

# Weekly Current Affairs Revision Set 2nd Week of June 2021



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1. Who has been appointed as the chairman of the Grievance Redressal Board of the recently formed Digital Publisher Content Grievances Council (DPCGC)?

- A. Justice DY Chandrachud
- B. Justice Arun Kumar Mishra
- C. Justice Arjan Kumar Sikri
- D. Justice Jagdish Singh Khehar
- E. Justice Ranjan Gogoi

2. According to the all-India survey on higher education (AISHE) 2019-20 released by the union education ministry the number of institutions of national importance have increased to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. 115
- B. 125
- C. 135
- D. 145
- E. 155

3. Renowned personality Buddhadeb Dasgupta passes away recently he was a veteran \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Politician
- B. Filmmaker
- C. Litterateur
- D. Journalist
- E. Scientist

4. Asian Games gold medalist Dingko Singh passed away recently, he was associated with which sports?

- A. Wrestling
- B. Boxing
- C. Hockey
- D. Archery
- E. Shooting

5. Name the Indian personality who has been appointed as Chef de Cabinet of President-elect of the 76th session of the UN General Assembly, Abdulla Shahid?

- A. Taranjit Singh Sandhu
- B. Gaitri Issar Kumar
- C. T. S. Tirumurti
- D. K Nagaraj Naidu
- E. Jawed Ashraf

6. First edition of the two-day Arab-India Energy Forum (AIEF) was held under the co-chairship of India and \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Morocco
- B. Oman
- C. Saudi Arabia
- D. Syria
- E. Egypt

7. Ukhnaa Khurelsukh has been elected as the president of which country?

- A. Mongolia
- B. Taiwan
- C. Azerbaijan
- D. Vietnam
- E. Bhutan

8. Which state government has approved the draft of the Mukhyamantri Kisan Mitra Urja Yojana under that agriculture power consumers will get Rs 1,000 every month?

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

9. According to the coveted QS World University Rankings 2022, which Indian institution is the world's top research university as per the citations per faculty indicator?

- A. Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati
- B. Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay
- C. Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore
- D. Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi
- E. Indian Institute of Technology, Ropar



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12. Which institution is India's top ranked institution for the fourth consecutive year at the QS World University Rankings 2022?

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14. Who has been appointed as the MD & CEO of Bandhan Bank?

- A. GC Chaturvedi
- B. Chandra Shekhar Ghosh
- C. Anup Chandra Pandey
- D. Visswavir Ahuja

E. Jose J Kattoor

15. Which has become world's first country to grant legal tender status to bitcoin?

- A. Cuba
- B. Jamaica
- C. Canada
- D. El Salvador
- E. Mexico

16. Which state government has launched scheme to help small & petty vendors and artisans and Rs 370 crore credited to 3.7 lakh small traders as interest free loan?

- A. Telangana
- B. Andhra Pradesh
- C. Odisha
- D. Uttar Pradesh
- E. Maharashtra

17. Which Union Territories has reserved all jobs for the residents of the region?

- A. Ladakh
- B. Jammu and Kashmir
- C. Lakshadweep
- D. Puducherry
- E. Andaman and Nicobar Islands

18. According to the Economist Intelligence Unit's Global Liveability Index 2021 which becomes the most livable city in the world?

- A. Vienna
- B. Auckland
- C. Vancouver
- D. Sydney
- E. London

19. Whose tenure has been extended by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) as the Chairman of the Life Insurance Corporation (LIC)?



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- A. MR Kumar
- B. MK Jain
- C. Anup Chandra Pandey
- D. Visswavir Ahuja
- E. Jose J Kattoor

20. Who has been reappointed as the Deputy Governor of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for a period of two years with effect from 22.06.2021?

- A. MR Kumar
- B. MK Jain
- C. Anup Chandra Pandey
- D. Visswavir Ahuja
- E. Jose J Kattoor

21. Which film has bagged the best film National Award on environment conservation at 67th National Films Awards 2021?

- A. Water Burial
- B. Wild Karnataka
- C. Shut Up Sona
- D. Custody
- E. Jakkal

22. Which country will host the inaugural International Hockey Federation (FIH) Hockey5s World Cup?

- A. Indonesia
- B. South Korea
- C. Oman
- D. UAE
- E. Japan

23. Who has bagged the number 1 spot on Times 50 Most Desirable Women 2020 list?

- A. Adline Castelino
- B. Disha Patani
- C. Kiara Advani
- D. Rhea Chakraborty
- E. Deepika Padukone

