

## GENERAL AWARENESS-CURRENT AFFAIRS

### MONTH OF FEBRUARY-2021

#### List of Important Days

- February 01 - Indian Coast Guard celebrates its 45th Raising Day.
- February 02 - World Wetlands Day. (Theme - "Wetlands and Water").
- February 04 - International Day of Human Fraternity (Theme - "A Pathway to the Future").
- February 04 - World Cancer Day (Theme - "I Am And I Will").
- February 06 - International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation (Theme - "No Time for Global Inaction: Unite, Fund, and Act to End Female Genital Mutilation").
- February 08 (second Monday of February) - International Epilepsy Day.
- February 08 - 12 - RBI Organizes Financial Literacy Week.
- February 10 - World Pulses Day. (Theme - "Nutritious Seeds for a Sustainable Future").
- February 11 - International Day of Women and Girls in Science (Theme - "Women Scientists at the forefront of the fight against COVID-19").
- February 11 - World Unani Day.
- February 12 - National Productivity Day 2021.
- February 13 - World Radio Day (Theme - "New World, New Radio").
- February 13 - National Women's Day of India.
- February 19 - 6th Soil Health Card Day.
- February 20 (Third Saturday of February) - 10th edition of the World Pangolin Day.
- February 20 - World Day of Social Justice. (Theme - "A Call for Social Justice in the Digital Economy").
- February 21 - International Mother Language Day. (Theme - "Fostering multilingualism for inclusion in education and society").
- February 22 - World Thinking Day. (Theme - "peacebuilding").
- February 24 - Central Excise Day.
- February 27 - World NGO Day.

#### Reserve Bank of India

- According to RBI, the **licence** of Maharashtra-based **Shivam Sahakari Bank** has been **cancelled** as it does not have adequate capital and earning prospects.
- The six-member Monetary Policy Committee of the Reserve Bank of India (**RBI**), headed by Governor **Shaktikanta Das**, has decided to maintain the status quo on policy rate amid sticky rate of inflation.
  - Repo rate - 4 per cent
  - Reverse repo rate - 3.35 per cent
- Reserve Bank of India (**RBI**) has announced that it will purchase four government securities (**G-Secs**) that amount to **Rs.20,000 crores**.
- The Reserve Bank of India has approved the takeover of Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Ltd (**DHFL**) by **Piramal Group**.

## State Bank of India

- **State Bank of India** has tied up with **JPMorgan** to use the **US bank's blockchain technology** to speed up overseas transactions.

## Other Banks

- Punjab National Bank (**PNB**) has decided to restrict its customers from withdrawing money from **non-EMV automated teller machines** (ATMs) with effect from 01 February 2021, in an attempt to check frauds, related to money transactions.
  - To overcome this, PNB will introduce OTP based systems for withdrawing cash.
- **ICICI Bank** has announced the launch of a Common Payment Card System (**CPCS**) in partnership with the Greater Chennai Corporation (**GCC**) and Chennai Smart City Limited (**CSCL**) to provide citizens with a one-stop solution for making various kind of **payments**.

## Central Government

- The Union Fisheries Minister Giriraj Singh announced an investment of **Rs. 400 crores** in **Goa** for making the coastal state a **fisheries hub** in India.
- Cabinet approves **Production Linked Incentive** (PLI) scheme for telecom sector worth Rs 12,195 crore.
- The Union Cabinet has approved the proposal to impose **President's Rule** in **Puducherry**.

## States

- **Punjab** Chief Minister Captain **Amarinder Singh** has virtually launched the '**Har Ghar Pani, Har Ghar Safai**' mission as part of the government's campaign to accomplish the goal of **100 per cent potable piped** water supply in all rural households.
  - The scheme is being funded by the World Bank, Jal Jeevan Mission of GoI, NABARD, and State Budget.
- **Andhra Pradesh** has become the **second** State to implement the **power sector reforms** that was put forward by the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance.
  - Before Andhra Pradesh, **Madhya Pradesh** undertook the reforms in the power sector.
- The **Gujarat** state government announced that it will be setting up an **Indian Institute of Skills** at Nasmed Village **Gandhinagar** district.
  - The Labour and Employment Department of Gujarat will be setting up the institute in collaboration with the **Tata Group** on a not-for-profit model.
- The health department in **Madhya Pradesh** has launched the Social Awareness and Action to Neutralise Pneumonia Successfully ('**SAANS**') campaign.
- **Uttar Pradesh** government has introduced a system of issuing a **unique 16-digit Unicode** to mark all kinds of **landholdings** in the state.
- The India Meteorological Department (**IMD**) has announced to set up the first '**Thunderstorm Research Testbed**' of the country at Odisha's **Balasore** district.
- The **Delhi** cabinet has approved "**Mukhyamantri Vigyan Pratibha Pariksha**" in which Rs 5,000 will be provided to 1,000 meritorious students of Class 9 in schools of Delhi as a science scholarship.
- Odisha to Construct '**COVID Warrior Memorial**' in **Bhubaneswar**.
- **West Bengal** government launched "**Maa**" canteens for providing subsidized **cooked meals** for the **poor** and the destitute at a nominal cost of **₹5**.
- The state government of **Odisha**, under Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, has launched the development work for the **SAMALEI** Project (Samaleswari Temple Area Management and Local Economy Initiatives), to offer the divine experience to tourists & devotees.

- The state government of **Kerala** has sanctioned Rs. 9 crores to build '**smart anganwadis**'.
- **Chandigarh** became the first state or Union Territory in India to launch **Carbon Watch**, a mobile application to assess the carbon footprint of an individual.
- The Chief Minister of Karnataka, B.S. Yediyurappa, launched the '**Namma Cargo**' services.

#### Place in the News

- The state of **Madhya Pradesh** has launched a **Police Museum** at the police headquarters in Bhind, Madhya Pradesh. It is a unique museum **themed** on the dacoits to showcase their stories.
- **Madhya Pradesh** Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan announced **Hoshangabad city** in the state would be renamed as **Narmadapuram**.

#### Defence and National Security

- The 16th edition of '**Yudh Abhyas**', **India-US** joint military exercise, was held in **Rajasthan** between February 8 and 21, 2021.
- The **Aero India 2021** event, country's premier aerospace and defence exhibition, kick-started at **Air Force Station Yelahanka** in **Bengaluru**.
- Raksha Mantri, **Rajnath Singh** has inaugurated the '**Chiefs of Air Staff (CAS) Conclave**' at Air Force Station Yelahanka in Bengaluru, **Karnataka**.
- A 25-year-old **Kashmiri** woman, **Ayesha Aziz**, has become the **youngest female pilot** in the country.
- A maiden contingent of **34 CRPF women personnel** has been inducted into its specialized jungle warfare commando force **CoBRA**.
  - The contingent will soon be deployed in the anti-Naxal operations grid of the country.
- The **Pakistan Army** conducted a successful test-firing of a short-range surface-to-surface ballistic missile '**Babar**'.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has handed over the indigenous main **battle tank Arjun Mk-1A** to the **Army** in a function at the Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium in **Chennai**.
  - Chief of the Army Staff General Manoj Mukund Naravane received the model of the tank, designed and developed by Chennai-based Combat Vehicles Research & Development Establishment (**CVRDE**), a unit of the Defence Research & Development Organization (**DRDO**).
- **India** will start the testing of the **Astra Mark 2** beyond visual range air to air missile in 2021.
- **Indian** Naval Ship **Pralaya** reached **Abu Dhabi** in **UAE** to participate in the Naval Defence Exhibition (**NAVDEX 21**) and International Defence Exhibition (**IDEX 21**) from February 20 to 25, 2021.
- The **Indian** and the **Indonesian** navies held the **PASSEX military exercise** in the Arabian sea on February 18, 2021.
- Army Chief Gen Manoj Naravane has flagged off the **100th K9 Vajra** tracked self-propelled howitzer built by Larsen & Toubro (**L&T**) at its armoured system complex at Hazira in **Gujarat**.

#### Committees/Commissions

- **Vijay Sampla** takes charge as Chairman of National Commission for Scheduled Castes (**NCSC**).

#### Schemes/Initiatives

- Union Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports, **Kiren Rijiju** has launched a breakthrough Reference Material for use in **chemical testing** in the field of **anti-doping**.
- The Union Textiles Minister **Smriti Irani** inaugurated the **8th India International Silk Fair** on Virtual Portal.

- In **Nainital** district of **Uttarakhand**, a first of its kind botanical garden named '**Shivalik Arboretum**' has been inaugurated, for conserving over 210 species of trees found in the Shivalik range of Himalayas.
- The Union Education Minister, **Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'** has addressed the inaugural ceremony of the **ASEAN India Hackathon 2021** on February 1.
  - The Ministry of **Education** has launched the ASEAN India Hackathon 2021.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the **Chauri Chaura centenary celebrations** at Chauri Chaura in Gorakhpur, **Uttar Pradesh** through video conferencing.
- India's first **amputee clinic** has been launched by the Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (**PGIMER**), **Chandigarh**.
- Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar, Petroleum Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, Animal Husbandry Minister Giriraj Singh, Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat and Minister of State for Jal Shakti Rattan Lal Kataria jointly launched a **unified web portal** for **monitoring** the progress of **GOBARDHAN** activities across the nation.
- The Union Defence Minister, Rajnath Singh, inaugurated 57,000 water structures under the "**Jalabhishekam Water Conservation Campaign**" virtually from **New Delhi**.
  - These water structures were constructed in **Madhya Pradesh**.
- The Governor of **West Bengal**, Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar inaugurated the 11th **Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav** at Cooch Behar Palace at West Bengal.
  - The Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav is a flagship programme of the Ministry of Culture, organised under the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat Programme, since 2015, to celebrate the idea of unity in diversity.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has virtually launched '**Mahabahu-Brahmaputra**' initiative in **Assam**.
  - He laid the foundation stone for the **Dhubri Phulbari bridge**.
  - PM also perform the bhumi puja for the construction of **Majuli Bridge** in Assam.
- President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated the world's largest Stadium at Motera, in **Gujarat**.
  - The Motera stadium has been renamed **Narendra Modi Stadium** and it will surpass Melbourne Cricket Ground to become the largest stadium in the world.
- Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan launches Intensified Mission **Indradhanush 3.0**.
- The Union Cabinet has approved the production-linked **Incentive scheme** for **IT Hardware**.
- The **Punjab** Cabinet has approved the implementation of the mission '**Lal Laker**' aimed at facilitating villagers to monetize property rights and availing benefits provided by government departments, institutions and banks in all villages across the state.

#### Summit/Conference

- Prime Minister Modi will inaugurate the **2nd Maritime India Summit** which will be held in a virtual mode on March 2, 2021.

#### Agreement/Deal/Signed

- **Ford Motor Co** has joined hands with **Alphabet Inc's Google** to cooperate in software, artificial intelligence and cloud computing, to develop new consumer services and modernize internal operations.
- **Coal India** announced that it has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Energy Efficiency Services Ltd (EESL) to reduce its **carbon footprint** and improve its overall operational efficiency and profitability.
- The **defence** ministry has signed a contract with **Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)** to procure a software-defined radio tactical (**SDR-Tac**) ship-borne system worth over Rs 1,000 crore.

- **India** and **Afghanistan** have signed a Memorandum of Understanding MoU over video-conferencing (VTC), for the construction of **the Shahtoot Dam** (Lalander Dam) on a tributary of the **Kabul river** in Afghanistan.
- Digital payments platform, **PhonePe** has announced that it has partnered with **Axis Bank** on a Unified Payments Interface (UPI) multi-bank model.
- A memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed between the **Meghalaya police** and the **State Bank of India** for implementation of the **e-Challan** within the jurisdiction of the Shillong Traffic Police (STP).
- **Maharashtra** government has signed an MoU with **Flipkart** to promote **wooden toys**, local artefacts, handicrafts.
- India's homegrown app **MapMyIndia** ties up with **ISRO** to build an alternative to **Google Maps**.
- The **Tata Electronics** has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the **Tamil Nadu** government in order to establish a facility to manufacture the **mobile components**.
- **HCL Technologies** has inked an agreement with the Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur (IITK) to collaborate in the area of **cybersecurity**.
- The e-commerce company **Flipkart** has partnered with **ICICI Lombard** to offer its customers the '**Group SafeGuard**' insurance, a group health insurance policy.
  - The '**Group SafeGuard**' comes with daily cash benefits starting from Rs 500, and '**Hospicash**' benefit for **Flipkart consumers**.
- The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation** to support the development, conduct and promotion of **health research** in India.
- The Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) and the **Greenstat Norway** signed an agreement to set up the Centre of Excellence on **Hydrogen**.
- **India** and **Ethiopia** signed two agreements related to visa facilitation and **leather technology**.
- The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) and the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) signed a Memorandum of Understanding for the exchange of **data** between the two organizations.

