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1. Who among the following is not a member of the advisory committee constituted by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to assist the administrator of Reliance Capital?

- A. Sanjeev Nautiyal
- B. Srinivasan Varadarajan
- C. Praveen P Kadle
- D. Nageswara Rao Y
- E. None of the above

**Ans. D**

**Sol.**

- RBI has appointed three-member advisory committee for assisting the administrator of Reliance Capital (RCap), appointed to the company in discharging his duties.
- Members: SBI's ex-deputy managing director (DMD) Sanjeev Nautiyal, Axis Bank's ex-DMD Srinivasan Varadarajan, and Tata Capital's ex-MD and CEO Praveen P Kadle.
- RBI superseded the board of RCap, owing to defaults and governance issues, and said the insolvency proceedings would be initiated against the company soon, making it the third instance of a non-banking financial company (NBFC) being brought under insolvency proceedings.

2. As per the Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) released by the NITI Aayog which state has emerged as the poorest state in India?

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

**Ans. C**

**Sol.**

- NITI Aayog has released its Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI).
- According to MPI, Bihar, Jharkhand and UP have emerged as the poorest states in India.
- Bihar also has the highest number of malnourished people followed by Jharkhand, MP, UP and Chhattisgarh.
- Kerala, Goa, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu and Punjab have registered the lowest poverty across India.
- The MPI measure uses the methodology developed by the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative and the UNDP.

3. Who won the Women's Ballon d'Or award at the event held in Paris?

- A. Irene Paredes
- B. Alexia Putellas
- C. Asisat Oshoala
- D. Lieke Martens
- E. Alex Morgan

**Ans. B**

**Sol.**

- Alexia Putellas became just the third female player to win the



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Women's Ballon d'Or following a treble-winning campaign for Barcelona.

- Having already been crowned UEFA Women's Player of the Year, Putellas was favourite to land the award handed out by France Football.
- The Barcelona captain, 27, steered her side to the Spanish league and cup in 2020-21, and then completed the treble when beating Chelsea in the Champions League final.

4. Under whose chairmanship the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has constituted a three-member committee to review the criteria for Economically Weaker Section (EWS) reservations?

- A. VK Malhotra
- B. Sanjeev Sanyal
- C. Ajay Bhushan Pandey
- D. Subhash Chandra Garg
- E. Ajit Seth

**Ans. C**

**Sol.**

- The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment announced the formation of a three-member committee to review the criteria for Economically Weaker Section (EWS) reservations.
- The committee will comprise Former Finance Secretary Ajay Bhushan Pandey, Member Secretary ICSSR Prof VK Malhotra and Principal Economic Advisor to

the Indian government Sanjeev Sanyal.

- The committee will examine various approaches followed in the country so far for identifying the economically weaker sections.
- It will also send its recommendations to the Centre in the next three weeks.
- The office memorandum issued by the ministry, signed by joint secretary RP Meena, states that the committee is being set up "in accordance with the commitment.

5. Which is the state partner of the 40th edition of the India International Trade Fair (IITF) 2021?

- A. Jharkhand
- B. Assam
- C. Uttar Pradesh
- D. Bihar
- E. Odisha

**Ans. D**

**Sol.**

- Union Commerce and Industry Minister, Piyush Goyal inaugurated the 40th edition of the India International Trade Fair (IITF) 2021 at Pragati Maidan in Delhi.
- It was organised by the India Trade Promotion Organisation with 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' as the theme and to further promote the idea of 'Vocal for Local'.

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- An estimated 3,000 exhibitors from India and abroad have participated in the fair. The fair was not held in 2020 due to the COVID-19.
- Piyush Goyal listed five pillars of India as Economy, Exports, Infrastructure, Demand, and Diversity.
- Partner state: Bihar is the partner state for the 40th IITF and the focus states are Uttar Pradesh and Jharkhand.

6. Who has won the prestigious Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay NIF Book Prize 2021 for his book Naoroji: Pioneer of Indian Nationalism, a biography of one of the most significant figures in modern Indian history, Dadabhai Naoroji?

- A. Dinyar Patel
- B. Prasoon Joshi
- C. Shashi Tharoor
- D. Salman Khurshid
- E. Chetan Bhagat

**Ans. A**

**Sol.**

- Writer Dinyar Patel won the prestigious Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay NIF Book Prize 2021 for his book Naoroji: Pioneer of Indian Nationalism (Harvard University Press), a biography of one of the most significant figures in modern Indian history, Dadabhai Naoroji.

• The New India Foundation announced the winner from a shortlist of six books, which covered a variety of themes and subjects.

- The prize carries a cash award of Rs 15 lakh and a citation. Instituted in 2018, the Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay NIF Book Prize celebrates high-quality non-fiction literature on modern and contemporary India from writers of all nationalities, published in the previous calendar year.
- The prize will be presented to Patel in a ceremony at the Bangalore International Centre.

7. According to the 2021 Worldwide Cost of Living Index released by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU), along with Paris which city jointly ranked as second most expensive city of the world?

- A. Hon Kong
- B. Zurich
- C. Singapore
- D. London
- E. New York

**Ans. C**

**Sol.**

- The Worldwide Cost of Living Index released by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) has listed the world's most expensive cities to live in 2021.
- The index explored the cost of living in 173 cities, 40 more than last year, measured against impactful global events.



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- It stated that prices for goods and services have risen by 3.5 per cent year-on-year, the highest inflation rate seen in the last five years.
- This year, Tel Aviv, the capital of Israel, has leaped to the top of the list, jumping past Paris and Singapore which are at a joint second ranking, followed by Zurich and Hong Kong.
- The top 10 cities were rounded up with New York in sixth, Geneva seventh, followed by Copenhagen, Los Angeles and Osaka.

8. With which e-Commerce platform the Ministry of Rural Development has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to sell products made by millions of artisans under the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihood Mission (DAY-NRLM) program on the e-commerce platform?

- A. Amazon
- B. Myntra
- C. Flipkart
- D. IndiaMART
- E. Snapdeal

**Ans. C**

**Sol.**

- Ministry of Rural Development has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with e-commerce giant Flipkart to sell products made by millions of artisans under the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihood Mission (DAY-NRLM)

program on the e-commerce platform.

- The move will help artisans reach out 10 crore of Flipkart's existing customers, thus substantially scaling their outreach.
- MoU between ministry & Flipkart will help in empowering local businesses and self-help groups (SHGs) by bringing them into the e-commerce fold.
- Partnership is in line with the DAY-NRLM's objective of strengthening the capabilities of rural communities for self-employment and entrepreneurship.
- Thus, it provides further momentum to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of an Atma Nirbhar Bharat.

9. Name the Indian Athlete who has won the Woman of the Year Award by World Athletics for grooming talent and encouraging young girls in India to take up sports and fight for gender equality?

- A. PT Usha
- B. Anju Bobby George
- C. Karnam Malleswari
- D. Krishna Poonia
- E. Anjali Bhagwat

**Ans. B**

**Sol.**

- Indian athlete Anju Bobby George has won the Woman of the Year Award by World Athletics for grooming talent and encouraging young girls in India to take up sports and fight for gender equality.



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- She is 2003 World Championships bronze medalist in long jump.
- She was the first Indian athlete to win bronze medal in long jump at the World Championships in Athletics held in 2013 in Paris.
- In 2004 Olympics, she finished sixth.
- Anju was awarded the Arjuna award in 2002, Padma Shri in 2004, Khel Ratna in 2003.
- In 2021, she won the BBC lifetime achievement award in the category of Best Athlete.

10. Who has been appointed as UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador for Cultural and Creative Industries?

