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**Q.1 With which other nation, India held the 36th edition of CORPAT in the Indian Ocean region?**

- a) Japan
- b) Russia
- c) Indonesia
- d) Australia
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** The 36th CORPAT (Coordinated Patrol) exercise between India and Indonesia was held in the Indian Ocean region. The exercise observed the participation of Maritime Patrol Aircraft from both nations.

**Q.2 PM Modi launched the SAFAL initiative to mark the one successful year of the new National Education Policy (NEP). What does 'S' signifies in SAFAL?**

- a) Service
- b) Standards
- c) Students
- d) Structured
- e) None of these

**Answer (d):** It signifies 'Structured Assessment For Analysing Learning Levels'. It is a competency-based assessment framework for the students of Grade 3rd, 5th and 8th of the CBSE board.

**Q.3 When will be ISRO-NASA NISER (NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar) satellite mission be launched?**

- a) 2023
- b) 2024
- c) 2022
- d) 2025
- e) None of these

**Answer (a):** The ISRO (Indian Space Research Organisation) and the NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) to launch their joint mission named NISER (NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar) satellite. The NISER mission will be launched in early 2023.

**Q.4 Which entity launched the 'Krishikarna' project in Kerala, under which mini polyhouse will be constructed?**

- a) National Society for Agricultural Horticulture (SAHS)
- b) Qore3 Innovations
- c) Sustainability Foundation
- d) All of the above

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e) None of these

**Answer (d):** The project is the joint initiative of the National Society for Agricultural Horticulture (SAHS), the Sustainability Foundation and Qore3 Innovations.

**Q.5 Who will be awarded Lokmanya Tilak National Award for 2021?**

- a) Adar Poonawalla
- b) Krishna Ella
- c) Dr Cyrus Poonawalla
- d) Azim Hashim Premji
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** He will be awarded Lokmanya Tilak National Award for 2021.

**Q.6 Who among the following released 'Biotech-PRIDE Guidelines'?**

- a) Pashupati Kumar Paras
- b) V. Muraleedharan
- c) Rao Inderjit Singh
- d) Jitendra Singh
- e) None of these

**Answer (d):** The Union Minister of State (IC) of Ministry of Science and Technology Jitendra Singh released 'Biotech-PRIDE Guidelines'. The 'PRIDE' signifies: Promotion of Research and Innovation through Data Exchange.

**Q.7 Who among the following chaired the 6th BRICS Counter-Terrorism Working Group (CTWG) meeting?**

- a) S Jaishankar
- b) Mahaveer Singhvi
- c) Ajit Doval
- d) General Bipin Rawat
- e) None of these

**Answer (b):** The 6th edition of the BRICS Counter Terrorism Working Group (CTWG) meeting was held in a virtual manner. The meeting was held under the Chairship of Mahaveer Singhvi, Joint Secretary for Counter-Terrorism, Ministry of External Affairs of India.

**Q.8 Who was appointed as Controller General of Accounts (CGA)?**

- a) Nagaraj Adiga
- b) Kuldiep Singh
- c) Deepak Das
- d) T V Narendran
- e) None of these

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**Answer (c):** He was appointed as the Controller General of Accounts (CGA). Initially, he was serving as the Principal Chief Controller of Accounts at the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT).

**Q.9 With which organisation has Meghalaya State Investment Promotion Society signed MoU to promote industries and trade activities in Meghalaya?**

- a) Invest India
- b) UNDP India
- c) MapmyIndia
- d) Atal Innovation Mission
- e) None of these

**Answer (a):** The Meghalaya State Investment Promotion Society (MSIP) has signed MoU with Invest India to promote industries and trade activities in Meghalaya.

**Q.10 Isuru Udana, who announced his retirement from international cricket, belongs to which country?**

- a) West Indies
- b) Sri Lanka
- c) Bangladesh
- d) Zimbabwe
- e) None of these

**Answer (b):** He is a Sri Lanka's Cricket player and has announced retirement from an international form of cricket.

**Q.11 In partnership with which bank, has LIC Cards Services Limited (LIC-CSL) launched 'Lumine' Platinum Credit Card and 'Eclat' Select Credit Card?**

- a) Bandhan Bank
- b) Karnataka Bank
- c) IDBI Bank
- d) Axis Bank
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** The LIC Cards Services Limited (LIC-CSL) collaborated with IDBI Bank to launch RuPay credit cards. The names of the credit cards are: 'Lumine' Platinum Credit Card and 'Eclat' Select Credit Card.

**Q.12 Indian Bank signed MoU with the Society for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (SINE) of \_\_\_\_\_ to support the startups and small businesses with exclusive credit facilities?**

- a) IIM Jammu
- b) IIT Bombay
- c) IIM Ahmedabad
- d) IIT Gandhinagar
- e) None of these

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**Answer (b):** The Indian Bank entered into MoU with the Society for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (SINE) of IIT Bombay. The SINE is an initiative of IIT Bombay. It supports the MSME through R&D work, technical work and financial support.

**Q.13 Who among the following launched the National Health Adaptation Plan on Air Pollution and the National Health Adaptation Plan on Heat at the 112th Annual Day celebrations of the National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC)?**

- a) Mansukh Mandaviya
- b) Ashwini Vaishnaw
- c) Mahendra Nath Pandey
- d) Dharmendra Pradhan
- e) None of these

**Answer (a):** The 112th Annual Day celebrations of the National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) was attended by Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Mansukh Mandaviya and Minister of the state for Health and Family Welfare, Dr Bharati Pawar.

**Q.14 Which bank launched 'SIM Binding' on its app in order to offer security to its customers from online frauds?**

- a) HDFC Bank
- b) IDBI Bank
- c) Yes Bank
- d) State Bank of India
- e) None of these



**Answer (d):** The State Bank of India (SBI) launched a new feature named 'SIM Binding' on its YONO and YONO Lite apps. The 'SIM Binding' is an enhanced security feature which will protect customers from various digital frauds and offer them a safe online banking experience.

**Q.15 Who was appointed as brand ambassador for Bvlgari?**

- a) Lara Dutta
- b) Aishwarya Rai Bachchan
- c) Priyanka Chopra Jonas
- d) Sushmita Sen
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** She was appointed as brand ambassador for Bvlgari.

**Q.16 Who is the author of the book titled 'Why We Kneel, How We Rise'?**

- a) Sunil Gavaskar
- b) Andrew Strauss
- c) Kapil Dev
- d) Michael Anthony Holding
- e) None of these

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**Answer (d):** The author of the book titled 'Why We Kneel, How We Rise' is Michael Anthony Holding.

