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1. MyMSME Mobile App has been launched by which of the following?

- A. Ministry of Education
- B. Ministry of Electronics and information technology
- C. Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
- D. Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
- E. Ministry of Commerce and Industry

Ans. C

Sol.

* M. Venkaiah Naidu, Union Minister for Urban Development, Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation and Union Minister for Information & Broadcasting launched two important initiatives of the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (Ministry of MSME), viz. Micro and Small Enterprises Facilitation Council (MSEFC) portal and MyMSME Mobile App.

* the MyMSME mobile app on <http://my.msme.gov.in>, also launched by M. Venkaiah Naidu, provides information on all schemes implemented by the Ministry of MSME at one place.

* The MSME units have had always been complaining that information on all schemes were not available at a single place.

* Such a compilation is certainly the need of the hour so as to ensure that entrepreneurs need not be searching multiple windows for help or information.

2. Which technology company has launched its new free initiative 'AI for All' in collaboration with CBSE and Ministry of Education to teach individuals the basics of artificial intelligence in India?

- A. Apple
- B. Microsoft
- C. IBM
- D. Intel
- E. Alphabet

Ans. D



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Sol.

* Intel has launched its new free initiative 'AI for All' in collaboration with CBSE and Ministry of Education to teach individuals the basics of artificial intelligence in India

* It is a 4 hours self-paced program that anyone can attend for free.

* With this, Intel plans to educate more than 1 million individuals in 1 year.

* Free course is divided into two sections that would talk about artificial intelligence awareness and its applications.

3. Who has been appointed as the 25th Controller General of Accounts (CGA)?

- A. Deepak Das
- B. Noopur Chaturvedi
- C. Ramesh Nair
- D. Rakesh Asthana
- E. BK Sinha

Ans. A

Sol.

* Deepak Das (1986-batch Indian Civil Accounts Service officer) has taken charge as the 25th Controller General of Accounts (CGA), Dept of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, with effect from August 1, 2021

* He succeeded Soma Roy Burman.

* He has held various important positions at different levels in Ministries.

* He has also been Director of Institute of Government Accounts and Finance.

* He served as the Principal Chief Controller of Accounts in CBDT.

4. Who has been selected for the prestigious Lokmanya Tilak National Award for 2021?



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- A. Krishna Ella
- B. Sonam Wangchuk
- C. Kailash Satyarthi
- D. Cyrus Poonawalla
- E. None of the above

Ans. D

Sol.

* Chairman of Serum Institute of India (SII), Cyrus Poonawalla has been selected for the prestigious Lokmanya Tilak National Award for 2021.

* He has been named for his work during COVID-19 pandemic by manufacturing Covishield vaccine.

* Lokmanya Tilak national award:

* It comprises cash prize of Rs 1 Lakh and a memento.

* It is presented annually since 1983 on August 1 (death anniversary of Lokmanya Tilak by the Lokmanya Tilak Trust).

5. Who becomes the first Indian women to win two Olympic medals in individual category?

- A. MC Mary Kom
- B. Saikom Mirabai Chanu
- C. PV Sindu
- D. Kamalpreet Kaur
- E. Deepika Kumari

Ans. C

Sol.

* Indian shuttler P V Sindhu becomes the first Indian women to win two consecutive medals in Olympic.

* She won bronze medal in women's single match in Tokyo Olympics.



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* She defeated He Bing Jiao of China by 21-13 and 21-15 in the bronze medal match and became the first Indian woman to win two Olympic medals.

* She has also won silver at Rio 2016.

* Wrestler Sushil Kumar is the first and only other Indian to win two Olympic medals.

6. Which becomes the first city in India to achieve 100% vaccination of its people against COVID-19?

- A. Indore
- B. Jaipur
- C. Bhubaneswar
- D. Ranchi
- E. Lucknow

Ans. C

Sol.

- Odisha capital's Bhubaneswar has become first city in India to achieve 100% vaccination of its people against COVID-19
- Additionally, about 1 lakh migrant workers have also been administered first dose of COVID vaccine
- Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation had set benchmarks for different categories of people to complete the vaccination process within the specific timelines by the 31st July 2021.
- Those vaccinated include about 9 lakh people of 18 years of age and above.

7. Which country has the Presidency of United Nations Security Council (UNSC) for August 2021?

- A. Pakistan
- B. India
- C. Afghanistan
- D. Indonesia
- E. Japan



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Ans. B

Sol.

- India has assumed the Presidency of United Nations Security Council (UNSC) for August 2021
- India will decide the agenda for August and coordinate important meetings and other related issues.
- India will focus on three priority areas during its presidency: maritime security, peacekeeping, and counter-terrorism.
- India joined UNSC in January 2021 for 2 year term as one of the 10 rotating non-permanent members.

8. Who is the author of the book titled 'In An Ideal World'?

- A. Kunal Basu
- B. Anurag Basu
- C. Anurag Kashyap
- D. Karan Johar
- E. Farhan Akhtar

Ans. A

Sol.

- Renowned Indian author, Kunal Basu has announced to release his new novel titled 'In An Ideal World' in early 2022.
- The novel will be published by Penguin Random House India.
- The novel is a powerful, gritty and fast-paced literary novel with a variety of themes like college, politics, family, crime investigation and fanaticism.
- Kunal Basu is best-known for The Japanese Wife, The Opium Clerk, The Miniaturist, Racists, The Yellow Emperor's Cure and Sarojini's Mother.



9. Who has taken over as eighth president of Iran?

- A. M Khomeini
- B. E Mousavi
- C. Ebrahim Raisi
- D. M. Ahmedenejad
- E. S. Chisti

Ans. C

Sol.

- Ultra-conservative cleric and judiciary chief Ebrahim Raisi has taken over as eighth president of Iran with effect from August 3, 2021.
- He replaced moderate President Hassan Rouhani who was not allowed run for a third consecutive term by Iranian constitution.
- He won Iranian presidential elections in June with 61.95% of the vote.
- Ebrahim Raisi has also become the first Iranian president to be sanctioned by US even before assuming office as he was designated in 2019.

10. Shehroz Kashif belongs to which country who becomes the youngest mountaineer in the world to reach the summit of K2?

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

Ans. A

Sol.

* A 19-year old Pakistani climber named Shehroz Kashif has become the youngest mountaineer in the world to reach the summit of K2, the second-highest peak in the world.



* He achieved the feat of scaling the 8,611-metre high peak with the aid of bottled oxygen, on July 27, 2021.

* Prior to Kashif, Sajid Sadpara, the son of the legendary climber Muhammad Ali Sadpara, was the youngest person to have climbed K2 at the age of 20.

11. Which state government has launched earthquake early warning mobile application, titled as 'Bhookamp Alert'?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Himachal Pradesh
- C. Uttarakhand
- D. Sikkim
- E. Arunachal Pradesh

Ans. C

Sol.

* Uttarakhand CM Pushkar Singh Dhama has launched earthquake early warning mobile application, titled as 'Uttarakhand Bhookamp Alert'.

* It is India's first earthquake early warning' app for notifying people about earthquake alerts.

* It has been developed by IIT Roorkee, in association with Uttarakhand State Disaster Management Authority (USDMA)

* It can detect the onset of the earthquake and issue warnings regarding an earthquake occurrence in the neighbourhood and the expected time of arrival and intensity at the location to prevent any loss of life.

12. The joint training exercise between Indian and Russian militaries — INDRA 2021 — was held in which place?

- A. Volgograd, Russia
- B. Leningrad, Russia
- C. Novosibirsk, Russia
- D. Vladivostok, Russia
- E. Kazan, Russia



Ans. A

Sol.

* A joint training exercise between Indian and Russian militaries — INDRA 2021 — was held at Prudboy Ranges in Volgograd in Russia.

* The exercise will enhance interoperability between the Indian and Russian armies

* The aim of the exercise is to facilitate joint training between Indian and Russian forces to jointly plan and conduct counter-terror operations under the United Nations mandate.

