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NATIONAL NEWS

Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan flags off the 1st supply of UCO based biodiesel blended diesel

- Union Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas and Steel **Dharmendra Pradhan** virtually flagged off the first supply of **UCO (Used Cooking Oil)** based bio-diesel blended diesel under the **EOI (Expression of Interest) Scheme** from Indian Oil's Tikrikalan Terminal.

Indian Coast Guard rescues missing Tamil Nadu fishing boat 'Mercedes'

- **Indian Coast Guard**, in yet another **successful** search and rescue operation at sea, has rescued the missing Tamil Nadu fishing boat '**Mercedes**'.

Seven Indian Navy ships deployed for Operation Samudra Setu II

- In support of the India's fight against COVID-19 and as part of **operation 'Samudra Setu II'**, **seven** Indian Naval ships, viz. **Kolkata, Kochi, Talwar, Tabar, Trikand, Jalashwa** and **Airavat** have been deployed for shipment of liquid medical oxygen-filled cryogenic containers and associated medical equipment from various countries.

Indian Army inaugurates first green solar energy harnessing plant of 56 KVA in North Sikkim

- **Indian Army** inaugurated the **first green solar energy** harnessing plant of **56 KVA** using Vanadium based battery technology in **North Sikkim** (at an altitude of 16,000 ft) for harnessing renewable energy for its troops.

Union Ministry of Education launches YUVA-Prime Minister's Scheme for Mentoring Young Authors

- The Union Ministry of Education has launched '**YUVA-Prime Minister's Scheme for Mentoring Young Authors**' – an author mentorship programme to train young and budding authors below the age of **30**. The **YUVA (Young, Upcoming and Versatile Authors)** is aimed to encourage young writers to write about India's freedom struggle.

Jammu & Kashmir becomes the first UT to provide relief to COVID-19 victims' families under the Saksham scheme

- **Jammu and Kashmir** became the **first Union Territory** to provide relief to COVID-19 affected families under the **Saksham scheme**. The Saksham scheme was launched to provide **special pensions** and **scholarships** to COVID-19 victims' families.

Union Ministry of Education approves proposal to provide monetary assistance to students under mid-day meal scheme

- Union Minister for Education **Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'** approved the proposal to provide monetary assistance to **11.8 crore** students (118 million students) through **Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT)** of the cooking cost component of the **mid-day-meal scheme**.

Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar inaugurates National Conference on Agriculture for Kharif Campaign-2021

- Union Minister of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, **Narendra Singh Tomar** inaugurated '**The National Conference on Agriculture for Kharif Campaign-2021**'. Ministers of State for Agriculture & Farmers Welfare **Parshottam Rupala** and **Kailash Choudhari** were also present on the occasion.

Prahlad Singh Patel virtually participates in G20 Tourism Ministers' meeting held in Italy

- Union **Minister of State** for Tourism & Culture **Prahlad Singh Patel** virtually participated in **G20** Tourism Ministers' Meeting held in **Italy**.

Narendra Singh Tomar releases the new framework for implementation of the SVAMITVA Scheme

- **Union Minister** for Panchayati Raj **Narendra Singh Tomar** released the new **framework** for implementation of the **SVAMITVA Scheme** and a **Coffee Table Book (CTB)** to mark the nationwide roll-out of the **SVAMITVA Scheme**.
- The **SVAMITVA** Framework developed by the Union **Ministry of Panchayati Raj** provides a detailed roadmap and guidelines for the various states in terms of the scheme.

Mamata Banerjee was sworn in as West Bengal CM for the third time

- Trinamool Congress chief **Mamata Banerjee** was sworn in as the **Chief Minister** of **West Bengal** for the **third consecutive term** after a massive win in the state assembly elections.
- **West Bengal Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar** administered her the oath of office and secrecy at a **low-key ceremony** at **Raj Bhawan** held amid the raging COVID-19 pandemic.

MK Stalin was sworn in as the new Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu

- **MK Stalin** took the oath of office as **Tamil Nadu's** Chief Minister. The oath-taking ceremony was held at Raj Bhavan in Chennai, where the new CM was sworn in by Tamil Nadu Governor **Banwarilal Purohit**.

N Rangasamy was sworn in as the Chief Minister of Puducherry

- **N Rangasamy** was sworn in as the **20th** Chief Minister of the Union Territory of Puducherry by Puducherry's Lieutenant Governor **Tamilisai Soundararajan**. This is the fourth time, **Rangasamy** is becoming the Chief Minister of the Union Territory of Puducherry.

Himanta Biswa Sarma was sworn-in as the 15th Chief Minister of Assam

- **Himanta Biswa Sarma** was sworn in as the **15th** Chief Minister of **Assam**. He succeeds Sarbananda Sonowal. He was administered the oath of office by Assam Governor **Jagdish Mukhi** in Guwahati.

Madhya Pradesh launches new COVID-19 treatment scheme "Mukhya Mantri Covid Upchar Yojana" to help people

- Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister **Shivraj Singh Chouhan** announced the **Mukhya Mantri Covid Upchar Yojana** (Chief Minister's Covid Treatment Programme) for free treatment to all those from **economically weaker sections** in the state.

NABARD extends financial support of Rs. 9162 crores to West Bengal

- The **National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)** has extended financial support of **Rs. 9162 crores** to **West Bengal** during the year **2020–21** for the development of agriculture and allied sectors despite challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

NITI Aayog and Mastercard releases a report on 'Connected Commerce: Creating a Roadmap for a Digitally Inclusive Bharat'

- **NITI Aayog** (National Institution for Transforming India) and **Mastercard** released a report titled '**Connected Commerce: Creating a Roadmap for a Digitally Inclusive Bharat**'.
- The report identifies challenges in accelerating **digital financial inclusion** in **India** and provides recommendations for making digital services accessible to its **1.3 billion citizens**.

'Miyon ka Bara' railway station in Jodhpur is renamed as Mahesh Nagar

- The **Miyon ka Bara railway station** was renamed as **Mahesh Nagar**. The railway station is located in **Jodhpur, Rajasthan**. Before this, the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) had approved and changed the name of the village from **Miyon ka Bara** to **Mahesh Nagar** and conveyed the decision to the Rajasthan state government in **2018**.

Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur launches dedicated COVID-19 'Mukhyamantri Sewa Sankalp Helpline 1100' in Shimla

- Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh, **Jai Ram Thakur**, launched a **dedicated COVID-19 Helpline 'Mukhyamantri Sewa Sankalp Helpline 1100'** for facilitating the people regarding COVID related issues in Shimla, Himachal Pradesh.

Union Cabinet approves an MoU between ICAI and Qatar Financial Centre Authority

- The Union Government has approved the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the **Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI)** and the **Qatar Financial Centre Authority (QFCA)**.

Chief Justice of India NV Ramana launches a mobile app 'Indicative Notes' for journalists to cover proceedings of the apex court

- Chief Justice of India **NV Ramana** has launched an official mobile application called '**Indicative Notes**' for **journalists** to cover proceedings of the apex court (the Supreme Court of India).
- This new feature is aimed at providing concise summaries of **landmark judgments** in an easy-to-understand format.

Union Cabinet approves Rs. 18,100 crore PLI scheme for battery storage

- The Union Cabinet approved the proposal of the **Department of Heavy Industry** for implementation of the **Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme, 'National Programme on Advanced Chemistry Cell (ACC) Battery Storage'** for achieving the manufacturing capacity of 50 GWh of ACC and 5 GWh of "Niche" ACC with an outlay of Rs. 18,100 crores.

Indian Naval Ship Tarkash brings medical oxygen to Mumbai from Qatar under 'Operation Samudra Setu II'

- Indian Naval Ship **Tarkash** brought two containers with **20 MT liquid medical oxygen** each and **230 oxygen cylinders** from Qatar to Mumbai under 'Operation **Samudra Setu II**'.
- The oxygen containers were facilitated by the **French Mission** as part of the "**Oxygen Solidarity Bridge**" and oxygen cylinders were gifted by the Indian diaspora in Qatar.

Ajanta Neog becomes the first woman Finance Minister of Assam

- Chief Minister of Assam, **Himanta Biswa Sarma**, allocated the finance portfolio to **Ajanta Neog**, making her the **first woman Finance Minister** of Assam. She was elected to the Assam's Legislative Assembly from the **Golaghat assembly constituency**.

Chhattisgarh Chief Minister launches 'CGTeeka' web portal for convenient COVID vaccination registration process

- Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh, **Bhupesh Baghel** inaugurated the '**CGTeeka**' web portal (<http://cgteeka.cgstate.gov.in/user-registration>) to make the process of registration for COVID-19 vaccination convenient. The portal was developed by the **Chhattisgarh Infotech Promotion Society (CHIPS)**.

Uttarakhand Police launches 'Mission Hausla' to help COVID-19 patients

- The **Uttarakhand Police** has launched a drive called "**Mission Hausla**" to help people get **oxygen, beds, ventilators** and **plasma** for COVID-19 patients.

Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh declares Malerkotla as its 23rd district

- Chief Minister of Punjab **Capt. Amarinder Singh** announced **Malerkotla** as the **23rd district** of Punjab. **Malerkotla** is 35 km from the **Sangrur district** of Punjab.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi releases the 8th instalment worth over Rs. 20,000 crores under the PM-KISAN scheme

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** released the 8th instalment of over **Rs. 20,000 crores** to more than **9.5 crore** farmer-beneficiaries under the **Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN)** scheme via video-conferencing. **West Bengal** joined the scheme and about 7 lakh Bengal farmers received their first instalment.
- Under the **PM-KISAN scheme**, a financial benefit of **Rs. 6000** per year is provided to **14 crore** eligible beneficiary farmer families annually, payable in three equal **4-monthly** installments of **Rs. 2000 each**.

GoAir rebrands itself as 'Go First'

- **Go Airlines** has rebranded itself as '**Go First**' and has filed preliminary papers for an initial share sale worth **Rs. 3,600 crores**.
- Go Airlines (India) Limited will be the third operational scheduled carrier after **SpiceJet** and **IndiGo** to trade on Indian bourses.

NABARD provides Rs. 1,236 crores from its Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) for Assam in FY21

- **National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)** has provided Rs. 1,236 crores from its **Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF)** through the monetary 12 months 2020-21 with **Rural Connectivity Projects** (Roads & Bridges) as the main target space in the state of **Assam**.

INS Rajput was decommissioned in Visakhapatnam

- **INS Rajput** is the first destroyer of the **Indian Navy**, that was decommissioned after over **41 years** of service. The lead ship of the **Kashin-class destroyers** built by the erstwhile USSR, the destroyer was commissioned on **4 May 1980**.

51st virtual Indian Handicrafts & Gift Fair of Delhi was inaugurated

- The **51st edition** of the virtual **Indian Handicrafts and Gift Fair (IHGF)** of **Delhi** was inaugurated. The fair is **India's largest Virtual Fair** in the home, fashion, lifestyle, textiles and furniture sector.

MCCIA and NABARD launch India's first Agriculture Export Facilitation Centre (AEFC)

- **Mahratta Chamber of Commerce Industries and Agriculture (MCCIA)** had partnered with the **National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)** and launched **India's first Agriculture Export Facilitation Centre (AEFC)**.

Union Minister Harsh Vardhan chairs the 26th meeting of the Group of Ministers (GOM) on COVID-19

- Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare, **Harsh Vardhan**, chaired the **26th meeting** of the High-level **Group of Ministers (GoM)** on COVID-19.

Manipur Government launches "MOMA Market" mobile app for home delivery of vegetables

- Chief Minister of Manipur **N Biren Singh** launched a mobile application, "**MOMA Market**" for home delivery of **fresh vegetables**. The mobile application can be downloaded from **www.momamarket.com**.

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar launches 'HIT Covid App' to monitor COVID patients at home

- **Bihar** Chief Minister **Nitish Kumar** launched '**HIT Covid App**' to ensure regular monitoring and tracking of those COVID-19 patients, who are in home isolation across the state. '**HIT**' stands for home isolation tracking.

Chandigarh startup Jupitice Justice Technologies develops the world's first private digital court

- A Chandigarh-based startup **Jupitice Justice Technologies** had developed the **world's first private digital court** under the **Private Justice System** (Alternative Dispute Resolution or ADR Mechanism), which brings India to the forefront of innovation in legal technology.

Himachal Pradesh Government launches 'Ayush Ghar-Dwar' wellness program for home isolated COVID-19 patients

- **AYUSH Department** of the Himachal Pradesh Government had launched a state-wide wellness programme 'AYUSH Ghar Dwar' for COVID-19 patients in **Solan** district, **Himachal Pradesh**.

Union Ministry of Tribal Affairs signed an MoU with Microsoft for the digital transformation of tribal schools

- **Union Ministry of Tribal Affairs** and **Microsoft** have signed an MoU for the **digital transformation** of **tribal schools** such as **Eklavya Model Residential Schools** and **Ashram Schools**. The collaboration seeks to skill educators and students in next-generation digital technologies, including **artificial intelligence**.

National Gallery of Modern Art launches Audio-Visual Guide app

- **National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA)** virtually launched an Audio-Visual Guide app on **International Museum Day** (18 May). This app will make it possible for museum viewers to listen to stories and anecdotes on their smartphones of several treasured **Indian Modern artworks** displayed at the museum anywhere at any time.

Haryana becomes the first state to allow reimbursement of GST on 'COVID items' donations

- **Haryana** became the **first state in India** to allow reimbursement of goods and service tax paid by companies, non-governmental organisations and individuals on purchase of 15 items including **COVID-19 vaccines, Remdesivir injections, ventilators** and **oxygen cylinders** that they have donated free of cost to the state government or state-run hospitals.

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma appoints 'Guardian Ministers' for various districts of Assam

- Chief Minister of Assam **Himanta Biswa Sarma** appointed '**Guardian Ministers**' for balanced, speedy and sustainable developments of districts in Assam. The Assam Government has appointed **13 'Guardian Ministers'** for **34 districts** in Assam.

India's first city-wide environmental surveillance platform for COVID-19 launched in Bangalore

- The Government of **Karnataka**, in partnership with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and Skoll Foundation-supported **COVIDactionCollab (CAC)**, had launched the '**Precision Health Platform**' in **Bangalore, Karnataka**.

Manipur Chief Minister Biren Singh launches 'MHIM' mobile app for home isolated COVID-19 patients

- Chief Minister of Manipur **N Biren Singh** had launched the '**Manipur Home Isolation Management (MHIM)**' mobile application for home isolated COVID-19 patients.
- The mobile app was developed by **Pentabyte Technologies LLP** and it can be downloaded from **mhim.in**.

Union Corporate Affairs Ministry launches the first phase of the MCA21 V3.0 portal

- Union Minister of State for Finance and Corporate Affairs **Anurag Singh Thakur** launched the first phase of **MCA21 V3.0**, comprising of a revamped website, new email services for ministry officials as well as two new electronic modules for **books** and **consultation**.

Cheetahs to be re-introduced at Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh

- **Cheetah**, the world's fastest land animal, which was declared extinct in India in **1952**, is expected to be re-introduced into the country in November 2021 at the **Kuno National Park** in **Madhya Pradesh**.
- Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) has approved a budget outlay of the '**Project Cheetah**' as **Rs. 1,400 lakhs** for **2021 fiscal**.

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Pinarayi Vijayan takes oath as the Chief Minister of Kerala for a 2nd term

- **Pinarayi Vijayan** was sworn in as the **Chief Minister** of **Kerala** for a second time. He was sworn in by Kerala Governor **Arif Mohammad Khan** in a brief ceremony conducted in **Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala**.

Maharashtra government launches "Mission Oxygen Self-Reliance"

- **Maharashtra** government has launched the "**Mission Oxygen Self-Reliance**" scheme to meet the state's oxygen needs. Special incentives will be given to oxygen-producing industries under this scheme.
- The demand for **Liquid Medical Oxygen** has increased in Maharashtra. The state's oxygen generation capacity is **1300 MT per day**.

Union Minister Narendra Singh Tomar launches NMMS app & Area Officer Monitoring app

- The **NMMS app** permits taking real-time attendance of workers at **Mahatma Gandhi NREGA** worksites along with a geotagged photograph, which enabling processing payments faster.
- **Area Officer Monitoring app** facilitates the area officers to record their findings online along with time-stamped and geo-coordinate tagged photographs for all the schemes of the Department of Rural Development.

Tata Communications launches 'School of Hope and Empowerment' for empowering Indian women

- **Tata Communications**, a global digital ecosystem enabler, announced the launch of their **Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)** project '**School of Hope and Empowerment (S.H.E.)**' at the **2021 UNESCO World Conference** on Education for Sustainable Development.

Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan chairs the 74th World Health Assembly Meeting

- Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare, **Harsh Vardhan**, chaired the **74th World Health Assembly meeting** virtually. The Director-General of the **World Health Organization (WHO)** **Tedros Adhanom** was also present on the occasion.

Haryana Government launches 'Sanjeevani Pariyojana' care initiative to help COVID-19 patients

- **Haryana** Government has launched **Sanjeevani Pariyojana** ('The life project'), a supervised, virtual home-care initiative to help people quickly access healthcare for mild-to-moderate symptoms of COVID-19.

Uttarakhand Government launches Vatsalya Yojana for children orphaned due to COVID-19

- Under the **Vatsalya Yojana scheme**, the Uttarakhand state government will make arrangements for their maintenance, education and training for employment up to the age of **21 years**. The state will be given a maintenance allowance of **Rs. 3000** per month.

National Health Authority inks a pact with Telangana Government to implement the Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY scheme

- The **National Health Authority (NHA)** has signed an MoU with the **Telangana** Government to implement the **Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY)** in **Telangana**.
- The **Ayushman Bharat scheme** has been integrated with the existing state scheme '**Aarogyasri**' and this converged scheme is being called **Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY Aarogyasri**.

NITI Aayog partners with TRIFED to implement the Van Dhan Yojana initiative in tribal aspirational districts

- **TRIFED** has partnered with **NITI Aayog** to implement the **Van Dhan Yojana** in the districts that have been identified as aspirational by **NITI Aayog**.
- **TRIFED** along with the **NITI Aayog** team will work out the follow-up plan for the implementation of the **Van Dhan Yojana** in each of the **39 tribal aspirational districts**.

Department of Atomic Energy to build India's first reactor on PPP model

- The **Department of Atomic Energy (DAE)** will be constructing India's first research reactor on the **public-private partnership (PPP)** model. The research reactor will be designed by **Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC)**.

Union Minister of Defence Rajnath Singh launches SeHAT-OPD portal to provide telemedicine services

- Union Minister of Defence **Rajnath Singh** launched the **SeHAT ('Services e-Health Assistance & Teleconsultation) OPD Portal** via video conferencing. The portal will help the Indian **Armed Forces** in providing **telemedicine services**.

Punjab Government renames Mohali international hockey stadium after Balbir Singh Senior

- **Punjab** Government has announced to rename the **Mohali International Hockey Stadium**, Sector 63, after triple Olympian and Padma Shri awardee **Balbir Singh Senior**. The stadium will now be known as **Olympian Balbir Singh Senior International Hockey Stadium**.

VOC Port Trust partners with NTCPCW for indigenous vessel traffic development

- **VO Chidambaranar Port Trust (VOC Port Trust)**, Tuticorin signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **IIT Madras** arm **National Technology Centre for Ports Waterways & Coasts (NTCPWC)** for operation, manning and maintenance of vessel traffic system & development of indigenous **Vessel Traffic Software (VTS)** at **VOC Port Trust**.

Karnataka CM Yediyurappa launches 'Akanksha' comprehensive online portal on CSR activities

- Chief Minister of Karnataka **BS Yediyurappa** launched a comprehensive online portal on CSR activities named '**Akanksha**'. The portal will help the corporate sector, government and donors to utilise CSR funds for government programmes.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Penpa Tsering was elected as the President of the Tibetan exile government

- **Penpa Tsering**, the former speaker of Tibet's parliament-in-exile, was elected the new president of the Tibet exile government. He succeeded Lobsang Sangay. He is also called "Sikyong".

India and Mongolia to extend on culture exchange programmes until 2023

- Union Minister of Culture **Prahlad Singh Patel** discussed various issues under **cultural exchange programme** with his **Mongolian** counterpart **Chinbat Nomin** in a virtual mode.
- The **cultural exchange program (CEP)** between **India** and **Mongolia** extended until **2023**.

ADB commits a record \$3.92 billion loan to India for 13 projects in 2020

- The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** has committed a record **\$3.92 billion** in sovereign loans for **13 projects** to India in **2020**, including \$1.8 billion in COVID-19 related projects to support the government's pandemic response.

India virtually hosts the 1st BRICS Employment Working Group Meeting

- Secretary of Labour and Employment, **Apurva Chandra** chaired the 1st **BRICS Employment Working Group (EWG)** Meeting held virtually in **New Delhi**. **India** has assumed **BRICS Presidency** in **2021**.

KP Sharma Oli was re-appointed as the Prime Minister of Nepal

- **KP Sharma Oli** was sworn in as **Nepal's Prime Minister** for the **third time** after he lost a vote of confidence in the Nepal Parliament. He served as the Prime Minister of Nepal from **2015** to **2016** and from **2018** to **2021**.

India-France-Australia holds first-ever Trilateral Ministerial Dialogue in London

- The first-ever Trilateral Ministerial Dialogue between **Indian, Australian** and **French** foreign ministers was held in **London**. The meeting was attended by Indian External Affairs Minister **S Jaishankar**, French Foreign Minister **Jean-Yves Le Drian**, and Australian Finance Minister **Marise Payne**.

NATO military exercises "DEFENDER-Europe 21" launched in Albania

- **NATO** has launched joint military exercises "**DEFENDER-Europe 21**" in **Albania** with thousands of military forces from the **United States** and other countries in the first such large-scale drills since World War II.

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman participates in Governor's Seminar

- Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs and Asian Development Bank's (ADB) Governor for India **Nirmala Sitharaman** participated in the **Governor's Seminar** on "**Cooperation for a Resilient Future**", held as part of ADB's annual meeting **2021**.

Microsoft collaborates with Nigeria to create about 27,000 new digital jobs over the next 3 years

- Tech giant **Microsoft** and the **Nigerian government** are collaborating intending to create about **27,000** new digital jobs over the **next three years**.

India-UK launches 'Roadmap 2030' at a virtual summit

- **India** and the **UK** launched a comprehensive '**Roadmap 2030**' to deepen cooperation over the next decade across **five key areas** at a virtual summit between Indian Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** and his UK counterpart **Boris Johnson**.

World's longest pedestrian suspension bridge opens in Portugal

- The **World's longest pedestrian suspension bridge** was opened in **Portugal**. The record-breaking bridge measures **516 metres** (or roughly 1,692 ft) long and is suspended **175 metres** (574 ft) above a river.

Union Minister S Jaishankar virtually participates in the G7 Foreign Ministers' meeting

- Union Minister of External Affairs **S Jaishankar** participated in the **G7 Foreign Ministers' meeting** through video conference.
- The **Group of Seven (G7)** is an intergovernmental organisation consisting of **Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom and the United States**.

ADB launches Asia Pacific Tax Hub to enhance domestic resource mobilisation and international tax cooperation

- The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** had launched an '**Asia Pacific Tax Hub**' to create an open and inclusive platform to promote strategic policy dialogue, improve knowledge sharing, and **strengthen coordination on tax policy and administration** among ADB, its members, and development partners.

SBI and EIB to invest up to 100 million euros in Indian SMEs focused on climate change and sustainability

- The **European Investment Bank (EIB)** and **State Bank of India (SBI)** entered into a pact to jointly raise **100 million euros** in equity financing into Indian small businesses focused on **climate change and sustainability**.
- The MoU was signed on the margins of the European Union-India leaders meeting in **Portugal**.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi participates in India-EU Leaders Summit 2021

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** participated in the much-awaited **India-EU Leaders' Summit** with the Heads of **27 EU Member States**.
- The virtual meeting was hosted by **Portuguese** Prime Minister **António Costa** as Portugal currently holds the Presidency of the Council of the **European Union**.

Indian and Indonesian Navies conduct PASSEX exercise in the southern Arabian Sea

- The **Indian and Indonesian Navies** conducted **Passage Exercise (PASSEX)** in the **southern Arabian Sea** with a focus on further improving their interoperability.
- The Indian Navy was represented by **INS Sharda**, an Offshore Patrol Vessel (OPV) and the Indonesian Navy was represented by **KRI Sultan Hasanudin**, a 90m Corvette. **Indonesia**

4th India-Swiss Financial Dialogue was virtually held in New Delhi

- The **4th India-Swiss Financial Dialogue** was held virtually in **New Delhi**. Economic Affairs Secretary of India **Ajay Seth** led the Indian delegation. The delegation from the Swiss side was led by **Daniela Stoffel**, State Secretariat for International Finance, Switzerland.

India will be the world's fastest-growing major economy in 2022: UN World Economic Situation and Prospects Report

- According to the **World Economic Situation and Prospects (WESP)**, United Nations projected that the Indian economy would grow at **10.1 per cent** in the calendar year **2022 (CY22)**.
- The **United Nations** has raised India's growth forecast to **7.5 per cent** for the calendar year **2021 (CY21)**.

Union Minister Harsh Vardhan participates in the 3rd Arctic Science Ministerial held in Tokyo

- Union Minister of Science and Technology, Health and Family Welfare, and Earth Sciences, **Harsh Vardhan**, virtually participated in the **3rd Arctic Science Ministerial** held in **Tokyo, Japan**. The summit was held under the theme of "**Knowledge for a Sustainable Arctic**".

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

- **China** will become the world's first country to ban all **synthetic cannabinoid substances**. The ban is likely to come into effect on 1 July 2021. The move comes as China tries to curb the manufacturing and trafficking of the drug.

India received \$83 billion in remittances in 2020: World Bank report

- According to a **World Bank** report, **India** received over **\$83 billion** in remittances in 2020, a drop of just 0.2 per cent from the previous year (2019).

Yoweri Museveni was sworn in as the President of Uganda for 6th term

- The 76-year-old **Yoweri Museveni** was sworn in for his **sixth term** as the President of **Uganda**. He took the oath ceremony in **Kampala, Uganda**.

India and Israel sign a three-year work program for cooperation in agriculture

- India and Israel have signed a **three-year** work program for cooperation in agriculture. India and Israel are implementing the “**INDO-ISRAEL Agricultural Project Centres of Excellence**” and “**INDO-ISRAEL Villages of Excellence**”.

Bangladesh agrees \$200 million currency swap facility with Sri Lanka

- **Bangladesh** has approved a **\$200 billion** currency swap facility to **Sri Lanka**. This is the first time Bangladesh is giving loans to another country from the reserves by **swapping currency**.

