

Weekly Current Affairs Revision Quiz Set 2nd Week of March 2021



1. International Conference on Multifunctional Electronic Materials & Processing (MEMP 2021) was held in which city of India?

- A. Bengaluru
- B. Pune
- C. Nagpur
- D. Kanpur

2. Name the e-Commerce & financial Service provider that has launched "Smart PoS" a new application for accepting contactless payments through smartphones and also launched the second version of its Internet of Things (IoT) based instant voice confirmation device, "Soundbox 2.0"?

- A. Amazon Pay
- B. Google Pay
- C. Paytm
- D. MobiKwik

3. Who has been appointed as the President of International Olympic Committee (IOC) until 2025?

- A. Jacques Rogge
- B. John Coates
- C. Juan Antonio Samaranch
- D. Thomas Bach

4. The National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) has imposed a ban for 4 year on Madhavan R for violating the NADA's code on the usage of prohibited substances. He is associated with which sports?

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- C. Kabaddi
- D. Weightlifting

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- C. Kabaddi
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6. The International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) Shotgun World Cup 2021 was held in _____.

- A. Doha, Qatar
- B. Cairo, Egypt
- C. Dubai, UAE
- D. Moscow, Russia

7. Who has authored the book titled "Baanjh: Incomplete Lives of Complete Women"?

- A. Kanika Dhillon
- B. Juhi Chaturvedi
- C. Susmita Mukherjee
- D. Zoya Akhtar

8. REC Ltd and Power Finance Corporation (PFC) signed an agreement with which country for the financing of 600- megawatt (MW) Trashiyangtse Hydroelectric Project?

- A. Nepal
- B. Afghanistan
- C. Bhutan
- D. Myanmar

9. 'WE Hub' is an initiative of which state that has partnered with Australian government to launch "UPSurge" a 12-week pre-incubation program conducted across India?

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. Telangana
- C. Tamil Nadu
- D. Karnataka

10. Uttarakhand Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) signed an MoU with which technology giant to improve the education standards among the female children of the state?

- A. Google
- B. IBM
- C. Microsoft
- D. Intel

11. Which country has developed world's most powerful supercomputer 'Fugaku'?

- A. China
- B. South Korea

- C. Japan
- D. Philippines

12. Arjuna Sahayak Irrigation Project is being built in which state?

- A. Madhya Pradesh
- B. Jharkhand
- C. Uttar Pradesh
- D. Himachal Pradesh

13. Who will be conferred with the International Federation of Film Archives (FIAF) Award 2021?

- A. Anupam Kher
- B. Paresh Rawal
- C. Amitabh Bachchan
- D. Amir Khan

14. Who was sworn-in as the chief minister of Uttarakhand?

- A. Trivendra Singh Rawat
- B. Harish Rawat
- C. Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank
- D. Tirath Singh Rawat

15. Who has been appointed as the new Chief Statistician of India for a period of two years?

- A. Kshatrapati Shivaji
- B. G P Samanta
- C. Pravin Srivastava
- D. Sudhakar Deshmukh

16. Which country has launched its first military exercise in space in March 2021 to evaluate its ability to defend its satellites and other defense equipment from an attack?

- A. Germany
- B. Japan
- C. France
- D. Israel

17. Which country has received ten state-of-the-art railway passenger coaches from India as part of the supply of 160 coaches by the Rail India Technical and Economic Service (RITES)?

- A. Bangladesh
- B. Sri Lanka
- C. Nepal

D. Afghanistan

18. Which smartphone company has back as the title sponsor of the Indian Premier League cricket tournament?

- A. Vivo
- B. Samsung
- C. Xiaomi
- D. Nokia

19. With which country Russia has agreed to jointly build a research station on or around the moon, setting the stage for a new space race?

- A. India
- B. Israel
- C. China
- D. France

20. With which space agency the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) has completed development of a Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) capable of producing extremely high-resolution images for a joint earth observation satellite mission?

- A. European Space Agency (ESA)
- B. Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)
- C. National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
- D. South African National Space Agency (SANSA)

21. Who is the governor of Uttarakhand?

- A. Baby Rani Maurya
- B. Anandi Ben Patel
- C. Menka Gandhi
- D. Bandaru Dattatreya

22. Who has been appointed as the chief of Asset Reconstruction Co India Ltd (ARCIL)?

- A. Mrutyunjay Mahapatra
- B. Usha Ananthasubramanian
- C. Pallav Mohapatra
- D. PV Bharathi

23. Who has been appointed as the Chairman of the Panel of External Auditors of the United Nations?

- A. Girish Chandra Murmu
- B. Vinod Rai
- C. Shashi Kant Sharma

D. PV Bharathi

24. Who has been adjudged as the BBC India Sportswoman of the Year award for 2020?

- A. Dutee Chand
- B. Manu Bhaker
- C. Rani Rampal
- D. Koneru Humpy

25. Which state government has announced the setting up of District Investment Promotion Agencies (DIPAs) in its 30 districts to promote and facilitate investment across the State?