- A. Naomi Kawase
- B. Naomi Osaka
- C. Rinko Kikuchi
- D. Kō Shibasaki
- E. Suzu Hirose

**Ans. A**

**Sol.**

\* UNESCO Director-General Audrey Azoulay appointed Japanese film director Naomi Kawase as the UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador for Cultural and Creative Industries.

\* She has been recognised for her commitment to culture and creativity at the service of the development of more just societies, especially for girls and women, and of her support for the objectives of UNESCO.

\* Naomi Kawase, committed to the representation of women in the film industry in Africa, participated in

UNESCO's conference on Diversity and Gender Equality in African Cinema.

\* She launched the UNESCO-Nara Residency for Young African Female Filmmakers in 2020 to offer creative and production opportunities for ten young African women filmmakers.

11. Who has been appointed as the First Deputy Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF)?

- A. Jagdish Bhagwati
- B. Abhijit Banerjee
- C. Gita Gopinath
- D. Jayanti Gosh
- E. Bina Agarwal

**Ans. C**

**Sol.**

\* Indian-American **Gita Gopinath**, is set to become IMF's First Deputy Managing Director.

\* She will become the second-ranking official, replacing First Deputy Managing Director **Geoffrey Okamoto** who plans to leave the Fund early next year.

\* **Gopinath** has served as the IMF's chief economist for three years.

\* She was scheduled to return to her academic position at Harvard University in January 2022.

12. Renowned personality Vinod Dua passed away recently, he was a veteran \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Politician
- B. Journalist
- C. Scientist
- D. Actor
- E. Social Activist

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**Ans. B**

**Sol.**

- Veteran journalist Vinod Dua (67) passed away.
- Dua was a pioneer in broadcast Hindi journalism with stints in Doordarshan and NDTV.
- He lived an inimitable life, rising from the refugee colonies of Delhi to the peak of journalistic excellence for over 42 years, always, always speaking truth to power.

13. Which country has won the Davis Cup title 2021?

- A. France
- B. Russia
- C. Spain
- D. Croatia
- E. Switzerland

**Ans. B**

**Sol.**

- Russia has won the Davis Cup for the third time.
- They defeated Croatia 2-0 in the summit clash in Madrid.
- Andrey Rublev defeated Borna Gojo 6-4, 7-5 in the opening match and then the victory was sealed by Daniil Medvedev after he outclassed Marin Cilic.
- Medvedev defeated Cilic 7-6, 6-2 to seal the victory for Russia.
- This was the third final in five years for Croatia.

14. Who has been appointed as the chairman of National Asset Reconstruction Company (NARCL)?

- A. Sanjay Jain
- B. Pradip Shah
- C. Diwakar Gupta
- D. Padmakumar Nair
- E. Rajnish Kumar

**Ans. B**

**Sol.**

- Pradip Shah, founder of IndAsia Fund Advisors, has been appointed chairman of National Asset Reconstruction Company (NARCL).
- Aditya Birla Asset Reconstruction Company managing director Sanjay Jain will be the chief executive of India Debt Resolution Company (IDRCL).
- Also, Diwakar Gupta, former managing director of State Bank of India, is selected as chairman of IDRCL.
- Before joining Aditya Birla ARC, Jain was with Asset Reconstruction Company of India, J M Financial and SBI Capital Markets.
- He has experience of 29 years in corporate lending, investment banking and stressed fund management.

15. The fifth Indian Ocean Conference - IOC 2021 was held in which city of the world?

- A. Riyadh
- B. Abu Dhabi
- C. Dubai
- D. Muscat
- E. Colombo

**Ans. B**

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**Sol.**

- 5th Indian Ocean Conference 2021 was held in Abu Dhabi, UAE.
- Indian External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar attended the conference from India.
- The theme of the Indian Ocean Conference 2021 is "Indian Ocean: Ecology, Economy, Epidemic".
- S Jaishankar has stressed on the importance of respecting and facilitating freedom of navigation and overflight and unimpeded commerce in a globalised world.

16. Who has been appointed as the chairperson of National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)?

- A. Padmaja Chundurur
- B. Soma Mondal
- C. Alka Upadhyaya
- D. Alka Nangia
- E. Indu Malhotra

**Ans. C**

**Sol.**

- Senior bureaucrat Alka Upadhyaya has been appointed as the chairperson of National Highways Authority of India (NHAI).
- Ms Upadhyaya, a 1990-batch IAS officer of Madhya Pradesh cadre, is currently Additional Secretary, Department of Rural Development.

17. Who has authored the book titled 'Public Service Ethics - A Quest for Naitik Bharat'?

- A. Prabhat Kumar
- B. M. Venkaiah Naidu
- C. Om Birla

- D. S Jaishankar
- E. Ravishankar Prasad

**Ans. A**

**Sol.**

- The book titled 'Public Service Ethics' has been authored by Prabhat Kumar, former Governor of Jharkhand and former Cabinet Secretary to the Government of India.
- The book was released by the Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu.
- The book is published by IC Centre for Governance.
- The book deals with ethics in governance and public service and proposes a collective quest for ethical India or Naitik Bharat.
- It doesn't just talk about the problems and the crisis of ethics - it gives practical and positive solutions and tells you how to head in the right direction.

18. 'Ekuverin' is a Joint Military Exercise between Indian army and military forces of which country?

- A. Sri Lanka
- B. Mauritius
- C. Maldives
- D. Thailand
- E. Singapore

**Ans. C**

**Sol.**

- The 11th edition of Exercise EKUVERIN between India and Maldives will be conducted at Kadhdhoo Island, Maldives.

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- The exercise will enhance synergy and inter-operability between Armed Forces of both the nations in terms of understanding transnational terrorism both on land and at sea, conducting Counter-Terrorism and Counter-Insurgency Operations and sharing best military practices and experiences.
- Besides rigorous training, the joint military exercise will also include cultural and sports activities to enhance defence cooperation and bilateral relations.
- The exercise will go a long way in strengthening India's relations with Maldives amidst emerging security dynamics in the Indian Ocean Region.
- Last year, a ceremony was held at the foreign training node at Aundh military station where the armed forces of both countries conducted counter-terrorism drills as per the United Nations mandate.

19. The union government has launched which scheme for socio-economic upliftment and overall development of Scheduled Caste students by providing quality residential education to meritorious students in reputed private schools?

- A. Manthan
- B. UDAAN
- C. SRESHTA
- D. PRAGATI
- E. SAKSHAM

**Ans. C**

**Sol.**

\* The Centre will launch SRESHTA scheme for socio-economic upliftment and overall development of Scheduled Caste students by providing quality residential education to meritorious students in reputed private schools.

\* Social Justice and Empowerment Minister Virendra Kumar on Thursday said the Residential Education for Students in High Schools in Targeted Areas (SRESHTA) scheme will enable meritorious SC students to have a better future and aid in controlling dropout rates of students from classes 9 to 12.

\* The programmes will begin at Parliament House, where the president and prime minister will pay floral tributes to Baba Saheb's statue, followed by Buddhist monks reciting Dhamma Puja, and then special songs dedicated to Ambedkar will be performed in the parliament by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting's Song and Drama Division.

20. Who has been awarded the world's highest education accolade the 2021 Yidan Prize, for Education Development, for her work in improving learning outcomes?

- A. Madhav Chavan
- B. Gaurav Munjal
- C. Rukmini Banerji
- D. Byju Raveendran
- E. None of the above



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**Ans. C**

**Sol.**

\* Rukmini Banerji, CEO of Pratham Education Foundation, has been awarded the world's highest education accolade, the 2021 Yidan Prize for Education Development, for her work in improving learning outcomes.