24. Who has been appointed as the Election Commissioner?

- A. Anup Chandra Pandey
- B. Yashvardhan Kumar Sinha
- C. HL Dattu
- D. Hitendra Dave
- E. AK Mishra

25. In June 2021, India has been elected as a member of which UN body for three-year terms of 2022-24?

- A. UNESCO
- B. General Assembly
- C. Security Council
- D. Economic and Social Council
- E. Trusteeship Council

26. Which country formally exits from Open Skies Treaty, after United States withdrew from pact in 2020?

- A. Germany
- B. Greece
- C. Russia
- D. France
- E. Denmark

27. The NITI Aayog and which philanthropic foundation have launched 'Surakshit Hum Surakshit Tum Abhiyaan' to provide home-care support to asymptomatic covid-19 patients or patients with mild symptoms?

- A. Reliance Foundation
- B. Piramal Foundation
- C. Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
- D. Azim Premji Foundation
- E. Bloomberg Philanthropies

28. Which state government has instituted a series of annual awards similar to the Bharat Ratna and Padma awards?

- A. Uttarakhand
- B. Assam
- C. Madhya Pradesh



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- D. Uttar Pradesh
- E. Odisha

29. Which Indian footballer has surpassed Argentina's global superstar Lionel Messi to become the second-highest active international goal-scorer with 74 strikes?

- A. Sunil Chhetri
- B. Gurpreet Singh Sandhu
- C. Sandesh Jhingan
- D. Udanta Singh
- E. Dheeraj Singh Moirangthem

30. Which institution ranked as Best Indian University in Times University Rankings 2021?

- A. Indian Institute of Science
- B. Indian Institute of Technology Ropar
- C. Indian Institute of Technology Indore (78th)
- D. King George's Medical University
- E. Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology Delhi

32. Vishwvir Ahuja has been reappointed as the MD and CEO of which bank for further period of one year?

- A. Axis Bank
- B. IndusInd Bank
- C. RBL Bank
- D. Federal Bank
- E. Bandhan Bank

33. The United Nations has launched 2021-30 as the decades for \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. United Nations Decade on Ecosystem Restoration
- B. United Nations Decade on Biodiversity
- C. United Nations Decade of Sustainable Energy for All
- D. Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty
- E. None of the above

34. Which international organization has launched a new global database named "I-

Familia" to identify missing persons through family DNA and help the police solve cold cases in member countries?

- A. International Criminal Court (ICC)
- B. International Criminal Police Organization (Interpol)
- C. Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA)
- D. The Economic and Social Council
- E. United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC)

35. Which state government has Pran Vayu Devta Pension Scheme (PVDPS)?

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

36. Who has been appointed as the Chairman of the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB)?

- A. Hitendra Dave
- B. Vishwvir Ahuja
- C. Sanjeev Nandan Sahai
- D. Ranjitsinh Disale
- E. RS Sodhi

37. Who has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer of HSBC India?

- A. Hitendra Dave
- B. Vishwvir Ahuja
- C. Sanjeev Sahai
- D. Ranjitsinh Disale
- E. RS Sodhi

38. Which country hosted the 8th triennial conference of the International Nitrogen Initiative (INI)?

- A. Chile
- B. Germany
- C. Argentina
- D. Italy





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E. Mexico

39. Padma Shri Dr Lakshmi Nandan Bora passed away recently, he was a veteran \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Litterateur
- B. Journalist
- C. Politician
- D. Folk Artist
- E. Sand Artist

40. Husain Al-Musallam held from which country, who has been elected as the President of the International Swimming Federation (FINA)?

- A. Iraq
- B. Iran
- C. UAE
- D. Kuwait
- E. Qatar

41. Which country to hand over three MH-60 Romeo multirole helicopters to Indian Navy?

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

42. DAVINCI+ and VERITAS two new missions announced by NASA, relating to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Saturn
- B. Mars
- C. Moon
- D. Venus
- E. Jupiter

43. Under whose chairmanship the Labour and Employment Ministry has constituted an expert group to provide technical inputs and recommendations on the fixation of minimum wages and the national floor for minimum wages?

- A. Anoop Satpathy
- B. VV Giri
- C. Ajit Mishra
- D. Tarika Chakraborty
- E. Vibha Bhalla

44. Which of the following statements is not correct regarding the Performance Grading Index (PGI) 2019-20 released recently?