* The conduct of the exercise will also entail academic discussions between the expert groups of both the contingents.

* It will focus on unit-level joint planning and conduct of anti-terrorist operations and will include cordon and search operations, intelligence gathering and sharing, perception management, humanitarian laws and hostage rescue in simulated settings.

13. The Union Cabinet has approved continuation of the Samagra Shiksha Scheme for school education for another _____.

- A. two years
- B. three years
- C. four years
- D. five years
- E. seven years

Ans. D

Sol.

* The Union Cabinet approved continuation of the Samagra Shiksha Scheme for school education for another five years.

* Provision of training of master trainers for Anganwadi workers, incinerator and sanitary pad vending machines in all girls' hostels, addition of new subjects instead of stream in existing senior secondary schools, holistic progress card for each learner, and upgrade of all Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalyas up to class 12 are among the initiatives in the revised scheme.



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* Under ‘Samagra Shiksha Scheme 2’, financial outlay of Rs 2.94 trillion, which includes central share of Rs 1.85 trillion, has been made to implement the scheme.

* It will cover 1.16 million schools, over 156 million students and 5.7 million teachers of government and and aided schools.

14. Which state government has won five Skoch Awards 2021 (a platinum, a gold and three silver awards) in four categories of governance?

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

Ans. D

Sol.

- The Bengal government has won five Skoch Awards 2021 (a platinum, a gold and three silver awards) in four categories of governance.
- The MSME & textile department led from the front and won four out of the five awards, including the top two.
- The department’s single-window system called Shilpa Sathi was selected for the highest award category, platinum.
- Another MSME project, auto-renewal of certificate of enlistment through online system for urban areas, won the gold award.
- Two silver awards were won for online issuance of trade licence in rural areas and e-nathikaran, e-preparation and e-submission of deeds by the MSME & textile department.
- The only other silver award was won by West Bengal State Electricity Distribution Company Limited for sustainable performance as the second largest power utility with substantial IT transformation.

15. Which sports award has been renamed as Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award?



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- A. Arjuna Award
- B. Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award
- C. Dronacharya Award
- D. Dhyan Chand Award
- E. None of the above

Ans. B

Sol.

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has announced that **Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award** will be renamed as **Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award**.
- The Prime Minister said the move was based on the numerous requests he received from across the nation.
- Dhyan Chand, whose birthday is celebrated as **National Sports Day**, won three Olympic golds for the country in Hockey.
- The award was inaugurated in 1991-92, the award comprises a medallion, a certificate, and a cash prize of ₹ 25 lakh.
- The first recipient of the Khel Ratna was chess legend, Viswanathan Anand.
- Some of the winners in recent years include cricketer Rohit Sharma, wrestler Vinesh Phogat, women's hockey team captain Rani Rampal, among others.

16. Who has been appointed as director of the 105-year-old Zoological Survey of India (ZSI)?

- A. Mini Ipe
- B. Noopur Chaturvedi
- C. Neha Parikh
- D. Dhriti Banerjee
- E. Upasana Kamineni

Ans. D

Sol.



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- Dhriti Banerjee has become the first woman to be appointed as director of the 105-year-old Zoological Survey of India (ZSI).
- The appointments committee of the Cabinet approved the proposal for appointment of Dr Dhriti Banerjee, scientist E, Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) as director.
- The 51-year-old has had an illustrious career as a scientist, conducting research in taxonomy, zoogeography, morphology and molecular systematics.
- She has been co-ordinator of ZSI's Digital Sequence Information Project since 2012.
- ZSI documented the contribution of 100 women scientists on the occasion of its centenary celebrations in 2016.
- Banerjee had co-authored the document titled "The Glorious 100 women's Scientific Contribution in ZSI", on women scientists contribution to studies related to different animal groups.

17. Who has been reappointed as the Chairperson of National Commission for Women (NCW)?

- A. Maneka Gandhi
- B. Rekha Sharma
- C. Rekha Srivastav
- D. Rakhi Bidlan
- E. Alka Lamba

Ans. B

Sol.

- Rekha Sharma has been reappointed as the Chairperson of National Commission for Women (NCW) for another three years with effect from 7th August 2021
- Her appointment is approved by Women and Child Development Ministry of India
- She assumed the charge of NCW chairperson on August 7, 2018 and has been associated with the Commission as a member since August 2015.
- NCW was established as statutory body in January 1992 under National Commission for Women Act, 1990.



18. Who becomes the first Indian to win a gold medal in a track and field Olympic event?

- A. Dutee Chand
- B. Arokiya Rajiv
- C. Sandeep Kumar
- D. Neeraj Chopra
- E. Lalita Babar

Ans. D

Sol.

- Neeraj Chopra, a 23-year-old javelin thrower, created history on August 7, 2021 by winning Gold Medal in men's javelin throw final at Tokyo Olympics 2020. This was the first time, he participated in the Games.
- He became only the second Indian to win an individual Olympic gold after Abhinav Bindra. At his calmest best, he hurled the javelin 87.58m to script history for India.
- He ended India's 121-year wait for an athletics medal.
- No Indian had won a medal in athletics since 1920 when India started taking part in the Olympics in 1920 in Antwerp, Belgium.
- Neeraj dedicated his gold medal to Milkha Singh and PT Usha and other Indian athletes who came closer to winning Olympic medal.

19. Japanese town Tokyo has handed over the flame of hope to which city that will host the Olympic Games in 2024?

- A. London
- B. Paris
- C. Berlin
- D. Madrid
- E. Athens

Ans. B



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- Japanese capital pulled the curtains down on one of the most unique Games in history and handed over the flame of hope to Paris.
- Flame of hope or the flag was passed to Paris with the message of moving forward. It also remembered those who lost their lives to Covid-19 pandemic.
- Flame of Hope is the symbol of Special Olympics Games. It is used much in same spirit as the Olympic Flame is used at the Olympic Games.
- The Flame of Hope is lit during traditional ceremony in Athens, Greece. After lighting, it is relayed on foot towards the organizing city by the members of law enforcement agencies comprising of mostly policemen and policewomen along with Special Olympics athletes.
- The relay, officially the Law Enforcement Torch Run, is the flagship of international fundraising effort.

20. India stood at what position in the in the medal table of Tokyo Olympic 2020 out of 86 countries?

- A. 42nd
- B. 45th
- C. 48th
- D. 56th
- E. 58th

Ans. C

Sol.

- Indian Contingent managed to win 7 medals comprising 1 Gold, 2 Silver and 4 Bronze Medals in 2020 Tokyo Olympics Games.
- India stood at 48th position in the medal table out of 86 countries.
- 2020 Tokyo Summer Olympics came to an end on August 8, 2021 and was commenced from July 23.
- This was for the fourth time that Japan hosted Olympic Games, after previously hosting in 1964 (Summer), 1972 and 1998.



- US has topped the overall medal table with 113 medals.

21. With which country's Navy the Indian Navy has conducted bilateral naval exercise titled as 'Zayed Talwar 2021'?

- A. Oman
- B. Iran
- C. UAE
- D. Saudi Arabia
- E. Bahrain

Ans. C

Sol.

- Indian Navy and UAE Navy conducted bilateral naval exercise titled as 'Zayed Talwar 2021' off the coast of Abu Dhabi.
- The naval exercise was conducted to enhance interoperability and synergy between the two navies.
- Indian Navy participated with INS Kochi, with two integral Sea King MK 42B helicopters, deployed in the Persian Gulf.
- UAES AL-Dhafra, Baynunah class guided missile corvette and one AS – 565B Panther helicopter took part in the exercise from UAE.

22. Which state government has been conferred with seven national awards on the first Van Dhan Annual Awards 2020-21, during the celebration of the 34th foundation day of the Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Limited (TRIFED).

- A. Manipur
- B. Mizoram
- C. Nagaland
- D. Jharkhand
- E. Chhattisgarh

Ans. C



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Sol.