\* Among Banerji's pioneering work, along with Pratham's team, is the Annual Status of Education Report (ASER) assessment approach that revealed literacy and numeracy gaps among children who have already spent several years at school.

\* To close these gaps, Banerji's teams' 'Teaching at the Right Level' (TaRL) programme works with schools and local communities to provide basic reading and arithmetic skills, ensuring no child is left behind, with the replicable model now reaching millions of children annually across India and spreading around the globe.

21. The Indian Army is organizing a multi-nation disaster management exercise PANEX-21 involving BIMSTEC countries in which place?

- A. Nagpur
- B. Pune
- C. Gwalior
- D. Jodhpur
- E. Dehradun

**Ans. B**

**Sol.**

- The Indian Army is organising a multi-nation disaster management exercise with a special focus on relief in the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic.

- The exercise has been called PANEX 21 and will involve Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Thailand and India—BIMSTEC countries.

- The aim of the exercise is to foster joint planning and build regional cooperation for responding to natural disasters.

- The Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) is a body of seven countries for cooperation in areas of common interests.

- PANEX 21 is planned to be conducted at Pune from December 20-22.

22. What is India's rank in the Asia Power Index 2021?

- A. 2<sup>nd</sup>
- B. 3<sup>rd</sup>
- C. 4<sup>th</sup>
- D. 5<sup>th</sup>
- E. 6<sup>th</sup>

**Ans. C**

**Sol.**

- India has been ranked as the fourth most powerful country in Asia Power Index with its overall score went down by two points from 2020, standing at 37.7 out of 100.



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- The index has been released by Lowy Institute.
- India fell short of the major power threshold in 2021 and is among eighteen countries in the region to trend downward in its overall score in 2021.
- It fell short of the major power threshold and is among the 18 countries which showed a downward trend in overall scores in 2021.
- Top performers: USA, China and Japan

23. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has been ranked at what position in the Forbes' rankings of 100 most powerful women of the world?

- A. 17<sup>th</sup>
- B. 27<sup>th</sup>
- C. 37<sup>th</sup>
- D. 47<sup>th</sup>
- E. 57<sup>th</sup>

**Ans. C**

**Sol.**

- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has, for the third time in a row, made it to the Forbes' rankings of 100 most powerful women of the world.
- This year, Sitharaman is ranked at 37th position, up from 41 last year.
- In 2019, she held the 34th spot in the Forbes ranking of 100 most powerful women.
- Jeff Bezos' former wife Mackenzie Scott earned the topmost spot in this year's list.

- US Vice-President Kamla Harris is ranked second, and European Central Bank Head Christine Lagarde is at the third position in the top 100 rankings.
- Every year, Forbes, an American business magazine, releases a list of 100 powerful women of the world.

24. Who has been adjudged as the winner of the 56th Jnanpith Award for the year 2021?

- A. Nilmani Phookan Jr
- B. Damodar Mauzo
- C. Sankha Ghosh
- D. Bhalchandra Nemade
- E. None of the above

**Ans. A**

**Sol.**

- Assamese poet Nilmani Phookan Jr has won the 56th Jnanpith Award for the year 2021.
- He was awarded the Padma Shri in 1990 and received the Sahitya Akademi Fellowship in 2002.
- Phookan is a poet of renown, having written Surya Henu Nami Ahe Ei Nodiyedi, Gulapi Jamur Lagna, and Kobita. Primarily a poet, he also writes prose and is a pioneering art critic from Assam, with a focus on folklore and folk art.
- Phookan is the third Assamese writer to receive the Jnanpith. Previous awardees were Birendra Kumar Bhattacharya in 1979 and Mamoni Raisom Goswami in 2000.
- It is India's highest literary award.

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- The annual Jnanpith is bestowed on writers for “their outstanding contribution towards literature.

25. Who has been adjudged as the winner of the 57th Jnanpith Award for the year 2022?

- A. Nilmani Phookan Jr
- B. Damodar Mauzo
- C. Sankha Ghosh
- D. Bhalchandra Nemade
- E. None of the above

**Ans. B**

**Sol.**

- Konkani novelist Damodar Mauzo has won the 57th Jnanpith Award.
- It is India’s highest literary award.
- The annual Jnanpith is bestowed on writers for “their outstanding contribution towards literature.
- He is notable for his novels, such as Karmelin, and Tsunami Simon, and short stories, such as Teresa’s Man and Other Stories from Goa. His books have been translated into several Indian languages.
- His first collection of short stories was Ganthon, published in 1971.

26. What is the theme of the 6th edition of the 2021 India Water Impact Summit (IWIS) being organized by the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) along with the Centre for Ganga River Basin Management and Studies (c-Ganga)?

- A. Aquatic Resources Allocation “Planning and Management at the National Level”

- B. River Resources Conservation “Planning and Management at the Regional Level”

- C. Water Resources Allocation “Planning and Management at the Regional Level”

- D. River Resources Allocation “Planning and Management at the Regional Level”

- E. None of the above

**Ans. D**

**Sol.**

- The National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) along with the Centre for Ganga River Basin Management and Studies (c-Ganga) are organizing the 6th edition of the India Water Impact Summit (IWIS) from 9th December to 14th December 2021.
- The summit is being organized in a hybrid mode - online and physically at the NMCG office, New Delhi and IIT, Kanpur.
- The IWIS 2021 is a five-day event and this year’s theme is ‘River Resources Allocation “Planning and Management at the Regional Level”’.
- Last year, the 5th edition of the India Water Impact Summit (IWIS) was successfully organized by the NMCG and c-Ganga on the theme of comprehensive analysis and holistic management of local rivers and water bodies with the focus on Arth Ganga - River Conservation Synchronized Development.

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- This year the Summit will enlighten the participants on the complexities and peculiarities as well as the scales of managing the rivers across the basin.
- The focus will be on synchronizing river conservation with long term developmental needs by river resource budgeting.

27. Which country is holding the presidency of G20 summit for 2022?

- A. Japan
- B. China
- C. India
- D. Indonesia
- E. Italy

**Ans. D**

**Sol.**

- \* Presidency of G20 summit for 2022 is in the hands of Indonesia
- \* G20's theme 2021: Recover Together, Recover Stronger
- \* G20 Leaders' Summit will be held for the first time in India in 2023.

28. What is India's rank in the Global Health Security (GHS) Index 2021?

- A. 55<sup>th</sup>
- B. 58<sup>th</sup>
- C. 64<sup>th</sup>
- D. 66<sup>th</sup>
- E. 75<sup>th</sup>

**Ans. D**

**Sol.**

- \* India has been ranked 66<sup>th</sup> at Global Health Security (GHS) Index 2021, across 195 countries with a score of 42.8 (out of 100).

\* GHS Index has been developed in partnership of Nuclear Threat Initiative (NTI) and Johns Hopkins Center.

\* It assesses countries' health security and capabilities across six categories and 37 indicators

\* Top performers: US, Australia, Finland, Canada, Thailand

\* Worst Performer: Somalia (195), Yemen (194), North Korea (193).

29. Who has been appointed as the Executive Director of United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF)?

- A. Henrietta Fore
- B. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala
- C. Catherine Russell
- D. Carolina Araujo
- E. None of the above

**Ans. C**

**Sol.**

\* United Nation (UN) Secretary-General Antonio Guterres appointed Catherine Russell as the Executive Director of United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF).

\* Russell will succeed Henrietta Fore, who resigned in July 2021.

\* Russell, a lawyer, has worked in Democratic politics since the mid-1980s.

\* Catherine Russell is an assistant to US President Joe Biden and she also heads the White House Office of Presidential Personnel.

