Advisory Council.
- Secretary MeitY Shri Ajay Prakash Sawhney has inaugurated **3** new initiatives of NIXI.
- As per the Asian Wrestling Championships 2021 **India** has clinched one Gold, two Bronze medals.
- Kakarla Subba Rao who passed away recently was eminent **Radiologist**.
- World Homeopathy Week was observed from **April 10-16**.
- **Piyush Goyal** will lead the first meeting of National Startup Advisory Council.
- The Government has planned **100** new hospitals to have their own oxygen plant under PM-CARES fund.
- **Housing and Urban Affairs** has unveiled the EatSmart Cities Challenge and Transport 4 All Challenge.
- Joseph Jouthe who resigned recently was the PM of **Haiti**.
- World Voice Day was observed on **April 16**.
- **Tesla** will start manufacturing in India soon.
- Facebook-EIU : India has Ranked **49th** in World Internet Inclusion Index 2021.
- Amazon has planned to use USD **250** million fund, to focus on digitising small and medium businesses.
- **8** applicants have been queued for universal bank, small finance bank licenses.
- SoftBank will invest up to \$ **500** million in Swiggy.
- **Wipro** has declared a robust hiring plan, skill-based bonuses for existing employees.
- **IDBI** has appointed Deputy GM Jyothi Biju Nair as new company secretary.
- The Lifetime Achievement Award has been received by Roberto Benigni at the **78th** Venice International Film Festival.
- The educator of **Delhi** bagged Lead Z Awards.
- **Flipkart** has acquired Cleartrip.
- **Harsh Vardhan** has chaired the ICMR's One Health Symposium.
- Infant, Toddler and Caregiver Training and Capacity Building Programme has been launched by **National Institute of Urban Affairs**.
- Facebook has partnered with CleanMax to make **100%** renewable energy in India.
- World Heritage Day was observed on **April 18**.
- Kabori who passed away recently was a renowned **Actor**.
- **162** Pressure Swing Adsorption Oxygen plants - installation in public health facilities has been done in all States.

- Gallantry Awards portal has been organised for Innovative Tributes to Bravehearts competition from **April 15**.
- **J&K's** LG recently shared his thoughts through radio programme "Awaam Ki Awaaz".
- Indian pharma exports have risen up at **18 %** to 24.44 billion dollars in FY 21.
- Elon Musk's SpaceX has bagged **2.89** billion moon lander contract, announced by NASA.
- **6** firms for investment deals have been selected by Indywood Startup Awards 2021.
- **FICCI** have conferred awards to HR managers.
- PM Modi recently released **4** books related to Babasaheb Ambedkar.
- **DRDO** will build its dedicated Corona hospital in New Delhi.
- Indian Oil recently made partnership with Consumer fed for **5** kg LPG cylinders sales.
- The **8th** edition of the India-Kyrgyz Joint Special Forces Exercise 'Khanjar' has recently Begun.
- **RBL & Mastercard** have partnered to launch "Pay by Bank App".
- **Suresh Raina's** Memorier 'Believe will Release in May 2021.
- Vinay Agrawal who passed away recently was the first CEO of **Angel Broking**.
- Vivek who passed away recently was a **Actor**.
- Tourism and Culture Minister has initiated the **1st** ever online exhibition on Ramayana.
- DoT will get Rs.**2307** crores from Jio, Airtel by assigning some spectrum.
- Ahmed Hussain who passed away recently was an eminent **Hockey player**.
- UN Chinese Language Day was observed on **April 20**.
- Indian Oil will begin the supply of **150** metric tonnes of oxygen to hospitals in Delhi, Haryana & Punjab.
- **Australia** has opened a travel bubble with New Zealand - first time in more than a year.
- In F1 Grand Prix 2021 **Max Verstappen** has won the Emilia Romagna.
- **Italy** has initiated the First ever mega Food Park & Food processing unit in India.
- IFFCO's new oxygen plant will come up in **Gujarat**.
- Asset management company **Aditya Birla Sun Life** has raised a DRHP for IPO.
- Sivasubramanian Ramann has been appointed as Chairman and Managing Director of **SIDBI**.
- Tata Consumer has appointed **Deepika Bhan** as President, Packaged Foods.
- Air Force chief RKS Bhadauria on a five day visit to **France** for defence cooperation.
- Centre has launched the Startup India Seed Fund Scheme worth **945** crore rupees.
- **Rumana Sinha Sehgal** has won the 'Nelson Mandela World Humanitarian Award 2021'.
- Quess Corporation will acquire **30** per cent stake in Connect from Tata Sons for Rs.208 crore.
- Charles Geschke, who passed away recently was the co-founder of **Adobe**.
- The Education Minister has launched the "World 1st affordable and long-lasting hygiene product DuroKea Series. It was developed by **IIT Hyderabad**.
- Sumitra Bhave who passed away recently was an eminent **Film maker**.
- **Iran** has launched an advanced IR-6 uranium enrichment centrifuges.
- Senior Asian Wrestling Championship - India has clinched **14** medals.