#### Meet/Visit

- **India** and the Kingdom of **Bahrain** held the first Joint Working Group Meeting virtually in the field of **Renewable Energy**.
- The **Indian** foreign minister S Jaishankar was on an official visit to two key Indian Ocean region countries- Maldives and Mauritius.
  - During this visit, Mr S Jaishankar handed over 1 lakh additional doses of the made-in-India **COVID-19 vaccine** to the **Maldives**.
  - India signed a 5 Agreement with **Maldives**.
  - India signed a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) or (Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Partnership Agreement-(CECPA)) with **Mauritius**.
- A trilateral dialogue was held among **India, France, and Australia** on February 24, 2021, at the senior officials' level, with a focus on further enhancing cooperation in the Indo-Pacific.

#### Bills

- Rajya Sabha passed **The Jammu and Kashmir Reorganization (Amendment) Bill, 2021**.
  - It will replace Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation (Amendment) Ordinance of 2021 which merged the Jammu and Kashmir cadre of the Indian Administrative Service, Indian Police Service, and Indian Forest Service with the Arunachal Pradesh, Goa, Mizoram, and Union Territory cadre, also known as AGMUT cadre.

- **Madhya Pradesh** Cabinet has approved the “**Penal Law (Madhya Pradesh Amendment) Bill, 2021**”.
- This bill was approved in order to give life imprisonment to **food adulterers** in states.

### Fund

- The Reserve Bank of India has announced that the Export-Import Bank of India (**Exim Bank**) will provide **USD 400 million** to **Maldives** project.
  - It will provide the fund for the **Greater Male Connectivity Project**.
- The New Development Bank (**NDB**) has committed to invest **USD 100 million** (Rs 727.6 crore), into the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund Limited (**NIIF**) Fund of Funds (FoF).
- **Indian** Govt and **Chhattisgarh** Govt has signed a \$100 million for **CHIRAAG** (Chhattisgarh Inclusive Rural and Accelerated Agriculture Growth) project with the **World bank**.
  - The main purpose is to develop sustainable production systems that allow tribal households in remote areas of Chhattisgarh to practice round-the-year production of diversified and nutritious food.
- Government signs **\$304 million** loan agreement with Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank- **AIIB** for **Assam Power Transmission Project**.

### Economy

- Union Finance Minister, **Nirmala Sitharaman** presenting the **Union Budget 2021** for the 3rd time in a row.
  - The **Economic Survey 2020-21** was released on 29th January 2021 by the Chief Economic Advisor of India, **Krishnamurthy Subramanian**.
  - According to the survey, **India's economy** could contract **7.7 per cent** in the financial year that ends on March 31.
- **Uttar Pradesh** has become the first state in the country to table a **paperless budget**.

### Companies/Industry

- **Reliance** has sourced the world's first consignment of '**carbon-neutral oil**' from the **United States**.
  - The move comes as the company looks to become a net zero-carbon company by 2035.
- The California-based global digital payment platform **PayPal** has announced that the company has decided to **wind down** its **domestic payment services** in **India** with effect from April 01, 2021.
- **Hyundai Motor Company** has launched a Transformer-like robocar dubbed as **TIGER X-1**, that can travel over the most challenging terrains on the Earth as well as on other planets.
  - **TIGER** stands for Transforming Intelligent Ground Excursion Robot, and the X-1 denotes its experimental status.

### Taxation/Trade

- **China** has again become **India's top trading partner** in the year 2020.

### Space

- **Stardust 1.0** was launched from Loring Commerce Center, a former military base in Maine, **USA**.
  - This is the first commercial space launch driven by **biofuels**.
- The Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (**HAL**) is developing a futuristic **high altitude pseudo satellite** with a start-up company, to strengthen the country's military strike capabilities.
- The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (**NASA**) has selected spaceflight company, **SpaceX** to launch its **SPHEREx Mission**.
  - Through this mission, NASA aims to perform an all-sky survey to measure the near-infrared spectra of approximately 450 million galaxies across the universe and 100 million stars inside our Milky Way galaxy.

- **Russia** is set to put into orbit around **40 satellites** from over a dozen different countries all over the world using the **Soyuz-2** carrier rocket in March 2021.
- The United Arab Emirates (**UAE**) has put a probe called **Hope** in the orbit around the **MARS**.
  - By doing so, UAE has become the **fifth** country to launch the spacecraft into the orbit of MARS after United States, Soviet Union, Europe and India.
- The President of **Turkey** Recep Tayyip Erdogan unveiled an ambitious **10-year space program** that includes missions to the moon, developing internationally viable satellite systems, and sending Turkish astronauts into space.
- Indian Space Research Organization (**ISRO**) has opened its **UR Rao Satellite Centre** for testing satellites developed by the **private sector** for the first time in its history.
  - Two satellites, developed by the Indian startups SpaceKidz India and Pixxel (incorporated as Sygyzy) were tested at the UR Rao Satellite Centre.
- The **NASA** Perseverance rover safely landed on **Mars** after its 292.5-million-mile journey from Earth.
- The Indian Space Research Organization on February 28, 2021, launched Polar Satellites Launch Vehicle- **PSLV C51** carrying **Amazonia-1** satellite of **Brazil** and 18 other satellites of USA and India from Satish Dhawan Space Centre at Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh.

#### Health/Diseases/Drugs

- The **Andaman and Nicobar** Islands has become the first Union Territory of India to be officially declared **free from the Coronavirus** infection as the active cases of the virus in the UT has fallen to zero.
- The Health Minister of **Kerala**, **KK Shailaja** open the state's **first Human Milk Bank**, a state-of-art facility, at the Ernakulam General Hospital on February 5, 2021.
- A team of scientists, doctors and photographers in **Kerala** have launched a mobile application named "**Snakepedia**", that will present all relevant information on **snakes**, to help the public as well as doctors in treating snake bites.

#### Energy/Gas/Oil

- The Government of **Denmark** has approved a project to build the **world's first energy island**, in the North Sea.
- President Moon Jae-in-led, **South Korea** Government has approved a plan to build the **world's largest wind power plant** in the country by 2030.
  - Currently, the world's largest offshore wind farm is **Hornsea 1 in Britain**.
- The first **geothermal power project of India** will be established at Puga village of eastern **Ladakh**.
- The International Solar Alliance (**ISA**) have planned to launch the **World Solar Bank** (WSB) at the United Nations Climate Change Conference in **Glasgow** that is scheduled for November 2021.

#### Environment

- The Central government has given its approval for the creation of a **fifth tiger reserve** in **Tamil Nadu** that will encompass the **Meghamalai and Srivilliputhur** Grizzled Squirrel Wildlife Sanctuaries.
  - It will be the **51st Tiger Sanctuary** of India.

#### Education

- '**Aatmanirbharta**', implying self-reliance, has been named by **Oxford Languages** as its **Hindi word of the year 2020**.
- The Ministry of **Education** has decided on the Schools and hostels under the **Samagra Shiksha** scheme, which was renamed as **Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose**.

### Transport/Cars/Scooters

- **Lucknow Metro** has become the 1st metro in the country to use **ultraviolet rays** to **sanitise** train coaches.
  - The Uttar Pradesh Metro Rail Corporation (UPMRC) has taken inspiration from the New York Metro's experiment to sanitise trains with UV lamp rays.
- The under-construction **Kushinagar Airport** in **Uttar Pradesh** has received the necessary clearances from aviation regulator Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) to operate **international flights**.

### Films and Film Festival

- The 14th International Children's Film Festival of Bangladesh (ICFFB) came to an end in **Dhaka**.
  - A total of 12 awards were presented to the winners at the concluding ceremony.
- The prestigious **Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival awards** 2021 were announced, to honour the best in Indian cinema, television, music, and OTT.
  - Late actor **Sushant Singh Rajput** was posthumously awarded '**Critics Best Actor**' for his performance in Dil Bechara.

### Festival

- The Vice President of India Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu inaugurated the National Tribal Festival "**Aadi Mahotsav**" at Dilli Haat, INA, **New Delhi**.
  - The Aadi Mahotsav 2021 was organized from February 1-15, 2021.
- The Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmer Welfare, Kailash Choudhry has inaugurated the **National Horticulture Fair (NHF)** 2021 in **Bengaluru** via virtual mode.
- The three-day famous "**Mandu Festival**" began at the historic town of **Mandu** in **Dhar** district of **Madhya Pradesh** on February 13, 2021.

### Appointments/Election (or) Latest who is who?

- SBI Cards and Payment Services Ltd (**SBI Card**) has appointed **Rama Mohan Rao Amara** as its Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer for a period of two years.
- The National Health Authority (**NHA**) has appointed **RS Sharma** as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of country's flagship public health insurance scheme Ayushman Bharat, also called Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana.
  - He would replace **Indu Bhushan**.
- **Jay Shah**, the incumbent Secretary of Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has been appointed as the new **President** of the Asian Cricket Council (ACC).
  - He is the youngest person ever to be appointed to the office. He replaces **Nazmul Hussain**, Chief of Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) who was the previous chief of the ACC.
- **Facebook Inc.** has appointed **Henry Moniz** as its first-ever Chief Compliance Officer.
- **NASA** has named Indian-American **Bhavya Lal** as the **Acting Chief of Staff**.
- **Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services** has announced the appointment of **Anish Shah** as the chairman of the board, effective April 2, 2021.
  - Shah takes over from **Dhananjay Mungale**. Mungale shall continue to be an Independent Director on the Board of MMFSL.
- **Amazon** announced that founder **Jeff Bezos** will **step down** as CEO of the company during the third quarter of 2021.
  - Amazon Web Services CEO **Andy Jassy** will succeed him as the new Amazon CEO in Q3.
- Spicejet chairman **Ajay Singh** defeated Ashish Shelar in a high-profile contest to get re-elected as president of **Boxing Federation India** for a second term.



- Department of Personnel and Training, under Personnel Ministry, has appointed **Praveen Sinha**, as the **interim director** of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).
  - He has been appointed in place of the incumbent chief **RK Shukla**.
- **Google Cloud** has appointed **Bikram Singh Bedi** as the new Managing Director for its India Business.
  - He will succeed **Karan Bajwa**, who has been elevated as Vice president for the Asia Pacific (APAC) region cloud operations at Google Cloud.
- Nigerian economist **Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala** has been chosen as the next Director-General of the **World Trade Organization (WTO)**.
  - She would be the first woman as well as the first African nation to lead the organization.
  - She will succeed Roberto Azevedo, who stepped down.
- The United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres re-appointed **Michael Bloomberg** as his Special Envoy on **Climate Ambition and Solutions**.
- **Aegon Life** Insurance, India's first digital-only life insurance company, elevated **Satishwar Balakrishnan** to be the Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer.
- Former European Central Bank chief, **Mario Draghi**, was sworn in as **Italy's new Prime Minister**.
  - Ex-PM **Giuseppe Conte** had resigned in January.
- **Tata Motors** Limited has appointed **Marc Llistosella** as its new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Managing Director (MD).
  - He will replace current CEO & MD of Tata Motors, **Guenter Butschek**.
- The International Solar Alliance (ISA) has announced **Dr Ajay Mathur** as its new Director-General following his election at the first special assembly of ISA members.
  - Dr Mathur replaces **Mr Upendra Tripathy**, who has served as Director-General since the ISA was founded in 2015.
- Justice **Puligoru Venkata Sanjay Kumar** has been sworn-in as the Chief Justice of Manipur High Court at Raj Bhavan, **Imphal**.
- The United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) has appointed **Preeti Sinha** as its Executive Secretary.
- **Ajai Malhotra** became the first Indian to be elected as the Chairperson of the **United Nations Advisory Committee** of the **Human Rights Council**.
- The Parliament of **Georgia** confirmed **Irakli Garibashvili** as Prime Minister.
- **Fullerton India Credit Company** has appointed Shantanu Mitra as the new CEO and Managing Director.
- Russian supermodel and philanthropist **Natalia Vodianova** has become a **United Nations goodwill ambassador**, to promote the sexual and reproductive rights of women and girls and tackle stigmas surrounding their bodies.
- **AU Small Finance Bank** has named **Sharad Goklanias** its new President & CTO.

