

## GENERAL AWARENESS-CURRENT AFFAIRS

### MONTH OF MAY-2021

#### List of Important Days

- May 01 - International Labour Day (also known as May Day or International Workers' Day).
- May 02 - World Tuna Day.
- May 02 - World Laughter Day.
- May 03 - World Press Freedom Day (also known as World Press Day).
- May 04 (1st Tuesday of May) - World Asthma Day. (Theme - "Uncovering Asthma Misconceptions")
- May 04 - Coal Miners' Day.
- May 04 - International Firefighters' Day.
- May 05 - International Day of the Midwife. (Theme - "Follow the Data: Invest in Midwives.")
- May 05 - World Hand Hygiene Day. (Theme - "Seconds Save Lives: Clean Your Hands")
- May 05 - World Athletics Day.
- May 06 - International No Diet Day.
- May 08 - World Migratory Bird Day. (Theme - "Sing, Fly, Soar - Like a Bird!")
- May 08 - World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day. (Theme - "Unstoppable")
- May 08 - World Thalassaemia Day. (Theme - "Addressing Health Inequalities Across the Global Thalassaemia Community")
- May 10 - International Day of Argania.
- May 12 - International Nurses Day. (Theme - "Nurses: A Voice to Lead - A vision for future healthcare")
- May 15 - International Day of Families. (Theme - "Families and New Technologies")
- May 16 - International Day of Living Together in Peace.
- May 16 - International Day of Light.
- May 16 - National Dengue Day.
- May 17-23 - 6th UN Global Road Safety Week.
- May 17 - World Hypertension Day. (Theme - "Measure Your Blood Pressure Accurately, Control It, Live Longer")
- May 17 - World Telecommunication and Information Society Day. (Theme - "Accelerating Digital Transformation in challenging times")
- May 18 - International Museum Day. (Theme - "The Future of Museums: Recover and Reimagine")
- May 18 - World AIDS Vaccine Day.
- May 20 - World Metrology Day. (Theme - "Measurement for Health")
- May 20 - World Bee Day. (Theme - "Bee engaged: Build Back Better for Bees")
- May 21 - World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development.
- May 21 - International Tea Day.

- May 22 - International Day for Biological Diversity. (Theme - "We're part of the solution")
- May 23 - World Turtle Day. (Theme - "Turtles Rock!")
- May 23 - International Day to End Obstetric Fistula. (Theme - "Women's rights are human rights! End fistula now!")
- May 24 - Indian Commonwealth Day. (Theme - "Delivering a Common Future")
- May 25 - International Missing Children's Day.
- May 25 - World Thyroid Day.
- May 26 - Vesak Day 2021.
- May 28 - Amnesty International Day.
- May 29 - World Digestive Health Day (WDHD). (Theme - "Obesity: An Ongoing Pandemic.")
- May 29 - International Everest Day.
- May 29 - International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers.
- May 31 - World No-Tobacco Day. (Theme - "Commit to quit.")

### Reserve Bank of India

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a monetary **penalty** of **₹3 crores** on **ICICI Bank** for non-compliance with its directions in the matter of shifting of securities from one category to another.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das has announced a **Covid-19 healthcare package** of **Rs 50,000 crore**, for lending to entities such as vaccine makers, medical equipment suppliers, hospitals and related sectors, besides the patients in need of funds for treatment.
- The Reserve Bank of India recently announced that it is to conduct the first **Special Long Term Repo Operation (SLTRO)** of Rs 10,000 crores for **Small Finance Banks**.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has **cancelled** the licence of **United Co-operative Bank Ltd** over inadequate capital, regulatory non-compliance, based in Bagnan, **West Bengal**.
- The Reserve Bank of India will transfer **Rs 99,122 crore** surplus to the Central Government for the accounting period of nine months ended March 31, 2021 (July 2020-March 2021).
  - The Contingency Risk Buffer will remain at 5.50%.
- The **RBI** has imposed monetary **penalty** on **City Union Bank, Tamilnad Mercantile Bank** and two other lenders for contravention of certain directions issued by the central bank.
- The Reserve Bank of India has imposed a **fine** of Rs 10 crore on **HDFC Bank** for deficiencies in regulatory compliance found in the auto loan portfolio of the bank.

### State Bank of India

- The **State Bank of India** has allocated **Rs 71 crores** to support various initiatives that will help India battle the deadly second wave of COVID-19 pandemic.

### Other Banks

- The Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI), has launched two loan products for MSMEs to help them with the required financial support in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic.
  - SIDBI launches **SHWAS** and **AROG Loan Schemes**.
- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs gave its approval for the strategic disinvestment and transfer of management control in **IDBI Bank Ltd**.
  - The cabinet was chaired by **Narendra Modi**.

- **Jana Small Finance Bank** has announced the launch of the “**I choose my number**” feature for all its customers across India.
  - This new feature gives the bank’s existing and new customers the option to select their favourite numbers as their savings or current account number.
- **Airtel Payments Bank** has launched “**DigiGold**”, a digital platform for customers to make investments in gold.
  - This has been rolled out in partnership with **SafeGold**, a provider of digital gold.
- **IDBI Bank** announced the launch of its **fully digitized loan** processing system, offering over 50 products to MSME and the agriculture sector.
- **Kotak Mahindra Bank** has issued the first-ever foreign portfolio investor (FPI) licence to the GIFT IFSC alternative investment fund (AIF) of True Beacon Global.
  - This is the first FPI licence issued to an AIF incorporated in GIFT IFSC by any custodian bank or designated depository participant (DDP) in the country.
- **Equitas Small Finance Bank** has now become the first Small Finance Bank to offer its **NRI customer** segment the ease of account opening online.

### States

- **Odisha** government has announced **Gopabandhu Sambadika Swasthya Bima Yojana** for **journalists**.
- Under the **Parvat Dhara scheme**, the **Himachal Pradesh** government has initiated rejuvenation of water sources and recharging aquifers through the forest department with an outlay of Rs 20 crore.
- **Puducherry** has achieved the target of **100% piped water connection** in **rural** areas under the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM).
  - So, Puducherry is the **fourth** State/UT to provide assured tap water supply to every rural home under Jal Jeevan Mission.
- The **Wildlife Institute of India** recently conducted a “**Monkey Census**” in the state of **Haryana**.
  - The “Monkey Census” was a part of the “Wildlife Census of Haryana-2021”.
- **Delhi Police** has launched a **helpline number** for **senior** citizens who are struggling with their essential needs amid Covid-19.
- The **Uttarakhand Police** has launched a drive called “**Mission Hausla**” to help people get oxygen, beds, ventilators, and plasma for Covid-19 patients.
- **Bihar** government has launched ‘**HIT Covid App**’ to ensure regular monitoring and tracking of those Covid-19 patients, who are in home isolation across the state.
- **Jharkhand** has launched the ‘**Amrit Vahini**’ App for the online **booking of hospital beds**.
- **Karnataka** has been ranked **first** in establishing **Health and Wellness Centres** under Ayushman Bharat Program to provide comprehensive primary health care in rural areas.
- **Maharashtra** government has launched the “**Mission Oxygen Self-Reliance**” scheme to meet the state’s oxygen needs.
- Chief Minister of **Kerala**, Pinarayi Vijayan, announced a secretary level committee will formulate guidelines and recommendations on implementation of “**Smart Kitchen Scheme**” in state to fulfil commitments of LDF.

### Place in the News

- The world’s longest pedestrian suspension bridge named “**Arouca**” was opened in **Portugal**, according to a press release by UNESCO’s Arouca World Geopark.

## Defence and National Security

- The **Indian Navy** recently launched **Operation Samudra Setu II**.
  - The operation will aid in fulfilling oxygen requirements of the country.
- The **Indian Army** recently launched the first **Green Solar Energy** harnessing plant in **Sikkim**.
  - The plant uses Vanadium based battery technology.
  - It was completed in collaboration with IIT Mumbai.
- The **Indian** and **Indonesian Navies** conducted **Passage Exercise (PASSEX)** in the southern Arabian Sea with a focus on further improving their interoperability.
- The **Indian Navy** has designed an **Oxygen Recycling System (ORS)** to mitigate the existing Oxygen shortages.

## Schemes/Initiatives

- The Mahindra Group Chairman, **Anand Mahindra** has rolled out a project titled '**Oxygen on Wheels**' to ease the transportation of **oxygen** from producing plants to hospitals and homes, following acute oxygen shortage amid a severe second wave of coronavirus.
- The Nation's first '**Drive in Vaccination Center**' was inaugurated by MP **Rahul Shewale** in **Mumbai**.
- The Union Cabinet recently approved the **Production Linked Incentive** scheme for Advanced Chemistry Cell Battery Storage.
- **Harley-Davidson Inc.** has launched an all-electric motorcycle brand "**LiveWire**," the latest effort by the company to ramp up bets on the rapidly growing electric vehicle market.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** recently released the **eighth instalment** of Prime Minister **Kisan Samman Nidhi**.
- **Haryana** Chief Minister **Manohar Lal Khattar** launched '**Sanjeevani Pariyojana**', a supervised home care initiative to largely help people with mild to moderate symptoms in rural areas to access quick medical care at home.
- Defence Minister, **Rajnath Singh**, has launched '**Services e-Health Assistance & Tele-consultation (SeHAT) OPD Portal**'.
  - Service Will be provided by defence services doctors who are on regular duties.

## Agreement/Deal/Signed

- **Indian Bank** signed an MoU with **Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL)** to provide seamless telecom services to the Indian Bank at competitive market rates.
- **Facebook** has partnered with the Indian government to roll out a **vaccine finder tool** on its mobile app in **India**, which will help people identify places nearby to get inoculated.
- **Shivrai** Technologies partnered with leading digital banking platform, **Yono SBI** to help smallholder, marginal, and large-holder farmers by way of a free application.
- **PepsiCo** Foundation said it has partnered with the not-for-profit organisation, Sustainable Environment and Ecological Development Society (**SEEDS**) to launch a community COVID-19 vaccination drive and set up COVID care centres.
- The Union Cabinet chaired by PM **Modi** gave its approval to the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between **India** and the **United Kingdom** on the Migration and Mobility Partnership.
- The Oil and Gas PSUs including **Indian Oil, ONGC, HPCL, BPCL** and **GAIL** and **Shri Badrinath Utthan Charitable Trust** signed Memorandums of Understanding for the Construction and Redevelopment of **Shri Badrinath Dham** as a Spiritual Smart hill Town.

- Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (**HAL**) and **Rolls-Royce** have signed an MoU to establish packaging, installation, marketing, and services support for Rolls-Royce **MT30 marine engines** in India.
- A Canadian Research and Development Company, **Geometric Energy Corporation** has announced cooperating with Elon Musk's **SpaceX** to launch a mission to the **moon**.
  - The mission will be funded entirely with **Dogecoin Cryptocurrency**.
- The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (**NASA**) recently signed an agreement with **Axiom Space**.
  - Under the agreement, Axiom is to send its astronauts to **International Space Station**.
  - The mission has been named as Ax-1.
- The Union Cabinet, chaired by PM Modi gave its approval to the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the **Qatar Financial Centre Authority (QFCA)** and the **Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI)**.
- **Geojit Financial Services** has entered into an agreement with **Punjab National Bank** to provide a three-in-one account to the latter's customers.
  - The new service gives customers who have a savings account with PNB, a PNB Demat account and a Geojit trading account.
- The National Health Authority (**NHA**) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the state government of **Telangana** to implement the **Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY)** with immediate effect.
- **India** and **Israel** have inked a three-year joint work programme which will continue till 2023.
- The Union Cabinet has granted approval to the Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) entered into by the **Institute of Cost Accountants of India** and the **Institute of Company Secretaries of India** with various countries and organisations.
  - The MoUs seek to facilitate mutual recognition of qualifications and a range of collaborative activities for the exchange of knowledge.

#### Meet/Visit

- **India** and **Russia** have agreed to establish a '2+2 Ministerial Dialogue' at the Foreign & Defence Minister level between the two countries.
- The first-ever **India-France-Australia** Trilateral Foreign Ministerial Dialogue was held in **London, UK**, on the sidelines of the **G7 Foreign Ministers' Meeting**.
  - The meeting was attended by External Affairs Minister, Dr **S. Jaishankar** from India, France's Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs, Mr Jean-Yves Le Drian and Australia's Minister for Foreign Affairs, Senator Marise Payne.
- The first **BRICS Employment Working Group** was held virtually. It was hosted by **India**. India assumed BRICS Presidency in 2021.
- The fourth **India-Swiss Financial Dialogue** was held here virtually through video conferencing. Ajay Seth, Secretary Economic Affairs led the Indian delegation.

#### Fund

- The **International Monetary Fund** has proposed a **\$50 billion** global **vaccination** plan that would cover at least 40 per cent of the global population by the end of 2021 and at least 60 per cent by the first half of 2022.

#### Companies/Industry

- Serum Institute of India (**SII**) is expanding its vaccine business in the **United Kingdom** with an investment of **£240 million**.