- A. Jharkhand
- B. Bihar
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Odisha

26. Name the Indian boxer who won the gold medal in the Boxam International Tournament in Castellon, Spain?

- A. Vikas Krishan
- B. Manish Kaushik
- C. Mohammed Hussamuddin
- D. Ashish Kumar

27. Which became the first state of India to incorporate the Gender Budget in its annual budget of the fiscal year 2021 to 2022 with an aim to provide better service to women?

- A. Rajasthan
- B. Andhra Pradesh
- C. Karnataka
- D. Kerala

28. Renowned personality Anshuman Singh passed away recently, he was former governor of which state?

- A. Rajasthan
- B. Andhra Pradesh
- C. Karnataka
- D. Kerala

29. Name the indigenously developed Advanced Light Torpedo (TAL), maiden flight trials of which was conducted successfully?

- A. Dhruva

B. Varunastra

C. Shyena

D. Helina

30. What is India's rank Globally in the latest Economic Freedom Index 2021 published by US conservative think-tank, The Heritage Foundation?

- A. 14th
- B. 119th
- C. 121st
- D. 123rd

31. What is India's rank among 40 Asia-Pacific countries in the Economic Freedom Index 2021 published by US conservative think-tank, The Heritage Foundation?

- A. 10th
- B. 16th
- C. 18th
- D. 26th

32. Which country ranked first in the latest Economic Freedom Index 2021 published by US conservative think-tank, The Heritage Foundation?

- A. Singapore
- B. New Zealand
- C. Australia
- D. Switzerland

33. Which technology company has launched a new web platform 'Women Will' that will support one million rural women entrepreneurs in India to help them pursue their ambitions and improve their livelihoods?

- A. Amazon
- B. Facebook
- C. Apple
- D. Google

34. Which country has banned full facial coverings including the niqab and burqa in almost all public places?

- A. New Zealand
- B. Germany
- C. Iceland

D. Switzerland

35.The second edition of the joint military exercise 'Dustlik' has been conducted between India and which country?

- A. Uzbekistan
- B. Kazakhstan
- C. Uzbekistan
- D. Turkmenistan

36.The second edition of the joint military exercise 'Dustlik' was convened between India and Uzbekistan in which state of India?

- A. Punjab
- B. Rajasthan
- C. Himachal Pradesh
- D. Uttarakhand

37.Renowned personality billionaire Olivier Dassault passed away recently, he belongs to which country?

- A. Germany
- B. Italy
- C. France
- D. Spain

38.India's first Forest Healing centre was inaugurated in which state?

- A. Odisha
- B. Uttarakhand
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Jharkhand

39.Which country ranked at top among developing countries in the new country-readiness index 2021 released by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) in its 'Technology and Innovation Report 2021'?

- A. Indonesia
- B. India
- C. Philippines
- D. Ukraine

40.What is India's rank in the 'UNCTAD B2C E-COMMERCE INDEX 2020- Spotlight on Latin America and the Caribbean'?

- A. 71st
- B. 72nd
- C. 73rd
- D. 74th

41.Which country is going to set up a Center of Excellence for the dairy sector in Rajasthan?

- A. Belgium
- B. Denmark
- C. Australia
- D. New Zealand

42.A centre of excellence for the dairy sector will be set up in which state in collaboration with Denmark?

- A. Haryana
- B. Uttar Pradesh
- C. Rajasthan
- D. Punjab

43.Who has been appointed as the Brand Ambassador of Glenmark Pharmaceuticals Limited?

- A. Rohit Sharma
- B. Sachin Tendulkar
- C. Rahul Dravid
- D. Virat Kohli

44.Arcelor Mittal Nippon Steel (AMNS) going to set up an integrated steel plant in which state?

- A. Karnataka
- B. Jharkhand
- C. West Bengal
- D. Odisha

45.Who has been appointed as first Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the Federal Reserve Bank?

- A. Naureen Hassan
- B. Ligia Noronha
- C. Bhavya Lal
- D. Neera Tanden

46. Who has been appointed as Chairman of Asia Pacific Rural and Agricultural Credit Association (APRACA)?

- A. Tarun Bajaj
- B. Naureen Hassan
- C. G R Chintala
- D. Srikant Datar

47. What was the theme for the 76th Annual Conference of Association of Physicians of India (API)?

- A. 'Contribution of Physicians to Atma Nirbhar Bharat'
- B. 'Engaging Minds: Empowering Medicine'
- C. 'Praising and Empowering the Physicians'
- D. 'Empowering Medicals, Empowering Nation'

48. Name the Indian wrestler who won the gold in the men's 65kg event at the Matteo Pellicone Ranking Series in Rome?

- A. Deepak Punia
- B. Bajrang Punia
- C. Ravi Kumar
- D. Rahul Aware

49. Name the Indian wrestler who won the gold in the women's 53kg event at the Matteo Pellicone Ranking Series in Rome?

- A. Nirmala Devi
- B. Anshu
- C. Vinesh Phogat
- D. Divya Kakran

50. How many Janaushadhi Kendra have been open as on 7th March 2021 under the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana?