#### Resignation/Dismissed/Retired/Quit

- **Puducherry** Chief Minister **V Narayanaswamy** submitted his **resignation** to Lieutenant Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan on February 22, 2021 after losing trust vote in the Assembly.
- **Vijay Sampla** took the charge of Chairman National Commission for Scheduled Castes- **NCSC**.
- **Dushyant Chautala** has been re-elected as the President of Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI) for a period of four years.
- Indian cricketer **Yusuf Pathan** has announced his retirement from all forms of cricket.

## Deaths

- The Nobel Prize-winning chemist **Paul J. Crutzen**, has passed away.
- Oscar-winning actor **Christopher Plummer**, who rose to prominence for his critically-acclaimed film 'Sound of Music', has passed away.
- Tennis legend **Akhtar Ali**, a father figure in Indian tennis, passed away.
- Bollywood actor and Raj Kapoor's son **Rajiv Kapoor** passed away.

## Awards/Honours

- Music composer **AR Rahman** and social activist from Saidapet **Hari Krishnan** were among the 14 people who were presented the fourth edition of the **Alert Being Awards 2020** by the NGO ALERT, for their Good Samaritan work.
- Tamil film '**Koozhangal**', directed by PS Vinothraj, won **Tiger Award** at the 50th International Film Festival of Rotterdam (IFFR).
- The Bangalore International Airport Limited's (BIAL) or Kempegowda International Airport Bengaluru has bagged global recognition from the Airports Council **International World's 'Voice of the Customer'** award.
- **Robert Irwin**, an Australian wildlife photographer, has won the first prize in the **Wildlife Photographer of the Year People's Choice Award Contest**.
  - Robert won the award for the image titled '**bushfire**'.
- Telangana-based **Manasa Varanasi** has been crowned as the winner of **VLCC Femina Miss India World 2020**.
- The Science and Engineering Research Board (**SERB**), a statutory body of the Department of Science and Technology (**DST**) has announced the **SERB Women Excellence Award** for the year 2021, on the occasion of the International Day of Women and Girls in Science.
  - **Four** young women fellows of National Science Academies have been awarded SERB Women Excellence Award 2021.
  - The winner includes **Dr Shobhna Kapoor, Dr Antara Banerjee, Dr Sonu Gandhi and Dr Ritu Gupta**.
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh presented the trophies of **best marching** contingents of the Republic Day Parade 2021 in **New Delhi**.
  - **Jat Regimental Centre** bagged the trophy of **best marching** contingent among the Tri-Services while **Delhi Police** was adjudged as the **best marching** contingent among the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) and other auxiliary services.
- **S. Theodore Baskaran** who is a writer, a historian, a naturalist and an activist has won the **Sanctuary Lifetime Service Award, 2020**.
- The Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister, **Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy** has been conferred the **Skoch Chief Minister of the Year Award**.
  - The Award has been presented to the CM by Chairman, Skoch Group, Sameer Kochhar personally at Tadepalli in Andhra Pradesh.
- Telangana's capital, **Hyderabad** has been recognized as a **2020 Tree City of World**, by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (**FAO**) and the Arbor Day Foundation, for its commitment to growing and maintaining urban forests.
- **Union Bank of India** was awarded "**Best Service Provider**" in Human Resources and also the best institution for "**Excellence in Learning & Development**" at the 29th Global HRD Congress awards.
  - **Kalyan Kumar**, Chief General Manager, HR was named as "**Chief Human Resources Officer of the Year**".

- PM Narendra Modi to be honoured with **CERAWeek global energy and environment leadership award**. The CERAWeek by IHS Markit, which is the world's preeminent energy conference, will be held virtually between March 1-5, 2021.

### Sports/Game

- In Cricket, **Tamil Nadu** lifted the coveted **Syed Mushtaq Ali T20 Trophy** after defeating **Baroda** in the final at the Sardar Patel Stadium in **Ahmedabad**.
- The **Indian** shooting contingent has **topped** the medals tally in the first-ever **Asian Online Shooting Championship**, organized by **Kuwait** Shooting Federation.
- **Joe Root**, the England captain, sent India on a leather hunt, becoming the first player in history to score a double century in his 100th Test match.
  - In the process, Root also surpassed former Pakistan captain **Inzamam-Ul-Haq** as the player with the highest individual score playing the 100th Test match of his career.
- The Indian wicketkeeper-batsman **Rishabh Pant** has won the inaugural **ICC Player of the Month award 2021**.
- Indian fast bowler **Ishant Sharma** became the **sixth** Indian and **third pacer** from the country to take **300 wickets in Test cricket**.
- Former Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) superstar and South African all-rounder **Chris Morris** becomes Indian Premier League (IPL)'s most expensive player.
  - Rajasthan Royals went all-out for the South African all-rounder Morris, buying him for a whopping INR 16.25 crore.
- In tennis, **Japan's Naomi Osaka** won her fourth Grand Slam title on February 20, 2021, after she beat American **Jennifer Brady** in the women's singles game of the **Australian Open final 2021**.
- The chief minister of **Karnataka**, BS Yeddyurappa, announced that Karnataka will be hosting the second **Khelo India University Games (KIUG)** in the year 2021.
- The **United States** honoured Indian social activist **Anjali Bhardwaj** with the **International Anti-corruption Champions Award**.
- The Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has decided to restore recognition of the **Gymnastics Federation of India (GFI)** as a National Sports Federation (NSF).

### Report

- The second edition of the **India Justice Report**, India's only ranking of states on delivery of Justice to people, announced.
  - **Maharashtra** once again at the **top** of the 18 Large and Mid-sized states (with a population of over one crore each) in the 2nd Edition of the India Justice Report, an initiative of Tata Trusts, followed by **Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Punjab, and Kerala**.
- Team India captain **Virat Kohli** has been named as **India's most valuable celebrity brand** for the fourth year in a row in Duff & Phelps' latest celebrity valuation report.
  - Actor **Akshay Kumar** retained his second spot in the rankings.
- **India** will emerge as the **second** most **resilient economy** in 2021, as per the International Economic Resilience (IER) Rank, released by industry body, PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI).
  - Top 3: Germany, India, and South Korea.
- **India's** position has slipped by two places to be placed at **53rd** spot in the 2020 **Democracy Index**, from among 167 countries.
  - India has been classified as a 'flawed democracy'.
  - Democracy Index is the global ranking released by The Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) that provides a snapshot of the current state of democracy worldwide.

- **India** will overtake the European Union (EU) as the **world's third-largest energy consumer** by 2030, the International Energy Agency (IEA).
- A British woman, **Jasmine Harrison** of England has become the **youngest woman** to row solo across the **Atlantic Ocean**.

### General- National

- **India** gets its first Centre for **Wetland Conservation and Management**.
  - A dedicated Centre for Wetland Conservation and Management (CWCM) has been established at the National Centre for Sustainable Coastal Management (NCSCM), **Chennai**.
- The **glacier burst** took place at the Rishiganga power project after a portion of Nanda Devi glacier broke off in Tapovan area of Joshimath in **Uttarakhand's Chamoli** district.
- As per the recent data by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), four more states have completed the reforms in the 'Ease of Doing Business', as stipulated by the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance. The four states are- **Assam, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and Punjab**.
- Now the total number of state that has undertaken the reforms to promote Ease of Doing Business till now has gone up to 12.
- The other states are Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu and Telangana.
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  - The other states are Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu and Telangana.
- The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has amended the rules to limit trans fatty acids (TFA) in **food products**.

### General - International

- In accordance with the latest United Nations World Tourism Organization (UN-WTO) "World Tourism Barometer", the year **2020** was the "**worst year on record**" as global tourism suffered adversely due to international travel bans implemented to contain the COVID-19 outbreak.
  - International arrivals dropped by 74%.
- The **United States** has extended the **New START** (Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty) nuclear arms control treaty with **Russia** for another five years.
- The **United States** President Joe Biden has moved to **rejoin** the United Nations Human Rights Council- **UNHRC** three years after the former US President Donald Trump withdrew from the global body.
- Global money laundering watchdog the Financial Action Task Force (**FATF**) decided to keep **Pakistan** on its **terrorism financing Grey list**.

### Books and Authors

- Tibetan spiritual leader the **Dalai Lama** has come out with his new book titled '**The Little Book of Encouragement**'.
- A book titled '**By Many a Happy Accident: Recollections of a Life**' has been authored by **M Hamid Ansari**.

- Award-winning writer, journalist and speaker, **Meghna Pant** has penned a new book “**The Terrible, Horrible, Very Bad Good News**”.
- Prizewinning writer **Irwin Allan Sealy**’s new novel ‘**ASOCA: A Sutra**’, an imagined memoir of Ashoka The Great.
- Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu has released “**Maveric Messiah**”, a political biography on former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister **N.T. Rama Rao** authored by senior journalist **Ramesh Kandula**.

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## TO THE POINTS: FEBRUARY-2021

- Indian Coast Guard Day was observed on **February 1**.
- **Uttarakhand** has decided to set up a Shivalik arboretum.
- Vietnam ruling Communist Party chief Trong has been re-elected for the **3** term recently.
- **Venkiah Naidu** inaugurates the National Tribal Festival ‘Aadi Mahotsav’.
- **Smriti Irani** has inaugurated the India International Silk Fair.
- **UK** has recently applied to join the Asia-Pacific free trade pact.
- The UK has opened the visa scheme to the residents of **Hong Kong** to become citizens.
- **Nepal** has decided to award hydropower project 679-megawatt Lower Arun Hydropower Project to India’s Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam (SJVN).
- Military has seized power in **Myanmar** and has announced a 1-year emergency.
- Insurance stocks advance after FM has proposed a higher FDI limit to **74** per cent recently.
- **PNB** customers won’t able to withdraw money from ATMs.
- Hilton Valentine who passed away at the age of 77 was an eminent **Guitarist**.
- SBI Card has appointed **Rama Mohan Rao Amara** as MD & CEO for 2 years.
- **Facebook** has recently hired Its First Chief Compliance Officer.
- **India** has recently topped the medals tally at first Asian Online Shooting Championship.
- **Dinesh Karthik** led Tamil Nadu to win Syed Mushtaq Ali T20 Trophy.
- World Wetlands Day Celebrated on **February 2**.
- **UNWTO** has confirmed 2020 as “the worst year on record”.
- Tax holiday for start ups has been extended for **2022**.
- India has established its first Centre for Wetland Conservation and Management in **Chennai**.
- **Narendra Singh Tomar** has announced the launch of a unified web portal for monitoring progress of GOBARDHAN activities.
- World Bank will provide **500** million to Bangladesh for improving Road and Digital Connectivity.
- In 2021 Budget, Government has proposed to introduce single securities markets code. **SEBI** is the current security market regulator.
- **Kiren Rijju** has launched the First Reference Material synthesized by NDTL and NIPER to strengthen anti-doping measures.
- Indian-American BhavyaLal appointed as **NASA**’s acting chief of staff.
- Ford has joined with **Google** to offer cloud-based data services.

