

Current Affairs MCQs May 2021



1. With which organization the Assam State Disaster Management Agency has jointly developed an Online Flood Reporting System, thus Assam becomes the first state to adopt digital reporting system to find out impact indicators during floods?

- A. UNDP
- B. UNEP
- C. ILO
- D. UNICEF

2. Who has been appointed as the chairman and managing director of state-run oil refining and marketing firm Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL)?

- A. Arun Kumar Singh
- B. Anupama Singh
- C. Sankar Ghosh
- D. Vijay Goel

3. Name the Indian origin immunologist, who has been elected to the prestigious National Academy of Sciences in recognition of his “distinguished and continuing achievements in original research?”

- A. Arun Kumar Singh
- B. Anupama Singh
- C. Sankar Ghosh
- D. Vijay Goel

4. Who has been appointed as the National President of FICCI Ladies Organization (FLO), the oldest women-led & women-centric business chamber of Southeast Asia?

- A. Anupama Singh
- B. Ujjwala Singhania
- C. Roshni Nadar
- D. Shikha Sharma

5. Which education body has launched ‘Dost for Life’, an exclusive psychological counselling app for students and parents?

- A. NCERT
- B. Education Ministry
- C. CBSE
- D. NCTE

6. Which space company is set to launch the “DOGE-1 Mission to the Moon”, the first-ever

commercial lunar payload, paid entirely in the cryptocurrency Dogecoin?

- A. Boeing
- B. SpaceX
- C. Lockheed Martin
- D. Northrop Grumman

7. Who has been named the ICC Men’s Player of the Month for April 2021?

- A. Fakhar Zaman
- B. Babar Azam
- C. Mohammad Hafeez
- D. Imam-ul-Haq

8. Name the Indian actor who has won the Best Actor award in the New York City International Film Festival?

- A. Nawazuddin Siddiqui
- B. Manoj Bajpai
- C. Nasiruddin Shah
- D. Anupam Kher

9. According to Knight Frank’s ‘Prime Global Cities Index Q1 2021’ report New Delhi ranked at what position?

- A. 30th
- B. 32nd
- C. 34th
- D. 36th

10. Name the Nepali climber who has scaled Mount Everest for the record 25th time?

- A. Kami Rita
- B. Ngima Nuru
- C. Apa Sherpa
- D. Phurba Tashi

11. 3rd Arctic Science Ministerial (ASM3) Meeting 2021 was held in which city?

- A. Reykjavík
- B. Tokyo
- C. Toronto
- D. Helsinki

12. Who won the Men’s Singles Title in Madrid Open tennis tournament 2021?

- A. Alexander Zverev
- B. Horacio Zeballos
- C. Marcel Granollers



D. Rafael Nadal

13. Which ministry has issued a notification mandating all State/UT Governments to issue a certificate of disability through online mode only using Unique Disability ID Portal (UDID Portal) – www.swavlambancard.gov.in, from June 1, 2021?

- A. Ministry of Home Affairs
- B. Ministry of Finance
- C. Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
- D. Ministry of Law

14. Which European country hosted the India-European Union Leaders' Meeting that was attended by PM Narendra Modi, held in a hybrid format?

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

15. Who won the 2021 Madrid Open women's singles title?

- A. Ashleigh Barty
- B. Aryna Sabalenka
- C. Katerina Siniakova
- D. Naomi Osaka

16. Who has been named as the "Sportswoman of the Year" at the 2021 Laureus World Sports Awards?

- A. Naomi Osaka
- B. Ashleigh Barty
- C. Serena Williams
- D. Megan Rapinoe

17. Who has been named as the "Sportsman of the Year" at the 2021 Laureus World Sports Awards?

- A. Rojer Federer
- B. Novak Djokovic
- C. Rafael Nadal
- D. Lionel Messi

18. Who won the 2021 Spanish Grand Prix?

- A. Daniel Ricciardo
- B. Sebastien Vettel
- C. Lewis Hamilton
- D. Max Verstappen

19. Who has authored the book titled "Elephant In The Womb"?

- A. Ileana d'cruz
- B. Jacqueline Fernandez
- C. Nargis Fakhri
- D. Kalki Koechlin

20. Who has been sworn in as the 15th Chief Minister of Assam?

- A. Sarbananda Sonowal
- B. Himanta Biswa Sarma
- C. Rama Kanta Dewri
- D. Ram Prasad Sarmah

21. Who has been sworn in as the Chief Minister of the Union Territory of Puducherry, for a record fourth time?

- A. N Rangasamy
- B. A. Namassivayam
- C. A. Anbalagan
- D. V. Narayanasamy

22. Name the Indian personality who has been selected for the Arline Pacht Global Vision Award for 2021?

- A. Gita Mittal
- B. Ranjana Desai
- C. R. Banumathi
- D. Indu Malhotra

23. Rajya Sabha member, Raghunath Mohapatra has passed away recently, he was a veteran _____ also.

- A. Journalist
- B. Dancer
- C. Sculptor
- D. Doctor

24. Renowned personality Shesh Narayan Singh has passed away recently, he was veteran _____.

- A. Journalist
- B. Dancer
- C. Sculptor
- D. Doctor

25. Under whose chairmanship the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) Regulations Review Authority (RRA 2.0) has constituted a 6-member Advisory Group?

- A. TT Srinivasaraghavan
- B. Gautam Thakur



C. S Janakiraman
D. Subir Saha

26. Who has been appointed as the chief minister of Tamil Nadu?

- A. Edappadi K. Palaniswami
- B. MK Stalin
- C. Kanimozhi Karunanidhi
- D. P. Geetha Jeevan

27. Renowned personality Abhilasha Patil passed away recently, she was veteran _____.

- A. Actor
- B. Film Director
- C. Choreographer
- D. Singer

28. On the sidelines of the G7 Foreign Ministers' Meeting, the first-ever India-France-Australia Trilateral Foreign Ministerial Dialogue was held in _____.

- A. Paris
- B. Sydney
- C. London
- D. New York

29. Former Union Minister Ajit Singh has passed away recently belong to which political party?

- A. BJP
- B. Congress
- C. Sanajwadi Party
- D. Rashtriya Lok Dal

30. Renowned personality V Kalyanam passed away recently, he was former personal secretary of _____.

- A. Jawaharlal Nehru
- B. Mahatma Gandhi
- C. Subhas Chandra Bose
- D. C Rajagopalachari

31. Who will be honoured with the Icon Award at the 2021 Billboard Music Awards (BBMAs)?

- A. Pink
- B. Madonna
- C. Diana Ross
- D. Donna Summer

32. Who has been appointed as the Director of the Indian Institute of Rice Research (IIRR)?

- A. K Srinivas Rao
- B. K Kousalya
- C. Sudha Nair
- D. Raman Meenakshi Sundaram

33. The Nation's first 'Drive in Vaccination Center' was inaugurated by MP Rahul Shewale in _____.

- A. Indore
- B. New Delhi
- C. Mumbai
- D. Ahmedabad

34. With which entity the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to promote efficient renewable technologies in the dairy industry?