* Nagaland has been conferred with seven national awards on the first Van Dhan Annual Awards 2020-21, during the celebration of the 34th foundation day of the Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Limited (TRIFED).

* The awards were presented by Union tribal minister, Arjun Munda through a Zoom webinar.

23.7th edition of International Army Games 2021 will be held in which country?

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

Ans. E

Sol.

* 101 members of Indian Army contingent will be participating in International Army Games 2021, which will be held from 22 August to 4 September 2021 in Russia

* It is the seventh edition of International Army Games

* The competition will be hosted in eleven countries in 2021 Games.

* The games are organised each year by Russian Ministry of Defence, since 2015.

* Indian contingent will participate in Army Scout Masters Competition (ASMC), Elbrus Ring, Polar Star, Sniper Frontier and Safe Route games.

24. Who has authored the book titled 'How the Earth Got Its Beauty'?

- A. Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni
- B. Jhumpa Lahiri
- C. Sudha Murty
- D. Arundhati Roy



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E. Anuja Chauhan

Ans. C

Sol.

- * Veteran Padma Shri awardee writer, Sudha Murthy has come out with her new book titled as 'How The Earth Got Its Beauty'.
- * Book has been published by Penguin Random House imprint Puffin, and features illustrations by Priyanka Pachpande.
- * Book introduces the works of some of the finest storytellers of India to young, emerging readers in beautiful pictorial editions
- * Sudha Murthy is the chairperson of Infosys Foundation

25. Which paramilitary forces has inducted two women officers Prakriti and Diksha as combat officers for the first time?

- A. Border Security Force (BSF)
- B. Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)
- C. Indo Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)
- D. Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)
- E. National Security Guard (NSG)

Ans. C

Sol.

- * Two women officers named as Prakriti and Diksha have been commissioned as combat officers for the first time into the Indo Tibetan Border Police (ITBP), which is responsible for guarding India-China LAC.
- * They have been posted as Assistant Commandants in ITBP battalions, after completing their training at the ITBP Academy in Mussoorie.
- * Assistant Commandants is the entry-level officer rank in the paramilitary.



* Earlier, it only had combat women in the constabulary ranks.

26. What is the theme of the first-ever 'India Internet Governance Forum (IIGF)' to be hosted by India in October 2021 to bring together representatives from various platforms to discuss internet policy issues?

- A. Inclusive Internet for Digital India
- B. Inclusive Internet for Rural India
- C. Inclusive Internet for Modern India
- D. Inclusive Internet for Growing India
- E. Free Internet for Digital India

Ans. A

Sol.

* India will host its first-ever 'India Internet Governance Forum (IIGF)' in October 2021 to bring together representatives from various platforms to discuss internet policy issues

* It will be held for 3 days from 20th to 22nd October 2021

* Coordination committee of India Internet Governance 2021 features Anil Kumar Jain as Chairman, TV Ramchandran, Jaijeet Bhattacharya, Rajat Moona as Vice Chairman and 12 other members.

* Theme: 'Inclusive Internet for Digital India'.

27. India conducted first ever naval exercise 'Al-Mohed Al-Hindi 2021' with which country?

- A. UAE
- B. Iran
- C. Oman
- D. Saudi Arabia
- E. Egypt

Ans. D

Sol.



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- * India and Saudi Arabia conducted their first-ever naval exercise, in reflection of their growing defence and military cooperation.
- * Indian Navy's guided-missile destroyer INS Kochi participated in the exercise.
- * The warship went to Saudi Arabia after carrying out a naval exercise with the UAE Navy off the coast of Abu Dhabi.

28. Which country ranked first in the 2020 Global Youth Development Index, which measures the status of young people in 181 countries around the world released by the Commonwealth Secretariat?

- A. New Zealand
- B. Singapore
- C. Australia
- D. Norway
- E. Denmark

Ans. B

Sol.

- * India is ranked 122nd in the 2020 Global Youth Development Index released by the Commonwealth Secretariat, which measures the status of young people in 181 countries around the world.
- * Singapore ranked top for the first time followed by Slovenia, Norway, Malta and Denmark.
- * Chad, the Central African Republic, South Sudan, Afghanistan and Niger finished at the bottom, respectively.
- * The index ranks countries between 0.00 (lowest) and 1.00 (highest), according to the developments in youth education, employment, health, equality and inclusion, peace and security, and political and civic participation.
- * It looks at 27 indicators, including literacy and voting, to showcase the state of the world's 1.8 billion people between the age of 15 and 29.

29. Who has authored the book titled “The Year That Wasn’t – The Diary of a 14-Year-Old”?



- A. Brisha Jain
- B. Shabana Azmi
- C. Arundhati Roy
- D. Rijula Das
- E. Kavita Jain

Ans. A

Sol.

- Veteran actor Shabana Azmi has launched the book titled “The Year That Wasn’t – The Diary of a 14-Year-Old”, which is penned by Kolkata girl Brisha Jain.
- The book was written by a 14-year-old girl, which chronicles the lockdown days seen through her eyes as the Covid-19 pandemic spreading last year.

30. Who has authored the book titled ‘A Death in Shonagachhi’?

- A. Brisha Jain
- B. Shabana Azmi
- C. Arundhati Roy
- D. Rijula Das
- E. Kavita Jain

Ans. D

Sol.

- A Death in Shonagachhi, the debut novel a murder mystery authored by Rijula Das features a murder of a prostitute in Shonagachhi, a red-light district in Calcutta.
- The book is published by Picador India, an imprint at Pan Macmillan India.
- The World English rights outside India are sold to Amazon Crossing, for publication in June 2022 with the title “Small Deaths”.
- Rijula Das is a short story author from West Bengal based in Wellington, New Zealand.
- She has taught writing at Nanyang Technological University, Singapore.



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- She has won the 2019 Michael King Writers Centre Residency in Auckland and the 2016 Dastaan Award for her short story ‘Notes From A Passing’.
- Her translation of Bhattacharya’s novel ‘Kangal Malshat’ is set to be published by Seagull Books in 2022.

31. Name the present Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment who has launched PM-DAKSH’ Portal and ‘PM-DAKSH’ Mobile App under the scheme PM-DAKSH (Pradhan Mantri Dakshta Aur Kushalta Sampann Hitgrahi) Yojana to ease the access of skill development schemes by the target groups?

- A. Virendra Kumar
- B. Parshottam Rupala
- C. Mansukh Mandaviya
- D. Pralhad Joshi
- E. Ashwini Vaishnaw

Ans. A

Sol.

- Virendra Kumar, the Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment has launched a ‘PM-DAKSH’ Portal and ‘PM-DAKSH’ Mobile App under the scheme PM-DAKSH (Pradhan Mantri Dakshta Aur Kushalta Sampann Hitgrahi) Yojana to ease the access of skill development schemes by the target groups.
- The portal and app were developed by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MoSJ&E), in collaboration with National e-Governance Division (NeGD).
- PM-DAKSH Yojana is the National Action Plan launched by the MoSJ&E in 2020-21 for skilling the target group.
- ‘PM-DAKSH’ Portal: The portal will have all information related to skill development for the target groups and provide direct access for them to register under the portal with the training institute and program of their own interest.

32. Which Indian city will host the Durand Cup, Asia’s oldest and world’s third oldest football tournament to be held in September 2021?



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- A. Shimla
- B. Kolkata
- C. Bhubaneswar
- D. Jaipur
- E. Hyderabad

Ans. B

Sol.

- Durand Cup, Asia's oldest and world's third oldest football tournament, is all set to make a comeback, after a year's gap.
- The 130th edition of Durand Cup is scheduled to be held in and around Kolkata between September 05 to October 03, 2021.
- Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the competition was cancelled last season.

33. Which organization released the Global Youth Development Index in which India stood at 122nd globally among 181 countries?

- A. International Development Law Organization
- B. World Youth Alliance
- C. UK Youth Climate Coalition
- D. Commonwealth Secretariat
- E. International Monetary Fund

Ans. D

Sol.