Bashar Al-Assad was re-elected as the President of Syria for a 4th term

- **Bashar al-Assad** was re-elected for a fourth term as the President of Syria. He received around 95.1% of the votes cast. He won the election against former state minister **Abdallah Salloum Abdallah** and **Mahmud Merhi**.

Anatole Collinet Makosso was appointed as the new Prime Minister of the Republic of the Congo

- Republic of Congo’s President **Denis Sassou-Nguesso** has appointed **Anatole Collinet Makosso** as the new Prime Minister of the **Republic of the Congo**.

David Barnea was appointed as the next Mossad Chief of Israel

- Prime Minister **Benjamin Netanyahu** announced that **David Barnea** will be the next head of **Israel's Mossad espionage agency**. He succeeded Yossi Cohen.
- He served as **Israel's spymaster** since taking office in **2016**.

Italy virtually hosts the G20 Global Health Summit on the global health crisis

- The **Italian Presidency** and the **European Commission** jointly hosted the **G20 Global Health Summit** in **Rome, Italy**. The summit adopted the agenda to overcome the COVID-19 pandemic. It also decided to develop and endorse a **Rome Declaration of principles**.

Fiaame Naomi becomes the first female Prime Minister of Samoa

- **Fiaame Naomi Mata'afa** became the first female Prime Minister of **Samoa**. She replaces **Tuilaepa Sailele Malielegaoi** of the Human Rights Protection Party (HRPP). She was also the first female **Deputy Prime Minister** of Samoa from **2016 to 2020**.

India and Oman renew agreements on military cooperation and maritime issues

- **India** and **Oman** have renewed two agreements on military cooperation and maritime issues. The agreements will ensure the continuation of cooperation in specific areas of **defence** and **security**.

India virtually hosts the 7th meeting of the BRICS Astronomy Working Group (BAWG)

- **India** hosted the 7th meeting of the **BRICS Astronomy Working Group (BAWG)** under the Science, Technology, and Innovation track of the **BRICS 2021** in a virtual mode.

Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan chairs the 33rd meeting of Health Ministers of Commonwealth countries

- Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, **Harsh Vardhan** chaired the opening session of the **33rd meeting of Health Ministers of Commonwealth countries**.
- The meeting was held under the theme of “**Commonwealth Response to COVID-19: Ensuring Equitable Access to Vaccines and Building Resilience for Health Systems and Emergencies**”.

Union Cabinet approves opening of new Consulate General of India in Addu City of Maldives

- The Union Cabinet has approved the opening of a new **Consulate General** of India in **Addu City, the Maldives**, in **2021**. **India** and **Maldives** share ethnic, linguistic, cultural, religious and commercial links steeped in antiquity.

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

- **India** will launch ‘**UNITE AWARE**’, a mobile tech platform, in August 2021 for the **United Nations Peacekeepers** to improve their **safety and security** in the line of duty.

WHO and Switzerland to launch the first WHO BioHub Facility for pathogen storage

- The **World Health Organization (WHO)** and the Swiss Confederation signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to launch the **first WHO BioHub Facility** as part of the **WHO BioHub System**. This facility will enhance the rapid sharing of **viruses** and other **pathogens** between laboratories and partners globally.

India and New Zealand virtually hold the 3rd Foreign Office Consultations

- The **3rd Foreign Office Consultations** between **India** and **New Zealand** were held virtually. **Riva Ganguly Das**, Secretary (East), led the Indian delegation while New Zealand-side was led by **Mark Sinclair**, Deputy Secretary, Americas and Asia Group, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

Guillermo Lasso was elected as the President of Ecuador

- **Guillermo Lasso** assumed the presidency of **Ecuador**. The 65-year-old former banker defeated economist **Andres Arauz**. He succeeded **Lenin Moreno**.

Mali’s interim President Bah Ndaw and Prime Minister Moctar Ouane resigned

- Mali’s interim President, **Bah Ndaw** and Prime Minister, **Moctar Ouane** have resigned after they were arrested by the military.

NATO conducts war games ‘Steadfast Defender 21’

- **NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization)** is conducting war games named ‘**Steadfast Defender 21**’ across the **Black Sea region**.

Assimi Goita was appointed as the interim President of Mali

- **Mali’s** constitutional court has named colonel **Assimi Goita** as Mali’s new interim President. He has been serving as the leader of the **National Committee** for the Salvation of the People, who overthrew **Ibrahim Boubacar Keita** in the 2020 Military coup.

BANKING AND ECONOMY

Airtel Payments Bank launches ‘DigiGold’ platform for customers to make investments in gold

- **Airtel Payments Bank** has partnered with **SafeGold**, a leading provider of digital gold launched ‘**DigiGold**’ for its customers to invest in gold. The gold purchased by customers is stored securely by **SafeGold** at no additional cost and can be sold through the **Airtel Thanks app** at any time in a matter of few clicks.

ZebPay launches first crypto-based lending platform in India

- **ZebPay** has set up a crypto-lending platform that will allow users to lend their coins to the **cryptocurrency exchange**.
- The platform is a first-of-its-kind crypto lending model in India and will allow users to lend their cryptocurrency to **ZebPay** and earn interest.

Canara Bank launches 3 loan schemes amid the fight against COVID-19

- **Canara Bank** announced three loan schemes as part of the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic under which it will offer **healthcare credit, business and personal loans** to individuals.
- The 3 loan schemes are the **Canara Chikitsa healthcare credit facility, Canara Jeevanrekha healthcare business loan and Canara Suraksha personal loan scheme**.

Kotak Mahindra Bank issues India's first FPI license to GIFT IFSC AIF

- **Kotak Mahindra Bank** had issued the first-ever **foreign portfolio investments (FPI)** license to the **GIFT IFSC Alternate Investment Fund (AIF)** of True Beacon Global.
- This is the first FPI license issued to an AIF incorporated in GIFT IFSC by any **custodian bank** or **designated** depository participant in the country.

Aditya Birla Sun Life Insurance launches "Vision LifeIncome Plus"

- **Aditya Birla Sun Life Insurance (ABSLI)**, the life insurance subsidiary of **Aditya Birla Capital Limited (ABCL)**, has announced the launch of a hyper-flexible savings plan, "**Vision LifeIncome Plus**".

RBI imposes a monetary penalty of Rs. 1 crore on City Union Bank and Tamilnad Mercantile Bank

- **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has imposed a monetary penalty of Rs.1 crore on **City Union Bank Limited** for contravention of and compliance with certain provisions contained in the RBI (Lending to Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME) Sector) Directions, 2017.
- The RBI also imposed a penalty of Rs. 1 crore on **Tamilnad Mercantile Bank** for non-compliance with certain provisions of directions issued by it on **cybersecurity framework** in banks.
- Further, the RBI also imposed a penalty of Rs. 90 lakhs on Ahmedabad-based **Nutan Nagarik Sahakari Bank** and Rs. 10 lakhs on Pune-based Daimler Financial Services India Private Limited for non-compliance with the RBI's directions.

ICICI Bank collaborates with NPCI to link its 'Pockets' digital wallet to the UPI network

- **ICICI Bank** collaborated with the **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)** to link its '**Pockets**' digital wallet to the UPI network so that the customer's UPI ID can be linked to their digital wallet.

RBI imposes a monetary penalty of Rs. 10 crores on HDFC Bank

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has imposed a monetary penalty of **Rs. 10 crores** on private sector lender **HDFC Bank** for violating regulatory compliance in the auto loan portfolios.
- The penalty was imposed for contravention of provisions of **Section 6(2)** and **Section 8** of the **Banking Regulation Act, 1949**.

IFSCA constitutes a 12-member expert committee on Investment Funds headed by Nilesh Shah

- The **International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA)** has constituted an Expert Committee on Investment Funds under the chairmanship of **Nilesh Shah**, Managing director of the **Kotak Mahindra Asset Management Limited**.

Equitas Small Finance Bank becomes the first SFB to offer end to end online process for NRI account opening

- **Equitas Small Finance Bank** became the first **small finance bank** to offer its **NRI customer** segment the ease of account opening online.
- The NRI applicants will have a span of **90 days** to courier documents after account opening.

DBS Bank launches Asia's first bank-backed crypto trust service

- **Singapore-based DBS Bank** launches **Asia's first bank-backed** trust solution for **cryptocurrencies** as demand for digital assets increases. The service applies only to cryptocurrencies hosted on the digital exchange: **Bitcoin, Ether, Bitcoin Cash** and **XRP**.

SEBI proposes a framework for gold exchange and suggests trading in e-gold receipts

- **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** proposed an elaborate framework for setting up a gold exchange wherein the **yellow metal** will be traded in the form of **Electronic Gold Receipts (EGR)** and will help in having a transparent domestic spot price discovery mechanism.

IDBI Bank launches digital loan processing system for MSMEs and Agri borrowers

- **IDBI Bank** launched its fully digitised loan processing system, offering over **50 products** to **MSMEs** and the **agriculture sector**. The Loan Processing System (LPS) for MSMEs and Agri products seamlessly integrates with data fintech, bureau validations, document storage, account management and customer notifications, among others.

RBI instructs PPI operators to enable PPI interoperability by March 2022

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has instructed **Pre-Paid Instrument (PPIs)** operators to enable full interoperability to **PPI cards** and **PPI e-wallets** for those customers who have fulfilled the entire **Know-Your-Customer (KYC)** criteria.
- Payment companies will need to enable PPI interoperability by **March 2022**.
- The maximum amount outstanding in respect of full-KYC PPIs (KYC-compliant PPIs) has been increased from **Rs. 1 lakh** to **Rs. 2 lakhs**.

HSBC launches its digital banking solutions 'HSBC SmartServe' and 'HSBC IntelliSign' for corporate customers

- **HSBC India** announced the launch of **HSBC SmartServe** and **HSBC IntelliSign**, first-of-its-kind digital solutions aimed at ensuring a quick, secure and seamless onboarding process for corporate clients.

Edelweiss General Insurance launches an end-to-end partner onboarding solution named "IPOS"

- InsurTech startup **Edelweiss General Insurance (EGI)** launched **"IPOS" (Integrated Partner Onboarding Solution)**. The initiative is a fully automated onboarding solution for all its existing and prospective partners, including **agents, brokers** and **web aggregators**.

SIDBI launches quick credit delivery schemes 'SHWAS' and 'AROG' to support COVID-19 preparedness

- **Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)** had launched two new quick credit delivery schemes **SHWAS** (SIDBI assistance to Healthcare sector in War Against the Second wave of COVID-19) and **AROG** (SIDBI Assistance to MSMEs for Recovery & Organic Growth during COVID-19 pandemic) to provide funding for production and services related to supply of **oxygen cylinders, oxygen concentrators, oximeters** and **essential drugs**.

RBI announces Rs. 50,000 crore priority lending by banks for COVID-related healthcare infrastructure

- **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** Governor **Shaktikanta Das** announced **Rs. 50,000 crore** priority lending by banks for hospitals, oxygen suppliers, vaccine importers, COVID drugs, and other COVID-related health infrastructure till **31 March 2022**.

RBI imposes Rs 3 crore fine on ICICI Bank for violating certain rules

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** fined **ICICI Bank** Rs. 3 crore for violating prudential norms on the operation of its investment portfolio. RBI found contravention of norms in the matter of **"shifting of securities from one category to another"**.

RBI excludes Lakshmi Vilas Bank from the Second Schedule of the RBI Act

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has excluded **Lakshmi Vilas Bank (LVB)** from the Second Schedule of the RBI Act after it was merged with **DBS Bank India Limited (DBIL)** last year (2020).
- A bank mentioned in the **Second Schedule** of the Reserve Bank of India Act is known as a '**Scheduled Commercial Bank**'.

eNAM selects Kotak Mahindra Bank as its digital payments partner

- **Kotak Mahindra Bank** has been selected as a digital payments partner by the **National Agriculture Market (eNAM)**. The bank will enable and facilitate online transactions for all stakeholders on the eNam platform, including farmers, traders and **farmer producer organisations (FPOs)**.

Axis Mutual Fund launches 'Axis Global Innovation Fund of Fund'

- **Axis Mutual Fund** has announced the launch of their new fund, '**Axis Global Innovation Fund of Fund**'. The fund will provide investors with an opportunity to invest in **Schroder International Selection Fund Global Disruption**, an equity fund that aims to provide long-term capital growth by investing in companies worldwide that benefit from disruption.

RBI extends restrictions on Karnataka-based Millath Co-operative Bank by 3 months

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has extended the restrictions on **Karnataka-based Millath Co-operative Bank** by three months, till 8 August 2021.

Bajaj Finance gets RBI nod for prepaid payment instruments

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** granted authorisation to **Bajaj Finance** for the issuance and operation of semi-closed **prepaid payment instruments (PPI)** with perpetual validity.

Jana Small Finance Bank launches 'I choose my number' feature

- **Jana Small Finance Bank** had launched the "I choose my number" feature for all its customers across **India**. This new feature gives the bank's existing and new customers the option to select their favorite numbers as the last **10 digits** of their **savings or current account** number.

RBI cancels the licence of West Bengal's United Co-operative Bank over inadequate capital and regulatory non-compliance

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has cancelled the licence of the **United Co-operative Bank Limited**, Bagnan in **West Bengal**, as the bank does not have **adequate capital** and **earning prospects**.
- All the depositors will receive the full amount of their deposits from the **Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC)**.

Union Government is set to issue Sovereign Gold Bonds in six tranches

- The Union Government, in consultation with the Reserve Bank of India, has planned to issue **Sovereign Gold Bonds** in six tranches between **May** and **September 2021**.
- The bond will be on sale through **commercial banks**, **Stock Holding Corporation of India Limited (SHCIL)**, designated **post offices**, **National Stock Exchange (NSE)**, and **Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE)**.

GDP FORECAST

Barclays revises India's GDP growth forecast to 9.2% for FY22

- A British brokerage, **Barclays**, revised India's GDP growth estimate by a sharp 0.80 per cent to **9.2 per cent** for fiscal 2021–22 (FY22).

Moody's revises India's GDP growth forecast to 9.3% for FY22

- Rating agency **Moody's** has revised India's **gross domestic product (GDP)** forecast for **FY22** to **9.3 per cent** from the earlier projection of **13.7 per cent**.

Nomura revises India's GDP growth forecast to 10.8% for FY22

- Japanese brokerage **Nomura** has revised India's GDP growth estimate for the current **2021–22** fiscal to **10.8 per cent** from the earlier **12.6 per cent** due to the impact of the second wave-induced lockdowns.

Fitch Ratings projects India's GDP growth forecast to 9.5% for FY 22

- **Fitch Ratings** revised India's GDP growth forecast for the current financial year (2021–2022) to **9.5 per cent**. Fitch Ratings is an American credit rating agency.

Goldman Sachs lowers India growth forecast to 11.1% from 11.7% for FY22

- **Goldman Sachs** lowered its estimate for India's economic growth to **11.1 per cent** in **FY22 (2021-2022)**. Goldman Sachs has also revised the 2021 Calendar Year growth forecast to **9.7 per cent**, from the previous estimate of **10.5 per cent**.

S&P revises India's GDP growth forecast to 9.8% for FY22

- **S&P Global Ratings** revised India's GDP growth forecast for the current financial year (2021–2022) to **9.8 per cent** from **11 per cent**.

Care Ratings revises India's GDP forecast to 9.2% for FY22

- **Care Rating agency** revised **India's** GDP growth forecast for the current fiscal year (2021–2022) to **9.2 per cent** from **10.2 per cent**. This is the fourth revision by the rating agency in its GDP growth forecast for FY (2021-22) since **March 2021**.

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

- **HDFC Bank** has projected India's GDP growth for the current fiscal year (2021–2022) to **10 per cent** from **11.5 per cent**.

ACQUISITIONS AND MERGERS

Gemini partners with Mastercard to launch new crypto rewards credit card

- **Gemini**, a cryptocurrency platform, announced its first-of-a-kind cryptocurrency rewards **credit card** partnership with **Mastercard** and **WebBank**. The partnership will allow clients to earn up to **3% back** for dining and **2% back** for groceries.

NDDB inks an MoU with EESL to offer energy-efficient solutions to the dairy industry

- **National Dairy Development Board (NDDB)** signed an agreement with **Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL)** to promote efficient renewable technologies in the **dairy industry**. The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed by the Executive Director of NDDB **Meenesh Shah** and EESL Director (Projects) **Venkatesh Dwivedi**.

CtrlS Datacenters partners with Canara HSBC Oriental Bank of Commerce Life Insurance for strategic technology solutions

- **CtrlS Datacenters**, Asia's largest rated-4 hyperscale data center and managed services player, collaborated with **Canara HSBC Oriental Bank of Commerce Life Insurance**, as a strategic technology partner to enhance their overall **technology infrastructure** resilience.

HDFC Bank partners with CSC to offer chat bot Eva's support to village level entrepreneurs

- Private lender **HDFC Bank** has partnered with **Common Services Centers (CSCs)** and jointly announced the launch of chatbot 'Eva' on **CSC's digital seva portal** to support **Village Level Entrepreneurs (VLEs)** in providing banking services for last-mile rural consumers.

IIT Madras collaborates with MPFI to boost digital money transactions in India

- **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras** researchers will collaborate with members of the **Mobile Payment Forum of India (MPFI)** to develop voice-based solutions in multiple vernacular languages to enable larger adoption of digital money transactions in India.

Muthoot Finance ties up with NIRA to offer personal loans

- **Muthoot Finance Limited** has collaborated with fintech **NIRA** as part of its strategy to strengthen its **digital footprint**. Under this partnership, salaried customers can avail a personal loan of up to **Rs. 1 lakh** from Muthoot finance through the **NIRA app**.

Federal Bank ties up with Mashreq Bank to offer instant money transfers from UAE to India

- **Federal Bank** has partnered with **Mashreq Bank**, one of the leading financial institutions in the UAE, to facilitate **money transfers** from the **UAE to India**.

Geojit inks pact with Punjab National Bank to offer three-in-one account

- **Punjab National Bank (PNB)** and **Geojit Financial Services** joined hands to tap retail customers, who are aiming to save more and betting big on capital markets amid pay cuts and falling income levels.
- Both the entities signed an agreement to offer a **"three-in-one account"**, which will combine savings and Demat accounts of the bank with the non-bank's trading account.

PayPal introduces digital foreign inward remittance advice

- **PayPal** has introduced an automated process to obtain the monthly **Foreign Inward Remittance Advice (FIRA)**. At a zero-cost, PayPal merchants will now be able to download their monthly **digital FIRA** issued by the bank by logging into their PayPal account.

Google Pay launches international money transfers with Wise and Western Union

- Alphabet Inc's **Google** has launched international money transfer partnerships with remittances firms **Wise** and **Western Union Co** for users of its US payments app.

Zensar to acquire US-based digital engineering firm M3bi

- **Zensar Technologies** has entered into a definitive agreement to acquire **M3bi**, an Arizona-based data and digital engineering firm. Zensar Technologies Limited will acquire the **entire share capital** of **M3bi Private Limited (M3bi India)** for \$21.60 million.

PayPoint partners with Digit General Insurance to grant health cover in rural India

- **PayPoint India** has partnered with Digit General Insurance to bring **affordable health insurance** for its customers in the under-served regions of India.

Johnson and Johnson partners with Telangana based Biological E Limited to manufacture COVID-19 vaccine

- US pharmaceutical company **Johnson and Johnson** had joined hands with Telangana-based **Biological E Limited** for the manufacturing of **COVID-19 vaccine**.

CCI approves sale of Yes Bank's mutual funds' subsidiaries to GPL Finance and Investments

- Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved the acquisition of **Yes Asset Management (India) Limited** and **Yes Trustee Limited** by GPL Finance and Investments Limited.

OneWeb partners with SoftBank to roll out satellite communication services

- **SoftBank Corp** has partnered with **OneWeb** to promote **OneWeb's satellite communication services** in the global and Japanese markets.

Groww acquires Indiabulls Mutual Fund for Rs. 175 crore

- Online investment platform **Groww** signed an agreement with Indiabulls Housing Finance to acquire its asset management company for **Rs. 175 crore**, paving the way for the Bengaluru-based fintech startup (Groww) to enter the **mutual fund business**.

Google partners with Elon Musk's SpaceX to provide Starlink internet service

- **Google** has partnered with **SpaceX** to provide cloud services to help deliver the internet through the latter's **Starlink satellites**. Under the deal, **Elon Musk's** space development company will install Starlink ground stations at **Google data centres** that connect to Starlink satellites to enable high-speed broadband internet via **Google Cloud**.

State Bank of India partners with HyperVerge for AI-powered online account opening

- India's largest bank, **State Bank of India (SBI)**, partnered with **HyperVerge** to achieve a whopping 10x improvement over the regular **video KYC** checks performed per day per agent.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) allowed banks to adopt the **Video Customer Identification Process (V-CIP)** from **January 2020**.

Mahindra Rural Housing Finance partners with IPPB for cash management solution

- **Mahindra Rural Housing Finance** had partnered with **India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)** for a cash management solution.
- Under this partnership, IPPB will be offering **cash management** and **collection services** to MRHFL through its access points and postal service providers.

NPCI partners with PayCore to help merchants accept contactless payments

- The **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)** had partnered with **PayCore**, Turkey's global payment solutions company, as one of the certified partners for **RuPay SoftPOS** to drive cashless payments across India.
- **RuPay SoftPOS** enables merchants to accept payments securely from contactless cards, mobile wallets, and wearables just with their mobile phones.

Amazon buys movie studio MGM for \$8.45 billion

- **Amazon.com Inc** bought **MGM (Metro Goldwyn Mayer)**, the fabled US movie studio home to the **James Bond franchise**, for **\$8.45 billion**.

PayNearby ties up with Centrum Microcredit to facilitate unsecured business loans to retailers

- India's leading branchless banking and digital payments network, **PayNearby**, had tied up with **Centrum Microcredit Limited** to facilitate unsecured business loans to its retail partners.

FlexiLoans partners with Vivriti Capital to disburse loans worth Rs. 300 crores to MSMEs

- Fintech platform **FlexiLoans.com** has partnered with **Vivriti Capital** to provide working capital financing of over **Rs. 300 crores** to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) across India.
- The partnership will be powered by FlexiLoans.com's technology and credit underwriting platform '**BiFrost**', which has been integrated with Vivriti's Co-lending platform '**CredAvenue**'.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Reliance Jio joins global consortium to build an undersea cable network

- Telecom operator **Reliance Jio** announced that it is constructing the largest **international submarine cable system** centred on India with **global partners** and submarine cable supplier **Subcom** to increase data demand.

DRDO develops antibody detection kit for COVID-19 named “DIPCOVAN kit”

- **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** has developed a new antibody detection-based kit, “**DIPCOVAN kit**”, that can give the result in **75 minutes** and will cost **Rs. 75**.
- Recently, DRDO launched its **2-deoxy-D-glucose (2-DG) drug** for adjunct therapy for COVID-19.

IIT Ropar develops unique detector ‘FakeBuster’ to detect imposters attending a virtual conference

- **The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Ropar**, Punjab and Australia-based **Monash University** had developed a unique detector named ‘**FakeBuster**’ to detect imposters attending a virtual conference without anyone’s knowledge.
- It can also find out **faces manipulated** on social media to defame or make a joke of someone.

IIT Madras team develops Blocktrack app for healthcare information system

- Researchers at the **Indian Institute of Technology-Madras** have developed “**blocktrack**”, a blockchain-based secure **medical data** and **information exchange** system for mobile phone applications. This system is currently being field-tested at the **IIT Madras Institute Hospital**.

NEERI develops 'saline gargle' method for COVID-19 tests results within three hours

- Scientists of the Nagpur-based **National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (NEERI)** have developed a '**saline gargle RT-PCR method**' for testing COVID-19 samples that can provide results within **three hours**.

IIT Guwahati researchers design "smart windows" to cut carbon emissions

- **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Guwahati** researchers have developed **smart window materials** for automatic climate control of buildings. Such smart window materials would help to develop efficient **automatic climate control systems** in buildings. The **smart window ‘glasses’** were designed by using **noble metals**.

Bellatrix Aerospace successfully tests India’s first privately built hall thruster

- **Bengaluru**-based space-tech startup **Bellatrix Aerospace** has successfully tested **India’s first privately built Hall Thruster**. Hall Thruster is a highly efficient electric propulsion system for satellites weighing **50 to 500 kg**.

DRDO develops near-isothermal forging technology for aero-engines

- The **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** has developed the near **isothermal forging technology** used in manufacturing parts for aero-engines.

IIM Indore collaborates with GIZ to help businesses tackle post COVID-19 challenges

- **IIM Indore** has joined hands with The Deutsche **Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH (GIZ)**, German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) to undertake a study on post COVID-19 business scenario.

NASA to send its first mobile robot to search for water on the Moon in 2023

- The **National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)** is planning to search for water and other resources on the **Moon** in **2023**. NASA (as part of its Artemis program) is planning to send its **first mobile robot** to the Moon in late **2023** in search of ice and other resources on and below the **lunar surface**.
- The robot named '**VIPER**' (**Volatiles Investigating Polar Exploration Rover**) is part of the Artemis program.

Iran develops its first completely self-developed Supercomputer named "Simorgh"

- **Iran developer's** new supercomputer "**Simorgh**" will provide large-scale data processing services for a range of state-run and private scientific research.
- The supercomputer was developed indigenously by Tehran's **Amirkabir University of Technology (AUT)**. The supercomputer has a performance capacity of **0.56 petaflops**.

China successfully launches a new ocean observation satellite named "Haiyang-2D"

- **China** successfully launched "**Haiyang-2D**", a new ocean-monitoring satellite, into orbit. The satellite was launched by a **Long March-4B** rocket carrying the **Haiyang-2D (HY-2D)** satellite from the **Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre** in northwest China.

AgNext Technologies introduces AI-based devices to test the quality of agricultural products

- A Punjab-based firm, **AgNext Technologies**, has come up with a system based on **digital technology** and **artificial intelligence (AI)** that combines hardware, software and algorithms to test **agricultural products** for quality.

Scientists develops new high-yielding, pest-resistant soybean variety 'MACS 1407'

- Scientists in India have developed a **high-yielding & pest-resistant** variety of **soybean 'MACS 1407'**.
- This new variety is suitable for cultivation in **Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, West Bengal, Assam** and **Northeastern states**. The seeds of **MACS 1407** will be made available to the farmers for sowing during the **2022** Kharif season.

Russia produces first batch of covid vaccine for animals

- **Russia** has produced the **world's first** batch — **17,000 doses** — of COVID-19 vaccines for **animals**. Russia registered **Carnivac-Cov** in March after tests showed it generated antibodies against COVID-19 in dogs, cats, foxes and mink.

