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NATIONAL NEWS

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launches a digital payment solution 'e-RUPI'

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** virtually launched an e-voucher-based digital payment solution, '**e-RUPI**'. This initiative is a **QR code** or **SMS** string-based **e-voucher**, which is delivered to the mobile of the beneficiaries.
- It was developed by the **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)** on its UPI platform in collaboration with the **Department of Financial Services**.

Union Minister Meenakshi Lekhi participates in the G20 Culture Ministers Meeting

- Union Minister of State for External Affairs and Culture **Meenakshi Lekhi** participated in the **G20 Culture Ministers** Meeting hosted by **Italy**. She addressed participants of the meeting and presented India's perspective on the topic '**Culture and creative sectors as drivers for growth**'.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah lays the foundation stone of the Uttar Pradesh State Institute of Forensic Sciences in Lucknow

- Union Home Minister **Amit Shah** laid the foundation stone of the **Uttar Pradesh State Institute of Forensic Sciences** in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.

Hindustan Zinc signs an MoU with Normet Group Oy to introduce EVs in underground mining

- **Hindustan Zinc Limited** has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with **Normet Group Oy** for sustainable operations for healthier mining & greener tomorrow by introducing a fleet of **battery-powered service equipment** in underground mining.

Union Government cuts MUDRA loans target in FY22

- The **Union Government** has set the loans disbursement target under the **Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana (PMMY)** at **Rs. 3 trillion** for the current financial year (FY22) as compared to **Rs. 3.21 trillion** sanctioned in **FY21**.

DefExpo-2022 is scheduled to be held in Gujarat's Gandhinagar from March 2022

- India's flagship military exhibition, **DefExpo-2022**, is scheduled to be held in **Gandhinagar, Gujarat**, from **March 2022**. The **DefExpo-2022** show is organised by the **Union Ministry of Defence** every 2 years.

BRO constructs the highest motorable road in the world in Eastern Ladakh at 19,300 ft

- The **Border Roads Organisation (BRO)** has constructed and black-topped the **highest motorable road** in the world at **19,300 ft** at **Umling La Pass** in **Eastern Ladakh**.

Renew Power signs an MoU with RackBank to power India's first hyper-scale data centre with 100% renewable energy

- India's leading renewable energy company **Renew Power** signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **RackBank Datacenters Limited**.

Union Cabinet approves nearly Rs. 3 lakh crores for Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan 2.0

- The Union Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved the extension of the centrally sponsored **Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) 2.0**. It is an integrated scheme for school education from **01 April 2021** to **31 March 2026** with an estimated outlay of around **Rs. 3 lakh crores**.

IIT Roorkee launches India's first earthquake early warning mobile app "Uttarakhand Bhookamp Alert"

- **IIT Roorkee** has launched an **earthquake early warning (EEW)** mobile app called "**Uttarakhand Bhookamp Alert**". This project was sponsored by **Uttarakhand State Disaster Management Authority (USDMA)**.

APEDA inks an MoU with the University of Agricultural Science in Bangalore for boosting agri-exports

- **Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA)** signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the **University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS) in Bangalore** to boost the export of agricultural and processed food products, especially from **Karnataka**.

IFFCO signs an MoU with IIT Delhi for joint research in farm and nanotechnology areas

- Fertiliser cooperative **Indian Farmers Fertiliser Co-operative Limited (IFFCO)** has signed an MoU with **IIT Delhi** for research consultancy, knowledge transfer and collaborative projects.
- **IFFCO** aims to develop highly advanced **agricultural technological projects** and promote precision farming and sustainable development in India to double farmer's income by **2022**.

Union Government disburses Rs. 1253 crores to fund UDAN Scheme

- The **Union Government** had disbursed **Rs. 1253 crores** to fund **UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik) Scheme** from the Regional Connectivity Scheme and liability gap funding.

CPCB monitors water quality of rivers and other water bodies in association with Pollution Control Boards in different states and UTs

- **Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB)**, in association with **Pollution Control Boards** and Committees in different states and UTs, had been monitoring the **water quality of rivers and other water bodies** across India through a network of monitoring stations under the **National Water Quality Monitoring Programme**.

Special Envoy of Australian PM Tony Abbott meets Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi

- Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi met former **Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott** to strengthen bilateral trade, investment and economic cooperation to realise the full potential of the bilateral comprehensive strategic partnership.

Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award was renamed as Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** announced that the **Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award** will now be known as the **Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award**. The **Khel Ratna Award** is the highest sporting honour in India.

TRIFED celebrates its 34th Foundation Day on 06 August 2021

- **Tribal Co-operative Marketing Federation of India (TRIFED)** celebrated its **34th** foundation day on **06 August 2021**. TRIFED was founded to drive tribal development through marketing support for tribal products, both **handicrafts** and non-timber forest produce.

Virendra Kumar is set to launch 'PM-DAKSH' portal mobile app on 7 August

- Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment **Virendra Kumar** will launch **'PM-DAKSH'** portal and mobile app on **7 August 2021** at Nalanda Auditorium, Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, Delhi.

Indian Railways launches one-stop passengers helpline 'Rail Madad'

- **Indian Railways** launched an integrated one-stop solution **'Rail Madad'** in which the national transporter has merged a number of existing helplines that were used for various purposes into one.
- Rail Madad is the integrated and innovative one-stop solution for **customer grievance, enquiry, suggestion and assistance**, providing passengers with the choice to access Rail Madad through multiple channels.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi interacts with beneficiaries of PMGKAY in Madhya Pradesh

- Madhya Pradesh celebrated **7 August 2021** as **Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana Day**.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi interacted with the beneficiaries of **Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) in Madhya Pradesh** via video-conferencing.
- This campaign is to encourage our handicrafts, handloom and our workmanship of cloth.

Union Minister of Culture G. Kishan Reddy inaugurates an exhibition on Quit India Movement

- Union Minister of Culture G. Kishan Reddy inaugurated an exhibition on the **Quit India Movement** in New Delhi, which was organised on the **79th anniversary of Quit India Movement** on 8 August.
- As part of **Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav** being celebrated to mark the **75th year of Indian Independence**, the National Archives of India organised this exhibition.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to launch Ujjwala Yojana 2.0 on 10 August

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to launch **Ujjwala 2.0 (Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana - PMUY)** by handing over Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) connections at **Mahoba in Uttar Pradesh** on 10 August.

Union Government targets doubling handloom production and increasing exports four-fold in 3 years

- India will work towards the target of doubling handloom production in three years to Rs. 1,25,000 crores and increasing exports four-fold to **Rs. 10,000 crores**.
- **Parliament passes the Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 2021**
- Parliament has passed the **Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (Amendment) Bill 2021**, with the Lok Sabha clearing it.
- The amended Bill mandates the Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation to pay the insured amount to the depositors within **90 days** of the date such liability arises.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi releases the 9th instalment of financial benefit under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi scheme

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi released the ninth installment of financial benefit under **Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM KISAN)** via video-conferencing. Over 19,000 crores were transferred to the bank accounts of 9.5 crore farmer families.

Union Government introduces the 127th Constitution Amendment Bill 2021 in the Lok Sabha

- The Union Government introduced the **127th Constitution Amendment Bill, 2021**, in the Lok Sabha. This Bill seeks to restore the **power of states and Union Territories to make their own OBC lists**.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi transfers about Rs. 19,500 crores to over 9.75 crore farmers under the PM KISAN Scheme

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** virtually transferred about **Rs. 19,500 crores** to over 9.75 crore beneficiary farmers under the **Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN)** scheme.
- An annual financial benefit of **Rs. 6000** is provided to eligible beneficiary farmer families, payable in three equal four-monthly instalments of **Rs. 2000** each under the PM-KISAN scheme.

Indian Railways plans to set up temporary exhibition-cum-sale stalls of handloom and khadi at 75 railway stations on Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav

- India is celebrating **Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav** to commemorate the **75th anniversary** of India's Independence.
- To promote the sale of **handloom and khadi** in India, the exhibition-cum-sale stalls of handloom and khadi material will be set up by the Indian Railways in coordination with **Khadi and Village Industries Commission** and national and state handloom development corporations.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi chairs the United Nations Security Council high-level meeting on maritime security

- Indian Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** will chair the high-level open debate on **'Enhancing Maritime Security – A Case for International Cooperation'** via video-conferencing. This meeting will discuss ways to effectively counter maritime crime and insecurity and strengthening coordination in the maritime domain.

Union Government announces the launch of India Internet Governance Forum 2021

- The Union Ministry of **Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)** announced the launch of the India Internet Governance Forum (IIGF) 2021.
- Theme of 2021 meeting: **'Inclusive Internet for Digital India'**.

Union Government targets of achieving 175 gigawatt renewable energy capacity excluding large hydro by December 2022

- Union Minister of New and Renewable Energy and Power **R. K. Singh** has announced that the Union Government has set a target of achieving **175 gigawatt** of renewable energy capacity excluding large hydro by **December 2022**.

Union Ministry of Earth Sciences will implement Deep Ocean Mission at a budget of Rs. 4077 crores in five years

- The Union Ministry of Earth Sciences will implement **Deep Ocean Mission** at a total budget of **Rs. 4077 crores** in the next five years during the period **2021–2026**.

Parliament passes the General Insurance Business (Nationalisation) Amendment Bill 2021

- **Parliament passes the General Insurance Business (Nationalisation) Amendment Bill 2021.** The aim of this Bill is to permit privatisation of state-run general insurance companies.
- The Bill gets rid of the mandatory provision of **51 per cent** shareholding of the Union Government in **General Insurance Corporation of India, National Insurance, New India Assurance, Oriental Insurance and United India Insurance companies.**

Union Minister of State for External Affairs Raj Kumar Ranjan Singh inaugurates the 7th IBSA Academic Forum

- Union Minister of State for External Affairs **Raj Kumar Ranjan Singh** inaugurated the two-day-long **7th IBSA Academic Forum**, which was held virtually.
- **India** is the incumbent Chair of **IBSA**.

Union Government announces Rs. 1000 crores for new national highways in Uttarakhand

- Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari announced **Rs. 1000 crores** for new national **highways in Uttarakhand** and an additional **Rs. 300 crores** for the **Central Road Infrastructure Fund**.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi addresses the Confederation of Indian Industry's (CII) Annual Meeting 2021

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** addressed the **Confederation of Indian Industry's (CII) Annual Meeting 2021** through video-conferencing.
- 2021 Theme of the meeting: **'India@75: Government and Business working together for AatmaNirbhar Bharat'**.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi participates in the 'Atmanirbhar Narishakti se Samvad'

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** participated in the '**Atmanirbhar Narishakti se Samvad**' and interacted with representatives of **women's self-help groups (SHGs)** promoted under the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) through video-conferencing.

Union Government announces the Prime Minister's Shram Awards for 2018

- Union Government announced the **Prime Minister's Shram Awards for 2018** in recognition of distinguished performance, innovative abilities, outstanding contribution in the field of productivity and exhibition of exceptional courage and presence of mind.
- Prime Minister's Shram Awards for this year were given in three categories — **Shram Bhushan Awards** which carry a cash prize of Rs. 1 lakh each, **Shram Vir/Shram Veerangana Awards** which carry a cash prize of **Rs. 60,000** each and **Shram Shree/Shram Devi Awards** which carry a cash prize of Rs. 40,000 each.

Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Anurag Thakur launches nationwide Fit India Freedom Runs 2.0 programme

- Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Anurag Thakur launched the **Fit India Freedom Runs 2.0 programme** from **Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium** in **New Delhi**.
- This initiative aims to encourage people to take up fitness activities such as running and sports in their daily lives and get freedom from obesity, laziness, stress and other diseases.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launches a vehicle scrappage policy

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched a **vehicle scrappage policy** to phase out unfit and polluting vehicles in an environment-friendly manner.

The number of billionaires in India drops from 141 to 136 in the current fiscal year from the past year

- The number of billionaires in India dropped to **136** in FY21 from **141** in FY20 as per a statement issued by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in the Rajya Sabha.

Union Government notifies the Plastic Waste Management Amendment Rules 2021 that prohibits identified single-use plastic items by 2022

- Union Government notified the **Plastic Waste Management Amendment Rules 2021** that prohibits identified single-use plastic items by **2022**, which will be effective from **1 July 2022**.

- The thickness of plastic carry bags was increased from **50 to 75** microns from 30 September 2021 and to 120 microns with effect from 31 December 2022

India is on track to achieve 450 GW renewable energy target by 2030

- Union Minister of Power and New and Renewable Energy **Raj Kumar Singh** informed that India is on track to achieve its renewable energy target of **450 gigawatt (GW)** by **2030** at the US-India Business **Council (USIBC) meeting** held virtually.

India's 16th Census in 2021 is going to be completely digital

- The Union Home Ministry informed that India's upcoming **2021 Census** will be the **first-ever digital Census** in India.
- A mobile app for the collection of data and a census portal for management and monitoring of various census related activities have been developed.

Ramsar Convention adds four Indian wetlands to the Wetlands of Global Importance list

- The Ramsar Convention designated **Thol Lake Wildlife Sanctuary and Wadhvana Wetland from Gujarat and Sultanpur National Park and Bhindawas Wildlife Sanctuary from Haryana** as 'Wetlands of Global Importance'.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi announces National Infrastructure Plan worth Rs. 100 lakh crores

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced that the Indian Government will soon launch '**PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan**' which will be a **Rs. 100 lakh crore** national infrastructure master plan.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi announces the launch of a Hydrogen Mission to achieve self-reliance in energy by 2047

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced a **National Hydrogen Mission** for India to accelerate plans to generate carbon-free fuel from renewables and set a target of **2047** for India to achieve self-reliance in energy.

Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment Virendra Kumar launches 'TAPAS' online portal

- **Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment Virendra Kumar** launched an online portal '**TAPAS**' (**Training for Augmenting Productivity and Services**) by the National Institute

of Social Defence to provide filmed lectures/courses and e-study material within the field of social defence.

Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs launches 'Sonchiraiya' for SHG products

- Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) launched '**SonChiraiya**', a brand and logo, for the marketing of urban self-help group (SHG) products.

Union Agricultural Minister Narendra Singh Tomar inaugurates the world's 2nd largest refurbished gene bank in New Delhi

- Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Narendra Singh Tomar inaugurated the **world's second-largest refurbished state-of-the-art National Gene Bank** at the National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources (NBPGR), Pusa in **New Delhi**.

Union Minister of Jal Shakti and Union Minister of Information and Broadcasting launches the second season of 'Rag Rag Mein Ganga'

- Union Minister of Jal Shakti Gajendra Singh Shekhawat and Union Minister of Information and Broadcasting Anurag Singh Thakur jointly launched the second season **of the popular series 'Rag Rag Mein Ganga'**. The broadcast of the first episode will be on 21 August in Doordarshan.

Hunar Haat is set to be organised under Azadika Amrit Mahotsav across India

- **Hunar Haats** will be coordinated under the **Azadika Amrit Mahotsav**, which is being celebrated to mark 75 years of Indian independence.

Union Government allots Rs. 267.35 crores to Kerala to strengthen health infrastructure

- Union Government allocated **Rs. 267.35 crores** to Kerala under **Emergency COVID Response Package-II** to strengthen Kerala's health infrastructure.
- Additionally, Rs. 1 crore would be made accessible to each district of Kerala for making a medication pool.

India chairs BRICS Working Group on Agriculture

- India chaired the Ministers of Agriculture of BRICS nations virtually on the theme "**BRICS Partnership for Strengthening Agro Biodiversity for Food and Nutrition Security**".

Union Minister Jitendra Singh launches India's 1st & world's largest cattle genomic chip 'IndiGau'

- Union Minister of State for Science and Technology Jitendra Singh launched '**IndiGau**'.

- IndiGau is India's first cattle genomic chip for the conservation of pure kinds of native dairy cattle breeds like Gir, Kankrej, Sahiwal and Ongole.

Union Health and Family Welfare Minister announces Rs. 1300 crores for the development of health infrastructure of Northeastern states

- Union Health and Family Welfare Minister Mansukh Mandaviya announced a package of **Rs. 1300 crores** for the infrastructure development in the health sector of Northeastern states.

Union Minister of Electronics and Information Technology launches 'Amrit Mahotsav Shri Shakti Challenge 2021'

- Union Minister for Electronics and Information Technology Ashwini Vaishnaw launched the '**Amrit Mahotsav Shri Shakti Challenge-2021**' to encourage technology solutions developed by women entrepreneurs that facilitate women's safety and empowerment.

Union Minister of Commerce and Industry virtually chairs the 5th edition of the BRICS Industry Ministers Meeting

- Union Minister of Commerce and Industry **Piyush Goyal** virtually chaired the **5th edition of the BRICS Industry Ministers Meeting**.

Union Ministry of Defence launches the 5th edition of Defence India Startup Challenge 5.0 in New Delhi

- Union Minister of Defence **Rajnath Singh** launched the **Defence India Startup Challenge (DISC) 5.0** in **New Delhi** through video conferencing. This latest edition of DISC 5.0 will have more challenges than the first four DISC editions taken together.

Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited launches the AI-enabled chatbot 'Urja'

- **Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL)** launched a digital assistant named '**Urja**' with AI/NLP (Artificial Intelligence/Natural Language Processing) capabilities.
- This digital assistant is designed to ship a seamless self-service expertise and allow quicker decisions of client queries/points.

Union Cabinet approves Rs. 11,040 crores to increase the production of edible oils in India

- The Union Cabinet approved the **National Mission on Edible Oils - Oil Palm (NMEO-OP)** with a financial outlay of **Rs. 11,040 crores** to increase the production of edible oils in India.

Stadium at Pune's Army Sports Institute is set to be named after Olympic gold medallist Neeraj Chopra

- A stadium in the premises of the **Army Sports Institute in Pune** is to be named after Tokyo Olympics gold medalist **Neeraj Chopra**.
- The stadium will be named as '**Neeraj Chopra Army Sports Stadium**' in Pune Cantonment.

Union Government forms a panel for doubling production and quadrupling the exports of handlooms in 3 years

- Union Government constituted a committee headed by **Sunil Sethi** for doubling the production and quadrupling the exports of handlooms in a span of three years.

Union Finance Minister launches Ubharte Sitaare Fund in Lucknow for export-oriented firms and startups

- The **Ubharte Sitaare Fund (USF)** for export-oriented small and mid-sized firms and startups was launched in **Lucknow** by Union Finance Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman**.
- This fund aims at arranging funds for the **promotion of micro, small and medium companies**. It has been set up by EXIM **Bank** and **Small Industrial Development Bank of India (SIDBI)**.

Union Ministry of Information and Broadcasting observes Iconic Week from 23 August to 29 August

- Union Ministry of Information & Broadcasting launched a gamut of activities to celebrate Iconic week as a part of **Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav** from 23–29 August 2021.

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman launched the National Monetisation Pipeline

- Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman launched a **four-year National Monetisation Pipeline (NMP)** worth **Rs. 6 lakh crores** which outlines how the Union Government plans to sell infrastructure assets and raise funds from **2021-22 to 2024-25**.

Union Government launches Yuktdhara portal for geospatial planning

- The Union Government launched a new geospatial planning portal named '**Yuktdhara**' that aid in the facilitation of new Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) assets utilising remote sensing and geographic information system (GIS)–based data. This portal was launched by the Union Minister of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj **Giriraj Singh**.

Union Government launches Amrit Mahotsav App Innovation Challenge 2021 for Indian entrepreneurs and startups

- The Union Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology **Rajeev Chandrasekhar** launched **Amrit Mahotsav App Innovation Challenge 2021** for Indian entrepreneurs and startups.

Vice President of India launches Vaccinate India Programme in Bengaluru

- Indian Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu launched the **Vaccinate India Programme** in **Bengaluru**, which is being organised by the Planning, Program Implementation and Statistics Department, along with the Sustainable Goals Center and the Give India Foundation.

Union Government launches major initiatives of National Education Policy (NEP) 2020

- Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan and Union Social Justice and Empowerment Minister Virender Kumar launched various initiatives of **National Education Policy (NEP) 2020** to make education more inclusive and prepare students for the 21st century.

Indian National Security Advisor virtually hosts the 11th Meeting of the BRICS High Representatives Responsible for National Security

- Indian National Security Advisor **Ajit Doval** virtually hosted the 11th Meeting of the BRICS High Representatives Responsible for National Security for the exchange of views on political and security issues among BRICS countries.
- India holds the Chairmanship of BRICS this year (2021), which coincides with the 15th anniversary of the BRICS grouping.

NCL becomes the first public sector unit to vaccinate its entire workforce against COVID-19

- **Northern Coalfields Limited (NCL)**, a subsidiary of Coal India, became the first public sector unit (PSU) in India to vaccinate all of its employees and their family members against COVID-19.

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi chairs the 37th edition of the PRAGATI Meeting

- Indian Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** chaired the **37th edition of the PRAGATI** (Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation) Meeting, which brings together the Union and the state governments.

Indian National Security Advisor Ajit Doval virtually hosts the India-Brazil-South Africa (IBSA) National Security Advisors

- National Security Advisor of India **Ajit Doval** virtually hosted the inaugural meeting of the India-Brazil-South Africa (IBSA) National Security Advisors.

Union Ministry of Jal Shakti launches a 100-day campaign named 'Sujalam' as a part of the 75 years of India's independence

- Union Jal Shakti Ministry launched **Sujalam**, a 100-day campaign, as a part of the '**Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav**' (75 years of India's independence) to build more **Open Defecation Free (ODF) plus** villages by implementing wastewater management at the local level.

Union Cabinet approves an MoU between the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) and the Institute of Professional Accountants of Russia (IPAR)

- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between **the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI)** and **the Institute of Professional Accountants of Russia (IPAR)** to strengthen cooperation in matters of the accountancy profession through an exchange of views, information in respect of professional accountancy training, professional ethics, technical research and professional development of accountants.

Union Government launches SAMRIDH programme to boost startups

- Union Minister of Electronics & Information Technology Ashwini Vaishnaw launched the '**Startup Accelerators of MeitY for pRодукt Innovation, Development and growth SAMRIDH**' programme to provide a conducive platform for Indian software product startups to help them scale up their businesses.

Union Labour Ministry launches a national database on unorganised workers named e-Shram portal in New Delhi

- Union Labour and Employment Minister Bhupendra Yadav launched the **e-Shram portal in New Delhi**. This portal is a national database on unorganised workers.
- Every unorganised worker who registers on this platform would be covered by an accident insurance policy worth **Rs. 2 lakhs** in case of death or permanent disability and **Rs. 1 lakh** in case of partial disability.

NITI Aayog releases the North Eastern Region District Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Index and Dashboard 2021-2022

- **NITI Aayog**, in collaboration with the Union Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), released the first edition of the **North Eastern Region District Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Index and Dashboard 2021-22**.

- East Sikkim was ranked first in the region, followed by Gomati and North Tripura in the second position.

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman chaired the second meeting of BRICS Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors (FMCBG)

- The second meeting of **BRICS Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors (FMCBG)** was virtually hosted by Union Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs **Nirmala Sitharaman** with Reserve Bank of India Governor Shaktikanta Das under the Indian BRICS Chairship.

NCDEX launches India's first agri commodities sectoral index 'GUAREX'

- India's first sectoral index within the agri commodities basket named **GUAREX** was launched by the National Commodity and Derivatives Exchange Limited (**NCDEX**).

India was elected to the Council of Administration at the 27th UPU Congress in Ivory Coast

- **India** was elected to the Council of Administration (CA) at the **27th Universal Postal Union (UPU)** Congress in Abidjan, Ivory Coast.
- India was also elected with 106 votes out of 156 countries to the Postal Operations Council (POC) at the 27th UPU Congress in Abidjan.

Union Finance Minister launches 'My Pad, My Right' project in Tripura

- Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman officially launched the **'My Pad, My Right'** pilot project funded by the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) owned non-profit company NABFOUNDATION at Killa village in the Gomati district of Tripura.
- Nirmala Sitharaman also flagged off a mobile ATM van of the Tripura State Cooperative Bank to mark the seventh anniversary of the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana.

Prime Minister Modi virtually inaugurates the renovated complex of the Jallianwala Bagh Memorial

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually inaugurated the renovated complex of **the Jallianwala Bagh Memorial in Amritsar, Punjab**.
- This memorial will serve as a reminder for future generations about the right of the people to peaceful democratic protest.

Union Minority Affairs Ministry organises 'Mera Watan, Mera Chaman' mushaira in New Delhi

- Union Minority Affairs Ministry organised **'Mera Watan, Mera Chaman'** mushaira in New Delhi as a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' celebrating 75 years of India's Independence. The poets presented their poetry and couplets on the celebration of 75 years of India's Independence while remembering the sacrifices made by the great freedom fighters.

Indian President Ram Nath Kovind lays the foundation stone for Uttar Pradesh's AYUSH University in Gorakhpur

- Indian President Ram Nath Kovind laid the foundation stone for the first AYUSH University of Uttar Pradesh, **Mahayogi Guru Gorakhnath AYUSH Vishwavidyalaya**, at Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh.

Central Board of Direct Taxes extends the deadline for payment under the 'Vivad Se Vishwas' Scheme

- The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) extended the deadline for the payment of amounts under the direct tax dispute resolution scheme '**Vivad Se Vishwas**' without any additional charge from **31 August 2021 till 30 September 2021**.

Union Sports Minister launches the 'Fit India' mobile app on National Sports Day

- Union Sports Minister Anurag Thakur launched the **Fit India mobile app**, a personal trainer-cum-fitness guide, on the occasion of the second anniversary of the Fit India Movement.
- This app is a major tribute to the icon of Indian sports **Dhyan Chand**.

Smriti Irani addresses the first-ever G20 Ministerial Conference on Women's Empowerment virtually

- The Union Minister of Women & Child Development **Smriti Irani** virtually addressed the first-ever **G20 Ministerial Conference on Women's Empowerment**, which was held at Santa Margherita Ligure, **Italy**.
- The G20 Conference on Women Empowerment acknowledged the common objectives and shared responsibilities to advance the goals of equality and development of women and girls in all spheres, including STEM, financial and digital literacy, environment and sustainability.

Union Government extends the deadlines for e-filing of various forms under the Income Tax Act

- The Union Ministry of Finance extended the deadlines for e-filing of various forms that come under the Income Tax Act, 1961, after taxpayers reported difficulties in filing these forms online.
- The application for registration or intimation or approval under various sections of the Income Tax Act in Form No. 10A required to be filed on or before 30 June has been extended from **31 August 2021 to 31 March 2022**.

IIT-Madras is set to develop an online platform named 'e-Source' to tackle e-waste

- **IIT-Madras** is developing an online platform called **e-Source** to tackle electronic wastes (e-waste) by linking stakeholders in the formal and informal economy.

State News

Maharashtra CM announces relief package for artists affected due to COVID-19

- **Maharashtra** Chief Minister **Uddhav Thackeray**, along with the Maharashtra Cultural Affairs Minister **Amit Deshmukh**, took the decision to authorise a relief package for COVID-19-affected artists. This package will include folk artists, folk art troupe drivers, proprietors and producers.

Telangana Government rolls out Dalit Bandhu scheme in Vasalamarri

- **Telangana Government** has passed an order for the implementation of the **Dalit Bandhu scheme** with the release of Rs. 7.60 crores providing assistance to 76 Dalit families in **Vasalamarri village of Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district**.

Kerala Government launches 'COVID-19 death information portal'

- The **Kerala Government** launched a new **COVID-19** death information portal to track the deaths of people in **Kerala** due to COVID-19.
- There is an option in the portal for the public to search for details of the death of their relatives.