- India is ranked 122nd in the 2020 Global Youth Development Index released by the Commonwealth Secretariat, which measures the status of young people in 181 countries around the world.
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- Chad, the Central African Republic, South Sudan, Afghanistan and Niger finished at the bottom, respectively.



- The index ranks countries between 0.00 (lowest) and 1.00 (highest), according to the developments in youth education, employment, health, equality and inclusion, peace and security, and political and civic participation.
- It looks at 27 indicators, including literacy and voting, to showcase the state of the world's 1.8 billion people between the age of 15 and 29.

34. Which state's police has launched "country's first-of-its-kind" Drone Forensic Lab & Research Centre?

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

Ans. C

Sol.

- Kerala Police to launch "country's first-of-its-kind" Drone Forensic Lab & Research Centre.
- This lab-cum-research centre will look into both utility and threat aspects of a drone.
- It's a public partnership initiative.
- Cyberdome is a tech research and development centre set up by the Kerala Police.

35. Which ministry has launched an online portal titled as TAPAS (Training for Augmenting Productivity and Services) to provide free of cost filmed lectures/courses and e-study material in the field of social defence?

- A. Ministry of Finance
- B. Ministry of Education
- C. Ministry of Rural Development
- D. Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
- E. Ministry of Women and Child Development



Ans. D

Sol.

- Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment has launched an online portal titled as TAPAS (Training for Augmenting Productivity and Services) to provide free of cost filmed lectures/courses and e-study material in the field of social defence.
- Presently there are 5 courses under TAPAS: Drug (Substance) Abuse Prevention, Geriatric/Elderly Care, Care and Management of Dementia, Transgender Issues and on comprehensive course on Social Defence Issues.
- TAPAS is the initiative of National Institute of Social Defence (NISD), Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

36. For the expedition of which glacier, the 'Operation Blue Freedom' has been launched from Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi on the 75th Independence Day?

- A. Siachen
- B. Baltoro
- C. Zemu
- D. Pindari
- E. Gagotari

Ans. A

Sol.

- Union Minister, Virendra Kumar has flagged off pioneering world record expedition named as 'Operation Blue Freedom' from Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi on the 75th Independence Day
- Operation Blue Freedom expedition comprise of a team of people with disabilities from across the country to reach Siachen Glacier to create a new World Record for the largest team of people with disabilities reaching the world's highest battlefield.
- The team of people with disabilities were trained by 'Team CLAW' (Team of Armed Forces veterans)



37. Which ministry has launched the brand and logo – ‘SonChiraiya’ – for marketing of Urban SHG products?

- A. Ministry of Finance
- B. Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- C. Ministry of Rural Development
- D. Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- E. Ministry of Women and Child Development

Ans. B

Sol.

- Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, ShriDurga Shanker Mishra, today launched ‘SonChiraiya’ – (A brand and logo)- for marketing of urban Self-Help Group (SHG) products.
- DAY-NULM, under the aegis of MoHUA, has focussed on equipping the urban poor women with adequate skills and opportunities, and to enable them to promote sustainable micro enterprises.
- It mobilises women from urban poor households into SHGs and their federations to create a support system for these women. Over 5.7 lakh SHGs have been formed across various States/ UTs with almost 60 lakh members.
- Many of these SHGs are engaged in livelihood activities, producing goods such as handicrafts, textiles, toys, eatables and so on.
- These were being sold primarily in local neighbourhood markets and often faced barriers in achieving visibility and wide market access.
- To overcome these challenges, Ministry entered into Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) with leading e-Commerce Portals viz. Amazon and Flipkart, with an underlying narrative of women empowerment.

38. Who has released ‘IndiGau’ chip, which is India’s first Cattle Genomic Chip for the conservation of pure varieties of indigenous cattle breeds like Gir, Kankrej, Sahiwal, Ongole etc?

- A. Narendra Modi
- B. Jitendra Singh
- C. Narendra Singh Tomar
- D. Sanjeev Kumar Balyan



E. Gajendra Singh

Ans. B

Sol.

- Jitendra Singh has released 'IndiGau' chip, which is India's first Cattle Genomic Chip for the conservation of pure varieties of indigenous cattle breeds like Gir, Kankrej, Sahiwal, Ongole etc.
- IndiGau chip has been developed by scientists of National Institute of Animal Biotechnology (NAIB), Hyderabad
- It will help in achieving the goal of conservation of our own breeds with better characters and help towards doubling farmers' income by 2022.

39. Harshit Raja belong to which state who became the 69th Chess GrandMaster of India?

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Gujarat
- C. Haryana
- D. Rajasthan
- E. Madhya Pradesh

Ans. A

Sol.

- 20 year old Harshit Raja from Pune, Maharashtra became the 69th Chess GrandMaster of India after drawing his game against Dennis Wagner at the Biel Masters Open
- He won Silver in Under-13 National Chess Championship in 2014 held at Jamshedpur and Gold in School Games Federation of India (SGFI) Nationals held in Tamil Nadu in 2014.
- In April 2021, 18-years old Arjun Kalyan from Tamilnadu (TN) became India's 68th Chess GrandMaster(GM).



40. Who has been conferred with Ashok Chakra by the President of India on the occasion of 75th Independence Day?

- A. Babu Ram
- B. Altaf Hussain
- C. Arun Kumar
- D. Arun Kumar Pandey
- E. Ravi Kumar Chaudhary

Ans. A

Sol.

• President Ram Nath Kovind has conferred 144 Gallantry awards to armed forces, police and paramilitary personnel on the occasion of Independence Day 2021.

• Awards includes:

- Ashok Chakra - Babu Ram (posthumously)
- Kirti Chakra - Altaf Hussain Bhat (posthumously)
- Shaurya Chakras – Arun Kumar, Ravi
- Bar to Sena Medals (Gallantry)
- Sena Medals (Gallantry)
- Nao Sena Medals (Gallantry)
- Vayu Sena Medals (Gallantry)

41. Father of 'Sudoku' puzzle Maki Kaji passed away recently he held from which country?

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



Ans. C

Sol.

- * Creator of puzzle Sudoku, Maki Kaji (69 years) passed away due to bile duct cancer in Japan
- * He was known as the father of Sodoku.
- * He was the president of Nikoli Co., Ltd., a Japanese puzzle manufacturer
- * He travelled to more than 30 countries spreading his enjoyment of puzzles.
- * Sudoku championships have drawn some 200 million people in 100 countries over the years, according to Tokyo-based Nikoli.

42. Who is the author of the book 'Lahore: Book 1 of the Partition Trilogy'?

- A. Taslima Nasreen
- B. Manu S. Pillai
- C. Manreet Sodhi Someshwar
- D. Khushwant Singh
- E. Nisid Hajari

Ans. C

Sol.

- * Manreet Sodhi Someshwar is the author of the boom titled as 'Lahore: Book 1 of the Partition Trilogy', published by HarperCollins.

43. Which state has launched 'Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Bhumihin Majdur Nyay Yojana'?

- A. Odisha
- B. Uttar Pradesh
- C. Punjab
- D. Chhattisgarh
- E. Bihar



Ans. D

Sol.

* Chhattisgarh govt has launched 'Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Bhumihin Majdur Nyay Yojana', with the provision of ₹200 crores benefiting 12 lakh landless families.

44. Which state government has inaugurated India's first smog tower to improve air quality?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Rajasthan
- C. Haryana
- D. Delhi
- E. Madhya Pradesh

Ans. D

Sol.

* Delhi state government has inaugurated the country's first smog tower at Baba Kharak Singh Marg, Connaught Place.

* The over 20-metre-tall structure, being set up to improve air quality in a radius of around 1 km, will "operate at full capacity" after the monsoon season.

* This smog-tower was built at the cost of Rs 20 crores.

* Performance of the tower will be assessed by scientists of the Delhi Pollution Control Committee and they will present a monthly report.