- A. Energy Efficiency Services Ltd (EESL)
- B. Power Finance Corporation Limited
- C. Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency
- D. Power Grid Corporation of India

35. Startup Incubation and Innovation Centre (SIIC) of which IIT has launched 'Mission Bharat O2' challenge to develop indigenous solutions for solving India's oxygen crisis?

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

36. 2021 G20 Tourism Ministers' Meeting was held in which country that was attended by the Union Minister of State for Tourism & Culture (I/c) Shri Prahlad Singh Patel virtually?

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

37. Who has been honored with the Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award, an Oscar statue, at the 93rd Academy Awards 2021 Ceremony?

- A. Tyler Perry
- B. Diane Keaton
- C. Tom Selleck
- D. Kevin Costner

38. The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting announced a year-long celebrations to Mark birth centenary of which filmmaker?



- A. Soumitra Chatterjee
- B. Rajesh Khanna
- C. Satyam Kushwaha
- D. Satyajit Ray

39. Which foundation has partnered with the not-for-profit organisation, Sustainable Environment and Ecological Development Society (SEEDS) to launch a community COVID-19 vaccination drive and set up COVID care centres?

- A. Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
- B. Reliance Foundation
- C. Ford Foundation
- D. PepsiCo Foundation

40. With Which country India has adopted 'Roadmap 2030' which aims to elevate bilateral ties to 'Comprehensive Strategic Partnership'?

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

41. Recently, the first-ever electric tractor in India has been tested at the Central Farm Machinery Training and Testing Institute which is located in _____.

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

42. Oscar-winning 'Moonstruck' actress Olympia Dukakis passed away, she held from which country?

- A. USA
- B. Iceland
- C. England
- D. Canada

43. Who has authored the book titled "The Bench"?

- A. JK Rowling
- B. Meghan Markle
- C. Julia Donaldson
- D. Judy Blume

44. Who has authored the book titled Bengal 2021, An Election Diary?

- A. Deep Halder
- B. Swapan Das Gupta

- C. Barkha Dutt
- D. Aweek Sarkar

45. Which steel company has been selected by the Andhra Pradesh government as Joint Venture partner to set up a steel plant in the Kadapa district?

- A. Bhushan Steel
- B. Essar Steel
- C. Jindal Steel
- D. Tata Steel

46. Maria Ressa is an investigative journalist and media executive of which country who has been named as the 2021 laureate of the UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize?

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

47. Renowned personality Manas Bihari Verma passed away recently, he was a veteran _____.

- A. Nuclear Scientist
- B. Aeronautical Scientist
- C. Virologist
- D. Astronomers

48. Mark Selby belongs to which country who has become the World Snooker Champion for the fourth time?

- A. France
- B. Belarus
- C. Spain
- D. England

49. Which wind energy company has signed a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) for supplying 540 Mega Watt (MW) out of the total awarded capacity of 810 MW of blended wind power capacity?

- A. JSW Renew Energy
- B. Suzlon Energy Limited
- C. Regen Powertech private limited
- D. Inox Wind limited

50. The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (I&B) has instituted the "Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award for Excellence in Cinema" from 20021, which will be given every year at _____.

- A. Filmfare Awards



- B. National Awards
C. International Film Festival of India (IFFI)
D. Padma Awards
51. Who won the 2021 World Snooker Championship?
A. Shaun Murphy
B. Judd Trump
C. Pankaj Advani
D. Mark Selby
52. Former Union minister Jagmohan Malhotra passed away recently he also served as governor of which state?
A. Andhra Pradesh
B. Madhya Pradesh
C. Uttar Pradesh
D. Jammu and Kashmir
53. Which state government has launched the first of its kind Auro Scholarship Programme of Sri Aurobindo Society for all the students of state?
A. Assam
B. West Bengal
C. Tripura
D. Jharkhand
54. Name the Indian sports person who has been nominated as athlete ambassadors for the International Olympic Committee's (IOC) 'Believe in Sport' campaign aimed at preventing competition manipulation?
A. MC Mary Kom
B. Saina Nehwal
C. PV Sindhu
D. Bajrang Punia
55. Union Finance Minister, Nirmala Sitharaman virtually inaugurated India's first 3D printed house at which IIT?
A. IIT Madras
B. IIT Bombay
C. IIT Kanpur
D. IIT Kharagpur
56. The North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) launched the Joint Multinational Military Exercise 'DEFENDER-Europe 21' in which country?
A. Romania
B. Macedonia

- C. Albania
D. Slovakia
57. Who has been honoured with the 3rd highest order decoration of Japan, Order of the Rising Sun, under the class Gold and Silver Rays from the Consulate-General of Japan in Bengaluru, Karnataka?
A. Shyamala Gopinath
B. Shyamala Ganesh
C. Kirthi Karanth
D. Rumana Sinha Sehgal
58. Who has been appointed as the 4th Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India?
A. Jayant Kumar Dash
B. R. Subramanian
C. Rohit Jain
D. T Rabi Sankar
59. Who has been appointed as Acting Chairperson of National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) with effect from April 25, 2021?
A. Justice Prafulla Chandra Pant
B. Justice Ashok Bhan
C. Justice Jasti Chelameswar
D. Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel
60. Name the Indian gymnast who has qualified for Tokyo Olympics through Asian quota?
A. Kalpana Debnath.
B. Rucha Divekar.
C. Deepa Karmakar
D. Pranati Nayak
61. Asian Games gold medalist Colonel Gulam Mohammad Khan (retired) passed away recently, he was associated with which sports?
A. Riding
B. Gymnastic
C. Shot Put
D. Boxing
62. Renowned personality Amit Mistry passed away recently, he was a veteran _____.
A. Film Director
B. Cinematographer
C. Film Actor
D. Choreographer



63. Who translated Satyajit Ray's book titled "Another Dozen Stories" from Bengali to English?

- A. Indrani Majumdar
- B. Indrani Gupta
- C. Sharmila Tagore
- D. Akbar Hussain

64. Which state government has initiated 'Parvat Dhara Yojana' to revive, recharge aquifers and conserve natural resources of water in the state?

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

65. Which state government has declared working journalists as Frontline Covid Warriors and have been covered under Gopabandhu Sambadika Swasthya Bima Yojana?

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

66. The Ministry of Finance is set to provide an additional amount of Rs. 15,000 Crore to State Governments as Interest free 50-year loan under Scheme of Financial Assistance to States for Capital Expenditure'. The Scheme was launched in which year?

- A. 2014
- B. 2016
- C. 2018
- D. 2020

67. In which state/UTs the Indian Army has Inaugurated its first Green Solar Energy Harnessing Plant of 56 KVA (KiloVolt-Ampere)?