100-million-year-old Sauropod Dinosaur Bones discovered in Meghalaya

- Researchers have identified fossil bone fragments of **Sauropod dinosaurs** dating back to about **100 million years** from an area around **West Khasi Hills** district in **Meghalaya**.

Stratolaunch flies world's largest airplane on 2nd test flight

- **Stratolaunch's Roc carrier plane**, which is being groomed to haul hypersonic vehicles aloft, conducted its **second-ever test flight**.
- The giant aircraft, which features a wingspan of **385 feet (117 metres)**, took off from **Mojave Air and Space Port** in southeastern California.

Anand Mahindra launches 'Oxygen on Wheels' to tackle COVID-19 crisis

- Mahindra group chairman **Anand Mahindra** launched the '**Oxygen on Wheels**' project to ease the transportation of oxygen from production plants to hospitals and homes. '**Oxygen on Wheels**' uses trucks in local shuttle routes to connect oxygen producers with hospitals and homes.

Serum Institute of India set to invest £240 million in the UK

- Ahead of the **UK-India** bilateral summit, UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson, has announced **£1 billion** investment deals by Indian companies that will create **6,500** jobs in the UK.
- The biggest in the investment deals is by the **Serum Institute of India (SII)**, amounting to **£240 million**.

6 young girls from Assam develop biodegradable yoga mat

- A **biodegradable and compostable** yoga mat called '**Moorhen Yoga mat**' developed from **water hyacinth** by **six** young girls from the fishing community in **Assam** could turn this water plant from a nuisance to wealth.

IBM unveils the world's first 2-nanometer chip technology

- **IBM** (International Business Machines Corporation) has unveiled a breakthrough in **semiconductor** design and process with the development of the **world's first chip** with **2 nanometers (nm)** nanosheet technology.

World's first artificial intelligent ship "Mayflower 400" to navigate across the Atlantic Ocean

- A team of researchers from the marine research organisation, **ProMare** with **IBM** acting as technology partner, built the **world's first intelligent ship** known as the **Mayflower 400**. The ship is set to navigate across the **Atlantic Ocean**.

SpaceX set to launch DOGE-1 satellite to the Moon funded with Dogecoin in 2022

- **SpaceX** will launch a satellite to the **Moon** in 2022, funded entirely with the cryptocurrency **Dogecoin**. The funded lunar mission is led by the Canadian company **Geometric Energy Corporation**.
- The satellite, dubbed '**DOGE-1**', will be launched aboard a **SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket** in the first quarter of **2022**.

NASA partners with Axiom for first private astronaut mission to the International Space Station

- **NASA** (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) and private space infrastructure company **Axiom Space** have signed an order for the **first private astronaut mission** to the International Space Station (ISS) to take place no sooner than **January 2022**.
- The spaceflight designated as **Axiom Mission 1 (Ax-1)** will launch from NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

IIT Ropar develops portable tech-traditional eco-friendly mobile cremation system

- **Indian Institute of Technology, Ropar** has developed a prototype of a **moveable electric cremation system** which claims to be using first of its kind technology that involves **smokeless cremation** despite using wood.

APPOINTMENTS

Bata India appoints former Britannia executive Gunjan Shah as its CEO

- Footwear major **Bata India** has appointed **Gunjan Shah** as its new Chief Executive Officer (CEO). He has been serving at **Britannia Industries** as its Chief Commercial Officer (COO).
- He replaces **Sandeep Kataria**, who was elevated as the global CEO of **Bata Brands**.

Martha Koome becomes Kenya's first woman Chief Justice

- President of Kenya, **Uhuru Kenyatta**, has appointed Court of Appeal **Judge Martha Koome** as the East African country's **first woman Chief Justice** and head of the judiciary. She replaced **David Maraga**.

Chennai Petroleum Corporation appoints Arvind Kumar as its Managing Director

- The **Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB)** has picked **Arvind Kumar** as the Managing Director of **Chennai Petroleum Corporation Limited**, a unit of Indian Oil Corporation Limited. He is currently an executive director at **Indian Oil Corporation**.

Former Indian cricketer Ramesh Powar was appointed as the head coach of the India Women Cricket Team

- The **Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)** has appointed former Indian cricketer **Ramesh Powar** as the head coach of the **Indian Women's Cricket Team**. He replaced **WV Raman**.

Bank of India appoints Vandita Kaul as its nominee director on board

- **Vandita Kaul** was appointed as the nominee director of the **Bank of India (BOI)**. Bank of India has a total of eight members on its board, including the MD and CEO **Atanu Kumar Das**, its four executive directors, one nominee director each from the Government and the RBI, and one shareholder director.

Indian hockey team goalkeeper PR Sreejesh was appointed as a member of the FIH Athletes' Committee

- India hockey team goalkeeper **PR Sreejesh** was appointed as a member of the **FIH (International Hockey Federation) Athletes' Committee** during the virtual meeting of the world body's Executive Board.
- The board also approved the appointment of **Steve Horgan (USA)** as the new chair of the **FIH Rules Committee**, succeeding **David Collier (England)**.

Dai-ichi Life Insurance Company appoints Abhay Tewari as its MD & CEO

- Star Union **Dai-ichi Life Insurance Company Limited** has announced the appointment of **Abhay Tewari** as its Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

International Council for Advertising Self-Regulation (ICAS) appoints Manisha Kapoor as its Vice-President

- **Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI)** announced that its General Secretary **Manisha Kapoor** has now been appointed to the executive committee of the **International Council for Advertising Self-Regulation (ICAS)**.

India-born Rajesh Agrawal was re-appointed London's Deputy Mayor for Business

- India-born entrepreneur **Rajesh Agrawal** was re-appointed as **London's Deputy Mayor** for Business by Mayor **Sadiq Khan** after he won a second term in local elections last week.
- Rajesh Agrawal is also the co-chair of the **Labour Friends of India (LFIN)** diaspora representative group of the Opposition Labour Party.

Indian-American Neera Tanden was appointed as the senior adviser of the White House

- Indian-American **Neera Tanden** was appointed as the senior adviser to US President **Joe Biden**, two months after she withdrew her nomination as **Director** of the **White House Office** of Management and Budget due to stiff opposition from Republican senators.

Sanjay Kumar Mohanty takes charge as the new Member (Operations & Business Development) of the Railway Board

- **Sanjay Kumar Mohanty** has taken over the charge as the new Member (**Operations & Business Development**) of the **Railway Board** (Union Ministry of Railways) and **Ex. Officio Secretary** to the Union **Government of India**.

Narinder Batra re-elected as the President of the International Hockey Federation (FIH)

- **Narinder Batra** was re-elected as the President of the **International Hockey Federation (FIH)** for a second term during the virtual **47th** Congress of the sport's global governing body.
- He is also the President of the **Indian Olympic Association (IOA)** and an **International Olympic Committee (IOC)** member.

Rajesh Bansal was appointed as the CEO of the Reserve Bank Innovation Hub

- **Rajesh Bansal** was appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the **Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH)**. He succeeded Infosys co-founder **Kris Gopalakrishnan**.

Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH):

- **Reserve Bank Innovation Hub** would be guided and managed by a **Governing Council (GC)** led by a chairperson. It would develop internal infrastructure to promote fintech research and facilitate engagement with **innovators** and **start-ups**. This will also promote **financial inclusion**.

Jammu and Kashmir Chief Secretary BVR Subrahmanyam was appointed as the Union Commerce Secretary

- Chief Secretary of Jammu and Kashmir, **BVR Subrahmanyam**, was appointed as next the **Commerce Secretary** of Government of India. He succeeded **Anup Wadhawan**.

CRPF DG Kuldiep Singh gets additional charge as the National Investigation Agency Chief

- Director-General of **Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)** **Kuldiep Singh** has been given additional charge of Director-General of the **National Investigation Agency (NIA)**. He succeeded **YC Modi**.

RAW Chief Samant Kumar Goel and Intelligence Bureau head Arvind Kumar gets a one-year extension

- Research and Analysis Wing (RAW) Chief **Samant Kumar Goel** and **Intelligence Bureau (IB)** head **Arvind Kumar** were given a one-year extension.

Justice Prashant Kumar Mishra was appointed as the acting Chief Justice of Chhattisgarh High Court

- Justice **Prashant Kumar Mishra**, the senior-most judge of the Chhattisgarh High Court, was appointed as its acting Chief Justice. He replaced Justice **Parappillil Ramakrishnan Nair Ramachandra Menon**, who retired recently.

Subodh Kumar Jaiswal was appointed as the Director of the CBI

- The Union Government has appointed **Subodh Kumar Jaiswal** as the **Director of CBI** (Central Bureau of Investigation) for two years.

Indian-origin Anvee Bhutani was elected as the President of Oxford Students Union

- **Anvee Bhutani**, an Indian-origin student from **Magdalen College** at the **University of Oxford**, has won the Student Union (SU) byelection for the 2021–22 academic year.

BAI President Himanta Biswa Sarma was elected to the BWF Council

- **Badminton Association of India (BAI)** President **Himanta Biswa Sarma** was elected to the **Badminton World Federation (BWF) Council** for four years till **2025**. He is also the Vice President of **Badminton Asia**. He is the current Chief Minister of **Assam**.

Mridul Kumar was appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Mexico

- **Mridul Kumar** was appointed as the next Ambassador of India to **Mexico**. He is presently working as the High Commissioner of India to **Malaysia**.

Rajeev Kumar Vishnoi was appointed as the CMD of THDC India Limited

- **Rajeev Kumar Vishnoi** was appointed as the Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of the **THDC India Limited** recommended by the Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB).

Pradip Kumar Yadav was appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Liberia

- **Pradip Kumar Yadav** was appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the **Republic of Liberia**. He is presently working as a Director in the Union Ministry of External Affairs.
- Also, **Alok Ranjan Jha** was appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the **Republic of Belarus**. He is presently working as a Joint Secretary in the Union Ministry of External Affairs. He is a 2002 batch IFS officer.

Jagjit Pavadia was elected as President of International Narcotics Control Board

- Former **Narcotics Commissioner of India** and a retired officer of the Indian Revenue Service (Customs), **Jagjit Pavadia**, was elected as the President of the **International Narcotics Control Board (INCB)**.
- The INCB is a Vienna based quasi-judicial body responsible for the implementation of the **United Nations international drug control convention**.

Aashritha V Olety becomes the first Indian woman flight test engineer

- Squadron Leader **Aashritha V Olety** is the first and only woman in the IAF qualified for the role as a **flight test engineer**. She will be responsible for evaluating aircraft and airborne systems before their induction into the armed forces.

Laurence Des Cars becomes the First Woman Chief of the Louvre Museum in France

- **Laurence Des Cars** became the first woman chief of the **Louvre Museum** in **Paris, France**. It is the world's biggest museum and it was opened **228 years** ago. She replaced **Jean-Luc Martinez**.

Ashutosh Choudhary was appointed as the Chief Risk Officer of Punjab National Bank

- **Punjab National Bank** announced the appointment of **Ashutosh Choudhury**, General Manager (impanelled as Chief General Manager), as **Group Chief Risk Officer (GCRO)** of Punjab National Bank. He replaced **Vishesh Kumar Srivastava**.

Joe Biden nominates Indian American Arun Venkataraman as head of US Foreign Commercial Service

- US President **Joe Biden** has nominated Indian American **Arun Venkataraman** for the post of Director-General of the United States and **Foreign Commercial Service** and the Assistant Secretary for **Global Markets** in the Department of Commerce.

RBI appoints T Rabi Sankar as one of its Deputy Governor

- **T Rabi Sankar** was appointed as the fourth **Deputy Governor** of the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** for three years. He currently serves as the executive director in charge of **payments and settlement**. **Rabi Sankar** succeeded **BP Kanungo** as the Deputy Governor.

Kotak Mahindra Life appoints Mahesh Balasubramanian as its Managing Director

- **Kotak Mahindra Life Insurance Company Limited (KLI)** was appointed **Mahesh Balasubramanian** as Managing Director of the company for a period of three years. He succeeded **G Murlidhar**.
- **Suresh Agarwal** was elevated to Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of **Kotak General Insurance**.

National Human Rights Commission appoints Justice Prafulla Chandra Pant as its acting chairperson

- The **National Human Rights Commission (NHRC)** announced NHRC member Justice (retired) **Prafulla Chandra Pant** had appointed as the acting chairperson of the Commission with effect from 25 April.

PV Sindhu and Michelle Li named athlete ambassadors for IOC's 'Believe in Sports' campaign

- World champion and Olympic silver medallist **PV Sindhu** and world no. 11 Canada's **Michelle Li** have been nominated as athlete ambassadors for International Olympic Committee's 'Believe in Sports' campaign.

Vijay Goel takes over as Chairman and Managing Director of THDCIL

- **Vijay Goel** was appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director of **THDC (Tehri Hydro Development Corporation) India Limited**. He is also discharging the responsibility of the director (personnel) of THDCIL.

Ola Electric appoints former Jaguar design director Wayne Burgess as Vice-President of Design

- Former **Jaguar** design director **Wayne Burgess** was appointed as the Vice-President of Design in **Ola Electric**. He has been with **Jaguar Land Rover** for two decades.

Senior IAS Officer Tripurari Sharan appointed as its new Bihar Chief Secretary

- Senior IAS officer **Tripurari Sharan** was appointed as the new **Chief Secretary** of **Bihar** for a period of two months. He succeeded **Arun Kumar Singh** who died recently. He is a 1985 batch IAS officer.

Jose Mourinho was appointed as coach of the Italian football club AS Roma

- **Coach** of the Italian football club **AS Roma**, **Jose Mourinho** on a three-year contract from next season onwards. He succeeded **Paulo Fonseca**.

US Diplomat Daniel Smith takes charge as interim envoy to India

- Top American diplomat **Daniel Smith** has taken charge as the **US interim envoy to India**. The **Biden administration** had deputed him to spearhead close cooperation between the two countries.

Apple hires former-Google AI scientist Samy Bengio

- **Apple Inc** has hired former distinguished **Google scientist Samy Bengio**, who left the search giant amid turmoil in its artificial intelligence research department.
- **Samy Bengio** is expected to lead a **new AI research unit** at **Apple** under **John Giannandrea**, senior vice president of machine learning and AI strategy.

Sunder Pichai, Punit Renjen and Shantanu Narayen join the global COVID task force to help India

- Three Indian-American CEOs — **Sunder Pichai** from Google, **Punit Renjen** from Deloitte and **Shantanu Narayen** from Adobe, have joined the steering committee of the Global Task Force on Pandemic Response to help India successfully fight COVID-19.
- The task force is a newly formed public-private partnership organised by the **US Chamber of Commerce** and supported by **Business Roundtable**.

Sir David Attenborough was named as COP26 People's Advocate

- **Sir David Attenborough** became **COP26 People's Advocate** for the **UK's Presidency** of the **UN climate change summit 2020 in Glasgow**. He is a world-renowned broadcaster and natural historian.

Ram Karan Verma was appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Central African Republic

- **Ram Karan Verma** was appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the **Central African Republic**. He is a 1987 Indian Foreign Services (IFS) officer.

Sally Buzbee was named as the Executive Editor of The Washington Post

- Senior Vice President and Executive Editor of The Associated Press, **Sally Buzbee** was named as the Executive Editor of The Washington Post. She succeeded **Marty Baron**.
- Journalist **Sally Buzbee** became the first woman to be appointed to lead newsroom.

UN diplomat Martin Griffiths was appointed as the UN humanitarian chief

- The **United Nations** Chief, **Antonio Guterres** has appointed veteran British diplomat **Martin Griffiths**, a seasoned negotiator with wide global experience, as the new UN humanitarian chief. He has spent the last three years as the **UN special envoy** for Yemen.

Elisabetta Belloni was named as the first woman to head Italy's secret service

- A former ambassador, **Elisabetta Belloni** was named as the first woman to lead **Italy's secret services**. Prime Minister **Mario Draghi** announced **Elisabetta Belloni** as head of the Department of **Information Security (DIS)**.
- She has already been the first woman to hold key **foreign ministry**, Italy's highest diplomatic post.

Tamil Nadu Government appoints Irai Anbu as its Chief Secretary

- Senior bureaucrat **V Irai Anbu** was appointed as the Chief Secretary of **Tamil Nadu**. He succeeded **Rajeev Ranjan**.
- As per a government order, **T Udhayachandran**, Commissioner of archaeology, **P Umanath**, **MS Shanmugam**, and **Anu George** were appointed as Secretaries I, II, III, and IV to assist MK Stalin, the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.

RM Sundaram was named as the Director of the Indian Institute of Rice Research

- **Raman Meenakshi Sundaram** was appointed as the Director of the **Indian Institute of Rice Research (IIRR)**, an arm of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research. Prior to this elevation, he was working as Principal Scientist (Biotechnology) at the **Institute's Crop Improvement Section**. He is a scientist associated with rice **biotechnology, molecular breeding, etc.**

RBI sets up advisory group headed by S Janakiraman to assist regulatory review authority

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** announced the setting up of an advisory group to assist the **second Regulatory Review Authority (RRA 2.0)** for one year from **1 May 2021**.
- The advisory group will be headed by SBI Managing Director **S Janakiraman**. Reserve Bank of India Deputy Governor **M Rajeshwar Rao** was appointed as the **Regulations Review Authority**.

Other members of the advisory group are:

1. **TT Srinivasaraghavan** (Former Managing Director and Non-Executive Director of Sundaram Finance)
2. **Gautam Thakur** (Chairman of Saraswat Cooperative Bank)
3. **Subir Saha** (Group Chief Compliance Officer of ICICI Bank)
4. **Ravi Duvvuru** (President and CCO of Jana Small Finance Bank)
5. **Abadaan Viccaji** (Chief Compliance Officer of HSBC India).

Reserve Bank of India appoints Jose J Kattoor as the new Executive Director of RBI

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has appointed **Jose J Kattoor** as its **executive director (ED)**. He will look after human resource management, corporate strategy, budget and rajbhasha departments at the Reserve Bank of India.

Indian-origin immunologist Sankar Ghosh was elected to the National Academy of Sciences

- An eminent and award-winning Indian-origin immunologist, **Sankar Ghosh** was elected to the prestigious **National Academy of Sciences** in recognition of his distinguished and continuing achievements in original research.

National Asset Reconstruction Company appoints Padmakumar M Nair as its CEO

- State Bank of India's **Padmakumar Madhavan Nair** is set to take charge as the chief of the **National Asset Reconstruction Company Limited (NARCL)**. He is currently serving as the Chief General Manager (CGM), in charge of stressed assets in SBI.

Ujjwala Singhania takes over as the 38th National President of FICCI FLO

- **Ujjwala Singhania** was appointed as the National President of **FICCI Ladies Organisation (FLO)**, the oldest women-led & women-centric business chamber of **Southeast Asia**. She took over as the **38th President** of FLO at the FLO's 37th Annual Session.

Former Senator Bill Nelson was sworn in as the 14th NASA Administrator

- Former Senator **Bill Nelson** was sworn in as the **14th NASA Administrator** by Vice President **Kamala Harris** at the Ceremonial Office in **Washington**.
- A moon rock collected by astronaut **John Young** during the **Apollo 16** mission was on display and former NASA Administrators **Jim Bridenstine** and **Charles Bolden** were also present.

PESB appoints Arun Kumar Singh as the next CMD of BPCL

- The **Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB)** has picked **Arun Kumar Singh** as the Chairman and Managing Director of state-run oil refining and marketing firm **Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL)**.

McDonald's India (North & East) appoints Rajeev Ranjan and Rajeev Goel as its COO and CFO

- **Connaught Plaza Restaurants Pvt Limited (CPRL)**, the master franchisee for **McDonald's India** (North & East), has announced the appointment of **Rajeev Ranjan** as Chief Operating Officer (COO) and **Rajeev Goel** as Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of the company.

Godrej Consumer Products appoints HUL'S Sudhir Sitapati as Managing Director and CEO

- **Godrej Consumer Products** has appointed **Sudhir Sitapati** as its Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the company for **five years**, with effect from 18 October 2021.

Suzuki Motorcycle India appoints Satoshi Uchida as Company Head

- **Suzuki Motorcycle India Private Limited (SMIPL)** has appointed **Satoshi Uchida** as its new **Company Head** as part of a global revamp by the parent **Suzuki Motor Corporation (SMC)**. He has succeeded **Koichiro Hirao**.

The Indian Broadcasting Foundation appoints former Justice Vikramjit Sen as its Chairman

- Former Supreme Court Judge, Justice **Vikramjit Sen** was appointed as the Chairman of the newly formed self-regulatory body **Digital Media Content Regulatory Council (DMCRC)** for digital OTT (over-the-top) platforms. It was formed by the **Indian Broadcasting Foundation (IBF)**.
- The apex body of broadcasters, the **Indian Broadcasting Foundation (IBF)** is to be renamed as the **Indian Broadcasting & Digital Foundation (IBDF)**.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Shyamala Ganesh to be conferred with Japan's 'Order of the Rising Sun' award

- The former director of the **Japanese Language School**, **Shyamala Ganesh** conferred with **the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays** for her contribution to the spread of the Japanese language and culture in **Karnataka**.

Philippines' journalist Maria Ressa to receive 2021 UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize

- **Maria Ressa** was named as the 2021 laureate of the **UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize**. The \$25,000 prize “recognises outstanding contributions to the defence or promotion of press freedom especially in the face of danger”. The prize was named after the Colombian journalist **Guillermo Cano Isaza**.

Jungle Cry wins the 'Best Film' Award at the Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival Awards 2021

- '**Jungle Cry**' won the '**Best Film (Jury)** Award at the **11th Dada Saheb Phalke International Film Festival 2021**. The film was directed by **Sagar Ballary**. '**Jungle Cry**' is based on the inspiring true story of 12 students from Kalinga Institute (KISS).
- The **Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival (DPIFF)** is a unique platform to honour and encourage the most creative **artists, creators, filmmakers**, and to infuse life into their career.

International Association of Women Judges confers Arline Pacht Global Vision Award for 2021 to Justice Gita Mittal

- Former Chief Justice of Jammu and Kashmir High Court, **Justice Gita Mittal**, has been conferred with the prestigious **Arline Pacht Global Vision Award for 2021** along with **Margarita Luna Ramos** from Mexico by the **International Association of Women Judges (IAWJ)**.

Six Indian heritage sites were added to the tentative list of UNESCO World Heritage Sites

- Union Minister of Cultural **Prahlad Singh Patel** announced that six of India's heritage sites had made it to the UNESCO's tentative list.
- Six Indian sites, including the **temples of Kanchipuram** in Tamil Nadu, the **Ganga ghats** in Varanasi, **Bhedaghat** in Madhya Pradesh, **the Satpura Tiger Reserve** in Madhya Pradesh, **Maratha Military architecture** in Maharashtra, and **Hire Bankal** of Karnataka have been added to the tentative list of the UNESCO's world heritage sites.

Nobel Laureate Amartya Sen was conferred with Spain's "Princess of Asturias Award 2021" in social sciences

- Indian economist and Nobel Laureate **Amartya Kumar Sen** was conferred with Spain's **Princess of Asturias Award 2021** in the social sciences category.

Bollywood Actor Sanjay Dutt receives a golden visa for the United Arab Emirates

- Bollywood actor **Sanjay Dutt** had received a golden visa for the **United Arab Emirates (UAE)**. The UAE Government had in **2019** implemented a new system for **long-term residence visas**, enabling foreigners to live, work and study in the UAE without the need of a national sponsor.

Three Indian peacekeepers were honoured posthumously with a prestigious UN medal for sacrifice in the line of duty

- Three Indian peacekeepers, namely **Corporal Yuvraj Singh**, who served with the **United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS)** and two civilian peacekeepers —**Ivan Michael Picardo**, who served with UNMISS, and **Mulchand Yadav**, who worked for the UN Assistance Mission in Iraq (UNAMI) —were honoured posthumously with the **Dag Hammarskjold Medal** during a virtual ceremony.

Hong Kong mountaineer Tsang Yin-hung becomes the fastest woman to scale Mount Everest

- The 44-year-old Former **Hong Kong** school teacher **Tsang Yin-hung** scaled Mount Everest (8,848.86 m) in 25 hours and 50 minutes. She became the fastest woman mountaineer to climb **Mount Everest**.
- The 75-year-old **Arthur Muir** became the oldest American to climb the world's highest peak (Mount Everest) at 8,848.86 metres (29,031 feet).

Jordan Clarkson wins 2020–21 Kia NBA Sixth Man Award

- Jazz guard **Jordan Clarkson** was named the 2020–21 Kia **NBA Sixth Man of the Year award**. This is the first Sixth Man honour for Clarkson, who becomes the first player to win the annual award with the Jazz.

TCS CodeVita wins new Guinness World Records title for world's largest programming competition

- **Tata Consultancy Services** programming contest, **TCS CodeVita**, has won a Guinness World Records title for the world's largest computer programming competition.

Professor CNR Rao bags the Eni International Award 2020 for renewable energy research

- Bharat Ratna awardee Professor **CNR Rao** has received **International Eni Award 2020** for research into **renewable energy sources** and energy storage, also called the **Energy Frontier award**. This is considered to be the **Nobel Prize in Energy Research**.

Mexican author Valeria Luiselli won the 2021 International Dublin Literary Award for her book 'Lost Children Archive'

- **Mexican** author **Valeria Luiselli** won the 2021 International Dublin Literary Award for her work '**Lost Children Archive**'. The American policy of keeping children away from their parents at the **Mexican-American border** was the origin of this fictional novel. The book also won the **Rathbones Folio prize** in 2020.

Primatologist Jane Goodall wins 2021 Templeton Prize for her life's work on animal intelligence and humanity

- The primatologist **Jane Goodall** was announced as the 2021 winner of the Templeton Prize in recognition of her life's work on **animal intelligence and humanity**. She is an anthropologist, English primatologist and the world's foremost expert on chimpanzees.

Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik's Private Secretary VK Pandian to receive FIH President's Award

- Chief Minister of Odisha, **Naveen Patnaik's** Private Secretary, **V Karthikeyan Pandian**, was named as a recipient of the prestigious **FIH (International Hockey Federation) President's Award**.

Nageshwar Reddy becomes the first Indian doctor to win Rudolf Schindler Award

- Padma Bhushan awardee **Dr. Nageshwar Reddy** has been bestowed with the **Rudolf V. Schindler Award** from The American Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ASGE), one of the apex bodies in the world of GI endoscopy.

