

GENERAL AWARENESS-CURRENT AFFAIRS
MONTH OF JULY-2021

List of Important Days

- July 01 - National Doctors' Day.
- July 01 - National Chartered Accountants Day.
- July 01 - National Postal Worker Day.
- July 02 - World UFO Day (WUD).
- July 02 - World Sports Journalists Day.
- July 03 - International Day of Cooperatives.
- July 07 - World Chocolate Day.
- July 10 - National Fish Farmers' Day.
- July 11 - World Population Day. (Theme - "the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on fertility")
- July 12 - World Malala Day.
- July 15 - World Youth Skills Day. (Theme - "Reimagining Youth Skills Post-Pandemic").
- July 17 - World Day for International Justice.
- July 18 - Nelson Mandela International Day.
- July 20 - International Chess Day.
- July 20 - Science Exploration Day (also called Moon Day).
- July 22 - World Fragile X Awareness Day.
- July 22 - World Brain Day. (Theme - "Stop Multiple Sclerosis")
- July 23 - National Broadcasting Day.
- July 24 - Aaykar Diwas (Income Tax Day) celebrated by CBDT.
- July 25 - World Drowning Prevention Day.
- July 26 - Kargil Vijay Diwas.
- July 26 - International Day for the Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystem (or World Mangrove Day).
- July 27 - Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) observes 83rd Raising Day.
- July 28 - World Nature Conservation Day.
- July 28 - World Hepatitis Day. (Theme - "Hepatitis Can't Wait").
- July 29 - International Tiger Day.
- July 30 - World Day Against Trafficking in Persons. (Theme - "Victims' Voices Lead the Way").
- July 31 - World Ranger Day.

Reserve Bank of India

- The RBI has imposed **penalties** on **SBI, Bank of Baroda, IndusInd Bank, Bandhan Bank** and 10 other lenders for contravention of various regulatory norms, including on lending to NBFCs.
 - The penalty imposed on the 14 banks totals **Rs.14.5 crore**, with a maximum Rs.2 crore fine on Bank of Baroda.

- The Reserve Bank of India barred **Mastercard** Asia / Pacific Pte Ltd (Mastercard) from issuing new credit, debit and prepaid cards with effect from July 22 for its failure to comply with its data storage norms.
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has overhauled rules for extending **loans** to directors of **other banks** and relatives of directors.
 - As per the amendments, the central bank has allowed banks to extend **personal loans** up to **₹5 crores** to directors of other banks and directors' relatives other than spouses without board approval. The earlier limit for such loans was ₹25 lakh.

Other Banks

- **HDFC Bank** launched a **SalaamDiSey** initiative to show gratitude to doctors for their tireless service during the pandemic, to pay tribute to doctors across the country.
- **ICICI Bank** has launched India's most comprehensive banking solutions for medical doctors. Titled as '**Salute Doctors**', the solution offers customized banking as well as value-added services for every doctor, beginning from a medical student to a senior medical consultant to an owner of a hospital or a clinic.
- **ICICI Bank** has announced the launch of a co-branded credit card with Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (**HPCL**) to enable users to get benefits and reward points for using multiple credit cards in one.
 - Named, '**ICICI Bank HPCL Super Saver Credit Card**'.
- **HDFC Ltd** has got a loan of \$250 million from International Finance Corporation (**IFC**), the investment arm of the World Bank Group, to be used by India's largest housing finance company for **green housing**.

Central Government

- Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved a **Rs.3.03 trillion** power distribution company (DISCOM) reform scheme on June 30, 2021.
 - Under the scheme, Centre's share will be about Rs.97,631 crore.
- The Union Cabinet headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved an increase in the **Dearness Allowance** to Central Government employees and Dearness Relief to pensioners to 28 per cent.

States

- **Andhra Pradesh** Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy has launched the '**YSR Bima**' scheme with new guidelines, where the government itself will directly pay the insurance amount to the family of the deceased to make the insurance claims easier.
- **Kerala** government has proposed to have its own over-the-top (OTT) platform. The state government has planned to launch it by November 1.
- The **Karnataka** state government has decided to develop **46 Kempegowda heritage sites** located in Bengaluru Urban, Bengaluru Rural, Ramanagara, Chikballapura, and Tumakuru districts, in a bid to promote tourism.
- **Kerala** Health Minister Veena George informed that the Kerala government is all set to launch a campaign called '**Mathru Kavacham**' to provide COVID-19 vaccines to all the **pregnant** women in the state.
- **Perumkulam**, in Kollam District, has been bestowed with the title **Kerala's first 'Book Village'**.
- The **Assam** State Chief Minister Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma has **assured jobs** for all **National Games medalists** of Assam from now on.
 - He also mentioned that all those who won medals in National Games so far for Assam would be given Sports Pension by the State Government.

- **Uttar Pradesh** CM Yogi Adityanath launched the 'MyGov-Meri Sarkar' portal.
- Odisha's **Puri** became the first city in India to have a **Drink from Tap** project that will dispense safe hygienic drinking water directly from a tap 24x7.
 - CM Naveen Patnaik launched the 'Sujal: Drink from Tap' project.
- In order to promote **AYUSH** in **Madhya Pradesh** and to link it with employment, the government has made the '**Devaranya**' scheme.
 - The scheme has been made to provide employment to the people living in the tribal areas of the state.
- **Karnataka** has become the first state in the country to provide **one per cent reservation** for the '**transgender community** in all the government services.
- The Chief Minister of **Chhattisgarh** Bhupesh Baghel announced that the state government will launch **Rajiv Gandhi Gramin Bhoomihin Krishi Majdoor Nyay Yojana** under which the **landless families** will be provided financial assistance of **Rs. 6,000 every year**.
- The **Jammu and Kashmir** administration has declared the ancient **Radha Krishan** temple at **Miran Sahib** near here as a "**protected monument**".
- The **Rajasthan** government's industries department and the Rajasthan State Industrial Development and Investment Corporation (**RIICO**) have launched the '**Mission Niriyatak Bano**' campaign to promote aspiring exporters in the state.

Place in the News

- Much-awaited **National Dolphin Research Centre** (NDRC) will soon come up in **Patna**.
- The **Indian Institute of Heritage** will be set up in **Noida** by the government. This will be a first of kind institution in the country.

Defence and National Security

- **Indian Navy** warship conducted military drill with **South Korean** vessel in the **East China Sea**.
- Indian Naval Ship (INS) **Tabar** recently participated in military exercises with the frontline frigate of the **Italian Navy**.
 - INS Tabar joined Italian Navy and entered Port of **Naples** on July 3 as part of deployment in the Mediterranean.
- **Russia** has successfully test-fired its new **S-500** air defence missile systems, from a southern training range, Kapustin Yar.
- The Defence Research & Development Organization (**DRDO**) successfully flight-tested the New Generation **Akash Missile** (Akash-NG), from Integrated Test Range (ITR) off the coast of **Odisha**.
- The Defence Research and Development Organization (**DRDO**) successfully flight-tested indigenously developed third-generation Man-Portable Antitank Guided Missile (**MPATGM**) for its minimum range.
- **India** and **Russia** will carry out the 12th edition of the Indo-Russia Joint Military Exercise (**INDRA**) at Volgograd city in Russia in August.
- The 36th edition of **CORPAT** between **India** and **Indonesia** is being held on 30 and 31 July 2021, in the Indian Ocean region.
 - The Indian Naval Ship (INS) Saryu, an indigenously built Offshore Patrol Vessel and Indonesian Naval Ship KRI Bung Tomo is undertaking coordinated patrol (CORPAT).

Schemes/Initiatives

- The Union Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari inaugurated India's first private **Liquefied Natural Gas** (LPG) plant in Nagpur, **Maharashtra**.

- The country's first '**Grain ATM**' has been set up as a pilot project in **Gurugram, Haryana**.
- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the continuation of Centrally Sponsored Scheme '**National AYUSH Mission (NAM)**' for another five years.
- **PM Modi** has launched multiple educational initiatives including the **Academic Bank of Credit** that will provide multiple entries and exit options for students in Higher education.
 - Academic Bank of Credit is envisaged as a digital bank that holds the credit earned by a student in any course.
- **KVIC** and **BSF** launch Project **BOLD** in Jaisalmer to combat desertification and boost the rural economy.
 - The project called "Bamboo Oasis on Drought Lands" (BOLD) is the first exercise of its kind in India and was launched on July 4, 2021 from the tribal village of Nichla Mandwa in Udaipur, Rajasthan.

Summit/Conference

- **Kenya** and **United Kingdom** are co-hosting a **Global Education Summit** in the city of London with the objective to raise 5 billion USD for the Global Partnership for Education (GPE).

Agreement/Deal/Signed

- The Union Cabinet chaired by PM Modi gave its approval to the signing of the MoU between the Department of **Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances**, Government of India and the Public Service Commission, the Republic of **The Gambia** on Refurbishing the Personnel Administration and Governance Reforms.
- The Arun Jaitley National Institute of Financial Management (**AJNIFM**) and **Microsoft** announced a strategic partnership to build an **AI** and emerging technologies centre of excellence at AJNIFM.
- **Axis Bank** has inked a multi-year deal with **Amazon Web Services (AWS)** to power the digital transformation programme of the country's third-largest private sector bank.
- The **tourism** ministry signed a MoU with **Yatra** to strengthen and enable the tourism and hospitality industry.
- **Razorpay** has partnered with **Mastercard** to launch '**MandateHQ**'.
 - It is a payment interface that will help card-issuing banks to enable recurring payments for their customers.
- **Max Bupa Health Insurance**, a standalone health insurer, has entered into a bancassurance partnership with **Axis Bank**, the country's third-largest private sector bank.
- The country's third-largest private lender **Axis Bank** has signed MOU with the **Indian Army** offering a defence service **salary package** under its "Power Salute" initiative.
- The Bharat Dynamics Limited (**BDL**) has signed a contract with the **Ministry of Defence** for the manufacture and supply of **Akash missiles** to the Indian Air Force (IAF).
 - The total worth of the deal is around Rs 499 crore.
- IIT Madras Pravartak Technologies Foundation (**IITM-PTF**) and **Sony India** Software Centre Pvt Ltd have joined hands to organize a national-level hackathon named '**SAMVEDAN 2021 - Sensing Solutions for Bharat**'.
- **Nepal** has signed a USD 1.3 billion deal with **India**, to develop a 679-megawatt **Lower Arun Hydropower project**, located between Sankhuwasabha and Bhojpur districts in eastern Nepal.
- The union territory of **Ladakh** organic, the administration of Ladakh, signed a MoU with the Sikkim State Organic Certification Agency (**SOCCA**).
- Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved a MoU between **India** and **Russia** on cooperation in coking Coal.

- Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (**India**) and Ministry of Health (**Denmark**) on Cooperation in areas of Health and Medicine.
- **Delhi** government has partnered with tech giant **Google** to launch a system to enable commuters to access real-time information about buses.
- The **Indian Navy** has signed a MoU with **Kotak Mahindra** for salary accounts of all its personnel – both serving and retired.
- **Dvara E-Dairy** Solutions, a portfolio company of **Dvara Holdings** has launched an artificial intelligence (AI) led digital tag '**Surabhi e-Tag**' to identify cattle based on muzzle identity.
- **India** and the **United States** signed the **Second Amendment** to the Statement of Guiding Principles (SGP) on Triangular Cooperation for Global Development.

Meet/Visit

- Virtual meeting between Union Minister for Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, **Narendra Singh Tomar** and Member of European Commission-Agriculture, **Janusz Wojciechowski**, was held.
- External Affairs Minister, S Jaishankar recently held productive talks with the **Russian** counterpart, Sergey Lavrov. India & Russia to hold 2+2 dialogue.
- 21st Session of **India-Italy** Joint Commission for Economic Cooperation (JCEC) was held recently.
 - This session was co-chaired by Piyush Goyal, Commerce & Industry Minister and Mr. Luigi Di Maio, Minister of Foreign Affairs & International Cooperation of Italy.

Bills

- The **Uttar Pradesh** government announced a new population bill known as the **Uttar Pradesh Population (Control, Stabilization, and Welfare) Bill, 2021** on World Population Day.
- The Cryptocurrency and Regulation of Official Digital Currency Bill, 2021, also known as the **Crypto Bill**, is now ready to be presented in the Monsoon session of the Indian Parliament that begins on July 19, 2021.
- **Pakistan's** Parliament passed a bill that criminalizes torture and prevents custodial killings by the police or other government officials.
- **Inland Vessels Bill, 2021** has been introduced in the Lok Sabha amid the hullabaloo in the house due to the Pegasus snooping scandal.
- **National Institutes of Food Technology, Entrepreneurship and Management Bill, 2021** was passed in the Lok Sabha.
- Lok Sabha passed the **Factoring Amendment Bill** to amend the Factoring Regulation Act 2011.

Companies/Industry

- **Elon Musk** informed that his satellite network **Starlink** is on track to beam the broadband **internet** everywhere in the world except the Polar Regions by August 2021.
- **Paytm** has announced the launch of **Postpaid Mini**, small-ticket loans that will give users the flexibility to access loans ranging from Rs.250 – Rs.1000, in partnership with **Aditya Birla Finance Ltd.**
- **Amazon** has launched its first **Digital Kendra** in India in Surat, **Gujarat**.
 - Amazon Digital Kendra was inaugurated by Vijay Rupani, Chief Minister of Gujarat.
- **Facebook** has announced a set of publishing and subscription tools named **Bulletin**, aimed to promote independent writers in the **US**.
- **Coal India Ltd** (CIL) has appointed **Accenture** Solutions Private Ltd as consultant, for digitalization of mine process across seven select opencast mines of CIL.

- Banking and financial services major, **Goldman Sachs** has opened a new facility in **Hyderabad** as part of its commitment to expand its global centre for engineering and business innovation in India.
- Indian Oil Corporation (**IOC**), India's largest oil firm, will build the first 'green hydrogen' plant of the country at its **Mathura** refinery, to meet the growing demand for both oil and cleaner forms of energy.
- Singapore's **Sunseap** Group, plans to spend 2 billion dollars to build the **world's largest floating solar farm** and energy storage system in neighbouring **Indonesian** city Batam, which will double its renewable power generation capacity.
- Google-parent **Alphabet** will launch a new **robotics** company, **Intrinsic** which will focus on building software for industrial robots.
- Gurugram-based B2B commerce platform **OfBusiness's** valuation has hit \$1.5 billion after it raised \$160 million led by SoftBank's Vision Fund-II.
 - This makes it the **18th** Indian startup to become a unicorn this year, following Droom and BlackBuck.

Space

- American Space Agency, **NASA's** ICESat-2 discovered **Antarctic Meltwater Lakes** recently.
- The Indian Space Research Organization (**ISRO**) is getting back into launch activity fully at Sriharikota spaceport with the planned orbiting of geo imaging satellite **GISAT-1 onboard GSLV-F10** rocket on August 12.
- The US space agency **NASA** has selected California-based **SpaceX** to provide launch services for Earth's first mission to conduct detailed investigations of Jupiter's moon Europa.
 - The mission called '**Europa Clipper mission** is scheduled to be launched in October 2024 on a Falcon Heavy rocket from Launch Complex 39A at NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida.
- The Earth Sciences Minister Jitendra Singh informed that the joint satellite mission **NISER (NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar)** of ISRO-NASA is proposed to be launched in early 2023.
- The European Space Agency (**ESA**) is all set to launch the world's first commercial fully re-programmable satellite, the **Eutelsat Quantum**.
 - The Quantum will be launched from the Guiana Space Centre in Latin America as a part of the payload for an **Ariane 5** rocket.

Transport/Cars/Scooters

- A passenger train **Rajdhani Express** from **Assam's Silchar** railway station has reached the **Vaingaichunpao** railway station in **Manipur** for a trial run, putting the state on the Indian Railways map.
- PM Narendra Modi is going to virtually inaugurate a newly-built **five-star hotel** on the top of redeveloped **Gandhinagar railway** station.

Media /I.T / Telecommunication

- On July 1, India's oldest running newspaper, **Mumbai Samachar**, will enter its **200th** year.
 - The **Gujarati** newspaper, with its office located in an iconic red building at Horniman Circle in Mumbai's Fort area, was first published in 1822.

Appointments/Election (or) Latest who is who?

- Air Marshal **Vivek Ram Chaudhari** will be the new **Vice Chief of Indian Air Force** succeeding Air Marshal **Harjit Singh Arora**.
- **Pushkar Singh Dhami** will be the next **chief minister** of **Uttarakhand**. He will be the youngest CM of Uttarakhand.
 - He will replace **Tirath Singh Rawat**, who resigned from the post.