45. Naval Exercise Konkan-2021 was jointly held between India and which country?

- A. France
- B. USA
- C. United Kingdom
- D. Israel
- E. Australia



Ans. C

Sol.

- * Exercise Konkan-2021 was held between INS Tabar and HMS Westminster on 16th of this month in the English Channel.
- * The Indo-UK Naval exercise included the participation of integral helicopters of the two ships and the Falcon Electronic Warfare aircraft.
- * A wide range of exercises including co-ordinated anti-submarine procedures, firing drills, combined maritime picture compilation, combat formation maneuvering and replenishment at sea were conducted.
- * The naval exercise Konkan 18 is held in between the navies of India and United Kingdom.
- * It is based on the long-term strategic relationship between them.
- * This exercise provides a platform for the Navies to periodically conduct exercise at sea and in harbour in order to build interoperability and share best practices.
- * The bilateral Konkan exercise started in 2004.

46. Bilateral India Navy -US Navy exercise MALABAR-21 is being conducted in which Island Territory of the USA?

- A. US Virgin Islands
- B. Puerto Rico Island
- C. Guam Island
- D. Baker Island
- E. Hawaii Island

Ans. C

Sol.

- * Indian Naval Ships 'Shivalik' and 'Kadmatt' has arrived at Guam, an Island Territory of the USA to participate in the annual Exercise MALABAR-21 from 26 to 29 August 2021



* MALABAR series of maritime exercises commenced in 1992 as a bilateral India Navy -US Navy exercise and has grown in stature over the years to include four prominent navies of Australia, India, Japan and USA in the Pacific and Indian Ocean Region.

* The exercise will provide an opportunity for common minded navies to enhance interoperability, gain from best practices and develop a common understanding of procedures for Maritime Security Operations.

47. Name the new geospatial planning portal launched by the Government of India (GoI) that will help in facilitating new MGNREGA assets using remote sensing and geographic information system-based data?

- A. Yuktdhara
- B. Shramdhara
- C. Karmyogi
- D. Muktdhara
- E. Rozgardhara

Ans. A

Sol.

* The Government has launched a new geospatial planning portal, 'Yuktdhara', that will help in facilitating new MGNREGA assets using remote sensing and geographic information system-based data.

* The portal was launched by Union Minister of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Giriraj Singh.

* This platform will serve as a repository of assets, Geotags created under various national rural development programmes such as Mahatma Gandhi Employment Guarantee Act, (MGNREGA), Integrated Watershed Management Programme, Per Drop More Crop and Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana along with field photographs.

48. According to the Cushman & Wakefield's 2021 Global Manufacturing Risk Index what is India's rank as the manufacturing destination across the world?

- A. 1st
- B. 2nd



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- C. 3rd
- D. 4th
- E. 5th

Ans. B

Sol.

* India has emerged as the second most sought after manufacturing destination across the world. According to Cushman and Wakefield's 2021 Global Manufacturing Risk Index, India has surpassed the US as the world's second most desired manufacturing hub.

* The rising focus on India can be attributed to India's operating conditions and cost competitiveness.

* Also, the country's proven success in meeting outsourcing requirements has led to the increase in the ranking year on year.

* This year, India and the US switched places--second and third---taking India one rank above from the rankings released last year, when India stood at the third place.

49. Which is the first state in the country to officially implement the National Education Policy (NEP)-2020?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Madhya Pradesh
- C. Karnataka
- D. Haryana
- E. Gujarat

Ans. C

Sol.

* Karnataka has become the first state in the country to officially implement the National Education Policy (NEP)-2020.

* Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan launched the NEP in the state virtually.

* Admission process under the new policy will be initiated by the Universities in the state.



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* A website and a helpline were also launched on the occasion for the reference of students.

* Those admitted to the new degree programme will be given Tablet PCs. The teaching programme will begin from 1st of October.

50. Fifth edition of Indo- Kazakhstan Joint Training Exercise, KAZIND-21 will be conducted at _____.

- A. Dushanbe
- B. Jodhpur
- C. Aisha Bibi
- D. Korday
- E. Pune

Ans. C

Sol.

* Fifth edition of Indo- Kazakhstan Joint Training Exercise, KAZIND-21 will be conducted at Aisha Bibi in Kazakhstan, from August 30 to September 11 as a part of military diplomacy and to strengthen the growing strategic relation with Kazakhstan

* It is a joint training between both the Armies, which will boost the bilateral relations between India and Kazakhstan.

* It will provide an opportunity to the Armed Forces of India Kazakhstan to train for Counter Insurgency Counter-Terrorism operations in the mountainous, rural scenarios under UN mandate.

51. First batch of Multi-Mode Hand Grenades (MMHG) has been handed over to Indian Army in Nagpur, Maharashtra. The MMHG is manufactured by _____.

- A. BEML Limited
- B. Economic Explosives Limited (EEL)
- C. Bharat Dynamics Limited
- D. Bharat Electronics Limited
- E. Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited

Ans. B



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Sol.

- * First batch of Multi-Mode Hand Grenades (MMHG) has been handed over to Indian Army in Nagpur, Maharashtra
- * MMHG is manufactured by Economic Explosives Limited (EEL), following Transfer of Technology from Terminal Ballistics Research Laboratory of DRDO
- * Grenade is lethal, safer and has a distinctive design that gives flexibility of employment in both defensive (fragmentation) and offensive (stun) modes.
- * It has a highly accurate delay time, very high reliability in usage and safe for carriage.

52. The second edition of the joint naval exercise, 'Zair-Al-Bahr' was conducted between India and which country?

- A. Saudi Arabia
- B. Oman
- C. Qatar
- D. UAE
- E. Bahrain

Ans. C

Sol.

- * The second edition of the joint naval exercise, Zair-Al-Bahr, between the Indian Navy and Qatar Emiri Naval Force (QENF) was conducted between August 9 and 14 in the Persian Gulf.
- * This edition of the exercise included a three-day harbour phase followed by a two-day sea phase.
- * The sea phase is comprised of tactical maritime exercises involving surface action, anti-piracy exercises, air defence, maritime surveillance, boarding operations and SAR exercises.

53. Who has authored the book titled 'Address Book: A Publishing Memoir in the time of COVID'?

- A. Vishram Bedekar
- B. Kushan Sarkar



- C. Subhadra Sen Gupta
- D. Sudha Murthy
- E. Ritu Menon

Ans. E

Sol.

* A book titled has '**Address Book: A Publishing Memoir in the time of COVID**' by **Ritu Menon**. Menon, who co-founded Kali for Women, India's first feminist press in 1983, is founder-director of Women Unlimited, an associate of KfW.

* Weeks after the March 2020 lockdown began, Menon started to write a diary.

54. The book titled 'Battlefield' has been authored by _____.

- A. Vishram Bedekar
- B. Kushan Sarkar
- C. Subhadra Sen Gupta
- D. Sudha Murthy
- E. Vikram Batra

Ans. A

Sol.

* A book titled 'Battlefield' has been authored by Vishram Bedekar, translated from the Marathi original Ranaangan by Jerry Pinto.

* The book is the story of a shipboard romance between an Indian man and a German-Jewish woman, both fleeing Europe before the Second World War.

55. Who has authored the book titled "Mission Domination: An Unfinished Quest"?

- A. Boria Majumdar
- B. Kushan Sarkar
- C. Subhadra Sen Gupta
- D. Sudha Murthy



E. Both A and B

Ans. E

Sol.

* A new book titled “Mission Domination: An Unfinished Quest” authored by Boria Majumdar & Kushan Sarkar.

* The Book Published by Simon & Schuster Publisher India Private Limited.

* The Book talks about the short story of several Indian cricketers life events such as Rishabh Pant, Rohit Sharma, Shubman Gill, R. Ashwin, Cheteshwar Pujara.

56. What name has been given by India to its operation of evacuating its citizens from war-torn Afghanistan?

- A. Operation Vijay Shakti
- B. Operation Sthal Shakti
- C. Operation Devi Shakti
- D. Operation Samudrasetu
- E. Operation White Sea

Ans. C

Sol.