Hockey India wins prestigious Etienne Glichitch Award

- **Hockey India** won the prestigious **Etienne Glichitch Award** in recognition of its contribution to the growth and development of the sport in India. The award was announced by the governing body of the game **International Hockey Federation (FIH)**.
- The **Polish Hockey Association** won the **Theo Ikema Award**. England striker **Sam Ward** was named as the recipient of the **Super Fair Play Trophy René G Frank**.
- **Sharon Williamson** of New Zealand was named as the winner of the **HRH Sultan Azlan Shah Award**.

Shree Malani Foams Pvt Ltd wins the Star Export House Award by the Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry

- **Shree Malani Foams Private Limited** won the coveted '**Star Export House**' award from the Union Ministry of Commerce & Industry. The certification is valid for 5 years, between **2021 to 2026**.

Ramanathapuram forest ranger Sathish bags MoEFCC India Biodiversity Award 2021

- The forest range officer of **Ramanathapuram** subdivision of Gulf of Mannar Marine National Park, **S Sathish** has bagged the '**India Biodiversity Award 2021**'.
- He won the award under the '**Sustainable Use of Biological Resources**' category. **NM Shaji** won the India Biodiversity Award 2021 in the individual category of '**Conservation of Domesticated Species**'.

Bangalore based startup Breathe Applied Sciences receives TDB National Award 2021

- **Union Ministry of Science and Technology** announced that a Bangalore-based startup, **Breathe Applied Sciences**, has received the **National Award 2021** from the **Technology Development Board (TDB)** for developing a commercial solution for the conversion of carbon dioxide (CO₂) to chemicals and fuels.

SpiceHealth wins Gold Asia-Pacific Stevie Award 2021

- **SpiceHealth**, a healthcare company founded by the promoters of **SpiceJet**, has won the **Gold Award** at the **2021 Asia-Pacific Stevie Awards** for '**Most Valuable Medical Innovation**' under coronavirus disease (COVID-19) response category.

SAIL enters 100 most-valued Indian firms' club

- **Steel Authority of India Ltd (SAIL)** regained market capitalisation (m-cap) of **Rs. 50,000 crores** after its stock climbed over 80 per cent in the past one and half months.

Nutrition scientist Dr. Shakuntala Thilsted was awarded the 2021 World Food Prize

- **Dr. Shakuntala Haraksingh Thilsted**, a global nutrition expert of Indian descent, has won the prestigious **2021 World Food Prize** for her groundbreaking research in developing holistic, nutrition-sensitive approaches to aquaculture and food systems.
- She becomes the **first woman of Asian heritage** to receive this award.

Karnataka Vikas Grameen Bank bags PFRDA awards

- **Karnataka Vikas Grameen Bank (KVGB)**, a regional rural bank, has bagged **five awards (Lead to Leap, APY Makers of Excellence, Game Changers, Leadership Capital and Amazing Achievers)** under various campaigns held for enrolment of **Atal Pension Yojana (APY)** from the **Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)**.

Anupam Kher bags Best Actor Award at the New York City International Film Festival

- Bollywood actor **Anupam Kher** won the Best Actor Award at the **New York City International Film Festival** for the short film titled '**Happy Birthday**'. This film also won the **Best Short Film Award** at the film festival. The short film was directed by **Prasad Kadam** and produced by **FNP Media**.

Tahera Qutbuddin becomes the first person of Indian origin to win the Arab world Nobel prize

- **Dr. Tahera Qutbuddin**, a professor of Arabic Literature at the **University of Chicago**, became the first person of Indian origin to win the **15th Sheikh Zayed Book Award** for her latest book, "**Arabic Oration - Art and Function**". The award is considered to be the "Nobel Prize of the Arab world".

Babar Azam and Alyssa Healy named the ICC players of the month for April 2021

- Pakistan skipper **Babar Azam** was named the **ICC Men's Player of the Month for April 2021**. Australian women's team wicketkeeper-batsman **Alyssa Healy** was bagged the **ICC Women's Player of the Month for April 2021** for her incredible performances.

Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) bags “Green Urja Award”

- **Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited (IREDA)** has been conferred with the “**Green Urja Award**” for being the Leading Public Institution in Financing Institution for **Renewable Energy 2021** by the **Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC)**.
- The award was received by Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of IREDA, **Pradip Kumar Das**, in a virtual ceremony.

Suresh Mukund becomes the first Indian to win 'The World Choreography Award 2020'

- Emmy Award-nominated Indian choreographer **Suresh Mukund** has won the 10th Annual ‘**World Choreography Award 2020**’. He is the director and choreographer of the Indian dance crew ‘**The Kings**’, which won the 2019 season of **World of Dance**.

Nagaland’s Nuklu Phom wins prestigious Whitley Award 2021 for his ‘biodiversity peace corridor’

- **Nagaland** conservationist, **Y Nuklu Phom** has won the prestigious ‘**Whitley Awards 2021**’ for his efforts toward creating the “**Biodiversity Peace Corridor**”, a network of community-owned forests in **Nagaland**.
- He is the only Indian to win the prestigious award — awarded annually to individuals from the Global South by UK-based charity the **Whitley Fund for Nature (WFN)**.

Nepal’s Mingma Tenji Sherpa sets world record by climbing Mount Everest twice in the shortest time

- A 43-year-old **Nepali** mountain guide, **Mingma Tenji Sherpa**, within a season.
- Previously, Indian mountaineer **Anshu Jamsenpa** had held the record for fastest dual ascents on **Mt. Everest**, scaling the mountain twice in **118 hours** and **15 minutes** in **2017**.

Shankar Balasubramanian and David Klenerman win 2020 Millennium Technology Prize

- Cambridge University chemists **Shankar Balasubramanian** and **David Klenerman** were declared the winners of the **2020 Millennium Technology Prize** for their development of revolutionary sequencing techniques, which means **DNA** can now be read in **super-fast times**.
- The prize was awarded by **Technology Academy Finland (TAF)** at two-year intervals since **2004**.

Tashi Yangjom becomes first Indian woman climber to scale the Mount Everest in 2021

- **Arunachal Pradesh** mountaineer **Tashi Yangjom** became the first **Indian woman climber** to scale the **Mount Everest (8,849 metres)** in **2021**.
- She began the climb on 9 May and completed her journey on 11 May. She was trained at the **National Institute of Mountaineering & Allied Sports (NIMAS)** in Dirang, Arunachal Pradesh.

New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern tops Fortune's List of Greatest Leaders

- **New Zealand** Prime Minister **Jacinda Arden** topped **Fortune's list** of the **world's 50 greatest leaders**. CEO of Serum Institute of India, **Adar Poonawalla** is placed at the **10th** spot. He is the only Indian among the top 10 list.
- **Jacinda Ardern** was followed by **mRNA Pioneers** and **Dan Schulman**, CEO of PayPal.

Kobe Bryant was inducted posthumously into the basketball Hall of Fame 2020

- American professional basketball player **Kobe Bryant** was inducted posthumously into the **Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame 2020**. He was the NBA Most Valuable Player in **2008**. He was in the United States team that won Olympic gold in 2008 and 2012.

Union Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal receives 'International Invincible Gold Medal'

- Union Education Minister **Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank** has been conferred with the **International Invincible Gold Medal** of this year (2021) for his extraordinary commitment and outstanding service to humanity through his **writings, social and illustrious public life**.
- The decision was held under the leadership of **Tony Nader** (Global head of the Maharshi organisation).

Mexico's Andrea Meza was named the Miss Universe 2020

- A 26-year-old **Andrea Meza** from **Mexico** has won the **Miss Universe 2020 crown**. The **69th** Miss Universe title was won by **Miss Mexico (Andrea Meza)**.
- The first runner-up is **Julia Gama** of Brazil, while Peru's **Janick Maceta** is the second runner-up. India's **Adline Castelino** and Dominican Republic's **Kimberly Perez** became third runner-up and fourth runner-up respectively.

BOOKS AND AUTHORS

Meghan Markle debut children's book titled "The Bench"

- **Meghan Markle** has authored a children's book titled "**The Bench**". The book was inspired by **Prince Harry** and his son **Archie**. The book is published by **Random House Children's Books**.

A new book titled "India and Asian Geopolitics: The Past, Present" was authored by Shivshankar Menon

- A former Indian Foreign Secretary and National Security Adviser, **Shivshankar Menon**, has authored a book titled "**India and Asian Geopolitics: The Past, Present**".

Neena Gupta's autobiography titled 'Sach Kahun Toh' is set to be published soon

- Veteran actor **Neena Gupta** is reflecting on her journey in Indian cinema and her life in her new book titled '**Sach Kahun Toh**'. It will be her first book. The book will be published by **Penguin India** on 14 June 2021.

A new book titled "Nehru, Tibet and China" was authored by Avtar Singh Bhasin

- A new book titled "**Nehru, Tibet and China**" authored by **Avtar Singh Bhasin** is set to be released in June 2021. This book is based on years of **meticulous archival research**, this book, in fascinating detail analyses the events from 1949 to the Indo-China war in 1962. The book will be published by **Viking Penguin**.

Kalki Koechlin authors her debut book on motherhood "Elephant In The Womb"

- Actor **Kalki Koechlin** authored an illustrated non-fiction book on motherhood titled "**Elephant In The Womb**". The book was illustrated by **Valeriya Polyanychko**. The book was published by **Penguin Random House India**.

A new book titled "Elephant" was authored by Paul Pickering

- A new book titled "**Elephant**" was authored by a British novelist **Paul Pickering**. The book was published by **Salt Publishing**.
- The novel explores the man in Paris, who uses the story of the elephant to get Natasha to go back to her first love, her voice, poetry.

Ruskin bond's new book is titled "All Time Favourites for Children"

- A new book titled "**All Time Favourites for Children**" was authored by **Ruskin Bond**. The book will feature some of his most celebrated characters and stories as well as new ones. The book will be published by **Puffin**, children's imprint of Penguin Random House.

A new book titled “Life in the Clock Tower Valley” was authored by Shakoor Rather

- A new book titled “**Life in the Clock Tower Valley**” was authored by the Press Trust of India journalist **Shakoor Rather**. The book was published by **Speaking Tiger**.

A new book titled “Sikkim: A History of Intrigue and Alliance” was authored by Preet Mohan Singh Malik

- A new book titled “**Sikkim: A History of Intrigue and Alliance**” was authored by **Preet Mohan Singh Malik**. The book was published by HarperCollins India. The book focuses on the history of **Sikkim** along with the story of how it merged with India in **1975**.

A new book titled “Savarkar: A Contested Legacy (1924–1966)” was authored by Vikram Sampath

- A new book titled “**Savarkar: A Contested Legacy (1924–1966)**” was authored by **Vikram Sampath**. The book was published by **Penguin Random House India**.

Ravi Shastri’s debut book titled ‘Stargazing: The Players in My Life’ to be released in June 2021

- Cricket commentator and Indian cricket team coach, **Ravi Shastri** has penned a book titled '**Stargazing: The Players in My Life**'. The book will be published by **HarperCollins India** on 27 May 2021.

RANKINGS

Bengaluru ranks 40 in the Knight Frank’s Global Prime Property Index for Q1 of 2021

- According to real estate consultant **Knight Frank**, **Bengaluru** has slipped four positions to **rank 40** globally in the annual price appreciation of **luxury residential properties**. The other cities are **New Delhi** and **Mumbai**, ranked at 32nd and 36th respectively.
- Three cities from china — **Shenzhen, Shanghai and Guangzhou** — lead the index in Q1 of 2021.

Reliance Retail becomes the second-fastest-growing retailer behind Coupang: Deloitte report

- Mukesh Ambani's **Reliance Retail Limited** has been ranked the **second fastest-growing retailer** in the world in the **2021 ranking of global retail powerhouses** by Deloitte.
- **South Korean** company **Coupang** is the World’s 1st Fastest-Growing Retailer. Reliance Retail Limited has been ranked **53rd** in the list of Global Powers of Retailing.

India has 43 of 100 cities at maximum environmental risk: Verisk Maplecroft report

- According to a report by research firm **Verisk Maplecroft**, **India** has 43 cities out of the world’s 100 most environmental risks cities. **Jakarta**, the capital of **Indonesia** topped the list followed by **Delhi** and **Chennai**.
- Other Indian cities are **Agra** (6th), **Kanpur** (10th), **Jaipur** (22nd) and **Lucknow** (24th). **Lima, Peru** is the only non-Asian city to crack the top 100. **Glasgow, Scotland** was ranked as the safest city in the report.

Karnataka ranks first in health and wellness centres under Ayushman Bharat Program

- **Karnataka** was ranked first in establishing **health and wellness centres (HWCs)** under the **Ayushman Bharat program** for 2020–2021 to provide comprehensive primary health care in rural areas.

Ayushman Bharat Yojana (PMJAY):

- **Ayushman Bharat Yojana** aims to help economically vulnerable Indians who are in need of **healthcare facilities**. It was launched in September **2018** by the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

India ranks 3rd in the 'Renewable Energy Country Attractiveness Index': Ernst & Young Global Limited (EY)

- According to **Ernst & Young Global Limited (EY)**, India's renewable energy sector was ranked **third** in the **Renewable Energy Country Attractiveness Index (RECAI)**. The index was topped by **The USA** and **China** at the second position.

Bernard Arnault becomes the world's 2nd richest person in the Bloomberg Billionaires Index 2021

- As per the **Bloomberg Billionaires Index**, Chairman and CEO of luxury goods company LVMH, **Bernard Arnault**, displaced Tesla and SpaceX's CEO **Elon Musk** to rise to the second position in the list of **world's richest person**.
- Elon Musk moved down one spot to **third position** in the list of the world's richest persons. **Jeff Bezos** is the **richest person** in the world.

Pune ranks 1st among top 8 cities on health infrastructure parameters: Housing.com's City Health Card report

- According to **Housing.com's City Health Card report**, Pune ranked first with highly scored on parameters such as **ease of living, water quality**, as well as performance and **sustainable initiatives**.
- The report ranks health infrastructure in India's most urbanised eight cities — Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Chennai, Delhi-NCR, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Mumbai (MMR) and Pune.

India emerges as the second-largest insurance-technology market in Asia-Pacific: S&P Global Market Intelligence report

- According to the **S&P Global Market Intelligence** report, **India** is the second-largest insurance technology market in **Asia-Pacific** and accounts for **35 per cent** of the **\$3.66 billion** insurtech-focused venture capital invested in the region.

Gautam Adani becomes Asia's 2nd richest man: Bloomberg Billionaires Index

- According to the **Bloomberg Billionaires Index**, **Adani** Group founder and Chairman, **Gautam Adani** (net worth stands at \$67.6 billion) has now become the **second richest** man in **Asia** and the **14th** richest businessman in the world after overtaking China's **Zhong Shanshan**.
- The net worth of Asia's richest person **Mukesh Ambani** stands at \$76.5 billion.

Conor McGregor tops in the list of highest-paid athletes of 2021: Forbes

- According to the annual Forbes list, **Irish** mixed martial arts superstar **Conor McGregor** was named as the world's **highest-paid athlete in 2021**. The list was followed by football icons **Lionel Messi** and **Cristiano Ronaldo**, respectively.

Jharkhand ranks first in the implementation of Smart City Mission schemes

- **Jharkhand** has reached the **first position** in the recent ranking released by the **Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs**. The ranking is based on the progress of the implementation of the **Smart City Mission's schemes** running in different **100 cities** of the country's **36 states** and union territories.
- **Rajasthan** came at the 2nd position. on the other hand, **Delhi** is at number **11** and **Bihar** is at number **27** in the list of States and Union Territories.

OBITUARY

Times Group chairperson Indu Jain passed away at 84

- **Indu Jain**, chairman of the **Times Group**, lifelong spiritual seeker, pioneering philanthropist and passionate proponent of women's rights, passed away due to COVID-related complications. She was awarded the **Padma Bhushan** in **2016** for trade and industry.

Financial Express managing editor Sunil Jain passed away at 58

- Financial Express managing editor **Sunil Jain** passed away at the age of 58. He started his journalistic career as a reporter in **India Today** in **1991**. He is a graduate of the Delhi School of Economics.

Former Union Minister Chaman Lal Gupta passed away at 87

- Former Union Minister **Chaman Lal Gupta** passed away due to prolonged illness. He was a member of the **J&K Legislative Assembly** for the first time in **1972**.
- He served as a Union Minister of Civil Aviation, Union Ministry of Food Processing Industries and Union Minister of State for Defence.

Renowned Tamil writer and Sahitya Akademi award recipient K Rajanarayanan passed away at 98

- Renowned Tamil writer, novelist and recipient of Sahitya Akademi award, **K Rajanarayan**, popularly known as KiRa, passed away at the age of 98.
- He won the **Sahitya Akademi award** in 1991 for his novel **Gopallapurathu Makkal**. He was known for the depiction of the people and culture of 'Karisal bhoomi' — the hot and dry land of southern Tamil Nadu.

Former Saurashtra cricketer and BCCI referee Rajendrasinh Jadeja passed away at 66

- **Rajendrasinh Jadeja**, one of the most remarkable cricketers of Saurashtra, passed away at the age of 66. He was a right-arm medium pacer and a remarkable all-rounder. He played between **1974–75** to **1986–87**. He also served as a **match referee** in 53 first-class, 18 List A and 34 T20 matches.

Former NSG chief Jayanta Kumar Dutt passed away at 72

- Former Director-General of the **National Security Guards (NSG)** **Jayanta Kumar Dutt**, who headed the force during the 26/11 Mumbai terror attack, passed away due to COVID-19 related complications.
- He is a **1971** batch **IPS officer** of the West Bengal cadre who served the force from **August 2006** to **February 2009**.

Former Rajasthan Chief Minister Jagannath Pahadia passed away at 89

- Former **Rajasthan** Chief Minister **Jagannath Pahadia** passed away at the age of 89. He was the Chief Minister of **Rajasthan** in **1980–81** and also a former Governor of **Haryana** and **Bihar**.

Rajya Sabha MP Rajeev Satav passed away at 46

- Senior Congress leader and Rajya Sabha MP **Rajeev Satav** passed away at the age of 46. He has served as a Lok Sabha MP from **2014** to **2019** from the **Hingoli Lok Sabha constituency** in Maharashtra and has been a legislator in the **Maharashtra Assembly**.

Renowned Mathematician MS Narasimhan passed away at 88

- Famous mathematician professor **MS Narasimhan** passed away at the age of 88. He was known for the **Narasimhan-Seshadri theorem**. He was the only Indian to receive the **King Faisal International Prize** in the **field of science** & the First Chair of the **National Board for Higher Mathematics**.

Renowned musician Vijay Patil passed away at 79

- Renowned musician Laxman aka **Vijay Patil** in the Ram-Laxman duo, passed away in **Nagpur, Maharashtra**. He had composed about 75 **Hindi, Marathi** and **Bhojpuri** films.

Veteran Olympian Boxer Shakti Mazumdar passed away at 90

- Veteran Indian boxer **Shakti Mazumdar** passed away at the age of 90. He had won the first round in the men's flyweight event at the **1952 Olympics** after getting a walkover from Nguyen Van Cua of Vietnam and was defeated by **Han Soo-ann** of South Korea in the next round.

1971 war hero Col. Panjab Singh passed away at 79

- Decorated veteran of the 1971 war **Col. Panjab Singh** passed away at the age of 79 in **Chandigarh**. He was commissioned into the **6th Battalion** of the Sikh Regiment on 16 December 1967. He was also conferred with the **Vir Chakra Award**.

Renowned author and art curator Alka Raghuvanshi passed away at 60

- Renowned author and art curator **Alka Raghuvanshi** passed away at the age of 60. She was **India's first trained art curator** who had trained at the Goldsmiths College, London and the Museum of Modern Art in Oxford.

Freedom fighter TM Kaliannan Gounder passed away at 101

- Freedom fighter **TM Kaliannan Gounder** passed away at the age of 101. He was elected to the Indian Constituent Assembly while he was 28-years-old and the **youngest member** in the **Constituent Assembly** then and also a member of India's first Provisional Parliament.

China's 'father of hybrid rice' Yuan Longping passed away at 90

- **Yuan Longping**, a Chinese scientist who developed **hybrid rice varieties** that helped feed people around the world, passed away at the age of 90. He was known as the '**Father of Hybrid Rice**'. He spent nine years of research trying to create a hybrid rice combination.

Indian boxing's 1st Dronacharya awardee coach OP Bhardwaj passed away at 82

- Veteran boxing coach **OP Bhardwaj** passed away at the age of 82. He was **India's first Dronacharya awardee** coach in boxing and was the coach of the Indian national side from **1968 to 1989**.

Former Atomic Energy Commission Chairman Srikumar Banerjee passed away at 75

- Former Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, **Srikumar Banerjee**, passed away in Navi Mumbai. He was the Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission and Union Secretary of the **Department of Atomic Energy**.

Former FIA president Max Mosley passed away at 81

- The former motorsport chief and privacy campaigner **Max Mosley** passed away at the age of 81. He served as the President of FIA from **1993 to 2009**. He was a racing driver, team owner and lawyer.

Record-setting US Olympic sprinter Lee Evans passed away at 74

- **Lee Evans**, the record-setting **sprinter** who wore a black beret in a sign of protest at the **1968 Olympics** passed away. He became the first man to crack 44 seconds in the **400 metres**, winning the gold medal at the **1968 Summer Olympics** held in **Mexico**.

Freedom Fighter HS Doreswamy passed away at 103

- **Eminent Gandhian** and freedom fighter **HS Doreswamy** passed away at the age of 103 in **Bengaluru**. He also participated in the **Mysuru Chalo movement** to compel the Mysuru Maharaja to accede to the Indian state post-independence.

Four-time Assam MLA Majendra Narzary passed away at 68

- **Majendra Narzary**, an MLA from **Assam**, passed away due to post COVID-19 complications. He was four-time MLA from the **Gossaigaon assembly constituency** in **Assam's Kokrajhar district**.

Former Governor of Kerala and Bihar RL Bhatia passed away at 101

- Former Governor of **Kerala** and **Bihar**, **Raghunandan Lal Bhatia** passed away at the age of 101. He was elected as the Member of Parliament from the **Amritsar constituency**.
- He served as the Governor of **Bihar** from 2008 to 2009 and Governor of **Kerala** from 2004 to 2008.

Eminent cardiologist and Padma Shri awardee KK Aggarwal passed away at 62

- **Padma Shri awardee** and eminent **cardiologist**, **KK Aggarwal** passed away due to COVID-19 complications. He was the former national president of the **Indian Medical Association (IMA)**. He was awarded the **Padma Shri** in **2010**. He also headed the **Heart Care Foundation** of India.

Mahatma Gandhiji's former personal secretary Kalyanam passed away at 99

- Former secretary of Mahatma Gandhi, **V Kalyanam**, passed away at the age of 99. He was Gandhi's personal secretary from **1943 to 1948**. He joined the freedom struggle in **1942** during **Quit India Movement**.

Acclaimed children's author Subhadra Sen Gupta passed away

- Well-known author **Subhadra Sen Gupta** passed away due to COVID-19. She wrote over 50 children's books in different genres. She won the **Sahitya Akademi's Bal Sahitya Puraskar** in **2015**.

Former Union Minister Ajit Singh passed away at 82

- Former Union Minister **Ajit Singh** passed away at the age of 82. He was a seven-time Member of Parliament (MP) from **Baghat, Uttar Pradesh**. He also served as Union Minister for Civil Aviation, Agriculture, and Food Processing Industries.
- He was first elected as a Rajya Sabha MP in **1986**. He is the son of **Charan Singh**, former Prime Minister of India.

Oscar-winning 'Moonstruck' actress Olympia Dukakis passed away at 89

- Oscar-winning actress **Olympia Dukakis** passed away at the age of 89. She won an Oscar for her performance as a sardonic, middle-aged mother, who advises her headstrong daughter on matters of love in the **1987** romantic film comedy "**Moonstruck**".

Award-winning writer Bhaskar Maiya passed away at 70

- Renowned writer and Kendra Sahitya Akademi awardee **Bhaskar Maiya** passed away in Udupi. He was awarded the Kendra Sahitya Akademi award for his book "**Ajanabeepan Ek Saiddanthik Anushilan**".

India's longest-serving Bishop Philipose Mar Chrysostom passed away at 103

- The Former head of Malankara **Mar Thoma Syrian Church** and the longest-serving bishop in India, **Philipose Mar Chrysostom**, passed away in **Kumbanad, Kerala**. He was awarded the Padma Bhushan in **2018**.

Senior Technical Director of National Informatics Centre Prakash Kumar Pankaj passed away

- **PK Pankaj** started his career in **NIC** as **Scientist B** in **March 1993** and was working with the **Union Ministry of Information and Broadcasting** and its associated organizations (RNI, Publications Divisions) at the time of his demise.

Senior AajTak TV anchor Rohit Sardana passed away

- Journalist **Rohit Sardana**, who was one of the top anchors of the Hindi TV news channel **AajTak**, passed away. He was awarded the **Ganesh Shankar Vidyarthi Puraskar** by the Government of India in **2018**.

Bihar Chief Secretary Arun Kumar Singh passed away

- Chief Secretary of **Bihar**, **Arun Kumar Singh** had passed away. The **1985-batch officer** was tested positive for COVID-19 and died during the treatment. He became the Chief Secretary of Bihar on **27 February 2021**.

Senior officer of the Indian Information Service, Pushpavant Sharma passed away at 58

- Senior officer of the Indian Information Service, **Pushpavant Sharma** passed away at the age of 58. He was served as the **Union Ministry of Information and Broadcasting**.

Former Kerala Minister R Balakrishna Pillai passed away at 86

- Former **Kerala Minister R Balakrishna Pillai** passed away due to age-related ailments. He was the founder general secretary of the **Kerala Congress**. He was elected to the Lok Sabha in 1971 from the **Mavelikara constituency**.

Actor Bikramjeet Kanwarpal passed away at 52

- Actor **Bikramjeet Kanwarpal**, a popular character actor in films and television, passed away due to COVID-19 complications. He was a retired **army officer**. He had played supporting roles in many films and television serials.

Assam's first female IAS officer, Parul Debi Das passed away

- Parul Debi Das**, the first female IAS officer from **Assam**, passed away. She had retired from service as the **Additional Chief Secretary** of Assam. She was an Assam-Meghalaya cadre IAS officer. She was the daughter of the former cabinet minister of Assam, **Ramnath Das**.

Sitar maestro Pandit Devabrata Chaudhuri passed away at 85

- Sitar maestro **Pandit Devabrata Chaudhuri** passed away due to COVID-19 related complications. He had been awarded the **Padma Bhushan**, the **Padma Shri** and the **Sangeet Natak Akademi Award** for his contribution in the field of music.