- G Venkatasubbaiah who passed away was an eminent **Lexicographer**.
- Former Union Minister Bachi Singh Rawat who passed away recently belonged to **BJP**.
- National Civil Service Day was observed on **April 21**.
- Cabinet has approved an MoU between **CCI** and **CADE**.
- Administrative Professionals Day was observed on **April 21**.
- The Centre has increased the insurance scheme for health workers under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Package for one year. It was started in **2016**.
- The Labour Ministry has restarted **20** Control Rooms to diminish problems of migrant workers.
- India and **Germany** has signed an agreement for Technical Cooperation on Cities combating plastic entering the marine environment.
- India along with **US** to correlate efforts for stability in Afghanistan.
- India-EU Leaders' will be Meeting in virtual format scheduled for May **8th**.
- Webinar-cum-Expo conducted between the Ministry of Defence and Ministry of National Defence of **Vietnam**.
- India's demographic advantage will overtake China's by **2035**, reported by China's central bank.
- Miguel Díaz-Canel has been appointed as the President of **Cuba**.
- Railway Minister has declared Rs.50000 award for Mayur Shelke for exemplary act of bravery.
- Cabinet has approved an MoU between **ICAI** and **CA ANZ**.
- Walter Mondale who passed away recently was a former **Vice-President**.
- Cabinet has nodded ex post facto approval to MoU between DG of Trade Remedies, India and the Trade and Tariff Commission of **Bangladesh**.
- The Government of Ghana will acquire **100 %** stake in AirtelTigo.
- World Creativity and Innovation Day was observed on **April 21**.
- **DRDO** has developed a SpO2 based Supplemental Oxygen Delivery System.
- As per the World Press Freedom Index 2021, India has ranked at **142**.
- Children's Book Titled "The Christmas Pig" has been released by **K. Rowling**.
- **Stefanos Tsitsipas** has won the Maiden Masters 1000 Crown in Monte-Carlo.
- Maidavolu Narasimham who passed away recently was former **RBI Governor**.
- National Earth Day was observed on **April 22**.
- Idriss Deby who passed away recently was the President of **Chad**.
- Covishield will cost Rs.400 for state government hospitals and Rs 600 for government hospitals.
- **9** Bangladeshis featured in Forbes 30 under 30 lists of innovators in 10 industries for Asia.
- **Rajeev Srivastava** has been appointed as Head - Products and Business Development of HDFC Securities.
- The President of **China** took part in the US-led Climate Summit.
- India's export of Agricultural and allied commodities expressed an impressive increase of **18.49** per cent during 2020-2021.
- **Hero** has joined hands with Taiwan's Gogoro.
- ReNew Power projects **105** megawatt solar project in Gujarat.

- **Mar Coorilos** has been selected for maiden Golden Lantern Award.
- **Narendra Modi** has address the Leaders' Summit on Climate.
- India's **40th** Scientific Expedition to Antarctica Returns to Capetown.
- ISRO will support **8** joint research projects of IIT-Delhi.
- ITBP has set up water sports & adventure training institute in **Uttarakhand**.
- Shankha Ghosh who passed away was an eminent **Poet**.
- Kishore Nandlaskar who passed away recently was a veteran **Actor**.
- World Book Day was observed on **April 23**.
- Farid Sabri who passed away at 58 was an eminent **Singer**.
- **Narendra Modi** has declared India-US partnership on clean energy and climate change.
- UN English Language day & UN Spanish Language day was observed on **April 23**.
- 1st Oxygen Express with Liquid Medical Oxygen tankers – journey for **Mumbai** to Visakhapatnam.
- **Uttar Pradesh** government will invoke the National Security Act, Gangster Act.
- 'Health Safety Week' has started in **Jharkhand** to break the chain of COVID-19.
- Ola to launch e-scooter in July and to set up **1 lakh** charging points in 400 cities.
- Myanmar Army Chief took part in ASEAN meeting in **Indonesia**.
- The World Bank assists Bangladesh to provide USD **250 mn** for jobs, COVID-19 pandemic.
- **Rekha Menon** has become the first woman chairperson of Nasscom.
- B V R Mohan Reddy who stepped down recently was the executive chairman of **Cyient**.
- Experian India has appointed **Neeraj Dhawan** as MD.
- RBI has nod the appointment of Atanu Chakraborty as part time Chairman of **HDFC**.
- **IOB** has appointed EY as its digital consultant.
- **DDMA** has appointed senior bureaucrats as nodal officials to oversee oxygen supply.
- **Indian** Bank and Chennai Angels have inked a pact for start-up financing.
- PM Modi will attend Leaders' Summit on Climate on **April 22**.
- India has ranked **87th** in Global Energy Transition Index 2021.
- **Puma** has roped in Washington Sundar & Devdutt Padikkal as Brand Ambassadors.
- Tamil Nadu's Arjun Kalyan has become the **68th** Indian Grandmaster.
- World Veterinary Day was observed on **Last Saturday** of April.
- Shraavan Rathod of "Nadeem-Shraavan" Fame Passed Away recently. He was an eminent **Music composer**.
- International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace was observed on **April 24**.
- World Day for Laboratory Animals was observed on **April 24**.
- Movie **Nomadland** has bagged the top honours at Independent Spirit Awards, Riz Ahmed best actor.
- **USA** has joined the India-Sweden climate initiative, the Leadership Group for Industry Transition, LeadIT.
- European Commission **EU** association has planned to set global standards for AI.