* Operation Devi Shakti name has been given by India to its operation of evacuating its citizens from war-torn Afghanistan.

* External affairs minister S Jaishankar called the evacuation process as ‘Operation Devi Shakti’ while saluting the efforts of Indian Air Force and Air India.

* This announcement was made after 78 people, including 25 Indian nationals, were brought to India from Dushanbe (Tajikistan) in a special Air India flight. They were brought out of Taliban-controlled Kabul to Dushanbe in aircraft of Indian Air Force (IAF).

* Apart from them, three copies (swaroop) of the Guru Granth Sahib were also brought back.



* On August 23, India evacuated 75 Sikhs from Afghanistan.

57. National Institute of Animal Biotechnology (NIAB) is located in which city of India?

- A. Indore
- B. Chennai
- C. Hyderabad
- D. Bhopal
- E. Pune

Ans. C

Sol.

* The two Autonomous Institutes of the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), viz. National Institute of Animal Biotechnology (NIAB), Hyderabad in Telangana and National Centre for Cell Science (NCCS), Pune (Maharashtra) notified as Central Drugs Laboratory (CDLs) for COVID-19 vaccine testing facility at Hyderabad, Telangana.

* Both NCCS and NIAB will test and batch release COVID-19 vaccines.

* They are expected to test approx. 60 batches of vaccines per month.

* The funding support for the same was provided under the PM-CARES funds (Prime Minister's Citizen Assistance and Relief in Emergency Situations Fund).

58. In August 2021, with which country Indian Navy has conducted a 'Maritime Partnership Exercise' in South China Sea region?

- A. Japan
- B. Singapore
- C. Philippines
- D. Australia
- E. Indonesia

Ans. C

Sol.



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* The Indian Navy conducts a 'Maritime Partnership Exercise' with the Philippines Navy in the West Philippine Sea at the South China Sea region on 23rd August 2021.

* It aims to further strengthen bilateral collaboration in the maritime domain to ensure a stable, peaceful & prosperous Indo-Pacific region.

* The Indian Navy was represented by Indian Naval Ship (INS) Ranvijay and INS Kora, with the Philippine Navy's BRP Antonio Luna, Frigate FF151.

* It included several Operational manoeuvres with the consolidation of Interoperability between both the Navies.

59. Who has virtually hosted the 11th Meeting of BRICS High Representatives Responsible for National Security, since India is the chair for 2021 BRICS summit?

- A. Rajnath Singh
- B. S Jaishankar
- C. Ajit Doval
- D. Narendra Modi
- E. Harsh Vardhan Shringla

Ans. C

Sol.

* National Security Advisor of India, Ajit Doval has virtually hosted 11th Meeting of BRICS High Representatives Responsible for National Security, since India is the chair for 2021 BRICS summit.

* 15th BRICS Summit is scheduled to be held in September 2021.

* BRICS meeting of NSA provided a platform for the five countries to strengthen political security cooperation.

* IBSA: India, Brazil and South Africa

60. US-based Ohmium International Ltd has started India's first green hydrogen electrolyzer manufacturing unit at _____.



- A. Pune, Maharashtra
- B. Bengaluru, Karnataka
- C. Nagpur, Maharashtra
- D. Kolkata, WB
- E. Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh

Ans. B

Sol.

* US-based Ohmium International Ltd has started India's first green hydrogen electrolyzer manufacturing unit at Bengaluru, Karnataka.

* The unit will manufacture India-made Proton Exchange Membrane (PEM) hydrogen electrolyzers.

* It has a capacity of manufacturing approximately 0.5 GW per year

* Green hydrogen is made from non-fossil sources as against blue hydrogen that is made from fossil sources.

61. Which ministry has launched Samarth Scheme for Capacity Building in the sector to meet the skill gap in the industry?

- A. Ministry of Finance
- B. Ministry of Jal Shakti
- C. Ministry of Rural development
- D. Ministry of textiles
- E. Ministry of Culture

Ans. D

Sol.

* Ministry of Textiles is implementing Samarth Scheme for Capacity Building in Textile Sector to meet the skill gap in the industry.

* First batch in each 63 training centers benefitted 1,565 artisans and 2nd batch will also complete during August 2021 benefiting 1,421 artisans.



- * Additionally, 65 new handicrafts training centers are being established
- * Samarth Scheme is being implemented in association with State Govt agencies, sectoral organizations of Ministry of Textiles, Manufacturing Industry, Industry Associations and MSME Associations.

62. The finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman launched the fourth edition of the Public Sector Bank Reforms Agenda EASE- 4.0'. What does 'E' stand for in EASE-4.0?

- A. Enhanced
- B. Excess
- C. Emergence
- D. Excellence
- E. Endurance

Ans. A

Sol.

- * The finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman launched the fourth edition of the Public Sector Bank Reforms Agenda 'Enhanced Access and Service Excellence (EASE) - 4.0'.
- * The reforms agenda is focussed towards imbining tech-enabled, simplified, and collaborative banking. The first edition of EASE 1.0 was launched in January 2018.
- * EASE 4.0 aims to further the agenda of customer-centric digital transformation and deeply embed digital and data into PSBs' ways of working.
- * Annual report for PSB Reforms Agenda EASE 3.0 for 2020-21 was also unveiled, along with awards ceremony.
- * SBI, BoB and Union Bank of India win top honors.
- * Indian Bank won the award for the best improvement from the baseline performance.

63. Identify the wrong statement regarding Startup Accelerators of MeitY for Product Innovation, Development and Growth (SAMRIDH) program launched by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)?



- A. It will support startups and entrepreneurs in their initial phase
- B. SAMRIDH will create a conducive platform for Indian software product startups to enhance their products and secure investments for scaling their business.
- C. The programme is being implemented by MeitY Startup Hub (MSH).
- D. The SAMRIDH initiative will also help in bringing skill sets together which will help them become successful.
- E. All of the above

Ans. E

Sol.

* Minister of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has launched Startup Accelerators of MeitY for pRодукt Innovation, Development, and growth (SAMRIDH) programme.

* The government will support startups and entrepreneurs in their initial phase, where they face most challenges, he launched Startup Accelerators of MeitY for Product Innovation, Development and Growth (SAMRIDH) programme.

* SAMRIDH will create a conducive platform for Indian software product startups to enhance their products and secure investments for scaling their business.

* The programme is being implemented by MeitY Startup Hub (MSH).

* Government will support startups and entrepreneurs in the most challenging phase which is the initial risk phase.

* The SAMRIDH initiative will not only provide funding support to startups, but will also help in bringing skill sets together which will help them become successful.

64. World's largest and tallest observation wheel is set to be unveiled in _____.

- A. Muscat
- B. Riyadh
- C. Dubai
- D. Paris
- E. Madrid

Ans. C



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Sol.

- * World's largest and tallest observation wheel is set to be unveiled in Dubai, UAE on 21st October 2021.
- * This observation wheel is known as 'Ain Dubai'
- * It is 250 m (820 ft) in height and is located at Bluewaters Island.
- * This record breaking wheel is 42.5 m (139 ft) taller than the current world's tallest observation wheel, High Roller, in Las Vegas, measuring 167.6 m (550 ft)
- * It will allow commanding 360-degree view of the emirate's skyline.

65.SUJALAM Campaign is a 100 days campaign has been launched by which ministry as a part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations?

- A. Ministry of Finance
- B. Ministry of Jal Shakti
- C. Ministry of Rural development
- D. Ministry of textiles
- E. Ministry of Culture

Ans. B

Sol.

- * The Jal Shakti Ministry has launched a 100 days SUJALAM Campaign to create a million soak pits in villages across the country.
- * It will help manage grey water and prevent the clogging of water bodies.
- * This campaign seeks to create more ODF Plus villages by undertaking waste water management across villages in India.
- * It will boost the objectives of Swachh Bharat Mission Gramin phase -2 activities by means of community participation.
- * It will also increase awareness regarding ODF-plus activities.



