

# Weekly Current Affairs Revision Set 1st Week of June 2021



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- A. Singapore
- B. Vietnam
- C. Hong Kong
- D. Philippines
- E. Taiwan

2. Who has been appointed as the chairman of the non-banking finance company Magma Fincorp Limited?

- A. RS Sodhi
- B. Paresh B Lal
- C. Ravneet Singh
- D. Adar Poonawalla
- E. JB Mahapatra

3. In tennis, who has won the first edition of 2021 Belgrade Open Singles?

- A. Novak Djokovic
- B. Rafael Nadal
- C. Daniil Medvedev
- D. Dominic Thiem
- E. Stefanos Tsitsipas

4. Name the Indian Economist at IMF decided to join the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation after retiring in July 2021?

- A. Kalpana Kochhar
- B. Raghuram Rajan
- C. Gita Gopinath
- D. Raj Chetty
- E. Parag Pathak

5. Name the Indian personality who has been elected to the Board of International Dairy Federation (IDF)?

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- B. Isaac Herzog
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- D. Yoram Gaon
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- C. Uruguay
- D. South Africa
- E. Ghana

10. Which tech giant has launched first ever "Asia Pacific Public Sector Cyber Security Executive Council"?

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

11. According to third edition of NITI Aayog's Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) India Index 2020-21 rankings which state got the top spot in the ranking?

- A. Kerala
- B. Tamil Nadu
- C. Himachal Pradesh
- D. Karnataka
- E. Gujarat

12. Which union territories adjudged as the top performer in the NITI Aayog's Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) India Index 2020-21 rankings?

- A. Delhi
- B. Chandigarh
- C. Puducherry
- D. Lakshadweep
- E. Andaman and Nicobar

13. Who has been appointed as the World Bank Education Advisor for the period June 2021 to June 2024?

- A. Shuvajit Payne
- B. Vineeta Garg

- C. Rajiv Mishra
- D. Ranjitsingh Disale
- E. Mrituanjay Pathak

14. SAGE project has been launched by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment for \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Elderly People
- B. Physically Disabled
- C. LGBTQ people
- D. Scheduled castes
- E. Orphan Child

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- A. SpaceX
- B. ISRO
- C. NASA



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- D. European Space Agency
- E. Israel Space Agency (ISA)

18. Union Minister for Food Processing Industries Shri Narendra Singh Tomar virtually inaugurated the Indus Best Mega Food Park in which state?

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- A. 10 years
- B. 12 years
- C. 15 years
- D. 20 years
- E. lifetime

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- A. New Delhi
- B. Doha
- C. Manama
- D. Dubai
- E. Riyadh

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- A. Chile
- B. Brazil
- C. India
- D. Japan
- E. France

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- B. Seed Minikit programme
- C. Endogenous Seed Bank programme
- D. High Yielding Varieties Seed Bank programme
- E. Seed Conservation Programme

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- B. Jamaica
- C. Uruguay
- D. South Africa
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27. Kharg is the largest warship of which country that caught fire and sank in the Gulf of Oman?

- A. Afghanistan
- B. Iran
- C. Oman
- D. Pakistan
- E. UAE

28. Renowned Indian-American Tejinder Singh passed away recently, he was a veteran \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Politician
- B. Businessman
- C. Journalist
- D. Doctor
- E. Scientist

29. Who has been elected as the President of Vienna based International Narcotics Control Board (INCB)?

- A. Jagjit Pavadia
- B. Vinay K Nandicoori

- C. Neera Tondon
- D. Manisha Kapoor
- E. Ujjwala Singhania

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- B. Amazon
- C. Intel
- D. Microsoft
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31. Who has been appointed as the Director General of Assam Rifles?

- A. M K S Yadav
- B. Tarun Kumar
- C. Pradeep Chandran Nair
- D. D P Pandey
- E. Kuldiep Singh

32. Who took charges as the chairman of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC)?

- A. T.S. Thakur
- B. K.G. Balakrishnan
- C. Altamas Kabir
- D. Arun Kumar Mishra
- E. Dipak Mishra

33. Name the Indian men boxer who has won the gold medal in 91 Kg category in the Asian Boxing Championships 2021?

- A. Sanjeet
- B. Shiva Thapa
- C. Amit Panghal
- D. Manish Kaushik
- E. Akhil Kumar



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34. Renowned personality Poul Schluter passed away recently he was former Prime minister of which country?

