

# Weekly Current Affairs Revision Set 3rd Week of June 2021



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1. Who has been sworn in as the new Prime Minister of Israel?

- A. Benjamin Netanyahu
- B. Ehud Olmert
- C. Naftali Bennett
- D. Ariel Sharon
- E. Isaac Herzog

2. Which state government has launched 'Yuva Shakti Corona Mukti Abhiyan' to make people aware about the COVID pandemic with the help of youth power?

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

3. Who has won the French open Men's Singles title 2021?

- A. Stefanos Tsitsipas
- B. Rafael Nadal
- C. Novak Djokovic
- D. Roger Federer
- E. Alexander Zverev

4. Who has won the French Open Women's singles title 2021?

- A. Barbora Krejckikova
- B. Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova
- C. Katerina Siniakova
- D. Maria Sakkari
- E. Paula Badosa

5. Renowned sportsperson Nirmal Kaur passed away recently she was associated with which sports?

- A. Hockey
- B. Cricket
- C. Badminton
- D. Volleyball
- E. Basketball

6. India's Mirabai Chanu is associated with which sports who qualified for Tokyo Olympics?

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

7. Name the Indian Wrestler who has won the women's 53kg freestyle gold with an 8-0 win over Khrystyna Bereza of Ukraine at the Poland Ranking Series in Warsaw?

- A. Sakshi Malik
- B. Babita Kumari
- C. Divya Karan
- D. Vinesh Phogat
- E. Seema Bisla

8. During the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) High-Level Meeting (HLM) on HIV/AIDS, the assembly approved a declaration to end AIDS by \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. 2025
- B. 2028
- C. 2030
- D. 2035
- E. 2040

9. Who has been appointed as the Chief Justice of Allahabad High Court?

- A. Sanjay Yadav
- B. Nalin Kumar Srivastava
- C. Vivek Singhal
- D. Pramod Kumar Sharma
- E. Om Prakash Tripathi

10. Who has launched Central Athlete Injury Management System (CAIMS) for streamlining the sports medicine and rehabilitation support offered to the athletes for Olympics 2024 and beyond?

- A. Narendra Modi
- B. Kiran Rijiju



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- C. Amit Shah
- D. Prakash Javadekar
- E. Ravishankar Prasad

11. Who addressed the UN 'High-Level Dialogue on Desertification, Land Degradation & Drought'?

- A. Parkash Javadekar
- B. Narendra Modi
- C. Ravishankar Prasad
- D. Narendra Singh Tomar
- E. Nirmala Sitharaman

12. According to the World Giving Index 2021 report what is India's position as the most charitable country?

- A. 10<sup>th</sup>
- B. 11<sup>th</sup>
- C. 12<sup>th</sup>
- D. 13<sup>th</sup>
- E. 14<sup>th</sup>

13. Which country is at top position in the World Giving Index 2021 report?

- A. Australia
- B. New Zealand
- C. Indonesia
- D. Kenya
- E. Canada

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- A. Goonj
- B. Malaria No More
- C. Uday Foundation
- D. Sounds of Silence
- E. Rural Healthcare Foundation

15. The central government has modified the 'Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Hybrid and Electric Vehicles in India Phase II' (FAME India Phase II) scheme. The FAME scheme is administered by which ministry?

- A. Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
- B. Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
- C. Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises
- D. Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
- E. Ministry of Science and Technology

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- B. IIT Delhi
- C. IIT Madras
- D. IIT Ropar
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- A. D . Gukesh
- B. Raunak Sudhwani
- C. Girish Koushik
- D. P. Iniyan
- E. NR Visakh

20.Which space agency is developing its own 'EnVision' to study Venus, for holistic view of planet from its inner core to upper atmosphere?

- A. European Space Agency (ESA)
- B. NASA
- C. ISRO
- D. JAXA
- E. Roscosmos

21.The European Space Agency (ESA) will launch world's first satellite, WISA Woodsat from which country?

