

GENERAL AWARENESS-CURRENT AFFAIRS
MONTH OF JUNE-2021

List of Important Days

- June 01 - World Milk Day. (Theme - "sustainability in the dairy sector with messages on nutrition")
- June 01 - Global Day of Parents.
- June 03 - World Bicycle Day.
- June 04 - International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression.
- June 05 - World Environment Day. (Theme - "Reimagine. Recreate. Restore.")
- June 05 - International Day for the Fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing.
- June 06 - World Pest Day. (also sometimes called World Pest Awareness Day)
- June 06 - UN Russian Language Day.
- June 07 - World Food Safety Day. (Theme - "Safe food today for a healthy tomorrow")
- June 08 - World Oceans Day. (Theme - "The Ocean: Life and Livelihoods")
- June 09 - World Accreditation Day. (Theme - "Accreditation: Supporting the Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)")
- June 12 - World Day Against Child Labour. (Theme - "Act now: End child labour!")
- June 13 - International Albinism Awareness Day. (Theme - "Strength Beyond All Odds")
- June 14 - World Blood Donor Day. Host country - Rome, Italy. (Slogan - "Give blood and keep the world beating")
- June 15 - Global Wind Day.
- June 16 - International Day of Family Remittances.
- June 17 - World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought. (Theme - "Restoration. Land. Recovery. We build back better with healthy land")
- June 19 - National Reading Day.
- June 19 - International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict.
- June 20 - World Refugee Day. (Theme - "Together we heal, learn and shine")
- June 21 - World Music Day.
- June 21 - International Day of Yoga.
- June 21 - International Day of the Celebration of the Solstice.
- June 21 - World Humanist Day.
- June 23 - International Olympic Day.
- June 23 - International Widows Day.
- June 23 - United Nations Public Service Day.
- June 25 - World Vitiligo Day.
- June 25 - Day of the Seafarer. (Theme - "Seafarers: at the core of shipping's future")

- June 26 - International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking. (Theme - "Share Facts On Drugs, Save Lives")
- June 26 - International Day in Support of Victims of Torture.
- June 27 - Micro-, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises Day. (Theme - "MSME 2021: key to an inclusive and sustainable recovery.")
- June 29 - National Statistics day. (Theme - "End Hunger, Achieve Food Security and Improved Nutrition and Promote Sustainable Agriculture")
- June 29 - International Day of the Tropics.
- June 30 - International Day of Parliamentarism.
- June 30 - International Asteroid Day.
- June 30 - World Social Media Day.

Reserve Bank of India

- The **Reserve Bank** said it has launched the 2020-21 round of its annual survey on computer software and information technology enabled services (**ITES**) **exports**, results of which are used for compilation of balance of payments statistics.

State Bank of India

- State Bank of India (**SBI**) has launched a collateral-free "**Kavach Personal Loan**" to enable its customers to meet medical expenses of self and family members for **Covid treatment**.

Other Banks

- **ICICI Bank** has announced that it has tied up with **SWIFT** to offer a facility that helps overseas partner banks to send **instant** remittances on behalf of their customers to the beneficiary in India.

Insurance

- Life Insurance Corporation (**LIC**) has launched a centralized web-based workflow-based IT platform called "**e-PGS**". The new technology platform, e-PGS, has been designed to provide a centralized collection and payment accounting with a high level of bank integration.

Central Government

- The Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment **Thaawarchand Gehlot** announced the setting up of **5 Divyangta Khel Kendras** in various parts of the country.
 - The Minister was addressing the 'Samajik Adhikarita Shivir' for the distribution of aids and assistive devices to Divyangjan under the ADIP (Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/Fitting of Aids and Appliances) scheme in **Gujarat**.

States

- In **Madhya Pradesh**, CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan government has launched a scheme named '**Ankur**' under which citizens will be awarded for **planting trees** during monsoon.
- **Kerala** government has launched '**Knowledge Economy Mission**' to boost job prospects in the state by supporting knowledge workers.
- Chief Minister of **Haryana**, Manohar Lal Khattar, announced to create of 80 acres of '**Oxi-van**' (a forest) in the **Karnal** district. Oxi-van will consist of 10 types of forests.
- **Gujarat Maritime Board** (GMB) will set up the country's first international **maritime services cluster** at **GIFT City**.

- **Madhya Pradesh** will launch 'Yuva Shakti Corona Mukti Abhiyan' to raise awareness among people on covid-19 pandemic.
- **Telangana** government has launched the **Telangana AI Mission (T-AIM)** powered by **Nasscom** and as part of the **T-AIM**, an accelerator programme called "**Revv Up**" has been launched to enable and empower AI startups.
- **Delhi** government has launched "**Mukhyamantri COVID-19 Pariwar Aarthik Sahayata Yojana**" to provide financial assistance to the families who lost a member due to the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant announced that **Goa** has become the first state in the country to be **Rabies free**.

Defence and National Security

- The **Defence Acquisition Council** chaired by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh cleared the Indian Navy's Request for **Proposal (RFP)** for a **mega submarine tender** worth Rs 43,000 crore under Project P-75 India (P-75I) under the Strategic Partnership Model.
- The **Indian Navy** is set to receive its first set of multi-role **helicopters** as America is set to hand over **three MH-60 Romeo** helicopters to the force in the **United States** in July.
- The **Indian Navy** inducted **three** indigenously-built advanced light **helicopters ALH MK-III** in their fleet.
 - These helicopters are built by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited at the Indian Naval Station (INS) Dega in Visakhapatnam will be used for maritime reconnaissance and coastal security.
- **Russia** is building the first **naval ship** that will be fully equipped with **stealth technology** to make it hard to detect.
 - The hull of the Mercury naval corvette dubbed project 20386 has already been built and the vessel is expected to be delivered to the navy next year.
- Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** has approved the budgetary support of **Rs 498.8 crore** for **iDEX-DIO** (Innovations for Defence Excellence – Defence Innovation Organization) for the next five years.
- The Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has informed that **India's** first Indigenous Aircraft Carrier (**IAC-I**), is planned to be commissioned by **2022**.
 - Once commissioned, the carrier will be rechristened as **INS Vikrant**, in memory of India's first aircraft carrier.
- Defence Research and Development Organization (**DRDO**) has successfully test fired an extended range version of "**Pinaka**" rocket.
 - Test fire was carried at Integrated Test Range (ITR) in Chandipur, **Odisha**.
- As per the Government Sources, India successfully carried out the test-firing of a new missile of the **Agni** series known as Agni-Prime off the coast of **Odisha**.
- **Turkey** and **Azerbaijan** have begun joint military drills "**Mustafa Kemal Atatürk - 2021**" in **Baku**, deploying tanks, helicopters and drones in an effort to improve the two countries' combat interoperability.

Committees/Commissions

- Security and Exchange Board of India (**SEBI**) has reconstituted its **Takeover Panel**.
 - The takeover panel looks into application that seeks exemption from mandatory open offer which as acquirer needs to make to minority shareholders.
 - **N Venkatram** MD and CEO of Deloitte India has been appointed as the new member of Takeover Panel.

- **India** and the **United States** jointly launched a **hydrogen task force** under their Strategic Clean Energy Partnership (SCEP) to boost India's energy security efforts.

Schemes/Initiatives

- Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, RK Mathur, launched the **YounTab** scheme for students.
 - Under the scheme, about 12,300 tablets were distributed among them in Leh.
- Indian star cricketer **Virender Sehwag** has launched an experiential learning portal for Cricket coaching named **CRICURU**.
 - CRICURU is India's first AI-enabled coaching website, to offer a personalized learning experience for the younger players.
- Union **Law Minister** Ravi Shankar Prasad launched '**itat e-dwar**', the e-filing portal of the Income Tax Appellate Tribunal (**ITAT**).
- Union Minister of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises **Prakash Javadekar** inaugurated **NATRAX-the High-Speed Track** (HST) for automobiles in **Indore**.
 - The track is the longest such track in Asia and world's fifth-longest.

Agreement/Deal/Signed

- Cabinet approved Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) on Sustainable Urban Development between **India** and **Japan** by suspending the existing MoU of 2007 on Urban Development.
- Cabinet approved the signing and ratification of an Agreement on 'Cooperation in the field of **Mass Media**' between all the Member States of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO).
- Private life insurer **Bharti AXA Life Insurance** has entered into a bancassurance partnership with **Shivalik Small Finance Bank** for the distribution of its life insurance products through the bank's pan-India network of branches.
- The **Defence Ministry** signed a contract with **Mahindra Telephonics Integrated Systems Limited, Mumbai** to procure 11 Airport Surveillance **Radars** with Monopulse Secondary Surveillance Radar for the **Indian Navy** and **Indian Coast Guard**.
- The **European Union** and an energy investment programme founded by **Bill Gates** plan to raise up to **\$1 billion** to roll out the low-carbon technologies Europe is betting on to meet its climate change goals.
- The Ministry of **Ports, Shipping and Waterways** and Ministry of **Civil Aviation** signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the development of **seaplane services** in India.
- A new free trade agreement with the **United Kingdom** will deliver more **Australian** jobs and business opportunities for exporters, bringing both countries closer together in a changing strategic environment.
 - Prime Ministers Scott Morrison and Boris Johnson have agreed on the broad outlines of an **Australia-UK Free Trade Agreement (FTA)**.
- **India** and **Bhutan** signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for developing cooperation between the two nations in the areas of the **environment**.
- **SBI General Insurance**, one of the leading general insurance companies in India, has signed a corporate agency agreement with **IDFC FIRST Bank** for the distribution of non-life insurance Solution.

Bills

- Cabinet has approved "**Model Tenancy Act**" for circulation to all States and Union Territories for adaptation by enacting fresh legislation or amending existing rental laws as required.

- The Union Cabinet approved the **Inland Vessel Bill 2021** that will streamline and regulate inland vessels running in the country.
 - The Inland Vessels Bill 2021 will replace Inland Vessels Act, 1917.

Fund

- **India** signed a **\$2.5 million** project readiness financing (PRF) loan agreement with the **Asian Development Bank** to support preparation and design activities to upgrade major district roads in **Sikkim**.
- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Government of India have signed a **\$484 million** loan, to improve transport connectivity and facilitate industrial development in the Chennai-Kanyakumari Industrial Corridor (CKIC) in **Tamil Nadu**.
- The **World Bank** Board of Executive Directors has approved a **\$125 million** support for the '**Resilient Kerala Program**' to help the state in preparedness against natural disasters, climate change impacts, disease outbreaks, and pandemics.
- **Andhra Pradesh** has started a Supporting Andhra's Learning Transformation (**SALT**) programme to transform foundational learning in **government schools** for which the **World Bank** has approved a loan of **250 million dollars**.
- The Government of **India**, along with the Government of **Mizoram** has signed a \$32 million loan agreement with **World Bank** for Mizoram Health Systems Strengthening Project.

Economy

- The goods and service tax (**GST**) collections for **May** clocked Rs 1,02,709 crore, making it the eighth straight month of collections crossing the Rs 1 lakh crore mark.

Companies/Industry

- **Pharmany** has announced the acquisition of rival **Medlife**, thereby creating India's largest **online pharmacy**. The deal values the stake of Medlife shareholders at \$250 million.
- Tata Consultancy Services (**TCS**) will bring universities, businesses, startups and government together at its latest innovation hub in **Amsterdam** to help use digital technology to solve sustainability challenges.
- Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative Limited (**IFFCO**) has introduced the world's first **Nano Urea Liquid** for farmers across the world.
- The first Asia Pacific Public Sector **Cyber Security Executive Council** has been launched by **Microsoft**.
- **Heidelberg Cement**, the world's second-largest cement maker, plans to turn its **Swedish factory** in Slite into the world's first **CO2-neutral cement** plant by **2030** via carbon capture technology.
- As per owner of Twitter, **Jack Dorsey**, his payments venture **Square** will partner with blockchain technology firm **Block-stream Mining** in a bid to build an open-source, solar-powered **bitcoin mining** facility in United Nations.
- Lending and digital payments startup, **BharatPe** has announced that it has inked a three-year-long deal to become an **official partner** with International Cricket Council (**ICC**).
- Merchant payments and financial services provider, **BharatPe** has acquired a multi-brand loyalty platform, **PAYBACK India**, to help its 6 million offline merchants roll out rewards and loyalty programmes for customers.

- Alphabet's **Google** announced that it will be building an **undersea cable** that will connect the **United States, Uruguay, Brazil, and Argentina**, to bolster the capacity of internet connection between these regions. The undersea cable called **Firminia**.
- Social media giant **Facebook** has launched a new initiative '**Report it, Don't share it!**' that encourages people to report child abuse content on its platforms and not to share it.
- Reliance **Jio** Infocomm Limited and **Google Cloud** are embarking on a comprehensive, long-term strategic relationship with a goal of powering **5G** in enterprise and consumer segments nationwide.
- The National Skill Development Corporation (**NSDC**) and **WhatsApp** announced an alliance to launch the **Digital Skill Champions** Program that aims to train India's youth on digital skills, in order to make them employment ready.
- **Microsoft** officially launched its new Windows operating system '**Windows 11**'.
- **Amazon** has acquired an American instant messaging app '**Wickr**' to offer secure communications for businesses, government agencies, and individuals, who are moving to hybrid work environments, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Agriculture/Production

- In **Assam**, the world's first genetically modified (**GM**) **rubber plant** has been planted by Rubber Board, at the board's farm in Sarutari near **Guwahati**.
 - The GM rubber sapling was developed at the Rubber Research Institute of India (RRII), in Puthuppally, Kottayam, **Kerala**.

Space

- American space agency, **NASA**, has announced its two **new robotic missions** namely **Davinci+** and **Veritas**, to **Venus** to examine atmosphere and geological features on the planet.
- **Artic Astronautics**, a Finnish company will send the world's first **wooden satellite** into space by the end of 2021.
 - The wooden satellite named **WISA Woodsat**, designed and developed in **Finland** is a cube-shaped nano-satellite scheduled to be launched on a Rocket Lab's Electron rocket in **New Zealand** in November 2021.
- The Indian Space Research Organization (**ISRO**) has announced that it is 'putting extra work, extra hours' to achieve the launch target of the first uncrewed mission in December 2021 as a part of the human spaceflights programme '**Gaganyaan**' due to disruption caused in the hardware delivery schedules during the first and second wave of COVID-19.
- The **European Space Agency** has announced its plan to hire and launch the world's first **physically disabled astronaut**.

Science and Technology

- **Israeli** researchers informed that they have found **bones** belonging to a '**new type of early human**' who was previously unknown to science. Archaeological digs done near the city of **Ramla** by the team from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem uncover the prehistoric remains that cannot be matched to any known species from the Homo genus, which includes the modern humans (Homo Sapiens).