Indian-origin author and playwright Ronnie Govender passed away at 87

- Indian-origin author and playwright, **Ronnie Govender** passed away in **South Africa**. His debut book, '**Cato Manor Stories**' won the 1997 **Commonwealth Writers' Prize** for the best first book in the Africa section.
- He was the recipient of the **Order of Ikhamanga** in **2008** for his contributions to democracy, peace and justice.

Asian gold medallist Colonel Gulam Mohammad Khan passed away at 74

- The 1982 Asian Games gold medallist rider Colonel **Gulam Mohammad Khan** (retired) passed away in **Pune, Maharashtra**. He had joined the Indian Military Academy in 1973. His team won the **National title six times**, and he became an individual National Champion (Eventing) four times.

Former J&K Governor Jagmohan passed away

- Former **Jammu and Kashmir Governor Jagmohan** passed away after a brief illness in Delhi. **Jagmohan** was appointed Jammu and Kashmir governor in **1984** and completed his **five-year tenure**.

'Shooter Dadi' Chandro Tomar passed away at 89

- Shooter **Chandro Tomar**, nicknamed '**Shooter Dadi**', passed away at the age of 89 due to COVID-19. She won many awards in the senior citizen category, including **Stri Shakti Sanman** presented by the President of India.

Chennai social activist Traffic Ramaswamy passed away at 87

- Prolific social activist and crusader **KR Ramaswamy**, popularly known as **Traffic Ramaswamy**, passed away in Chennai. He was also known for filing **Public Interest Litigations (PILs)** in the **Madras High Court** against footpath encroachments, road widening and encroachments and traffic violations.

Padma Shri awardee and former scientist Manas Bihari Verma passed away at 78

- The Indian aeronautical scientist **Manas Bihari Verma** passed away at the age of 78. He played an instrumental role in the development of the **Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) – Tejas**.

Telugu actor Thummala Narsimha Reddy passed away

- Film journalist and actor **Thummala Narsimha Reddy** passed away in Hyderabad. He was also popular for his **YouTube show, Frankly with TNR**.

Former National TT champion Venugopal Chandrasekhar passed away at 63

- Veteran table tennis player and coach **Venugopal Chandrasekhar** passed away at the age of 63. He was a three-time national champion. He was honoured with the **Arjuna Award** in **1982**.

Former Asiad gold medallist footballer Fortunato Franco passed away at 84

- Former India international footballer **Fortunato Franco** passed away at the age of **84** in Goa. He was an integral part of the **Indian football team**, which won the **Gold medal** at the **1962 Asian Games**.

Veteran music composer Vanraj Bhatia passed away at 94

- Veteran music composer **Vanraj Bhatia** passed away in Mumbai after a brief illness. He won the **National Film Award** for Best Music Direction for the television film **Tamas (1988)**, the **Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for Creative and Experimental Music (1989)**.
- He also won the **Padma Shri** (India's fourth-highest civilian honour) in **2012**.

Former Union Minister Matang Singh passed away at 58

- Former Union Minister **Matang Singh** passed away in **New Delhi**. He was elected to the Rajya Sabha in **1992** from **Assam** and served as the Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs from **1994 to 1998** in **PV Narasimha Rao's** government.

Veteran journalist Shesh Narayan Singh passed away at 70

- Veteran journalist **Shesh Narayan Singh** passed away at the age of 70. He was a **columnist, political commentator** and an expert on **foreign policy**.

Padma Shri awardee and social activist Gutha Muniratnam passed away at 85

- Social Activist **Gutha Muniratnam** passed away at the age of 85. He was a member of the **National Planning Commission of India** and the founder of **Rashtriya Seva Samithi (RASS)**. He was honored with the fourth highest Indian civilian award, the **Padma Shri** by the Union Government of India in 2012.

BCCI scorer KK Tiwari passed away at 52

- **BCCI** (Board of Control for Cricket in India) scorer **Krishan Kumar Tiwari** passed away due to COVID-19 at the AIIMS in Jhajhar, **Haryana**. He covered **four Tests, five One-Day Internationals**, over **60 Ranji Trophy matches** and over **50 Indian Premier League** fixtures. He also officiated as an umpire in local cricket since **1985**.

Padma Shri awardee and former Anna University Vice-Chancellor M Anandkrishnan passed away at 93

- Renowned educationist **M Anandkrishnan** passed away at the age of 93. He served as Vice-Chancellor of **Anna University** and was Chairman of the Board of Governors of the **Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur**.

Former Denmark Prime Minister Poul Schlueter passed away at 92

- Former **Denmark's** Prime Minister **Poul Schlueter**, who negotiated exemptions for his country to a key European Union treaty after Danes rejected the initial text in a referendum, passed away. He served as the Prime Minister of Denmark from **1982 to 1993**.

Renowned sculptor and Rajya Sabha MP Raghunath Mohapatra passed away at 78

- Renowned sculptor and Rajya Sabha MP, **Raghunath Mohapatra**, passed away at the age of 78. He was awarded the **Padma Shri** by the then President of India, **Fakiruddin Ali Ahmed** in 1976 and also received the **Padma Bhushan** in 2001. He was also awarded the **Padma Vibhushan** in 2013.

Olympic gold medallist hockey player Ravinder Pal Singh passed away at the age of 61

- Former Indian **hockey player** and member of the 1980 Moscow Olympics winning side, **Ravinderpal Singh**, passed away at the age of 61.

Kerala's veteran politician KR Gouri Amma passed away at 102

- Veteran politician **KR Gouri Amma** passed away at the age of 102 in **Thiruvananthapuram**. She was the second longest-serving MLA of the state. She was the **first Revenue Minister** in the first communist ministry of the kerala in **1957**.

Malayalam screenwriter-actor Madampu Kunjukuttan passed away at 81

- **Malayalam** screenwriter-actor **Madampu Kunjukuttan** passed away at the age of 81. He won the **National Award** for the Best Scriptwriter for the film **Karunam**, directed by Jayaraj, in **2000**.

Assamese writer and Sahitya Akademi awardee Homen Borgohain passed away at 88

- Assamese writer, journalist and Sahitya Akademi awardee, **Homen Borgohain** passed away in **Guwahati**. He was the president of Asam **Sahitya Sabha** and the chief editor of the Assamese **daily Niyomiya Barta**.

SPORTS NEWS

All India Chess Federation launches 'Checkmate Covid Initiative' to help chess community fight COVID-19

- **All India Chess Federation (AICF)** launched the '**Checkmate Covid Initiative**' to help the chess community affected by the pandemic.
- The initiative was launched at an online event in the presence of **FIDE (World Chess Federation)** President **Arkady Dvorkovich**, Viswanathan Anand (five-time world champion), World Rapid Chess Champion **Koneru Humpy**, AICF president **Sanjay Kapoor** and Secretary **Bharat Singh Chauhan**.

ASBC moves Asian Men's & Women's Boxing Championships 2021 to Dubai from New Delhi

- The **Asian Boxing Championship 2021**, which was scheduled to be held in **New Delhi, India** was moved to **Dubai, UAE**, because of the deepening COVID-19 crisis in India.
- **Boxing Federation of India (BFI)** had decided to hold the ASBC (Asian Boxing Confederation) Asian Elite Men's and Women's Boxing Championships 2021 in Dubai.

Lewis Hamilton wins the Portuguese Grand Prix 2021

- Mercedes driver **Lewis Hamilton (Britain)** won the **2021 Portuguese Grand Prix** held at Algarve International Circuit in **Portugal**. It was the second win of the season for Hamilton and overall 96th career victory. **Max Verstappen** (Red Bull) came at second position and **Valtteri Bottas** (Mercedes) at third position.

Sri Lanka all-rounder Thisara Perera announces retirement from international cricket

- The 32-year-old **Sri Lanka** all-rounder **Thisara Perera** announced his retirement from international cricket. He has featured in 6 Tests, 166 ODIs and 84 T20Is. He scored **2,338 runs** and picked up **135 wickets** in ODI cricket while he managed 51 wickets and 1204 runs in T20I cricket.

Mark Selby beats Shaun Murphy in World Snooker Championship 2021

- **Mark Selby** became a **World Snooker Champion** for the fourth time after defeating Shaun Murphy (18-15) in World Snooker Championship 2021 held at **Sheffield, England**. He had won the title in **2014, 2016** and **2017**. He has now moved up to the second spot in world rankings, next to **Judd Trump**.

Former Sri Lanka bowler Nuwan Zoysa was banned for six years under ICC Anti-Corruption Code

- Former **Sri Lanka pacer** and coach of the A-team **Nuwan Zoysa** was banned from all cricket for **six years** after an ICC Anti-Corruption Tribunal found him guilty of breaching the **ICC Anti-Corruption Code**.

2022 FIFA Women's under-17 World Cup is set to be held in India

- The 2022 FIFA **Women's under-17 World Cup** will be held in **India** from **October 2022**. India was set to host the 2021 U-17 Women's World Cup before it was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup scheduled to be held in **Australia** and **New Zealand**.

Robert Lewandowski wins European Golden Boot Award 2021

- The Bayern Munich striker **Robert Lewandowski** has won the **European Golden Boot Award 2021**. He scored an incredible **41 goals** in **29** Bundesliga appearances to claim the top scorer spot in Europe's domestic leagues.
- Tottenham Hotspur captain and striker **Harry Kane** has won the **Premier League Golden Boot** for the third time. He scored 23 goals in the 2020–21 season.

Atletico Madrid clinches the 2020–21 La Liga title after defeating Valladolid

- **Atletico Madrid** clinched the 2020-21 La Liga title after defeating the **Valladolid** football club. Atletico Madrid finished at the top of the standings on **86 points** while **Real Madrid** came second on 84 points. **Valladolid** finished at the 19th spot.
- This is only the second time in **17 years** that a team other than **Barcelona** or **Real Madrid** has won the title.

Indian women's para shuttler pair of Palak Kohli and Parul Parmar qualify for Paralympics

- Indian Women's pair of **Palak Kohli** and **Parul Parmar** became the first Indian **para shuttlers** to qualify for the **Tokyo Paralympics**. They have achieved the qualification for the **SL3-SU5 Women's Doubles event** in para-badminton, which will be making its debut in this year's Paralympics.

Former Ireland and England fast bowler Boyd Rankin retires from international cricket

- The 36-year **Ireland** fast bowler **Boyd Rankin** announced retirement from all forms of international cricket. He played 153 games for **Ireland** in two stints between 2003 and 2020, including **2007** and **2011 World Cup** matches.

Casper Ruud beats Denis Shapovalov to win The ATP Geneva Open 2021 title

- **Casper Ruud** of Norway defeated **Denis Shapovalov** of Canada to lift the **ATP Geneva Open 2021 title**. It is the second career title of Ruud. His previous title was **ATP Buenos Aires 2020**.

Max Verstappen wins the 2021 Monaco Grand Prix

- Red Bull driver **Max Verstappen (Belgium)** won the 2021 Monaco Grand Prix. **Carlos Sainz** came at the second position and **Lando Norris** came at the third position. Mercedes driver **Lewis Hamilton** finished at the seventh position.

Achinta Sheuli bags silver medal at the 2021 Junior World Weightlifting Championships held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan

- Indian weightlifter **Achinta Sheuli** won a silver medal in the men's 73-kilogram category at the **2021 Junior World Weightlifting Championships held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan**.

Lewis Hamilton wins the 2021 Spanish Grand Prix

- Mercedes driver **Lewis Hamilton** (Britain) won the **2021 Spanish Grand Prix**. This is the fifth successive Spanish Grand Prix title for **Lewis Hamilton** and the third win of this season.
- Lewis Hamilton was followed by **Max Verstappen** (Netherlands) and **Valtteri Bottas** (Finland).

Aryna Sabalenka beats Ashleigh Barty to win 2021 Madrid Open

- **Aryna Sabalenka** of Belarus defeated the World No. 1 **Ashleigh Barty** of Australia to win the **2021 Madrid Open women's single title** for the first time.
- In the women's doubles final, **Barbora Krejckova and Katerina Siniakova** from the Czech Republic defeated **Gabriela Dabrowski** of Canada and **Demi Schuurs** of France.

New Zealand wicketkeeper BJ Watling to retire after World Test Championship Final

- **New Zealand** wicketkeeper-batsman **BJ Watling** has announced he would be retiring from **international cricket** after the three Tests, including the **World Test Championship Final** against India to be held in England.

Alexander Zverev beats Berrettini to win his second Madrid Open title

- World number six **Alexander Zverev** of Germany defeated **Matteo Berrettini** of Italy to win his second **Madrid Open title** and fourth **ATP Masters 1000** trophy.

Rafael Nadal and Naomi Osaka win top Laureus sports awards

- Tennis players **Rafael Nadal** and **Naomi Osaka** picked up the **Laureus Sportsman** and **Sportswoman** of The Year Awards with football star **Mohamed Salah** and Formula One world champion **Lewis Hamilton** also recognized at the event.
- World number two tennis player **Rafael Nadal** claimed his **fourth Laureus** award as he was recognised for his **13th French Open** and record-equalling 20th major. **Osaka** won the US Open for the second time and has four majors is now a two-time Laureus winner.
- **Patrick Mahomes** took the Laureus **World Breakthrough of the Year Award**.

Manchester City was crowned Premier League champions for the 3rd time in four seasons

- **Manchester City** was crowned Premier League champions for 2021 and for the third time in four seasons after **Manchester United** crashed to a 2-1 defeat against **Leicester**. Manchester City has already won the **League Cup** (2020–2021).

Kazakhstan tennis player Roman Khassanov was banned for corruption

- The **International Tennis Integrity Agency** announced that **Roman Khassanov**, who represented **Kazakhstan** in the **Davis Cup** had been banned for **10 years** after admitting a string of corruption charges.

Shiv Sunder Das was appointed as the batting coach of the Indian women's cricket team

- Former India opener **Shiv Sunder Das** has been appointed the batting coach of the **Indian women's cricket team** for the **tour of England**.
- Former Indian Railways player **Abhay Sharma** was named the fielding coach, part of a nine-member support staff headed by chief coach **Ramesh Powar**.

Rafael Nadal beats Novak Djokovic to win the 2021 Italian Open

- **Rafael Nadal** beat world number one **Novak Djokovic** to win his **10th Italian Open Men's Single title**. Nadal has now won 10 or more titles at a single event for the fourth time, after **Roland Garros** (13), **Barcelona Open** (12) and **Monte Carlo** (11).
- He also equalled Djokovic's record of **36 ATP Masters 1000 titles** in his 12th Rome final.
- Polish teenager **Iga Swiatek** won the **Women's Singles title of Italian Open** by defeating **Karolina Pliskova** of Czech.

Arjan Bhullar becomes the first Indian-origin fighter to win a world title at a top-level MMA event

- **Arjan Bhullar** became the first Indian-origin fighter to win a world title in a top-level MMA promotion when he beat **Brandon Vera** to become the heavyweight world champion at the Singapore-based One Championship.
- He had won a gold medal in the **2010 Commonwealth Games** in 120kg freestyle wrestling held in New Delhi.

AIBA Men's World Boxing Championships 2021 to be held in Belgrade, Serbia

- The **International Boxing Association (AIBA)** announced that the world championship of boxing for men will be held from **26 October to 6 November** in **Belgrade, Serbia**. The previous edition of the championship was hosted by **Ekaterinburg, Russia** in 2019.

England bowler Harry Gurney retires from all forms of the cricket

- **England** fast bowler **Harry Gurney** had announced his retirement from all forms of cricket. The 39-year-old left-arm pacer represented England in **10 ODIs** and **two T20 Internationals** picking **11** and **3 wickets** respectively.
- He also represented **Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR)** in the Indian Premier League.

International Table Tennis Federation ties up with Stupa to provide performance analytics

- The **International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF)** has entered into a tie-up with an Indian start-up company, **Stupa Sports Analytics** to provide **Artificial Intelligence (AI)** enabled real-time match and practice solutions to leading players in all its **226 member associations**.
- This collaboration also helps in strengthening the performance of ITTF's "**With the Future in Mind**" scholarship holders for the upcoming Olympic and Youth Olympic Games.

India's Tejaswini Shankar wins consecutive high jump titles in the USA

- Representing **Kansas State University**, India's **Tejaswini Shankar** won back-to-back **men's high jump titles** in the Big 12 Outdoor Track and Field Championships in **Manhattan, USA**.

Indian rowing team of Arjun Lal and Arvind Singh qualifies for the Tokyo Olympics

- Indian rowers **Arjun Lal Jat** and **Arvind Singh** qualified for the Tokyo Olympics in the men's lightweight double sculls event after finishing second in the final race of the Asia/Oceania Continental Qualifying Regatta in **Tokyo**.

Germany's World Cup winning midfielder Sami Khedira announces retirement

- **Germany's** World Cup-winning midfielder **Sami Khedira** announced his retirement after the final match of the Bundesliga season against Hoffenheim.

Barcelona Women beat Chelsea Women to win the Women's Champions League 2021 trophy

- **Barcelona** defeated **Chelsea** to win the **Women's Champions League 2021** in Gothenburg, Sweden. Barcelona becomes the first club to win both the **men's** and **women's** Champions League titles.

IMPORTANT DAYS

Date	Important Day	Other Information
1 May	Statehood Day of Gujarat & Maharashtra	-
1 May	International Labour Day	-
2 May	World Tuna Day	It was observed for the first time in 2017.

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2 May	World Laughter Day	This Day is celebrated every year on the first Sunday of May.
3 May	World Press Freedom Day	2021 Theme: "Information as a Public Good"
4 May	International Firefighters' Day	-
4 May	Coal Miners Day	-
4 May	World Asthma Day	2021 Theme: "Uncovering Asthma Misconceptions"
5 May	International Midwives' Day	This year is the 50 th year of celebration of International Midwives Day. 2021 Theme: "Follow the Data: Invest in Midwives"
5 May	World Maths Day	The first World Maths Day was held on 14 March 2007 (Pi Day).
5 May	National Cartoonists Day	-
5 May	World Hand Hygiene Day	2021 Theme: "Achieving hand hygiene at the point of care"
6 May	International No Diet Day	The first International No Diet Day was celebrated in the UK in 1992.
7 May	World Athletics Day	-
8 May	World Migratory Bird Day	2021 Theme: "Sing, Fly, Soar – Like a Bird!"
8 May	World Red Cross Day	2021 Theme: "Together we are #unstoppable!"
8 May	World Thalassaemia Day	2021 Theme: "Addressing Health Inequalities Across the Global Thalassaemia Community"
9 May	International Mother's Day 2021	-
11 May	National Technology Day	2021 Theme: "Science and Technology for a Sustainable Future"
12 May	International Nurses Day	2021 Theme: "Nurses: A Voice to Lead - A vision for future healthcare"
15 May	International Day of Families	2021 Theme: "Families and New Technologies"
16 May	International Day of Living Together in Peace	-
16 May	International Day of Light	The message of the International Day of Light 2021 is "Trust Science".
16 May	National Dengue Day	-
17 May	World Telecommunication and Information Society Day	2021 Theme: "Accelerating Digital Transformation in challenging times"
17 May	World Hypertension Day	2021 Theme: "Measure Your Blood Pressure Accurately, Control It, Live Longer"

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17–23 May	UN Global Road Safety Week	2021 Theme: "Streets for Life #Love30"
18 May	World AIDS Vaccine Day	2021 Theme: "Global solidarity, shared responsibility"
18 May	International Museum Day	2021 Theme: "The Future of Museums: Recover and Reimagine"
20 May	World Bee Day	2021 Theme: "Bee engaged: Build Back Better for Bees"
20 May	World Metrology Day	2021 Theme: "Measurement for Health"
21 May	International Tea Day	This day was recognised by the United Nations (UN) on 21 December 2019.
21 May	National Anti Terrorism Day	-
21 May	World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development	-
21 May	National Endangered Species Day	The first International Endangered Species Day was celebrated in 2006.
22 May	International Day for Biological Diversity	2021 Theme: "We're part of the solution"
23 May	International Day to End Obstetric Fistula	2021 Theme: "Women's rights are human rights! End fistula now!"
23 May	World Turtle Day	2021 Theme: "Turtles Rock!"
24 May	Commonwealth Day in India	2021 Theme: "Delivering a Common Future"
25 May	World Thyroid Day	2021 Theme: "Mother-Baby-Iodine: The Importance of Iodine on the Woman and her Baby"
28 May	World Menstrual Hygiene Day	2021 Theme: "Action and Investment in Menstrual Hygiene and Health"
28 May	International Day of Action for Women's Health	2021 Theme: "2021 Call for Action"
29 May	International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers	2021 Theme: "The road to a lasting peace: Leveraging the power of youth for peace and security"
29 May	World Digestive Health Day	2021 Theme: "Obesity: An Ongoing Pandemic"
31 May	Anti-Tobacco Day	2021 Theme: "Commit to Quit"

CURRENT AFFAIRS QUIZ

Q.1) Which state government had launched the "Mission Oxygen Self-Reliance" scheme?

- (a) Karnataka
- (b) Telangana
- (c) Maharashtra**

- (d) Kerala
- (e) Madhya Pradesh

Q.2) Which organisation had launched the 'School of Hope and Empowerment' for empowering Indian women?

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(a) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited

(b) Tata Communications

(c) Reliance Communications

(d) Indus Towers

(e) Wipro Limited

Q.3) Which country virtually hosted the 7th meeting of the BRICS Astronomy Working Group (BAWG)?

(a) Brazil

(b) India

(c) China

(d) South Africa

(e) Russia

Q.4) Who was re-elected as the President of the International Hockey Federation (FIH)?

(a) Rajesh Bansal

(b) Sumitra Sharma

(c) Narinder Batra

(d) Thomas Beach

(e) Manish Pandey

Q.5) Rajesh Bansal was appointed as the CEO of the Reserve Bank Innovation Hub. Whom did he replace?

(a) Umesh Sinha

(b) Amit Khare

(c) Kris Gopalakrishnan

(d) Rajiv Kumar

(e) Sanjay Gupta

Q.6) Which among the following organisation won the prestigious Etienne Glichitch Award?

(a) All India Tennis Association

(b) Hockey India

(c) Board of Control for Cricket in India

(d) All India Football Federation

(e) Badminton Association of India

Q.7) Which private firm won the Star Export House Award by the Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry?

(a) Carest Rubber Foam Industries

(b) Ambuja Exports Limited

(c) Shree Malani Foams

(d) Loyal Textile Mills Limited

(e) None of the above

Q.8) Who won the India Biodiversity Award 2021 in the individual category of 'Conservation of Domesticated Species'?

(a) S Sathish

(b) Varun Sharma

(c) Ravi Kumar

(d) NM Shaji

(e) Balakrishnan

Q.9) Which state ranked first in the implementation of Smart City Mission schemes according to the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs report?

(a) Kerala

(b) Jharkhand

(c) Rajasthan

(d) Karnataka

(e) Tamil Nadu

Q.10) Dronacharya award winner OP Bhardwaj passed away recently. He was a former _____

(a) Cricket Coach

(b) Football Coach

(c) Hockey Coach

(d) Boxing Coach

(e) Badminton Coach

Q.11) Indian women's pair of Palak Kohli and Parul Parmar qualified for the Tokyo Paralympics. Which sport do they belong to?

(a) Badminton

(b) Table Tennis

(c) High Jump

(d) Tennis

(e) Squash

Q.12) Fast bowler Boyd Rankin had retired from all forms of international cricket. Which country did he play for?

(a) South Africa

(b) Ireland

(c) England

(d) Both a and b

(e) Both b and c

Q.13) Who won the India Biodiversity Award 2021 under the 'Sustainable use of Biological Resources' category?

(a) NM Shaji

(b) Rajesh Bansal

(c) S Sathish

(d) Gopala Krishnan

(e) Shanker Ram

Q.14) Which state government had launched the 'Sanjeevani Pariyojana' care initiative to help COVID-19 patients?

(a) Karnataka

(b) Maharashtra

(c) Kerala

(d) Haryana

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(e) Tamil Nadu

Q.15) Which state government had launched 'Vatsalya Yojana' for children orphaned due to COVID-19?

(a) Himachal Pradesh

(b) Uttarakhand

(c) Gujarat

(d) Haryana

(e) Uttar Pradesh

Q.16) Which state government has signed a pact with National Health Authority to implement Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY scheme?

(a) Arunachal Pradesh

(b) Maharashtra

(c) Telangana

(d) Madhya Pradesh

(e) Andhra Pradesh

Q.17) Which organisation had partnered with TRIFED to implement the Van Dhan Yojana initiative in tribal aspirational districts?

(a) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development

(b) NITI Aayog

(c) Small Industries Development Bank of India

(d) National Company Law Tribunal

(e) Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs

Q.18) With which country did India sign a three-year work program for cooperation in agriculture?

(a) Oman

(b) Israel

(c) Maldives

(d) France

(e) Finland

Q.19) Anatole Collinet Makosso was appointed as the new Prime Minister of _____.

(a) Republic of Honduras

(b) Moldova

(c) Republic of the Congo

(d) Ukraine

(e) Guatemala

Q.20) Who was appointed as the next Mossad Chief of Israel?

(a) Jovenel Moïse

(b) Alejandro Giammattei

(c) Miguel Díaz-Canel

(d) David Barnea

(e) Luis Abinader

Q.21) Which year has NASA planned to send its first mobile robot to search for water on the moon?

(a) 2022

(b) 2021

(c) 2025

(d) 2023

(e) 2024

Q.22) Which startup won the 2021 Technology Development Board (TDB) National Award?

(a) Panacea Biotech Limited

(b) Breathe Applied Sciences

(c) Shantha Biotech

(d) Serum Institute of India

(e) Novo Nordisk

Q.23) Who is the author of the book titled "India and Asian Geopolitics: The Past, Present"?

(a) Pravin Sawhney

(b) MK Narayanan

(c) Shivshankar Menon

(d) Samir Saran

(e) Vipin Narang

Q.24) Which author's autobiography has been titled 'Sach Kahun Toh'?

(a) Neena Gupta

(b) Sudha Murthy

(c) Surekha Sikri

(d) Deepti Naval

(e) Sanya Malhotra

Q.25) Who won the 2021 F1 Monaco Grand Prix?

(a) Lewis Hamilton

(b) Max Verstappen

(c) Lando Norris

(d) Valtteri Bottas

(e) Sergio Pérez

Q.26) Casper Ruud defeated Denis Shapovalov to win the ATP Geneva Open 2021 title. Which country does Casper Ruud belong to?

(a) Norway

(b) Canada

(c) Belgium

(d) France

(e) Germany

Q.27) Cheetahs are set to be re-introduced in the Kuno National Park. Where is the Kuno National Park located?

(a) Maharashtra

(b) Gujarat

(c) Madhya Pradesh

(d) Haryana

(e) Himachal Pradesh

Q.28) Which country hosted the G20 Global Health Summit on the global health crisis virtually?