- National Panchayati Raj Day was observed on **April 24**.
- India Ratings and Research predicts India's FY22 GDP growth forecast to **10.1** per cent.
- **RBI** has restricted American Express Banking Corp, Diners Club International Ltd to adding new customers.
- Justice NV Ramana has been sworn as **48th** Chief Justice of India.
- **UK** is now ready to consider the digital currency 'Bitcoin'.
- GC Murmu was elected as External Auditor by OPCW for **3** years.
- AP panchayat raj department has recently conferred **17** awards.
- Russia's Space Agency Roscosmos, will launch its own space station in **2025**.
- Climate Change Activist-Author Aakash Ranison Launches His E-Book Titled Climate Change Explained - For One And All on the occasion of Earth day which is celebrated on **April 22**.
- 2021 AIBA Youth World Boxing Championships, India has Clinched Historic Win with **11** Medals.
- Amit Mistry who passed away recently was an eminent **Actor**.
- National DNA Day was observed on **April 25**.
- Movie **Absolute Proof** has bagged the worst movie at 2021 Razzie Awards.
- M Narasimham who passed away at 94 was an eminent **Banker**.
- New Book Titled The Living Mountain has been written By **Amitav Ghosh**.
- International Delegate's day was observed on **April 25**.
- **Paytm** has introduced 'Wealth Community' for young investors.
- World Intellectual Property Day was observed on **April 26**.
- ITBP-run Sardar Patel Covid Care Centre will become operational in **Delhi**.
- In J&K, **5** Gram Panchayats won National Panchayat Awards-2021.
- Bharat Biotech is now ready to sell Covaxin at Rs.600 to States, Rs 1200 to private hospitals.
- Government has extended the deadline to making payment for Vivad Se Vishwas scheme till **June 30**.
- **Blackstone** has planned to buy majority stake in Mphasis.
- **S Jaishankar** has announced grief over demise of nuclear scientist Krishnamurthy Santhanam.
- **93rd** edition of the OSCAR Awards has recently been conferred.
- Thilakan award for Theatre and film director will be conferred on **Pramod Payyannur**.
- VARUNA - 2021 was conducted between India and **France**.
- SpaceX rocket ship has launched **4** astronauts on NASA mission to ISS.
- New species of insect discovered in Kosovo - Potamophylax coronavirus has been discovered by **Halil Ibrahim**.
- World Malaria Day was observed on **April 25**.
- Table Tennis World Championships will be held in **November**.

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MODEL QUESTIONS

List of Important Days

1. When is World Art Day observed?
(1) April 12 (2) April 15 (3) April 16 (4) April 19 (5) None of these

Reserve Bank of India

2. The RBI has fixed the Ways And Means Advances Limits to how much amount for April to September 2021?
(1) Rs.1.20 lakh cr (2) Rs.2 lakh cr (3) Rs.2.20 lakh cr
(4) Rs.1.50 lakh cr (5) None of these
3. Which organization tightened supervision norms for payment companies amid rising cyber security breaches?
(1) SIDBI (2) IRDA (3) RBI (4) NPCI (5) None of these
4. RBI fixed average base rate at what percent for NBFCs and MFIs?
(1) 7.81% (2) 7.50% (3) 8.00% (4) 8.05% (5) None of these
5. Recently RBI extended which facilities to non-bank payment system operators?
(1) NEFT (2) RTGS (3) IMPS (4) Both (1) and (2) (5) None of these
6. Recently RBI enhanced temporary liquidity limit for states and UTs by how much percent?
(1) 44% (2) 46% (3) 39% (4) 29% (5) None of these
7. Recently RBI restricted which card companies from on boarding new domestic customers from May 1 for violating data storage norms?
(1) Diners Club (2) MasterCard and Diners Club (3) Visa
(4) American Express and Diners Club (5) None of these
8. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) relaxed the dividend payout norms of commercial banks and allowed them to pay up to what percent of what they paid before Covid from the profits for the fiscal ended March 31, 2021?
(1) 50% (2) 65% (3) 75% (4) 80% (5) None of these

Other Banks

9. Which bank executes its first trade borrowing transaction linked to SOFR?
(1) Karnataka Bank (2) Axis Bank (3) Yes Bank
(4) ICICI Bank (5) None of these
10. Which bank has commenced operations as a small finance bank with effect from April 26?
(1) Dhanlaxmi Bank (2) Rupay Cooperative Bank (3) Jila Sehkari Bank
(4) Shivalik Bank (5) None of these

Insurance

11. Recently the central government extended Rs.50 lakh insurance scheme for healthcare workers for one year. Which company will implement the scheme?
(1) New India Insurance Company Limited
(2) Oriental Insurance Company Limited
(3) National Insurance Company Limited
(4) United India Insurance Company Limited
(5) None of these

12. How much amount of premium was collected by LIC in FY21 as per its provisional figures?
(1) Rs.55 lakh cr (2) Rs.2.00 lakh cr (3) Rs.1.50 lakh cr
(4) Rs.1.84 lakh cr (5) None of these

Central Government

13. The government extended the ₹ 3-lakh-crore emergency credit line guarantee scheme by another three months till which date?
(1) June 30 (2) July 31 (3) August 1 (4) September 1 (5) None of these
14. The central government soon to roll out unique land parcel identification number in the country. It will consist of how many digits?
(1) 14 (2) 15 (3) 11 (4) 13 (5) None of these
15. Recently the government has simplified the process to re issue the OCI cards. What does "C" stands in OCI?
(1) Citizen (2) Common (3) Current (4) Command (5) None of these
16. Recently the central government cleared Rs.110 cr ROPAX Jetty Project on Dhamra river in which state?
(1) HP (2) Tamil Nadu (3) Odisha (4) Assam (5) None of these
17. Recently Govt extended deadline for making payment under Vivad Se Vishwas scheme till which date?
(1) August 30th (2) May 1st (3) April 30th (4) June 30th (5) None of these