- A. PGI provides grading to States and Union Territories on the basis of 70 parameters to assess and catalyse transformational change in education.
- B. Chandigarh, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Kerala attained highest grade (Grade A++) for 2019-20
- C. Performance Grading Index (PGI) 2019-20 is released by the NITI Aayog
- D. Performance Grading Index (PGI) was first published in 2019
- E. The PGI helps the States/UTs to pinpoint the gaps and accordingly prioritise areas for intervention to ensure that the school education system is robust at every level.

45. Which state government has launched the state annual priority sector credit plan worth Rs 4,60,881 crore and an overall annual credit plan of Rs 18,10,779 crore at the quarterly State Level Bankers Committee (SBLC)?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Maharashtra
- C. Karnataka
- D. Gujarat
- E. Andhra Pradesh

46. What is India's rank in the State of India's Environment Report 2021 on 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)?

- A. 111<sup>th</sup>
- B. 112<sup>th</sup>
- C. 115<sup>th</sup>
- D. 117<sup>th</sup>



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E. 120<sup>th</sup>

47. Which country's parliament has approved the building of the world's first artificial island with the aim to provide clean energy in the North Sea?

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

48. Which union territory has launched the YounTab scheme for students under which about 12,300 tablets were distributed among students?

- A. Jammu and Kashmir
- B. Ladakh
- C. Lakshadweep
- D. Andaman and Nicobar
- E. Puducherry

49. Sifan Hassan belongs to which country, who sets women's 10,000m world record of 29 min 6.82 sec?

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

50. Who has won the Formula One Azerbaijan Grand Prix 2021 in Baku?

- A. Lewis Hamilton
- B. Aston Martin
- C. Sergio Perez
- D. Sebastian Vettel
- E. Max Verstappen

51. Who has won the 2021 Nature TTL Photography Awards for his photo of an Orangutan clinging to a tree?

- A. Dabboo Ratnani
- B. Raghu Rai
- C. Rathika Ramasamy
- D. Thomas Vijayan
- E. Prabuddha Dasgupta

52. Tsang Yin-Hung is from which country who became the fastest female climber to reach the peak of Mount Everest?

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

53. 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

54. 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

55. 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



1. Ans. C.

- Former Judge of SC Arjan Kumar Sikri has been named as chairman of the Grievance Redressal Board of the recently formed Digital Publisher Content Grievances Council (DPCGC).
- The Grievance Redressal Board (GRB) will address content grievances pertaining to the Council members' video online streaming services.
- It will function as an independent body and act as the second-tier within the three-tier grievance redressal mechanism.
- The DPCGC currently has 14 publishers of online curated content as members.

2. Ans. C.

- Union Education Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' released the report of All India Survey on Higher Education 2019-20.

### Key Highlights:

1. There has been a growth of 11.4% in the student enrolment in five years.
2. The rise in female enrolment in higher education during the period is 18.2%.
3. Number of institutions of national importance have increased to 135 in 2020 from 75 in 2015.
4. AISHE report is published by Ministry of Education since 2010-11.

3. Ans. B.

- National award-winning Bengali director Buddhadeb Dasgupta (77) passed away.
- He was also a celebrated poet, had won several National Awards for his contribution to Bengali cinema.
- Buddhadeb Dasgupta was known for directing critically-acclaimed films like Uttara, Bagh

Bahadur, Tahader Katha and Charachar. Of all the films he wrote and directed, five movies - Bagh Bahadur, Charachar, Lal Darja, Mondo Meyer Upakhyan and Kaalpurush.

4. Ans. B.

- Asian Games gold medal-winning former boxer Dingko Singh (42) passed away.
- The Manipur-based former boxer endured a long battle with cancer and even fought COVID-19 last year.
- Dingko won the Asian Games gold in 1998 and was bestowed the Arjuna award the same year. In 2013, he was honoured with the Padma Shri for his contribution to the sport.
- Dingko, who was employed with Navy, had taken to coaching after hanging up his gloves.

5. Ans. D.

- President-elect of the 76th session of the UNGA, Abdulla Shahid appointed K Nagaraj Naidu as his Chef de Cabinet.
- Naidu is India's Deputy Permanent Representative to the UN Ambassador.
- Comprising 193 member the General Assembly is the main deliberative, policymaking and representative organ of the United Nations.
- Shahid was overwhelmingly elected as president of the next session of the UN General Assembly.
- India, currently serving the 2021-22 term as a non-permanent member of the powerful UN Security Council, will assume the Presidency of the 15-nation UN organ in August.