**Q.17 The IMF has approved the allocation of \_\_\_ in Special Drawing Rights (SDR), being the largest allocation made by IMF considering the history of the organisation?**

- a) \$750 billion
- b) \$550 billion
- c) \$450 billion
- d) \$650 billion
- e) None of these

**Answer (d):** The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has approved the allocation of \$650 billion in Special Drawing Rights (SDR). It is the largest allocation made by IMF considering the history of the organisation.

**Q.18 In Aug 2021, RBI empanelled which bank to act as an 'Agency Bank'?**

- a) City Union Bank
- b) Federal Bank
- c) IndusInd Bank
- d) Kotak Mahindra Bank
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has empanelled the IndusInd Bank to act as an 'Agency Bank'. Therefore, the IndusInd Bank is now capable to perform transactions pertaining to all kinds of government-led businesses.

**Q.19 Which entity signed an agreement with the Serum Institute of India (SII) to speed up the vaccination process?**

- a) Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI)
- b) Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)
- c) Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM)
- d) National Association of Software and Service Companies (NASSCOM)
- e) None of these

**Answer (b):** The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) has entered into an agreement with the Serum Institute of India (SII). They have collaborated to speed up the vaccination process in partnership with health care providers and industries in the country.

**Q.20 Which company topped the 2021 Fortune's Global 500 list released in Aug 2021?**

- a) Walmart
- b) Amazon
- c) China's State Grid
- d) Apple
- e) None of these

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**Answer (a):** The 2021 Fortune's Global 500 list was released and it revealed that 7 Indian companies have found their remark in the list. The list is topped by Walmart in terms of revenue of USD 524 billion.

**Q.21 The GOI launched 'SLDE' which is a Calculator for Green House Gas Emissions. It reduces logistics cost and improves logistics efficiency. What does 'S' signifies in SLDE?**

- a) Secondary
- b) Superfast
- c) Secured
- d) Speed
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** It was launched by GOI and it is a Calculator for Green House Gas Emissions. It will help to reduce logistics costs, improve logistics efficiency and sustainability and promote multi-modality. This is the digital initiative that will transform the logistics sector.

**Q.22 Which financial organisation approved a loan of \$250 million for India to enhance its dam safety in various states?**

- a) World Bank
- b) Asian Development Bank
- c) International Monetary Fund
- d) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
- e) None of these

**Answer (a):** The World Bank, GOI, Central Water Commission, government representatives from 10 participating states approved loans for India to make its existing dams safe and resilient.

**Q.23 Who was appointed as Lokayukta of Maharashtra?**

- a) Justice M L Tahaliyani
- b) Justice V M Kanade
- c) Justice P Lakshman Reddy
- d) Justice Shyam Kishore Sharma
- e) None of these

**Answer (b):** He was appointed as the new Lokayukta of Maharashtra. He has replaced Justice M L Tahaliyani.

**Q.24 Which SFB launched 'Health and Wellness Savings Account' which offers top-up health insurance of Rs 25 lakhs, an annual healthcare package and on-call emergency ambulance medical care services?**

- a) Equitas SFB
- b) Janalakshmi SFB
- c) Utkarsh SFB
- d) Suryoday SFB
- e) None of these

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**Answer (d):** The Suryoday Small Finance Bank (SSFB) launched the 'Health and Wellness Savings Account'. The account offers top-up health insurance of Rs 25 lakhs, an annual healthcare package and on-call emergency ambulance medical care services.

**Q.25 Which state launched the 'Har Hith store' Scheme?**

- a) Haryana
- b) Uttar Pradesh
- c) Tamil Nadu
- d) Karnataka
- e) None of these

**Answer (a):** The Chief Minister of Haryana Manohar Lal Khattar launched the 'Har Hith store' Scheme. The scheme was launched with the aim to motivate the youth of the state towards self-employment.

**Q.26 Which institute developed the 'Uttarakhand Bhookamp Alert' app in association with Uttarakhand State Disaster Management Authority (USDMA)?**

- a) IIT Kanpur
- b) IIT Bombay
- c) IIT Roorkee
- d) IIT Kharagpur
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** The Chief Minister of Uttarakhand, Pushkar Singh Dhami launched a mobile named 'Uttarakhand Bhookamp Alert'. The app is developed by IIT Roorkee and Uttarakhand State Disaster Management Authority (USDMA).

**Q.27 Who is the author of a book titled 'Leopard Diaries – the Rosette in India'?**

- a) Kavitha Rao
- b) Sanjay Gubbi
- c) Shivshankar Menon
- d) Aakash Ranison
- e) None of these

**Answer (b):** The author of a book titled 'Leopard Diaries – the Rosette in India' is Sanjay Gubbi.

**Q.28 With which institute has IFFCO's Nano Biotechnology Research Centre (NBRC) signed MoU to jointly work for Research Consultancy, Knowledge Transfer and Collaborative Projects?**

- a) IIT Bombay
- b) IIT Delhi
- c) IIT Madras
- d) IIT Kanpur
- e) None of these



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**Answer (b):** The IFFCO's (Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited) R&D unit named Nano Biotechnology Research Centre (NBRC) signed MoU with IIT Delhi.

**Q.29 Which organisation offered USD 112 million of loan to Jharkhand for water supply infrastructure development?**

- a) Asian Development Bank
- b) World Bank
- c) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
- d) New Development Bank
- e) None of these

**Answer (a):** The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved loan to support financially the water supply infrastructure projects in Jharkhand. The ADB has sanctioned the loan amount of USD 112 million to the Jharkhand for the same.

**Q.30 What amount of penalty was imposed by RBI on Hewlett-Packard Financial Services (India) Private Ltd which was found non-compliance with the statutory directions on submission of credit information to CRILC and submission of credit data to credit information companies (CICs)?**

- a) Rs 8 lakh
- b) Rs 7 lakh
- c) Rs 6 lakh
- d) Rs 5 lakh
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** The penalty of Rs 6 lakh is imposed on Hewlett-Packard Financial Services (India) Private Ltd for not following certain norms directed to it.

**Q.31 Which of the following initiative was launched by Delhi's CM Arvind Kejriwal?**

- a) '#Delhi2048'
- b) '#Delhi2024'
- c) 'Delhi@2045'
- d) 'Delhi@2047'
- e) None of these

**Answer (d):** The Chief Minister of Delhi, Arvind Kejriwal launched the 'Delhi@2047' initiative. The 'Delhi@2047' initiative aims to make Delhi a Global City by 2047.

**Q.32 Which is the first life insurance company to offer its customers the UPI AUTOPAY facility?**

- a) HDFC Life Insurance
- b) SBI Life Insurance
- c) ICICI Prudential Life Insurance
- d) Max Life Insurance
- e) None of these

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**Answer (c):** It has become the first life insurance company to offer its customers the UPI AUTOPAY facility by entering into a partnership with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).