- The serum has already started phase one trials in the UK of a one-dose nasal vaccine for coronavirus, in partnership with **Codagenix INC**.
- The Digital Payment service provider **PayPal** recently introduced **Foreign Inward Remittance Advice**.
- Alphabet Inc's **Google** has launched international money transfer partnerships with remittances firms **Wise** and **Western Union Co** for users of its U.S. payments app.
  - Google Pay users in the United States can now transfer money to app customers in India and Singapore, with plans to expand to the 80 countries available via Wise, and 200 via Western Union by the end of the year.
- The Munjal family-led **Hero Group** has launched a new education technology startup ' **Hero Vired**', which will offer an end-to-end learning ecosystem.
  - Through this new **edtech venture**, Hero Group aims to enter the ed-tech space.
- **Microsoft** recently announced that **Internet Explorer 11** desktop browser will be **retired** on **June 15, 2022**, for some versions of Windows 10.

### Space

- In a study published in the journal Geophysical Research, scientists revealed that **Venus' upper atmosphere** has changed a lot during a solar cycle, the Sun's 11-years cycle.
  - **NASA's Parker Solar Probe**, during a brief swing by Venus in July 2020, that reveals the probe flew by the upper atmosphere of Venus and detected a natural radio signal
- **China** recently launched **Changsei 2C** rocket from the Xichang satellite launch centre.
  - It is a **Yaogan** satellite.
- **Russian** space agency **Roscosmos** will send an actress and a director to space to make what it's calling the first movie in space.
  - Actress **Yulia Peresild**, director **Klim Shipenko** and their crew will blast off in a Russian rocket from **Baikonur cosmodrome** in October.
- The Chinese Spacecraft **Tianwen 1** landed on **Mars** successfully. It was launched in July 2020 on a Long March 5 rocket.
- The United States National Aeronautics and Space Administration (**NASA**) is planning to search for **water** and other resources on the **moon** in 2023.
  - The US agency as part of its **Artemis** program, is planning to send its first mobile robot to the Moon in late 2023 in search of ice and other resources on and below the lunar surface.
- The US space agency, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (**NASA**) is developing a new system called the **Earth System Observatory**, to mitigate efforts related to climate change and disaster mitigation.
  - NASA has also partnered with the Indian Space Research Organization (**ISRO**) which will provide NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar (**NISAR**).

### Health/Diseases/Drugs

- The World Health Organization (**WHO**) on May 26, 2021, announced that WHO along with three other international bodies has put together a team of experts to launch a new **One Health High-Level Expert Panel** to formulate a global plan for the prevention of the **spread of diseases from animals to humans**.

### Environment

- According to National Hurricane Centre, Miami, subtropical **storm Ana** is drifting northeast across the Atlantic Ocean after causing rain to Bermuda.

### Transport/Cars/Scooters

- The world's largest aeroplane, designed to transport hypersonic vehicles and facilitate easy access to space, soared into clear skies over **California's Mojave Desert**.
  - The company **Stratolaunch** designed it to transport hypersonic vehicles and facilitate easy access to space.
- A team of researchers from the marine research organization **ProMare** in collaboration with **IBM** built the world's first **AI ship**, the '**Mayflower 400**'.
- Wadia Group-owned, **GoAir** has rebranded itself as '**Go First**', with the new motto "**You Come First**".
  - The decision to rebrand after 15 years is part of the company's attempt to operate the carrier in an ULCC (ultra-low-cost carrier) airline model, to tide over the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

### Films and Film Festival

- **Anupam Kher** won the **Best Actor** award for his performance in the short film Happy Birthday at the **New York City International Film Festival**.
  - The film has been directed by Prasad Kadam and produced by FNP Media.
  - The film also won the **Best Short Film** award at the festival.

### Appointments/Election (or) Latest who is who?

- **Vaishali S Hiwase** became the first woman officer to be appointed as officer commanding in the Border Roads Organisation (**BRO**) where she will be responsible for providing connectivity through an Indo-China border road.
- **Amitabh Chaudhry** has been re-appointed as the Managing Director and CEO of the private sector lender **Axis Bank** for three more years by the bank board.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) executive director **T Rabi Sankar** has been named as the **fourth Deputy Governor** of the central bank.
  - He succeeds **BP Kanungo** as the deputy governor, who retired on April 2 after getting a one-year extension in his position.
- The National Human Rights Commission (**NHRC**) member Justice (retired) **Prafulla Chandra Pant** had been appointed as the acting chairperson of the Commission with effect from April 25.
- The Badminton World Federation announced that India shuttler **PV Sindhu** and Canada's **Michelle Li** have been nominated as **athlete ambassadors** for the **International Olympic Committee's** (IOC) 'Believe in Sport' campaign aimed at preventing competition manipulation.
- Tamil Nadu governor Banwarilal Purohit has appointed Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) chief **MK Stalin** as the chief minister of **Tamil Nadu**.
- **THDC India Ltd** has announced that **Vijay Goel** assumed as chairman and managing director.
- **Raman Meenakshi Sundaram** has been appointed as Director of the Indian Institute of Rice Research (**IIRR**), an arm of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research.
- The All India NR Congress (AINRC) leader **N Rangasamy** was taking oath as the CM of Puducherry at Raj Nivas for the fourth time.
- **Himanta Biswa Sarma** has been named as the 15th **Chief Minister of Assam**.
  - He will replace incumbent **Sarbananda Sonowal**.
- **Padmakumar M Nair** has been appointed as the CEO of the proposed **National Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd**.
- The Reserve Bank of India has appointed **Jose J Kattoor** as **Executive Director (ED)**.

- The Public Enterprises Selection Board (**PESB**), the government's head-hunter, has picked **Arun Kumar Singh** as the chairman and managing director of state-run oil refining and marketing firm Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (**BPCL**).
- Advertising Standards Council of India (**ASCI**) announced that its general secretary **Manisha Kapoor** has been appointed to the executive committee of the International Council for Advertising Self-Regulation (**ICAS**).
- Veteran British diplomat **Martin Griffiths** has been appointed as the new Chief at the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (**OCHA**), for a period of five years.
  - Griffiths will replace **Mark Lowcock** as the new Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator (**USG/ERC**) of **OCHA**.
- **K P Sharma Oli** was sworn in as the **Prime Minister of Nepal** for the third time.
- **Sir David** Attenborough, world-renowned broadcaster & natural historian, has been named **COP26 People's Advocate for the U.K.'s Presidency** of UN climate change summit in Glasgow this November.
- The Board of Control for Cricket in India (**BCCI**) has announced the appointment of **Ramesh Powar** as the Head Coach of **Team India** (Senior Women).
- Star India hockey team goalkeeper **PR Sreejesh** was re-appointed as a member of the International Hockey Federation (**FIH**) Athletes' Committee during the virtual meeting of the world body's Executive Board.
- **Pinarayi Vijayan** was sworn as **Kerala Chief Minister** for the second time in the shadow of the Covid-19 crisis in the state.
- **Martha Karambu Koome** is **Kenya's first woman chief justice**.
- The Board of Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (**RBIH**) has appointed **Rajesh Bansal** as the chief executive officer (CEO) of the **RBIH**.
- The Badminton Association of India (**BAI**) President **Himanta Biswa Sarma** has been elected as a Member of the BWF Council for the period 2021-25.
- **Narinder Batra** has been re-elected as the **President** of the International Hockey Federation (**FIH**) for the second consecutive term.
- **Israeli** Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu appointed **David Barnea** as the new head of the country's **spy agency**, the Mossad.
- The President of the Republic of **Congo**, Denis Sassou Nguesso has appointed **Anatole Collinet Makosso** as the country's **Prime Minister**.
- IPS officer, **Subodh Jaiswal** has been appointed Director of the **Central Bureau of Investigation** (**CBI**).

#### Deaths

- Renowned TV journalist and news anchor, **Rohit Sardana**, has passed away, due to a heart attack, following the deadly COVID-19 infection.
- Actor **Bikramjeet Kanwarpal**, who has been a popular character in many films, TV shows and web series, has passed away due to Covid-19 complications.
- Shooter **Chandro Tomar**, nicknamed 'Shooter Dadi', passed away at the age of 89 due to Covid-19.
- FILE PIC Former Union Minister and Rashtriya Lok Dal Chief **Ajit Singh** passed away.
- Kerala's oldest serving MLA **KR Gouri Amma** passes away at 102.
- Three-time National table tennis champion and former International paddler **V. Chandrasekar** passed away due to COVID-related complications.

- Noted Tamil folklorist and acclaimed writer **Ki. Rajanarayanan** has passed away.

### Awards/Honours

- The **Japanese** Government recently awarded the “**Order of Rising Sun**” to a **Bengaluru** based Japanese teacher, **Shyamala Ganesh**.
- **Maria Ressa** has been named as the 2021 laureate of the **UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize**.
- Singer **Pink** will be honoured with the **Icon Award** at the 2021 **Billboard Music Awards** (BBMAs).
- Former Chief Justice of Jammu & Kashmir High Court, Justice **Gita Mittal**, has been declared as one of the two recipients of the **Arline Pacht Global Vision Award** for 2021.
  - She shares the honour with **Margarita Luna Ramos** from Mexico.
- World number two tennis player **Naomi Osaka** of Japan has been named “**Sportswoman of the Year**” at the 2021 Laureus World Sports Awards.
- The International Cricket Council (ICC) announced the names of the winners of the ‘**ICC Players of the Month**’ awards for **April**.
  - **Babar Azam** won ICC Men’s Player of the Month, **Alyssa Healy** won Women’s Player award.
- Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd (**IREDA**) has been conferred with the “**Green Urja Award**” for being the Leading Public Institution in the Financing Institution for Renewable Energy this year by the Indian Chamber of Commerce (**ICC**).
- **Hockey India** has won the prestigious **Etienne Glichitch Award** in recognition of its contribution to the growth and development of the sport in the country.
- **SpiceHealth**, a healthcare company founded by the promoters of SpiceJet, has won the **Gold Award** at the 2021 Asia-Pacific Stevie Awards for ‘Most Valuable Medical Innovation’ under Covid19.
- Indian economist and Nobel Laureate, **Amartya Kumar Sen**, was conferred with “**Princess of Asturias Award**” in social sciences category which is Spain’s top prize.
  - Amartya Sen was selected for his best-known work- “Poverty and Famines”.
- Miss Mexico **Andrea Meza** has been crowned as the **69th Miss Universe 2020**. On the other hand, Miss India’s **Adline Quadros Castelino** made it to the Top 4.
  - Brazil’s **Julia Gama** is the first runner-up, **Peru’s Janick Maceta** is the second runner-up.

### Sports/Game

- **Lewis Hamilton** wins Portuguese Grand Prix.
  - Verstappen finished second, while Bottas, who started from pole, came in a disappointing third place. Sergio Perez took the flag in fourth, with Lando Norris fifth for McLaren.
- **New Zealand** have replaced reigning world champions **England** as the No. 1-ranked side in the **One-day International** rankings.
  - However, **England** continue to consolidate their position at the top of the **T-20 International** table.
- In Snooker, **Mark Selby** became the **World Champion** for the fourth time.
  - Selby won the Championship defeating Shaun Murphy by 18-15 victory at Crucible Theatre, Sheffield.
- German **Alexander Zverev** earned his second **Mutua Madrid Open** title 2021 when he defeated Matteo Berrettini 6-7(8), 6-4, 6-3 to lift his fourth ATP Masters 1000 trophy.
- In tennis, the world number seven, **Aryna Sabalenka** of Belarus, defeated world number one Ashleigh Barty of Australia to win the 2021 **Madrid Open women’s singles** title.

- Red Bull's **Max Verstappen** has won the **Monaco Grand Prix** for the first time to take the Formula One championship lead from Lewis Hamilton.
  - Ferrari's Carlos Sainz Jr. finished second.
- **Atletico Madrid** **pipped** city rivals **Real Madrid** to the **La Liga** title on 22nd May Luis Suarez fired them to a 2-1 comeback win at Real Valladolid.
- The **U-17 women's World Cup** will be held in **India** from October 11 to 30 next year, Fifa Council said on 21st May.
- **Norway's Casper Ruud** has won the **ATP Geneva Open** final with a 7-6 (8/6), 6-4 victory over Denis Shapovalov.
- **V Karthikeyan Pandian**, an IAS officer, and private secretary to **Odisha** Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik was conferred with **President's award** by International Hockey Federation through the 47th FIH Congress.
- Padma Bhushan awardee and noted gastroenterologist **Dr D Nageshwar Reddy**, who is also the chairman of AIG Hospitals, has won the **Rudolf V Schindler Award** from the American Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ASGE).
- American professional golfer, **Phil Mickelson** has created history by winning the **2021 PGA Championship**, at the age of 50.
  - With this victory, Mickelson became the oldest player to win a major title in the history of the PGA Tour.
- Indian pugilist **Mary Kom**, lost to two-time world champion Nazym Kyzaibay of Kazakhstan, to settle for **silver** medal at the 2021 **ASBC Asian Boxing Championships** in **Dubai**.
- **Rafael Nadal** beat world number one Novak Djokovic to win a 10th **Italian Open** title.

