

# Current Affairs MCQs April 2021



1. Who has been appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Bharat Earth Movers Limited, (BEML)?

- A. Arun Raste
- B. Rekha Menon
- C. Sushil Chandra
- D. Amit Banerjee

2. Name the Indian cricketers who has been appointed as the brand ambassador of Japanese Sportswear brand ASICS?

- A. Virat Kohli
- B. Hardik Pandya
- C. Ravindra Jadeja
- D. KL Rahul

3. Project DANTAK was established in which country by the Border Roads Organization (BRO) that completed 60 years of its establishment?

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

4. Which became the first country in the world to permit self-driving cars on motorways?

- A. France
- B. United Kingdom
- C. Israel
- D. Germany

5. Name the community service centre that has been set up to bring all data on board India's first dedicated solar space mission to a single web-based interface?

- A. Pratham L1
- B. Bhashkar L1
- C. Urja L1
- D. Aditya L1

6. Which state government announced to appoint oxygen nurses to curb wastage of oxygen at hospitals?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Haryana
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Maharashtra

7. Renowned personality Michael Collins passed away recently; he was a famous \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Astronaut
- B. Nuclear Scientist
- C. Astronomer
- D. Politician

8. Who has been appointed as the new finance secretary of India whose appointment has been approved by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet?

- A. Ajay Seth
- B. Tuhin Kanta Pandey
- C. TV Somanathan
- D. Debasish Panda

9. Which becomes the fourth country with which India has decided to hold '2+2 ministerial dialogue' between foreign, defence ministers?

- A. Russia
- B. China
- C. France
- D. England

10. The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), successfully test-fired the 5th generation Python-5 Air-to-Air Missile (AAM) from which air craft?

- A. Rafale
- B. MiG-29
- C. Mirage-2000
- D. Tejas

11. Who become the first Indian and Asian woman to be chosen for the 2021 'WILD Innovator Award' given by the 'WILD ELEMENTS Foundation'?

- A. Jis Sebastian
- B. Nandini Velho
- C. Krithi K Karanth
- D. Purnima Devi Berman

12. Along with Jio Platform which company have figured in Time Magazine's first-ever list of 100 Most Influential Companies?

- A. Byju's



- B. Swiggy
- C. BigBasket
- D. ReNew Power

13. Along with India and Australia which country has launched the 'Supply Chain Resilience Initiative (SCRI)' to build a resilient supply chain with focus on free, transparent trade & investment environment in the Indo-Pacific region?

- A. Singapore
- B. Philippines
- C. Taiwan
- D. Japan

14. Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (MoA&FW) has certified around 14, 491 Hectares of land in \_\_\_\_\_ in UT of A&N as 'Organic Area' under the 'Large Area Certification (LAC)' scheme.

- A. Car Nicobar and Nancowry Islands
- B. Swaraj Dweep and Little Andaman
- C. Neil Island Barren Island
- D. Great Nicobar and North Andaman

15. Padma Shri and Padma Bhushan awardee Manoj Das passed away recently he was a veteran \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. journalist
- B. writer
- C. politician
- D. classical singer

16. The Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) has established a 'Water Sports and Adventure Institute (WSAI)' in which state?

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

17. Which state government has launched 'Covid Emergency Loan Scheme' for new and old entrepreneurs supplying medicines, oxygen and other medical facilities to Covid-19 patients?

- A. Delhi

- B. Uttarakhand
- C. Uttar Pradesh
- D. Haryana

18. Which state government has approved 'HARIHAR Scheme' under which a job will be provided to abandoned, surrendered children and turned 18-year-old while living in child-care institutions?

- A. Himachal Pradesh
- B. Uttarakhand
- C. Uttar Pradesh
- D. Haryana

19. The CII- Indian Green Building Council (IGBC) has set a target to achieve Net Zero Carbon Emission by which year?

- A. 2025
- B. 2030
- C. 2035
- D. 2050

20. Which of the following organizations has released the report, "Gender Bias & Inclusion in Advertising in India" that analyzed Indian Women's position in Televisions & Advertisements?

- A. UN Women
- B. Centre for Social Research
- C. UNICEF
- D. WEF

21. What is India's rank in the Chandler Good Government Index (CGGI), which classifies 104 countries in terms of government capabilities and outcomes?

- A. 44<sup>th</sup>
- B. 49<sup>th</sup>
- C. 56<sup>th</sup>
- D. 67<sup>th</sup>

22. Which country has topped the Chandler Good Government Index (CGGI), which classifies 104 countries in terms of government capabilities and outcomes?

- A. Norway
- B. Finland
- C. Denmark
- D. Sweden



23. Which country has launched NEO-01, robot prototype capable of catching space debris with net?

- A. USA
- B. India
- C. Japan
- D. China

24. Who has won the GM round robin Rujna Zora-3 2021 chess tournament which concluded in Serbia?

- A. Arjun Kalyan
- B. Raunak Sadhwani
- C. Prithu Gupta
- D. Girish Koushik

25. Renowned personality and Padma Shri awardee Manzoor Ahtesham passed away recently he was a veteran \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Urdu litterateur
- B. Hindi litterateur
- C. English litterateur
- D. Parsi litterateur

26. Padma Bhushan awardee Rajan Mishra passed away recently he was a veteran \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. classical dancer
- B. Politician
- C. Journalist
- D. classical singer

27. Which of the following is not a member country of 'Net Zero Producers Forum' being set up to support implementation of the Paris Agreement on climate change?

- A. Saudi Arabi
- B. USA
- C. India
- D. Canada

28. Name the Indian boxer who won a bronze medal at the Governor's Cup in St Petersburg, Russia?

- A. Amit Panghal
- B. Viaks Krishn Yadav
- C. Shiva Thapa
- D. Jitender Kumar

29. Which Football Club has won the League Cup final in London

- A. Tottenham Hotspur
- B. Manchester City
- C. Chelsea
- D. Everton FC

30. Bilateral Naval Exercise titled as 'VARUNA-2021' was conducted between India and which country?

- A. USA
- B. Spain
- C. Singapore
- D. France

31. The Singapore Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SICCI) collaborated with Start-up Incubation and Innovation Centre (SIIC) of which IIT to mutually promote Technology based Startups?

- A. IIT Kanpur
- B. IIT Khargpur
- C. IIT Delhi
- D. IIT Bombay

32. With Which IIT the Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to set-up an Accelerator Centre for Research & Development in the institute?

- A. IIT Kanpur
- B. IIT Khargpur
- C. IIT Delhi
- D. IIT Bombay

33. Chief of the Air Staff (CAS) of Indian Air Force (IAF), Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria recently visited to which country?

- A. Sri Lanka
- B. Israel
- C. Bangladesh
- D. France

34. According to the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) which country will host the World Table Tennis Championship 2021 for the first time?

- A. India
- B. Afghanistan
- C. USA
- D. Japan



35. Who has authored the book titled "The Living Mountain: A Fable for Our Times"?

- A. Amitav Ghosh
- B. Jhumpa Lahiri
- C. Arundhati Roy
- D. Salman Rushdie

36. Which state government has signed an MoU with Microsoft Corporation to offer skill development training to around 1.6 lakh students and unemployed youths across more than 300 colleges and skill development centres?

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. Madhya Pradesh
- C. Arunachal Pradesh
- D. Uttar Pradesh

37. With which state the Coal India Limited (CIL) has signed its first solar power purchase agreement for the sale of 100 Mw solar power with a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) for 25 years?

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. Madhya Pradesh
- C. Gujarat
- D. Uttar Pradesh

38. The 6th Global Forum on TB Vaccines will be convened in which city from 22 - 24 February 2022?

- A. Colombo, Sri Lanka
- B. Sydney, Australia
- C. Toulouse, France
- D. New Delhi, India

39. Who represented Delhi and India at the World Cities Cultural Forum (WCCF) 2021?

- A. Prahlad Singh Patel
- B. Manish Sisodia
- C. Arvind Kejriwal
- D. Smriti Irani

40. Which city hosted the World Cities Cultural Forum (WCCF) 2021?

- A. London
- B. Tokyo
- C. New York

D. New Delhi

41. What is the theme of the World Cities Cultural Forum (WCCF) 2021?

- A. Cultural Heritage & Sustainable Tourism
- B. The Future of Culture
- C. Shared Culture, Shared heritage and Shared responsibility
- D. Heritage for Generations

42. The Indian Air Force Commanders Conference 2021 took place in New Delhi, what was the theme of the conference?

- A. IAF in the Next Decade
- B. Shared Vision Shared Responsibility
- C. Integrating the safety
- D. Reorienting for the Future

43. For how much time in row Norway tops in the World Press Freedom Index 2021 released by international journalism not-for-profit body Reporters Without Borders?

- A. 2<sup>nd</sup> time
- B. 3<sup>rd</sup> time
- C. 4<sup>th</sup> time
- D. 5<sup>th</sup> time

44. Which became the only Indian University to make it to the list of World's Top 100 Educational Institutions in the 3rd edition of Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings 2021?

- A. Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Tamil Nadu
- B. JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research, Karnataka
- C. Lovely Professional University, Punjab
- D. Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru

45. What is the overall ranking of the Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Tamil Nadu which is the only Indian university to make it to the list of World's Top 100 Educational Institutions for sustainability in the 3rd edition of Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings 2021?

- A. 56<sup>th</sup>
- B. 67<sup>th</sup>
- C. 71<sup>st</sup>
- D. 81<sup>st</sup>





46. Which University finds top position in the 3rd edition of Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings 2021?

- A. University of Manchester, UK
- B. University of Sydney, Australia
- C. RMIT University, Australia
- D. Harvard University, USA

47. Who has been appointed as External Auditor of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) for a three-year term starting 2021?

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

48. Arjun Kalyan held from which state who became India's 68th Chess Grand Master (GM) after winning against Dragan Kotic of Montenegro in the 5th round of the ongoing GM Round Robin "Rujna Zora-3" in Serbia?

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

49. Famous sportsperson Suhas Kulkarni was associated with which sports who passed away recently?

- A. Badminton
- B. Tennis
- C. Football
- D. Table Tennis

50. Who became the first Indian woman to scale the Mount Annapurna 10th highest mountain peak in the world?

- A. Priyanka Mohite
- B. Malavath Poorna
- C. Tashi Malik
- D. Santosh Yadav

51. With which country India has signed an agreement titled "Cities Combating Plastic Entering the Marine Environment" on Technical cooperation over a virtual event in New Delhi?

- A. Germany

- B. Japan
- C. France
- D. USA

52. Indian Army Chief General M M Naravane attended the Army Chiefs' Conclave that was held in which country?

- A. Afghanistan
- B. Sri Lanka
- C. Indonesia
- D. Bangladesh

53. Who has been declared as the winner of 2020 ACM A.M. Turing Award also known as the Nobel Prize of Computing?

- A. Alfred VainoAho
- B. Jeffrey David Ullman
- C. Leonard M. Adleman
- D. Both A and B

54. Renowned politician Bhumidhar Barman passed away recently, he was former chief minister of which state?

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

55. Who has authored the book titled "Wanderers, Kings, Merchants: The Story of India through its Languages"?

- A. Sutapa Basu
- B. Helen Giri Syiem
- C. Daribha Lyndem
- D. Peggy Mohan

56. Who has authored the novel titled "The Cursed Inheritance" that contributes toward the importance of the conservation of heritage through the stories?

- A. Neha Sinha
- B. Sutapa Basu
- C. Krithi Karanth
- D. Malaika Vaz

57. The 1st Unit of the Indigenously built ALH (Advanced Light Helicopter) Mk-III Aircraft was commissioned into the Indian Navy at \_\_\_\_\_.



- A. INS Rajput, Kolkata
- B. INS Rana, Vishakhapatnam
- C. INS Hansa, Goa
- D. **INS Ranvijay, Kochi**

58. Name the experimental Mars helicopter of the NASA that became the first helicopter to take powered, controlled flight on Mars.

- A. Integrity
- B. Ingenuity
- C. Indigenous
- D. Imagination

59. Renowned personality Sankha Ghosh passed away recently, he was a veteran \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Politician
- B. Actor
- C. Journalist
- D. Poet

60. Which IIT has successfully commercialized its flagship healthcare product COVIRAP the novel diagnostic technology to zero on infectious diseases including COVID-19?

- A. IIT Kanpur
- B. IIT Kharagpur
- C. IIT Delhi
- D. IIT Madras

61. What is India's rank in the Energy Transition Index (ETI) 2021 released by the World Economic Forum (WEF) that tracks nations on the current performance of their energy systems across various aspects?

- A. 56<sup>th</sup>
- B. 67<sup>th</sup>
- C. 72<sup>nd</sup>
- D. 87<sup>th</sup>

62. Which country ranked at first position in the Energy Transition Index (ETI) 2021 released by the World Economic Forum (WEF) that tracks nations on the current performance of their energy systems across various aspects?

- A. Sweden
- B. Norway
- C. Denmark
- D. Finland

63. What is India's rank in the latest World Press Freedom Index 2021, released by international non-profit and non-governmental organization "Reporters Without Borders (RSF)?"

- A. 124<sup>th</sup>
- B. 128<sup>th</sup>
- C. 134<sup>th</sup>
- D. 142<sup>nd</sup>

64. Which country ranked at first position in the World Press Freedom Index 2021, released by international non-profit and non-governmental organization "Reporters Without Borders (RSF)?"

- A. Norway
- B. Finland
- C. Denmark
- D. New Zealand

65. Which country is at the bottom of the World Press Freedom Index 2021, released by international non-profit and non-governmental organization "Reporters Without Borders (RSF)?"

- A. Nepal
- B. Myanmar
- C. North Korea
- D. Eritrea

66. Who has been officially sworn in as the 'First Secretary of the Communist Party of Cuba', following the resignation of Raul Castro?

- A. Esteban Lazo Hernandez
- B. Salvador Valdés Mesa
- C. Miguel Mario Diaz-Canel
- D. Roberto Morales Ojeda

67. Name the former governor of the Reserve Bank of India also known as "Father of Indian Banking Reforms", who passed away recently?

- A. S Jagannathan
- B. N C Sen Gupta
- C. Maidavolu Narasimham
- D. S Venkitaramanan

68. Renowned politician, diplomat, and lawyer Walter Mondale passed away recently, he was former vice president of which country?

- A. England
- B. USA



- C. Canada
- D. France

69. Who has won the ATP Masters 1000 series tennis tournament?

- A. Stefanos Tsitsipas
- B. Andrey Rublev
- C. Rafael Nadal
- D. Novak Djokovic

70. Who has authored the children story book titled "The Christmas Pig"?

- A. Eric Carle
- B. Julia Donaldson
- C. Judy Blume
- D. JK Rowling

71. According to 'Global Energy Review 2021' released by International Energy Agency (IEA), Global CO2 emissions expected to increase by what per cent in 2021 as compared to 2020?

- A. 2 percent
- B. 3 percent
- C. 4 percent
- D. 5 percent

72. Name the Indian Cricketer who has been appointed as the brand ambassador of Puma India, the leading German sportswear brand?

- A. Washington Sundar
- B. Devdutt Padikkal
- C. Shardul Thakur
- D. Both A and B

73. Who has been appointed as the new prime minister of South Korea?

- A. Kim Boo-kyum
- B. Hong Nam-ki
- C. Chung Sye-kyun
- D. Moon Jae-in

74. Who has won the Emilia Romagna F1 Grand Prix 2021, in Imola, Italy?

- A. Lewis Hamilton
- B. Lando Norris
- C. Max Verstappen
- D. Valtteri Bottas

75. 34th edition of the Senior Asian Wrestling Championships was held in which country?