- A. Ladakh
- B. Uttarakhand
- C. Sikkim
- D. Arunachal Pradesh

68. Alstom is a rolling stock manufacturer of which country that successfully manufactured and delivered its 100th Electric Locomotive to the Indian Railways?

- A. Japan
- B. South Korea

- C. France
- D. Germany

69. The Global Forest Goals Report 2021 has been released by which of the following institutions?

- A. UNDP
- B. UNEP
- C. Center for International Forestry Research
- D. Department of Economic and Social Affairs

70. Renowned personality Soli J Sorabjee passed away recently, he was former _____.

- A. Comptroller and Auditor General of India
- B. Attorney General
- C. Solicitor General
- D. Advocate General

71. The world's longest pedestrian suspension bridge has been opened in which country?

- A. Spain
- B. Portugal
- C. France
- D. Denmark

72. 44 people were killed in a stampede that occurred at a religious gathering at Mount Meron that is located in which country?

- A. Germany
- B. Italy
- C. Turkey
- D. Israel

73. Who has won the women's singles title in the Porsche Tennis Grand Prix 2021 in Stuttgart?

- A. Ashleigh Barty
- B. Aryna Sabalenka
- C. Simona Halep
- D. Jennifer Brady



74. Which country has approved the proposed sale of 6 Poseidon-8I (P-8I) Patrol Aircraft and other equipment to India?

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

75. Who has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) Kotak Mahindra Life Insurance Company Limited (KLI) for a period of 3 years starting from 1st May 2021?

- A. Amitabh Chaudhary
- B. Niraj Bajaj
- C. Mahesh Balasubramanian
- D. TV Somanathan

76. Vaishali S Hiwase held from which state who became the first woman officer to be appointed as officer commanding in the Border Roads Organisation (BRO)?

- A. Goa
- B. Gujarat
- C. Karnataka
- D. Maharashtra

77. Due to rising Covid cases in India the Boxing Federation of India (BFI), in consultation with the Asian Boxing Confederation (ASBC) decided to conduct the 2021 Asian Elite Men and Women Boxing Championships in _____.

- A. Muscat, Oman
- B. Doha, Qatar
- C. Dubai, UAE
- D. Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

78. Renowned personality Pandit Debu Chaudhuri has passed away following COVID-19 related complications, he was a prominent _____.

- A. sitar maestro
- B. flute maestro
- C. veena maestro
- D. classical singer

79. National Awardee Karimanal Venkatesan Anand passed away at the age of 54 due to COVID-19 related complications, he was a veteran _____.

- A. cinematographer
- B. screen writer
- C. film editor
- D. music director

80. Who has won the Portuguese Grand Prix 2021?

- A. Lewis Hamilton
- B. Valtteri Bottas
- C. Max Verstappen
- D. Fernando Alonso



ANSWERS

1. Ans. D.

* Assam govt has launched a real time Digital Flood Reporting and Information Management System (FRIMS).

* The FRIMS jointly developed by ASDMA & UNICEF will replace the present manual system with the web cum mobile application-based technology driven system.

* It will help in efficient delivery of relief, ex-gratia, rehabilitation grants to the flood affected people besides tracking of damages to agricultural crops, loss of livestock, infrastructure damages etc.

* It will also help in providing financial assistance for restoration.

* Also, the system will provide immediate alert-based verification at defined levels.

2. Ans. A.

* The Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB), the government's head-hunter, has picked Arun Kumar Singh as the chairman and managing director of state-run oil refining and marketing firm Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL).

* Arun Kumar Singh is currently director, marketing at BPCL and holding additional charge of Director, Refineries.

3. Ans. C.

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

* He was among the 120 newly elected members announced by the Academy.

* Sankar Ghosh is the Silverstein and Hutt Family Professor of Microbiology and Chair of the Department of Microbiology & Immunology at the Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons at Columbia University.

* He is also a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

4. Ans. B.

* Ujjwala Singhania has been appointed as the National President of FICCI Ladies Organization (FLO), the oldest women-led & women-centric business chamber of Southeast Asia.

* As the 38th National President of FLO Singhania will focus on empowering women by facilitating an enabling environment that promotes

entrepreneurship, industry participation and economic development of women.

* Under her leadership, FLO will carry out many interventions towards fostering larger contributions of women in India's Industrial and economic growth story.

5. Ans. C.

* Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has launched a new mobile app for students and parents. The new app 'Dost for Life' is an exclusive psychological counselling app for students and parents of CBSE-affiliated schools.

* The new App will simultaneously cater to students and parents from CBSE-affiliated schools in different geographies across the world.

* The app will also provide students with other resource material such as suggestive course guides for after senior secondary education, tips on mental health and well being, and a 'corona guide' with information on daily safety protocol, learning from home and self-care.

* The counselling sessions shall be provided to students of classes 9-12 by 83 volunteer counsellors and school principals.

6. Ans. B.

* Elon Musk-owned SpaceX is set to launch the "DOGE-1 Mission to the Moon", the first-ever commercial lunar payload, paid entirely in the cryptocurrency Dogecoin.

* The satellite is scheduled to be launched in the first quarter of 2022 onboard the Falcon 9 rocket. The dogecoin-funded mission is led by the Canadian company Geometric Energy Corporation (GEC).

* SpaceX will carry a 40-kilogram cube satellite dubbed as DOGE-1, as rideshare on a Falcon 9 rocket.

* The payload will obtain lunar-spatial intelligence from sensors and cameras on board with integrated communications and computational systems.

* This launch will make DOGE the first crypto in space as well as the first meme in space.

7. Ans. B.

* Pakistani skipper Babar Azam has been named the ICC Men's Player of the Month for April 2021 for his consistent and stellar performances across all



formats in the recently concluded series against South Africa.

* The ICC Player of the Month Awards recognise and celebrate the best performances from both male and female cricketers across all forms of international cricket throughout the year.

* Along with Babar, Australian women's team wicketkeeper-batsman Alyssa Healy also bagged the ICC Women's Player of The Month accolade for her incredible performances during the month of April.

8. Ans. D.

* Anupam Kher won the Best Actor award for his performance in the short film Happy Birthday at the New York City International Film Festival.

* The film has been directed by Prasad Kadam and produced by FNP Media. Besides Anupam, Happy Birthday stars Aahana Kumra.

* The film also won the Best Short Film award at the festival.

9. Ans. B.

* London-based property consultant Knight Frank has ranked New Delhi and Mumbai in 32nd and 36th positions respectively in the Global Prime Residential Index.

* While Bengaluru moved down by four places in Q1 2021 and is ranked 40; Delhi and Mumbai dipped one place each in the same period.

* Three Chinese cities – Shenzhen, Shanghai and Guangzhou lead the index this quarter. Shenzhen recorded the strongest performing world region with a growth of 18.9%, while New York was the weakest performing market with negative 5.8% growth. Some of the world's top metropolises, New York, Dubai, London, Paris and Hong Kong are seeing prices soften. New York was the weakest-performing global city during the period.