## Report

- The state-owned insurance behemoth 'Life Insurance Corporation (LIC)' has emerged as the **third** strongest and the **tenth** most valuable insurance brand globally, in Brand Finance Insurance 100 report for 2021.
- **Wipro** regained its position as the **3rd** largest Indian IT services company by market capitalization of ₹ 2.65 trillion by suppressing **HCL Technologies'** ₹ 2.62 trillion market cap.
  - **TCS** remains at the **top** of the list with a market cap of ₹ 11.51 trillion followed by **Infosys**.
- London-based property consultant Knight Frank has ranked **New Delhi** and **Mumbai** in **32nd** and **36th** positions respectively in the **Global Prime Residential Index**.
  - While **Bengaluru** moved down by four places in Q1 2021 and is ranked **40**.
  - Three Chinese cities – **Shenzhen**, **Shanghai** and **Guangzhou** lead the index this quarter.
  - While **New York** was the weakest performing market with negative 5.8% growth.
- **India** was the **largest** recipient of **remittances** in 2020, as per the report, "Migration and Development Brief" released by the World Bank.
- **New Zealand** Prime Minister, **Jacinda Ardern** has **topped** the 'World's 50 Greatest Leaders' list for 2021, released by Fortune Magazine.
  - From India, **Adar Poonawalla**, the chief executive officer (CEO) of Serum Institute of India (SII) is the only Indian among the top 10 names. He is placed in the 10th spot.
- **Jharkhand** has clinched the **1st Position** among the 36 States & UTs of India based on the progress of implementation of **Smart City projects**, **Rajasthan** came **second** in the rankings.
  - The rankings were released by the Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA).
  - At the same time, Jharkhand's Capital **Ranchi** has risen to **12th** position in terms of progress of the ongoing mission plans in 100 cities.

- **Facebook** has overtaken Amazon as the stock most commonly owned as a top-10 holding by hedge funds, according to new Goldman Sachs data.
- Adani Group Chairman **Gautam Adani** has overtaken **China's Zhong Shanshan** to become the **second** richest Asian in the world.
  - He is now ranked at the **14th** spot on the Bloomberg Billionaires Index.
  - Gautam Adani is now ranked behind Asia's richest person, RIL Chairman **Mukesh Ambani** who is ranked **13th** on the Bloomberg Billionaires Index.
  - The Chinese billionaire Zhong Shanshan has been pushed to the **15th** spot.
- **Forbes** has unveiled its annual list of the 10 **highest-paid athletes** of the year.
  - UFC star **Conor McGregor** has **topped** the Forbes list by earning \$180 million in the past year beating soccer superstars **Lionel Messi** and **Cristiano Ronaldo** to become the highest-paid athlete in the world.

### General - National

- The Union Cabinet gave its approval for an allocation of additional **food grain** to the NFSA beneficiaries under the government's **Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana** (Phase III).
  - The additional food grain will be given for the period of **2 months**- May and June 2021.
- Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the opening of a new **Consulate General of India** in Addu City, the **Maldives** in 2021.
- **India** will launch '**UNITE AWARE**', a mobile tech platform for the **United Nations Peacekeepers** to improve their safety and security in the line of duty.
- **Cheetah**, the world's fastest land animal which was declared extinct in India in 1952, is expected to be re-introduced into the country from Africa in **November** this year at the Kuno National Park in **Madhya Pradesh**.

### General - International

- The **United Kingdom** has become the **first** country to announce regulation for the use of **self-driving vehicles** at low speeds.
  - The UK wants to be at the forefront in rolling out autonomous driving technology.
- **Ethiopia** has designated Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF) and **OLF-Shene** as **terrorist** organizations.
- The Government of the United States of **America** announced that it has given its approval to a major **solar energy project** in the **California desert**.
- **Asian Development Bank** (ADB) outlines 5-point agenda to achieve recovery from pandemic in Asia-Pacific Region.
- The **Israeli** military has bombarded rockets in different areas in **Gaza**.
- **China** will become the **world's first** country to **ban** all **synthetic cannabinoid substances**.
  - In Xinjiang, it has a commonly known nickname of "Natasha."

### Books and Authors

#### Book's Name

- The Bench
- Elephant In The Womb
- Nehru, Tibet and China
- Languages of Truth: Essays 2003-2020

#### Author's Name

- Meghan Markle
- Bollywood actress Kalki Koechlin
- Avtar Singh Bhasin
- Salman Rushdie

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## TO THE POINTS: MAY-2021

- Statehood day of Gujarat and Maharashtra is observed on **May 1**.
- **TMC** political party will make a comeback to power in West Bengal.
- Left Democratic Front party has attained 2nd consecutive term in **Kerala** election.
- Pandit Devabrata Chaudhuri who passed away recently was an eminent **Sitar Player**.
- World Laughter Day is observed on the **First** Sunday of May.
- World Press Freedom Day is observed on **May 3**.
- S Jaishankar visited to **London** for a 4-day visit.
- Union Minister Nitin Gadkari mentioned that the Government has set a target of road construction of worth Rs **15** lakh crore in next 2 years.
- World Tuna Day is observed on **May 2**.
- BJP-led NDA has won in Assam for **2nd** consecutive term.
- **1200** LPM oxygen generation plant has been commissioned at Gandhi Nagar Hospital.
- **Himachal Pradesh** plans to supply over 2 lakh tap water connections across the State.
- **Facebook** will introduce a vaccine finder tool on mobile apps in India.
- **J&K** municipal authority has unveiled a 24×7 dedicated Helpline at Covid-19 War Control Room.
- **SIDBI** has unveiled loan products for oxygen companies.
- Government has appointed **Rabi Sankar** as next RBI deputy governor.
- Tripurari Sharan appointed as new Chief Secretary of **Bihar**.
- BBB has nominated **Harsha Bangari** for MD post at Exim Bank.
- **DCB** Bank has invested in equity in India INX and India ICC.
- Scientists discover the smallest black hole in the Milky Way Galaxy dubbed **The Unicorn**.
- **2** damselfly species Euphaeathosegharensis and Euphaeapseudodispar have been discovered in Western Ghats.
- In the Porsche Tennis Grand Prix 2021 **Ash Barty** has won the Women's Single Title.
- Dr Joginder Dayal who passed away recently was a veteran leader from **CPI**.
- Bikramjeet Kanwarpal who passed away recently was an eminent **Actor**.
- World Asthma Day is observed on **1st** Tuesday of May.
- EAM Dr S Jaishankar has held a meeting with UK's Home Secretary Priti Patel in **London**.
- Jagmohan who passed away recently was the former governor of **J&K**.
- International Midwives' Day is observed on **May 5**.
- World Hand Hygiene Day is observed on **May 05**.
- **EU Commission** has endorsed to ease travel restrictions on fully vaccinated tourists.
- India along with **EU** has affirmed commitment to support Afghanistan.
- **India** has attained another milestone by administering more than 16 crore 4 lakh doses of covid vaccine.
- **28** States, UTs start to raise food grains from FCI for free distribution to poor under PMGKAY.

- In the World Snooker Championship Mark Selby has become World Snooker Champion for **4th** Time.
- Petroleum Minister has flagged off the **1st** supply of UCO based Biodiesel blended Diesel.
- The government has obtained **65 percent** more wheat in the current Rabi season which compared to last year.
- Yoga Day promotional activities planned to conducted through digital & electronic platforms. The International yoga day is observed on **June 21**.
- Madhya Pradesh government has announced Rs. **379** crore transferred into accounts of 16,844 beneficiaries under Sambal scheme.
- **Pink** has bagged the Icon Award at Billboard Music Awards.
- West Bengal: Mamata Banerji to be sworn-in as CM for the **3rd** consecutive term.
- Nation's first 'Drive in Vaccination Center' has been unveiled in **Mumbai**.
- Delhi CM has declared free rations for **2** months, Rs 5,000 aid to autorickshaw & taxi drivers.
- L&T will soon deliver **22** oxygen generators to hospitals across India.
- RBI governor has announced that 2nd purchase of G-secs worth Rs **35000** crore under G-SAP 1.0 on May 20.
- **Accenture** has vowed USD 25 million for pandemic relief efforts in India.
- **Bajaj Healthcare** has done the rollout of generic favipiravir tablets for COVID-19 treatment.
- Samsung has vowed **5** million for COVID-19 relief efforts.
- Serum Institute CEO will invest over USD **300** million in the UK, may make inoculations.
- **US** has nodded approval for a major solar energy project in a desert.
- **RM Sundaram** has been appointed as Director of Indian Institute of Rice Research.
- The CM of **Odisha** has announced an International award in memory of Manoj Das.
- India, UK has elevated bilateral ties to adopt comprehensive Strategic Partnership for Roadmap **2030**.
- Mountains to Mangroves - A Journey of 1000 Kilometers Webinar has been Launched by ministry of **Tourism**.
- Manas Bihari Verma who passed away was an eminent **Scientist**.
- Coal Miners Day was observed on **May 4**.
- International Labour Day or May Day was observed on **May 1**.
- Soli Sorabjee who passed away was an eminent **Lawyer**.
- NFAI brought out a rich treasure of audio recordings on the occasion of **151st** birth anniversary of Dadasaheb Phalke.
- I&B Ministry assemble year-long centenary celebrations of **Satyajit Ray**.
- The Finance Ministry has planned to provide additional amount of upto Rs **15000** crore to States.
- **China** has recently unveiled core module of its space station.
- **Madhya Pradesh** government has handed over Rs 61 crore into accounts of over 6.10 lakh street vendors of the state.
- **Madhya Pradesh** government has initiated the Corona Warriors Scheme.

- The Agriculture Minister reported Target of food grains production for 2021-22 is **307** million tonnes.
- **Tata Group** has received a CCI approval for the BigBasket deal.
- Union Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad represents India at **G-7** recently.
- **Uber** has declared cash incentives for vaccinating 150,000 drivers.
- **Kotak Mahindra** has declared new chiefs for insurance business.
- Samir Seksaria has been appointed as CFO of **TCS**.
- Rohit Sardana Passed away recently was an eminent **Journalist**.
- **Subir Chakaraborty** has been appointed as the new MD and CEO of Exide Industries.
- US Army-led NATO military exercises DEFENDER-Europe 21 launched in **Albania**.
- Indian Navy unveiled **Op Samudra Setu-II** operation for Shipment of Oxygen-filled Containers to India.
- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has inaugurated India's first 3D printed house at **IIT Madras**.
- Indian Scientists have developed a high-yielding and pest-resistant variety of **Soyabean**.
- Brand Finance Report: LIC has been valued at **10th** insurance brand, third-strongest globally.
- The Central government has let out in advance over Rs **8873** crore for SDRF to all States.
- Theme of the World Press Freedom Day is **Information as a Public Good**.
- G-7 ministers will meet to hold first in-person talks in **2** years.
- International Firefighters Day is observed on **May 4**.
- Chandro Tomar who passed away recently was an eminent **Shooter**.
- **NS Tomar** has declared some guidelines for the Production Linked Incentive Scheme for the Food Processing Industry.
- The government has alarmed the people: Vial for Remdesivir injection by name **COVIPRI**.
- **Australia** has vowed 1.7 billion dollars in childcare subsidies.
- **LDF** political party is set to form a new government in Kerala.
- **IDBI** has mulled investing in NARCL.
- SII endorses accepting Rs 1,732 crore for **11** crore doses of Covishield vaccine.
- PM Narendra will hold a virtual summit with the counterpart of **UK**.
- **PEPSI** has partnered with SEEDS to set up COVID care centres, launch vaccination drive.
- RBI has imposed a penalty of **3** crores on ICICI Bank.
- Airtel Payments Bank has increased rate **6** percent interest on deposits of over Rs 1 lakh.
- **Ola electric** has appointed Wayne Burgess as Head of Vehicle Design.
- JSW Renew Energy sign pact with SECI for selling **540** MW green energy.
- Motilal Oswal PE has acquired over Rs **185** crores in Fincare Small Finance Bank.
- World's largest aeroplane by **Stratolaunch** has completed a test flight.
- **Assam** has provided puppetry Performs COVID campaign for the revival.
- **Lewis Hamilton** has won the Portuguese Grand Prix 2021.

- Thisara Perera who announced retirement from international cricket played for **Sri Lanka**.
- International No Diet Day was observed on **May 6**.
- RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das announces SLTRO for small finance banks for Rs.10000 crore at repo rate.
- Ajit Singh who passed away recently belonged to **RLD** political party.
- The Ministry of Civil Aviation has granted conditional exemption from Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) Rules, 2021 to **20** entities to conduct Beyond Visual Line of Sight (BVLOS) experimental flights of drones.
- World's Widest Airplane Stratolaunch Roc has recently completed its Successful **2nd** Test Flight.
- S&P Global Ratings Revises India's GDP Growth Forecast to **9.8** per cent for FY22.
- The Applicability of Aadhaar Government has notified **142** Section of the Social Security Code – 2020 to collect details for the database of beneficiaries under various social security schemes.
- RBI has Announced Term Liquidity Facility Of ₹ **50,000** Crore For Healthcare.
- Cabinet has approved strategic disinvestment & transfer of management control in **IDBI**.
- Mamata Banerjee sworn in as West Bengal Chief Minister for the **3rd** time.
- **Maria Ressa** has been honored with 2021 UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize.
- To Fight War against Covid-19 Indian Armed Forces have Launched **Co-JEET** operation.
- India along with **UK** has unveiled a 10-year road map For Enhance bilateral trade partnership.
- Under ICC Anti-Corruption Code Former Sri Lanka Bowler Nuwan Zoysa has been banned for **6** years.
- **AIC** institution has launched an initiative to help the chess community fight COVID-19.
- World Athletics Day was observed on **May 7**.
- Indian Army has launched the First Solar Plant in **Sikkim**.
- As per Knight Frank's global prime property index for Q1 of 2021 Globally Bengaluru has slipped to **40th** spot.
- BRO will be celebrating its 61st Raising Day on **May 7**.
- Cabinet has approved the allocation of additional foodgrains to NFSA beneficiaries for **2** months this year.
- INS Talwar, with **40** tonne Liquid Medical Oxygen has struck out New Mangalore Port in Karnataka.
- The Central government has brought out the 2nd monthly installment of Post Devolution Revenue Deficit Grant of RS 9,871 crore to **17** states.
- **Narendra Modi** will take part in European Council meeting.
- **Tokyo Olympics** Online campaign has gathered almost 200,000 signatures to stop the games.
- MK Stalin has been sworn in as Chief Minister of **Tamil Nadu**.
- Ola Electric has appointed **N Balachandar** as CHRO.
- **Madhya Pradesh** has launched a new scheme to provide free treatment to poor COVID patients in the state.
- Ayurvedic tele-medicine facility for Corona patients has been launched in **Haryana**.
- NR Congress Chief N Rangasamy to be sworn in as CM of **Puducherry**.