6. Ans. A.

- First edition of the two-day Arab-India Energy Forum (AIEF) was held virtually.
- The event was held under the co-chairship of India and the Kingdom of Morocco.





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- The forum witnessed exchange of knowledge, expertise and best practices in the fields of energy efficiency programmes for different economic sectors, accelerated development of new & renewable energy, fostering regional power sharing arrangements, enhanced oil recovery, tight gas extraction, and safe nuclear power generation etc.

- It was agreed to hold the 2nd edition of AIEF in India during 2023.

7. Ans. A.

- Former Mongolian Prime Minister Ukhnaa Khurelsukh became the country's sixth democratically elected president of Mongolia.
- Khurelsukh defeated Sodnomzundui Erdene of the opposition Democratic Party and Dangaasuren Enkhbat of the Right Person Electorate Coalition in a national vote.
- With 99.7% of votes counted overnight, Khurelsukh's tally had reached 821,136, or 68% of the total, the largest share of the vote since the democratic era began in 1990.

8. Ans. C.

- The Rajasthan government has approved the draft of the Mukhyamantri Kisan Mitra Urja Yojana.
- Under the scheme agriculture power consumers will get Rs 1,000 every month and a maximum of Rs 12,000 per year.
- Central and state government employees and other income tax payers will not be eligible for the subsidy.

9. Ans. C.

- Leading global higher education analysts QS (Quacquarelli Symonds) released the 18th edition of the QS World University Rankings 2022.
- Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru, IIT Bombay and IIT Delhi remained the three

universities from India to rank in the top-200 positions in the latest Rankings.

- As per the rankings, IIT Bombay for securing 177th position, IIT Delhi for securing 185th rank and IISc Bengaluru for securing 186th position in overall university rankings globally.
- The Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, is the world's top research university as per the citations per faculty indicator, while the Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati, is ranked 41st in the category.
- The Indian Institute of Science (IISc) has got a perfect score of 100 out of 100 for the citations per faculty (CPF) metric in the analysis by London-based Quacquarelli Symonds (QS).

10. Ans. C.

- The Navies of India and Thailand started a three-day coordinated patrol in the Andaman Sea.
- This is the 31st edition of the India-Thailand coordinated patrol (CORPAT).
- The Indian Navy's offshore patrol vessel INS Saryu and Thai ship Krabi along with Dornier maritime patrol aircraft from both navies are participating in the exercise.
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- According to the 18th edition of the rankings, the India Institute of Technology (IIT), Bombay, is India's top ranked institution for the fourth consecutive year at the QS World University Rankings 2022.

- However, it has fallen four places to 177 from its 2021 rank of 172.

- IIT, Delhi, has become India's second-best university, having risen from the 193rd rank to 185 since last year.

13. Ans. C.

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14. Ans. B.

- RBI has granted approval for re-appointment of Chandra Shekhar Ghosh as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Bandhan Bank

- His term will be of 3 years, with effect from 10 July 2021.

- His re-appointment is subject to the approval of shareholders at the ensuing annual general meeting of the bank.

- Bandhan Bank operates as a commercial bank since 2001

15. Ans. D.

- El Salvador has become world's first country to grant legal tender status to bitcoin.

- Bitcoin use as legal tender will become law in 90 days.

- Its economy heavily relies on remittances and so those who are working abroad can send money back home in bitcoins too

- It will bring financial inclusion, investment, tourism, innovation and economic development in the country.

16. Ans. B.

- AP launched interest-free loans under the Jagananna Thodu scheme to help small & petty vendors and artisans.

- Under the scheme the state govt credited Rs 370 crore to 3.7 lakh small traders as interest free loan.



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- Although 9.05 lakh beneficiaries were identified from the scheme, in the phase-1, only Rs 535 crore was disbursed by the banks to 5.35 lakh beneficiaries.

17. Ans. A.

- All jobs in the Union Territory (UT) of Ladakh have been reserved for the residents of the region.
- The new recruitment rules are mentioned in the Clause 11 of the Union Territory of Ladakh Employment (Subordinate) Service Recruitment Rules, 2021.
- The move has met a long-pending demand of the people of Ladakh, after it was carved out as a Union Territory (UT) on August 5, 2019.
- The order by the L-G was issued by exercising the powers conferred by S.O 282(E) dated 21.01.2020.