Health/Diseases/Drugs

- The UN health agency, World Health Organization (**WHO**), has given easy-to-say labels to two variants of the Covid-19, first found in India.
 - The B.1.617.1 variant of the Covid 19 has been named as '**Kappa**' while the B1.617.2 variant is named as '**Delta**'.

- A 41-year-old man in **China's** eastern province of Jiangsu has been confirmed as the first human case of infection with the **H10N3** strain of **bird flu**, China's National Health Commission (NHC).

Education

- **Indian Institute of Technology Madras** hosts Asia's first International Memory Studies Workshop.

Transport/Cars/Scooters

- The **Kempegowda International Airport** (Bengaluru international airport (BIAL)) here has achieved **net energy neutral status** in the Financial Year 2020-21 as part of its sustainability goals.

Films and Film Festival

- **Arunachal Pradesh's Water Burial** has bagged the **best film National Award** on environment conservation at 67th National Films Awards 2021.
 - The film, which is directed by independent filmmaker Shantanu Sen. Water Burial is produced by AM Television.
- Indian actress **Tillotama Shome** has made the country proud by winning the **Best Actor** award at the 2021 **UK Asian Film Festival (UKAFF)**.
 - Tillotama won the award for her role in the film **Raahgir: The Wayfarers**. The film has been directed by Goutam Ghose.
 - Filmmaker **Goutam Ghose** has also won the Best Director award at the UKAFF.

Festival

- **Raja Parba festival** celebrated in **Odisha**. It is a 3-days unique festival in which the onset of monsoon and the earth's womanhood is celebrated by the state.

Appointments/Election (or) Latest who is who?

- **Magma Fincorp** has appointed **Adar Poonawalla** as its chairman as part of a management overhaul following the Poonawala-controlled Rising Sun Holdings acquiring a controlling stake in it.
- Former Supreme Court judge **Arun Kumar Mishra** will be the new chairperson of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) after a high-powered recommendation committee proposed his name.
- The Indian Broadcasting Foundation (**IBF**) announced the appointment of former Supreme Court judge Justice **Vikramjit Sen** as the Chairman of its newly formed self-regulatory body Digital Media Content Regulatory Council (**DMCRC**).
- Vice Admiral **Ravneet Singh** took charge as **Deputy Chief of Naval Staff**. He succeeds Vice Admiral **Murlidhar Sadashiv Pawar** who superannuated on May 31, 2021.
- The International Dairy Federation (**IDF**) has unanimously elected **R S Sodhi**, managing director, Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation Ltd or GCMMF that sells Amul branded products in India, to its board during the general assembly.
- Lieutenant General **Pradeep Chandran Nair** took over as the 21st **Director General** of the Assam Rifles (popularly known as Sentinels of the North-East).
- The Facebook-owned messaging app **WhatsApp** has named **Paresh B Lal** as the Grievance Officer for **India**.
- Former IITian, **Dr Vinay K Nandicoori**, has been appointed as the **Director** at the CSIR-Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (**CCMB**), Hyderabad, Telangana.

- **Dr Patrick Amoth**, the acting Director-General for Health, Ministry of Health of **Kenya** has been appointed as the **Chairman** of the World Health Organization (WHO) Executive Board, for a period of one year.
- **Ranjitsinh Disale** has been appointed as the **World Bank Education advisor**, starting from June 2021 to June 2024.
- **Maldivian** foreign minister, **Abdullah Shahid** was elected President of the 76th United Nations General Assembly (PGA) with an overwhelming majority.
- The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Ltd. (**HSBC**) announced the appointment of **Hitendra Dave** as Chief Executive Officer of HSBC India subject to receipt of regulatory approval.
 - Dave succeeds **Surendra Roshia** who will be moving to Hong Kong as the co-chief executive of HSBC Asia-Pacific.
- Senior administrator and former power secretary, **Sanjeev Nandan Sahai** is set to take over as next chairman of the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (**PNGRB**).
- Vice Admiral **Rajesh Pendharkar** has assumed charge as **Director General** Naval Operations.
- The Union government has appointed **Anup Chandra Pandey**, a retired IAS officer of the 1984 batch, Uttar Pradesh cadre, as **Election Commissioner**.
- Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer, **K Nagaraj Naidu** was named **chef de cabinet** (UN bureaucracy) by the incoming UN general assembly president, Maldivian foreign minister Abdulla Shahid.
- **Ferrari** has named **Benedetto Vigna** as its new company CEO, taking over from interim chief **John Elkann**.
- **England's Football Association** named corporate executive and former RAC chief, **Debbie Hewitt** as its first **woman chair**, ending months of speculation over **Greg Clarke's** successor following his exit over inappropriate remarks.
- **Facebook** has named **Spoorthi Priya** as its **grievance officer** for **India**, the company said on its website.
- India's **Nagraj Adiga** has been elected as the **Asia-Oceania Representative** at the recently concluded 2021 International Association of Ultrarunners (IAU) Congress at which the IAU council elections were held.
- UN General Assembly (UNGA) has approved nomination of **Rebecca Grynspan** to head United Nations Conference on Trade and development (UNCTAD).
 - She is an economist from **Costa Rica**.
- 49-year-old, **Naftali Bennett** has become new **Prime Minister** of **Israel**.
- Bollywood superstar, **Akshay Kumar** has been appointed as the new **brand ambassador** of biotechnology company **Mylab** Discovery Solutions.
 - This announcement comes days after the Pune-based firm launched the country's first COVID-19 self-test kit "**CoviSelf**".
- Chief Operating Officer of **Bharti Airtel**, **Ajai Puri** has been re-elected as Chairman of the industry association for 2021-22.
 - Announcing the leadership for 2021-22, Cellular Operators' Association of India (**COAI**) said that **Pramod Kumar Mittal**, President of Reliance Jio Infocomm, will continue as **Vice Chairman** of the association.
- **Microsoft Corp**, named Chief Executive Officer, **Satya Nadella** as its new **chairman**.
 - He took over as the software giant's CEO in 2014, succeeding **Steve Ballmer**.
 - The company also appointed former chairman **John Thompson** as a lead independent director.

- **Ebrahim Raisi** has won the 2021 **Iranian presidential election**, winning 62 per cent of the vote with about 90 per cent of ballots counted. The 60-year-old Raisi will succeed **Hassan Rouhani** in August 2021, to begin his four-year term.
- Ahead of the World Trade organization's (WTO) ministerial conference in 2021, the Government of **India** has appointed a private person **Aashish Chandorkar** as '**Counsellor**' in India's Permanent Mission in WTO for 3 years.

Deaths

- Renowned Bengali Film Maker **Budhadeb Dasgupta** passed away.
- Asian Games gold medal-winning former boxing star **Dingko Singh** has passed away.
- Noted Kannada poet, playwright and Dalit activist, **Siddalingaiah** has passed away. He was popularly known as "Dalita Kavi".
- Padma Shri winning noted Economist and Environmentalist, Prof **Radhamohan Ji** has passed away.
- Olympian **Surat Singh Mathur**, the first from independent India to complete a marathon at the Olympics, passed away.
- **Gottfried Bohm**, the first German architect to be awarded the Pritzker Prize, has passed away.
- National Award-winning actor **Sanchari Vijay** passed away.
- Track legend **Milkha Singh** passed away due to post-COVID complications.
- **Kenneth Kaunda**, Zambia's first president and champion of African independence Kenneth Kaunda has passed away.
- Malayalam film industry veteran cinematographer and director, **Sivan** passed away recently.
- British-American Software pioneer, **John David McAfee**, the creator of the McAfee antivirus software, has passed away.

Awards/Honours

- Utah Jazz guard **Jordan Clarkson** has won the 2020-21 Kia NBA Sixth Man Award for his contributions in a reserve role.
- **David Diop** has become the first **French** novelist to win the **International Booker prize** for translated fiction with **At Night All Blood Is Black**, his first novel translated into English.
 - Diop translator **Anna Moschovakis** split the £50,000 annual prize, which goes to the best author and translator of a work translated into English.
- Kerala-based **Thomas Vijayan**, who is now settled in Canada, has won the 2021 **Nature TTL Photography Awards** for his photo of an Orangutan clinging to a tree.
 - The photograph is titled 'The World is Going Upside Down'.
- **Tsitsi Dangarembga**, the Booker-shortlisted Zimbabwean writer who was arrested last year in Harare while protesting against corruption, has been awarded the **PEN Pinter prize**, praised for her "ability to capture and communicate vital truths even amidst times of upheaval".
 - Dangarembga was also shortlisted for the 2020 Booker Prize for her work, **This Mournable Body**.
- The Managing Director of Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (Amul), **R.S. Sodhi**, was conferred with the regional award as **Asia Pacific Productivity Champion** from Asian Productivity Organization (APO), Tokyo, Japan in recognition of enhanced productivity and efficient milk supply chain.
- **Shailesh Govind Ganpule**, IIT Roorkee assistant professor at the mechanical and industrial engineering department (MIED), was conferred the award with the 'NSG Counter-IED and Counter-Terrorism Innovator Award 2021' for developing a "blast-resistant" helmet.
 - Ceremony held at the National Security Guard (NSG) campus in **Maneswar**, near Gurgaon.

- The 2021 **Land for Life Award** has been won by **Familial Forestry of Rajasthan**, a unique concept that relates a tree with a family, making it a green “family member.”
- Engineers India Limited (EIL) Chairman & Managing Director (CMD), **RK Sabharwal** has been honoured with the highest civilian award of **Mongolia ‘The Order of Polar Star** by his excellency.
- Journalist **Palagummi Sainath** has been awarded the **Fukuoka Grand Prize** for 2021.

Sports/Game

- India’s pugilist **Sanjeet Kumar** won a **gold** medal in the 91 kg weight category at the ASBC **Asian Boxing Championships** in Dubai.
- In **Hockey**, the **Indian men’s team** maintained their **fourth** position while the **women’s team** held to the **ninth** position in the latest International Hockey Federation world rankings.
- World No. 1 **Novak Djokovic** captured the 83rd title of his career with victory on home soil at the **Belgrade Open**.
- **Novak Djokovic** has won his 19th Grand Slam title in **French open 2021** in **Men’s single** category at Roland Garros in **Paris**.
- Red Bull’s **Sergio Perez** won a chaotic **Azerbaijan Grand Prix** with both Max Verstappen and Lewis Hamilton failing to finish.
- **Oman** has been named as the host of the inaugural International Hockey Federation (FIH) **Hockey5s World Cup**.
- The Athletics Federation of India (AFI), announced that the **Indian Grand Prix 4** will be held on June 21 at the National Institute of Sports in **Patiala**.
- Indian wrestler **Vinesh Phogat** won the **gold** medal in the 53 kg category at the **Poland Open**.
 - Ukraine’s **Khrystyna Bereza** won the silver medal at the Poland Open.
 - Earlier, Indian wrestler Anshu Malik pulled out of the 57kg competition due to fever.
- **Max Verstappen** (Netherlands-Red Bull) has won the 2021 **French Grand Prix**.
- **Cristiano Ronaldo** has become the joint-top scoring men’s **international player of all time**.
 - He is currently tied with Iran legend **Ali Daei**, who scored 109 times in 149 matches between 1993 and 2006.
- Tokyo Olympics-bound Indian shooter **Rahi Sarnobat** won the **gold** medal in the 25m pistol event at the ongoing International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup being held in Osijek, **Croatia**.
- Star Indian archer **Deepika Kumari** regained the number **one** position in global rankings following her hat-trick of **gold** medals at the World Cup Stage 3 here.
- **New Zealand** defeated India to win the first **ICC World Test Championship**.
 - **Kyle Jamieson** (NZ) has been adjudged as the “**Player of the match**”, while **Kane Williamson** (NZ) is the “**Player of the series**”.
- Ahead of the Tokyo Games, the official **Olympic theme** song for the **Indian contingent** was launched.
 - **Mohit Chauhan** has composed and sung the song titled “**Lakshya Tera Samne Hai**”.

Report

- Centre for **World University Rankings 2021-22** has announced, **Harvard University** has **topped** the ranking globally followed by **Massachusetts Institute of Technology**, **Stanford University**, **University of Cambridge**, and **Oxford University** respectively.

- **Wipro** has touched **Rs 3 trillion** in market capitalization for the first time, becoming the **third Indian IT firm** to achieve the milestone after **Tata Consultancy Services** and **Infosys**.
- **Kerala** has retained the **top** rank in **Niti Aayog's** 3rd edition of Sustainable Development Goals **SDG India Index 2020-21**, while **Bihar** has been adjudged as the **worst** performer.
- **India's** rank has slipped by two places from last year to **117** on the **17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** adopted as a part of the 2030 agenda by 193 United Nations member states in 2015.
 - India ranks below four South Asian countries: **Bhutan, Nepal, Sri Lanka** and **Bangladesh**.
- According to the 6th Edition of '**Sustainable Development Report 2021 (SDR 2021)**' released by Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN), **India** with a score of 60.1 has been placed at **120th** rank out of 165 countries.
 - **Finland** topped the Index followed by **Sweden & Denmark**.
- In grading index in **school education**, **Punjab** topped the charts this time among all the states and union territories with a score of 929 out of 1,000, followed by **Chandigarh** (912) and **Tamil Nadu** (906).
- The Times **50 Most Desirable Women 2020** list has been unveiled, and it features women under 40 across various fields.
 - **Rhea Chakraborty** has bagged the number 1 spot on Times Most Desirable Women 2020 list.
- **New Zealand** and **Australian** cities dominated the **Global Liveability Index 2021** published by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU).
 - **Auckland** has been ranked the **best** on liveability rankings due to the ability of New Zealand city to contain Covid-19 faster.
 - **Japanese** cities of **Osaka** and **Tokyo** grabbed **second** and **fourth** place and **Adelaide, Australia** spot **3rd** place on EIU's Global Livability Index 2021.
 - Living conditions remained **worst** in the **Syrian** capital **Damascus**.
- The **US** traders have benefited the most in **Bitcoin Investment Gain** in 2020, with a profit of \$4.1 billion, according to the latest report by Chainalysis, a blockchain analysis company based in Manhattan, New York.
 - **Chinese** traders stood **second**, with a profit of \$1.1 billion.
 - **India** has been ranked at **18th** spot with a profit of \$241 million, among the top 25 countries, in Bitcoin investment gains 2020.
- **DBS Bank** has been named by **Forbes** in their list of **World's Best Banks 2021**.
 - DBS was ranked **#1** out of 30 domestic and international banks in India for the second consecutive year.
- **India's** forex reserves crossed **\$600** mark for the first time and as on June 4, it stood at \$605 billion.
 - With this, India equals **Russia** as the **fourth** largest reserve holder worldwide.
- As per the '**Global Skills Report 2021**' released by Coursera, **India** has been ranked **67th** overall globally. Indian learners have high proficiency in digital skills like Cloud Computing (83%) and Machine Learning (52%) & 54% in Mathematical skills.
- **India** has been ranked at **14th** spot among 114 countries in the **World Giving Index 2021**, by the Charities Aid Foundation (CAF).
 - The World Giving Index ranking has been **topped** by **Indonesia**, followed by **Kenya, Nigeria, Myanmar and Australia** in the top five respectively.
- **India** has moved down 12 spots in the global **home price index** to **55th** rank in Q1 2021 against 43rd rank in Q1 2020, with a decline of 1.6 per cent year-on-year (YoY) in home prices, Knight Frank, in its latest research report "Global House Price Index" - Q1 2021.