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\* She served as the State Department's Ambassador-at-large for global women's issues from 2013 to 2017.

30.The 70th Miss Universe 2021 event was held in which city where India's Harnaaz Sandhu has won the crown?

- A. Johannesburg, South Africa
- B. Ankara, Turkey
- C. Eilat, Israel
- D. Milan, Italy
- E. Sydney, Australia

**Ans. C**

**Sol.**

\* India's Harnaaz Sandhu crowned as the 70th Miss Universe 2021.

\* The event was held in Eilat, Israel.

\* The 21-year-old from Punjab claimed the crown edging out Paraguay's Nadia Ferreira and South Africa's Lalela Mswane.

\* Ms Sandhu was presented the crown by Andrea Meza, former Miss Universe 2020 from Mexico.

\* She has previously been crowned Miss Diva 2021, Femina Miss India Punjab 2019 and was even placed in the Top 12 at Femina Miss India 2019.

\* Previously, only two Indians have worn the crown – Sushmita Sen in 1994, and Lara Dutta in 2000.

31.Which has become the world's first government to turn 100 per cent paperless?

- A. Dubai
- B. Singapore

- C. Tokyo
- D. Riyadh
- E. London

**Ans. A**

**Sol.**

\* Dubai became the world's first government to turn 100 percent paperless, the announcement was made by the United Arab Emirate (UAE) Crown Prince, Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum.

\* It will save around 3 billion Dirham (USD 350 million) and 14-million-man hours.

\* A comprehensive digital government services platform is managing all internal, external transactions and procedures of the Government of Dubai.

\* The Dubai Paperless Strategy was implemented in five consecutive phases, each entity consisting of a different group of the Dubai Government's entities.

32.Who has been named the Time magazine's 2021 "Person of the Year"?

- A. Bill Gates
- B. Joe Biden
- C. Warren Buffett
- D. Elon Musk
- E. Jeff Bezos

**Ans. D**

**Sol.**

\* Tesla Chief Executive Officer Elon Musk was named Time magazine's 2021 "Person of the Year".



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\* Musk is also the founder and CEO of rocket company SpaceX, and leads brain-chip startup Neuralink and infrastructure firm The Boring Company.

\* Times Magazine called him the richest man in the world who does not own a house and has recently been selling off his fortune.

33.What is the full-form of SMAT that was successfully launched by India from Abdul Kalam island, formerly known as Wheeler Island?

- A. Subsonic Missile Assisted Torpedo System
- B. Subsonic Missile Assisted Target System
- C. Supersonic Missile Assisted Torpedo System
- D. Supersonic Missile Assisted Target System
- E. Supersonic Missile Assisted Torpedo Simulator

**Ans. C**

**Sol.**

\* India successfully launched Supersonic Missile Assisted Torpedo System (SMAT) from Abdul Kalam island, formerly known as Wheeler Island, off the Odisha coast.

\* During the mission, the full range capability of the missile was successfully demonstrated.

\* The system has been designed to enhance anti-submarine warfare capability far beyond the conventional range of the torpedo.

\* The missile carried a torpedo, parachute delivery system and release mechanisms.

\* The system is launched from a ground mobile launcher and it can cover a range of distances.

34.Who has authored the book titled 'At Home in The Universe'?

- A. RC Sinha
- B. Injeti Srinivas
- C. Bala Krishna Madhur
- D. Ittira Davis
- E. Prashant Kumar

**Ans. C**

**Sol.**

\* An autobiography titled 'At Home In The Universe' by Bala Krishna Madhur was released by R.C. Sinha, IAS (Rtd), advisor to the Ministry of Road Development in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

\* The book is the autobiography of B K Madhur, a former Chief Executive Officer at DHFL Property Services Ltd, and one of the key personalities in establishing Dewan Housing.

\* The book is published by Bookworld Enterprises of Mumbai.

\* The book offers an inside view into the policy environment in the 1980s and 1990s in the Housing Finance Sector.

35.Who has authored the book titled 'Pride, Prejudice and Punditry'?

- A. Salman Khurshid
- B. P Chidambaram

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- C. Shashi Tharoor
- D. Manish Tiwari
- E. Subramanian Swamy

**Ans. C**

**Sol.**

\* Former union minister and Lok Sabha Member of Parliament Dr Shashi Tharoor's 23rd book titled 'Pride, Prejudice and Punditry' was launched in Hyderabad, Telangana.

\* The book, published by Aleph Book Company, was earlier launched in Delhi.

\* There are ten sections in this book, each devoted to a particular topic such as modern Indian history, Indian Politics etc.

36. Who has authored the book titled 'Raj Kapoor: The Master At Work' that was released by the Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu?

- A. Raj Kumar Santoshi
- B. Rajkumar Hirani
- C. Rahul Rawail
- D. Sanjay Leela Bhansali
- E. Subhash Ghai

**Ans. C**

**Sol.**

• Vice President of India, M Venkaiah Naidu released the book titled 'Raj Kapoor: The Master At Work' authored by Rahul Rawail and published by Bloomsbury India.

• The book launch event was held at India Habitat Centre in New Delhi, coinciding with Raj Kapoor's 97th birth anniversary.

• The vice president described the book as a "labour of love and dedication".

• The book is also dedicated to Raj Kapoor's second son and father of Ranbir Kapoor, Rishi Kapoor, who passed away in April 2020.

• Raj Kapoor was an Indian actor, film producer and film director who worked in Hindi cinema since the 1950's.

37. Which country conferred its highest civilian award, Ngadag Pel gi Khorlo, on Prime Minister Narendra Modi?

- A. Thailand
- B. Vietnam
- C. Bhutan
- D. Mongolia
- E. Cambodia

**Ans. C**

**Sol.**

\* Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be awarded Ngadag Pel gi Khorlo or the Order of The Druk Gyalpo, the highest civilian decoration conferred by the Kingdom of Bhutan.

\* The award, established in 2008, comes with a Breast Star and Sash Badge.

\* It honours those who have dedicated their lives to serving Bhutan's nation and people.

\* Her Majesty Queen Grandmother Ashi Kesang Choden, His Holiness Je Thrizur Tenzin Dendup, and His Holiness Je Khenpo Trulku Ngawang Jigme Choedra have been the previous recipients.



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\* Prime Minister Narendra Modi is the first foreigner to receive the coveted award.

38. Which has become the first European Union nation to legalize cultivation and personal use of cannabis?

- A. Croatia
- B. Malta
- C. Latvia
- D. Lithuania
- E. Luxembourg

**Ans. B**

**Sol.**

- Malta has become the first EU nation to legalize cultivation and personal use of cannabis.
- Maltese parliament voted in favour of reform last week, with 36 votes in favour and 27 against.
- Under this, adults will be allowed to grow four plants at home and carry seven grams of cannabis, with smoking in public or in front of children remaining illegal.
- Associations will be set up to distribute the drug to monitor how much people can buy.
- Other countries are set to follow suit, with Luxembourg, Germany and Switzerland all having announced plans to create regulated markets.

39. Who has been adjudged as the BBC's Sports Personality of the Year for 2021?

- A. Tom Daley
- B. Adam Peaty

- C. Tyson Fury
- D. Emma Raducanu
- E. Raheem Sterling

**Ans. D**

**Sol.**

- Teenage US Open champion Emma Raducanu has been voted BBC Sports Personality of the Year 2021.
- Raducanu ended Britain's 44-year wait for a women's Grand Slam singles champion with her remarkable victory at Flushing Meadows.
- Her fairytale win followed a run to the Wimbledon fourth round in July on her Grand Slam main draw debut.
- In a public vote, diver Tom Daley placed second and swimmer Adam Peaty was third.
- Manchester City and England forward Raheem Sterling, boxer Tyson Fury, and Great Britain's most successful Paralympian Sarah Storey were also shortlisted for the main award.