- A. 6500
- B. 7000
- C. 7300
- D. 7500

51. The 14th UN Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice was held in which city of world?

- A. Rome, Italy
- B. Geneva, Switzerland
- C. Kyoto, Japan

D. Paris, France

52. Who won the sixth edition of the New Delhi Marathon in men's category?

- A. Nitendra Singh Rawat
- B. Rashpal Singh
- C. Amar Singh Devanda
- D. Srinu Bugatha

53. Who won the sixth edition of the New Delhi Marathon in women's category?

- A. Sudha Singh
- B. Jigmet Dolma
- C. Jyoti Gawate
- D. Jyoti Chauhan

54. Name the Indian shuttler who won silver medal in the BWF Swiss Open Super 300 in Basel?

- A. Saina Nehwal
- B. PV Sindhu
- C. Ashwini Ponnappa
- D. P.C Thulasi

55. With which ministry the Central Silk Board has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on a convergence model for the implementation of Agroforestry in the silk sector under the ongoing Sub-Mission on Agroforestry (SMAF) Scheme?

- A. Ministry of Textiles
- B. Ministry of Agriculture
- C. Ministry of Finance
- D. Ministry of Commerce and Industry

56. The President of India Ram Nath Kovind laid the foundation stone for the conservation works of Singorgarh Fort which is located in which state of India?

- A. Rajasthan
- B. Maharashtra
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. West Bengal

57. As on 26.02.2021, what percent accounts with an amount of Rs. 20,749 crores have been sanctioned to women entrepreneurs under Stand Up India Scheme?

- A. more than 41%

- B. more than 51%
- C. more than 61%
- D. more than 81%

58.As on 26.02.2021, what percent of accounts with an amount of Rs. 6.36 lakh crore have been sanctioned to women entrepreneurs under MUDRA scheme since inception?

- A. about 38% B. about 48%
- C. about 58% D. about 68%

59.According to the 'Ease of Living Index 2020' released by the Government of India (GoI) which city has been adjudged as the most liveable city in India among million-plus population category?

- A. Pune
- B. Ahmedabad
- C. Bengaluru
- D. Chennai

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- A. Shimla
- B. Bhubaneswar
- C. Silvassa
- D. Kakinada

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1. Ans. B.

- Centre for Materials for Electronics Technology (C-MET), Pune organized an International Conference on Multifunctional Electronic Materials & Processing (MEMP 2021) at Pune, India during 8-10 March 2021.
- MEMP-2021 provided an opportunity to scientists, researchers, academicians and young students to interact with eminent scientists/technologists working in the field of multifunctional electronic materials for various applications & their processing for making devices.
- Materials required for energy storage, energy generation, Nanostructured materials, Quantum dots, Sensors, Neutrino Energy Conversion /storage.
- Flexible devices, Photonic devices and processing techniques like Additive Manufacturing (3D printing) will be discussed.
- Sanjay Dhotre, the Union Minister of State for Education, Communications, Electronics & Information Technology, Government of India, inaugurated the conference.

2. Ans. C.

- e-Commerce & financial Service provider, Paytm, launched "Smart PoS" a new application for accepting contactless payments through smartphones.
- Paytm also launched the second version of its Internet of Things (IoT) based instant voice confirmation device, "Soundbox 2.0".
- The Smart PoS app is supported by "Paytm for Business" (P4B) app for managing seamless transactions.
- Paytm has also partnered with Visa & MasterCard for enabling special features to the Contact less payment system.
- The app supports all cards (Contactless & Contact based), UPI payments, QR codes & supports all credit & debit cards.
- This New Contact less payment service is enabled using Near Field Communication (NFC) Technology.

3. Ans. D.

- The Executive Board of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) re-elected Thomas Bach for an additional term of 4 years as the President of IOC until 2025.
- His current term as the President of IOC will finish on the closing day of the Tokyo Olympic Games on 8th August 2021 and his second term as the President will start on 9th August 2021 and will conclude in 2025.
- He was the only candidate of the IOC presidential election which was held during the 137th IOC session held in Athens.
- At the 2013 IOC session held in Buenos Aires, Tomas Bach former olympian and a fencing champion was first elected as the president of IOC for a term of 8 years.

4. Ans. D.

- The Disciplinary Panel of the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) imposed sanctions on Madhavan R, Weightlifter, for the violation of NADA's code on the usage of prohibited substances.
- The Anti-Doping Disciplinary Panel (ADDP) has banned Madhavan R for 4 years.
- Madhavan R was tested positive for the prohibited substance Phentermine & Mephentermine.
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5. Ans. A.

- The Disciplinary Panel of the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) imposed sanctions on Ruchika, Boxer for the violation of NADA's code on the usage of prohibited substances.
- The Anti-Doping Disciplinary Panel (ADDP) has banned Ruchika for 2 years.
- Ruchika was tested positive for the prohibited substance Furosemide.

• The athlete has an option to appeal against the ADDP's sanction to the higher panel Anti-Doping Appeals Panel (ADAP).

6. Ans. B.

- The International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) Shotgun World Cup 2021 was held in Cairo, Egypt from February 22-March 5, 2021.
- The Shotgun tournament took place for disciplines of Trap Shooting & Skeet Shooting.
- The Indian Women's Trap Team trio of Kirti Gupta, Manisha Keer & Rajeshwari Kumari won the Silver medal in the event. They were defeated by Russia in the Final.
- Men's Skeet Team Wins Bronze
- The Indian Trio of Mairaj Ahmed Khan, Angad Vir Singh Bajwa & Gurjoat Khangura won the Bronze Medal in Men's skeet team event at the ISSF Shotgun World Cup in Cairo.
- Russia won the Gold Medal while Czech Republic won the Silver medal.