18. Ans. B.

- Auckland came out on top on The Economist Intelligence Unit's Global Liveability Index of 140 cities around the world thanks to its success in containing the pandemic quickly, enabling restrictions to be lifted early on.
- The annual list did not go ahead in 2020, but Austria's Vienna, number one in both 2018 and 2019, has completely dropped out of the top 10 after being heavily effected by Covid, and now sits in 12th place.
- New Zealand's capital Wellington was fourth on this year's list, tying with Japan's Tokyo, and four cities of Australia, where tough border controls have been in place throughout the crisis, occupy the top 10.
- Adelaide, Perth and Brisbane came in third, sixth and 10th place respectively, while Melbourne tied with Switzerland's Geneva at number eight.

19. Ans. A.

- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has extended the term of Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) Chairman MR Kumar till March 13, 2022.
- His currently notified term was to end on June 30 this year.
- Kumar was appointed as LIC Chairman on March 13, 2019. Kumar had joined LIC in 1983 as a direct recruit officer.
- Recently, in the disinvestment plan the Centre which owns 100% of LIC, is looking for dismantle for up to 10% stake via IPO.

20. Ans. B.

- The government has extended the tenure of deputy governor Mahesh Kumar Jain for two years.
- Jain was appointed as deputy governor for three years in June 2018.
- Before joining the Reserve Bank of India, he was managing director of IDBI Bank.
- The other three serving deputy governors are Michael Patra, M Rajeshwar Rao and T Rabi Sankar.

21. Ans. A.

- Water Burial has won the best film award on environment conservation at the 67th National Films Awards 2021.
- Inspired by the popular Assamese novel Saba Kota Manuh, which is written by Yeshe Dorjee Thongchi, Water Burial is in Monpa dialect and has an intriguing storyline around a dark ritual of a local tribe in Arunachal Pradesh.
- The film, which is directed by independent filmmaker Shantanu Sen in Monpa dialect, has garnered positive reviews for its uniqueness in portraying the rituals of the tribals of the Northeast and bringing the attention of the mainstream media towards it.



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- Water Burial is presented by Sanjive Narain, Chief Managing Director of Prag News, produced by AM Television and co-produced by Faruque Iftikar.

22. Ans. C.

- The Executive Board of the FIH selected Oman to host the inaugural Hockey5s World Cups (Men and Women) to be played in January 2024.

- Matches will take place in Oman's capital city Muscat.

- The Hockey5s' flagship event is a brand-new FIH competition. Sixteen teams per gender (3 per continent Oman as hosts) will take part in this first edition.

- Continental Hockey5s qualifiers for the World Cup will be organized in 2022.

23. Ans. D.

- The Times 50 Most Desirable Women 2020 list has been unveiled.

- This year Rhea Chakraborty has topped the list.

- She was in the news for most of last year due to the sudden demise of Sushant Singh Rajput and the controversy around his death.

- Adline Castelino (Miss Universe 2020 - 3rd Runner-up) at number 2, Disha Patani at number 3, Kiara Advani at number 4 and Deepika Padukone at number 5.

24. Ans. A.

- The Union government appointed Anup Chandra Pandey as the Election Commissioner.

- He is a retired IAS officer of the 1984 batch, Uttar Pradesh cadre.

- Pandey has been appointed to the position left vacant by former Chief Election Commissioner Sunil Arora's retirement on April 12.

- This restores the three-member commission to its full strength, which will now oversee the next set of crucial assembly elections in Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Goa, Manipur and Uttarakhand next year.

- Chief Election Commissioner Sushil Chandra and Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar are the other two members on the panel.

25. Ans. D.

- India has been elected as a member of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), one of the six main organs of the United Nations, for three-year terms of 2022-24.

- India was elected to the 54-member ECOSOC, by the UNGA on June 7, 2021, in the Asia-Pacific States category, along with Afghanistan, Kazakhstan and Oman.

- ECOSOC serves as the central platform for discussing international economic, social and environmental issues and formulating policy recommendations addressed to member states and the United Nations system.

26. Ans. C.

- Russian President Vladimir Putin signed a law that formalizes his country's exit from the Open Skies Arms Control Treaty.

- Signed on March 24 1992, the pact allows for unarmed surveillance over the territories of its 34 member states.

- Russia has become the second country to exit the pact following a Donald Trump-led US' exit from the treaty last year.

- Open Skies Treaty is an international treaty that allow nations to collect information on one another's military forces to increase transparency.

27. Ans. B.

- The Piramal Foundation in support of the NITI Aayog has announced plans to provide COVID





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home care to 20 lakh citizens staying in rural areas.