Ladakh launches 'Pani Maah' campaign to increase the pace of implementation of the Jal Jeevan Mission

- **Ladakh** has launched a month-long campaign, '**Pani Maah**', to increase the pace of implementation of the **Jal Jeevan Mission** and to inform and engage village communities on the importance of clean water.

K Thalavaipuram becomes the first village in Tamil Nadu's Thoothukudi district to achieve 100 per cent vaccination against COVID-19

- Tamil Nadu's **K Thalavaipuram village** became the first village in **Thoothukudi district** to achieve 100 per cent vaccination against COVID-19.

NABARD sanctions Rs. 445.89 crores for drinking water projects in Punjab

- The **National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)** has sanctioned **Rs. 445.89 crores** for drinking water projects in **Ferozepur, Fazilka, Hoshiarpur and Rupnagar** districts of **Punjab**. This fund was sanctioned under the **Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF)**.

US-based First Solar is set to invest \$684 million in Tamil Nadu

- US solar technology company **First Solar** will invest **\$684 million** in a new, fully vertically and integrated photovoltaic thin-film solar module manufacturing facility in **Tamil Nadu**.
- This facility is projected to have a capacity of **3.3 gigawatts** and will commence operations in the second half of **2023**.

Haryana CM Manohar Lal Khattar launches 'Har Hith' store scheme to promote the sale of quality products

- **Haryana** Chief Minister **Manohar Lal Khattar** has launched the first-of-its-kind '**Har Hith**' store scheme to promote the **sale of quality products** of daily need at reasonable prices.

ADB provides Rs. 831 crore loan to finance water supply project in Jharkhand

- Multilateral funding agency **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** has provided an **Rs. 831 crore** (\$112 million) loan to finance water supply infrastructure in **Jharkhand**.
- This project supports the Jharkhand Vision and Action Plan **2021** to improve the **quality of life** of its urban residents through better quality **urban infrastructure**.

Tamil Nadu CM M. K. Stalin launches 'Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam' scheme

- **Tamil Nadu** Chief Minister **MK Stalin** launched '**Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam**', a doorstep healthcare scheme.
- Under this scheme, help will be delivered at the **doorstep** and the need for patients to visit hospitals for treating **non-communicable diseases** will be eliminated.

Himachal Pradesh State Handicrafts & Handloom Corporation signed an MoU with Flipkart for online sale

- A memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed between the **Himachal Pradesh State Handicrafts and Handloom Corporation** and **Flipkart** for online sale and promotion of the products made by local artisans and craftsmen to customers across the globe in the presence of Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister **Jai Ram Thakur**.

Union Government releases Rs. 2400 crores to Uttar Pradesh to accelerate the implementation of the Jal Jeevan Mission

- The Union Jal Shakti Ministry has released **Rs. 2400 crore** grant-in-aid to **Uttar Pradesh** against an allocation of Rs. 10,870 crores for the financial year 2021–22 under the Jal Jeevan Mission.

- Union Jal Shakti Minister **Gajendra Singh Shekhawat**, while approving this four-fold increase in allocation, assured full assistance to Uttar Pradesh for making provision of tap water supply in every rural home by **2024**.

Rajasthan Government forms a three-tier committee to monitor women-related grievances

- The **Rajasthan Government** formed a three-tier committee to monitor women-related grievances aimed at helping women employed in the unorganised sector.

Karnataka becomes the first state in India to issue an order implementing National Education Policy-2020

- **Karnataka** became the **first state in India** to issue an order with regard to the implementation of a **National Education Policy 2020 (NEP 2020)**.

Punjab Chief Minister announced Rs. 2 crore reward for Olympic gold medallist Neeraj Chopra

- In recognition of the stupendous achievement of **Neeraj Chopra**, who has won India's first-ever Olympic gold medal in Athletics, **Punjab** Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh announced a special cash reward of **Rs. 2 crore** for his award-winning **87.58 metres javelin throw in the Tokyo Olympics 2020**.

Gujarat Chief Minister launches eNagar mobile application and portal

- **Gujarat** Chief Minister Vijay Rupani has launched **eNagar mobile application and portal**. The eNagar covers **10 modules with 52 services**, including property tax, professional tax, water & drainage, complaints and grievance redressal, building permission and fire and emergency services.

Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) in New Delhi was ranked the best airport in India and only one in India among the world's top 50

- **Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) in New Delhi** was adjudged the '**best airport in India and Central Asia**' for the third consecutive year in the **2021 Skytrax World Airport Awards** among the world's top 50 airports in 2021.

Jammu and Kashmir constructs an international rugby ground under Prime Minister's Development Package (PMDP)

- **Jammu and Kashmir** Government is constructing an **international rugby ground** in Srinagar under Prime Minister's Development Package (PMDP) programme.
- This will be **India's first international rugby ground**. It is being developed collectively by **Rayzon Global and JK sports council**.

Sikkim Governor and Arunachal Pradesh Governor gets additional charge of Manipur and Mizoram

- Sikkim Governor **Ganga Prasad** was given the additional charge of Manipur, while Arunachal Pradesh Governor **B. D. Mishra** was given the additional responsibility of **Mizoram**.

Tamil Nadu Government and Germany will sign an MoU to procure 2500 buses for public transport

- The **Tamil Nadu Government** is in consultation with **Germany** to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to procure 2500 buses for public transport.

Jammu and Kashmir Government launches the 'PROOF' app to monitor the timely completion of projects

- **Jammu and Kashmir** Government launched the **Photographic Record of On-site Facility (PROOF) app** to bring more transparency and accountability in the governance system.
- This app will help in monitoring and timely completion of projects.

Indore in Madhya Pradesh was declared as the first water plus city of India

- **Madhya Pradesh's Indore** was declared as the first '**water plus**' city of India under the Swachh Survekshan 2021.
- The '**water plus**' tag is given for maintaining cleanliness in rivers and drains.

The Finance Minister of the Tamil Nadu Government presented the state's first budget after the party coming into power

- The Finance Minister of the **Tamil Nadu** Government Palanivel Thiyaga Rajan presented the revised budget of Tamil Nadu for 2021–2022.
- '**Singara Chennai 2.0**' project will be rolled out soon, under which three more flyovers will come up in Chennai — Ganeshapuram Subway, Konnur Highway and South Usman road.
- Metro rail service from Kodambakkam to Poonamalle will start its operation by **2025**.
- Chennai will be made a '**wall-poster-free**' city. Flood and drain systems are going to be inbuilt Kosasthalai river for Rs. 87 crores to prevent flooding in Chennai.
- Tamil Nadu Government has announced that tax on petrol will be reduced by Rs. 3 per litre.

Maharashtra Government announces a new award named after Rajiv Gandhi

- The Maharashtra Government announced an award named after former Indian Prime Minister **Rajiv Gandhi** for firms that excel in the **Information Technology (IT) sector** in Maharashtra.

Kerala Police sets up India's first Drone Forensic Lab and Research Centre

- **Kerala Police** launched a first-of-its-kind Drone Forensic Lab and Research Centre with an aim to address the rising concerns regarding drones as a major security threat in India.

Odisha Government announces a special package for pandemic-hit weavers

- Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik announced a special package for the COVID-19 hit weavers of Odisha with an interest-free loan of Rs. 50,000 and provision of house-cum-work shed, which benefits 3000 weavers families of the state.

Telangana Governor flags off the 35th Hyderabad Sailing Week

- Telangana Governor **Tamilisai Soundararajan** flagged off the **35th Hyderabad Sailing Week** in Hussain Sagar in **Hyderabad** to motivate young sailors.

Chhattisgarh Chief Minister announces four more districts in the state

- Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel announced four new Districts — **Mohla, Manpur, Sarangarh-Bilaigarh, Shakti and Manendragarh** in the state of Chhattisgarh.
- At present, there are 28 districts in Chhattisgarh and after this addition of four new districts, the number will increase to 32.

Odisha Chief Minister announces smart health cards for 3.5 crore people under Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana

- Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik announced that Odisha Government will provide **smart health cards** to 3.5 crore people in the state under the Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana.
- The beneficiaries of national and state food security schemes and Annapurna and Antyodaya initiatives will get the smart cards under which women can avail treatment up to Rs. 10 lakhs per annum and other family members will get the benefit up to Rs. 5 lakhs each.

Kaziranga National Park becomes India's first national park with satellite phones used by law-enforcing agencies

- **Kaziranga National Park** became the first in India to use satellite phones which are generally used by law-enforcing agencies. These satellite phones will give an edge to the forest personnel over the poachers and also during emergencies like floods.

Chhattisgarh Government launches a new scheme to support rural landless labourers

- **Chhattisgarh Government** launched the '**Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Bhumihin Majdur Nyay Yojana**' with a provision of **Rs. 200 crores** benefiting 12 lakh landless families.
- The families of the beneficiaries will get an amount of **Rs. 6000** annually.

Jammu and Kashmir Government unveils Karkhandar Scheme to uplift traditional handicrafts

- The **Jammu and Kashmir Government** issued orders for giving a fresh impetus to the training in the handicraft sector in the Union Territory by unveiling the '**Karkhandar**' Scheme for the upliftment of artisans and weavers through training.

Tamil Nadu Government forms a seven-member committee for the study of hydrocarbon projects

- The Tamil Nadu Government has constituted a **seven-member committee** led by **Sultan Ahmed Ismail** to study the exploration of **hydrocarbon projects**.
- This committee will also study whether drilling would have an impact on the land as well as destabilises the tectonic plates below the area of exploration.

Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited signs a loan agreement with the Asian Development Bank

- **Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL)** signed a loan agreement with the **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** for **\$500 million** (about Rs. 3643 crores) for the Outer Ring Road-Airport line.

Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation was declared as a 'water plus' city

- **Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation (GVMC)** was declared as a '**water plus**' city by the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA).

India's highest altitude herbal park was inaugurated at Uttarakhand

- India's **highest altitude herbal park** situated at a height of 11,000 feet was inaugurated at **Mana village** close to the Indo-China border in **Uttarakhand's** Chamoli district.

Uttar Pradesh Government launches Phase 3 of Mission Shakti Abhiyan to promote safety, respect and self-reliance for women

- The Uttar Pradesh Government launched the third phase of '**Mission Shakti**' with an aim to promote safety, respect and self-reliance for women.
- The third phase of this programme will end on **31 December**. The main schemes that are scheduled to be implemented in this phase are the launch of '**Mission Shakti Kaksha**'.

Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation launches '10 mins at 10 am' campaign to control the diseases caused by mosquitoes

- The **Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation** (GHMC) launched a campaign named '**10 mins at 10 am**' to control **mosquito breeding** and prevent the spread of vector-borne diseases like dengue and chikungunya.
- This campaign will continue for ten weeks.

Manipur Chief Minister launches Livelihood Support Scheme

- Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh launched COVID-19 affected **Livelihood Support Scheme** to assist those who had been severely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic in Manipur.

Delhi Chief Minister inaugurates India's first-ever smog tower

- Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal inaugurated **India's first smog tower** in **Delhi's Connaught Place** with an aim to improve air quality in a radius of around 1 km.

Uttar Pradesh Government to name roads of 6 districts after former UP CM Kalyan Singh

- The **Uttar Pradesh Government** announced that one road will be named after former Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister **Kalyan Singh** in each of the state's six districts, namely Lucknow, Ayodhya, Aligarh, Etah, Bulandshahr and Prayagraj.

Three cities in Andhra Pradesh was awarded the 'water plus' tag

- The **Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs** awarded three cities in **Andhra Pradesh** out of nine cities across India with '**water plus**' tag certification.
- The certified municipal corporations of Andhra Pradesh are Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation, Vijayawada Municipal Corporation and Tirupati Municipal Corporation.

Telangana Government releases an additional Rs. 500 crores for the implementation of the Dalit Bandhu Scheme

- The **Telangana Government** released an additional **Rs. 500 crores** for the implementation of the pilot project of the ambitious Dalit Bandhu Scheme, bringing the total allocation to **Rs. 1000 crores**.
- This scheme provides Dalit families with a financial support of **Rs. 10 lakhs** to start self-employment projects.

Tamparam and Kancheepuram in Tamil Nadu becomes Municipal Corporations

- Tamparam, Kancheepuram, Kumbakonam, Karur, Cuddalore, and Sivakasi municipalities would be promoted to municipal corporations according to the Tamil Nadu Municipal Administration Minister K. N. Nehru's announcement.

Surat Municipal Corporation launches 'Knock the Door' campaign

- **Surat Municipal Corporation** launched the '**Knock the Door**' campaign to spread awareness about **COVID-19 vaccination** and to emphasise the importance of the second dose of vaccination amid a low turnout of second dose beneficiaries in Surat.

Uttar Pradesh Government receives Rs. 5100 crore loan from PNB

- The Uttar Pradesh Expressway Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA) received the sanction letter for a securitisation-based loan of **Rs. 5100 crores** from **Punjab National Bank (PNB)** for the implementation of the **Ganga Expressway Project**, which will connect Meerut in west UP to Prayagraj in the eastern part of Uttar Pradesh.

Uttar Pradesh Government is set to build first handicrafts park in UP

- The **Uttar Pradesh Government** led by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, is constructing Uttar Pradesh's **first handicrafts park** in Sector 29 of **Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YEIDA)**.

Punjab Government launches the 'Mera Kaam Mera Maan' Scheme to help unemployed youth

- The Punjab Cabinet, chaired by Punjab Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh, approved a new innovative initiative known as '**Mera Kaam Mera Maan**' (**MKMM**) to help unemployed youth improve their skills and employability in their chosen field.
- This scheme provides an employment assistance allowance of Rs. 2500 per month for a period of 12 months from the start of the training course under the short-term skill training programmes in the Punjab Skill Development Mission training centres.

New Delhi ranks first among the most surveilled cities

- According to the **Forbes India report**, **New Delhi** ranks first among the most surveilled cities in the world with 1,826.6 cameras per square mile, while Chennai which has 609.9 cameras per square mile ranks third in the world. **London** ranks second and Mumbai ranks 18 in this report.

Odisha Government approves Odisha Electric Vehicle Policy 2021 and targets 20 per cent electric vehicles on the road by 2025

- The Odisha Cabinet, headed by Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, approved the **Odisha Electric Vehicle Policy 2021**, which aims to promote the use of electric vehicles.
- The objective of this policy is to reduce emissions caused by the use of traditional fossil fuel-run vehicles and promote the manufacture of electric vehicles.

World's highest altitude movie theatre was opened in Ladakh

- **Ladakh** received its first mobile digital movie theatre at an altitude of **11,562 feet** in the Paldan area of Leh, which makes it the highest theatre in the world.
- This theatre was introduced to bring cinema watching experience to most of the remote areas of Ladakh.

Kendrapara district in Odisha becomes the first district in India to have all three crocodile species

- Odisha's **Kendrapara district** became the only district in India where all three species of crocodiles — salt-water, gharial and mugger are found.

Haryana Government announces cash rewards of Rs. 6 crores and Rs. 4 crores for Sumit Antil and Yogesh Kathuniya

- Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar announced a cash reward of **Rs. 6 crores** and a government job for **Sumit Antil**, who won a gold medal and set a world record in the javelin throw at the Tokyo Paralympics 2020.
- He also declared a cash reward of **Rs. 4 crores** for **Yogesh Kathuniya** for winning the silver medal in the discus throw (F56) event at the Tokyo Paralympics 2020.

International News

India and the US are set to co-host the 4th Annual Indo-Pacific Business Forum in October 2021

- **India** and the **US** will virtually co-host the 4th Annual **Indo-Pacific Business Forum (IPBF)** in October 2021 in partnership with the US Chamber of Commerce, the **Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)**, the **Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)**, and the **US-ASEAN Business Council (USABC)**.

NASSCOM partners with UK-India Business Council to address the digital skills gap in the UK

- **National Association of Software and Service Companies (NASSCOM)** has collaborated with the UK Government's **Department for International Trade (DIT)** and the **UK-India Business Council (UKIBC)** to address the digital skills gap in the UK.
- This covered several of the UK's top universities such as the **University of Nottingham**, **University of Glasgow** and **Durham University**.

FTCCI enters into an agreement with the Afghanistan Chamber of Commerce & Investment for trade promotion between Telangana and Afghanistan

- The **Federation of Telangana Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FTCCI)** entered into an agreement of cooperation with the **Afghanistan Chamber of Commerce & Investment (ACCI)** to promote business between **Afghanistan** and **Telangana**.

Myanmar Military Chief Min Aung Hlaing was appointed as the interim Prime Minister

- Myanmar's military leader Senior General **Min Aung Hlaing** declared himself as the interim Prime Minister of **Myanmar**.
- He is also the Chairman of the **State Administration Council (SAC)** which has been performing the duties of the Government in **Myanmar**.

World's largest star sapphire cluster found in Sri Lanka backyard

- The **world's largest star sapphire cluster** was found in **Sri Lanka**. The stone was found by a group of men who were digging a well in a gem trader's home in the Ratnapura area.
- The pale-blue stone has an estimated value of up to **\$100 million** in the international market. It weighs around **510 kilograms** or **2.5 million carats**.

Germany becomes the 5th country to sign the International Solar Alliance Framework Agreement

- **Germany** became the **5th** country to sign the **International Solar Alliance Framework Agreement (ISA)** after amendments.
- Recently, **Denmark** became the **first country** to ratify International Solar Alliance Framework Agreement (ISA FA) after amendments.

India and the World Bank sign a \$250 million project to make existing dams safe and resilient

- **World Bank** has signed a **\$250 million** project with **India** for a long-term dam safety programme and improving the **safety and performance** of existing **dams** across various states in **India**.

India's lightest and Pune's first metro train flagged off from Italy

- According to the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, **India's** lightest and **Pune's first metro train** was rolled out in **Italy**.
- Titagarh Wagons Limited, a company based out of **Titagarh** in **West Bengal**, held a virtual ceremony today to display its first train manufactured for **Pune Metro**. It was manufactured by its subsidiary in **Italy** (Europe), **Titagarh Firema SpA Plant**.

India expresses interest in implementing an MoU with Bangladesh in disaster management

- India has expressed its happiness that **Bangladesh** has decided to accept the invitation to join the **Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI)**.
- **South Africa** becomes the **first country in the world to grant a patent to an invention by Artificial Intelligence (AI)**
- **South Africa** became the **first country** in the world to grant a patent to an invention created by **Artificial Intelligence (AI)**.

Seventh Oxygen Express arrives in Bangladesh from India

- The **seventh Oxygen Express** from India reached Bangladesh with **186.29 tonnes** of liquid medical oxygen.
- The first Oxygen Express was sent to Bangladesh from Tata Nagar on 24 July to help the supply of oxygen for the treatment of COVID-19 patients in **Bangladesh** hospitals.

Malaysian Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin resigns

- Malaysian Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin stepped down and sent in his resignation after months of political turmoil culminated within the loss of his majority.

UAE is set to host the Global Media Congress in 2022

- **UAE's Abu Dhabi** is all set to launch the Global Media Congress in 2022.

World's first fossil-free steel was manufactured in Sweden

- Swedish green steel venture **HYBRIT** had made the **world's first fossil-free steel** produced without using coal as it looks to revolutionise an industry that accounts for around 8% of global greenhouse gas emissions.
- Sweden strives to achieve carbon neutrality by **2045** and become one of the world's first fossil-free welfare nations.

Pakistan gets \$2.75 billion support fund from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) under SDR allocation

- The **International Monetary Fund (IMF)** sanctioned **\$2.75 billion** for **Pakistan** as part of its new **special drawing rights (SDR)** allocation to help economically weak countries tackle the COVID-19 outbreak.

Indian envoy launches an in-person consular service centre in Washington DC

- India's Ambassador to the US **Taranjit Singh Sandhu** launched an in-person consular service in **Washington DC** to benefit the Indian diaspora in the US.

India's evacuation mission from Afghanistan is named 'Operation Devi Shakti'

- **'Operation Devi Shakti'** is the name given to India's complex mission to evacuate its citizens and Afghan partners from Kabul following the change in leadership in Afghanistan.

United Arab Emirates (UAE) is set to unveil the world's largest and tallest observation wheel

- **Dubai (UAE)** is set to unveil the world's largest and tallest observation wheel named **'Ain Dubai'** on 21 October 2021 at Blue Water Islands.
- This landmark stands **twice** the height of the London Eye and will allow visitors to enjoy a majestic view of the Dubai skyline from nearly **250 metres**.

Banking and Economy

DBS partners with Temasek to launch debt financing platform 'EvolutionX' in Asia

- **Development Bank of Singapore (DBS)** has partnered with **Temasek** to launch a **\$500 million** growth stage debt financing platform named **'EvolutionX'** Debt Capital.
- EvolutionX will provide non-dilutive financing to growth stage technology-enabled companies across **Asia**, with a focus on **China, India** and **Southeast Asia**.

SBI launches 'SIM Binding' feature in YONO & YONO Lite

- **State Bank of India (SBI)** has launched a new and enhanced security feature **'SIM Binding'** in **YONO** and **YONO Lite** to protect customers from various frauds.

PhonePe launches UPI-based AutoPay functionality for mutual fund SIP investments

- Digital payments platform **PhonePe** has introduced a Unified Payments Interface (UPI)-based **AutoPay feature** for its mutual fund investment offerings. **PhonePe** became the first digital investment platform in **India** to introduce such a feature.

Paytm Payments Bank becomes the first bank in India to cross the 1-crore FASTags mark

- **Paytm Payments Bank** became the **first bank** in **India** to achieve the milestone of issuing **1 crore FASTags**. According to NPCI, over **3.47 crore** FASTags were issued by all banks together till the end of **June 2021**.

Indian Bank signs an MoU with SINE and IIT Bombay for funding Start-ups and MSMEs

- **Indian Bank** has signed an MoU with **Society for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (SINE)** and **IIT Bombay** for extending exclusive credit facilities to Startups and MSMEs through its loan product '**IND SpringBoard**'.

RBI authorises IndusInd Bank to act as an 'Agency Bank'

- **IndusInd Bank** was empanelled by the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** to act as an '**Agency Bank**' to facilitate transactions related to government businesses.

HDFC Bank partners with CSC SPV to launch 'Dukandar Overdraft Scheme' for small retailers

- Private lender **HDFC Bank** has partnered with Common Service Centers Special Purpose Vehicle (SCS SPV) to launch the '**Dukandar Overdraft Scheme**' for small retailers.
- Based on the statement, the bank may approve an overdraft limit from a minimum of **Rs. 50,000** to a maximum of **Rs. 10 lakhs**.

RBI imposes Rs. 50.35 lakhs penalty on Nashik-based Janalaxmi Co-operative Bank

- **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has imposed a penalty of **Rs. 50.35 lakhs** on **Janalaxmi Co-operative Bank** based in **Maharashtra's Nashik** for **non-compliance** with certain regulatory requirements.

SBI General Insurance partners with SahiPay for rural insurance solutions

- India's leading General Insurance company, **SBI General Insurance** has announced a tie-up with **SahiPay** to increase non-life insurance penetration in the **rural markets**.

RBI imposes Rs. 6 lakhs penalty on Hewlett-Packard Financial Services

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has imposed a monetary penalty of **Rs. 6 lakhs** on Bengaluru-based **Hewlett-Packard Financial Services (India) Private Ltd.**

ICICI Prudential Life becomes the first insurance company in India to integrate NPCI's UPI AutoPay

- **ICICI Prudential Life Insurance** has partnered with the **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)** to offer a **Unified Payments Interface (UPI) AutoPay** facility to its customers.

- **ICICI Prudential Life** became the first life insurance company to provide its customers with the **UPI AutoPay** facility as part of its efforts to simplify processes and thereby provide convenience to customers.

SEBI allows payments banks to act as investment bankers

- Markets regulator **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** allowed **payments banks** to provide easy access to investors to participate in public and rights issues by using various payment avenues.
- **Non-scheduled payments banks**, which have prior approval from the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**, will be eligible to act as a **Banker to an Issue (BTI)**.

Suryoday Small Finance Bank launches a premium savings account product named “Suryoday Health and Wellness Savings Account”

- **Suryoday Small Finance Bank (SSFB)** launched a premium savings account **product named “Suryoday Health and Wellness Savings Account”** to ensure that customers’ wealth not only grows but their families are also taken care of during the **COVID-19** pandemic.

Union Finance Ministry releases Rs. 685.80 crores grant to 4 states for Urban Local Bodies

- The Union Finance Ministry had released an amount of **Rs. 685.80 crores** to four states for providing grants to the **Urban Local Bodies (ULBs)**.

RBI’s MPC keeps repo rate unchanged and maintains accommodative stance

- The Monetary Policy Committee of the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** kept the repo rate unchanged at **4%**.
- The repo rate is kept unchanged for the **7th consecutive time**. Other major rates like Reverse Repo Rate, Bank Rate, Marginal Standing Facility (MSF), Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) and Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR) have also been kept unchanged.

NABARD ties up with CWC to help farmers for better storage facilities

- **National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)** joined hands with **Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC)** to provide better storage facilities for farmers’ producer organisations (FPOs).
- This move will further boost the agriculture infrastructure in India. Under this partnership, state-of-the-art storage facilities will be made accessible to over **5,000 FPOs** across India.

RBI gives banks 3 months excess to meet new current account rules

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has given banks three more months, till **31 October** from the deadline of **31 July**, to implement the new rules on opening current accounts.

RBI defers deadline for stressed firms to meet financial parameters

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has decided to defer the deadline for the achievement of four financial parameters under the Resolution Framework 1.0 for COVID-19 related stress to **1 October 2022**.
- The four parameters — **total debt to EBITDA ratio, current ratio, debt service coverage ratio and average debt service coverage ratio**.

RBI plans to conduct 4 VRRR auctions to absorb surplus liquidity

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has planned to conduct **four variable reverse repo rate (VRRR)** auctions in the fortnight beginning **13 August till 24 September**, to absorb surplus liquidity from the banking system.

RBI may deploy LTRR to mop up excess liquidity with banks

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) have broached the possibility of conducting **Long Term Variable Rate Reverse Repo (LTRR)** auctions with banks in the run-up to the normalisation of its ultra-accommodative policy.

ADB approved \$300 million additional loan support for upgrading rural roads in Maharashtra

- Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved a **\$300 million loans** as additional financing for the ongoing **Maharashtra Rural Connectivity Improvement Project** that is upgrading rural roads and connecting remote areas with markets.

SEBI cuts pre-IPO lock-in for non-promoters to six months

- The **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** relaxed the lock-in period concerning **pre-IPO** shareholding and approved the concept of 'controlling shareholders'.
- The market regulator has also eased the framework for the issuance of stock options and increased the investment headroom for **alternative investment funds (AIFs)** in unlisted companies.

SIDBI launches Swavalamban Challenge Fund to promote entrepreneurship

- **Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)**, in partnership with Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office, UK (FCDO UK), has launched '**Swavalamban Challenge Fund**' (SCF) to lend a helping hand to the entrepreneurs.

Indian Bank signs up with IIMB's incubation arm for exclusive credit to startups

- **Indian Bank** has signed up with **N.S. Raghavan Centre for Entrepreneurial Learning (NSRCEL)**, the incubation arm of **Indian Institute of Management Bangalore (IIMB)**, for extending exclusive credit to **startups**. Under this pact, Indian Bank would extend loans of up to **Rs. 50 crores**.

ADB approves \$500m loan to help Pakistan procure COVID-19 vaccines

- The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** has approved a **\$500 million** loan to help **Pakistan** procure and deploy safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines and strengthen Pakistan's capacity to implement its vaccination program.