(a) Japan

(b) India

(c) Italy

(d) France

(e) Canada

Q.29) Fiamme Naomi became the first female Prime Minister of _____.

(a) Congo

(b) Yemen

(c) Latvia

(d) Samoa

(e) Estonia

Q.30) Which IIT had developed a unique detector named 'FakeBuster' to detect imposters attending a virtual conference?

(a) IIT Kanpur

(b) IIT Madras

(c) IIT Ropar

(d) IIT Kharagpur

(e) IIT Mandi

Q.31) Who was appointed as the Director of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)?

(a) Sumit Singh

(b) Jose J Kattoor

(c) Subodh Kumar Jaiswal

(d) Kris Gopalakrishnan

(e) Rajesh Bansal

Q.32) Who was elected as the President of the Oxford Students Union?

(a) Rajith Kumar

(b) Anvee Bhutani

(c) Sujo Mathew

(d) Pearle Maaney

(e) Manju Pathrose

Q.33) Who was named as the recipient of the prestigious FIH (International Hockey Federation) President's Award?

(a) D Suresh Raj

(b) G Gowtham

(c) VK Pandian

(d) RK Kiran Desai

(e) K Farook Khan

Q.34) Who became the first Indian doctor to win Rudolf Schindler Award?

(a) Adil Zainulbhai

(b) Subhash Kumar

(c) Tarun Bajaj

(d) Nageshwar Reddy

(e) S Ramann

Q.35) Who is the author of the book titled "Nehru, Tibet and China"?

(a) Neena Gupta

(b) Avtar Singh Bhasin

(c) Sudha Murthy

(d) Shamsheer Singh

(e) Vikram Seth

Q.36) Conor McGregor topped the list of highest-paid athletes in 2021 according to the Forbes report. Which sport does he belong to?

(a) Hockey

(b) Golf

(c) Athlete

(d) Football

(e) Mixed Martial Arts

Q.37) Who launched the SeHAT-OPD portal to help the Indian Armed Forces provide telemedicine services?

(a) Amit Shah

(b) Narendra Singh Tomar

(c) Rajnath Singh

(d) Piyush Goyal

(e) Prakash Javadekar

Q.38) Which hockey stadium was renamed as the Olympian Balbir Singh Senior International Hockey Stadium?

(a) Major Dhyanchand Hockey Stadium

(b) Mohali Hockey Stadium

(c) Chandigarh Hockey Stadium

(d) Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium

(e) Punjab Cricket Association Stadium

Q.39) Which mobile tech platform is set to be launched by India for United Nations Peacekeepers to improve safety and security in their line of duty?

(a) ALERT SYSTEM

(b) UNITE AWARE

(c) BASIC RULES

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(d) NEUTRAL SYSTEM

(e) FAST RANGE

Q.40) Who is set to head the 12-member expert committee constituted by IFSCA on investment funds?

(a) M Ajit Kumar

(b) Nilesh Shah

(c) Rajiv Bansal

(d) Nripendra Mishra

(e) BP Kanungo

Q.41) Which company has bought movie studio MGM (Metro Goldwyn Mayer) for \$8.45 billion?

(a) Walmart

(b) Reliance

(c) Amazon

(d) Apple

(e) Infosys

Q.42) Who was elected as the President of the Vienna-based International Narcotics Control Board?

(a) Padmakumar M Nair

(b) Jagjit Pavadia

(c) Preti Sinha

(d) SN Subrahmanyam

(e) Manisha Kapoor

Q.43) Who became the first Indian woman flight test engineer?

(a) Vini Mahajan

(b) Samia Suluhu Hassan

(c) Mallika Srinivasan

(d) Suchindra Kumari

(e) Aashritha V Olety

Q.44) Who won the European Golden Boot Award 2021?

(a) Lionel Messi

(b) Luis Suárez

(c) Robert Lewandowski

(d) Cristiano Ronaldo

(e) Neymar

Q.45) Which state government had launched the 'Akanksha' comprehensive online portal on CSR activities?

(a) Assam

(b) Nagaland

(c) Karnataka

(d) Maharashtra

(e) Kerala

Q.46) Which institute had collaborated with The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH (GIZ) to help businesses tackle post COVID-19 challenges?

(a) IIT Madras

(b) IISc Bangalore

(c) IIM Indore

(d) IIT Kanpur

(e) IIT Ropar

Q.47) With which country did India virtually hold the 3rd Foreign Office Consultations (May 2021)?

(a) New Zealand

(b) Maldives

(c) Finland

(d) Canada

(e) Norway

Q.48) Who was recently elected as the new President of Ecuador?

(a) Rafael Correa

(b) Guillermo Lasso

(c) Bah Ndaw

(d) Moctar Ouane

(e) Aashritha V Olety

Q.49) Laurence Des Cars became the First Woman President of the Louvre Museum. Where is the Louvre Museum located?

(a) Geneva, Switzerland

(b) Brussels, Belgium

(c) London, England

(d) Paris, France

(e) Vienna, Austria

Q.50) Who was appointed as the head of the US Foreign Commercial Service?

(a) Ujjwala Singhania

(b) Arun Venkataraman

(c) Gautam Thakur

(d) Arun Kumar Singh

(e) RM Sundaram

Q.51) Who was conferred with Spain's "Princess of Asturias Award 2021"

In the social sciences category?

(a) Amartya Sen

(b) Abhay Tewari

(c) Gunjan Shah

(d) Vandita Kaul

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(e) Arvind Kumar

Q.52) Who was honoured posthumously with a prestigious UN medal for sacrifice in the line of duty?

- (a) Yuvraj Singh
- (b) Ivan Michael Picardo
- (c) Mulchand Yadav
- (d) Both a and b
- (e) All of the above**

Q.53) Who won the Eni International Award 2020 for renewable energy research?

- (a) Maria Ressa
- (b) CNR Rao**
- (c) Tahera Qutbuddin
- (d) Shakuntala Thilsted
- (e) Suresh Mukund

Q.54) Who won the 2021 PGA Championship?

- (a) Tiger Woods
- (b) Julius Boros
- (c) Rory McIlroy
- (d) Dustin Johnson
- (e) Phil Mickelson**

Q.55) Which state government has appointed 'Guardian Ministers' for various districts in the state?

- (a) Assam**
- (b) Nagaland
- (c) Maharashtra
- (d) Bihar
- (e) Gujarat

Q.56) Where was India's first city-wide environmental surveillance platform for COVID-19 launched?

- (a) Hyderabad
- (b) Bangalore**
- (c) Kolkata
- (d) Mumbai
- (e) New Delhi

Q.57) Which state government had launched the 'MHIM' mobile app for home isolated COVID-19 patients?

- (a) Meghalaya
- (b) Madhya Pradesh
- (c) Manipur**
- (d) Maharashtra
- (e) Mizoram

Q.58) Who was re-elected as the President of Syria for a 4th term?

- (a) Bah Ndaw
- (b) Moctar Ouane
- (c) Bashar Al-Assad**
- (d) Ibrahim Mohamed Solih
- (e) Abdulla Yameen

Q.59) Which organisation had developed the 'saline gargle' method for COVID-19 test results within three hours?

- (a) Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)
- (b) National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (NEERI)**
- (c) Serum Institute of India
- (d) Indian Institute of Clinical Research & Management
- (e) Both a and b

Q.60) Who was appointed as the new Commerce Secretary of India?

- (a) BVR Subrahmanyam**
- (b) Arvind Kumar
- (c) CNR Rao
- (d) Anup Wadhawan
- (e) Amartya Sen

Q.61) Kuldiep Singh was given additional charge as the Chief of the National Investigation Agency. Whom did he succeed?

- (a) Vishesh Kumar Srivastava
- (b) YC Modi**
- (c) Mulchand Yadav
- (d) Ashutosh Choudhury
- (e) Vinay Kumar

Q.62) Who received a one-year extension as the Chief of the Research and Analysis Wing (RAW)?

- (a) Arvind Kumar
- (b) Samant Kumar Goel**
- (c) Hardeep Singh
- (d) Manoj Sinha
- (e) Anup Kumar

Q.63) Achinta Sheuli won a silver medal at the 2021 Junior World Weightlifting Championships. Where was the event held?

- (a) Warsaw, Poland
- (b) Astana, Kazakhstan
- (c) Munich, Germany
- (d) Tashkent, Uzbekistan**
- (e) Nairobi, Kenya

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Q.64) Which country opened the World's longest pedestrian suspension bridge?

- (a) France
- (b) Norway
- (c) Portugal**
- (d) China
- (e) India

Q.65) Which organisation launched quick credit delivery schemes 'SHWAS' and 'AROG' to support COVID-19 preparedness?

- (a) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)
- (b) Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)**
- (c) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)
- (d) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
- (e) National Housing Bank (NHB)

Q.66) Which company has partnered with Gemini (cryptocurrency platform) to launch new crypto rewards credit cards?

- (a) Rupay
- (b) Mastercard**
- (c) VISA
- (d) American Express
- (e) Capital One

Q.67) Who was appointed as the Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?

- (a) BP Kanungo
- (b) T Rabi Sankar**
- (c) S Amit Singh
- (d) K Uma Shankar
- (e) UK Sinha

Q.68) Who was appointed as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Kotak General Insurance?

- (a) Mahesh Balasubramanian
- (b) Suresh Agarwal**
- (c) G Murlidhar
- (d) Vinay Kumar
- (e) Subash Garg

Q.69) Musician Pandit Devabrata Chaudhuri passed away recently. Which musical instrument was he famous for?

- (a) Veena
- (b) Sitar**
- (c) Tabla
- (d) Mandolin

(e) Sarod

Q.70) From which city was the Asian Men's & Women's Boxing Championships 2021 relocated to Dubai?

- (a) Beijing
- (b) Nur-Sultan
- (c) New Delhi**
- (d) Brussels
- (e) Tashkent

Q.71) When is World Press Freedom Day observed?

- (a) 5 May
- (b) 4 May
- (c) 1 May
- (d) 3 May**
- (e) 2 May

Q.72) With which country did Microsoft collaborate to create about 27,000 new digital jobs over the next three years?

- (a) India
- (b) Cameroon
- (c) Algeria
- (d) Nigeria**
- (e) Bangladesh

Q.73) Lewis Hamilton won the 2021 F1 Portuguese Grand Prix. He is the driver of _____.

- (a) McLaren
- (b) Red Bull
- (c) Ferrari
- (d) Ford
- (e) Mercedes**

Q.74) Which commission appointed Justice Prafulla Chandra Pant as its acting Chairperson?

- (a) National Human Rights Commission**
- (b) National Vigilance Commission
- (c) National Green Tribunal
- (d) National Food Preservation Commission
- (e) National Child Protection Commission

Q.75) Which two sportspersons were named athlete ambassadors for International Olympic Committee's 'Believe in Sports' campaign?

- (a) PV Sindhu and Saina Nehwal
- (b) Geeta Phogat and PV Sindhu
- (c) Vinesh Phogat and Geeta Phogat
- (d) PV Sindhu and Michelle Li**
- (e) Saina Nehwal and Michelle Li

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Q.76) Who has been appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director of THDC (Tehri Hydro Development Corporation) India Limited?

- (a) Mukhmeet S Bhatia
- (b) Mallika srinivasan
- (c) Vijay Goel**
- (d) Urjit Patel
- (e) TS Srinivasan

Q.77) Ola Electric appointed Wayne Burgess as Vice-President of Design. Which company did he previously work as the Vice-President of Design?

- (a) Audi
- (b) Jaguar**
- (c) Mercedes
- (d) Porsche
- (e) Rolls-Royce

Q.78) Senior IAS Officer Tripurari Sharan was appointed as the new Bihar Chief Secretary. He will take the place of_____.

- (a) Arun Kumar Singh**
- (b) Dinesh Kumar
- (c) Depinder Singh Dhesi
- (d) BP Singh
- (e) Karan Avtar Singh

Q.79) Bengaluru teacher Shyamala Ganesh will be conferred with the 'Order of the Rising Sun' Award. Which country's prestigious award is the 'Order of the Rising Sun'?

- (a) USA
- (b) Italy
- (c) France
- (d) China
- (e) Japan**

Q.80) Ronnie Govender recently passed away. Which field was he associated with?

- (a) Actor
- (b) Politician
- (c) Sportsperson
- (d) Writer**
- (e) Singer

Q.81) Mark Selby, after defeating Shaun Murphy, rose to the World No. 2 position in the world snooker ranking. Who is at the World No. 1 spot?

- (a) Ronnie O'Sullivan
- (b) Neil Robertson
- (c) Judd Trump**
- (d) Ricardo D'selva
- (e) John Higgins

Q.82) Who participated in G20 Tourism Ministers that was held virtually?

- (a) S Jaishankar
- (b) Nirmal Sitharaman
- (c) Dr. Harsh Vardhan
- (d) Amit Shah
- (e) Prahalad Singh Patel**

Q.83) Who released the new framework for implementation of the SVAMITVA Scheme?

- (a) Mansukh Mandaviya
- (b) Kailash Chaudhary
- (c) Narendra Singh Tomar**
- (d) Smriti Irani
- (e) Giriraj Singh

Q.84) 6 young girls developed a biodegradable yoga mat called 'Moorhen Yoga mat'. Which state do the 6 young girls belong to?

- (a) Uttarakhand
- (b) Manipur
- (c) West Bengal
- (d) Sikkim
- (e) Assam**

Q.85) Apple Inc has hired Samy Bengio for its new AI research unit. Which company was he a former scientist of?

- (a) Google**
- (b) Microsoft
- (c) Facebook
- (d) TCS
- (e) Infosys

Q.86) National Conference on Agriculture for Kharif Campaign-2021 was inaugurated by_____.

- (a) Narendra Modi
- (b) Amit Shah
- (c) Narendra Singh Tomar**
- (d) Dr. Harsh Vardhan
- (e) Nitin Gadkari

Q.87) Which country produced the world's first batch of COVID vaccines for animals?

- (a) France
- (b) Germany
- (c) USA
- (d) UK
- (e) Russia**

Q.88) Which aerospace company flew the world's largest airplane on 2nd test flight?

(a) Stratolaunch

- (b) Boeing
- (c) Airbus
- (d) Northrop Grumman
- (e) SpaceX

Q.89) Who took charge as the new member (Operations & Business Development) Board of the Union Ministry of Railways?

- (a) Niraj Bajaj
- (b) Amitabh Chaudhary
- (c) TV Somnathan
- (d) Sanjay Kumar Mohanty**
- (e) Amit Banerji

Q.90) Chadro Tomar recently passed away. Which sport was she associated with?

- (a) Shooting**
- (b) Tennis
- (c) Gymnastics
- (d) Swimming
- (e) Kabaddi

Q.91) Who was appointed as the coach of the Italian football club AS Roma?

- (a) Lorenzo Pellegrini
- (b) Paulo Fonseca
- (c) Jose Mourinho**
- (d) Gianluca Mancini
- (e) Borja Mayoral

Q.92) Journalist Maria Ressa was named for the 2021 UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize. Which country does she belong to?

- (a) Norway
- (b) Brazil
- (c) Philippines**
- (d) Australia
- (e) Germany

Q.93) Who was appointed as the US Interim Envoy to India?

- (a) Thierry Weil
- (b) Daniel Smith**
- (c) Abigail Breslin
- (d) Paul Heyman
- (e) Dillon Freasier

Q.94) Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan flagged off the 1st supply of UCO-based biodiesel blended diesel. What does 'C' denote in UCO?

- (a) Council
- (b) Corporate
- (c) Cooking**
- (d) Cash
- (e) Counter

Q.95) Which of the following Union Ministers had participated in the G7 Foreign Ministers' meeting?

- (a) Prahalad Singh Patel
- (b) Rajnath Singh
- (c) S Jaishankar**
- (d) Amit Shah
- (e) Nirmala Sitharaman

Q.96) Which film won the Best Film Award at the Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival Awards 2021?

- (a) Chopsticks
- (b) Bheja Fry
- (c) To Let
- (d) Jungle Cry**
- (e) Dil Bechara

Q.97) Who was conferred the 'Arline Pacht Global Vision Award' by the International Association of Women Judges?

- (a) Rajesh Bindal
- (b) Gita Mittal**
- (c) Hima Kohli
- (d) Vijaya Kamlesh Tahilramani
- (e) Arup Kumar Goswami

Q.98) Ajit Singh passed away recently. He was a former _____.

- (a) Actor
- (b) Politician**
- (c) Cricketer
- (d) Banker
- (e) Scientist

Q.99) Who is the author of the book titled "The Bench"?

- (a) Anshi Singh
- (b) Meghan Markle**
- (c) Sudha Murthy
- (d) Ranjan Kumar
- (e) Suni Shetty

Q.100) Olympia Dukakis passed away recently. She was a/an _____.

- (a) Actress**
- (b) Politician
- (c) Swimmer
- (d) Cricketer

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(e) Dancer

Q.101) Nuwan Zoysa was banned for six years under ICC Anti-Corruption Code. Which country does he belong to?

(a) Afghanistan

(b) Sri Lanka

(c) Zimbabwe

(d) Kenya

(e) Pakistan

Q.102) What is the theme of World Hand Hygiene Day 2021?

(a) To improve their handwashing habits

(b) Achieving hand hygiene at the point of care

(c) Clean Hands for All

(d) Hand Hygiene for All

(e) None of the above

Q.103) Which company signed an MoU with the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) to offer energy-efficient solutions to the dairy industry?

(a) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation

(b) Power Grid Corporation of India

(c) National Thermal Power Corporation Limited

(d) Energy Efficiency Services Limited

(e) Food Corporation of India

Q.104) Recently, researchers discovered 100-million-year-old Sauropod dinosaur bones in _____.

(a) Karnataka

(b) Meghalaya

(c) Madhya Pradesh

(d) Gujarat

(e) Maharashtra

Q.105) Which organisation won the "Green Urja Award" awarded by the Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC)?

(a) India Infrastructure Finance Company Limited

(b) NHPC Limited

(c) Power Finance Corporation

(d) Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA)

(e) Indian Railway Finance Corporation

Q.106) Who is the author of the book titled "Life in the Clock Tower Valley"?

(a) Ramachandra Guha

(b) Shakoor Rather

(c) Sumitra Mahajan

(d) Shashi Tharoor

(e) Kunal Kamra

Q.107) Madampu Kunjukuttan passed away recently. He was a renowned _____.

(a) Singer

(b) Actor

(c) Politician

(d) Screen Writer

(e) Both b and d

Q.108) Who was appointed as the 14th NASA Administrator?

(a) Rick Scott

(b) Bill Nelson

(c) Andrew Gillum

(d) Marco Rubio

(e) Jim Bridenstine

Q.109) Renowned writer and Sahitya Akademi awardee Homen Borgohain passed away recently. Which state does he belong to?

(a) Maharashtra

(b) Gujarat

(c) Assam

(d) Bihar

(e) Karnataka

Q.110) Which mobile app was launched by the Chief Justice of India NV Ramana for journalists to cover proceedings of the apex court?

(a) Intimate Notes

(b) Short Notes

(c) Clear Print

(d) Visible Notes

(e) Indicative Notes

Q.111) Which organisation had extended a financial support of Rs. 9162 crores to West Bengal?

(a) SEBI

(b) IRDAI

(c) RBI

(d) NABARD

(e) SIDBI

Q.112) Which company unveiled the world's first 2-nanometer chip technology?

(a) TCS

(b) IBM

(c) Intel

(d) Accenture

(e) Red Hat

Q.113) Who was named as the Director of the Indian Institute of Rice Research (IIRR)?

(a) Ravi Chandran

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- (b) R Arun Kumar
- (c) RM Sundaram**
- (d) Vinay Kumar
- (e) Hari Krishnan

Q.114) Who was appointed to head the six-member panel constituted by the RBI to assist the second Regulatory Review Authority (RRA 2.0)?

- (a) Bala Krishnan
- (b) Umesh Sinha
- (c) S Janakiraman**
- (d) Amit Khare
- (e) H Rangarajan

Q.115) When is World Red Cross Day observed?

- (a) 8 May**
- (b) 5 May
- (c) 9 May
- (d) 2 May
- (e) 4 May

Q.116) Which state government launched a dedicated COVID-19 'Mukhyamantri Sewa Sankalp Helpline 1100'?

- (a) Maharashtra
- (b) Himachal Pradesh**
- (c) Madhya Pradesh
- (d) Karnataka
- (e) Andhra Pradesh

Q.117) Who was sworn in as the 15th Chief Minister of Assam?

- (a) Sarbananda Sonowal
- (b) Jagdish Mukhi
- (c) Shivraj Singh Chouhan
- (d) Himanta Biswa Sarma**
- (e) N Rangasamy

Q.118) Which state has launched the new COVID-19 treatment scheme "Mukhya Mantri Covid Upchar Yojana"?

- (a) Kerala
- (b) Madhya Pradesh**
- (c) Nagaland
- (d) Meghalaya
- (e) Karnataka

Q.119) Who among the following CEOs joined the global Covid task force organised by the US Chamber of Commerce to help India?

- (a) Punit Renjen
- (b) Shantanu Narayen**

- (c) Sunder Pichai
- (d) All of the above**
- (e) Both a and c

Q.120) Who was appointed as the new Chief Secretary of Tamil Nadu?

- (a) MS Shanmugam
- (b) Irai Anbu**
- (c) Anu George
- (d) Rajeev Ranjan
- (e) Udhayachandran

Q.121) Who won the Best Actor Award at the New York City International Film Festival 2021 for the short film 'Happy Birthday'?

- (a) Paresh Rawal
- (b) Anupam Kher**
- (c) Sanjay Dutt
- (d) Anil Kapoor
- (e) Jackie Shroff

Q.122) Who is the author of the book titled "Elephant In The Womb"?

- (a) Jim Sarbh
- (b) Aarti Bajaj
- (c) Konkona Sen Sharma
- (d) Kalki Koechlin**
- (e) Naseeruddin Shah

Q.123) Who became the first person of Indian origin to win the Sheikh Zayed Book Award popularly known as the Nobel Prize of the Arab world?

- (a) Asha Parekh
- (b) Kamaljeet
- (c) Waheeda Rehman
- (d) Kashvi Rekhi
- (e) Tahera Qutbuddin**

Q.124) Who won the 2021 Spanish Grand Prix?

- (a) Max Verstappen
- (b) Lewis Hamilton**
- (c) Valtteri Bottas
- (d) Sebastian Vettel
- (e) Charles Leclerc

Q.125) Aryna Sabalenka won the 2021 Madrid Open women's singles title by defeating Ashleigh Barty. Which country does she belong to?

- (a) Netherland
- (b) Spain**

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(c) Australia

(d) Belarus

(e) Brazil

Q.126) Who won the 2021 Madrid Open men's singles title?

(a) Matteo Berrettini

(b) Alexander Zverev

(c) Stefanos Tsitsipas

(d) Rafael Nadal

(e) Daniil Medvedev

Q.127) Naomi Osaka won the 2021 Laureus Sportswoman of the Year Award. Which sport does she belong to?

(a) Badminton

(b) Table Tennis

(c) Squash

(d) Tennis

(e) Boxing

Q.128) Who was named the ICC Women's Player of the month for April 2021?

(a) Alyssa Healy

(b) Megan Schutt

(c) Beth Mooney

(d) Mithali Raj

(e) Smriti Mandhana

Q.129) Who is the author of the book titled "Elephant"?

(a) Harvey Postlethwaite

(b) Richard Lewis

(c) Paul Pickering

(d) Brent Sadler

(e) David Davies

Q.130) When is the International Nurses Day observed?

(a) 13 May

(b) 11 May

(c) 14 Mays

(d) 12 May

(e) 15 May

Q.131) Miyon ka Bara railway station was renamed as Mahesh Nagar railway station. Where is the Mahesh Nagar railway station located?

(a) Karnataka

(b) Madhya Pradesh

(c) Gujarat

(d) Haryana

(e) Rajasthan

Q.132) Which IIT has collaborated with the Mobile Payment Forum of India (MPFI) to boost digital money transactions in India?

(a) IIT Mandi

(b) IIT Bombay

(c) IIT Kanpur

(d) IIT Kharagpur

(e) IIT Madras

Q.133) Who was named the ICC Men's Player of the month for April 2021?

(a) Suresh Raina

(b) Virat Kohli

(c) Babar Azam

(d) Ravindra Jadeja

(e) Rishabh Pant

Q.134) Which Indian Naval Ship brought medical oxygen from Qatar to Mumbai under 'Operation Samudra Setu II'?

(a) INS Vikrant

(b) INS Tarkash

(c) INS Sumit

(d) INS Vikram

(e) INS Sameet

Q.135) Where was the 4th India-Swiss Financial Dialogue held?

(a) Moscow

(b) Geneva

(c) New Delhi

(d) Mumbai

(e) Rome

Q.136) Which company had partnered with NASA for the first private astronaut mission to the international space station?

(a) Blue Origin

(b) Axiom

(c) Sierra Nevada Corporation

(d) Roscosmos

(e) Virgin Galactic

Q.137) Which IIT had developed a portable tech-traditional eco-friendly mobile cremation system?

(a) IIT Madras

(b) IIT Ropar

(c) IIT Kanpur

(d) IIT Bombay

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(e) IIT Kharagpur

Q.138) Who was appointed as the MD and CEO of Godrej Consumer Products?

- (a) Leo Puri
- (b) Sudhir Sitapati**
- (c) George Verghese
- (d) Aditya Narayan
- (e) Sanjiv Misra

Q.139) Who was appointed as the Company Head of Suzuki Motorcycle India?

- (a) Hiroshi Segawa
- (b) Yoshitaka Okada
- (c) Satoshi Uchida**
- (d) Lars Kloo
- (e) Michael Grätzel

Q.140) Venugopal Chandrasekhar passed away recently. Which sport does he belong to?

- (a) Cricket
- (b) Table Tennis**
- (c) Badminton
- (d) Tennis
- (e) Boxer

Q.141) BJ Watling is set to retire after World Test Championship Final. Which country does he belong to?

- (a) Australia
- (b) New Zealand**
- (c) South Africa
- (d) England
- (e) Bangladesh

Q.142) Which company had launched international money transfers with Wise and Western Union?

- (a) Paytm
- (b) Google Pay**
- (c) Mobikwik
- (d) PayPal
- (e) Phone Pay

Q.143) Ajanta Neog became the first woman Finance Minister of _____.

- (a) Assam**
- (b) Bihar
- (c) Maharashtra
- (d) Karnataka

(e) Meghalaya

Q.144) Which state government launched the 'CGTeeka' web portal for a convenient COVID vaccination registration process?