**Q.33 As per the RBI's August bi-monthly monetary policy rates, the Marginal Standing Facility Rate stands at \_\_\_\_?**

- a) 5.5%
- b) 4%
- c) 3.35%
- d) 4.25%
- e) None of these

**Answer (d):** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced its August bi-monthly monetary policy. The Marginal Standing Facility Rate is kept at 4.25%, Bank rate is kept at 4.25%.

**Q.34 Who was appointed as Director of the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI)?**

- a) Prakash Chandra
- b) Dr Dhriti Banerjee
- c) Vishwavir Ahuja
- d) Both a and b
- e) None of the above

**Answer (b):** She was appointed as the Director of the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI). She has become 1st woman to be the director of ZSI.

**Q.35 With which entity Assam Government signed MoU to get an assistance support for various developmental projects which are being executed in Assam?**

- a) Assam Infrastructure Financing Authority (AIFA)
- b) State Bank of India
- c) NABARD
- d) Both (a) and (c)
- e) None of these

**Answer (d):** The Government of Assam has signed an MoU with NABARD and Assam Infrastructure Financing Authority (AIFA). The MoU was signed to have assistance support for various developmental projects which are being executed in Assam.

**Q.36 ISRO launched a Health QUEST Study to upgrade the healthcare systems of India in line with the quality standards of ISRO. What does 'U' signifies in QUEST?**

- a) Uplift
- b) Upward
- c) Upgradation
- d) Both a and b
- e) None of the above

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**Answer (c):** The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) launched the 'Health QUEST Study'. The Health Quest Study signifies: Health 'Quality Upgradation Enabled by Space Technology' of ISRO.

**Q.37 Which of the following organisation launched 'Health QUEST Study'?**

- a) DRDO
- b) ISRO
- c) AIIMS Delhi
- d) AIIMS Rishikesh
- e) None of these

**Answer (b):** The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) launched the 'Health QUEST Study'. The Health ISRO Study will help to offer upgradation in healthcare systems and its standards in India in line with the quality standards of ISRO.

**Q.38 Shankar Subramaniam, "Babu" Nayaran, who passed away recently belonged to which profession?**

- a) Film Making
- b) Poet
- c) Comic Writer
- d) Olympian Footballer
- e) None of these

**Answer (d):** He was Olympian Footballer.

**Q.39 In Aug 2021, which country become a member of India's Coalition on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) initiative?**

- a) Bangladesh
- b) Canada
- c) Australia
- d) Both (a) and (b)
- e) None of these

**Answer (d):** Bangladesh and Canada have joined the Coalition on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI). The CDRI is India's initiative which was launched by PM Narendra Modi at the UN Climate Action Summit held in Sep 2019.

**Q.40 Who among the following inaugurated of Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) International Conference on Range Technology (ICORT-2021)?**

- a) Dr G Satheesh Reddy
- b) K Sivan
- c) Rajnath Singh
- d) General MM Naravane
- e) None of these

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**Answer (a):** The 2nd edition of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) International Conference on Range Technology (ICORT-2021) was held in a virtual manner. The IEEE-ICORT was inaugurated by Dr G Satheesh Reddy, Secretary, Department of Defence R&D and Chairman DRDO.

**Q.41 Which country hosted G20 Digital Ministers Meeting 2021?**

- a) Saudi Arabia
- b) Japan
- c) Italy
- d) Germany
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** The G20 Digital Ministers Meeting 2021 was held in a virtual format from Italy. The meeting was hosted by Italy as it holds the Presidency of G20 for 2021.

**Q.42 Which state launched the 'Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam Scheme'?**

- a) Andhra Pradesh
- b) Tamil Nadu
- c) Kerala
- d) Karnataka
- e) None of these

**Answer (b):** The CM of Tamil Nadu, MK Stalin launched 'Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam Scheme'. The significance of the 'Makkalai Thedi Maruthuvam Scheme' is to provide healthcare services at people's doorstep.

**Q.43 Where will be India's first water villas set up?**

- a) Kerala
- b) Goa
- c) Lakshadweep
- d) Andaman and Nicobar Islands
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** India's first water villas will be set up in the Union Territory of Lakshadweep with the finance support of Rs 800 crore. The water villas will be powered through solar.

**Q.44 With which country India held 'Zayed Talwar Exercise 2021'?**

- a) Bangladesh
- b) Saudi Arabia
- c) UAE
- d) Bahrain
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** The Navies of India and UAE participated in 'Zayed Talwar Exercise 2021'. It is the bilateral naval exercise that was conducted off the coast of Abu Dhabi.

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**Q.45** What is the rank of India in the 2nd edition of 'COVID-19 Innovation Report 2021' which was released by StartupBlink in association with Health Innovation Exchange, UNAIDS?

- a) 71<sup>st</sup>
- b) 57<sup>th</sup>
- c) 43<sup>rd</sup>
- d) 32<sup>nd</sup>
- e) None of these

**Answer (d):** As per the report rankings, India is ranked at 32nd position with a score of 0.396 in terms of global coronavirus innovation rankings for countries.

**Q.46** Who was appointed as the Indian brand ambassador for MotoGP?

- a) Yuvraj Singh
- b) Varun Dhawan
- c) John Abraham
- d) MS Dhoni
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** He was appointed as Indian brand ambassador for MotoGP, which is the flagship Motorsport property.

**Q.47** Who among the following represented India at the 28th ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) Foreign Ministers Meeting?

- a) Dr. Rajkumar Ranjan Singh
- b) S Jaishankar
- c) Sarbananda Sonowal
- d) Dr. Jitendra Singh
- e) None of these

**Answer (a):** The 28th ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) Foreign Ministers Meeting was held in a virtual format. The Indian side was represented by Minister of State for External Affairs Dr Rajkumar Ranjan Singh.

**Q.48** Who among the following launched the 'PM-DAKSH' portal and mobile app?

- a) Giriraj Singh
- b) Bhupender Yadav
- c) Dr Virendra Kumar
- d) Ashwini Vaishnav
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** The Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment Dr Virendra Kumar launched the 'PM-DAKSH' portal and mobile app.

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**Q.49 Which state/UT launched the 'Pani Maah' initiative?**

- a) Kerala
- b) Ladakh
- c) Lakshadweep
- d) Maharashtra
- e) None of these

**Answer (b):** It is launched by the Union Territory of Ladakh. The initiative aims to promote the importance of clean water to the community of Ladakh and attain the objectives set under 'Jal Jeevan Mission'.

**Q.50 Which country hosted the 8th meeting of Ministers of Justice of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)?**

- a) Tajikistan
- b) Pakistan
- c) China
- d) Uzbekistan
- e) None of these

**Answer (a):** The 8th edition of the meeting of Ministers of Justice of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) was held in a virtual manner. The meeting was hosted by Tajikistan and was chaired by M K Ashuriyon, Minister of Justice of Tajikistan.