- The Foundation which has been working in 25 districts helping in COVID care to senior citizens since last year has now expanded its scope of work to 112 backward districts called ‘Aspirational Districts’.
- Both entities unveiled ‘Surakshit Hum Surakshit Tum Abhiyaan’ which will be rolled out in these 112 districts to assist the district administrations in providing home-care support to patients who are asymptomatic or have mild symptoms.
- Most of these districts are in Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Odisha and Maharashtra.

28. Ans. B.

- The Assam government has instituted a series of annual awards similar to the Bharat Ratna and Padma awards entailing a slew of benefits for the awardees.
- The decision was taken at a Cabinet meeting headed by Chief Minister Himanta Biswas Sarma.
- While the Asom Ratna would be presented to one person who has made a significant contribution to society, the Asom Bibhushan would be presented to three, the Asom Bhushan to two and the Asom Shree to 10 persons every year.
- The awards will carry ₹5 lakh, ₹3 lakh, ₹2 lakh and ₹1 lakh respectively with benefits such as free treatment for critical illness, free stay at Assam Bhawans across the country and free travel in State Transport Corporation buses.

29. Ans. A.

- Indian football talisman Sunil Chhetri has surpassed Argentina's global superstar Lionel Messi to become the second-highest active international goal-scorer with 74 strikes, adding another feather to his illustrious career.

- The 36-year-old Chhetri achieved the staggering feat with his brace against Bangladesh in the joint preliminary qualifying round match for 2022 FIFA World Cup and 2023 AFC Asian Cup.

- The seasoned striker, who helped India register their first win in six years in World Cup qualifiers, now stands only behind Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo (103) in the active international goal-scorer list.

- Chhetri leads Barcelona star Messi by two goals and sits a place above Ali Mabkhout of the UAE, who is third on the list with 73 strikes to his name.

30. Ans. A.

- A record 63 Indian universities have made it to the Times Higher Education Asia University Rankings 2021.

- India is third overall in terms of representation, behind Japan (116 universities) and Mainland China (91).

- While Indian Institute of Science (37th) remains the country's highest ranked university for the seventh year in a row, Indian Institute of Technology Ropar (55th) and Indian Institute of Technology Indore (78th) have also made it to the top 100 this year.

- King George's Medical University (139th), Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology Delhi (143rd) and Mahatma Gandhi University (154th) figure among the top 200 for the first time.

- Of the 49 Indian universities appearing in the rankings for at least a second consecutive year, 51% have maintained or improved on their 2020 rankings.

32. Ans. C.

- The Reserve Bank of India has approved the appointment of Vishwavir Ahuja as the Managing Director and CEO of RBL Bank for a one-year period with effect from June 30, 2021.



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- He has been the Managing Director & CEO of RBL Bank since June 30, 2010.

- Before RBL Bank, Ahuja was the Managing Director & CEO of Bank of America, India.

33. Ans. A.

- UN Environment Programme (UNEP) has formally launched the decades of 2021-30 as the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration (2021-2030).

- The UN Decade aims to inspire and support governments, UN agencies, civil society, private sector companies, youth, women's groups, indigenous peoples, farmers, local communities and individuals globally, to collaborate, develop and catalyse restoration initiatives across the world.

- The Decade aims to mobilize hundreds of millions of people to restore nature and foster a global restoration culture in which restoration initiatives are scaled up across the planet.

34. Ans. B.

- The Interpol has launched a new global database named "I-Familia" to identify missing persons through family DNA and help the police solve cold cases in member countries.

- Describing it as a ground breaking database officially launched this month, the Interpol said that it applied cutting-edge scientific research and used the DNA of relatives to identify missing persons or unidentified human remains around the world.

- I-Familia has three components: a dedicated global database to host the DNA profiles provided by relatives, held separately from any criminal data; DNA matching software called Bonaparte, developed by Dutch company Smart Research; and interpretation guidelines developed by Interpol.

35. Ans. D.

- Haryana government has launched Pran Vayu Devta Pension Scheme 2021.

- This Life Air God Pension scheme aims to ensure adequate supply of natural oxygen in the state.

- This Prana Vayu Devta Pension Yojna is a major step towards ensuring clean air to breathe amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic outbreak.

- Several states including Haryana witnessed a crisis of medical oxygen recently that was needed for severely ill COVID-19 patients.

- The demand for oxygen cylinders and oxygen concentrators rose to a new high in the 1st & 2nd wave of Coronavirus crisis.

- In order to avoid such a deficit of oxygen supply in the future, the state govt. comes with a unique and first of its kind initiative namely Prana Vayu Devta Pension Scheme.