States

18. Which state has launched a unique gift scheme to promote Covid vaccination?
(1) UP (2) Haryana (3) MP (4) Bihar (5) None of these
19. Recently how many highway projects have been approved in Uttarakhand worth ₹ 1210 cr?
(1) 22 (2) 23 (3) 28 (4) 25 (5) None of these
20. Which state has planned to provide 100 percent water tap connections to all households before March 2022?
(1) Mizoram (2) Sikkim (3) Meghalaya (4) Maharashtra (5) None of these
21. Which state government launched 14 day mask Abhiyan against Covid 19?
(1) Odisha (2) MP (3) Karnataka (4) Assam (5) None of these
22. Which state got its first Advanced Antiquities Management System for preservation of historical objects?
(1) Delhi (2) Haryana (3) UP (4) Goa (5) None of these
23. Which state reiterated the commitment to achieve 'Har Ghar Jal' target by 2022?
(1) Punjab (2) Bihar (3) UP (4) Haryana (5) None of these
24. Which state released the first instalment of fee reimbursement under Jagananna Vidya Deevena scheme?
(1) Andhra Pradesh (2) Telangana (3) Uttar Pradesh
(4) Haryana (5) None of these
25. Which state/UT has released first-of-its-kind draft cycling policy that views cycling as a major alternate mode of transport for short distances?
(1) Chandigarh (2) Uttar Pradesh (3) New Delhi
(4) Bengaluru (5) None of these

26. Which state government announced "Covid Emergency Loan Scheme" for new and old entrepreneurs supplying medicines, oxygen and other medical facilities to Covid-19 patients?
 (1) Haryana (2) Maharashtra (3) Uttar Pradesh
 (4) Bihar (5) None of these
27. Which state cabinet approved a policy to provide jobs on compassionate grounds and economically weaker section (EWS) status to children under Harihar Scheme?
 (1) Bihar (2) Telangana (3) Haryana (4) Tamil Nadu (5) None of these
28. Which state to appoint oxygen nurses to curb wastage of oxygen at hospitals?
 (1) Telangana (2) Uttar Pradesh (3) Maharashtra
 (4) Andhra Pradesh (5) None of these
29. Which state has started a unique 'Oxygen on Wheels' initiative to ensure incessant supply of Medical Oxygen to both Government & Private Hospitals?
 (1) Uttar Pradesh (2) Haryana (3) Maharashtra
 (4) Bihar (5) None of these

Place in the News

30. Where is a first-of-its-kind school called 'Nyubu Nyvgam Yerko', a formal indigenous language and knowledge system school inaugurated?
 (1) Assam (2) Sikkim (3) Arunachal Pradesh
 (4) Nagaland (5) None of these
31. In which state, India's first floating storage and regasification unit has arrived?
 (1) Maharashtra (2) Uttar Pradesh (3) Gujarat
 (4) Tamil Nadu (5) None of these
32. Recently the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) has established a 'Water Sports and Adventure Institute (WSAI)' in which state?
 (1) Uttarakhand (2) Madhya Pradesh (3) Himachal Pradesh
 (4) Jammu and Kashmir (5) None of these

Personalities

33. Recently who released a commemorative postage stamp in memory of former chief of Brahma Kumaris Rajyogini Dadi?
 (1) Ram Nath Kovind (2) Smriti Irani (3) Narendra Modi
 (4) Venkaiah Naidu (5) None of these

Defence and National Security

34. Which edition of India Kyrgyzstan military exercise "Khanjar" was recently held in Bishkek?
 (1) 6th (2) 7th (3) 8th (4) 10th (5) None of these
35. The exercise "VARUNA" is scheduled to held between India and which other country?
 (1) USA (2) France (3) UAE (4) UK (5) None of these

Committees/Commissions

36. Who will head the expert committee formed for factories and dock works by the Ministry of Labour and Employment?
 (1) DK Shami (2) PLN Murthy (3) Samideer Sharma
 (4) RK Elangovan (5) None of these

Schemes/Initiatives

37. Who flagged off the cruise service from Hazira Port of Surat to Diu?
(1) Smriti Irani (2) Mansukh Mandviya (3) Narendra Modi
(4) Venkaiah Naidu (5) None of these
38. Which programme was launched by NITI Aayog to promote and support deep science based startup's?
(1) AIM PRIME (2) AIM SCIENCE (3) AIM HIGH
(4) AIM MASTER (5) None of these
39. Who launched the MyNEP platform of NCTE portal?
(1) Ramesh Pokriyal Nishank (2) Narendra Modi (3) Mansukh Mandviya
(4) Smriti Irani (5) None of these
40. Union Minister Narendra Singh Tomar launched Madhukranti portal and honey corners of NAFED in which city?
(1) Pune (2) New Delhi (3) Kolkata (4) Lucknow (5) None of these
41. Recently Union Minister Arjun Munda and Dr Harsh Vardhan launched tribal health collaboration. Name it?
(1) Anamaya (2) Akanksha (3) Anamika (4) Anmol (5) None of these
42. Who has launched SARTHAQ initiative for implementation of NEP?
(1) Piyush Goyal (2) Rajnath Singh (3) Smriti Irani
(4) Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank (5) None of these
43. Who launched 75 pension series awareness to Mark 75 years of India's independence?
(1) Jitendra Singh (2) Amit Shah (3) Ramesh Nishank
(4) Smriti Irani (5) None of these
44. Recently PM Narendra Modi inaugurated which edition of Raisina Dialogue?
(1) 4th (2) 3rd (3) 6th (4) 5th (5) None of these
45. Recently which mission was launched by Dr Harsh Vardhan to spread awareness about nutrition?
(1) Aahar Kranti (2) Uttam Aahar (3) Good Diet
(4) UttamVicharaurAahar (5) None of these
46. Who inaugurated three path breaking initiatives for National Internet Exchange of India, NIXI?
(1) Piyush Goyal (2) Ravi Shankar Prasad (3) Sanjay Dhotre
(4) Ajay Prakash Sawhney (5) None of these
47. Which ministry launched the Gender Samvaad Event recently?
(1) Ministry of Defence
(2) Ministry of Family and Health Welfare
(3) Ministry of Rural Development
(4) Ministry of Tourism
(5) None of these
48. Who launched the distribution of e-property cards under the SWAMITVA scheme through video conferencing?
(1) Narendra Modi (2) Smriti Irani (3) DR HarshVardhan
(4) Amit Shah (5) None of these