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

35. The Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) opens its first European innovation centre in which country?

- A. Denmark
- B. Belgium
- C. Netherlands
- D. Norway
- E. Finland

36. Who has won the has won the 2020-21 Kia NBA Sixth Man Award?

- A. LeBron James
- B. Jordan Clarkson
- C. Kevin Durant
- D. Kawhi Leonard
- E. Luka Doncic

37. Which IIT has developed a "Smart Window" material that can effectively control the amount of heat and light passing through it in response to an applied voltage?

- A. IIT Roorkee
- B. IIT Dhanbad
- C. IIT Ropar
- D. IIT Guwahati
- E. IIT Patna

38. Which state government has launched Doctors ride towards village side programme?

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

39. Who has been appointed as the Chairman of newly formed self-regulatory body Digital Media Content Regulatory Council (DMCRC) by the Indian Broadcasting Foundation?

- A. Nikkhil Advani
- B. Tigmanshu Dhulia
- C. Vikramjit Sen
- D. Ashwiny Iyer Tiwari
- E. Deepak Dhar

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41. Which IIT has developed 'AmbiTag', a device that records ambient temperature during the transportation of vaccines, body organs and blood?

- A. IIT Bombay
- B. IIT Madras
- C. IIT Delhi
- D. IIT Ropar
- E. IIT Roorkee

42. Who has been elected as the president industry body the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for 2021-22?



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- A. T V Narendran
- B. Uday Kotak,
- C. Sunil Bharti Mittal
- D. Salil Parekh
- E. Deepak Parekh

43. Which country hosted the Partnering for Green Growth and the Global Goals 2030 Summit?

- A. Japan
- B. South Korea
- C. Taiwan
- D. Philippines
- E. Australia

44. Which will be the implementing agency of the Young, Upcoming and Versatile Authors (YUVA) scheme launched to train young and budding authors below aged 30 years?

- A. NCERT
- B. NBT
- C. PIB
- D. Publications Division
- E. NIOS

45. Which age group will be catered in the recently launched Young, Upcoming and Versatile Authors (YUVA) scheme to train young and budding authors?

- A. below 20 years
- B. below 25 years
- C. below 30 years
- D. below 35 years
- E. below 40 years

46. What amount of scholarship will be paid per month per author under the recently launched Young, Upcoming and Versatile Authors (YUVA) scheme to train young and budding authors?

- A. Rs 20,000
- B. Rs 30,000
- C. Rs 50,000
- D. Rs 75,000
- E. Rs 100,000

47. Which institution has topped among the Indian Universities in the CWUR's (Centre for World University Ranking) World University Rankings 2021-22?

- A. Indian School of Science, Bengaluru
- B. Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad
- C. Indian Institute of Technology, Madras
- D. Jadavpur University, Jadavpur
- E. Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Mumbai

48. Who has been awarded the International Business Book of the Year Award 2021?

- A. Nitin Rakesh
- B. Jerry Wind
- C. Chris Wilson
- D. Chris Lewis
- E. Both A and B

49. Who has been elected as the Asia and Oceania Representative in International Association of Ultrarunners (IAU) Executive Council for 2021-2025?

- A. Nagaraj Adiga
- B. Nadeem Khan
- C. Nitin Rakesh
- D. Uday Kotak,
- E. Sunil Bharti Mittal

50. Which of the following statements is not correct regarding the Mid-Day-Meal Scheme (MDM) scheme under which the central government has approved proposal to provide



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monetary assistance to 11.8 Crore students through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) of the cooking cost component?

- A. The Mid-Day-Meal (MDM) scheme was launched in 1995
- B. It is implemented by the Ministry Women and Child Development
- C. It is covered by the National Food Security Act, 2013
- D. Under the scheme, Centre and State share cooking cost for daily meals in the ratio of 90:10
- E. The scheme covers all government and government aided schools and also Madarsa and Maqtabas

51. Under whose chairmanship the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has constituted a 5-member Committee for Reforms in Criminal Laws?

