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1. Which country organized first-ever Asian Online Shooting Championship 2021?

- A. India
- B. UAE
- C. Kuwait
- D. China
- E. Japan

Answer : C

Solution :

- First Asian Online Shooting Championship was organized by Kuwait Shooting Federation from 29-30 January 2021.
- The Indian shooting contingent has topped the medals tally in the tournament.
- The 24-member Indian contingent has won total 11 medals, which included four gold medals, two silver and five bronze medals. 274 shooters from 22 Asian countries took part in the competition.

2. Name the Indian shooter who won the gold medal in first ever 'Asian Online Shooting Championship 2021' in men's 10m air pistol event?

- A. Saurabh Chaudhary
- B. Arjun Babuta
- C. Sarabjot Singh
- D. Deepak Kumar
- E. Manish Keer

Answer : A

Solution :

- On the first day of competition, Saurabh Chaudhary had won gold in the men's 10m air pistol, and Manu Bhaker won bronze in women's 10m air pistol.
- India's 24-member shooting contingent also topped the medals tally winning four gold medals, two silver and five bronze medals.

3. Name the Indian shooter who won the gold medal in first ever 'Asian Online Shooting Championship 2021' in men's 10m air rifle event?

- A. Divyansh Singh Panwar
- B. Arjun Babuta
- C. Sarabjot Singh
- D. Deepak Kumar
- E. Manish Keer

Answer : A

Solution :

- Divyansh Singh Panwar won gold in men's 10m air rifle, while Kynan Chenai and Rajeshwari Kumari topped the podium in men's and women's trap events at the Asian Online Shooting Championship.
- India's 24-member shooting contingent also topped the medals tally winning four gold medals, two silver and five bronze medals.
- On the second day of the competition, world number one Divyansh shot an impressive 632.4 to strike gold.

4. World Wetlands Day is observed every year on which date?

- A. 27th January
- B. 29th January
- C. 2nd February
- D. 5th February
- E. 10th February

Answer : C

Solution :

- World Wetlands Day is observed every year on 2 February.
- On 2 February 1971, the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance was signed at Ramsar in Iran.
- The day aims to raise awareness about the crucial role played by wetlands for people and our planet.
- The international theme for World Wetlands Day 2021 is 'Wetlands and Water'.
- 2021 marks 50 years of the Convention on Wetlands.

5. The 16th edition of Indo-US joint military exercise 'Yudh Abhyas 2021' will be held in which state of India?

- A. Punjab
- B. Gujarat
- C. Assam
- D. Rajasthan
- E. West Bengal

Answer : D

Solution :

- The 16th edition of Indo-US joint military exercise 'Yudh Abhyas' will be held in Rajasthan between February 8 and 21.
- The exercise near the India-Pakistan border aims at enhancing cooperation and interoperability between the two armies and will focus on counter-terrorism operations under the United Nations mandate.
- The exercise is being held in India also assumes significance in the backdrop of recent developments on northern borders, and conveys the strategic posture of the two nations as well as enhanced upward trajectory in Indo-US relations.

6. Union defence minister Rajnath Singh has inaugurated the 13th edition of the Aero India show at Air Force station in Yelahanka, Bengaluru. The Aero Show 2021 has been billed as _____.

- A. "Runway for Atamnirbhar Bharat"
- B. "Runway to a Billion Opportunities"
- C. "Take-off for Atamnirbhar Bharat"
- D. "Runway for equal Opportunities"
- E. None of the above

Answer : B

Solution :

- 13th edition of the Aero India show was held from 3rd -5th February, 2021 at Air Force station in Yelahanka, Bengaluru.
- The event was unique in ways more than one and it is billed as the 'Runway to a Billion opportunities'.
- This year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the air show, Aero India 2021 was a hybrid show, which means delegates presented either physically or virtually.
- The three-day event has focused on India's indigenous defence sector capabilities.

7. India hosted the Indian Ocean Region (IOR) Defence Ministers' Conclave on sidelines of the margins of Aero India 2021. What was the theme of the conclave?