- A. Australia
- B. Finland
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22.Which state government has decided to set up a Vedic Education and Sanskar Board to revive the knowledge of ancient Sanskrit scriptures and connect the learnings of the Vedas with science and yoga?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
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- D. Rajasthan
- E. Uttarakhand

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- C. Singapore
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24.Which public sector company has signed a pact with National Institute of Wind Energy (NIWE) to develop solar and wind energy projects?

- A. NHPC Limited
- B. SJVN Limited
- C. NTPC Limited
- D. Rural Electrification Corporation (REC)
- E. Power Finance Corporation (PFC)

25.Which foundation has joined hands with National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) for the implementation of its 'Employability through Skill Initiative Project (ESIP) Phase II'?

- A. Ambuja Cement Foundation
- B. Reliance Foundation
- C. Azim Premji Foundation
- D. Bill Gates Foundation
- E. Walmart Foundation

26.Mukesh Sharma is faculty of IIT who has been appointed as an honorary member of World Health Organisation's (WHO) Global Air Pollution and Health - Technical Advisory Group (GAPH-TAG)?

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

27.Which state government has launched a program 'Revv Up' for Artificial intelligence (AI) startups?

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- A. Satya Nadella
- B. Steve Ballmer
- C. John Thompson
- D. Jennifer Katharine Gates
- E. Sundar Pichai

32. Which country hosted the ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting Plus in that Defence Minister Rajnath Singh participated virtually?

- A. Malaysia
- B. Singapore
- C. Vietnam
- D. Brunei
- E. Cambodia

33. Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the 5th edition of VivaTech, the largest digital and

start-up events in Europe. The event is being held which city every year?

- A. London
- B. Paris
- C. Milan
- D. Zurich
- E. Geneva

34. Telecom Regulatory Authority of India has launched TV Channel Selector Portal. Identify the incorrect statement regarding this?

- A. This will enable subscribers to select TV channels who do not own a mobile phone
- B. This portal will help the subscriber to check their own subscription.
- C. With the help of this portal subscribers can choose their channel of interest
- D. subscribers cannot remove the unwarranted channels.
- E. subscriber can modify existing subscription

35. With which country India has signed an agreement extending a US\$ 100 million Line of Credit (LOC) for projects in the Solar Energy Sector?

- A. Sri Lanka
- B. Nepal
- C. Bhutan
- D. Afghanistan
- E. Maldives

36. China launched a spacecraft 'Shenzhou-12' carrying three astronauts to its own space station which is to be complete by which year?

- A. 2022
- B. 2023
- C. 2024
- D. 2025
- E. 2028

37. Which IIT hosted a three-day virtual Conference of BRICS Network Universities on the theme of electric mobility?



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41. What is India's rank in the the annual World Competitiveness Index 2021?

- A. 34<sup>th</sup>
- B. 38<sup>th</sup>
- C. 43<sup>rd</sup>
- D. 48<sup>th</sup>
- E. 66<sup>th</sup>

42. Which country ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in the World Competitiveness Index 2021?

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

43. What is India's rank in the latest 15th edition of the Global Peace Index (GPI) 2021, released by the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP), Sydney?

- A. 134<sup>th</sup>
- B. 135<sup>th</sup>
- C. 143<sup>rd</sup>
- D. 148<sup>th</sup>
- E. 166<sup>th</sup>

44. Which country declared the least peaceful country in the world in 15th edition of the Global Peace Index (GPI) 2021 released by the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP), Sydney?

- A. Yemen
- B. Syria
- C. Afghanistan
- D. Sudan
- E. Philistine

45. According to the Global Peace Index (GPI) 2021, which country is the most peaceful country in the world?

- A. Iceland
- B. New Zealand
- C. Denmark
- D. Portugal
- E. Ireland

46. Who has been named as the named as a member of a High-Level Advisory Group formed by the World Bank and IMF?

- A. Gita Gopinath
- B. Raghuram Rajan



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- C. Montek Singh Ahluwalia
- D. Urjit Patel
- E. C Rangarajan

47. Who has been appointed as Director at India's WTO mission?

- A. Mukesh Sharma
- B. Ajai Puri
- C. K Nagraj Naidu
- D. Aashish Chandorkar
- E. Mahesh Kumar Jain

48. International lawyer Karim Khan belongs to which country who has sworn in as the new chief prosecutor for the International Criminal Court?