**Q.51 In partnership with Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office, UK, which organisation launched 'Swavalamban Challenge Fund (SCF)'?**

- a) NITI Aayog
- b) NASSCOM
- c) SIDBI
- d) NABARD
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** The Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) in partnership with Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office, UK launched 'Swavalamban Challenge Fund (SCF)'.

**Q.52 Who among the following Modi chaired the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) open debate?**

- a) Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- b) Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu
- c) President Ram Nath Kovind
- d) Both a and b
- e) None of the above

**Answer (a):** India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) open debate through video conference. In this regard, PM Modi has become the first Indian Prime Minister to chair a UNSC open debate.

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**Q.53 Which state launched eNagar mobile application and portal?**

- a) Haryana
- b) Rajasthan
- c) Maharashtra
- d) Gujarat
- e) None of these

**Answer (d):** The Chief Minister of Gujarat, Vijay Rupani launched eNagar mobile application and portal. It covers 10 modules that provide 52 services.

**Q.54 When is World Biofuel Day observed?**

- a) 10th Sep
- b) 10th Nov
- c) 10th Aug
- d) 10th Oct
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** World Biofuel Day is observed on 10<sup>th</sup> August.

**Q.55 What is the name of the funding scheme launched by 'Kerala Financial Corporation (KFC)' to support startups?**

- a) 'Kerala Startup Fund'
- b) 'KFC Startup Kerala'
- c) 'Funds for Startups'
- d) 'KFC Startup Funds'
- e) None of these



**Answer (b):** The Government of Kerala's Non-Banking Financial Service company named 'Kerala Financial Corporation (KFC)' launched a funding scheme for the startups. The name of the funding scheme launched by KFC is 'KFC Startup Kerala'.

**Q.56 From which date will the 'Scheme of Penalty for non-replenishment of ATMs' come into effect?**

- a) 1st Sep 2021
- b) 1st Oct 2021
- c) 1st Jan 2022
- d) 1st April 2022
- e) None of these

**Answer (b):** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced the 'Scheme of Penalty for non-replenishment of ATMs'. The scheme will be effective from 1st Oct 2021.

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**Q.57 Who was appointed as Brand Ambassador of Uttarakhand Department of Women Empowerment and Child Development?**

- a) Savita Punia
- b) Deep Grace Ekka
- c) Salima Tete
- d) Vandana Kataria
- e) None of these

**Answer (d):** She is India's Women's Hockey team player and was appointed as Brand Ambassador of Uttarakhand Department of Women Empowerment and Child Development.

**Q.58 Which entity in partnership with Facebook launched an initiative to end violence against children on the online and offline platform?**

- a) UNICEF India
- b) UNDP India
- c) Art of Living Foundation
- d) Goonj NGO
- e) None of these

**Answer (a):** UNICEF India and Facebook have collaborated to launch a one-year joint initiative to end violence against children with a major focus on their online safety.

**Q.59 Who is the author of a book titled 'The Earthspinner'?**

- a) Anuradha Roy
- b) Arundhati Roy
- c) Jhumpa Lahiri
- d) Sudha Murty
- e) None of these

**Answer (a):** The author of a book titled 'The Earthspinner' is Anuradha Roy.

**Q.60 RBI has raised the collateral-free loans to limit to SHGs from Rs 10 lakhs to Rs \_\_\_ under DAY-NRLM?**

- a) Rs 15 lakhs
- b) Rs 12 lakhs
- c) Rs 18 lakhs
- d) Rs 20 lakhs
- e) None of these

**Answer (d):** The Reserve Bank of India has raised the limit of collateral-free loans to the Self-Help Groups (SHG). The RBI has raised the limit from Rs 10 lakhs to Rs 20 lakhs for the same.

**Q.61 What is the rank of India in the Global Youth Development Index?**

- a) 115<sup>th</sup>



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- b) 178<sup>th</sup>
- c) 122<sup>nd</sup>
- d) 94<sup>th</sup>
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** India is ranked at 122nd position and it was found that India is among the top five risers on the index between 2010 and 2018.

**Q.62 Which organisation launched 'Digital Prayaas' which is an app-based digital platform to sanction loans to entrepreneurs by the end of the day?**

- a) SIDBI
- b) State Bank of India
- c) HDFC Bank
- d) SEBI
- e) None of these

**Answer (a):** The Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has launched 'Digital Prayaas'. The 'Digital Prayaas' is a digital-lending platform based on an app.

**Q.63 India conducted the 'AL-MOHED AL-HINDI 2021' naval exercise with which country?**

- a) Qatar
- b) Saudi Arabia
- c) UAE
- d) Turkey
- e) None of these



**Answer (b):** The 'AL-MOHED AL-HINDI 2021' is the first naval exercise between the Indian Navy and Royal Saudi Naval Force that has commenced. The exercise is being held to showcase the defence and military cooperation between India and Saudi Arabia.

**Q.64 When is International Youth Day marked?**

- a) 12th Jan
- b) 12th June
- c) 12th Aug
- d) 12th Feb
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** International Youth Day is marked on 12<sup>th</sup> August.

**Q.65 With which entity has IIFL HFL signed an agreement to develop a green building ecosystem in India?**

- a) Asian Development Bank
- b) International Monetary Fund
- c) World Bank
- d) Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

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e) None of these

**Answer (a):** The IIFL Home Finance (India Infoline Home Finance Ltd) which is the housing finance company entered into an agreement with the Asian Development Bank (ADB).

**Q.66 Who was appointed as the new chairman of the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA)?**

- a) Kamlesh Kumar Pant
- b) RK Vishnoi
- c) Shubhra Singh
- d) Vijay Goel
- e) None of these

**Answer (a):** He was appointed as the new chairman of the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) by the Appointments Committee of the Union Cabinet. He has replaced IAS officer Shubhra Singh.

**Q.67 Which airport topped in 2021 Skytrax World Airport Award Ranking?**

- a) Haneda Airport in Tokyo
- b) Narita International Airport (NRT) in Tokyo
- c) Hamad International Airport in Doha, Qatar
- d) Changi Airport in Singapore
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** The 1st rank was marked by Hamad International Airport in Doha, Qatar. The 2nd and 3rd ranks are marked by Haneda Airport in Tokyo and Changi Airport in Singapore respectively.

**Q.68 With which country's earth science body has India's National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT) signed MoU to upgrade the monsoon data analysis and weather forecast mechanisms?**

- a) Japan
- b) Saudi Arabia
- c) Russia
- d) United States
- e) None of these

**Answer (d):** The Earth Science Bodies of India and the United States have entered into MoU to upgrade the monsoon data analysis and weather forecast mechanisms.