Summit/Conference

49. Which country holder the UN Food Systems Summit Dialogue 2021?
(1) USA (2) France (3) China (4) India (5) None of these
50. Who participated from Indian side in Leaders' Summit on Climate hosted by US President Joe Biden?
(1) Harsh vardhan (2) Narendra Modi (3) Amit Shah
(4) S Jaishankar (5) None of these
51. The Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2021 was held in which country?
(1) China (2) Thailand (3) Indonesia (4) Bhutan (5) None of these

Agreement/Deal/Signed

52. Which IPL team signed a strategic long-term partnership with global sports brand Puma?
(1) Royal Challengers Bangalore (2) Sunrisers Hyderabad (3) Chennai Super Kings
(4) Kolkata Knight Riders (5) None of these
53. Which bank has joined hands with nStore to digitise offline retailers and small businesses in the country?
(1) Equitas Small Finance Bank (2) Jana Small Finance Bank
(3) Ujjivan Small Finance Bank (4) AU Small Finance Bank (5) None of these
54. Which bank has tied up with Tide India, part of Tide UK, UK's leading business banking fintech, to provide banking infrastructure for Tide's India platform focused on the SME segment?
(1) RBL Bank (2) IndusInd Bank (3) Kotak Mahindra Bank
(4) IDFC FIRST Bank (5) None of these
55. Recently with which country India signed a free trade agreement which will come into effect from April 1, 2021?
(1) Mauritius (2) Sri Lanka (3) Thailand (4) Singapore (5) None of these
56. Which payment aggregator signed a partnership with JP Morgan to offer online solution to bank's corporate clients in India?
(1) Billdesk (2) Instamojo (3) Mobikwik (4) Paytm (5) None of these
57. Recently Maruti Suzuki team up with which bank to offer auto finance deals for customers?
(1) RBL Bank (2) Karnataka Bank (3) Axis Bank
(4) ICICI Bank (5) None of these
58. Recently Ladakh administration, Leh Hill Council and Solar Energy Corporation of India signed MoU to set up how much megawatt of solar project in Leh district?
(1) 75 (2) 100 (3) 45 (4) 50 (5) None of these
59. India with which other country has announced launch of strategic partnership in water sector?
(1) UK (2) USA (3) Switzerland (4) Netherlands (5) None of these
60. Recently Fintech platformU Gro Capital partnered with which bank to launch credit cards for MSMEs?
(1) ICICI Bank (2) HDFC Bank (3) SBM Bank (4) RBL Bank (5) None of these
61. Which bank tied up with Bharti AXA Life insurance for ban assurance partnership?
(1) Ujjivan Small finance Bank (2) Paytm Payments Bank
(3) Jana Small Finance Bank (4) Fincare Small Finance Bank (5) None of these

62. MSME platform lending company Flexiloans partnered with which company to provide freelancers, women entrepreneurs and MSME free collateral loans?
 (1) PayPal (2) Paytm (3) Mobikwik (4) Freecharge (5) None of these
63. The Union Agricultural Ministry signed MoU with which company for a pilot project in 100 villages of 6 states to raise farmers income?
 (1) Google (2) Wipro (3) Accenture (4) Microsoft (5) None of these
64. Atal Innovation Mission and NITI Aayog signed agreement with which company for jointly work towards providing a digitally rich ecosystem of innovation among young minds?
 (1) Dassault Systems (2) Microsoft (3) Bayer
 (4) Tesla (5) None of these
65. Hindustan Unilever and which other company in association with MyGov India announced a agricultural hackathon to address issue of water scarcity?
 (1) Google (2) Microsoft (3) TCS (4) Wipro (5) None of these
66. Mobisafar Services Pvt limited partnered with which bank to launch mobisafar virtual Rupay debit card?
 (1) Yes Bank (2) HDFC Bank (3) ICICI Bank (4) IDBI Bank (5) None of these
67. India with which other country has signed an agreement for cooperation for the country's first human space mission Gaganyaan?
 (1) Russia (2) France (3) Sweden (4) USA (5) None of these
68. SwitchON Foundation has partnered with which Bank for the promotion of solar pumps?
 (1) Punjab National Bank (2) Canara Bank (3) Bank of Baroda
 (4) State Bank of India (5) None of these
69. Which bank has partnered with MasterCard to launch a mobile based consumer friendly payment solution Pay by Bank App?
 (1) IDBI Bank (2) HDFC Bank (3) ICICI Bank (4) RBL Bank (5) None of these
70. Which aircraft manufacturer has partnered with Indian Aviation Academy and University of South California for safety management training?
 (1) BAE Systems (2) Lockheed (3) Airbus (4) Boeing (5) None of these
71. Recently the ministry of Tourism signed MoU with cleartrip and which other company to strengthen hospitality and tourism industry?
 (1) AmazonFly (2) Makemytrip (3) Goibibo (4) Easemytrip (5) None of these
72. India signed agreement with which country on 'Cities combating plastic entering the marine environment'?
 (1) UK (2) USA (3) Germany (4) Israel (5) None of these
73. BOB Financial Solutions Limited (BFSL) have come together with which company to offer an easy, frictionless payment solution for cardholders with the launch of ConQR – on Card solution?
 (1) Visa (2) MasterCard (3) Rupay (4) American Express (5) None of these
74. Which bank has signed an agreement with The Chennai Angles for financing start-ups under its loan programme, 'IND Spring Board'?
 (1) Bank of Baroda (2) IDBI Bank (3) Indian Bank
 (4) Indian Overseas Bank (5) None of these