- A. S. Bajpai
- B. Balraj Chauhan
- C. Srikrishna Deva Rao
- D. Mahesh Jethmalani
- E. P. Thareja

52. Which state government has launched solar-based electrification programme for rural households in the state?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Madhya Pradesh
- C. Jharkhand
- D. Goa
- E. Karnataka

53. Name the Indian actor who has been awarded with Golden Visa by UAE government?

- A. Shahrukh Khan
- B. Salman Khan
- C. Sanjay Dutt

- D. Anupam Kher
- E. Ranvir Kapoor

54. Which group of nation has conducted War Games 'Steadfast Defender 21' to improve the ability of the Allied forces?

- A. BRICS
- B. QUAD
- C. CSO
- D. NATO
- E. ASEAN

55. Who has won the International Dublin Literary Award 2021 for her novel, Lost Children Archive?

- A. Arundhati Roy
- B. Chetan Bhagat
- C. Valeria Luiselli
- D. Jasmin Hernandez
- E. Patricia Engel





1. Ans. C.

- Tsang Yin-Hung from Hong Kong broke the record and became the fastest female climber to reach the peak of Mount Everest, she scaled the peak in 25 hours 50 minutes, (the shortest time taken by any woman).
- She beat the record set by Nepali woman Phunjo Jhangmu Lama in 2017, who climbed Everest in 39 hours and 6 minutes. In 2017, Tsang became the 1st Hong Kong woman to reach the peak.
- Arthur Muir, 75, became the oldest American to climb the Mount Everest – at 8,848.86-metres (29,031 feet).
- Muir beat the record set by Bill Burke, who became the oldest American to climb the mountain at the age of 67 in 2009.
- Nepal has issued a record 408 Everest permits for the 2021 climbing season as 2020's season was cancelled due to COVID-19.

2. Ans. D.

- Mumbai-based non-banking finance company Magma Fincorp Limited has appointed Adar Poonawalla as the Chairman of the company.
- Adar Poonawalla is currently the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Serum Institute of India, the maker of Oxford University-AstraZeneca Covishield vaccine in India.
- Adar Poonawalla controlled Rising Sun Holdings (RSH) by acquiring the controlling stake through an equity infusion of Rs.3, 456 crore.

- The rebranding of Magma Fincorp Limited as a Poonawalla Group firm is underway.

3. Ans. A.

- Novak Djokovic, a Serbian tennis player won his 83rd Career Title by defeating Alex Molcan Slovak tennis player at the 1st Edition of 2021 Belgrade Open Singles final held at the Novak Tennis Center, Belgrade, Serbia on 29th May 2021.
- The Belgrade Open part of the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) Tour 250 Tennis Tournament.
- 2021 Belgrade open is an outdoor clay courts tournament.
- Belgrade Open 2021 is the first edition of the event created due to the one-week delay of the 2021 French Open.
- Belgrade Open was established in 2021 and organised with a single year licence in 2021.

4. Ans. A.

- Noted Indian economist Kalpana Kochhar, who heads the Human Resources Department of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), is retiring next month after serving for over three decades with the organisation to join the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.
- Ms. Kochhar, who served in various senior positions during her three decades at the IMF, will retire on July 30, and will join as Director of Development Policy and Finance, at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

5. Ans. C.

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to the Board of International Dairy Federation (IDF) during the General Assembly of IDF held on World Milk Day 2021.

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\* He headed GCMMF's widely acclaimed marketing campaigns such as (1) Promoting milk as 'world's original energy drink' & (2) 'Eat Milk' campaign motivating Indian youth in include dairy products in every meal and (3) Amul Doodh Peeta Hai India.

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\* Veteran politician Isaac Herzog has been elected Israel's 11th president in a secret ballot in the Knesset (parliament).

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\* Herzog won the support of an overwhelming 87 lawmakers in the 120-member house defeating his rival Miriam Peretz with a comfortable margin.

7. Ans. D.

• The Telangana government will launch a pilot of digital survey of agricultural lands in the State from June 11.

• It will be conducted in three villages of Gajwel Assembly constituency represented by Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao and twenty four other villages in as many districts.

• This was decided at an official meeting presided by Mr. Rao to discuss digitising agricultural lands and fixing coordinates with the aim to ensure permanent security of holdings for land owners.

• The survey will also eliminate land disputes.

8. Ans. E.

• The Bihar government has proposed to reserve 33 per cent seats to girls in medical and engineering colleges.

• The government has been planning to bring two new Bills — the Bihar Engineering Universities Bill and Bihar Medical Education Bill — in the next Assembly session to give formal shape to the proposal.

• The state has 2,035 engineering seats and 1,330 medical and BDS seats in the 11 medical and 38 engineering colleges it runs.