**Q.69 With which bank has NABARD signed MoU to offer financial assistance to 1000 Joint Liability Group (JLGs)?**

- a) SBI
- b) Karnataka Bank
- c) Jammu and Kashmir Gramin Bank
- d) Both (b) and (c)
- e) Both (a) and (c)

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**Answer (e):** The NABARD (National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development) signed MoU with State Bank of India (SBI) and Jammu and Kashmir Gramin Bank (JKGB) in the UT of J&K and Ladakh.

**Q.70 Which is the first Indian state to recognize Community Forest Resource Rights in an urban area?**

- a) Assam
- b) Karnataka
- c) Haryana
- d) Chhattisgarh
- e) None of these

**Answer (d):** It has become the first Indian state to recognize Community Forest Resource Rights in an urban area. This happened when the state government recognized the rights of the community of Dhamtari district over 4,127 hectares of forests.

**Q.71 Which country organised IBSA Tourism Ministers' meeting?**

- a) Indonesia
- b) Brazil
- c) India
- d) South Africa
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** The IBSA (India, Brazil and South Africa) Tourism Ministers' meeting was organised by India in a virtual manner. India was represented by Union Minister of Tourism, G. Kishan Reddy.

**Q.72 Who was appointed as Brand Ambassador of JK Tyre & Industries Ltd?**

- a) John Abraham
- b) Narain Karthikeyan
- c) M S Dhoni
- d) Vicky Kaushal
- e) None of these

**Answer (b):** He was appointed as Brand Ambassador of JK Tyre & Industries Ltd.

**Q.73 Which country hosted the 6th Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Agriculture Ministers Meeting?**

- a) Uzbekistan
- b) Russia
- c) India
- d) Tajikistan
- e) None of these

**Answer (d):** The Indian delegation was laid by Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Narendra Singh Tomar. The meeting was held under the chairmanship of Tajikistan in Dushanbe.

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**Q.74 Which entity launched the 'Cleancity app'?**

- a) East Delhi Municipal Corporation
- b) North Delhi Municipal Corporation
- c) Delhi Police
- d) Delhi Cantonment Board
- e) None of these

**Answer (b):** The North Delhi Municipal Corporation (NDMC) has launched the 'Cleancity app'. The app was launched by North Delhi Mayor Raja Iqbal Singh.

**Q.75 With which bank has Agritech start-up Arya partnered for the purpose of commodity financing?**

- a) SBI
- b) Karnataka Bank
- c) Federal Bank
- d) SBM Bank India
- e) None of these

**Answer (d):** The Agritech start-up Arya has entered into a partnership with SBM Bank India for the purpose of commodity financing. The partnership will provide customized financial solutions to the Agri traders and Agri entrepreneurs of India.

**Q.76 Where was 'Bungus Awaam Mela' inaugurated?**

- a) Uttarakhand
- b) Manipur
- c) Jammu and Kashmir
- d) Chhattisgarh
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** It was inaugurated by Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha to celebrate 75th Independence Day at Bungus valley in the Kupwara district of Kashmir.

**Q.77 What is the name of the brand and logo launched by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs for marketing products made by SHGs?**

- a) 'SHG Certified'
- b) 'Apna Brand'
- c) 'SHG Prarambh'
- d) 'SonChiraiya'
- e) None of these

**Answer (d):** The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs launched 'SonChiraiya'. The 'SonChiraiya' is a brand and logo for marketing products made by the urban Self-Help Group (SHG).

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**Q.78** What was the theme for the 11th Annual meeting of the Forum of the Election Management Bodies of South Asia (FEMBoSA)?

- a) 'Election method with advanced tech'
- b) 'Getting technology in Elections'
- c) 'Use of Technology in Elections'
- d) Both a and b
- e) None of the above

**Answer (c):** The 11th Annual meeting of the Forum of the Election Management Bodies of South Asia (FEMBoSA) for 2021 was inaugurated by Chief Election Commissioner of India and current Chairman, FEMBoSA Sushil Chandra who was accompanied by Election Commissioners Rajeev Kumar and A.C. Pandey.

**Q.79** How many banks collaborated to form the Secondary Loan Market Association (SLMA)?

- a) 14
- b) 7
- c) 3
- d) 10
- e) None of these

**Answer (d):** The ten of the major banks operating in India have formed the Secondary Loan Market Association (SLMA) with an online platform.

**Q.80** Which state launched Indira Gandhi Urban Credit Card Scheme 2021?

- a) Gujarat
- b) Rajasthan
- c) Uttar Pradesh
- d) Madhya Pradesh
- e) None of these

**Answer (b):** The government of Rajasthan launched Indira Gandhi Urban Credit Card Scheme 2021. The scheme was launched to provide interest-free loans to the beneficiaries.

**Q.81** Where will be 130th Durand Cup be held?

- a) Punjab
- b) Maharashtra
- c) Himachal Pradesh
- d) West Bengal
- e) None of these

**Answer (d):** The 130th Durand Cup, which is an annual domestic football league of India will be held in Kolkata, West Bengal. A total of 16 teams will be participating in the event including 4 defence teams.

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**Q.82** Which bank signed an MoU with the Paralympic Committee of India (PCI) to be one of the banking partners of the upcoming Paralympic Games?

- a) Union Bank of India
- b) Indian Bank
- c) HDFC Bank
- d) SBI
- e) None of these

**Answer (b):** Indian bank has entered into MoU as one of the banking partners of the upcoming Paralympic Games. Under the MoU, the bank will offer financial assistance to Paralympic athletes.

**Q.83** The Ministry for Social Justice and Empowerment launched the 'TAPAS' online portal. What does 'A' signify in TAPAS?

- a) Augmenting
- b) Advanced
- c) Artificial
- d) Automatic
- e) None of these

**Answer (a):** The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment has launched the 'Training for Augmenting Productivity and Services (TAPAS)' online portal.

**Q.84** In which state was India's first Drone Forensic Lab and Research Center inaugurated?

- a) Haryana
- b) Delhi
- c) Kerala
- d) Rajasthan
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** India's first Drone Forensic Lab and Research Center was inaugurated in Kerala. The Drone Forensic Lab and Research Center belongs to Kerala Police.

**Q.85** Exim Bank provided a soft loan of \_\_\_\_\_ to Mauritius for the procurement of defence items?

- a) USD 90 million
- b) USD 110 million
- c) USD 100 million
- d) USD 80 million
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** The Export-Import Bank of India (Exim Bank) has signed an agreement with Mauritius. Under the agreement, Exim Bank will provide a soft loan of USD 100 million to Mauritius.

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**Q.86** What is the name of India's first cattle genomic chip launched to conserve indigenous pure varieties of cattle breeds?