7. Ans. C.

- Actor, Screenwriter, and Playwright Susmita Mukherjee have authored her 2nd book titled "Baanjh: Incomplete Lives of Complete Women".
- The book is a collection of 11 short stories that portray the lives of women from various social backgrounds.
- The book was published by Readomania Publishing.
- The book features the world of the women who are living in the excluded society to the women living in higher levels of society.
- The title of the book is named after one of the 11 short stories in the book called Baanjh which is about the life of Rukmini Devi in an abusive marriage.

8. Ans. C.

- State-owned entities REC Ltd and Power Finance Corporation (PFC) have entered into a pact with Bhutan-based Kholongchhu Hydro Energy Ltd (KHEL) to finance a 600-megawatt hydroelectric project at Trashiyangtse in the neighbouring country.

• KHEL is a 50:50 joint venture between SJVN India and Druk Green Power Corporation (Bhutan) set up for developing the 600-MW Kholongchhu hydroelectric project in the eastern Bhutan.

• REC Ltd along with PFC has signed memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Kholongchhu Hydro Energy Ltd for financing of 600-MW hydroelectric project at Trashiyangtse, Bhutan.

• The project is proposed to be funded in a debt-equity ratio of 70:30 and as per the MoU, REC would extend rupee term loan of Rs 2,029 crore.

• The balance debt shall be extended by PFC (Rs 2,029 crore), NPPF, Bhutan (Rs 200 crore) and Bank of Bhutan.

9. Ans. B.

• WE Hub, a government of Telangana initiative partnered with Australian government to launch "UPSurge" a 12-week pre-incubation program conducted across India.

• The program is targeted towards Women Entrepreneurs to minimise financial risk while selling novel products & achieve financial independence.

• Australia is the first International Partner of WE Hub, when they jointly launched the "Community Slate" program that was concluded in 2020.

• WE Hub is an Incubator to foster & promote Women Entrepreneurs towards scaling their products in the Global arena.

10. Ans. B.

• The Uttarakhand unit of the Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) signed an MoU with IBM to improve the education standards among the female children of the state.

• The collaboration, 'IBM STEM for Girls' program, will be introduced in 130 secondary and higher secondary schools across five districts in the state.

• The five districts are Dehradun, Pauri, Haridwar, Almora and Udham Singh Nagar.

• The program will advance the skills and careers of close to 25,600 students in Science,

Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) fields.

- The collaboration is part of a three-year program between IBM and Uttarakhand State Government with the American India Foundation as the implementation partner to increase the participation of girls and women in STEM careers.

11. Ans. C.

- The world's most powerful supercomputer Fugaku is now fully developed in Japan, and the machine is available for research use.
- Japanese scientific research institute RIKEN and Fujitsu began development six years ago with an aim to make the device core of Japan's computing infrastructure.
- Now, as Fugaku is fully open and available for shared use, Japan's Research Organization for Information Science and Technology (RIST) has selected 74 projects that will use the supercomputer in FY2021.

12. Ans. C.

- The Arjuna Sahayak irrigation project is being built in Uttar Pradesh for drinking and irrigation purposes.
- With an outlay of Rs 2,600 crore the irrigation project is scheduled for complete in one or two months.
- The Arjuna Sahayak irrigation project on the river Dhasan will offer irrigation facilities to 1.5 lakh farmers of as many as 168 UP villages of Hamirpur, Banda and Mahoba.

13. Ans. C.

- Megastar Amitabh Bachchan will be honoured with an award by the International Federation of Film Archives (FIAF).
- The veteran actor will be the first Indian cinema personality to be bestowed with the FIAF Award for his dedication and contribution to the preservation of the world's film heritage.
- Hollywood filmmakers and previous recipients of the FIAF Award — Martin Scorsese and Christopher Nolan — will present the award to

Bachchan during a virtual showcase scheduled to take place on March 19.

- The FIAF is a worldwide organisation, comprising of film archives and museums from across the world.

14. Ans. D.

- Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MP Tirath Singh Rawat was sworn-in as the chief minister of Uttarakhand, a day after his predecessor, Trivendra Singh Rawat, tendered his resignation from the post.

- Tirath Singh Rawat, Lok Sabha MP from Garhwal and a former state BJP chief, was administered oath of office by Governor Baby Rani Maurya at the Raj Bhavan.

- Rawat was 'unanimously' chosen as the CM of Uttarakhand following a BJP legislature party meet.

- He was picked for the hill state's top job even as names of fellow MPs Ajay Bhatt and Anil Baluni, as well as state education minister Dhan Singh Rawat did the rounds.

- Union education minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank, a Lok Sabha MP himself, is also a former chief minister of the northern state.

15. Ans. B.

- The government has appointed G P Samanta as the new Chief Statistician of India for a period of two years.

- Samanta was till now an adviser in the RBI's Department Of Statistics and Information Management.

- Samanta is India's fourth CSI.