- A. Kazakhstan
- B. Uzbekistan
- C. Tajikistan
- D. Afghanistan

76. In the 34th edition of the Senior Asian Wrestling Championships India won how many medals in total?

- A. 9
- B. 11
- C. 14
- D. 16

77. Name the Indian women wrestler who won the gold medal in the 53 kg Women's freestyle event in 34th edition of the Senior Asian Wrestling Championships 2021?

- A. Sarita Mor
- B. Vinesh Phogat
- C. Anshu Malik
- D. Sakshi Malik

78. The United States space agency National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) awarded \$2.89 billion contract to which company for its Artemis programme?

- A. Airbus
- B. Boeing
- C. Lockheed Martin
- D. SpaceX

79. Famous sportsman Ahmed Hussain Lala has passed away due to COVID-19, he was associated with which sport?

- A. Cricket
- B. Hockey
- C. Football
- D. Volleyball

80. Famous Dr Kakarla Subba Rao, who served as the first director of Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences (NIMS), Hyderabad, passed away recently, he was a veteran \_\_\_\_.

- A. Cardiologist
- B. Radiologist
- C. Virologist





D. Pediatrician

81. Which space agency is all set to launch four astronauts to the International Space Station on World Earth Day (April 22)?

- A. Indian Space Research Organization
- B. National Aeronautics and Space Administration
- C. ROSCOMOS
- D. European Space Agency

82. Indian conducted Joint Special Forces Exercise 'Khanjar' with which country?

- A. Kazakhstan
- B. Uzbekistan
- C. Tajikistan
- D. Kyrgyzstan

83. The Luna 25 is Lunar Mission of which country set to be launched by October 2021?

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

84. Recently, which country has launched its first ever mega food park project in India involving food processing facilities?

- A. Japan
- B. China
- C. Israel
- D. Italy

85. The 1st ever United Nations Food Systems Summit 2021 to be held in September 2021 in which city?

- A. New York, USA
- B. Rome, Italy
- C. New Delhi, India
- D. Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

86. Which country becomes the first in the world to introduce a bill that would require banks, insurers and asset managers to report the impacts of their funding on the effect of climate change?

- A. Australia
- B. Sweden

C. Norway

D. New Zealand

87. With which tech giant the Agricultural Ministry of India recently signed Memorandum of Understanding to implement a pilot project in 100 villages of six states to promote digital agriculture.?

- A. Amazon
- B. Microsoft
- C. Facebook
- D. Intel

88. Which social media giant has signed a deal to buy renewable energy in India from a local firm's wind power project that is companies first such deal in the country?

- A. Twitter
- B. Youtube
- C. Facebook
- D. WhatsApp

89. The Indian Space Research Organisation recently signed an agreement with which space agency for cooperation for the country's first human space mission Gaganyaan?

- A. National Centre for Space Studies (CNES), France
- B. National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), USA
- C. European Space Agency (ESA), Europe
- D. Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA), Japan

90. Along with which social media platform the Economist Intelligence Unit released Inclusive Internet Index 2021?

- A. Twitter
- B. Youtube
- C. Facebook
- D. WhatsApp

91. What is India's rank in the 'Inclusive Internet Index' 2021 released by the Economist Intelligence Unit along with Facebook?

- A. 44<sup>th</sup>
- B. 48<sup>th</sup>
- C. 49<sup>th</sup>
- D. 62<sup>nd</sup>



92. Who has been appointed as the head of the Regulatory Review Authority, RRA 2.0 set up by the Reserve Bank of India that will review regulatory prescriptions?

- A. M. Rajeshwar Rao
- B. Mahesh Kumar Jain
- C. Michael Patra
- D. BP Kanoongo

93. Who has been named as Wisden's leading cricketer of the year for the second consecutive year?

- A. Rohit Sharma
- B. Kieron Pollard
- C. Kane Williamson
- D. Ben Stokes

94. Who has been given the 2021 'Leading Woman Cricketer in the World' award by Wisden?

- A. Beth Mooney
- B. Mithali Raj
- C. Smriti Mandhana
- D. Ellyse Perry

95. Which corporate group has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) to reduce its overall carbon footprint by implementing clean energy efficiency initiatives across its properties?

- A. Birla Group
- B. Tata Group
- C. Oberoi Group
- D. Mahindra Group

96. Under whose chairmanship the National Green Tribunal (NGT) has formed an eight-member National Task Force (NTF) to monitor the remedial steps to improve the status of air quality?

- A. Rajat Kumar Sud
- B. Rajesh Verma
- C. Rajiv Gauba
- D. Rameshwar Prasad Gupta

97. "Believe — What Life and Cricket Taught Me" is memoir of which Indian cricketer?

- A. Mahendra Singh Dhoni

- B. Suresh Raina
- C. Zaheer Khan
- D. Virendra Sehwag

98. Who has been appointed as the Brand Ambassador of Consumer electronic company, 'Elista'?

- A. Mahendra Singh Dhoni
- B. Virendra Segwag
- C. Suresh Raina
- D. Dinesh Karthik

99. Renowned personality Yogesh Praveen passed away recently, he was a veteran \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Historian
- B. Politician
- C. Physician
- D. Musician

100. Who has authored the book titled "India's Power Elite: Class, Caste and a Cultural Revolution"?

- A. Sanjaya Baru
- B. Brijesh Mishra
- C. Rajdeep Sardesai
- D. Prabhu Chawla

101. Which mission has been launched by the Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare, Dr Harsh Vardhan to raise awareness of the importance of nutritionally balanced diet and the importance of accessibility to all local fruits & vegetables?

- A. Poshan Abhiyan
- B. Aahaar Kranti
- C. Balance Food for All
- D. Poshan Gyan

102. Which app has been launched by the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government for to promote wellbeing across age groups?

- A. KIRAN
- B. MANAS
- C. MANODARPAN
- D. MENTAL



103. Which city will host the 22nd Laureus World Sports Awards in a virtual ceremony owing to the raging COVID-19 pandemic?

- A. Seville
- B. Madrid
- C. Paris
- D. Milan

104. Who has been appointed as the Director-General (DG) of the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA)?

- A. Sushil Chandra
- B. S Ramann
- C. Chintan Vaishnav
- D. Siddharth Singh Longjam

105. What is the theme of the 6th Edition of the prestigious Raisina Dialogue, jointly organised by the Ministry of External Affairs and the Observer Research Foundation?

- A. #CovidWorld: Outbreaks, Outliers and Out of Control
- B. #ViralWorld: Outbreaks, Outliers and Out of Control
- C. #Crisis in World: Outbreaks, Outliers and Out of Control
- D. #ViralWorld: Outbreaks, Outliers and Efforts to Control

106. Which ministry has organized the 6th Edition of the prestigious Raisina Dialogue along with Observer Research Foundation?

- A. Ministry of Home Affairs
- B. Ministry of External Affairs
- C. Ministry of Culture
- D. Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

107. Which entity has launched 'Poshan Gyan', a national digital repository on health and nutrition in partnership with Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and Centre for Social and Behaviour Change, Ashoka University?

- A. Food Corporation of India
- B. SIDBI
- C. NAFED
- D. NITI Aayog

108. What is the name of the e-marketplace that will connect aqua farmers and the buyers launched by Commerce and industry minister Piyush Goyal?

- A. e-NaCSA
- B. e-AquaMarket
- C. e-SANTA
- D. e-Marine

109. Renowned sportsperson Balbir Singh Junior passed away recently, he was associated with which sport?

- A. Football
- B. Hockey
- C. Cricket
- D. Tennis

110. Guillermo Lasso elected new President of which country?

- A. Bahamas
- B. Cuba
- C. Ecuador
- D. Jambiya

111. Ramon Magsaysay awardee Ibn Abdur Rehman passed away recently, he was a veteran \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Human rights activist
- B. Politician
- C. Classical Singer
- D. Civil Servant

112. Who has won the Sir Richard Hadlee medal 2021?

- A. Devon Conway
- B. Mark Chapman
- C. Kane Williamson
- D. Trent Boult

113. Which state got India's first floating LNG storage and regasification unit?

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



114. What is the theme of the Global Food Policy Report 2021 published by the International Food Policy Research Institute?

- A. Building inclusive food systems After COVID-19
- B. Transforming Food Systems After COVID-19
- C. Rural revitalization
- D. Balance Food System to tackle COVID-19

115. Who has been appointed as the Chief Election Commissioner of India?

- A. Sushil Chandra
- B. Rajiv Kumar
- C. Chintan Vaishnav
- D. Subhash Kumar

116. Who has been appointed as the brand ambassador for Punjab's COVID vaccination drive?

- A. Kapil Sharma
- B. Ayushman Khurana
- C. Sonu Sood
- D. Ranveer Singh

117. Who will be conferred with honour of the Knight of the Order of Arts and Letters (Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres), the second-highest civilian French honour?

- A. Ekta Kapoor
- B. Zoya Akhtar
- C. Shonali Bose
- D. Guneet Monga

118. Who becomes the United Arab Emirates's first female astronaut?

- A. Noura al-Matroushi
- B. Hind Al-Abadleh
- C. Habiba Alsafar
- D. Lama AlAbdi

119. Renowned personality Satish Kaul passed away recently, he was a veteran \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Filmmaker
- B. Actor
- C. Musician
- D. Choreographer

120. Name the Indian origin business tycoon of UAE who has been honoured with Abu Dhabi's top civilian award for their noble and charitable contributions to the community?

- A. Majid Al Futtaim
- B. Hussain Sajwani
- C. Yusuffali MA
- D. Abdulla Al Ghurair

121. Renowned sportsman and coach Sanjay Chakravarty passed away recently, he was associated with which sport?

- A. Football
- B. Hockey
- C. Cricket
- D. Shooting

122. Which two Asian countries has launched the construction of an international center for trade and economic cooperation named 'Central Asia'?

- A. China and Mongolia
- B. Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan
- C. Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan
- D. Afghanistan and Iran

123. Who has been appointed as the brand ambassador of SportzXchange, a fantasy sports platform?

- A. Rishabh Pant
- B. Hardik Pandya
- C. Prithvi Shaw
- D. Dinesh Karthik

124. Union Minister of Education Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' presented Lilavati Awards 2020 on women empowerment, the award was instituted by which entity?

- A. NITI Aayog
- B. NCERT
- C. UGC
- D. AICTE

125. Two-week "Balikatan" (Shoulder-to-Shoulder) military exercise is being conducted between which countries?

- A. USA and Australia
- B. USA and Japan
- C. USA and Philippines



D. Australia and Japan

126. Based on the theme 'Women Empowerment', AICTE finalized the winners of Lilavati Awards 2020 from six sub themes, which one is not among the such sub theme?

- A. Women's Health
- B. Self-Defense
- C. Self-Employment
- D. Sanitation and Hygiene

127. Renowned personality Ramsey Clark passed away recently, he was a former Attorney General of which country?

- A. USA
- B. England
- C. France
- D. Germany

128. Which film has won the best picture at the British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA) 2021?

- A. Lost Girl
- B. Nomadland
- C. The call of the Wild
- D. Bloodshot

129. Prime Minister Narendra Modi holds a Virtual Summit with Mark Rutte, the prime minister of \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. The Netherlands
- B. Belgium
- C. Norway
- D. Sweden

130. Which initiative has been launched by the Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' to implement the National Education Policy 2020?

- A. SARTHAQ
- B. Little Guru
- C. SWABHIMAN
- D. SAMPARK

131. Which IIT incubated startup NanoSniff Technologies has developed the world's first micro-sensor-based explosive trace detector (ETD)?

- A. IIT Madras
- B. IIT Delhi
- C. IIT Kharagpur
- D. IIT Bombay

132. Which state government has launched 14 days mask Abhiyan to counter the spread of covid 19 infections?

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

133. Which becomes the first country to ratify the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) agreement, the world's largest free trade agreement, led by China?

- A. Vietnam
- B. Malaysia
- C. Singapore
- D. Philippines

134. Which country hosted the BASIC Ministerial meeting on Climate change ?

- A. Singapore
- B. India
- C. China
- D. Brazil

135. Who has been awarded with the famous Devishankar Awasthi Award 2021?

- A. Ashutosh Bhardwaj
- B. Arnab Goswami
- C. Barkha Dutt
- D. Rajdeep Sardesai

136. Who has been inducted into the WWE Hall of Fame Class of 2021?

- A. Bobby Lashley
- B. Braun Strowman
- C. Bray Wyatt
- D. Great Khali

137. Which para military forces celebrates Valour Day (Shaurya Diwas) on 9 April every year?

- A. CISF
- B. CRPF
- C. BSF
- D. ITBP





138. What is the name of India's first female cricket commentator who passed away recently?

- A. Anjum Chopra
- B. Chandra Naidu
- C. Lisa Sthalekar
- D. Isa Guha

139. FIFA has suspended the football governing body of Chad and which country?

- A. Afghanistan
- B. Saudi Arabia
- C. Iran
- D. Pakistan

140. Which Artificial Intelligence portal has been launched by the Supreme Court of India?

- A. SUPACE
- B. SURFACE
- C. Anamaya
- D. NyayaKranti

141. Renowned personality Fatima Rafiq Zakaria passed away recently he was a veteran \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Social Activist
- B. Journalist
- C. Classical Singer
- D. Doctor

142. Dutee Chand, the Jakarta Asian Games silver-medalist in 100 and 200 metres, will receive Veer Award instituted by which state?

- A. Assam
- B. West Bengal
- C. Chhattisgarh
- D. Odisha

143. First meeting of joint working group on 'Counter Terrorism, Countering Violent Extremism and De-Radicalisation' between India and which country held recently in April, 2021?

- A. Japan
- B. Australia
- C. Mauritius
- D. Maldives

144. Who has been appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)?

- A. Chintan Vaishnav
- B. NV Ramana
- C. S Ramann
- D. Shabir Khandwawala

145. Name the initiative jointly launched by the Union Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan and Tribal Affairs Minister Arjun Munda to enhance the health and nutrition status of the tribal communities?

- A. Ananya
- B. Anamaya
- C. Anandam
- D. SwasthyaKaranti

146. Vjosa Osmani has been elected as the new president of which country?

- A. Kosovo
- B. Macedonian
- C. Hungary
- D. Turkey

147. Who has launched the "मधुक्रान्तिपोर्टल" and Honey Corners of NAFED to enable traceability source of honey and other beehive products?

- A. Nirmala Sitharaman
- B. Narendra Modi
- C. Narendra Singh Tomar
- D. Piyush Goyal

148. Who became the first Indian woman sailor to qualify for the Olympics after she was assured of a top-place finish in the laser radial event of the Asian Qualifiers in Oman?

- A. Reshma Nilofer Naha
- B. Nethra Kumanan
- C. Varsha Gautham
- D. Harshita Tomar

149. Who among the following partnered with Mahindra Logistics Limited (MLL) for fast-track deployment of electric vehicles across its logistics fleet?

- A. Ministry of MSME
- B. Flipkart
- C. SIDBI



D. Myntra

150. India signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with which country in areas of atmospheric science and technology that was approved by the Union Cabinet?

- A. Russia
- B. England
- C. Japan
- D. France

151. Mukhyamantri Chiranjeevi Swasthya Bima Yojana is related to which state?

- A. Madhya Pradesh
- B. Uttarakhand
- C. Uttar Pradesh
- D. Rajasthan

152. Renowned personality Shashikala Om Prakash Saigal passed away recently, she was veteran \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Classical Dancer
- B. Singer
- C. Professor
- D. Actress

153. Government of Mizoram is implementing Mizoram Health Systems Strengthening Project. Which international organisation is financing this project?