- a) 'GauMata'
- b) 'IndiGau'
- c) 'Gau Rakshak'
- d) 'Bharat Gau'
- e) None of these

**Answer (b):** It is the name of India's first cattle genomic chip. It was launched by Union Minister Jitendra Singh. The chip will be used to conserve indigenous pure varieties of cattle breeds like Gir, Kankrej, Sahiwal, Ongole. It is developed by the National Institute of Animal Biotechnology (NAIB), Hyderabad.

**Q.87** Which state's pollution control board topped in a study titled 'Transparency Index: Rating of pollution control boards on public disclosure'?

- a) Odisha
- b) Meghalaya
- c) Telangana
- d) Both (a) and (c)
- e) None of these

**Answer (d):** The report has assessed the data disclosure performance of 29 state pollution control boards (SPCBs) and six pollution control committees (PCCs) across India. The State Pollution Control Boards of Odisha and Telangana are ranked at 1st position as per the report rankings.

**Q.88** What is the amount sanctioned for the 'Pradhan Mantri Gatishakti Scheme'?

- a) Rs 80 lakh crore
- b) Rs 90 lakh crore
- c) Rs 100 lakh crore
- d) Rs 120 lakh crore
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** The Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced a scheme called 'Pradhan Mantri Gatishakti Scheme'. The scheme is worth Rs 100 lakh crore.

**Q.89** Which entity signed MoU with the Foundation for Development of Rural value Chain (FDRVC) to strengthen the price discovery mechanism of the commodities traded by FPOs?

- a) SIDBI
- b) RBI
- c) NABARD
- d) BSE E-Agricultural Markets Ltd (BEAM)
- e) None of these

**Answer (d):** The BSE E-Agricultural Markets Ltd (BEAM) signed MoU with the Foundation for Development of Rural value Chain (FDRVC).

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**Q.90 Who among the following flagged off 'Operation Blue Freedom'?**

- a) Rajnath Singh
- b) Dr Virendra Kumar
- c) Ajit Doval
- d) General MM Naravane
- e) None of these

**Answer (b):** The pioneering world record expedition named 'Operation Blue Freedom' was flagged off by Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment Dr Virendra Kumar.

**Q.91 Which entity launched the 'My e-Haat' online portal?**

- a) HCL Foundation
- b) Amazon India
- c) Flipkart
- d) TCS
- e) None of these

**Answer (a):** The HCL Foundation launched an online portal named 'My e-Haat'. The HCL Foundation is the corporate social responsibility entity of HCL Technologies.

**Q.92 Which entity has collaborated with International Climate Summit 2021 (ICS 2021) to become its 'co-organizer' unit?**

- a) Wipro
- b) UNDP India
- c) Invest India
- d) NIELT (National Institute of Electronics & Information Technology)
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** Invest India has collaborated with International Climate Summit 2021 (ICS 2021) to become its 'co-organizer' unit. The ICS 2021 is scheduled to be held on 3rd Sep 2021 and is an initiative of the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry's Environment Committee.

**Q.93 RBI to release Financial Inclusion Index in which month every year?**

- a) April
- b) January
- c) July
- d) November
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** The central bank said that it will be releasing FI-Index in the month of July every year, without any consideration of the base year for the index.



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**Q.94 Hakainde Hichilema was appointed as President of which country?**

- a) Zambia
- b) Zimbabwe
- c) Namibia
- d) Angola
- e) None of these

**Answer (a):** He was appointed as President of Zambia. He won the elections by defeating President Edgar Lungu.

**Q.95 RBI cancelled the license of Karnala Nagari Sahakari Bank Limited. It was based in which state?**

- a) Madhya Pradesh
- b) Assam
- c) Maharashtra
- d) Uttar Pradesh
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** The Reserve Bank of India has cancelled the license of Karnala Nagari Sahakari Bank Limited. It is based in Raigad, Maharashtra.

**Q.96 The Lt Governor of J&K launched the 'PROOF' App to provide transparency and accountability in the governance system of the UT. What does 'P' signifies in 'PROOF'?**

- a) Photograph
- b) Photographic
- c) Proficiency
- d) Professional
- e) None of these

**Answer (b):** The app was launched to offer transparency and accountability in the governance system of the UT. The PROOF signifies 'Photographic Record of On-site Facility'.

**Q.97 Who among the following inaugurated World's second-largest National Gene Bank?**

- a) PM Narendra Modi
- b) Arvind Kejriwal
- c) Narendra Singh Tomar
- d) Dr Harsh Vardhan
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** The World's second-largest refurbished state-of-the-art National Gene Bank was inaugurated by Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Narendra Singh Tomar.

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**Q.98 Which bank in partnership with ODeX launched 'ODeX Pay Later Solutions' to offer payment solutions to freight forwarders?**

- a) Federal Bank
- b) DBS Bank India
- c) SBM Bank India
- d) Deutsche Bank AG India
- e) None of these

**Answer (b):** It was launched by DBS Bank India in partnership with ODeX. It will provide credit solutions to Freight forwarders associated with the shipping sector. The customers will be able to avail comprehensive payment solutions for their ocean shipping transactions.

**Q.99 What is the name of a new life insurance solution launched by SBI Life Insurance?**

- a) 'SBI Life Cover'
- b) 'SBI Life eShield Next'
- c) 'SBI Life eCover'
- d) 'SBI Life Shield Up'
- e) None of these

**Answer (b):** SBI Life Insurance has launched a new life insurance solution named 'SBI Life eShield Next'. It is an individual, non-linked, non-participating life insurance solution. The policy is not linked to the stock market and does not share profit or dividends with the policyholders.

**Q.100 Which state/UT launched the 'Karkhandar Scheme'?**

- a) Bihar
- b) Assam
- c) Jammu and Kashmir
- d) Delhi
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** The union territory of Jammu and Kashmir launched the 'Karkhandar Scheme'. The scheme will grant support to the local artisans and weavers.

**Q.101 Who was appointed as chairperson of Jio MAMI (Mumbai Academy of Moving Image) Film Festival?**

- a) Priyanka Chopra Jonas
- b) Lara Dutta
- c) Madhuri Dixit
- d) Hema Malini
- e) None of these

**Answer (a):** She was appointed as chairperson of Jio MAMI (Mumbai Academy of Moving Image) Film Festival.

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**Q.102 Who among the following chaired the 5th BRICS Industry Ministers meeting?**

- a) Mansukh Laxmanbhai Mandaviya
- b) Ravi Shankar Prasad
- c) Piyush Goyal
- d) Nirmala Sitharaman
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** The 5th BRICS Industry Ministers meeting was held in a virtual format. The meeting was chaired by Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal.