- Veteran advocate **Kalyan Narayan Bhattacharjee** has been appointed as the new Lokayukta in Tripura.
- **Satish Agnihotri** has taken over charge as Managing Director, **National High-Speed Rail Corporation Ltd.**
- The Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways & MSME, **Nitin Gadkari**, virtually inaugurated India's first and only paint made from cow dung, under the brand name '**Khadi Prakritk Paint**'.
 - In addition to this, the minister also declared himself as the "**Brand Ambassador**" of paint, to promote it across the country and encourage young entrepreneurs to take up the manufacturing of cow dung paint.
- **Sudhanshu Mittal** was re-elected as the President of **Kho Kho Federation of India** (KKFI) during the Annual General Meeting (AGM) that was held on July 5 to elect the office bearers of KKFI for 2021-2025.
- **N Venudhar Reddy**, an Indian Information Service, IIS Officer of 1988 batch took charge as **Director General of All India Radio.**
- Nepal Supreme Court orders to appoint **Sher Bahadur Deuba** as a new Prime Minister.
- **Deepak Kabra** has become the first Indian to be selected for **judging** the **gymnastics** competition of the **Olympic** Games, a life goal achieved for the man who knew he wouldn't have made it there as an active gymnast because of his not-so-strong fundamentals.
- The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has announced the appointment of the Union minister for minority affairs, **Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi** as the deputy leader of the House in the Rajya Sabha.
- Amid turmoil in the country of **Haiti**, **Ariel Henry** has been appointed as the new Prime Minister of the country.
- **Rasmi Ranjan Das**, a Joint secretary of the Finance Ministry has been appointed to the **UN tax committee** as a member for the term period 2021 to 2025.
- The Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) legislature party has unanimously elected Lingayat MLA **Basavaraj S Bommai** as the new **Chief Minister** of Karnataka.
- IPS officer **Rakesh Asthana** has been appointed as the **Commissioner of Delhi Police.**
- **Najib Mikati** became **Lebanon's new Prime Minister** with 72 votes in parliament while the former ambassador Nawaf Salam received only one vote.

Resignation/Dismissed/Retired/Quit

- **Jeff Bezos** stepped down as **Amazon's CEO** on July 5, 2021 exactly 27 years since he founded the e-commerce company in a garage in West Bellevue, Wash.
 - Amazon Web Services CEO **Andy Jassy** has succeeded him as the new Amazon CEO.
- **Shiv Nadar**, the founder of HCL Technologies Ltd, and its chief strategy officer has tendered his resignation as managing director, as well as a director, on completing 76 years of age.
 - **Vijayakumar**, president and chief executive officer, has been appointed as the managing director for five years.
- At a two-year celebration of his government, Karnataka Chief Minister, **BS Yediyurappa** announced his resignation.

Deaths

- Filmmaker **Raj Kaushal**, who directed movies like "Shaadi Ka Laddoo" and "Pyaar Mein Kabhi Kabhi", passed away.
- Former Indian footballer **M Prasannan** has passed away.

- Legendary Bollywood actor **Mohammed Yusuf Khan**, known professionally as Dilip Kumar passed away at 98. He was popularly known as the **tragedy king of Bollywood**.
- Two-time Olympic gold medallist in hockey, **Keshav Datt** passed away.
- Former Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh and Congress leader **Virbhadra Singh** passed away.
- **Dr. PK Warriar**, an internationally renowned Ayurvedic physician and managing trustee of Kottakkal Arya Vaidya Sala (AVS) passed away at his residence in Malappuram, Kerala.
- The renowned American professional wrestler, **Paul Orndorff**, who is best known with his nickname Mr. Wonderful, has passed away.
- Renowned theatre personality and litterateur, **Urmil Kumar Thapliyal** has passed away.
- Noted Carnatic Classical Violinist 'Kalaimaamani' **Sikkil Shri R Bhaskaran** passed away.
- The well-known southern actor **Jayanthi**, has passed away due to age-related ailments.
 - She was fondly known as 'Abhinaya Sharadhe' meaning the 'Goddess of acting', in the Kannada film industry.
- Legendary badminton player of India, **Nandu Natekar** passed away.
- Sprinter **Man Kaur** has passed away due to heart attack at the age of 105.

Awards/Honours

- The **Kuvempu Rashtriya Puraskar**, the national award instituted in memory of late poet laureate Kuvempu, has been awarded to renowned Odia poet **Dr. Rajendra Kishore Panda** for the year 2020.
- **Invest India** has been awarded the world's **most innovative Investment Promotion Agency 2021** by OCO Global.
- **Indian Overseas Bank (IOB)** has become the **second most-valued listed public sector bank (PSB)** with a market capitalization of over Rs 50,000 crore.
- **Korean Air** has been announced the winner of one of the most prestigious honours in the aviation industry: Air Transport World's (ATW) 2021 **Airline of the Year**.
- Indian economist **Kaushik Basu** has been awarded the **Humboldt Research Award** for Economics.
 - The award was conferred on him by Professor Dr Hans-Bernd Schäfer of Bucerius Law School in Hamburg, **Germany**.
- Hyderabad's hunger activist **Syed Osman Azhar Maqsusi**, who has been feeding thousands of people every day as part of his food drive '**Hunger Has No Religion**' was awarded a **top UK award** recently.
 - In order to honour Maqsusi's efforts, he was conferred with the **Commonwealth Points of Light award** for his drive that helps to feed 1,500 people on a daily basis.
- Journalist and playwright **Omchery N N Pillai** has been selected for the **Bahrain Keraleeya Samajam (BKS)'s Literary Award** for 2021.
- England Left-arm spinner **Sophie Ecclestone** has been named as **ICC Women Player of the Month for June**.
 - She is the second English female to win the title after Tammy Beaumont, who was awarded the title in February 2021.
- **Cachar** Deputy Commissioner, Keerthi Jalli received the **National Silver SKOCH Award** for 'Pushti Nirbhor' (nutrition-dependent), a convergence project on transformation and development entailing setting up Nutri-gardens at houses in Dinnathpur Bagicha village.
- Chief Hydrographer of India Vice Admiral **Vinay Badhwar** was conferred with the prestigious **Alexander Dalrymple award** by the **British** Government.

- Graphic artist **Anand Radhakrishnan** has won the prestigious **Will Eisner Comic Industry Award**, considered the Oscars equivalent of the comics world.
 - Radhakrishnan shares the award with UK-based colourist **John Pearson**.
 - They won for their work on UK-based author Ram V's 145-page graphic novel *Blue In Green*, published in October 2020 by Image Comics.
- The **Maharashtra** Bhushan Selection Committee chaired by Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray has unanimously selected legendary playback singer **Asha Bhosle** for the **prestigious award**.

Sports/Game

- Indian-origin American **Abhimanyu Mishra** has become the youngest-ever chess **Grandmaster** in the world.
- **Maana Patel** has become the first Indian female swimmer to qualify for the **Tokyo Olympics**.
 - **Sajan Prakash** who was the first Indian swimmer to qualify for the Tokyo Olympics and Srihari Nataraj, both of whom earned automatic qualification (A time) for the Olympics.
- Top para high-jumper **Mariyappan Thangavelu** was named the flag-bearer of the Indian contingent in the **Tokyo Paralympics**, which begins on August 24.
- Red Bull's **Max Verstappen** won the **Austrian Grand Prix** at the Red Bull Ring, the ninth race of the 2021 Formula 1 World Championship season.
- India captain **Mithali Raj** became the highest run-getter in **women's cricket** across formats, overtaking former England skipper Charlotte Edwards.
 - **Suzie Bates** of New Zealand is third with 7849 runs. Stafanie Taylor (7832) and Meg Lanning (7024) round up the top five.
- MC **Mary Kom**, the six-time world boxing champion, and **Manpreet Singh**, the men's hockey team skipper, will be India's flag-bearers at the opening ceremony of the Tokyo Olympics, announced Indian Olympic Association (IOA).
 - **Bajrang Punia**, a silver medallist at the 2018 World Wrestling Championships, will be the flag-bearer at the closing ceremony on August 8.
- The Ministry of **Youth Affairs & Sports** has decided to grant recognition to **WAKO India Kickboxing Federation** as National Sports Federation (NSF) for promotion and development of the Kickboxing sport in India.
- **Women's Asian Cup** in **India** will be held in **Mumbai** and **Pune** after the Asian Football Confederation dropped Bhubaneswar and Ahmedabad as venues to minimise the travelling time for participants and ensure an "optimum environment" for a bio-secure bubble.
- World no. 1 **Ashleigh Barty** clinched her maiden **Wimbledon** title after beating Karolina Pliskova.
- Indian-American **Samir Banerjee** won his first junior Grand Slam singles title by beating Victor Lilov in the **Wimbledon boys' singles** final.
 - The 17-year-old was playing his second junior Grand Slam.
- Lionel Messi-led **Argentina** beat Neymar's Brazil to win the **Copa America** final match, held at the Maracana Stadium in **Rio de Janeiro**.
- Portugal captain and modern-day great **Cristiano Ronaldo** won the **Euro 2020 Golden Boot** after finishing as the top-scorer in the tournament.
- The **European Championship** final pits England and Italy against each other.
 - **Italy** won 3-2 on penalties.
- The state government of **Haryana** will organize the **Khelo India Youth Games 2021** in February 2022.

- The Badminton World Federation has allotted the **BWF World Championships** to **India** for 2026.
 - This will be the second time that India will host the premier tournament, which is held every year except for the Olympic year. India had hosted the BWF World Championships in Hyderabad in **2009**.
- **India** is all set to sending a **228-strong contingent to Tokyo Olympics**, including 119 athletes. Of 119 athletes, 67 are male and 52 female participants.
- Young wrestlers **Aman Gulia** and **Sagar Jaglan** emerged as the new **world champions** in their respective categories as India dished out an impressive show on the second day of the **Cadet World Championship 2021** at Budapest, **Hungary**.
- Senior India defender, **Sandesh Jhingan** was named the **AIFF men's Footballer of the Year 2020-21** season.
- Madhya Pradesh shooter, **Rubina Francis** has set a world record at the **Para Sport Cup in Peru**.
 - She has won gold in the 10-metre air pistol para-event for women.
 - Scoring 238.1 points, she went past the world record of Aysegul Pehlivanlar of Turkey.
- Indian Women's National Team Forward, **Ngangom Bala Devi** has been named as the All India Football Federation (AIFF) **Women's Footballer of the Year 2020-21**.
- The **Indian Olympic Association** has roped in **Adani Group** as a sponsor for the Indian contingent at the ongoing Tokyo Games.
- **Mirabai Chanu** won the **silver** medal and became the first Indian to win an Olympic medal at the 2020 Tokyo Games in the Women's 49kg category.
 - **China's** Zhihui Hou won the gold medal while Indonesia's Windy Cantika Aisah won the bronze medal.
- World No. 1 para shuttler **Pramod Bhagat** was named **Differently Abled Sportsman of the Year** at Indian Sports Honour for 2019.
- Indian Wrestler **Priya Malik** has won a **Gold** Medal at the 2021 World Cadet Wrestling Championship in Budapest, **Hungary**.
- **Japan's Momiji Nishiya** became one of the **youngest individual Olympic** champions in history when she won the inaugural women's skateboarding gold at the age of 13 years and 330 days.
 - Rayssa Leal (13 years and 203 days) of **Brazil** won silver and Funa Nakayama (16 years) of Japan clinched the bronze.
- Delhi youngster **Vantika Agarwal** has won the **National women online chess** title.
 - With 9 points Arpita Mukherjee of West Bengal took the **second** spot. Tamil Nadu's Sreeja Seshadri with 8.5 points took the **third** spot in this competition.
- **Jamaica's** sprinter **Elaine Thompson-Herah** has won the women's **100m race** at Tokyo Olympics.
 - Elaine finished the race in 10.61 seconds, breaking the Olympic record of 10.62 seconds set by USA's Florence Griffith Joyner on September 24, 1988.
 - The silver medal and bronze medal also went to Jamaican sprinters with Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce finishing **second** and Shericka Jackson finishing **third**.
- **Vandana Katariya** has become the **first Indian** woman hockey player to score a **hat-trick** in the history of Olympics.
- **Lewis Hamilton** (Mercedes-Great Britain), won the **British Grand Prix 2021**, for a record-extending eighth time.

Report

- **India** stands at the **20th** spot among the top 100 countries that have been ranked in the **Global Startup Ecosystem Index 2021** by Startup Blink.
- **Xiaomi** surpassed **Apple** to become the world's **second**-largest smartphone maker for the first-time ever, as per a report published by market research firm Canalys.
 - The Chinese smartphone maker accounted for 17 percent of the worldwide smartphone shipments during the second quarter of 2021, only behind **Samsung** which accounted for 19 percent of the shipments. Apple ranked third with 14 percent of the global shipments.
- The Jawaharlal Nehru Centre For Advanced Scientific Research (**JNCASR**), Bengaluru, has been placed in the **top 50** institutions worldwide for advances in materials science by the prestigious **Nature Index**.
 - List which includes 18 institutes from **China**, 12 from the **United States** and two from the **United Kingdom** places the JNCASR in the **23rd** position globally among universities and institutions as part of its '50 Rising Institutions' list.
- **India** has entered the **top ten** list of **agricultural produce exporters** in 2019 with a significant share within the export of rice, soya beans, cotton and meat, according to a World Trade Organisation (**WTO**) report on trends in world agricultural trade in recent 25 years.
 - While the US, which **topped** the list in 1995 (22.2%), was overtaken by the **European Union** in 2019 (16.1%).
 - **Brazil** maintained its ranking as the **third**-largest exporter, increasing its share from 4.8% in 1995 to 7.8% in 2019.
 - **China** climbed from the sixth spot in 1995 (4%) to **fourth** in 2019 (5.4%).

General - National

- Union Cabinet chaired by PM Narendra Modi approved for revised implementation strategy of **BharatNet** under Public Private Partnership mode on June 30, 2021.
 - Project would be implemented across 16 States of India.
- The Board of Control for Cricket in India (**BCCI**) released a financial grant of Rs.100 crore to the **Rajasthan** Cricket Association (RCA), which will be used to build India's **second-largest cricket stadium**.
 - The facility, which will be second to the recently inaugurated Narendra Modi Stadium in **Ahmedabad**, is set to be built in **Jaipur**.
- **Krantivira Sangolli Rayanna Railway Station** also known as Bengaluru City Railway Station has become the first railway station in India with a **movable freshwater tunnel aquarium**.
 - The state-of-the-art aquarium has been jointly opened by the Indian Railway Stations Development Cooperation Limited (IRSDC) in collaboration with the HNi Aquatic Kingdom.
- India's first **cryptogamic garden**, with around 50 different species grown, has been inaugurated in Deoban area of Dehradun in **Uttarakhand**.
- **NTPC Ltd.**, India's largest power generator is set to construct the country's single-largest solar photovoltaic project at Rann of Kutch region in Khavada, **Gujarat**.
- An Rs.6322-crore production linked incentive (**PLI**) scheme for specialty **steel** has been approved by the Union Cabinet.
- The world's first **3D-printed steel pedestrian bridge** was opened on the Oudezijds Achterburgwal canal in the city of **Amsterdam**.
 - Máxima, the Queen of the Netherlands attended the opening ceremony of the bridge.
- The **Kakatiya Rudreswara Temple**, (also known as the Ramappa Temple) at Palampet, Mulugu district, near Warangal in **Telangana** has been inscribed on **UNESCO's World Heritage list**, during the 44th session of the World Heritage Committee of UNESCO.
 - With this latest induction, there are **39th** World Heritage Sites located in India.

- A Harappan-era metropolis, **Dholavira** in **Gujarat** has been inscribed on the **UNESCO World Heritage List**.
 - Now Gujarat has **three** world heritage sites, Champaner near Pavagadh, Rani ki Vav in Patan and the historic city of Ahmedabad.
 - Dholavira is now the **40th** treasure in India to be given.

General - International

- **World's tallest sandcastle** was built in **Denmark**. It has established new Guinness World Record of 21.16 metres.
 - Denmark's new sandcastle is 3.5 meter taller than earlier record of 17.66-meter set by Germany in 2019.
- According to **Qatar Airways** and International Air Transport Association (**IATA**) Qatar Airways will be the first airline in **Middle East** to join **IATA Turbulence Aware platform**.
- Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman along with Finance Minister of **Bhutan** Lyonpo Namgay Tshering launched **BHIM-UPI** in Bhutan on July 13, 2021, via a virtual ceremony.
- **Chinese** State Media announced that China has unveiled a **maglev train** which is capable of a top speed of **600 kmph**.
- The UN's cultural agency **UNESCO** has voted narrowly to **remove Liverpool's** waterfront from its list of world heritage sites, citing concerns about overdevelopment, including plans for a new football stadium.
- "**Golden Rice**" which is genetically modified has been given approval for commercial production by **Philippines**.
- President of **USA**, Joe Biden, has authorized 100 million USD from an **emergency fund** to meet the refugee needs which is stemming from the geo-political situation in **Afghanistan**, which also includes the special immigration Afghan visa applicants.
- **Bangladesh** is going to launch its own social media platform named '**Jogajog**' which is an alternative to the globally popular **Facebook** and '**Alapon**' which will be an alternative of **WhatsApp**.