75. Recently Indian Army signed MoU with NIEDO and which other company for Ladakh Ignited Minds Project?
 (1) ONGC (2) HPCL (3) BPCL (4) TERI (5) None of these
76. Recently the cabinet approved signing and ratification of Agreement between India and which other country on Customs Cooperation and Mutual Administrative Assistance in Customs Matters?
 (1) USA (2) France (3) UK (4) Israel (5) None of these

Meet/Visit

77. Recently, Sergey Lavrov arrived in New Delhi. He is foreign minister of which nation?
 (1) Russia (2) Myanmar (3) Australia (4) New Zealand (5) None of these
78. Recently Osman Salem Mohammed arrived in India. He is the foreign minister of which country?
 (1) Eritrea (2) Cambodia (3) Vietnam (4) Seychelles (5) None of these
79. Which country hosted the BRICS Finance Ministers Meeting 2021?
 (1) India (2) Russia (3) China (4) South Africa (5) None of these

Bills

80. Now a beneficiary of government welfare scheme can open a basic savings account in post office. The finance ministry amended which act for it?
 (1) Post Savings Act 2015
 (2) Basic Saving Account Scheme 2018
 (3) Basic Deposits Act 2019
 (4) Post Office Savings Account Scheme 2019
 (5) None of these

Fund

81. The government will borrow how much amount in the first half of 2021-22 fiscal to meet resources to perk up the economy hit by the coronavirus pandemic?
 (1) Rs.4.38 lakh crore (2) Rs.5.90 lakh crore (3) Rs.3.56 lakh crore
 (4) Rs.7.24 lakh crore (5) None of these
82. Recently how much amount of highway projects was approved by the central government for 7 states?
 (1) Rs.4564 cr (2) Rs.5600 cr (3) Rs.5678 cr (4) Rs.6176 cr (5) None of these
83. How much amount of loan was approved by World Bank and AIIB for canal based water drinking projects in Punjab?
 (1) USD 500 million (2) USD 450 million (3) USD 400 million
 (4) USD 300 million (5) None of these
84. How much amount of loan was approved by World bank to boost health services in Mizoram?
 (1) USD 50 million (2) USD 40 million (3) USD 45 million
 (4) USD 32 million (5) None of these
85. How much amount will be invested by Dutch Development Bank FMO in Green Growth Equity Fund?
 (1) \$155 million (2) \$150 million (3) \$140 million (4) \$137 million (5) None of these
86. Recently Cabinet approved Production Linked Incentive scheme for Acs and led lights worth how much amount?
 (1) Rs.7954 cr (2) Rs.3456 cr (3) Rs.5688 cr (4) Rs.6238 cr (5) None of these

87. How much amount has been sanctioned for augmenting healthcare facilities in NE States?
 (1) Rs.200 cr (2) Rs.250 cr (3) Rs.300cr (4) Rs.350 cr (5) None of these
88. The government is planning to invest over how much rupees this fiscal year to ensure tap water supply to every rural household in the country?
 (1) One lakh crore rupees (2) Two lakh crore rupees
 (3) Three lakh crore rupees (4) Four lakh crore rupees (5) None of these
89. How much amount was contributed by India to UN Trust Fund for counter terrorism?
 (1) \$200000 (2) \$350000 (3) \$400000 (4) \$500000 (5) None of these
90. How much loan was approved by Asian Development Bank to improve transport connectivity in Tamil Nadu?
 (1) 484 million (2) 510 million (3) 525 million
 (4) 450 million (5) None of these
91. Recently how much amount of road development projects were approved by the centre for the state of Madhya Pradesh?
 (1) Rs.46 cr (2) Rs.35 cr (3) Rs.566 cr (4) Rs.726 cr (5) None of these
92. How much amount of highway projects were approved by the government for the state of Goa?
 (1) Rs.129 cr (2) Rs.135 cr (3) Rs.140 cr (4) Rs.121 cr (5) None of these
93. How much grant was assisted by India to Nepal for a new building of a secondary school in Udayapur district?
 (1) 48.00 million (2) 43.50 million (3) 42.95 million
 (4) 44.50 million (5) None of these
94. How much amount will be divided in next 4 years for providing seed funding to eligible startup's under Startup India Seed Fund Scheme?
 (1) Rs.554 cr (2) Rs.800 cr (3) Rs.945 cr (4) Rs.565 cr (5) None of these
95. The central government has released how much amount of disaster funds to states and UTs since the beginning of pandemic last year?
 (1) Rs.30000 cr (2) Rs.44000 cr (3) Rs.46000 cr (4) Rs.25000 cr (5) None of these
96. Which country announced Rs.8.12 crore grants under its partnership with India for Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative?
 (1) France (2) USA (3) Australia (4) New Zealand (5) None of these