40. In how many languages the Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog has launched the first of its kind Vernacular Innovation Program which enables innovators and entrepreneurs to have access to the innovative ecosystem?

- A. 8 languages
- B. 10 languages
- C. 14 languages
- D. 18 languages
- E. 22 languages



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**Ans. E**

**Sol.**

\* Atal Innovation Mission, Niti Aayog launched the first of its kind Vernacular Innovation Program which enables innovators and entrepreneurs to have access to the innovative ecosystem in 22 mother tongue languages.

\* By providing access to learning in one's language and culture, Atal Innovation Mission aims to create equal opportunity for the vernacular innovators.

\* AIM will identify and train the Vernacular Task Force (VTF) in each of the 22 scheduled languages to build the required capacity of the VIP.

\* Each VTF will have vernacular language teachers, subject experts, technical writers, and the leadership of regional Atal Incubation Centers(AICs).

41. According to Hurun Global Unicorn Index 2021, which India city have maximum number of unicorns?

- A. Gurugram
- B. Mumbai
- C. Bengaluru
- D. NOIDA
- E. Hyderabad

**Ans. C**

**Sol.**

\* India has overtaken the UK to rank third with 54 unicorns, according to Hurun Global Unicorn Index 2021.

\* The report, released shows that Bengaluru has more unicorns than cities like Boston, Palo Alto, Paris, Berlin, Chicago among others, with a tally of 28 such companies--the seventh-highest in the world.

\* India has more than doubled the number of unicorns from last year and overtook the UK in the tally.

\* According to Hurun India, India's list of unicorns is led by edtech platform BYJU's which is valued at \$21 billion, followed by mobile ad-tech platform InMobi valued at \$12 billion and hospitality major OYO Rooms with a valuation of \$9.5 billion.

\* In the e-commerce sector, India is the third-largest, only behind the US and China.

42. Who is the author of the book titled 'Bachelor Dad'?

- A. Salman Khan
- B. Karan Johar
- C. Tusar Kapoor
- D. Sonu Sood
- E. Kapil Sharma

**Ans. C**

**Sol.**

\* Tusshar Kapoor has written his first book titled 'Bachelor Dad'. The actor became a single father to son Lakshya Kapoor via surrogacy in 2016.

\* He has shared his journey of being a single father in the new book.

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\* The actor has shared his journey of the 'slightly unconventional road to fatherhood' in his debut book, Bachelor Dad.

\* On the cover of the book, he can be seen carrying his son.

\* Announcing the book, Tusshar wrote, "I WROTE A BOOK! Becoming a father has been one of the most cherished moments of my life and my first book, Bachelor Dad, talks about how I took a slightly unconventional road to fatherhood."

43. The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully conducted the flight test of indigenously developed HEAT Abhyas. What is the full form of HEAT?

- A. High-speed Expendable Aerial Target
- B. Highly Secured Expendable Aerial Target
- C. High-speed Expendable Advanced Target
- D. Highly Secured Expendable Advanced Target
- E. None of the above

**Ans. A**

**Sol.**

\* DRDO has successfully conducted flight test of Indigenously developed High-speed Expendable Aerial Target (HEAT) 'Abhyas' from Integrated Test Range at Chandipur off the coast of Odisha.

\* During its trial, high subsonic speed trajectory at a very low altitude with high endurance was demonstrated.

\* Two boosters provided initial acceleration during launch and small turbojet engine was used to sustain high subsonic speed with long endurance.

\* Developed by: Aeronautical Development Establishment (ADE), Bengaluru, along with other DRDO laboratories.

44. First woman Air Marshal of Indian Air Force (IAF) Padma Bandopadhyay for which field she was awarded the Padma Shri?

- A. Medicine
- B. Science & Engineering
- C. Civil Service
- D. Literature & Education
- E. Art

**Ans. A**

**Sol.**

Bandopadhyay is an aviation **medicine specialist** and a member of the New York Academy of Sciences.

Air Marshal Padma Bandopadhyay, PVSM, AVSM, VSM, PHS is a decorated former flight surgeon in the Indian Air Force.

She was the first woman to be promoted to the rank of Air Marshal in the Indian Air Force.

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45. Which state has won their maiden Vijay Hazare Trophy beating Tamil Nadu in the final in Jaipur?

- A. Himachal Pradesh
- B. Uttarakhand
- C. Karnataka
- D. Kerala
- E. Odisha

**Ans. A**

**Sol.**

\* Himachal Pradesh clinch their maiden Vijay Hazare Trophy beating Tamil Nadu in the final in Jaipur.

\* Himachal Pradesh skipper Rishi Dhawan won the toss and put Dinesh Karthik-led Tamil Nadu to bat.

\* Youngster Shubham Arora came out all guns blazing with his maiden List A century as Himachal downed five-time champions Tamil Nadu.

\* Tamil Nadu have been the best domestic side in the country in white-ball cricket since the 2019-20 season.

46. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh laid the foundation stone for a Defence Technology & Test Centre (DTTC) in which city of Uttar Pradesh to accelerate the growth of the defence and aerospace manufacturing clusters in Uttar Pradesh Defence Industrial Corridor?

- A. Kanpur
- B. Varanasi
- C. Lucknow
- D. Agra
- E. NOIDA

**Ans. C**

**Sol.**

\* Defence Minister Rajnath Singh laid the foundation stone for a Defence Technology & Test Centre (DTTC) and a BrahMos manufacturing centre in Lucknow.

\* A first-of-its-kind DTTC is being set up to accelerate the growth of the defence and aerospace manufacturing clusters in Uttar Pradesh Defence Industrial Corridor.

\* The Brahmos manufacturing centre, announced by BrahMos Aerospace, is a modern, state-of-the-art facility in the Lucknow node of UP DIC.

\* The DTTC is being set up to implement the MoU exchanged between the Uttar Pradesh Expressways Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA) and the DRDO during the DefExpo-2020 in Lucknow.

47. Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of Renukaji Dam project in which state that was pending for around three decades?

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

**Ans. B**



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**Sol.**

- \* PM Modi will be visiting Mandi, Himachal Pradesh to inaugurate and lay the foundation stone of hydropower projects worth over ₹11,000 crore.
- \* He will lay the foundation stone of Renukaji Dam project which is lying pending for around three decades.
- \* Also, he inaugurated the Sawra-Kuddu Hydro Power Project.
- \* The 111 MW Project has been built at a cost of around ₹2,080 crore
- \* Other Projects are: Luhri Stage 1 Hydro Power Project and Dhaulasidh Hydro Power Project.

48. Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) comes under the ambit of which ministry?

- A. Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- B. Ministry of Finance
- C. Ministry of Home Affairs
- D. Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
- E. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology

**Ans. D**

**Sol.**

\* In March, 1954, an Organisation and Method (O & M) Division was set up in Cabinet Secretariat as a follow up on one of the recommendations made by Paul H. Appleby.

\* In March, 1964, a Department of Administrative Reforms was set up within the Ministry of Home Affairs and Organisation and Method (O & M) Division was transferred to its charge from the Cabinet Secretariat.

\* On 07th February, 1973, the work relating to Department of Administrative Reforms was transferred to Department of Personnel created under Cabinet Secretariat on 01st August, 1970 and was re-designated as Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms.

\* In April, 1977, Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms was shifted from Cabinet Secretariat to the Ministry of Home Affairs.