Books and Authors

Book's Name	Author's Name
• Nathuram Godse: The True Story of Gandhi's Assassin	Dhaval Kulkarni
• The Fourth Lion: Essays for Gopalkrishna Gandhi	Venu Madhav Govindu and Srinath Raghavan
• The Light of Asia	Jairam Ramesh
• The Pregnancy Bible	Kareena Kapoor
• The Struggle Within: A Memoir of the Emergency	Ashok Chakravarti
• The Art of Conjuring Alternate Realities: How Information Warfare Shapes Your World	Shivam Shankar Singh and Anand Venkatanarayanan
• Bank With A Soul: Equitas	Dr. C K Garyali
• An Ordinary Life: Portrait of an Indian Generation	Ashok Lavasa

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TO THE POINTS: JULY-2021

- The foundation day of the State Bank of India has observed every year on July 1. Bank constituted on **1955**.
- The National Chartered Accountant Day has observed every year on **July 1**.
- On July 1, National Doctors' Day has been celebrated to commemorate the birth and death anniversary of **Bidhan Chandra Roy**.
- On every year of **July 1**, National Postal Worker Day has been celebrated.
- The Asia's longest and world's fifth high speed test track has been inaugurated at National Automotive Test Tracks in Pithampur of **Madhya Pradesh**.
- The Department of **Justice** has recently launched "Enforcing Contracts Portal" to provide easy access to latest information on commercial cases in Dedicated Commercial Courts.
- The world's second-biggest hydroelectric dam, Baihetan Dam has built on **Jinsha River** of China.
- School going students of the Jammu and Kashmir will get Rs.20,000/annum under 'Special Assistance Scheme for COVID Mortalities' Scheme.
- The Jammu & Kashmir government has introduced an initiative called "HAUSLA" for **Women entrepreneurs**.
- Students of West Bengal eligible for Upto Rs.10 lakh soft loan under 'Student Credit Card' scheme for their higher studies.
- **Flipkart** has launched grocery services in Coimbatore with the opening of its first fulfilment center in the city.
- Anil Kant has been appointed as the new chief of **Kerala** state police.
- The US has recently appointed Atul Keshap as an envoy to **India**.
- The Cabinet has extended the tenure period of Niti Aayog Chief Executive Officer Amitabh Kant for **1 Year**.
- The Diana Prize has been awarded recently to Bisat hi Bharath for his contributions to youth development. He hails from **Anantapur** District of Andhra Pradesh.
- The PM Modi has signed an MOU with **Gambia** to strengthen and promote bilateral cooperation between the two countries in Personnel Administration and Governance Reforms.
- As per the Global Cyber security Index, India ranked **10th**.
- A New Plant Subspecies called Rungialongifolia subsp. keralensishas discovered recently in Western Ghats. In **Shendurney Wildlife Sanctuary**, the species was found in 2016.
- Laurel Hubbard has become the first ever transgender athlete to be nominated for the New Zealand Olympic team. She associated with **Weightlifting**.
- Anshula Rao became the first women cricketer to be handed a four-year ban after failing the dope test. She hails from **Madhya Pradesh**.
- The venue for ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2021 has been shifted to **UAE & Oman** from India.
- K V Sampath Kumar has recently passed away. He was an editor of **Sanskrit Daily newspaper**.
- Raj Kaushal has passed away recently. He belongs to **Film Industry**.
- Theme of the International Co-operative Day, observed every year on the first Saturday of July - **Rebuild Better Together**.

- World Bank increased **\$20 billion** amount for the purchase and deployment of vaccine from its previous target of \$12 billion.
- The Andhra Pradesh CM, YS Jagan Mohan Reddy has launched the 'YSR Bima' scheme. Eligible age limit for this scheme is **18 to 70 years**.
- **Uttarakhand's** CM has resigned, less than four months after taking over, and hours after holding a press conference to talk about the achievements of his government.
- Recently, Assam cabinet has decided to grant one-month compulsory leave every year to **Police Personnel**.
- **Rs.20 Lakh** Cash reward has been announced for the first fully vaccinated assembly constituency of Manipur.
- Google India has published its first transparency report under the new IT rules. **Youtube** has not in the list to publish a compliance report on a monthly basis.
- The SpaceX has launched the satellite network, Starlink **for providing internet**.
- **HDFC Bank** has launched a Salaam Dil Sey initiative to show gratitude to doctors for their tireless service during the pandemic, and to pay tribute to doctors across the country.
- **World Bank** has approved a loan of USD 800 million to cash-strapped Pakistan, financing schemes on clean energy and human capital development.
- The World Bank has approved a loan of **\$ 500 million** to support India's informal working class to overcome the current pandemic distress.
- Switch Mobility, electric vehicle arm, has appointed **Andy Palmer** as its Executive Vice Chairman and CEO.
- **Nilotpal Gupta** has been recently appointed as the Head of Data Science Unit of ICICI Securities.
- **CRPF** has signed aMoU with Centre for Development of Advanced Computing to train the manpower of the force in advanced technologies and undertake joint projects.
- The 7th edition of Indian Ocean Naval Symposium has concluded in France. **France** is the current chair of IONS.
- A group of scientists has found a new snail genus, Varadia in **Maharashtra**.
- A group of researchers has discovered Black-bellied Coral snake in **Benog Wildlife Sanctuary** of Uttarakhand.
- **Nihal Sarin** has recently won the gold medal in the Silver Lake Open chess tournament held in Serbia.
- MP Jabir from Kerala became the first Indian male athlete to participate in the Tokyo Olympics. He qualified in **400m** hurdles.
- Donald Rumsfeld, former defence secretary of US, has passed away recently. He was described as **The most ruthless man**.
- The Goods and Services Tax Day has been observed every year on July 1. This marks **Fourth** anniversary of the GST.
- World UFO Day has been observed every year on **July 2**.
- **World Sports Journalists Day** has been observed every year on July 2.
- Minister Narendra Singh Tomar has launched the Crop Insurance Awareness Campaign for **Fasal Bima Yojana** during the Crop Insurance Week.
- Education Minister, Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' has released the Report on **UDISE+ 2019-20** for School Education in India.

- Education Minister, Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' has launched the 'Financial Literacy Workbook' for Class 6 students. This book has been developed by **CBSE** in collaboration with NPCI.
- **Ministry of Defence** has initiated a project to create an interactive virtual museum of the country's Gallantry award winners to honour the heroic deeds of the brave hearts of India.
- World Bank approved \$ **40 Million** amount to provide for the "Resilience, Entrepreneurship and Livelihood Improvement Project" for Bangladesh.
- Arun Kumar Mehta, the chief secretary of **Jammu & Kashmir**, has inaugurated SDRF first Battalion's 24x7 mental health helpline 'SUKOON'.
- Minister for MSME, Nitin Gadkari has launched the integrated services of Udyam Registration Portal. Eligible threshold limit is **Rs.40 lakh** to register under GST.
- **State Bank of India** has launched the Current account service point to address the critical needs of the key current account customers and to mobilize new customers.
- ICICI Bank has recently announced the launch of a comprehensive banking solution for doctors. Name of the Banking Solution - **Salute Doctors**.
- Prathmesh Mishra has been appointed as the new chairman of **RCB** for the upcoming edition of the IPL.
- **Titan** has appointed Ashok Sonthalia as its new chief financial officer.
- **IAF** has appointed Vivek Ram Chaudhari as Vice Chief after replacing HS Arora.
- The Appointments committee of the cabinet has appointed **N Venudhar Reddy** as the Director General of All India Radio.
- Rajendra Kishore Panda has been selected for the Kuvempu Rashtriya Puraskar, the national award instituted in memory of the late poet laureate, for 2020. He is a famous **Odia** poet.
- **Reliance Industries** has signed an agreement with Abu Dhabi National Oil Company to set up a new petrochemical complex in Ruwais, Abu Dhabi.
- The Royal Government of Bhutan has signed an agreement with **Singapore** for the establishment of Model Technical Training Centres.
- The Multinational maritime exercise "Sea Breeze 2021" was held between **US & Ukraine** in the Black Sea region.
- "Enforcing Contracts Portal" has been launched by **Department of Justice** to promote ease of doing business and improve the 'Contract Enforcement Regime' in the country.
- **Flipkart** has launched a digital platform Shopsy, to enable Indians to start their online businesses without any investment.
- As per the Global Startup Ecosystem Index 2021 by Startup Blink, **Bangalore** has ranked top in India in City Wise Ranking.
- 'Fiercely Female: The Dutee Chand Story', a new book, has been authored by **Sundeep Misra**.
- Abhimanyu Mishra of India has become the youngest-ever Grandmaster in chess by beating the 19-year-old record set by GM Sergey Karjakin. GM Sergey Karjakin hails from **Russia**.
- **Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises** has launched Six Technology Innovation Platforms to focus on development of technologies for the globally competitive manufacturing in India.
- The President Ram Nath Kovind has laid the foundation stone for a memorial and cultural centre in Lucknow. The Memorial has dedicated to **B.R. Ambedkar**.

- The World's third-largest cricket stadium with capacity for 75,000 spectators at an estimated cost of Rs.300 crore has been planned to construct in **Rajasthan**.
- The Department of School Education and Literacy under the Ministry of Education has launched "NIPUN Bharat" to help every child for achieving their desired learning competencies by the end of Grade 3.
- The Minister Ayush, Kiren Rijiju, has launched the Ayurveda dataset on CTRI Portal. The portal has been developed by CCRAS in collaboration with **ICMR**.
- The Union Health Ministry's e-Sanjeevani has crossed another milestone by completing 7 million consultations. e-Sanjeevani AB-HWC is a telemedicine platform for **doctor-to-doctor**.
- **India** has joined the G20-OECD inclusive framework deal that seeks to reform international tax rules and ensure that multinational enterprises pay their fair share wherever they operate.
- The WHO has certified China as malaria-free country. China becomes **40th** territory to be certified malaria-free.
- India has recently received 2600 kilos of delicious mangoes from Bangladesh as a memento of friendship between the two countries. **Haribhanga** Mangoes has been sent by Bangladesh.
- Pushkar Singh Dhami has been elected as the Chief Minister of Uttarakhand. He became the **11th** CM of the state.
- **Jammu & Kashmir's** Energy Development Agency has planned to install 5,000 Solar Power Pumps under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha Evam Utthan Mahabhiyaan scheme.
- The Jammu & Kashmir government has set a Model Anti Rabies clinic in the Government Medical College of **Doda**.
- Union Minister Nitin Gadkari has recently announced the inclusion of retail and wholesale trade under **MSME** under RBI guidelines.
- The RBI has imposed a penalty of Rs.25 lakh on **Punjab and Sind Bank** for non-compliance with certain provisions of directions on 'Cyber Security Framework in Banks'.
- **Satish Agnihotri** has been appointed as the new Managing Director of the National High Speed Rail Corporation Ltd.
- Anand Kripalu has been appointed as the MD and Global CEO of EPL. He formerly worked in **Diageo India**.
- Patrick Vieira has been confirmed as the new manager of Crystal Palace club. This is a club of **Football**.
- Under **LIC (Staff) Regulations, 1960** the government has extended the superannuation age of IPO-bound LIC Chairman to up to 62 years.
- **UNCTAD** has declared 'Invest India' as the winner of the 2020 United Nations Investment Promotion Award.
- "Indrajaal", India's first indigenous drone defence dome, has been developed by R&D firm Grene Robotics to identify and counter threats, using technologies such as Artificial Intelligence, cyber security and robotics. Grene Robotics is a **Hyderabad** based firm.
- Sea Breaker, a fifth-generation long-range autonomous precision-guided missile system has been launched by Rafael Advanced Defence Systems of **Israel**.
- Janaksuta Sut Shaurya, a book written by Dr.Gauri Shankar Sharma, has been released by the CM of **Maharashtra**.
- **Vikram Misri** has introduced a translated version of 10 peerless collections of Modern Indian Literature to Shanghai Cooperation Organization.

- Sumit Malik, who qualified for the Tokyo Olympics now, has been banned for two years. He associated with **Wrestling**.
- The Ministry of Youth affairs & Sports has recently decided to grant recognition to **WAKO India Kickboxing Federation** as National Sports Federation for promotion and development.
- M Prasannan, a former Indian Footballer, has passed away recently. He hailed from **Kerala**.
- **World Chocolate Day** has been observed on July 7 across the world.
- The KVIC has initiated the project named “Bamboo Oasis on Lands in Drought”, the first of its kind exercise in India at a village of **Rajasthan**.
- The Jammu & Kashmir has approved the uploading of Geo tagged photographs through ‘**PROOF**’ mobile application.
- The Odisha Government has approved five major industrial projects to raise the production capacity of **Steel**.
- The National Tiger Conservation Authority has approved the conversion of **Ramgarh Vishdhari Sanctuary** into the fourth tiger reserve in the state.
- **PayU** has partnered with WooCommerce, to enable merchants with digital payments infrastructure, and end-to-end digitalization of business processes.
- **Paytm** has recently launched the “Postpaid Mini” for consumption-based credit for users to help them manage their household finances.
- The President Ram Nath Kovind has appointed eight new governors recently. **Thaawarchand Gehlot** has been appointed as the governor of Karnataka.
- Dr. Madhuri Kanitkar has been appointed as the new Vice-Chancellor of the Maharashtra University of Health Sciences. The MUHS is **Nashik** based University.
- Minister **Nitin Gadkari** has declared as the “brand ambassador” of Khadi Prakritk Paint.
- Neha Parikh has been appointed as the new CEO of Waze. It is **Navigation** based company.
- **Korean Air** Airline has bagged the “Airline of the year” award by aviation publication Air Transport World.
- Sirisha Bandla has become the second Indian-origin woman to head into space as part of Virgin Space Ship Unity. She hails from **Andhra Pradesh**.
- The Minister of Ayush, Kiran Rijiju has launched **five** portals of importance and four publications virtually.
- **Manpreet Singh** would be the Men flag bearer at the opening ceremony of the Tokyo Olympics.
- Hou Yifan has won the FIDE Chess.com by defeating GM Harika Dronavalli. Hou Yifan hails from **China**.
- The Goldmoney Asian Rapid tournament has been won by Levon Aronian by defeating Vladislav Artemiev. This is a **Chess** tournament.
- Bollywood actor Dilip Kumar has passed away recently. He was popularly known as **Tragedy king of Bollywood**.
- Richard Donner has passed away recently. He was associated with **Film**.
- The government has decided to bring the Department of Public Enterprises under the finance ministry. The Department was earlier under **Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises**.
- The world’s tallest sandcastle, built recently in **Denmark**, has broken the record of Germany’s sandcastle.

- The Indian Railway Stations Development Corporation Limited in collaboration with the HNI Aquatic Kingdom has developed the first railway station in India with a movable freshwater tunnel aquarium in **Krantivira Sangolli Rayanna Railway Station**.
- **Ernakulam District Library** has initiated a project, "Books at Doorstep", to revive reading habits among school children.
- The Fitch Ratings has lowered India's GDP to **10%** for the current fiscal year.
- **Amazon** has launched its first Digital Kendra at Surat, Gujarat.
- Drip Capital, a fintech provider has been partnered with SBM Bank India to offer trade financing solutions to **MSME Exporters** in India.
- Kashmere Gate Metro Station has become the first metro station in the country to launch FASTag/UPI based cashless parking facility. Kashmere Gate Metro Station is **New Delhi** based Metro.
- **FREO** has been partnered with HDB Financial Services to offer lending solutions to the customers.
- Bajaj Allianz General Insurance has entered into a corporate agency agreement for the distribution of Bajaj Allianz General Insurance's products through **Bank of India**.
- The Humboldt Research Award has been awarded to Kaushik Basu for **Economics**.
- A regular MTech programme in Defence Technology has been launched by Defence Research and Development Organisation in collaboration with **AICTE**.
- The government has decided to sell **4%** stake of National Mineral Development Corporation via offer for sale.
- The National Institute of Biomedical Genomics has created the world's first database of genomic variants for **Oral Cancer**.
- "Concentrated Solar Thermal based test" rig facility to test capability and performance of solar thermal components like solar receiver tubes, heat transfer fluids, and concentrating mirrors has been launched at **Hyderabad**.
- The Defence Ministry has implemented SPARSH, in collaboration with **SBI & PNB** for an integrated system for automation of sanction and disbursement of defence pension.
- "Operation khukri – The True Story behind the Indian Army's Most Successful Mission as part of the United Nations", a book has been authored by **Rajpal Punia & Damini Punia**.
- The Asian Football Confederation and AFC Women's Asian Cup 2022 has been announced to host in **Mumbai and Pune**.
- Jovenel Moise has passed away recently. He was the President of **Haiti**.
- The World Zoonoses Day has been observed every year on July 6. The day is observed to commemorate **Louis Pasteur**.
- **Ministry of Health** has launched COVID GuruKool, an informational video series on its social media platforms.
- The **DPIIT** has initiated a project on Open Network for Digital Commerce.
- The Indian Army Chief, Manoj Naravane, has inaugurated the Indian Army Memorial in **Italy** during his four-day visit.
- Tika Utsav 1.2 has been launched by the Goa Chief Minister, Pramod Sawant, to **administrate 2nd dose of vaccine**.
- Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has inaugurated a golf training academy in **Srinagar** district of Jammu & Kashmir.