- Kshatrapati Shivaji, a 1986-batch Maharashtra cadre IAS officer, was given additional charge as MoSPI secretary in September last year after the tenure of Pravin Srivastava ended on August 31, 2020.

16. Ans. C.

- France launched its first military exercise in space this week to evaluate its ability to defend its satellites and other defense equipment from an attack.

- This is the first for the French army and even a first in Europe.
- The exercise, codenamed "AsterX" in memory of the first French satellite from 1965, will be based on 18 simulated events in an operations room.
- During the drill, the French military will monitor a potentially dangerous space object as well as a threat to its own satellite from another foreign power possessing a considerable space force.
- The new US Space Force and German space agencies are taking part in the French exercises.
- The French Space Forces Command, Commandement de l'Espace (CdE) was created in 2019 and is set to have 500 personnel by 2025.

17. Ans. B.

- Sri Lanka has received ten state-of-the-art railway passenger coaches from India as part of the supply of 160 coaches to Sri Lankan Railways by the Rail India Technical and Economic Service (RITES).
- This supply of coaches to Sri Lankan Railways by RITES is being financed through an Indian Line of Credit.
- Recently, Sri Lanka approved the development of the West Container Terminal (WCT) after it unilaterally cancelled Indian and Japanese participation in the development of the East Container Terminal at Colombo.
- India and Sri Lanka signed a memorandum of understanding for "co-operation on economic projects" in 2019.
- The development and operation of the container terminal was one of the projects in the MoU and it was a joint venture.

18. Ans. A.

- Chinese smartphone company Vivo is back as the title sponsor of the Indian Premier League cricket tournament, almost a year after the sponsorship deal with the BCCI was suspended amid the India-China border standoff.
- The company, which competes with players like Xiaomi and Samsung in the Indian market, also stated that it will expand its portfolio of

premium devices, and focus on new technologies like 5G.

- This year's edition of IPL will run from April 9 to May 30 across six venues -- Mumbai, Bengaluru, Chennai, Delhi and Kolkata.
 - The Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad will host the final on May 30 as well as the play-offs.
19. Ans. C.
- China and Russia have agreed to jointly build a research station on or around the moon, setting the stage for a new space race.
 - The United States and the Soviet Union, followed by its successor state, Russia, have long dominated space exploration, putting the first astronauts in space and on the moon and later collaborating on the International Space Station that has been in orbit for two decades.

20. Ans. C.

- ISRO has completed development of a Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) capable of producing extremely high-resolution images for a joint earth observation satellite mission with the US space agency NASA.
- NASA-ISRO SAR (NISAR) is a joint collaboration for a dual-frequency L and S-band SAR for earth observation.
- "NISAR will be the first satellite mission to use two different radar frequencies (L-band and S-band) to measure changes in our planet's surface less than a centimeter across".
- NASA and Bengaluru-headquartered ISRO (Indian Space Research Organisation) signed a partnership on September 30, 2014, to collaborate on and launch NISAR.
- The mission is targeted to launch in early 2022 from ISRO's Sriharikota spaceport in Andhra Pradesh's Nellore district, about 100 kms north of Chennai.

21. Ans. A.

- Uttarakhand chief minister Trivendra Singh Rawat tendered his resignation to governor Baby Rani Maurya at Raj Bhavan in Dehradun.
- Baby Rani Maurya is an Indian politician, serving as the seventh governor of Uttarakhand since 26 August 2018.

- She entered politics as a worker for the Bharatiya Janata Party in the early 1990s. She was the first woman mayor of Agra from 1995 to 2000.

22. Ans. C.

- Former Central Bank of India CEO Pallav Mohapatra has been appointed as chief of Asset Reconstruction Co India Ltd (Arcil) with effect from March 8.
- Mohapatra, a former State Bank of India (SBI) executive retired as Central Bank CEO at the end of February. The government has waived his mandatory one year cooling off period.
- Founded in 2002, Arcil is India's oldest asrt reconstruction company. It currently manages assets of Rs. 12,000 crore. Its total employees are 230. Its shareholders include Avenue Capital, SBI, IDBI, ICICI, PNB and also GIC Singapore.
- Mohapatra succeeds Vinayak Bahuguna, who left Arcil after five years at the helm in June 2020.

23. Ans. A.

- Comptroller and Auditor General of India, Girish Chandra Murmu, has been appointed chairman of the Panel of External Auditors of the United Nations for the second time in a row for 2021.
- Currently, the panel consists of countries including India, Germany, Chile, China, the United Kingdom, France, Philippines, Switzerland, Italy, Ghana, Indonesia, Canada and Russia.
- As the chairman, India's CAG plays a key role in achieving the panel's objective of greater degree of collaboration and coordination among members and exchange of information on audit methods and findings.

24. Ans. D.

- Chess player Koneru Humpy won the BBC India Sportswoman of the Year award for 2020.
- The award was based on a public vote in which Humpy beat sprinter Dutee Chand, shooter Manu

Bhaker, wrestler Vinesh Phogat and hockey captain Rani Rampal.

- Humpy won the World Rapid Chess Championship in December 2019 after a two-year maternity break. She then won the Cairns Cup in 2020.
- Humpy became the youngest grandmaster in 2002 at the age of 15. She has received the Arjuna Award in 2003 and the Padma Shri in 2007.