9. Ans. A.

\* Dr Patrick Amoth, the acting Director-General for Health, Ministry of Health of Kenya has been appointed as the Chairman of the World Health Organisation (WHO) Executive Board, for a period of one year.

\* The announcement was made during the 149th session of the WHO Executive Board, on June 02, 2021, by the outgoing Chair Dr Harsh Vardhan.

\* Mr Amoth replaces Union Health Minister, Government of India, and Dr Harsh Vardhan, who completed his tenure as Chairman of WHO Executive Board on June 02, 2021.

\* Dr Vardhan will continue to be a member of the Executive Board of WHO till 2023. The chairman's post is held on a rotation basis for one year among regional groups.



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10. Ans. D.

- Microsoft has launched first ever “Asia Pacific Public Sector Cyber Security Executive Council”.
- It was launched with the aim of building strong communications channel to address cyber threats and to share best practices among participating countries.
- Cybersecurity Council comprises of policy makers and influencers from countries like Indonesia, Korea, Brunei, Malaysia, Singapore, Philippines, and Thailand.
- It is supported by cybersecurity professionals. Council was set up with the aim of accelerating public-private partnerships in cybersecurity, and share threat intelligence.

11. Ans. A.

- Kerala retained its position at the top of the rankings in the third edition of the index, with a score of 75, followed by Tamil Nadu and Himachal Pradesh, both scoring 72.
- At the other end of the scale, Bihar, Jharkhand and Assam were the worst performing States.
- However, all States showed some improvement from last year’s scores, with Mizoram and Haryana seeing the biggest gains.
- Developed by a global consultative process on holistic development, the 17 SDGs have a 2030 deadline.
- The NITI Aayog launched its index in 2018 to monitor the country’s progress on the goals through data-driven assessment, and foster a competitive spirit among the States and Union Territories in achieving them.

12. Ans. B.

- Chandigarh topped among the UTs in NITI Aayog’s Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) India Index 2020-21 rankings.
- Delhi and Puducherry got second and third spot respectively.
- Dadra and Nagar Haveli & Daman and Diu has been adjudged as the worst performer.
- The index was designed and developed by NITI Aayog in consultations with the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), the UN agencies led by United Nations in India, the States and Union Territories, and the key Union Ministries.

13. Ans. D.

- Ranjitsinh Disale, a primary teacher from Maharashtra’s Solapur, who won the Global Teacher Prize 2020, has been appointed as the World Bank Education Advisor for the period June 2021 to June 2024.
- Mr Disale, 32, was named the winner of the Global Teacher Prize 2020 in recognition of his efforts to promote girls’ education and trigger a quick-response (QR) coded textbook revolution in India.
- The World Bank has launched a new Coach initiative that aims to accelerate student learning by improving in-service teacher professional development (TPD).

14. Ans. A.

- With the objective of focussing on the needs of India’s fast-rising elderly population, the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment launched Senior care Ageing Growth Engine (SAGE) project to select, support and create a “one-stop access” of elderly care products and services by credible start-ups.



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- The initiative was launched by Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot in the presence of MoS, MSJE, Shri Rattan Lal Kataria in New Delhi.

- Start-ups can apply for being a part of SAGE through a dedicated portal.

- The start-ups will be selected on the basis of innovative products and services, which they should be able to provide across sectors such as health, housing, care centres, apart from technological access linked to finances, food and wealth management, and legal guidance.

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- SpaceX launched thousands of tiny sea creatures to the International Space Station along with a plaque-fighting toothpaste experiment and powerful solar panels.

- SpaceX's Falcon rocket blasted into the hazy afternoon sky from Kennedy Space Center.

- The first-stage booster was new for a change, landing on an offshore platform several minutes after liftoff so it can be recycled for a NASA astronaut flight this fall.

- The Dragon cargo capsule — also brand new — is delivering the first of three sets of high-tech solar panels designed to bolster the space station's aging power grid.

- Astronauts will conduct two spacewalks later this month to help install the two roll-out panels alongside solar wings that have been in continuous operation for 20 years.

18. Ans. B.

- Union Minister for Food Processing Industries Shri Narendra Singh Tomar virtually inaugurated the Indus Best Mega Food Park along with Shri Bhupesh Baghel, Chief Minister, Chhattisgarh.

- the Mega Food Park will ensure value addition, longer shelf life for farm produce, better price realization for farmers, excellent storage facility and will provide an alternate market for farmers in the region.