- The **Maharashtra** government has been planned to appoint “Marathi language officers” to increase use of state language at the district level.
- Flipkart has partnered with **PhonePe** to enable pay-on-delivery service for the e-commerce major’s orders.
- **Indian Overseas Bank** has become the second most-valuable listed public sector bank with a market capitalization of over Rs.50,000 crore.
- **NABARD** has sanctioned an assistance of Rs.388 crore for setting up four mega piped drinking water supply projects in Odisha under the Rural Infrastructure Development Fund.
- Kalyan Narayan Bhattacharjee, Veteran advocate, has been appointed as the new Lokayukta of **Tripura**.
- **Harish Laddha** has been appointed as the CEO of Airtel Business.
- Gaganjot Singh has been appointed as the President of **Michelin** in the region of Africa, India and the Middle East region.
- The UK Commonwealth Points of Light Award has been granted to AzharMaqsusi, a social activist for his initiative. His initiative name is **Hunger Has No Religion**.
- The Outstanding Achievement Award has been won by the ISKCON for the short film “Monks” at the 24th monthly season of Tagore International Film Festival. ISKON is **Gurugram** based society.
- The Ministry of Tourism has signed an MOU with **Yatra.Com** in order to strengthen the Hospitality and Tourism Industry.
- PM Narendra Modi has addressed the CoWin Global Conclave virtual meet. The meet has been organized by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare along with **Ministry of External Affairs**.
- The Ministry of Heavy Industries has been launched 6 tech innovation platforms for globally competitive manufacturing. These platforms have been developed by several manufacturers along with **IIT Madras**.
- ‘Lady Doctors: The Untold Stories of India’s First Women in Medicine’, a book has been authored by KavithaRao. This book is a story of **Rukhmabai Raut**.
- “Nathuram Godse: The True Story of Gandhi’s Assassin”, a biography of Mahatma Gandhi, has been authored by **Dhaval Kulkarni**.
- Karsten Warholm has recently won the Bislett Games held in Oslo under 400m men’s hurdles. He hails from **Norway**.
- **Austrian Grand Prix, 2021** has been won by Max Verstappen recently by beating Valtteri Bottas.
- Mariyappan Thangavelu has been named as the flag-bearer of the Indian contingent in the Tokyo Paralympics. He associated with **High-Jumping**.
- Minister Prakash Javadekar has inaugurated the India Pavilion during Cannes Film Festival. This year marks **74th** Festival.
- **Jitendra Singh** has stated that a Common Eligibility Test for job aspirants would be conducted across the country from early 2022.
- **Ministry of Cooperation** has been created by the government for strengthening the cooperative movement in the country.
- The Maitree super thermal power project has been constructed with a capacity of 1,320 MW with Indian assistance in **Bangladesh**.
- In order to provide a personal experience to the devotees of Shri Amarnathji, various online services of Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board has been launched by **Jammu & Kashmir**.

- Aeldra has provided a unique 'Zero Fee' bank account to U.S. bound Indian students. Aeldra is a **Bangalore** based Fintech.
- Mandate HQ has been launched by Razorpay in collaboration with **Mastercard**.
- **Kiren Rijju** has been appointed as the Law & Justice Minister in the Prime Minister Modi's new cabinet.
- Jim Whitehurst has been decided to step down as the President of **IBM**.
- The Indian Army has honoured **Vidya Balan** by naming a military firing range in Gulmarg.
- The Indo Pacific Business Summit has been recently organised by Confederation of Indian Industry in partnership with **Ministry of External Affairs**.
- Virgin Orbit has sent its first batch of 7 satellites into orbit from **three** countries.
- The world's first meteorological satellite, Fengyun-3E has been launched in **Long March-4C** by the China National Space Administration.
- 'Matsya Setu', a mobile App has been launched by Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Minister, Giriraj Singh, for **Aqua Farmers**.
- "India To The Rescue" published by Juggernaut Books, has been authored by **Shruthi Rao** and **Sushant Singh**.
- Virbhadra Singh, a senior congress leader, has passed away recently. He was a former Chief Minister of **Himachal Pradesh**.
- Keshav Datt, a Two-time Olympic gold medallist has passed away recently. He was associated with **Hockey**.
- The National Fish Farmers Day has been celebrated every year on 10th July. 2021 marks **63rd** National Fish Farmers Day.
- **25 Member** council formed by government for the cement industry to eliminate waste, obtain maximum production, improve quality, reduce costs and promote standardization of products.
- The online filing of Authorised Economic Operators T2 and T3 applications has been inaugurated by M. Ajit Kumar. He is the chairman of **CBIC**.
- Stefan Löfven has been re-elected as the Prime Minister of **Sweden**.
- **Kerala's** Film Development Corporation would soon prepare a Detailed Project Report for launching an OTT platform exclusively for movies.
- **Facebook** has launched its newsletter product Bulletin, a standalone platform for free and paid articles and podcasts that will aim to rival Substack.
- As per the latest Rankings of All India Radio Live-streams on NewsOnAir App, **Fiji** has jumped to 2nd position.
- Maruti Suzuki has launched a new platform, Maruti Suzuki Smart Finance, for its ARENA and NEXA customer with 14 financiers.
- Shyam Srinivasan has been appointed as the MD and CEO of **Federal Bank**.
- Zaila Avant has become the first African American to be the winner of 2021 Scripps National Spelling Bee.
- The Bahrain Keraleeya Samajam Literary Award for 2021 has been awarded to Omchery N NPillai. His contribution to **Malayalam** has led him to this award.
- **US** has announced tariffs on six countries to complete the ongoing multilateral negotiations on international taxation at the OECD and G20.

- India has signed an MOU with Gambia for **Personnel Administration and Governance**.
- The Himalayan Forest Research Institute has signed an MOU with **Ladakh** for forest cover development in the region.
- **BDL** has signed a contract worth about Rs 499 crore with Ministry of Defence for the manufacture and supply of Akash missiles to the Indian Air Force.
- **INS Tabar** has participated in a military exercise with a frontline frigate of the Italian Navy at Port of Naples.
- The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India launched a mobile app for students of Foundation, Intermediate and Final course students. Application name - **ICAI-BOS**.
- "The Light of Asia: The Poem that Defined the Buddha", has been authored by **Jairam Ramesh**.
- "The Struggle Within: A Memoir of the Emergency", a book has been written by **Ashok Chakravarti**.
- Toni Kroos, a world Cup Winner from Germany, has announced his retirement. He associated with **Football**.
- Theme of the World Day for International Justice 2021, celebrated every year on July 17 - **Social justice in the digital economy**.
- World Emoji Day has been celebrated on **July 17**.
- The PM Narendra Modi has addressed the Skill India Mission during its **Sixth** anniversary.
- During the 93rd ICAR Foundation Day, digital platform **Kisan Sarathi** has been launched together by Agriculture Minister and IT Minister to facilitate farmers to get the right information at the right time in their desired language.
- **Uttar Pradesh** has recorded the second most death by lightening as per the India's second annual Lightning Report.
- External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar has concluded the one-hour-long bilateral meeting of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation in Chinese City **Dushanbe**.
- Under **Section 66A** of the Information Technology Act, 2000, the Centre has asked the states to direct their police not to register cases related to posting online comments.
- Abiy Ahmed has become the Prime Minister of **Ethiopia** by securing majority seats in the recent Election.
- "Child Tax Credit Programme" has been extended recently by **US** in order to reduce child poverty.
- **Maharashtra** government has recently introduced the new EV policy with an aim to make Maharashtra the "topmost producer of battery-powered electric vehicles in India.
- Karnataka government has signed an MOU with **Tata Technologies** to upgrade 150 Government ITIs.
- The High Court has given approval to take over Punjab and Maharashtra Cooperative by **Small Finance bank**.
- As per the RBI, **No Charge** for opening a Retail Direct Gilt Account that give investors the facility of investing in government securities in one place.
- According to the data released by Department of Industry, **33%** is the (approx.) fuel inflation eased in the month of June.
- B Anand has been appointed as the head of the business of developing and implementing large scale polymer projects for **TCG Group**.
- Pidilite Industries has appointed **Sudhanshu Vats** as its deputy managing director.

- Pragati Rana has been appointed as the **Vice President** of Isobar, the digital agency from the house of Dentsu India.
- **Dentsu Group** has appointed Jean Lin as the global chief executive officer of creative services line of dentsu International.
- **Bank of Maharashtra** has signed an MOU with NABARD for the advantage of farmers, farmer producer organizations.
- Web Werks has planned to build Data Center worth Rs.750 crore in **Bengaluru**.
- **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology** has signed an MOU with Map my India to enable map services in UMANG App for online delivery of Government services.
- **National Commission for Women** has signed a MoU with the Bureau of Police Research and Development for gender sensitization of police personnel across the country.
- The Indian Navy has received the first two MH-60R Multi Role Helicopters from **US**.
- The Ministry of Defence with the help of **IIT Kanpur** has designed an AI powered grievance management application Centralized Public Grievance Redress & Monitoring System in New Delhi.
- **IISc** has developed a heat-tolerant COVID-19 vaccine formulation against all current SARS-CoV-2 variants.
- The All India Football Federation has nominated the women's team of '**Gokulam Kerala FC**' to represent India in AFC Women's Club Championship 2020-21.
- Danish Siddiqui has passed away recently. He was associated with **Journalism**.
- **International Chess Day** has been celebrated every year on July 20.
- Science Exploration Day has been observed every year on **July 20**.
- A world-class 'Indian Institute of Heritage' has been set up by the government in **Noida**.
- **104** startups from different sectors have been currently on the Startup India Showcase platform.
- The 52nd International Film Festival of India has been announced to be held in **Goa**.
- **Chief Labour Commissioner** has reviewed the status of sensitization and implementation of labour laws in labour codes in various developmental projects in Srinagar.
- As per the new study on the benefits of India's midday meal scheme published in Nature Communications, more than one in **Three** Indian children has stunted, or too short for their age, which reflects chronic under nutrition.
- A successful trial movement of trains have been undertaken between Jaynagarin India to **Nepal** with the total cost for rail section is 619 crores.
- In order to encourage and promote small industries in the rural areas, the Haryana government has set to launch **One Block, One Product** scheme.
- Recently, Meghalaya cabinet approved **Meghalaya Youth Policy 2021** to create pathways for Meghalaya's youth in achieving their fullest potential and empowered members of the local and global community.
- **Assam** has decided to provide jobs to National Games medallists.
- Google Cloud has set to operate second such 'Cloud Region' in India. This tends to be **26th** Cloud Region globally.
- As per **PFRDA Act, 2013**, the government has hiked the Foreign direct investment limit in the pension sector to 74 percent from 49 percent.

- **Japan** has emerged as the second largest foreign exchange reserves holder in the world as India emerged as the fifth largest.
- **Maruti Suzuki** has been tied up with Bank of Maharashtra for offering inventory financing to its dealer partners.
- Aadhya Gold Private Ltd has filed the application to the Authority for Advance Ruling to seek clarity for paying GST for second- hand gold jewellery. Aadhya Gold Private Ltd a **Bengaluru** based company.
- Deepinder Goyal has been appointed as an independent director for Magicpin. He is a co-founder of **Zomato**.
- **C. Vijaya kumar** has been appointed as the Managing Director of HCL Technologies Ltd with the resignation of Shiv Nadar.
- **Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi** has been appointed as the deputy leader of the House in the Rajya Sabha.
- **UNDP** has mentioned Aadhimalai Pazhangudiyinar Producer Company Limited and Snehakunja Trust were among the 10 awardees of the prestigious Equator Prize.
- At the 74th Cannes Film Festival, Oeild'or (Golden Eye) award has been conferred to Director Payal Kapadia's A Night of Knowing Nothing under **Best Documentary** category.
- Prasar Bharati has signed a MOU with **IIT Kanpur** to establish a Center of Excellence for Media and Broadcasting Technologies.
- **INS Tabar** has undertook a maritime partnership exercise with FNS Aquitaine a French naval Frigate in the Bay of Biscay.
- **24.5 %** stake has been approved by CCI for the acquisition of ONGC Tripura Power Company Ltd by Summit India.
- The Researchers at the Indian Institute of Technology Madras have developed a mathematical model called 'NBDriver' to identify **Cancer-causing alterations** in cells.
- "The India Story", a book has been written by Former RBI governor **Bimal Jalan** and published by Rupa Publications.
- A book titled 'A Kashmiri Century - Portrait Of A Society In Flux' has been written by **Khem Lata Wakhlu**.
- Gautam Benegal has passed away recently. He was a **Cartoonist** by Profession.
- World Snake Day is celebrated on **July 16** to increase awareness about the different species of snakes all around the world.
- The Union Cabinet approved the continuation of the National AYUSH Mission. **12,000** Ayush Health and Wellness Centres will set up across the country under the scheme.
- Union Cabinet approves hike in Dearness Allowance from 17% to 28%. It will come into effect from July 1, 2021 and is expected to cost the government an additional Rs.**34,400** crore.
- India had pledged in COP-21 in Paris by 2030, **40%** of its power generation capacity will be from non-fossil fuel sources.
- Department of Public Enterprises (DPE) was part of Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises. It is now shifted to **Ministry of Finance**.
- The cabinet has approved scheme to promote India-owned ships. **1624 crores** subsidy will be given to domestic shipping companies in global tenders floated by Ministries and central PSEs.
- Department of Biotechnology has signed MoU with Ministry of Earth Sciences To Set up DBT MOES Polar Research Centre. The Polar region includes **Antarctica, Arctic**.

- **China** has started the construction of world's 1st commercial small modular reactor.
- Britain unveiled plans to decarbonize its transport systems, phasing out the sale of all polluting road vehicles by **2040**.
- The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2021 (SOFI 2021) report has been given by **FAO**.
- **Singapore** has unveiled one of the world's biggest floating solar power farms, covering an area the size of 45 football pitches.
- India's first 'Grain ATM' has been opened in **Haryana**.
- **Manduadih** railway station will be renamed as Banaras Railway Station.
- PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated the Rudraksh International Cooperation and Convention centre in **Varanasi**.
- India's 1st national dolphin research centre has unveiled soon in **Bihar**.
- An MoU was signed between Jamnagar based Institute of Teaching and Research in Ayurveda (ITRA) under Ministry of Ayush and the Government of Gujarat. **Nitin Bhai Patel** is the deputy CM of Gujarat.
- **Punjab** has decided to waive loans worth Rs.590 crore under the farm debt relief scheme for farm labourers and the landless farming community.
- **Shri Narayan Tatu Rane** has launched two new Khadi Products- Khadi Babywear and Unique Handmade Paper Use and Throw Slippers.
- The RBI has imposed restrictions on **Mastercard** from on boarding new domestic customers (debit, credit or prepaid) onto its card network from July 22.
- **Ladakh** has signed a MoU with Sikkim State Organic Certification Agency (SOCCA) to turn the Union Territory into an organic entity.
- The Indian Academy of Highway Engineers, under the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways has signed an Agreement with **University of New South Wales** setting up a Centre for Advanced Transportation Technology and Systems at IAHE, Noida.
- The University of Rashtryaraksha has signed an agreement with the Cambodian Police Academy to support police training and capacity building. Institute situated in **Gandhinagar**.
- Surekha Sikri has recently passed away. She was related to **Acting**.
- Mamnoon Hussain passed away recently who was born in Uttar Pradesh. He was a former Prime Minister of **Pakistan**.
- Shirley Fry Irvin passed away recently. She was related to **Tennis**.
- **Babar Azam** has become the fastest cricketer to score 14 ODI centuries.
- ISRO successfully has conducted the 3rd test on Vikas Engine. The Vikas Engine is a part of **Gaganyaan** program.
- To ensure women empowerment and livelihood to six lakh women on a permanent basis through the Cheyutha scheme, **Andhra Pradesh** exchanged MoUs with 14 companies.
- Delhi Skill and Entrepreneurship University signed MoU to train and place students in **Japan**.
- The Indian Government will soon sign a memorandum of understanding with **Bangladesh** to export 10 lakh bales of cotton every year.
- The Union Cabinet has approved a pact between India and Russia regarding cooperation on **Coking Coal**.