- **Gujarat** Unit of Ayurveda Vyaspeeth has unveiled “Ayurvedic Doctors on Call” service to serve Covid patients.
- The Chief Minister of **Himachal Pradesh** has launched ‘Mukhyamantri Seva Sankalp Helpline 1100’.
- Railways have brought over **2500** MT of liquid medical oxygen to various states across the country.
- Italian Ambassador to India Vincenzo de Luca installed oxygen plant at ITBP Referral Hospital at **Greater Noida**.
- **Bajaj Finance** has received RBI approval for prepaid payment business.
- UTI AMC has appointed **Dastoor** as sales head.
- **KVGB** has won 5 top PFRDA awards.
- **3** Indian kids have bagged the Husky Investment Tournament.
- **Rafael Nadal** has been named Sportsman of the Year, Naomi Osaka takes home Sportswoman title at Laureus Awards 2021.
- UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres has honoured Indian UN Peacekeeping officer **Yuvraj Singh**.
- **NDDB** has signed an MoU with EESL to offer energy efficient solutions to the dairy industry.
- Cabinet nods MoU between India and **UK** on Migration & Mobility Partnership.
- **Paytm** has unveiled COVID-19 vaccine finder tool.
- Indian Army clarifies, Defence Ministry has nod to total of **50** Armed Force Medical Services.
- Rabindranath Tagore birth Anniversary was observed on **May 7**.
- India, France, Australian holds first-ever trilateral Foreign Ministerial Dialogue in **London**.
- Mahatma Gandhi’s former personal secretary V Kalyanam recently passed away. He was part of **AAP**.
- World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day was observed on **May 8**.
- **Random House Children’s Books** publisher will release Meghan Markle’s First Children’s Book.
- **Andhra Pradesh** has started with PRANAYAMA started to help COVID patients to maintain oxygen level.
- Shesh Narayan Singh who passed away was a veteran **Journalist**.
- **CBSE** has unveiled a new mobile application for psycho social wellness of students, parents.
- Ayush Ministry has launched a nationwide campaign to distribute **AYUSH 64** & Kabasura Kudineer for the fight against COVID19 pandemic.
- **US** has called upon WHO to ask Taiwan for the World Health Assembly as an observer.
- India and EIB signed a finance contract for the second tranche of **150** mn Euro for Pune Metro Rail.
- **Kerala** will provide about 30 lakh new tap water connections in current FY under Jal Jeevan Mission.
- Gujarat government has asked All MLAs to allot Rs **50** lakh for health infrastructure.
- Workplace vaccination drive in the National Media Centre has recently been organized by **PIB**.
- Finance Minister to deliver a revenue deficit grant of Rs 10,000 crore to **17** states.
- SBI and EIB to invest up to Euro **100** million in Indian SMEs concentrated on climate change, sustainability.

- RBI directs Banks to lend to healthcare space within **30** days of availing funds.
- NCCL has appointed **2** new directors and the chairman's tenure extended.
- Indian Navy has established a 150 bed covid care centre in **Odisha**.
- **IBM** has Unveiled World's First 2 Nanometer Chip Technology.
- Vanraj Bhatia who passed away recently was a veteran **Music composer**.
- World Thalassaemia Day was observed on **May 8**.
- MatangSinh who passed away recently belonged to **Congress**.
- Mother's Day was observed on **2nd** Sunday of May.
- **Gagandeep Singh Bedi** has been appointed as Chennai Corporation Commissioner.
- MK Kaushik and Ravinder Pal Singh who passed away recently were eminent **Hockey players**.
- Minister of State for Finance Anurag Thakur has claimed **1.5** lakh doses of Sputnik V vaccine.
- At the Laureus World Sports Awards 2021 **Naomi Osaka** has won the sportswomen of the year award.
- The Education Minister has donated Rs **1.50** crore from MPLAD fund for Haridwar medical supply.
- ESIC installed oxygen generation plants at two hospitals in **Delhi**.
- **Himat Biswa Sarma** will be sworn in as Chief Minister of Assam.
- Pressure Swing Adsorption Oxygen Plants has been inaugurated in **Himachal Pradesh**.
- NHIDCL has recently given **4** Critical Care Life Support Ambulances to Ladakh.
- DCGI has given an emergency nod to anti-Covid oral drugs developed by **DRDO**.
- GigIndia will provide Rs **3** lakh insurance cover to active gig workers.
- Former minister Pitchandi has been appointed as **Tamil Nadu** assembly pro-tem Speaker.
- Dr V Irai Anbu IAS appointed as new chief secretary of **Tamil Nadu**.
- **Taylor Swift** has bagged global icon honour at 2021 Brit Awards.
- Cipla signed a pact with Eli Lilly based in **US**.
- Carlyle Group sells **4** per cent stake in SBI Life for Rs 3,900 crore.
- **PM Modi** has participated in India-European Council Meeting Virtually.
- ID-Art Mobile App has been launched by **Interpol** to help protect cultural property.
- Novel antibody engineered product **VINCOV-19** to treat COVID-19 has been cleared for clinical trials.
- Book Titled 'Elephant In The Womb' has been Authored by **Kalki Koechlin**.
- Lewis Hamilton has been awarded his **5th** successive Spanish Grand Prix.
- Aryna Sabalenka has won her **1st** Madrid Open Women's singles title.
- PIB reported No such approval has been given by the Government of India Bharat Biotech's vaccine for children above **12** years.
- Raghunath Mohapatra who passed away was an eminent **Politician**.
- National Technology Day was observed on **May 11**.
- Lalti Ram who passed away recently was a **Freedom Fighter**.

- ICC Players of the Month for April 2021 has been won by **Babar Azam**.
- The National Horticulture Board cleared a record **1278** pending subsidy applications.
- India has participated in the **3rd** Arctic Science Ministerial.
- SC will constitute the **12** member national task force to streamline oxygen allocation across the country.
- **Puducherry** has become 'Har Ghar Jal' Union Territory.
- **Maharashtra** has begun to offer free treatment to Mucormycosis patients.
- Ola begun donates doorstep delivery of o2 concentrators in **Karnataka**.
- **LifeCell** has introduced OmegaScore, a critical diagnosis test – for newborn's health.
- **HDFC** and **CSC** have jointly launched chatbot 'Eva'.
- **Federal** bank and Mashreq Bank of UAE have inked a pact – to offer money transfer.
- RBI has appointed **Jose Kattoor** as Executive Director.
- **PESB** has appointed **Arun Kumar Singh** as next CMD of BPCL.
- **HUL** has appointed Srinandan Sundaram as head of its foods and refreshment business.
- SpaceX accepted Dogecoin as payment to launch lunar mission in **2022**.
- **5B** of Long March variant landed in Indian Ocean.
- Abhilasha Patil who passed away recently was an eminent **Actress**.
- International Nurses Day was observed on **May 12**.
- Padmakumar Nair has been appointed as CEO of NARCL. He was a former employee of **SBI**.
- PayTM Foundation has donated **100** concentrators with oxygen generation plant to Gujarat.
- Indian Navy has set Up COVID Care Centre at INS **Kalinga**.
- **4th** edition of India-Swiss Financial Dialogue has been held virtually in New Delhi.
- As per UN forecast: India will be the world's fastest growing major economy in **2022**.
- Moody's has Predicted India's FY22 growth forecast as **9.3** per cent.
- Indian Railways has brought nearly **5735** tonnes of Liquid Medical Oxygen so far across country.
- **Jana** Small Finance Bank has launched 'I choose my number' feature for its customers.
- Supreme Court recently appreciated **Maharashtra's** oxygen model.
- **Rajeev Ranjan** has been appointed as McDonald's North & East new COO.
- **Godrej Consumer** has appointed Sudhir Sitapati as MD and CEO.
- Indian-American chemist **Sumita Mitra** has been nominated for the inventor award.
- Geojit has inked a pact with **PNB** recently.
- CPP Invests Rs 1,005 cr for additional **15.9** per cent stake in IndInfravit Trust.
- **DRDO** has developed an AI tool for COVID detection in chest X-rays.
- Swadhin Bangla Betar who passed away recently was an eminent **Freedom Fighter**.
- PM CARES Fund approved procurement of **1.5** lakh units of Oxycare system.
- Manchester City crowned Premier League champions for the **3rd** time.

- The Union Cabinet has given a nod for PLI Scheme in the field of Advanced Chemistry Cell Battery Storage worth **18100** crore.
- Centre has approved transfer of ITBP land to **Uttarakhand**.
- The World Bank reported that India received USD **83** billion in remittances in 2020.
- Aahaar is a free meal distribution initiative in **Assam**.
- **Himachal Pradesh** has announced to provide free COVID treatment to beneficiaries of Himcare and PM-JAY scheme in registered private hospitals.
- **Madhya Pradesh** has set up 'Black Fungal Infection' treatment units in OTs.
- Tamil Nadu CM has announced Rs **25** lakh compensation to families of 43 medical professionals who died due to COVID-19.
- Adani Group has set up regional headquarters in **Singapore**.
- **South Indian Bank** has launched video KYC for opening an account.
- **PayPal** has launched digital Foreign Inward Remittance Advice.
- **Manisha Kapoor** has been appointed as vice-president at ICAS.
- Cabinet has approved the signing of MoU between **ICAI** and QFCA.
- Bay tree india holdings has sold over 2 stake in **Yes** bank.
- Homen Borgohain who passed away recently was an eminent **Writer**.
- CJI has launched an official mobile App for Journalists. **NV Ramana** is the current CJI.
- Elisabetta Belloni has become the **1st** woman to head Italy secret service.
- **Gujarat** has launched 'My Village - Corona Free Village' campaign.
- SWAMIH has recently completed its **1st** residential project.
- GoAir has been rebranded as Go First after **15** years of flying.
- Unmanned Aircraft System for delivery of vaccines and medicines being operated by **Blue Dart**.
- **Airtel** Payments Bank has introduced Digigold.
- **TVS Motor** has appointed a new leadership team for Norton.
- Suzuki Motorcycle India has appointed **Satoshi Uchida** as new Head.
- **Rajesh Agrawal** has been re-appointed as London's Deputy Mayor for Business.
- DCGI grants life saving drug **2DG** for covid patients developed by Indian Scientists.
- BCCI has appointed **Ramesh Powar** as head coach of Indian women's cricket team.
- OneWeb announced an agreement with **Softbank** to roll out satellite communication services.
- In southern Arabian Sea Indian and **Indonesia's** navy has carried out military drill.
- **Kusal Perera** has been named captain of the Sri Lanka's ODI team.
- Rahothisman who passed away was former director of **CBI**.
- Smarajit Jana who passed away recently was an **Epidemiologist**.
- **KP Sharma Oli** is set to be reappointed as Nepal PM.
- International Day of Families was observed on **May 15**.
- ADB has recorded a total USD 3.92 billion loan to India in **2020**.