- The Park will also provide direct and indirect employment to about 5,000 persons and benefit



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about 25,000 farmers in the CPC and PPC catchment areas.

- The modern infrastructure for food processing created at Park will benefit the processors and consumers of Chhattisgarh and adjoining areas immensely and prove to be a big boost to the growth of the food processing sector in the State of Chhattisgarh.

19. Ans. E.

- The Union Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' announced that the government has decided to extend the validity period of the Teachers Eligibility Test (TET) qualifying certificate from 7 years to lifetime with retrospective effect from 2011.

- In 2020, the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) in its 50th meeting of the general body had approved the extension of the TET certificate validity from 7 years to a lifetime.

- The respective state governments/UTs will take necessary action to revalidate/issue fresh TET certificates to those candidates whose period of 7 years has already elapsed.

- The guidelines dated February 11, 2011, of the NCTE, laid down that TET would be conducted by the state governments and the validity of the TET certificate was 7 years from the date of passing TET.

20. Ans. C.

- Manama, the Capital city of Bahrain topped the AIRINC Global 150 Cities Index for Financial Attractiveness ranking for the 3rd consecutive time. Indian Cities of New Delhi & Mumbai were the only two to be listed in the Index.

- Indicators used for calculating Financial Attractiveness – Salary levels, Cost of Living, and Taxes in a particular market

- Seven cities from the MENA (Middle East North Africa) region were among the Top 16.

- 1st Country in the MENA region to develop an economic diversification strategy away from hydrocarbons. Currently, over 80% of the country's GDP depends on the Non-Oil sector.

21. Ans. C.

- \* India launched the Mission Innovation CleanTech Exchange, a global initiative, that will create a network of incubators across member countries to accelerate clean energy innovation.

- \* The network, launched virtually at the Innovating to Net Zero Summit hosted by Chile

- \* It will provide access to the expertise and market insights needed to support new technologies to access new markets globally.

- \* India among 23 governments collectively launched bold new plans to catalyze action and spearheaded a decade of innovation to drive global investment in clean energy research, development and demonstrations.

22. Ans. B.

- \* Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar launched a seed minikit programme by distributing high yielding varieties of seeds of pulses and oilseeds to farmers.

- \* The mini-kits are being provided by the central agencies National Seeds Corporation (NCS), NAFED and Gujarat State Seeds Corporation and wholly-funded by the Centre through the National Food Security Mission.



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\* The Centre, in collaboration with states, has been implementing various activities to enhance production and productivity of pulses and oilseeds under the National Food Security Mission.

\* The seed minikit programme is a major tool for introducing new varieties of seeds in fields and instrumental for increasing the seed replacement rate.

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25. Ans. C.

\* Fire stricken Singapore registered MV X-Press Pearl cargo ship, which caught fire near the Colombo harbor, had sunk off the coast of Sri Lanka during an attempt to tow the vessel to deeper waters.

\* The towing the ship to the deeper seas was abandoned as the stern of the ship sank to the seabed when it was being towed 500 to 600 meters westward, reported Colombo Page.

\* X-Press Feeders, operators of the container ship 'X-Press Pearl' reported that despite salvors successfully boarding the vessel and attaching a tow wire, efforts to move the ship to deeper waters have failed.

\* X-Press Pearl with a container leaking nitric acid reported smoke from the cargo hold on the 20th May while anchorage at 9.5 nautical miles northwest of the Port of Colombo. The vessel reported fire on deck on May 21.

\* X-Press Pearl had carried 1486 containers with 25 tonnes of Nitric Acid, several other chemicals, and cosmetics; it had departed from the port of Hazira on India on 15th May 2021.

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\* Mr Amoth replaces Union Health Minister, Government of India, Dr Harsh Vardhan, who completed his tenure as Chairman of WHO Executive Board on June 02, 2021.

\* Dr Vardhan will continue to be a member of the Executive Board of WHO till 2023. The chairman's post is held on a rotation basis for one year among regional groups.

27. Ans. B.

\* The largest warship in the Iranian navy caught fire and later sank Wednesday in the Gulf of Oman under unclear circumstances.

\* State media reported 400 troops on board fled the vessel, with some 20 suffering injuries.

\* The vessel sank near the Iranian port of Jask, some 1,270 kilometers (790 miles) southeast of Tehran on the Gulf of Oman near the Strait of Hormuz — the narrow mouth of the Persian Gulf.