- A. India
- B. Pakistan
- C. Bangladesh
- D. England
- E. Afghanistan

49. Who has been appointed as the Brand Ambassador of PUMA motorsports in India?

- A. Suresh Raina
- B. MS Dhoni
- C. Yuvraj Singh
- D. Sachin Tendulkar
- E. Ravindra Jadeja

50. Renowned personality Raghbir Singh has passed away recently, he was a veteran \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Politician
- B. Army man
- C. Sportsman
- D. Journalist
- E. Writer

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

- 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

52. 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

53. 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

54. 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

55. 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



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1. Ans. C.

- Naftali Bennett was sworn-in as the 13th Prime Minister of Israel.
- His victory ended the 12-year power of former Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu
- Netanyahu is the Israel's longest-serving leader.
- Bennett is former defence minister and associated with right-wing Yamina party.
- Mr Bennett will be prime minister until September 2023 as part of a power-sharing deal.
- He will then hand power over to Yair Lapid for a further two years.

2. Ans. D.

- Madhya Pradesh government will launch 'Yuva Shakti Corona Mukti Abhiyan' to make people aware about the COVID pandemic.
- The campaign will be launched with the help of youth power.
- In the Yuva Shakti Corona Mukti Abhiyan, college teachers and around 16 lakh students will be made aware of corona infection by learning Covid appropriate behavior and vaccination.
- This campaign will be run by the Higher Education and Technical Education Department in collaboration with the Public Health and Family Welfare Department.

3. Ans. C.

- In tennis, world No.1 Novak Djokovic clinched his second French open Men's Singles title after beating world No. 5 Stefanos Tsitsipas in the five-sets battle at Roland-Garros last night.
- Fighting back from two sets down, the 34-year-old Serb has won the match 6-7 (6-8), 2-6,

6-3, 6-2, 6-4 against 22-year old Tsitsipas to claim his 19th Grand Slam title.

- He is now one short of the men's 20 Grand Slam titles record of Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer.
- The Serbian world number one increased his Grand Slam tally to 19 titles, and is now one adrift of the men's record held by Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal.
- Djokovic has also become the first man in the Open era, and third overall, to win all four Majors at least twice.
- Djokovic reached his sixth French Open final after ending Nadal's four-year reign last Friday while Tsitsipas edged past Alexander Zverev, becoming the first Greek player to reach in the Grand Slam final.

• Czech Barbora Krejckova completed a singles-doubles title sweep at the tournament yesterday when she lifted the women's doubles trophy with compatriot Katerina Siniakova, beating Iga Swiatek and Bethanie Mattek-Sands 6-4, 6-2.

• Krejckova became the first player to win both the women's singles and doubles title in Paris since French woman Mary Pierce completed the feat in 2000.

4. Ans. A.

- Barbora Krejckova became the first Czech women's singles champion since 1981 after beating Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova.
- The 25-year-old Krejckova, who was unseeded and ranked 33rd, hadn't made it past the fourth round in at any major before this trip to Paris.

• But after a magical run, beating the likes of Elina Svitolina, Sloane Stephens, Coco Gauff, and Maria Sakkari, she lifted the prestigious Roland Garros trophy after a two-hour-long final.

• Pavlyuchenkova, who played her first major final in her 52nd appearance, bounced back in





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the second set but failed to keep her momentum going till the very end.

5. Ans. D.

- Former Indian women volleyball team captain Nirmal Kaur passed away recently due to complications related to Covid-19 infection.
- She was wife of legendary Olympian Milkha Singh
- Milkha Singh himself is being treated for Covid-related complications at the PGI Chandigarh.
- Milkha Singh has been under the observation of a medical team comprising senior doctors of the institute.

6. Ans. C.

- India's Mirabai Chanu, the 2017 world champion in weightlifting, has qualified for the Tokyo Olympics in the women's 49-kg category.
- The International Weightlifting Federation announced that Mirabai has qualified on the basis of her world ranking points.
- The 26-year-old from Manipur lifter is ranked second in the women's 49-kg category.
- As per rules of the IWF, top eight lifters in each of the 14 weight categories, including seven in the women's group, are eligible to compete in Tokyo Games.