- **Dalai Lama** has penned a new book 'The Little Book of Encouragement'.
- **Maharashtra** has topped the 2nd India Justice Report for delivering justice to people.
- **Merv Hughes** has been inducted into the Australian Cricket Hall of Fame.
- World Cancer Day was observed on **February 4**.
- **Narendra Modi** has inaugurated the Chauri Chaura centenary celebrations.
- India's First Amputee Clinic has been Launched in **Chandigarh**.
- The word **Atmanirbharta** has been named as Oxford Hindi word of 2020.
- Budget 2021-22 has proposed the setting up of **100** new Sainik Schools in the country.
- **Andaman and Nicobar Islands** has become the first Union Territory to be corona free.
- International Day of Human Fraternity was Observed on **February 4**.
- **13th** edition of Aero India was organized recently.
- The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has started organizing **Kritagya** a National level hackathon in the month of August, 2020 to promote innovation in agriculture and allied sectors in the country.
- NBCFDC has signed an MoU with **Apollo** to provide providing COVID Vaccine Administration training.
- Chiefs of Air Staff (CAS) Conclave has been recently organized at **Bengaluru**.
- **Andy Jassy** will replace Jeff Bezos as Amazon CEO.
- India to emerge as the most resilient economy after **Germany** in 2021 as per the industry body PHDCCI.
- **AR Rahman** is one of the recipients of Alert Being Awards 2020 by the NGO ALERT, for their Good Samaritan work.
- Ashoke Dinda has retired from all forms of cricket. He played for **Bengal**.
- **Ayesha Aziz** has become India's youngest female pilot.
- The CM of **Punjab** has launched the 'HarGharPani, HarGharSafai' mission.
- State election commission of **Andhra Pradesh** has launched its own poll app, eWatch.
- RBI has unveiled risk-based internal audit guidelines for select NBFCs, UCBs which will come into force from **March 31, 2022**.
- IPS officer **Praveen Sinha** has been appointed interim CBI chief.
- **GS Bedi** has taken over as Director General (Inspection & Safety) at Air Headquarters on 01 Feb 21.
- Cicely Tyson who passed away recently was an eminent **Actress**.
- **Ajay Singh** has been re-elected as President of Boxing Federation of India.
- MCA has amended the One Person Companies (OPCs) rules, where for being considered a resident in India, the residency period has been proposed to be reduced to **120** days.
- **Arvind Kejriwal** has launched the 'Switch Delhi' campaign to promote electric vehicles.
- **HAL** has inked a deal with MIDHANI to develop, manufacture composite raw materials.
- **Reliance** has received its world's first 'carbon-neutral' oil from US.
- India ranked **53rd** in EIU's 2020 Democracy Index.
- **50th** edition of the Kerala State Film Awards was Conferred recently.

- ICC has nominated **Rishab Pant** as Men's Player of the Month award.
- International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation was observed on **February 6**.
- **Denmark** will build the world's first energy island in the North Sea.
- **HAL** will launch a fighter jet recently.
- **Kerala** will get its first human milk bank.
- The Chief Minister of **Assam** will inaugurate the first heliport in Majuli.
- The current MSF is **4.25%** as per the latest RBI Monetary Policy.
- India held its first meeting of the Joint Working Group meeting in the field of Renewable Energy with **Bahrain**.
- RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das has projected the GDP growth at **10.5** percent in FY22.
- **Paypal** will shut its domestic payment services in India from April 1.
- **201** MoUs have been Signed in Aero India 2021.
- **Maharashtra** has approved the implementation of the Water Conservation Programme.
- **Zomato** has signed an MoU to take street food vendors' businesses online.
- **Hunter Biden** is set to release the memoir 'Beautiful Things'.
- First ASEAN-India Hackathon 2021 was concluded on **February 4**.
- **14th** edition of the International Children's Film festival was recently concluded in Bangladesh.
- **South Korea** will build the World's Largest Offshore Wind Farm.
- A new intergovernmental organization called **Square Kilometre Array Observatory** Council has been formed with the intention of building the world's largest radio telescope.
- **Madhya Pradesh** has launched the 'SAANS' campaign to reduce infant mortality.
- NASA chooses SpaceX to launch a **100** million astrophysics mission.
- The government has restored the 4G mobile Internet service in **Jammu and Kashmir**.
- RBI has decided to set up an expert committee for **Urban co-operatives**.
- **Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala** is set to Become W.T.O.'s First Female Leader.
- The Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises wing of Government of India will cooperate in setting up industries up to 20 crore rupees in **Jharkhand**.
- **Federal Bank** has launched the 'FedFirst' savings account scheme for children.
- Theatre director Padma ShriBansiKaul who passed away recently was the founder of **Rang Vidushak**.
- **RBI** has decided to set up a 24×7 helpline for digital payment services.
- **Michael Bloomberg** has been Re-Appointed as United Nations Climate Envoy.
- **BS Bedi** has been appointed as Managing Director of Google Cloud.
- **Karnataka** has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with 34 Aerospace and Defence firms.
- Winner Christopher who passed away at 91 was an eminent **Actor**.
- **45th** edition of the Kolkata International Book Fair will be held in July 2021.
- PM will inaugurate World Sustainable Development Summit 2021 on **February 10**.
- A major glacier burst recently occurred in **Uttarakhand**, damaging the Rishiganga dam.

- India-US joint military exercise 'YudhAbhyas 20' has recently commenced in **Rajasthan**.
- PM has dedicated to the nation projects worth **4700** crore at Haldia in West Bengal.
- Budget 2021: What is the Agricultural credit target set at Rs. **16.5** lakh crore for FY22.
- India's first geothermal power project will be established at Puga village of **Ladakh**.
- **Narendra Modi** will lay the foundation stone of various development projects in Assam.
- **Himachal Pradesh** has become the first State to implement e-cabinet.
- **Gujarat** has decided to set up Indian Institute of Skills.
- Akhtar Ali who passed away recently was an eminent **Tennis player**.
- **Sridhar Vembu** has been appointed to the Doval-led National Security Advisory Board.
- **Joe Root** has become the first batsman to score 200 in 100th Test.
- **Drass Red** team has won the 13th CEC Cup Ice Hockey Championship.
- George Shultz who passed away at 100 served in the US administration as **Secretary of State**.
- **Ram Nath Kovind** has inaugurated the General KS Thimayya Museum in Karnataka.
- India's First Thunderstorm Research Testbed will be established at Balasore in **Odisha**.
- **Uttar Pradesh** has announced the 16-Digit Unicode to Identify Landholdings.
- **CRPF** has Inducted a Women Commandos into Elite AntiNaxalCoBRA Unit.
- **Skyroot** has signed an MoU with Bellatrix to use the latter's orbital transfer vehicle.
- The chief minister of **Manipur** has launched organic products and Loumicconnect App.
- GMR Group has inked an MoU with **Airbus** for aircraft maintenance & other airport services.
- FM Nirmala Sitharaman has initiated the **3rd** Phase of Chah Bagicha Dhan Puraskar Mela in Guwahati.
- Defence ministry has inked a pact with **BEL** to procure ship-borne modern radio system.
- Bruce Taylor who passed away at 77 was an all-rounder playing for **New Zealand**.
- **Praveen Sinha** has taken over as acting chief of CBI.
- **Delhi** Cabinet has approved the 'Mukhyamantri Vigyan Pratibha Pariksha" Scholarship Scheme.
- **Steve Smith** has won the third Allan Border Medal.
- **Rishab Pant** has been voted ICC Player of the Month for January 2021.
- Rajiv Kapoor who passed away recently was an eminent **Actor**.
- World Pulses Day was observed on **February 10**.
- FSSAI has notified regulations to limit trans-fat in food items to **2** per cent from 2022.
- National Horticulture Fair 2021 has begun in **Bengaluru** recently.
- **Tamil Nadu** is set to create state's 5th tiger reserve.
- The government has introduced a bill to replace ordinance facilitating regularization of unauthorized colonies in **Delhi**.
- **Smriti Irani** will launch the website - India Toy Fair- 2021.
- **Vijayanagara** has become Karnataka's 31st district.
- The US has freezed **1** billion dollar in funds of Myanmar government recently.



- National Inventors' Day was observed on **February 11**.
- **Bangladesh** has received USD 200 million from the World Bank.
- **Kaziranga National Park** has recorded 93 thousand 491 birds.
- RBI has released the Annual Report of Ombudsman Schemes for 2019-20 with increase in complaints of around **65** per cent.
- **M Hamid Ansari** has written the book 'By Many a Happy Accident'.
- PhonePe has partnered with **Axis** bank on UPI Multi-Bank.
- **Jiten Chopra** has been appointed as CFO of IndiGo.
- **TP Rajendran** will head the Expert committee to review proposal to ban 27 pesticides.
- **India** has inked a deal for construction of the Lalandar "Shatoot" Dam in Afghanistan.
- Ezra Moseley who died in an accident was the former fast bowler from **West Indies**.
- ICC has announced **BYJU'S** as global partner until **2023**.
- **Sangeet Paul Choudhary** has written the book, 'Platform Scale for a Post-Pandemic World'.
- Film **Jallikattu** recently went out of the final list at Oscar Awards.
- International Epilepsy Day 2021 was observed on **February 8**.
- World Unani Day was Observed on **February 11**.
- **Narendra Modi** has inaugurated the World Sustainable Development Summit 2021.
- Rajya Sabha has passed the Major Port Authorities Bill 2020 which will replace the Major Port Trusts Act of **1963**.
- National Deworming Day 2021 was observed on **February 10**.
- **60-kilometer** area of India-Bangladesh border cannot be fenced as per Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai.
- India along with **US** recently reviewed the Indo-Pacific developments.
- Theme of the RBI Financial literacy week 2021 is **Credit Discipline and Credit from Formal Institutions**.
- **Kerala** has recently launched the Knowledge Mission.
- Coast Guard has conducted a Pollution Response Workshop and Mock Drill in **Gujarat**.
- International Day of Women and Girls in Science 2021 was observed on **February 11**.
- **Amith Shah** flagged the BJP's Parivartan Yatra in West Bengal.
- Citizen-centric on-line services of State Transport department has been launched by **Odisha** recently.
- As per SBI Research, India's FY21 GDP estimates is - **7 percent**.
- Irdai panel has okayed the launch of index-linked insurance policies which were banned in the year **2013**.
- AGS Transact Technologies has partnered with **Mastercard** to Introduce First-Ever 'Contactless' Cash Withdrawals on ATMs in India.
- **Kane Williamson** has been listed as the best batsman as per ICC Test Rankings.
- Indian Army has laid the foundation of a 100-foot-high national flag in **J&K** recently.
- Ministry of **Petroleum** has launched an Investment Corner on Revamped Site.

- **VP Joy** has been appointed as Kerala's chief secretary.
- **Assam** government has decided to appoint sprinter Hima Das as DSP.
- IPL 2021: Royal Challengers Bangalore has appointed **Sanjay Bangar** as batting consultant.
- **Robert Irwin** has won the Wildlife Photographer of the Year People's Choice Award.
- Pacer Ishant Sharma has becomes the **3rd** Indian pacer to take 300 Test wickets.
- India's first ever CNG Tractor will be launched on **February 12**.
- **Indian Army** has launched the Centre for Land Warfare Studies organizes National Seminar-cum-Webinar, named Divya-Drishti 2021.
- 'Hope' probe of **UAE** has successfully entered Mars orbit.
- US President Joe Biden has revoked national emergency – fund to border wall project of **Mexico**.
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh launched **Jala Abhishekam** campaign recently to construct over 57,000 water structures.
- **China** recently celebrated Lunar New Year.
- **Maharashtra** has signed MoU with Flipkart to promote wooden toys, local artifacts, handicrafts.
- Goa has become the **6th** State to successfully undertake ULB reforms.
- **Manoj Sinha** has inaugurated the General Bus Stand cum Shopping complex Cum Multi Level Parking in Jammu.
- Iraq has invited **52** countries to monitor elections.
- **Bengaluru** police has recently launched the SwachSarvekshan Abhiyan.
- India's GDP will bounce back to **10.4%** per cent growth in FY22 as per India Ratings.
- PM Modi will inaugurate the Maritime India Summit-2021 on **March 2**.
- The New Development Bank will invest **100** million in NIIF Fund of Funds.
- **Aditya Mittal** has been appointed as ArcelorMittal CEO.
- **Koozhangal** films has won the Tiger award at Rotterdam film festival.
- **Muthalankurichi Kamarasu** has been honoured as Tamil Semmal award.
- **Manasa Varanasi** has won the VLCC Femina Miss India World 2020.
- A village girl from **Karnataka** has bagged the award for 'gourd art' at national Kala Utsav.
- National Women's Day in India was Celebrated on **February 13**.
- Theme of World Radio Day 2021 is - **New World, New Radio**.
- 'Black day for India' was observed on **February 14**.
- The Skills development ministry has launched the Mahatma Gandhi National Fellowship in partnership with IIMs and will be assisted by **World Bank**.
- **Pakistan** has recently test-fired a surface-to-surface cruise missile.
- **Madhya Pradesh** has launched the Mandu festival.
- PM Modi has unveiled several development projects worth 6100 crore in **Kerala**.
- The first time in its history, the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) has opened its UR Rao Satellite Centre in **Bengaluru** for testing satellites developed by the private sector.