- Theme of the Nelson Mandela International Day 2021 - **One Hand Can Feed Another.**
- **Arjun Munda** has launched the campaign “COVID Teeka Sang Surakshit Van, Dhan aur Uddyam” to accelerate the pace of COVID vaccination among tribals, in India.
- “School Innovation Ambassador Training Program” for 50,000 school teachers has been launched together by Education Minister and Tribal Affairs Minister. **Dharmendra Pradhan** is the present Education Minister.
- **Uttar Pradesh** has introduced ‘pod taxis’ using the driverless mode of transport, popular in many western countries.
- Financial assistance **Rs.1000** has been granted to the Farmers of Rajasthan would get under the ‘Kisan Mitra Urja Yojna’ which was launched by Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot (per month).
- **Ram Nath Kovind** has signed an approval to change High Court UT of J&K and UT of Ladakh as ‘High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh’.
- Bonalu, the traditional folk festival of Telangana, has begun at the Jagadambika Temple. This temple is situated in **Hyderabad.**
- **10%** reservation has been issued by the Andhra Pradesh government for economically weaker sections in education and employment, in accordance with the Constitution 103 Amendment Act.
- Recently, Adani Group has taken over the management control over **Mumbai International Airport Limited.**
- **Digital Banking** has been recently introduced by the Banks to help consumers by bringing the bank to their homes.
- At the 2021 Cannes Film Festival, the Best Actress award has been awarded to Renate Reinsve for Film **The Worst Person in the World.**
- The prestigious Norman Borlaug National Award for Excellence in Agricultural Research has been conferred to Kajal Chakraborty. This award has been instituted by **ICAR.**
- Synergy Public Co Ltd has acquired 41.6% stake in Avaada Energy Pvt Ltd, an Indian renewable energy producer. Synergy Public Co Ltd is **Thailand** based.
- The two-day trilateral table top exercise TTX-2021 has been held among the top defence officials from **India, Sri Lanka and the Maldives.**
- ‘Urdu Poets and Writers - Gems of Deccan’, a book, has been authored by senior journalist J.S. Ifthekhar, was received by **Vice President.**
- India Versus China: Why They Are Not Friends has been authored by **Kanti Bajpa.**
- A Coffee Table Book titled ‘UNTOLD stories’, penned by DGP Manoj Yadava, gives an overview of the role of police of **Haryana.**
- LA Polo Delhi in collaboration with Himalayan sports and cultural development organization and Polo Promotion Committee of **Ladakh** have been working on a promotional documentary of Polo Game.
- **British Grand Prix** has won by Lewis Hamilton at the Silverstone Circuit in the United Kingdom.
- **MyGov** has been hosting the Online Competition under PM’s Mentorship Scheme for Young Writers, seeking participation of young and aspiring Indian writers from across the globe.
- National Education Society for Tribal Students has collaborated with **NCERT** to conduct NISHTHA Capacity Building Program for EMRS teachers and Principals.
- **360** Khelo India Centres have been opened as a part of Government’s vision to strengthen the sports ecosystem in the country.

- **China** has unveiled the world's first high-speed maglev transportation system running at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour made its public debut.
- **Ariel Henry** has been sworn in as new Prime Minister of Haiti after the recent election.
- The first-ever elections of the Balika Panchayat has successfully held recently. The Balika Panchayat is in **Gujarat**.
- **Perumkulam** village in Kerala has named as the Kerala's first 'village of books'.
- Raj Kisan Organic mobile application has been launched by **Rajasthan** for the purchase and sale of organic products.
- **U GRO Capital** has partnered with Bank of Baroda to launch a co-lending platform 'Pratham' for micro, small and medium enterprises.
- The Indian Olympic Association has appointed B K Sinha for as **Security & Press Attache** at the Tokyo Games.
- **Singh Wangjam** has been named as the AIFF men's Emerging Player of the Year.
- ESR India has signed an MOU with the Tamil Nadu government to develop two industrial parks in **Kancheepuram and Krishnagiri** districts with an estimated cost of Rs 550 crore.
- Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited has signed an MOU with Directorate of Mines & Geology to offer integrated mineral exploration and consultancy services. DMG is **Goa** based organization.
- The World Universities Summit 2021 has been addressed recently by **Vice President**.
- The New Generation Akash Missile, a surface-to-air Missile has been tested by **DRDO** from Integrated Test Range off the coast of Odisha.
- The Defence Research and Development Organization has successfully flight-tested indigenously developed low weight, **MPATGM**.
- BIRAC-funded, Jeevtronics Pvt.Ltd has developed an affordable and dual powered defibrillator called SanMitra 1000HCT. BIRAC associated with **Department of Biotechnology** based organization.
- **IIT Ropar** has developed a first-of-its-kind Oxygen Rationing Device - AMLEX.
- Billionaire **Jeff Bezos** has made a short journey to space, in the first crewed flight of his rocket ship, New Shepard.
- **DRDO** has indigenously developed a High Strength Metastable Beta Titanium Alloy.
- PACE. LIFE. MATTER : The Coming of Age of Indian Science has been released by **Hari Pulakkat**.
- The International Olympic Committee has approved the Australian city of Brisbane as the host city for the **2032** year Summer Olympics and Paralympic Games.
- The **Income Tax Day** has been observed every year on July 24.
- NITI Aayog has partnered with **IEA** to launch a report called "Renewables Integration in India 2021".
- Pedro Castillo has been elected as the President of **Peru**.
- The world's first 3D-printed,12-metre 3D-printed pedestrian bridge stainless-steel has unveiled in **Amsterdam**.
- The Union Cabinet approved the setting up of a central university in **Ladakh**.
- As per **UNESCAP** report India has scored 90.32% in the global survey on Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation.
- **T Rabi Sankar** has stated that the RBI has decided to introduce digital currency on a pilot basis.

- Max Bupa Health Insurance, a Standalone health insurer, has renamed itself as **Niva Bupa** Health Insurance.
- Dvara e-Dairy Solutions Pvt. Ltd has partnered with **IFFCO Tokio General Insurance** for providing AI powered digital cattle identity solution for cattle insurance.
- Magma Fincorp Limited has been renamed as Poonawalla Housing Finance Limited. Magma Fincorp Limited is a **NBFC** based company.
- **Indian Bank** has launched CASA campaign on the 53rd Bank Nationalization day.
- **Thippesha Dyamappa** has been appointed as the Chief Technology Officer of Upstox, one of India's largest investment platforms.
- India's chief hydrographer Vice Admiral Vinay Badhwar has been conferred with the prestigious Alexander Dalrymple award from **Britain**.
- Indian bank has signed an agreement with **IIT Guwahati** for financing start-ups under Bank's loan product "IND Spring Board".
- **Arunachal Pradesh** has signed an MOU with Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Centre for Policy Research and Analysis in IIM Meghalaya for collaborating as a knowledge partner to set up a satellite centre.
- **Duvvuri Subbarao** has released the book 'Bank with a Soul: Equitas' has been authored by C K Garyali.
- Rakeysh Omprakash Mehra has recently released his autobiography, "The Stranger In The Mirror". He is a **Filmmaker**.
- Rubina Francis has won the gold medal in the 10-metre air pistol para women's event at World shooting Para Sport Cup. The shooting was held in **Lima**.
- Aman Gulia has won the Cadet World Championship by defeating American Luke Joseph Lilledahl. Aman Gulia is associated with **Wrestling**.
- R Bhaskaran has passed away recently. He was a noted Carnatic **Violinist**.
- The Oldest women learner Bhageerathi Amma has passed away recently. She hailed from **Kerala**.
- Urmil Kumar Thapliyal has passed away recently. He belonged to **Litterateur & Theatre personality**.
- The duration of 'Stand Up India Scheme' has been extended by the government to 2025. The scheme was launched in **2016**.
- **IIT Delhi** has launched an affordable rapid antigen test kit to detect Covid-19 called COVIHOME, developed entirely by its Centre for Biomedical Engineering.
- The Ministry of Jal Shakti has notified the jurisdiction of **Godavari and Krishna** Management Board to provide the required authority and power to the two Boards.
- The Chief Justice of India N.V. Ramana has launched a new scheme called '**FASTER**' for instant transmit of bail and other orders to the jail authorities, district courts and the High Courts.
- "Day Zero" roadmap has been launched with no specific expert, inter-ministerial committee, research study for evaluating and preparing the roadmap. Day Zero" roadmap is carried out in **Water scarce regions**.
- Tertiary value addition centers have been set up in tribal areas of **Jagdalpur** and **Raigad** under TRIFOOD.
- **APEC** leaders have pledged to expand sharing and manufacturing of COVID-19 vaccines to fight the global pandemic.
- **IOC** has planned to set the country's first 'Green Hydrogen' plant at its Mathura refinery.

- **Maharashtra** becomes the first state in the country to issue educational documents using blockchain technology.
- The Supreme Court has lifted a ban on disc jockeys imposed by **Allahabad High Court**.
- The PM Modi has inaugurated a newly-built five-star hotel, the redeveloped Gandhinagar railway station worth **Rs.1100 Crore**.
- **ADB** has downgraded India's economic growth forecast for the current financial year to 10 % from 11 %, predicted earlier this year.
- **APEDA** has partnered with Basmati Export Development Foundation to organize an awareness creation programme for the basmati rice growers.
- The Share of financial transactions has undertaken through home and mobile channels increased from 29% in FY2018-19 to **76%** in FY2020-21.
- **Japan** has emerged as the 2nd largest foreign exchange reserves holder in the world after China.
- The Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying has offered **AIHDF** to set up new units of dairy processing & related value addition infrastructure and Animal Feed Plant.
- Kiko Ramírez has been appointed as the head coach of **Odisha FC**.
- The Kerala government has recently amended **Dowry Prohibition rules**.
- Muhammad Yunus has recently received the Olympic Laurel at the Tokyo 2020 Opening Ceremony. He hails from **Bangladesh**.
- Under Presidency of **India**, the BRICS Labour & Employment Ministers' Meeting has held recently.
- A virtual trilateral table top exercise has been participated by India, Sri Lanka along with **Maldives**.
- The State Government of Karnataka has decided to set up Sainik School in **Shivamogga** district of Karnataka.
- Theme of World Brain Day, observed every year on July 22 - **Stop Multiple Sclerosis**.
- The **National Broadcasting Day** has been observed on July 23.
- The National Stock Exchange in partnership with the NITI Aayog and **UNICEF** have launched a programme to spread awareness on COVID-19 vaccination in India.
- The budgetary outlay for the Production Linked Incentive Scheme of specialty steel is **₹ 6322 crores**.
- The Union Cabinet has approved the establishment of an Integrated Multi-purpose infrastructure Development Corporation for **Ladakh**.
- **27** proposals from private entities have been received for undertaking various space activities in India as per the MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh.
- The government has achieved its atomic energy generation target set for the current year. The target set for the current year 2021-22 - **41821 Million Units**.
- The office of National Farmers Welfare Program Implementation Committee has been inaugurated by **Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare**.
- The foundation stone of the Plant Authority building has been laid recently by the Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Narendra Singh Tomar in **New Delhi**.
- The Government of India has implemented **Bhartiya Prakritik Krishi Padhati** as a sub scheme of Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana.

- **Liverpool** has cleared its coveted world heritage status after UNESCO blamed years of development for an “irreversible loss” to the historic value of its Victorian docks.
- King Mswati III has been appointed Cleopas Dlamini as the new Prime Minister of **Eswatini**.
- The Chief Minister of Telangana has renamed **Dalit Empowerment Scheme** as Dalit Bandhu scheme.
- **Uttar Pradesh**’s cabinet has decided to set up a panchayat secretariat in all panchayats of the state.
- The Shravan Harela has been celebrated on the onset of the rainy season in Uttarakhand. Harela mean **Day of Green**.
- The CM of Madhya Pradesh Shivraj Singh Chouhan has virtually launched UNESCO’s ‘Historic Urban Landscape’ project of **Orchha and Gwalior**.
- **Mirae Asset Investment Managers** has launched India’s first ETF tracking Nifty Financial Services Index.
- As per United Nation’s Economic and Social Commission for Asia Pacific’s latest Global Survey on Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation, India has attained 100% score in **Transparency**.
- ICICI Bank has launched a co-branded credit card with **HPCL** to provide customers with benefits and reward points of using multiple credit cards in one.
- “Arogya Rakshak” plan has been launched by **Life Insurance Corporation**.
- The SBI has selected **Paisalo Digital** as its National Corporate Business Correspondent for boosting its financial inclusion drive with the help of kiosk-based banking services.
- Rahul Saraf has been appointed as the Head of Investment Banking in **Citi Bank**.
- **Aramane Giridhar** has been given additional charge of the Chairman of the National Highways Authority of India.
- Rasmi Ranjan Das along with **25** Tax experts has been appointed as members of the UN tax committee.
- **Cachar** district of Assam has got the prestigious National Silver SKOCH award under health category on the project called “Pushti Nirbhor”.
- Shibaji Banerjee has been honoured with Mohun Bagan Ratna Award 2021 Posthumously. He was associated with **Football**.
- **Ambition Box** has awarded UST’s ‘Best Places to Work in India 2021’ Award.
- **Indian Navy** has signed an MOU with Kotak Mahindra for salary accounts of all its personnel – both serving and retired.
- **UN** has designated July 25 as the World Drowning Day.
- Kargil Vijay Diwas has been observed every year on **July 26**.
- The Minister of State for Culture and Parliamentary Affairs Arjun Ram Meghwal has inaugurated the exhibition “Azad Ki ShauryaGatha” in **New Delhi**.
- **Ministry of Culture** has partnered with International Buddhist Confederation to celebrate Asadha Poornima Dhamma Chakra Day 2021.
- **ICMR** has conducted fourth national serosurvey, 67.6 percent Of India’s population above the age of six, have developed antibodies against Covid-19.
- **INS Airavat** has brought five Cryogenic containers containing 100 MT of Liquid Oxygen and 300 Concentrators to support Indonesia.

- The Bangladesh government has developed a social media platform named 'Jogajog' as an alternative to **Facebook**.
- **Maldives's** Foreign minister has met Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi.
- The Minister of Home Affairs, Amit Shah has inaugurated the Inter-State Bus Terminus and a cryogenic plant in **Meghalaya**.
- The **Punjab** government has launched AABR System to manage hearing loss in newborn and young children under universal newborn hearing screening programme.
- The UNESCO has recently inscribed Ramappa as the 'World Heritage Site'. It is located in **Telangana**.
- **Amit Shah** has recently laid the foundation stone of Tamulpur Medical College and Hospital in Guwahati.
- Under the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority has recently revised the price of five medical devices upto **88%**.
- **Adani Group** has been selected as the sponsor for the Indian contingent at the ongoing Tokyo Games.
- Cisco has signed an agreement with **NSDC** to provide comprehensive digital skills.
- **HDFC ERGO General Insurance** has introduced Optima Secure indemnity-based health insurance policy.
- **Dhanlaxmi Bank** has announced a strategic alliance with SMC Global Securities limited for offering online trading services to the bank customers.
- The Airports Authority of India has appointed Sharad Kumar as the Director of **Chennai Airport**.
- **M Venkaiah Naidu** has passed the motion of suspension of Trinamool Congress member MP Shantanu Sen from the Rajya Sabha.
- **27** government hospitals, community health centres and primary health centres of the district were selected for the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare's prestigious Kayakalp Award under NQAS certification scheme.
- **Shillong** has noted as the "Space Tech capital of the east" by North Eastern Space Applications Centre under the Union Minister of Culture, Tourism and Development of North East Region.
- **IIT Kanpur** has launched the first technology innovation hub to find cyber security solutions for anti-drones technologies, intrusion detection system, block-chain and cyber physical system.
- 'An Ordinary Life: Portrait of an Indian Generation' has been authored by **Ashok Lavasa**.
- Mirabai Chanu, an Indian Weight lifter has won a silver medal at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics under **49 Kg** category.
- Satish Kalsekar, renowned Poet has passed away recently. He belongs to **Marathi**.
- Jayanthi has recently passed away recently. She associated with **Film Industry**.
- **Rs.50000 Crore** is the total outlay allotted by the government for National Research Foundation, to strengthen the research ecosystem in the country.
- "Pradhan Mantri VRIKSHA AYUSH Yojna" has been launched by the Ministry of AYUSH for the cultivation of **Herbs**.
- **Dehradun** has organised the "5th North-East India Traditional Fashion Week 2021" virtually.
- **Amit Shah** has inaugurated the Inter-State Bus Terminal at Maviyang in Shillong with an Indian assistance of Rs.50 crore.

- The Ministry of Women and Child Development has launched the web based portal, '**PM CARES for Children**' scheme.
- **Ministry of Power** has released a report on Key Regulatory Parameters of Power Utilities as part of Azadika Amrit Mahotsav.
- **Kandla** has become the First Green SEZ to achieve the IGBC Green Cities Platinum Rating for Existing Cities.
- 'Indian Railways' has transported 200 MT Liquid Medical Oxygen through Oxygen Express to **Bangladesh**.
- The 'MyGov-MeriSarkar' portal has been launched by the **Uttar Pradesh**'s Chief Minister.
- The Minister of State for Finance has stated Non-performing assets of banks have declined to **Rs 8.34 lakh Crore** at the end of March 31, 2021.
- Farm Machinery Direct Benefit Transfer portal has been developed for the implementation of '**Sub-Mission on Agricultural Mechanization**'.
- TRIFED has been collaborated with **NITI Aayog** to implement the Van Dhan Yojana in the districts that have been identified as aspirational districts.
- **BS Yediyurappa**, the chief minister of Karnataka has resigned recently.
- The Exercise Cutlass Express 2021 held recently in Mombasa. **INS Talwar** participated in the Exercise.
- John Abraham, a Veterinarian has got Patent for Biodiesel from Slaughtered Chicken Waste. He hails from **Kerala**.
- According to the World Trade Organization report on the trends in world agricultural trade in the past 25 years, **US** has ranked 2nd.
- Japanese Emperor Naruhito along with IOC President has officially opened the **32nd** Summer Olympic Games.
- **Rs.75 lakh** cash award has been awarded for the Athletes winning Gold medals by the Advisory Committee of the Indian Olympic Association.
- Momiji Nishiya has won the gold medal at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics for **Skateboarding**.
- Fakir Alamgir passed away recently. He was a well known **Musician & Freedom fighter**.
- Theme of the International Tiger Day, observed every year on July 29 - **Their survival is in our hands**.
- Earth System Science Data Portal has been launched by the Minister of State for Earth Sciences, Jitendra Singh on its **15th** Foundation Day.
- The 'Raja Mircha' king chilli from Nagaland has been exported to **London**.
- The Government has announced its plans to set up a **National Farmers Database**.
- The Geological Survey of India has taken up seven projects for lithium exploration across different states in India. **Rs.18100 Crore** is the total outlay announced to make lithium-ion cells to promote e-mobility in India.
- **Centre for Science and Environment** has partnered with the National Mission for Clean Ganga to launch a Capacity Building Initiative on Making Water Sensitive Cities in Ganga Basin.
- As per the Periodic Labour Force Survey conducted by National Statistical Office, Unemployment rate for women has fell to **4.2%** in 2019-20 from 5.1 % in 2018-19.
- The Marine Aids to Navigation Bill 2021 has been passed by the Parliament by replacing **Lighthouse Act, 1927**.