- (a) Manipur
- (b) Telangana
- (c) Chhattisgarh**
- (d) Kerala
- (e) Tripura

Q.145) Which country became the world's first country to ban synthetic cannabinoids?

- (a) Germany
- (b) India
- (c) France
- (d) China**
- (e) Belgium

Q.146) Which state police had launched 'Mission Hausla' to help COVID-19 patients?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh
- (b) Bihar
- (c) Maharashtra
- (d) Karnataka
- (e) Uttarakhand**

Q.147) Yoweri Museveni was sworn in as the President of which country?

- (a) Tanzania
- (b) Kenya
- (c) Uganda**
- (d) Rwanda
- (e) Burundi

Q.148) Which country had received the highest remittances in 2020 according to the World Bank report?

- (a) Mexico
- (b) China
- (c) India**
- (d) Egypt
- (e) France

Q.149) The Union Government is set to issue Sovereign Gold Bonds in six tranches between May and September 2021. When was the Sovereign Gold Bond (SGB) scheme launched?

- (a) December 2016
- (b) November 2015**
- (c) January 2017
- (d) April 2008

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(e) January 2018

Q.150) Who was appointed as the COP26 People's Advocate for the UK's Presidency of the UN climate change summit in Glasgow?

(a) Jane Goodall

(b) David Attenborough

(c) Steve Backshall

(d) Richard Attenborough

(e) Louis Theroux

Q.151) Ram Karan Verma was appointed as next Ambassador of India to the _____.

(a) Cameroon

(b) South Sudan

(c) Central African Republic

(d) Equatorial Guinea

(e) Republic of the Congo

Q.152) Who became the first woman to head Italy's secret service?

(a) Giorgia Meloni

(b) Mario Draghi

(c) Elisabetta Belloni

(d) Marta Cartabia

(e) Giuseppe Conte

Q.153) Who is the author of the book titled "All Time Favourites for Children"?

(a) Khushwant Singh

(b) Arundhati Roy

(c) Ruskin bond

(d) Chetan Bhagat

(e) Vikram Seth

Q.154) Which football club team won the Premier League championship 2021?

(a) Manchester United

(b) Chelsea

(c) Manchester City

(d) Juventus

(e) Real Madrid

Q.155) Who was appointed as the UN humanitarian chief?

(a) Filippo Grandi

(b) Jorge Sampaio

(c) Antonio Guterres

(d) Martin Griffiths

(e) Arora Akanksha

Q.156) Who won the 2021 Laureus Sportsman of The Year Award?

(a) Mohamed Salah

(b) Patrick Mahomes

(c) Rafael Nadal

(d) Lewis Hamilton

(e) Cristiano Ronaldo

Q.157) When is National Technology Day observed?

(a) 15 May

(b) 12 May

(c) 11 May

(d) 14 May

(e) 10 May

Q.158) Indian and Indonesian Navies conducted PASSEX exercise in _____.

(a) Bay of Bengal

(b) Indian Ocean

(c) Arabian Sea

(d) Gulf of Oman

(e) South China Sea

Q.159) Who among the following virtually participated in the 3rd Arctic Science Ministerial held in Tokyo?

(a) Narendra Modi

(b) Piyush Goyal

(c) Harsh Vardhan

(d) Amit Shah

(e) Rajnath Singh

Q.160) SpaceX is set to launch DOGE-1 satellite to the Moon funded with Dogecoin in _____.

(a) 2025

(b) 2022

(c) 2030

(d) 2027

(e) 2035

Q.161) Which company has become the second-fastest-growing retailer as per the Deloitte report?

(a) Amazon

(b) Schwarz Group

(c) Walmart

(d) Reliance Retail

(e) Costco Wholesale Corporation

Q.162) Which state government launched the "MOMA Market" mobile app for home delivery of vegetables?

(a) Meghalaya

(b) Telangana

(c) Manipur

(d) Madhya Pradesh

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(e) Maharashtra

Q.163) Which app was launched by Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar to monitor COVID patients at home?

(a) FINE COVID

(b) HIT COVID

(c) SMART COVID

(d) VACINE COVID

(e) FREE COVID

Q.164) Which startup has developed the world's first private digital court?

(a) Jupitice Justice Technologies

(b) HCL Technologies

(c) Sasken Technologies

(d) Wipro Limited

(e) Redington India Limited

Q.165) Which state government launched 'Ayush Ghar-Dwar' wellness program for home isolated COVID-19 patients?

(a) Maharashtra

(b) Himachal Pradesh

(c) Madhya Pradesh

(d) Tripura

(e) Meghalaya

Q.166) Which company signed an MoU with the Union Ministry of Tribal Affairs for the digital transformation of tribal schools?

(a) TCS

(b) Microsoft

(c) Apple

(d) HCL

(e) Amazon

Q.167) Which country has developed its first completely self-developed supercomputer "Simorgh"?

(a) Israel

(b) France

(c) Iran

(d) Germany

(e) China

Q.168) Which country emerged as the second-largest insurance technology market in Asia-Pacific according to the S&P Global Market Intelligence report?

(a) USA

(b) India

(c) China

(d) Germany

(e) Japan

Q.169) Who was appointed as the MD and CEO of Dai-ichi Life Insurance Company?

(a) Sanjay Gupta

(b) Abhay Tewari

(c) Nanda Kishore

(d) Karan Sharma

(e) Aman Singh

Q.170) Sahitya Akademi award winner K Rajanarayanan passed away recently. He is a renowned _____ writer.

(a) Kannada

(b) Marathi

(c) Tamil

(d) Telugu

(e) Hindi

Q.171) Who was appointed as the batting coach of Indian women's cricket team?

(a) Anil Kumble

(b) Shiv Sunder Das

(c) Rahul Dravid

(d) Ramesh Powar

(e) Abhay Sharma

Q.172) Which country successfully launched a new ocean observation satellite named "Haiyang-2D"?

(a) USA

(b) India

(c) Russia

(d) China

(e) Japan

Q.173) Who became the first woman Chief Justice of Kenya?

(a) Harold Copping

(b) Martha Koome

(c) Saint Cecilia

(d) Niyati Fatnani

(e) Moctar Ouane

Q.174) When is the International Day of Families observed?

(a) May 14

(b) May 17

(c) May 13

(d) May 15

(e) May 18

Q.175) Which state government had declared Malerkotla as its 23rd district?

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- (a) Haryana
- (b) Karnataka
- (c) Punjab**
- (d) Gujarat
- (e) Manipur

Q.176) Prime Minister Narendra Modi released the 8th instalment worth over Rs. 20,000 crores under the PM-KISAN scheme. Which state joined the PM-KISAN scheme recently?

- (a) Tripura
- (b) Maharashtra
- (c) Karnataka
- (d) West Bengal**
- (e) Madhya Pradesh

Q.177) Which country hosted the 1st BRICS Employment Working Group Meeting 2021?

- (a) Brazil
- (b) India**
- (c) Russia
- (d) China
- (e) South Africa

Q.178) Who was appointed as the Prime Minister of Nepal?

- (a) Bidya Devi Bhandari
- (b) Pushpa Kamal Dahal
- (c) KP Sharma Oli**
- (d) Sushil Koirala
- (e) Jhala Nath Khanal

Q.179) Who was appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Bata India?

- (a) Sandeep Kataria
- (b) Abdul Samad
- (c) Gunjan Shah**
- (d) Siddarth Kaul
- (e) Priyam Garg

Q.180) Who was appointed as the head coach of the India Women's Cricket Team?

- (a) Murali Kartik
- (b) Lakshmipathy Balaji
- (c) Ramesh Powar**
- (d) Woorkeri Raman
- (e) Wasim Jaffer

Q.181) Y Nuklu Phom won the prestigious Whitley Award 2021 for his 'biodiversity peace corridor'. Which state does he belong to?

- (a) Manipur
- (b) Nagaland**
- (c) Assam

- (d) Bihar
- (e) Meghalaya

Q.182) Who created a world record by climbing Mount Everest twice in the shortest time (four days)?

- (a) Charles Evans
- (b) Mingma Tenji Sherpa**
- (c) Edmund Hillary
- (d) Tenzing Norgay
- (e) Phurba Tashi

Q.183) Roman Khassanov of Kazakhstan was banned for 10 years after admitting a string of corruption charges. Which sport does he belong to?

- (a) Football
- (b) Cricket
- (c) Table Tennis
- (d) Wrestling
- (e) Tennis**

Q.184) Which organisation had partnered with Elon Musk's SpaceX to provide Starlink internet service?

- (a) Amazon
- (b) ISRO
- (c) NASA
- (d) Google**
- (e) None of the above

Q.185) Who was appointed as the Vice-President of the International Council for Advertising Self-Regulation (ICAS)?

- (a) Manisha Kapoor**
- (b) Ranjith Singh
- (c) Arjun Kapoor
- (d) Aravind Singh
- (e) Karan Sharma

Q.186) Who was appointed as London's Deputy Mayor for Business?

- (a) Ashok Gehlot
- (b) Vinay Kumar
- (c) Amit Khare
- (d) Rajesh Agrawal**
- (e) Narendra Kumar

Q.187) Who among the following received the 'International Invincible Gold Medal' 2021?

- (a) Amit Shah
- (b) Rajnath Singh
- (c) Ramesh Pokhriyal**

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- (d) Nirmala Sitharaman
- (e) Narendra Singh Tomar

Q.188) Rajendrasinh Jadeja passed away recently. Which sport does he belong to?

- (a) Football
- (b) Wrestling
- (c) Hockey
- (d) Cricket**
- (e) Badminton

Q.189) Who was appointed as the senior adviser of the White House?

- (a) Arun Sinha
- (b) Sunil Mehta
- (c) Neera Tanden**
- (d) Manisha Singh
- (e) None of the above

Q.190) Jacinda Ardern topped the Fortune's List of Greatest Leaders. Which country's Prime Minister is she?

- (a) Canada
- (b) Finland
- (c) Greece
- (d) New Zealand**
- (e) France

Q.191) Who was inducted posthumously into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame 2020?

- (a) Stephen Curry
- (b) Vanessa Bryant
- (c) Kobe Bryant**
- (d) Chris Paul
- (e) Kevin Durant

Q.192) Who won the 10th Italian Open Men's Singles title 2021?

- (a) Roger Federer
- (b) Dominic Thiem
- (c) Novak Djokovic
- (d) Daniil Medvedev
- (e) Rafael Nadal**

Q.193) Recently, Tejaswini Shankar was in the news. Which sport does he belong to?

- (a) Shooting
- (b) High Jump**
- (c) Wrestling
- (d) Boxing

- (e) Hockey

Q.194) Who won the Italian Open Women's Singles title 2021?

- (a) Karolina Pliskova
- (b) Elina Svitolina
- (c) Iga Swiatek**
- (d) Ashleigh Barty
- (e) Simona Halep

Q.195) When is World Telecommunication and Information Society Day observed?

- (a) May 18
- (b) May 17**
- (c) May 15
- (d) May 16
- (e) May 20

Q.196) With which country did India extended its Culture Exchange programmes until 2023?

- (a) Maldives
- (b) Philippines
- (c) Mongolia**
- (d) France
- (e) Kenya

Q.197) Which telecom operator has joined with a global consortium to build an undersea cable network to increase data demand?

- (a) Vodafone
- (b) Airtel
- (c) Reliance Jio**
- (d) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited
- (e) Both b and c

Q.198) Andrea Meza was crowned as the Miss Universe 2020. Which country does she belong to?

- (a) Canada
- (b) Mexico**
- (c) Singapore
- (d) France
- (e) India

Q.199) Who is the author of the book titled "Sikkim: A History of Intrigue and Alliance"?

- (a) Jhumpa Lahiri
- (b) Arundhati Roy
- (c) Preet Mohan Singh Malik**
- (d) Salman Rushdie
- (e) Khushwant Singh

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Q.200) MS Narasimhan passed away recently. He is a renowned _____

- (a) Economist
- (b) Chemist
- (c) Banker
- (d) Mathematician**
- (e) Scientist

Q.201) Which city topped in the health infrastructure parameters according to Housing.com's City Health Card report?

- (a) Bengaluru
- (b) Ahmedabad
- (c) Chennai
- (d) Pune**
- (e) Hyderabad

Q.202) Which organisation had partnered with Mahratta Chamber of Commerce Industries and Agriculture (MCCIA) to launch India's first Agriculture Export Facilitation Centre (AEFC)?

- (a) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDAI)
- (b) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
- (c) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)**
- (d) Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)
- (e) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)

Q.203) Who became the first Indian-origin fighter to win a world title at a top-level MMA event?

- (a) Mauro Cerilli
- (b) Brandon Vera
- (c) Arjan Bhullar**
- (d) Marvin Vettori
- (e) Alessio Di Chirico

Q.204) AIBA Men's World Boxing Championships 2021 is scheduled to be held in _____.

- (a) Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- (b) Belgrade, Serbia**
- (c) Geneva, Switzerland
- (d) Brussels, Belgium
- (e) Doha, Qatar

Q.205) Harry Gurney retired from all forms of international cricket. Which country did he represent and play for?

- (a) South Africa
- (b) Australia
- (c) England**
- (d) New Zealand
- (e) Sri Lanka

Q.206) Who was appointed as the Managing Director of the Chennai Petroleum Corporation?

- (a) Vandita Kaul
- (b) Arvind Kumar**
- (c) Shiv Sunder Das
- (d) Abhay Tewari
- (e) Vinay Kumar

Q.207) Who among the following won the 2020 Millennium Technology Prize?

- (a) Shankar Balasubramanian
- (b) David Klenerman
- (c) Sir David Attenborough
- (d) Both a and b**
- (e) All of the above

Q.208) Who became the first Indian woman climber to scale Mount Everest in 2021?

- (a) Santosh Yadav
- (b) Arunima Sinha
- (c) Tashi Yangjom**
- (d) Harish Kapadia
- (e) Chhanda Gayen

Q.209) Which state topped in establishing health and wellness centres (HWCs) under the Ayushman Bharat Program?

- (a) Madhya Pradesh
- (b) Rajasthan
- (c) Karnataka**
- (d) Meghalaya
- (e) Kerala

Q.210) What is the rank of India in the 'Renewable Energy Country Attractiveness Index' according to Ernst & Young Global Limited (EY)?

- (a) 3rd**
- (b) 5th
- (c) 10th
- (d) 24th
- (e) 6th

Q.211) RBI had announced that the limit for PPI accounts with full KYC would increase from Rs. 1 lakh to _____.

- (a) Rs. 5 lakhs
- (b) Rs. 10 lakhs
- (c) Rs. 4 lakhs
- (d) Rs. 2 lakhs**
- (e) Rs. 3 lakhs

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Q.212) Who was appointed as the Chief Minister of Kerala for a 2nd term?

- (a) Oommen Chandy
- (b) Pinarayi Vijayan**
- (c) Veena Vijayan
- (d) KK Shailaja
- (e) VS Achuthanandan

Q.213) Which organisation had developed an antibody detection kit for COVID-19 named "DIPCOVAN kit"?

- (a) Dr. Reddy's Laboratories
- (b) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
- (c) Serum Institute of India
- (d) Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)**
- (e) None of the above

Q.214) Which IIT had developed the 'Blocktrack app' for a healthcare information system?

- (a) IIT Kanpur
- (b) IIT Guwahati
- (c) IIT Madras**
- (d) IIT Kharagpur
- (e) IIT Mandi

Q.215) Who was appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Mexico?

- (a) Sunitha Sharma
- (b) Amit Khare
- (c) Mridul Kumar**
- (d) Raja Mohan
- (e) Saran Kumar

Q.216) Who was appointed as the Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of THDC India Limited?

- (a) Satoshi Uchida
- (b) Arun Kumar Singh
- (c) Rajeev Kumar Vishnoi**
- (d) Vijay Goel
- (e) Rajeev Sundaram

Q.217) Pradip Kumar Yadav was appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the _____.

- (a) Philippines
- (b) Malaysia
- (c) Republic of Belarus
- (d) Republic of Liberia**
- (e) Mexico

Q.218) Which bank had partnered with Mahindra Rural Housing Finance for a cash management solution?

- (a) India Post Payments Bank**
- (b) Fino Payments Bank
- (c) Jio Payments Bank
- (d) Paytm Payments Bank
- (e) Airtel Payments Bank

Q.219) Six Indian heritage sites were added to the tentative list of the UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Which of the following heritage sites is not on the recently released tentative list?

- (a) Meenakshi Amman Temple**
- (b) Satpura Tiger Reserve
- (c) Kanchipuram Temple
- (d) Hire Bankal
- (e) Ganga Ghats

Q.220) Valeria Luiselli won the 2021 International Dublin Literary Award for her book 'Lost Children Archive'. Which country does she belong to?

- (a) Canada
- (b) Mexico**
- (c) Nigeria
- (d) Oman
- (e) Brazil

Q.221) Who won the 2021 Templeton Prize?

- (a) Jane Goodall**
- (b) Hugo van Lawick
- (c) Derek Bryceson
- (d) Marie Curie
- (e) Dian Fossey

Q.222) Which country is set to be the host of the 2022 FIFA Women's U-17 WorldCup?

- (a) Australia
- (b) Netherland
- (c) Brazil
- (d) India**
- (e) Mexico

Q.223) Who became the world's 2nd richest person according to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index 2021?

- (a) Elon Musk
- (b) Jeff Bezos
- (c) Bernard Arnault**
- (d) Bill Gates
- (e) Mark Zuckerberg

Q.224) Arjun Lal and Arvind Singh qualified for the Tokyo Olympics. Which sport do they belong to?

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- (a) Wrestling
- (b) Shooting
- (c) Rowing**
- (d) Ice skating
- (e) Cycling

Q.225) Sami Khedira announced his retirement recently. Which country did he represent and play for?

- (a) England
- (b) Germany**
- (c) Croatia
- (d) France
- (e) Belgium

Q.226) When is the National Anti Terrorism Day observed?

- (a) 23 May
- (b) 22 May
- (c) 21 May**
- (d) 20 May
- (e) 25 May

Q.227) Which is the first state to allow reimbursement of GST on COVID items donations?

- (a) Maharashtra
- (b) Karnataka
- (c) Haryana**
- (d) Assam
- (e) Meghalaya

Q.228) RBI has instructed PPI operators to enable PPI interoperability by March _____.

- (a) 2022**
- (b) 2021
- (c) 2023
- (d) 2025
- (e) 2024

Q.229) Who was appointed as a member of the FIH Athletes' Committee?

- (a) Harmanpreet Singh
- (b) PR Sreejesh**
- (c) Mandeep Singh
- (d) Sardara Singh
- (e) Rupinder Pal Singh

Q.230) Who became the first Indian to win 'The World Choreography Award 2020'?

- (a) Kailash Jayanth
- (b) Arun Chowdry
- (c) Vinoth Singh
- (d) Suresh Mukund**

- (e) Giri Keshav

Q.231) Which women's club team beat Chelsea to win the Women's Champions League 2021 trophy?

- (a) Real Madrid
- (b) Barcelona**
- (c) Liverpool
- (d) Juventus
- (e) Manchester City

Q.232) Who was sworn in as the new Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu?

- (a) Edappadi Palaniswami
- (b) Jayalalitha
- (c) MK Stalin**
- (d) Panneerselvam
- (e) Durai Murugan

Q.233) N Rangasamy was sworn in as the Chief Minister of _____.

- (a) Assam
- (b) Puducherry**
- (c) West Bengal
- (d) Kerala
- (e) Madhya Pradesh

Q.234) Which city was ranked 40th in the Knight Frank's Global Prime Property Index for Q1 of 2021?

- (a) New Delhi
- (b) Mumbai
- (c) Bengaluru**
- (d) Chennai
- (e) Pune

Q.235) When is World Athletics Day observed?

- (a) 5 May
- (b) 4 May
- (c) 3 May
- (d) 7 May**
- (e) 9 May

Q.236) Which armed force inaugurated the first green solar energy harnessing plant in North Sikkim?

- (a) Indian Navy
- (b) Indian Army**
- (c) Indian Air force
- (d) Border Security Force
- (e) Indo-Tibetan Border Force

Q.237) When is World Laughter Day observed?

- (a) First Saturday of May

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(b) First Sunday of May

- (c) Second Saturday of May
- (d) First Friday of May
- (e) First Monday of May

Q.238) With which country did India launch 'Roadmap 2030' at a virtual summit?

- (a) Australia
- (b) Belgium
- (c) Maldives
- (d) Bhutan
- (e) United Kingdom**

Q.239) Which is the world's first artificial intelligent ship to navigate across the Atlantic Ocean?

- (a) Mayflower 434
- (b) Mayflower 405
- (c) Mayflower 300
- (d) Mayflower 457
- (e) Mayflower 400**

Q.240) Who was appointed as the 38th National President of FLO (FICCI Ladies Organisation)?

- (a) Rajiv Kumar
- (b) Nirmala Shiva
- (c) Ujjwala Singhania**
- (d) Tharani Singh
- (e) Vinu Chakravarthy

Q.241) Arun Kumar Singh appointed as the CMD of _____.

- (a) Indian Oil Corporation
- (b) Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited**
- (c) Coal India
- (d) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation
- (e) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited

Q.242) Who was appointed as the CEO of the National Asset Reconstruction Company (NARCL)?

- (a) Keshav Sharma
- (b) Vinay Kumar
- (c) Padmakumar M Nair**
- (d) V Haricharan
- (e) Ranjith Kumar

Q.243) Which is the first Union Territory to provide relief to COVID-19 victims' families under the Saksham scheme?

- (a) Puducherry
- (b) Jammu & Kashmir**
- (c) Andaman and Nicobar
- (d) Lakshadweep
- (e) None of the above

Q.244) Which Union Ministry is set to provide monetary of Rs. 1200 crores to state governments and UT administrations for students under Mid-Day Meal scheme?

- (a) Union Ministry of Food Processing Industries
- (b) Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- (c) Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- (d) Union Minister for Education**
- (e) Union Minister for Tribal Affairs

Q.245) Which IIT researchers had designed "smart windows" to cut carbon emissions?

- (a) IIT Kanpur
- (b) IIT Madras
- (c) IIT Guwahati**
- (d) IIT Kharagpur
- (e) IIT Mandi

Q.246) Who was appointed as the Chairman of the newly formed self-regulatory body Digital Media Content Regulatory Council (DMCRC) that was formed by the Indian Broadcasting Foundation (IBF)?

- (a) Rajesh Bansal
- (b) Justice Vikramjit Sen**
- (c) Subodh Kumar Jaiswal
- (d) Narinder Batra
- (e) Pradip Kumar Yadav

Q.247) Who became the fastest woman to scale Mount Everest (8,848.86 m) in 25 hours and 50 minutes?

- (a) Arunima Sinha
- (b) Tsang Yin-hung**
- (c) Shivangi Pathak
- (d) Pasang Lhamu Sherpa
- (e) Jangling Tenzing Norgay

Q.248) Who won the 2020–21 Kia NBA Sixth Man Award?

- (a) Bojan Bogdanović
- (b) Jordan Clarkson**
- (c) Rudy Gobert
- (d) Derrick Favors
- (e) Kobe Bryant

Q.249) Who is the author of the book titled "Savarkar: A Contested Legacy (1924–1966)"?

- (a) Bibek Debroy
- (b) Arundhati Roy
- (c) Vikram Sampath**
- (d) Sudha Murthy
- (e) Vikram Seth

Q.250) Who is the author of the book titled 'Stargazing: The Players in My Life'?

- (a) Kapil Dev
- (b) Sunil Gavaskar
- (c) Sachin Tendulkar
- (d) Ravi Shastri**
- (e) Zaheer Khan

- (b) 10.6%
- (c) 9.2%**
- (d) 11.4%
- (e) 6.5%

Q.4) Which small finance bank became the first SFB to offer end to end online process for NRI account opening?

- (a) Au Small Finance Bank
- (b) Jana Small Finance Bank
- (c) Equitas Small Finance Bank**
- (d) Capital Small Finance Bank
- (e) Ujjivan Small Finance Bank

Q.5) What is India's projected GDP growth forecast for the fiscal year 2021-2022 according to Barclays (May 2021)?

- (a) 11.1%
- (b) 9.2%**
- (c) 8.1%
- (d) 7.4%
- (e) 8.5%

Q.6) Which company had partnered with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) to help merchants accept contactless payments?

- (a) Mobikwik
- (b) PayCore**
- (c) Flipkart
- (d) PayU
- (e) Paytm

Q.7) Which company had partnered with Centrum Microcredit to facilitate unsecured business loans to retailers?

- (a) BillDesk
- (b) Razorpay
- (c) PayPal
- (d) PayNearby**
- (e) Policybazaar

Q.8) FlexiLoans had partnered with Vivriti Capital to disburse loans worth Rs. 300 crores to _____.

- (a) Farmers
- (b) Students
- (c) MSMEs**
- (d) Civil Servants
- (e) None of the above

Q.9) Which bank has collaborated with NPCI to link its 'Pockets' digital wallet to the UPI network?

- (a) HDFC Bank
- (b) ICICI Bank**
- (c) Axis Bank

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Q.1) Which insurance company has partnered with PayPoint to grant health cover in rural India?

- (a) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance
- (b) Digit General Insurance Company Limited**
- (c) Bharti AXA General Insurance Company Limited
- (d) IFFCO Tokio General Insurance Company Limited
- (e) Universal Sompo General Insurance Company

Q.2) Which organisation has provided Rs. 1,236 crores from its Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) for Assam in FY21?

- (a) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDAI)
- (b) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
- (c) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)**
- (d) Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)
- (e) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)

Q.3) What is India's projected GDP growth forecast for the fiscal year 2021-22 according to the Care Ratings report?

- (a) 8.1%

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- (d) Bank of Baroda
- (e) Federal Bank

Q.10) Which insurance company had partnered with CtrlS Datacenters for strategic technology solutions?

- (a) Edelweiss Tokio Life Insurance Company Limited
- (b) Canara HSBC Oriental Bank of Commerce Life Insurance**
- (c) Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance Company Limited
- (d) Aegon Life Insurance Company Limited
- (e) Tata AIA Life Insurance Company Limited

Q.11) Which project was launched by Anand Mahindra to ease the transportation of oxygen from production plants to hospitals and homes?

- (a) Oxygen on Fly
- (b) Oxygen on Wheels**
- (c) Wheels on Air
- (d) Fly on Wheels
- (e) None of the above

Q.12) What is India's projected GDP growth forecast for the financial year 2021–22 according to the Goldman Sachs report?

- (a) 12.1%
- (b) 10.6%
- (c) 11.1%**
- (d) 13.4%
- (e) 12.5%

Q.13) Which of the following guidelines by the RBI does not hamper the profitability of commercial banks in India?