7. Ans. D.

- Tokyo Olympic Games bound wrestler Vinesh Phogat won the women's 53kg freestyle gold with an 8-0 win over Khrystyna Bereza of Ukraine at the Poland Ranking Series in Warsaw.
- The gold-winning effort of Vinesh is likely to improve her seeding in the 53kg freestyle event at the Olympics, to be held from July 23 to August 8.

- In the final match, Vinesh went up 2-0 in the opening 70 seconds of the bout. With less than two minutes on board, she led 4-0.

- Khrystyna struggled to keep pace with Vinesh in the initial stages of the bout. As the match progressed, the Ukrainian made some good moves but Vinesh was quick to wriggle out of the tricky situations.

- With less than two minutes to go for the long whistle, Vinesh unleashed another attack to increase the margin to 6-0.

- Khrystyna tried to reduce the gap in the last 60 seconds of the match but was unsuccessful as Vinesh was in no mood to concede points.

- Vinesh made it 8-0 in the last 30 seconds of the contest to pocket the gold medal. Khrystyna settled for silver.

8. Ans. C.

- During the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) High-Level Meeting (HLM) on HIV/AIDS (Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired ImmunoDeficiency Syndrome), the assembly approved a declaration to end AIDS by 2030.

- The Assembly stated that COVID-19 has increased inequalities and pushed access to AIDS medicines, treatments and diagnosis off track.

- The declaration also committed assembly's 193 member countries to implement

- Reduce annual new HIV infections to under 3, 70, 000 and annual AIDS-related deaths to under 2, 50, 000 by 2025.

- To eliminate all forms of HIV-related stigma and discrimination and for urgent work towards an HIV vaccine and a cure for AIDS.

9. Ans. A.

- Justice Sanjay Yadav took oath as the Chief Justice of Allahabad High Court at Raj Bhavan in Lucknow.



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- His oath was administered by Uttar Pradesh Governor Anandiben Patel.
- He was serving as the acting Chief Justice of the Allahabad High Court.
- He has also served as the acting Chief Justice and Judge of Madhya Pradesh High Court.
- Allahabad High Court was established in 1866 and is one of the oldest high courts with 160 serving judges.

10. Ans. B.

- Minister of Sports Kiren Rijiju has launched Central Athlete Injury Management System (CAIMS) for streamlining the sports medicine and rehabilitation support offered to the athletes for Olympics 2024 and beyond.
- It will start with support for athletes who are a part of Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) development group
- It will have 4 structures: Athlete Wellness Cell, On-Field Sports Medicine Experts, National Resource Referral Teams, Central Core Team

11. Ans. B.

- \* PM Modi virtually addressed a UN 'High-Level Dialogue on Desertification, Land Degradation & Drought'.
- \* He said that three million hectares of forest cover has been added in India over the last ten years.
- \* He listed steps taken by India to deal with the land degradation issue.
- \* He conveyed that India is on track to achieve its national commitment of Land degradation neutrality.
- \* He said India is also working towards restoring 26 million hectares of degraded land by 2030.

12. Ans. E.

\* According to World Giving Index 2021, released by the Charities Aid Foundation's (CAF), India is 14th most charitable country.

\* This year's survey highlights the impact of lockdowns on charitable giving.

\* Indonesia remains in the first place, followed by Kenya.

\* Four African nations now sit in the top 10 -- three of them (Nigeria, Ghana and Uganda) for the first time.

\* Most of the western countries which are usually in the Top 10 have fallen far down the rankings.

\* 61 per cent of Indians helped strangers; 34 per cent volunteered; and 36 per cent donated money.

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creating an India Interagency Expert Committee on Malaria and Climate (IEC).

\* Aim of the collaboration is to explore and advance climate-based solutions for accelerating malaria elimination in India.

\* India has set a target to eliminate malaria by 2030.