\* In March 1985, the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms was elevated to a full fledged Ministry of Personnel and Training, Administrative Reforms, Public Grievances and Pensions. On December 10, 1985 Ministry of Personnel and Training, Administrative Reforms, Public Grievances and Pensions was re-designated as the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions with three departments namely, Department of Personnel and Training (DOPT), Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances and Department of Pension and Pensioners Welfare.

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\* This Ministry was placed under the overall charge of the Prime Minister assisted by a Minister of State.

49. Which state has topped the composite ranking in the Good Governance Index 2021?

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

**Ans. D**

**Sol.**

\* Gujarat has topped the composite ranking in the Good Governance Index 2021 covering 10 sectors, followed by Maharashtra and Goa.

\* Delhi topped the Union territories category composite ranking.

\* In the indicators launched by Union home minister Amit Shah, Uttar Pradesh showed an 8.9 per cent incremental growth in the period 2019 to 2021 while the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir registered an improvement of 3.7 per cent in the same period.

\* GGI 2021 Framework covered agriculture and allied sectors; commerce and industries; human resource development; public health; public infrastructure & utilities; economic governance; social welfare & development; judicial & public security; environment; and citizen-centric governance.

\* According to the index prepared by the Department of

Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG), Gujarat registered a 12.3 per cent increase, performing strongly on 5 of the 10 sectors including economic governance, human resource development, public infrastructure and utilities, social welfare and development, judiciary and public safety.

50. Nobel Peace Prize Winner Renowned personality Desmond Tutu passed away recently he was a veteran \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Politician
- B. Cricketer
- C. Human Right Activist
- D. Scientist
- E. None of the above

**Ans. C**

**Sol.**

\* Desmond Tutu, South Africa's Nobel Peace Prize-winning activist for racial justice and LGBT rights and retired Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town passed away recently.

\* Tutu was diagnosed with prostate cancer in the late 1990s and in recent years he was hospitalized on several occasions to treat infections associated with his cancer treatment.

\* In 1984 Tutu won the Nobel Peace Prize for his non-violent opposition to apartheid.



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\* A decade later, he witnessed the ends of that regime and he chaired a Truth and Reconciliation Commission, set up to unearth atrocities committed during those dark days.

51. Who has won the Sushila Devi Award 2021?

- A. Anukruti Upadhyay
- B. Chitra Banerjee Divakarun
- C. Sarah Desai
- D. Neena Gupta
- E. Lily Menon

**Ans. A**

**Sol.**

- Anukruti Upadhyay has won Sushila Devi Award 2021 for the Best Book of Fiction for her critically acclaimed novel 'Kintsugi' which was published under Fourth Estate imprint.
- It has been instituted by Ratanlal Foundation.
- It was announced by Ratanlal Foundation and organizing Committee of the Bhopal Literature and Art Festival
- Previous winners have been Namita Gokhale (Things To Leave Behind), Shubhangi Swarup (Latitudes of Longing) and Avni Doshi (Girl in White Cotton).

52. Who has been awarded the prestigious Global Environment and Climate Action Citizen Award in Dubai?

- A. Ganesh Kumar Subramanian
- B. Soumya Ranjan Biswal
- C. Viral Sudhirbhai Desai

- D. Akhilesh Anil Kumar
- E. Berjis Driver

**Ans. C**

**Sol.**

- Viral Sudhirbhai Desai, an industrialist from Surat, who is popularly known as the Greenman or green man of Gujarat has been honoured with the Global Environment and Climate Action Citizen Award 2021.
- Among the 28 personalities from 11 countries (which includes the United Kingdom(UK), the United States(US), New Zealand, France, and Malaysia,) who were honoured with this award, Viral Desai was the only Indian to win the honour for climate change
- The winners of the 8th Edition of the "Bharat Gaurav Awards" Lifetime achievement award, were felicitated at Atlantis, The Palm Island, Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE) with the Bharat Gaurav Samman by Sanskruti Yuva Sansthan.
- Sheikh Awad Mohammed Mugrin, Director-General of the Foreign Trade and Economic Development Department, UAE participated in the event.

53. According to the NITI Aayog's fourth edition of the State Health Index for 2019-20 titled "Healthy States, Progressive India", which state at the top among the larger states, in terms of annual incremental performance?



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

**Ans. C**

**Sol.**

- NITI Aayog released the fourth edition of the State Health Index for 2019–20. The report, titled “Healthy States, Progressive India”, ranks states and Union Territories on their year-on-year incremental performance in health outcomes as well as their overall status.
- Among the ‘Larger States’, in terms of annual incremental performance, Uttar Pradesh, Assam and Telangana are the top three ranking states.
- Among ‘Smaller States’, Mizoram and Meghalaya registered the maximum annual incremental progress.
- Among UTs, Delhi, followed by Jammu and Kashmir, showed the best incremental performance.
- On overall ranking based on the composite index score in 2019–20, the top-ranking states were Kerala and Tamil Nadu among the ‘Larger States’, Mizoram and Tripura among the ‘Smaller States’, and DH&DD and Chandigarh among the UTs.

54. Who has been named as the 2021 Person of the Year by the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA)?

- A. Dipika Padukone
- B. Alia Bhatt
- C. Vidhya Balan
- D. Shraddha Kapoor
- E. Aishwarya Rai Bachchan

**Ans. B**

**Sol.**

- \* To celebrate Alia Bhatt’s work in support of an animal-friendly fashion industry and her advocacy for dogs and cats in need, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) India has named the actress its 2021 Person of the Year.
- \* Alia Bhatt is an animal lover and often shares pictures with her pets.
- \* This year, Alia Bhatt invested in Phool, the company behind Fleather, which is a vegan leather made from discarded temple flowers.
- \* Her vegan kidswear line, Ed-a-Mamma, also won a 2021 PETA India fashion award for helping to nurture kids’ love for animals and nature.
- \* Alia also starred in a pro-adoption PETA India campaign to help cats and dogs.
- \* She has used her position to call for stronger animal protection laws.

55. Which country has created the world's first dual-mode vehicle (DMV) that can run on both roads and rail tracks?

- A. Germany
- B. Japan
- C. South Korea
- D. China
- E. France

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**Ans. B**

**Sol.**

\* Japan has created the world's first dual-mode vehicle (DMV) that can run on both roads and rail tracks.

\* The railbus is set to make its public debut on Saturday in the town of Kaiyo in Japan.

\* The DMV looks like a minibus and runs on normal rubber tyres on the road.

\* It also has steel wheels in its underbelly which descend when it hits the rail tracks.

\* The front tyres are lifted off the track and the rear wheels stay down to propel the DMV onto the railway.

\* This feature of effectively changing into a train-like module easily on a rail track is the first of its kind.

56. Which state top among the among the 34 states and Union Territories (UTs) in the implementation of the Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission (SPMRM)?

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

**Ans. C**

**Sol.**

\* Telangana stood first in the implementation of the Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission (SPMRM).

\* The mission was launched four years ago to stimulate local economic development, enhance basic services and create well planned clusters.

\* Tamil Nadu and Gujarat took the second and third positions respectively.

\* In Telangana, in as many as 17 clusters (12 non-tribal and five tribal), the programme was being implemented at an estimated cost of ₹1,885.12 crore.

57. Who has won the Ramnath Goenka award in the "Uncovering India Invisible" category for his 2019 story "Death by Digital Exclusion"?

- A. Suresh Nambath
- B. Mukund Padmanabhan
- C. Shiv Sahay Singh
- D. Malini Parthasarathy
- E. K. Srinivasan

**Ans. C**

**Sol.**

\* The Hindu's West Bengal correspondent Shiv Sahay Singh won the Ramnath Goenka award in the "Uncovering India Invisible" category for his 2019 story "Death by Digital Exclusion"

\* It exposed how the Jharkhand government's insistence on digitisation deprived people living on the margins of the benefits of the public distribution system (PDS).