- **Narendra Modi** has addressed the party MPs on 'SamarpanDiwas' to commemorate contributions of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya.
- Fin Min will infuse **3000** crore in state-owned general insurers this quarter.
- **Puducherry** has launched a campaign to become Covid-free by February 28.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has unveiled several developmental projects in **Tamil Nadu** recently.
- Exim Bank will provide **400** million for Maldives project.
- **World Bank** will provide a \$100 million Project to Support Nutrition Supportive Agriculture in Tribal-Dominated Areas of Chhattisgarh.
- **SERB** has announced Women Excellence Award 2021 in Science on the International Day of Women.
- **Satishwar Balakrishnan** has been appointed as MD, CEO of Aegon Life.
- **Tata Motors** has appointed Marc Llistosella as new CEO & MD.
- A three-day Annual Convention of Association of Domestic Tour Operators of India has started in **Gujarat** recently.
- **Jual Oram** has launched the book 'Turn Around India: 2020- Surmounting Past Legacy' Authored by R.P. Gupta.
- **Peter Mukherjee** has penned the memoir 'Starstruck: Confessions of a TV Executive'.
- National Productivity Day 2021 was observed on **February 12**.
- **Odisha** government will construct the 'COVID Warrior Memorial' at BijuPatnaik Park.
- **Narendra Modi** will lay the foundation stone of Maharaja Suheldev Memorial.
- The Minority Affairs Ministry has organized the **26th** HunarHaat in New Delhi.
- India will fund USD **50** million for restoration of 3 cultural heritage projects in Nepal.
- **West Bengal** will organize the Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav from 14th to 28th Feb.
- The Lok Sabha has passed the Arbitration & Conciliation (Amendment) Bill, 2021 and will amend the Arbitration and Conciliation Act of **1996**.
- **US** has extended the New START nuclear treaty with Russia for 5 years.
- Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla visited to **Russia**.
- The Annual Convention of Association of Domestic Tour Operators of India has recently been concluded in **Gujarat**.
- Robotic Spa' facility has been inaugurated in **Visakhapatnam** railway station.
- **Punjab** has become the 13th State to complete the ONOR Card.
- **S Hareesh** has won the Best novel award by Kerala Sahitya Akademi.
- CREDAI has inked a pact with **IPPB** to open bank accounts for construction workers.
- **Mario Draghi** has been sworn in as Italy's new prime minister.
- **Recykal** company has become the first Indian startup in the WEF accelerator program.
- NITI Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission & **CSIRO** has kickstarted the I-ACE Hackathon, 2021.
- **Priyanka Chopra** has recently announced the memoir titled Unfinished.
- **Ashwini Iyer Tiwari** has turned a novelist with the book Mapping Love.

- Safer Internet Day 2021 was Observed on **February 9**.
- World Human Spirit Day was observed on **February 17**.
- ISRO has collaborated with **Mapmy India** to bring India a rival to Google Maps.
- **Narendra Modi** will address NASSCOM Technology and Leadership Forum.
- 'PahelaPhagun' spring festival has begun in **Bangladesh**.
- **IIT Bombay** has launched the fundraising campaign 'Cherish 2021'.
- The chief minister of **Uttar Pradesh** inaugurates the Abhyudaya Yojana.
- **Bhuri Bai** has been invited as Chief Guest of Foundation Day celebrations of Bharat Bhavan.
- **Rajnath Singh** has presented the Best Marching Contingent award of Republic Day parade 2021.
- **2** new members have been appointed in CBIC.
- Nomura has projected GDP of India to contract to **6.7** per cent in FY 21.
- Kotak Mahindra Bank launched its outward forex remittance service, KotakRemit, it offers remittances in **15** currencies.
- RBI has constituted an **8-member** expert committee on Urban Co-operative Banks.
- **Kerala Bank** has launched ATM demo vans.
- Justice Puligoru Venkata Sanjay Kumar has been sworn-in as Chief Justice of **Manipur** High Court.
- **Ajay Mathur** has been appointed as the new Director-General of ISA.
- **HCL** has signed an MoU with IIT-K for cybersecurity.
- **Smriti Irani** has rolled out the commercial Jute seed distribution scheme.
- **Pinarayi Vijayan** has handed over the National Bal Shree awards.
- **ITC Grand Chola** hotel has bagged the 'Swachh Hotel' award.
- **UST** has been certified as 'Top Employer' for third time.
- Carlos Menem, who died at 90 was the former President of **Argentina**.
- Theme of the Taj Mahotsav observed from 18 February to 27 February is **Together in the diverse culture**.
- As per the World Bank comprehensive report, India Accounts for **11%** of Global death in Road Accidents.
- The government has increased the budget of the Department of Science and Technology and the Ministry of Earth Sciences by **30** per cent.
- **Ram Nath Kovind** has inaugurated Rashtrapati Bhavan Krida Sthal in the President's Estate.
- PM Modi has unveiled several development projects in **Assam**.
- **Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs** has unveiled the Pilot Pey Jal Survekshan.
- Minister **Rajnath Singh** has launched the e-Chhawani portal.
- **China** has overtaken the US and become the European Union's biggest trading partner.
- The Deputy PM of **Ethiopia** has recently arrived in New Delhi.
- PM Narendra Modi has laid the foundation stone for Maharaja Suheldev Memorial in **Uttar Pradesh**.

- Government has made FASTag mandatory on all National Highways. Entering into the FASTag lane of the fee plaza will have to pay a fee equivalent to **2** times of the fee applicable to that category.
- PM Modi has unveiled several key projects of oil & gas sector in **Tamil Nadu**.
- **ICICI Lombard** has launched the corporate risk index.
- **Kiran Bedi** has been removed from the post of Puducherry Lieutenant Governor.
- **15** states have successfully attained Ease of Doing Business reforms.
- **NS Vishwanathan** will head the 8-member panel to suggest steps for strengthening, consolidating UCBs.
- Software firm **Uluka** has unveiled the intelligent neo banking solution.
- **Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala** has become the first female chief of WTO.
- Mahender Kanyal has been appointed India's Ambassador to **Syria**.
- **Bharat Biotech** has bagged the Genome Valley Excellence Award.
- **Mahesh Palashikar** has been appointed as GE T&D India Chairman.
- **Preeti Sinha** will lead the UN Capital Development Fund.
- **Umakant Dash** has been appointed as IRMA director.
- Nihar N Jambusaria has been elected President of **ICAI**.
- The chief minister of **Andhra Pradesh** has been conferred the Skoch Chief Minister of the Year Award.
- **Amazon** has announced its first device manufacturing line in India.
- **IIT Madras** has -incubated Pi Beam launches PiMo e-bike.
- The Union Cabinet has approved a production-linked incentive scheme - telecom sector worth **12195** crores.
- Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot will Virtually Release the **3rd** Edition of Indian Sign Language dictionary.
- Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs launches Pilot Pey Jal Survekshan in accordance with **6** SDGs.
- Prime Minister Giorgi Gakharia of **Georgia** has resigned recently.
- PM Modi will inaugurate key projects of **Kerala** virtually.
- Facebook has blocked users from **Australia** from sharing or viewing news content.
- 'Free Gift Milk to Girl Students of Sikkim' initiative aims to provide **200** mls of milk every day.
- The Odisha Government has announced Rs **200** crore Development Package for Maa Samaleswari Temple.
- Dharmendra Pradhan has urged the Centre to set up a Centre of Excellence on Maritime Biotechnology in **Bhubaneswar**.
- **Essrar** has signed an MoU with Indian School of Mines.
- Oxford Economics ups India growth forecast to **10.2** per cent for 2021.
- ISRO launched a satellite of **Brazil** on February 28.
- Toshihiro Mibe has been appointed as the new CEO of **Honda**.

- Cabinet has approved over Rs**12000** crores PLI scheme for the telecom sector.
- **3** children have been selected from Kerala for national awards.
- **Naman Ojha** has recently announced retirement from all forms of cricket.
- Captain Satish Sharma who passed away at 73 belonged to **Congress**.
- Noted jurist M Rama Jois who passed away at 88 was former governor of **Bihar**.
- PM Narendra Modi will launch Mahabahu-Brahmaputra initiative in **Assam**.
- Labour Minister Santosh Gangwar has launched applications for **5** pan-India surveys.
- PM Modi has recently inaugurated the oil and gas sector projects in **Tamil Nadu**.
- **India** has recently joined Russia-Iran's two-day naval exercise.
- Indian Government has launched **Sandes**, a Whatsapp Like Instant Messaging App for Government Employes.
- The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization and the Arbor Day Foundation have recognized **Hyderabad** as a 2020 Tree City of World, for its commitment to growing and maintaining urban forests.
- 'Pariksha Pe Charcha' programme with **Narendra Modi** will be held online.
- **France** has Passed an Anti-radicalism Bill.
- Foreign Ministers of **Quad** have demanded promoting freedom of navigation in Indo-Pacific region.
- AI based translation software 'Amar Vasha' has been launched by the Supreme Court of **Bangladesh**.
- India along with **Australia** will work together for peace, prosperity and security in Indo-Pacific region.
- Janaushadhi Kendra has been inaugurated by **DV Sadananda Gowda** in Bengaluru.
- **Amrit Singh** has been appointed as Max Life Insurance Chief Financial Officer.
- **5** Indian Origin Persons and Indian Activists Feature in TIME Magazine's List of 100 Emerging Leaders.
- 2,500 classrooms at higher education level to be converted into smart classrooms in **Karnataka**.
- Two new grants have been announced by the chief minister of **Nagaland**.
- **WCCB** has bagged the Asia Environmental Enforcement Award-2020.
- **TCS** has signed an MoU with invest up to Rs.1,500 cr on Kerala digital hub.
- Flipkart has inked an MoU with **Tamil Nadu** to support small, local products.
- IPL 2021: Kings XI Punjab has been officially renamed as **Punjab Kings**.
- India has signed an MoU with **Nepal** for the reconstruction of secondary schools.
- International Mother Language Day was observed on **February 21**.
- The Union government has kicked off **Go Electric** campaigns to promote e-mobility.
- **Hyderabad** has received recognition as the 2020 Tree City of the World.
- Free period products to all students are being offered by **New Zealand**.
- The chief minister of **Kerala** has launched KFON to provide free internet connectivity to Poor families.

- 'Snakepedia' mobile app has been launched in **Kerala** to help people, doctors treat snake bites.
- **Harsh Vardhan** has launched the Intensified Mission Indradhanush 3.0 to expand immunization coverage across the country.
- **J&K** has launched a 7-day long exhibition of NSSH scheme concluded.
- **Indian** Bank has signed an MoU with IISc initiative to fund start-ups, MSMEs.
- **Bank of Maharashtra** has partnered with Vayana Network to offer help MSMES.
- ICICI Lombard has partnered with **Flipkart** to offer 'Hospicash' Insurance.
- India has successfully test fired **Helina** missile recently.
- Indian And the Navy of **Indonesia** will Conduct Exercise in Arabian Sea.
- Environmental Enforcement Awards has recognized **8** winners on the frontline of protecting our planet.
- 'Amar Ekushey' – International Mother Language Award was celebrated in **Bangladesh**.
- **Vivo** has become the title sponsor for IPL 2021.
- India has signed an agreement with **Ethiopia** on visa facilitation & leather technology.
- **Ankita Raina** has won the maiden WTA title, clinches Phillip Island Trophy doubles.
- **Manika Batra** has won the national title.
- Naomi Osaka overpowers Jennifer Brady to win **2nd** Australian Open Title.
- World Thinking Day was observed on **February 22**.
- India and Maldives have signed **5** pacts to boost infrastructure projects.
- **Prahlad Patel** will inaugurate the Incredible India Mega Homestay Development.
- National Toy Fair will be organized from **February 27**.
- Several projects have been launched by PM Modi in **Assam and West Bengal**.
- World Day of Social Justice 2021 was Observed on **February 20**.
- Prakash Javadekar has inaugurated the Atal Paryavaran Bhavan in **Lakshadweep**.
- World Pangolin Day 2021 was observed on **February 20**.
- The chief minister of **Assam** has laid the foundation of the first skill university of eastern India.
- PM Modi will address the **66th** annual convocation of IIT Kharagpur.
- The Central government has sanctioned over **56** thousand more houses under the PMAY (Urban).
- **US** has recently Officially rejoined the Paris Climate Agreement.
- **Karnataka** will host the second Khelo India University Games this year.
- First paperless budget will be presented in the Assembly of **Uttar Pradesh**.
- Uttar Pradesh government has developed Jewar Airport as Asia's biggest airport, with the government setting aside **2000** crore for its development.
- **Mehbooba Mufti** has been re-elected as President of PDP.
- As per **S&P**, India will be among the fastest-growing emerging economies in FY22.
- India and World Bank have inked a project for **Nagaland**.
- YONO merchant app has been launched by **SBI**.