- **Rajnath Singh** has attended a conclave of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation in Dushanbe, Tajikistan.
- The UNESCO has recently added the landscape architect SitioBurle Marx to its list of World Heritage sites. The site is located in **Rio de Janeiro**.
- **Najib Mikati** has been appointed as the next premier-designate of Lebanon.
- **Indore** has become the only city to be selected from India for the International Clean Air Catalyst Programme.
- 'Devaranya' scheme has been launched by **Shivraj Singh Chouhan** to promote AYUSH in the state.
- **Puri** of Odisha becomes the first city in the state to have a drink-from-tap facility.
- The Uttar Pradesh state government has signed an MOU with Sapio Analytics, to provide licenses of automation software Accloud worth **Rs.72 crores** to 20,000 MSMEs of the state.
- As per the World Economic Outlook forecast, the global economy has projected to grow **6.0%** in 2021.
- The Reserve Bank of India has informed that the total amount of unclaimed deposits of **Scheduled Commercial Banks** was reported to Rs.24356 crore.
- **HDFC Bank** has launched Dukandar Overdraft Scheme of up to Rs.10 lakhs overdraft facility for shopkeepers, merchants to ease cash crunch.
- Recently the centre has launched the **SLDE** along with the Calculator for Green House Gas Emissions.
- As per the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Indian start-ups ecosystem has been widely recognized as the **3rd** largest start up ecosystem.
- Ameya Velankar has been appointed as head of marketing for India, South Asia by **Uber**.
- Abdulla Shahid, Foreign Minister of Maldives has won the Presidency of the 76th Session of **UNGA**.
- Sanjay Rai Sherpuria, a Social Entrepreneur has been honoured as National Brand Ambassador for **SDG Choupal**.
- The Cabinet has approved a multilateral MoU with IFSCA, IAIS and **IOSCO**.
- National Fertilisers Limited and Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilisers Ltd have signed a MoU with **IFFCO** for 'transfer of technology' of a revolutionary and game changer fertiliser Nano Urea Liquid.
- The Indian Air Force has formally inducted Rafale aircraft into No. 101 Squadron at Air Force Station Hasimara. This is **Second** IAF Squadron to be equipped with Rafale aircraft.
- The Pre-Summit of United Nations Food System Summit 2021 has been virtually addressed by **Narendra Singh Tomar**.
- The 5th National Geo-research Scholars Meet has been organized through a webinar recently at the Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology. The institute is located in **Dehradun**.
- **IITM-ESM** has been developed at the Centre for Climate Change Research, Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology under the Ministry of Earth Sciences.
- A scientist with the Mohali-based National Agri-Food Biotechnology Institute has developed an ultra-sensitive and easy-to-use sensor to detect **Arsenic contamination in water and food**.
- The Ministry of Science & Technology has stated that a group of astronomers, including from India, has detected a very short, powerful burst of high-energy radiation of **Gamma Rays** that lasted for about a second.
- Vantika Agarwal has won the National women online chess title. She hails from **New Delhi**.

- Priya Malik has recently won gold at the tournament held in Budapest, Hungary. She is associated with **Wrestling**.
- Mike Hendrick, a cricketer has passed away recently. He hailed from **England**.
- Nandu Natekar has passed away recently. He was a well-known **Badminton** Player.
- **UNESCO** has adopted July 26 as the International Day for the Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystem.
- On July, 27 The Central Reserve Police Force has celebrated its **83rd** Raising Day.
- Theme of the World Nature Conservation Day 2021, observed every year on July 28 - **Forests and Livelihoods: Sustaining People and Planet**.
- The World Hepatitis Day has been observed every year on **July 28**.
- The PM Narendra Modi has launched the national web portal for sharing R&D facilities called **I-STEM**.
- **Ministry of Women and Child Development** has inaugurated the National Commission for Women's 24/7 helpline number 7827170170.
- The Union Government has collaborated with **IIT Bombay** to set up a National Centre of Excellence for Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming and Comics for creating a world-class talent pool in India to cater to the Indian as well as global industry.
- The Home Minister Amit Shah has launched the Green Sohra Afforestation Campaign at **Cherrapunji**.
- As per the Ministry of Food Processing Industries, **Two** institutes has become Institutions of National Importance as of the newly passed the National Institutes of Food Technology, Entrepreneurship and Management Bill, 2021.
- The Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Narendra Singh Tomar has virtually inaugurated **28th** Regional Workshop of Krishi Vigyan Kendras.
- The first consignment of vegetables including curry leaf, okra, pear and bitter gourd sourced from the farmers of Haridwar has been exported to **UAE**.
- **Coal India Ltd** has taken an out of box initiative to produce sand from overburden at a much cheaper price.
- **Philippines** has become the first in the world to be able to cultivate Golden Rice to reduce childhood malnutrition prevalent in the Philippines as well as in Bangladesh.
- Sunseap of Singapore has planned to build floating solar project on a reservoir in Indonesia's Batam Island worth **\$2 billion**.
- The Leading European nation, Sweden has recently ratified the framework agreement for **ISA** aimed at promoting renewable energy and sustainable development.
- BRICS countries have decided to incorporate and amplify the Traditional Medicine System to fight against Covid-19 under **India** Presidency.
- Basavaraj Bommai has been elected as the new Chief Minister of **Karnataka**.
- The foundation of Bamboo Industrial Park has been recently laid in Assam with a total outlay of **Rs.50 crores**.
- The Ministry of Science and Technology has set up a Centre of Excellence in the Northeast of **Arunachal Pradesh**.
- The Harappan city of Dholavira in Gujarat's Rann of Kutch has been incorporated in UNESCO's World Heritage list. This becomes the **40th** world heritage property in the country.
- **Care Ratings** has predicted India's GDP growth between 8.8-9% in FY22.
- The International Monetary Fund has predicted the India's economic Growth for FY22 to **9.5%**.

- The Government has laid out an additional borrowing of **0.25%** for each reform of the Gross State Domestic Product to the States for FY 2020-21.
- The demand of **Rs.8216 crore** has been raised under section 10(3)/10(4) of the Black Money Act, 2015 have been passed in 166 cases.
- As per the Provisional Estimates of Gross Domestic Product for the year 2020-21 released by **National Statistical Office**, the Gross Value Added of agriculture has shown a growth of 3.6 per cent.
- Nasir Kamal, has been appointed as the Director General of **BCAS** by the Ministry of Civil Aviation.
- **Balaji Srivastava** has been appointed as the Delhi Police Commissioner after the retirement of SN Shrivastava.
- **Rs.1 crore** is the reward announced by Manipur state government to weightlifter Saikhom Mirabai Chanu, who won Silver at the Tokyo Olympics.
- **CRPF** has signed an MOU with Centre for Development of Advanced Computing India's premier tech R&D to train the manpower of the force in advanced technologies and undertake joint projects.
- International Paralympic Committee has signed an agreement with **WHO** to foster diversity and equity through global initiatives promoting health and sport for everybody, everywhere.
- INS Tabar has reached Russia to participate in the **325th** Navy Day celebrations of the Russian Navy.
- The 12th Edition of joint military Exercise INDRA 2021 held in Russia along with **India**.
- **Eight** companies have registered with ISRO for customized space-themed merchandise programme.
- **Alphabet** has launched New robotics software company named Intrinsic, a secretive research unit.
- The Minister for Chemicals & Fertilizers and Health & Family Welfare Mansukh Mandaviya has chaired a high-level meeting to explore indigenous deposits of **Phospate**.
- The Environment Ministry has notified that e-waste generation has increased to **31.6%** when compared to the year 2019.
- Theme of the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons, observed every year on July 30 - **Victims Voices Lead the Way**.
- As per the new the Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation Bill, 2021, **Rs 5 lakh** could be allowed to withdraw by the depositors in 90 days.
- The Lok Sabha passed Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Amendment) Bill, 2021 has introduced an alternate insolvency resolution process for MSMEs, called the **PIRP**.
- **2%** royalty has been offered to the Defence Research and Development Organization from the Dr Reddy's Laboratory on the sale of anti-Covid drug 2-DG.
- The Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment Thaawarchand Gehlot has e-inaugurated a 'Garima Greh: A Shelter Home for Transgender Persons' in **Vadadora** district of Gujarat.
- The PM Narendra Modi has launched a new framework, SAFAL for the **CBSE students**.
- India's first indigenous, cost effective, wireless physiological parameters monitoring system, COVID BEEP for COVID-19 patients has been developed by ESIC Medical College in collaboration with **IIT Hyderabad**.
- The **Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Amendment Bill 2021** has been passed by Rajya Sabha.

- Shehroze Kashif has become the youngest person to reach the summit of K2 with Supplemental oxygen. He hails from **Pakistan**.
- **\$25 million** is the financial assistance provided by US to India to support India's vaccination programme Committed to further strengthening of ties between the two countries.
- **UK & Kenya** were the co-host for the Global Education Summit held in London to raise \$5 billion for the Global Partnership for Education.
- **Karnataka** has become the first state in India to reserve jobs in public employment in favour of transgender persons.
- Rajasthan has launched the campaign "Mission Niriyatak Bano" for **Local traders** in expanding their businesses to foreign countries.
- A vitamin-added rice distribution scheme has been launched by Odisha in **Malkangiri** District to address the nutritional needs, particularly of the women and children.
- On the occasion of World Hepatitis Day 2021, Chief Minister **Biren Singh** has launched Model Hepatitis B Treatment Centres at two hospitals.
- **Maruti Suzuki** has partnered with Savitribai Phule Pune University, to train the youth in automobile retail.
- The Reserve Bank of India has imposed a monetary penalty of Rs 5 crore on **Axis Bank**.
- As per the newly constituted Digital Payments Index, **30%** is the growth (approx.) recorded for Digital Payment during the year ended March 2021.
- **Paytm Payment Bank** has become the first bank in the country to achieve the milestone of issuing 1 crore FASTags.
- The finance ministry has invited entries from citizens for name, tagline and logo for the new **DFI**.
- Sunjeev Sahota, an Indian-origin British author, has listed for the prestigious 2021 Booker Prize for **China Room** novel.
- Playback singer **Asha Bhosle** has selected for the prestigious award by the Maharashtra Bhushan Selection Committee chaired by Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray.
- **Vaidehi Dongre** has crowned as Miss India USA 2021 at the beauty pageant.
- Bangalore International Airport Limited has signed an MOU with Kyndryl and **IBM** to create a new 'Airport in a Box' platform for passengers at the Kempegowda International Airport.
- **Rs. 498.80 crore** is the total outlay (approx.) approved by the Department of Defence Production for a central sector scheme named 'Innovations for Defence Excellence'.
- The **14 Tiger Reserves** in India has received the accreditation of the Global Conservation Assured Tiger Standards.
- According to the Study, Council on Energy, Environment and Water, **India** could save Rs 8,940 crore a year by shutting down some old coal-burning power plants.
- Researchers from the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research have collaborated with **IIT Kharagpur** to develop piezoelectric molecular crystals called bipyrazole organic crystals.
- **ISRO** has launched a Satellite EOS -03, a Natural Disaster Monitoring Satellite of this Year.
- **Polina Guryeva** has won a silver medal for the 217 kilograms Weightlifting at Central Asian nation in the Tokyo Olympics.

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Cabinet Reshuffle - 43 leaders take oath as ministers:

- The Union Cabinet led by Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has expanded its council of ministers.
- The names in the cabinet reshuffle include several new entrants as well as existing ministers who will be reassigned.
- The swearing-in ceremony of **43 Ministers** was held at the **Rashtrapati Bhavan** on July 7, 2021.
- In total, 15 Ministers were inducted into the Union Cabinet and 28 Ministers were inducted as Ministers of State.
- This is the first cabinet reshuffle since the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) retained power in 2019.

New Cabinet ministers:

- Rajnath Singh - Minister of Defence
- Amit Shah - Minister of Home Affairs; and Minister of Cooperation
- Mansukh Mandaviya - Minister of Health and Family Welfare; and Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers
- Nitin Gadkari - Minister of Road Transport and Highways
- Nirmala Sitharaman - Minister of Finance; and Minister of Corporate Affairs
- Narendra Singh Tomar - Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
- Dr S. Jaishankar - Minister of External Affairs
- Arjun Munda - Minister of Tribal Affairs
- Smriti Irani - Minister of Women and Child Development
- Piyush Goyal - Minister of Commerce and Industry; Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution; and Minister of Textiles
- Dharmendra Pradhan - Minister of Education; and Minister of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
- Pralhad Joshi - Minister of Parliamentary Affairs; Minister of Coal; and Minister of Mines
- Narayan Rane - Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
- Sarbananda Sonowal - Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways; and Minister of AYUSH
- Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi - Minister of Minority Affairs
- Dr. Virendra Kumar - Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment
- Giriraj Singh - Minister of Rural Development; and Minister of Panchayati Raj
- Jyotiraditya M. Scindia - Minister of Civil Aviation
- Ashwini Vaishnaw - Minister of Railways; Minister of Communications; and Minister of Electronics and Information Technology
- Ramchandra Prasad Singh - Minister of Steel
- Pashu Pati Kumar Paras - Minister of Food Processing Industries
- Gajendra Singh Shekhawat - Minister of Jal Shakti
- Kiren Rijju - Minister of Law and Justice
- Ra Kumar Singh - Minister of Power; and Minister of New and Renewable Energy
- Hardeep Singh Puri - Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas; and Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs
- Bhupender Yadav - Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change; and Minister of Labour and Employment
- Mahendra Nath Pandey - Minister of Heavy Industries

- Parshottam Rupala - Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying
- G. Kishan Reddy - Minister of Culture; Minister of Tourism; and Minister of Development of North Eastern Region
- Anurag Singh Thakur - Minister of Information and Broadcasting; and Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports

Ministers of State (Independent Charge)

- Rao Inderjit Singh - Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation; Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Planning; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Corporate Affairs.
- Dr Jitendra Singh - Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Science and Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Earth Sciences; Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office; Minister of State in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Minister of State in the Department of Atomic Energy; and Minister of State in the Department of Space

Ministers of State

- Shripad Yesso Naik - Minister of State in the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Tourism
- Faggansingh Kulaste - Minister of State in the Ministry of Steel; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Rural Development
- Prahald Singh Patel - Minister of State in the Ministry of Jal Shakti; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Food Processing Industries
- Ashwini Kumar Choubey - Minister of State in the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- Arjun Ram Meghwal - Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Culture
- General (Retd.) V. K. Singh - Minister of State in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Civil Aviation
- Krishan Pal - Minister of State in the Ministry of Power; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Heavy Industries
- Danve Raosaheb Dadarao - Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways; Minister of State in the Ministry of Coal; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Mines
- Ramdas Athawale - Minister of State in the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- Sadhvi Niranjan Jyoti - Minister of State in the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Rural Development
- Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Balyan - Minister of State in the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying
- Nityanand Rai - Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs
- Pankaj Chaowdhary - Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance
- Anupriya Singh Patel - Minister of State in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- Prof. S. P. Singh Baghel - Minister of State in the Ministry of Law and Justice
- Rajeev Chandrasekhar - Minister of State in the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- Shobha Karandlaje - Minister of State in the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
- Bhanu Pratap Singh Verma - Minister of State in the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

- Darshana Vikram Jardosh - Minister of State in the Ministry of Textiles; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways
- V. Muraleedharan - Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs
- Meenakashi Lekhi - Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Culture
- Som Parkash - Minister of State in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- Renuka Singh Saruta - Minister of State in the Ministry of Tribal Affairs
- Rameswar Teli - Minister of State in the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Labour and Employment
- Kailash Choudhary - Minister of State in the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
- Annpurna Devi - Minister of State in the Ministry of Education
- Narayanaswamy - Minister of State in the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- Kaushal Kishore - Minister of State in the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- Ajay Bhatt - Minister of State in the Ministry of Defence; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Tourism
- L. Verma - Minister of State in the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Cooperation
- Ajay Kumar - Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs
- Devusinh Chauhan - Minister of State in the Ministry of Communications
- Bhagwanth Khuba - Minister of State in the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers
- Kapil Moreshwar Patil - Minister of State in the Ministry of Panchayati Raj
- Pratima Bhoumik - Minister of State in the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- Dr. Subhas Sarkar - Minister of State in the Ministry of Education
- Dr. Bhagwat Kishanrao Karad - Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance
- Dr. Rajkumar Ranjan Singh - Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Education
- Dr. Bharati Pravin Pawar - Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- Bishweswar Tudu - Minister of State in the Ministry of Tribal Affairs; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Jal Shakti
- Shantanu Thakur - Minister of State in the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways
- Dr. Munjapara Mahendrabhai - Minister of State in the Ministry of Women and Child Development; and Minister of State in the Ministry of AYUSH
- John Barla - Minister of State in the Ministry of Minority Affairs
- Dr. L. Murugan - Minister of State in the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
- Nisith Pramanik - Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