10. Ans. A.

* Nepalese climber, Kami Rita has scaled Mount Everest for the 25th time, breaking his own record for the most ascents of the world's highest peak.

* Rita, 51, first scaled Everest in 1994 and has been making the trip nearly every year since then.

* He is one of many Sherpa guides whose expertise and skills are vital to the safety and success of the hundreds of climbers.

11. Ans. B.

* The 3rd Arctic Science Ministerial (ASM3) 2021 held in Tokyo, Japan from May 8-9, 2021, it was jointly organized by Iceland & Japan.

* The ASM3 2021 is the 1st meeting to be held in Asia.

* The theme for 2021 is 'Knowledge for a Sustainable Arctic'.

* ASM is a global platform for discussing research and cooperation in the Arctic region, it is an event initiated by the Arctic Council, a high-level intergovernmental forum.

* Union Minister for Earth Science Dr Harsh Vardhan virtually represented India in the meeting.

12. Ans. A.

* Germany's Alexander Zverev defeated Matteo Berrettini of Italy to win the Men's Singles Title of the 2021 Madrid Open (19th Edition on ATP).

* This is the 2nd Madrid Open Title (previous one – 2018) & 4th Masters 1000 Title for Alexander Zverev.

* In the Women's Singles Category, Belarus' Aryna Sabalenka defeated World No.1 Ashleigh Barty (Australia) to clinch her maiden Madrid Open Title. The 2021 Madrid Open is the 20th edition of the Tournament in WTA .

* The 2021 Madrid Open was held from 30th April 2021 – 9th May 2021 at Manzanares Park Tennis Center (also known as Manolo Santana Stadium), Madrid, Spain.

* The Madrid Open is a Clay-court event.

13. Ans. C.

• The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment (MoSJE) has issued a notification mandating all State/UT Governments to issue a certificate of disability through online mode only using Unique Disability ID Portal (UDID Portal) – (www.swavlambancard.gov.in) from June 1, 2021.

• The requirement of a Certificate of disability is mandated under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (RPwD Act, 2016).

• Using the certificate, people with disabilities can avail benefits of different government schemes.

• The sector has been demanding online issuance of certificates, as people with disabilities were unable to get certificates due to prevalent restrictions in Pandemic times.

• Department of Health, and Department which deals with disability matters in States/UTs will ensure the compliance of the notification.



14. Ans. C.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi participated in the India-EU Leaders' Meeting, held in a hybrid format. The India-European Union Leaders' Meeting is hosted by Portugal.

- Portugal currently holds the chair of the grouping.
- PM Modi attended the event at the invitation of the President of the European Council Mr Charles Michel.

- The leaders of all the 27 EU Member States, as well as the President of the European Council and the European Commission, participated in the meeting. This is the first time that the EU hosted a meeting with India in the EU+27 format.

15. Ans. B.

- The world number seven, Aryna Sabalenka of Belarus, won the women's singles title in 2021 Madrid Open tennis tournament.

- She defeated world number one Ashleigh Barty of Australia in the final

- This Sabalenka's 10th career WTA singles title, second WTA title of the season and first on clay court. Madrid Open is a professional WTA tennis tournament played on outdoor clay courts.

16. Ans. A.

- World number two tennis player Naomi Osaka of Japan has been named "Sportswoman of the Year" at the 2021 Laureus World Sports Awards. This is Osaka's second Laureus Sports Awards. In 2019, she won the "Breakthrough of the Year" award.

17. Ans. C.

- Tennis great Rafael Nadal was named the 2021 Laureus Sportsman of the Year after a landmark year in which the Spaniard equalled Roger Federer's Grand Slam record for the most majors won by a male player.

- With the French Open victory in 2020, Nadal took his tally to 20 Grand Slam titles.

- Nadal picked up his fourth Laureus honour, having previously scooped the Breakthrough, Comeback and men's individual awards.

18. Ans. C.

- **Lewis Hamilton** (Mercedes-Great Britain) won the **2021 Spanish Grand Prix**, held on 09 May 2021. This win is the fifth successive Spanish Grand Prix title of Lewis Hamilton and the third win of this season.

- **Max Verstappen** (Red Bull Racing-Netherlands) came second followed by **Valtteri Bottas**

(Mercedes-Finland) at third position. The race was the fourth round of the 2021 Formula One World Championship.

19. Ans. D.

- Bollywood actress Kalki Koechlin is making her debut as an author, with her first book titled "Elephant In The Womb".

- The book, which is yet to be released, is an illustrated non-fiction book on motherhood.

- It is illustrated by Valeriya Polyanychko and published by Penguin Random House India (PRHI).

- The book narrates about pregnancy and parenting for mothers, expectant mothers, and "anyone even thinking about motherhood".

20. Ans. B.

- Himanta Biswa Sarma has been named as the 15th Chief Minister of Assam on May 08, 2021. He will replace incumbent Sarbananda Sonowal.

- He took the charge of the office with effect from May 10, 2021.

- The BJP party won a second straight term in the 2021 assembly polls in the state.

- The party won 60 seats in the 126-member Assam assembly.

- Mr Sarma joined the BJP six years ago in 2015, after quitting the Congress.

21. Ans. A.

- The All India NR Congress (AINRC) founder leader N Rangasamy has been sworn in as the Chief Minister of the Union Territory of Puducherry, for a record fourth time, on May 07, 2021.

- N Rangasamy was administered the oath of office and secrecy by Lieutenant governor (additional charge) Tamilisai Soundararajan.

- Prior to this, the 71-year-old served as Chief Minister of Puducherry from 2001 to 2008 as a member of the Indian National Congress and then from 2011 to 2016 as a member of AINRC.

22. Ans. A.

- Former Chief Justice of Jammu & Kashmir High Court, Justice Gita Mittal, has been declared as one of the two recipients of the Arline Pacht Global Vision Award for 2021.

- The Award will be presented at IAWJ's Biennial Conference during the virtual opening ceremony on May 7, 2021.

- She shares the honour with Margarita Luna Ramos from Mexico.



- International Association of Women Judges (IAWJ) instituted this award in 2016. Justice Mittal would be the first Indian judge to receive the award.
- Award is presented to a sitting/retired woman judge to recognize her contribution to IAWJ.

23. Ans. C.

- Eminent sculptor, architect, and Rajya Sabha member, Raghunath Mohapatra has passed away while undergoing treatment for COVID-19. Hailing from Odisha, Mohapatra was awarded Padma Shri in 1975, Padma Bhushan in 2001 and Padma Vibhushan in 2013 for his pioneering contributions to the world of art, architecture and culture.