\* The new committee brings together - for the first time - leading experts and researchers from health, climate and technology fields to define and operationalise sophisticated climate-based malaria prediction tools that will be tailored to the Indian context to further propel progress toward the 2030 goal.

15. Ans. C.

\* The Ministry of heavy industries and public enterprises (MoHI&PE) made partial modifications over the 'Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Hybrid and Electric Vehicles in India Phase II' (FAME India Phase II) scheme, which began on 1 April 2019.

\* The FAME scheme was administered by the department of heavy industries (DHI)

\* MoHI&PE has decided for the aggregation of electric three-wheelers and electric buses component of the scheme via state run Energy Efficiency Services Ltd (EESL), to bring down the cost of electric 3 Wheelers to that of ICE-3 Wheelers.

\* For Electric Buses, EESL will generate demand in 9 cities with over 4 million-plus population like Delhi, Mumbai, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, Kolkata, Chennai, Surat, and Pune.

16. Ans. D.

\* The Indian Institute of Technology IIT Ropar has developed a device "Jivan Vayu" which can be used as a substitute for Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP) machine.

\* this is the nation's first such device which functions even without electricity and is adapted to both kinds of oxygen generation

units like CO<sub>2</sub> cylinders and oxygen pipelines in hospitals. These provisions are not available in otherwise existing CPAP machines.

\* The device is designed to maintain a FiO<sub>2</sub> (fraction of inspired oxygen (FiO<sub>2</sub>) is the concentration of oxygen in the gas mixture) of above 40 per cent with a PEEP (positive end-expiratory pressure) of 5-20 cm H<sub>2</sub>O.

\* Additionally, the device houses a viral filter at the air entrainment end with a viral efficacy of 99.99 per cent.

17. Ans. B.

\* National Award-winning Kannada actor Sanchari Vijay passed away in a road accident in Bengaluru.

\* Vijay met with a road accident and was in critical condition.

\* Doctors performed an emergency brain surgery but could not save him.

\* Vijay, who made his debut with Rangappa Hogbitna in 2011, appeared in many Kannada films such as Dasavala, Harivu, Oggarane, Killing Veerappan, Varthamana, and Sipaayi.

\* His film Naanu Avanalla Avalu fetched him his first National Award.

18. Ans. D.

\* First Olympian from independent India Surat Singh Mathur passed away recently.

\* He was marathon runner, complete the Olympic marathon race, at the 1952 Helsinki Games.

\* Running with the legendary Emil Zatopek in the 1952 Helsinki Olympics, Mathur completed the marathon in the 52nd place in 2:58.92s.

\* He was a bronze medallist at the first Asian Games in 1951.

\* He also won 2 Gold Medals in the National Championships.



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19. Ans. A.

\* D. Gukesh sensationally won the \$15,000 Gelfand Challenge chess title and with it, a 'wild card' for the elite Meltwaters Champions Chess Tour.

\* He won all four rounds, including the key battle against Praggnanandhaa, and emerged on top after a series of favourable results from the games involving other title-contenders.

20. Ans. A.

• **European Space Agency (ESA)** is developing its own probe to study **Venus**, for holistic view of planet from its inner core to upper atmosphere, following the steps of NASA

• The mission dubbed as **EnVision**, will probably be launched to the planet in the early **2030**.

• **EnVision probe of ESA** will determine how and why Venus and Earth evolved so differently, even while being in the habitable zone to the Sun.

• ESA will undertake this mission with contributions from NASA.

21. Ans. C.

• The European Space Agency (ESA) will launch world's first satellite, WISA Woodsat from New Zealand by the end 2021.

• The objective of the satellite is to test the applicability of wooden materials like plywood in spacecraft structures and expose it to extreme space conditions, such as heat, cold, vacuum and radiation.

• It will be launched by Rocket Lab Electron rocket from the Mahia Peninsula launch complex in New Zealand.

• designed and built in Finland will orbit at around 500-600 km altitude in polar Sun-synchronous orbit.

• WISA Woodsat is a 10x10x10 cm nano satellite.

22. Ans. D.

• Rajasthan govt will set up a Vedic Education and Sanskar Board.

• Aim of this is to revive the knowledge of ancient Sanskrit scriptures and connect the learnings of the Vedas with science and yoga.