- A. WHO
- B. UNICEF
- C. UNESCO
- D. World Bank

154. Who has topped Forbes' annual world's billionaires list 2021?

- A. Jeff Bezos
- B. Elon Musk
- C. Bill Gates
- D. Mark Zuckerberg

155. Who has been selected for 2021 GD Birla Award for Scientific Research?

- A. R. Mohanty
- B. M. C. Ray
- C. Suman Chakraborty
- D. Dipak Kumar Maiti

156. Who has been appointed as the new revenue secretary under the Ministry of Finance?

A. Ajay Bhushan Pandey

- B. Tarun Bajaj
- C. Ajay Seth
- D. Gyanesh Kumar

157. Who has been roped as the brand ambassador of non-life insurance company 'Digit Insurance'?

- A. Virat Kohli
- B. Sachin Tendulkar
- C. Rohit Sharma
- D. M. S. Dhoni

158. IMF has upgraded its growth projection for India to \_\_\_\_\_ for Financial Year 2021-22 in its latest World Economic Outlook report.

- A. 10.5%
- B. 11.5%
- C. 12.5%
- D. 13.5%

159. Who has been appointed the mission director of Atal Innovation Mission (AIM)?

- A. Ramanan Ramanathan
- B. Chintan Vaishnav
- C. Arindam Bagchi
- D. Rakesh Asthana

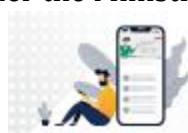
160. Which of the following is not the part of Military Exercise La Pérouse?

- A. India
- B. Japan
- C. Australia
- D. Russia

161. DRDO's which establishment has developed an Advanced Chaff Technology to safeguard naval ships against missile attack?

- A. Defence Laboratory, Jodhpur
- B. Advanced Systems Laboratory (ASL), Hyderabad
- C. Defence Electronics Research Laboratory (DLRL), Hyderabad
- D. Defence Research Laboratory (DRL), Tezpur

162. Which becomes the first country in the world to adopt Integrated Health Information



Platform (IHIP), an advanced disease surveillance system?

- A. USA
- B. China
- C. India
- D. England

163.Spices Board India is under administrative control of which ministry that has signed an MoU with UNDP India's Accelerator Lab to build a blockchain based traceability interface for Indian spices to enhance transparency in supply chain and trade?

- A. Ministry of Finance
- B. Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
- C. Ministry of AYUSH
- D. Ministry of Commerce and Industry

164.Who has been appointed as the head of the BCCI's Anti-Corruption Unit?

- A. Shabir Hussein Shekhadam Khandwawala
- B. Ajit Singh
- C. Adil Zainulbhai
- D. Anish Shah

165.Who has won the 2020 Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) A.M. Turing Award, known informally as the "Nobel Prize of computing"?

- A. Tim Berners Lee
- B. Alfred V. Aho
- C. Larry Page
- D. Donald Knuth



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166. Whose birth anniversary has been declared as a public holiday 2021, under Section 25 of Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881?

- A. Dr BR Ambedkar
- B. Subhash Chandra Bose
- C. Sardar Ballabh Bhai Patel
- D. Dr Rajendra Prasad

167. Which state government has launched a unique gift scheme to promote Covid vaccination in the state?

- A. Madhya Pradesh
- B. Andhra Pradesh
- C. Uttar Pradesh
- D. Maharashtra

168. Who has been appointed as the 48th Chief Justice of India?

- A. Rohinton Fali Nariman
- B. N V Ramana
- C. Uday U. Lalit
- D. Ajay Manikrao Khanwilkar

169. Who among the following was appointed as Brand Ambassador of Digit Insurance?

- A. Sachin Tendulkar
- B. Rohit Sharma
- C. Virat Kohli
- D. M S Dhoni

170. India's biggest floating solar power plant with a capacity of 100 megawatt is expected to become operational in which state?

- A. Madhya Pradesh
- B. Tamil Nadu
- C. Telangana
- D. Gujarat

171. Multinational Military Exercise titled 'SHANTIR OGROSHENA 2021' was held in which country?

- A. Bhutan
- B. Bangladesh
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. Singapore

172. Which becomes the first state to commission India's first Farm-based Solar Power Project under the PM-KUSUM scheme?

- A. Madhya Pradesh
- B. Rajasthan

- C. Punjab
- D. Uttar Pradesh

173. Who has been conferred with the Kalinga Ratna Samman for the year 2021?

- A. M Venkaiah Naidu
- B. Arif Mohammad Khan
- C. Biswabhusan Harichandan
- D. Tamilisai Soundararajan

174. Which country will host the 2023 men's boxing World Championships?

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

175. Who has authored the book titled 'Manohar Parrikar: Brilliant Mind, Simple Life'?

- A. Nitin Gokhale
- B. Nitin Gadkari
- C. Devendra Fadnavis
- D. Prakash Javadekar

176. Japanese Nobel Laureates, Isamu Akasaki passed away recently, he had won the prize in which subject?

- A. Chemistry
- B. Literature
- C. Physics
- D. Medicine

177. Who has been appointed as the chairperson of the Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB)?

- A. Adil Zainulbhai
- B. Shubash Kumar
- C. Atish Chandra
- D. Mallika Srinivasan

178. Who has authored the book titled "Suparipalana" released by the Vice President of India, M. Venkaiah Naidu?

- A. Annavarapu Brahmaiah
- B. Shailendra Kumar Joshi
- C. R Gopalakrishnan
- D. R Narayanan

179. Which becomes the first state in India to provide health insurance of up to INR 5 Lakh to



each Family every year under Mukhyamantri Chiranjeevi Swasthya Bima Yojana?

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

180. Which state emerge as the highest contributor to the small savings schemes such as NSC and PPF?

- A. Madhya Pradesh
- B. Uttar Pradesh
- C. West Bengal
- D. Bihar

181. Which Institution has won the number one rank in the Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU) 2020 also known as Shanghai Ranking?

- A. Indian Institute of Science (IISc)
- B. Calcutta University
- C. Jawaharlal Nehru University
- D. Aligarh Muslim University

182. Who among the following has recently been appointed as the additional director of at Britannia Industries board?

- A. Raghuram Rajan
- B. Urjit Patel
- C. Viral Acharya
- D. Shaktikanta Das

183. What is India's rank in the in the Global Gender Gap index 2021 among 156 countries, released by World Economic Forum?

- A. 132<sup>nd</sup>
- B. 136<sup>th</sup>
- C. 140<sup>th</sup>
- D. 145<sup>th</sup>

184. Who takes the additional charge as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC)?

- A. Subhash Kumar
- B. Mukhmeet S. Bhatia
- C. Sanjeev Kumar

D. Pravin Srivastava

185. Who has been appointed as the as the Director General of Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) ?

- A. Subhash Kumar
- B. Mukhmeet S. Bhatia
- C. Sanjeev Kumar
- D. Pravin Srivastava

186. Minister of State for Ports, Shipping & Waterways, Mansukh Mandaviya, virtually flagged off the Cruise Ship service between Hazira Port of Surat and \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Diu
- B. Cambay
- C. Mumbai
- D. Jamnagar

187. First ever World Immunisation & Logistics Summit 2021 held in which city of the world?

- A. Jaipur, India
- B. Beijing, China
- C. Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
- D. Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

188. Who will be conferred with the he prestigious Dadasaheb Phalke Award for 2019?

- A. Anupam Kher
- B. Kamal Hasan
- C. Shakti Kapoor
- D. Rajinikanth

189. Which novel has won the National Book Critics Circle prize for fiction?

- A. Hamnet
- B. Island on Fire
- C. Stranger in the Shogun's City
- D. Minor Feelings: An Asian American Reckoning.

190. Who has authored book titled 'Names of the Women'?

- A. Malaika Vaz
- B. Purnima Devi Barman
- C. Neha Sinha
- D. Jeet Thayil





191. Who among the following represented India in the 6th annual meeting of the Board of Governors of New Development Bank (NDB)?

- A. Nirmala Sitharaman
- B. Shaktikanta Das
- C. Anurag Thakur
- D. Dinesh Kumar Khara

192. Facebook has partnered with which entity to connect the United States of America with Southeast Asian countries through undersea cables?

- A. IBM
- B. Amazon
- C. Google
- D. Samsung

193. Who has been selected for the Saraswati Samman 2020 by the KK Birla Foundation?

- A. Sharad Pagare
- B. Dr. Sharankumar Limbale
- C. Mamta Kalla
- D. Sunita Jain

194. The 11th Edition of the India-US Special Forces Exercise 'Vajra Prahar 2021' was conducted in which state of India?

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

195. Renowned personality KC Chakrabarty passed away recently, he was former \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Deputy Governor, RBI
- B. SEBI Chairman
- C. IRDAI Chairman
- D. CAG

196. Name the military hero who led an infantry division to a legendary victory in the 1971 India-Pakistan War who passed away recently

- A. R.N. Kao.
- B. Walter Anthony Gustavo 'WAG' Pinto
- C. Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw
- D. Brigadier Kuldeep Singh Chandpuri

197. The Parliament of which country has passed a legislation that allows the mothers and their partners who have suffered a miscarriage or stillbirth the right of paid leave?

- A. Australia
- B. France
- C. New Zealand
- D. England



## ANSWERS

1. Ans. D.

- Public Enterprise Selection Board selected Amit Banerjee as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Bharat Earth Movers Limited, (BEML) an Indian Public Sector Undertaking.
- The PESB announced on meeting held on April 26, 2021. Currently, he is serving as Director (Rail & Metro), BEML Limited.
- In his professional career spanning over three decades in BEML, Shri Banerjee has worked in R&D and manufacturing functions.
- His experience involves the design & development of various products like SSEMU, Metro cars, Catenary Maintenance Vehicle, etc.

2. Ans. C.

- Japanese Sportswear brand ASICS announced that it has appointed Ravindra Jadeja, the all-rounder of the Indian cricket team and Chennai Super Kings as its brand ambassador. The company, which focuses on sporting gear for the running category.
- ASICS has been working with young and fresh athletic talent across various genres of sports. In India, ASICS is promoted by actor Tiger Shroff. In Asia, ASICS currently has over 55 stores across India, Sri Lanka and Bhutan.

3. Ans. C.

- Oldest projects of the Border Roads Organisation (BRO), Project DANTAK established on April 24, 1961 by His Majesty the Third King and then Prime Minister Jawahar Lal Nehru has completed 60 years. This project was aimed at constructing motorable roads in the Kingdom.
- It involved the construction of Paro Airport, Yonphula Airfield, Thimphu – Trashigang Highway, Telecommunication & Hydro Power Infrastructure, Sherubtse College, Kanglung and India House Estate.

4. Ans. B.

- The United Kingdom(UK) government became the first country in the globe to permit self-driving cars on motorways after the announcement of its plan on April 28, 2021, to regulate the use of self-driving vehicles at slow speeds on motorways.

- In order to make safe use of the self-driving vehicle system, the transport ministry of the UK was working on specific wording to update its country's highway code.
- For keeping the cars within a lane, a technology called Automated Lane Keeping Systems (ALKS) will be used as it uses sensors and software to guide the self-driving cars to accelerate and brake without manual input.
- The UK government has mandated the ALKS usage for the motorways at speeds below 60 km (37 miles) per hour.
- By 2035, the UK forecasts to have 40 per cent of new cars with self-driving capabilities, in turn creating up to 38,000 new skilled jobs.
- The UK got approval from the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) for ALKS Regulation in June 2020.

5. Ans. D.

- A community service centre has been set up to bring all data on board India's first dedicated solar space mission to a single web-based interface. The service centre is called Aditya-L1 Support Cell.
- It is a joint effort of Indian Space Research Organisation and Aryabhata Research Institute of Observational Sciences. It will allow every interested individual to perform scientific analysis of the data.
- It is slated to develop specific tools to assist guest observers and researchers to prepare observing proposals for Aditya-L1 observations.
- It will also assist ISRO with the design and development of analysis software for handling scientific data.
- The centre will also provide co-aligned data from other observatories around the world that can complement the data obtained from Aditya-L1.

6. Ans. D.

- Maharashtra Health Minister Dr. Rajesh Tope has said that the state needs to appoint oxygen Nurses to curb wastage of oxygen and to maintain data of oxygen storage at hospitals.
- The primary job of an oxygen nurse is to monitor the requirement of oxygen every 2-4



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hours round the clock, its use among patients and to ensure minimum wastage.

- Instruction has been issued to all government medical colleges and hospitals to set up a dedicated team of nurses.
- The agreement would provide a legal framework for sharing information and intelligence between the Customs authorities of the two countries.
- It would help in proper application of Customs laws, prevention and investigation of Customs offences and the facilitation of legitimate trade.

7. Ans. A.

- Michael Collins was an American astronaut who passed away recently.
- He stayed behind in the command module of Apollo 11 on July 20, 1969, while Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin traveled to the lunar surface to become the first humans to walk on the moon.
- Often described as the “forgotten” third astronaut on the historic mission, Collins remained alone for more than 21 hours until his two colleagues returned in the lunar module.
- He lost contact with mission control in Houston each time the spacecraft circled the dark side of the moon.
- Collins wrote an account of his experiences in his 1974 autobiography, “Carrying the Fire,” but largely shunned publicity.
- His second, and final, spaceflight was the historic Apollo 11.

8. Ans. C.

- Expenditure Secretary T V Somanathan has been appointed as the new Finance Secretary of India.
- He is a 1987 batch IAS officer of Tamil Nadu cadre.
- The senior-most officer among all secretaries in the Finance Ministry is designated as the Finance Secretary.
- Mr Somanathan's batchmate Debasish Panda is Secretary, Department of Financial Services.

9. Ans. A.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi thanked President Vladimir Putin for Russia's help and support in India's fight against COVID-19 as the two leaders agreed to establish a "2+2 ministerial dialogue" between foreign and

defence ministers to add further momentum to the bilateral strategic partnership.

- 2+2 Ministerial is the highest-level institutional mechanism between the two countries.
- It is a format of dialogue where the defence/foreign ministers or secretaries meet with their counterparts from another country.
- India holds such talks with Australia, Japan and the USA.

10. Ans. D.

- The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), successfully test-fired the 5th generation Python-5 Air-to-Air Missile (AAM) from Tejas aircraft, at Goa.
- This adds the Python-5 Air-to-Air Missile (AAM) in the air-to-air weapons package of India's indigenously developed Light Combat Aircraft, Tejas.
- The trials also aimed to validate the enhanced capability of the already integrated Derby Beyond Visual Range (BVR) AAM on Tejas.
- Python-5 air-to-air missile (AAM) has been manufactured by Rafael Advanced Defense Systems of Israel and is one of the most sophisticated guided missiles in the world.

11. Ans. C.

- Dr Krithi K Karanth, Chief Conservation Scientist at Bengaluru-based Centre for Wildlife Studies (CWS), has been chosen as the first Indian and Asian woman for the 2021 'WILD Innovator Award'.
- This award given by the 'WILD ELEMENTS Foundation' brings together a coalition of innovators, advocates and partners to "disrupt the status quo and identify solutions to global sustainability and conservation.
- The other winners are Richelle Thomas (USA), Abigail Williams and Jayne Goss (United Kingdom), Erika Allen and Laurell Sims (USA), AnnaSophia Robb, Genesis Butler (USA), Sheila Funnell (Kenya), Rosamira Guillen (Colombia), Resson Kantai Duff (Kenya), Dr. Adriana Verges (Australia), and Dominique Goncalves (Mozambique).