24. Ans. A.

- Veteran senior journalist Shesh Narayan Singh has passed away while undergoing treatment for COVID-19. He was 70. A columnist, political commentator and an expert on foreign policy, Shesh Narain Singh had a career spanning over two decades.

25. Ans. C.

- The Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) Regulations Review Authority (RRA 2.0) has constituted a 6-member Advisory Group headed by S Janakiraman, Managing Director of State Bank of India to support in reviewing the RBI's regulations and compliance procedures to streamline/ rationalise them to make them more effective.
- On April 15, 2021, RBI formed the RRA 2.0 for a period of 1 year from May 01, 2021 to Streamline RBI's Regulations and Reduce Compliance. M. Rajeshwar Rao, Deputy Governor, RBI was the RRA (head).

26. Ans. B.

- Tamil Nadu governor Banwarilal Purohit has appointed Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) chief MK Stalin as the chief minister of Tamil Nadu.
- The 68-year-old is the son of the former five-term Tamil Nadu chief minister, the late M Karunanidhi.
- The DMK-led alliance won 159 seats, well ahead of the majority mark of 118 seats. The party alone won 133 seats in the election.
- In the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, Stalin led the United Progressive Alliance (UPA), of which the DMK is a constituent, to victory in 38 out of 39 parliamentary seats in Tamil Nadu.

27. Ans. A.

- Actress Abhilasha Patil, who featured in films like 'Good Newwz', 'Badrinath Ki Dulhania' and 'Chhichhore', passed away due to Covid-19 complications.

- Apart from Bollywood movies, Patil also appeared in Marathi films such as 'Te Aath Diwas', 'Bayko Deta Ka Bayko', 'Prawaas', 'Pipsi' and 'Tujha Majha Arrange Marriage'.

28. Ans. C.

- The first-ever India-France-Australia Trilateral Foreign Ministerial Dialogue was held in London, UK, on the sidelines of the G7 Foreign Ministers' Meeting.

- The meeting was attended by External Affairs Minister, Dr S. Jaishankar from India, France's Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs, Mr Jean-Yves Le Drian and Australia's Minister for Foreign Affairs, Senator Marise Payne.

29. Ans. D.

- Former Union Minister and Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD) founder and leader Ajit Singh has passed away battling COVID-19. He was the son of former Prime Minister of India, Chaudhary Charan Singh.

- Ajit Singh had served as Minister of Commerce & Industry under Prime Minister V. P. Singh; Minister of Food Processing Industries in P. V. Narasimha Rao's cabinet; Minister of Agriculture in Atal Bihari Vajpayee's government and Minister of Civil Aviation in Manmohan Singh's cabinet.

30. Ans. B.

- Mahatma Gandhi's former personal secretary V Kalyanam passed away. He was Gandhi's personal secretary from 1943 to 1948, when the Mahatma was assassinated.

- Kalyanam was preserving letters written by Gandhiji, a cheque bearing his sign and other literature associated with him.

- He was proficient in Bengali, Gujarati, Hindi, Tamil and English. A staunch follower of Mahatma Gandhi, he was also associated with Rajaji in the 1960s.

31. Ans. A.

- Singer Pink will be honoured with the Icon Award at the 2021 Billboard Music Awards (BBMAs).

- The award aims to recognize artists who have achieved success on the Billboard charts and left an indelible impact on music.

- Pink joins previous honourees that include Neil Diamond, Stevie Wonder, Prince, Jennifer Lopez,



Celine Dion, Cher, Janet Jackson, Mariah Carey and Garth Brooks.

32. Ans. D.

- Raman Meenakshi Sundaram has been appointed as Director of the Indian Institute of Rice Research (IIRR), an arm of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research.
- Prior to this elevation, he was working as Principal Scientist (Biotechnology) at the institute crop Improvement Section.
- He is a scientist of global repute working in the area of rice biotechnology, molecular breeding, and genomics and has over 160 research papers in national and international journals of repute and has published several books, book chapters and popular articles.

33. Ans. C.

- The Nation's first 'Drive in Vaccination Center' was inaugurated by MP Rahul Shewale in Mumbai. This center has been set up in the parking lot of Kohinoor Square Tower at Dadar.
- This first of its kind 'Drive-in Vaccination Center' facility has been made available to the citizens at a time when people with disabilities are facing difficulties in getting to the vaccination center.

34. Ans. A.

- The National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Energy Efficiency Services Ltd (EESL) virtually to promote efficient renewable technologies in the dairy industry.
- NDDB and EESL will work to design and develop innovative energy-efficient business solutions (innovative business models) for dairy cooperative institutions.
- They collaborate with different agencies for adopting non-conventional energy-generating facilities for the disposal of crop residues/agricultural waste and bio waste in an environment-friendly manner.

35. Ans. C.

- Startup Incubation and Innovation Centre (SIIC) of Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur, has launched 'Mission Bharat O2' challenge to develop indigenous solutions for solving India's oxygen crisis.
- SIIC aims to support innovative minds of India to set up more than 20,000 oxygen generation units and work with a set of manufacturers in different

regions of India with a target production capacity of 100 units per day.

36. Ans. A.

- Union Minister of State for Tourism & Culture Prahlad Singh Patel virtually participated in 2021 G20 Tourism Ministers' Meeting held in Italy.
- Mr Massimo Garavaglia, Minister of Tourism, Government of Italy Chaired the meeting.
- India will support the Principles for the transition to a green travel and tourism economy submitted by United Nation World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) as a further contribution to the policy area "Green Transformation" to embrace sustainability in tourism.

37. Ans. A.

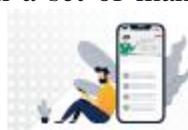
- American Actor Tyler Perry received the Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award, an Oscar statue, at the 93rd Academy Awards 2021 Ceremony.
- He was honoured for his contribution towards the recovery of the entertainment industry amid the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award is presented to an individual in the motion picture industry whose humanitarian efforts have brought credit to the industry.
- The award is named after Danish actor and translator Jean Pierre Carl Buron, professionally known as 'Jean Hersholt', who was a philanthropist.

38. Ans. D.

- In a homage to Satyajit Ray, the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting on Friday announced that it will organise year-long celebrations across India and abroad to mark the 100th birth anniversary of the legendary filmmaker.
- Satyajit Ray (May 2, 1921-April 23, 1992) was a renowned filmmaker, writer, illustrator, graphic designer and music composer.
- He started his career in advertising and found inspiration for his first film, Pather Panchali, while illustrating the children's version of the novel by Bibhutibhushan Bandopadhyay.

39. Ans. D.

- * PepsiCo Foundation, the philanthropic arm of PepsiCo has partnered with the Sustainable Environment and Ecological Development Society (SEEDS) to launch a community COVID-19 vaccination drive and set up COVID care centres To focus on Maharashtra, Punjab, West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, and Telangana. .



* As part of the partnership, SEEDS will drive Covid-19 vaccinations for the community at large, set up Covid care centres equipped with beds and medical facilities, including oxygen cylinders.