Central Bank of India enters into a strategic co-lending partnership with Dhanvarsha Finvest

- **Central Bank of India (CBI)** has entered into a strategic co-lending partnership with **Dhanvarsha Finvest Limited (DFL)** to offer loans against gold ornaments under priority sector to **Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME)** borrowers at competitive rates.

Union Government mobilises Rs.31,290 crores from Sovereign Gold Bond scheme

- The Union Government has collected **Rs.31,290 crores** from **Sovereign Gold Bond (SGB) scheme** since its launch in 2015.

Equitas Small Finance Bank launches fintech accelerator programme 'Equitech'

- **Equitas Small Finance Bank** has launched **Equitech**, a fintech accelerator aimed at the startup ecosystem. This accelerator will help fintechs curate their products and define a go-to-market strategy.

Coin DCX becomes India's first crypto unicorn

- **Coin DCX** became **India's first** cryptocurrency **unicorn** after the company raised Rs. 6.70 billion (\$90 million) from investors led by Facebook co-founder Eduardo Saverin's B Capital Group.

Kerala Financial Corporation announced the 'KFC Startup Kerala' scheme for startups

- **Kerala Financial Corporation (KFC)** announced a comprehensive scheme for funding up to Rs. 10 crores for startups. The **'KFC Startup Kerala'** scheme will support startups in all stages of their growth, starting from proof of concept to prototype development, product trials, market entry, commercialisation and scaling up.

SIDBI launches 'Digital Prayaas' app for providing loans

- **Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)** launched '**Digital Prayaas**', an app-based end-to-end digital lending platform whereby loan sanctioned will be accorded to aspiring entrepreneurs from the bottom of the pyramid by the end of the day.

Reserve Bank of India comes out with a 'scheme of penalty for non-replenishment of ATMs'

- RBI has come out with a "**scheme of penalty for non-replenishment of ATMs**", which will be effective from **1 October 2021**.

IndusInd Bank launches its mega currency chest in Chandigarh

- **IndusInd Bank** launched its mega currency chest at **Chandigarh** to service 218 branches across **Punjab and Haryana** along with branches of other banks in those states.

IDFC First Bank signs an MoU with the Indian Navy to offer Honour First Banking solutions

- **IDFC First Bank** signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the **Indian Navy** to offer **Honour First**, a premium banking solution to serving personnel and veterans of the Indian Navy.

Reserve Bank of India empanels South Indian Bank as an 'agency bank' for general banking business

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has empanelled **South Indian Bank** to act as an "agency bank" to undertake general banking businesses of the Union and state governments.

Reserve Bank of India hikes collateral-free loans for SHGs from Rs. 10 lakhs to Rs. 20 lakhs

- Reserve Bank of India notified the enhancement of **collateral-free loans** to self-help groups (SHGs) from **Rs. 10 lakhs to Rs. 20 lakhs** under **Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM)**.
- No collateral and no margin will be charged for loans up to Rs. 10 lakhs.
- No collateral should be charged and no lien should be marked against savings bank account of SHGs for loans above Rs. 10 lakhs and up to Rs. 20 lakhs.

NABARD sanctions Rs. 188.81 crores for Goa under RIDF

- NABARD sanctioned **Rs. 188.81 crores** for the construction of Super Speciality Block in Bambolim and Enhancement of Solid Waste Treatment Plant in Saligao under **Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF)** to the **Government of Goa** for various social infrastructure projects in Goa.

SEBI merges debt securities rules into a single regulation

- SEBI merged ILDS (Issue and Listing of Debt Securities) rules and NCRPS (Non-Convertible Redeemable Preference Shares) rules into a single regulation to be called **SEBI (Issue and Listing of Non-Convertible Securities) Regulations**.

AU Small Finance Bank unveils a new mega-brand campaign 'BADLAAV Humse Hai'

- **AU Small Finance Bank** unveiled a mega-brand campaign, aptly titled '**BADLAAV Humse Hai**'.
- **AU Small Finance Bank** also launched its avant-garde digital banking platform **AU0101**.

Exim Bank extends \$100 million loan to Mauritius for procuring defence items

- The **Export and Import Bank (EXIM) of India** will provide a Line of Credit of **\$100 million** to **Mauritius** for the procurement of defence items.

RBI cancels the license of Raigad-based Karnala Nagari Sahakari Bank

- The Reserve Bank has cancelled the license of Raigad-based **Karnala Nagari Sahakari Bank Limited** in Maharashtra due to insufficient capital and earning prospects and its continuance would have adversely affected depositors.

RuPay launches a campaign to encourage contactless payment services

- RuPay launched a strategic campaign **#FollowPaymentDistancing** to promote and encourage contactless payments among customers and switch to contactless digital payments with RuPay contactless cards.

Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank in association with the Karnataka Government launches the 'FRUITS' portal

- The **Dharwad-headquartered Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank (KVGB)**, in association with the Karnataka Government, launched the '**Farmer Registration and Unified Beneficiary Information System**' (**FRUITS**) portal.

HDFC Bank plans to lift funds via AT-1 bonds from overseas market

- **HDFC Bank** plans to boost capital by **additional tier-I (AT1) bonds** in the overseas market to fund its business growth. The bank is anticipated to lift up to \$1billion from these dollar-denominated bonds.

Bank of Maharashtra tops PSU banks in terms of loan and savings deposit growth

- **Bank of Maharashtra** emerged as the top performer among public sector lenders in terms of loan and savings deposit growth during the first quarter(Q1) of the current financial year 2021–2022.

RBI partially lifts ban on HDFC Bank and allows it to sell new credit cards

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) partially lifted its technology ban on **HDFC Bank**. Reserve Bank of India has allowed HDFC Bank to source new **credit cards**.

SBI Life Insurance launches new age protection plan 'SBI Life eShield Next'

- SBI Life Insurance announced the launch of a unique new age protection solution named '**SBI Life eShield Next**' which levels up the protection coverage as the insured achieves life's prominent milestones.

Reserve Bank of India introduces the Financial Inclusion Index

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** introduced the **Financial Inclusion Index (FI- Index)** to measure the level of financial inclusion.

RBI to introduce a 'PRISM', a web based automation system to strengthen compliance by lenders

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is putting in a **Platform for Regulated Entities for Built-in Supervision and Monitoring (PRISM)**, a web-based end-to-end workflow automation system to strengthen compliance by supervised entities (SEs).

HDFC Limited launches the Green and Sustainable Fixed Deposits

- **Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited (HDFC Ltd)** launched the '**Green & Sustainable Deposits**' to safeguard the environment from climate change.
- These fixed deposits will be directed towards financing green and sustainable housing credit solutions and services.

SEBI cuts the minimum lock-in period for promoters investment post IPO to 18 months from three years

- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) reduced the minimum **lock-in period for promoters'** investment post an initial public offering (IPO) to **18 months** from **three years**.

Reserve Bank of India revises the norms for the hiring of lockers facility provided by banks

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** released the revised guidelines for the **hiring of lockers** and **safe custody facility** in view of various developments in the area of banking and technology, nature of consumer grievances and the feedback received from banks.

- The new guidelines will be effective from **1 January 2022** and applicable to new as well as existing lockers.
- The banks must settle the claims and release contents of the locker to the survivor/nominee within **15 days** from the date of receipt of the claim subject to the production of proof of death of the depositor.

Kotak Mahindra Bank partners with Creditas Solutions for digital repayment platform

- **Kotak Mahindra Bank** partnered with **Creditas Solutions** to introduce a **Do-It-Yourself (DIY)** digital repayment platform to deliver a superior repayment experience for customers.

Spice Money builds 1 lakh micro-ATMs in rural India

- **Spice Money** established a mammoth ATM network with **1 lakh Spice Money micro -ATMs** operating across rural India.

Ind-Ra revises its GDP growth forecast of India for the current fiscal year

- **India Ratings (Ind-Ra)** lowered the gross domestic product (GDP) growth estimate for India to **9.4 per cent** from **9.6 per cent** for the current fiscal year 2021–2022.

ICICI Bank, HSBC and Standard Chartered enters India's 1st swaption deal

- **ICICI Bank** made India's first set of 'swaption' deals with **HSBC** and **Standard Chartered Bank** and heralded a new era of risk management in interest-rate derivatives market that needs to introduce world-class solutions to draw more overseas funds into local debt assets.

Paytm and HDFC Bank announces a strategic partnership

- Fintech major **Paytm** and **HDFC Bank Limited** have entered into a strategic partnership for delivering financial solutions to end consumers and merchants across India.

NIPL partners with UAE's Mashreq Bank to offer UPI in UAE to offer UPI in UAE

- National Payment Corporation of India's (NPCI) international arm **NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL)** had partnered with **Mashreq Bank** in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) to offer the United Payments Interface (UPI) in **UAE**.
- This marks UPI's foray into the third country outside of India after **Singapore and Bhutan**.

PayPal launches cryptocurrency buying and selling in the UK

- Customers in the **United Kingdom** will be able to purchase, sell and keep Bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies through **PayPal Holdings Inc**.

RBI Committee suggests a four-tiered structure for Urban Cooperative Banks (UCBs)

- A Committee set up by the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** to look into the functioning of **urban cooperative banks (UCB)** suggested a **four-tiered** structure to regulate them based on their size of deposits and prescribed different capital adequacy.

RBI gives 'in-principle' approval for Centrum Financial Services Limited (CFSL) to set up a small finance bank

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has given **Centrum Financial Services Ltd (CFSL)** 'in principle' approval to set up a **small finance bank (SFB)** which will eventually take over Punjab and Maharashtra Co-operative (PMC) Bank.

SBI General Insurance collaborates with Punjab Government to service Ayushman Bharat Sarbat Sehat Bima Yojana in Punjab

- **SBI General Insurance**, in collaboration with the State Government of **Punjab**, is set to service the **Ayushman Bharat Sarbat Sehat Bima Yojana (AB-SSBY)** and play a critical role in expanding the **health insurance coverage** in Punjab, especially to the less privileged sections.

Karnataka Bank launches KBL FASTag for seamless movement of vehicles at the toll plazas

- **Karnataka Bank** collaborated with the **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)** and the FASTag processor **World line** and launched a payment instrument named '**KBL FASTag**' to facilitate seamless movement of vehicles at the toll plazas across India.

Infosys becomes the fourth Indian firm to hit \$100 billion market capitalisation (m-cap)

- **Infosys** achieved a landmark market capitalisation (m-cap) of **\$100 billion** and became the fourth Indian company to hit that mark.
- Reliance Industries (\$140 billion), Tata Consultancy Services (\$115 billion) and HDFC Bank (\$100.1 billion) are the other Indian firms in the club with Infosys.

RBI permits card-tokenisation services to make card transactions safer

- In order to make card **transactions more safe**, secure and convenient for customers, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) allowed authorised card networks to offer **card tokenisation services** to any token requestor.
- RBI decided to extend the scope of tokenisation to include consumer devices – laptops, desktops, wearables (wristwatches, bands, etc.) and Internet of Things (IoT) devices.

Tamil Nadu Government received the first approval from SIDBI under SCDF

- The **Tamil Nadu Government** has received the first approval under the **SIDBI Cluster Growth Fund** (SCDF) from the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) to upgrade various existing MSME clusters and to develop new industrial infrastructural facilities in Tamil Nadu.

BharatPe launches '12% Club' app

- **BharatPe** is expanding its consumer services portfolio by entering the **peer-to-peer (P2P)** lending market with the launch of its product '**12% Club**' app to allow its customers to earn 12% on their investments as well as borrow funds at 12% interest.
- Consumers on the 12% Club app can invest their savings anytime by choosing to lend money through BharatPe's partner P2P NBFCs and also can avail collateral-free loans of up to **Rs. 10 lakhs** for a tenure of 3 months as per their convenience.

RBI announces issue price for Sovereign Gold Bond Scheme 2021–22 - Series VI

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced the issue price for Sovereign Gold Bond Scheme 2021–22 - Series VI, which is fixed at **Rs. 4732 per gram of gold**.
- The Sovereign Gold Bond Scheme 2021–22 - Series VI will be open for subscription for the period 30 August 2021 to 3 September 2021.

Google ties up with fintech startup Setu to help users open fixed deposits through Google Pay

- Google tied up with fintech startup Setu to enable its customers to book **fixed deposits (FDs)** through Google Pay.
- Initially, FDs of Equitas Small Finance Bank with a maximum interest rate of 6.35 per cent for one year will be offered.
- Aadhaar-based KYC (Know Your Customer) is mandatory to avail this service.

RBI hikes the per transaction remittance limit of India to Nepal from Rs. 50,000 to Rs. 2 lakhs

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) hiked the per transaction limit of **the Indo-Nepal remittance facility** to **Rs. 2 lakhs from Rs. 50,000** and removed the cap of **12** remittances per year to facilitate retirement and pension-related payments to ex-servicemen settled in Nepal.

PhonePe receives an insurance broking license from IRDAI

- **PhonePe** received an insurance broking license from the **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)** to sell life and general insurance covers.

Agreements and MoU's

Tata Motors and Sundaram Finance partner to offer 100% vehicle financing to customers

- **Tata Motors** has partnered with **Sundaram Finance** to offer **100%** financing options to customers. The financing option is available across **Tata's** passenger segment offering in **India**. This scheme, however, is not applicable for the **Nexon EV**.

NABARD partners with Central Warehousing Corporation to help FPOs

- **National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)** has partnered with the **Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC)** to offer storage facilities for the Farmers Producer Organisation (FPOs) at lower rates for the next 5 years.

NABARD signs an MoU with Assam Infrastructure Financing Authority to boost infra projects in Assam

- **National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)** has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **AIFA (Assam Infrastructure Financing Authority)** to give a boost to execute development projects in Assam.

Flipkart signs an MoU with Haryana to support local MSMEs under a supplier development programme

- **Flipkart** signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Directorate of **Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), Government of Haryana**, to support **MSMEs** under Walmart's supplier development programme called '**Walmart Vriddhi**'.

GIFT City and India Insurtech Association ink pact to promote fintech in the insurance sector

- **GIFT City**, India's first International Financial Services Centre (IFSC), has collaborated with the **India Insurtech Association (IIA)** to promote financial technology in the insurance sector.

NEDFi inks an MoU with FINER to promote entrepreneurship in North East India

- **North Eastern Development Finance Corporation Limited (NEDFi)** signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Federation of Industries of North- Eastern Region (FINER) to promote and foster entrepreneurship, create jobs and create empowerment for weak sectors.

TRIFED is set to collaborate with Assam Government to establish Van Dhan Kendra clusters

- **TRIFED (Tribal Co-operative Marketing Federation of India)** would collaborate with the Assam Government to establish a comprehensive network of **Van Dhan Kendra clusters** and five **TRIFOOD Tribal Food Parks** in Assam.

EdelGive Foundation and FICCI signed a MoU to assist women in the entrepreneurial ecosystem

- **EdelGive Foundation** and the **Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)** have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to strengthen and boost up outreach initiatives with respect to women entrepreneurship in India.

United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and International Air Transport Association extend partnership to facilitate global trade

- **United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)** and the **International Air Transport Association (IATA)** have extended their collaboration to facilitate **international trade**, especially **e-commerce**.

The National Health Authority and IIT Delhi sign an MoU to intensify healthcare innovations for low-income groups

- The **National Health Authority (NHA)** and **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi** have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to intensify healthcare innovations which will support innovators and entrepreneurs in improving the healthcare facility of India.

NABARD signs a Memorandum of Understanding with the State Bank of India and J&K Grameen Bank for JLG financing

- National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the State Bank of India and J&K Grameen Bank to finance 1000 Joint Liability Groups (JLGs).

India and the United Nations sign an MoU for technology partnership in the peacekeeping mission

- **India and the United Nations (UN)** are all set to sign an MoU in support of the **peacekeeping mission** as a part of the visit by the Union External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar.

RBL Bank ties up with Pay Nearby and VISA for payment devices

- **PayNearby** partnered with **VISA and RBL Bank** to launch **SoftPoS and mPoS** for its over 1.5 million retail networks..
- The aim of this agreement is to democratize **digital payments and reduce cash transactions**.

Union Cabinet approves an MoU between India and Bangladesh on cooperation in disaster management

- The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister **Narendra Modi**, approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on cooperation in the field of disaster management, resilience and mitigation signed between India and Bangladesh.

Union Cabinet approves an MoU between India and the United States in the field of geology

- The Cabinet approved a pact between **India and the United States of America** on cooperation in the field of geology.
- Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) will provide an institutional mechanism between the **Geological Survey of India (GSI)** and the **Florida International University (FIU)** on cooperation in the field of geology.

IIT Madras is set to work with the Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways on pavement engineering and intelligent transportation systems

- **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras** is set to collaborate with the **Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH)** to conduct research on pavement engineering and intelligent transportation systems.

India and Australia sign a joint guidance for the Australia-India Navy to Navy relationship document

- The chiefs of the **Indian and Australian navies** signed a **joint guidance for the Australia-India Navy to Navy relationship** document to streamline interaction between the two forces at various levels.

Facebook partners with Indian firm 'Indifi' for small business loans

- **Facebook** partnered with an Indian firm '**Indifi**' and announced a new programme, the '**small business loans initiative**', to help small and medium businesses (SMBs) in India that advertise on the social media platform to get quick access to credit through independent lending partners.

USAID and DFC join hands with Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited (KMBL) to support MSMEs

- The **US Agency for International Development (USAID)** and the **US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC)** would jointly sponsor a **\$50 million** loan portfolio guarantee to **Kotak Mahindra Bank** to support increased financial access to women borrowers and and micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in India.

Microsoft partners with Invest India to empower tech startups

- **Microsoft India** has partnered with **Invest India** to empower tech startups.
- Microsoft technology such as Azure, GitHub and M365 will be available to the startups, allowing them to quickly build and run their businesses.

Assam Government inks an MoU with 38 microfinance institutions and banks for the Assam

Micro Finance Incentive and Relief Scheme 2021

- The **Assam Government** signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with 38 microfinance institutions and banks for the implementation of the **Assam Micro Finance Incentive and Relief Scheme (AMFIRS) 2021** aimed at providing financial relief from the government to the microfinance borrowers in Assam to help them continue maintaining good credit discipline in COVID-19 times.
- This MoU will remain in force till **31 March 2023**.

NITI Aayog and World Resources Institute virtually launch forum to decarbonise India's transport sector

- As part of the Nationally Determined Contributions -Transport Initiative for Asia (NDC-TIA), NITI Aayog and the World Resources Institute (WRI) virtually launched the '**Forum for Decarbonising Transport**' in India to focus on developing a coherent strategy of effective policies and the formation of a multi-stakeholder platform for decarbonising transport in India.

India and the Maldives sign the largest-ever infrastructure project in the Maldives

- **India and the Maldives** signed the largest-ever infrastructure project in the Maldives which will be developed by a Maharashtra-based business, AFCONS Infrastructure Limited.
- The 6.7 km Greater Male Connectivity Project (GMCP) will be the largest civilian infrastructure project in the Maldives.
- India will fund a \$400 million Line of Credit and a \$100 million grant for the implementation of the Greater Male Connectivity Project.

Max Life Insurance partners with BillDesk to enable safe premium payments

- **Max Life Insurance Company Limited**, in partnership with **BillDesk**, has enabled a **safe and secure e-mandate process on premium payments** for its customers.
- Max Life Insurance Company became the first life insurer to extend the facility of e-mandate for recurring premium payment options to its customers.

Science and Technology

Ordnance Factory in Tamil Nadu launches high-tech carbine 'TriCa'

- A high-tech, low sound carbine named '**TriCa**' with a range more effective than a typical **submachine gun** and small enough to be packed in the jacket of security personnel was unveiled at the **Ordnance Factory** in **Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu**.

ESA launches the world's first commercial re-programmable satellite 'Eutelsat Quantum'

- The **European Space Agency (ESA)** has launched the **world's first** commercial fully re-programmable satellite named '**Eutelsat Quantum**'. The world's first commercial fully re-programmable satellite lifted off from Europe's spaceport in **Kourou, French Guiana**.

INS Khanjar becomes the first Indian Navy ship to call at the heritage coastal port of Gopalpur

- **Indian Naval Ship Khanjar** became the first Indian Navy ship to call at the heritage coastal port of **Gopalpur** in **Odisha**.
- The two-day visit was organised as part of **Aazadi ka Amrit Mahotsav** as well as **Swarnim Vijay Varsh** celebrations to commemorate the **75th** anniversary of Indian Independence and the **50th** anniversary of the **1971 War**.

India's first indigenous aircraft carrier INS Vikrant sets sail for maiden sea trials

- **India's** first indigenous aircraft carrier (IAC) '**INS Vikrant**' was launched for sea trials from **Kochi, Kerala**. **INS Vikrant** is 262 metres long, 62 metres wide and 59 metres high, including the superstructure.

BBCI and IIT Guwahati sign an Mou to collaborate on cancer research

- The **B Barooah Cancer Institute (BBCI)** and **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)**, Guwahati have signed a Memorandum of Understanding for research collaborations on cancer.

ISRO's GSLV-F10 fails to launch earth observation satellite in orbit

- ISRO's **GSLV rocket** failed to inject into orbit, India's latest earth observation satellite, **EOS-03**, due to a failure to ignite the cryogenic stage of the launch vehicle.

IIT Bombay develops novel method infra-red technology to predict high-risk severe COVID-19 patients

- **IIT Bombay** had developed a novel method using infra-red technology to detect which patients are more at risk of becoming severely ill from COVID-19.

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- This pact enables building a virtual constellation of specified remote sensing satellites of BRICS space agencies and their respective ground stations will receive the data.

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- National Thermal Power Corporation Limited (NTPC Ltd.) commissioned India's largest floating solar photovoltaic (PV) project of 25 megawatt (MW) on the water reservoir of its 2 gigawatt (GW) Simhadri project at **Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh**.

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IIT Madras develops India's first indigenous motorized wheelchair vehicle

- **Indian Institute of Technology-Madras (IIT-M)** had developed India's first indigenous **motorised wheelchair vehicle** named '**NeoBolt**', which can be used not only on roads but even on uneven terrains.
- It has a maximum speed of **25 kmph** and travels up to 25 km per charge, powered by a Lithium-Ion Battery.

NITI Aayog and Cisco jointly launches women entrepreneurship platform 'WEP Nxt'

- **NITI Aayog** and **Cisco** jointly launched the next phase of the women entrepreneurship platform (WEP) '**WEP Nxt**' to build on their shared commitment to empower women entrepreneurs across India.
- WEP Nxt will be the next phase of NITI Aayog's flagship initiative to enable more women-owned businesses across India.
- This platform will aim to address the most urgent needs of the women entrepreneurs across six key verticals:
 - Community and networking
 - Skilling and mentorship
 - Incubation and acceleration programs
 - Financial
 - Compliance
 - Marketing assistance

National Dairy Development Board launches e-GOPALA and IMAP web portals

- Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Parshottam Rupala launched the Anand-based National Dairy Development Board's (NDDB) web version of the **e-GOPALA application and IMAP web portal**, which provides real-time information to dairy farmers for better productivity of milk-producing animals.

Appointments

Deepak Das takes charge as the new Controller General of Accounts

- **Deepak Das** took charge as the new **Controller General of Accounts (CGA)**. He is the **25th** officer to hold the position of Controller General of Accounts (CGA). He succeeded **Soma Roy Burman**.

Lieutenant General Tarun Kumar Chawla takes charge as the Director-General of Artillery

- Lieutenant General **Tarun Kumar Chawla** took charge as the Director-General of Artillery in the Indian Army. He succeeded Lt. **Gen. K. Ravi Prasad**, who served for thirty-nine years of distinguished service in the **Indian Army**.

Mini Ipe was appointed as the Managing Director of LIC

- **Mini Ipe** was appointed as the **Managing Director** of **Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)**.
- She was the **first woman zonal manager** (in-charge) of LIC and headed SCZO, **Hyderabad**.

Mahendra Singh Dhoni becomes the first brand ambassador of HomeLane

- Home interiors brand **HomeLane** has entered into a **three-year** strategic partnership with **Mahendra Singh Dhoni** as an equity partner and brand ambassador.

Retired Justice V. M. Kanade was appointed as the Lokayukta of Maharashtra

- Maharashtra Governor **B. S. Koshiyari** has approved the appointment of retired Bombay High Court Judge **Justice V. M. Kanade** as the new **Lokayukta of Maharashtra**, on the advice of Maharashtra Chief Minister **Uddhav Thackeray**.

RBI approves the re-appointment of Prakash Chandra as the Non-Executive Chairman of RBL Bank for three years

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has approved the re-appointment of **Prakash Chandra** as the **Non-Executive (Part-Time) Chairman** of the **RBL Bank** for three years.

Himanshu Kapania was appointed as the Non-Executive Chairman of Vodafone Idea

- **Himanshu Kapania** was appointed as the Non-Executive Chairman of **Vodafone Idea**. Aditya Birla Group Chairman **Kumar Mangalam Birla** resigned as the Non-Executive Director and Non-Executive Chairman of the Vodafone Idea Board.

Ram Subhag Singh was appointed as the Chief Secretary of Himachal Pradesh

- The Himachal Pradesh Government has appointed senior IAS officer **Ram Subhag Singh** as the Chief Secretary of Himachal Pradesh, replacing **Anil Kumar Khachi**, who was made the **Himachal Pradesh Election Commissioner**.

Akhilesh Mishra was appointed as the new High Commissioner of India to Ireland

- Senior diplomat **Akhilesh Mishra** was appointed as India's next High Commissioner to Ireland. Currently, the 1989 IFS-batch officer is on special duty in the Union External Affairs Ministry.
- **Director-General of Indian Coast Guard K. Natarajan** was elected as the next **Executive Director of ReCAAP**
- Director-General of Indian Coast Guard **K. Natarajan** was elected as the next **Executive Director of the Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia (ReCAAP)**.

Air Marshal Suraj Kumar Jha takes over as Air Officer in Charge Personnel

- Air Marshal **Suraj Kumar Jha** took over as the **Air Officer** in Charge Personnel at Air headquarters in **New Delhi**.

Dhriti Banerjee becomes the first woman director of the Zoological Survey of India

- **Dhriti Banerjee** was appointed as the first woman director of the **Zoological Survey of India (ZSI)**. This is the first time in the ZSI's history that a woman was appointed for the post of director.

Vandana Kataria is named as the brand ambassador of Uttarakhand state Department of Women Empowerment and Child development

- Uttarakhand Chief Minister **Pushkar Singh Dhami** named Team India's hockey player **Vandana Kataria** as the brand ambassador of the state's **Department of Women Empowerment and Child Development**.
- The announcement came at a program organised to felicitate the recipients of awardees of the Tilu Rauteli Award and the Anganwadi Workers Award, held at IRDT Auditorium at Survey Chowk.

Wipro appoints Jason Eichenholz as Global Partnership Lead

- Wipro appointed **Jason Eichenholz** as its senior Vice President and Global Partnership Lead.
- He joins Wipro from **Deloitte** Consulting, where he served in various leadership positions for over 11 years.

Cashify appoints Rajkumar Rao as its first brand ambassador

- Re-commerce marketplace **Cashify** announced **Rajkumar Rao** as its first brand ambassador.
- **Rajkumar Rao** has signed a multi-year contract with Cashify and he will promote the products across digital media platforms through campaigns and promotional activities exclusively for the smartphone buyback category.