25. Ans. D.

- In a bid to promote and facilitate investment across the State, the Odisha government on Monday announced the setting up of District Investment Promotion Agencies (DIPAs) in 30 districts.
- According to the Industries Department, DIPA, in each of the 30 districts across the state, shall operate under the leadership of the respective District Collector with other senior district officials including SPs, DFOs and line Department officials being constituent members.
- The District Collector shall be supported by a team of professionals for investment facilitation, project monitoring and promoting local entrepreneurship.
- The DIPAs will be housed at the District Collectorate.

26. Ans. B.

- Manish Kaushik clinched the gold medal in the Boxam International Tournament in Castellon, Spain.
- The 2018 Commonwealth Games silver medallist Kaushik, who returned into the ring for the first time after the Asian Olympic Qualifiers held in March last year, beat Denmark's Nikolai Terteryan with a split 3-2 decision in the men's 63kg summit bout.
- However, the World Championship bronze medallist Vikas Krishan went down fighting 4-1 against local favourite Ndiaye Sissokho to settle for a silver medal in the men's 69kg.
- Indian boxers concluded their impressive campaign with 10 medals in tournament.

27. Ans. B.

- International women's day, Andhra Pradesh(AP) Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy announced that the state would become the first state of India to incorporate the Gender Budget in its annual budget of the fiscal year 2021 to 2022 with an aim to provide better service to women.

- He participated at the women's day celebration at the camp office in Tadepalli, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh and virtually inaugurated the Women's help desks in all the police stations across the state along with Cyber Kiosks.

- He launched the SWECHHA(freedom)Programme to create awareness about menstrual hygiene among the adolescent girls.

- He also flagged off the 900 Disha patrolling vehicles and 18 Disha crime scene management vehicles.

28. Ans. A.

- Anshuman Singh, former governor of Rajasthan passed away at the age of 86 in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.

- He passed away due to COVID-19 related pneumonia. He was born in 1935 in Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh.

- Anshuman Singh served as the Governor of Rajasthan from 16th January 1999 to May 2003.

29. Ans. C.

- The indigenously-instrumented Advanced Light Torpedo (TAL), developed by the Naval Science and Technological Laboratory (NSTL), successfully cleared its maiden flight trial with a parachute system from the Indian Navy's Ilyushin Il-38 maritime patrol aircraft.

- This was the country's first such trial where the indigenous lightweight torpedo was fired from a fixed-wing aircraft.

- The lightweight torpedo was designed, developed, produced and inducted into services a decade ago and is used against underwater platforms as part of anti-submarine warfare (ASW).

- To enhance the range of quick acquisition of the target, the Navy scheduled the launch of TAL

from fixed-wing aircraft of the Navy, for precise attacks at desired locations.

- The torpedo, along with Torpedo Release Mechanism and Fire Control System, are designed and developed by the NSTL.

30. Ans. C.

- The Economic Freedom Index 2021 was published by US conservative think-tank, The Heritage Foundation.

- Globally, the Foundation rates India's economy as the 121st freest.

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- This was offset by declines in judicial effectiveness and other scores.

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33. Ans. D.

- Internet giant Google Inc. will support one million rural women entrepreneurs in India to help them pursue their ambitions and improve their livelihoods.
- Google will implement this through the 'Women Will' web platform launched at the virtual Google for India event on 8 March, International Women's Day.
- Available in English and Hindi, the Women Will platform is designed for women aspiring to explore entrepreneurship.
- To begin with, Google will work with 2,000 'Internet Saathis' to help other women with this resource to start their entrepreneurial journey.

34. Ans. D.

- Switzerland narrowly voted in favour of banning full facial coverings including the niqab and burqa in almost all public places.
- As many as 51.21 per cent of voters voted in support of the controversial proposal in the referendum.
- The approval by voters means that facial covering will be banned in all publicly accessible places, including on the streets, in public offices, on public transport, in restaurants, shops and in the countryside.
- The places where the full facial coverings will be allowed include places of worship and other sacred sites.
- Besides, it will be allowed for health and safety reasons and also in situations where it is "local custom" such as carnivals.
- There will be no additional exceptions, for example for tourists, according to the proposal by the Swiss federal government.

35. Ans. C.

- The armies of Indian and Uzbekistan took part in the joint military exercise 'Dustlik' recreating Kashmir-like counter-terror operations in Chaubatia near Ranikhet in Uttarakhand.
- The second edition of exercise Dustlik is aimed at carrying out joint counter-terror operations in a mountainous rural and urban scenario.
- Intelligence-based surgical operations, special forces tracking techniques, surveillance through a hi-tech command post, slithering operations from helicopters were some of the key elements of the exercise.
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37. Ans. C.

- French billionaire Olivier Dassault, a politician and scion of the Dassault aircraft-making family, was killed in a helicopter crash.
- The Dassault Aviation group has been a leading French plane manufacturer for the last 70 years

and is behind the Falcon private jet, the Mirage warplane, and most recently the state-of-the art Rafale fighter.