12. Ans. A.

- Two Indian firms, Reliance Industries' technology arm Jio Platforms and e-learning startup Byju's have figured in the Time



Magazine's first-ever list of 100 most influential companies.

- It listed Jio Platforms under the Innovators category alongside Zoom, Adidas, TikTok, Ikea, Moderna and Netflix.

- Byju's was listed alongside Tesla, Huawei, Shopify, Airbnb and DiDi Chuxing in the Disruptors category.

13. Ans. D.

- During a trilateral Ministerial Meeting, the Trade Ministers of India, Japan & Australia virtually launched the 'Supply Chain Resilience Initiative (SCRI)' to build a resilient supply chain with focus on free, transparent trade & investment environment in the Indo-Pacific region.

- It will reduce the dependency of the 3 countries on China and counter its dominance on Trade.

- During the initial stages, SCRI will focus on sharing best practices on supply chain resilience & holding investment promotion events for stakeholders to diversify their supply chains.

- The Ministers of 3 nations will convene once in a year for consultation on implementation of SCRI.

- It is a series of activities done by an organisation/country/entity to deliver goods or services to the consumer.

- A Resilient Supply Chain will be essential during unanticipated events like Tsunamis, Earthquakes and Pandemic, ensuring that there is no disruption or halt in trade which may impact the economic activity in the country.

14. Ans. A.

- Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (MoA&FW) has certified around 14, 491 Hectares of land in Car Nicobar and Nancowry group of Islands in UT of A&N as 'Organic Area' under the 'Large Area Certification (LAC)' scheme of the PGS-India (Participatory Guarantee System) certification programme.

- It became the 1st large contiguous territory to be conferred with organic certification.

- LAC is a certification programme under the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare's (DAC&FW) flagship scheme 'Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY)'.

- The organic certification will help farmers in getting direct access to the emerging organic food market of the country.

15. Ans. B.

- Legendary Odia and English writer, Padma Shri and Padma Bhushan awardee Manoj Das passed away at the age of 87 in Puducherry. He was born on 27th February, 1934 in Balasore, Odisha.

- Manoj Das was awarded Padma Shri in 2001 and Padma Bhushan in 2020 for his contribution in the field of Literature & Education.

- He was also a recipient of the Sri Aurobindo Puraskar, Sahitya Akademi Award (1972), Orissa Sahitya Akademi Award, Sarala Award, the Sahitya Bharati Award, and BAPASI (Book-sellers And Publishers Association of South India) and Saraswati Samman in 2000.

- He was teaching English Literature and the Philosophy of Sri Aurobindo at the Sri Aurobindo International University.

16. Ans. B.

- The Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) has established a 'Water Sports and Adventure Institute (WSAI)' near Tehri Dam Reservoir in Uttarakhand.

- The institute was inaugurated by Uttarakhand Chief Minister Tirath Singh Rawat along with Union Minister of State for Sports Kiren Rijiju.

- The Mountaineering and Skiing Institute of ITBP at Auli, will independently run this institution.

- This institution will boost national and international tourism and increase opportunity of employment for the people of the state.

17. Ans. D.

- To ensure uninterrupted flow of vital medical supplies to fight the Covid-19 pandemic in the State, Haryana Government announced "Haryana Covid Emergency Loan Scheme" for new and old entrepreneurs supplying medicines, oxygen and other medical facilities to Covid-19 patients.

- For this, the State Government has set up a fund of Rs 500 crore.

- Under the scheme, Haryana Government will help businessmen, presently working in the state, to increase their current production or to



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set up new units to meet various requirements to tackle Covid-19 pandemic.

18. Ans. D.

- The Haryana cabinet approved a policy to provide jobs on compassionate grounds and economically weaker section (EWS) status to children either abandoned or surrendered and turned 18-year-old while living in child-care institutions across state.

- The children abandoned when below 5 years of age and surrendered before turning one-year-old will be eligible for benefits of HARIHAR initiative of the Haryana government. Under the policy, eligible children will get benefits of education, employment, and financial support.

- The policy provides for free schooling, higher education, technical education, skill development and industrial training, apart from financial assistance up to the age of 25 years or marriage, whichever is earlier, and one-time interest-free loan for buying a house in Haryana.

19. Ans. D.

- On the occasion of World Earth day, CII's Indian Green Building Council has launched 'IGBC Mission on Net Zero'. The vision of CII-IGBC is to facilitate 'India to become one of the foremost countries in transforming to 'Net Zero' by 2050'.

- As part of this mission, more than 250 leading organisations from Indian building sector have committed to achieve Net Zero status for their new and existing buildings. CII demonstrated India's first platinum-rated green building – CII-Sohrabji Godrej Green Business Centre at Hyderabad in the year 2004, which triggered the green building movement in India.

20. Ans. C.

- A new research released by UNICEF on representation of women in advertisements shows that while girls and women are well-represented as characters (49.6%) and dominate screen time (59.7%) and speaking time (56.3%) but when girls and women appear in ads, it is mostly to sell domestic and beauty products to female consumers.

- The research conducted by UNICEF with the Geena Davis Institute on Gender in Media measures the level and type of gender stereotyping found in Indian advertisements on

TV and YouTube, through analysis of over 1,000 most viewed advertisements in 2019.

- The ads were provided and translated by the India Chapter of the International Advertising Association (IAA). UNICEF shared that IAA will be working with members to launch campaigns to deconstruct harmful stereotypes.

21. Ans. B.

- India has been ranked 49th in the Chandler Good Government Index (CGGI), which classifies 104 countries in terms of government capabilities and outcomes.

- The Chandler Good Government Index shows the importance of measuring and investing in governance capabilities that matter.

- It highlights a key need for 'pracademics' in government – people who combine a rigorous understanding of research and data with a practical and grounded sense of what governments need to do to succeed.

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23. Ans. D.

- A Chinese space mining start-up launched into low Earth orbit a robot prototype that can scoop





up debris left behind by other spacecraft with a big net.

- The NEO-01, which will also peer into deep space to observe small celestial bodies, was launched on the government's Long March 6 rocket along with a handful of satellites, state-run Xinhua news agency reported.
- The 30kg robot developed by Shenzhen-based Origin Space will pave the way for future technologies capable of mining on asteroids, according to the company.

24. Ans. A.

- Arjun Kalyan, who recently became a Grandmaster, won the GM round robin Rujna Zora-3 2021 chess tournament which concluded in Serbia.
- The 18-year-old Kalyan is a B. Com. student at the SRM College (Vadapalani) in Chennai.
- He is coached by IM Saravanan and Ukrainian GM Aleksandr Goloshchapov.

25. Ans. B.

- Noted Hindi litterateur and Padma Shri awardee Manzoor Ahtesham has died of COVID-19 in Bhopal in Madhya Pradesh.
- Incidentally, Ahtesham's first story was titled "Ramzan Ki Maut" and he died in the holy month currently underway.

26. Ans. D.

- Padma Bhushan Pandit Rajan Mishra of Pandit Rajan Sajan musical group passed away due to cardiac arrest after being diagnosed with Covid-19.
- Rajan Mishra was a famous classical singer from 'Banaras Gharana' of India.
- He was awarded the Padma Bhushan in the field of art in 2007.
- Their proclaimed works include 'Bhairav Se Bhairavi Tak', 'Bhaktimala', 'Durgati Nashini Durga', 'Aarti kijai hanuman lala ki', and more.

27. Ans. C.

- United States, Canada, Norway, and Qatar in forming 'Net Zero Producers Forum' for oil and gas producers to implement the Paris Agreement on climate change.
- Saudi Arabia decided to join the forum.
- Saudi Arabia is the world's biggest crude exporter.

- SA aims to reduce its carbon emissions by generating 50% of the country's energy from renewables by 2030.

- U.S President Joe Biden unveiled plans to cut emissions by 50%-52% from 2005 levels at the start of a two-day climate summit kicked off on Earth Day and attended virtually by leaders of 40 countries including big emitters China, India and Russia.

28. Ans. A.

- Olympic-bound Indian boxer Amit Panghal (52kg) settled for a bronze medal at the Governor's Cup in St. Petersburg, Russia after going down to world champion and familiar foe Shakhobidin Zoirov in the semifinals.

- Amit, a world championship silver-medallist, lost 5-0 to the Uzbek, who is also the reigning Olympic champion.

- This was the Indian's second loss to Zoirov after the 2019 world championships. In that event, he had lost to Zoirov in the finals.

29. Ans. B.

- Manchester City won the League Cup for a record-equalling fourth time in succession with a deserved victory over a disappointing Tottenham Hotspur side at Wembley.

- The final was played in front of 8,000 supporters, including 2,000 from each club - and it was a delight to hear noise inside Wembley's vast arena once more.

- City's victory equalled Liverpool's achievement in the early 1980s of winning the competition four years in a row, as well as matching the Reds' overall tally of eight triumphs, and manager Pep Guardiola said his players are motivated by such milestones.

30. Ans. D.

- The 19th edition of Indian and French Navy bilateral exercise titled as 'VARUNA-2021' has been commenced in the Arabian Sea

- The exercise will be conducted from 25th to 27th April 2021.

- INS Kolkata, INS Tarkash, INS Talwar and Chetak integral helicopters will participate in the exercise

- It was initiated in 1983 as Indo-French naval cooperation plays a key role in the two countries'



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31. Ans. A.

- The Singapore Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SICCI) collaborated with Start-up Incubation and Innovation Centre (SIIC) of IIT-Kanpur to mutually promote Technology based Startups.

- Under this collaboration, SICCI-SIIC conducts a Launchpad Competition – “SICCI-SIIC INNOVATION LAUNCHPAD”.

32. Ans. B.

- The Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with IIT Kharagpur to set-up an Accelerator Centre for Research & Development in the institute.

- The centre will act as an incubation hub for creation & development of technological products.

- The Accelerator Centre will act similar to Central govt’s “ASHA-India initiative”.

- About Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA):

- Minister of State Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA)- Hardeep Singh Puri.

33. Ans. D.

- Chief of the Air Staff (CAS) of Indian Air Force (IAF), Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria visited France for 5 days from April 19 to 23, 2021 upon the invitation from Gen Philippe Lavigne, Chief of Staff of France.

- During his visit he flagged off four Rafale aircraft for India.

- During his visit to France, he flagged off the four Rafale fighter jets for India from a Merignac airbase in France.

- These jets once inducted into service will complete the first Rafale squadron No. 17 Golden Arrows based at Ambala.

- The next(2nd) squadron will be based in Hasimara air base in West Bengal.

34. Ans. C.

- The International Table Tennis Federation(ITTF) has confirmed that the World Table Tennis Championship 2021 will be held as per schedule from November 23 to 29, 2021 in Houston, United States of America(USA). This is

for the 1st time USA will host the World Table Tennis Championship.

- The decision was made at a meeting of the ITTF executive committee on April 11.

- It is to be noted that, 2020 World Table Tennis Championship in Busan, South Korea was cancelled due to covid-19 pandemic.

35. Ans. A.

- Noted Indian writer Amitav Ghosh has authored a new book titled “The Living Mountain: A Fable for Our Times”. This book was written during the course of the pandemic.

- It will be Published by Harper Collins India.

- The Book is written in the Structure of a fable about Mahaparbat, the living mountain.

- It is a cautionary tale of how humans have systematically exploited nature leading to an environment collapse.

- The book will also be published simultaneously in Hindi and as an ebook and an audio book.

36. Ans. A.

- The Government of Andhra Pradesh and Microsoft Corporation virtually signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to offer skill development training to around 1.6 lakh students and unemployed youths across more than 300 colleges and skill development centres.

- This is the biggest and first of its kind initiative by a state government to cover all the graduates of the state.

- Microsoft will collaborate with the Higher Education department to provide scalable skilling experience which includes, access to the 40 courses and certifications on Microsoft’s learning resource centre, Microsoft Learn.

37. Ans. C.

- Coal India Limited (CIL) has signed its first solar power purchase agreement for the sale of 100 Mw solar power with Gujarat Urja Vikas Nigam Ltd (GUVNL) with a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) for 25 years.

- CIL entered into a PPA and supply the 100 Mw power generated to GUVNL within 18 months with a capital investment of Rs 442 crore.

- The 100 MW project will be executed through a Solar EPC Contractor (engineering, procurement, and construction).



- CIL plans for 3,000 Mw of solar power generation by 2024 and it plans to invest nearly Rs13,500 crore in solar power projects through the company's internal resources, Special Purpose Vehicles (SPV), and bank loans.

- On April 16, 2021, CIL added two more fully owned subsidiaries 'CIL Navikarniya Urja Limited' and 'CIL Solar PV Limited' in West Bengal, to accelerate its entry into the development of cleaner renewable energy sources.

38. Ans. C.

- The 6th Global Forum on TB Vaccines will be convened in Toulouse, France from 22 - 24 February 2022.

- The 5th Global Forum on TB Vaccines was held virtually from 20th April to 22nd April 2021.

- It was attended by Dr Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW).

- The forum is convened by Stop TB Partnership Working Group on New Vaccines in association with International AIDS Vaccine Initiative (IAVI) & TuBerculosis Vaccine Initiative (TBVI).

- This is the World's largest gathering of the stakeholders working towards research and development of TB Vaccine.

- The forum focuses on advancing TB vaccines in the time of COVID-19.

39. Ans. C.

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42. Ans. D.

- The Indian Air Force Commanders Conference 2021 took place in New Delhi from April 14-16, 2021. The conference saw detailed discussions on ways and means to enhance operational capabilities of the Indian Air Force (IAF).

- The theme of the conference was - 'Reorienting for the Future'.

- Other subjects of discussions were identifying challenges across all threat domains, incorporation of new technologies such as Artificial Intelligence & 5G into the service.

43. Ans. D.

- The World Press Freedom Index 2021 has been released by international journalism not-for-profit body Reporters Without Borders.

- The index was topped by Norway for the 5th time in a row followed by Finland & Sweden.

- India with a score of 46.56 ranked at 142nd Rank. Also, in 2020 India was ranked at 142<sup>nd</sup>.

- India has been classified as a country with a 'bad' environment for Press Freedom, it shared the classification with Brazil, Mexico & Russia.

44. Ans. A.

- Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Tamil Nadu became the only Indian University to make it to the list of World's Top 100 Educational Institutions for sustainability. It was ranked 81st



(overall ranking) in the 3rd edition of Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings 2021.

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47. Ans. C.

- India's Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) Girish Chandra Murmu has been appointed as External Auditor of the Organisation for the

Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) for a three-year term starting 2021.

- The appointment was made during an election process held at the OPCW Conference of State Parties held on April 21, 2021.

- India was also selected as a member of the Executive council of the OPCW representing the Asia group for another 2-year term.

- It is an intergovernmental organisation and Implementing body for the Chemical Weapons Convention, which entered into force on 29th April 1997.

48. Ans. B.

- 18-year old Arjun Kalyan from Tamil Nadu (TN) became India's 68th Chess Grand Master(GM) after winning against Dragan Kosic of Montenegro in the 5th round of the ongoing GM Round Robin "Rujna Zora-3" in Serbia.

- In order to qualify for the title of GM, a player must achieve 3 GrandMaster norms in events covering a minimum of 27 games and an ELO(Electric Light Orchestra) rating of at least 2500 at any point in their career.

- Arjun Kalyan already had 4 GM norms under his belt but his ELO was 2477. After playing a steady chess in the three closed round robin event he crossed the 2500 mark to become India's 68th GM.