- Armed Forces Day was observed on **3rd Saturday of May**.
- Paris city council plans to reduce car traffic in the centre of French capital by **2022**.
- **Himachal Pradesh** AYUSH Dept has launched a statewide wellness programme 'AYUSH Ghar Dwar'.
- **Jio** has topped the 4G speed chart with a data download rate of 20.1MBbps in April.
- The World Bank extends USD 80.5 million to **Sri Lanka**.
- **Neera Tanden** has been appointed as White House senior adviser.
- **Bata** has appointed Gunjan Shah as new CEO.
- **Wipro** has appointed Tulsi Naidu as its Board of Directors.
- **Pandit Rajeev Taranath** will receive the Basavashree award 2019.
- Groww to acquire Indiabulls MF for Rs **175** crore.
- **Niti Aayog** will set up CovAid portal for real-time monitoring of relief.
- NASA, Axiom Agree to **1st** Private Astronaut Mission on International Space Station.
- 2021 AIBA Men's World Boxing Championships will be held in **Belgrade**.
- Rugby World Cup : Women's Rugby World Cup to kick off on New Zealand in October **2022**.
- Malerkotla become a new district in **Punjab**.
- Indu Jain who passed away was an eminent **Business man**.
- International Day of Light was observed on **May 16**.
- National Gallery of Modern Art begins online summer workshop titled **NAIMISHA 2021**.
- **RP Nishank** has bagged the 'International Invincible Gold Medal'.
- In the Italian Open **Iga Swiatek** has won the Women's Singles title.
- Sunil Jain who passed away recently was a veteran **Journalist**.
- World Telecommunication and Information Society Day was observed on **May 17**.
- **DRDO** has developed an Oxycare system for soldiers.
- Sikkim celebrates its statehood day on **May 16**.
- Indian Railways reported that it commissions Wi-Fi at **6,000** Railway stations in 5 years.
- **Amazon** has launched MINI TV, a new video streaming service.
- **IDBI** Bank has appointed Sitaram and Sarkar as CFO and Internal Auditor respectively.
- **Tech Mahindra** has appointed Meghna Hareendran as 'Wellness Officer'.
- **Toru Saito** has been appointed as President & CEO of Mitsubishi Mahindra Agricultural Machinery Co Ltd.
- **11th** edition of Kalasagar awards will be announced to honour kathakali artists.
- **Airtel** Payments Bank has launched DigiGold for digital gold investment.
- Rajeev Satav who passed away belonged to **Congress**.
- MS Narasimhan who passed away recently was an eminent **Mathematician**.
- World Hypertension Day was observed on **May 17**.
- National Dengue Day was observed on **May 16**.

- Ranjana Nirula who passed away recently was an **Activist**.
- International Museum Day was observed on **May 18**.
- DRDO's **2-DG** drug has been launched for treating Covid-19 patients.
- Rajendrasinh Jadeja who passed away recently was an eminent **Cricketer**.
- Fortune's World's 50 Greatest Leaders list released and has been topped by **Jacinda Arden**.
- **Bihar** has launched 'HIT Covid App'.
- **Nokia** has appointed Reema Jain as Chief Digital Officer.
- **Y Nuklu Phom** has bagged the prestigious Whitley Award 2021.
- The Tribal Affairs Ministry has signed an MOU with **Microsoft**.
- Drug firm **Eli Lilly** has inked a pact with Natco Pharma.
- **MyGov** has launched Indian Language Learning App Innovation Challenge.
- **Abhay Tewari** has been appointed as MD & CEO of Dai-ichi Life Insurance Company.
- NGMA virtual summer workshop Starts from **May 17**.
- Italian Open title has been won by **Rafael Nadal**.
- World AIDS Vaccine Day was observed on **May 18**.
- Abu Dhabi Shakti Thayatt Awards has been recently announced. It was started in **1987**.
- Ki Rajanarayanan who passed away recently was an eminent **Writer**.
- Additional food grains at **5 kgs** per person per month free of cost under PM Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana.
- **Johnson & Johnson** has tied-up with Telangana based Biological E Ltd.
- **Telangana** has launched the Ayushman Bharat Scheme in the state.
- Punjab CM announces special development grant of Rs **10** lakh to every village achieving 100 percent vaccination.
- **AgNext Technologies** has launched AI-based devices to test the quality of the products.
- **Arvind Kumar** has been appointed as next MD of Chennai Petroleum Corporation.
- **Pakistan's** PM has appointed Moeed Yusuf as the country's NSA.
- **Manipur's** CM has launched the MOMA application.
- **Iran** has developed the Most Powerful New Supercomputer Simorgh.
- Book Titled "Sikkim: A History of Intrigue and Alliance" has been Authored by **Preet Mohan Singh Malik**.
- Kobe Bryant inducted Basketball Hall of Fame Class **2020**.
- KK Aggarwal who passed away recently was an eminent **Doctor**.
- The government has reported that compared with last year **24** per cent more wheat has been procured in Rabi Marketing Season 2021-22.
- Chaman Lal Gupta who passed away recently belonged to **BJP**.
- ICMR approves CoviSelf kit - a home testing covid kit which will be priced at **250**.
- Martha Koome named as **Kenya's** first woman chief justice.
- Arjan Singh Bhullar has become India's **1st** MMA world champion.

- **Navy** has designed an 'Oxygen Recycling System'.
- E-Sampark team provides tele-consultation to home isolation patients in **Assam**.
- **RBI** has enabled mobile wallets to be used for cash withdrawn from ATM & PoS terminals.
- **SBI** in New Delhi has received a nod to open FCRA accounts.
- **IDBI** Bank has introduced a fully automated loan processing system.
- **HSBC** bank has launched digital banking for corporate customers.
- **BDR Pharma** has inked a pact with Eli Lilly.
- **Jio** is Establishing India's largest international submarine cable system.
- JUICE - Jupiter spacecraft has entered its testing phase and has been launched by **ESA**.
- 6 Indian places will be added to tentative list of UNESCO World Heritage Sites.
- India Ranked **3rd** spot on RECAI index Released by EY.
- **51st** edition of the virtual Indian Handicrafts & Gift Fair has been inaugurated in Delhi.
- New species of skink - Subdoluseps nilgiriensis found in **Tamil Nadu**.
- World Bee Day was observed on May **20**.
- International Tea Day - observed on **May 21**.
- Jagannath Pahadia who passed away recently was the CM of **Rajasthan**.
- World Metrology Day was observed on May **20**.
- National Anti-Terrorism Day was observed on **May 21**.
- World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development was observed on May **21**.
- **NS Tomar** has launched the project of honey testing laboratory at IARI.
- The government has revised the subsidy on export of sugar for sugar season 2020-21 to **6000**.
- Union Health Minister has chaired **33rd** meeting of Health Ministers of Commonwealth countries opening session.
- HUL brings up Mission HO2PE in **Assam**.
- Prasar Bharati will launch International channel **DD International**.
- Founder of TikTok's Chinese owner Zhang Yiming stepped down as CEO. He founded ByteDance in **2012**.
- Prime Minister Hasina handed over the Independence Award 2021 also known as **Swadhinta**.
- National Endangered Species Day was observed on **3rd** Friday of May.
- India and **Oman** renew MoU on military cooperation.
- **BEML** has initiated mechanical minefield marking equipment for Indian Army.
- **Google** has floated the News Showcase in India.
- **NASA** has finished its pre launch test on James Webb Space Telescope.
- S&P Global Market Intelligence: India has emerged as **2nd** largest insurance technology market.
- Barbora Strycova who retired recently was a **Tennis player**.
- International Day for Biological Diversity was observed on May **22**.
- **NS Tomar** introduced the National Mobile Monitoring Software app.

- **DRDO** has developed an antibody detection-based kit 'DIPCOVAN'.
- **Maharashtra** has launched the "Mission Oxygen Self-Reliance" scheme to meet the state's oxygen needs.
- **Hero** Group has introduced an ed-tech platform 'Hero Vired'.
- **Cipla** has unveiled RT-PCR test kit 'ViraGen' in India partnership with Ubio Biotech.
- **MG Motors** has introduced for free online medical consultation platform for customers.
- Microsoft decided to retire the Internet Explorer browser on June 15, **2022**.
- Equitas became **1st** SFB to offer NRIs online account opening facility.
- The **RBI** has imposed monetary penalty on City Union Bank, Tamilnad Mercantile Bank and two other lenders.
- **Essence** has brought Sonali Malaviya on board as the MD.
- INS Rajput, Indian Navy's **1st** destroyer, to be decommissioned.
- Cyclone Tauktae has made landfall in **Gujarat**.
- Women's Champions League trophy - **Barcelona** team has beaten Chelsea to win.
- Sunderlal Bahuguna who passed away recently was an eminent **Environmental**ist.
- World Turtle Day was observed in May **23**.
- Raam Laxman who passed away was an eminent **Music** director.
- The Ministry of Ayush has recently organized a series of **5** webinars.
- **6** Indian places have been included into the tentative list of UNESCO World Heritage Sites.
- The World Bank has approved **600** million US Dollars for Bangladesh.
- **Uttarakhand** has declared Vatsalya Yojana for children orphaned due to Corona.
- **Jharkhand's** Chief Minister has launched a Mobile App 'Amrit Vahini'.
- The Madhya Pradesh government has recently launched **Ankur** scheme under which citizens will be awarded for planting trees during monsoon.
- RBI decided to transfer Rs 99,122 cr as dividend to government for **9** months ended March 31.
- **Aditya Birla** life insurance provider has launched the Vision LifeIncome Plus.
- **Anvee Bhutani** has been elected as Oxford Student Union President.
- Dr. Jane Goodall has bagged the prestigious 2021 Templeton Prize which has a monetary award of **1.5** million.
- Dun & Bradstreet India has signed an MoU with **BSE**.
- India will be hosting **2022** FIFA Under-17 Women's World Cup in October.
- International Day to End Obstetric Fistula was observed on May **23**.
- Srikumar Banerjee who passed away recently was chief of **Atomic Energy** commission.
- National Missing Children's Day was observed on May **25**.
- **TCS** has won the Guinness title for the world's largest programming competition.
- PGA Championship - **Phil Michelson** has become the major winner.
- The Union Health Minister recently chaired **74th** World Health Assembly.
- **Jharkhand** has achieved 1st rank for implementing Smart City Mission schemes.

- **Manchester City** team's boss has bagged England's manager of the year award.
- ICCR will honour 'Annapurna Award' for Indian restaurants abroad.
- **Dr Nageshwar Reddy** has become the first Indian to win the Rudolf Schindler Award.
- NHA signs MoU with the Government of **Telangana**.
- Forbes Highest-Paid Athletes for 2021: UFC Champion Conor McGregor has topped with **180** million earnings.
- Book titled "India and Asian Geopolitics: The Past, Present" Authored by **Shivshankar Menon**.
- BBB has recommended BoB's ED Jain as MD & CEO of **Indian** Bank.
- New species of snake *Platycephalosephi* has been found in **Tamil Nadu**.
- OP Bhardwaj who passed away recently was a **Hockey coach**.
- World Thyroid Day was observed in May **25**.
- **S. Jaishankar** interacted with UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres in New York.
- **UK** has introduced a plan for 'Global Pandemic Radar'.
- **IFSCA** has initiated an expert committee on Investment Funds.
- Social media firms seek time to obey with new digital rules as prescribed under Section **79** of the IT act.
- **M B Rajesh** has taken oath as new speaker of Kerala assembly.
- **Subodh Kumar Jaiswal** has been appointed as new CBI Director.
- **Hockey India** has been honoured with the prestigious Etienne Glichitch Award.
- **KITE** institution has bagged the Social Media for Empowerment Awards South Asia.
- Cabinet gives nod for MoUs entered into by ICoAI& ICSI with foreign countries.
- LIC raises stake in UBI to over **5** per cent.
- Microsoft will quit Internet Explorer in June **2022**.
- **Neena Gupta** has announced the autobiography 'Sach Kahun Toh' to be released on June 14.
- New species of African violet have been discovered in **Mizoram**.
- *Didymocarpus vickifunkiae* Considered as the endangered species. There are currently **106** species of the genus.
- Boyd Rankin who retired recently was an eminent **Cricketer**.
- Yuan Longping considered as the 'father of hybrid rice' who passed away recently belonged to **China**.
- Kiren Rijju launched ACCR web portal, the **3rd** version of Ayush Sanjivani App.
- Panjab Singh who passed away recently won **Vir Chakra** award.
- Government give assistance of Rs **1500** to each Transgender person.
- **Karnataka** CM has launched an online portal named 'Akanksha'.
- **Amazon** has bought James Bond owner MGM.
- Blade India has launched air ambulance services. It is from **US**.
- **ICICI** has introduced a new feature to link UPI ID with digital wallet.
- **Karnataka** Bank has appointed Balakrishna Alse S as an additional director.

- RBI Innovation Hub appointed **Rajesh Bansal** as CEO.
- Nobel Laureate Amartya Sen honoured by **Spain's** top award in social sciences.
- NASA Plans to launch its first mobile robot on the moon in **2023**.
- British Antarctic Survey Found Breakage of World's Largest Iceberg from Antarctica. The iceberg is named **A-76**.
- New Book Titled 7 Lessons from Everest Expedition Learnings from Life and Business has been authored by **Aditya Gupta**.
- **Mohali** International Hockey Stadium will be renamed to legendary Balbir Singh Senior.
- Sami Khedira, who announced retirement recently was an eminent **Footballer**.
- Menstrual Hygiene Day was observed on May **28**.
- HS Doreswamy who passed away recently was a **Freedom fighter**.
- Guillermo Lasso has been sworn in as President of **Ecuador**.
- Fiamme Naomi Mata'afa sworn-in as first female Prime Minister of **Samoa**.
- WHO and **Switzerland** have signed an agreement to launch the first WHO BioHub Facility.
- **Manipur's** CM has launched the MHIM Mobile App.
- TCS labelled as Best Big Company to work for in **UK**.
- Barclays predicts India's FY22 GDP growth at **7.7** per cent.
- Zeta has become the **14th** Indian unicorn in 2021.
- NPCI partners with **PayCore** for accept contactless payments.
- Biden has nominated Indian American **Arun Venkataraman** to a key administration post.
- Centre has named **3** members on CBDT board.
- **Andy Jassy** has been appointed as Amazon's CEO.
- David Barnea has been named as **Israel's** Next Mossad Chief.
- Professor **CNR Rao** has bagged the Eni Award 2020 for renewable energy research.
- **V Karthikeyan Pandian** has bagged the FIH President's Award.
- **Spice Health** Company has bagged the Gold Stevie Award 2021.
- **India** will launch a mobile tech platform for UN peacekeepers.
- **Rajnath Singh** has launched online medical service SeHAT OPD for armed forces personnel.
- **UP** has extended the Essential Services Maintenance Act in the state.
- **Stefanos tsitsipas** has won the 2021 ATP Lyon open Title.
- **Casper Rudd** has won the men's single title at 2021 Geneva Open Tennis.
- International Day of Action for Women's Health was observed on May **28**.
- Eric Carle who passed away recently was an eminent **Author**.
- World Hunger Day was observed on May **28**.
- Amnesty International Day observed on **May 28**.
- International Everest Day observed on May **29**.
- World Digestive Health Day: observed on **May 29**.