* SEEDS is a not-for-profit organization.

40. Ans. C.

* The India-UK Virtual Summit 2021 between Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi & Prime Minister of United Kingdom Boris Johnson took place on 4th May 2021.

* During the summit, the two leaders adopted 'Roadmap 2030' which aims to elevate bilateral ties to 'Comprehensive Strategic Partnership'.

* The UK finalised new deals/trade worth 1 Billion British Pound Sterling (GBP) to create 6,500 jobs in the UK.

* They also agreed/announced 9 Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs)/Declarations during the summit.

* Launch of Enhanced Trade Partnership to double Bilateral trade between the 2 countries by 2030 (current level stands at GBP 23 Billion).

41. Ans. B.

* Recently, the first-ever electric tractor in India has been tested at the Central Farm Machinery Training and Testing Institute.

* This new electric tractor will be more environmentally friendly than other types of tractors.

* The Central Farm Machinery Training and Testing Institute at Budni is a premier institute under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare. It is located in the state of Madhya Pradesh.

42. Ans. A.

* Oscar-winning 'Moonstruck' actress Olympia Dukakis passed away at the age of 89 in New York due to prolonged illness. She was born on 20th June 1931 in Massachusetts, USA.

* Olympia Dukakis was an American actress, director, producer, teacher and activist who performed in over 130 stage productions, over 60 films and in 50 television series.

* She won an Oscar award in 1987 and won an Academy Award and a Golden Globe for her performance in Moonstruck.

* She has also won an Obie Award for Best Actress in 1963 for her performance in Bertolt Brecht's Man Equals Man.

* Dukakis's autobiography, Ask Me Again Tomorrow: A Life in Progress, was published in 2003.

* In 2020, a feature-length documentary about her life, titled Olympia, was released theatrically in the United States.

43. Ans. B.

* Meghan Markle, The Duchess of Sussex, is set to release her debut book, titled "The Bench". It is a children book that narrates the bond between a father and son through the mothers perspective.

* The book is published by Random House Children's Books.

* The illustrations of the book are done by award-winning artist Christian Robinson.

* The book was inspired by the relationship between fathers and sons.

* The audiobook edition of the book narrated by Megahan will also be released in June.

44. Ans. A.

* A New book titled Bengal 2021, An Election Diary authored by Deep Halder will be published by Harper Collins India

* This book speaks about the electrifying election that took place in West Bengal, amid the times of Covid-19.

* Deep Halder is the author of Blood Island: An Oral History of the Marichjhapi Massacre.

* He has been a journalist for almost two decades, writing on issues of development at the intersection of religion, caste and politics.

* Currently, he is executive editor at India Today Group.

45. Ans. B.

* Andhra Pradesh selected Essar Steel as Joint Venture partner to set up a steel plant in the Kadapa district.

* The AP government has previously selected Liberty Steel India Limited as the JV partner for construction and development of the YSR Steel Plant.

* But that was cancelled based on the recommendation of SBICAP as Liberty steel India Limited was facing some financial issues.

* The steel plant will be set up with a capacity of 3 million tonne per annum for producing high grade Steel products.

* The Capital Expenditure of the Project will be Rs.11,606 crore.



46. Ans. C.

* Investigative journalist and media executive Maria Ressa of the Philippines has been named as the 2021 laureate of the UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize 2021.

* The \$25,000 prize “recognizes outstanding contributions to the defence or promotion of press freedom especially in the face of danger,” according to UNESCO.

* The prize was named after Guillermo Cano Isaza, the Colombian journalist.

* Over a career spanning more than thirty years, Ressa has worked as CNN’s lead investigative reporter for Asia and the head of ABS-CBN News and Current Affairs.

* She has also been involved in many international initiatives to promote press freedom.

* In recent years, she has been the target of online attacks and judicial processes relating to her investigative reporting and status as manager of online outlet Rappler.

47. Ans. B.

• The Indian aeronautical scientist, Manas Bihari Verma, who played an instrumental role in the development of the Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) – Tejas, has passed away.

• He worked as a scientist at the Defence Research Development Organization (DRDO) for 35 years in the aeronautical stream.

• He was given the responsibility for the design of the Tejas aircraft mechanical system, where he led the team responsible for the full-scale engineering development of the Tejas aircraft in the Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA). The noted scientist has conferred the Padma Sri civilian honour in 2018.

48. Ans. D.

• In Snooker, English professional player Mark Selby has become the World Snooker Champion for the fourth time.

• He won the Championship title after defeating fellow mate Shaun Murphy by 18-15 victory at a professional snooker tournament, that took place from 17 April to 3 May 2021 at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield, England.

• Prior to this, Selby won the Championship title in 2014, 2016, 2017 and 2021.

49. Ans. A.

• JSW Renew Energy, the renewable energy wing of JSW Energy has signed a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) for supplying 540 MegaWatt (MW) out of the total awarded capacity of 810 MW of blended wind power capacity.

• It is the single largest PPA for wind/blended wind power capacity awarded to a company.

• JSW Renew Energy won the contract for 810 MW of blended Wind Power Project in a competitive bidding done by SECI in September, 2020.

• India has set a target to raise the capacity of installed Renewable Energy (RE) generation plants to 450 GW by 2030.

• The Current installed RE generation capacity stands 94 GW.

50. Ans. C.

• The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting(I&B) has instituted the “Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award for Excellence in Cinema” which will be given at the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) every year starting from 2021.

• The award consists of a cash prize of Rs 10 lakh, a certificate, shawl along with a silver peacock medal and a scroll.

• The award is instituted as a part of the celebration of the birth centenary of Bharat Ratna Awardee Satyajit Ray, who was born on 2nd May 1921 in Kolkata, West Bengal.

51. Ans. D.

• Mark Selby, an English professional Snooker Player won the 2021 World Snooker Championship by defeating Shaun Murphy (English professional snooker player).

• This is his 4th World Championship. The Championship held in Crucible Theatre, Sheffield, England.

• The Championship was organized by the World Snooker Tour, a subsidiary of the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association (WPBSA).

• Selby gets 500000 Pound (around Rs.5 crore) prize money and secured the 2nd spot in the world ranking.

52. Ans. D.

• Former Union minister and Jammu and Kashmir(J&K) governor Jagmohan Malhotra passed away at the age of 93 after battling a brief



spell of illness. He was born on 25th January 1927 in Punjab (British India)

- Jagmohan served two terms as the governor of Jammu and Kashmir.
- He had also served as the lieutenant governor of Delhi and governor of Goa.
- He belonged to BJP and served as the Union Minister for Urban Development and Tourism in Atal Bihari Vajpayee-led government.
- He was honoured with the Padma Shri in 1971, Padma Bhushan in 1977 and Padma Vibhushan in 2016.