49. Ans. D.

- Suhas Kulkarni, India's renowned former international table tennis(TT) player(Paddler) passed away at the age of 68 near Thane, Maharashtra. He passed away due to COVID-19 complications.

- After his retirement from active sports he contributed to the sport as a Coach.

- He has played in the Masters Table Tennis Tournaments at National and International level.

- He won the national Masters TT Championship 2019 held in Indore.

50. Ans. A.

- Priyanka Mohite from Satara in western Maharashtra has scaled Mt Annapurna, the 10th highest mountain peak in the world, becoming the first Indian woman climber to achieve the feat.

- Priyanka has also climbed the world's highest peak Mount Everest (8,849 metres) in 2013,





Mount Lhotse (8,516 metres) in 2018, Mount Makalu (8,485 metres) and also Mount Kilimanjaro (5,895 metres) in 2016.

51. Ans. A.

- The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), Government of India and German Federal Ministry of Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety signed an agreement titled "Cities Combating Plastic Entering the Marine Environment" on Technical cooperation over a virtual event in New Delhi.

- Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH India signed the agreement on behalf of the government of Germany.

- The project is expected to be a collaborative effort under the Indo-German bilateral development corporation on sustainable urban transformation.

- This project will be undertaken at national level in selected states (Uttar Pradesh, Kerala and Andaman & Nicobar Islands) and in the cities of Kanpur, Kochi, Port Blair.

- Project period: three and half years.

52. Ans. D.

- Indian Army Chief General M M Naravane attended the Army Chiefs' Conclave during his visit to Bangladesh.

- The Conclave was held on the sidelines of Multinational Military Exercise 'Shantir Ogroshena 2021' (Front Runner of Peace) held at Bangabandhu Senanibas (BBS), Bangladesh from April 4-12, 2021.

- During the conclave, Naravane delivered a keynote address on 'Changing Nature of Global Conflicts: Role of UN Peacekeepers'.

- He visited Bangladesh from April 8-12 on the invitation of Bangladesh Army General Aziz Ahmed.

53. Ans. D.

- The Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) has named Alfred Vaino Aho and Jeffrey David Ullman as the recipients of the 2020 ACM A.M. Turing Award.

- The award was presented to them for fundamental algorithms and theory on programming language implementation.

- The award is also referred to as the Nobel Prize of Computing.

- Alfred Vaino Aho is the Lawrence Gussman Professor Emeritus of Computer Science at Columbia University

- Jeffrey David Ullman is the Stanford W. Ascherman Professor Emeritus of Computer Science at Stanford University.

54. Ans. C.

- The former Chief Minister (CM) of Assam Bhumidhar Barman passed away in Guwahati, Assam due to prolonged illness. He was 91. He was born on 12th October 1931 in Nalbari, Assam.

- Bhumidhar Barman had served as CM of Assam twice. His first term was between April 22, 1996 to May 14, 1996 and second term was during 2010. During both periods he acted as an interim CM

- He belonged to Indian National Congress (INC) and had also represented the Barkhetry Constituency.

55. Ans. D.

- Noted Linguist Peggy Mohan has authored a new book titled "Wanderers, Kings, Merchants: The Story of India through its Languages". The book explores the impacts of migration on Indians and Indian languages from ancient times through the early history of South Asia.

- The book was published by Penguin Random House India.

- The book argues that all Indians are of Mixed origins, through the inclusive study of languages like the story of early Sanskrit, the rise of Urdu, language formation in the North east.

- The book connects linguistics and history to explore the migration impacts on communication language.

56. Ans. B.

- Sutapa Basu the winner of JK Papers Author Awards 2020 has authored a new mystery novel titled "The Cursed Inheritance". The book contributes toward the importance of the conservation of heritage through the stories.

- The book is published by Readomania Publishing.





- The book provides an overall view of the heritage of Kolkata through architecture, social customs, modes of transportation and food.

- Sutapa Basu is the director of Learning Solutions at Eupheus Learning.

- She won the AuthER award for Best Fiction 2020 instituted by Times of India and JK Papers for her book "The Curse of Nader Shah".

57. Ans. C.

- INAS 323 Squadron will comprise of 3 ALH Mk IIIs. It will be commanded by Commander Samik Nundy.

- The ALHs are designed and developed Indigenously by the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL).

- The squadron will perform roles like Search and Rescue operations, Special Operations and Coastal Surveillance.

58. Ans. B.

- Ingenuity is a mini 4 pound (1.8 kg) copter, which carried a bit of the wing fabric from the 1903 Wright flyer (Kitty Hawk), the first successful heavier than air powered aircraft.

- NASA has invested around 85 million USD to build the ingenuity, a 19 inch (48 cm) tall copter with carbon fiber blades.

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59. Ans. D.

- Eminent poet and critic Sankha Ghosh passed away in Kolkata.

- The Jnanpith awardee was 89 and had tested positive for COVID-19 earlier in April.

- Ghosh was one of most important names in Bengali poetry and, together with Shakti Chattopadhyay, Alokranjan Dasgupta and Sunil Gangopadhyay, was said to have carried on the baton from the poets of the early part of the 20th century, such as Jibanananda Das and Buddhadev Basu.

- He was awarded the Jnanpith Award in 2016 and the Padma Bhushan in 2011. In the shadow of the Rabindranath Tagore era, poets such as Ghosh took the legacy forward.

- Considered an authority on Tagore, Ghosh was awarded the Sahitya Akademi Award in 1977 for his poetry collection Babarer Prarthana.

60. Ans. B.

- IIT Kharagpur has successfully commercialised its flagship healthcare product COVIRAP the novel diagnostic technology to zero on infectious diseases including COVID-19.

- The product, developed by lead researchers Professor Suman Chakraborty, Dr Arindam Mondal and their research group, has been licensed for commercialisation to the Rapid Diagnostic Group of Companies, India and Bramerton Holdings LLC, USA.

61. Ans. D.

- India has been ranked at the 87th position among 115 countries in the Energy Transition Index (ETI) that tracks nations on the current performance of their energy systems across various aspects.

- The report was published by the World Economic Forum (WEF)

- The report, prepared in collaboration with Accenture, also draws on insights from ETI.

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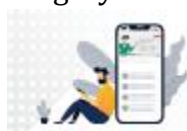
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- India was at 142nd position in 2020 as well.
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66. Ans. C.

- Miguel Mario Diaz-Canel has been officially sworn in as the 'First Secretary of the Communist Party of Cuba', following the resignation of Raul Castro.
- The Secretary of the Communist Party is the most powerful position in one party ruling Cuba. Díaz-Canel now holds Cuba's two most important positions, head of the party and president of the state.
- Raúl Castro announced that he would step down from the key position of the party and hand over the leadership to a younger generation.
- Díaz-Canel is almost 30 years younger than his predecessor and will now hold Cuba's two most important positions, head of the party and president of the state.

67. Ans. C.

- The former Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Mavidolu Narasimham, has passed away. He was famously known as the "Father of Indian Banking Reforms".
- He was the 13th Governor of RBI and served from May 2, 1977, to November 30, 1977.
- He was known for being the chair of two high-powered committees on banking and financial sector reforms.

68. Ans. B.

- Former American politician, diplomat, and lawyer Walter Mondale, who served as the 42nd Vice President of the United States, has passed away.
- He served as Vice President from 1977 to 1981 under President Jimmy Carter. He also served as U.S. ambassador to Japan from 1993 to 1996 under Bill Clinton.

69. Ans. A.



- Stefanos Tsitsipas has won his first ATP Masters 1000 series after a flawless performance against Andrey Rublev in Monte Carlo.
- The Greek star had lost his previous two finals at this level, with Rafael Nadal denying him in Toronto and Novak Djokovic beating him in Madrid.
- Rublev beat 11-time Monte Carlo champion Nadal in the quarter-finals. Rublev knocked out Roberto Bautista Agut, Rafael Nadal and Dan Evans en route to the final but could not find a way past Tsitsipas.

70. Ans. D.

- Author J.K. Rowling announced that her latest children's book is titled "The Christmas Pig" is set to release in October 2021.
- The story is about a boy named Jack and his toy Dur Pig, who goes missing on Christmas Eve.
- "The Christmas Pig" is Rowling's first children's novel since Harry Potter.
- Rowling returned to writing with the release of "The Ickabog" last year during the pandemic.

71. Ans. D.

- According to 'Global Energy Review 2021' released by International Energy Agency (IEA), Global CO2 emissions are set to touch 33 Billion Tonnes in 2021, an increase of 5% compared to 2020 Levels (up by 1.5 Billion Tonnes from 2020). It is the 2nd Largest increase in emissions ever.
- It would be the Biggest annual rise in emissions since 2010.
- The major reason for increase in CO2 emissions is due to rise in Coal demands. Coal is set to grow by 4.5% in 2021.
- The report is IEA's annual update on latest trends in world energy and CO2 emissions.

72. Ans. D.

- Puma India, the leading German sportswear brand signed a long term endorsement deal with Indian Cricketers, Washington Sundar and DevduttPadikkal. Both Sundar and Padikkal will be joining Puma as its brand ambassadors.
- In March 2021, Puma signed as the official kit partners of the Royal Challengers Bangalore(RCB) in the IPL 2021 season.
- Washington Sundar(21 years old) from Chennai, Tamil Nadu, is the youngest T20I

cricketer(18 years) to represent India at International level in 2017.

- DevduttPadikkal(20 years old) from Edappal, Kerala, is an Indian cricketer who represents Karnataka and India under 19s.

73. Ans. A.

- Moon Jae-in, President of South Korea nominated Kim Boo-kyum, the former Minister of the Interior and Safety as the new Prime Minister (PM) of South Korea. Kim Boo-kyum will be the 3rd PM under the government headed by President Moon Jae-in.
- He will replace former PM Chung Sye-kyun who resigned to run in the 2022 presidential election.
- Currently, Hong Nam-ki is serving as the Acting Prime Minister of South Korea.
- He will be appointed only after, the parliament of South Korea approved the nomination of the President.
- The president has also nominated new ministers for Labour, Land, Science, Trade and Oceans Ministry.

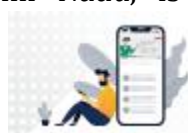
74. Ans. C.

- Max Verstappen (Red Bull – Netherlands) won the Emilia Romagna F1 Grand Prix 2021, in Imola, Italy.
- This win is his first victory of the season. The race was the second round of the 2021 Formula One World Championship.
- The seven-time Formula One champion Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes-Great Britain) finished second, following a crash and sustaining damage involving Mercedes team-mate Valtteri Bottas.
- Lando Norris (McLaren – Great Britain) took third place.

75. Ans. A.

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    2. Vinesh Phogat – 53 kg Women’s freestyle
    3. Anshu Malik – 57 kg Women’s freestyle
    4. Sarita Mor – 59 kg Women’s freestyle
    5. Divya Kakran – 72 kg Women’s freestyle
78. Ans. D.
- The United States space agency National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has picked Elon Musk’s SpaceX for its Artemis programme, to develop the first commercial lander and take the next two US astronauts to the moon.
  - The total value of this contract is \$2.89 billion.
  - SpaceX will develop a spacecraft ‘SpaceX Starship’ to land next to two US astronauts, including a women astronaut at the lunar south pole region, by 2024.
  - NASA also aims to bring the first person of colour to the moon’s surface as part of the Artemis programme.
79. Ans. C.
- Former India International Football defender, Ahmed Hussain Lala has passed away due to COVID-19.

- He represented India in the 1956 Melbourne Olympics, where India finished fourth.
  - Besides, he was also part of the Indian team that won the gold medal in the 1951 Asian Games.
  - Ahmed also took part in the 1958 Asian Games in Tokyo, Japan, in which India finished fourth.
80. Ans. B.
- Renowned radiologist, Dr Kakarla Subba Rao, who served as the first director of Nizam’s Institute of Medical Sciences (NIMS), Hyderabad, has passed away.
  - Rao was conferred Padma Shri in 2000, by the Government of India for his contributions to the field of medicine.
  - He was the founder president of the Telugu Association of North America (TANA), an umbrella organisation for Telugu speaking people in the United States.
81. Ans. B.
- The National Aeronautics and Space Administration is set to launch four astronauts to the International Space Station on World Earth Day (April 22).
  - NASA is to launch the mission along with SpaceX.
  - It is the second crewed operational flight of Crew Dragon Spacecraft.
  - The mission will transport four scientists to the International Space Station.
  - The astronauts to travel to the International Space Station are from NASA, JAXA and ESA. JAXA is the Japanese Space Agency and ESA is European Space Agency.
82. Ans. D.
- The 8th India-Kyrgyz Joint Special Forces Exercise ‘Khanjar’ was inaugurated at the Special Forces Brigade of National Guards of the Kyrgyz Republic in Bishkek.
  - The two-week-long exercise focuses on high-altitude, mountains and counter-extremism.
  - The exercise is being held between Special forces of India and Kyrgyzstan since 2011, to take forward the strategic partnership between India and the Kyrgyz Republic.
83. Ans. B.
- The Roscosmos is to launch Luna 25 by October 2021.





- The Roscosmos is the State Space Corporation of Russia that is responsible for space flights, aerospace research and cosmonautics programmes.
- The Mission will carry a lander. The primary objective of Luna 25 is to prove landing technology.
- It is to carry thirty kilo grams of scientific instruments including a robotic arm and drilling hardware to collect soil samples.
- It will study the exosphere around the south pole of the moon. Till date no spacecraft has been to this region of the moon. Several countries look at the site as future moon bases.
- The project is financed by Roscosmos.

84. Ans. D.

- Italy launched its first ever mega food park project in India involving food processing facilities.
- The pilot project “The Mega Food Park” was launched, in virtual mode, with the signing of a Letter of Intent between the ICE Office in Mumbai and Fanidhar Mega Food Park, in Gujarat.
- The main aim of the project is to develop an interaction between agriculture and industry.
- Also, the project will focus on the research and development of efficient technologies in the sector.
- It is to be implemented by a Special Purpose Vehicle. The SPV is a registered corporate under the Companies Act.
- It will link agricultural production and markets. This is to be achieved by bringing together processors, farmers and retailers to ensure maximizing value addition, increasing farmers income, minimizing wastage and creating employment opportunities.

85. Ans. A.

- The United Nations Secretary General has called for the 1st ever United Nations Food Systems Summit 2021 to be held in September 2021 in New York, USA.
- The Summit is a part of the Decade of Action (2020-30) to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030.

- The summit will launch new actions for delivering progress on all 17 SDGs.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to participate in the event along with other global leaders.
- The summit is to strategize actions for positive change in Agri-food systems.

86. Ans. D.

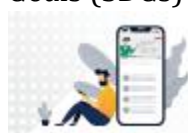
- New Zealand is considering a new legislation that would require banks, insurers and asset managers to disclose the impacts of climate change on their businesses.
- The bill, said to be the first of its kind in the world, would receive its first reading in the country’s parliament this week.
- The island nation has been at the forefront of trying to cut down carbon emissions and has pledged to make its public sector carbon neutral by 2025.
- It will also force the financial firms to evaluate the companies they are lending in terms of environmental impacts.
- All the banks in New Zealand with total asset more than 1 billion New Zealand dollars (703 million USD) will now have to make disclosures about their asset management.
- The financial firms will now have to explain how they will manage climate related risks and opportunities.

87. Ans. B.

- The agricultural ministry and Microsoft India have inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for a pilot project in 100 villages of six states to promote digital agriculture.
- Microsoft will start a pilot project in 100 villages in 10 districts of 6 states (Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Rajasthan and Andhra Pradesh) to develop farmer interface for smart and well-organised agriculture, including post-harvest management and distribution.
- For this project, Microsoft has tied up with its local partner, CropData. The project is for one year and both sides inking the MoU will bear the cost on their own.