Union Cabinet Secretary Rajiv Gauba gets a one-year extension

- The Union Government has extended the tenure of senior Jharkhand-cadre IAS officer **Rajiv Gauba** as **the Union Secretary**.
- Rajiv Gauba is likely to continue as Union Cabinet Secretary till **August 2022** as per the latest announcement by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet.

Nagabhushana Reddy was appointed as the new High Commissioner of India to Malaysia

- B. Nagabhushana Reddy was appointed as the next **High Commissioner of India to Malaysia**.
- He is a 1993-batch Indian Foreign Services (IFS) officer.

Zeya By Kundan ropes in Vaani Kapoor as their brand ambassador

- Jewellery brand **Zeya By Kundan** announced **Vaani Kapoor** as their brand ambassador.
- With this association, Zeya By Kundan aims to create high decibel visibility and connect with its target customers.

Union Home Secretary Ajay Kumar Bhalla gets a one-year extension

- The Union Government has extended the tenure of the Union Home Secretary **Ajay Kumar Bhalla**.
- His tenure was extended till **22 August**.

Sudhir Kumar Saxena was appointed as the Secretary of the Cabinet Secretariat

- According to the Union Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, senior IPS officer **Sudhir Kumar Saxena** was appointed as the **Secretary of the Cabinet Secretariat**.

Noopur Chaturvedi was appointed as the CEO of NPCI Bharat Billpay

- The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) appointed **Noopur Chaturvedi** as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of **NPCI Bharat BillPay Ltd (NBBL)**.

Kamlesh Kumar Pant was appointed as the Chairman of the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA)

- **Kamlesh Kumar Pant** was appointed as the new **Chairman** of the **National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA)** by the Appointments Committee of the Union Cabinet.

Melinda Pavek assumes the post of Consul General of the United States of America

- Melinda Pavek assumed the post of Consul General of the United States of America, succeeding Patti Hoffman.

Reserve Bank of India ropes Neeraj Chopra for banking fraud awareness campaign

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** roped in star javelin thrower **Neeraj Chopra** for its awareness campaign against growing cyber frauds.

Hakainde Hichilema was declared as the President of Zambia

- **Hakainde Hichilema** became **Zambia's** new President.
- He is a business tycoon who has made six attempts at gaining the presidency before finally winning.
- He takes over from Edgar Lungu.

P. K. Agarwal takes charge as the new Director-General of Police of Haryana

- The Haryana Government appointed senior IPS officer **Prashanta Kumar Agrawal** as the new Director-General of Police (DGP) of Haryana.

Bandar Mohammed Al Attiyah was named as the Ambassador of Qatar to Saudi Arabia

- Qatar's Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani appointed **Bandar Mohammed Al Attiyah** as Qatar's Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.
- He previously served as Qatar's Ambassador to Kuwait.

Mirabai Chanu was appointed as the brand ambassador of Amway India for the Nutrilite range of products

- Amway India appointed Indian Olympian **Saikhom Mirabai Chanu** as their brand ambassador for its Nutrilite range of products.

Samsung India ropes Alia Bhatt as its brand Ambassador

- Samsung India roped in actor Alia Bhatt as the brand ambassador for its premium Galaxy Z Series foldable smartphones.

Supreme Court of India recommends nine names for the appointment of judges to the Supreme Court of India

- The Collegium of Supreme Court headed by the Chief Justice of India N. V. **Ramana** recommended elevation of the following Chief Justices/Judges of the High Courts and a Bar member as Judges in the Supreme Court.

S.No	Name of the Person
1.	Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka - Karnataka High Court
2.	Justice Vikram Nath - Gujarat High Court
3.	Justice J. K. Maheshwari - Sikkim High Court
4.	Justice C. T. Ravikumar - Kerala High Court
5.	Justice B. V. Nagarathna - Karnataka High Court
6.	Justice Bela M. Trivedi - Gujarat High Court
7.	Justice M. M. Sundresh - Madras High Court
8.	Justice Hima Kohli - Telangana High Court
9.	P. S. Narasimha – Senior Advocate

N. K. Singh was elected as the President of the Institute of Economic Growth Society

- **N. K. Singh** was elected as the **President** of the **Institute of Economic Growth (IEG)** Society. He succeeded **Manmohan Singh**.
- He was earlier the Chairman of the 15th Finance Commission.

Apurva Chandra was appointed as the next Secretary of the Union Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

- **Apurva Chandra**, a 1988-batch IAS officer of Maharashtra cadre, was appointed the **Secretary of the Union Ministry of Information and Broadcasting**.
- He succeeds **Amit Khare**, the current Secretary of Higher Education.
- At present, Apurva Chandra is serving as Secretary in the Union Ministry of Labour and Employment.

Shanti Lal Jain was appointed as the MD & CEO of Indian Bank

- **Shanti Lal Jain** was appointed as the **Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Indian Bank** for three years.
- He is currently serving as the Executive Director of the Bank of Baroda.

Priyanka Chopra Jonas was named as Chairperson of Jio MAMI

- **Priyanka Chopra Jonas** was named the new Chairperson of the **Mumbai Academy of Moving Image (MAMI)** Film Festival.
- She replaced the position which was previously chaired by **Deepika Padukone**.

Nakul Chopra was appointed as the CEO of the Broadcast Audience Research Council of India (BARC)

- Broadcast Audience Research Council India (BARC) appointed **Nakul Chopra** as its new chief executive officer (CEO). He succeeded **Sunil Lulla**.

Ismail Sabri Yaakob was appointed as the next Prime Minister of Malaysia

- Former Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia **Ismail Sabri Yaakob** was appointed as the new **Prime Minister of Malaysia**.
- He succeeds **Muhyiddin Yassin**, who resigned after losing majority support in the lower house of parliament.

Union Government extends the tenure of Bank of India executive director P. R. Rajagopal

for two years

- The Union Government extended the term of Bank of India's executive director **P. R. Rajagopal** by **two** years. His current term was to expire on 28 February 2022.

Dentsu India's CEO Anand Bhadkamkar steps down

- The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Dentsu India, **Anand Bhadkamkar**, had resigned from the company.
- He joined Dentsu India in 2008.

HSBC India appoints Rajnish Kumar as its independent director

- Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (HSBC) India appointed the former Chairman of State Bank of India, **Rajnish Kumar**, as its independent non-executive director.

Awards and Recognitions

Serum Institute founder Cyrus Poonawalla is set to receive the Lokmanya Tilak Award 2021

- Founder and Chairperson of the Pune-based **Serum Institute of India (SII)**, **Cyrus Poonawalla**, was named as a recipient of the prestigious **Lokmanya Tilak National Award** for 2021.

DBS clinches global accolade for innovation in digital banking; Financial Times publication

- **Development Bank of Singapore (DBS)** was honoured as the global winner for **2021 Most Innovative** in Digital Banking by the **Financial Times** publication report.

Jagdish Bhagwati and C. Rangarajan were conferred with the inaugural Prof. C.R. Rao Centenary Gold Medal

- Renowned economists **Jagdish Bhagwati** and **C. Rangarajan** were conferred with the inaugural **Prof. C. R. Rao Centenary Gold Medal (CGM)**.
- **The Indian Econometric Society (TIES)** Trust has instituted the Prof. C. R. Rao Centenary Gold Medal to commemorate the contributions of its professor **C.R. Rao** to quantitative economic theory and practice.

West Bengal receives four SKOCH awards for its schemes under the Ease of Doing Business initiative

- The state (West Bengal) scheme '**Silpasathi**' — the online single window portal won the **platinum award** while the **Auto-Renewal of Certificate of Enlistment** through an online system for urban areas has received the **gold award**.
- **Online issuance of trade licences** in rural areas and the **E-Nathikaran** have won **two silver awards**.

Labhanshu Sharma wins the Bharat Kesari Wrestling Dangal 2021 for Uttarakhand

- Indian wrestler **Labhanshu Sharma** won the **Bharat Kesari Wrestling Dangal 2021**, which was organised by **Tamil Nadu**. He is the first person to win the title of Bharat Kesari for **Uttarakhand**.
- Labhanshu has **15 gold medals** at the state level, **10 medals** at the national level and **2 gold medals** and 1 silver medal in the international wrestling competitions.

RBI empanels Karnataka Bank as an 'agency bank' for government business

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has empanelled **Karnataka Bank** to act as an “**agency bank**” to facilitate transactions related to government businesses.

Telangana Government wins the AI Gamechanger Award

- The **Telangana Government** bagged the **AI Gamechanger Award** in the Xperience-AI Summit organised by **NASSCOM**.

Mindtree was recognised with the 2021 ISG Digital Case Study Award

- **Mindtree** was recognised by Information Services Group (ISG) with the **2021 ISG Digital Case Study Award** for its best-in-class digital transformation work with four enterprise customers.

HCL Technologies becomes the fourth largest IT company by market capitalisation

- **HCL Technologies** became the **fourth largest IT company**, surpassing **Cognizant Technologies Solutions Corp**.
- HCL Technologies became the leading India-centric information technology (IT) services company with a market capitalisation of \$39 billion, whereas Cognizant has \$38.84 billion of capitalisation.

Nagaland bags 7 national awards in the Van Dhan Vikas Yojana

- **Nagaland** bagged 7 prestigious national awards in the Van Dhan Vikas Yojana (VDVY) and Minimum Support Price (MSP) schemes for exemplary performance in various categories.
- Nagaland topped in three categories: **Best Survey, Best Training and the most number of Van Dhan Vikas Clusters (VDVKCs) established**.

Mohammed Azam from Telangana receives the 'National Youth Award' for 2017-18

- **Mohammed Azam** from Karimnagar district in Telangana was conferred with the **National Youth Award for 2017-18** by the Union Youth Affairs and Sports Minister Anurag Singh Thakur in Delhi for displaying exemplary leadership qualities.

- List of Gallantry Awards announced by Indian President Ram Nath Kovind on Independence Day
- Shaurya Chakra

S.No	Name of the Awardee
1.	Ravi Kumar Choudhary
2.	Arun Kumar Pandey
3.	Vikas Khatri
4.	Ashutosh Kumar
5.	Neeraj Ahlawat
6.	Mukesh Kumar

- Bar to Sena Medal

S.No	Name of the Awardee
1.	Krishna Kant Bajpai
2.	Surendra Singh Lamba
3.	Rahul Balamohan
4.	Ankit Dahiya

- Sena Medal - 116 awardees

Union Finance Minister unveils the 4th edition of the Public Sector Bank (PSBs) Reforms

Agenda - EASE 4.0

- Union Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs Nirmala Sitharaman unveiled the **fourth edition of the Public Sector Bank (PSB) Reforms Agenda 'EASE 4.0' for 2021-22** in Mumbai.
- She announced the best-performing banks on the EASE 3.0 Banking Reforms Index.

EASE 3.0 Index Awards

- The top 3 banks in the EASE 3.0 Index are:
 1. State Bank of India
 2. Bank of Baroda
 3. Union Bank of India
- The top 3 banks in improvement from the March baseline are:
 1. Indian Bank
 2. Union Bank of India
 3. Punjab National Bank

- Theme based winners:

S.No	Theme	Winner
1	Smart lending for aspiring India(from large PSBs)	Bank of Baroda
2	Tech-enabled ease of banking	State Bank of India
3	Institutionalising prudent banking	Bank of Baroda
4	Governance and outcome centric HR	Union Bank of India
5	Deepening FI and customer protection	Union Bank of India

COVID-19 study by UK experts sets a Guinness world record for the world's largest scientific collaboration

- A worldwide COVID-19 study led by UK experts and conducted at Indian hospitals among others around the world was awarded the '**Guinness World Records**' title for the world's largest scientific collaboration.

Books and Authors

A new book titled "The Most Incredible Olympic Stories" was authored by Luciano Wernicke

- Argentinian writer **Luciano Wernicke's** new book titled "**The Most Incredible Olympic Stories**" was released. This book was published by **Niyogi Books**.

A new book titled 'A Begum & A Rani: Hazrat Mahal and Lakshmibai in 1857' was authored by Rudrangshu Mukherjee

- Renowned historian and author **Rudrangshu Mukherjee's** new book titled '**A Begum & A Rani: Hazrat Mahal and Lakshmibai in 1857**' was released. This book was published by Penguin Random House of India.

Sudha Murty's new book is titled 'How the Earth Got Its Beauty'

- Popular children's author **Sudha Murty** has come out with a beginner's guide, "**How the Earth Got Its Beauty**", on the extraordinary stories about the earth. The book is published by **Penguin Random House**.

National best selling author Aditya R. Nighhot released his new book “Unhooked & Unbooked”

- **Aditya R. Nighhot** is known for writing contemporary romance novels and books that have received critical as well as public acclaim.
- He came out with his new book '**Unhooked & Unbooked**' published by **Invincible Publishers**.

A book titled ‘The Earthspinner’ was authored by Anuradha Roy

- A book named '**The Earthspinner**' was authored by award-winning novelist **Anuradha Roy**.
- This novel is about two people struggling to free themselves of shackles to create the happiest world. Anuradha Roy's earlier works include *An Atlas of Impossible Longing* and *The Folded Earth*.

Pavan K. Varma authored a brand new book titled ‘The Great Hindu Civilisation: Achievement, Neglect, Bias and the Way Forward’

- A new book titled '**The Great Hindu Civilisation: Achievement, Neglect, Bias and the Way Forward**' authored by **Pavan K. Varma** aims to answer the questions about Hindu civilisation and more in the context of changing empires and leaderships through colonisation and conquest.
- The book was published by **Westland Publishers**.

Maharashtra Chief Minister releases the 10th edition of Shri Gadgebaba

- Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray released the tenth edition of '**Shri Gadgebaba**', a biography written by his grandfather **Prabodhankar Thackeray**.

A new book titled “The Dream of Revolution: A Biography of Jaya Prakash Narayan” is set to be released

- A new book titled "**The Dream of Revolution: A Biography of Jayaprakash Narayan**" was authored by historian **Bimal Prasad and Sujata Prasad**. This book will be published by **Penguin Random House India**.

Ajitabha Bose launches the biography of Kapil Sharma

- **Ajitabha Bose** wrote a biography on the life journey of **Kapil Sharma**. The book's name is **The Kapil Sharma Story** and its publisher is **Ajitabha Publisher**.

Ravi Shastri releases a new book titled ‘STARGAZING: The Players in My Life’

- Indian cricket legend and successful test cricket coach Ravi Shastri's book titled '**STARGAZING: The Players in My Life**' was released. The book was published by **Harpercollins India**.

K. J. Alphons releases his new book titled 'Accelerating India: 7 Years of Modi Government'

- Former Union Minister **K. J. Alphons** presented his book titled 'Accelerating India: 7 Years of Modi Government' to Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Rankings

Haryana Police secures the first position in the CCTNS system

- **Haryana Police** has secured the first position in the **Crime and Criminal Tracking Network System (CCTNS)** system with **100 per cent** marks in India. **Haryana Police** was followed by **Gujarat Police** and **Himachal Pradesh Police**.

India ranks 32nd in Finding Innovative Solutions to Combat COVID-19: Start-Up Blink Report

- The 2nd edition of the '**COVID-19 Innovation Report 2021**' was released by **Startup Blink** in association with **Health Innovation Exchange & UN AIDS (United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS)**.
- India fell six spots to **32nd place** in the global coronavirus innovation rankings for countries. **San Francisco Bay (US)**, **New York (US)** and **Moscow (Russia)** were ranked as the top 3 cities.

India ranks 122 out of 181 countries in the 2020 Global Youth Development Index

- **India** ranked **122nd** in the **2020 Global Youth Development Index**, which measures the status of young people in **181** countries around the world. **Singapore** was ranked at the **top of the index** for the first time, followed by **Slovenia**, **Norway**, **Malta** and **Denmark**.

Ghaziabad is the world's second most polluted city of 2020

- Uttar Pradesh's **Ghaziabad** was adjudged the **second** most polluted city out of the 50 'most polluted cities' in the world in 2020 by a report prepared by British company **House Fresh**.
- The Chinese city of **Hotan** in Xinjiang province was named the most polluted city of 2020.

Reliance Industries Limited tops the Indian list of companies with a market capitalisation of \$188 billion in the Hurun Global List

- **Reliance Industries Limited (RIL)** topped the Indian list of companies in the **Hurun Global List** with a market capitalisation of \$188 billion. It was followed by **Tata Consultancy Services Limited** with \$164 billion and **HDFC Bank** with \$113 billion.

- The iPhone maker **Apple** retained the **top** position in the world with a market capitalisation of \$2.4 trillion.

Huawei ranks 44 in the Fortune Global List 2021

- **Huawei's** ranking in the Fortune Global List 2021 improved to **44 in 2021** from **49** in 2020.

India ranks second in the Global Cryptocurrency Adoption Index

- India ranks **second** in the **Global Cryptocurrency Adoption Index** behind Vietnam according to the **2021 Global Crypto Adoption Index** by blockchain data platform **Chainalysis**.

Defence News

Indian Navy undertook bilateral exercise 'Zayed Talwar 2021' with the UAE Navy

- Indian Navy and UAE Navy undertook bilateral exercise '**Zayed Talwar 2021**' off the coast of **Abu Dhabi**.
- **INS Kochi** with two integral Sea King MK 42B helicopters was deployed in the Persian Gulf and participated in the Zayed Talwar 2021 exercise.

INS Talwar participates in a post conclusion of exercise Cutlass Express 2021 in Mombasa

- **Indian Naval Ship Talwar** participated in a post conclusion of exercise **Cutlass Express 2021** with the Kenyan Navy Ship **Shujaa** at **Mombasa**, the coastal city in southeast Kenya.

India and Saudi Arabia are set to carry out first-ever naval exercise 'Al-Mohed Al-Hindi'

- **India and Saudi Arabia** are all set to conduct their first-ever naval exercise in reflection of their growing defence and military cooperation. **INS Kochi** reached Saudi Arabia for the '**Al-Mohed Al-Hindi 2021**' exercise.

Indian Navy takes part in the US Navy-led SEACAT exercises in Singapore

- The Indian Navy demonstrated its maritime maneuvers in the **US Navy-led Southeast Asia Cooperation and Training (SEACAT)** military exercise in Singapore.

India and Qatar conducts joint naval exercise 'Zair-Al-Bahr'

- The second edition of the joint naval exercise **Zair-Al-Bahr** between the **Indian Navy** and **Qatar Emiri Naval Force (QENF)** was conducted between 9–14 August in the **Persian Gulf**.

INS Kochi participates in a maritime partnership exercise in Bahrain

- **INS Kochi** is in Manama to participate in a four-day maritime partnership exercise in Bahrain. The coordination & operational planning conference was also held between Indian & Bahrain Navy teams.

Indian Navy and UK Navy conduct joint naval exercise 'Konkan'

- '**Konkan 2021**' was a joint naval exercise held between the **Indian Navy and the Royal Navy of Britain** in Portsmouth, United Kingdom. Indian Naval Ship Tabar reached Portsmouth in England for the exercise.

Indian Navy participates in the 25th edition of Malabar naval exercise

- **Indian Navy** ships **INS Shivalik** and **INS Kadmatt**, along with the **US Navy (USN)**, **Japanese Maritime Self Defence Force (JMSDF)** and the **Royal Australian Navy (RAN)**, is participating in the sea phase of the 25th edition of Exercise Malabar 2021 from 26–29 August 2021 in the Western Pacific.

India conducts 'Maritime Partnership Exercise' with the Philippines in the West Philippine sea

- The navies of **India** and the **Philippines** carried out a 'Maritime Partnership Exercise' in the West Philippine Sea to strengthen maritime security collaboration with partner nations.
- **INS Ranvijay** (Guided Missile Destroyer, D55) and **INS Kora** (Guided Missile Corvette, P61) carried out the maritime exercise with **BRP Antonio Luna** (Frigate, FF151) of the Philippine Navy.

China, Pakistan, Mongolia and Thailand militaries are set to take part in the 'Shared Destiny 2021' military exercise

- The militaries of **China, Pakistan, Mongolia and Thailand** will take part in a multinational peacekeeping exercise named the 'Shared Destiny 2021'.
- The aim of this exercise is the joint operations of multinational peacekeeping forces. The exercise will be held in a close-to-real battlefield environment set in accordance with the international, professional and realistic combat standards.

Indian Navy takes part in the Maritime Partnership Exercise with the Algerian Navy

- Indian navy ship **INS Tabar** took part in the maiden Maritime Partnership Exercise with the Algerian Navy to share close cooperation on the issue of defence and security, space, counter-terrorism, education and others.

Obituary

World Masters gold medal winner Man Kaur passed away at 105

- Multiple World Masters Championship Gold medallist and multiple Asian Masters Championship medallist athlete **Man Kaur** passed away at the age of **105**. She was known as the "**Miracle Mom from Chandigarh**".

Padma Shri awardee and Dogri writer Padma Sachdev passed away at 81

- Noted author and Padma Shri awardee **Padma Sachdev** passed away at the age of 81. She won the **Sahitya Akademi Award** in **1971** for her book '**Meri Kavita Mere Geet**'.
- She also received the **Padma Shri Award** in **2001** for her contributions to **Hindi and Dogri**.

Popular television actor Anupam Shyam passed away at 63

- Popular television actor **Anupam Shyam** passed away at the age of 63 in **Mumbai** due to multiple organ failures.

Child actor turned commercial star Jane Withers passed away at 95

- **Jane Withers**, the former child actor who played the nemesis of Shirley Temple on the screen, passed away at the age of 95.

Malayalam film and television actor Saranya Sasi passed away at 35

- Malayalam television actor **Saranya Sasi** passed at Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, at the age of 35.

'Godfather of Sudoku' Maki Kaji passed away at 69

- **Maki Kaji**, a puzzle enthusiast and publisher who was referred to as the "Godfather of Sudoku" passed away at the age of 69.

Indian athletic coach O. M. Nambiar passed away

- Legendary athlete coach of P. T Usha **Othayothu Madhavan Nambiar** passed away at the age of 89.

German footballer Gerd Mueller passed away

- Legendary German striker **Gerd Muller** nicknamed 'Bomber der Nation' passed away at the age of 75.

Popular Tamil actor Chitra passed away at 56

- Popular actor '**Nallennai**' **Chitra** passed away in Chennai at the age of 56 due to cardiac arrest.

Former Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Kalyan Singh passed away

- Former Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister and former Rajasthan Governor **Kalyan Singh** passed away at the age of 89 in Lucknow.

Academician Gail Omvedt passed away at 81

- Renowned American-born Indian scholar and writer on the Ambedkarism and Dalit movement **Gail Omvedt** passed away at the age of 81.
- She authored books on Dalit politics, women's struggles and the anti-caste movement.

Rolling Stones drummer Charlie Watts passed away at the age of 80

- **Charlie Watts**, the Rolling Stones **drummer** who propelled the band's sound for nearly 60 years, passed away at the age of 80.

Former Indian footballer O. Chandrasekharan passed away

- Former Indian footballer **O. Chandrasekharan** passed away in Kochi at the age of 86.

Noted elocutionist of West Bengal Gouri Ghosh passed away at 83

- Noted elocutionist of West Bengal **Gouri Ghosh** passed away at the age of 83 in Kolkata after a prolonged illness. Gouri Ghosh was awarded Kazi Sabyasachi Samman by West Bengal in 2018.

Former England cricket captain Ted Dexter passed away at 86

- Former England **cricket** captain **Ted Dexter** passed away at Wolverhampton at the age of 86.
- He was known as 'Lord Ted' and he had made 62 Test appearances for England in total, scoring 4,502 runs as a powerful middle-order batsman and taking 66 wickets.

Bengali writer Buddhadeb Guha passed away at 85

- Eminent Bengali writer **Buddhadeb Guha**, the author of many notable works such as 'Madhukari' (Honey Gatherer), passed away at the age of 85 after a massive cardiac arrest.

Chennai-based surgeon Selvarangan passed away at 90

- **Surgeon** and founding father of Selvarangam Hospital, **A. B. Selvarangan** passed away in Chennai as a result of age-related illness at the age of 90.

Veteran coach and former Mumbai cricketer Vasu Paranjape passed away at 82

- Former Mumbai cricketer and coach **Vasudeo Paranjape** passed away at the age of 82.

Sports News

PV Sindhu becomes the first Indian woman to win two Olympic medals

- **PV Sindhu** became the **first Indian female** athlete to win two individual **Olympic medals**. She defeated China's **He Bing Jiao** to win the bronze medal at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. She had won the **silver medal** at the **2016 Rio Olympics**.
- Besides Sindhu, wrestler **Sushil Kumar** is the first Indian male athlete to win **two individual medals** (Silver and Bronze) at the Olympic Games.

Australian swimmer Emma McKeon becomes the first woman to win seven medals at a single Olympics

- Australia's **Emma McKeon** became the **first female swimmer** to win seven medals (4 gold and 3 bronze) at a single **Olympic Games**. McKeon also won **four medals** at the 2016 Rio Olympic Games.
- **McKeon** joins **Michael Phelps, Mark Spitz** and **Matt Biondi** as the only swimmers with seven medals at a single Olympic Games.

Sri Lankan all-rounder Isuru Udana retires from international cricket

- The 33-year-old **Sri Lankan** left-arm seam bowling all-rounder **Isuru Udana** has announced his retirement from international cricket. He had played **21 ODIs** and **35 T20 Internationals** with **45 wickets**.

Esteban Ocon won the 2021 F1 Hungarian Grand Prix

- French racing driver **Esteban Ocon** won the **2021 Formula One Hungarian Grand Prix**. **Lewis Hamilton (British)** came at the **second** position and **Carlos Sainz (Spain)** came at the **third** position.

Alexander Zverev beats Karen Khachanov to win men's singles tennis at the Tokyo Olympics 2020

- **Alexander Zverev** won **Germany's** first-ever gold medal in men's singles win over Russian **Karen Khachanov**.

- World no.5 has Alexander Zverev joined **Steffi Graf** (Seoul 1988, women's singles) and **Boris Becker** and **Michael Stich** (Barcelona 1992, men's doubles) as the nation's (Germany's) only gold medallists since the sport (Tennis) returned to the Olympic stage in **1988**.

Belinda Bencic beats Marketa Vondrousova to become 1st Swiss woman to win Olympic tennis gold

- **Belinda Bencic** won **Switzerland's** third Olympic tennis gold by defeating **Marketa Vondrousova** of the **Czech Republic**.

Indian boxer Lovlina Borgohain wins a bronze medal at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics

- India's **Lovlina Borgohain** won a **bronze medal** at the **2020 Tokyo Olympics** after losing the semi-final to **Busenaz Surmeneli (Turkey)**. She won the bronze medal in the women's Welterweight boxing **69 kg category**.
- Lovlina Borgohain is only the third Indian boxer after **Vijender Singh** and **Mary Kom** to win an Olympic medal (Bronze).

Nepal cricketer Paras Khadka retires from international cricket

- Former Nepal cricket team captain **Paras Khadka** announced his retirement from international cricket. He is the first Nepalese cricketer to score an **ODI ton** and **T20I ton**.

Union Sports Minister Anurag Thakur launches official theme song for India's Paralympic contingent

- Union Sports Minister **Anurag Thakur** virtually launched the theme song '**Kar De Kamaal Tu**' for **India's Paralympic contingent** and urged the public to cheer the **para-athletes** for the Summer Paralympic Games 2020 in **Tokyo**.
- The song is composed and sung by divyang cricket player **Sanjeev Singh**.