28. Ans. C.

\* Tejinder Singh, a veteran White House correspondent and founder and editor of the India America Today newswire, has passed away in the US.

\* Singh founded India America Today, an independent media organisation and news provider based in Washington, DC.

\* He launched IAT in 2012, and we will continue to carry on the work that he started. RIP Editor," the publication said on Twitter on May 29.

\* He was the Vice-President (Print) for the Asian American Journalists Association (AAJA-DC) 2011-12.

29. Ans. A.

\* The former Narcotics Commissioner of India and a retired officer of the Indian Revenue Service (Customs), Jagjit Pavadia has been elected as the President of Vienna based International Narcotics Control Board (INCB) in its 131st session for a period of five years.

\* She is the first Indian to be appointed as the Chief of the INCB and the second woman to hold this office.

30. Ans. D.

• Microsoft has launched first ever "Asia Pacific Public Sector Cyber Security Executive Council".

• It was launched with the aim of building strong communications channel to address cyber threats and to share best practices among participating countries.

• Cybersecurity Council comprises of policy makers and influencers from countries like Indonesia, Korea, Brunei, Malaysia, Singapore, Philippines, and Thailand.

• It is supported by cybersecurity professionals. Council was set up with the aim of accelerating public-private partnerships in cybersecurity, and share threat intelligence.

31. Ans. C.

• Lieutenant General Pradeep Chandran Nair took over as Director General Assam Rifles.

• Nair is the 21st Director General of the Assam Rifles (popularly known as Sentinels of the North-East).

• The General Officer was commissioned into the Sikh Regiment in 1985.



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- He is an alumnus of Sainik School Satara, National Defence Academy, Defence Services Staff College, College of Defence Management and the prestigious Indian Institute of Public Administration.

32. Ans. D.

- Justice Arun Kumar Mishra (Retd) took charge as the chairman of the National Human Rights Commission

- Justice Arun Mishra enrolled as a lawyer in 1978. He was elected the youngest chairperson of Bar Council of India in 1998-99.

- He was appointed judge of Madhya Pradesh High Court in October 1999. He later served as chief Justice of Rajasthan High Court and Calcutta High Court before being elevated to the Supreme Court on July 7, 2014.

33. Ans. A.

- Sanjeet (91kg) fetched the lone gold among Indian men boxers with a stunning triumph over Kazakhstan's Olympic-medallist Vassiliy Levit even as defending champion Amit Panghal (52kg) and Shiva Thapa (64kg) settled for silver medals in the Asian Boxing Championships in Dubai.

- Sanjeet triumphed 4-1 over Levit, who was chasing his fourth gold of the tournament and is an Olympic silver-medallist.

- With 15 medals in this edition, India surpassed its previous best-ever show at this Championship, achieved in 2019, when the country secured 13 medals in all, including two gold medals.

34. Ans. A.

- Former Denmark's prime minister Poul Schlueter, who negotiated exemptions for his

country to a key European Union(EU) treaty has passed away.

- He was born on 3 April 1929 in Tonder, Denmark. Schlueter served as the prime minister of the country from 1982-1993.

35. Ans. C.

- Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) will bring universities, businesses, startups and government together at its latest innovation hub in Amsterdam to help use digital technology to solve sustainability challenges.

- It will focus on sustainability challenges faced by organisations and becomes the first in a network of hubs, known as TCS Pace Ports, in Europe.

36. Ans. B.

- Utah Jazz guard Jordan Clarkson has won the 2020-21 Kia NBA Sixth Man Award for his contributions in a reserve role.

- This is the first Sixth Man honour for Clarkson, who becomes the first player to win the annual award with the Jazz.

- Clarkson becomes the first player in Jazz franchise history to win the award and was presented the trophy by his teammate and fellow Sixth Man of the Year Finalist Joe Ingles.

- Clarkson received 65 first-place votes and earned 407 total points from a global panel of 100 sportswriters and broadcasters.

37. Ans. D.

- IIT Guwahati researchers have developed a "Smart Window" material that can effectively control the amount of heat and light passing through it in response to an applied voltage.





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- This material can help in developing automatic climate control systems in buildings.
- Such materials can help develop efficient automatic climate control systems in buildings, the scientists claimed.
- This study was recently published in the journal- 'Solar Energy Materials & Solar Cells.