- Forbes magazine estimated that Olivier Dassault was the 361st most wealthy person on the planet in 2020, with a fortune estimated at around five billion euros (\$6 billion) -- around the same as his three siblings.

38. Ans. B.

- India's first Forest Healing centre was inaugurated by noted environmentalist Joginder Bisht in the pine dominated forest located at Ranikhet in Kalika Uttarakhand. It was developed by the Research Wing of Uttarakhand Forest Department in an area of around 13 acres.
- The centre is based on the concept of healing and revitalizing the overall health and well being of people by bringing them into direct contact with nature.

39. Ans. B.

- In accordance with the new country-readiness index released by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) in its 'Technology and Innovation Report 2021', India is the biggest over performer in frontier technologies than it's per capita gross domestic products (GDP) among 158 countries.
- The index ranked India at 43 while the estimated one based on per capita income was 108. This meant that India over performed other countries by 65 ranking positions.
- India was followed by the Philippines, which over performed by 57 ranking positions.

40. Ans. A.

- In accordance with the 'UNCTAD B2C E-COMMERCE INDEX 2020- Spotlight on Latin America and the Caribbean', India ranked 71 out of 152 countries as compared to 75th position in 2019.
- The index measures an economy's preparedness to support online shopping where B2C stands for Business to Consumer. UNCTAD is an acronym for United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

- The index has been topped by Switzerland for the first time which has surpassed The Netherlands. Notably 97% of the Swiss population used the internet in 2019.
- The online shopping was estimated at \$4.4 trillion globally in 2018, up 7% from 2017.

41. Ans. B.

- A centre of excellence for the dairy sector will be set up in Rajasthan in collaboration with Denmark.
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43. Ans. A.

- Drug major Glenmark Pharma has signed cricketer Rohit Sharma as brand ambassador for its product Candid Powder.
- Sharma will be the official face of the brand as part of its 360 degree communication.
- Glenmark said Candid Powder brand is a market leader in its category, with a market share of 64 per cent in the medicated powder category.
- Glenmark's Candid Dusting Powder is used to treat four key skin problems of redness, irritation, sweat rash and fungal infections.

44. Ans. D.

- In a major boost to Odisha's industrial landscape, the ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India Limited (AMNS India) signed an MoU with the

state government to set up a 12 mtpa integrated steel complex in Kendrapada district with an investment of Rs 50,000 crore.

- The deal was signed here in presence of chief minister Naveen Patnaik and executive chairman of ArcelorMittal LN Mittal.
- The development came two days after Mittal met Union steel minister Dharmendra Pradhan in New Delhi where discussion about the proposed project was held.

45. Ans. A.

- Indian-American Naureen Hassan, a 25-year veteran of the financial services industry, has been named as the First Vice President and Chief Operating Officer (COO) of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.
- The Indian-origin veteran of the financial services industry has been appointed by the board of directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York as the first vice president and chief operating officer, effective from 15 March.
- The appointment was approved by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

46. Ans. C.

- National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) Chairman G R Chintala took over the chairmanship of the Asia Pacific Rural and Agricultural Credit Association (APRACA).
- Chintala is succeeding Bank of Ceylon CEO DPK Gunasekera in office.
- It is an international organisation, which does a lot of information exchange, takes capacity building initiatives, and creates new institutions.
- The last chairmanship India got was in 1999, which is almost 19 years back.

47. Ans. B.

- The 76th Annual Conference of the Association of Physicians of India (API) was held virtually.
- It was addressed by Union Minister of State (IC) Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh.

- While addressing he mentioned the contribution of Physicians to the Atma Nirbhar Bharat Campaign.
- He also appreciated the work performed by young physicians, particularly young Resident Doctors, who are lauded as 'Corona Warriors' during the pandemic period.
- The theme of the conference was: 'Engaging Minds: Empowering Medicine'.

48. Ans. B.

- Bajrang Punia won the gold medal in the final of the men's 65kg event at the Matteo Pellicone Ranking Series in Rome.
- Bajrang defeated Mongolia's Tulga Tumur Ochir 2-2 by criteria in the final of the freestyle event.
- The 27-year-old grappler secured a hard-fought win over the Mongolia wrestler.
- This was Bajrang's second consecutive gold medal at the ranking series after he had won the yellow metal last year after defeating Jordan Oliver of the USA.

49. Ans. C.

- India women's wrestler Vinesh Phogat won the gold medal in Matteo Pellicone Ranking Series event in Rome and reclaimed the top rank in her category.
- She defeated Canada's Diana Weicker 4-0 in the final of the Matteo Pellicone Ranking Series
- It was her second gold medal in two weeks, Vinesh had won a gold medal in Kyiv last week and this performance would give her the belief that her preparations for the biggest sporting event are on the right track.

50. Ans. D.

- On the occasion of Jan Aushadhi Divas 2021 Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated to the nation the 7,500th Janaushadhi Kendra at NEIGRIHMS in Shillong.
- The Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana aims to provide quality medicines at an affordable price.

- From 86 centres in 2014, the number of stores under the scheme has grown to 7,500, covering all districts of the country.