United States beats Mexico to win the 2021 CONCACAF Gold Cup

- **United States** beat **Mexico** in the **2021 CONCACAF Gold Cup** held at Allegiant Stadium in **Las Vegas**. **Miles Robinson** scored on a header in the **117th** minute of the extra time is the only goal in the football final.

Sydney McLaughlin smashes world record to win Olympic 400 m hurdles gold

- The 21-year-old **Sydney McLaughlin** of the **United States** smashed her own **world record** (51.46 sec) as she stormed to victory in the Tokyo Olympic **women's 400 m hurdles** final.

India men's hockey team wins the bronze medal at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics

- India won the **men's hockey** bronze medal match at the **2020 Tokyo Olympics**. **Simranjeet Singh** scored two goals for India in the bronze medal match. **India** defeated **Germany**.

Indian wrestler Ravi Kumar Dahiya wins a silver medal at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics

- Indian wrestler **Ravi Kumar Dahiya** has clinched an Olympic silver medal after losing his **57 kg category** final to Russian two-time defending world champion **Zavur Uguev**.
- He became the **2nd** Indian wrestler after **Sushil Kumar** to win an Olympic silver medal. Sushil Kumar won a silver medal at the **2012 London Olympics**.

Indian wrestler Bajrang Punia wins a bronze medal at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics

- Indian wrestler **Bajrang Punia** won a **bronze medal** at the **2020 Tokyo Olympics** by defeating **Daulet Niyazbekov** (Kazakhstan). He won the bronze medal in the men's freestyle wrestling **65 kg category**.

Neeraj Chopra becomes the first Indian athlete to win a gold medal in the Olympic Games

- **Neeraj Chopra** became the **first Indian** athlete and second Indian individual gold medalist in the **Olympic Games**. He won the gold medal in **javelin's throw** at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics Games.

Australia wins the fourth T20I to end losing run in Bangladesh

- Australia finally registered their first win on the Bangladesh tour after losing three consecutive T20Is.
- They chased down the 105-run target with one over to spare. Mitchell Swepson was named the Player of the Match for taking three wickets in the match.

Chennaiyin FC inks multi-year deal with Nivia as the official kit partner

- **Chennaiyin FC (CFC)**, the Indian Super League franchise has roped in sports brand **Nivia** as the official kit partner under a multi-year deal.

Former Australian bowler Shaun Tait was appointed as Afghanistan's bowling coach

- Former Australian fast bowler **Shaun Tait** was appointed as Afghanistan national cricket team's bowling coach.

The 130th edition of the Durand Cup Football Tournament is scheduled to be held at Kolkata

- The **130th edition of the Durand Cup Football Tournament** is scheduled to be held at **Kolkata** from **5 September to 3 October 2021**.

World Athletics Rankings: Neeraj Chopra ranks the second spot

- Olympic Gold medallist **Neeraj Chopra** was ranked **second** in **World Athletics Rankings** with a score of 1315 behind Germany's Johannes Vetter.

India's 2012 U-19 World Cup winning captain Unmukt Chand announces retirement

- **Unmukt Chand**, India's 2012 U-19 World Cup-winning captain, announced his decision to retire from all forms of **cricket** at the age of 28.

India's Raunak Sadhwani wins the 19th Spilimbergo Open Chess Tournament 2021

- Indian Grandmaster **Raunak Sadhwani** emerged as the winner in the 19th Spilimbergo Open Chess Tournament with seven points from nine rounds.

Indian mixed relay team won a bronze medal at the World Athletics U-20 Championship 2021

- Indian mixed **4x400 m** relay team bagged a **bronze medal** to clinch India's fifth medal in the history of the **World Athletics U-20 Championships** in **Nairobi, Kenya**.

Shaili Singh wins the third medal for India at the World Athletics U-20 Championships 2021

- India's **Shaili Singh** won the **silver medal** in women's **long jump** at the **World Athletics U-20 Championships** in Nairobi, Kenya.
- Sweden's Maja Askag won gold and Ukraine's Mariia Horielova won bronze.

Tek Chand was India's new flagbearer at the Tokyo Paralympics 2020

- Indian high-jumper Mariyappan Thangavelu was replaced by Indian shot-putter **Tek Chand** as India's flagbearer for the Paralympics 2020 opening ceremony in Tokyo after coming in close contact with a COVID positive person during his flight to Tokyo.

Bhavina Patel, Nishad Kumar and Vinod Kumar win medals at the Tokyo Paralympics 2020

- **Bhavina Patel** won India's first medal at the Tokyo Paralympics 2020 and the 13th overall. She bagged the silver medal as she lost to World No. 1 Ying Zhou of China in the final of the class 4 women's singles table tennis.
- India's **Nishad Kumar** clinched a silver medal in the men's high jump (T47) event in the Tokyo Paralympics 2020. India's **Vinod Kumar** won the bronze medal in the men's discus throw (F52) event at the Tokyo Paralympics 2020.

Avani Lekhara wins gold medal, Yogesh Kathuniya & Devendra Jhajharia bags silver and Sundar Gurjar clinches bronze in the Tokyo Paralympics 2020

- **Avani Lekhara** clinched the gold medal and equalled the world record in the women's (R2) 10 m air rifle standing SH1 event at the Tokyo Paralympics 2020.

- **Yogesh Kathuniya** bagged the silver medal in the men's discus throw (F56) event at the Tokyo Paralympics 2020.
- **Devendra Jhajharia** won the silver medal as **Sundar Singh Gurjar** bagged the bronze medal in the men's javelin throw (F46) final at the Tokyo Paralympics 2020.

Tokyo Paralympics 2020 (Indian Winners)

Name of the Person	Event	Medal
Bhavina Patel	Table Tennis	Silver
Nishad Kumar	High Jump	Silver
Vinod Kumar	Men's Discus Throw F52	Bronze
Avani Lekhara	Women's 10 m Air Rifle Standing SH1	Gold
Yogesh Kathunia	F56 event of Discus Throw	Silver
Devendra Jhajharia	F46 category of Javelin Throw	Silver
Sundar Gurjar	F46 category of Javelin Throw	Bronze

Max Verstappen win the F1 Belgian Grand Prix 2021

- Red Bull's **Max Verstappen** emerged as the winner of the **F1 Belgian Grand Prix 2021** with Williams' George Russell second and Mercedes' Lewis Hamilton in the third place.

India's Sumit Antil wins gold medal in the javelin throw at the Tokyo Paralympics 2020

- Indian para javelin thrower **Sumit Antil** clinched India's second **gold medal** in the Tokyo Paralympics 2020 by winning the **men's javelin throw F64 event**.

Indian boxers win six gold medals at the Asian Youth Championships 2021

- Indian boxers dominated the Asian Youth Championships 2021, clinching six gold medals along with nine silver and five bronze medals in the event.
- **Bishwamitra Chongtham (51 kg)** and Vishal (80 kg) clinched gold medals in the men's category at the 2021 Asian Youth & Junior Boxing Championships held in Dubai. **Preeti Dahiya (60 kg), Sneha Kumari (66 kg), Khushi (75 kg) and Neha (54 kg)** in the women's category are the other gold medallists.
- **Indian para shooter Singhraj Adhana wins a bronze medal in men's 10 m air pistol at the Tokyo Paralympics 2020**
- **Singhraj Adhana** won a bronze medal in the P1 men's 10 m air pistol (SH1) event at the Tokyo Paralympics 2020.

Indian cricketer Stuart Binny announces retirement from first-class and international cricket

- Indian cricketer **Stuart Binny** announced his retirement from all forms of cricket.
- The Indian all-rounder had batted brilliantly during the first Test of India's 2014 tour of England at the Trent Bridge in Nottingham.

Important Days

Date	Day	Other Information
1 August	World Lung Cancer Day	This day is observed to raise awareness about the causes and treatment of lung cancer
6 August	Hiroshima Day	-
7 August	National Handloom Day (India)	-
1 August-7 August	World Breastfeeding Week	2021 Theme: "Protect Breastfeeding: A Shared Responsibility"
9 August	International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples	Theme for 2021: 'Leaving no one behind: Indigenous peoples and the call for a new social contract.'
10 August	World Lion day	
12 August	International Youth Day	Theme for 2021: "Transforming Food Systems: Youth Innovation for Human and Planetary Health"
12 August	World Elephant Day	This day is observed to raise awareness and bring attention to the plight of elephants.
13 August	World Organ Donation Day	-
13 August	International Lefthanders Day	To raise awareness about the importance of acknowledging and appreciating left-handed persons across the globe.
14 August	Partition Horrors Remembrance Day	-
15 August	75th Indian Independence Day	-
19 August	World Humanitarian Day	The theme of this year 2021 is #The Human Race

19 August	World Photography Day	-
20 August	World Mosquito Day	The theme for World Mosquito Day 2021 is 'Reaching the zero malaria target'.
21 August	World Senior Citizens' Day	-
21 August	International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism	-
19 August-25 August	Sanskrit Week	-
22 August	International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief	To emphasise the importance of assisting religious persecution victims as part of the United Nations' efforts to promote human rights related to freedom of religion or belief.
23 August	International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition	To remember millions of people who were the victims of the trans-Atlantic slave trade.
23 August-27 August	World Water Week 2021	Theme: 'Building Resilience Faster'
26 August	Women's Equality Day	-
29 August	National Sports Day	To encourage more people to participate in physical activities.
29 August	International Day against Nuclear Tests	For increasing awareness and education about the results of the weapon of mass destruction test explosions or other nuclear explosions.
30 August	National Small Industry Day	To promote small industries across India
30 August	International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances	To honour and pay tribute to people who have faced enforced disappearances

Current Affairs Quiz

Q.1) Sydney McLaughlin smashed the world record to win the Tokyo Olympic women's 400 m hurdles gold. Which country does she belong to?

- a) Australia
- b) United Kingdom
- c) Philippines

d) USA

- e) France

Q.2) Where is DefExpo-2022 scheduled to be held from March 2022?

- a) Ahmadabad, Gujarat
- b) Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh

c) Gujarat, Gandhinagar

- d) New Delhi
- e) Bhubaneswar, Odisha

Q.3) Which state government has launched the 'Har Hith' store to promote the sale of quality products?

- a) Karnataka
- b) Uttar Pradesh

c) Haryana

- d) Assam
- e) Gujarat

Q.4) Which Indian cricketer became the first brand ambassador of HomeLane?

- a) Virat Kohli

b) Mahendra Singh Dhoni

- c) KL Rahul
- d) Rishabh Pant
- e) Suresh Raina

Q.5) Indian boxer Lovlina Borgohain won a bronze medal at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

Which category did she win the bronze medal?

- a) 57 kg category

b) 69 kg category

- c) 86 kg category
- d) 48 kg category
- e) 77 kg category

Q.6) Paras Khadka recently retired from international cricket. Which country does he belong to?

- a) Oman
- b) Australia

c) Nepal

- d) Sri Lanka
- e) Afghanistan

Q.7) Who was appointed as the Lokayukta of Maharashtra?

- a) Justice Prashant Kumar Mishra

b) Justice VM Kanade

- c) Justice Bala Krishna Narayana
- d) Justice Prafulla Chandra Pant
- e) Justice Vikramjit Sen

Q.8) Who was conferred with the inaugural Prof. C. R. Rao Centenary Gold Medal?

- a) C. Rangarajan
- b) Deepak Mehta
- c) Jagdish Bhagwati

d) Both (a) and (c)

- e) All of the above

Q.9) Which INS became the first Indian Navy ship to call at the heritage coastal port of Gopalpur in Odisha?

- a) INS Talwar
- b) INSShivalik
- c) INS Khanjar**
- d) INSSahyadri
- e) INS Satpura

Q.10) Union Sports Minister Anurag Thakur launched the official theme song for India's Paralympic contingent. Who composed and sung the song?

- a) A.R. Rahman
- b) Sanjeev Singh**
- c) Vishal Bhardwaj
- d) Mohan Bhagwat
- e) Sonu Nigam

Q.11) Which country won the 2021 CONCACAF Gold Cup?

- a) Italy
- b) Mexico
- c) United States**
- d) France
- e) England

Q.12) Which country constructed the highest motorable road (19,300 ft) in the world?

- a) Germany
- b) France
- c) India**
- d) China
- e) Japan

Q.13) Which IIT has launched India's first earthquake early warning mobile app "Uttarakhand Bhookamp Alert"?

- a) IIT Mandi
- b) IIT Bombay
- c) IIT Roorkee**
- d) IIT Kharagpur
- e) IIT Madras

Q.14) Which IIT has signed an MoU with Indian Farmers Fertiliser Co-operative Limited (IFFCO) for joint research in farm and nanotechnology areas?

- a) IIT Delhi**
- b) IIT Kanpur
- c) IIT Roorkee
- d) IIT Kharagpur
- e) IIT Madras

Q.15) Which state government has launched the 'Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam' doorstep healthcare scheme?

- a) Tamil Nadu**
- b) Karnataka
- c) Madhya Pradesh
- d) Haryana
- e) Gujarat

Q.16) Which is the 5th country to sign the International Solar Alliance Framework Agreement (ISA) after amendments?

- a) Ireland
- b) Canada
- c) Denmark
- d) Germany**
- e) Indonesia

Q.17) Who was appointed as the Non-Executive Chairman of Vodafone Idea?

- a) Kumar Mangalam Birla
- b) Renuka Kumar

c) Hitendra Dave

d) Himanshu Kapania

e) Arun Raste

Q.18) Which state government received four SKOCH awards for its schemes under the Ease of Doing Business initiative?

a) Karnataka

b) Andhra Pradesh

c) Gujarat

d) West Bengal

e) Maharashtra

Q.19) Padma Shri awardee Padma Sachdev passed away at 81. Which field was she related to?

a) Acting

b) Politics

c) Literature

d) Dance

e) Music

Q.20) Which country won the bronze medal in the men's hockey event at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics?

a) Germany

b) Belgium

c) India

d) Australia

e) Denmark

Q.21) When is World Lung Cancer Day observed?

a) 04 August

b) 01 August

c) 02 August

d) 05 August

e) 07 August

Q.22) Which digital payment solution was recently launched by Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi? (August 2021)

a) e-Pay

b) Digi Pay

c) e-RUPI

d) Digi Money

e) e-Money

Q.23) Who had participated in the G20 Culture Ministers Meeting 2021?

a) Anurag Thakur

b) S. Jaishankar

c) Meenakshi Lekhi

d) Rajkumar Ranjan Singh

e) Annpurna Devi

Q.24) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) approved Rs. 445.89 crores for drinking water projects in _____.

a) Assam

b) Gujarat

c) Punjab

d) Madhya Pradesh

e) Meghalaya

Q.25) Which company has partnered with the UK-India Business Council to address the digital skills gap in the United Kingdom?

a) Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI)

b) National Association of Software and Service Companies (NASSCOM)

c) Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM)

d) Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)

e) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)

Q.26) Which space agency has launched the world's first commercial re-programmable satellite 'Eutelsat Quantum'?

- a) Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
- b) National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

c) European Space Agency (ESA)

- d) SpaceX
- e) Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)

Q.27) Who took charge as the new Controller General of Accounts?

- a) Manisha Kapoor
- b) Rajesh Agrawal

c) Deepak Das

- d) Ranjitsinh Disale
- e) Sanjay Kumar

Q.28) Who took charge as the Director-General of Artillery?

- a) Sunitha Sharma

b) Tarun Kumar Chawla

- c) Mridul Kumar
- d) S Inbasekar
- e) Ram Karan Verma

Q.29) Who was named for the 2021 Lokmanya Tilak Award?

a) Cyrus Poonawalla

- b) Shiv Nadar
- c) Adar Poonawalla
- d) Azim Premji
- e) Ratan Tata

Q.30) Who is the author of the new book titled "The Most Incredible Olympic Stories"?

a) Luciano Wernicke

- b) Ronnie Screwvalla
- c) Ramachandra Guha
- d) Kalki Koechlin
- e) Naseeruddin Shah

Q.31) PV Sindhu became the first Indian woman to win two Olympic medals. Which state does she belong to?

a) Telangana

- b) Karnataka
- c) Andhra Pradesh
- d) Kerala
- e) Maharashtra

Q.32) Emma McKeon became the first woman to win seven medals at a single Olympic Games. Which country does she belong to?

- a) USA
- b) France

c) Australia

- d) UK
- e) Japan

Q.33) Isuru Udana recently retired from international cricket. Which country did he play for?

- a) Ireland
- b) Bangladesh

c) Sri Lanka

- d) Afghanistan
- e) Oman

Q.34) Who won the F1 Hungarian Grand Prix 2021 title?

- a) Sergio Perez
- b) Lewis Hamilton
- c) Max Verstappen

d) Valtteri Bottas

e) Esteban Ocon

Q.35) Union Home Minister Amit Shah laid the foundation stone of the Uttar Pradesh State Institute of Forensic Sciences in _____.

a) Varanasi

b) Kanpur

c) Gorakhpur

d) Lucknow

e) Noida

Q.36) Which company has signed an MoU with Normet Group Oy to introduce Electric Vehicles (EVs) in underground mining?

a) Hindustan Copper

b) Jindal Steel and Power

c) Hindustan Zinc Limited

d) Bharat Aluminium Company

e) Vedanta Limited

Q.37) Min Aung Hlaing was appointed as the interim Prime Minister of which country?

a) Austria

b) Kenya

c) Myanmar

d) Mali

e) Maldives

Q.38) Where was the world's largest star sapphire cluster found?

a) Estonia

b) Canada

c) Nigeria

d) Sri Lanka

e) Denmark

Q.39) Which security feature was launched by the State Bank of India (SBI) for its YONO and

YONO Lite apps to protect customers from various frauds?

a) SBI Security

b) SIM Encrypt

c) YONO SBI

d) SIM Binding

e) YONO Security

Q.40) Which state police department has secured the first position in the Crime and Criminal Tracking Network System (CCTNS) system in India?

a) Himachal Pradesh

b) Gujarat

c) Punjab

d) Haryana

e) Karnataka

Q.41) World Masters Championship gold medal winner Man Kaur passed away at the age of 105. Which sport did he belong to?

a) Javelin Throw

b) Athletics

c) Shotput

d) Badminton

e) Table Tennis

Q.42) Alexander Zverev won the men's singles tennis at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. Whom did he defeat?

a) Novak Djokovic

b) Karen Khachanov

c) Rafael Nadal

d) Roger Federer

e) Dominic Thiem

Q.43) Who won the gold medal in the women's singles tennis at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics?

a) Naomi Osaka

b) Marketa Vondrousova

c) Serena Williams

d) Belinda Bencic

e) Maria Sharapova

Q.44) When is Hiroshima Day observed?

a) 10 August

b) 07 August

c) 06 August

d) 09 August

e) 05 August

Q.45) Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award was renamed as _____.

a) Keshav Dutt Khel Ratna Award

b) Milkha Singh Khel Ratna Award

c) Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award

d) Dhanraj Pillay Khel Ratna Award

e) Balbir Singh Khel Ratna Award

Q.46) Who was elected as the next Executive Director of the Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia (ReCAAP)?

a) K.P. Krishnan

b) Rajiv Bansal

c) Ajit Kumar

d) K. Natarajan

e) Manisha Kapoor

Q.47) Who took charge as Air Officer in Charge Personnel at Air headquarters?

a) Sunitha Sharma

b) L. Prashant Pise

c) Mridul Kumar

d) Ashok Kumar

e) Suraj Kumar Jha

Q.48) Labhanshu Sharma won the Bharat Kesari Dangal 2021 for Uttarakhand. Which sport does he belong to?

a) Boxing

b) Wrestling

c) Football

d) Weightlifting

e) Hockey

Q.49) Indian wrestler Ravi Kumar Dahiya won a silver medal at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. Which category did he win the silver medal in?

a) 69 kg category

b) 57 kg category

c) 71 kg category

d) 65 kg category

e) 48 kg category

Q.50) CPCB in association with Pollution Control Boards in different states/UTs is monitoring water quality of rivers and other water bodies. Under which ministry does CPCB function?

a) Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

b) Union Ministry of Home Affairs

c) Union Ministry of Agriculture

d) Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

e) Union Ministry of Jal Shakti

Q.51) Which of the following is not among the adjoining areas where any source of pollution may cause an adverse impact on air quality in the National Capital Region (NCR)?

a) Haryana

b) Kerala

c) Punjab

d) Rajasthan

e) Uttar Pradesh

Q.52) Where did the Special Envoy of Australian Prime Minister meet Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi?

a) **New Delhi**

b) Mumbai

c) Bengaluru

d) Maharashtra

e) Karnataka

Q.53) How much did the Maharashtra Chief Minister announce as financial aid for artists affected due to COVID-19?

a) Rs. 2000

b) Rs. 2500

c) Rs. 3000

d) Rs. 4000

e) **Rs. 5000**

Q.54) Where did the Telangana Government roll out Dalit Bandhu scheme?

a) Nizamabad

b) Adilabad

c) **Yadadri Bhuvanagiri**

d) Ramagundam

e) Khamam

Q.55) Which state government had launched 'COVID-19 death information portal' recently?

a) Karnataka

b) West Bengal

c) Andhra Pradesh

d) **Kerala**

e) Tamil Nadu

Q.56) Ladakh's 'Pani Maah' campaign was launched to increase the pace of

implementation of the Jal Jeevan Mission. How many phases are scheduled in the Paani Maah campaign?

a) One

b) **Two**

c) Three

d) Four

e) Five

Q.57) With which country has India expressed interest to join the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI)?

a) **Bangladesh**

b) Afghanistan

c) Nepal

d) Japan

e) Pakistan

Q.56) In which state was Anil Kumar Khachi appointed as the State Election Commissioner?

a) Haryana

b) Assam

c) Andhra Pradesh

d) **Himachal Pradesh**

e) Karnataka

Q.57) Recently, Akhilesh Mishra was appointed as India's High Commissioner to which country?

a) Afghanistan

b) Bangladesh

c) **Ireland**

d) Australia

e) Russia

Q.58) Which country has the world's highest number of enforced disappearances according to Amnesty International?

- a) Nepal
- b) Afghanistan
- c) Bangladesh

d) Sri Lanka

- e) Japan

Q.59) Union Finance Ministry released Rs 685.80 crore grant to 4 states for urban local bodies. Which among the following state is one among them?

- a) Uttar Pradesh
- b) Gujarat
- c) Jharkhand
- d) Mizoram

e) All the above

Q.60) When is National Handloom Day (India) observed?

- a) 10 August
- b) 07 August**
- c) 05 August
- d) 09 August
- e) 06 August

Q.61) Which state government has signed an MoU with Flipkart to support local MSMEs under a supplier development programme?

- a) Maharashtra
- b) Haryana**
- c) Gujarat
- d) Manipur
- e) Assam

Q.62) Which is India's first indigenous aircraft carrier to set sail for its maiden sea trials?

- a) INS Vikram
- b) INSSahyadri
- c) INS Vikrant**

- d) INSSumitra

- e) INS Virat

Q.63) Who was appointed as the first woman director of the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI)?

- a) Anshula Rao
- b) Tadang Minu

c) Dhriti Banerjee

- d) Karnam Malleswari
- e) Malavika Mohan

Q.64) Who is the author of the book titled 'A Begum & A Rani: Hazrat Mahal and Lakshmibai in 1857'?

- a) Neena Gupta
- b) Amartya Sen
- c) Sudha Murthy
- d) Tahmima Anam

e) Rudrangshu Mukherjee

Q.65) Which Indian wrestler won the bronze medal in the men's freestyle 65 kg category at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics?

- a) Deepak Punia
- b) Ravi Kumar Dahiya

c) Bajrang Punia

- d) Sushil Kumar
- e) Deepak Mehta

Q.66) Neeraj Chopra became the first Indian athlete and second Indian individual to win a gold medal in the Olympic Games. Who was the first Indian individual gold medalist?

a) Abhinav Bindra

- b) Saina Nehwal
- c) P.V. Sindhu
- d) Sushil Kumar
- e) P.T. Usha

Q.67) How much has the Union Government released for Uttar Pradesh to accelerate the implementation of the Jal Jeevan Mission?

- a) Rs. 1500 crores
- b) Rs. 2000 crores
- c) Rs. 2400 crores**
- d) Rs. 2500 crores
- e) Rs. 2700 crores

Q.68) Which state observed 7 August as Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana Day?

- a) Maharashtra
- b) Gujarat
- c) Madhya Pradesh**
- d) West Bengal
- e) Kerala

Q.69) Which state government has formed a three-tier committee to monitor women-related grievances?

- a) Maharashtra
- b) Rajasthan**
- c) Gujarat
- d) Karnataka
- e) Kerala

Q.70) Which state became the first in India to issue the order implementing National Education Policy 2020?

- a) Maharashtra
- b) Rajasthan
- c) Gujarat
- d) Karnataka**
- e) Kerala

Q.71) With which country did India undertake the bilateral exercise 'Zayed Talwar 2021'?

- a) UAE**
- b) Saudi Arabia
- c) France
- d) Russia
- e) China

Q.72) How much amount was awarded for the Olympic gold medallist Neeraj Chopra?

- a) Rs.1 crore
- b) Rs.2 crores**
- c) Rs.3 crores
- d) Rs.4 crores
- e) Rs.5 crores

Q.73) Vandana Kataria was named as the brand ambassador of Uttarakhand's Department of Women Empowerment and Child Development. Which sport does she belong to?

- a) Cricket
- b) Badminton
- c) Table Tennis
- d) Athlete
- e) Hockey**

Q.74) How much has the Asian Development Bank approved to Pakistan for the procurement of COVID-19 vaccines?

- a) \$300 million
- b) \$350 million
- c) \$400 million
- d) \$500 million**
- e) \$700 million

Q.75) Which state has recently launched the eNagar mobile application and portal?