- **India** maintained its **43rd** rank on the **World Competitiveness Index 2021**, compiled by the Institute for Management Development (IMD).
 - **Switzerland topped** the 2021 rankings, followed by **Sweden** at **2nd** place.
- **Bengaluru** has been named as the most liveable city of India, in the **Ease of Living Index 2020**, released by the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE).
 - Bengaluru is followed by **Chennai, Shimla, Bhubaneshwar, and Mumbai**, as the top five best cities respectively.
- According to 'Annual **Bank Statistics** of 2020' released by **Swiss National Bank (SNB)**, the Central Bank of Switzerland.
 - **India** with Swiss Francs (CHF) 2.55 billion (INR 20,706 Crore) has been placed at **51st place** in the list of foreign clients' money in Swiss Banks during 2020.
 - The **United Kingdom (UK)** topped the list with CHF 377 billion, followed by the **US** (152 billion).
- As per UN report, **India** received USD 64 billion in foreign direct investments (FDI) in 2020.
 - It has emerged the **fifth** largest recipient of FDI inflows across the world.
 - "World **Investment Report 2021**" was released by UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).
 - FDI flow has decreased by 35 per cent in 2020 to USD 1 trillion from USD 1.5 trillion in 2019.
- **Ashgabat**, the capital of Turkmenistan in Central Asia, has been named the world's **most expensive city** for foreign workers.
 - The city topped the list in a 2021 cost-of-living survey by consultancy firm Mercer.
 - **Hong Kong** was on the **second** position, followed by **Beirut** in Lebanon and **Tokyo** in Japan.
- **India** has been ranked at **10th** position in the **cyber security index**.
 - India was ranked ahead of **China** (No. 33) and **Pakistan** (No. 79) in global cyber security ranking of countries.
 - **United States** has been ranked **first** and is followed by **United Kingdom**.

General - National

- Research Design and Standards Organization (**RDSO**), which sets standards for the Indian **Railway Sector**, has become the first standards body in the country to join the '**One Nation, One Standard**' scheme of the central government.
- **Raimona** forest reserve in western Assam's **Kokrajhar** district was notified as **Assam's sixth national park** on the occasion of the World Environment Day on June 5, 2021.
- The **Assam** Government has decided in its recent cabinet meeting to declare **Dehing Patkai Wildlife Sanctuary** as the **7th** National Park of the state.
 - The newest national park popularly known as Dehing Patkai Rain Forest.
- **India** has been elected to the UN Economic and Social Council (**ECOSOC**), one of the six main organs of the United Nations, for the 2022-24 terms.
- The Union Minister Jitendra Singh informed that the Indian Space Research Organization (**ISRO**) will be assisting the development projects in the **Northeast**.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that the Union Cabinet approved an **increase** in the **Minimum Support Price (MSP)** for **Kharif crops** in the interest of the farmers.
- **Weyan**, a village in district **Bandipora** (J&K) has become the **first village** in the country, where the entire population above 18 years has been **vaccinated**.

- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the implementation of “**Deep Ocean Mission**”.
 - This mission is proposed by the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES), to explore the deep ocean for resources and develop deep-sea technologies for sustainable use of ocean resources.
- **India** and **Bhutan** have jointly launched the “**Tax Inspectors Without Borders (TIWB)**”.
 - It will focus on **International Taxation** and Transfer Pricing.

General - International

- **El Salvador** has become the first country to formally **adopt bitcoin as legal tender**.
- **Israel** will become the world’s first **mask-free country** in the Corona period.
- **NATO** leaders declared that **China** poses a constant security challenge and is working to undermine global order.
 - This is a message in sync with US President Joe Biden’s efforts to get allies to speak out with a more unified voice against China’s trade, military and human rights practices.
- **UN Security Council** elected **Albania, Brazil, Gabon, Ghana, and UAE** as non-permanent members for the 2022-23 term.
- **Debswana Diamond Company** found the world’s **third-largest diamond** in the **Jwaneng mine** in Botswana, **South Africa**.
- The Government of **China** officially turned on the first two generating units of the **Baihetan Dam**, the world’s second-biggest hydroelectric dam, to start generating energy.
 - The Baihetan Dam is set up on the **Jinsha River**, in south-western China.
- **Philippines** has been included in the **grey list** of the Financial Action Task Force (**FATF**).
 - In addition to the Philippines, **Haiti, Malta, and South Sudan** have also been added to the grey list. FATF has released its grey list of jurisdictions that will be subjected to increase monitoring.

Books and Authors

Book’s Name

Author’s Name

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| • Savarkar: A contested Legacy (1924-1966) | Vikram Sampath |
| • Home in the World | Amartya Sen |
| • Believe – What Life and Cricket Taught Me | Suresh Raina
Co-authored by Bharat Sundaresan |
| • The Nutmeg’s Curse: Parables for a Planet in Crisis | Amitav Ghosh |
| • Fiercely Female: The Dutee Chand Story | Journalist Sundeep Mishra |
| • Policymaker’s Journal: From New Delhi to Washington, DC | Kaushik Basu |
| • Chief Justice of India Justice NV Ramana has released former Supreme Court judge RV Raveendran’s book “ Anomalies in Law and Justice ”. | |
| • Actor Will Smith , who revealed the title and cover of his upcoming autobiography “ Will ”. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The book, to be published Nov. 9 by Penguin Press. • Will Smith is co-writing the book with author Mark Manson, and the cover is designed by New Orleans artist Brandan “BMike” Odums. | |

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TO THE POINTS: JUNE-2021

- Global Parents Day was observed on June 1.
- Languages of Truth: Essays 2003-2020 has been authored by **Salman Rushdie**.
- **NS Tomar** has introduced the Horticulture Cluster Development Programme.
- **IIT-Ropar** has launched AmbiTAG, India's first indigenous temperature data logger.
- **NCPCR** has devised the 'Bal Swaraj' for children affected due to COVID-19.
- Agri Services E-Marketplace Launches CSC SPV. The CSC, a Special Purpose Vehicle under the Ministry of Electronics and IT, plans to reach out to **6000** Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs), one in each block of the country, this year.
- **Mansukh Mandaviya** has initiated the jetty at Old Goa.
- Mali court has appointed **Assimi Goita** as interim president.
- **Punjab** has launched "Udaan Scheme" to provide sanitary pads.
- Moody's predicts India GDP growth at **9.3** per cent in FY22.
- **ZebPay** has introduced India's first crypto based lending platform.
- Omnivore, an agritech venture capital firm has appointed **HK Bhanwala** as senior advisor.
- Adar Poonawalla appointed as Chairman of **Magma Fincorp**.
- **JB Mohapatra** has been appointed as interim Chairman of CBDT.
- **Canara** Bank has appointed S K Majumdar as CFO.
- **Alapan Bandyopadhyay** has taken charge as chief advisor to CM Mamata Banerjee.
- **IB Uthaiyah** has taken oath as Admiral Superintendent, Naval Dockyard, Visakhapatnam.
- World Milk Day was observed on June 1.
- **Nagaraj Adiga** has been elected as IAU Council as Asia & Oceania Representative.
- Author **Valeria Luiselli** has won the 2021 Dublin Literary Award.
- Bollywood actor **Sanjay Dutt** has won the UAE's Golden Visa.
- Authors Nitin Rakesh and Jerry Wind bags International Business Book of the Year Award 2021. The book has been published by **Notion Press**.
- **Telangana** agricultural university has signed an MoU with Wadhvani Institute.
- **Ajit Doval** has commissioned Indian Coast Guard's offshore Patrol Vessel Sajag.
- Artificial Synaptic Network that Mimics Human Brain developed by Scientists of **Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research**.
- **Ravi Shastri** has released the book The Players in My Life to release 2021.
- Telangana Formation Day was observed on June 2.
- New Species of Spider Cricket - Indimimus Jayanti has been found in **Chhattisgarh**.
- **Harsh Vardhan** has launched the digitized versions of NHA's IT platform.
- The GST Council has formed a **8** member panel to examine GST exemption on Covid material.

- **Karnataka** state's Health Department has introduced the 'doctors ride towards village side' programme.
- OECD forecasts India's Growth projection for FY22 to **9.9%**.
- **RDSO** has set the standards for the railway sector.
- SBI Economists predict GDP Growth Estimate in FY22 to **7.9**.
- **RBI** has cancelled the licence of Shivajirao Bhosale Sahakari Bank.
- **DK Tripathi** has taken oath as Chief of Personnel.
- **WHO** labelled two Covid-19 Variants in India as 'Kappa' and 'Delta'.
- **TV Narendran** has assumed the presidency of CII.
- **WHO** has honoured Dr Harsh Vardhan with special recognition for tobacco control.
- **BSE** has inked a pact with ESC.
- Fintech start-up **Boxop** has tied up with Mahindra Insurance.
- **NCPCR** has launched an online portal 'Bal Swaraj'.
- Bharti backed OneWeb has successfully launched **36** New LEO satellites.
- **China** has successfully launched a cargo spacecraft Tianzhou-2.
- IFFCO has launched the world's **1st** Nano Urea Liquid Globally.
- World Bicycle Day – observed on June **3**.
- ICC Expands Men's ODI World Cup to **14** teams for 2027 & 2031 Editions.
- The Union Cabinet approved a draft of Model Tenancy Act to promote **Rental housing**.
- Isaac Herzog has been elected as President of **Israel**.
- **TCS** has launched its first European innovation centre in Amsterdam.
- **HDFC** Bank has installed mobile ATMs across 50 cities in India.
- **Vivek Chaudhuri** has been appointed as IAF Vice Chief.
- **VI** has appointed Shabnam Syed as EVP of post-paid marketing.
- **NS Tomar** has launched the Seed Minikit Programme.
- **AK Mishra** has been appointed as NHRC chief.
- The IBF has appointed **Vikramjit Sen** as the Chairman.
- **Union Bank of India** has appointed A K Vinod as chief compliance officer.
- Dr Patrick Amoth of **Kenya** has been appointed as Chair of WHO Executive Board.
- Dr Vinay K Nandicoori appointed as Director of CCMB **Hyderabad**.
- **Whatsapp** has appointed Paresh B Lal as Grievance Officer for India.
- Indian-origin girl **Abhinaya Dinesh** has bagged the Apple 'WWDC21 Swift Student Challenge'.
- Cabinet has approved MoC between India and **Japan** in the field of sustainable urban development.
- Cabinet has approved MoU between India & **Maldives** by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.

- AI-based Solution XraySetu developed to detect Covid-19 in rural population through **Whatsapp**.
- 2021 Asian Amateur Boxing Championships has been won by Sanjeet Kumar in the **91kg** category.
- Lee Evans who passed away recently was an eminent **Sprinter**.
- International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression – observed in June **4**.
- Brazil will host Copa America for **2nd** consecutive time.
- **Thawarchand Gehlot** will launch the SAGE project.
- ECI has suggested linking Aadhaar with Voter ID card.
- The government has announced the target year to achieve '20% Ethanol-Blending to Petrol' to 2023 from **2025**.
- The National AI Portal recently celebrated its first anniversary on **May 28**.
- **Giriraj Singh** has announced the Integration of e-Gopala app with UMANG platform.
- **Dharmendra Pradhan** has initiated list of initiatives to enhance SATAT Scheme.
- **WHO** gave approval to China's SINOVAC Covid vaccine for emergency use listing.
- **Tamil Nadu** has launched new plans on Kaliagnar's 97th birthday.
- Union Minister Narendra Singh Tomar launches Indus Best Mega Food Park at **Raipur**.
- Haryana state's Governor has approved 'The Haryana Recovery of Damages to property Act', Present governor of Haryana - **Satyadev Narayan Arya**.
- Number of start-ups granted by DPIIT has recently reached **50000**.
- ADB and India have signed a loan agreement for **Sikkim**.
- **ICICI** Bank has become the 1st in Asi-Pacific, 2nd globally to offer 'SWIFT gpi Instant' facility.
- Bharti Axa Life Bancassurance partnership with **Shivalik SFB**.
- Inter Milan appointed Simone Inzaghi as coach on **2 year** contract.
- **Telangana** state governor has appointed V Bhoopal Reddy as pro-tem Council Chairman.
- Ola elaborates the team with appointment of **2** new CFOs.
- **Amit Malhotra** has been appointed as MD for HBO Max in Southeast Asia and India.
- Ranjitsinh Disale has been appointed as Education Advisor to **World Bank**.
- **RS Sodhi** has recently been elected as board of International Dairy Federation.
- **Pradeep Chandran Nair** has taken oath as DG of Assam Rifles.
- **Hyderabad** International Airport has bagged a green award.
- **Kochi** Metro Rail limited has inked MoU for Water Metro project.
- Add Engg has signed MoU with a firm from **UAE**.
- India has obtained **8** new Flying Training Academies.
- **SpaceX** has launched tiny critters, solar panels to space station.
- **Shafali Verma** has remained to top ICC women's T20I batting rankings.

- The World Environment Day was observed every year on June 5. The ecosystem restoration of **Pakistan** has been highlighted in 2021.
- International Day for the Fight Against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing has been observed every year on June 5. The day was declared by **UNGA**.
- The new system for Insurance claims has been introduced by the centre to fight against COVID 19 for Health Workers under **Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Package**.
- After the Proposal by Tamil Nadu CM, Tamil language has been introduced in the CoWIN App. Now, **10** languages are totally available in CoWIN app including Tamil.
- The Education minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' has extended the validity period of the Teachers Eligibility Test Certificate to lifetime from its existing **7 Years**.
- China has developed the Experimental Advanced Superconducting Tokamak (EAST) fusion reactor that burns at **8** times of Sun's core temperature.
- The YounTab scheme has been launched by the Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh in Leh. Under the Scheme, the tablets would be distributed to the government school students from **Class 6th to 12th**.
- **33%** of reservation has been announced for the girls of engineering and medical colleges by the Bihar CM Nitish Kumar.
- **27 Villages** have been selected by the Telangana government for the digital survey of agriculture lands on a pilot basis from June 11.
- **36%** of state budget has been allocated for the creation of a special purpose vehicle for operations and maintenance of large multi-village surface water supply in the Punjab.
- Eye ware brand **Lenskart** has launched a Covid-19 relief helpline that allows users to message their requirement via WhatsApp chat-based helpline.
- Finastra has partnered with IT major **Wipro** to help corporate banks across Asia Pacific accelerate their digital transformation.
- **Federal Bank** has launched a NR savings account scheme for the Seafarer segment to offer services clubbed with digital banking platforms.
- In **Puri & Jajpur**, the NABARD has set up two mega piped drinking water supply projects worth Rs 254 crore.
- B Sankar has been appointed as the new Chief General Manager of **Chennai** circle of State Bank of India that covers 1,243 branches of the entire circle.
- Vishwavir Ahuja has been reappointed as the MD & CEO of **RBL Bank** for a period of three years.
- Ramprasad Sridharan has been appointed as the new MD & CEO of Benetton Group. The company is based in **Italy**.
- The International Booker Prize has won by David Diop for the book titled 'At Night All Blood Is Black'. The book has the reflections on **Colonialism**.
- According to the third edition of the Sustainable Development Goals India Index and Dashboard 2020-21, **New Delhi** has reached the 2nd position.
- **Four** new species of *Cyrtodactylus bengkhuaiai* from limestone caves close to Siju village in South Garo Hills district have been discovered in Mizoram and Meghalaya.
- The Former President and Prime Minister of Mauritius Sir Anerood Jugnauth has passed away recently. He had received the Padma Vibhushan award in **2020**.

- Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment, Thaawarchand Gehlot has virtually launched the **SAGE** initiative and SAGE portal for elderly persons.
- The World Day against Speciesism has been observed every year to stop discrimination based on species membership. The day is marked on **June 5**.
- Every year June 6 was observed as World Pest Day. In **2017**, the World's first Pest day was observed.
- UN Russian Language Day was observed on June 6. The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization established the day in **2010**.
- Theme of 2021 World Food Safety Day, celebrated every year on June 7th - **Safe food now for a healthy tomorrow**.
- An IEPFA's module of short films, "Hisaabkikitab" has launched recently by the UM Shri Anurag Singh Thakur. It consists of **Six** series of Short Films.
- The world's first carbon-neutral cement plant has been set up by Heidelberg Cement in **Sweden**.
- **Odisha** government has launched a doorstep delivery service for oxygen concentrators to strengthen the state's preparedness against present and future waves of covid-19.
- Convergence Energy Services Ltd has signed an agreement with **Goa's** Energy Development Agency for solar-based electrification programme for rural households of the state.
- The minimum eligibility for the Maharashtra Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme is **should be passed 10th Std.**
- The EU and Energy investment programme by Bill Gates has planned to raise the fund to \$1 billion for low-carbon technologies from 2022 to **2026**.
- Facebook India has recently launched a new initiative of Research and Mentorship for **Law Students**.
- Recent Bank Rate is **4.25%**, projected by the RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das in the Bi-monthly monetary policy.
- For **3 Months**, the RBI has extended the bank license of the Rupee Cooperative Bank, which has received a total of 263.93 crore rupees and increased transactions.
- Former NABARD Chairman Dr Harsh Kumar Bhanwala has been appointed as the senior adviser to **Omnivore**.
- Vidya Prakash has been appointed as the Registrar General of the National Green Tribunal. **Ashu Garg** has been replaced by Vidya Prakash.
- The Nature TTL Photographer of the Year 2021 has won by Thomas Vijayan for his work 'The World is Going Upside Down'. He hails from **Kerala**.
- **Indian Institute of Architects** has signed an MOU with Indian Green Building Council for Green Building Movement and sustainable development in architectural design.
- A space agreement with NASA has been recently signed by New Zealand. As of this, New Zealand became **Eleventh** signatory to the Artemis Accords, a blueprint for space cooperation.
- The second United Nations Global Sustainable Transport Conference with the theme of 'sustainable transport, sustainable development' would be taken place in **Beijing** of China.
- The PM Modi has signed an approval with **SCO** for ratification of an agreement for cooperation in the field of Mass Media'.

- The Indian Navy has recently decommissioned India's oldest Hydrographic Survey Vessel called INS Sandhayak. It was decommissioned in **Visakhapatnam** naval dockyard.
- As per the Fortune 500 list ranking 2021 of America's largest companies, **Cognizant** has secured the rank at 185.
- As per the data from the Government, **Singapore** has retained the top Position in the top source of Foreign Direct Investment into India.
- **World Bank** has revealed the study mentioning that the deposition of black carbon accelerates the melting glacier and Snow in Himalayan ranges.
- Novak Djokovic gained his 83rd title by defeating Alex Molcan in the final of **Belgrade Open Tennis**.
- Narinder Bragta has passed away recently. He belonged to **Politician**.
- Theme of the World oceans day 2021, observed every year on June 8 - **The Ocean: Life and Livelihoods**.
- Portal **www.incometax.gov.in** launched by the Income Tax Department for new e-filing to further ease the filing of income tax returns.
- PM Modi has recently extended the time period of Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana to **November 2021**.
- National Institute of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj in collaboration with Ministry of Panchayati Raj has prepared a framework for delivery of the services across **29 Sectors** with localized Sustainable Development Goals.
- **11lakh 25 Thousand** is the increased limit of family pension for the family members of the deceased employees raised by the central government from its existing Rs 45,000.
- At the 12th Clean Energy Ministerial, UK and India together launched a new work stream to promote industrial energy efficiency under IDDI. IDDI has been supported by **Germany and Canada**.
- The Assam CM has declared the Raimona national Park as the 6th National park in the state. This National Park is situated in **Kokrajhar** district of Assam.
- **Kerala** has launched the Knowledge Economy Mission to provide employment to the educated and support 'knowledge workers' under a single programme.
- MS Mani stated that the GST collection for the Month of April has reached above Rs 1 lakh crore. MS Mani is the senior director of **Deloitte India**.
- The World Bank has approved **\$500 Million** loan for India to help MSME in the second intervention.
- For the development of Noida International Airport, The Yamuna International Airport Pvt Ltd has received the final credit sanction of Rs 3725 crore from **SBI**.
- Social media platform **Facebook** has appointed Spoorthi Priya as the Grievance Officer for India recently.
- India's largest stock exchange member's body" Association of National Exchanges Members of India" has recently appointed its new President **KK Maheshwari**.
- **Ashish Saraf** has been appointed as the Vice-President and Country Director of Thales India.
- **Arun Raste** has been appointed as the MD & CEO of National Commodity and Derivatives Exchange.
- Maldives Foreign minister Abdulla Shahid has been elected as the president of **76th** session of 193 – member United Nations General Assembly.

- Vice Admiral **Rajesh Pendharkar** has recently been appointed as the Director General of Naval Operations.
- Sanjeev Nandan Sahai has been elected as the new chairman of Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board. **V K Saraswat** headed the Search Committee which was selected Sahai as the Chairman.
- Alok Kumar, who replaced Manoj Kumar, has recently been appointed as the new chief secretary of **Tripura**.
- Hitendra Dave has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer of HSBC India by replacing **Surendra Rosha**.
- Kuwaiti Husain Al-Musallam was elected as the president of FINA. **Sam Ramsamy** was appointed as the first Vice president of FINA.
- FINA has recently appointed VirendraNanavati as its member during the world body's General Congress. The General Conference was held in **Doha**.
- The film 'Water Burial' has won the best film award on environment conservation at **67th** edition of the National Films Awards 2021.
- "TecHalli" is the new name for Bengaluru instead of India's Silicon Valley which was set together by Mahindra and Infosys. **Village** is the meaning of Halli in Kannada.
- The Gujarat government has signed an MOU with Indian Oil Corporation Ltd for implementing India's first Hydrogen Dispensing Facility as a clean fuel initiative. Total worth of the project is **24,000 crore**.
- The National Medicinal Plant Board has signed an agreement with CSIR-National Botanical Research Institute for **Production of medicinal plants and herbs**.
- BSE STAR MF has signed an MOU with Godavari Urban Multi State Credit Co-Op Society Ltd to deliver a wider range of financial products such as mutual funds. GUMCCSL is located in **Maharashtra**.
- The ASPAGNIITM trademark has been given to SPAG9 antigen developed by the National Institute of Immunology by Department of Biotechnology. SPAG9 antigen prevents the people from **Tumor**.
- The Azerbaijan Grand Prix 2021 was recently won by Sergio Perez at Baku. Sergio Perez drives for **Red Bull** team.
- An Assamese litterateure **Dr Lakshmi Nandan Bora** has recently passed away.
- The World Brain Tumor day was observed every year on **June 8**.
- Theme of the World Accreditation Day 2021, celebrating every year on June 9 - **Accreditation: Supporting the Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals**.
- **Gujarat's** Maritime Board will set up the first international maritime services cluster of the country at GIFT City.
- An awareness campaign on single use plastic 2021 was recently launched by Union Minister Prakash Javadekar. According to his statement, **One Third** of wastes in India was not getting collected.
- A solar-power based Bitcoin Mining facility has been introduced by Square Inc which would invest **\$5 million** to build an open source one of Block stream's U.S. sites.
- Recently, the Interpol has launched a new global database to identify the missing persons through family DNA. The name of the Database - **I-Familia**.

- Village of Jammu and Kashmir **Weyan** has become the first village in India to vaccinate all its adult population against the novel coronavirus.
- The Punjab CM has virtually inaugurated the new District of the state “Malerkotla” and spent Rs 548 crore for the development of the District. This state tends to be **23rd** district of the state.
- Prana Vayu Devta Pension Scheme & Oxy Van of Haryana government has launched **Rs. 2500 per year** in PranaVayuDevta Pension Yojana for maintenance of trees older than 75 years.
- Rating Agency **CRISIL** has downgraded India’s real GDP growth to 9.5% from its existing estimation of 11% for the financial year 2021-22.
- **Flipkart** has launched a contactless, QR-code-based payment facility for all its pay-on-delivery shipments.
- The Central government has planned to finalize the privatization of **Central Bank of India and Indian Overseas Bank** as unveiled by Finance Minister in Union Budget speech 2021.
- The RBI has imposed a penalty of **Rs 4 crore** on the Bank of India for contravention of norms, including one related to ‘Frauds – Classification and Reporting’.
- The ICICI bank has recently announced that over 20 lakh customers of other banks have using its Mobile App ‘iMobile Pay’. This App was launched in **2008**.
- The RBI has recently extended the tenure of the Deputy Governor of RBI, Mahesh Kumar Jain, for **2 Years**.
- The RBI has approved the re-appointment of Girish Chandra Chaturvedi as the part-time Chairman of **ICICI Bank**.
- Sanjay Bembalkar has been recently appointed as the Fund Manager in the equity segment of **Union Asset Management Company**.
- RS Dhondkar has been appointed by the RBI as the liquidator for **ShivajiraoBhosale Cooperative bank** after the cancelling of licence of the bank.
- Anup Chandra Pandey has been appointed as the new election Commissioner after Sunil Arora.
- The RBI has re-appointed Chandra Shekhar Ghosh as the MD & CEO for a period of three years of **Bandhan Bank**.
- Arti Singh has been appointed as the vice president for Hyperspace by **Mumbai** based company Dentsu India.
- Rashmi Vikram has been appointed as the chief equity officer of Dentsu International for **Asia Pacific** region.
- **Kempegowda International Airport** has achieved net energy neutral status in the fiscal year 2020-21.
- The Meghalaya signed an MOU with Convergence Energy Services Ltd to generate approximately **60MW** energy for implementing the various sustainable solutions.
- Rhea Chakraborty has recently topped the Times Most Desirable Women 2020’ list. **50** persons are totally listed.
- The first set of **Three** 24 MH-60 ‘Romeo’ multirole helicopters would be inducted to the Indian Navy from the US in July 2022.
- **Oman** has been appointed as the host country for the inaugural FIH Hockey 5s World Cups by the IHF.

- Ukhnaa Khurelsukh, the former Prime Minister of Mongolia, has now elected as the President. He became the **Sixth** President of Mongolia.
- As per the Economist Intelligence Unit Survey, Auckland has been named as the world's most liveable city. The survey was conducted in **140** cities.
- **El Salvador** has become the first in the world to adopt Bitcoin as a legal tender after being voted overwhelmingly in favor of the law.
- Under the KhanaChahiye programme, more than 55 lakh people were provided with free food in the last six months in **Mumbai**.
- The Gujarat CM has exempted the Property tax for cinema houses, multiplexes and gyms of the state from April 1, 2021 to **March 31, 2022**.
- **Less than Rs.8 lakhs** should be the annual family income of the students for availing Chief Minister Anuprati Coaching Scheme of Rajasthan.
- Punjab became the first state to introduce Electronic Identity Cards for their officers/employees. This eID works with **NFC**.
- India's economic growth in the year 2022 is **8.3%** by the World Bank.
- Wealth-tech company Fisdom has partnered with **Indian Bank** to offer comprehensive suite of wealth management products and services to the bank customers.
- Axis Bank has recently partnered with mobile platform **Karix** to establish a conversational banking solution via WhatsApp Business.
- The CEO of the Sterlite Copper **Pankaj Kumar** has recently submitted his resignation.
- **Richa Arora** has been appointed as the Managing Partner and CEO of ECube, an ESG Platform.
- The Appointments committee of the cabinet has extended the tenure of LIC Chairman M R Kumar to **9 Months**.
- The Secretary General of UN Security Council, **Antonio Guterres** has been recommended for the 2nd term in a recent Meeting.
- **31st** edition of India-Thailand Coordinated Patrol was recently conducted between the Indian Navy and the Royal Thai Navy in Andaman Sea.
- Experiential learning app CRICURU has been launched by **Virender Sehwal**.
- The Income Tax Department has launched a new e-filing portal which can be accessed through the address www.incometax.gov.in. This is an initiative of **CBDT**.
- **IIT Hyderabad** has developed nano-fibre based controlled-release oral tablets of Amphotericin B to treat fungal infections arising out of COVID-19.
- As per the Times Higher Education Asia University Rankings 2021, IISc Bangalore has topped among the Indian universities. The rank of IISc Bangalore is **37**.
- "Skill it, Kill it" is a book authored by **Film producer** Ronnie Screwvala and published by Penguin Random House.
- BharatPe has become the official partner for the International Cricket Council till **2023**.
- The Central Government has increased the Minimum Support Price of Groundnut by **Rs 275** per quintal in 2021-22.