88. Ans. C.

- Facebook has signed a deal to buy renewable energy in India from a local firm's wind power





project, the social media giant's first such deal in the country.

- The 32 megawatt wind power project, located in Karnataka, is part of a larger portfolio of wind and solar projects that Facebook and Mumbai-based CleanMax are working together on for supplying renewable power into India's electrical grid.

- CleanMax will own and operate the projects, while Facebook will buy the power off the grid using environmental attribute certificates, or carbon credits.

89. Ans. A.

- Space agencies of India and France inked an agreement for cooperation for the country's first human space mission Gaganyaan.

- Under this agreement, France will be contributing to India's Gaganyaan human spaceflight programme.

- The Gaganyaan orbital spacecraft project was kicked started in August 2018. It originally intended to send an astronaut from Indian soil to mark the 75th anniversary of the country's independence in 2022. Test flights will carry an instrumented humanoid robot.

- The capsule will orbit at an altitude of 400 kilometres for seven days before splashing down in the Arabian Sea off the coast of Ahmedabad.

90. Ans. C.

- Even though India has the cheapest data plans, and nearly 700 million internet users, the country is at a dismal 49th spot globally when it comes to internet inclusion and gender equality in accessing the world wide web, according to a Facebook-Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) study.

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92. Ans. A.

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has set up the Regulations Review Authority 2.0.

- The authority will review regulatory prescriptions internally as well as by seeking suggestions from RBI-regulated entities for simplification and ease of implementation.

- Deputy Governor M. Rajeshwar Rao has been appointed as the Regulations Review Authority. The authority would have validity for a period of one year from May 1, 2021, unless its tenure is extended by the RBI.

- The RBI had set up a similar authority for one year from April 1, in 1999 for reviewing regulations, circulars, reporting systems based on the feedback from public, banks and financial institutions.

93. Ans. D.

- England all-rounder Ben Stokes has been named Wisden's leading cricketer in the world for the second year in a row.

- Stokes, 29, is the first Englishman to win the award twice since its inception in 2004.

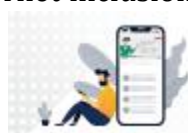
- He scored more Test runs than any other batsman in 2020, with 641 in seven matches, while also taking 19 wickets.

- Kent all-rounder Darren Stevens has become the oldest person since 1933 to be named as one of Wisden's five Cricketers of the Year.

94. Ans. A.

- Beth Mooney has been given the 2021 'Leading Woman Cricketer in the World' award by Wisden.

- Mooney was considered the overwhelming choice for the accolade after also being voted the player of the T20 World Cup in which she played such a huge part in Australia's triumph, with



innings of 81 not out, 60, 28, and 78 not out in the final at the MCG against India.

95. Ans. C.

- Oberoi Group has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) to reduce its overall carbon footprint by implementing clean energy efficiency initiatives across its properties.
- EESL will collaborate with Oberoi Group Hotels to evaluate opportunities for saving energy and lowering emissions.
- It is the Government of India's Energy Service Company (ESCO) and the world's largest ESCO.
- It is a joint venture of 4 public sector undertakings (PSUs) of NTPC Limited, Power Finance Corporation, REC Limited & POWERGRID Corporation of India Limited & EESL works under the Ministry of Power.

96. Ans. D.

- The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has formed an eight-member National Task Force (NTF) to monitor the remedial steps to improve the status of air quality.
- NTF will be headed by and coordinated by the Secretary Ministry of Environment and Forests, Rameshwar Prasad Gupta.
- India has the World's highest death rate from chronic respiratory diseases and 1.5 million people in India are dying annually due to air pollution.
- It will monitor the enforcement of air quality standards in all the Non-Attainment Cities along with other air polluted areas through quarterly meetings with the Chief Secretaries of concerned States/UTs.
- It will work with the committees which were constituted already under The National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) at both national and state levels.

97. Ans. B.

- Suresh Raina penned his Memoir "Believe — What Life and Cricket Taught Me" Co-authored by Bharat Sundaesan to be released by May, 2021. The book will be published by Penguin Random House.
- The Book is all about the Suresh Raina, it describes about his life, challenges he faced as a young cricketer.

- He hails from Uttar Pradesh.
- He is the first Indian batsman to hit a century in all three formats (Test, ODI, T20I) of international cricket.

98. Ans. C.

- Consumer electronic company, 'Elista' appointed former Indian Cricketer Suresh Raina as its Brand Ambassador. Elista is a subsidiary of 'TeknoDome', a UAE based trading company, which started its manufacturing in 2020.
- Elista manufactures innovative products in consumer electronics ranging from LED TVs to Coolers, under the concept of 'Making in India for the world'.

99. Ans. A.

- A renowned author and an eminent historian Yogesh Praveen passed away at the age of 81 in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.
- Because of his immense knowledge about the history of Lucknow, Yogesh Praveen is known as the Encyclopedia of Awadh and Lucknow history.
- He wrote many books including 'Shantranj ke khiladi' and 'Umrao Jaan' which was later taken as a movie.
- Apart from being an author, he had also written lyrics for the movie Junoon.

100. Ans. A.

- India's famous political commentator, Sanjaya Baru, released his new book "India's Power Elite: Class, Caste and a Cultural Revolution".
- The book discusses the socio-cultural changes that happened in India after the 2014 General Elections.
- The book analyses the regime of Prime Minister Narendra Modi & Bharatiya Janata Party, on how the party wins state elections in places where it had no footprint.
- He served as Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's media advisor and chief spokesperson (PMO) between May 2004 and August 2008.
- He was the former Secretary General of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI).

101. Ans. B.

- Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare, Dr Harsh Vardhan launched a new mission called 'Aahaar Kranti'. The aim of the mission is to raise awareness of the importance of nutritionally



balanced diet & the importance of accessibility to all local fruits & vegetables.

- It is a joint initiative of Vijnana Bharati (Vibha), Global Indian Scientists' and Technocrats' Forum (GIST), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW) & Pravasi Bharatiya Academic and Scientific Sampark (PRABHASS).

- The motto of the Mission is Uttam Aahaar Uttam Vichaar or 'Good Diet-Good Cognition'.

- It aims to achieve nutritional balanced diets by emphasizing on consumption of locally sourced fruits and vegetables.

- The program aims to address the problem faced by India and the world called 'hunger and diseases in abundance'.

102. Ans. B.

- Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government, Prof. K Vijay Raghavan has launched the MANAS App to promote wellbeing across age groups.

- MANAS which stands for Mental Health and Normalcy Augmentation System was endorsed as a national program by the Prime Minister's Science, Technology, and Innovation Advisory Council.

- It is a comprehensive, scalable, and national digital wellbeing platform and an app developed to augment mental well-being of Indian citizens.

- The application integrates the health and wellness efforts of various government ministries, scientifically validated indigenous tools with gamified interfaces developed by various national bodies and research institutions.

103. Ans. A.

- The Spanish city of Seville will host the 22nd Laureus World Sports Awards in a virtual ceremony owing to the raging COVID-19 pandemic.

- The awards show, featuring presentations and related news stories will be available to the world's media and broadcast extensively on Laureus social media platforms.

- The winners of Laureus World Sports Awards are selected by a jury comprising 69 members of the Laureus World Sports Academy.

- The last was in Barcelona in 2007, which is a long time.

104. Ans. D.

- Senior IPS officer, M. A. Ganapathy was on March 16, 2021 appointed Director General of National Security Guard.

- Ganapathy, a 1986 batch Indian Police Service (IPS) officer of the Uttarakhand cadre, is currently Director General, Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS).

- He has been appointed the Director-General, National Security Guard (NSG), from the date of joining the post and up to February 29, 2024 i.e. date of his superannuation.

105. Ans. B.

- The 6th Edition of the prestigious Raisina Dialogue, jointly organised by the Ministry of External Affairs and the Observer Research Foundation, will be held virtually from 13-16 April, 2021.

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107. Ans. D.

- NITI Aayog, in partnership with Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and Centre for Social and Behaviour Change, Ashoka University launched Poshan Gyan, a national digital repository on health and nutrition.

- The launch event was addressed by NITI Aayog Vice Chairman Dr Rajiv Kumar, CEO Amitabh Kant, Women and Child Development Secretary Ram Mohan Mishra and Additional Secretary Dr Rakesh Sarwal.

108. Ans. C.



- Commerce and industry minister Piyush Goyal launched e-SANTA, an e-marketplace to connect aqua farmers and the buyers.
- It will enable farmers to get a better price and the exporters to directly purchase quality products from them.
- The full form of the e-Santa is “Electronic Solution for Augmenting NaCSA farmers' Trade in Aquaculture”
- National Centre for Sustainable Aquaculture (NaCSA) is an extension arm of Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA), under the department of commerce.

109. Ans. B.

- Balbir Singh Junior, who was a member of the silver medal- winning 1958 Asian Games Indian hockey team.
- Born on May 2, 1932, at Sansarpur in Jalandhar, also known as the nursery of Indian hockey, Balbir Singh Junior had played alongside legends like Balbir Singh Senior, Leslie Claudius, Prithipal Singh, Balkishan and Charles Stephen among others.
- He was part of the Punjab state hockey team and also captained Panjab University team.
- Later, he also played for the Indian Railways team that toured European countries such as Spain, Switzerland and Italy.
- The team also played Test matches in the Netherlands.

110. Ans. C.

- Ecuador elected a conservative former banker and supporter of free-market policies as president over his populist opponent, setting the country on a pro-business path.
- Guillermo Lasso, 65 years old, received over 52% of the vote to clinch the presidency, his third attempt at running for office.
- He defeated Andrés Arauz, a 36-year-old leftist economist and protégé of powerful ex-president Rafael Correa. Mr. Arauz conceded with more than 95% of votes counted.
- Mr. Lasso will inherit a bruised economy and health crisis as the Covid-19 pandemic rages across South America.

111. Ans. A.

- Pakistani Human rights crusader and former journalist Ibn Abdur Rehman, who won the

Ramon Magsaysay award for his work on fostering India-Pakistan relations, passed away in Lahore.

- Rehman spent his life defending human rights, opposing military dictators, fighting for the rule of law and democracy.
- He was also a strong voice for the country's minorities, including Christians and Hindus.
- Rehman worked as an editor for various newspapers before joining the commission. He regularly contributed articles for several Pakistani newspapers.

112. Ans. C.

- New Zealand star cricketer Kane Williamson was recently awarded the Sir Richard Hadlee medal. It was his 4th Sir Richard Hadlee award in 6 years.
- He had a great test season. He scored 251 against West Indies followed by a century on the boxing day.
- Williamson's staggering performance against Pakistan helped New Zealand book a place in the ICC World Test Championship final.
- He captained the team to 17 wins out of 20 resulting in victory in all 7 series.

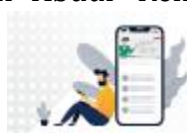
113. Ans. D.

- India's first Floating Storage and Regasification Unit (FSRU) has arrived at H-Energy's Jaigarh Terminal in the Ratnagiri district of Maharashtra, on the west coast of India.
- FSRU based LNG Terminals aim at providing the ability to enhance the pace of natural gas import capability in an environment-friendly and efficient manner”.
- The port is the first deepwater, 24×7 operational private port in Maharashtra.

114. Ans. B.

- The International Food Policy Research Institute has published Global Food Policy Report 2021.
- This year the institute has released the report based on the theme “Transforming Food Systems After COVID-19”.
- As per the report the severe health and economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic have disrupted food systems and upended livelihoods.

115. Ans. A.





- President Ram Nath Kovind appointed Election Commissioner Sushil Chandra as the next Chief Election Commissioner of India.
  - He succeeded Sunil Arora, whose tenure ended on April 12.
  - Mr. Chandra took office as an Election Commissioner on February 15, 2019 after retiring as the chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes.
  - A 1980 batch Indian Revenue Service officer, Mr. Chandra had worked in the areas of international taxation and investigation.
116. Ans. C.
- Actor Sonu Sood has been made the brand ambassador for Punjab's anti-coronavirus vaccination programme.
  - During the coronavirus-induced lockdown last year, the actor had helped migrants reach their home states.
  - Sood catapulted to the national spotlight for feeding thousands of underprivileged people amid the COVID-19 pandemic.
  - He was viewed as a messiah of sorts for migrants.
117. Ans. D.
- Award-winning filmmaker Guneet Monga is to be conferred with the second highest civilian French honour - the Knight of the Order of Arts and Letters (Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres).
  - This honour has earlier been given to Hollywood stars like Meryl Streep, Leonardo DiCaprio, and Bruce Willis.
  - Revelling in her recent success with Umesh Bist's Paggilait starring Sanya Malhotra, this is another proud moment for Monga.
  - The French Consulate has decided to offer the title Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres to Guneet Monga for her varied accomplishments going past geographical and demographical boundaries.
  - Other Indian celebrities who have received this honour are Shah Rukh Khan, Aishwarya Rai Bachchan, Amitabh Bachchan, Nandita Das, Pandit Hariprasad Chaurasia, Anurag Kashyap, and Kalki Koechlin.
118. Ans. A.

- The United Arab Emirates named the next two astronauts in its space programme on 10th April, including the country's first female astronaut.
  - Noura al-Matroushi is the UAE's first female astronaut.
  - The announcement gave no biographical information about her or her male counterpart, Mohammed al-Mulla.
119. Ans. B.
- Veteran actor Satish Kaul, who had 300 Punjabi and Hindi films to his credit and played the role of Lord Indra in the TV show Mahabharat, passed away.
  - The actor began his career in the early '70s, juggling between Hindi and Punjabi films.
  - While his popular Bollywood films include Ram Lakhan, Pyaar Toh Hona Hi Tha and Aunty No 1 etc.
120. Ans. C.
- Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi, Sheikh Mohamed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan has honoured Indian-origin businessman Yusuffali MA and 11 other individuals with Abu Dhabi's top civilian award for their noble and charitable contributions to the community.
  - The prestigious award was given to Mr Yusuffali, who was born in Kerala, for his outstanding contribution to Abu Dhabi's business, industry and support to various philanthropic initiatives.
121. Ans. D.
- Legendary shooting coach Sanjay Chakravarty passed away due to Covid-19. The Dronacharya awardee had trained some of the finest Indian shooters including Abhinav Bindra, Gagan Narang, Anjali Bhagwat and Suma Shirur, Deepali Deshpande, Anuja Jung and Ayonika Paul.
122. Ans. B.
- Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan have launched the construction of an international center for trade and economic cooperation named 'Central Asia' on the borders of the two countries, the Uzbek Government.
  - Uzbek Prime Minister Abdulla Aripov and his Kazakh counterpart Askar Mamim, laid a capsule at the construction site of the logistic





centre, which is located in the vicinity of the border check post Gisht Kuprik.

- According to a News release on Kazakh Prime Minister's official website, the center, which occupies 400 hectares of land, will have a capacity of accommodating 35,000 people and 5,000 trucks per day in both directions.

123. Ans. C.

- SportzXchange, one of the newest and fastest-growing addition to the fantasy sports landscape in India, has roped in Prithvi Shaw, a powerhouse of energy and potential as its brand ambassador.
- SportzXchange will create engaging content featuring Prithvi Shaw as part of an integrating campaign with a theme "Yahaan Hai Kuch Xtra" that will help build awareness about the differentiated offerings and amplify the reach of the brand during upcoming IPL/Fantasy matches.