- IIT **Ropar** has developed a unique detector 'FakeBuster'.
- Syria's Bashar al-Assad wins the presidential election in **4th** term.
- Firm from **Kerala** has introduced portable oxygen cylinders for first aid.
- **Kerala** CM has introduced the new Smart Kitchen Scheme.
- **IBF** will be renamed as Indian Broadcasting and Digital Foundation.
- Canara Bank's board has approved capital raising plan to raise up Rs. **9000** crore.
- International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers observed on May **29**.
- RBI imposes a penalty of Rs.10 crore on **HDFC**.
- **Yes** Bank has established the TransUnion's on boarding solution.
- PNB Housing Finance modifies its agreement with **PNB**.
- **Kuldeep Singh** will take oath as an additional charge of NIA.
- **B.V.R. Subrahmanyam** has been appointed as Commerce Secretary.
- Laurence des Cars appointed as **1st** female President of Louvre Museum.
- The Union Government has extended the tenure of IB and RAW chief by **1** year.
- BAI president Himanta Biswa Sarma elected to BWF Council for a **4** year period.
- **Robert Lewandowski** has bagged the Europe's Golden Shoe award.
- Aashritha V Olety graduated as India's **1st** woman flight test engineer.
- **CCI** has approved for intra-group reorganisation of the Motherson Group.
- **DRDO** has developed an isothermal forging technology for aero-engines.
- Cyclone Yaas makes landfall in Balasore district, Balasore district belongs to **Odisha**.
- **Tejaswini Shekhar** has won the back-to-back men's high jump titles in the Big 12 Outdoor Track and Field Championships in Manhattan, USA.

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MODEL QUESTIONS

**List of Important Days**

1. What is the theme of this year's International Museum Day 2021?  
(1) The Future of Museums: Recover and Reimagine  
(2) Museums for Equality: Diversity and Inclusion  
(3) Museums as Cultural Hubs: The future of tradition  
(4) Hyper connected Museums: New approaches, new publics  
(5) None of these
2. What is the theme of this year's 6th UN Global Traffic Safety Week 2021?  
(1) Streets for Life (2) Improving Global Road Safety  
(3) Leadership for Road Safety (4) Speakup for Road Safety (5) None of these
3. What is the theme of this year's World AIDS Vaccine Day 2021?  
(1) Global Health Awareness (2) Global Solidarity Shared Responsibility  
(3) Know your status (4) Right to Health (5) None of these
4. What is the theme of this year's World Bee Day?  
(1) Live with the Bees (2) Protection of Bees (3) Save the Bees  
(4) Bee Engaged-Building Back better for bees (5) None of these
5. What is the theme of this year's World Meteorology Day?  
(1) Measurement for Health (2) The Sun, the Earth and the Weather  
(3) Climate and Water (4) Weather Ready Climate Smart (5) None of these
6. When is National Endangered Species Day observed every year?  
(1) 3rd Friday of May (2) 1st Friday of May (3) 2nd Monday of May  
(4) 3rd Monday of May (5) None of these
7. What is theme of this year's International Day to End Obstetric Fistula?  
(1) Women's rights are human rights! End fistula now  
(2) End gender inequality, End health inequalities  
(3) Human Rights Violation of Fistula  
(4) End it Now  
(5) None of these
8. What is the theme of this year's world Turtle Day?  
(1) Change it, Adopt it (2) Rescue Turtles (3) Adopt, don't shop  
(4) Turtles Rock (5) None of these
9. What is the theme of this year's Indian Commonwealth Day?  
(1) Delivering a common future (2) Towards a common future  
(3) A connected commonwealth (4) Commonwealth to practice (5) None of these
10. What is the theme of this year's International Day for Biological Diversity?  
(1) Our solutions are in nature  
(2) We are part of the solution  
(3) Our biodiversity, our food, our health  
(4) Biodiversity in nature  
(5) None of these

11. When is International Day of Action for Women's Health observed?  
(1) May 29 (2) May 28 (3) May 30 (4) May 25 (5) None of these
12. Which organization is observing "International Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories" from May 25 to 31, 2021?  
(1) UN (2) UNICEF (3) UNESCO (4) IMF (5) None of these

### Reserve Bank of India

13. Which organization has launched SHWAS and AROG schemes for COVID preparedness?  
(1) NABARD (2) SIDBI (3) NASSCOM (4) IRDA (5) None of these
14. Recently Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed a monetary penalty of Rs 3 crore on which bank for violating certain norms?  
(1) UCO Bank (2) HDFC bank (3) ICICI Bank (4) IDBI Bank (5) None of these
15. Recently RBI excluded which bank from second schedule of RBI Act?  
(1) UCO Bank (2) IDBI Bank (3) DBS Bank  
(4) Lakshmi Vilas Bank (5) None of these

### State Bank of India

16. Recently State Bank of India allocated how much amount towards the fight against Covid 19?  
(1) ₹ 92 cr (2) ₹ 80 cr (3) ₹ 65 cr (4) ₹ 71 cr (5) None of these

### Other Banks

17. Which bank announced the launch of "I choose my number" feature for all its customers across India?  
(1) Paytm Payments Bank (2) Fincare Payments Bank (3) ICICI Bank  
(4) Jana Small Finance Bank (5) None of these

### Insurance

18. Recently which organisation has issued guidelines on Bharat Yatra Suraksha, the standard domestic travel insurance product?  
(1) RBI (2) IRDAI (3) PFRDA (4) ESIC (5) None of these

### Central Government

19. Recently Govt has decided to extend payment of provisional pension up to a period of how much year from date of retirement in view of pandemic situation?  
(1) 1 (2) 2 (3) 3 (4) 5 (5) None of these
20. Recently Prime Minister Narendra Modi released the which instalment of financial benefit under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme to over 9 crore 50 lakh farmers in the country?  
(1) 6th (2) 8th (3) 5th (4) 9th (5) None of these

### States

21. Which state government has approved allotment of 140 acres of land to e-commerce major Flipkart for setting up its largest fulfilment centre in Asia?  
(1) UP (2) Bihar (3) Haryana (4) Telangana (5) None of these
22. Which state government approved a hike in financial assistance under the Ashirwad scheme from Rs 21,000 to Rs 51,000 per beneficiary?  
(1) Haryana (2) Uttar Pradesh (3) Andhra Pradesh  
(4) Punjab (5) None of these

23. Recently which state government has launched the Corona Warriors Scheme?  
 (1) Madhya Pradesh (2) Uttar Pradesh (3) Haryana  
 (4) Bihar (5) None of these
24. Which state has launched a 24×7 dedicated Helpline at Covid-19 War Control Room to provide real time Covid-19 related facilities to the people?  
 (1) Jammu and Kashmir (2) Punjab (3) Uttar Pradesh  
 (4) Haryana (5) None of these
25. Which state is Building 'Forest Ponds' to Harvest Rainwater to Replenish Groundwater?  
 (1) Himachal Pradesh (2) Odisha (3) Uttar Pradesh  
 (4) Andhra Pradesh (5) None of these
26. Which state government has launched Ayurvedic telemedicine facility for Corona patients?  
 (1) Uttar Pradesh (2) Haryana (3) Bihar  
 (4) Odisha (5) None of these
27. Which state government decided to select Essar Steel Limited as the joint venture partner for setting up a three million tonne per annum capacity steel plant in Kadapa district?  
 (1) Andhra Pradesh (2) Kerala (3) Telangana  
 (4) Odisha (5) None of these
28. Which state government has launched dedicated COVID-19 'Mukhyamantri Sewa Sanklap Helpline 1100'?  
 (1) Bihar (2) Madhya Pradesh (3) Uttar Pradesh  
 (4) Himachal Pradesh (5) None of these
29. Which state Unit of Ayurveda Vyaspeeth has launched an "Ayurvedic Doctors on Call" service to serve the Covid patients?  
 (1) Gujarat (2) Bihar (3) Telangana (4) Kerala (5) None of these
30. Which state police has come up with "COVID-19 Hospital Transport Service" (COV-HOTS) for free transportation of needy infected patients from their homes to hospitals?  
 (1) Assam (2) Bihar (3) Haryana (4) Himachal Pradesh (5) None of these
31. Which state government announced the launch of the 'Mukhyamantri COVID Upchar Yojana' amid a rise in cases in the state?  
 (1) Madhya Pradesh (2) Uttar Pradesh (3) Bihar  
 (4) Haryana (5) None of these
32. Recently which UT became Har Ghar Jal' UT by ensuring every rural home gets a household tap connection?  
 (1) Lakshadweep (2) Puducherry (3) NewDelhi  
 (4) Chandigarh (5) None of these
33. Which state/UT police launched COVI Van Helpline' for senior citizens amid COVID surge?  
 (1) Delhi (2) Chandigarh (3) UP (4) Haryana (5) None of these
34. Which state developed Teeka web portal for systematic vaccination of people?  
 (1) Chhattisgarh (2) Madhya Pradesh (3) Uttar Pradesh  
 (4) Haryana (5) None of these

35. Recently, Malerkotla was announced as 23rd district of which state?  
 (1) Punjab (2) Haryana (3) Bihar (4) Kerala (5) None of these
36. Which state launched My Village – Corona Free Village’ campaign which helped in checking Covid 19 in rural areas?  
 (1) Kerala (2) Haryana (3) Gujarat (4) UP (5) None of these
37. Recently which state government announced that it will bear education expenses of the children who have lost parents to COVID-19?  
 (1) TamilNadu (2) WestBengal (3) Rajasthan (4) Chhattisgarh (5) None of these
38. In which state, AYUSH Department launched a state-wide wellness programme ‘AYUSH Ghar Dwar’ for COVID-19 patients?  
 (1) Uttarakhand (2) Himachal Pradesh (3) Uttar Pradesh  
 (4) Haryana (5) None of these
39. Which state has launched a drive called “Mission Hausla” to help people get oxygen, beds and plasma for COVID-19 patients?  
 (1) Uttarakhand (2) Madhya Pradesh (3) Andhra Pradesh  
 (4) Uttar Pradesh (5) None of these
40. Which state became the first state to join global COVAX alliance to procure anti-Covid vaccines?  
 (1) Kerala (2) Karnataka (3) Punjab (4) Madhya Pradesh (5) None of these
41. Which state launched ‘HIT Covid App’ to ensure regular monitoring, tracking of home isolated patients?  
 (1) Bihar (2) Haryana (3) Uttar Pradesh (4) Punjab (5) None of these
42. Which state launched a mobile application named ‘MOMA Market’ for home delivery of fresh vegetables?  
 (1) Assam (2) Nagaland (3) Meghalaya (4) Manipur (5) None of these
43. Which state launched App for online booking of hospital beds – Amrit Vahini?  
 (1) Uttar Pradesh (2) Jharkhand (3) Haryana  
 (4) Bihar (5) None of these

#### Personalities

44. Recently Ministry of Information and Broadcasting announced year long celebrations to Mark birth centenary of which filmmaker?  
 (1) Rajesh Khanna (2) Satyam Kushwaha (3) Satyajit Ray  
 (4) Priyadarshan (5) None of these

#### Defence and National Security

45. The Border Roads Organisation (BRO) one of its oldest project – DANTAK commemorated its Diamond Jubilee built in which country?  
 (1) Pakistan (2) Myanmar (3) SriLanka (4) Bhutan (5) None of these
46. Recently Indian Navy launched which operation to bring oxygen-filled cryogenic containers to India from abroad?  
 (1) Operation Nistar (2) Operation Vanilla (3) Mission Sagar II  
 (4) Samudra Setu II (5) None of these
47. Recently which operation was launched by armed forces to fight COVID-19 in India?  
 (1) Cowin (2) CO Jeet (3) CoForce (4) CoArmed (5) None of these

48. Which INS has departed Singapore with eight 27-ton capacity Cryogenic Oxygen Tanks and other critical COVID Medical Stores including 3600 Oxygen Cylinders?  
 (1) Talwar (2) Virat (3) Samudra (4) Airavat (5) None of these
49. Which INS with 40 tonne Liquid Medical Oxygen has reached New Mangalore Port in Karnataka recently?  
 (1) Virat (2) Vikramaditya (3) Talwar (4) Samudra (5) None of these
50. Which state launched 'Auro Scholarship Programme' of Sri Aurobindo Society for all the students of the state?  
 (1) Tripura (2) Assam (3) Kerala (4) Nagaland (5) None of these
51. Recently which organisation set up a Covid 19 Management cell?  
 (1) Indian Army (2) Indian Navy (3) Indian Air Force  
 (4) NASSCOM (5) None of these
52. Recently India carried out a military drill with which country in the Southern Arabian sea with a focus on further improving their interoperability?  
 (1) Indonesia (2) Sri Lanka (3) China (4) Japan (5) None of these
53. Recently which Indian Coast Guard Offshore Patrol Vessel was commissioned by NSA Ajit Doval to the nation for safeguarding maritime interests?  
 (1) Sajag (2) Agni (3) Vayu (4) Vikram (5) None of these