38. Ans. C.

- In Karnataka, the Health Department has launched Doctors ride towards village side programme.
- Under this scheme, the Government provides necessary logistic support for the teams led by medical students to visit villages and provide better healthcare during the pandemic. MBBS final year students, BSc Nursing, BDS, MDS, Ayush graduating doctors are deputed to rural areas to carry out Covid tests.
- A team of medical students, nurses, ASHA and Anganwadi workers visit door to door to identify vulnerable members of the family and carry out tests. They also distribute medicine kits wherever necessary. After the Rapid Antigen tests, if the report arrived is positive, the team helps the patients to be admitted in a hospital or in Covid Care Centre.

39. Ans. C.

- The Indian Broadcasting Foundation (IBF) has appointed former Supreme Court judge Justice Vikramjit Sen as the Chairman of its newly formed self-regulatory body Digital Media Content Regulatory Council (DMCRC).
- Besides, six other eminent industry members which include filmmaker Nikkhil Advani, writer and director Tigmanshu Dhulia, filmmaker and writer Ashwiny Iyer Tiwari, content producer and distributor Banijay Group CEO and founder

Deepak Dhar would also be part of the self-regulatory body.

- This Council also includes - Sony Pictures General Counsel Ashok Nambisan and Star and Disney India Chief Regional Counsel Mihir Rale.
- IBF, the apex body of broadcasters, had last week announced to expand to cover digital streaming platforms and is soon going to be renamed as Indian Broadcasting & Digital Foundation (IBDF).
- The move was done to bring together the broadcasters and OTT (over-the-top) platforms. It had also announced a self-regulatory body DMCRC for digital OTT platforms.

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41. Ans. D.

- The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)-Ropar has developed a device that records ambient temperature during the transportation of vaccines, body organs and blood.



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- 'AmbiTag' is a USB-shaped device that continuously records the temperature of its immediate surroundings from -40 to +80 degrees in any time zone for a full 90 days on a single charge.

- Besides perishable items including vegetables, meat and dairy products it can also monitor the temperature of animal semen during transit. "So far, such devices are being imported by India in a massive quantity from other countries such as Singapore, Hong Kong, Ireland, and China.

42. Ans. A.

- Industry chamber CII has elected T V Narendran, CEO and MD, Tata Steel, as its new president for 2021-22.

- He takes over from Uday Kotak, Managing Director, and Chief Executive Officer, Kotak Mahindra Bank.

- He was the Chairman of CII Eastern Region during 2016-17 and has led CII national panels on leadership and HR besides being Chairman of CII Jharkhand.

43. Ans. B.

- The Partnering for Green Growth and the Global Goals 2030 Summit was hosted by South Korea.

- During the summit UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres appealed for a global partnership to tackle climate change and strive toward inclusive green growth.

- He also said that, tackling climate change head-on will help protect the most vulnerable people from the next crisis while sustaining a job-rich recovery from COVID-19.

44. Ans. B.

- The Department of Higher Education under the Ministry of Education has launched a scheme today to train and mentor young authors.

- Termed YUVA (Young, Upcoming and Versatile Authors), the Prime Minister's scheme seeks to mentor authors under the age of 30 and train them to promote reading, writing and book culture in the country, and project India and Indian writings globally.

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47. Ans. B.

- Indian Institute of Management(IIM), Ahmedabad topped among the Indian Universities in the Centre for World University Ranking (CWUR)'s World University Rankings 2021-22 & IIM-Ahmedabad was ranked 415th globally.

- Harvard University topped globally.

- Jadavpur University ranks 18th among Indian higher educational institutions in CWUR rankings.

- Among the top 2,000 institutions across the globe, 68 Indian institutions have made the positions in this list.

48. Ans. E.

- Notion Press authors Nitin Rakesh and Jerry Wind won the International Business Book of the Year Award 2021 for their recently launched book Transformation in Times of Crisis.

- This book provides the knowledge to thrive business even in a crisis for entrepreneurs and business owners.

- Nitin Rakesh is the Chief Executive Director(CEO) and Executive Director of IT major Mphasis.

- He has won 'Gold Stevie Award' for Tech Innovator of the Year in 2019.

- Jerry Wind is an internationally renowned academician and is currently Lauder Professor Emeritus and Professor of Marketing at the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania.

49. Ans. A.

- Nagaraj Adiga of India elected as the Asia and Oceania Representative in International Association of Ultrarunners (IAU) Executive Council for 2021-2025.