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\* The story detailed the Jharkhand government's decision to plug leakages in the PDS by linking all ration cards to Aadhaar.

\* Beneficiaries, who could not link their ration card with Aadhaar or had no Aadhaar cards, were denied ration.

\* This led to major distress among tribal communities.

\* Tridip K Mandal of The Quint is the broadcast media winner under the same category.

58. Who has been appointed as the Deputy National Security Advisor in the National Security Council Secretariat of India?

- A. Pradeep Kumar Rawat
- B. Vikram Misri
- C. Biren Nanda
- D. A Gitesh Sarma
- E. Navdeep Singh Suri

**Ans. B**

**Sol.**

\* India's former envoy to China Vikram Misri was appointed Deputy National Security Advisor in the National Security Council Secretariat.

\* A career diplomat from the 1989 batch of the Indian Foreign Service, Mr Misri was appointed as India's Ambassador to Beijing in 2019.

\* The Ministry of External Affairs had earlier this month appointed Pradeep Kumar Rawat as the next ambassador to China.

\* Mr Misri has served in various capacities at the Ministry of External

Affairs, in the Prime Minister's Office in New Delhi and in various Indian missions abroad in Europe, Africa, Asia and North America.

\* Mr Misri has also been India's Ambassador to Myanmar and to Spain.

\* Before joining the government, he worked for three years in the private sector in the fields of advertising and advertising film-making.

59. Which district of North East Region adjudged as the top performer in Northeastern Region District SDG Index and Dashboard 2021-22 released by the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Development of Northeastern Region (MDoNER) with NITI Aayog?

- A. East Sikkim, Sikkim
- B. Pakyong, Sikkim
- C. Imphal East, Manipur
- D. Dibrugarh, Assam
- E. Sivasagar, Assam

**Ans. A**

**Sol.**

• Minister of Tourism, Culture and Development of Northeastern Region (MDoNER) with NITI Aayog releases Northeastern Region District SDG Index and Dashboard 2021-22

• Index measures the performance of the district of the 8 NE States

• This is the first time, District wise index is being prepared



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- SDG Index will be used as a base for planning of development and welfare activities, education, health care.
- Top performer: East Sikkim district
- Worst: Kiphire district of Nagaland

60. Which state assembly has passed the Shakti Criminal Laws Act making it the second state in India after Andhra Pradesh to approve death penalty for heinous offences of rape and gangrape?

- A. Karnataka
- B. Madhya Pradesh
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Odisha
- E. West Bengal

**Ans. C**

**Sol.**

- Maharashtra Assembly passed Shakti Criminal Laws (Maharashtra Amendment) Act unanimously
- With this, Maharashtra became the second state in India after Andhra Pradesh to approve death penalty for heinous offences of rape and gangrape.
- The Act has amended existing criminal laws to include death penalty as punishment in cases of rape and gangrape
- Existing law on rape had provisions for death penalty only in cases of repeated offences.

61. Which state government recently has launched Kaushal Rozgar Nigam Portal?

- A. Rajasthan
- B. Himachal Pradesh
- C. Haryana
- D. Karnataka
- E. Madhya Pradesh

**Ans. C**

**Sol.**

- Haryana chief minister Manohar Lal Khattar launched the Haryana Kaushal Rozgar Nigam portal and announced the setting up of Atal Park and Smriti Kendra in Gurugram.
- A patrika named 'Vyavastha Parivartan Se Susashan' along with the official calendar of year 2022 was also launched.
- Now all the problems of the public are being solved easily through CM Window. So far, more than 8.5 lakh issues have been resolved.

62. Which University ranked first in the Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements (ARIIA) 2021?

- A. Panjab University
- B. Delhi Technological University
- C. Netaji Subhas University of Technology
- D. Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University
- E. Avinashilingam Institute For Home Science And Higher Education For Women

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**Ans. A**

**Sol.**

- The Ministry of Education's innovation cell released the Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements (ARIIA) 2021.
- ARIIA 2021 classifies participating institutions into two major categories; technical and non-technical.
- In government and government-aided universities, the rank-holders were –
  - o Rank 1: Panjab University
  - o Rank 2: Delhi Technological University
  - o Rank 3: Netaji Subhas University of Technology
  - o Rank 4: Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University

63. Atal Rankings of Institutions on Innovation Achievements (ARIIA) 2021 is a joint initiative of the Ministry of Education and \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. NITI Aayog
- B. University Grant Commission (UGC)
- C. NCTE
- D. AICTE
- E. National Board of Accreditation

**Ans. D**

**Sol.**

- The Ministry of Education's innovation cell released the Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements (ARIIA) 2021.

- ARIIA 2021 classifies participating institutions into two major categories; technical and non-technical.

- ARIIA is a very unique joint initiative of the Ministry of Education and AICTE to systematically rank higher educational institutions in India on indicators related to Innovation, Startup and Entrepreneurship Development amongst students and faculty.

64. Who has been appointed as India's next permanent representative to the UN Conference on Disarmament in Geneva?

- A. Pradeep Kumar Rawat
- B. Vikram Misri
- C. Anupam Ray
- D. A Gitesh Sarma
- E. Navdeep Singh Suri

**Ans. C**

**Sol.**

- Senior diplomat Anupam Ray has been appointed as India's next permanent representative to the UN Conference on Disarmament in Geneva.

- Mr. Ray, a 1994-batch Indian Foreign Service officer, is currently serving as a joint secretary in the MEA's headquarters in Delhi.

- Mr. Sharma, a 1991-batch Indian Foreign Service officer, has been appointed as India's next ambassador to Mexico.



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65. Which of the following countries set to become the newest member of the New Development Bank (NDB) (BRICS Bank)?

- A. Pakistan
- B. Egypt
- C. Saudi Arabia
- D. Turkey
- E. Iran

**Ans. B**

**Sol.**

- The BRICS New Development Bank (NDB) announced that it will add Egypt as its new member.
- Egypt is the fourth new member admitted into NDB, after Bangladesh, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Uruguay, further expanding the bank's global outreach.
- Egypt is one of the world's fastest-growing countries, a major economy in the African continent and the Middle East region as well as a key player in development finance institutions.
- Headquartered in Shanghai, China NDB was established by Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa to mobilize resources for infrastructure and sustainable development projects in BRICS and other emerging economies and developing countries, complementing the existing efforts of multilateral and regional financial institutions for global growth and development.

- NDB has an authorized capital of US\$ 100 billion, which is open for subscription by members of the United Nations.

66. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will lay the foundation stone of Major Dhyan Chand Sports University at \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Meerut
- B. Ghaziabad
- C. Lucknow
- D. Rewari
- E. Haridwar

**Ans. A**

**Sol.**

- PM Narendra Modi will lay the foundation stone of Major Dhyan Chand Sports University at Meerut.
- The University will be established at Salawa and Kaili villages of Sardhana town in Meerut at an estimated cost of about 700 Crore rupees.
- The University will have the capacity of training 1080 sportspersons, including 540 female and 540 male sportspersons.
- One of the key areas of focus for the Prime Minister is inculcating sporting culture and establishing world-class sporting infrastructure in all parts of the country.
- The establishment of Major Dhyan Chand Sports University at Meerut will be a major step towards fulfilling this vision.

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67. World's longest Metro line opened in which city?