• The board is likely to be set up in the coming four to five months.

• The State, at present, has about 20 residential Vedic schools, including 'Gurukuls'.

• The state government has also established Ayurveda and Sanskrit universities.

23. Ans. B.

• British Prime Minister Boris Johnson and his Australian counterpart Scott Morrison have agreed on a historic free trade agreement (FTA).

• It will make it cheaper for the UK to sell its cars and Scotch whisky Down Under and remove barriers for business.

• An FTA with Australia is also dubbed as a gateway into the fast-growing Indo-Pacific region, which covers India.

• The UK-Australia trade relationship was worth 13.9 billion pounds last year and is set to grow under the deal.

• The UK was the third largest direct investor in Australia and the second largest recipient of Australian foreign direct investment (FDI) in 2020.

24. Ans. B.

• State-owned SJVN Ltd has signed a pact with National Institute of Wind Energy (NIWE) to develop solar and wind energy projects.

• SJVN has entered into a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Institute for



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'technical consultancy services' for development of solar, wind, hybrid (wind and solar) and hybrid (wind, solar and battery storage) energy projects of SJVN, according to a statement.

- NIWE will support SJVN to assess the feasibility and techno-commercial aspects of the projects and preparation of detailed project reports, estimates and bid documents covering all relevant aspects from the concept to the commissioning of these projects.

- SJVN Chairman and Managing Director Nand Lal Sharma said, "The Government of India is targeting to achieve installation of 175 gigawatts (GW) of renewable energy capacity by the year 2022 and 450 gigawatts by 2030".

25. Ans. A.

- Ambuja Cement Foundation has joined hands with National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) for implementation of its employability through skill initiative project's second phase.

- The foundation received grant assistance from NABARD under the Gramya Vikas Nidhi, a fund created for the development of off-farm sector activities.

- The project will provide skill training across 19 locations for two years in 12 trades. It has already reached over 4,000 youth despite the pandemic, the foundation said in a statement.

- Besides skill training, the course also includes soft skills and leadership skills as part of the training module.

- On completion of training, the students will be provided with placement and hand-holding support post placement.

26. Ans. B.

- Mukesh Sharma, a faculty at IIT Kanpur, has been appointed as an honorary member of World Health Organisation's (WHO) Global Air Pollution and Health - Technical Advisory Group (GAPH-TAG).

- Mukesh Sharma has been associated with WHO, Geneva, International Council for Clean Transport, Clean Air Asia United National Environmental Program, Bangkok, and the World Bank.

- He will now be part of the WHO advisory group on interventions and policies for air pollution control in 194 member states.

- The Technical Advisory Group is an advisory body to provide technical guidance and inputs to support the WHO's efforts and work in the fields of air pollution and health issues.

27. Ans. D.

- Telangana government launched the Telangana Artificial Intelligence Mission (TAIM) accelerator programme Revv Up, which is exclusively designed for growth-stage artificial intelligence (AI) startups.

- The vision of T-AIM is to develop Telangana as a global hub for AI startups. Revv Up, which will begin its first cohort in July this year, is another step towards making Telangana and Hyderabad a global destination for AI and other emerging technologies.

- The accelerator programme would be a torchbearer for future AI accelerators in the country.

- NASSCOM will execute the envisioned strategy of T-AIM to identify and promote innovative and impactful AI solutions to solve real-world problems.

- The Revv Up accelerator will provide the opportunity for startups to solve tough business problems in collaboration with the government and industry.

28. Ans. C.

- \* According to World Giving Index 2021, released by the Charities Aid Foundation's (CAF), India is 14th most charitable country.

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\* First Olympian from independent India Surat Singh Mathur passed away recently.

\* He was marathon runner, complete the Olympic marathon race, at the 1952 Helsinki Games.

\* Running with the legendary Emil Zatopek in the 1952 Helsinki Olympics, Mathur completed the marathon in the 52nd place in 2:58.92s.

\* He was a bronze medallist at the first Asian Games in 1951.

\* He also won 2 Gold Medals in the National Championships.