- Dehing Patkai of Assam has been officially noted as the National Park by the Assam government. Now, **Seven** national parks are located in Assam.
- **Ladakh** administration has reserved all their government jobs for the locals residents as per the Union Territory of Employment (Subordinate) Service Recruitment Rules, 2021.
- 'Jahan Vote, Wahan Vaccination' campaign has been launched by the Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal to vaccinate all people of the state of above 45 years within a target of **Within Four weeks**.
- PayNearby has been partnered with **IndiaFirst Life Insurance Company Limited** to launch 'PoornaSuraksha' for its retail customers.
- Anup Purohit has been appointed as **CIO** by the Bangalore based IT services major Wipro Ltd.
- SM Shafiuddin Ahmed has been appointed as the Chief of Army Staff of Bangladesh by replacing **Aziz Ahmed**.
- The Asia Pacific Productivity Championship Award has been conferred to R S Sodhi of Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation by Asian Productivity Organization. The APO belongs to **Japan**.
- The PEN Pinter Prize for the year 2021 has been conferred to Tsitsi Dangarembga. He belongs to **Zimbabwe**.
- Under the Swacchatha Action Plan for 2020-21, **400** higher educational institutions in India have been selected for "One District - One Green Champion" awards.
- **Delhi International Airport Limited** has been awarded the Platinum Recognition in the over 25 Million Passengers Per Annum (MPPA) category by the ACI.
- **DBS Bank** has been ranked first in the Forbes World's Best Banks 2021 list.
- At the UK Asian Film Festival, the Best Actor award has been bagged by Tillotama Shome for **Raahgir: The Wayfarers**.
- The Digital India Corporation has signed a MoU with **ICAR** to facilitate farmers by providing location specific 'Demand Based Tele Agriculture Advisories'.
- **Karnataka's** Industrial Area Development Board has signed a MoU with HDFC Bank to provide a wide range of financial products and services to its customers.
- The NHPC Ltd has partnered with Convergence Energy Services Ltd to procure **Three** fast Electric Vehicle (EV) chargers for lease.
- The first CAR-T cell therapy has been developed at the Bone Marrow Transplant unit at ACTREC, Tata Memorial Centre in collaboration with **IIT Bombay**.
- Argostemmaquarantena, a new variety of **Coffee Plant** has been discovered in Wagamon hills of Kerala.
- A book titled "Tiananmen square the making of protest" has been authored by Vijay Gokhale. He was a former **Foreign secretary** of the country.
- **Cristiano Ronaldo** has become the first highest active international goal scorer with a total score of 103.
- **IPL** is scheduled to be held in the UAE by the Board of Control for Cricket in India.
- Buddhadeb Dasguptahas passed away recently. He was a famous film maker of **Bengali**.

- N. Dingko Singh, a former Asian Games gold medallist, has passed away recently. He belonged to **Boxing**.
- Theme of the World Day Against Child Labour, celebrated every year on June 12 - **Act now: End child labour**.
- The 'Koita Centre for Digital Health' has been launched by **IIT Bombay** with the contribution from its alumni Rekha and Rizwan Koita.
- India's Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla has released a new postage stamp in order to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations with **Germany**.
- Indian mango promotion programme was held in Bahrain where 16 varieties of mango have been displayed. These Mangoes are sourced from farmers of **West Bengal & Bihar**.
- Mukhyamantri Sishu Sewa Achoni scheme has been launched by **Assam** to provide relief to children who have lost their parents due to Covid-19.
- **Policy Bazaar** has recently received an approval from the IRDAI to undertake the insurance broking.
- As per the Credit rating agency ICRA, India's GDP is **8.5%** in the financial year 2022.
- The approximate increasing percentage of the exports of only agriculture products is **28%** in the year 2020-2021.
- The export of **Organic Farm Products** has been raised to 51% in the year 2020-2021.
- **Punjab & Sind Bank** has emerged as the second top performer among public sector lenders in terms of loan and deposit growth during the financial year 2020-21.
- 'Kavach Personal Loan', a collateral free unique loan, has been launched by the SBI by offering loan upto 5 Lakh. The effective interest rate of the loan is **8.5 % per annum**.
- **HDFC Mutual Fund** has recently launched the Banking and Financial Services Fund NFO for its retail investors.
- In order to improve the customer experience through Oracle CX platform, Federal Bank has made its collaboration with **Infosys**.
- The RBI has recently raised the ATM interchange fee for both financial and non-financial transaction. Newly introduced interchange fee per transaction - **Rs 17**.
- Benedetto Vigna has been appointed as the new CEO of Ferrari. Ferrari is **Italy** based company.
- Debbie Hewitt has become the first female chairperson of **Football Association**.
- **Kedar Lele** has been appointed as the executive director for customer development by Hindustan Unilever Limited.
- **Pratap Bose** has been appointed as the Executive Vice President and Chief Design Officer of the Mahindra Group.
- **Arjan Kumar Sikri** has been appointed as the chairman of OTT Grievance Redressal Board.
- India has signed a MoU with **Kuwait** to bring back Indian domestic workers from the Gulf nation.
- The first edition of the 2 day Arab-India Energy Forum was held virtually. It was held under the co-chairship of India along with **Morocco**.
- '**PRANA**', a portable critical care ventilator, has been launched by ISRO along with two other ventilators to transfer the technology to industry for clinical usage.

- '**Home in the World**' is a book authored by Amartya Sen.
- **Aruna Tanwar** has recently awarded a wild card entry for the upcoming Tokyo Paralympic Games.
- Radha Mohan from Odisha has passed away recently. He was well - known **Environmentalist**.
- Theme of International Albinism Awareness Day, observed every year on June 13 - **Strength Beyond All Odds**.
- The World Blood Donor Day was observed every year on **June 14**.
- As per the report of All India Survey on Higher Education 2019-20, **18.2%** has raised in the female student enrolment in higher education.
- Naftali Bennett has been elected as the new Prime Minister of **Israel**.
- In order to counter China's Belt and Road Initiative, the G7 leaders were initiated the **B3W**.
- **Henri Marie Dondra** has been appointed as the new Prime Minister of Central African Republic.
- **Madhya Pradesh** has recently launched the Yuva Shakti Corona Mukti Abhiyan scheme to make state free from Corona with the help of a youth power campaign.
- India's foreign exchange reserves have reached \$605 billion and became the fourth largest reserve holder in the world along with **Russia**.
- 'Medicines from the Sky' project has been launched for drone deliveries of medical supplies to remote areas of **Telangana** with the help of Flipkart.
- Anand Mohan Bajaj has been appointed as the Member of the Board of **SEBI**.
- Dr Mukesh Sharma has been appointed as an honorary member of WHO's Global Air Pollution and Health Technical Advisory Group. He is a professor of **IIT Kanpur**.
- A first woman and Central American, Rebecca Grynspan has been appointed as the head of **UNCTAD**.
- Mylab Discovery Solutions has appointed Akshay Kumar as its new brand ambassador. COVID-19 self-test kit **CoviSelf** introduced by the biotech company.
- Nagraj Adiga has been elected for **Asia Oceania** region in the International Association of Ultrarunners Council.
- India has awarded 'One District One Green Champion' to KL Deemed to be University for the contribution to the Swachh Bharat initiative. The University is in **Andhra Pradesh**.
- The Ministry of Ayush has recently launched mobile Application **Namaste Yoga** on the 7th International Day of Yoga virtually.
- Barbora Krejčíková has won the Women's Singles Title in The French Open Tennis Tournament 2021. She belongs to **Czech Republic**.
- An Asian game Bronze Medalist, Surat Singh Mathur has passed away recently. He belonged to **Running**.
- A Padma Shri awardee, Dr Ashok Panagariya has passed away recently. He was specialized in **Neurology**.
- A noted Poet and Activist, Siddalingaiah has passed away recently. He was specialized in **Kannada** language.
- Global Wind Day has been observed every year on June 15. **Denmark** is known as the Country of Winds.

- Theme of the World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, celebrated every year on June 15 - **Access to Justice**.
- International Day of Family Remittances has been observed every year on **June 16**.
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has inaugurated two Centres of excellence in New Delhi. The centres were established by **BRO**.
- '**Project O2 for India**' has recently been launched by the Government of India to meet the potential increase in demand due to further waves of the pandemic.
- An accelerator program, "Revv Up" has been launched by **Telangana** to enable and empower AI startups.
- The Odisha Government has recently celebrated 'Raja Parba', a festival of womanhood. The Festival is filled with **Varieties of Cakes**.
- **Jardalu** Mangoes has been exported from Bihar to the United Kingdom.
- Retail Inflation of India is **6.3%** in the Month of May, breaching the upper limit of the central bank's inflation target for the first time in six months.
- Ambuja Cement Foundation has partnered with NABARD to implement its employability through skill initiative project's second phase. It provides skill training for **2 Years**.
- **Ujjivan Small Finance Bank** has partnered with MoEngage to drive digital banking experiences in the unserved and underserved regions of the country.
- **Bengaluru** based company Navi General Insurance has recently launched EMI based insurance product by replacing the existing payment method.
- The RBI has recently expanded the scope of **BBPS** by August 31 this year by adding 'mobile prepaid recharges' as a biller category.
- **Snapdeal** has appointed Girish Koppad as the Vice President and Head of Technology.
- The Founder Chairman, Dr. Ramachandra Galla has decided to Step down from **Amara Raja Batteries Ltd.**
- **Amit Jain** has been appointed as the Global Chief Executive Officer of Sterling and Wilson Solar Ltd.
- Ajai Puri has been re-elected as the Chairman of COAI. He was currently working as COO of **Bharti Airtel**.
- Rebeca Grynspan has been appointed as the new secretary general of United Nations Conference on Trade & Development. She hails from **Costa Rica**.
- **103** Sri Lankan peacekeepers have been honoured with UN medals by United Nations Mission in South Sudan for their service.
- **Ten** Cricket Icons have included into the ICC Hall of Fame to celebrate the prestigious history of Test cricket.
- The World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought has been observed every year on June 17. Theme - **Restoration. Land. Recovery**.
- During the 5th edition of global tech event "VivaTech" Modi has invited the world to invest in India. The Viva Tech is a largest Digital start-up events, held in **Paris**.
- The Minister Arjun Munda has launched the 'Sankalp Se Siddhi' initiative in **New Delhi**.
- Recently, **five** nations were elected as the non-permanent members for UN Security Council.

- The UK has recently signed a free trade agreement with **Australia** for a range of high-quality products made in both countries.
- **Rajasthan** has set to launch Vedic Education and Sanskar Board to revive the knowledge of Sanskrit scriptures and Vedas.
- A TV Channel Selector web portal has been launched by **TRAI** for the consumers who could not access mobile phone app of the same name due to lack of a smartphone.
- **Facebook** has launched 'Report it, don't share it' campaign in collaboration with Aarambh India Initiative and few others to keep children safe on the internet.
- Tejinder Gill has been appointed as the General Manager of the Trade Desk for India. The Trade Desk is a company located in **US**.
- The IT giant Wipro has partnered with **WEF** for New Work Standards initiative to establish a healthy, resilient and equitable future of work.
- The **ICICI Bank** has launched 'ICICI STACK for Corporates', a set of digital banking solutions for corporates.
- 'design your EMI', a personal Home loan product, has been released by **Godrej Housing Finance** to enable consumers to customize their equated monthly instalments.
- Google Pay app would be supported the debit card payments by **State Bank of India & IndusInd Bank**.
- Ajay Simha has been appointed as the marketing director of **Nivea**.
- SonyLIV has recently appointed Sreedhar Reddy Komalla as a head of Telugu content. Dhananjayan has appointed recently as a head for **Tamil** language.
- The HSBC has recently appointed **Raghu Narula** as its head of wealth and retail banking for the country.
- Microsoft has given an additional role, **Board Chairman**, to its CEO SatyaNadella.
- The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways has signed an MOU with Ministry of Culture and Tourism for Cooperation in Development of National Maritime Heritage Complex in **Gujarat**.
- Power generation company **SJVN Ltd** has signed a pact with the National Institute of Wind Energy to develop solar and wind energy projects.
- **The European Space Agency** has planned to launch the "WISA Woodsat", the world's first wooden satellite by the end of 2021.
- A human space flight, Shenzhou-12 has been launched from Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center in northwest China. Meaning of Shenzhou-12 - **Divine Vessel**.
- Yantai Institute of Coastal Zone Research in **China** along with IIT Kharagpur have developed a technique that can detect the formation of cyclones in the North Indian Ocean region.
- The **Sustainable Gastronomy Day** was observed every year on June 18.
- International Picnic Day was observed ever year on **June 18**.
- June 18 has been observed as the Autistic Pride Day. Theme - **Inclusion in the Workplace: Challenges and Opportunities in a Post-Pandemic World**.
- ADB provided \$ **484 Million** loan amount to Tamil Nadu for improving transport connectivity and road maintenance in the Chennai-Kanyakumari Industrial Corridor.

- Haryana State government provided **Rs.5000** to all small shopkeepers, construction workers, auto-rickshaw drivers and unorganized labourers who have faced financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Krishak Bandhu scheme has been launched by the West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee. The financial assistance for farmers has increased to Rs10000 a year from its existing **Rs.5000**.
- Oracle CX Platform has been launched by **Federal Bank** along with Oracle and Infosys to enhance customer experience through the platform.
- 'Shagun' a contactless prepaid gift card has been launched by LIC Cards Services Ltd in collaboration with **IDBI Bank** on the RuPay platform.
- The Canara Bank has designated as the lead sponsor for National Asset Reconstruction Company Limited after taking **12%** Stake by Canara Bank in NARCL.
- **Ravi Kumar** has been appointed as the CEO of udChalo.
- Ankit Fitkariwala has been appointed as the Chief Business Officer & Head of Products for **5Paisa.com**.
- Manoj Juneja has been appointed as the Vice President Sales & Marketing for **Timex Group**.
- The Sports Brand PUMA has been extended the Partnership with their Brand Ambassador. **Yuvraj Singh** is the Brand Ambassador of PUMA.
- **H-Energy** has been signed an MOU with Petrobangla to supply re-gasified liquefied natural gas to Bangladesh from India.
- The Ministry of state for ports, shipping, and waterways has collaborated with **Ministry of Civil aviation** to develop seaplane services across the country.
- The North Atlantic Treaty Organization meeting of the heads of state and heads of government of the alliance was recently held at **Brussels, Belgium**.
- A three-day virtual conference of BRICS Network Universities on electric mobility was hosted by IIT Bombay. **18** experts are participated in the conference.
- The International Cricket Council has recently inducted 10 cricket legends to the prestigious list of the ICC Hall of Fame. **Vinoo Mankad** has been inducted from India.
- The Gelfand Challenge Chess title has won by D. Gukesh. He is the world's **2nd** youngest Grandmaster.
- CR Viswanathan has passed away recently. He was a former vice president of **All India Football Federation**.
- **National Reading Day** has been celebrated every year on June 19. This day celebrated to honour the father of the 'Library Movement' PN Panicker.
- International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict has been observed every year on **June 19**.
- **Home Ministry** has launched the national helpline and reporting platform for preventing financial loss due to cyber fraud.
- The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has launched **14** disability early intervention centres throughout the nation to offer assistance to infants and youngsters prone to disabilities.
- The ADB has approved \$250 million loan for **Bangladesh** to improve the inclusiveness and responsiveness of the country's social development and resilience program.