- India has signed a **50-million-dollar** Defence line of Credit agreement with Maldives.
- Pacer Dhammika Prasad who has quit international cricket belonged to **Sri Lanka**.
- Kerala government has sanctioned **9 crore** to build 'smart' anganwadis.
- **VI** company has launched a premium VOD service on Vi Movies & TV app.
- **Yanira Ramirez** has been appointed as H&M Country Sales Manager for India.
- **Jasmeet Singh** has been appointed as one of the judges of Delhi High court.
- **VS Ganesh** has been appointed as the Executive Director & CEO of Page Industries.
- **IOCL** has signed a pact with Greenstat Norway for hydrogen fuel.
- V Narayanasamy who resigned recently was the chief minister of **Puducherry**.
- **Ram Nath Kovind** will inaugurate the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Cricket Stadium.
- DRDO has conducted **2** successful launches of Vertical Launch Short Range Surface to Air Missile.
- Nitin Gadkari has inaugurated **50** artisan-based SFURTI clusters.
- **India** has become the 1st in the world to identify the need for action for Non Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease.
- Piyush Goyal has dedicated **88** railway projects to nation.
- India has offered USD **100** million line of credit to Mauritius.
- **Israel** has launched a "green pass" for people with vaccination certificates.
- **Chandigarh** has become the first state or Union Territory in India to launch Carbon Watch.
- **Assam** has recently hiked the daily wage of tea garden workers by Rs 50.
- Union Minister Kiren Rijju has inaugurated the state-of-the-art gym complex and modern change room facilities in **Bengaluru**.
- **Uttar Pradesh** government has presented the biggest ever budget of around Rs 5,50,270 crores to make a self-reliant state.
- e-Kuber payments system has been launched in **J&K** recently.
- The Cabinet of **Punjab** has approved the mission 'Lal Lakir' in all villages.
- **K P Krishnan** has been appointed as Shriram Capital Chairman of the board.
- All-women operated customer service centre has been opened in Punjab by **CEAT**.
- **Gautam Thakar** has been made the global CEO of OLX Autos.
- GR Arun Kumar who resigned recently was the Chief financial officer of **Vedanta**.
- **Harsh Vardhan** has addressed the 'Population versus Planet' Conference.
- Sachin Tendulkar has become the brand ambassador of **Unacademy**.
- **CSIR** has signed an MoU with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation in the area of health research.
- **Chris Morris** has become the most expensive player in auction history as per IPL Auction 2021.
- PM has addressed the **29th** edition of NASSCOM Technology and Leadership Forum 2021.
- **SAIL** has bagged six awards at the PRSI National Awards 2020 in the field of communication.
- Chemicals and Fertilizers Minister DV Sadananda Gowda will present the **10th** National Awards for Technology Innovation in Petrochemicals and Downstream Plastics Processing Industry in New Delhi.



- Liberty Steel has formed a tie-up with a hydrogen-based steel plant in **France** recently.
- Central Excise Day was observed on **February 24**.
- Nitin Gadkari has inaugurated **50** artisan-based SFURTI clusters spread over 18 states.
- Sardar Patel Cricket Stadium in Motera has been renamed Narendra Modi Stadium. It is located in **Gujarat**.
- **Jasmine Harrison** has become the youngest woman to row solo across the ocean.
- The External Affairs Minister has inaugurated a new Indian High Commission building in **Mauritius**.
- **Amit Shah** has released the book 'Rashtra Pratham – 82 varshonki Swarnim Gatha'.
- Ramky Enviro has entered into a contract with **Chennai** for waste management.
- The Union Government and AIIB has signed a loan agreement of USD **304** million for Assam.
- The 47th Khajuraho Dance Festival has recently begun in **Madhya Pradesh**.
- PM KISAN scheme has completed two years on **February 24**.
- Rajnath Singh has inaugurated the DRDO Skill Development Centre for Fire Safety Training in **Uttar Pradesh**.
- Narendra Modi has inaugurated Railway projects in **West Bengal** recently.
- Desi cloud storage platform DigiBoxx has been launched in **Tamil Nadu**.
- The **11th** India-EU Macroeconomic dialogue has been held through video conferencing recently.
- **State Bank of Sikkim** has recently been placed under Reserve Bank of India's regulatory purview.
- HSBC has increased India's FY22 GDP forecast to **11.2** per cent recently.
- Stellapps has tied up with **IPPB** bank to drive financial inclusion for dairy farmers.
- **S Jaishankar** has launched the BRICS 2021 Website.
- Fullerton India Credit Company has been appointed **Shantanu Mitra** as CEO and MD.
- Timothy Prentice has been appointed as VP of **TVS**.
- **Mangu Hanumantha Rao** has been appointed Executive director for Madurai AIIMS.
- Asia Economic Dialogue 2021 will begin from **February 26**.
- Rahul Khullar who passed away recently was the former chief of **TRAI**.
- **Venkiah Naidu** has recently released the 'Maverick Messiah', the Biography of former Andhra Pradesh CM 'NTR'.
- **Sushant Singh Rajput** has been awarded posthumously at Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival Awards.
- Akshaya Oorja Awards have been distributed in **Kerala**.
- **MPEDA** has inked MoU with NCDC for promotion of marine exports.
- India and **Mauritius** have signed a ink pact for Comprehensive Economic Cooperation and Partnership Agreement.

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### MCQ - MODEL QUESTIONS

#### List of Important Days

1. What is the theme of the 2021 World Leprosy day?  
(1) Zero Disabilities in Girls and Boys  
(2) Leprosy isn't what you think  
(3) Ending discrimination, stigma and prejudice  
(4) Beat Leprosy, End Stigma and Advocate for Mental Well-Being  
(5) None of these
2. On 1st February 2021, Indian Coast Guard celebrated its which raising day?  
(1) 45th            (2) 48th            (3) 41st            (4) 43rd            (5) None of these
3. What is the theme for World Wetlands Day 2021?  
(1) Wetlands and Biodiversity  
(2) Wetlands and Climate Change  
(3) Wetlands and Water  
(4) Wetlands and sustainable urban future  
(5) None of these
4. What is the theme of World Cancer Day 2021?  
(1) Debunk the Myths            (2) I Am and I Will            (3) We can. I can.  
(4) Not Beyond Us            (5) None of these
5. What is the theme of International Humanity Day 2021?  
(1) Stand Up for Human Rights            (2) Women Humanitarians            (3) Real Life Heroes  
(4) The Pathway to the future            (5) None of these
6. When is International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation observed each year?  
(1) February 4    (2) February 3    (3) February 1    (4) February 6    (5) None of these
7. When is International Epilepsy Day 2021 observed?  
(1) February 7    (2) February 5    (3) February 8    (4) February 3    (5) None of these
8. When is National Deworming Day observed?  
(1) February 8    (2) February 13    (3) February 12    (4) February 10    (5) None of these
9. What is the theme of Safer Internet Day 2021?  
(1) Be the change: unite for a better internet  
(2) A better internet starts with you  
(3) Create, Connect and Share Respect  
(4) Together for a better internet  
(5) None of these
10. When is National Inventors' Day observed in India?  
(1) February 10    (2) February 11    (3) February 15    (4) February 12    (5) None of these
11. What is the theme of International Mother Language Day 2021?  
(1) Languages without borders  
(2) Indigenous languages matter for development, peace building and reconciliation  
(3) Fostering multilingualism for inclusion in education and society  
(4) Linguistic diversity and multilingualism count for sustainable development  
(5) None of these

12. What is the theme of International Childhood Cancer Day 2021?  
 (1) Progress is Possible  
 (2) Better Access to Care for Children & Adolescents with Cancer Everywhere  
 (3) "No More Pain" and "No More Loss"  
 (4) Better Access to Care for Children and Adolescents Everywhere  
 (5) None of these
13. What is the theme of World Day of Social Justice 2021?  
 (1) Workers on the move: the quest for social justice  
 (2) If You Want Peace & Development, Work for Social Justice  
 (3) A Call for Social Justice in the Digital Economy  
 (4) Closing the Inequalities Gap to Achieve Social Justice  
 (5) None of these
14. What is the theme of World Thinking Day 2021?  
 (1) Connect and Grow (2) Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (3) Leadership  
 (4) Stand together for Peace (5) None of these
15. When is Central Excise Day observed in India?  
 (1) February 20 (2) February 21 (3) February 23 (4) February 24 (5) None of these

#### Other Banks

16. Bank of India is going to acquire how much percent stake each in BOI AXA Investment Managers and BOI AXA Trustee Services?  
 (1) 49% (2) 45% (3) 51% (4) 60% (5) None of these

#### Insurance

17. Which general insurance company has launched its unique campaign 'Salute to Caregivers - Ek Naya Nazariya Campaign' to support cancer survivors in the battle against the killer disease?  
 (1) Bharti AXA General Insurance (2) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance (3) TATA AIG  
 (4) HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company (5) None of these

#### Central Government

18. Which campaign was launched by central government to ensure energy security in the country?  
 (1) In Electric (2) Save Energy (3) Go Energy (4) Go Electric (5) None of these

#### States

19. In which of its district will the Uttar Pradesh government set up India's first leather park?  
 (1) Meerut (2) Kanpur (3) Lucknow (4) Aligarh (5) None of these
20. Which state government launched a first-of-its-kind initiative in the country to automatically select beneficiaries for old-age pensions that will be paid through the direct benefit transfer (DBT) mode?  
 (1) Karnataka (2) Kerala (3) Rajasthan (4) Goa (5) None of these
21. To promote the use of electric vehicles in the Capital, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal launched which campaign?  
 (1) Power Delhi (2) Switch Delhi (3) Go Delhi (4) Come Delhi (5) None of these
22. Which state has become the first in the country to make the end to end processing of the cabinet paperless by implementing e-cabinet application?  
 (1) Uttar Pradesh (2) Himachal Pradesh (3) Kerala  
 (4) Tamil Nadu (5) None of these

23. Which state/UT government approved 'Mukhyamantri Vigyan Pratibha Pariksha' in which Rs 5,000 will be provided to Rs.1000 meritorious students of Class 9 in schools of state/UT as a science scholarship?  
 (1) MP (2) Punjab (3) Haryana (4) Delhi (5) None of these
24. Which state government launched a new range of packaged organic products and LoumiConnect App to connect farmers with Horticulture and Agriculture experts?  
 (1) Tripura (2) Manipur (3) Sikkim (4) Arunachal Pradesh (5) None of these
25. Vijayanagara has officially become the 31st district of the which state?  
 (1) Tamil Nadu (2) Andhra Pradesh (3) Maharashtra  
 (4) Karnataka (5) None of these
26. Which state government has approved 'Rejuvenating Watersheds for Agricultural Resilience through Innovative Development (REWARD)' project to be implemented with World Bank's assistance?  
 (1) Maharashtra (2) Goa (3) Odisha (4) Telangana (5) None of these
27. Where in Odisha, will the state government construct a 'COVID Warrior Memorial' for the Covid warriors who lost their lives fighting the pandemic?  
 (1) Odisha State Museum (2) Indira Gandhi Park Bhubaneswar (3) Biju Patnaik Park  
 (4) Orissa Modern Art Gallery (5) None of these
28. Which state/UT has joined hands with the UK Space Agency's programme for collaborative projects on 'Impact Based Flood Forecasting using Earth Observation (EO) based Information'?  
 (1) Delhi (2) Chhattisgarh (3) Uttarakhand (4) J&K (5) None of these
29. Which has become the first state or UT in the country to launch Carbon Watch, a mobile application to assess the carbon footprint of an individual?  
 (1) Delhi (2) Andaman and Nicobar (3) Ladakh  
 (4) Chandigarh (5) None of these