#### Schemes/Initiatives

54. Who launched the Ayush Clinical Case Repository portal and the third version of Ayush Sanjivani App in a virtual event?  
 (1) Kiran Rijju (2) Narendra Modi (3) Harsh Vardhan  
 (4) Nitin Gadkari (5) None of these

#### Agreement/Deal/Signed

55. Which company has partnered with NPCI International Payments to expand the presence of digital payments platform Unified Payments Interface (UPI) in international markets?  
 (1) Financial Software and Systems (2) Intech Systems (3) MasterCard  
 (4) Visa (5) None of these
56. Which state government has signed two MOUs with Bhutan and Nagaland for procurement of Oxygen?  
 (1) Assam (2) Tripura (3) Telangana (4) Andhra Pradesh (5) None of these
57. Gemini, a cryptocurrency firm partnered with which company to launch New Crypto Rewards Credit Card?  
 (1) Amazon (2) Visa (3) Rupay (4) MasterCard (5) None of these
58. The Union Cabinet has approved the signing of an MoU on Migration and Mobility Partnership between India and which other country?  
 (1) France (2) USA (3) UK (4) Singapore (5) None of these
59. Which bank has been selected as a digital payments partner by the National Agriculture Market (eNAM)?  
 (1) ICICI Bank (2) Kotak Mahindra Bank (3) HDFC Bank  
 (4) SBI (5) None of these

60. Which bank has entered into a strategic tie-up with UAE-based Mashreq Bank to facilitate money transfers from the UAE?  
 (1) HDFC Bank (2) Federal Bank (3) RBL Bank  
 (4) ICICI Bank (5) None of these
61. Recently Union Cabinet has approved signing of Memorandum of Understanding between Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, ICAI and institute of which other country to strengthen the Accounting profession?  
 (1) Qatar (2) Seychelles (3) SriLanka (4) Canada (5) None of these
62. Which company joined hands with YONO SBI to Launch Small Farm Accounting App, Farmizo Khata?  
 (1) Eroute Technologies (2) Adi Technologies (3) Paytm Money  
 (4) Shivrai Technologies (5) None of these

#### Meet/Visit

63. Who participated in the G-7 Foreign Ministers' meeting in London through video conference from India?  
 (1) Amit Shah (2) Narendra Modi (3) Smriti Irani (4) S Jaishankar (5) None of these
64. Recently foreign ministers of India, France, and Australia are set to hold a first trilateral meet in which city to strengthen maritime security?  
 (1) Chennai (2) Kolkata (3) Pune (4) NewDelhi (5) None of these
65. The G20 Tourism Ministers Meeting was held virtually in which country?  
 (1) Italy (2) Israel (3) UK (4) France (5) None of these
66. Recently Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually joined in the meeting of European Council held in which place?  
 (1) Seychelles (2) Portugal (3) UK (4) France (5) None of these
67. Which country chaired first BRICS Employment Working Group (EWG) Meeting was held in 2021?  
 (1) India (2) Nepal (3) China (4) SriLanka (5) None of these

#### Fund

68. How much amount was infused into in state owned IFCI by the central government?  
 (1) ₹ 125 cr (2) ₹ 100 cr (3) ₹ 150 cr (4) ₹ 200 cr (5) None of these
69. Recently how much amount was provided by Asian Development Bank to India to deal with Covid 19 pandemic?  
 (1) \$3.5 billion (2) \$1.0 billion (3) \$2.0 billion (4) \$1.5 billion (5) None of these
70. How much amount was released by central government for State Disaster Response Fund to all States for COVID-19 containment measures?  
 (1) ₹ 8758 cr (2) ₹ 7686 cr (3) ₹ 8800 cr (4) ₹ 8873 cr (5) None of these
71. The finance ministry has decided to give how much amount to States as interest free 50 year loan for spending on capital projects?  
 (1) ₹ 16000 cr (2) ₹ 11000 cr (3) ₹ 12000 cr (4) ₹ 15000 cr (5) None of these
72. Which company has received a debt investment of \$150 million/ INR 1,132 crore from World Bank's International Finance Corporation (IFC)?  
 (1) ICICI Prudential (2) Bajaj Finance (3) TCS  
 (4) Mphasis Limited (5) None of these

73. How much amount was released as interest subvention to Jammu and Kashmir for revival of business and industry?  
 (1) ₹ 325 cr (2) ₹ 300 cr (3) ₹ 225 cr (4) ₹ 250 cr (5) None of these
74. How much amount of financial support was given by NABARD to West Bengal for the development of agriculture and allied sectors amid Covid-19 pandemic?  
 (1) ₹ 9162 cr (2) ₹ 9235 cr (3) ₹ 9355 cr (4) ₹ 9547 cr (5) None of these
75. How much amount was released by the centre to 25 States for providing grants to the Rural Local Bodies in advance, in view of the COVID-19 pandemic?  
 (1) ₹ 7954 cr (2) ₹ 7986 cr (3) ₹ 8965 cr (4) ₹ 8923 cr (5) None of these
76. Recently Government of India and European Investment Bank (EIB) signed the finance contract for second tranche of how much amount for Pune Metro Rail Project?  
 (1) 130 million (2) 140 million (3) 150 million (4) 145 million (5) None of these
77. How much amount was approved by governing body of Ladakh "Yountan Society" for Samagra Shiksha in UT?  
 (1) ₹ 167.25 cr (2) ₹ 170.25 cr (3) ₹ 181 cr (4) ₹ 185.0 cr (5) None of these
78. How much amount was transferred by central government to Punjab into farmers' accounts so far against sale of their Wheat crop?  
 (1) ₹ 15643 cr (2) ₹ 20865 cr (3) ₹ 12384 cr (4) ₹ 22215 cr (5) None of these
79. How much amount was allocated for the year 2021-22 for 'Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture' (MIDH), a centrally sponsored scheme by the Union Agriculture Ministry?  
 (1) ₹ 2150 cr (2) ₹ 2350 cr (3) ₹ 2500 cr (4) ₹ 2250 cr (5) None of these
80. How much amount was pledged by Chairman of Vedanta to support India against Covid 19?  
 (1) ₹ 100 cr (2) ₹ 140 cr (3) ₹ 145 cr (4) ₹ 150 cr (5) None of these

#### Companies/Industry

81. Recently Alstom has successfully manufactured and delivered the 100th electric locomotive to the Indian Railways. The company is based in which country?  
 (1) China (2) UK (3) France (4) USA (5) None of these
82. Recently which company launched the 'Oxygen on Wheels' initiative to facilitate the transportation of this crucial medical aid amid the surging coronavirus cases in the country?  
 (1) Mahindra (2) TCS (3) Wipro (4) Cipla (5) None of these
83. Which country approved the proposed sale of six P-8I patrol aircraft and related equipment to India?  
 (1) Japan (2) France (3) USA (4) UK (5) None of these
84. Which IT company regained the position as India's third most-valued information technology (IT) company in terms of market capitalisation?  
 (1) Accenture (2) HCL (3) TCS (4) Wipro (5) None of these
85. Which company has picked up a minority stake in Fincare Small Finance Bank for \$25 million (about ₹ 185 crore) through a secondary acquisition?  
 (1) Paytm Payment Bank (2) SBI (3) Mirrae Asset Limited  
 (4) Motilal Oswal (5) None of these

86. How much amount will be invested by Serum Institute of India to expand its vaccine business in UK?  
 (1) 240 million (2) 250 million (3) 275 million (4) 300 million (5) None of these
87. Which company has announced the launch of 'COVID-19 Vaccine Finder,' an integrated platform to help citizens check the availability of vaccination slots - on its Mini App Store?  
 (1) Google (2) Paytm (3) Apple (4) Deloitte (5) None of these
88. Which organisation has approved registration to PTC, BSE and ICICI Bank-led Pranurja Solution Ltd to start the country's third power exchange?  
 (1) THDC Limited (2) Energy Efficiency Services Limited  
 (3) NITI AAYOG (4) Central Electricity Regulatory Commission  
 (5) None of these
89. Which company has launched international money transfer partnerships with remittances firms Wise and Western Union Co for users of its U.S. payments app?  
 (1) Paytm (2) Google Pay (3) Freecharge (4) PayPal (5) None of these
90. Recently which company has launched an all-electric motorcycle brand "LiveWire"?  
 (1) Honda (2) Suzuki (3) Kawasaki (4) Harley Davidson (5) None of these
91. Which company to retire Internet Explorer 11 in June 2022?  
 (1) Google (2) Microsoft (3) Apple (4) Amazon (5) None of these

#### Agriculture/Production

92. The government has targeted how much million tonnes of mustard production by 2025-26?  
 (1) 18 (2) 17 (3) 20 (4) 15 (5) None of these

#### Space

93. Which organisation to send its first mobile robot to search for water on the moon in 2023?  
 (1) NASA (2) ISRO (3) SPACEX (4) CNRS (5) None of these
94. Which organisation joined hands with ISRO to develop Earth Observatory to mitigate climate change, better disaster management?  
 (1) Deloitte (2) Cnrs (3) SpaceX (4) NASA (5) None of these

#### Science and Technology

95. Which institute has developed a prototype of a moveable electric cremation system which claims to be using first of its kind technology that involves smokeless cremation despite using wood?  
 (1) IIT Ropar (2) IIT Bombay (3) IISC BENGALURU  
 (4) IIM Ahmedabad (5) None of these
96. Which organization developed AI tool for COVID detection in chest X-rays?  
 (1) ONGC (2) DRDO (3) BEML (4) BHEL (5) None of these

#### Environment

97. Recently World's largest iceberg breaks off from which place?  
 (1) Antarctica (2) Arctic Ocean (3) Finland (4) Switzerland (5) None of these
98. As per World Meteorological Organisation, Global average temperature could pass how much Celsius within the next 5 years?  
 (1) 1.8 (2) 1.2 (3) 1 (4) 1.5 (5) None of these

### Transport/Cars/Scooters

99. As per Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari, government has set a target of road construction of worth how much amount in next two years?  
(1) 15 lakh cr (2) 22 lakh cr (3) 25 lakh cr (4) 30 lakh cr (5) None of these
100. Recently Rupsi Airport has commenced operations in which state?  
(1) Tripura (2) Assam (3) Nagaland (4) Kerala (5) None of these
101. In May 2021, Miyon ka Bara railway station was renamed to Mahesh Nagar railway station. Where is it located?  
(1) Andhra Pradesh (2) Bihar (3) Uttar Pradesh  
(4) Rajasthan (5) None of these

### Media /I.T / Telecommunication

102. Which operator is building largest international submarine cable system centred on India?  
(1) BSNL (2) Jio (3) Airtel (4) Vodafone Idea (5) None of these

### Appointments/Election (or) Latest who is who?

103. Samir Seksaria will take over as the Chief Financial Officer of which company?  
(1) Mphasis (2) Wipro (3) HCL (4) TCS (5) None of these
104. Who was appointed as new company head of Suzuki Motorcycle India Limited?  
(1) Koichirao Hario (2) Satoshi Uchida (3) Harry Williamson  
(4) Peter Ryan (5) None of these
105. Who has been appointed as MD and CEO of Star Union Dai-ichi Life Insurance Company Ltd?  
(1) Abhay Tiwari (2) Laxmi Mittal (3) Sunil Mehta  
(4) Naresh Goyal (5) None of these
106. Who to take charge as new CFO and Internal Auditor of IDBI Bank?  
(1) Sunil Sarkar (2) Ajay Sharma (3) P Sitaram (4) Mahesh Kumar (5) None of these
107. Moctar Ouane was reappointed as Prime Minister of which country?  
(1) Thailand (2) Maritius (3) Nicosia (4) Mali (5) None of these
108. Who has been appointed as to head the world's largest museum Louvre?  
(1) Laurence des Cars (2) Jean-Luc Martinez (3) Martin Roper  
(4) Lee Weing (5) None of these

### Resignation/Dismissed/Retired/Quit

109. Recently Roman Khassanov was banned from tennis after corruption charges. For which country did he represent?  
(1) Kazakhstan (2) Tajikistan (3) Afghanistan (4) Bangladesh (5) None of these
110. Recently England Harry Gurney retired from which sports?  
(1) Football (2) Baseball (3) Cricket (4) Tennis (5) None of these
111. Recently Zhang Yiming stepped down as CEO from which company?  
(1) ByteDance (2) Wechat (3) Krook (4) Alibaba (5) None of these

### Deaths

112. Recently Padma Shree awardee and former national president of the Indian Medical Association passed away. Name him/her?  
(1) KK Agarwal (2) Vikas Chaturvedi (3) Taraknath Banerjee  
(4) Amit Mistry (5) None of these