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MODEL QUESTIONS

List of Important Days

1. When is National Doctors' Day celebrated in India?
(1) July 1 (2) June 29 (3) June 30 (4) July 2 (5) None of these
2. When was Crop Insurance Week 2021 observed?
(1) July 2 - July 8 (2) July 3 - July 9 (3) July 1 - July 7
(4) July 4 - July 10 (5) None of these
3. Which day celebrated as International Day of Cooperatives 2021?
(1) July 3 (2) July 4 (3) July 2 (4) July 5 (5) None of these
4. When is Nelson Mandela International Day observed?
(1) July 18 (2) July 19 (3) July 12 (4) July 15 (5) None of these
5. When is National Broadcasting Day celebrated in the country?
(1) July 19 (2) July 23 (3) July 28 (4) July 16 (5) None of these
6. What is the theme of World Brain Day 2021?
(1) Stroke is a brain attack - prevent it and treat it
(2) Migraine: The Painful Truth
(3) Stop Multiple Sclerosis
(4) Move Together to End Parkinson's Disease
(5) None of these
7. When is Pi Approximation Day observed?
(1) July 22 (2) July 23 (3) July 25 (4) July 21 (5) None of these
8. When is World IVF Day observed?
(1) July 25 (2) July 26 (3) July 21 (4) July 24 (5) None of these
9. When is World Drowning Prevention Day observed?
(1) July 26 (2) July 23 (3) July 25 (4) July 27 (5) None of these
10. On July 27, 2021, Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) observed its which raising day?
(1) 83 (2) 89 (3) 87 (4) 85 (5) None of these

Reserve Bank of India

11. Under which category is the retail and wholesale trade included by the Reserve Bank of India in July 2021?
(1) NSIC (2) MSME (3) EPFO (4) GeM (5) None of these
12. The Reserve Bank has barred which of the following from onboarding new credit, debit and prepaid card customers with effect from July 22 as it failed to comply with data storage norms?
(1) Mastercard (2) Rupay (3) Visa (4) American Express (5) None of these

State Bank of India

13. On July 1, 2021, State Bank of India celebrated its which year?
(1) 66th (2) 67th (3) 64th (4) 69th (5) None of these

Other Banks

14. Which payments bank has launched 'Pay to contacts' feature to allow a UPI payment by selecting the receiver's mobile number from their phonebook?
(1) Paytm Payments Bank (2) Fino Payments Bank (3) NSDL Payments Bank
(4) Airtel Payments Bank (5) None of these
15. Which of the following bank has received Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) nod to apply for amalgamation of its promoter into itself?
(1) Equitas Small Finance Bank (2) Ujjivan Small Finance Bank
(3) ESAF Small Finance Bank (4) Utkarsh Small Finance Bank (5) None of these
16. Which bank launched a loan scheme for the infrastructure development of Primary Agricultural Credit Cooperatives (PACS)?
(1) Axis Bank (2) Karnataka Bank (3) Kerala Bank
(4) Federal Bank (5) None of these

Insurance

17. Which insurance company has launched Saran Pension Plan?
(1) Life Insurance Corporation (2) Oriental Insurance Company
(3) National Insurance Corporation (4) United India Insurance Company (5) None of these
18. Which insurance company launched a comprehensive health insurance plan named 'Arogya Supreme'?
(1) New India Assurance
(2) Reliance General Insurance
(3) SBI General Insurance
(4) HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company
(5) None of these

High Courts and Sessions Courts

19. Which high court became the first court in the country to formally start live streaming of proceedings?
(1) Gujarat (2) Himachal Pradesh (3) Haryana
(4) Rajasthan (5) None of these

Central Government

20. The government has merged the Department of Public Enterprises (DPE) with which ministry?
(1) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
(2) Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
(3) Ministry of Finance
(4) Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises
(5) None of these
21. What is the extended deadline for linking the Aadhaar numbers of beneficiaries with their ration cards as notified by the central government?
(1) September 30, 2021 (2) December 31, 2021 (3) October 31, 2021
(4) November 30, 2021 (5) None of these
22. The Union government is going to set up over how many virology research and diagnostic laboratories under a central scheme during the period of 15th Finance Commission?
(1) 45 (2) 42 (3) 43 (4) 48 (5) None of these

States

23. Which state has introduced programme to transform foundational learning with World Bank aid?
(1) Telangana (2) Andhra Pradesh (3) Kerela
(4) Karnataka (5) None of these
24. Which state/UT govt has launched 'Students Credit Card' to provide soft loan upto Rs. 10 lakh for higher studies?
(1) West Bengal (2) Odisha (3) Madhya Pradesh
(4) Haryana (5) None of these
25. Which state government has planned to establish Health ATMs to provide better health facilities to the people in state?
(1) Rajasthan (2) Uttarakhand (3) Madhya Pradesh
(4) Uttar Pradesh (5) None of these
26. Which state was to organize Khelo India Youth Games-2021 which will now be held in 2022 in view of the possible third wave of Covid-19 pandemic?
(1) Haryana (2) Goa (3) Tamil Nadu (4) Sikkim (5) None of these
27. Which state has decided to create a new department to protect the culture and practices of people belonging to tribal and other indigenous communities?
(1) Arunachal Pradesh (2) Tripura (3) Assam
(4) West Bengal (5) None of these
28. Where is the India's first 'Grain ATM' set up to avoid long queues for ration and getting less ration from the shopkeeper?
(1) Bhopal (2) Gandhinagar (3) Gurugram (4) Agra (5) None of these
29. In July 2021, with which state government did United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) join hands to improve the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) in the state?
(1) Rajasthan (2) Odisha (3) Haryana (4) Madhya Pradesh (5) None of these
30. Which state government has launched 'Kisan Mitra Urja Yojna' under which farmers in the state will get a monthly grant of Rs1000?
(1) Gujarat (2) Bihar (3) Jharkhand (4) Rajasthan (5) None of these
31. Which state has received a relief package of 800 crore rupees for management of the second wave and prevention of the third wave in the state by the central government?
(1) Uttar Pradesh (2) Delhi (3) Tamil Nadu
(4) Madhya Pradesh (5) None of these
32. Which village of Gujarat has come out with a unique idea of holding Balika Panchayat to take up issues pertaining to adolescent girls and women in the village?
(1) Waghai (2) Kunariya (3) Hodka (4) Khavda (5) None of these
33. Which village in Kerala has been bestowed with the title Kerala's first 'Book Village'?
(1) Amboori (2) Perumkulam (3) Vilavoor (4) Vembayam (5) None of these
34. Which state government announced to provide government jobs to all forthcoming medal earners of the State in the National Games, along with winners of the Olympics, the Commonwealth Games and Asian Games?
(1) Himachal Pradesh (2) Tripura (3) Assam
(4) Punjab (5) None of these

35. Which state government will launch a flagship startup promotion scheme ASAP for early-stage startups?
 (1) Andhra Pradesh (2) Madhya Pradesh (3) Himachal Pradesh
 (4) Arunachal Pradesh (5) None of these
36. Which state has become the first in the country to launch an automated auditory brainstem response system (AABR) under universal newborn hearing screening programme?
 (1) Bihar (2) Madhya Pradesh (3) Punjab
 (4) Karnataka (5) None of these
37. In which district did Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma lay the foundation stone of a Bamboo Industrial Park?
 (1) Golaghat (2) Dima Hasao (3) Dispur (4) Jorhat (5) None of these
38. Which state has prepared Ayush-based economic upgradation scheme called Devaranya Yojana?
 (1) Haryana (2) Arunachal Pradesh (3) Madhya Pradesh
 (4) West Bengal (5) None of these

Place in the News

39. Where will the central government set up Indian Institute of Heritage?
 (1) Chennai (2) Noida (3) Jaipur (4) Ahmedabad (5) None of these

Defence and National Security

40. "Mustafa Kemal Atatürk 2021" is a joint military drill between which two countries?
 (1) Spain and Turkey (2) Afghanistan and Azerbaijan
 (3) Turkey and Azerbaijan (4) Spain and Afghanistan (5) None of these
41. Where did an Indian Navy warship carried out a military exercise with a South Korean vessel?
 (1) Pacific Ocean (2) East China Sea (3) Caribbean Sea
 (4) Sea of Japan (5) None of these
42. Where did the Indian Army inaugurated a war memorial on the occasion of the birthday of Captain Gurjinder Singh Suri, who died during the operation "Birsa Munda" in 1999?
 (1) Gulmarg (2) Srinagar (3) Pahalgam (4) Manali (5) None of these
43. After which bollywood actress has the Indian Army named one of its firing ranges in Kashmir?
 (1) Tapsee Pannu (2) Priyanka Chopra (3) Kareena Kapoor
 (4) Vidya Balan (5) None of these

Schemes/Initiatives

44. Where did General MM Naravane, Indian Army Chief inaugurated War Memorial for Indian Soldiers in July 2021?
 (1) Germany (2) Poland (3) Italy (4) Russia (5) None of these
45. Which fintech start-up has launched housing finance industry's first Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology-based selection and recommendation engine for home buyers?
 (1) Easiloan Techno Solutions (2) Shiksha Finance (3) Arthashastra Fintech
 (4) ZestMoney (5) None of these
46. Atop the platform of which of the railway stations inaugurated by PM Modi, a five-star hotel has been built?
 (1) Varanasi railway station (2) Surat railway station
 (3) Gandhinagar railway station (4) Lucknow railway station (5) None of these

47. Which ministry launched the "COVID Teeka Sang Surakshit Van, Dhan aur Uddyam" to accelerate the pace of COVID vaccination?
 (1) Sports Ministry (2) Tribal Affairs Ministry (3) Home Ministry
 (4) Education Ministry (5) None of these
48. Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan and Tribal Affairs Minister Arjun Munda launched "School Innovation Ambassador Training Program" for which of the following?
 (1) SC/ST school students (2) Tribal teachers (3) School teachers
 (4) School students (5) None of these
49. What is the 24/7 helpline number for women affected by violence launched by Women and Child Development Minister Smriti Irani in July 2021?
 (1) 7827170380 (2) 7827120970 (3) 7827670130 (4) 7827170170 (5) None of these

Summit/Conference

50. According to a joint report by the UN's World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) and Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the economic impact on tourism due to Covid since last year could top how much?
 (1) 4 trillion Dollar (2) 6 trillion Dollar (3) 9 trillion Dollar
 (4) 7 trillion Dollar (5) None of these

Agreement/Deal/Signed

51. Which Organization has collaborated with Massive Earth Foundation to launch Low Carbon Earth for the Asia Pacific?
 (1) WHO (2) UNDP (3) UNEP (4) UNICEF (5) None of these
52. An initiative called "HAUSLA" launched by the Jammu and Kashmir govt for women entrepreneurs of UT is in partnership with which company?
 (1) PhonePe (2) DMart (3) Paytm (4) Flipkart (5) None of these
53. The Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO) has inked an MoU with which of the following to support micro, small and medium enterprise (MSME) exporters in India?
 (1) Transport Corporation of India (2) TCI Express (3) Aegis Logistics
 (4) Aramex India (5) None of these
54. Which of the following has signed a MoU with Centre for Development of Advanced Computing C-DAC to train the manpower of the force in advanced technologies and undertake joint projects?
 (1) Sashastra Seema Bal (2) Central Armed Police Forces
 (3) Central Reserve Police Force (4) Indo-Tibetan Border Police (5) None of these
55. Digital payments and financial services platform Paytm announced the launch of Postpaid Mini in partnership with which company?
 (1) Bajaj Finance Limited
 (2) Mahindra and Mahindra Financial Services Limited
 (3) Tata Capital Financial Services Limited
 (4) Aditya Birla Finance Ltd
 (5) None of these
56. Which IT company partnered with StaTwig, a digital supply chain solution provider, to implement vaccine traceability platform 'VaccineLedger' globally?
 (1) Wipro (2) Tech Mahindra (3) Infosys
 (4) Capgemini (5) None of these

57. MSME focused digital lending platform FlexiLoans.com has collaborated with which of the following to offer flexible loans to their merchant base?
 (1) BharatPe (2) PhonePe (3) Paytm (4) Google Pay (5) None of these
58. Which Union Territory has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Himalayan Forest Research Institute (HFRI) for forest cover development in the region?
 (1) Daman & Diu (2) Puducherry (3) Delhi
 (4) Ladakh (5) None of these
59. Which bank has signed MOU with the Indian Army offering a defence service salary package under its "Power Salute" initiative?
 (1) South Indian Bank (2) Axis Bank (3) ICICI Bank
 (4) DCB Bank (5) None of these
60. Max Bupa has partnered with which bank to provide comprehensive and best-in-class health insurance solutions to its customers?
 (1) Axis Bank (2) Yes Bank (3) Federal Bank (4) Bandhan Bank (5) None of these
61. Which private sector bank has partnered with NIIT Institute of Finance Banking and Insurance (NIIT IFBI) To launch a fintech professional programme to build future-ready professionals for the bank?
 (1) HDFC Bank (2) Axis Bank (3) Dhanlaxmi Bank
 (4) CSB Bank (5) None of these
62. Mumbai Metro and Axis Bank along with which of the following announced the launch of 'One Mumbai Metro Card', to ensure contactless and cashless travel for Mumbaikars?
 (1) Capital One (2) Visa (3) Mastercard (4) American Express (5) None of these
63. Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) has signed MoUs with six different entities to promote entrepreneurship & create a nurturing ecosystem for STPI CoEs. Which 2 banks are included in these 6 entities?
 (1) Bank of Baroda and Yes Bank (2) Punjab National Bank and ICICI Bank
 (3) HDFC Bank and Yes Bank (4) ICICI Bank and Canara Bank (5) None of these
64. Which state government signed MoUs with 14 companies to ensure women empowerment and livelihood to six lakh women on a permanent basis?
 (1) Jharkhand (2) Rajasthan (3) Kerala (4) Andhra Pradesh (5) None of these
65. The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has signed a MoU with which company to enable map services in UMANG App?
 (1) Allmapdata (2) Geospatialdata (3) MapmyIndia
 (4) Ceinfo (5) None of these
66. Prasar Bharati collaborated with which institute on NextGen Broadcasting Technology Center of Excellence to spur Aatmanirbhar Bharat in Media and Broadcasting?
 (1) IIT Roorkee (2) IIT Delhi (3) IIT Bombay (4) IIT Kanpur (5) None of these
67. Multilink, a fintech company has partnered with which payments bank to build agent points across India?
 (1) Paytm payments bank (2) NSDL payments bank (3) Jio payments bank
 (4) India Post payments bank (5) None of these

68. In collaboration with which institute will the union government set up a National Centre of Excellence for Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming and Comics for creating a world-class talent pool in India to cater to the Indian as well as global industry?
 (1) IIT Madras (2) IIT Ropar (3) IIT Delhi (4) IIT Bombay (5) None of these
69. World Health Organization (WHO) signed an agreement with which organization to work together to foster diversity and equity through global initiatives promoting health and sport for everybody, everywhere?
 (1) International Paralympic Committee
 (2) World Flying Disc Federation
 (3) International Blind Sports Federation
 (4) International Association for Sports and Leisure Facilities
 (5) None of these

Meet/Visit

70. Abdulla Shahid, foreign affairs minister of which country arrived in India on a 2-day visit?
 (1) Sri Lanka (2) Thailand (3) Maldives (4) Indonesia (5) None of these

Fund

71. How much additional amount has been allocated by government for Broadband Connectivity in Villages Under BharatNet Project?
 (1) Rs.18041cr (2) Rs.19041cr (3) Rs.19141cr (4) Rs.18141cr (5) None of these
72. Which nation has recently announced USD 41 Million Additional Covid-19 Assistance to India?
 (1) Japan (2) Russia (3) France (4) USA (5) None of these
73. How much amount has been allocated to Jharkhand under the Jal Jeevan Mission by the central government?
 (1) Rs.2267 crore (2) Rs.2,347 crore (3) Rs.2683 crore
 (4) Rs.2479 crore (5) None of these
74. How much amount did the Andhra Pradesh state govt allocated for the YSR Bima schene for the year 2021-22?
 (1) Rs.750 crore (2) Rs.650 crore (3) Rs.700 crore
 (4) Rs.600 crore (5) None of these
75. In July 2021, the union finance ministry released how much amount as fourth monthly installment of Post-Devolution Revenue Deficit Grant making it a total of 39 thousand 484 crore rupees released to eligible states in the current financial year so far?
 (1) Rs.8663 cr (2) Rs.9871 cr (3) Rs.9098 cr (4) Rs.8378 cr (5) None of these
76. International Monetary Fund approved how much amount to support economically vulnerable nations as they battle the coronavirus pandemic?
 (1) \$710 billion (2) \$590 billion (3) \$650 billion (4) \$430 billion (5) None of these
77. According to a report by industry body FICCI, online commerce is projected to touch how much by 2025 up from \$64 billion in 2020?
 (1) \$188 billion (2) \$154 billion (3) \$195 billion (4) \$149 billion (5) None of these
78. Export Import (Exim) Bank of India extended a USD 35.26 million loan for a power transmission project being executed by Kalpataru Power Transmission in which country?
 (1) Senegal (2) Qatar (3) Portugal (4) Namibia (5) None of these