- He was elected during the 2021 International Association of Ultrarunners (IAU) Congress that held virtually from May 22 & 23, 2021.

- Adiga was nominated to the IAU Council by Athletics Federation of India (AFI).

- He was elected as the Asia and Oceania Representative after defeating the Gilsoo Park of South Korea.

50. Ans. B.

- \* As a special welfare measure, Union Minister for Education Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' approved the proposal to provide monetary assistance to 11.8 Crore students through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) of the cooking cost component of the Mid-Day-Meal Scheme (MDM). INR 1200 Crore has been allocated to State Governments/UT for this purpose.

- \* Class 1-8 students who are studying in 11.20 Lakh Government and Government aided schools across India will be benefitted.

- \* Each Child will get approximately INR 100 under the One-time welfare measure.

- \* The INR 1200 Crore fund has been provided from the Cooking cost component of MDM Scheme.



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- \* The school meal programme was launched in 1995 as a Central sponsored scheme.
- \* It is implemented by the Ministry of Education & covered by the National Food Security Act, 2013.
- \* Under the scheme, Centre and State share cooking cost for daily meals in the ratio of 60:40 for non-North eastern states and UTs with legislatures except Jammu & Kashmir.
- \* For others it is split in the ratio of 90:10.

51. Ans. C.

- \* The 5-member Committee for Reforms in Criminal Laws headed by Vice Chancellor of National Law University (NLU), Delhi (Currently – Srikrishna Deva Rao).
- \* The Committee is appointed by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) to reform Indian Penal Code (IPC) is set to propose a separate Section in IPC on 'Offences relating to speech and expression'.
- \* Purpose – At present there is no definition of what is 'Hate Speech' in IPC, The Committee for Reforms in Criminal Laws is attempting for the 1st time to define it.
- \* Several 'hate speech' cases are pending in courts across India, as there is no clear definition of it in the Indian Penal Code, 1860.
- \* The committee is set to report its report soon.

52. Ans. D.

- \* Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant launched solar-based electrification programme for rural households in the state.

- \* This project will bring electricity through renewable energy to areas in Goa where grid connectivity is not feasible.
- \* The solar PV-based home lighting systems for households was inaugurated only two days after the agreement was signed between Convergence Energy Services Ltd (CESL) and Goa Energy Development Agency (GEDA).
- \* This project is CESL's first off-grid electricity engagement that will install and maintain solar PV systems for five years under the Remote Village Electrification (RVE) programme of the Government of Goa. CESL will undertake the project across villages and hamlets of Goa in coordination with Gram panchayats.
- \* A 100 per cent owned subsidiary of EESL - Convergence Energy Services Limited (Convergence), a new energy company is focused on delivering clean, affordable, and reliable energy.
- \* Convergence focuses on energy solutions that lie at the confluence of renewable energy, electric mobility, and climate change.

53. Ans. C.

- \* The UAE government awarded Bollywood actor Sanjay Dutt with its Golden Visa.
- \* The Golden Visa system essentially offers long-term residency to people with outstanding talents.
- \* In 2019, UAE implemented a new system for long-term residence visas enabling foreigners to live, work & study there without the need of a national sponsor & with 100% ownership of their business.
- \* As per reports, Sanjay Dutt is the first mainstream to receive the Golden Visa.



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\* The visas have a validity of either 5 or 10 years and are renewed automatically.

54. Ans. D.

\* North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) is conducting War Games 'Steadfast Defender 21' from May-June 2021.

\* Majority of the exercise will take place in Germany, Portugal and Romania.

\* The main objective is to improve the ability of the Allied forces to move quickly across the Atlantic and Europe to protect each other, if need arises.

\* Around 9,000 troops from more than 20 NATO Allies and partners will take part in the exercise.

\* The Forces will be deployed across land and sea from North America to the Black Sea region and off the coast of Portugal.

\* It includes NATO troops, warships, and several Fighter Aircrafts like the F-35.

55. Ans. C.

\* Mexican author Valeria Luiselli won the International Dublin Literary Award 2021 for her novel, Lost Children Archive.

\* Lost Children Archive is the 5th novel of Valeria Luiselli and the 1st one to be written in English

\* Valeria Luiselli was born in Mexico City and her essay collections include Sidewalks, Faces in the Crowd, The Story of My Teeth, and Tell Me How It Ends: An Essay in Forty Questions.

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