124. Ans. D.

- Union Minister of Education Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' presented the AICTE Lilavati Awards 2020 on women empowerment to the winners in New Delhi.

- The awards ceremony was based on the theme of women empowerment.

- Based on the theme 'Women Empowerment', AICTE finalized the winners of Lilavati Awards 2020 from a total of 456 entries who competed across 6 sub themes, which include:

- Women's Health
- Self-Defense
- Sanitation and Hygiene
- Literacy
- Women Entrepreneurship
- Legal Awareness.

- The winner received Rs 1 Lakh cash prize.

- First runner-up got Rs 75,000 and second runner up got Rs 50,000.

125. Ans. C.

- Philippine and US soldiers will conduct a two-week joint military exercise from Monday (April 12), resuming the annual training event after last year's cancellation due to the pandemic

- Unlike previous exercises, however, this year's "Balikatan" (Shoulder-to-Shoulder) drills to test the readiness of their militaries to respond to threats such as natural disasters and militant extremist attacks, will be scaled down.

- Only 1,700 troops -- 700 from the United States and 1,000 from the Philippines will participate, unlike previous exercises which involved as many as 7,600 soldiers.

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127. Ans. A.

- Former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark, who helped shape U.S. civil rights law during the Johnson administration but went on to travel the globe to fight human rights abuses by his own country as he saw them, has passed away at age 93.

- Clark, one of the architects of the landmark Voting Rights Act of 1965 and Civil Rights Act of 1968.

- In a lengthy career of representing unpopular causes, Clark defended or gave advice to Libyan leader Colonel Muammar Gaddafi, Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic, Liberian political figure Charles Taylor and Iraq's Saddam Hussein.

128. Ans. B.

- Gig-economy Western "Nomadland" won four prizes including best picture at the British



Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA) last night.

- The awards were given during a pandemic-curbed ceremony that recognized a diverse array of screen talent.
- “Nomadland” filmmaker Chloe Zhao became only the second woman, and the first woman of color, to win the BAFTA for best director, and star Frances McDormand was named best actress.

129. Ans. A.

- Indian PM Narendra Modi held a Virtual Summit with the PM of the Netherlands Mark Rutte.
- During the meeting both the countries are agreed to work together for the supply chain in the Indo-pacific region.
- India and the Netherlands share cordial and friendly relations underpinned by shared values of democracy, rule of law, and freedom.
- Both countries have wide-ranging cooperation including water management, agriculture and food processing, healthcare, smart cities, etc.

130. Ans. A.

- Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal ‘Nishank’ launched ‘SARTHAQ’, the implementation plan for NEP 2020.
- The full form of SARTHAQ is ‘Students’ and Teachers’ Holistic Advancement through Quality Education.
- This implementation plan was released as a part of the celebrations leading to the Amrit Mahotsav on 75 years of Indian independence.
- The plan delineates the roadmap for the implementation of NEP 2020 for the next 10 years.

131. Ans. D.

- The IIT-Bombay incubated startup NanoSniff Technologies has developed the world's first micro-sensor-based explosive trace detector (ETD).
- It will be marketed by IIT Delhi-incubated startup Vehant Technologies.
- A fully made-in-India product in terms of R&D and manufacturing, the indigenously developed ETD device can detect explosives in less than 10 seconds.

- It also identifies and categorizes explosives into different classes.

132. Ans. B.

- Odisha Government has launched a 14 days mask Abhiyan to counter the spread of covid 19 infections.
- Aim: to turn the use of a mask into a habit.
- This will play a huge role in controlling the current resurgence of COVID-19.
- Also, the Odisha State Government has increased the fines for violators from Rs 1000 to Rs 2000.

133. Ans. C.

- Singapore ratified the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) agreement, the world’s largest free trade agreement, led by China.
- In doing so, Singapore became the first among 15 participating countries to ratify RCEP.
- The RCEP must first be ratified by at least six ASEAN and three non-ASEAN member states to come into effect. Once implemented, RCEP would be the world’s largest free trade agreement, covering around one-third of the world’s population and about 30% of the world’s economy.

134. Ans. A.

- India was the host of the 30th BASIC ministerial meeting, chaired by environment minister Prakash Javadekar.
- At a time when the European Union is toying with the idea of ‘carbon border tax’ as part of its green push, the BASIC nations — Brazil, South Africa, India and China — have jointly opposed the move, saying such trade barrier would not only be discriminatory but also against the principles of equity under the Paris Agreement on climate change.
- The BASIC nations expressed concerns over the issue while discussing climate actions during the two-day ministerial meeting.

135. Ans. A.

- The famous Devishankar Awasthi Award has been awarded to the prolific Hindi prose, journalist, and critic Ashutosh Bhardwaj.
- This honour has been given to him for his work ‘Pitra-Vadh’.



- He was elected by the selection committee of Ashok Vajpayee, Nandkishore Acharya, and Rajendra Kumar.

136. Ans. D.

- The Great Khali has been inducted into the WWE Hall of Fame Class of 2021.

- The Great Khali went on to battle many of WWE's most legendary Superstars, including John Cena, Batista, Shawn Michaels and fellow 2021 Inductee Kane, whom he defeated to pick up his first win on The Grandest Stage of Them All, WrestleMania.

137. Ans. B.

- Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) Valour Day (Shaurya Diwas) is observed on 9 April every year, as a tribute to the brave men of the Force.

- 2021 marks the 56th CRPF Valour Day.

- It was on this day in 1965, a small contingent of CRPF created history by defeating an invading Pakistani army, several time larger, at the Sardar Post located in the Rann of Kutch, Gujarat.

- The CRPF men eliminated 34 Pakistani soldiers and captured four alive. In the conflict, CRPF lost six personnel who had attained martyrdom.

138. Ans. B.

- India's first female cricket commentator Chandra Naidu passed away. She was the daughter of the country's first Test captain CK Naidu.

- She had done her first commentary during a match between national champions Bombay (now Mumbai) and MCC in Indore in 1977.

- She had also penned a book titled 'CK Nayudu: A Daughter Remembers' on her late father, who was a distinguished cricketer.

139. Ans. D.

- FIFA has suspended the Pakistan Football Federation (PFF) and Chadian Football Association (FTFA) with immediate effect due to claims of outside interference.

- The suspension will be lifted once the relevant government decisions have been repealed.

- A group of football officials led by Ashfaq Hussain, which was elected by the Supreme Court in 2018 to run the PFF but was not recognised by FIFA, took over the headquarters recently and seized control from the FIFA

Normalisation Committee headed by Haroon Malik.

- The decision to suspend the PFF was prompted by the "hostile takeover" which constituted a serious violation of its statutes. Pakistan was also suspended by FIFA for third-party interference in 2017.

140. Ans. A.

- The Supreme Court of India has launched its Artificial Intelligence portal "SUPACE" (Supreme Court Portal for Assistance in Courts Efficiency).

- Through this portal, the SC intends to leverage machine learning to deal with the vast amounts of data received at the time of filing of cases.

- Justice L Nageshwara Rao, who is also the chairman of the SC's Artificial Intelligence Committee, delivered the opening address during the virtual launch of SUPACE.

141. Ans. B.

- Fatima Rafiq Zakaria, a Padma Shri awardee, renowned journalist, academician and chairman of Maulana Azad Educational Trust and Khairul Islam Trust Mumbai, passed away. She was awarded the Padma Shri in recognition of her work in education in 2006.

- Ms Zakaria, who had played an eminent role in the field of education, was also honoured with the Sarojini Naidu Integration Award for Journalism in 1983.

142. Ans. C.

- Dutee Chand, the Jakarta Asian Games silver-medalist in 100 and 200 metres, will receive Chhattisgarh Veerni Award.

- The award, instituted by the Chhattisgarh state government, recognises contribution of Indian women in different fields, including sports.

- In 2019, the Odisha sprinter became the first Indian woman to win a gold medal at the World University Games held in Italy.

143. Ans. D.

- First meeting of India-Maldives Joint Working Group on 'Counter Terrorism, Countering Violent Extremism and De-Radicalisation' held on a virtual platform.

- India and Maldives decided to enhance capacity building mechanism to counter terror as well as collaboration to counter violent extremism and de-radicalisation.



- The two sides agreed to strengthen cooperation that will include assistance and capacity building for the security and law enforcement agencies and other relevant agencies of the Maldives as well as collaboration and the exchange of best practices in the areas of counter-terrorism, preventing and countering of violent extremism and de-radicalisation, according to an official statement issued after the first meeting of India-Maldives Joint Working Group on 'Counter Terrorism, Countering Violent Extremism and De-Radicalisation'.

144. Ans. C.

- The union government has appointed S Ramann as chairman and managing director of Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI).

- The appointment is for a period of three years from the date of his assuming the charge or until further orders.

- Ramann, a 1991-batch Indian Audit & Accounts Service officer, is currently the CEO of National E-Governance Services Ltd, India's first Information Utility.

145. Ans. B.

- Union Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan and Tribal Affairs Minister Arjun Munda launched 'Anamaya'- the Tribal Health Collaborative through video conference today.

- A multi-stakeholder initiative supported by Piramal Foundation and Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF), Anameya' will converge efforts of various Government agencies and organisations to enhance the health and nutrition status of the tribal communities.

146. Ans. A.

- Kosovo's parliament elected Vjosa Osmani as the country's new president. Osmani received 71 votes from the lawmakers at the third round of voting in the Assembly of Kosovo.

- While 82 deputies participated in the vote in the 120-member parliament, 11 votes were declared invalid.

- The 38-year-old politician studied law at the University of Pristina in Kosovo and earned a doctorate from Pittsburgh University in the US.

147. Ans. C.

- Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Shri Narendra Singh Tomar launched "मधुक्रान्तिपोर्टल" and Honey Corners of NAFED today in New Delhi.

- "मधुक्रान्तिपोर्टल" is an initiative of National Bee Board (NBB), Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare under National Beekeeping & Honey Mission (NBHM).

- This portal is being developed for online registration to achieve traceability source of Honey and other beehive products on a digital platform.

- The technical and banking partner for development of this digital platform is Indian Bank.

- An MoU between NBB and Indian Bank was signed for this project.

148. Ans. B.

- Nethra Kumanan became the first Indian woman sailor to qualify for the Olympics after she was assured of a top-place finish in the laser radial event of the Asian Qualifiers in Oman.

- The 23-year-old Kumanan has a 21-point advantage over her nearest rival, who also happens to be an Indian -- Ramya Saravanan -- in the Laser Radial Class event with one race to go.

- The Chennai-based Kumanan currently has 18 points while Saravanan has 39 on the penultimate day of competitions in Mussanah Open Championship, which is a joint Asian and African Olympic qualifying event.

149. Ans. B.

- The e-commerce platform Flipkart announced its partnership with Mahindra Logistics Limited (MLL).

- The partnership is made for fast-track deployment of electric vehicles across its logistics fleet in the country.

- Both the entities will develop a conducive environment for EV deployment and operations in India.

- They will jointly develop supportive infrastructure and technology like charging stations and parking lots, training workforce, route planning and battery swapping stations.



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- Through this partnership, Flipkart aims to achieve its target of making the logistics fleet fully electric by 2030.

150. Ans. C.

- The Union Cabinet apprised of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between India and Japan in areas of atmospheric science and technology.

- The pact was signed between National Atmospheric Research Laboratory (NARL) and Department of Space and Research Institute for Sustainable Humanosphere (RISH), Kyoto University for academic and research cooperation and exchange in November 2020.

- The agreement would lead to mutual utilisation of facilities such as the Middle and Upper atmosphere (MU) radar in Shigaraki, Japan, the Equatorial Atmosphere Radar (EAR) in Kototabang, Indonesia and complementary instruments available from RISH, and the Mesosphere-Stratosphere-Troposphere (MST) radar and complementary instruments available at NARL.

151. Ans. D.

- Rajasthan government has launched a cashless medical insurance scheme titled “Mukhyamantri Chiranjeevi Swasthya Bima Yojana”

- It is aimed at providing medical relief to all residents of the state.

- Under this scheme, each family in the state can claim up to Rs. 5 lakh every year for medical expenses.

152. Ans. D.

- Veteran actress Shashikala Om Prakash Saigal (88 years) passed away at her residence in Mumbai

- She was featured in over 100 popular movies like Bimla, Sujata, Aarti, Anupama, Gumrah, Khubsoorat, Mujhse Shaadi Karogi and Kabhi Khushi Kabhie Gham.

- She was awarded with Padma Shri in 2007

153. Ans. D.

- Government of Mizoram is implementing Mizoram Health Systems Strengthening Project.

- World Bank Board of Executive Directors has approved a \$32 million Project to improve management capacity and quality of health services in Mizoram

154. Ans. A.

- Jeff Bezos has topped the Forbes’ annual world’s billionaires list 2021 for the fourth consecutive year.

- India’s richest billionaire Mukesh Ambani ranked at 10th position with total net worth of \$ 84.5 billion.

- Elon Musk stood second, followed by Bernard Arnault, Bill Gates and Mark Zuckerberg

155. Ans. C.

- Suman Chakraborty has been selected for 2021 GD Birla Award for Scientific Research.

- He is a faculty member at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kharagpur, has been chosen for his outstanding contribution to engineering science and its applications in developing technologies for affordable healthcare.

156. Ans. B.

- Tarun Bajaj has been appointed as the new revenue secretary under Ministry of Finance.

- He will take additional charge of Secretary, Department of Revenue, after the superannuation of Ajay Bhushan Pandey.

157. Ans. A.

- Bengaluru-based non-life insurance company ‘Digit Insurance’ has roped in veteran cricketer Virat Kohli as its brand ambassador.

- Digit Insurance became India’s first unicorn of 2021 with valuation of \$1.9 billion in January 2021.

158. Ans. C.

- International Monetary Fund (IMF) has upgraded its growth projection for India to 12.5% for Financial Year 2021-22 in its latest World Economic Outlook report.

- IMF projected global economy to expand 6% this year, up from the 5.5% pace estimated in January.

159. Ans. B.

- Chintan Vaishnav has been appointed as the mission director of Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), the government’s flagship initiative under NITI Aayog.

- He will succeed Ramanathan Ramanan.





160. Ans. D.

- La Pérouse is a naval exercise led by French Navy (FN).
- Participants: Indian Navy, French Navy (FN), Royal Australian Navy (RAN), Japan Maritime Self Defence Force (JMSDF) and United States Navy (USN)
- It will be held for three day exercise and is being conducted in the Eastern Indian Ocean Region.

161. Ans. A.

\* The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has developed an Advanced Chaff Technology to safeguard naval ships against missile attack.

\* Chaff is a passive expendable electronic countermeasure technology used worldwide to protect naval ships from enemy's radar and Radio Frequency (RF) missile seekers.

\* Defence Laboratory Jodhpur, a DRDO laboratory, has indigenously developed three variants of this critical technology — Short Range Chaff Rocket, Medium Range Chaff Rocket and Long Range Chaff Rocket — meeting Indian Navy's qualitative requirements. The development of Advanced Chaff Technology by DRDO lab is another step towards Atmanirbhar Bharat.

162. Ans. C.

\* Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare Dr Harsh Vardhan virtually launched the Integrated Health Information Platform (IHIP).

\* Expressing his enthusiasm at the brave, futuristic and pertinent amalgamation of healthcare and technology.

\* India is the first country in the world to adopt such an advanced disease surveillance system.

\* He pointed out that the new version of IHIP will house the data entry and management for India's disease surveillance program.