### Defence and National Security

30. Where was the Indian Naval Fast Attack Craft (IN FAC) T-81 of the Super Dvora MK II class decommissioned?  
 (1) Mumbai (2) Pune (3) Kolkata (4) Panaji (5) None of these
31. Where did the India-US joint military exercise "Yudh Abhyas 20" held?  
 (1) Bikaner (2) Jodhpur (3) Ahmedabad (4) Surat (5) None of these
32. The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), for the first time inducted how many women commandos into its specialized Commando Battalion for Resolute Action (CoBRA) unit?  
 (1) 35 (2) 31 (3) 34 (4) 32 (5) None of these
33. Where did the Indian Army lay the foundation stone of the tallest 'Iconic National Flag' in February 2021?  
 (1) Gulmarg (2) Pahalgam (3) Manali (4) Srinagar (5) None of these
34. Which country joined Iran and Russia in a two-day navy exercise "Iran Russia Maritime Belt"?  
 (1) USA (2) India (3) Japan (4) Australia (5) None of these
35. Which company delivered the 100th and the final K9 Vajra howitzer to the Indian Army?  
 (1) NTPC Limited (2) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (3) Larsen & Toubro  
 (4) Tata Group (5) None of these

36. India, France along with which country held a trilateral meeting for focus on better coordination on Indo-Pacific?  
(1) Russia (2) Australia (3) Canada (4) Singapore (5) None of these

### Committees/Commissions

37. Who is appointed as the head of the committee by the government to review industry's objections to the proposed ban on 27 widely used pesticides which officials say are harmful to animals and humans?  
(1) G. Satheesh Reddy (2) BM Khanna (3) TP Rajendran  
(4) Trilochan Mohapatra (5) None of these

### Schemes/Initiatives

38. Where is the scheme called 'Ek Paudha Suposhit Beti Ke Naam' launched to make people aware about importance of nourishment of pregnant women and children?  
(1) Himachal Pradesh (2) Jharkhand (3) Rajasthan  
(4) Uttar Pradesh (5) None of these
39. Union Ministers Narendra Singh Tomar, Dharmendra Pradhan along with others jointly launched unified web portal for monitoring progress of which activities?  
(1) Gojardhan (2) Gobardhan (3) Govardhan (4) Gosardhan (5) None of these
40. In February 2021, PM Modi released a commemorative postage stamp on Diamond Jubilee celebrations of which high court?  
(1) Uttar Pradesh (2) Jharkhand (3) Gujarat  
(4) Madhya Pradesh (5) None of these
41. Technology Information, Forecasting and Assessment Council (TIFAC), under which of the following has launched a job portal Saksham that will conduct skills mapping exercises of workers as per requirements of MSMEs?  
(1) Council of Scientific and Industrial Research  
(2) Department of Science and Technology  
(3) Indian Council of Medical Research  
(4) Science and Engineering Research Board  
(5) None of these
42. Where did Prime Minister Modi inaugurate the country's first full-fledged international cruise terminal, Sagarika?  
(1) Gujarat (2) Goa (3) Kerala (4) Tamil Nadu (5) None of these
43. Where did Prime Minister Modi lay the foundation stone of Maharaja Suheldev Memorial?  
(1) Uttar Pradesh (2) Maharashtra (3) Rajasthan  
(4) Bihar (5) None of these
44. Recently which mission was launched by Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs under Jal Jeevan Mission Urban?  
(1) Pilot Pey Jal Survekshan (2) Jal Suraksha (3) Pilot Jal  
(4) Jal Amrut (5) None of these
45. Recently Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Prakash Javadekar inaugurated the Atal Paryavaran Bhavan in which state?  
(1) Delhi (2) Lakshadweep (3) Gujarat (4) Ladakh (5) None of these

## Summit/Conference

46. What is the theme of World Sustainable Development Summit 2021?  
(1) Redefining our common future: Safe and secure environment for all  
(2) Towards 2030 Goals: Making the Decade Count  
(3) Attaining the 2030 Agenda: Delivering on our Promise  
(4) Partnerships for a Resilient Planet  
(5) None of these
47. What is the theme of India Pharma 2021 where 6th edition of International Conference on Pharmaceutical & Medical Device sector was inaugurated by Union Minister Piyush Goyal?  
(1) Driving NextGen Pharmaceuticals.  
(2) Enabling Quality Affordable Healthcare  
(3) Indian Pharma Industry: "Future is Now"  
(4) India Pharma: Meeting Challenges of Affordable and Quality Healthcare  
(5) None of these
48. What is the theme of "International Commission on Large Dams (ICOLD) Symposium" held in New Delhi?  
(1) Sustainable Development of Dams & River Basins  
(2) Sustainable and Safe Dams Around the World  
(3) Advances in the Rehabilitation of Dams and Appurtenant works  
(4) Knowledge Based Dam Engineering  
(5) None of these

## Agreement/Deal/Signed

49. Which company joined hands with Google to offer cloud-based data services to develop new consumer services and modernize internal operations?  
(1) Ford Motor (2) Peugeot (3) Groupe Renault  
(4) Toyota (5) None of these
50. In February 2021, Indian joined hands with which county to forge deeper engagement in the field of renewable energy?  
(1) Saudi Arabia (2) UAE (3) Oman (4) Bahrain (5) None of these
51. Paras Aerospace of India has signed an MoU with SpearUAV based where to unveil Ninox 40 system in India?  
(1) Russia (2) Poland (3) Turkey (4) Israel (5) None of these
52. Which state has signed an agreement with Switzerland government to share their expertise in fields of tourism, dairying and skill development training?  
(1) Uttarakhand (2) Bihar (3) Punjab (4) Haryana (5) None of these
53. Space technology startup Bellatrix Aerospace which s creating "taxi in space" has partnered with which of the following to ferry small satellites into multiple orbits?  
(1) Skyroot Aerospace (2) Adnikul Aerospace (3) Dhruva Space  
(4) Skanda Aerospace (5) None of these
54. Meghalaya government signed MoUs with which bank as a part of an initiative towards migrating government transactions to digital mode?  
(1) State Bank of India (2) ICICI Bank (3) Bank of Baroda  
(4) Axis Bank (5) None of these

55. Which state government signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) for climate resilience and low carbon development strategy formulation?  
 (1) Bihar (2) Jharkhand (3) Madhya Pradesh  
 (4) Haryana (5) None of these
56. A memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed between Central government and Uttarakhand government for setting up of ₹173 crore science city in which city?  
 (1) Haldwani (2) Roorkee (3) Dehradun (4) Haridwar (5) None of these
57. In Partnership with the chain of which institutes did Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) launch Mahatma Gandhi National Fellowship (MGNF) 2021-23?  
 (1) IISCs (2) IIMs (3) IITs (4) NITs (5) None of these
58. Which state government signed an MoU with the Indian Economic Trade Organization (IETO) to implement the Sustainable Development Goals in the state with much effective manner and expanding the scope of the sustainable future?  
 (1) Andhra Pradesh (2) Telangana (3) Karnataka  
 (4) Goa (5) None of these
59. Which company has partnered with ICICI Lombard to offer "Group safeguard" insurance?  
 (1) Flipkart (2) Amazon (3) Myntra (4) Ebay (5) None of these
60. At what percent India will grow in 2021 as per reports by Oxford Economics?  
 (1) 10.2% (2) 10.5% (3) 11.2% (4) 12.0% (5) None of these
61. Recently India signed a MoU with which country for reconstruction of six secondary schools in Himalayan region?  
 (1) Nepal (2) China (3) Bhutan (4) Myanmar (5) None of these
62. Which ministry signed an MoU with Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs for exchange of data for enhancing ease of doing business in India and improve overall regulatory enforcement?  
 (1) Ministry of Finance (2) Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises  
 (3) Ministry of Home Affairs (4) Ministry of Corporate Affairs (5) None of these

#### Fund

63. Four states namely Assam, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and Punjab have been granted permission to raise additional how much amount through Open Market Borrowings?  
 (1) Rs 6502 cr (2) Rs 2709 cr (3) Rs 4762 cr (4) Rs 5034 cr (5) None of these
64. Indian will provide how much amount to Nepal for the restoration and conservation of three cultural heritage sites in the Kathmandu Valley?  
 (1) NR 142 million (2) NR 156 million (3) NR 184 million  
 (4) NR 127 million (5) None of these
65. How much amount has been planned to be spent on creating oil and gas infrastructure over the 5 years as said by PM Modi under One nation one gas grid vision?  
 (1) Rs 7.5 lakh cr (2) Rs 8.0 lakh cr (3) Rs 8.5 lakh cr  
 (4) Rs 9.0 lakh cr (5) None of these
66. How much amount of production linked incentives scheme has been approved by the cabinet for the telecom sector?  
 (1) Rs 13500 cr (2) Rs 12195 cr (3) Rs 12700 cr (4) Rs 15678 cr (5) None of these

67. How much amount of proposals has been approved by the government to increase level of processing and value addition of horticultural and agricultural produce?  
(1) Rs 400 cr (2) Rs 363 cr (3) Rs 425 cr (4) Rs 500 cr (5) None of these
68. How much amount of new central sector schemes for industrial development of Jammu and Kashmir has been announced?  
(1) Rs 28400 cr (2) Rs 30000 cr (3) Rs 52500 cr (4) Rs 35400 cr (5) None of these

### Economy

69. As per Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM), the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) gave in-principle approval for how much percent divestment of Centre's stake in Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL)?  
(1) 95 (2) 80 (3) 100 (4) 90 (5) None of these
70. Ministry of Finance released the monthly Post Devolution Revenue Deficit, PDRD Grant of over how much amount to states?  
(1) Rs 6276 cr (2) Rs 6074 cr (3) Rs 6195 cr (4) Rs 6927 cr (5) None of these

### Companies/Industry

71. The Tata group is going to acquire 68% stake in which online grocery platform?  
(1) BigBasket (2) Grofers (3) DMart (4) Home Shop 18 (5) None of these

### Taxation/Trade

72. SEBI has released guidelines for setting up of LPCC by asset management companies, making it obligatory for them to contribute towards the share capital of such entities. What does P stand for in LPCC?  
(1) Power (2) Proportion (3) Public (4) Purpose (5) None of these
73. Which country India's list of trading partners in 2020 as per provisional data from the Ministry of Commerce and Industry?  
(1) Canada (2) Germany (3) USA (4) China (5) None of these

### Agriculture/Production

74. The Agriculture Credit target for 2021-22 has been enhanced to how much amount?  
(1) Rs 18.7 lakh cr (2) Rs 13.8 lakh cr (3) Rs 12.6 lakh cr  
(4) Rs 16.5 lakh cr (5) None of these

### Space

75. Which of the following company is going to develop high-altitude satellite that can fly unmanned for 3 months?  
(1) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited  
(2) National Aerospace Laboratories  
(3) Defence Research and Development Organization  
(4) Bharat Dynamics  
(5) None of these
76. Which country made history as its first-ever interplanetary Hope Probe mission successfully entered orbit around Mars?  
(1) UAE (2) Russia (3) England (4) Indonesia (5) None of these



77. A spacecraft is named after whom which arrived at the International Space Station with about 8,000 pounds of cargo in tow?  
(1) James Francis (2) Constance Goble (3) Katherine Johnson  
(4) John Glenn (5) None of these

### Energy/Gas/Oil

78. Where did Union Environment Ministry approve the Lakhwar electricity project?  
(1) Uttar Pradesh (2) Punjab (3) Uttarakhand  
(4) Bihar (5) None of these

### Transport/Cars/Scooters

79. Where is Assam's first heliport inaugurated by chief minister Sarbananda Sonowal?  
(1) Dhubri (2) Diphu (3) Tezpur (4) Majuli (5) None of these

### Films and Film Festival

80. "Writing with Fire", which won the audience award in the World Cinema Documentary category at the Sundance Film Festival 2021 is an Indian film chronicling the rise of which newspaper?  
(1) Dina Thanthi (2) Malayala Manorama (3) Prabhat Khabar  
(4) Khabar Lahariya (5) None of these
81. Where was the 14th International Children's Film Festival held?  
(1) Beijing (2) Colombo (3) Dhaka (4) Kathmandu (5) None of these
82. Who own the Critic's Best Actress award at the Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival Awards 2021?  
(1) Kiara Advani (2) Deepika Padukone (3) Kareena Kapoor  
(4) Sara Ali Khan (5) None of these