**Q.103 Which is the first state in India to provide such Smart Health Cards to its people?**

- a) West Bengal
- b) Odisha
- c) Andhra Pradesh
- d) Rajasthan
- e) None of these

**Answer (b):** The Chief Minister of Odisha Naveen Patnaik announced to launch 'Smart Health Cards Scheme'. The scheme will be covering 3.5 crore people of 96 lakh families.

**Q.104 When is World Photography Day marked?**

- a) 20th Aug
- b) 29th Aug
- c) 28th Aug
- d) 19th Aug
- e) None of these



**Answer (d):** World Photography Day is marked on 19th August.

**Q.105 The RBI will be implementing PRISM, which is a web-based end-to-end workflow automation system to give strength to compliance by supervised entities (SEs). What does 'S' signifies in PRISM?**

- a) Safe
- b) Secured
- c) Supervision
- d) Superfast
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** The web-based end-to-end workflow automation system is named as 'Platform for Regulated Entities for Integrated Supervision and Monitoring (PRISM)'.

**Q.106 What is the name of the tech platform launched by India and the UN to provide improved security and safety to the UN peacekeepers?**

- a) 'UNITE Aware'

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- b) 'UNITE Assure
- c) 'Ind-UN Aware'
- d) 'Ind-UN Secured'
- e) None of these

**Answer (a):** India and United Nations (UN) launched a tech platform named 'UNITE Aware'. The 'UNITE Aware' platform will offer improved security and safety to the UN peacekeepers. These UN peacekeepers are performing tasks in complex and risky environments across the world.

**Q.107 Which bank launched the 'FRUITS' ('Farmer Registration and Unified Beneficiary Information System') portal in partnership with Karnataka Government?**

- a) AU Small Finance Bank
- b) Bandhan Bank
- c) Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank
- d) State Bank of India
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** The Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank (KVGB) partnered with the Government of Karnataka to launch the 'FRUITS' portal.

**Q.108 Which bank in partnership with Creditas Solutions launched the 'Do-It-Yourself (DIY) Repayment Platform'?**

- a) IDBI Bank
- b) HDFC Bank
- c) Yes Bank
- d) Kotak Mahindra Bank
- e) None of these



**Answer (d):** The Kotak Mahindra Bank in partnership with Creditas Solutions launched the 'Do-It-Yourself (DIY) Repayment Platform'.

**Q.109 What amount of financial assistance on yearly basis will be provided to landless workers of the Chhattisgarh under the 'Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Bhumihin Majdur Nyay Yojana'?**

- a) Rs 5000
- b) Rs 8000
- c) Rs 6000
- d) Rs 7000
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** The scheme is launched for landless workers of the state. Under this scheme, the financial support of Rs 6000 year will be granted to more than 12 lakh beneficiaries of the state.

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**Q.110 Which entity signed MoU with MBDA to set up a Final Assembly, Integration and Test (FAIT) facility of Advanced Short Range Air-to-Air Missile (ASRAAM) missiles in Telangana?**

- a) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited
- b) Bharat Dynamics Limited
- c) Defence Research and Development Organisation
- d) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
- e) None of these

**Answer (b):** The Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL) has signed MoU with MBDA to set up a Final Assembly, Integration, and Test (FAIT) facility of Advanced Short Range Air-to-Air Missile (ASRAAM) missiles in Telangana. The equipment and technical support will be provided by MBDA to the BDL.

**Q.111 Which entity launched applications like SOI GEO Spatial Data Dissemination Portal, Machitran, and SOI's Sarathi Web GIS application?**

- a) UNDP India
- b) MyGov
- c) TCS
- d) DST
- e) None of these

**Answer (d):** The Department of Science and Technology (DST) launched three online applications which will allow the users to purchase and download the products related to geospatial mapping online.

**Q.112 Who was appointed as MD and CEO of Indian Bank?**

- a) Rajkiran Rai G
- b) Shanti Lal Jain
- c) Lingam Venkat Prabhakar
- d) Sanjiv Chadha
- e) None of these

**Answer (b):** He was appointed as MD and CEO of Indian Bank for a tenure of 3 years. He has replaced Padmaja Chundururu.

**Q.113 What is the rank of India in the 2nd Global Crypto Adoption Index 2021?**

- a) 2<sup>nd</sup>
- b) 8<sup>th</sup>
- c) 5<sup>th</sup>
- d) 11<sup>th</sup>
- e) None of these

**Answer (a):** India is ranked at 2nd position out of 154 countries in terms of crypto adoption. India has scored 0.37.

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**Q.114 Which financial organization granted a loan of USD 500 million for the enhancement of the metro rail network in Bengaluru?**

- a) World Trade Organisation
- b) World Bank
- c) New Development Bank
- d) Asian Development Bank
- e) None of these

**Answer (d):** India and Asian Development Bank signed a loan agreement to enhance the metro rail network in Bengaluru. The ADB will grant the loan support of USD 500 million for the same.

**Q.115 Which institute partnered with the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways to work in areas of pavement engineering and intelligent transportation systems?**

- a) IIT Roorkee
- b) IIT Kanpur
- c) IIT Guwahati
- d) IIT Madras
- e) None of these

**Answer (d):** IIT Madras has partnered with the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) to provide engineering knowledge support in transportation systems.

**Q.116 Which financial organisation provided a soft loan worth USD 210.73 million to Guinea to support various projects like drinking water projects, construction of hospitals and solar projects?**

- a) World Bank
- b) Exim Bank
- c) New Development Bank
- d) Asian Development Bank
- e) None of these

**Answer (b):** The Exim Bank has extended soft loans support from the Government of India to the Government of Guinea with an aim to financially support various projects.

**Q.117 Ismail Sabri Yaakob, was appointed as Prime Minister of which country?**

- a) Iran
- b) Singapore
- c) Malaysia
- d) Uzbekistan
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** He was elected as the new Prime Minister of Malaysia.

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**Q.118 Which organisation launched the 'Small Business Loans Initiative'?**

- a) SBI and UNDP India
- b) Flipkart and HDFC Bank
- c) Amazon India and NITI Aayog
- d) Facebook India and Indifi
- e) None of these

**Answer (d):** Facebook India has launched the 'Small Business Loans Initiative'. The initiative was launched in partnership with Indifi, which is an online lending platform.

**Q.119 The NPCI International Payments Ltd (NIPL) partnered with Mashreq Bank to launch a UPI payment system facility in which country?**

- a) Qatar
- b) Bahrain
- c) Saudi Arabia
- d) UAE
- e) None of these

**Answer (d):** NPCI International Payments Ltd (NIPL) has entered into a partnership with Mashreq Bank. They have partnered to launch the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) payment system facility in the UAE.