- A. To stretch from countering maritime terrorism and piracy to building maritime domain awareness.
- B. To support greater coordination in the Indian Ocean Region.
- C. Enhanced Peace, Security and Cooperation in the Indian Ocean
- D. To harness the opportunities and to meet the challenges
- E. None of the above

Answer : C

Solution :

- India hosted the Indian Ocean Region (IOR) Defence Ministers' Conclave on the margins of Aero India 2021 - Asia's largest Aero show held at Bengaluru from February 3-5, 2021.
- The broad theme of the conclave will be 'Enhanced Peace, Security and Cooperation in the Indian Ocean'.
- The conclave is an initiative to promote dialogue in an institutional, economic and cooperative environment that can foster the development of peace, stability and prosperity in the Indian Ocean region.

8. Who inaugurated the 8th India International Silk Fair, India's biggest silk fair on Virtual Portal?

- A. Narendra Singh Tomar
- B. Nitin Gadkari
- C. Smriti Irani
- D. Nirmala Sitharaman
- E. Prakash Javadekar

Answer : C

Solution :

- Textiles Minister Smriti Irani inaugurated the 8th India International Silk Fair on Virtual Portal. The fair is considered to be India's biggest silk fair, being held under one roof on Indian Silk Export Promotion Council's virtual platform.
- The five days event is being held virtually due to COVID-19 pandemic.
- India has long history of silk production and is the 2nd largest producer of Silk. India is the only country in the world which produces all the four major varieties of silk - Mulberry, Eri, Tassar, and Muga.

9. Nepal has decided to award the contract for construction of 679 megawatt Lower Arun Hydropower Project to which Indian company?

- A. National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC)
- B. Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam (SJVN)
- C. NTPC Limited
- D. Larsen & Toubro Limited
- E. Reliance Infrastructure Limited

Answer : B

Solution :

- Nepal has decided to award the contract for construction of 679 megawatt Lower Arun Hydropower Project to India's Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam (SJVN).
- This was decided at a meeting of the Investment Board Nepal (IBN), chaired by Nepal Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli.
- The project was awarded to the SJVN under the Build, Own, Operate and Transfer (BOOT) delivery method.
- Similar to the Arun III hydel project, which will provide 21 per cent free power to Nepal during the concession period, the developer of the Lower Arun hydel project should also prioritise providing certain percent of power free of cost.
- The developer will hand over the ownership of the project to the government of Nepal after 20 years of commercial operation.

10. Who will take over as the New Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Amazon after Jeff Bezos who decided to quit the post by October 2021?

- A. Brian T. Olsavsky
- B. Andrew R. Jassy
- C. Shelley L. Reynolds
- D. Keith B. Alexander
- E. David H. Clark

Answer : B

Solution :

- Jeff Bezos, the Founder and CEO of Amazon, will step down as the CEO of Amazon in the third quarter October 2021 and Andy Jassy, the lead of Amazon Web Services (AWS), the cloud computing unit of Amazon will take over as the New CEO.
- Jeff Bezos will be taking up the role of executive chair of the Amazon's Board of Directors.

• He also stated that he would be focusing on the new products, early initiatives and Philanthropic giving through like Day 1 Fund and the Bezos Earth Fund; Blue Origin, his secretive space venture.

11. Defence minister Rajnath Singh has inaugurated Hindustan Aeronautics Limited's (HAL) second Light Combat Aircraft (LCA)-Tejas production line in _____.

- A. Chennai
- B. Bengaluru
- C. Hyderabad
- D. Bhubaneswar
- E. Vishakhapatnam

Answer : B

Solution :

- Defence minister Rajnath Singh has inaugurated Hindustan Aeronautics Limited's (HAL) second Light Combat Aircraft (LCA)-Tejas production line in Bengaluru, ahead of the upcoming Aero India 2021.
- The deal to be signed in the next few days with HAL would strengthen the Indian Air Force's fleet of homegrown fighter jet 'LCA-Tejas' and overall combat capability.
- Last month, the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS), chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, had approved the largest indigenous defence procurement deal worth about Rs 48,000 crores to buy 83 LCA Tejas Mark1A fighter jets.

12. Where is headquarter of the newly formed intergovernmental organization, "Square Kilometre Array Observatory (SKAO) Council" located?