- A. Shanghai
- B. Tokyo
- C. New York
- D. Abu Dhabi
- E. Seoul

**Ans. A**

**Sol.**

- Shanghai has opened two new metro lines, upholding its rank as the city with the largest Metro network in the world.
- With the inauguration of the new Metro lines, the Shanghai subway network will expand largely along 831km.
- Now, Shanghai city boasts 508 stations.
- Over 10 million people use the system on an average workday.
- Shanghai Metro began operation: 28 May 1993.

68. Eminent author Namita Gokhale won Sahitya Akademi Award for her novel \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. The Day in Shadow
- B. Plans for Departure
- C. Things to Leave Behind
- D. A Burning
- E. Amrita Shergil: Rebel With A Paintbrush

**Ans. C**

**Sol.**

- The Sahitya Akademi announced its awards for 2021 for literary works in 20 languages, including novels in Assamese and English by

Anuradha Sarma Pujari and Namita Gokhale respectively.

- Ms. Gokhale was awarded for her novel Things to Leave Behind and Ms. Pujari for Iyat Ekhan Aaronya Asil.
- Seven books of poetry, five of short stories, two plays, one each of biography, autobiography, criticism and epic poetry had won the Sahitya Akademi Awards 2021.
- The awards for works in Gujarati, Maithili, Manipuri and Urdu would be announced at a later date.

69. Which railway station has been renamed as Veerangana Laxmibai Railway Station?

- A. Jhansi Railway Station
- B. Indore Railway Station
- C. Bhopal Railway Station
- D. Itarsi Railway Station
- E. Gwalior Railway Station

**Ans. A**

**Sol.**

- The Uttar Pradesh government has renamed Jhansi Railway Station as 'Veerangana Laxmibai Railway Station' after Rani Laxmibai.
- Earlier the Mughalsarai Railway station was renamed as Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya junction and the Faizabad Railway station as Ayodhya Cantt.
- Since coming to power, Mr Adityanath government has changed names of several establishments including those of Faizabad and Allahabad districts,

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which were renamed as Ayodhya and Prayagraj, respectively.

70. Who has been awarded as the 'Journalist of the Year' for 2020 by the Mumbai Press Club?

- A. Raghunath Rai Chowdhry
- B. Danish Siddiqui
- C. Atul Kasbekar
- D. Dayanita Singh
- E. Prabuddha Dasgupta

**Ans. B**

**Sol.**

- Photojournalist Danish Siddiqui, who died during an assignment in Afghanistan, has been posthumously awarded as the 'Journalist of the Year' for 2020 by the Mumbai Press Club.
- Danish Siddiqui's wife Frederike Siddiqui received the award.
- Senior journalist Prem Shankar Jha, 83, was bestowed with the lifetime achievement award "for his long and distinguished career of incisive and analytical writing".

71. Which state government has decided to give a concession of ₹25 per litre petrol to motorcycles and scooter riders?

- A. Bihar
- B. Odisha
- C. Andhra Pradesh
- D. Jharkhand
- E. Telangana

**Ans. D**

**Sol.**

- The Jharkhand government has decided to give a concession of ₹25 per litre petrol to motorcycles and scooter riders.
- This scheme will be implemented from 26 January, 2022.
- The move will benefit two-wheeler riders especially the poor and middle class as the petrol prices are very high since past few months.

72. Renowned personality Sabine Weis passed away recently, she was a veteran \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. journalist
- B. photographer
- C. scientist
- D. actor
- E. architect

**Ans. B**

**Sol.**

- Swiss-French photographer Sabine Weiss, who chronicled social change with a unique gaze for nearly eight decades.
- Weiss was the last of the French humanist photography school of post-World War II that reimagined the evocative powers of images, which included Robert Doisneau, Willy Ronis and Brassai.
- A pioneer of what later became known as street photography, Weiss captured the condition of ordinary people in the French capital, often outdoors, in a body of work that has been shown in major retrospectives around the world.

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73. Which state government has launched Digital Life Certificate system for pensioners?

- A. Bihar
- B. Odisha
- C. Andhra Pradesh
- D. Jharkhand
- E. Telangana

**Ans. B**

**Sol.**

- Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik launched Digital Life Certificate system for pensioners virtually while attending the orientation programme for newly recruited 153 officers of Odisha Civil Services.
- Odisha is the first state in the country to implement such a digital service for pensioners.
- Under the Digital Life Certificate system, identification and life certificates can be submitted by the pensioners using an Artificial Intelligence-based video-verification process.
- CM also launched E-Diary, under which all information contained in the government diary can be readily and conveniently accessed by citizens using their mobile phones.

74. Jawaharlal Nehru Road in which state has been renamed as 'Narendra Modi Marg'?

- A. Sikkim
- B. Assam
- C. Tripura
- D. Goa
- E. Manipur

**Ans. A**

**Sol.**

- A second road linking Tsomgo lake and Nathula border pass with Gangtok -- christened as 'Narendra Modi Marg' -- was officially inaugurated by Governor Ganga Prasad.
- The older route is called Jawaharlal Nehru Road.
- The alternative double-lane road at 51 Kyongasala gram panchayat unit (GPU) -- spanning 19.51 km -- has been operational for almost a year now.

75. Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, Bharati Pawar has inaugurated Central Government Health Scheme, CGHS Wellness Centre in \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Jaipur, Rajasthan
- B. Nashik, Maharashtra
- C. Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
- D. Ranchi, Jharkhand
- E. Dharmshala, Himachal Pradesh

**Ans. B**

**Sol.**

- Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, Bharati Pawar will inaugurate Central Government Health Scheme, CGHS Wellness Centre in Nashik in Maharashtra.
- After this, Nashik will be 4th city in Maharashtra after Mumbai, Pune and Nagpur to have CGHS Wellness Centre.
- It will provide OPD Treatment including issue of medicines, indoor treatment at Government and



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Empanelled Hospitals, cashless facility available for treatment in empanelled centers for pensioners and other identified beneficiaries.

- Currently, more than 38 lakh 50 thousand beneficiaries are covered by CGHS in 74 cities all over India.

76.Name the Indian women cricketer who has been nominated for the prestigious Rachael Heyhoe Flint Trophy for ICC Women's Cricketer of the Year-2021 award?

- A. Smriti Mandhana
- B. Mithali Raj
- C. Harmanpreet Kaur
- D. Mansi Joshi
- E. Deepti Sharma

**Ans. A**

**Sol.**

- Indian women's team cricketer Smriti Mandhana has been nominated for the prestigious Rachael Heyhoe Flint Trophy for ICC Women's Cricketer of the Year-2021 award.

- She has scored 855 runs in 22 internationals, at an average of 38.86 with one century and five half-centuries

- Besides her, other three cricketers - England's Tammy Beaumont, Australia's Lizelle Lee and Ireland's Gaby Lewis are also being nominated.

77.India's first state-of-the-art water taxi services will be commissioned in which city of India?

- A. Kochi
- B. Goa
- C. Mumbai
- D. Kolkata
- E. Chennai

**Ans. C**

**Sol.**

- The financial capital of Mumbai is set to get a new transportation solution with the commissioning of state-of-the-art water taxi services.

- The services would be formally launched in January by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the exact dates are being finalised.

- The project is a joint initiative of Mumbai Port Trust (MbPT), City and Industrial Development Corporation (CIDCO) and Maharashtra Maritime Board (MMB).

- Infinity Harbour Services LLP and West Coast Marine will be the two service operators.

- From Mumbai, the two points for the services would be the International Cruise Terminal at Ballard Pier and Domestic Cruise Terminal (DCT) at Ferry Wharf.

- The government is working on various routes from DCT to Nerul, Belapur, Vashi, Airoli, Rewas, Karanja, Dharamtar, Kanhoji Angre Island and Thane.

- Another route is from ICT to Elephanta Island, which is a tourist spot and a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



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