53. Ans. C.

- Ratan Lal Nath, Education Minister of Tripura launched the first of its kind Auro Scholarship Programme of Sri Aurobindo Society for all the students of Tripura. The programme was launched at the virtual event organised by the Sri Aurobindo Society.
- Auro Scholar is the World's first Micro Scholarship programme aimed to encourage the students to improve their learning.
- Sri Aurobindo Society partnered with the Government of Tripura to make the scholarship accessible to all the students of Tripura.

54. Ans. C.

- The Badminton World Federation announced that India shuttler PV Sindhu and Canada's Michelle Li have been nominated as athlete ambassadors for the International Olympic Committee's (IOC) 'Believe in Sport' campaign aimed at preventing competition manipulation.
- Sindhu and Li will be working alongside other athlete ambassadors from around the world to raise awareness on the topic of competition manipulation amongst athletes and encourage.
- The pair have been global ambassadors for BWF's 'i am badminton' campaign since April 2020.

55. Ans. A.

- Union Finance Minister, Nirmala Sitharaman virtually inaugurated India's 1st 3D printed house at the Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT-M), Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
- The single-storey home has been built in just five days over an area of about 600 sq. ft using 'Concrete 3D Printing'
- TVASTA Manufacturing Solutions, a start-up founded by IIT-M alumni in association with

Habitat for Humanity's Terwilliger Centre for Innovation in Shelter built the 3D Printed House.

- The 3D Printed House would help to meet the deadline of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of the 'housing for all' scheme by 2022.

56. Ans. C.

- The North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) launched the Joint Multinational Military Exercise 'DEFENDER-Europe 21' in the port of Durres in Albania, the exercise began on April 26, 2021 and will go on till June 10, 2021.
- 'DEFENDER-Europe 21' is led by the United States (US). It is an annual exercise held between US and NATO Countries to build readiness and interoperability.
- Around 28,000 US & NATO forces from 26 nations participated in the drills.
- It is the 1st such large-scale drills since World War-II in the Western Balkans region.
- NATO is an International Alliance of 30 countries from North America and Europe.

57. Ans. B.

- Former director of the Japanese Language School, Shyamala Ganesh, received the 3rd highest order decoration of Japan, Order of the Rising Sun, under the class Gold and Silver Rays from the Consulate-General of Japan in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- She received the order for her contribution in spreading the Japanese culture and language in Karnataka and other parts of India and for promoting the friendship and goodwill between Japan and India.
- She is also the former President of the Bengaluru Chapter of Ohara-Ryu Ikebana and supported to popularise the cultural traditions of Ikebana, Japanese flower arrangements. Along with her husband Ganesh she has started a Japanese language school in 1983.
- Since the establishment of the Consulate-General of Japan in Bangalore, this is the first time a Bengalurean has been conferred with the Japanese government's honour.

58. Ans. D.

- The Appointment Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has appointed T Rabi Sankar, the Executive Director of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) as the 4th Deputy Governor of RBI. ACC has cleared his



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appointment for a period of 3 years or till his date of superannuation.

- He succeeds B P Kanungo, who retired on 2nd April 2021 after serving one year extension period.
- RBI cannot hold more than 4 deputy governors. The other 3 Deputy Governors of RBI are Mahesh Kumar Jain, Michael D Patra and Rajeshwar Rao.

59. Ans. A.

- Former judge of Supreme Court, Justice Prafulla Chandra Pant (PC Pant) has been appointed as Acting Chairperson of National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) with effect from April 25, 2021.

- He Succeeds Justice H.L. Dattu, whose tenure ended on December 2, 2020.

- His appointment was authorized by President of India, Ram Nath Kovind.

- The term of office of the NHRC Chairperson and members of the NHRC is for five years or till the age of 70 years, whichever is earlier.

60. Ans. D.

- Indian Gymnast from West Bengal, Pranati Nayak is set to compete at the Tokyo Olympics.

- She has won the bronze in vault at the Asian Artistic Gymnastics Championship 2019.

- She has qualified through the Asian quota.

- She is the 2nd reserve after Elpitiya Badalge Dona Milka Geh of Sri Lanka for the Asian quota.

- Both the Gymnasts will compete in the Olympics starting on 23rd July 2021.

61. Ans. A.

- The 1982 Asian Games gold medallist rider Colonel Gulam Mohammad Khan (Retired) passed away recently.

- From 1980 to 1990, he captained the ASC team, during which time his team won the National title six times and he became individual National Champion (Eventing) four times.

- As a member of the team that won the gold medal in Eventing at the 1982 Asian Games in Delhi, Col Khan clinched the individual silver medal riding Goodwill.

62. Ans. C.

- Veteran Gujarati and Hindi Amit Mistry passed Away at the age of 47 after suffering a cardiac arrest .

- Actor Amit Mistry worked in TV shows like Tenali Rama, Madam Sir and played roles in many films like Yamla Pagla Deewana, Shor In The City.

- He was also actively involved in the theatre circuit especially in Gujarati shows. He had also acted in Gujarati films.

- Besides acting, he was also a dialogue writer and director. He was most recently seen playing the role of the protagonist's uncle in the web series Bandish Bandits.

63. Ans. A.

- Satyajit Ray's book titled "Another Dozen Stories" is translated from Bengali to English by Indrani Majumdar.

- The book was released on 2nd May 2021, the 100th Birth anniversary of Satyajit Ray, one of India's greatest filmmakers.

- The foreword of the book was written by veteran actress Sharmila Tagore.

- The book was published by Penguin India.

- 'Another Dozen Stories', a kids book, is a collection of 12 magical and spooky stories.

- This illustrated edition is a tribute to Satyajit Ray's knowledge of literature.

64. Ans. B.

- The State Government of Himachal Pradesh has initiated 'Parvat Dhara Yojana' to revive, recharge aquifers (underground layer which contains water) and conserve natural resources of water in the state.

- It is set to be implemented in 10 districts of Himachal Pradesh.

- An outlay of INR 20 Crore has been set aside for implementation of the scheme.

- Forest Department of Himachal Pradesh will implement the scheme in forest areas.

- The scheme was announced in the Himachal Pradesh State Budget for the FY 2021-22.

- The scheme will provide irrigation facilities in sloping fields, Forest Department;

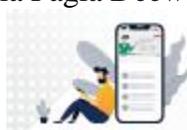
65. Ans. C.

- The Odisha government has declared working journalists as Frontline Covid Warriors.

- This announcement was made under the Gopabandhu Sambadika Swasthya Bima Yojana.

- With these more than 6,500 journalists are to be benefitted in the state.

- Launched in 2018, Gopabandhu Sambadika Swasthya Bima Yojana is a health insurance scheme that was introduced for the journalists by the Odisha state government.



- The scheme provides two lakh rupees of health insurance cover to all the working journalists of the state.