- ‘Vaccine Passport’ has been set to launch by **Japan** in order to re-launch their tourism and business trips.
- A mobile App, “Khedo Punjab” has been launched by Punjab Sports and Youth Services Minister. This App has launched for **To digitalise the sports department**.
- The Odisha state government has launched two e-Learning methods for students. **e-Mulyankan** method serves as a digital financial institution of apply exams and mannequin query.
- **PhonePe** has launched India’s first Wallet Auto Top-up feature to make multiple payments using their Wallet, without have to top up their wallet balance each time.
- The famous cricketer Jasprit Bumrah has been appointed as the brand ambassador of **Oneplus** for its wearables category.
- Aashish Chandorkar has been appointed as the director of World Trade Organisation for **3 Years**.
- **Montek Singh Ahluwalia** has been appointed as the Member of a High-Level Advisory Group of World Bank and the International Monetary Fund.
- The International Criminal Court has recently appointed Karim Khan as the new chief prosecutor. He belongs to **Britain**.
- The European Inventor Award 2021 has been won by Sumita Mitra for **Use of nanotechnology in Dentistry**.
- Sumant Sinha has been recognized as one of the ten SDG Pioneers 2021 by **UN Global Compact** for his work to advance access to clean and affordable energy.
- “Familial Forestry of **Rajasthan**” has won the Land for Life Award 2021 at the UNCCD Conference of the Parties.
- IIM **Nagpur** has signed an MOU with the Central Institute of Road Transport for generating industry-oriented knowledge in transport management and boosting work capacity.
- The proposed acquisition of stake in Magma HDI General Insurance Company by two entities has been approved by **CCI**.
- Polarisation High-Accuracy Experiment (PASIPHAE) is an international collaborative sky surveying project. This project is used to survey **Stars**.
- Neeraj Chopra has won the gold Medal in the Meeting Cidade de Lisboa in Portugal. He is associated with **Javelin**.
- Theme of the World Sickle Cell Awareness Day, celebrated every year on June 19 - **Shine the Light on Sickle Cell**.
- On **June 19**, the World Sauntering Day has been celebrated every year.
- The World Refugee Day has been celebrated every year on **June 20** to honour refugees around the globe.
- Every year, the Father’s Day has been celebrated on **Third Sunday of June**.
- On every year **June 21**, The International Day of Yoga has been celebrated.
- Theme of World Hydrography Day, celebrated every year on 21st June - **100 years of international cooperation in hydrography**.
- The World Music Day was celebrated every year on **June 21**.

- The **PM Modi** has launched a custom crash course programme that aims to skill over one lakh “Covid warriors” across the country under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana 3.0.
- The Election Commission of India has recently released ‘General Elections 2019 – An Atlas’. **Arunachal Pradesh** has registered the lowest number of electors per polling station.
- A 12-hour virtual Yoga Session ‘Yogathon’ has been celebrated in Kerala on International Day of Yoga virtually. The Session was organised by **National Ayush Mission**.
- Tamil Nadu CM has inaugurated consumer grievance redressal centre called Minnagam in **Chennai** for the consumers of electricity.
- The Bihar CM has recently launched Mukhya Mantri Mahila Udyami Yojanato provide Rs 10 lakh for an unemployed woman to start a new business. **Rs 5lakh** amount has been allotted by the government as a subsidy.
- “GharGhar Ration” Program has been launched by the IDFC FIRST Bank to provide ration kitsto low-income IDFC FIRST Bank customers in rural location. **Rs 1800** has been provided to the customers in urban locations to buy essentials.
- **Indus Easy Credit** has been launched by IndusInd Bank to enable the customers to meet their financial requirements from their home itself.
- Vijay Deshwal has been appointed as the CEO of Poonawalla group acquired Magma Fincorp Ltd. **60%** stake of Magma Fincorp Ltd has been acquired by Poonawalla group earlier.
- National Institute of Mental Health & Neuro Sciences has appointed Dr Pratima Murthy as the Director for a period of five years. NIMHANS is located in **Bangalore**.
- ‘The Art of Life’ is a non-featured Hindi Film by Odia filmmaker has been awarded the ‘Outstanding Achievement Award’ at World Film Carnival. The carnival was hosted by **Singapore**.
- ‘Ahimsa - Gandhi: The Power of the Powerless’ has won the Best Documentary Feature Award at the 21st New York Indian Film Festival. The documentary was produced by **Anant Singh**.
- The Indian Navy has recently organised the Fleet Award Function at Visakhapatnam. **INS Kamorta** has received the title of the most spirited ship.
- The Global Innovation Partner of the Year award has been received by **Larsen & Toubro Infotech** during Snowflake Virtual Partner Summit.
- India has signed an MOU with **Bhutan** for bilateral cooperation in the area of environment like climate change, waste management.
- India has partnered with **France** for developing a brand new imaging technique to make clear images of objects in fog.
- As per the World Competitiveness Index by the Institute for Management Development, India has been ranked at **43**.
- As per the 15th edition of the Global Peace Index, India gets **5th** rank among South Asian Counties.
- **Turkey’s** Central Bank has ranked first in terms of reserves transferred to the government as a percentage of GDP for the fiscal year 2020-21.
- Milkha Singh, a legendary Indian Sprinter, has passed away .He was popularly known as **Flying Sikh**.
- On the occasion International Day of Yoga, Minister of State for Education has launched NIOS Diploma course in **Yogic Science**.

- In **13th** presidential election, Ebrahim Raisi became the President of Iran after been competing with seven candidates.
- The world's third largest high quality diamond weighing 1098 carats has been found in Jwaneng mine of **Botswana**.
- Odisha CM allotted **3500 amount per month** under the Ashirbad scheme for children who have sent to children's home in the absence of a caregiver.
- Recently, Nagaland Government has announced to transfer Rs 2,000 to the bank account of **Construction Workers**.
- The PAN cards which are not linked to Aadhaar would become useless and declared "inoperative" under the new Income Tax Rules. It was mentioned in **Clause 41** of Income Tax Act.
- Bharti Airtel has partnered with **Tata Group** for implementing 5G network solutions for India.
- The **ICICI Bank** has recently launched Cardless EMI facility.
- During the 16th Assembly, Tamil Nadu Governor Banwarilal Purohit has revealed an Economic Advisory Council to the Chief Minister. **5 Members** are teamed up by finance minister Palanivel Thiaga Rajan.
- Recently **Nippon India Mutual Fund** has appointed Rupesh Patel as Senior Fund Manager.
- The tenure of Ananta Baruah has been extended for a period of two years as a Whole-time Member of **SEBI**.
- Recently, **Santosh Kumar Mohanty** has got the extension of tenure period for 2 years as a Whole time Member of SEBI.
- The Prestigious Central European University Open Society Prize was given to a Former Kerala Health Minister, KK Shailajain in **Vienna**.
- "NSIC Bank Credit Facilitation Scheme" has been launched by NSIC in collaboration with **Union Bank of India** to support MSMEs with credit requirements.
- On the occasion of International Day of Yoga, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched a mobile app called **mYoga**.
- As per the Ease of living index 2020, **Chennai** has scored the highest in the parameter of quality of life.
- As per the World Investment Report 2021, India has become the fifth largest recipient of Foreign Direct Investment. This report was published by **UNCTAD**.
- **Amitav Ghosh** has authored the book titled "The Nutmeg's Curse: Parables for a Planet in Crisis".
- **Lewis Hamilton** has been defeated by Max Verstappen to win the title at the French Grand Prix 2021.
- Guruprasad Mohapatra, the secretary of **DPIIT**, has passed away recently.
- The International Olympic Day has been celebrated every year on **June 23**.
- On every year **June 23**, the United Nations Public Service Day has been observed.
- **Minority Affairs Minister** has launched "JaanHaiToJahaanHai" campaign to create awareness on Corona vaccination in rural and remote areas.
- **Journalist** Nikol Pashinyan has been recently elected as the Prime minister of Armenia by securing majority votes in the recent election.
- As per the report by Software Technology Parks of India, **Tamil Nadu** has secured the second place in employment generation under IBPS Scheme.

- The Agricultural Diversification Scheme-2021 has been recently e-launched by the **Gujarat** CM Vijay Rupani.
- **Andhra Pradesh** governor has released a Special Postal Cover released by India Post on the occasion of International Yoga Day.
- Upasana Kamineni has been appointed as the “Ambassador of Forest Frontline Heroes” by WWF India. She is currently a director of **Apollo Hospitals**.
- Dr. Tadang Minu has become the second women in the country to be appointed as a member of the Coaches Committee of the International Boxing Association. She hails from **Arunachal Pradesh**.
- **Amit Kumar** has been appointed as the as Executive Director and Group CEO of the Symphony Limited.
- India has signed an MOU with **Fiji** for cooperation in the field of Agriculture and allied sectors.
- Mawya Sudan has become the first woman fighter pilot from Jammu and Kashmir inducted into IAF. She became the **12th** officer of the country.
- Armament Research and Development Establishment has developed Canopy Severance System for various aircrafts in collaboration with High Energy Material Research Laboratory. The CSS is designed for **To provide safe escape in case of emergency**.
- “EUNAVFOR exercise” has been held between the Indian Navy and European Union Naval Force in **Gulf of Aden**.
- As per the SIPRI Yearbook 2021 report, **UK** has secured the third position in holding nuclear weapons.
- **Ireland** player Kevin O’Brien has announced his retirement in one-day internationals Cricket.
- The Union government has recently launched ‘green tariff’ policy for distribution companies for to **supply electricity from clean energy**.
- The Union cabinet has approved the merger of the Central Rail side Warehouse Company Limited with the Central Warehousing Corporation. The estimated expenditure of RWC will come down by **5 Crore**.
- **Protection and Preservation of Trees Act, 1975** has been amended by the Maharashtra state cabinet for the protection of Heritage Trees in their state.
- The **CII-IGBC** has launched the IGBC Green High-Speed Rail Rating System to address the sustainable aspects of High-Speed Rail projects.
- Tata Power has been partnered with Tata Motors to develop India’s largest behind-the-meter solar energy carport. The carport is set to launch in **Pune**.
- As per the Moody Report, India’s GDP has been contracted to 9.6% for 2021. **7.0%** is its estimation for the upcoming year 2022.
- The Step Up credit card has been launched by Paisabazaar.com in partnership with **SBM Bank**.
- The RBI has imposed **Rs 12 Lakh** penalty for the Mogaveera Co-operative Bank Limited.
- **Amrita Padda** has been appointed as the Chief People Officer for Bharti Airtel.
- Guenter Butschek has been recently step down from the CEO & Managing Director of **Tata Motors**.
- Delhi government has appointed Karnam Malleswari as the first Vice Chancellor of Sports University. She belongs to **Weightlifting**.
- **West Indies** Cricket board has appointed Darren Sammy as an independent non-member director.
- The Rashtriya Raksha University has signed an MOU with **NSG** for the cooperation and collaboration for strengthening the core competencies, which will counter-terrorism, counter-IEDs, and anti-hijacking.

- The HDFC Bank has set to buy the stakes of ERGO General Insurance Company for ₹ 1,906 crore.
- **Bill Gates & Melinda Gates** has secured the second position in the EdelGive Foundation and Hurun Report.
- The Ministry of Defence has signed an MOU with **Goa Shipyard Ltd** worth Rs 583 crore for the construction of two Pollution Control Vessels for the Indian Coast Guard.
- **It's a Wonderful Life** has been authored by Ruskin Bond that talks about Joys & Positive truths to be found in the smallest of incidents.
- **Rani Rampal** will lead the Indian women's hockey team in the upcoming Tokyo Olympics 2021.
- Gottfried Böhm, the Pritzker Prize architect has passed away recently. He belonged to **Germany**.
- Theme of the Seafarer day, observed every year on June 25 - **Seafarers: at the core of shipping's future**.
- On June 25, the World Vitoligo Day has been observed every year on the remembrance of **Michael Jackson**.
- The basic interest rate 7.9 % charged for the Central Government employees under House Building Advance, remain available till 31st March 2022.
- The outlay of the road project is **Rs 6155 Crore**, inaugurated by Nitin Gadkari in Himachal Pradesh.
- **Narendra Modi** would laid the foundation stone for the Bengaluru Suburban Rail project within next three months.
- The **S&P Global Ratings** has lowered India's GDP growth rate for the current fiscal to 9.5%.
- Fabindia has partnered with **SBI Cards** to launch contactless co-branded credit cards to the premium segment customers.
- **Pay Your Contact** has been launched by Kotak Mahindra Bank to send money or make payments.
- Under **Wildlife Protection Act, 1972**, the State government has appointed 41 Honorary Wildlife Wardens across all the districts for two years.
- Mastercard has recently appointed Nikhil Sahni as the new Division President for South Asia and Country Corporate Officer by replacing **Porush Singh**.
- A two day Passage exercise has been recently held between the Indian Air Force and the Indian Navy with US Navy in **Indian Ocean**.
- **India** has agreed to be a co-host for the 9th Asian Ministerial Energy Roundtable Summit for the year 2022.
- **NTPC** has organised a two-day workshop on Green Hydrogen under the Ministry of Power.
- The **IIT Madras** has recently launched a centre called CREST to provide academic and thought leadership in innovation, entrepreneurship and risk capital.
- As per the Reuters Institute Digital News Report, 2021 **US** has the lowest levels of trust among 46 Countries.
- Recently, the Sports Minister has launched the Official Summer Olympic Theme Song called 'LakshyaTeraSamneHai'. **Mohit Chauhan** has composed the song.
- Former President of Philippine Benigno Aquino has passed away recently. He served as the **15th** president of Philippine.