79. Union Cabinet approved continuation of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) for Development of Infrastructure Facilities for Judiciary for further five years from 01.04.2021 to 31.03.2026 at a total cost of what amount?
 (1) Rs.14000 cr (2) Rs.9000 cr (3) Rs.12000 cr (4) Rs.7000 cr (5) None of these
80. According to Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, the government has announced a stimulus package of how much amount on 28th June 2021 to boost diverse sectors of economy affected by COVID-19 pandemic?
 (1) Rs.6,09,346 crore (2) Rs.6,65,092 crore (3) Rs.6,28,993 crore
 (4) Rs.6,81,157 crore (5) None of these
81. Government has sanctioned loan worth how much amount under Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana since inception of the Scheme in April, 2015 as announced by it in July 2021?
 (1) Rs.15,81,000 cr (2) Rs.15,34,000 cr (3) Rs.15,65,000 cr
 (4) Rs.15,97,000 cr (5) None of these
82. According to Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Narayan Rane, how much amount has been sanctioned under Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme?
 (1) Rs.2.73 lakh crore (2) Rs.4.56 lakh crore (3) Rs.5.87 lakh crore
 (4) Rs.3.28 lakh crore (5) None of these
83. How much amount did Government announce under Atma Nirbhar Bharat during last financial year?
 (1) Rs.37.29 lakh crore (2) Rs.29.87 lakh crore (3) Rs.32.56 lakh crore
 (4) Rs.25.09 lakh crore (5) None of these
84. In July 2021, the Government announced fund of how much amount under Atmanirbhar Bharat package as a relief for several sectors?
 (1) 29.87 lakh crore (2) 27.45 lakh crore (3) 23.36 lakh crore
 (4) 24.09 lakh crore (5) None of these

Economy

85. What was the GST collection for the month of June 2021?
 (1) Rs.92,849 crore (2) Rs.92,465 crore (3) Rs.92,276 crore
 (4) Rs.92,992 crore (5) None of these

Space

86. Which of the following has given its nod to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Education to provide technical assistance for satellite TV classrooms in the country to bridge the learning gap due to COVID-induced lockdown?
 (1) Satish Dhawan Space Centre
 (2) Indian Space Research Organization
 (3) Defence Research and Development Organization
 (4) Indian Institute of Remote Sensing
 (5) None of these
87. Sirisha Bandla who has become the second Indian-origin woman to head to space will go to space through which organization?
 (1) Tiangong space station (2) Falcon 9 Block 5 (3) Gaganyaan
 (4) Virgin Space Ship Unity (5) None of these
88. Nasa (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) has selected which space company to launch its probe of Jupiter's moon Europa?
 (1) ISRO (2) Blue Origin (3) Roscosmos (4) SpaceX (5) None of these

Science and Technology

89. Hyderabad-based technology R&D firm Grene Robotics has designed and developed India's first indigenous drone defence dome named what?
(1) Brahmajaal (2) Khemraj (3) Jhotwara (4) Indrajaal (5) None of these
90. Where did the researchers discovered a black-bellied coral snake for the first time in history?
(1) Jharkhand (2) Punjab (3) Uttarakhand (4) Uttar Pradesh (5) None of these

Health/Diseases/Drugs

91. Where did the special Covid vaccination campaign for pregnant women called "Mathrukavacham" began?
(1) Assam (2) Tamil Nadu (3) Kerala (4) Maharashtra (5) None of these

Energy/Gas/Oil

92. According to the International Energy Agency (IEA), India is expected to add how much megawatt (MW) of hydropower projects by 2030?
(1) 29,000 MW (2) 35,000 MW (3) 26,000 MW (4) 32,000 MW (5) None of these

Transport/Cars/Scooters

93. Which airport became the third busiest airport in India during the period of January-May 2021?
(1) Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport
(2) Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport
(3) Cochin International Airport Limited
(4) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport
(5) None of these
94. Which Indian state got recently added to the Indian Railways map after passenger train - Rajdhani Express reached one of the stations in that state?
(1) Manipur (2) Sikkim (3) Tripura (4) Meghalaya (5) None of these
95. The country's first pod taxi run between Film City, Noida and which place?
(1) Delhi Airport (2) Noida Airport
(3) New Delhi Railway Station (4) Noida Sec51 Metro Station (5) None of these
96. According to Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari, how much of national highways has been constructed in 2020-21?
(1) 13,284 km (2) 13,871 km (3) 13,037 km (4) 13,327 km (5) None of these

Films and Film Festival

97. Which movie has been recently added to the collection of the National Film Archives of India (NFAI)?
(1) Bajrangi Bhaijaan (2) PK (3) Dangal
(4) Barfi (5) None of these

Festival

98. In which state is Harela festival celebrated?
(1) Madhya Pradesh (2) Haryana (3) Punjab
(4) Uttarakhand (5) None of these

Appointments/Election (or) Latest who is who?

99. Whose tenure has been extended as the CEO of National Institution for Transforming India (NITI Aayog) till June 2022?
(1) Amit Shah (2) VK Saraswat (3) Rajiv Mehershi
(4) Amitabh Kant (5) None of these
100. Pushkar Singh Dhami took oath as which chief minister of Uttarakhand replacing Tirath Singh Rawat?
(1) 11th (2) 12th (3) 13th (4) 14th (5) None of these
101. Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed won parliamentary elections of which country again?
(1) Kazakhstan (2) Peru (3) Cuba (4) Ethiopia (5) None of these

Resignation/Dismissed/Retired/Quit

102. Bangladesh's Mahmudullah announced his retirement from which sport?
(1) Football (2) Athletics (3) Swimming (4) Cricket (5) None of these

Deaths

103. Raj Kaushal who passed away in June 2021 was related with which field?
(1) Politician (2) Cartoonist (3) Filmmaker (4) Actor (5) None of these
104. K V Sampath Kumar, editor of which newspaper passed away recently?
(1) Vartha Bharati (2) Sudharma (3) Prajavani
(4) Sanjevani (5) None of these
105. M Prasannan who passed away was related to which of the following sports?
(1) Tennis (2) Chess (3) Hockey (4) Football (5) None of these
106. Ace filmmaker Richard Donner, best known for which film passed away recently?
(1) Superman (2) Iron Man (3) Batman (4) Aquaman (5) None of these
107. Gira Sarabhai, co-founder of which institute passed away in July 2021?
(1) National Institute of Design, Kurukshetra
(2) National Institute of Design, Jorhat
(3) National Institute of Design, Bangalore
(4) National Institute of Design, Ahmedabad
(5) None of these
108. Bhageerathi Amma who passed away at 107 recently hailed from which state?
(1) Karnataka (2) Tamil Nadu (3) Maharashtra (4) Kerala (5) None of these
109. Jayanthi, popularly known as Abhinaya Sharadhe, who passed away was related to which of the following?
(1) Politician (2) Actress (3) Journalist (4) Dancer (5) None of these
110. Steven Weinberg, who won the Nobel prize in 1979 with two other scientists passed away recently. He won the noble prize in which field?
(1) Chemistry (2) Peace (3) Physics (4) Economics (5) None of these

Awards/Honours

111. Which airlines has been selected as the "2021 Airline of the Year" called the Oscar in the aviation industry by Air Transport World (ATW)?
(1) Singapore Airlines (2) Korean Air (3) Philippine Airlines
(4) Qatar Airways (5) None of these

112. Which airport recently has been inducted into the Airports Council International (ACI) director general's Roll of Excellence for the year 2020 for consistently delivering superior customer service?
- (1) Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport, Mumbai
 - (2) Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport, Kolkata
 - (3) Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi
 - (4) Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru
 - (5) None of these
113. Zaila Avant-garde who has won the 2021 Scripps National Spelling Bee hails from which country?
- (1) USA
 - (2) Gambia
 - (3) Australia
 - (4) Poland
 - (5) None of these
114. Syed Osman Azhar Maqsusi, a social activist who has been granted the prestigious United Kingdoms Commonwealth Points of Light Award for his initiative 'Hunger Has No Religion' hails from?
- (1) Hyderabad
 - (2) Lucknow
 - (3) Panipat
 - (4) Mumbai
 - (5) None of these
115. Sophie Ecclestone and Devon Conway who won the ICC players of the month for June in respective category belong to which country respectively?
- (1) Ireland and New Zealand
 - (2) West Indies and Zimbabwe
 - (3) England and New Zealand
 - (4) South Africa and West Indies
 - (5) None of these
116. Indian organizations namely Aadhimalai Pazhangudiyinar Producer Company Limited and Snehakunja Trust won the prestigious Equator Prize for their work in the field of conservation and biodiversity from which of the following?
- (1) United Nations Development Fund
 - (2) International Organization for Migration
 - (3) United Nations Population Fund
 - (4) World Food Programme
 - (5) None of these
117. India's chief hydrographer Vice Admiral Vinay Badhwar received the Alexander Dalrymple award in recognition of his works in areas of hydrography and nautical cartography. The award is being given by which country's government?
- (1) Spain
 - (2) Singapore
 - (3) UK
 - (4) USA
 - (5) None of these
118. Filmmaker Payal Kapadia bagged the Oeil d'or (Golden Eye) award for Best Documentary for her which film at Cannes Film Festival?
- (1) The Last Mango Before the Monsoon 2014
 - (2) A Night of Knowing Nothing
 - (3) Afternoon Clouds
 - (4) And What Is The Summer Saying
 - (5) None of these
119. Who has been named as the Differently Abled Sportsman of the Year at Indian Sports Honour for the year 2019?
- (1) Harmeet Desai
 - (2) Pramod Bhagat
 - (3) Sukant Kadam
 - (4) Dilip Tirkey
 - (5) None of these

Sports/Game

120. Abhimanyu Mishra who has made history by becoming the youngest chess Grandmaster, broke the record of 12 years and 7 months set by whom?
- (1) Garry Kasparov
 - (2) Sergey Karjakin
 - (3) Veselin Topalov
 - (4) Fabiano Caruana
 - (5) None of these

121. Indian women's cricket team skipper Mithali Raj has surpassed whom to become the top run-getter in international cricket across all formats?
 (1) Charlotte Edwards (2) Anya Shrubsole (3) Lydia Greenway
 (4) Sarah Taylor (5) None of these
122. Who won the Austrian Grand Prix 2021?
 (1) Valtteri Lewis (2) Max Verstappen (3) Lewis Hamilton
 (4) Valtteri Bottas (5) None of these
123. Karsten Warholm who broke Kevin Young's 29-year-old 400m hurdles world record when he completed the race in 46.70 seconds belongs from which country?
 (1) Norway (2) Poland (3) Oslo (4) Australia (5) None of these
124. Who will be the flag bearer along with MC Mary Kom at the opening ceremony of Tokyo Olympics from India?
 (1) Harmanpreet Singh (2) Bajrang Punia (3) Manpreet Singh
 (4) Yogeshwar Dutt (5) None of these
125. Who won the Silver Lake Open chess tournament in Serbia?
 (1) Anish Giri (2) Nihal Sarin (3) Vidit Gujrathi (4) Srinath Narayanan (5) None of these
126. Mountain biker Kanchan Ugursandi who has become the first finishes world's 1st solo motorcycle expedition covering 18 Himalayan passes also became the first solo woman biker to scale which mountain pass?
 (1) Marsimik La Pass (2) Khardung La Pass (3) Taglang La Pass
 (4) Umling La Pass (5) None of these
127. Indian-American tennis player Samir Banerjee defeated whom to win Wimbledon Boys' singles title?
 (1) Victor Lilov (2) Mehdi Sadaoui (3) Robin Bertrand (4) Igor Kudriashov (5) None of these
128. Who won the European Championship 2020 Golden Boot?
 (1) Robert Lewandowski (2) Lionel Messi (3) Cristiano Ronaldo
 (4) Antoine Griezmann (5) None of these
129. Who is the 2nd person to receive Olympic Laurel by the International Olympic Committee at the Tokyo Olympics 2021?
 (1) John Hatch (2) Alan Jolis (3) Iqbal Quadir (4) Muhammad Yunus (5) None of these

Report

130. Which country has topped the Global Cybersecurity Index 2020 (GCI) in which India ranked 10th?
 (1) Estonia (2) UK (3) Saudi Arabia (4) US (5) None of these
131. Which country has emerged as the largest foreign exchange reserves holder in the world in 2020?
 (1) India (2) China (3) Russia (4) Switzerland (5) None of these
132. Which institute ranked 23rd among top 50 Rising Institutions in Nature Index 2021 Materials Science tables?
 (1) Homi Bhabha National Institute
 (2) The Institute of Mathematical Sciences
 (3) Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research
 (4) Indian Institute of Science Education and Research
 (5) None of these

General - National

133. India will have 24 Integrated Check Posts (ICPs) along its land borders by 2025 by which year as announced by Aditya Mishra, Chairman of Land Ports Authority of India (LPAI)?
(1) 2023 (2) 2032 (3) 2025 (4) 2024 (5) None of these
134. The international cooperation and convention centre named "Rudraksh" inaugurated by PM Modi in Varanasi is built with the assistance of which country's International Cooperation Agency?
(1) Singapore (2) Germany (3) Japan (4) Italy (5) None of these
135. Which digital platform has been launched by the government to facilitate farmers to get the right information at the right time in their desired language?
(1) Kisan Ekta (2) Kisan Nidhi (3) Kisan Sarathi
(4) Kisan Vigyan (5) None of these
136. According to Union Minister R K Singh India has to reduce its carbon intensity to 33 per cent by which year?
(1) 2030 (2) 2025 (3) 2026 (4) 2028 (5) None of these
137. Which institute has developed a first-of-its-kind device AMPLEX that can regulate the flow of medical oxygen from cylinder during inhalation and exhalation by a patient?
(1) IIT Ropar (2) IIT Gandhinagar (3) IIT Hyderabad
(4) IIT Madras (5) None of these
138. In July 2021, the government accredited how many academies across the country under Khelo India Scheme for the training of the Khelo India Athletes?
(1) 236 (2) 243 (3) 287 (4) 207 (5) None of these
139. A first-of-its-kind Centre of Excellence - Centre for Bio-Resources and Sustainable Development - to be set up in Northeast by the Ministry of Science and Technology will be located where?
(1) Kurung Kumey (2) Papum Pare (3) East Siang
(4) Anjaw (5) None of these
140. Till July 2021, how many houses have been sanctioned under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Urban as announced by the government?
(1) 2,09,000 (2) 2,34,000 (3) 1,45,000 (4) 1,13,000 (5) None of these

General - International

141. Which country's government has announced to develop alternative social media platform for Facebook, Whatsapp named 'Jogajog' and 'Alapan' respectively?
(1) Bangladesh (2) Syria (3) Maldives
(4) UK (5) None of these

Books and Authors

142. The book titled "A New Cold War: Henry Kissinger and the Rise of China" is edited by Sanjaya Baru and whom?
(1) Vishesh Kumar (2) Rohit Nagpal (3) Ankit Singh
(4) Rahul Sharma (5) None of these
143. Who is the author of the book titled 'Palleku Pattabhishekam'?
(1) Abdul Samad (2) Acharya Prasanna (3) Ram Chander Jangra
(4) Yalamanchili Sivaji (5) None of these

144. 3-year old Chryseis Knight who is the author of the book titled 'The Great Big Lion' hails from which country?
 (1) Norway (2) Canada (3) Chile (4) Switzerland (5) None of these
145. Who is the author of the book titled "A Kashmiri Century: Portrait of a Society in Flux"?
 (1) Githa Hariharan (2) Khemlata Wakhlu (3) Urvashi Butalia
 (4) Meena Kandasamy (5) None of these
146. Who is the author of the book titled 'The India Story'?
 (1) Shaktikanta Das (2) Urjit Patel (3) C. Rangarajan
 (4) Bimal Jalan (5) None of these
147. Who is the author of the book titled 'Palleku Pattabhishekam'?
 (1) Yalamanchili Sivaji (2) Pawan Karan (3) J. S. Rajput
 (4) Manzar Bhopali (5) None of these
148. "Renegades: Born in the USA" is co-written by Barack Obama and whom?
 (1) Patti Scialfa (2) Bruce Springsteen (3) Billy Joel
 (4) Julianne Phillips (5) None of these
149. Who is the writer of the book 'Kashmir Ki Kyari Mein Aag Ki Lapte Aakhir Kab Tak?'
 (1) Ruby Sahota (2) Kashmira Pardeshi (3) Beena Budki
 (4) Rimi Bajaj (5) None of these
150. Who authored the book titled "Why We Kneel How We Rise"?
 (1) Michael Anthony Holding (2) Ebony Rainford-Brent (3) Malcolm Marshall
 (4) Clive Lloyd (5) None of these

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

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