163. Ans. D.

\* Spices Board India under Ministry of Commerce and Industry and UNDP India's Accelerator Lab today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), with the aim to build a blockchain based traceability interface for Indian spices to enhance transparency in supply chain and trade.

\* Blockchain is a decentralized process of recording transactions on an open and shared electronic ledger.

\* This allows for ease and transparency in data management across a complex network, including, farmers, brokers, distributors, processors, retailers, regulators, and consumers, thus simplifying the supply chain. It will allow farmers just as all other members of the supply chain to access the information which further makes the entire supply chain more efficient and equitable.

\* UNDP and Spices Board India are working towards integrating the Blockchain Traceability Interface with the e-Spice Bazaar portal developed by Spices Board India for connecting spices farmers with markets.

164. Ans. A.

\* Former Gujarat DGP Shabir Hussein Shekhadam Khandwawala has taken over from Ajit Singh as the head of the BCCI's Anti-Corruption Unit.

\* Khandwawala, a 1973 batch IPS officer, has been appointed ahead of the IPL beginning April 9.

\* He retired as Gujarat DGP in December 2010. After that he was an advisor to the Essar Group for 10 years.

\* He has also been a part of the central government's Lokpal Search Committee, which was mandated to appoint the Lokpal.

165. Ans. B.

\* Lawrence Gussman Professor Emeritus of Computer Science, Alfred V. Aho has won the 2020 Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) A.M. Turing Award, known informally as the "Nobel Prize of computing." Aho shares the award with his long-time collaborator Jeffrey David Ullman.

\* Aho and Ullman began working together at Bell Labs in 1967 and their early efforts included developing efficient algorithms for analyzing and translating programming languages.

166. Ans. A.

\* Centre has announced public holiday on April 14 to mark the 130th birth anniversary of Dr BR Ambedkar, under Section 25 of Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881



\* As per an official order of Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Central government offices, Industrial Establishments throughout the country will also remain closed on the 14th April

\* BR Ambedkar inspired Dalit Buddhist movement and was independent India's first Minister of Law and Justice.

167. Ans. C.

\* Uttar Pradesh govt has launched a unique gift scheme to promote Covid vaccination

\* UP govt will conduct a lucky draw for those who have taken the vaccine on World Health Day on 7th April

\* Districts with more than 25,000 beneficiaries with doses of vaccine, will be eligible for this gift scheme

\* 4 gifts will be given to the beneficiaries after lucky draw.

\* Where more than 25,000 or 50,000 beneficiaries have taken vaccines, number of gifts will be increased to 6 and 8.

168. Ans. B.

\* President Ram Nath Kovind has appointed Justice N V Ramana as the 48th Chief Justice of India, accepting the recommendation made by the outgoing CJI SA Bobde.

\* Justice Ramana will have a term till August 26th next year.

\* Before his elevation to the Supreme Court on February 17th, 2014, Justice Ramana was the Chief Justice of the Delhi High Court.

\* He was born in an agricultural family in Andhra Pradesh.

169. Ans. C.

\* Digit Insurance has roped in cricketer Virat Kohli as its brand ambassador. Kohli has also invested in Digit Insurance in the past.

\* Digit Insurance, a general insurance company that became the first unicorn of 2021 with a valuation of \$1.9B.

\* With this association, the company aims to carry the message of 'making insurance simple' through the cricketer.

\* Digit was able to get the Indian Men's Cricket Team Captain to invest in the company before he planned to become the face for the brand.

170. Ans. C.

• India's biggest floating solar power plant with a capacity of 100 megawatt is expected to become operational in Telangana.

• The project has been set up by the energy conglomerate National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) in the reservoir of its thermal power plant at Ramagundam, Peddapalli district.

• The solar photo-voltaic project, spread over 450 acres, will have 4.5 lakh photovoltaic panels and it can be expanded in the future.

• The project has been set up at a cost of Rs 423 crore.

171. Ans. B.

• Indian Army to participate in Multinational Military Exercise titled as 'SHANTIR OGROSHENA' 2021 (Front Runner of the Peace) scheduled to be held in Bangladesh

• It will be held from April 4 to 12, 2021

• Theme: Robust Peace Keeping Operations

• It is being held to commemorate birth centenary of Father of Bangladesh, Bangabandhu Mujibur Rahman

• Other participants: Bhutan, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh

• USA, UK, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Singapore will be Military observers.

172. Ans. B.

• Rajasthan Renewable Energy Corporation Ltd (RRECL) commissioned India's 1st Farm-based Solar Power Project under the PM-KUSUM (Pradhan Mantri-Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthan Mahabhiyan) Scheme at Bhaloji Village, Kotputli in Jaipur, Rajasthan.

• It has a capacity of 1 megawatt and is spread over on 3.5-acre semi-barren land.

• It has been developed at an investment of nearly INR 3.7 Crore.

• The power generated by the project will be purchased by Rajasthan VidhyutVitrان Nigam Ltd (at the rate of INR 3.14 per unit).

173. Ans. C.

• Andhra Pradesh Governor Biswa Bhusan Harichandan has been conferred with 'Kalinga Ratna' award 2021 by Sarala Sahitya Sansad.

• It was given by M. Venkaiah Naidu during 600th Birth Anniversary of Adikabi Sarala Das and 40th celebrations of Sarala Sahitya Sansad



- The award carried a silver statue of Goddess Saraswati and a copper plaque
- Sarala Das was an excellent literary genius of 15th century who is well known as Adi Kavi, who contributed to epic literary works in Odia.

174. Ans. C.

- The 2023 men's boxing World Championships will be held in Uzbekistan capital, Tashkent
- Tashkent is awarded the 2023 AIBA Men's boxing World Boxing Championships after the successful bid presentation by the Boxing Federation of Uzbekistan

• 22nd edition of the competition will be the first time when Uzbekistan will be hosting it.

- Uzbekistan is one of the most active members of the International Boxing Association, we have rich boxing history.

175. Ans. A.

- A new book titled 'Manohar Parrikar: Brilliant Mind, Simple Life' authored by Nitin Gokhale was released.

• The book is published by Bloomsbury.

- It is an attempt to capture Parrikar's persona — the man, the politician and the patriot. Gokhale is a renowned author, media trainer and founder of a specialised defence related website BharatShakti.in. and StratNewsGlobal.com.

176. Ans. C.

- Japanese Physicist Isamu Akasaki, a co-winner of the 2014 Nobel Prize in Physics, has passed away.

• Akasaki, a professor at the university, had been recognized for the invention which has contributed to bright and energy-saving white light sources, widely known as LED lamps.

- He was honoured in 1997 by the Japanese government with the Medal with Purple Ribbon, an honour bestowed on those who have made contributions to academic and artistic developments.

177. Ans. D.

- Chairman and Managing Director of Tractors and Farm Equipment (TAFE) Limited, Mallika Srinivasan has been appointed as the chairperson of the Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB), an order issued by the personnel ministry.

- This is for the first time that a private sector specialist has been appointed as the head of the PESB, responsible for the appointment of top management posts in the Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs).

178. Ans. B.

- M. Venkaiah Naidu, Vice President of India released the book "Suparipalana" authored by Dr Shailendra Kumar Joshi (SK Joshi), the former Chief Secretary of Telangana.

• This is the Telugu translation of SK Joshi's book "Echo T Calling: Towards People Centric Governance".

- The book was translated by Annavarapu Brahmaiah and published by Maruthi.

179. Ans. B.

- The State Government of Rajasthan began registrations for 'Chiranjeevi Health Insurance Scheme (Mukhyamantri Chiranjeevi Swasthya Bima Yojana).

• With this launch, Rajasthan became the 1st State in India to provide health insurance of up to INR 5 Lakh to each Family every year.

- The announcement of the Health Insurance Scheme was made during the presentation of the State Budget for the FY 2021-22.

• The Scheme is worth INR 3, 500 Crore.

180. Ans. C.

- West Bengal accounts for the highest collection of about Rs 90,000 crore from small savings schemes such as NSC and PPF among the states and union territories, which is about 15 per cent of the total corpus.

• It is followed by Uttar Pradesh, the largest state in terms of population, with gross collection of Rs 69,660.70 crore out of the Rs 5.96 lakh crore garnered during 2017-18 (last updated), as per data collated by the National Savings Institute under the finance ministry.

- The rate of interest on various small savings schemes for the first quarter of 2021-22 starting from April 1 and ending on June 30, 2021 would remain unchanged from those notified for the fourth quarter (January 1 to March 31, 2021) of 2020-21.

181. Ans. A.



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- As many as 15 Indian universities have made it to the Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU) 2020, also known as Shanghai Ranking, released recently.

- As per the ARWU Ranking 2020 of top institutions in India, the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) was on the number one rank while the University of Calcutta was on the third spot among all premier higher educational institutions in the country.

- Calcutta University has secured first place among Indian universities and third position among top higher educational institutions in the country in the Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU) 2020.

182. Ans. B.

- The Board of Britannia Industries has appointed former Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Urjit Patel as the Additional Director of the company.

- He has been appointed for a period of five years, in the category of Non-Executive and Independent Director.

183. Ans. C.

- India has been ranked 140 among 156 countries in the Global Gender Gap index 2021, released by World Economic Forum.

- India was ranked 112th among 153 countries in 2020

- India emerged as the third-worst performing country in South Asia.

- Iceland has topped the index for 12th time, followed by Finland, Norway, New Zealand, Rwanda, Sweden, Ireland and Switzerland

- Afghanistan is the worst-performing country in the report.

- The Global Gender Gap Report 2021 is 15th edition of the annual publication by WEF.

184. Ans. A.

- Subhash Kumar has taken additional charge as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC)

- He is presently serving as the Director (Finance) at ONGC.

- He succeeded Shashi Shanker, who superannuated on March 31, 2021

- Subhash Kumar has over 36 years of experience in diverse activities across Exploration & Production (E&P) value chain.

- He joined ONGC in 1985 as Finance and Accounts Officer and served in different capacities.

185. Ans. B.

- Senior IAS officer Mukhmeet S. Bhatia (1990 batch IAS Officer of Jharkhand cadre) takes charge as the Director General of Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC)

- He has worked as the Additional Secretary in the Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance

- He has also served as the Principal Secretary in Dept. of Labour & Employment and Women & Child Development in Jharkhand.

- ESIC: Autonomous Body under Ministry of Labour and Employment

186. Ans. A.

- Mansukh Mandaviya, Minister of State for Ports, Shipping & Waterways virtually flagged off the Cruise Ship service between Hazira Port of Surat and Diu.

- Between 2014 to 2020, Cruise calls at Indian Ports have increased from 139 calls with around 1 lakh passengers to 450 calls with over 4.5 lakh passengers.

- Indian Govt. is planning for 6 International Cruise Terminals:

187. Ans. C.

- HOPE Consortium's first ever World Immunisation & Logistics Summit 2021 held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare of India virtually participated in a final panel discussion on 'Focus on Asia: Vaccine production and distribution across Asia'. Abu Dhabi launches The Hope Consortium launched by Department of Health, Abu Dhabi for full global vaccine distribution.

- The two-day summit was inaugurated by H.H. Sheikh Abdullah Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, UAE Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation to focus and enhance the cooperation to tackle COVID-19 across the world.



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- The first day panel was discussed on the theme 'Demand planning, preparedness and overcoming challenges in vaccine administration'.

188. Ans. D.

- Renowned actor, Rajinikanth (45 years in Kollywood) has been conferred with the prestigious Dadasaheb Phalke Award for 2019

- Dadasaheb Phalke Award:

- India's highest honour in cinema

- Presented by: Directorate of Film Festivals

- It is named after Dhundiraj Govind Phalke, who is revered as the father of Indian cinema

- It was instituted in 1969.

- The recipient receives a Swarna Kamal (Golden Lotus) medallion, a shawl and a cash prize of Rs 10 lakh.

189. Ans. A.

- Maggie O'Farrell's Hamnet has been conferred with National Book Critics Circle prize for fiction

- Hamnet: Well-timed story for the current pandemic, explores the impact of the boy's illness and death on his family. He was Shakespeare's only son.

- Non-fiction section: Tom Zoellner's Island on Fire: The Revolt That Ended Slavery in the British Empire

- Biography: Amy Stanley's Stranger in the Shogun's City: A Japanese Woman and Her World

190. Ans. D.

- Jeet Thayil authored book titled 'Names of the Women' has been released.

- This book depicts extraordinary reimagining of the New Testament from the points of view of the women who became the disciples of Jesus Christ - and whose roles have been erased from the Gospels

- Jeet Thayil: Renowned author, best known for his book 'Narcopolis' which was shortlisted for the Man Booker Prize 2012 and won the DSC Prize for South Asian Literature.

191. Ans. A.

- Union Minister of Finance & Corporate Affairs and India's Governor in New Development Bank (NDB), Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman attended the 6th Annual Meeting of Board of Governors of New Development Bank through video-conference in New Delhi today. The meeting was

also attended by Governors/Alternate Governors of Brazil, China, Russia and South Africa.

192. Ans. C.

- Facebook has partnered with Google & other regional telecom companies to connect the United States of America with Southeast Asian countries through undersea cables. These underground cables will improve internet connectivity in Singapore, Indonesia.

- At the initial stage, 2 undersea cables: Echo and Bifrost, will be connecting the US with Indonesia through a diverse sea route in the Trans-pacific region.

- Note- Facebook deploys 3000 Kms of fibre in Indonesia to develop public Wi-Fi hot spots.

- "Echo" - Constructed by Facebook in partnership with Google & XL Axiata, an Indonesian telecom company. It is expected to get completed by 2023.

193. Ans. B.

- KK Birla Foundation has selected well known Marathi writer Dr. Sharankumar Limbale, as the recipient of Saraswati Samman 2020 for his 2018 Marathi novel titled "Sanatan".

- The Saraswati Samman 2020 marks the 30th Saraswati Samman.

- The book - Sanatan, features the story of socio-cultural struggles of the untouchables.

- The Saraswati Samman is an annual award instituted by KK Birla Foundation in 1991.

- It is one of the highest literary awards in India.

- The award includes a citation, a plaque and a cash award of Rs.15 lakh.

194. Ans. C.

- The 11th Edition of the India-US Special Forces Exercise 'Vajra Prahar 2021' was conducted at Special Forces Training School at Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh in March, 2021.

- The main objective of the exercise is to enhance interoperability between the Special Forces of the two countries.

- Vajra Prahar is conducted alternatively between India & US to share best practices & experiences in areas like Joint Mission Planning & Operational Tactics.

- The navies of India & United States conducted a 2-day Passage Exercise 'PASSEX' in Bay of





Bengal (Eastern Indian Ocean Region) from March 28-29, 2021.

195. Ans. A.

- Former Reserve Bank of India Deputy Governor, KC Chakrabarty passed away.
- He was the deputy governor of the central bank between 15 June 2009 and 25 April 2014 when he demitted office three months before his term was to end.

196. Ans. B.

- Lieutenant General, Walter Anthony Gustavo 'WAG' Pinto (Retd), a military hero who led an infantry division to a legendary victory in the 1971 India-Pakistan War has passed away at the age of 97.
- He led the 54 Infantry Division in the Battle of Basantar in the war that gave birth to Bangladesh, leading his troops from the front with the motto he coined "bash on regardless".

197. Ans. C.

- New Zealand's parliament has passed legislation giving mothers and their partners the right to paid leave following a miscarriage or still birth, becoming only the second country in the world to do so.

- The bereavement allowance, passed unanimously in parliament late on Wednesday, gives employees three days leave when a pregnancy ends with a stillbirth without having to tap into sick leave.



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