Economy

97. The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) capped market share for UPI apps at what percent of overall payment volumes?
 (1) 30% (2) 34% (3) 40% (4) 47% (5) None of these
98. RBI projected India real GDP growth for 2021-22 at how much percent in its monetary policy?
 (1) 10.9% (2) 10.2% (3) 10.0% (4) 10.5% (5) None of these
99. Recently JP Morgan reduced India's GDP for FY22 to what percent?
 (1) 12% (2) 11% (3) 10.5% (4) 11.5% (5) None of these

Companies/Industry

100. Recently Paytm Money opened its development and technology centre in which city?
 (1) Lucknow (2) Noida (3) Pune (4) Mumbai (5) None of these

101. Recently which crypto exchange launched India's first marketplace for Non Fungible Tokens?
 (1) WazirX (2) Zerodha (3) Upstox (4) Angel Broking (5) None of these
102. Which company has acquired the entire stake in US-headquartered hybrid cloud and DevOps services provider DigitalOnUS?
 (1) Tech Mahindra (2) TCS (3) Wipro
 (4) HCL (5) None of these
103. Which company has collaborated with Google Pay (GPay) and VISA to enable secured tokenisation on its credit cards?
 (1) HDFC Bank (2) ICICI Bank (3) HSBC (4) DBS (5) None of these
104. Which platform has launched a new video-based wealth community called Wealth Community?
 (1) Paytm (2) PayPal (3) Payzapp (4) Freecharge (5) None of these
105. Which has become the first crypto exchange to provide investment disclosures in India?
 (1) Kuber (2) Dogi (3) WazirX (4) Bitex (5) None of these

Exports/Imports

106. As per agricultural ministry, farms exports up by how much percent in April-Feb FY 21?
 (1) 16.88% (2) 17.05% (3) 15.60% (4) 14.50% (5) None of these
107. As per data, the essential agri commodities exports risen up by how much percent in April May FY21?
 (1) 18.90% (2) 16.76% (3) 17.85% (4) 18.49% (5) None of these

Space

108. Which country to send its rover "Rashid" to moon in 2022?
 (1) Iran (2) Iraq (3) UAE (4) Israel (5) None of these
109. Which country hoped to launch its own orbital station in 2025?
 (1) UK (2) Russia (3) France (4) China (5) None of these
110. Recently a community service centre has been set up to bring all data on board India's first dedicated solar space mission to a single web-based interface. Name it?
 (1) Lunar L2 (2) Gaganyaan G1 (3) Pariksha S1
 (4) Aditya L1 (5) None of these

Science and Technology

111. Which institute has developed world's first affordable and long lasting hygiene product DuroKea Series?
 (1) IIT Kanpur (2) IISc Bengaluru (3) IIM Ahmedabad
 (4) IIT Hyderabad (5) None of these
112. How many teams of scientists of India and Sri Lanka will undertake research on various areas like food processing, metrology etc?
 (1) 9 (2) 10 (3) 12 (4) 14 (5) None of these

Health/Diseases/Drugs

113. Which country registered world's first Covid vaccine Carnivac for animals?
 (1) Russia (2) India (3) USA (4) Canada (5) None of these

114. As per India Rating and Research, cost of vaccinating all citizens above the age of 18 years against Covid-19 will amount to how much?
(1) Rs.69644 cr (2) Rs.51786 cr (3) Rs.65567 cr (4) Rs.67193 cr (5) None of these

Transport/Cars/Scooters

115. How much kilometres of route has been achieved by Indian railways in electrification of routes during 2020-21?
(1) 6000 (2) 5000 (3) 5500 (4) 4500 (5) None of these
116. Which railway zone has become India's first electrified railway zone in the country?
(1) Northern Zone (2) West Central Zone (3) South Central Zone
(4) East Central Zone (5) None of these
117. Railways Minister Piyush Goyal flagged off a new Humsafar special train connecting which places?
(1) Deogarh- New Delhi (2) Godda- New Delhi (3) Ranchi- New Delhi
(4) Jamshedpur - New Delhi (5) None of these

Festival

118. Recently Manoj Sinha inaugurated Tulip festival at Asia Largest Tulip garden in which city?
(1) Srinagar (2) Pune (3) Gangtok (4) Kolkata (5) None of these

Appointments/Election (or) Latest who is who?