- A. UK
- B. Australia
- C. Canada
- D. China
- E. New Zealand

Answer : A

Solution :

- A new intergovernmental organisation called Square Kilometre Array Observatory (SKAO) Council has been formed with the intention of building the world's largest radio telescope.
- The council held its first-ever meeting to approve the plans and start a new journey in space exploration.
- Though it is headquartered in the UK, SKAO has members from Australia, Canada, China, India, Italy, New Zealand, South Africa, Sweden and the Netherlands.

13. National Horticulture Fair 2021 has been organised at the campus of which institution?

- A. Indian Institute of Horticultural Research (IIHR)
- B. Indian Institute of Vegetable Research (IIVR)
- C. Indian Institute of Spices Research (IISR)
- D. Central Plantation Crops Research Institute (CPCRI)

E. National Horticulture Board (NHB)

Answer : A

Solution :

- The five-day National Horticulture Fair was held at the Indian Institute of Horticultural Research (IIHR) campus.
- The theme of the National Horticulture Fair 2021 will be: 'Horticulture for Start-Up and Stand-Up India'.
- The theme seeks to encourage the farmers to become entrepreneurs.
- The fair will be organised by the Indian Council for Agricultural Research (ICAR) and Indian Institute of Horticultural Research (IIHR).

14. As per report by UNWTO, 2020 was the worst year recorded for global tourism, during which the international arrivals dropped by _____ percent year-on-year.

- A. 54
- B. 68
- C. 74
- D. 78
- E. 85

Answer : C

Solution :

- Global tourism suffered its worst year on record in 2020, with international arrivals dropping by 74% according to the latest data from the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO).
- Destinations worldwide welcomed 1 billion fewer international arrivals in 2020 than in the previous year, due to an unprecedented fall in demand and widespread travel restrictions.
- This compares with the 4% decline recorded during the 2009 global economic crisis.
- According to the latest UNWTO World Tourism Barometer, the collapse in international travel represents an estimated loss of USD 1.3 trillion in export revenues - more than 11 times the loss recorded during the 2009 global economic crisis.
- The crisis has put between 100 and 120 million direct tourism jobs at risk, many of them in small and medium-sized enterprises.

15. With which country India has signed an agreement to build the Shahtoot Dam?

- A. Nepal
- B. Myanmar
- C. Afghanistan
- D. Iran
- E. Bhutan

Answer : C

Solution :

- India and Afghanistan on Tuesday signed an agreement to build the Shahtoot Dam in Kabul to provide drinking water facility in the Afghan capital.

- In a virtual summit, external affairs minister S Jaishankar and his Afghan counterpart Mohammed Haneef Atmar signed the MoU in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Afghanistan President Ashraf Ghani.
- The Shahtoot dam is to be constructed on the Kabul river basin, one of the five river basins of Afghanistan. Along with the Shahtoot dam, India has pledged to commit \$80 million for various projects in the country. Around 150 projects have already been announced by India in the conflict-ridden country.
- Shahtoot dam will provide clean drinking water to two million citizens of Kabul and will also be used for irrigation.

16. The three-day famous “Mandu Festival” was held in which state of India?

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

Answer : B

Solution :

- The three-day famous “**Mandu Festival**” began at the historic town of **Mandu** in **Dhar district** of **Madhya Pradesh** on February 13, 2021.
- The festival will culminate on February 15, 2021.
- The festival is organised by the state government of Madhya Pradesh to showcase each and every aspect of the **ancient Mandu city, ranging from food, music, history & heritage, art & craft etc.**

17. Which state government has launched 'Maa' scheme under which her government would provide a meal at a nominal cost of Rs 5 mainly to poor people?

- A. Bihar
- B. Jharkhand
- C. Tripura
- D. West Bengal
- E. Assam

Answer : D

Solution :

- Ahead of the assembly elections in the state, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Monday virtually launched the 'Maa' scheme under which her government would provide a meal at a nominal cost of Rs 5 mainly to poor people.
- They will get a platter of rice, dal, a vegetable and egg curry for Rs 5.
- The government will bear a subsidy of Rs 15 (per plate) while people will get it at Rs 5.
- Self-help groups will operate the kitchens from 1 pm to 3 pm every day and such kitchens will be set up everywhere in the state gradually.