51. Ans. C.

- The 14th UN Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice was held in the Japanese city of Kyoto on March 7-12.
- This year, the event was held in a hybrid format.
- Key issues related to criminal justice, strategies for crime prevention and international cooperation in promoting the rule of law and preventing all forms of crime are expected to be discussed.
- This is the first time that Japan is hosted the congress since 1970.

52. Ans. D.

- Srinu Bugatha has won the sixth edition of the Ageas Federal Life Insurance New Delhi Marathon in Men's category.
- Bugatha clocked a personal best of 2 hours 14 minutes and 59 seconds which was shy of the 2 hours 11 minutes and 30 seconds that he was targeting to earn himself a run in the Tokyo Olympics.
- Uttarakhand's Nitendra Singh Rawat (2:18:54) and Army Sports Institute's Rashpal Singh (2:18:57) clinched the silver and bronze medal in the men's elite category.

53. Ans. A.

- Asian Games gold medalist Sudha Singh bagged the top honours in the sixth edition of the Ageas Federal Life Insurance New Delhi Marathon in the women's category.
- Sudha, who was aiming for a hattrick of Olympic appearances, won the women's title with a timing of 2:43:41.
- That was, however, off the national record of 2:30.00 which would have earned her a ticket to Tokyo.
- Maharashtra's Jyoti Gawate (2:58:23) and Ladakh's Jigmet Dolma (3:04:52) clinched the silver and bronze medal, respectively among the women.

54. Ans. B.

- India's ace shuttler PV Sindhu settled for a silver medal in the BWF Swiss Open Super 300 at Basel.
- She lost to World No. 3 Spaniard and reigning Olympic champion Carolina Marin in the final of the women's singles event.
- The World Champion shuttler who has faced a lot of criticism lately for lacklustre performances in the last year had entered the semifinal stage of a BWF tournament after 19 months.
- In her first semifinal after 13 tournaments, Sindhu had defeated Denmark's Mia Blichfeldt 22-20, 21-10.

55. Ans. B.

- The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Central Silk Board under the Ministry of Textiles on a convergence model for the implementation of Agroforestry in the silk sector under the ongoing Sub-Mission on Agroforestry (SMAF) Scheme.
- The signing of this MoU aims to incentivize the farmers to take up sericulture based Agroforestry models thereby contributing to the Make in India and Make for the World vision of the Prime Minister.
- This linkage will add another dimension to agroforestry for faster returns to the growers as well as support the production of the range of silks that India is famous for. The Central Silk Board (CSB), Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India will act as a catalyst to promote Agroforestry in the silk sector.

56. Ans. C.

- The President of India Shri Ram Nath Kovind laid the foundation stone for the conservation works of Singorgarh Fort in Singrampur village of Damoh district in Madhya Pradesh.
- The President also inaugurated the newly carved Jabalpur Circle of Archaeological Survey of India.
- He also addressed the State Level Tribal Conference at Singrampur village in Damoh.

- The program was organized by the Ministry of Culture, Government of India and the Tribal Affairs Department of Madhya Pradesh.

57. Ans. D.

- As on 26.02.2021, more than 81% i.e., 91,109 accounts with an amount of Rs. 20,749 crore have been sanctioned to women entrepreneurs under Stand Up India Scheme.
- Stand Up India Scheme was launched on 5 April 2016 to promote entrepreneurship at grass root level for economic empowerment and job creation.
- This scheme seeks to leverage the institutional credit structure to reach out to the underserved sector of people such as Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe and Women Entrepreneurs so as to enable them to participate in the economic growth of nation.
- The objective of this scheme is to facilitate bank loans between Rs.10 lakh and Rs.1 crore to at least one Scheduled Caste (SC) or Scheduled Tribe (ST) borrower and at least one woman borrower per bank branch of SCBs for setting up a Greenfield enterprise.

58. Ans. D.

- As on 26.02.2021, about 68% i.e., 19.04 crore accounts with an amount of Rs. 6.36 lakh crore have been sanctioned to women entrepreneurs under MUDRA scheme since inception.
- PMMY was launched on April 8, 2015 for providing loans up to 10 lakh to the non-corporate, non-farm small/micro enterprises. These loans are classified as MUDRA loans under PMMY. These loans are given by Commercial Banks, RRBs, Small Finance Banks, MFIs and NBFCs.
- Under the aegis of PMMY, MUDRA has created three products namely 'Shishu', 'Kishore' and 'Tarun' to signify the stage of growth / development and funding needs of the beneficiary micro unit / entrepreneur and also provide a reference point for the next phase of graduation / growth.

59. Ans. C.

- Bengaluru has been adjudged as the most liveable city in India, followed by Pune, Ahmedabad, Chennai and Surat, according to the government's Ease of Living Index released by the Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Singh Puri.
- Of the 49 cities ranked on livability index in the million-plus population category, Delhi ranks 13th.
- At the bottom of the list are Amritsar, Guwahati, Bareilly, Dhanbad and Srinagar.

60. Ans. A.

- According to the the 'Ease of Living Index 2020' released by the Government of India (GoI), Shimla topped the category of cities with population of less than million. It is followed by Bhubaneswar, Silvassa, Kakinada and Salem.
- At the bottom of the list of 62 cities are Aligarh, Rampur, Namchi, Satna and Muzaffarpur.

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