- (a) Statutory Liquidity Ratio
- (b) Bank Rate**
- (c) Reverse Repo Rate
- (d) Cash Reserve Ratio
- (e) Repo Rate

Q.14) Which bank has imposed a fine of Rs. 3 crores by the Reserve Bank of India for violating certain rules?

- (a) HDFC bank
- (b) ICICI bank**
- (c) IndusInd bank
- (d) Bank of Maharashtra
- (e) SBI

Q.15) Where is the headquarters of the AU Small Finance Bank located?

- (a) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- (b) Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- (c) Jaipur, Rajasthan**

- (d) Pune, Maharashtra
- (e) Bangalore, Karnataka

Q.16) What is the tagline of ICICI bank?

- (a) Banking For All, "Aao Sochein Bada"
- (b) We understand your world
- (c) Hum Hai Na, Khyal Apka**
- (d) The world's local bank
- (e) Your Faithful and Friendly Financial Partner

Q.17) RBI excluded Lakshmi Vilas Bank from the Second Schedule of the RBI Act. Where is the headquarters of the Lakshmi Vilas Bank located?

- (a) Chennai**
- (b) Mumbai
- (c) Kochi
- (d) Pune
- (e) Lucknow

Q.18) Which of the following banks was selected by the National Agriculture Market (eNAM) as its digital payments partner?

- (a) ICICI Bank
- (b) Kotak Mahindra Bank**
- (c) Axis Bank
- (d) Karur Vysya Bank
- (e) Lakshmi Vilas Bank

Q.19) What is India's projected GDP growth forecast for the financial year 2021–22 according to the S&P report?

- (a) 11.1%
- (b) 10.6%
- (c) 9.8%**
- (d) 12.4%
- (e) 12.5%

Q.20) Which bank has partnered with Mashreq Bank to offer instant money transfers from UAE to India?

- (a) Axis Bank
- (b) RBL Bank
- (c) Federal Bank**
- (d) HDFC Bank
- (e) ICICI Bank

Q.21) Who was appointed as the new Executive Director of the Reserve Bank of India?

- (a) Rabi Sankar
- (b) Jose J Kattoor**
- (c) Shaktikanta Das
- (d) Rajeshwar Rao

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(e) Sankar Ghosh

Q.22) Karnataka Vikas Grameen Bank (KVGB) has bagged five PFRDA Awards. Which among the following award was not awarded to KVGB?

- (a) Lead to Leap
- (b) APY Makers of Excellence
- (c) Game Changers
- (d) Leadership Capital
- (e) Quick Achievers**

Q.23) Which organisation had launched the 'Asia Pacific Tax Hub' to enhance domestic resource mobilisation and international tax cooperation?

- (a) World Bank
- (b) International Monetary Fund
- (c) New Development Bank
- (d) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
- (e) Asian Development Bank**

Q.24) What is India's projected GDP growth forecast for the financial year 2021–22 according to Moody's report (May 2021)?

- (a) 12.1%
- (b) 9.3%**
- (c) 16.1%
- (d) 13.4%
- (e) 12.5%

Q.25) Where is the headquarters of the Karnataka Vikas Grameen Bank located?

- (a) Pune, Maharashtra
- (b) Dharwad, Karnataka**
- (c) Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- (d) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- (e) Mumbai, Maharashtra

Q.26) Where is the headquarters of the European Investment Bank located?

- (a) Belgium
- (b) Luxembourg**
- (c) Switzerland
- (d) China
- (e) Kenya

Q.27) What is India's projected GDP growth forecast for the financial year 2021–22 according to the Fitch report?

- (a) 11.1%
- (b) 10.6%
- (c) 9.5%**

(d) 12.4%

(e) 12.5%

Q.28) Which small finance bank had launched the 'I choose my number' feature?

- (a) Equitas Small Finance Bank
- (b) Jana Small Finance Bank**
- (c) ESAF Small Finance Bank
- (d) Ujjivan Small Finance Bank
- (e) AU Small Finance Bank

Q.29) Which bank had partnered with Geojit for a three-in-one account?

- (a) Indian Bank
- (b) Punjab National Bank**
- (c) Union Bank of India
- (d) Bank of Baroda
- (e) HDFC Bank

Q.30) Which payment company introduced digital foreign inward remittance advice?

- (a) Phone Pay
- (b) Paytm
- (c) Mobikwik
- (d) PayPal**
- (e) Google Pay

Q.31) RBI cancelled the licence of the United Co-operative Bank over inadequate capital and regulatory non-compliance. Which state is the United Co-operative Bank based in?

- (a) Maharashtra
- (b) West Bengal**
- (c) Andhra Pradesh
- (d) Gujarat
- (e) Madhya Pradesh

Q.32) RBI extended restrictions on Millath Co-operative Bank for 3 months. Which state is the Millath Co-operative Bank based in?

- (a) Andhra Pradesh
- (b) Karnataka**
- (c) Maharashtra
- (d) Madhya Pradesh
- (e) Telangana

Q.33) Which finance company gets the RBI nod for prepaid payment instruments (PPI) recently?

- (a) Tata Capital
- (b) Muthoot Finance
- (c) Bajaj Finance**

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(d) Capital First Limited

(e) SBI Card

Q.34) What is India's projected GDP growth forecast for the calendar year 2021 according to the UN World Economic Situation and Prospects Report (May 2021)?

(a) 11.1%

(b) 7.5%

(c) 8.1%

(d) 7.4%

(e) 12.5%

Q.35) Which bank has partnered with Common Services Centers (CSC) to offer Chat Bot EVA's support to village-level entrepreneurs?

(a) ICICI Bank

(b) Axis Bank

(c) HDFC Bank

(d) Federal Bank

(e) RBL Bank

Q.36) Which organisation had proposed a framework for gold exchange and suggests trading in e-gold receipts?

(a) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDAI)

(b) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)

(c) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)

(d) Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)

(e) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)

Q.37) Which insurance company had launched an end-to-end partner onboarding solution called IPOS (Integrated Partner Onboarding Solution)?

(a) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance

(b) Universal Sompo General Insurance Company

(c) Bharti AXA General Insurance Company Limited

(d) IFFCO Tokio General Insurance Company Limited

(e) Edelweiss General Insurance

Q.38) Which payment bank had launched the 'DigiGold' platform for customers to make investments in gold?

(a) Paytm Payments Bank

(b) Airtel Payments Bank

(c) Jio Payments Bank

(d) Aditya Birla Payments Bank

(e) India Post Payments Bank

Q.39) Which bank had launched Asia's first bank-backed crypto trust service?

(a) Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited

(b) Development Bank of Singapore

(c) Standard Chartered

(d) Citibank

(e) State Bank of India

Q.40) Which company had partnered with SoftBank to roll out satellite communication services?

(a) Eutelsat

(b) Orbcomm

(c) Blue Origin

(d) OneWeb

(e) Rocket Lab

Q.41) Which bank had launched its digital banking solutions 'SmartServe' and 'IntelliSign' for corporate customers?

(a) Federal Bank

(b) IDBI Bank

(c) HSBC Bank

(d) Federal Bank

(e) ICICI Bank

Q.42) Which organisation gave a \$3.92 billion loan to India for 13 projects in 2020?

(a) Asian Development Bank

(b) World Bank

(c) New Development Bank

(d) International Monetary Fund

(e) European Investment Bank

Q.43) Who was appointed as the Chief Risk Officer of Punjab National Bank?

(a) Mallika Srinivasan

(b) Anjali Bhawra

(c) Ashutosh Choudhary

(d) Poonam Gupta

(e) S Ramann

Q.44) RBI has imposed a monetary penalty of Rs. 10 crores on HDFC Bank. Under which Act was the penalty imposed on HDFC Bank by the RBI?

(a) Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934

(b) Co-operative Societies Act, 1912

(c) Banking Regulation Act, 1949

(d) Banking Ombudsman Scheme, 2006

(e) Banking Companies (Acquisition and Transfer of Undertaking) Act, 1969

Q.45) Who was appointed as the nominee director on the board of the Bank of India?

(a) Suresh Kumar

(b) Vandita Kaul

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- (c) Vinay Kumar
(d) Monisha Seker
(e) Akshay Kumar

Q.46) What is India's projected GDP growth forecast for the financial year 2021–22 according to Nomura's report (May 2021)?

- (a) 10.8%**
(b) 12.6%
(c) 16.1%
(d) 13.4%
(e) 11.5%

Q.47) Which bank had issued India's first-ever FPI license to GIFT IFSC Alternate Investment Fund (AIF)?

- (a) HDFC Bank
(b) Federal Bank
(c) Kotak Mahindra Bank
(d) ICICI Bank
(e) State Bank of India

Q.48) Which life insurance company had launched the "Vision LIFELIFE Plus", Which is a hyper-flexible savings plan?

- (a) Life Insurance Corporation
(b) Aditya Birla Sun Life Insurance
(c) Max Life Insurance
(d) Tata AIA Life Insurance
(e) Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance

Q.49) Which bank had launched a digital loan processing system for MSMEs and Agri borrowers?

- (a) Axis Bank
(b) IDBI Bank
(c) HDFC Bank
(d) Federal Bank
(e) ICICI Bank

Q.50) Which bank had partnered with HyperVerge for AI-powered online account opening?

- (a) Bank of India
(b) State Bank of India
(c) United Bank of India
(d) Bank of Baroda
(e) Indian Bank

SIMPLIFICATION

Q.1) $78 \times 47 + 48\% \text{ of } 2600 - \frac{5525}{325} = x - 13$

- (a) 4900

- (b) 4920
(c) 4908
(d) 4912
(e) None of the above

Q.2) $\frac{621}{13} \times \frac{156}{23} + \frac{992}{36} \times \frac{1332}{31} = (x)$

- (a) 1408
(b) 1600
(c) 1608
(d) 1508
(e) 1510

Q.3) $1.2 \times 1.5 + 3.2 \times 2.5 + 0.1 \times 2 = (x)$

- (a) 24
(b) 19
(c) 18
(d) 12
(e) 10

Q.4) $40\% \text{ of } 3200 + (x)\% \text{ of } 2500 = 1580$

- (a) 10
(b) 12
(c) 14
(d) 16
(e) 18

Q.5) $15 \times 12 + 12 \times 19 + 19 \times 18 = (x)$

- (a) 767
(b) 636
(c) 766
(d) 750
(e) 568

Q.6) $1.123 + 2.321 + 10.123 = (x) - 0.433$

- (a) 12
(b) 13
(c) 14
(d) 16
(e) 15

Q.7) $x = \sqrt{324} \times \sqrt{256} \div \sqrt[3]{216} \times \sqrt[3]{512}$

- (a) 284
(b) 312
(c) 384

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(d) 288

(e) 326

Q.8) $25 + x = 4\frac{2}{5}$ of 200

(a) 865

(b) 845

(c) 855

(d) 905

(e) None of these

Q.9) $\frac{x}{8}$ of $\sqrt{64} = \frac{32}{x}$ of $\sqrt[3]{512}$

(a) 312

(b) 484

(c) 5188

(d) 146

(e) 256

Q.10) $x = 45.96\%$ of 249.99 + 55.89% of 150.003 + 24.05% of 1201

(a) 467

(b) 487

(c) 484

(d) 492

(e) None of these

Q.11) 25% of $x = 142.35 + 297.96 \div 1.99$

(a) 1746

(b) 1756

(c) 1164

(d) 1174

(e) None of these

Q.12) $x\%$ of $5\frac{6}{11}$ of 13200 = 18300

(a) 25

(b) 32

(c) 41

(d) 53

(e) None of these

Q.13) $126 \times 5\frac{2}{3} + 816 - 922 = x$

(a) 578

(b) 608

(c) 671

(d) 712

(e) None of these

Q.14) $\frac{14}{9} \div \frac{84}{27} \times 0.005 = x$

(a) 0.025

(b) 0.25

(c) 0.0025

(d) 0.525

(e) None of these

Q.15) $\frac{1}{4} \times \left(\frac{2}{5} - \left(\frac{3}{5} + 2\frac{4}{5} \right) \right) = x$

(a) -1

(b) 2

(c) $-\frac{3}{4}$

(d) $\frac{4}{5}$

(e) None of these

Q.16) $\sqrt{729} \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{9}} \times 510 - 1029 = x$

(a) 3561

(b) 3781

(c) 3921

(d) 3978

(e) None of these

Q.17) 25% of $\frac{1}{4!}$ of 20% of 8! = x

(a) 84

(b) 48

(c) 96

(d) 87

(e) 56

Q.18) $\frac{78 \times 184 \times 33}{\sqrt[2]{529} \times \sqrt[3]{2197}} = x$

(a) 1783

(b) 2189

(c) 1893

(d) 1839

(e) 1584

Q.19) 55% of 7820 - $x\%$ of 6350 = 1761

(a) 50

(b) 10

(c) 20

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(d) 30

(e) 40

Q.20) $(203 \div 7) \times (119 \div 7) - (133 \div 7) \times (91 \div 7) = 3 \times x$

(a) 92

(b) 82

(c) 72

(d) 52

(e) 62

Q.21) $(0.64 \div 0.8) + 19.2 + (2.7 \div 0.03) = 11 \times x$

(a) 8

(b) 9

(c) 20

(d) 10

(e) 11

Q.22) $238.5 + 28^2 \div \sqrt[3]{512} - 156.3 = x + 22.2$

(a) 123

(b) 158

(c) 168

(d) 193

(e) 201

Q.23) $24 \times 86 + 98 - 188 \div 4 = x$

(a) 2115

(b) 3129

(c) 1090

(d) 3901

(e) 2091

Q.24) $24\% \text{ of } 5460 + 15\% \text{ of } 9995 + 287 = x$

(a) 3908.53

(b) 3095.54

(c) 3096.65

(d) 3920.23

(e) 3298.32

Q.25) $87932 + 49230 - 39239 + 3292 - 9281 - 23123 + 12 = x$

(a) 68879

(b) 48920

(c) 67053

(d) 68823

(e) 68738

ANSWER KEY

1. E	2. D	3. E	4. B	5. D
6. C	7. C	8. C	9. E	10. B
11. C	12. A	13. B	14. C	15. C
16. A	17. A	18. E	19. E	20. B
21. D	22. B	23. A	24. C	25. D

ENGLISH

Q. 1-30) Vocabulary

1. Introvert

Meaning: a shy, reticent person

Synonyms: brooder, egoist, egotist, loner

Antonyms: extrovert

Usage: Being an **introvert** Renu remained silent at the party.

2. Altruist

Meaning: a person unselfishly concerned for or devoted to the welfare of others

Synonyms: charitable, humanitarian, magnanimous, philanthropic

Antonyms: stingy, uncharitable, selfish

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Usage: During this pandemic, many **altruists** spend their money on orphanages.

3. Futile

Meaning: incapable of producing any useful result; pointless

Synonyms: insufficient, trivial, unproductive, unprofitable

Antonyms: effective, fruitful, helpful, productive

Usage: The efforts to revive the polluted river become **futile**.

4. Inhibit

Meaning: hinder, restrain, or prevent (an action or process)

Synonyms: prohibit, restrain, stymie

Antonyms: allow, assist, encourage

Usage: The climbers **inhibited** the growth of the neem tree.

5. Ambivert

Meaning: a person who has a balance of extrovert and introvert features in their personality

Synonyms: schizoid, phlegmatic, melancholic, choleric

Usage: Simran is an **ambivert**. She enjoys being in parties as well as being alone.

6. Cynical

Meaning: believing that people are motivated purely by self-interest; distrustful of human sincerity or integrity

Synonyms: contemptuous, derisive, ironic, misanthropic

Antonyms: believing, hopeful, optimistic

Usage: Even though Ram seems to be a gentleman, his eyes show that he is **cynical**.

7. Austerity

Meaning: sternness or severity of manner or attitude

Synonyms: rigor, acerbity, asperity, astringency

Antonyms: informality, kindness, mildness

Usage: That retired military officer was noted for his **austerity**.

8. Downtrodden

Meaning: oppressed or treated badly by people in power

Synonyms: distressed, exploited, needy

Antonyms: rich, wealthy, happy

Usage: Once upon a time, she was a poor, **downtrodden** woman. But now, she is an IAS officer.

9. Revamp

Meaning: give new and improved form, structure or appearance to

Synonyms: clean, overhaul, refurbish

Antonyms: break, damage, destroy

Usage: We are planning to **revamp** our house

10. Unprecedented

Meaning: never done or known before

Synonyms: extraordinary, exceptional, unmatched

Antonyms: ordinary, average, familiar

Usage: Considering the **unprecedented** situation of the pandemic, these exams should have been postponed.

11. Woo

Meaning: seek the favour, support or custom of

Synonyms: chase, pursue, ingratiate

Antonyms: deter, affront, repulse, reject

Usage: Political parties have roped in Bollywood stars only to **woo** the young.

12. Implicitly

Meaning: in a way that is not directly expressed; tacitly

Synonyms: absolutely, totally, utterly, unconditionally

Antonyms: bluntly, explicitly, openly, clearly

Usage: She **implicitly** expressed her love by offering him food.

13. Downright

Meaning: (of something bad or unpleasant) utter; complete (used for emphasis)

Synonyms: total, absolute, thorough, perfect, sheer

Antonyms: inadequate, incomplete, insufficient, unfinished

Usage: It was **downright** bad marking that allowed Dermot Shields to head past Larkin from six yards for the lead goal.

14. Blatant

Meaning: (of bad behaviour) done openly and unashamedly

Synonyms: flagrant, glaring, undisguised

Antonyms: imperceptible, inconspicuous, unnoticeable

Usage: The promise that he made when they were in a relationship was exposed as a **blatant** lie.

15. Irrefutable

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Meaning: Impossible to disapprove or deny

Synonym: unquestionable, incontrovertible

Antonym: unreliable, doubtful

Usage: I had to admit her argument had an **irrefutable** logic.

16. Relent

Meaning: to cease resistance (as to another's arguments, demands, or control)

Synonyms: concede, give in, submit, succumb

Antonyms: combat, confront, counter, defy

Usage: Because my mother was very angry, she couldn't **relent** on my punishment.

17. Revere

Meaning: feel deep respect or admiration for (something)

Synonyms: respect, admire, cherish, appreciate

Antonyms: blaspheme, desecrate, profane, violate

Usage: If you want to achieve any goal, **revere** the process & success will follow.

18. Extol

Meaning: praise enthusiastically

Synonyms: eulogise, acclaim

Antonyms: criticise

Usage: My mother always **extols** my brother's accomplishments and ignore all the good things I did.

19. Valiant

Meaning: possessing or showing courage or determination

Synonyms: brave, fearless, courageous, valorous

Antonyms: cowardly, irresolute

Usage: Soldiers are **valiant** individuals who put their lives on the line to save others.

20. Splurge

Meaning: to spend extravagantly or ostentatiously

Synonyms: squander, fling, dissipate, disburse

Antonyms: accumulate, hoard, conserve, preserve

Usage: We **splurged** for our new house.

21. Bedeck

Meaning: to decorate or cover

Synonyms: adorn, bedizen, embellish, emblaze

Antonyms: denude, blemish, deface, disfigure

Usage: The cars were all **bedecked** with flowers for the wedding ceremony.

22. Precarious

Meaning: dependent on chance; uncertain

Synonyms: unsure, unpredictable, doubtful, dubious

Antonyms: certain, stable, confirmed, definite

Usage: Due to the emerging deadly diseases, people's lives are in **precarious** condition.

23. Environ

Meaning: surround; enclose

Synonyms: encircle, envelop, cloak, swathe

Antonyms: unbridle, free, open, release

Usage: The sheep herd was **environed** by a wall made from thorns.

24. Viable

Meaning: capable of working successfully; feasible

Synonyms: applicable, feasible, possible, usable

Antonyms: impossible, unfeasible, unlikely

Usage: Deva is dancing quite well. His idea of becoming a dancer is **viable**.

25. Demean

Meaning: cause a severe loss in the dignity of and respect for (someone or something)

Synonyms: degrading, humiliating, inglorious, abject

Antonyms: admire, elevate, honour, laud

Usage: We should not **demean** any profession.

26. Confound

Meaning: to mix up or confuse

Synonyms: confuse, puzzle

Antonyms: confirm, verify

Usage: Without instructions, the exam procedures will **confound** anyone.

27. Despotic

Meaning: of or typical of a despot; tyrannical

Synonyms: autocratic, dictatorial, totalitarian, authoritarian

Antonyms: democratic, accountable

Usage: Under orders from the **despotic** ruler, citizens were denied freedom of speech.

28. Indigenous

Meaning: originating or occurring naturally in a particular place; native

Synonyms: native, innate, inborn, primitive, congenital

Antonyms: alien, foreign

Usage: They were our **indigenous** peoples, our first peoples, our first speakers and our first hearers.

29. Drought

Meaning: a prolonged period of abnormally low rainfall, leading to a shortage of water.

Synonym: dry spell, dry period,

Antonym: abundance, adequacy, prosperity

Usage: Severe heat and **drought** had affected the food crop productions.

30. Idolise

Meaning: to adore, admire or love greatly

Synonyms: admire, acknowledge

Antonyms: dislike, disrespect

Usage: She wanted someone to **idolise** her for her strong work ethic.

Q. 31–40) Read the passage carefully and fill the blanks with appropriate words from the given options.

Retailers enjoyed the biggest jump in sales in 18 months during April as shoppers, forced to stay home by the __ (31) __ weather in March, returned to the high street. Fashion clothing, food and petrol sales __ (32) __ back to push sales volumes up 1.6% in April on the previous month as the “beast from the east” __ (33) __ and the sun came out. However, the Office for National Statistics, which compiled the figures, warned that sales growth remained __ (34) __ “with the volume of goods sold over the last six months broadly unchanged”. A spokesman said: “Over the longer-term retail sales growth has slowed considerably, with increases in food, household goods and internet retailers being largely offset by declines across all other types of retailing.” A number of retailers are __ (35) __ with Marks & Spencer saying earlier this week it would close 100 stores by 2022. Department stores were among the biggest losers in April, though this reflected their __ (36) __ in March when their internet operations __ (37) __ from the cold snap. Sales fell 1.2% in March from February, with petrol sales down 7.4% after large parts of the UK were brought to a __ (38) __ by heavy snow and transport delays. On

Thursday, Kingfisher, the owner of the B&Q, reported that its flagship DIY chain had seen a 9% drop in sales in the three months to 30 April. It __ (39) __ 6% of the fall on the effects of the snow, which hit sales of outdoor products and __ (40) __ it to close stores.

31.

- (a) normal
- (b) heavier
- (c) bitter
- (d) pleasant
- (e) wonderful

32.

- (a) bounced
- (b) cut
- (c) pushed
- (d) threw
- (e) went

33.

- (a) grow
- (b) enlarge
- (c) intensify
- (d) receded
- (e) modify

34.

- (a) rival
- (b) seized
- (c) corrupted
- (d) accused
- (e) subdued

35.

- (a) getting
- (b) struggling
- (c) thrashing
- (d) pegging
- (e) envisaging

36.

- (a) status
- (b) resilience
- (c) hope
- (d) responsibility
- (e) duty

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37.

- (a) allowed
- (b) revealed
- (c) concluded
- (d) profited
- (e) stood

38.

- (a) standstill
- (b) solution
- (c) end
- (d) dynamics
- (e) specific

39.

- (a) praised
- (b) packed
- (c) banned
- (d) blamed
- (e) canned

40.

- (a) enacted
- (b) levelled
- (c) marshalled
- (d) pulled
- (e) forced

Q. 41–45) A sentence is divided into four parts marked as (A), (B), (C) and (D) in each question. Read the sentences carefully and select the part which is grammatically wrong. If every part in the sentence is grammatically correct then, choose 'No Error' (E) as the answer.

41. Foot wears for police personnel (A) / has been supplied (B) / only by the leather (C) / factory in Vellore central prison. (D) / No Error (E)

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) No Error

42. The recovery of the bomb (A) / came to light (B) / when security forces are maintaining (C) / tight vigil ahead of Independence Day. (D) / No Error (E)

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

(e) No Error

43. During plays are read, (A) / they are not going (B) / to be performed on stage (C) / in Chennai Theatrical Fest. (D) / No Error (E)

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) No Error

44. The government's latest proposal go (A) / against the spirit of the RTE, (B) / which is a fundamental right guaranteeing (C) / free and compulsory education till the age of 14. (D) / No Error (E)

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) No Error

45. Teacher shortage and quality of teaching and learning (A) / continue to be the huge challenges in a (B) / country that depends on the private (C) / sector to deliver on the education front. (D) / No Error (E)

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) No Error

Q. 46–50) In the following questions, a sentence is divided into five parts. Rearrange them to form a meaningful sentence and choose the correct sequence from the given options.

46.

- A) Mummies and jewellery in the latest
- B) Egyptian archaeologists have discovered
- C) Lived more than 3,000 years ago, unearthing statues,
- D) A tomb of a prominent goldsmith who
- E) Major find near the Nile city of Luxor

- (a) BDAEC
- (b) CADEB
- (c) BDCAE
- (d) EDCAB
- (e) ACDEB

47.

- A) The two countries' zeal to outperform
- B) The space organisations
- C) Despite the work cultures of
- D) Being poles apart

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E) Each other is quite beneficial

- (a) AECBD
- (b) CBADE
- (c) BDCAE
- (d) DCEAB
- (e) EBACD

48.

- A) The world on the theme of girls' education,
- B) The ceremony will be followed by
- C) And other youth representatives around
- D) A conversation among Mr. Guterres, Ms. Yousafzai
- E) Daily Pakistan reported on Saturday

- (a) BDAEC
- (b) CADEB
- (c) BDCAE
- (d) EDCAB
- (e) ACDEB

49.

- A) To the group's regressive interpretation
- B) Of her family that limits girls' access to education
- C) By the relatives for her relentless objections
- D) Medical treatment after being targeted
- E) The teenager had travelled to Birmingham for

- (a) BDAEC
- (b) CADEB
- (c) BDCAE
- (d) EDCAB
- (e) ACDEB

50.

- A) Delivering the Second Transforming India
- B) Enhance transparency and reduce leakages
- C) Lecture organised by NITI Aayog
- D) on Wednesday, Mr. Gates said that
- E) Shift to digital transactions will

- (a) BDAEC
- (b) CADEB
- (c) BDCAE
- (d) EDCAB
- (e) ACDEB

46. C	47. A	48. C	49. D	50. E
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ANSWER KEY

31. C	32. A	33. D	34. E	35. B
36. B	37. D	38. A	39. D	40. E
41. A	42. C	43. A	44. A	45. E