18. Who has been elected as the next director general of the International Solar Alliance (ISA)?

- A. Varun Aditya
- B. GD Agrawal
- C. Ajay Mathur
- D. Ramesh Agrawal
- E. Mathew Arackal

Answer : C

Solution :

- India's Ajay Mathur was elected as the next director general of the International Solar Alliance (ISA).
- Mathur succeeds Upendra Tripathy, who has served as director general since 2017.
- A coalition of 73 member countries, ISA, aims to mobilize over USD 1 trillion of investment into solar projects by 2030 through policy and regulatory support, capacity building, and by overcoming perceived investment barriers.

19. The union finance ministry announced to infuse what amount state-owned general insurance companies during the current quarter in a bid to improve their financial health?

- A. Rs 2000 crores
- B. Rs 3000 crores
- C. Rs 4000 crores
- D. Rs 5000 crores
- E. Rs. 10,000 crores

Answer : B

Solution :

- The Finance Ministry will infuse ₹3,000 crore capital into state-owned general insurance companies during the current quarter in a bid to improve their financial health.
- Last year, the Union Cabinet headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi cleared proposal to provide capital support to National Insurance, Oriental Insurance and United India Insurance.
- The cabinet had also decided to increase the authorised share capital of National Insurance Company Limited (NICL) to ₹7,500 crore and that of United India Insurance Company Limited (UIICL) and Oriental Insurance Company Limited (OICL) to ₹5,000 crore each to give effect to the capital infusion decision.

20. Who has been appointed as the US ambassador to the United Nations?

- A. Richard Verma
- B. MaryKay Carlson
- C. Linda Thomas-Greenfield
- D. Kenneth Juster
- E. Jonathan Cohen

Answer : C

Solution :

- The US Senate on February 23, 2021 confirmed Linda Thomas-Greenfield as US ambassador to the United Nations. Greenfield's name was nominated for the post by US President Joe Biden.

- The Senate voted 78-20 to confirm Thomas-Greenfield for the Cabinet-level position. Greenfield is the eighth confirmed member of President Joe Biden's Cabinet.
- Linda Thomas-Greenfield is a US diplomat with vast experience in Africa. She is a three-decade veteran of the US State Department.

21. Name the Indian social activist who has been for the newly-instituted International Anti-Corruption Champions Award by the Joe Biden Administration?

- A. Sunita Krishnan
- B. Shaheen Mistri
- C. Vidya Shah
- D. Anjali Bharadwaj
- E. Rachan Dhingra

Answer : D

Solution :

- Anjali Bharadwaj, an Indian social activist working on issues of transparency and accountability, is one of the 12 “courageous” individuals named by the Biden administration for the newly-instituted International Anti-Corruption Champions Award.
- The 48-year-old Bhardwaj has served as an active member of the Right to Information Movement in India for over two decades.
- She is the founder of the Satark Nagrik Sangathan (SNS), a citizens’ group which promotes transparency and accountability in government and encourage the active participation of citizens.

22. Which stadium has been renamed the Narendra Modi Stadium?

- A. Sardar Patel Stadium, Ahmedabad
- B. Saurashtra Cricket Stadium
- C. Nehru Stadium, Guwahati
- D. Eden Garden, Kolkata
- E. Feroz Shah Kotla, Delhi

Answer : A

Solution :

- President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated the newly revamped Motera cricket stadium in Ahmedabad, which has been renamed the Narendra Modi Stadium.
- The ground, which was earlier named the Sardar Patel Stadium, and more popularly known as the Motera stadium, has been renamed after the Prime Minister, who was also formerly a president of the Gujarat Cricket Association.