66. Ans. D.

- The Ministry of Finance, Government of India is set to provide an additional amount of INR 15,000 Crore to State Governments as Interest free 50-year loan for spending on Capital projects for the FY 2021-22.

- The loan will be provided to the States under 'Scheme of Financial Assistance to States for Capital Expenditure'. The Scheme was launched in 2020.

- It aims to nudge States to spend more on infrastructure and incentivize disinvestment of State Public Sector Enterprises (SPSEs).

- The Guidelines for the scheme were released by the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance.

67. Ans. C.

- Indian Army Inaugurated its 1st Green Solar Energy Harnessing Plant of 56 KVA (KiloVolt-Ampere) in North Sikkim.

- The Plant uses Vanadium based battery Technology and is situated at an Altitude of 16000 Ft.

- The project has been completed in collaboration with IIT Mumbai.

- It was completed by a team from IIT Mumbai which was led by Professor Prakash Ghosh and troops of the Indian Army.

- The project will benefit troops in forward areas and will be environment friendly.

- India Targets 175 GW Renewable Energy by 2022 – 100 GW Solar, 60 GW Wind, 10 GW Bio-Energy, 5 GW Small Hydro.

68. Ans. C.

- Alstom is a French multinational rolling stock manufacturer.

- It successfully manufactured and delivered its 100th Electric Locomotive to the Indian Railways.

- It is part of the 3.5 Billion Euro (~ INR 25, 000 Crore – during time of signing) contract signed between the Ministry of Railways, India & Alstom in 2015 for delivery of 800 fully electric high-powered double-section locomotives of 12,000 HorsePower (HP) (9 MW).

- It is the Largest Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Project in the Indian Railway sector.

- The Locomotives are manufactured at Madhepura plant in Bihar. The plant is India's largest integrated greenfield manufacturing facility.

- With this, India became the 6th country to produce high HP locomotives indigenously.

69. Ans. C.

- The UN has released its Global Forest Goals Report 2021.

- The Report has been prepared by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the UN.

- According to the report, the Covid-19 pandemic has aggravated the challenges faced by countries in managing their forests.

- It provides an initial overview of the progress of Goals and targets contained within the United Nations Strategic Plan for Forests 2030.

- According to the report, almost 25% global population rely on forest.

70. Ans. B.

- The former attorney general of India Soli J Sorabjee (91) passed away.

- Sorabjee was awarded Padma Vibhushan in 2002 for his defence of the freedom of expression and the protection of human rights.

- He was known for his contribution to the field of constitutional law.

- He had also helped India win in the International Court of Justice against Pakistan in the Atlanticque downing case of 1999.

71. Ans. B.

- The world's longest pedestrian suspension bridge has been completed in northern Portugal.

- It will attract tourists and help to revive a region whose economy was devastated by the Covid-19 pandemic.

- The bridge hangs 175 meters above the fast-flowing River Paiva.

- It is Hidden between rock-strewn mountains covered with lush greenery and yellow flowers inside the UNESCO-recognised Arouca Geopark.

- Hugo Xavier was the first person to muster the courage to make the crossing.

72. Ans. D.

- In Israel, 44 people were killed in a stampede that occurred at a religious gathering at Mount Meron.

- The tragedy struck when a large number of Jewish pilgrims had gathered at the site of the reputed tomb of Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai, a second-century Talmudic sage.



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- it started after some attendees slipped on steps, which caused dozens more to fall.
- Authorities say at least 44 people have been killed and about 150 injured.

73. Ans. A.

- World No 1 Ashleigh Barty won the women's singles title in the Porsche Tennis Grand Prix 2021 in Stuttgart.
- Australian tennis star beats Aryna Sabalenka of Belarus in the final.
- She also won the women's double title partnering with Jennifer Brady.
- It was her first European tournament on clay since triumphing in the 2019 French Open.

74. Ans. D.

- The United States State Department has approved the proposed sale of 6 Poseidon-8I (P-8I) Patrol Aircraft and other equipment to India. The deal is estimated to cost USD 2.42 Billion.
- It is being procured by the Indian Government for use by the Indian Navy.
- The P-8I Patrol Aircrafts are produced by Boeing, an American Aerospace & Defense Company.
- In November 2019, the Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) chaired by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh approved the procurement of the P-8I Aircrafts and other equipment.

75. Ans. C.

- Mahesh Balasubramanian has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) Kotak Mahindra Life Insurance Company Limited (KLI)
- He has been appointed for a period of 3 years starting from 1st May 2021.
- He has been appointed following the retirement of G Murlidhar.
- KLI is in receipt of approval from the Insurance Regulatory Development Authority of India (IRDAI) for the appointment of Balasubramanian.

76. Ans. D.

- Vaishali S Hiwase became the first woman officer to be appointed as officer commanding in the Border Roads Organisation.
- She will be responsible for providing connectivity through an Indo-China border road.
- She is from Maharashtra is M Tech and after successfully completing a demanding tenure in Kargil the Women Officer has taken over the

command to undertake this challenge of cutting through the rocks.

77. Ans. C.

- Due to the International travel restrictions and rising COVID-19 cases in India, the Boxing Federation of India (BFI), in consultation with the Asian Boxing Confederation (ASBC) decided to conduct the 2021 Asian Elite Men and Women Boxing Championships in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE).
- The tournament was scheduled to be held at Delhi's Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium from May 21 to 31, 2021.
- Now the event will be held between May 21 to June 1, 2021 and will be organized by BFI along with UAE Boxing Federation.
- Under the championship, the Indian women's team will be led by the MC Mary Kom (51kg) and the men's team is not yet announced.

78. Ans. A.

- Sitar Maestro Pandit Devabrata(Debu) Chaudhuri passed away at the age of 85 in Delhi due to covid-19. He was born in 1935 in Mymensingh (now in Bangladesh).
- Pandit Debu Chaudhuri had been awarded the Padma Bhushan in 1992 for his contribution to arts.
- He has also won the Padma Shri and Sangeet Natak Akademi Award
- He was also a teacher and writer, who penned six books. Apart from being an artist he was a disciple of Mushtaq Ali Khan.

79. Ans. A.

- Tamil Director and National film Award winning Cinematographer KV Anand (Karimanal Venkatesan Anand) passed away at the age of 54 due to COVID-19 related complications in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
- KV Anand started his career as a photojournalist and later joined as an assistant of award-winning cinematographer PC Sreeram.
- He was the founding member of the Indian Society of Cinematographers (ISC).
- In 1994, He debuted as the cinematographer for the Malayalam film "Thenmavin Kombath" and won the National Film Award for Best Cinematography.



80. Ans. A.

- Seven-time world champion Lewis Hamilton won the Portuguese Grand Prix for Mercedes.
- He defeated Red Bull's Max Verstappen to eight points after three races.
- Verstappen finished second at the Algarve circuit with Mercedes' Valtteri Bottas completing the podium, and taking a bonus point for the fastest lap, after starting from pole position.

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