- a) Gujarat**
- b) Manipur

c) Meghalaya

d) Haryana

e) Rajasthan

Q.76) To which country does Shakib Al Hasan belong to?

a) Australia

b) West Indies

c) Bangladesh

d) Pakistan

e) Afghanistan

Q.77) Against whom did Australia win the fourth T20I?

a) West Indies

b) Pakistan

c) England

d) Bangladesh

e) India

Q.78) With which company did Chennaiyin FC ink multi-year deal to serve as its official kit partner?

a) Nivia

b) Puma

c) Byjus

d) Teamspirit

e) Polo

Q.79) Over how much amount did PM Modi release for the 9th installment of PM KISAN Scheme?

a) Rs 15000 crore

b) Rs 18000 crore

c) Rs 19000 crore

d) Rs 20000 crore

e) Rs 22000 crore

Q.80) Which among the following country

topped the 2nd Edition of the 'COVID-19 Innovation Report 2021 released by StartUp Blink?

a) US

b) Japan

c) China

d) India

e) Singapore

Q.81) Which state government won the AI Gamechanger Award?

a) Andhra Pradesh

b) Karnataka

c) Kerala

d) Telangana

e) Tamil Nadu

Q.82) How much amount was transferred to farmers under PM-KISAN Scheme?

a) Rs.18,000 crores

b) Rs.18,475 crores

c) Rs.19,000 crores

d) Rs.19,500 crores

e) Rs.19,790 crores

Q.83) Which of the following airport was ranked the best airport in India in the Skytrax World Airport Awards 2021?

a) Safdarjung Airport

b) Indira Gandhi International Airport

c) Rajiv Gandhi International Airport

d) Sardar Vallabhai Patel International Airport

e) Dabolim Airport

Q.84) Which state/UT is constructing international rugby ground under Prime Minister's Development Package?

a) Delhi

b) Karnataka

c) Jammu and Kashmir

d) Goa

e) Uttar Pradesh

Q.85) When is World Tribal Day observed?

a) 7 August

b) 8 August

c) 9 August

d) 10 August

e) 11 August

Q.86) Which among the following is not a permanent member of the United Nations Security Council?

a) China

b) France

c) Russia

d) United Kingdom

e) India

Q.87) When is World Lion Day is Observed?

a) 7 August

b) 8 August

c) 9 August

d) 10 August

e) 11 August

Q.88) Which ministry announced the launch of the India Internet Governance Forum 2021?

a) Union Ministry of External Affairs

b) Union Ministry of Home Affairs

c) Union Ministry of Corporate Affairs

d) Union Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology

e) Union Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

Q.89) Within which year does the Government target to achieve 175 giga-watt of renewable energy capacity excluding large hydro?

a) 2022

b) 2023

c) 2024

d) 2025

e) 2026

Q.90) Jane Withers passed away recently. Which country does she belong to?

a) United Kingdom

b) United States

c) Australia

d) Russia

e) Pakistan

Q.91) What is the name of the fintech accelerator programme launched by Equitas Small Finance Bank?

a) Equitech

b) Equify

c) Equifin

d) Equilapse

e) Equipro

Q.92) Which of the following company appointed Jason Eichenholz as its Global Partnership head?

a) Microsoft

b) Google

c) Wipro

d) Dell

e) Zoho

Q.93) How much amount was collected by the Union Government from the Sovereign Gold Bond Scheme?

a) Rs.30,000 crores

b) Rs.30,500 crores

c) Rs.31,000 crores

d) Rs.31,290 crores

e) Rs.32,000 crores

Q.94) Which country became the first in the world to grant a patent to an invention by Artificial Intelligence?

a) Saudi Arabia

b) South Africa

c) China

d) Japan

e) Ireland

Q.95) How much amount was allocated by Kerala Financial Corporation for a comprehensive scheme 'KFC Startup Kerala' for startups?

a) Rs. 2 crores

b) Rs. 5 crores

c) Rs. 8 crores

d) Rs. 10 crores

e) Rs. 15 crores

Q.96) With which state government is TRIFED set to collaborate to establish a comprehensive network of Van Dhan Kendra clusters?

a) Kerala

b) Assam

c) Bihar

d) Karnataka

e) Maharashtra

Q.97) B. Nagabhushana Reddy was appointed as the High Commissioner of India to which country?

a) Ireland

b) Australia

c) Germany

d) Malaysia

e) Afghanistan

Q.98) Which state's governor has received an additional charge of Mizoram?

a) Bihar

b) Assam

c) Mizoram

d) Arunachal Pradesh

e) Sikkim

Q.99) Which company was recognized with the 2021 ISG Digital Case Study Award?

a) Microsoft

b) Wipro

c) Mindtree

d) TCS

e) CTS

Q.100) Which state's governor has received an additional charge of Manipur?

a) Bihar

b) Assam

c) Mizoram

d) Arunachal Pradesh

e) Sikkim

Q.101) Where did INS Talwar participate in a post conclusion of exercise Cutlass Express 2021?

a) Zimbabwe

b) Kenya

c) Botswana

d) Tanzania

e) Congo

Q.102) With which country is India set to carry out naval exercise 'Al-Mohed Al-Hindi 2021'?

- a) UAE
- b) South Africa
- c) Qatar
- d) Saudi Arabia**
- e) Bahrain

Q.103) What is the rank of India in the 2020 Global Youth Development Index?

- a) 120
- b) 121
- c) 122**
- d) 142
- e) 146

Q.104) Who is the publisher of the book 'How the Earth Got Its Beauty' authored by Sudha Murthy?

- a) Penguin Random House**
- b) Harpercollins
- c) Rupa Publications
- d) Hachette Book Group
- e) Simon & Schuster

Q.105) When is International Youth Day observed?

- a) 9 August
- b) 10 August
- c) 11 August
- d) 12 August**
- e) 13 August

Q.106) Who inaugurated the 7th IBSA Academic Forum?

- a) Raj Kumar Ranjan Singh**
- b) S. Jaishankar
- c) Nitin Gadkari

d) Amit Shah

e) Narendra Modi

Q.107) How much amount was announced by the Union Government for the new national highways in Uttarakhand?

- a) Rs. 300 crores
- b) Rs. 500 crores
- c) Rs. 600 crores
- d) Rs. 700 crores
- e) Rs. 1000 crores**

Q.108) Who addressed the Confederation of Indian Industry's (CII) Annual Meeting 2021?

- a) Raj Kumar Ranjan Singh
- b) S. Jaishankar
- c) Nitin Gadkari
- d) Amit Shah
- e) Narendra Modi**

Q.109) How much fund was allotted to four self-help groups by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the 'Atmanirbhar Narishakti se Samvad'?

- a) Rs. 1000 crores
- b) Rs. 1250 crores
- c) Rs. 1375 crores
- d) Rs. 1625 crores**
- e) Rs. 1720 crores

Q.110) With which country will Tamil Nadu sign a memorandum of understanding to procure 2500 buses for public transport?

- a) Italy
- b) Germany**
- c) United States
- d) Malaysia
- e) France

Q.111) What is the name of the cloud-based digital customer experience transformation platform launched by CSS Corp?

- a) **CSS EDISON**
- b) CSS MEDISON
- c) CSS EDITION
- d) CSS CORPEDISON
- e) CSS SESSION

Q.112) Who is the publisher of the book 'Unhooked & Unbooked' authored by Aditya R. Nighhot?

- a) Rupa Publications
- b) Penguin Random House
- c) **Invincible Publishers**
- d) Hachette India
- e) Harpercollins

Q.113) Where is the 130th edition of the Durand Cup Football Tournament scheduled to be held?

- a) Bengaluru
- b) **Kolkatta**
- c) Chennai
- d) New Delhi
- e) Mumbai

Q.114) With which organisation did EdelGive Foundation sign an MOU to assist women in the entrepreneurial ecosystem?

- a) **FICCI**
- b) IATA
- c) UNCTAD
- d) UNESCO
- e) UNICEF

Q.115) Until when is the tenure of the Union Home Secretary Ajay Kumar Bhalla extended by the Union Government?

- a) December 2021
- b) April 2022
- c) July 2022
- d) **August 2022**
- e) December 2022

Q.116) When is World Elephant Day observed?

- a) 9 August
- b) 10 August
- c) 11 August
- d) **12 August**
- e) 13 August

Q.117) Where did the seventh Oxygen Express containing liquid medical oxygen from India reach?

- a) China
- b) Singapore
- c) **Bangladesh**
- d) Australia
- e) Nepal

Q.118) Who was roped as the brand ambassador of the jewellery brand Zeya By Kundan?

- a) Kareena Kapoor
- b) Priyanka Chopra
- c) **Vani Kapoor**
- d) Deepika Padukone
- e) Anushka Sharma

Q.119) How many categories were given in the Prime Minister's Shram Awards for 2018?

- a) One
- b) **Three**

c) Five

d) Seven

e) Ten

Q.120) Who was appointed as the Secretary of the Cabinet Secretariat?

a) Pradeep Kumar Sinha

b) Rajiv Gauba

c) P. Amudha

d) Sudhir Kumar Saxena

e) Ajay Bhushan Pandey

Q.121) What is the name of the app launched by the Jammu and Kashmir Government to monitor the timely completion of projects?

a) LOOP

b) GROUP

c) PROOF

d) HOOP

e) HALT

Q.122) With which institution did the National Health Authority sign an MoU to intensify healthcare innovations for low-income groups?

a) IIT Delhi

b) IIT Madras

c) IIT Bombay

d) NIT Rourkela

e) IIT Guwahati

Q.123) Which city in India was declared as the first water plus city?

a) Indore

b) Gurgaon

c) Surat

d) Ahmedabad

e) Lucknow

Q.124) When is World Organ Donation Day observed?

a) 7 August

b) 9 August

c) 11 August

d) 12 August

e) 13 August

Q.125) Which state government recently announced an award named after Rajiv Gandhi for the IT sector?

a) Madhya Pradesh

b) Kerala

c) Maharashtra

d) Karnataka

e) Andhra Pradesh

Q.126) When is International Lefthanders Day observed?

a) 7 August

b) 9 August

c) 11 August

d) 12 August

e) 13 August

Q.127) Who among the following was appointed as the Chairman of the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA)?

a) Kamlesh Kumar Yadav

b) Kamlesh Kumar Pant

c) Ramesh Kumar Yadav

d) Ramesh Kumar Pant

e) Rajesh Kumar

Q.128) Recently, film and television actor Saranya Sasi passed away. Which state does she belong to?

a) Karnataka

b) Maharashtra

c) Kerala

d) Tamil Nadu

e) Andhra Pradesh

Q.129) When is Partition Horrors Remembrance Day observed in India?

a) 11 August

b) 12 August

c) 13 August

d) 14 August

e) 15 August

Q.130) From when has the Union Government notified the prohibition of single-use plastic items?

a) December 2021

b) April 2022

c) May 2022

d) June 2022

e) July 2022

Q.131) What is the target year for India to achieve 450 GW renewable energy?

a) 2022

b) 2024

c) 2025

d) 2028

e) 2030

Q.132) Which state's police set up India's first Drone Forensic Lab and Research Centre?

a) Karnataka

b) Kerala

c) Tamil Nadu

d) Maharashtra

e) Madhya Pradesh

Q.133) Which state recently announced a special package for pandemic hit weavers?

a) Bihar

b) Assam

c) Odisha

d) Kerala

e) Tamil Nadu

Q.134) Which institute recently developed a novel method infra-red technology to predict high-risk severe COVID-19 patients?

a) IIT Bombay

b) IIT Madras

c) IIT Guwahati

d) IIT Bhubaneswar

e) NIT

Q.135) Which state recently bagged national awards in the Van Dhan Vikas Yojana?

a) Manipur

b) Nagaland

c) Mizoram

d) Bihar

e) Assam

Q.136) Whom did Melinda Pavek succeed to become Consul General of the United States of America?

a) Halt Hoffmann

b) Patti Hoffman

c) Christ Hoffman

d) Barry O Farrell

e) Henry Hoffman

Q.137) Which among the following wetland was added as a Ramsar site in India recently?

a) Thol

b) Sultanpur

- c) Wadhwana
- d) Bhindawas

e) All the above

Q.138) How many Indian wetlands were added to the list of Ramsar Convention recently?

- a) One
- b) Two
- c) Three

d) Four

e) Six

Q.139) How much funds was allocated for the National Infrastructure Plan announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi?

a) Rs. 100 lakh crores

- b) Rs. 150 lakh crores
- c) Rs. 200 lakh crores
- d) Rs. 250 lakh crores
- e) Rs. 300 lakh crores

Q.140) What is the target year to achieve self-reliance in energy in India under the National Hydrogen Mission?

- a) 2024
- b) 2025
- c) 2030
- d) 2044

e) 2047

Q.141) Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment Virendra Kumar launched an online portal named 'TAPAS'. What does P stand for?

a) Policy

b) Productivity

- c) Planning
- d) Product

e) Political

Q.142) Which of the following ministry launched a brand logo 'Sonchiraiya' for SHG products?

a) Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

- b) Union Ministry of Health and Family welfare
- c) Union Ministry of Jal Shakti
- d) Union Ministry of Minority Affairs
- e) Union Ministry of Home Affairs

Q.143) Which among the following district was newly added one to Chhattisgarh?

- a) Mohla Manpur
- b) Sarangarh-Bilaigarh
- c) Shakti
- d) Manendragarh

e) All the above

Q.144) Which state government recently announced smart health cards for 3.5 crore people?

- a) Bihar
- b) Assam

c) Odisha

- d) Haryana
- e) Telangana

Q.145) Which National Park became the first to provide satellite phones to the forest personnel?

- a) Gir National Park
- b) Gugamal National Park
- c) Balpakhrum National Park
- d) Kaziranga National Park**
- e) Anamudi Shola National Park

Q.146) Which among the following financial services launched #FollowPaymentDistancing campaign?

a) RuPay

b) Visa

c) PayPal

d) Mastercard

e) Google Pay

Q.147) Mohammed Azam received the 'National Youth Award' for 2017-18. Which state does he hail from?

a) Odisha

b) Telangana

c) Himachal Pradesh

d) Nagaland

e) Manipur

Q.148) Where did the Indian Navy and US Navy-led SEACAT exercises take place?

a) Singapore

b) Australia

c) Bangladesh

d) Indonesia

e) Sri Lanka

Q.149) Who is the author of the book 'The Earthspinner'?

a) Sudha Murthy

b) Arundhati Roy

c) Anuradha Roy

d) Jhumpa Lahiri

e) Vikram Seth

Q.150) Unmukt Chand announced his retirement at the age of 28. Which sport does he belong to?

a) Football

b) Cricket

c) Hockey

d) Tennis

e) Wrestling

Q.151) How many gallantry awards were presented during the Indian Independence Day?

a) 112

b) 126

c) 137

d) 140

e) 144

Q.152) Where did Union Agricultural Minister Narendra Singh Tomar inaugurate the world's 2nd largest refurbished gene bank?

a) Mumbai

b) New Delhi

c) Bengaluru

d) Chennai

e) Kerala

Q.153) Who was appointed as the Director-General of Police of Haryana?

a) Ashish Agarwal

b) GK Agarwal

c) PK Agarwal

d) Girish Agarwal

e) Krishi Agarwal

Q.154) With which country did India participate joint naval exercise 'Zair-Al-Bahr'?

a) Malaysia

b) France

c) Saudi Arabia

d) Indonesia

e) Qatar

Q.155) Bandar Mohammed Al Attiyah was appointed as the Ambassador of Qatar to which country?

- a) Kuwait
- b) Saudi Arabia**
- c) Malaysia
- d) Indonesia
- e) Australia

Q.156) 'Godfather of Sudoku' Maki Kaji passed away recently. Which country does he belong to?

- a) Japan
- b) China**
- c) Kenya
- d) Srilanka
- e) Australia

Q.157) How much funds was allocated by Union Government to strengthen Kerala's health infrastructure?

- a) Rs. 200.40 crores
- b) Rs. 204.35 crores
- c) Rs. 225.67 crores
- d) Rs. 234.56 crores
- e) Rs. 267.35 crores**

Q.158) Who launched the second season of 'Rag Rag Mein Ganga'?

- a) Union Minister of Jal Shakti
- b) Union Minister of Information and Broadcasting
- c) Union Minister of Minority Affairs
- d) Both (a) and (b)**
- e) Both (a) and (c)

Q.159) Which country's Prime Minister was Muhyiddin Yassin who resigned recently?

- a) Kuwait
- b) Saudi Arabia
- c) Malaysia**
- d) Indonesia
- e) Australia

Q.160) Which country chaired the BRICS Working Group on Agriculture?

- a) India**
- b) Brazil
- c) Russia
- d) China
- e) South Africa

Q.161) Who launched India's first cattle genomic chip for the conservation of cattle breeds?

- a) Gajendra Singh Sekhawat
- b) Nitin Gadkari
- c) Jitendra Singh**
- d) S. Jaishankar
- e) Mansukh L. Mandaviya

Q.162) Which country is set to host Global Media Congress 2022?

- a) Italy
- b) UAE**
- c) Kuwait
- d) France
- e) India

Q.163) Who is the publisher of the book 'The Great Hindu Civilisation: Achievement, Neglect, Bias and the Way Forward'?

- a) Penguin Random House
- b) Westland Publications**
- c) Harpercollins
- d) Hachette India

e) Rupa Publications

Q.164) How much amount was announced for the development of health infrastructure of North eastern states?

a) Rs. 1150 crores

b) Rs. 1200 crores

c) Rs. 1220 crores

d) Rs. 1275 crores

e) Rs. 1300 crores

Q.165) Which state government recently launched a new scheme to support rural landless labourers?

a) Chhattisgarh

b) Haryana

c) Maharashtra

d) Punjab

e) Bihar

Q.166) Who was appointed as the brand ambassador of Amway India for the Nutrilite range?

a) Neeraj Chopra

b) Saikhom Mirabai Chanu

c) Pusarla Venkata Sindhu

d) Dhyan Chand

e) Vijender Singh

Q.167) Who among the following launched the 'Amrit Mahotsav Shri Shakti Challenge-2021'?

a) Gajendra Singh Shekhawat

b) S. Jaishankar

c) Anurag Singh Thakur

d) Ashwini Vaishnaw

e) Harsh Vardhan

Q.168) Where did the Indian Navy Ship Kochi participate in a maritime partnership exercise?

a) Bahrain

b) Qatar

c) UAE

d) Malaysia

e) Indonesia

Q.169) Which state's chief minister's grandfather penned the biography 'Shri Gadgebaba'?

a) Karnataka

b) Andhra Pradesh

c) Maharashtra

d) Madhya Pradesh

e) Kerala

Q.170) With which country did India conduct joint naval exercise 'Konkan 2021'?

a) France

b) Britain

c) Indonesia

d) UAE

e) Qatar

Q.171) Which city in India had ranked as the second most polluted city in 2020 as per the report of the British company House Fresh?

a) New Delhi

b) Bengaluru

c) Ghaziabad

d) Lucknow

e) Hoshangabad

Q.172) Who was roped as the brand ambassador of Samsung India?

a) Deepika Padukone

b) Alia Bhatt

c) Priyanka Chopra

d) Amir Khan

e) Shilpa Shetty Kundra

Q.173) Which state/UT unveiled 'Karkhandar' to uplift traditional handicrafts?

a) Karnataka

b) Kerala

c) Maharashtra

d) Jammu and Kashmir

e) Rajasthan

Q.174) Who won the 19th Spilimbergo Open Chess Tournament 2021?

a) Joshuaede Cappelletto

b) Raunak Sadhwani

c) Aron Pasti

d) Loic Travadon

e) Lorezno Lodici

Q.175) When is World Humanitarian Day observed?

a) 14 August

b) 16 August

c) 17 August

d) 18 August

e) 19 August

Q.176) Where did the Indian Navy ships Ranvijay and Kora undertake a maritime exercise with Vietnam's People Navy?

a) South China sea

b) Pacific Ocean

c) Black sea

d) Arabian sea

e) Antarctic Ocean

Q.177) Who chaired the 5th edition of BRICS Industry Ministers Meeting?

a) S. Jaishankar

b) Nitin Gadkari

c) Piyush Goyal

d) Mansukh L. Mandaviya

e) Amit Shah

Q.178) Who among the following could be in line to become the first woman Chief Justice of India (CJI)?

a) J. K. Maheshwari

b) Hima Kohli

c) B. V. Nagarathna

d) Indu Malhotra

e) Indira Banerjee

Q.179) Which country signed an MoU with India in the field of cooperation in disaster management?

a) Australia

b) Nepal

c) France

d) United States of America

e) Bangladesh

Q.180) Where was the 2021 edition of the World Athletics U-20 Championship held?

a) Nairobi

b) Brisbane

c) Tokyo

d) Sochi

e) England

Q.181) When is World Photography Day observed?

a) 14 August

b) 16 August

c) 17 August

d) 18 August

e) 19 August

Q.182) Whom does N. K. Singh succeeded to become the President of the Institute of Economic Growth (IEG) Society?

- a) Ashok Lahiri
- b) Anoop Singh
- c) Manmohan Singh**
- d) Ramesh Chand
- e) Shaktikanta Das

Q.183) Which ministry is set to collaborate with IIT Madras to conduct research on pavement engineering and intelligent transportation systems?

- a) Union Ministry of Road Transport and highways**
- b) Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
- c) Union Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
- d) Union Ministry of Jal Shakti
- e) Union Ministry of Minority Affairs

Q.184) What is the GDP growth projection of India for the year 2021–2022 by Ind-Ra?

- a) 9%
- b) 9.2%
- c) 9.4%**
- d) 9.6%
- e) 9.8%

Q.185) With which country did India sign an agreement for streamline interaction between the two naval forces?

- a) Australia**
- b) Nepal
- c) France
- d) United States of America
- e) Bangladesh

Q.186) Which bank partnered with HSBC and Standard Chartered to enter into India's first swaption deal?

- a) Axis bank
- b) HDFC bank
- c) ICICI bank**
- d) IndusInd bank
- e) South Indian bank

Q.187) Who is the author of the book titled "The Dream of Revolution: A Biography of Jaya Prakash Narayan"?

- a) Bimal Prasad
- b) Sujata Prasad
- c) Kamal Prasad
- d) Both (a) and (b)**
- e) Both (a) and (c)

Q.188) Who among the following launched the 5th edition of the Defence India Startup Challenge 5.0?

- a) S. Jaishankar
- b) Nitin Gadkari
- c) Piyush Goyal
- d) Mansukh L Mandaviya
- e) Rajnath Singh**

Q.189) When is World Mosquito Day observed?

- a) 13 August
- b) 15 August
- c) 16 August
- d) 18 August
- e) 20 August**

Q.190) Who is the head of the seven-member committee constituted by the Tamil Nadu

Government for the study of hydrocarbon projects?

a) Mohammed Ahmed

b) Sultan Ahmed Ismail

c) Mohammed Azad

d) Mohammed Ismail

e) Abdul Khan Ismail

Q.191) How much amount was released by the Asian Development Bank for the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation?

a) Rs.3460 crores

b) Rs. 3563 crores

c) Rs. 3643 crores

d) Rs. 3700 crores

e) Rs. 3720 crores

Q.192) Whom did Apurva Chandra succeed as the Secretary of the Union Ministry of Information and Broadcasting?

a) Abdul Khan

b) Anish Mohamed

c) Sushil Chandran

d) Amit Khare

e) Mohammed Ismail

Q.193) Whose coach was Othayothu Madhavan Nambiar who passed away recently?

a) P. T. Usha

b) Shakshi Malik

c) Saikhom Mirabhai Chanu

d) Mary Kom

e) Pusarla Venkata Sindhu

Q.194) Who was appointed as the MD & CEO of Indian Bank?

a) Mukesh Jain

b) Shanti Lal Jain

c) Mrutyunjay Mahapatra

d) Mahesh Kumar Jain

e) Pallav Mohapatra

Q.195) What is the name of the AI-enabled chatbot launched by Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL)?

a) Durga

b) Kaja

c) Urja

d) Puja

e) Haja

Q.196) Which company topped among the Indian companies in the Hurun Global List 2021?

a) Tata Consultancy Services Limited

b) HDFC Bank

c) Reliance Industries Limited

d) Wipro Limited

e) Asian Paints Limited

Q.197) What is the rank of Indian firm Huawei in the Fortune Global List 2021?

a) 42

b) 43

c) 44

d) 46

e) 49

Q.198) Which country was ranked at the top in the Global Cryptocurrency Adoption Index?

a) India

b) Vietnam

c) Germany

d) China

e) Italy

Q.199) Shanti Lal Jain was appointed as the MD and CEO of Indian Bank. He is currently serving as the Executive Director of which bank?

- a) Bank of Maharashtra
- b) Central Bank of India
- c) Union Bank of India
- d) Indian Overseas Bank

e) Bank of Baroda

Q.200) Who was recently appointed as the Chairperson of the MAMI Film Festival?

- a) Priyanka Chopra Jonas**
- b) Alia Bhatt
- c) Deepika Padukone
- d) Shilpa Shetty Kundra
- e) Preity Zinta

Q.201) What is the name of the online portal launched by the HCL Foundation to empower artisans?

- a) My Hat
- b) My e-Haat**
- c) e-Haat
- d) My g-Haat
- e) My j-Haat

Q.202) Which country does the football legend Gerd Muller belong to?

- a) Australia
- b) Bangladesh
- c) France

d) Germany

e) Brazil

Q.203) Which company partnered with Indian firm 'Indifi' for small and medium business loans?

a) Google

b) Facebook

- c) Microsoft
- d) TCS
- e) Wipro

Q.204) Who was appointed as the CEO of the Broadcast Audience Research Council India (BARC)?

a) Sunil Lulla

b) Nakul Chopra

- c) Siddharth Chopra
- d) Sunil Chopra
- e) Aditya Chopra

Q.205) How much funds did the Union Cabinet approve to increase the production of edible oils in India?

- a) Rs. 9900 crores
- b) Rs. 10,200 crores
- c) Rs. 10,800 crores

d) Rs. 11,040 crores

e) Rs. 12,080 crores

Q.206) Which bank had joined hands with USAID and DFC to support MSMEs?

- a) Indian Bank
- b) ICICI Bank
- c) Axis Bank

d) HDFC Bank

e) Kotak Mahindra Bank

Q.207) Who was appointed as the Prime Minister of Malaysia?

- a) Joko Widodo
- b) Sutan Sjahrir

c) Ismail Sabri Yaakob

- d) Lee Hsein Hoong
- e) Moctar Ouane

Q.208) Which place does the popular actor Chitra who passed away recently belong to?

a) Kochi

b) Chennai

c) Bengaluru

d) Mumbai

e) Andhra Pradesh

Q.209) Who was appointed as the head of a panel by the Union Government for doubling production and quadrupling the exports of handlooms?

a) Ajay Sethi

b) Sunil Sethi

c) Akshay Kannan

d) Sushil Chandra

e) Sunil Chandra

Q.210) Which municipal corporation was declared as a 'water plus' city?

a) Visakhapatnam

b) Bhavnagar

c) Chandigarh

d) Dharwad

e) Kolkatta

Q.211) When is World Senior Citizens' Day observed?

a) 17 August

b) 18 August

c) 19 August

d) 20 August

e) 21 August

Q.212) What is the new name of the stadium in the Army Sports Institute in Pune?

a) Neeraj Chopra Army Sports Stadium

b) Netaji Subash Chandra Bose Stadium

c) Indira Gandhi Stadium

d) P. V. Sindhu Army Sports Stadium

e) Mary Kom Army Sports Stadium

Q.213) Where was India's highest altitude herbal park inaugurated?

a) Andhra Pradesh

b) Himachal Pradesh

c) Uttar Pradesh

d) Uttarakhand

e) Karnataka

Q.214) Where was Phase 3 of the Mission Shakti Abhiyan launched?

a) Andhra Pradesh

b) Himachal Pradesh

c) Uttar Pradesh

d) Uttarakhand

e) Karnataka

Q.215) Where did NTPC commission India's largest floating solar power plant?

a) Andhra Pradesh

b) Himachal Pradesh

c) Uttar Pradesh

d) Uttarakhand

e) Karnataka

Q.216) Which bank had set up the Ubharte Sitaare Fund for export-oriented firms and startups launched by Union Finance Minister?

a) Exim Bank

b) SIDBI

c) SEBI

d) Both (a) and (b)

e) Both (a) and (c)

Q.217) La. Ganesan was appointed as the Governor of which state?

a) Mizoram

b) Manipur

c) Meghalaya

d) Sikkim

e) Assam

Q.218) Kalyan Singh passed away recently. Which of the following profession does he belong to?

a) Actor

b) Musician

c) Politician

d) Cricketer

e) Writer

Q.219) What was the name of the campaign launched by Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation to get rid of the diseases caused by mosquitoes?

a) 10 mins at 10 am

b) 10 mins at 12 pm

c) 15 mins at 10 am

d) 10 mins at 9 am

e) 10 mins at 8 am

Q.220) Which country does NPCI International Payments Limited have a UPI partnership with Mashreq Bank?

a) Saudi Arabia

b) Bhutan

c) UAE

d) Srilanka

e) Italy

Q.221) When is International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition observed?

a) 18 August

b) 19 August

c) 21 August

d) 22 August

e) 23 August

Q.222) Which state's Chief Minister launched COVID-19 affected Livelihood Support Scheme?

a) Mizoram

b) Manipur

c) Meghalaya

d) Sikkim

e) Assam

Q.223) Which bank had entered into a strategic partnership with Paytm for delivering financial solutions to end consumers and merchants across India?

a) ICICI Bank

b) Axis Bank

c) IndusInd Bank

d) South Indian Bank

e) HDFC Bank

Q.224) Who won the third medal for India at the World Athletics U-20 Championships?

a) Amit Khari

b) Shaili Singh

c) Anu Kumar

d) Ankita Dhyani

e) Vipin Kumar

Q.225) Which country's citizens would be able to purchase, sell and keep Bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies through PayPal?

a) US

b) Singapore

c) Malaysia

d) UK

e) China

Q.226) Nitin Chugh submitted his resignation which will be effective from 30 September 2021. Which bank's MD and CEO was he?

a) Equitas Small Finance Bank

b) Ujjivan Small Finance Bank

c) Airtel Payments Bank

d) Jana Small Finance Bank

e) Utkarsh Small Finance Bank

Q.227) Where was India's first-ever smog tower inaugurated?

a) Mumbai

b) Chennai

c) New Delhi

d) Bengaluru

e) Hyderabad

Q.228) Whom did La. Ganesan succeed to become 17th Governor of Manipur?

a) Najma Heptulla

b) Himanta Biswa Sarma

c) Nitish Kumar

d) Amarinder Singh

e) Pema Khandu

Q.229) Which country had topped the Cushman & Wakefield's 2021 Global Manufacturing Risk Index?

a) India

b) China

c) US

d) Canada

e) Indonesia

Q.230) Which state government declared that six districts' roads will be named after Kalyan Singh?

a) Uttar Pradesh

b) Uttarakhand

c) Jharkhand

d) Punjab

e) Rajasthan

Q.231) What is the budget allocation for the National Monetisation Pipeline (NMP) launched by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman?

a) Rs. 4 lakh crores

b) Rs. 5 lakh crores

c) Rs. 6 lakh crores

d) Rs. 8 lakh crores

e) Rs. 10 lakh crores

Q.232) Which among the following cities in Andhra Pradesh was awarded with a 'water plus' tag certification?

a) Tirupati

b) Vishakhapatnam

c) Vijayawada

d) All the above

e) None of the above

Q.233) Who was appointed as the Joint Secretary of the Union Ministry of Cooperation?

a) Ajay Kumar Singh

b) Abhay Kumar Singh

c) Akshay Kumar Singh

d) Ajmal Kumar Singh

e) Arvind Kumar Singh

Q.234) What is the total budget allocation of the Telangana Government's Dalit Bandhu Scheme?