66. Which becomes the first country in the world to manufacture first fossil-free steel (Green Steel)?

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

Ans. A

Sol.

- * Sweden becomes the first country in the world to manufacture first fossil-free steel (Green Steel).
- * It has been developed by HYBRIT Technology and its first delivery was done to truck-manufacturer Volvo AB as a trial run.
- * The initiative was in process since 2016.
- * Full-scale production of green steel will begin from 2026.
- * Sweden strives to achieve carbon neutrality by 2045 and become one of the world's first fossil-free welfare nations.

67. Which state government has launched comprehensive Talent Search Campaign in the field of sports to search for new talented players and train them in 18 sports academies of state?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Madhya Pradesh
- C. Rajasthan
- D. Gujarat
- E. Maharashtra

Ans. B

Sol.



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- * Madhya Pradesh Govt has launched comprehensive Talent Search Campaign in the field of sports to search for new talented players and train them in 18 sports academies of state.
- * CM has appealed to the youth interested in sports to register themselves in the Talent Search Campaign of the state.
- * So far, more than 50,000 players have applied for online registration of talent search.
- * On the basis of physical strength and proficiency in sports, promising sportspersons will be groomed through coaching and training in 18 academies equipped with world-class sports facilities.

68. India's highest altitude herbal park has been inaugurated in which state?

- A. Sikkim
- B. Arunachal Pradesh
- C. Uttarakhand
- D. Himachal Pradesh
- E. West Bengal

Ans. C

Sol.

- * India's highest altitude herbal park has been inaugurated at Mana village in Chamoli district, Uttarakhand.
- * It has been developed in 3 years under central government's Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) scheme
- * This herbal park is situated at a height of 11,000 feet and is close to the Indo-China border.
- * Mana: Last Indian village in Chamoli bordering China and is adjacent to Badrinath temple

69. What is India's rank in the 2021 Global Cryptocurrency Adoption Index released by blockchain data platform Chainalysis?



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- A. 1st
- B. 2nd
- C. 3rd
- D. 4th
- E. 5th

Ans. B

Sol.

* India ranks second in terms of crypto adoption worldwide behind Vietnam, but ahead of countries such as the US, UK, and China, according to the 2021 Global Crypto Adoption Index by blockchain data platform Chainalysis.

* This comes even as worldwide crypto adoption grew by 880% between June 2020 and July 2021, according to the report.

70. Under whose chairmanship govt has constituted Committee for doubling the production and quadrupling the exports of handlooms within three years?

- A. K C Jhanwar
- B. Sunil Sethi
- C. Puneet Dalmia
- D. Rakesh Singh
- E. Madhavkrishna Singhania

Ans. B

Sol.

* Govt has constituted Committee for doubling the production and quadrupling the exports of handlooms within three years.

* It will be headed by Chairman of Fashion Design Council of India, Sunil Sethi.

* This Committee will submit the final report within 45 days from the day of constitution.

* It will suggest the strategy and policy framework for doubling the production and for improving the quality of handloom products with the aim of enhancing income of the weavers.



71. Which state government has launched a special mission called “Mission Vatsalya” in order to help women who lost their husbands to COVID-19?

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

Ans. B

Sol.

* In a bid to help women who have lost their husbands due to COVID, the Maharashtra government launch a special mission to provide a bunch of services under one roof.

* A new programme- 'Mission Vatsalya'- has been designed for widows, especially from rural areas who come from poor backgrounds and deprived sections.

* Mission Vatsalya will provide several services and some 18 benefits under one roof to those women.

* It been designed for widows, with special focus on widows coming from rural areas, poor backgrounds and deprived sections.

* Under this mission, schemes like Sanjay Gandhi Niradhar Yojana and Gharkul Yojana will benefit those for women.

72. In association with which institution the Ministry of Textiles has launched an India size survey, titled INDIAsize to create an anthropometric database of measurements for Indians?

- A. NITI Aayog
- B. National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT)
- C. IIT Delhi
- D. Institute of Chemical Technology Mumbai
- E. Veermata Jijabai Technological Institute Mumbai

Ans. B



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Sol.

* The National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT), New Delhi under the aegis of Ministry of Textiles, Govt. of India, is undertaking an extensive anthropometric research study to develop a comprehensive body size chart for the Indian population.

* This initiative was launched with the aim of introducing a new standardised size chart in ready-to-wear clothing sector in India.

* This project was announced in February 2019. However, it got delayed because of covid-19 pandemic.

* New sizing chart will comprise of a size identification number. It will be created by mapping, categorising and defining the body size and type.

* At present, only 18 countries have their own sizing charts

73. The International Military Technical Forum 'ARMY 2021' was inaugurated in which country?

- A. Israel
- B. India
- C. France
- D. Russia
- E. Germany

Ans. D

Sol.

* India Pavilion at the International Military Technical Forum 'ARMY 2021' was inaugurated jointly by India and Russia in Moscow, Russia, at Patriot Expo, Kubinka Air Base and Alabino military training grounds.

* About ARMY 2021:

- o It is being held from 22 August to 28 August 2021
- o It is being organised by Ministry of Defence of the Russian Federation since 2015.
- o It is the 7th edition of the annual Forum



o It is the world's leading exhibition of armament and military equipment

74. Nishad Kumar is associated with which sports who has won a silver medal at Tokyo Paralympics 2020?

- A. Shooting
- B. Discus Throw
- C. Javelin Throw
- D. High Jump
- E. Table tennis

Ans. D

Sol.

* Nishad Kumar (23 years) from India has clinched silver medal in the men's high jump T47 event at Tokyo Paralympics 2020

* This is the second medal for India at Tokyo 2020 Paralympics

* He made a jump of 2.06m, and in doing so created an Asian record.

* He also equaled his jump with USA's Dallas Wise, who also took home silver.

* He had won gold medal in men's high jump T46/47 event at Fazza World Para Athletics Grand Prix 2021 in Dubai

* Roderick Townsend of USA has won gold, with a jump of 2.15m.

75. Name the Indian table tennis player who has won historic silver medal at 2020 Paralympic Games at Tokyo in the women's singles table tennis summit clash.

- A. Simran Sharma
- B. Avani Lekhara
- C. Bhavinaben Patel
- D. Kashish Lakra
- E. Ekta Bhan



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Ans. C

Sol.

* Indian paddler Bhavinaben Patel (34 years) has claimed historic silver medal at 2020 Paralympic Games at Tokyo in the women's singles table tennis summit clash.

* She lost to Chinese paddler Ying Zhou by 0-3, in her maiden Paralympic Games.

* This is the first medal for India at the ongoing Tokyo Paralympic Games.

* She is the only second Indian woman to win a medal at the Paralympics, after Deepa Malik, who claimed silver in shotput at 2016 Rio Olympics.

76. Yogesh Kathuniya is associated with which sports who won a silver medal at Tokyo Paralympics?

- A. Shooting
- B. Discus Throw
- C. Javelin Throw
- D. High Jump
- E. Table tennis

Ans. B

Sol.

* Yogesh Kathuniya has bagged a Silver medal in Men's Discus Throw F56 with a splendid 44.38m throw.

* Yogesh threw 44.38 in his sixth and final attempt to take up the top spot before Claudiney Batista of Brazil fired 44.57 in his first attempt to dethrone the Indian athlete.

* Yogesh got off to a poor start as his first throw was deemed as foul but the Indian para-athlete soon made up for it as he registered a massive 42.84 in his second attempt.

77. Name the Indian who has won the gold medal in Women's 10 metre Air Rifle Shooting at Tokyo Paralympics.



- A. Jyoti Baliyan
- B. Simran Sharma
- C. Avani Lekhara
- D. Kashish Lakra
- E. Ekta Bhyan

Ans. C

Sol.