119. Who was roped in as brand ambassador of Smartphone brand TECNO?
(1) Ayushmaan Khurrana (2) Virat Kohli (3) Rajkumar Rao
(4) Akshay Kumar (5) None of these
120. Who was appointed as new chairperson of FICCI Ladies Organisation?
(1) Simran Kushwaha (2) Kamalpreet Kaur (3) Manisha Kaul
(4) Uma Chigurupati (5) None of these
121. Miguel Díaz-Canel to be appointed as new president of which country?
(1) Cuba (2) Vietnam (3) Kenya (4) Seychelles (5) None of these

Deaths

122. Lieutenant General, Walter Anthony Gustavo 'WAG' Pinto (Retd), a military hero, who passed away was related to which of the following wars?
(1) 1971 India-Pakistan War (2) 2001-02 India-Pakistan standoff
(3) Indo-Pakistani War of 1965 (4) Indo-Pakistani War of 1947-1948 (5) None of these
123. American Beverly Cleary who passed away was related to which field?
(1) Director (2) Actor (3) Author (4) Singer (5) None of these
124. Didier Ratsiraka who passed away was the former president of which country?
(1) Madagascar (2) Namibia (3) Mozambique
(4) Zambia (5) None of these
125. Recently Bachi Singh Rawat passed away. He belongs to which profession?
(1) Politics (2) Author (3) Actor (4) Social Activist (5) None of these
126. Recently Baboolal Goverdhan Joshi passed away. He was the statistision of which sports?
(1) Hockey (2) Football (3) Kabaddi (4) Cricket (5) None of these

127. Recently Kishore Nandlaskar passed away, He was related to which field?
(1) Politics (2) Sports (3) Author (4) Actor (5) None of these
128. Recently Former Vice President Walter Mondale passed away. He was the former Vice President of which nation?
(1) USA (2) UK (3) France (4) New Zealand (5) None of these

Awards/Honours

129. Which of the following has been conferred the prestigious 'Role Model' Award at the 11th CII National HR Excellence Award 2020-21?
(1) Steel Authority of India (2) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation
(3) GAIL (4) NTPC Ltd (5) None of these
130. Maggie O'Farrell's which of the following books won the National Book Critics Circle prize for fiction?
(1) After You'd Gone (2) This Must Be the Place (3) Hamnet
(4) My lover's lover (5) None of these
131. Noted Marathi writer Dr Sharankumar Limbale will receive Saraswati Samman, 2020 for his which book?
(1) Sanatan (2) Bahujan (3) The outcaste (4) Akkarmashi (5) None of these

Sports/Game

132. Who won the Bahrain Grand Prix 2021?
(1) Max Verstappen (2) Lewis Hamilton (3) Sebastian Vettel
(4) Daniel Ricciardo (5) None of these
133. Who has flagged off India Russia Friendship Car Rally 2021?
(1) Dr. Jitendra Singh (2) Mr. Narendra Modi (3) Mr. Amit Shah
(4) Mr. Nitin Gadkari (5) None of these

Report

134. What is the rank of India in the World Economic Forum's Global Gender Gap Report 2021?
(1) 147th (2) 140th (3) 150th (4) 142nd (5) None of these
135. As per 2021 World best countries report by US News and BAV group, which country topped the list?
(1) Thailand (2) Singapore (3) Canada (4) New Zealand (5) None of these
136. As per Facebook Economist Intelligence Unit Study, what is India's rank in Internet inclusion and gender inequality in accessing the World Wide Web?
(1) 49th (2) 55th (3) 42nd (4) 51st (5) None of these
137. According to a national climate vulnerability assessment report, how many Indian states are highly vulnerable to climate change?
(1) 8 (2) 6 (3) 5 (4) 10 (5) None of these
138. What is the rank of India in global energy Transition Index 2021?
(1) 80th (2) 82nd (3) 85th (4) 87th (5) None of these
139. As per China's Central Bank report, India's demographic advantage to overtake China's by which year?
(1) 2035 (2) 2039 (3) 2025 (4) 2030 (5) None of these

140. What is the rank of India in Chandler Good Government Index (CGGI) 2021?
(1) 51st (2) 48th (3) 49th (4) 52nd (5) None of these

General - National

141. Who laid the foundation stone of Balasaheb Thackeray National Memorial in Dadar?
(1) Narendra Modi (2) Uddhav Thackeray (3) Sanjay Raut
(4) Sonia Gandhi (5) None of these
142. Recently Ayush Ministry in collaboration with Vinoba Seva Pratishan successful organized a 3 day Ayurveda Parav in which city?
(1) Dehradun (2) Patna (3) Lucknow (4) Bhubaneswar (5) None of these
143. Recently which organisation launched first of its kind online dispute resolution handbook in India?
(1) RBI (2) Sidbi (3) NASSCOM (4) NITI Aayog (5) None of these
144. Recently India gifted Rs.100 crore patrol vessel PR Zorester to which country?
(1) Vietnam (2) Bhutan (3) Seychelles (4) Maldives (5) None of these
145. Recently India has built infrastructures of three educational institutions in Palpa district of which country?
(1) Myanmar (2) Nepal (3) Bhutan (4) Bangladesh (5) None of these

General - International

146. Which application was launched at ICCR Foundation Day held in Beijing?
(1) Little Guru (2) Little Angel (3) Be Young (4) Small Wonder (5) None of these
147. Which has become the first country to complete the official process for ratification of Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement?
(1) Singapore (2) Thailand (3) UK (4) France (5) None of these
148. Which country becomes the first country to introduce climate change law for financial firms?
(1) Switzerland (2) Australia (3) Russia (4) New Zealand (5) None of these
149. How many nations were designated as countries of particular concern by USCIRF?
(1) 2 (2) 5 (3) 3 (4) 4 (5) None of these
150. Which country will join the United States, Canada, Norway, and Qatar in forming 'Net Zero Producers Forum' for oil and gas producer?
(1) Israel (2) Iran (3) UAE (4) Saudi Arabia (5) None of these

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