- a) Rs. 500 crores
- b) Rs. 1000 crores**
- c) Rs. 1250 crores
- d) Rs. 1400 crores
- e) Rs. 1500 crores

Q.235) Which of the following institute developed India's first motorised wheelchair?

- a) IIT Madras**
- b) IIT Bombay
- c) IIT Bhubaneswar
- d) IIT Delhi
- e) IIT Rourkela

Q.236) Which financial organization received 'in-principle' approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to set up a small finance bank (SFB)?

- a) Centrum Financial Services Limited**
- b) Saraswat Bank
- c) Cosmos Bank
- d) Geojit Financial Services Limited
- e) Jayalakshmi Financial Services Private Limited

Q.237) Which Union Minister launched a geospatial planning portal named 'Yuktdhara'?

- a) Union Minister of Minority Affairs
- b) Union Minister of Information and Broadcasting
- c) Union Minister of Home Affairs
- d) Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare

e) Union Minister of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj

Q.238) When is World Water Week observed?

- a) 4 August – 8 August
- b) 10 August – 15 August
- c) 19 August – 25 August

d) 23 August – 27 August

e) 7 September – 11 September

Q.239) With which company did Invest India collaborate to empower tech startups?

- a) Google
- b) Microsoft**
- c) Samsung
- d) Apple
- e) Reliance

Q.240) Who was appointed as the Managing Director of Chennai Petroleum Corporation Limited (CPCL)?

- a) Ajay Kumar
- b) Abhay Kumar
- c) Akshay Kumar
- d) Ajmal Kumar

e) Arvind Kumar

Q.241) Who was appointed as the Chief Executive Officer of RapiPay?

- a) Nihil Jain
- b) Nipun Jain**
- c) Nikita Jain
- d) Niranjana Kumar
- e) Nirupa Jain

Q.242) Which among the following corporations in Tamil Nadu would be promoted as Municipal Corporations?

- a) Tambaram

- b) Kancheepuram
- c) Sivakasi
- d) Karur

e) All the above

Q.243) Who is the author of the book 'The Kapil Sharma Story'?

a) Ajitabha Bose

- b) Ajitha Jose
- c) Ajitabha Jose
- d) Ramchandra Guha
- e) Sudha Murthy

Q.244) Which municipal corporation launched the 'Knock the Door' campaign to spread awareness about COVID-19 vaccination?

- a) Visakhapatnam

b) Surat

- c) Machilipatnam
- d) Dehradun
- e) Hyderabad

Q.245) Who hosted the virtual meeting of BRICS High Representatives Responsible for National Security?

- a) Rajnath Singh
- b) Amit Shah

c) Ajit Doval

- d) Dharmendra Pradhan
- e) Virender Kumar

Q.246) Which state government signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with microfinance institutions (MFI) and banks to assist microfinance borrowers in maintaining excellent credit discipline during the COVID-19 period?

- a) Bihar

- b) Kerala
- c) Karnataka
- d) Maharashtra

e) Assam

Q.247) Which country received \$2.75 billion support fund from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) under SDR allocation?

- a) Russia
- b) China
- c) India

d) Pakistan

- e) Bangladesh

Q.248) Which state government collaborated with SBI General Insurance to service Ayushman Bharat Sarbat Sehat Bima Yojana?

a) Punjab

- b) Sikkim
- c) Assam
- d) Rajasthan
- e) Maharashtra

Q.249) Until when was Sandeep Bakshi re-appointed as the MD & CEO of ICICI Bank by the RBI?

- a) 2022

b) 2023

- c) 2024
- d) 2025
- e) 2027

Q.250) Which country does Gail Omvedt who passed away recently belong to?

- a) UK

b) USA

- c) France
- d) Germany

e) Italy

Q.251) Which profession does Charlie Watts who passed away recently belong to?

a) Author

b) Cricketer

c) Drummer

d) Mathematician

e) Physician

Q.252) Where did the Indian envoy launch an in-person consular services centre?

a) Washington DC

b) California

c) San Francisco

d) New York

e) Los Angeles

Q.253) Which city was named as the world's safest according to the Economic Intelligence Unit (EIU) survey?

a) Berlin

b) Tokyo

c) Brisbane

d) Osaka

e) Copenhagen

Q.254) Which state does the former Indian footballer O. Chandrasekharan passed away recently belong to?

a) Telangana

b) Kerala

c) Karnataka

d) Maharashtra

e) Madhya Pradesh

Q.255) Who was appointed as the brand ambassador of Uttarakhand for art, tourism and culture?

a) Renuka Singh

b) Aakash Ranjan

c) Pawandeep Rajan

d) Sandeep Rajan

e) Kuldeep Rajan

Q.256) Who is the publisher of the book 'STARGAZING: The Players in My Life' written by Ravi Shastri?

a) Penguin Random House India

b) Harpercollins India

c) Hachette India

d) Westland Publication

e) Rupa Publication

Q.257) How much fund was sanctioned for the Ganga Expressway Project in Uttar Pradesh by Punjab National Bank?

a) Rs. 5000 crores

b) Rs. 5100 crores

c) Rs. 5500 crores

d) Rs. 5800 crores

e) Rs. 6000 crores

Q.258) Who jointly launched the 'Forum for Decarbonising Transport' in India with the World Resources Institute (WRI)?

a) IMF

b) WHO

c) NITI Aayog

d) Union Ministry of Power

e) CSIR

Q.259) With which company did BillDesk partner to enable a safe and secure e-mandate process on premium payments for its customers?

a) Max Life Insurance

- b) ICICI Life Prudential
- c) ICICI Lombard
- d) HDFC Life Insurance
- e) Star Health Insurance
- e) Virender Kumar

Q.260) What is the name of the campaign launched by the Union Jal Shakti Ministry as a part of the 75 years of India's independence?

- a) Ujalama
- b) Suvamlamba
- c) Gujalamba
- d) Kalambam

e) Sujalam

Q.261) Which bank has launched a preloaded payment instrument for seamless toll deduction?

- a) Indian Bank
- b) HDFC Bank
- c) Canara Bank

d) Karnataka Bank

- e) Axis Bank

Q.262) When is Women's Equality Day observed?

- a) 22 August
- b) 23 August
- c) 24 August
- d) 25 August

e) 26 August

Q.263) Which country announced to unveil the world's largest and tallest observation wheel?

- a) UAE
- b) Saudi Arabia
- c) Kuwait
- d) Qatar

- e) UK

Q.264) Who are the participants at the 25th edition of Exercise Malabar (2021)?

- a) India
- b) USA
- c) Japan
- d) Australia

e) All the above

Q.265) Indian high jumper Mariyappan Thangavelu was replaced by Tek Chand as the flagbearer of the Tokyo Paralympics 2020. Which sport does he belong to?

- a) High Jumper
- b) Athletics
- c) Swimming

d) Shot Put

- e) Basketball

Q.266) Which among the following companies is not in the top four Indian firms with high market capitalisation?

- a) Infosys
- b) Reliance Industries
- c) Tata Consultancy Services

d) Wipro

- e) HDFC Bank

Q.267) Which Union Minister launched the SAMRIDH programme to boost the startup ecosystem?

- a) Union Minister of Jal Shakti

b) Union Minister Electronics & Information Technology

- c) Union Minister of Home Affairs
- d) Union Minister of Information & Broadcasting

e) Union Minister of External Affairs

Q.268) Which state became the first in India to officially implement the National Education Policy 2020?

a) Maharashtra

b) Kerala

c) Karnataka

d) Madhya Pradesh

e) Tamil Nadu

Q.269) Which state does the elocutionist Gouri Ghosh belong to?

a) West Bengal

b) Tamil Nadu

c) Kerala

d) Maharashtra

e) Karnataka

Q.270) Which company received an insurance broking license from IRDAI?

a) PayPal

b) PhonePe

c) GPay

d) RuPay

e) Paytm

Q.271) Which country conducted a maritime partnership exercise with the Indian naval ships INS Ranvijay and INS Kora?

a) France

b) The Philippines

c) Indonesia

d) Japan

e) Saudi Arabia

Q.272) Who was appointed as the independent director of HSBC India?

a) Rajnish Kumar

b) Arundathi Bhattacharya

c) Raghuram Rajan

d) Dinesh Kumar Khara

e) Atanu Chakraborty

Q.273) Which bank appointed Rajesh Choudhary as its Chief information and Technology Officer?

a) ICICI Bank

b) City Union Bank

c) Karnataka Bank

d) CSB Bank

e) HDFC Bank

Q.274) Which organisation released the first edition of the North-Eastern Region District Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Index and Dashboard 2021–22?

a) NITI Aayog

b) RBI

c) Financial Action Task Force

d) Ministry of Finance

e) Prime Minister's office

Q.275) What is the accidental insurance policy for unorganised workers under the e-Shram portal?

a) Rs. 1 lakh

b) Rs. 2 lakhs

c) Rs. 5 lakhs

d) Rs. 8 lakhs

e) Rs. 10 lakhs

Q.276) Who chaired the second meeting of BRICS Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors (FMCBG)?

a) Rajnath Singh

b) Amit Shah

c) Narendra Modi

d) Smriti Irani

e) Nirmala Sitharaman

Q.277) Who is appointed as the Executive Director of the Reserve Bank of India?

a) Abhay Kumar

b) Sanjay Kumar

c) Ajay Kumar

d) Arun Kumar

e) Sanjeev Kumar

Q.278) Which bank won the overall performance in the EASE 3.0 Index Awards?

a) State Bank of India

b) Bank of Baroda

c) Union Bank of India

d) Indian Bank

e) Punjab National Bank

Q.279) What is the name of the Agri Sectoral Index launched by NCDEX?

a) KAREX

b) AGREX

c) GAUREX

d) HAREX

e) BAUREX

Q.280) Who has permitted the authorised card networks to offer card tokenisation services?

a) RBI

b) NPCI

c) IBA

d) NABARD

e) SIDBI

Q.281) Which state has received the approval to upgrade various existing MSME clusters under the SIDBI Cluster Growth Fund (SCDF)?

a) Uttar Pradesh

b) Rajasthan

c) Gujarat

d) Uttarakhand

e) Tamil Nadu

Q.282) Which among the following payment services launched the '12% Club' app?

a) PhonePe

b) BharatPe

c) PayPal

d) Google Pay

e) Paytm

Q.283) Which state does Kendrapara (the only district in India to have all the three species of crocodiles) belong to?

a) Bihar

b) Odisha

c) Assam

d) Sikkim

e) Arunachal Pradesh

Q.284) Which country has been elected to the Council of Administration at 27th UPU Congress in Abidjan?

a) Pakistan

b) South Africa

c) India

d) Saudi Arabia

e) Malaysia

Q.285) Who is set to become the brand ambassador for 'Desh Ke Mentor' initiative?

a) Amitabh Bachchan

b) Sonu Sood

c) Priyanka Chopra

d) Deepika Padukone

e) Shah Rukh Khan

Q.286) Who among the following is not a gold medallist at the 2021 Asian Youth & Junior Boxing Championships?

a) Sneha Kumari

b) Preeti Dahiya

c) Vishal

d) Khushi

e) Tanisha Sandhu

Q.287) Which bank has appointed Carol Furtado as an interim Chief Executive Officer (CEO)?

a) Ujjivan small finance bank

b) Jana small finance bank

c) ESAF small finance bank

d) Equitas small finance bank

e) Utkarsh small finance bank

Q.288) Which of the following ranked first among the most surveilled cities in the world?

a) Chennai

b) Mumbai

c) New Delhi

d) Bengaluru

e) Hyderabad

Q.289) Where did the Union Finance Minister launch the 'My Pad My Right' project to bring livelihood and menstrual hygiene closer to rural women?

a) Telangana

b) Tripura

c) Andhra Pradesh

d) Maharashtra

e) Kerala

Q.290) Who clinched India's second gold medal at the Tokyo Paralympics 2020?

a) Bhavina Patel

b) Avani Lekhara

c) Sumit Antil

d) Sundar Singh Gurjar

e) Vinod Kumar

Q.291) What is the rate of sovereign gold per gram fixed for the Sovereign Gold Bond Scheme 2021-22 - Series VI?

a) Rs. 4732

b) Rs. 4821

c) Rs. 4856

d) Rs. 4899

e) Rs. 4925

Q.292) Which company tied up with a fintech startup Setu to help users open fixed deposits through Google Pay?

a) Microsoft

b) Google

c) RBI

d) NPCI

e) Rupay

Q.293) Recently, Atul Kumar Goel received an extension of two years on his tenure. Which bank's MD & CEO is he?

a) Union Bank of India

b) Indian Bank

c) UCO Bank

d) Allahabad Bank

e) Bank of Maharashtra

Q.294) Which of the following countries are set to take part in the 'Shared Destiny 2021' military exercise?

- a) China
- b) Pakistan
- c) Thailand
- d) Mongolia

e) All the above

Q.295) Which think tank jointly launched the women entrepreneurship platform 'WEP Nxt' with Cisco?

- a) Union Ministry of Finance

b) NITI Aayog

- c) RBI
- d) Union Ministry of Women and Child Development
- e) Union Ministry of Defence

Q.296) Who flagged off a mobile ATM van of the Tripura State Cooperative Bank to mark the seventh anniversary of the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana?

- a) Narendra Modi
- b) Ram Nath Kovind
- c) Nirmala Sitharaman**
- d) Parshottam Rupala
- e) Smriti Irani

Q.297) When is the deadline for payment under the 'Vivad Se Vishwas' Scheme extended by the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)?

- a) 30 September**
- b) 1 October
- c) 31 October
- d) 30 November
- e) 31 December

Q.298) Who addressed the first-ever G20 Ministerial Conference on Women's Empowerment virtually?

- a) Nirmala Sitharaman
- b) Smriti Irani**
- c) Narendra Modi
- d) Rajnath Singh
- e) Amit Shah

Q.299) When is the deadline for e-filing of various forms under the Income Tax Act?

- a) 30 September 2021
- b) 31 October 2021
- c) 31 December 2021
- d) 1 January 2022

e) 31 March 2022

Q.300) What is the revised limit for Indo-Nepal remittance facility by the Reserve Bank of India?

- a) Rs. 1 lakh
- b) Rs. 2 lakhs**
- c) Rs. 3 lakhs
- d) Rs. 5 lakhs
- e) Rs. 10 lakhs

Banking Quiz

Q.1) Which bank was empanelled by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to act as an 'Agency Bank'?

- a) Axis Bank
- b) HDFC Bank
- c) Federal Bank
- d) IndusInd Bank**
- e) RBL Bank

Q.2) Which bank has partnered with the Common Service Centers Special Purpose Vehicle (SCS SPV) to launch the 'Dukandar Overdraft Scheme' for small retailers?

- a) Axis Bank
- b) Canara Bank
- c) Federal Bank
- d) HDFC Bank**
- e) RBL Bank

Q.3) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed Rs. 50.35 lakhs penalty on Janalaxmi Co-operative Bank. Which state is Janalaxmi Co-operative Bank based in?

- a) West Bengal
- b) Maharashtra**
- c) Karnataka
- d) Madhya Pradesh
- e) Tamil Nadu

Q.4) Which insurance company has partnered with SahiPay for rural insurance solutions?

- a) Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance
- b) HDFC Life Insurance
- c) SBI General Insurance**
- d) Max Life Insurance

e) ICICI Prudential Life Insurance

Q.5) Asian Development Bank (ADB) has provided Rs. 831 crore loan to finance water supply project in _____.

- a) Assam
- b) Jharkhand**
- c) West Bengal
- d) Mizoram
- e) Tripura

Q.6) Which organisation has signed a \$250 million project with India to make existing dams safe and resilient?

- a) World Bank**
- b) Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- c) International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- d) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)
- e) National Development Bank (NDB)

Q.7) Which insurance company became the first in India to integrate NPCI's UPI AutoPay?

- a) Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance
- b) HDFC Life Insurance
- c) Bharti AXA Life Insurance
- d) Max Life Insurance

e) ICICI Prudential Life Insurance

Q.8) Which organisation has allowed payments banks to act as investment bankers?

- 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) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)

Q.9) Who was re-appointed as the Non-Executive Chairman of RBL Bank?

a) GC Chaturvedi

b) Jose J Kattoor

c) Vandita Kaul

d) Rajeshwar Rao

e) Prakash Chandra

Q.10) Which bank has partnered with Temasek to launch the debt financing platform 'EvolutionX' in Asia?

a) Catholic Syrian Bank

b) Development Bank of Singapore

c) HDFC Bank

d) Standard Chartered Bank

e) Kotak Mahindra Bank

Q.11) Which company has recently launched a UPI-based AutoPay functionality for mutual fund SIP investments?

a) Google Pay

b) Mobikwik

c) PhonePe

d) Paytm

e) BharatPe

Q.12) Which bank became the first bank in India to cross the 1-crore FASTags mark?

a) Paytm Payments Bank

b) Airtel Payments Bank

c) Jio Payments Bank

d) Aditya Birla Payments Bank

e) India Post Payments Bank

Q.13) Which bank has signed an MoU with Society for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (SINE) and IIT Bombay for funding startups and MSMEs?

a) Axis Bank

b) Indian Bank

c) HDFC Bank

d) Federal Bank

e) ICICI Bank

Q.14) Who was appointed as the Managing Director of Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)?

a) Ujjwala Singhania

b) Mini Ipe

c) Gautam Thakur

d) MR Kumar

e) RM Sundaram

Q.15) Which bank has clinched global accolades for innovation in digital banking according to the Financial Times publication report?

a) Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited

b) Development Bank of Singapore

c) Standard Chartered

d) Citibank

e) State Bank of India

Q.16) Which small finance bank had launched a premium savings account product with health and wellness benefits? (August 2021)

a) Ujjivan Small Finance Bank

b) Equitas Small Finance Bank

c) Janalakshmi Small Finance Bank

d) Capital Small Finance Bank

e) Suryoday Small Finance Bank

Q.17) What is the new Repo rate announced by Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?

- a) 3.75%
- b) 4%**
- c) 4.25%
- d) 4.05%
- e) 4.5%

Q.18) Which organisation has launched the Swavalamban Challenge Fund to promote entrepreneurship?

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.19) Which company has partnered with Sundaram Finance to offer 100% vehicle financing to customers?

- a) Mahindra & Mahindra
- b) Ashok Leyland

c) Tata Motors

- d) Eicher Motors
- e) Maruti Suzuki

Q.20) Which organisation has partnered with Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) to help Farmers Producer Organisations (FPOs)?

a) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)

b) National Housing Bank (NHB)

c) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)

d) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)

e) Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)

Q.21) When was the previous deadline of RBI to meet new current account rules?

- a) 31 May
- b) 31 June

c) 31 July

- d) 31 August
- e) 31 March

Q.22) RBI defers deadlines for stressed firms to meet financial parameters. What is the deadline?

- a) 30 September 2021
- b) 1 December 2021
- c) 31 April 2022
- d) 1 August 2022

e) 1 October 2022

Q.23) RBI plans to conduct 4 VRRR auctions to absorb surplus liquidity. What does the second R in VRRR represent?

- a) Reverse
- b) Repo**

- c) Rate
- d) Research
- e) Range

Q.24) How much additional support has the Asian Development Bank approved for upgrading rural roads in Maharashtra?

- a) \$200 million
- b) \$250 million**

c) \$300 million

d) \$350 million

e) \$400 million

Q.25) SEBI slashed pre-IPO lock-in for non-promoters to six months. What is the acronym of IPO?

a) Initial Public Offering

b) Initial Profit Offer

c) Initial Public Organisation

d) Initial Programme Organisation

e) Initial Programmer Offer

Q.26) With which bank did Dhanvarsha Finvest Limited (DFL) enter into a strategic co-lending partnership?

a) Canara Bank

b) Central Bank of India

c) Indian Bank

d) Bank of India

e) Bank of Maharashtra

Q.27) What is the name of India's first crypto unicorn that received investments introduced recently from Saverin's B Capital group?

a) CoinECX

b) CoinDCX

c) CoinEXC

d) CoinDXC

e) CoinFCX

Q.28) What is the refundable amount if the customers of failed or stressed banks are placed in the moratorium under DICGC Insurance?

a) Rs.2 lakhs

b) Rs.3 lakhs

c) Rs.5 lakhs

d) Rs.7 lakhs

e) Rs.10 lakhs

Q.29) Which app was launched by SIDBI for providing loans?

a) Digital Krayaas

b) Digital Vrayaas

c) Digital Brayaas

d) Digital Prayaas

e) Digital Cayaas

Q.30) From when will the scheme of penalty for non-replenishment of ATMs by the RBI come into existence?

a) September 2021

b) October 2021

c) December 2021

d) April 2022

e) July 2022

Q.31) Which bank launched its mega currency chest in Chandigarh?

a) Karur Vysya Bank

b) Karnataka Bank

c) IndusInd Bank

d) Bank of Maharashtra

e) HDFC Bank

Q.32) Which bank signed an MoU with the Indian Navy to offer Honour First banking services to personnel and veterans of the Indian Navy?

a) IndusInd Bank

b) Karnataka Bank

c) State Bank of India

d) Federal Bank

e) IDFC First Bank

Q.33) Who was appointed as the CEO of NPCI Bharat Billpay?

a) Dinesh Chaturvedi

b) Noopur Chaturvedi

c) Apoorva Chaturvedi

d) Abhinav Chaturvedi

e) A. P. Hota

Q.34) What is the collateral-free loan limit for self-help groups announced by the Reserve Bank of India?

a) Rs. 15 lakhs

b) Rs. 20 lakhs

c) Rs. 25 lakhs

d) Rs. 30 lakhs

e) Rs. 35 lakhs

Q.35) How much amount has NABARD sanctioned for Goa under the Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF)?

a) Rs. 180.81 crores

b) Rs. 182.83 crores

c) Rs. 184.96 crores

d) Rs. 188.81 crores

e) Rs. 190.81 crores

Q.36) With which bank has NABARD signed an MoU to finance 1000 Joint Liability Groups (JLGs)?

a) State Bank of India

b) J&K Grameen Bank

c) HDFC Bank

d) Both (a) and (b)

e) Both (b) and (c)

Q.37) Which organisation recently merged debt securities rules into a single regulation?

a) RBI

b) SEBI

c) SIDBI

d) NABARD

e) IRDAI

Q.38) Which bank recently unveiled its mega campaign 'BADLAAV Humse Hai' ?

a) Equitas Small Finance Bank

b) AU Small Finance Bank

c) Jana Small Finance Bank

d) IDFC First Bank

e) Paytm Payments Bank

Q.39) Which country did EXIM Bank extend a Line of Credit of \$100 million for the procurement of defence items?

a) Seychelles

b) Malaysia

c) Mauritius

d) Indonesia

e) India

Q.40) Which bank launched FRUITS portal?

a) Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank

b) Andhra Pragathi Grameena Bank

c) Saptagiri Grameena Bank

d) Maharashtra Gramin Bank

e) Kerala Gramin Bank

Q.41) Which bank has planned to raise funds via AT1 bonds from the overseas market?

a) IndusInd Bank

b) ICICI Bank

c) Axis Bank

d) HDFC Bank

e) Karnataka Bank

Q.42) Which bank topped in terms of loan and savings deposit growth among PSU banks?

a) Karnataka Bank

b) Bank of Maharashtra

c) Indian Bank

d) Indian Overseas Bank

e) Canara Bank

Q.43) Which bank has been lifted from a ban by the Reserve Bank of India to sell new credit cards?

a) Axis Bank

b) ICICI Bank

c) HDFC Bank

d) IndusInd bank

e) Karnataka Bank

Q.44) How many parameters are there in the Financial Inclusion Index introduced by the Reserve Bank of India?

a) Two

b) Three

c) Four

d) Five

e) Six

Q.45) Which among the following institution set up a web-based end-to-end workflow automation system to strengthen compliance by supervised entities (SEs)?

a) RBI

b) SEBI

c) NABARD

d) IBA

e) SIDBI

Q.46) Which bank launched the 'Green and Sustainable Fixed Deposits'?

a) Axis Bank

b) ICICI Bank

c) HDFC Bank

d) IndusInd bank

e) Karnataka Bank

Q.47) What is the minimum lock-in period for promoters' investment post an initial public offering (IPO) that was reduced recently by SEBI?

a) 12 months

b) 14 months

c) 16 months

d) 18 months

e) 24 months

Q.48) With which bank has Pay Nearby and VISA partnered for payment devices?

a) Karnataka Bank

b) Citi Bank

c) IndusInd Bank

d) Axis Bank

e) RBL Bank

Q.49) From when will the recent guidelines of the RBI on the hiring of lockers in banks become effective?

a) 31 December 2021

b) 1 January 2022

c) 1 February 2022

d) 31 April 2022

e) 1 July 2022

Q.50) What is the name of the digital repayment platform introduced by Kotak Mahindra Bank?

a) Do It Myself

b) Do It Yourself

c) Do It Ourselves

d) Repay Yourself

e) Repay Ourselves

Simplifications:

D.1–50) Find the value of 'x' in the given questions.