113. Recently retired Indian Foreign Service offer and former Ambassador to Nepal and Hungary was passed away. Name him/her?  
(1) Aravindo Deo (2) Dinesh Dixit (3) Aurobindo Banerjee  
(4) Pratyush Singh (5) None of these
114. Recently Anjan Bandyopadhyay passes away, He was related to which profession?  
(1) Actor (2) Journalist (3) Sports (4) Social Activist (5) None of these
115. Recently KD Chandran passes away. He was related to which profession?  
(1) Actor (2) Journalist (3) Politics (4) Sports (5) None of these
116. Recently Writer Ki Rajanarayan passed away. He was writer of which language?  
(1) Telugu (2) Hindi (3) Malayalam (4) Tamil (5) None of these
117. Recently Chaman Lal Gupta passed away. He was related to which field?  
(1) Politics (2) Sports (3) Actor (4) Author (5) None of these
118. Recently Ranjana Nirula passed away. She was related to which field?  
(1) Sports (2) Politics (3) Actress (4) Activist (5) None of these
119. Recently Notable astronomy communicator and director of the Nehru Planetarium passed away, Name him?  
(1) Shri Hari Narayana (2) Ramesh Thakur (3) Madhav Vaidya  
(4) Nandivada Rathnasree (5) None of these
120. Recently Sunderlal Bahugana passed away. He was related to which field?  
(1) Author (2) Actor (3) Sports (4) Environmentlist (5) None of these
121. Recently Jagannath Pahadia passed away. He was related to which field?  
(1) Actor (2) Politics (3) Sports (4) Author (5) None of these
122. Recently Om Prakash Bharadwaj passed away. He was related to which sports?  
(1) Boxing (2) Kabaddi (3) Cricket (4) Tennis (5) None of these
123. Recently Monali Gorhe passed away, She was the coach of which sports?  
(1) Cricket (2) Tennis (3) Shooting (4) Badminton (5) None of these
124. Recently Prashant Mohapatra passed away, ahead was related to which profession?  
(1) Sports (2) Politics (3) Actor (4) Social Activist (5) None of these
125. Recently former Director General of the National Security Guards (NSG) who headed the force during the 26/11 Mumbai terror attack, passed away. Name him?  
(1) Rishabh Dwivedi (2) Rakesh Sen (3) Sunil Singh  
(4) JK Dutt (5) None of these
126. Recently Gotam Lal Meena passed away. He was related to which field?  
(1) Actor (2) Politics (3) Author (4) Sports (5) None of these
127. Recently former chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission passed away. Name him?  
(1) Rakesh Sen (2) Vithal Rao (3) Vishal Sharma  
(4) Srikumar Banerjee (5) None of these
128. Recently Shakti Mazumdar passed away, He was related to which sports?  
(1) Cricket (2) Tennis (3) Hockey (4) Boxing (5) None of these

129. Recently scholar Mahamahopadhyay Pandit Reva Prasad Dwivedi Passed away. He was scholar in which language?  
(1) Sanskrit (2) Hindi (3) Tamil (4) Telugu (5) None of these
130. Recently Yuan Longing passed away. He belongs to which profession?  
(1) Scientist (2) Author (3) Actor (4) Director (5) None of these
131. Recently Lee Evans passed away. He was a former sprinter from which country?  
(1) UK (2) France (3) USA (4) Brazil (5) None of these
132. Recently HS Doreswamy passed away, He was related to the which field?  
(1) Politics (2) Actor (3) Author (4) Freedom Fighter (5) None of these
133. Recently former head of Formula 1's governing body passed away. Name him?  
(1) Daryl Jim (2) Mike Pompeo (3) Luke Harper (4) Max Mosley (5) None of these
134. Recently Babagouda Rudragouda Patil passed away, and was related to which field?  
(1) Politics (2) Author (3) Actor (4) Philosopher (5) None of these
135. Recently Vir Chakra awardee and a decorated veteran of the 1971, war passed away. Name him?  
(1) Devdutt Sharma (2) Devendra Nath Singh (3) Vikram Singh  
(4) Panjab Singh (5) None of these
136. Recently Alka Raghuvanshi passed away, She was related to which field?  
(1) Author (2) Sports (3) Politics (4) Artist (5) None of these
- Awards/Honours**
137. Who has won this year's Whitley Awards 2021, also known as the Green Oscar?  
(1) Nuklu Phom (2) Andrea Meza (3) Nicos Parly  
(4) Antonia Barty (5) None of these
138. Who was crowned as the 69th Miss Universe 2020?  
(1) Joyce Mary (2) Angelina Jolly (3) Adeline Castelino  
(4) Andrea Meza (5) None of these
139. Who have been selected for the prestigious Basavashri Award for the year 2020?  
(1) K Kasturirangan (2) Rajeev Taranath (3) Ramesh Singh  
(4) Deendayal Dev (5) None of these
140. In Brit Awards 2021, who emerged as the first woman and first non-British star to accept the Global Icon Award?  
(1) Billie Elish (2) Angelina Jolie (3) Duo Lipa  
(4) Taylor Swift (5) None of these
141. Who has received the prestigious 2021 Templeton Prize?  
(1) Beckam Franklin (2) David Lily (3) Stuart James  
(4) Jane GoodAll (5) None of these
142. Which body won the prestigious Etienne Glichitch Award in recognition of its contribution to the growth and development of the sport in the country?  
(1) Hockey India (2) Badminton Association of India  
(3) BCCI (4) Football Federation (5) None of these

143. Who won the best Biodiversity Management Committee award in Arunachal Pradesh?  
 (1) Shergaon BMC (2) Kamang BMC (3) Niptil BMC  
 (4) Shilling BMC (5) None of these
144. Recently how many Indian peacekeepers were honoured posthumously with prestigious UN medal for sacrifice in line of duty?  
 (1) 3 (2) 2 (3) 4 (4) 5 (5) None of these

### Sports/Game

145. Who won the men's Madrid Open Title 2021?  
 (1) Alexander Zverev (2) Marcol Granelluers (3) Horacio Zebbales  
 (4) Sebastian Vettel (5) None of these
146. Who has won the Women's Singles title of Italian Open?  
 (1) Ashleigh Barty (2) PV Sindhu (3) Iga Swiatek  
 (4) Karolina Pliskova (5) None of these
147. Who won the women's Porsche Tennis Grand Prix 2021?  
 (1) Simona Halep (2) Ashleigh Barty (3) Aryna Sabalenka  
 (4) Caroline Wozeniacki (5) None of these
148. The AIBA World Boxing Championship for men to be held in which city?  
 (1) London (2) Belgrade (3) Rome (4) Moscow (5) None of these
149. Baljeet Kaur and Gunbala Sharma became the first Indian women to summit Mount Pumori (7,161 meters) in Nepal. They both hailed from which state respectively?  
 (1) Assam and Nagaland (2) Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh  
 (3) Haryana and Uttarakhand (4) Himachal Pradesh and Rajasthan (5) None of these
150. The 2022 FIFA under-17 Women's World Cup will be held in which country?  
 (1) India (2) China (3) Australia (4) USA (5) None of these
151. Recently who became the oldest American to climb the world's highest peak at 8,848.86-metres (29,031 feet)?  
 (1) Arthur Muir (2) Tsang Hung (3) Bill Burke  
 (4) Larry Page (5) None of these

### Report

152. Recently which Indian PSU regained market capitalisation (m-cap) of Rs 50,000 crore and entered 100 most valued Indian firms?  
 (1) SAIL (2) BHEL (3) NTPC (4) BEML (5) None of these
153. As per Knight Frank, in its 'Prime Global Cities Index Q1 2021' report, what is NewDelhi rank among global cities in terms of prime residential properties?  
 (1) 27th (2) 29th (3) 31st (4) 32nd (5) None of these
154. NITI Aayog in partnership with which company released a report titled 'Connected Commerce: Creating a Roadmap for a Digitally Inclusive Bharat'?  
 (1) Google (2) MasterCard (3) Visa (4) Microsoft (5) None of these
155. Who topped the Forbes' highest-paid athletes list for 2021?  
 (1) Lionel Messi (2) Conor Mcgregor (3) Virat Kohli  
 (4) Sebastian Vettel (5) None of these

### General - National

156. Recently Labour Ministry hiked the maximum sum assured payable under EDLI scheme from ₹ 6 lakh to how much amount?  
(1) ₹ 7 lakh (2) ₹ 8 lakh (3) ₹ 10 lakh (4) ₹ 9 lakh (5) None of these
157. As per Union Minister Nitin Gadkari, how many Pressure Swing Adsorption (PSA) medical oxygen plants will be installed in various states?  
(1) 605 (2) 600 (3) 581 (4) 565 (5) None of these
158. Which country inaugurated Small hydro power plant at Chandannath Municipality in Jumla district with Indian assistance?  
(1) Indonesia (2) Sri Lanka (3) Bhutan (4) Nepal (5) None of these
159. Recently Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman handed over possession to how many homebuyers of the first stalled project completed with funding by SWAMIH Fund?  
(1) 610 (2) 640 (3) 555 (4) 590 (5) None of these
160. Recently India decided to re-introduce which animal into the country in November this year at the Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh which got extinct in 1952?  
(1) Rhinoceros (2) Himalayan Zebra (3) Cheetah  
(4) Pink headed Duck (5) None of these

### General - International

161. Which country will join the United States, Canada, Norway, and Qatar in forming 'Net Zero Producers Forum' for oil and gas producers?  
(1) UAE (2) Iran (3) Israel (4) Saudi Arabia (5) None of these
162. Which became the world's first country to ban all synthetic cannabinoid substances?  
(1) China (2) Japan (3) Mexico (4) USA (5) None of these

### Books and Authors

163. Who is the author of book "Sikkim: A History of Intrigue and Alliance"?  
(1) Ashish Rannison (2) Gunjan Updhayay (3) Mohan Munda  
(4) Preet Mohan Singh Malik (5) None of these
164. Who is the author of book "Elephant"?  
(1) Deep Halder (2) Daryl Charles (3) Mohan Munda  
(4) Paul Pickering (5) None of these
165. Who is the author of book "Buddha in Gandhara"?  
(1) Monali Krishnan (2) Vishal Thakur (3) Mohan Munda  
(4) Sunita Dwivedi (5) None of these
166. Who is the author of book "The Spiritual CEO"?  
(1) Abhijeet Chaturvedi (2) Mohan Munda (3) Ramesh Singh  
(4) S Prakash (5) None of these
167. Who is the author of book 'India and Asian Geopolitics: The Past, Present'?  
(1) Shivshankar Menon (2) Arjun Munda (3) Nilankar Sen  
(4) Shiv Narayan Chaudhary (5) None of these
168. Who is the author of book "Nehru, Tibet and China"?  
(1) Avtar Singh Bhasin (2) Shivshankar Dubey (3) Amrita Rao  
(4) Shubhendu Mishra (5) None of these

169. Who is the author of book 7 Lessons from Everest - Expedition Learnings from Life and Business'?

(1) Shivshankar Singh

(2) Aditya Gupta

(3) Mohan Munda

(4) Rohan Verma

(5) None of these

170. Who is the author of book India and Asian Geopolitics: The Past, Present''?

(1) Shivshankar Menon

(2) Arjun Munda

(3) Rohan Verma

(4) Amitav Ghosh

(5) None of these

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Ans: 1-1, 2-1, 3-2, 4-4, 5-1, 6-1, 7-1, 8-4, 9-1, 10-2, 11-2, 12-1, 13-2, 14-3, 15-4, 16-4, 17-4, 18-2, 19-1, 20-2, 21-3, 22-4, 23-1, 24-1, 25-1, 26-2, 27-1, 28-4, 29-1, 30-3, 31-1, 32-2, 33-1, 34-1, 35-1, 36-3, 37-4, 38-2, 39-1, 40-3, 41-1, 42-4, 43-2, 44-3, 45-4, 46-4, 47-2, 48-4, 49-3, 50-1, 51-1, 52-1, 53-1, 54-1, 55-1, 56-1, 57-4, 58-3, 59-2, 60-2, 61-1, 62-4, 63-4, 64-4, 65-1, 66-2, 67-1, 68-4, 69-4, 70-4, 71-4, 72-2, 73-4, 74-1, 75-4, 76-3, 77-1, 78-4, 79-4, 80-4, 81-3, 82-1, 83-3, 84-4, 85-4, 86-1, 87-2, 88-4, 89-2, 90-4, 91-2, 92-2, 93-1, 94-4, 95-1, 96-2, 97-1, 98-4, 99-1, 100-2, 101-4, 102-2, 103-4, 104-2, 105-1, 106-3, 107-4, 108-1, 109-1, 110-3, 111-1, 112-1, 113-1, 114-2, 115-1, 116-4, 117-1, 118-4, 119-4, 120-4, 121-2, 122-1, 123-3, 124-1, 125-4, 126-2, 127-4, 128-4, 129-1, 130-1, 131-3, 132-4, 133-4, 134-1, 135-4, 136-4, 137-1, 138-4, 139-1, 140-4, 141-4, 142-1, 143-1, 144-1, 145-1, 146-3, 147-2, 148-2, 149-4, 150-1, 151-1, 152-1, 153-4, 154-2, 155-2, 156-1, 157-3, 158-4, 159-2, 160-3, 161-4, 162-1, 163-4, 164-4, 165-4, 166-4, 167-1, 168-1, 169-2, 170-1.

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