- * Indian shooter Avani Lekhara has won Gold medal in Women's 10 metre Air Rifle Shooting at Tokyo Paralympics.
- * She has won the first Gold for the country at the Tokyo Paralympic Games.
- * Yogesh Kathuniya won Silver medal in Discus Throw.
- * This is the fifth medal for the country at the Tokyo Paralympics.

78. Which stadium has been named after Tokyo Olympics gold medalist Neeraj Chopra?

- A. Army Sports Institute Stadium, Pune
- B. Mohali Cricket Stadium, Mohali
- C. Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Pune
- D. Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar
- E. Green Park International Stadium, Kanpur

Ans. A

Sol.

- * Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated a stadium named after Tokyo Olympics gold medalist Neeraj Chopra at Army Sports Institute in Pune.
- * At the inaugural event, Army Chief General MM Naravane and Neeraj Chopra were also present.
- * ASI, Pune has produced 34 Olympians, 22 Commonwealth Games medalists, 21 Asian Games medalists, six Youth Games medalists and 13 Arjuna Awardees so far.



79. Which private defence equipment manufacturing company has bagged a contract worth Rs 1,349.95 crore for manufacturing of Integrated Anti-Submarine Warfare Defence Suite (IADS) for modern warships of Indian Navy?

- A. Larsen & Toubro
- B. Mahindra Defence Systems
- C. Bharat Forge
- D. Reliance Naval and Engineering Limited (R Naval)
- E. Tata Group

Ans. B

Sol.

* Mahindra Defence Systems has bagged a contract worth Rs 1,349.95 cr for manufacturing of Integrated Anti-Submarine Warfare Defence Suite (IADS) for modern warships of Indian Navy.

* MDS would be supplying 14 IADS systems for the Indian Navy

* IADS is high-end underwater equipment that uses the latest technology along with a complex array of sensors.

* It is designed to detect and protect warships from underwater threats

* It is capable of operations from all sizes of warships.

80. Who has been appointed as the brand ambassador for the Delhi government's 'Desh ke Mentor' initiative for the school kids?

- A. Sonu Sood
- B. Salman Khan
- C. Virat Kohli
- D. Mahendra Singh Dhoni
- E. Amir Khan

Ans. A

Sol.



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- * Actor Sonu Sood will be the brand ambassador for the Delhi government's 'Desh ke Mentor' initiative for the school kids.
- * The 'Desh ke Mentor' initiative which will be launched soon in the national capital.
- * The programme entails “adopting” one to ten government school students who can be mentored by citizens who are successful in their respective fields.
- * Mentors will take out 10 minutes every week to guide students over the phone.

81. Navies of India and which country carried out a joint exercise in Gulf of Aden near Yemen?

- A. Germany
- B. Oman
- C. Italy
- D. France
- E. Qatar

Ans. A

Sol.

- * Navies of India and Germany carried out a joint exercise, which included helicopter landings and search and seizure operations, in Gulf of Aden near Yemen.
- * The Indian Navy's frigate "Triakand" exercised with German frigate "Bayern".
- * The exercise included cross deck helo (helicopter) landings and visit board search and seizure operations.
- * INS Triakand is deployed in the Gulf of Aden region for anti-piracy patrol.

82. Under whose chairmanship the central government has constituted a committee to develop a technological platform streamlining the appeal filing process related to direct and indirect taxation matters?

- A. Tushar Mehta
- B. M R Shah



- C. Ashish Shiradhonkar
- D. DY Chandrachud
- E. Manan Kumar Mishra

Ans. C

Sol.

* The Centre informed the Supreme Court that it has constituted a committee which will be headed by Ashish Shiradhonkar, who is heading the e-courts project in National Informatics Centre, to develop a technological platform streamlining the appeal filing process related to direct and indirect taxation matters.

* A bench of Justices DY Chandrachud and M R Shah was informed by Solicitor General Tushar Mehta that the committee will complete its work in three months and will have members from revenue department, CBDT and CBIT.

83. Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal announced the setting up of a Skill Institute on Marine Studies at which place?

- A. Bhubaneswar
- B. Guwahati
- C. Kolkata
- D. Ranchi
- E. Jorhat

Ans. B

Sol.

* Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal announced the setting up of a Skill Institute on Marine Studies at Guwahati in Assam under Indian Maritime University, Chennai.

* This Government declared 20 waterways as National Waterways in 2016. The ministry has initiated work on NW 2 (Brahmaputra) and NW 16 (Barak) as more waterways are considered for development.

* Such steps add towards the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to utilize the true and untapped potential of inland waterways for trade and transportation.



84. Which security forces has conducted week-long counter-terrorism exercise titled 'Gandiv' from August 22 to August 28, 2021?

- A. Border Security Force (BSF)
- B. Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)
- C. Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)
- D. National Security Guard (NSG)
- E. Indo Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)

Ans. D

Sol.

* National Security Guard (NSG) has conducted week-long counter-terrorism exercise titled 'Gandiv' from August 22 to August 28, 2021

* It is the third edition of the annual drill, that was held at multiple cities in Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat and NCR by NSG to check its response time and reaction to hostage and hijack-like situations.

* Aim: Enhancing the counter-terror skills of the state administration, police, anti-terrorist squads and also create awareness among the public.

* NSG: counter-terrorism unit under Ministry of Home Affairs

85. Name the para-athlete who a silver medal in the men's javelin throw F46 final at at Tokyo Paralympics 2020.

- A. Sumit Antil
- B. Yogesh Kathuniya
- C. Devendra Jhaharia
- D. Sundar Singh Gurjar
- E. Vinod Kumar

Ans. C

Sol.



* Devendra Jhajharia won Silver medal in Men's Javelin Throw F46 Final and Sundar Singh Gurjar won bronze in javelin throw in Tokyo Paralympics 2020.

* Earlier he won gold medal twice.

* The 40-year-old Jhajharia, already India's greatest Paralympian after winning gold medals in the 2004 and 2016 Games, pulled off a new personal best throw of 64.35m for the silver.

86. Renowned personality Buddhadeb Guha passed away recently was a noted author of which language, who authored several popular books including Madhukari (Honey Gatherer)?

- A. Urdu
- B. Bengali
- C. Malayalam
- D. Odia
- E. Hindi

Ans. B

Sol.

* Noted Bengali writer Buddhadeb Guha, who authored several popular books including Madhukari (Honey Gatherer), passed away recently.

* Born on June 29, 1936 in Kolkata, Guha had spent his childhood in Rangpur and Barisal districts of East Bengal (now Bangladesh).

* His novels and short stories have been highly acclaimed by critics which helped him win several awards, including the Ananda Purashkar and Sharat Puraskar. He was also a noted classical singer and proficient illustrator.

* Besides Madhukari, some of Guha's notable works include Koeler Kachhe, Sobinoy Nibedon and Baba Howa. He was also popular among children as he was the creator of the fictional character Rijuda, a hunter-turned-conservationist, and his side-kick Rudra. Most of his works focused on the theme of nature and forest.



87. Name the Indian para-athlete who won a gold medal for a record three time in javelin throws after winning the third one in final of the Tokyo Paralympics?

- A. Sumit Antil
- B. Yogesh Kathuniya
- C. Devendra Jhajharia
- D. Sundar Singh Gurjar
- E. Vinod Kumar

Ans. A

Sol.

* Sumit Antil broke the world record thrice with three of his six javelin throws in the final of the Tokyo Paralympics.

* With this, World No. 1 in the F64 category, Sumit Antil won India's second gold in the Tokyo Paralympics and the first in athletics.

* The 23-year-old from Sonapat in Haryana, who lost his left leg below the knee after he was involved in a motorbike accident in 2015, sent the spear to 68.55m in his fifth attempt, which was the best of the day by quite a distance and a new world record.

* In fact, he bettered the previous world record of 62.88m, also set by him, five times on the day. His last throw was a foul. His series read 66.95, 68.08, 65.27, 66.71, 68.55 and foul.





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