36. Ans. C.

- Senior administrator and former power secretary, Sanjeev Nandan Sahai is set to take over as next chairman of the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB).

- A search committee headed by V K Saraswat, Member (S&T), NITI Aayog, cleared the name of Sahai. Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board is a statutory body in India.

- Sanjiv Nandan Sahai is a 1986 batch IAS officer of the Arunachal Pradesh-Goa- Mizoram and Union Territory (AGMUT) cadre.

- He took over as Secretary in the Ministry of Power in 2019.

- He has also held several positions in the bureaucracy throughout his career, including five years as the Prime Minister.

37. Ans. A.

- The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Ltd. (HSBC) announced the appointment of Hitendra Dave as Chief Executive Officer of HSBC India subject to receipt of regulatory approval. He has been



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appointed as interim Chief Executive Officer effective June 7, 2021.

- Dave succeeds Surendra Rosha who will be moving to Hong Kong as the co-chief executive of HSBC Asia-Pacific.

38. Ans. B.

- The 8th triennial conference of the International Nitrogen Initiative (INI) held virtually from May 31-June 3, 2021, with a main focus on the United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

- Germany's Federal Environment Agency (Umweltbundesamt-UBA) hosted the conference for the 1st time since its inception. The Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety is supported the UBA.

- UN Environment Programme, UN Food and Agriculture Organisation and UN Economic Commission on Europe, also addressed the conference.

- The conference was attended by over 800 scientists and other stakeholders from over 60 countries.

39. Ans. A.

- Eminent Assamese Litterateur, Padma Shri Dr Lakshmi Nandan Bora passed away at the age of 91 in Guwahati, Assam. He was born on 15th June 1932, in Nagaon, Assam.

- Dr Lakshmi Nandan Bora was the first person to receive a doctoral degree in meteorology from Andhra University.

- He has served as the Chairman of the Assam Pollution Control Board from 1997 to 2003.

40. Ans. D.

- Kuwait's Husain Al-Musallam has been elected as the President of the International Swimming Federation (FINA) at the FINA General Congress held in Doha, Qatar.

- He was previously serving as the first Vice President (VP) of FINA. (FINA has 2 VPs namely First VP and Second VP).

41. Ans. C.

- After a wait of more than a decade, the Indian Navy is set to receive its first set of multi-role helicopters as America is set to hand over three MH-60 Romeo helicopters to the force in the United States in July.

- The first batch of Indian pilots has also reached the US for training on the helicopters which would be arriving in India next year in July.

- India and the US had signed over- ₹16,000 crore deal to buy 24 MH-60 Romeo helicopters from Lockheed Martin in 2020 under fast track procedures on a government-to-government deal to hasten the process.

42. Ans. D.

- NASA has announced two missions to Venus, Earth's closest planetary neighbour, as part of its Discovery Program.

- It aims to explore and study the solar system.

- DAVINCI+ (Deep Atmosphere Venus Investigation of Noble gases, Chemistry, and Imaging) mission.

- VERITAS (Venus Emissivity, Radio Science, InSAR, Topography, and Spectroscopy).

- The last US probe to visit the planet was the Magellan orbiter in 1990.

43. Ans. C.

- The Labour and Employment Ministry has constituted an expert group to provide technical inputs and recommendations on fixation of minimum wages and national floor for minimum wages.

- The expert group announced has been constituted for a period of three years and is



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chaired by Ajit Mishra, Director, Institute of Economic Growth.

- It includes Tarika Chakraborty, IIM Calcutta; Anushree Sinha, Senior Fellow, NCAER; Vibha Bhalla, Joint Secretary; H Srinivas, Director General, VVGNI as the members and DPS Negi, Senior Labour and Employment Advisor as the Member Secretary.

- This is the second expert committee on minimum wages formed by the government within the last two years.

- The earlier panel, headed by Anoop Satpathy, Fellow, VV Giri National Labour Institute, was set up by the ministry on January 17, 2018, to undertake an evidence-based analysis to determine methodology for fixing national minimum wage.

44. Ans. C.

- Union Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal approved the Performance Grading Index (PGI) 2019-20 for States and Union Territories, which was introduced with a set of 70 parameters to bring about change in school education.

- The PGI for States and Union Territories was first published in 2019 with reference to the year 2017-18. The PGI: States/UTs for 2019-20 is the third publication in this series.

- The PGI helps the States/UTs to pinpoint the gaps and accordingly prioritise areas for intervention to ensure that the school education system is robust at every level.