Q.1) $70\% \text{ of } 830 + 29\% \text{ of } 1200 = x \times 22 - 498 + 129$

a) 49

b) 59

c) 64

d) 37

e) 45

Q.2)

$$24 \times 40 - 22 \times 13 = (32 + x) \times 8 - 2 \times 3$$

a) 53

b) 60

c) 63

d) 80

e) 48

Q.3)

$$40\% \text{ of } 920 - 35\% \text{ of } 500 = x - \frac{12}{13} \text{ of } 325$$

a) 483

b) 450

c) 470

d) 493

e) 445

Q.4) $52 \times 23 - 14 \times 25 = x - 65\% \text{ of } 600$

a) 1286

b) 1200

c) 1236

d) 1256

e) 1280

Q.5)

$$15\% \text{ of } 200 - 2^3 \times 20 + 22\% \text{ of } 800 = x$$

a) 46

b) 44

c) 56

d) 60

e) 70

Q.6) $(57 - 12)\% \text{ of } 600 + 325 = x + 165$

a) 365

b) 450

c) 330

d) 320

e) 350

Q.7) $1675 - 773 + 5745 + 1176 = x^2 + 1123 - 2136$

a) 96

b) 84

c) 88

d) 94

e) 92

Q.8) $32\% \text{ of } 300 + 60\% \text{ of } 250 + 296 = x^3 + 30$

a) 7

b) 6

c) 4

d) 8

e) 9

Q.9) $(36 \times 36 - 16 \times 16) = x - 140$

a) 1560

b) 1180

c) 1600

d) 1420

e) None of these

Q.10) $1620 + 1050 - 970 - 10 \times 5 =$
 $\sqrt[3]{x} + 1130 + 32 \times 16$

- a) 216
- b) 512
- c) 729
- d) 600
- e) 650

Q.11) $26 \times 11 \div 13 - 121 + 456 = x$

- a) 257
- b) 389
- c) 377
- d) 357
- e) 300

Q.12) $35\% \text{ of } 1260 - 28\% \text{ of } 550 + 14 \times$
 $8 = 3x$

- a) 163
- b) 133
- c) 176
- d) 186
- e) 190

Q.13) $54.86 - 42.86 + 55.25 + 75.75 = x -$
 222

- a) 385
- b) 395
- c) 350
- d) 365
- e) 320

Q.14) $\sqrt[3]{2197} \times \sqrt{169} + 221 \div 17 = x +$
 12×7

- a) 98
- b) 88
- c) 75
- d) 80
- e) 70

Q.15) $25 \times 45 + 3^2 \times 44 - 35\% \text{ of } 440 = x$

- a) 1388
- b) 1356
- c) 1367
- d) 1300
- e) 1320

Q.16) $32 \div 64 \times 16 + 17 \times 13 - 4 = x^2$

- a) 15
- b) 225
- c) 18
- d) 324
- e) 350

Q.17) $12.5\% \text{ of } 1584 - 11\sqrt{2} \times 10\sqrt{2} +$
 $221 = x$

- a) 199
- b) 179
- c) 132
- d) 145
- e) 135

Q.18) $15 \times 98 + 120\% \text{ of } 350 -$
 $30\% \text{ of } 350 = x - 14 \times 11$

- a) 1988
- b) 1939
- c) 1934
- d) 1909
- e) 1950

Q.19) $56\% \text{ of } 250 - 19 \times 68 \div 17 + 450 = x$

- a) 584
- b) 525
- c) 514
- d) 550
- e) 600

Q.20) $25\% \text{ of } 660 + 34 \times 11 = x + 256$

- a) 210
- b) 223
- c) 283
- d) 245
- e) 225

Q.21)

$65\% \text{ of } 900 + 140\% \text{ of } 1200 = x + 18 \times 5$

- a) 2175
- b) 2215
- c) 2190
- d) 2200
- e) 2100

Q.22) $\sqrt[4]{1296} \times 15 - 16\% \text{ of } 250 + 326 = x$

- a) 361
- b) 355
- c) 320
- d) 376
- e) 350

Q.23) $12.5\% \text{ of } 2048 + 16 \times 15 = x^2 + 12$

- a) 25
- b) 22
- c) 28
- d) 26
- e) 32

Q.24) $2\frac{3}{12} \text{ of } 192 + 15\% \text{ of } 460 = x -$

60% of 1640

- a) 1485
- b) 1425
- c) 1420
- d) 1455
- e) 1470

Q.25) $5.25 \times 32 + 16.6 \times 25 - 4.25 \times 48 =$
 x

- a) 324
- b) 379
- c) 334
- d) 339
- e) 344

Q.26) $0.25 \times 0.8 + 0.8 \times 0.75 + x = 230$

- a) 232.9
- b) 230.1
- c) 222.8
- d) 229.2
- e) 230.8

Q.27) $4^3 + \sqrt{289} \times 36 = x^2$

- a) 34
- b) 24
- c) 38
- d) 28
- e) 26

Q.28) $64 \times \frac{1}{3} \text{ of } 477 - 667 = x - \sqrt{5476}$

- a) 9583
- b) 9345
- c) 8435
- d) 8796
- e) None of these

Q.29) $24 \times \sqrt{169} \times 2.05 \times 3^2 + \sqrt{225} = x$

- a) 4771.4
- b) 5771.4
- c) 4671.6
- d) 5671.6
- e) None of these

Q.30) $238.5 + 28^2 \div \sqrt[3]{512} - 156.3 = x +$
22.2

- a) 123

- b) 158
c) 168
d) 193
e) 201

Q.31) $24 \times 86 + 98 - 188 \div 4 = x$

- a) 2115
b) 3129
c) 1090
d) 3901
e) 2091

Q.32)

$24\% \text{ of } 5460 + 15\% \text{ of } 9995 + 287 = x$

- a) 3908.53
b) 3095.54
c) 3096.65
d) 3920.23
e) 3298.32

Q.33) $87932 + 49230 - 39239 + 3292 -$

$9281 - 23123 + 12 = x$

- a) 68879
b) 48920
c) 67053
d) 68823
e) 68738

Q.34) $\frac{78 \times 184 \times 33}{\sqrt[2]{529} \times \sqrt[3]{2197}} = x$

- a) 1783
b) 2189
c) 1893
d) 1839
e) 1584

Q.35)

$78 \times 47 + 48\% \text{ of } 2600 - \frac{5525}{325} = x - 13$

- a) 4900

- b) 4920
c) 4908
d) 4912
e) None of these

Q.36) $x\% \text{ of } 5\frac{6}{11} \text{ of } 13200 = 18300$

- a) 25
b) 32
c) 41
d) 53
e) None of these

Q.37) $39\frac{9}{49} \times \frac{637}{13440} + \frac{13}{91} = x$

- a) 2
b) 4
c) 6
d) 8
e) 3

Q.38) $\frac{(23! \times 17! \times 19! \times 15!)}{20! \times 14! \times 18! \times 16!} = (506 \times 323)x$

- a) 315
b) 285
c) 255
d) 330
e) None of these

Q.39) $\frac{621}{13} \times \frac{156}{23} + \frac{992}{36} \times \frac{1332}{31} = (x)$

- a) 1408
b) 1600
c) 1608
d) 1508
e) 1510

Q.40) $1.2 \times 1.5 + 3.2 \times 2.5 + 0.1 \times 2 = x$

- a) 24
b) 19
c) 18
d) 12
e) 10

Q.41) $40\% \text{ of } 3200 + x\% \text{ of } 2500 = 1580$

- a) 10
- b) 12
- c) 14
- d) 16
- e) 18

Q.42) $15 \times 12 + 12 \times 19 + 19 \times 18 = x$

- a) 767
- b) 636
- c) 766
- d) 750
- e) 568

Q.43) $1.123 + 2.321 + 10.123 = x - 0.433$

- a) 12
- b) 13
- c) 14
- d) 14.5
- e) 15

Q.44) $\frac{46}{148} \times \frac{49}{276} \times x^2 = 18$

- a) 324
- b) 18
- c) 9
- d) 27
- e) 4

Q.45) $25 + x = 4\frac{2}{5} \text{ of } 200$

- a) 865
- b) 845
- c) 855
- d) 905
- e) None of these

Q.46) $\frac{x}{8} \text{ of } \sqrt{64} = \frac{32}{x} \text{ of } \sqrt[3]{512}$

- a) 32
- b) 4

c) 8

- d) 16
- e) 256

Q.47)

$$x = 45.96\% \text{ of } 249.99 + 55.89\% \text{ of } 150.003 + 24.05\% \text{ of } 1201$$

- a) 467
- b) 487
- c) 484
- d) 492
- e) None of these

Q.48) $25\% \text{ of } x = 142.35 + 297.96 \div 1.99$

- a) 1746
- b) 1756
- c) 1164
- d) 1174
- e) None of these

Q.49) $126 \times 5\frac{2}{3} + 816 - 922 = x$

- a) 578
- b) 608
- c) 671
- d) 712
- e) None of these

Q.50) $\frac{14}{9} \div \frac{84}{27} \times 0.005 = x$

- a) 0.025
- b) 0.25
- c) 0.0025
- d) 0.525
- e) None of these

English

Q.1–25) Vocabulary

1. Taunt

Meaning: provoke or challenge (someone) with insulting remarks

Synonyms: insult, affront, gibe

Antonyms: compliment, praise, respect

Usage: Some parents **taunt** their kids in public places.

2. Malign

Meaning: speak about (someone) in a spitefully, critical manner

Synonyms: evil, aspersive, destructive

Antonyms: praise, applause, acclaim

Usage: By spreading the cruel rumor, the media hoped to **malign** the politician.

3. Instigate

Meaning: bring about or initiate (an action or event); incite someone to do something, especially something bad

Synonyms: initiate, originate, prompt

Antonyms: halt, terminate, stop

Usage: The commission tried to **instigate** a statutory inquiry.

4. Entangle

Meaning: involve (someone) in difficulties or complicated circumstances from which it is difficult to escape

Synonyms: tangle, snare, trap

Antonyms: release, free, unbound

Usage: The great danger was that they might **entangle** in a war with us.

5. Perplexing

Meaning: completely baffling; very puzzling

Synonyms: confusing, bewildering, baffling

Antonyms: untroublesome, clear, straightforward

Usage: The theorem seems to be **perplexing**.

6. Troublesome

Meaning: causing difficulty or annoyance

Synonyms: bothersome, wearisome, difficult

Antonyms: uncomplicated, beneficial, safe

Usage: The selection process is **troublesome**.

7. Intercept

Meaning: obstruct (someone or something) so as to prevent them from continuing to a destination

Synonyms: interrupted, stopped, seized

Antonyms: promote, encourage, allow

Usage: The new window screens do not **intercept** the sunlight so fully.

8. Belligerent

Meaning: hostile and aggressive

Synonyms: quarrelsome, pugnacious, aggressive

Antonyms: friendly, peaceful, amicable

Usage: The team was going to pay for its **belligerent** behavior.

9. Grumble

Meaning:

(verb) complain about something in a bad-tempered way;

(noun) a complaint

Synonyms: gripe, moan, complaint

Antonyms: applaud, commend

Usage: The only **grumble** we have about the whole package is the quality of the bonus features.

10. Mumble

Meaning: say something indistinctly and quietly, making it difficult for others to hear

Synonyms: intone, gabble, mutter

Antonyms: articulate (near antonym)

Usage: They were **mumbling** during the meeting.

11. Hostile

Meaning: showing or feeling opposition or dislike; unfriendly

Synonyms: aggressive, intimidating, inimical

Antonyms: friendly, sociable

Usage: Their tone is **hostile** to the poor.

12. Pivotal

Meaning: of crucial importance in relation to the development or success of something else

Synonyms: essential, crucial, vital

Antonyms: trivial, inessential, uncritical

Usage: His role was **pivotal** for that movie.

13. Provoke

Meaning: stimulate or give rise to (a reaction or emotion, typically a strong or unwelcome one) in someone

Synonyms: incite, trigger, aggravate

Antonyms: allay, calm

Usage: His intention was only to **provoke** the opposition party.

14. Veracious

Meaning: speaking or representing the truth

Synonyms: honest, genuine, ethical

Antonyms: untrue, dishonest, deceitful

Usage: Lincoln was praised for being a **veracious** president.

15. Leverage

Meaning: use (something) to maximum advantage; (noun) the power to influence a person or situation

Synonyms: control, utilise, exploit

Antonyms: weakness, impotency

Usage: He has some **leverage** over the official.

16. Squander

Meaning: waste (something, especially money or time) in a reckless and foolish manner

Synonyms: waste, dissipate, lavish

Antonyms: conserve

Usage: It's so easy to **squander** valuable time browsing social media.

17. Prolific

Meaning: present in large numbers or quantities; plentiful

Synonyms: fertile, productive, abundant

Antonyms: barren, fruitless, impotent

Usage: Iron pyrite is the most **prolific** source of gold.

18. Fecund

Meaning: producing or capable of producing an abundance of offspring or new growth; highly fertile

Synonyms: fertile, fruitful, prolific

Antonyms: barren, bleak

Usage: Zebrafish are highly **fecund** as each female is capable of laying 200 eggs per clutch.

19. Bilious

Meaning: spiteful; bad-tempered; affected by or associated with nausea or vomiting

Synonyms: unwell, ailing, nauseous

Antonyms: amiable, well

Usage: Our **bilious** neighbor is known for his bad attitude.

20. Cult

Meaning: a relatively small group of people having religious beliefs or practices regarded by others as strange or as imposing excessive control over members.

Synonyms: unusual, sect

Antonyms: agnosticism, disregard

Usage: There's an active **cult** in the area.

21. Parochial

Meaning: having a limited or narrow outlook or scope

Synonyms: insular, narrow, provincial

Antonyms: liberal, cosmopolitan

Usage: Most people's view of life is **parochial** and does not include anything outside of their own happiness.

22. Indigenous

Meaning: originating or occurring naturally in a particular place; native

Synonyms: original, native, aboriginal

Antonyms: expatriate, migrant

Usage: These days, **indigenous** products are in demand.

23. Fudge

Meaning: present or deal with (something) in a vague or inadequate way, especially so as to conceal the truth or mislead

Synonyms: dodging, fiddling, falsifying

Antonyms: authentic, honest

Usage: He tried to **fudge** the issue.

24. Fervently

Meaning: very enthusiastically or passionately

Synonyms: fanatically, zealously, passionately

Antonyms: uninterested, dispirited, apathetic

Usage: We **fervently** wish you all a Happy New Year.

25. Impeccably

Meaning: in accordance with the highest standards; faultlessly

Synonyms: perfectly, flawlessly, faultlessly

Antonyms: flawed, blemished, corrupt

Usage: She was **impeccably** dressed.

26. Find the synonym of **venturous**.

a) Daring

b) Fearsome

c) Dubious

d) Robust

e) Timid

27. Find the antonym of **admire**.

a) Treasure

b) Disfigure

c) Shield

d) Dislodge

e) Irreverent

28. Find the antonym of **hesitant**.

a) Intensify

b) Maiming

c) Confident

d) Exile

e) Enduring

29. Find the synonym of **flagrant**.

a) Startle

b) Patent

c) Slight

d) Forceful

e) Blatant

30. Find the antonym of **jammed**.

a) Escalate

b) Mutilation

c) Wicked

d) Exorcise

e) Ensnare

31. Find the synonym of **overwhelming**.

a) Explosion

b) Overpowering

c) Mischievous

d) Outlandish

e) Smothered

32. Choose the antonym of **burgeoning**.

a) Mushrooming

b) Mounting

c) Escalating

d) Dwindling

e) Amplifying

33. Choose the synonym of **plethora**.

a) Unconstrained

b) Instinctive

c) Surplus

d) Unsolicited

e) Spontaneous

34. Choose the antonym of **unendurably**.

a) Bearably

b) Despicably

c) Outrageously

d) Sordid

e) Horrid

35. Choose the antonym of **scrapping**.

a) Preserving

b) Dumping

c) Discarding

d) Culling

e) Forsaking

36. Choose the antonym of **abandoning**.

a) Quitting

b) Stumbling

c) Halting

d) Aborting

e) Support

37. Choose the antonym of **mollified**.

a) Interpolated

b) Conciliated

c) Aggravated

d) Mediated

e) Interposed

38. Choose the synonym of **speculated**.

a) Gessed

b) Hypothesised

c) Conjectured

d) Assumed

e) All of the given

39. Choose the antonym of **unique**.

a) Pellucid

b) Incomparable

c) Normal

d) Intensive

e) Distinctive

40. Choose the antonym of **disparaged**.

a) Appreciated

b) Indicted

c) Arraigned

d) Criticised

e) Castigated

Q (41–50) Idioms and Phrases

41. Not fit to hold a candle - Not to be compared with

42. Not have a clue - Don't know anything about it

43. Not in voice - Unable to sing well

44. Not to mince matters - To speak unreservedly

45. Nuke - To cook something in the microwave oven

46. Odds and ends - Cheap and small things

47. Of no avail - Useless

48. Of a kind - Unique or special

49. Of a piece - Possessing the same character or qualities

50. Off someone's Christmas card list - No longer on friendly terms with someone

Q (51–60) A sentence is shown in 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.

51.

- a) It passed a clear order on sound legal grounds to invalidate the votes of two
- b) MLAs, who had voted for another party, for showing
- c) their ballots to persons not authorised see to them
- d) No error

52.

- a) To help people avail various services and take part in its
- b) initiatives, the government have
- c) launched several apps
- d) No error

53.

- a) One of the most powerful stories in his 'The Adivasi Will Not Dance'
- b) is the eponymously titled one
- c) the last in the collection
- d) No error

54.

- a) "From the Republican party, not a single person has contacted me in nowhere
- b) manner whosoever," he said
- c) No error

55.

- a) "Although the technology is good and is globally recognised but there are a lot of technical issues due to which progress has been stalled," he said
- b) No error

56.

- a) As informal sector workers who don't know how to maintain continuity in income, falling incentives have upset their calculations of spending, saving and repaying debt
- b) No error

57.

- a) The NGO discovered mushroom farming requires neither a large amounts of space, nor major financial investment
- b) No error

d) making it a good fit for their needs

e) No error

58.

a) Slam poetry, simplistically put,

b) is verse meant to be

c) performed rather than to

d) read off the page

e) No error

59.

a) Getting into

b) sports has made

c) me more bolder and

d) more confident

e) No error

60.

a) "More than 40 banks have

b) expressed interest in tying up

c) with more than one insurers

d) for distributing insurance products," said a senior official

e) No error

Q (61-70) Some words are made bold in the given passage. If the bolded word is contextually incorrect, replace it with an appropriate word from the given option. If no replacement is required, choose 'e' as your option.

The dramatic rescue in a Haryana village of Prince, a little boy, from a 60-foot-deep pit by a team led by men from the Army's Corps of Engineers is **(61) achieving**. But it also raises grave concerns, highlighting the need for a new culture of safety with a special focus on working women and unattended children. This

is an **(62) imperative**, especially in rural India, where safe practices are often seen to be a luxury. Yet, it is precisely in such areas that access to quick and efficient means of rescue is non-existent. Concern for public safety often ranks low in the list of **(63) rescues** and no specific responsibility is fixed for acts and situations that lead to accidents. Governments must ensure a minimum level of safety in every **(64) angle**. The system of **(65) fringe** should be strengthened to ensure that there will be a price to pay in matters involving public liability. There is also a need to create a standing mechanism with team members trained, equipped and stationed to **(66) ignore** quickly to such emergencies anywhere in the country. This should be available to all people who, by right, may summon their services. In the latest instance, the 'Sappers' of the Army rose to the occasion and **(67) sharpen** their skills with tremendous presence of mind. But it is not often that a specialist arm of the Army can be accessed in crisis situations of this kind. Against such a background, the problems faced by workers in the unorganised sector, which accounts for over 90 per cent of the country's workforce, cry out for **(68) implementation**. Workplace safety is still a **(69) succession** dream for most of them. Whether it is the farm sector or the construction industry, there is no **(70) mechanism** to help take care of their children while they are at work.

61.
a) archiving
b) inspiring
c) trembling
d) rescued
e) No replacement required.

62.
a) unassertive
b) yielding
c) obsequious
d) amenable
e) No replacement required.

63.
a) priorities
b) salvages
c) invokes
d) claims
e) No replacement required.

64.
a) aperture
b) space
c) sphere
d) boon
e) No replacement required.

65.
a) intrinsic
b) torts
c) liabilities
d) adieu
e) No replacement required.

66.
a) exalt
b) respond
c) focus

- d) parting
e) No replacement required.

67.
a) promote
b) foster
c) obliged
d) deployed
e) No replacement required.

68.
a) fraternity
b) notion
c) attention
d) conservation
e) No replacement required.

69.
a) distant
b) conception
c) devote
d) frat
e) No replacement required.

70.
a) instrument
b) policy
c) design
d) implement
e) No replacement required.

Q (71–75) Each sentence is divided into four parts. Rearrange them into a meaningful sentence. If no rearrangement is required, then choose option e.

71. Stalking small animals, and eating the carrion left behind by other more powerful carnivores (A) / humans who lived a million years ago, despite (B) / rarely hunted large

game, and subsisted mainly by gathering plants, scooping up insects (C) / their big brains and sharp stone tools, dwelt in constant fear of predators (D)

- a) ADBC
- b) DACB
- c) BDCA
- d) DBCA
- e) No rearrangement required

72. Resulted from genetic mutations and environmental pressures (A) / the invention of new technologies and the settlement of alien habitats (B) / more than from cultural initiatives (C) / as far as we can tell, changes in social patterns (D)

- a) ADBC
- b) DBAC
- c) CBDA
- d) BCAD
- e) No rearrangement required

73. The international community might also reach the conclusion (A) / that the world realises India is too important to fail (B) / that post COVID-19 India is too fragile to lead and be a 'leading power' (C) / while the outpouring of global aid to India shows (D)

- a) ADCB
- b) BDCA
- c) CBAD
- d) DBAC
- e) No rearrangement required

74. New Delhi is pivotal to the Indo-Pacific project, (A) / but with India's inability to take a lead role and China wooing smaller states in (B)

/ the region away from the Indo-Pacific with aid and threats, (C) / the Indo-Pacific balance of power could eventually turn in Beijing's favour (D)

- a) BDCA
- b) BACD
- c) CABD
- d) BDAC
- e) No rearrangement required

75. And desire to contribute to the Indo-Pacific and the Quad (A) / and ready to engage with India (B) / the pandemic could adversely impact India's ability (C) / while the Indo-Pacific is geopolitically keen (D)

- a) DBCA
- b) BDAC
- c) CBAD
- d) BACD
- e) No rearrangement required

English Explanations:

26. Ans: a

Exp:

Venturous – willing to take risks or embark on difficult or unusual courses of action

Daring – bold or courageous; fearless or intrepid

Fearsome – frightening, especially in appearance

27. Ans: a

Exp:

Admire – regard with respect or warm approval

Treasure – value highly

28. Ans: c

Exp:

Hesitant – tentative, unsure or slow in acting or speaking

29. Ans: e

Exp:

Flagrant – (of an action considered wrong or immoral) conspicuously or obviously offensive

Blatant – (of bad behaviour) done openly and unashamedly

30. Ans: e

Exp:

Jammed – become or make unable to move or work due to a part seizing up or becoming stuck

Escalate – increase rapidly

31. Ans: b

Exp:

Overwhelming – be too strong for; overpower

32. Ans: a

Exp:

Burgeoning – beginning to grow or increase rapidly; flourishing

Dwindling – gradually diminishing in size, amount or strength

33. Ans: c

Exp:

Plethora – a large or excessive amount of something

Surplus – more than what is needed or used; excess

34. Ans: a

Exp:

Unendurably – too unpleasant, painful or difficult to accept or endure

Bearably – capable of being endured

35. Ans: a

Exp:

Scrapping – abolish or cancel (a plan, policy or law); discard or remove from service (a redundant, old or inoperative vehicle, vessel or machine), especially so as to convert it to scrap metal

36. Ans: e

Exp:

Abandoning – cease to support or look after (someone); desert

37. Ans: c

Exp:

Mollified – reduce the severity of (something)

Aggravated – make (a problem, injury or offence) worse or more serious

38. Ans: e

Exp:

Speculated – form a theory or conjecture about a subject without firm evidence

39. Ans: c

Exp:

Unique – particularly remarkable, special or unusual

40. Ans: a

Exp:

Disparaged – regard or represent as being of little worth

51. Ans: d

Exp:

Replace 'see to' with 'to see'.

52. Ans: c

Exp:

Replace 'have' with 'has' as the subject (the government) is singular.

53. Ans: e

Exp:

No error in the given statement.

54. Ans: c

Exp:

Replace 'nowhere' with 'any', as 'nowhere' is superfluous. A negative word (not) is already mentioned. 55. Ans: c

Exp:

Remove 'but' in 'c', as 'although' already defines the contrast.

56. Ans: e

Exp:

No error in the given statement.

57. Ans: c

Exp:

Replace 'amounts' with 'amount' as 'a large' will be followed by a singular noun.

58. Ans: c

Exp:

Remove 'to' after 'than', as 'rather than' is followed by a base verb.

59. Ans: c

Exp:

Remove 'more' before 'bolder'. Double comparatives or double superlatives should not be used.

60. Ans: c

Exp:

Replace 'insurers' with 'insurer', as 'more than one' is followed by a singular noun.

61. Ans: b

Exp:

Inspiring – create a feeling (especially a positive one) in a person

62. Ans: e

Exp:

No replacement is required.

63. Ans: a

Exp:

Priorities – the fact or condition of being regarded or treated as more important than others

64. Ans: c

Exp:

Sphere – an area of activity, interest or expertise; a section of society or an aspect of life distinguished and unified by a particular characteristic

65. Ans: b

Exp:

Torts – a wrongful act or an infringement of a right (other than under contract) leading to legal liability

66. Ans: b

Exp:

Respond – react quickly or positively to a stimulus or treatment

67. Ans: d

Exp:

Deployed – bring into effective action

68. Ans: c

Exp:

Attention – notice taken of someone or something; the regarding of someone or something as interesting or important

69. Ans: c

Exp:

Devote – give all or most of one's time or resources to (a person or activity)

70. Ans: e

Exp:

No replacement is required.

71. Ans: c

Exp:

The sentence is, "Humans who lived a million years ago, despite their big brains and sharp stone tools, dwelt in constant fear of predators, rarely hunted large game, and subsisted mainly by gathering plants, scooping up insects, stalking small animals and eating the carrion left behind by other more powerful carnivores."

72. Ans: b

Exp:

The sentence is, "As far as we can tell, changes in social patterns, the invention of new technologies and the settlement of alien habitats resulted from genetic mutations and environmental pressures more than from cultural initiatives."

73. Ans: d

Exp:

The sentence is, "While the outpouring of global aid to India shows that the world realises India is too important to fail, the international community might also reach the

conclusion that post COVID-19 India is too fragile to lead and be a 'leading power'."

74. Ans: e

Exp:

No rearrangement is required.

75. Ans: a

Exp:

The sentence is, "While the Indo-Pacific is geopolitically keen and ready to engage with India, the pandemic could adversely impact India's ability and desire to contribute to the Indo-Pacific and the Quad."