23. Asia’s biggest cattle park was inaugurated in which state of India?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Andhra Pradesh
- C. Kerala
- D. Uttar Pradesh
- E. Madhya Pradesh

Answer : A

Solution :

- Tamil Nadu Chief Minister(CM) Edappadi K Palaniswami inaugurated Asia's biggest cattle park, Advanced Institute for Integrated Research on Livestock and Animal Sciences (AIIRLAS) in Thalavasal, Salem district.
- It was constructed at a cost of Rs 1,023 crore. It is the state's 5th veterinary college.
- In addition to this he also inaugurated a veterinary medical college and Thalavasal revenue taluk office.
- On the occasion, he also announced that a frozen semen station will be set up in Karumandurai, Salem at the cost of Rs 100 crore.

24.The 18th Edition of BioAsia 2021 was conducted virtually from which city of India?

- A. Chennai
- B. Hyderabad
- C. Bengaluru
- D. Kochi
- E. Raipur

Answer : B

Solution :

- The 18th Edition of BioAsia 2021 was conducted virtually from Hyderabad during the dates of February 22-23, 2021.
- Organized by the Telangana Government, BioAsia is Asia's Largest Life Sciences & healthcare forum. It is also a flagship event of the Telangana Government.
- It is the 18th edition in the annual series and was held virtually for the first time.
- The theme of the summit is 'Move the Needle'.

25.The 17th India International Mega Trade Fair & Home Decor Exhibition 2021 was organized in which state?

- A. Madhya Pradesh
- B. Karnataka
- C. Odisha
- D. Andhra Pradesh
- E. Telangana

Answer : C

Solution :

- Odisha hosted the 17th India International Mega Trade Fair & Home Decor Exhibition 2021 at Janata Maidan, Bhubaneswar.
- It was organized by the Odisha Chapter of the Real Estate Developers Association of India (CREDAI).
- Partner Country for the 2021 Fair – Bangladesh & focus countries are Afghanistan & Iran.
- Bihar is the Partner State for the Fair.
- It was inaugurated by the Odisha Law Minister Pratap Jena.

26.Who has been conferred with best actor female award at Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival awards 2021?

- A. Kiara Advani
- B. Alia Bhatt
- C. Deepika Padukone
- D. Sara Ali Khan
- E. Disha Patani

Answer : C

Solution :

- Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival Awards 2021 were held in Mumbai on February 20. Sushmita Sen, Kiara Advani, Akshay Kumar, Nora Fatehi and Bobby Deol were among the recipients
- The award season 2021 continues as Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival Awards honoured the best in film, television, music and the new addition, OTT
- Deepika won the best actor (female) award for her performance in Meghna Gulzar's Chhapaak that told the story of acid attack survivor Laxmi Aggarwal.
- Her co-star Vikrant Massey bagged the honour of best actor in a supporting role for his turn in the critically-acclaimed drama, penned by Atika Chohan.
- Akshay's co-star in the film, Kiara Advani, won for her performance in the Netflix film Guilty.

27. Which campaign was launched by central government to ensure energy security in the country?

- A. e-Mobility
- B. e-Electric
- C. e-Energy
- D. Go Energy
- E. Go Electric

Answer : E

Solution :

- The Union govt launched the 'Go Electric' campaign to spread awareness about the benefits of e-mobility and electric vehicle charging infra.
- 'Go Electric' logo was also unveiled on the occasion.
- Bureau of Energy Efficiency is mandated to undertake an awareness drive for promoting public charging, e-mobility and its ecosystem.
- BEE will extend technical support to the SDAs and other partners to ensure uniformity of information to implement the campaign.

28. Which country hosted a workshop on COVID-19 Management: Experience, Good Practices and Way Forward'?

- A. France
- B. India
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. Nepal
- E. China

Answer : B

Solution :

- India hosted a Workshop on 'COVID-19 Management: Experience, Good Practices and Way Forward'.
- Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives, Mauritius, Nepal, Pakistan, Seychelles and Sri Lanka participated in the workshop.
- All countries including Pakistan supported Prime Minister Narendra Modi's proposals at the workshop.

29. Recently which country has officially rejoined the Paris Climate Agreement?

- A. Japan
- B. UK
- C. USA
- D. India
- E. France

Answer : C

Solution :

- The United States re-joined the Paris Agreement – a global treaty which was adopted by 195 countries in December, 2015 as an international response to the climate crisis.
- Though technically the US remained outside the Agreement only for over three months after its formal exit from the deal in November last year, the country under Donald Trump administration kept itself away from the international accord in terms of federal climate action for four years even as sub-national players were doing their bit for a cleaner future.