### Festival

83. Where did Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu inaugurate Aadi Mahotsav, a National Tribal Festival?  
(1) Lucknow (2) Delhi (3) Bhopal (4) Raipur (5) None of these
84. In which state is the Mandu Festival celebrated?  
(1) Odisha (2) West Bengal (3) Assam (4) MP (5) None of these

### Appointments/Election (or) Latest who is who?

85. Who has been appointed as the Secretary, Ministry of Textiles, Government of India?  
(1) Upendra Prasad Singh (2) Pradip Kumar Tripathi (3) AK Sharma  
(4) Vinod Kumar Sahni (5) None of these
86. Who is appointed as the new Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of SBI Cards and Payment Services Ltd?  
(1) Rama Mohan Rao Amara (2) Ashwini Kumar Tiwari (3) Vivek Chaand Sehgal  
(4) Krishnamurthy Subramanian (5) None of these
87. Who has been appointed as the new chairman of Mahindra and Mahindra Financial Services?  
(1) Sumit Nagpal (2) Dhananjay Mungale (3) Anish Shah  
(4) Bhanu Mishra (5) None of these

88. Ajay Singh has been re-elected as President of which sports body?  
 (1) Boxing Federation of India (2) Wrestling Federation of India  
 (3) All India Tennis Association (4) Badminton Association of India (5) None of these
89. Who will take over as the new CEO of Amazon replacing CEO and founder Jeff Bezos?  
 (1) Tom Alberg (2) Werner Vogels (3) Andy Jassy (4) Judy McGrath (5) None of these
90. Who is appointed as the chairman of the National Safety Council by the Ministry of labour and employment?  
 (1) SP Kathuria (2) Vivek Balakrishnan (3) SN Subrahmanyam  
 (4) Siddharth Saini (5) None of these
91. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala who has become the first African and first woman to lead the embattled World Trade Organization (WTO) belongs to which country?  
 (1) Nigeria (2) Kenya (3) South Africa (4) Senegal (5) None of these
92. Which organization has re-appointed Michael Bloomberg as its Special Envoy on Climate Ambition and Solutions?  
 (1) European Union  
 (2) International Monetary Fund  
 (3) North Atlantic Treaty Organization  
 (4) United Nations  
 (5) None of these
93. In February 2021, Satishwar Balakrishnan has been appointed as the Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer of which insurance company?  
 (1) Kotak Life Insurance (2) Tata AIA Life Insurance (3) Max Life Insurance  
 (4) Aegon Life Insurance (5) None of these
94. Abdul Hamid Dbeibah has been appointed as the interim prime minister of which country?  
 (1) Mongolia (2) Denmark (3) Greece (4) Libya (5) None of these
95. Who has been appointed as the new CEO and MD of Fullerton India Credit Company?  
 (1) Khushwant Khurana (2) Ajay Sethi (3) Shantanu Mitra  
 (4) Manoj Ahuja (5) None of these
96. Who has been elected as the new president of Exporters' body Federation of Indian Export Organizations (FIEO)?  
 (1) Madhav Upadhyay (2) A Sakthivel (3) Anjay Krishan  
 (4) P Selvam (5) None of these

#### Resignation/Dismissed/Retired/Quit

97. Which country's prime minister Ukhnaagiin Khurelsukh resigned following a protest over a hospital's treatment in a coronavirus case?  
 (1) Cambodia (2) Kyrgyzstan (3) Philippines (4) Mongolia (5) None of these
98. Recently Faf Du Plessis retired from test cricket. He played for which country?  
 (1) Sri Lanka (2) Australia (3) South Africa (4) Zimbabwe (5) None of these
99. Fast bowler Dhammika Prasad has announced his retirement from international cricket played for which country?  
 (1) Afghanistan (2) Sri Lanka (3) Pakistan (4) Bangladesh (5) None of these

## Deaths

100. Paul J. Crutzen who passed away recently won Nobel Prize in which of the following?  
(1) Physics (2) Chemistry (3) Economics (4) Literature (5) None of these
101. Cloris Leachman who passed away belonged to which profession?  
(1) Musician (2) Comedian (3) Actor (4) Politician (5) None of these
102. Guitarist and founding member of The Animals, Hilton Valentine who passed away hailed from which country?  
(1) UK (2) Germany (3) Scotland (4) Netherlands (5) None of these
103. Bansi Kaul who passed away was related to which of the following?  
(1) Politics (2) Singing (3) Dancing (4) Theatre (5) None of these
104. Former pacer Ezra Moseley who passed away hailed from which country?  
(1) West Indies (2) Australia (3) New Zealand (4) UK (5) None of these
105. M Rama Jois who had served as the Chief Justice of Punjab and Haryana High Court and passed away was also the former governor of which 2 states?  
(1) Uttar Pradesh and Haryana (2) Haryana and Chhattisgarh  
(3) Jharkhand and HP (4) Bihar and Jharkhand (5) None of these
106. Carlos Menem, former President of which country passed away?  
(1) Congo (2) Kenya (3) Finland (4) Denmark (5) None of these
107. Rahul Khullar who passed away was the former chairman of which organization?  
(1) Telecom Regulatory Authority of India  
(2) Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority  
(3) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority  
(4) Securities and Exchange Board of India  
(5) None of these

## Awards/Honours

108. Which airport bagged 'Voice of the Customer' global recognition from the Airports Council International World?  
(1) Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport  
(2) Rajiv Gandhi International Airport  
(3) Bangalore International Airport Limited  
(4) Chennai International Airport  
(5) None of these
109. ITC Grand Chola Hotel situated where was awarded the 'Swachh Hotel' award as part of Swachh Survekshan 2021?  
(1) Tiruvallur (2) Guindy (3) Velachery (4) Porur (5) None of these

## Sports/Game

110. Which team won the Syed Mushtaq Ali T20 Trophy held in January 2021?  
(1) Baroda (2) Bengal (3) HP (4) Tamil Nadu (5) None of these
111. Which team won the 13th CEC Cup Ice Hockey Championship?  
(1) Shakar Chiktan (2) Wakha Mulbekh (3) Drass Red  
(4) Club Chiktan (5) None of these

112. Recently, IPL team Kings XI Punjab was renamed to which name ahead of 2021 auction?  
 (1) Punjab Royals (2) Punjab Kings (3) Royals of Punjab  
 (4) Kings of Punjab (5) None of these
113. Who has become the youngest woman to row solo across the Atlantic Ocean?  
 (1) Kim Brennan (2) Katrin Rutschow (3) Aivars Lazdenieks  
 (4) Jasmine Harrison (5) None of these

#### General - National

114. Where in Gujarat with the help of Tata Group, Indian Institute of Skills- IIS be set up?  
 (1) Gandhinagar (2) Vadodara (3) Rajkot  
 (4) Surat (5) None of these
115. An announced by Union Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, the government will provide how much additional income to farmers that will be generated by converting waste into energy?  
 (1) Rs 1 lakh (2) Rs 2 lakh (3) Rs 3 lakh (4) Rs 4 lakh (5) None of these
116. The Ministry of Education has decided to name residential schools and hostels funded under Samagra Shiksha of the Ministry after whose name?  
 (1) Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose (2) Swami Vivekananda (3) Vallabhbhai Patel  
 (4) B. R. Ambedkar (5) None of these
117. As announced by the government of India, it will sell how much percent of its stake in National Fertilizers Ltd (NFL) through an offer for sale?  
 (1) 34% (2) 25% (3) 31% (4) 20% (5) None of these
118. Under Jal Jeevan mission, how many rural house hold have been provided tap water connections?  
 (1) 3 cr 53 lakhs (2) 4 cr 55 lakhs (3) 5 cr 25 lakhs  
 (4) 2 cr 23 lakhs (5) None of these
119. Which country hosted a workshop on COVID-19 Management: Experience, Good Practices and Way Forward?  
 (1) India (2) Sri Lanka (3) Nepal (4) China (5) None of these

#### General - International

120. Which country's military seized power in a bloodless coup detaining democratically elected leader Aung San Suu Kyi and imposing a one-year state of emergency?  
 (1) Indonesia (2) Mali (3) Myanmar (4) South Korea (5) None of these

#### Books and Authors

121. Book titled "Beautiful Things" is the memoir of whom?  
 (1) Tucker Carlson (2) Hunter Biden (3) Howard Krein  
 (4) Rudy Giuliani (5) None of these
122. Who has authored the book titled "By Many a Happy Accident : Recollections of a Life"?  
 (1) M. Venkaiah Naidu (2) Hamid Ansari (3) Ram Nath Kovind  
 (4) Lal Krishna Advani (5) None of these
123. Who has authored the book titled "Platform Scale: For A Post-Pandemic World"?  
 (1) Sangeet Paul Choudary (2) Geoffrey G Parker (3) Ameya Naik  
 (4) Vineet Bajpai (5) None of these

124. Who is the author of the book titled "The Terrible, Horrible, Very Bad Good News"?
- (1) Ira Trivedi (2) Meghna Pant (3) Meena Kandasamy  
(4) Judy Balan (5) None of these
125. Who is the author of the book titled Kamala's Way, a new biography of Kamala Harris, first Black woman to be elected Vice President of the United States?
- (1) Stephen King (2) Alice Walker (3) George Saunders  
(4) Dan Morain (5) None of these
126. Who is the author of the book titled "Tipane Kashmirchi (notes on Kashmir), untold stories"?
- (1) Arun Karmarkar (2) Varun Sethi (3) Ashish Mehra  
(4) Ravindra Saini (5) None of these
127. Who has authored novel titled 'Sarasvati's Gift'?
- (1) Anita Nair (2) Kavita Kane (3) Chitra Banerjee  
(4) Kiran Desai (5) None of these
128. Who is the author of the book titled 'Fractured Mosaic'?
- (1) Deep Malik (2) Mohit Hussein (3) Vivek Jain (4) Sabarna Roy (5) None of these
129. Who is the author of the book titled 'Indian Economy's Greatest Crisis: Impact of Coronavirus and the Road Ahead'?
- (1) Arun Kumar (2) Siddharth Malya (3) Vijay Sharma  
(4) Vibek Singh (5) None of these
130. Who is the author of the book titled "The Epic Battle of Longewala"?
- (1) Shirish Gandhi (2) Bharat Kumar (3) Sukumar Awasthi  
(4) Ashish Lohia (5) None of these
131. Who released the book 'Rashtra Pratham - 82 varshon ki Swarnim Gatha' which chronicles the glorious history of CRPF since its raising in 1939?
- (1) Rajnath Singh (2) Amit Shah (3) Smriti Irani  
(4) Nitin Gadkari (5) None of these
132. Who is the author of the book titled 'Leadership Lessons from 22 Yards'?
- (1) Suraj Bhanu (2) Vikas Tripathi (3) Srikanth Ram  
(4) Rajan Shukla (5) None of these
133. Who has written the book titled "Agriculture Acts 2020"?
- (1) A.K. Rajan (2) T.S. Sarthi (3) Umesh Rai  
(4) Vipin Awasthi (5) None of these
134. Who is the author of the book titled 'Runway to Skilled India'?
- (1) Mukesh Kumar (2) Rakesh Biyani (3) Darlie O Koshy  
(4) Rakesh Biyani (5) None of these
135. "Stories I Must Tell: An Actor's Emotional Journey" is the autobiography of whom?
- (1) Sunil Vijayakar (2) Vijay Amritraj (3) Kabir Bedi  
(4) Farhan Furniturewala (5) None of these
136. Who is the writer of the new book titled 'Because India Comes First'?
- (1) Muralidhar Rao (2) Tejasvi Surya (3) Sumit Deodhar  
(4) Ram Madhav (5) None of these

137. The book titled "The Last Queen" authored by whom?  
(1) Chitra Banerjee (2) Bharati Mukherjee (3) Hilari Bell  
(4) Bulbul Sharma (5) None of these

138. Who is the author of the book titled "The Lost Soul"?  
(1) Olga Tokarczuk (2) Louise Glück (3) Peter Handke  
(4) Czesław Miłosz (5) None of these

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