- Punjab, Chandigarh, Tamil Nadu, Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Kerala occupy the highest grade (Grade A++) for 2019-20.

- Thirteen states and UTs showed improvement by 10 per cent or more in the PGI domain: Infrastructure and Facilities. Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Odisha have shown improvement by 20 per cent or more.

- Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur and Odisha have shown more than 10 per cent improvement in the PGI domain: Equity.

45. Ans. B.

- Maharashtra state government has launched the state annual priority sector credit plan worth Rs 4,60,881 crore and an overall annual credit plan of Rs 18,10,779 crore at the quarterly State Level Bankers Committee (SBLC) meeting of Maharashtra.

- The state government has set the annual credit lending target by banks of Rs 1.19 lakh crore for the agriculture sector in the current financial year.

- Of this, Rs 60,860 crore is set for the crop loans during the kharif and rabi seasons.

- Government asked banks in state to continue more finance under crop loan disbursement for kharif 2021 season and to achieve season targets by end of June 2021.

- Banks have also been advised to improve credit disbursal under agriculture sector and support all government-sponsored schemes & SHGs.

46. Ans. D.

- India's rank has slipped by two places from last year to 117 on the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) adopted as a part of the 2030 agenda by 193 United Nations member states in 2015.

- The State of India's Environment Report 2021 revealed that India's rank was 115 last year and dropped by two places primarily because major challenges like ending hunger and achieving food security (SDG 2).

- India ranks below four South Asian countries — Bhutan, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh, it said. The overall SDG score of India is 61.9 out of 100.

- According to the report Jharkhand and Bihar are the least prepared to meet the SDGs by 2030, which is the target year. While Jharkhand lags in five of the SDGs, Bihar lags in seven.



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- The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, was adopted by all United Nations Member States in 2015, which provides a shared blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and into the future.

- There are 17 SDGs which are an urgent call for action by all countries — developed and developing — in a global partnership.

47. Ans. B.

- Denmark's parliament approved for build an artificial island off Copenhagen.

- The size of the island will be 1 sq mile (2.6 sq km), the project is to begin later this year.

- The giant island, named Lynetteholm, would be connected to the mainland via a ring road, tunnels and a metro line.

- Plans for Lynetteholm include a dam system around its perimeter, with the aim of protecting the harbour from rising sea levels and storm surges.

- If construction goes ahead as planned, the majority of the foundations for the island off Denmark's capital should be in place by 2035, with an aim to fully complete the project by 2070.

48. Ans. B.

- Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh RK Mathur launched the YounTab scheme for students and distributed 12,300 tablets among them virtually in Leh.

- A total of 12 thousand 300 students of 6th to 12th class from government schools will benefit from the scheme.

- YounTab scheme formulated to encourage digital learning, bridge the digital divide between connected and unconnected and mitigate the Covid pandemic disruptions.

49. Ans. A.

- Dutch long-distance runner Sifan Hassan broke the women's 10,000 metres world record, clocking 29 minutes 6.82 seconds in a Continental Tour meeting on home soil in Hengelo.

- Ethiopia's Almaz Ayana held the previous record of 29:17.45, set at the 2016 Rio Olympics, but Hassan shaved more than 10 seconds off that mark.

- Hassan is the reigning world champion having won gold in Doha in 2019 and the 28-year-old set down a marker before next month's Tokyo Games, blowing away the competition and sprinting solo across the line with her arms outstretched in celebration.

50. Ans. C.

- Sergio Perez won his second Formula One race at the Azerbaijan Grand Prix after a dramatic finish to the race in Baku.

- Driver Championship leader and Perez's Red Bull teammate Max Verstappen crashed with just 4 laps to go.

- Mercedes' Lewis Hamilton, meanwhile, went off course while trying to win the race on the standing restart in the two-lap shootout.

- Four-time champion Sebastian Vettel took second for Aston Martin after an impressive drive after qualifying 11th.

- Pierre Gasly was third for AlphaTauri.

51. Ans. D.

- Kerala-based Thomas Vijayan, who is now settled in Canada, has won the 2021 Nature TTL Photography Awards for his photo of an Orangutan clinging to a tree.

- The photograph is titled 'The World is Going Upside Down'.

- Vijayan was adjudged as the overall winner of the competition from over 8,000 entries for Nature TTL Photographer of the Year 2021,



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which carries a grand prize of 1,500 pounds (Rs.1.5 lakh).

- Nature TTL is the world's leading online nature photography resource.

52. 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.

53. 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.

54. 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.

55. 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.

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