30. With which country India has signed a landmark Comprehensive Economic Cooperation and Partnership Agreement (CECPA)?

- A. Maldives
- B. Mauritius
- C. Mauritania
- D. Malaysia
- E. Mozambique

Answer : B

Solution :

- India signed a landmark Comprehensive Economic Cooperation and Partnership Agreement (CECPA) with Mauritius, the first of its kind with an African nation, making the strategically-located country a launch-pad for business expansion into the huge African continent.
- This agreement is India's first-such agreement with an African country.
- The CECPA will encourage Indian entrepreneurs to invest both in Mauritius and across the region, thus helping the ambition of the country to become a strategic regional economic hub and a centre of excellence.

31. Which state has hosted 13th edition of annual cultural festival Utsavam 2021?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Kerala
- C. Karnataka

- D. Maharashtra
- E. Assam

Answer : B

Solution :

- To preserve the rich culture and art forms of Kerala, the state plays host to the 13th edition of Utsavam 2021.
- Organized by Kerala Tourism along with Kerala Folklore Academy, Bharat Bhavan, and District Tourism Promotion Councils.
- The festival brings alive Kerala's rich and diverse folk and ritualistic art traditions in 30 venues across the state, the 7-day annual cultural festival 'Utsavam 2021' started on a colourful note on February 20.

32. Which state government has launched "Free Gift Milk to girl students" initiative?

- A. Assam
- B. Sikkim
- C. Manipur
- D. Uttarakhand
- E. Himachal Pradesh

Answer : B

Solution :

- Sikkim Chief Minister P. S. Tamang launched the 'Free Gift Milk to Girl Students of Sikkim' initiative at Gangtok last week.
- The initiative will benefit round 1,500 students who would be provided 200 mls of milk every day.

33. Name the Punjabi singer who has been roped in by the Reserve Bank of India to drive its public awareness campaigns on cyber frauds?

- A. Mika Singh
- B. Badshah
- C. Yo Yo Honey Singh
- D. Viruss
- E. Guru Randhawa

Answer : D

Solution :

- As cyber frauds continue to increase, the Reserve Bank of India, has undertaken an unusual measure to spread awareness.
- The RBI has roped in Punjabi singer-rapper Viruss in its public awareness campaign.
- The campaign also includes Viruss' popular 2017 Indie hit 'Bam Bhole' that was recreated for Akshay Kumar-Kiara Advani starrer Laxmii.
- RBI's latest public directives on how one can and should protect themselves from cyber crimes and identity theft comes along with peppy rap music. Moreover, Viruss has done the video pro bono for the central bank.

34. Rajeev Ram held from which country who has won Australian open mixed double event with Barbora Krejčíková of Czech Republic?

- A. India
- B. USA
- C. England
- D. France
- E. Germany

Answer : B

Solution :

- Indian-American Rajeev Ram and Czech Republic's Barbora Krejčíková captured their second major title as a pair after defeating local wildcards Matthew Ebden and Samantha Stosur in the Australian Open mixed doubles final.
- The sixth seeds dominated from start to finish and did not drop serve in the match as they cruised to a 6-1, 6-4 victory in 59 minutes at the Rod Laver Arena, bringing the surprise run of the hometown pair to an end.
- It marks Krejčíková's third straight mixed doubles title at Melbourne Park after she triumphed with Ram in 2019 and Nikola Pietrangeli last year, capping a successful fortnight for the Czech, who also reached the women's doubles final with compatriot Katerina Siniakova, losing to Elise Mertens and Aryna Sabalenka.

35. Which country has recently announced that women can be employed in armed forces?

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

Answer : C

Solution :

- Women in Saudi Arabia can now take up arms and enter the military, the latest profession in the kingdom to open up to female recruits.
- Saudi Arabian women can be employed as soldiers, lance corporals, corporals, sergeants, and staff sergeants.
- The government has also added some additional criteria for female applicants.
- This move aims to increase the rights of women in the country.
- The plan to allow women in the armed forces was first announced in the year 2019.