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MODEL QUESTIONS

1. Micro-, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises Day is observed on _____.
(1) June 21 (2) June 23 (3) June 25 (4) June 27 (5) None of these
 2. Who has extended risk-based internal audit system to HFCs?
(1) IRDAI (2) RBI (3) SEBI (4) NHB (5) None of these
 3. Which company got RBI's In-Principle Nod To Take Over PMC Bank?
(1) Centrum Financial Services (2) DBS (3) HSBC India
(4) Reliance (5) None of these
 4. Recently RBI cancelled the license of Shivajirao Bhosale Sahakari Bank. It is based in which city?
(1) Pune (2) Nagpur (3) New Delhi (4) Chennai (5) None of these
 5. Which bank has recently launched Customer COVID Relief Ghar Ghar Ration Program?
(1) IDBI Bank (2) ICICI Bank (3) Bandhan bank
(4) IDFC FIRST Bank (5) None of these
 6. Which regulatory body has recently reconstituted Four-Member Takeover Panel?
(1) RBI (2) SEBI (3) NABARD (4) NHB (5) None of these
 7. Which state high court will commence final hearing on the petition filed by five Independent MLAs challenging their disqualification from the state Assembly?
(1) Maharashtra (2) Karnataka (3) Tamil Nadu (4) Assam (5) None of these
- Central Government**
8. The Centre asked private TV news channels to display how many new national helpline numbers?
(1) One (2) Two (3) Three (4) Four (5) None of these
 9. Recently Centre has released the 3rd monthly installment of Post Devolution Revenue Deficit (PDRD) Grant of Rs. 9,871 crore for the current financial year to how many states?
(1) 17 (2) 15 (3) 16 (4) 19 (5) None of these
 10. Which program was launched by central government to Ensure Supply of Medical Oxygen Amid Pandemic?
(1) Project O2 (2) Vayu O2 (3) Mission O2 (4) Project Oxy (5) None of these
 11. Recently Union Cabinet approved 'Deep Ocean Mission to study biodiversity, impact of climate change. What is the cost of the mission?
(1) ₹ 4567 cr (2) ₹ 4200 cr (3) ₹ 5500 cr (4) ₹ 4077 cr (5) None of these
 12. Recently Government has announced establishment of how many Divyangta Khel Kendras in different parts of country?
(1) 5 (2) 4 (3) 2 (4) 6 (5) None of these
 13. Cabinet has approved extension of PMGKAY for how many months?
(1) 4 months (2) 5 months (3) 6 months (4) 8 months (5) None of these

14. Government has extended the deadline for linking PAN with Aadhaar till which date?
(1) 31st July (2) 31st August (3) 30th September
(4) 30th November (5) None of these

States

15. Which state is introducing a city-wide sewage surveillance system that will help officials track the virus at an early stage?
(1) Karnataka (2) Madhya Pradesh (3) Tamil Nadu
(4) Assam (5) None of these
16. Recently which state government switched Liquor Policy from Prohibition to Restriction?
(1) Assam (2) Andhra Pradesh (3) Tamil Nadu
(4) Karnataka (5) None of these
17. The Health Dept of which state has launched 'doctors ride towards village side' programme?
(1) Tamil Nadu (2) Karnataka (3) Maharashtra (4) Kerala (5) None of these
18. Which state government recently launched a scheme to provide free sanitary napkins to needy girls and women across the state?
(1) Andhra Pradesh (2) Punjab (3) Uttarakhand
(4) Bihar (5) None of these
19. Which state government announced the formation of a secretary-level committee to develop guidelines and recommendations for the implementation of the "Smart Kitchen Scheme"?
(1) Tamil Nadu (2) Karnataka (3) Kerala (4) Andhra Pradesh (5) None of these
20. Recently which state government has launched a solar-based rural electrification drive for rural households?
(1) Tamil Nadu (2) Goa (3) Uttar Pradesh (4) Telangana (5) None of these
21. Which state announced 33 % reservation for girl students in engineering & medical colleges?
(1) Uttar Pradesh (2) Bihar (3) Chattisgarh
(4) Madhya Pradesh (5) None of these
22. Which State Govt has decided to implement MAPS to provide employment and training to youth of state?
(1) Madhya Pradesh (2) Andhra Pradesh (3) Uttar Pradesh
(4) Maharashtra (5) None of these
23. Which state government has launched the Knowledge Economy Mission to boost job prospects?
(1) Andhra Pradesh (2) Kerala (3) Karnataka
(4) Maharashtra (5) None of these
24. Which state has announced "Pran Vayu Devta Pension Scheme" and Oxy Van (Oxygen Forests)?
(1) Gujarat (2) Haryana (3) Uttar Pradesh (4) Uttrakhand (5) None of these
25. Which state village has become the first village in India to vaccinate all its adult population against the novel coronavirus?
(1) Jammu and Kashmir (2) West Bengal (3) Uttar Pradesh
(4) Bihar (5) None of these

26. Which state has become first State to use NFC-based eIDs?
 (1) Haryana (2) Madhya Pradesh (3) Uttarakhand
 (4) Punjab (5) None of these
27. Which state Launches Sishu Seva Achoni For COVID-19 Orphans?
 (1) Nagaland (2) Tripura (3) Assam (4) Sikkim (5) None of these
28. Which state has launched 'Yuva Shakti Corona Mukti Abhiyan' to make the people of the state aware of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic?
 (1) Madhya Pradesh (2) Uttar Pradesh (3) Haryana
 (4) Tamil Nadu (5) None of these
29. Which state cleared a proposal for the construction of a bus station on par with international standards in Ayodhya at a cost of Rs 400 crore?
 (1) Uttar Pradesh (2) Madhya Pradesh (3) Haryana
 (4) Bihar (5) None of these
30. Which state inaugurated Command Centre for Real-time Monitoring of Govt Schools?
 (1) Madhya Pradesh (2) Gujarat (3) Uttar Pradesh
 (4) Haryana (5) None of these
31. Which state government launched the AI Mission (AIM) powered by NASSCOM?
 (1) Odisha (2) Telangana (3) Uttar Pradesh (4) Maharashtra (5) None of these
32. Which state government will soon set up a Vedic Education and Sanskar Board to revive the knowledge of Sanskrit scriptures and vedas?
 (1) Tamil Nadu (2) Uttar Pradesh (3) Rajasthan (4) Assam (5) None of these
33. Which state government launched 'Jahan Vote, Wahan Vaccination' Campaign?
 (1) Uttarakhand (2) New Delhi (3) Uttar Pradesh (4) Tamil Nadu (5) None of these
34. Which state's CM has launched two new schemes to provide employment opportunities to women and youths?
 (1) Uttar Pradesh (2) Bihar (3) Jharkhand
 (4) Uttarakhand (5) None of these
35. Which state government announced a special scheme named Ashirbad to provide financial support to the orphans?
 (1) Odisha (2) Andhra Pradesh (3) Uttar Pradesh
 (4) Bihar (5) None of these
36. Which state government inaugurated Minnagam, a consumer grievance redressal centre?
 (1) Maharashtra (2) Tamil Nadu (3) Kerala (4) Karnataka (5) None of these
37. Which state government e-launched Agricultural Diversification Scheme-2021 benefiting vanbandhu-farmers in tribal areas?
 (1) Kerala (2) Uttar Pradesh (3) Gujarat (4) Andhra Pradesh (5) None of these
38. Which state govt has recently announced policy for electric vehicles for next four years?
 (1) Uttar Pradesh (2) Madhya Pradesh (3) Bihar
 (4) Gujarat (5) None of these

39. Which State's CM has launched 'Ashirbad' For Education And Health Of Covid Orphans?
 (1) West Bengal (2) Jharkhand (3) Odisha (4) Kerela (5) None of these
40. Which state government increased honorarium of ASHA workers by Rs 1000 and gives additional Rs 500 as COVID allowance?
 (1) Madhya Pradesh (2) Maharashtra (3) Andhra Pradesh
 (4) Rajasthan (5) None of these

Personalities

41. Who has recently interacted with the participants of Toycathon-2021?
 (1) Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank (2) Narendra Modi (3) Nirmala Sitharaman
 (4) Ravi Shankar Prasad (5) None of these
42. Who attended Shanghai Corporation Organization (SCO) in Tajikistan?
 (1) Narendra Modi (2) Ajit Doval (3) Rajnath Singh
 (4) Nirmala Sitharaman (5) None of these

Defence and National Security

43. How much amount was cleared by government to domestically build six conventional submarines for the Indian Navy?
 (1) ₹ 39000 cr (2) ₹ 38000 cr (3) ₹ 40000 cr (4) ₹ 43000 cr (5) None of these
44. Where will be India's first international maritime services cluster setting up?
 (1) Gujarat (2) Maharashtra (3) New Delhi (4) Bengaluru (5) None of these
45. Which INS is participating in the maiden IN - EUNAVFOR Joint Naval Exercise in the Gulf of Aden?
 (1) Salvar (2) Vikramaditya (3) Vayu (4) Trikand (5) None of these
46. India has launched new trilateral with which two countries for Indo-Pacific stability?
 (1) Australia and Japan (2) France and Italy (3) Italy and Japan
 (4) Japan and France (5) None of these
47. With which country Indian Naval Ships are participating in a Passage Exercise through Indian Ocean Region?
 (1) France (2) Japan (3) USA (4) Australia (5) None of these
48. Recently which country with USA Launched joint naval exercises "Sea Breeze Drills" in the Black Sea?
 (1) Japan (2) Iran (3) Ukraine (4) Israel (5) None of these
49. Which authority has constituted committee to examine global best practices in ship financing & leasing?
 (1) SEBI (2) IFSCA (3) NABARD (4) SBI (5) None of these
50. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, announced a special "PM-CARES for Children" scheme for all those orphaned due to COVID-19. How much corpus was announced under it?
 (1) ₹ 4 lakh (2) ₹ 5 lakh (3) ₹ 8 lakh (4) ₹ 10 lakh (5) None of these
51. Who has launched Horticulture CDP to ensure holistic growth of horticulture?
 (1) Narendra Modi (2) Narendra Singh Tomar (3) Rajnath Singh
 (4) Yogi Adityanath (5) None of these

52. Who launched the Senior care Ageing Growth Engine, SAGE project to select, support and create a one-stop access of elderly care products and services by credible start-ups?
 (1) Yogi Adityanath (2) Narendra Modi (3) Nitin Gadkari
 (4) Thaawarchand Gehlot (5) None of these
53. Which scheme was launched for students to encourage digital learning in UT of Ladakh?
 (1) We grow (2) YouthWe (3) Sumintra (4) YounTab (5) None of these
54. Himachal Pradesh CM has inaugurated Makeshift COVID-19 Hospital in Which District of the state?
 (1) Kangra (2) Kullu (3) Una (4) Mandi (5) None of these
55. In which state Indus Best Mega Food Park is being inaugurated recently by Narendra Singh Tomar?
 (1) Jharkhand (2) Chattisgarh (3) West Bengal (4) Madhya Pradesh (5) None of these
56. Where has PM Modi launched 3 ethanol stations as a pilot project?
 (1) Bengaluru (2) Chennai (3) Pune (4) Hyderabad (5) None of these
57. Which country has launched global initiative for clean energy innovation?
 (1) Australia (2) India (3) Sri Lanka (4) France (5) None of these
58. Who has released an E-booklet titled '20 Reforms in 2020'?
 (1) Narendra Modi (2) Rajnath Singh (3) Amit Shah
 (4) Nirmala Sitharaman (5) None of these
59. Recently Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the E-100 pilot project in which city to mark the World Environment Day?
 (1) Pune (2) Mumbai (3) Chennai (4) Kanpur (5) None of these
60. Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) has been extended by central govt till which month?
 (1) September (2) October (3) November (4) December (5) None of these
61. Who has released postage stamps on 70th anniversary of India-Germany ties?
 (1) Nirmala Sitharaman (2) S. Jaishankar (3) Harsh V Shringla
 (4) Rajnath Singh (5) None of these
62. Who launched Sankalp Se Siddhi - Mission Van Dhan to promote local products manufactured by tribal artisans to ensure the sustainable livelihood of the tribal population across the country?
 (1) Kiren Rijiju (2) Rakesh Singh (3) Nitin Gadkari
 (4) Arjun Munda (5) None of these
63. Recently Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched how many customized Crash Course programme for COVID-19 frontline workers?
 (1) 2 (2) 6 (3) 4 (4) 5 (5) None of these
64. Which Union minister has launched "Jaan Hai To Jahaan Hai" awareness campaign?
 (1) Narendra Modi (2) Piyush Goyal (3) Amit Shah
 (4) Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi (5) None of these
65. Which union minister has launched "JaanHaiToJahaanHai" Awareness Campaign?
 (1) Nitin Gadkari (2) Amit Shah (3) Narendra Modi
 (4) Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi (5) None of these

66. Which union minister has inaugurated foundation stones of several road projects worth over Rs 6000 crore in Himachal Pradesh?
 (1) Ravi Shankar Prasad (2) Nitin Gadkari (3) Narendra Modi
 (4) Nirmala Sitharaman (5) None of these
67. Union Government has extended the deadline of EV promotion scheme FAME-II till which year?
 (1) 2022 (2) 2023 (3) 2024 (4) 2025 (5) None of these
68. Which Union Minister inaugurated 63 bridges built by BRO in 8 states?
 (1) Nitin Gadkari (2) Amit Shah (3) Rajnath Singh
 (4) Nirmala Sitharaman (5) None of these
69. Where has PM Modi inaugurated A Zen Garden and Kaizen Academy virtually?
 (1) Ahmedabad (2) Gandhinagar (3) Rajkot
 (4) Surat (5) None of these
70. The 8th International Nitrogen Initiative Conference (INI2020) was held in which country?
 (1) Mexico (2) India (3) Nigeria (4) Germany (5) None of these
71. Where will United Nations Global Sustainable Transport Conference be held?
 (1) Japan (2) France (3) China (4) India (5) None of these
72. The 47th G7 Summit was held in which country?
 (1) France (2) England (3) India (4) USA (5) None of these
73. Which institute hosted a three-day virtual conference of BRICS Network Universities on electric mobility?
 (1) IIT Kanpur (2) IIT Bombay (3) IIT Ropar (4) IIT Jammu (5) None of these
74. Recently who addressed the inaugural ceremony of Global Yoga Conference 2021?
 (1) Harsh Vardhan (2) Shripad Yesso Naik (3) Smriti Irani
 (4) Narendra Modi (5) None of these
75. Recently Cabinet approved MoU with which country in the field of sustainable urban development?
 (1) Russia (2) Japan (3) China (4) USA (5) None of these
76. With which country, India signed MoU in field of sustainable urban development?
 (1) UK (2) USA (3) Russia (4) Japan (5) None of these
77. India signed MoU with which country for Cooperation on Recruitment of Domestic Workers?
 (1) Sri Lanka (2) Myanmar (3) Thailand (4) Kuwait (5) None of these
78. Which ministry has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with aviation ministry for developing seaplane services in the country?
 (1) Ministry of Shipping and Waterways
 (2) Ministry of Defence
 (3) Ministry of Finance
 (4) Ministry of Foreign Affairs
 (5) None of these