31. Ans. A.

- Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella has been named as the Chairman of the Microsoft Corp

- He will succeed John Thompson, who will now serve as lead independent director.

- Nadella took over as CEO in 2014 from Steve Ballmer.

- He has been instrumental in scaling up its business including billion-dollar acquisitions like LinkedIn, Nuance Communications and ZeniMax.

- Nadella has transformed the software titan into America's second-largest firm by value after tech giant Apple.

32. Ans. D.

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh addressed the ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting Plus through video-conferencing.

- He hailed the Indian values of 'Vasudhaive Kutumbakam' and 'Sarve Bhavantu Sukhinah'.

- Minister called for a united fight against the pandemic.

- the ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting Plus (ADMM-Plus) is a forum comprising 10 ASEAN member countries and 8 partner nations including India, China, Australia, Japan, New Zealand, South Korea, Russia and the United States.

- The 15th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting is being hosted by Brunei as it is the chair of the ASEAN grouping this year.

33. Ans. B.



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- PM Modi addressed the 5th edition of VivaTech, the largest digital and start-up events in Europe.
- The Prime Minister has been invited as a Guest of Honour.
- He said that India is adaptable and agile even in the middle of the pandemic.
- VivaTech is being held in Paris every year since 2016.
- It is jointly organized by Publicis Groupe, a prominent advertising and marketing conglomerate and Les Echos – a leading French media group.

34. Ans. D.

- Telecom Regulatory Authority of India has launched TV Channel Selector Portal.
- This portal will facilitate those subscribers who do not own a mobile phone but want to use a web browser for selection of TV channels.
- This portal will help the subscriber to check their own subion and view all the channels provided by the DTH and Cable operators.
- With the help of this portal subscribers can choose their channel of interest and remove the unwarranted channels.
- The portal also allows the subscriber to modify existing subions.
- The users can also provide the feedback through the portal.

35. Ans. A.

- India has signed an agreement extending a US\$ 100 million Line of Credit (LOC) to Sri Lanka for projects in the Solar Energy Sector.
- The agreement was signed between the Government of Sri Lanka and the Export-Import Bank of India.

- This US\$ 100 million LOC will help finance various projects in the solar energy sector in Sri Lanka, such as rooftop solar photo-voltaic systems for households and government buildings.
- Some of the projects were announced during the Founding Conference of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) held in March 2018 in Delhi.
- Thus far 89 countries, including Sri Lanka, have signed the Framework Agreement of the ISA.

36. Ans. A.

- China launched a spacecraft 'Shenzhou-12' carrying three astronauts to part of a space station.
- It was launched from Gobi Desert.
- This launch begins the first crewed space mission in five years for an increasingly ambitious space program.
- China becomes the third country to send astronauts into space.
- This is the third of the 11-mission needed to complete the China's space station by 2022.
- The Chinese station reportedly is intended to be used for 15 years and may outlast the International Space Station.

37. Ans. C.

- A three day virtual Conference of BRICS Network Universities on the theme of electric mobility was inaugurated at IIT Bombay.
- This conference is part of the engagements that India is hosting under the education stream during its Chairship of the 13th BRICS Summit this year.
- Over 100 students, researchers and faculty from the BRICS Network Universities of the five member countries are expected to participate in the conference.



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- BRICS Network University is a union of higher education institutions of the five BRICS member countries, formed with the objective of enhancing educational cooperation in general, and especially in the realm of research and innovation.

- IIT Bombay is the lead institution of India for the BRICS Network University.

38. Ans. B.

- British Prime Minister Boris Johnson and his Australian counterpart Scott Morrison have agreed on a historic free trade agreement (FTA).

- It will make it cheaper for the UK to sell its cars and Scotch whisky Down Under and remove barriers for business.

- An FTA with Australia is also dubbed as a gateway into the fast-growing Indo-Pacific region, which covers India.

- The UK-Australia trade relationship was worth 13.9 billion pounds last year and is set to grow under the deal.

- The UK was the third largest direct investor in Australia and the second largest recipient of Australian foreign direct investment (FDI) in 2020.