79. India with which other nation has launched a hydrogen task force in clean energy push?
 (1) Russia (2) USA (3) Germany (4) China (5) None of these
80. Which financial services provider company has signed pact with banks, NBFCs for lending services?
 (1) Muthoot Finance Ltd (2) Bajaj Finance Limited (3) PayPoint India
 (4) Google pay (5) None of these
81. UN WFP has partnered with which state to empower, support women through self-help groups?
 (1) Tamil Nadu (2) Odisha (3) Telangana (4) Kerela (5) None of these
82. Which country has signed framework agreement on International Solar Alliance with India?
 (1) Swaziland (2) Denmark (3) Ireland (4) Greece (5) None of these
83. Which state State Cricket Association has signed a lease agreement with Bokaro Steel Plant for the construction of an international cricket stadium?
 (1) Chattisgarh (2) Jharkhand (3) Bihar (4) Goa (5) None of these
84. In partnership with which bank, AMNS India executed paperless bill discounting transaction?
 (1) HDFC Bank (2) ICICI Bank (3) Kotak Mahindra Bank
 (4) RBL Bank (5) None of these
85. Which country hosted the fifth BRICS working group meeting 2021?
 (1) Brazil (2) South Africa (3) India (4) China (5) None of these
86. Which institute recently hosted Asia's first workshop on International Memory Studies virtually?
 (1) IIT Bombay (2) IIT Kanpur (3) IIM Ahmedabad
 (4) IIT Madras (5) None of these
87. 31st formal meeting of heads of government of NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organisation) was held in which place?
 (1) Morocco (2) Denmark (3) Finland (4) Belgium (5) None of these
88. Which country will be hosting 9th Asian Ministerial Energy Roundtable next year?
 (1) Russia (2) India (3) Saudi Arabia (4) China (5) None of these
89. Recently The Union Cabinet approved the Inland Vessel Bill 2021. It is going to replace which previous bill?
 (1) Inland Vessels Act, 1917 (2) Inland Vessels Act, 1918
 (3) Inland Vessels Act, 1919 (4) Inland Vessels Act, 1916 (5) None of these
90. Centre has allocated how much amount to Gujarat under Jal Jeevan Mission?
 (1) Rs 3410 cr (2) Rs 3412 cr (3) Rs 3411cr (4) Rs 3441 cr (5) None of these
91. Union Health Ministry has approved annual plan of worth how much for J&K under National Health Mission?
 (1) Rs. 1163.40 cr (2) Rs. 1162.40cr (3) Rs 1160.40cr
 (4) Rs 1156.40cr (5) None of these
92. How much amount was allocated to WestBengal under Jal Jeevan Mission for 2021-22?
 (1) ₹ 8000 cr (2) ₹ 4500 cr (3) ₹ 5500 cr (4) ₹ 7000 cr (5) None of these

93. How much amount was allocated to Kerala under Jal Jeevan Mission recently?
 (1) ₹ 1804 cr (2) ₹ 1900 cr (3) ₹ 2105 cr (4) ₹ 1810 cr (5) None of these
94. How much amount of budgetary support was approved for research and innovation in the defence sector for the next five years?
 (1) ₹ 499 cr (2) ₹ 555 cr (3) ₹ 505 cr (4) ₹ 482 cr (5) None of these
95. How much amount of approval was given by Gujarat government to a scheme to prevent marine salinity entering in coastal villages of Saurashtra?
 (1) ₹ 110 cr (2) ₹ 100 cr (3) ₹ 104 cr (4) ₹ 102 cr (5) None of these
96. Recently FM Sitharaman's announced Relief Package Worth how much amount Against COVID-19?
 (1) ₹ 708656 cr (2) ₹ 687546 cr (3) ₹ 576446 cr (4) ₹ 628993 cr (5) None of these
97. Recently OECD cut its forecast of GDP of India to how much percent for FY22?
 (1) 9.9% (2) 9.5% (3) 9.8% (4) 9.0% (5) None of these
98. How much amount of budget was presented by Sikkim CM Prem Singh Tamang for financial year 2021-22?
 (1) ₹ 5267 cr (2) ₹ 8975 cr (3) ₹ 9932 cr (4) ₹ 9852 cr (5) None of these
99. Till which amount of cash deposits a housewife don't have to pay taxes?
 (1) Rs 2 lakhs (2) Rs 1.5 lakhs (3) Rs 2.5 lakhs (4) Rs 3.5 Lakhs (5) None of these
100. CBSE with which other company will introduce Coding and Data Science curriculum for Classes 6-12?
 (1) Infosys (2) Microsoft (3) Byjus (4) Dell (5) None of these
101. Recently which platform has expanded cards tokenisation with more banks in India?
 (1) Paytm (2) Freecharge (3) Google Pay (4) Amazon Pay (5) None of these
102. Which company has announced a strategic equity investment in Instamojo, India's largest full-stack digital solutions provider for MSMEs?
 (1) MasterCard (2) Visa (3) Amazon
 (4) Flipkart (5) None of these
103. India has made target towards achieving goal of malaria elimination by which year?
 (1) 2035 (2) 2030 (3) 2025 (4) 2032 (5) None of these
104. Which institute has set up 'Koita Centre for Digital Health' (KCDH)?
 (1) IIT Bombay (2) IIT Delhi (3) IISc Bengaluru
 (4) IIM Ahmedabad (5) None of these
105. Recently the government extended the validity of motor vehicle documents like driving licence (DL), registration certificate (RC) and permits till which date?
 (1) August 30, 2021 (2) Oct 30, 2021 (3) September 25, 2021
 (4) September 30, 2021 (5) None of these
106. Who has recently launched IEFPA's 6 modules of short films titled "Hisab Ki Kitaab"?
 (1) Shaktikant Das (2) Nirmala Sitharaman (3) Urjit Patel
 (4) Anurag Singh Thakur (5) None of these

107. In which country Indian Mango Promotion Programme has begun?
 (1) Sri Lanka (2) Maldives (3) Nepal (4) Bahrain (5) None of these
108. In which state Raja Parba festival was celebrated?
 (1) Uttarakhand (2) Odisha (3) Maharashtra (4) Tamil Nadu (5) None of these
109. Where in India Hemis Festival 2021 was celebrated?
 (1) Jammu (2) Srinagar (3) Ladakh (4) Kashmir (5) None of these
110. Who has been appointed convener of the empowered group to see the nation's requirements related to medical oxygen?
 (1) Giridhar Aramane (2) VK Paul (3) Nitin Singh
 (4) Anirudh Chaturvedi (5) None of these
111. Which organisation was appointed as the personnel certification body of the Yoga Certification Board of India?
 (1) ICCR (2) IFFCO (3) CRIDA (4) ICAR (5) None of these
112. Who has been named in Tamil Nadu Economic Advisory Panel?
 (1) Urjit Patel (2) Dr. Manmohan Singh (3) Raghuram Rajan
 (4) Amartya Sen (5) None of these
113. Who won the women's singles title at French Open tennis 2021?
 (1) Simona Halep (2) Sania Mirza (3) Barbara Krejckova
 (4) Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (5) None of these
114. Recently Weightlifter Mirabai Chanu qualified for Tokyo Olympics in which women's kg category?
 (1) 51 kg (2) 49 kg (3) 45 kg (4) 44 kg (5) None of these
115. Which state has topped the list in Niti Aayog's SDG India Index 2020-21?
 (1) Bihar (2) Kerala (3) Maharashtra (4) Karnataka (5) None of these
116. According to The State of India's Environment Report 2021, What is India's rank on achieving SDGs?
 (1) 107 (2) 117 (3) 119 (4) 121 (5) None of these
117. Which state topped the national performance grading index of school education for 2019-20 released by the Education Ministry?
 (1) Punjab (2) Karnataka (3) Kerala (4) Tamil Nadu (5) None of these
118. In the latest Times Higher Education Asia university rankings 2021, how many Indian universities secured their position in top 100?
 (1) 3 (2) 7 (3) 6 (4) 5 (5) None of these
119. According to a new report by ILO and UNICEF, The number of children in child labour has risen to?
 (1) 170 million (2) 160 million (3) 180 million (4) 130 million (5) None of these
120. According to Coursera's latest Global Skills Report 2021, What is India's ranking globally?
 (1) 65th (2) 66th (3) 67th (4) 68th (5) None of these
121. As per All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) 2019-20 report, student enrolment has grown by how much percent?
 (1) 11.4% (2) 12.5% (3) 11.9% (4) 12.0% (5) None of these

122. Which country has topped the Global Home Price Index?
 (1) Singapore (2) Germany (3) Turkey (4) Norway (5) None of these
123. What is India's rank in World Giving Index 2021?
 (1) 15th (2) 11th (3) 14th (4) 12th (5) None of these
124. What is the rank of India in assets held in Swiss banks last year?
 (1) 41st (2) 47th (3) 50th (4) 51st (5) None of these
125. What is India's rank on the Institute for Management Development (IMD)'s annual World Competitiveness Index 2021?
 (1) 40th (2) 41st (3) 43rd (4) 44th (5) None of these
126. Which city has been named as the most liveable city of India, in the Ease of Living Index 2020, released by the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE)?
 (1) Chennai (2) New Delhi (3) Mumbai (4) Bengaluru (5) None of these
127. According to UN report, How much amount has India received in FDI 2020?
 (1) \$60 billion (2) \$62 billion (3) \$64 billion (4) \$65 billion (5) None of these
128. According to QS EMBA Rankings 2021, which institute has been ranked best in India?
 (1) IISc Bengaluru (2) IIT Delhi (3) IIT Bombay
 (4) IIM Bangalore (5) None of these
129. Which state has become first rabies-free state in country?
 (1) Chattisgarh (2) Kerela (3) Telangana (4) Goa (5) None of these
130. How many countries are added to gray list by Paris-based Financial Action Task Force (FATF)?
 (1) One (2) Two (3) Three (4) Four (5) None of these
131. According to this year's Mercer Cost of Living Survey, which city has become the world's most expensive city for foreign workers?
 (1) Ashgabat (2) Jerusalem (3) Dubai (4) Mumbai (5) None of these
132. Recently government announced scheme to provide pension for dependents of Covid victims. The Dependent family members of such persons will be entitled to the benefit of pension equivalent to how much per cent of the average daily wage drawn by the worker as per the existing norms?
 (1) 90% (2) 95% (3) 85% (4) 89% (5) None of these
133. Recently which ministry formed a panel to define offences of speech, expression?
 (1) Ministry of Rural Development (2) Ministry of Finance (3) Ministry of Defence
 (4) Ministry of Home Affairs (5) None of these
134. Which organisation has become First Standards Body To Join Govt's 'One Nation, One Standard' Scheme?
 (1) RDSO (2) DRDO (3) BHEL (4) ONGC (5) None of these
135. How many One-stop centres to provide legal, medical support for Indian women to be set up across 9 countries by Ministry of Women and Child Development?
 (1) 10 (2) 12 (3) 14 (4) 9 (5) None of these

136. Recently The National Green Tribunal has directed the authorities to implement the “Vishwamitri River Action Plan” in which city?
 (1) Vadodara (2) Ahmedabad (3) Surat (4) Pune (5) None of these
137. Who has announced extension of Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana till Deepawali?
 (1) Narendra Modi (2) Nirmala Sitharaman (3) Shaktikant Das
 (4) Piyush Goyal (5) None of these
138. Which organization has launched ‘Surakshit Hum Surakshit Tum Abhiyaan’ in collaboration with Piramal Foundation?
 (1) RBI (2) SEBI (3) NITI Aayog (4) NABARD (5) None of these
139. Where has Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan dedicated to nation 201 CNG plants and PNG supply?
 (1) Varanasi (2) Jhansi (3) Prayagraj (4) Kanpur (5) None of these
140. As per Union Minister Prakash Javedkar, India Taking All Steps to Ensure it Becomes Free of Single-use Plastic by which year?
 (1) 2022 (2) 2023 (3) 2024 (4) 2025 (5) None of these
141. Recently Union Cabinet has approved an allotment of how much MHz Spectrum in 700 MHz frequency band to Indian Railways for public safety and security services at stations and in trains?
 (1) 5 (2) 4 (3) 6 (4) 8 (5) None of these
142. Recently how many Centres of Excellence was inaugurated in Karnataka under Indo-Israel Agricultural Project?
 (1) 2 (2) 3 (3) 4 (4) 5 (5) None of these
143. Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises has extended the validity of Udyog Aadhaar Memorandum from 31st March until which date?
 (1) 30th November (2) 30th July (3) 30th August
 (4) 31st December (5) None of these
144. What is the deadline to link PAN with Aadhar Card?
 (1) June 30, 2021 (2) Sept 30, 2021 (3) Dec 31, 2021
 (4) March 31, 2022 (5) None of these
145. Which country has integrated elements of the air force and army to create a combined air defence system at LAC?
 (1) Hungary (2) China (3) Nepal (4) Japan (5) None of these
146. Recently UN launched United Nations Decade on Ecosystem Restoration: 2021-2030. Which became first country to provide funding of Euro 14 million towards this fund?
 (1) Germany (2) USA (3) Russia (4) Denmark (5) None of these
147. Recently The Asia Pacific Group (APG) on Money Laundering, a regional affiliate of FATF, has retained which country on “enhanced follow-up” status?
 (1) Pakistan (2) India (3) Iran (4) Afghanistan (5) None of these

148. Recently how many countries were elected unopposed to the powerful UN Security Council (UNSC) as non-permanent members for the 2022-23 term?
(1) 7 (2) 6 (3) 4 (4) 5 (5) None of these
149. Which international organization has lauded the success of Centre's Aspirational Districts Programme?
(1) WHO (2) UNDP (3) UNEP (4) IMF (5) None of these
150. UNGA adopted Political Declaration Pledging Urgent, Transformative Action to Stop Global AIDS Epidemic by which year?
(1) 2024 (2) 2026 (3) 2027 (4) 2030 (5) None of these
151. Nations of which organization have recently agreed on science and technology innovation cooperation?
(1) ASEAN (2) BRICS (3) G20 (4) G7 (5) None of these

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Ans: 1-4, 2-2, 3-1, 4-1, 5-4, 6-2, 7-2, 8-4, 9-1, 10-1, 11-4, 12-1, 13-2, 14-3, 15-1, 16-2, 17-2, 18-2, 19-3, 20-2, 21-2, 22-4, 23-2, 24-2, 25-1, 26-4, 27-3, 28-1, 29-1, 30-2, 31-2, 32-3, 33-2, 34-2, 35-1, 36-2, 37-3, 38-4, 39-3, 40-2, 41-2, 42-2, 43-4, 44-1, 45-4, 46-3, 47-3, 48-3, 49-2, 50-4, 51-2, 52-4, 53-4, 54-3, 55-2, 56-3, 57-2, 58-2, 59-1, 60-3, 61-3, 62-4, 63-2, 64-4, 65-4, 66-2, 67-3, 68-3, 69-1, 70-4, 71-3, 72-2, 73-2, 74-1, 75-2, 76-4, 77-4, 78-1, 79-2, 80-3, 81-2, 82-2, 83-2, 84-2, 85-2, 86-4, 87-4, 88-2, 89-1, 90-3, 91-1, 92-4, 93-1, 94-1, 95-4, 96-4, 97-1, 98-4, 99-3, 100-2, 101-3, 102-1, 103-2, 104-1, 105-4, 106-4, 107-4, 108-2, 109-3, 110-1, 111-1, 112-3, 113-3, 114-2, 115-2, 116-2, 117-1, 118-1, 119-2, 120-3, 121-1, 122-3, 123-3, 124-4, 125-3, 126-4, 127-3, 128-4, 129-4, 130-4, 131-1, 132-1, 133-4, 134-1, 135-1, 136-1, 137-1, 138-3, 139-2, 140-1, 141-1, 142-2, 143-4, 144-1, 145-2, 146-1, 147-1, 148-4, 149-2, 150-4, 151-2.

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