39. Ans. D.

- Rajasthan govt will set up a Vedic Education and Sanskar Board.

- Aim of this is to revive the knowledge of ancient Sanskrit scriptures and connect the learnings of the Vedas with science and yoga.

- The board is likely to be set up in the coming four to five months.

- The State, at present, has about 20 residential Vedic schools, including 'Gurukuls'.

- The state government has also established Ayurveda and Sanskrit universities.

40. Ans. C.

- The European Space Agency (ESA) will launch world's first satellite, WISA Woodsat from New Zealand by the end 2021.

- The objective of the satellite is to test the applicability of wooden materials like plywood in spacecraft structures and expose it to extreme space conditions, such as heat, cold, vacuum and radiation.

- It will be launched by Rocket Lab Electron rocket from the Mahia Peninsula launch complex in New Zealand.

- designed and built in Finland will orbit at around 500-600 km altitude in polar Sun-synchronous orbit.

- WISA Woodsat is a 10x10x10 cm nano satellite.

41. Ans. C.

- India maintained 43rd rank in the annual World Competitiveness Index 2021.

- The report was compiled by the Institute for Management Development (IMD).

- Top three nation in the 64-nation list are: 1. Switzerland; 2. Sweden; 3. Denmark.

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46. Ans. C.

• Montek Singh Ahluwalia was named as a member of a High-Level Advisory Group formed by the World Bank and IMF.

• He was former Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission and distinguished fellow at the Centre for Social and Economic Progress (CSEP).

• The group will be jointly led by Mari Pangestu, Managing Director for Development Policy and Partnerships, World Bank; Ceyla Pazarbasioglu, Director, Strategy, Policy and Review Department, International Monetary Fund; and Lord Nicholas Stern of the London School of Economics.

• The group will also include Gita Gopinath, Economic Counsellor and Director of the Research Department at the IMF, among others.

47. Ans. D.

• The govt has appointed Aashish Chandorkar as Counsellor in India's Permanent Mission in the WTO.

• For the first time, a private person has been appointed at the Mission.

• Chandorkar is director of Bengaluru-based policy think tank Smahi Foundation of Policy and Research.

• The WTO is a 164-member multi-lateral body, which deals with global trade.

48. Ans. D.



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- British lawyer Karim Khan was sworn in as the new chief prosecutor for the International Criminal Court.
- has years of experience in international lawyer as a prosecutor, investigator and defense attorney.
- He takes over from Fatou Bensouda of Gambia.
- Most recently, Khan led a United Nations team investigating atrocities in Iraq.

49. Ans. C.

- Global sports brand PUMA has extended its decade long partnership with former Indian Cricketer Yuvraj Singh by signing him as the face of PUMA Motorsport in India.
- Singh will showcase his passion for fast cars and sports-inspired fashion. With this, he also joins the brand's global league of legends like Thierry Henry, Boris Becker and Usain Bolt.
- An ardent fan of Formula 1 driver Max Verstappen, Singh keenly follows Scuderia Ferrari Formula1 team.
- Globally, PUMA is associated with Scuderia Ferrari, Mercedes-AMG Petronas Formula One Team, Aston Martin Red Bull Racing, BMW M Motorsport and Porche Motorsport.

50. Ans. B.

- Mahavir Chakra awardee legendary veteran, **Brigadier Raghbir Singh** has passed away due to old age illness.
- Brigadier Raghbir Singh was honoured with Maha Vir Chakra, the second highest gallantry award in India by the then President of India, Dr S Radhakrishnan.
- He is fondly called as "Dadosa"
- He served as the Provost Marshal in the Military police, during the 1971 Indo-Pak war.

- During the 1965 Indo Pak war, he was commanding his battalion, 18 Rajputana Rifles (later 11 Mechanised Infantry).

- He was also part of the United Nations Emergency Force, during the 1958-59 Israel – Egypt war.

51. Ans. B.

- 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.
- 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.

52. 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.



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- The order by the L-G was issued by exercising the powers conferred by S.O 282(E) dated 21.01.2020.

53. 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.
- 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.

54. 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.

55. 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.
- 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.

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