**Q.120 In partnership with which institute has Intel India launched 'Plugin Alliance' to boost the industry 4.0 revolution in the country?**

- a) IIT Roorkee
- b) IIT Kanpur
- c) IIT Bombay
- d) IIT Madras
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** It is the first of its kind industry technology alliance to boost the industry 4.0 revolution in the country. It is jointly launched by Intel India and Society for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (SINE) of IIT Bombay.

**Q.121 Which entity set up the 'Ubharte Sitaare fund' scheme?**

- a) SIDBI
- b) Exim Bank
- c) NABARD
- d) Both (a) and (b)
- e) None of these

**Answer (d):** The 'Ubharte Sitaare fund' is jointly framed and set up by Exim Bank and SIDBI. The scheme was launched in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.

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**Q.122** What amount of funds was required to construct Somnath Promenade, which was inaugurated by PM Modi in Somnath, Gujarat?

- a) Rs. 47 crore
- b) Rs. 37 crore
- c) Rs. 57 crore
- d) Rs. 67 crore
- e) None of these

**Answer (a):** PM Modi inaugurated Somnath Promenade, which is developed under PRASHAD (Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive) Scheme. The total cost of Somnath Promenade is over Rs. 47 crore.

**Q.123** Which company topped the Hurun Global 500 Most Valuable Companies list 2021?

- a) Amazon
- b) Microsoft
- c) Apple
- d) Facebook
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** As per the report, the 1st rank is marked by Apple (USD 2,443 billion) and thus is termed to be the most valuable company.

**Q.124** Which bank has USAID and USDFC (U.S. International Development Finance Corporation) have entered into a partnership to offer loan guarantees for women entrepreneurs and MSME units in India?

- a) Axis Bank
- b) IDFC First Bank
- c) Kotak Mahindra Bank
- d) ICICI Bank
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** The USAID (United States Agency for International Development) and USDFC (U.S. International Development Finance Corporation) have partnered with Kotak Mahindra Bank for the purpose of offering loan guarantees for women entrepreneurs and MSME units in India.

**Q.125** What is the name of the chatbot launched by BPCL?

- a) Sewa
- b) Urja
- c) Siva
- d) Eva
- e) None of these

**Answer (b):** The Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) launched the chatbot named 'Urja'. The 'Urja' chatbot is an AI (Artificial Intelligence) enabled one which is launched to offer a seamless self-service experience to the customers.



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**Q.126 Which financial organisation launched 'Green and Sustainable Deposits', a type of FD?**

- a) ICICI Life Insurance
- b) HDFC Ltd
- c) LIC Housing Finance
- d) HDB Financial Services
- e) None of these

**Answer (b):** It is the name of fixed deposit launched by HDFC Ltd. It is launched to protect the environment from climate change actions. The period for the 'Green and Sustainable Deposits' is 36-120 months and has an interest rate of upto 6.55% per annum.

**Q.127 Who among the following launched 'National Monetisation Pipeline (NMP)'?**

- a) Mansukh Mandaviya
- b) Dr. Virendra Kumar
- c) Nirmala Sitharaman
- d) Narayan Rane
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** The Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs, Nirmala Sitharaman launched the 'National Monetisation Pipeline (NMP)'.

**Q.128 Which organisation developed the 'National Monetisation Pipeline (NMP)'?**

- a) SEBI
- b) SIDBI
- c) RBI
- d) NITI Aayog
- e) None of these

**Answer (d):** The NMP is developed by NITI Aayog in partnership with infrastructure line ministries. The framing of NMP is done as per the 'Asset Monetisation' framed under Union Budget 2021-22.

**Q.129 With which bank has Paytm entered into a partnership to build comprehensive solutions across payment gateway, point of sale machines and credit products?**

- a) Axis Bank
- b) Federal Bank
- c) Karnataka Bank
- d) HDFC Bank
- e) None of these

**Answer (d):** Paytm and HDFC Bank has entered into a strategic partnership with an aim to deliver financial solutions to end consumers and merchants.

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**Q.130** Which institute developed India's first indigenous motorized wheelchair vehicle which is named 'NeoBolt'?

- a) IIT Madras
- b) IIT Roorkee
- c) IIT Delhi
- d) IIT Hyderabad
- e) None of these

**Answer (a):** India's first indigenous motorized wheelchair vehicle is named 'NeoBolt'. It was developed by researchers from IIT Madras.

**Q.131** Who among the following launched 'Yuktdhara', which is a new geospatial planning portal?

- a) Gajendra Singh Shekhawat
- b) Ramchandra Prasad
- c) Giriraj Singh
- d) Nitin Gadkari
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** The GOI launched a new geospatial planning portal with the name 'Yuktdhara'. It was launched by the Union Minister of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Giriraj Singh.

**Q.132** Who was appointed as the new Governor of Manipur?

- a) V P Singh Badnore
- b) Bandar Dattatreya
- c) BD Mishra
- d) La. Ganesan
- e) None of these

**Answer (d):** He is a Senior BJP leader from Tamil Nadu and was appointed as the new Governor of Manipur. He has replaced Najma Heptulla as he retired and then Sikkim Governor Ganga Prasad was given an additional charge for the post.

**Q.133** What was the theme for World Water Week 2021?

- a) Building Resilience Faster
- b) Valuing Water
- c) Water: Major resource on the Earth
- d) Don't waste it, reuse it
- e) None of these

**Answer (a):** The theme for World Water Week 2021 was Building Resilience Faster.

**Q.134** Which state launched the Talent Search Campaign in the area of Sports?

- a) Madhya Pradesh

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- b) Haryana
- c) Maharashtra
- d) Karnataka
- e) None of these

**Answer (a):** The Government of Madhya Pradesh launched a comprehensive Talent Search Campaign in the area of Sports.

**Q.135 Recently with which bank has Honda Cars India Ltd entered into a partnership to provide retail finance schemes to its customers?**

- a) Canara Bank
- b) Federal Bank
- c) Karnataka Bank
- d) UCO Bank
- e) None of these

**Answer (a):** Honda Cars India Ltd (HCIL) has entered into a partnership with Canara Bank. They have partnered to provide retail finance schemes to customers of HCIL.

**Q.136 Which city topped in Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) Safe Cities Index 2021?**

- a) Toronto
- b) Singapore
- c) Copenhagen
- d) Tokyo
- e) None of these



**Answer (c):** The ranking is topped by Copenhagen with a score of 82.4 out of 100. The 2nd and 3rd positions are marked by Toronto (Score: 82.2) and Singapore (score: 80.7) respectively.

**Q.137 Which organisation launched 'Forum for Decarbonizing Transport'?**

- a) NITI Aayog
- b) World Resources Institute (WRI)
- c) World Economic Forum
- d) Both (a) and (b)
- e) None of these

**Answer (d):** The 'Forum for Decarbonizing Transport' was jointly launched by NITI Aayog and World Resources Institute (WRI), India.

**Q.138 What is the rank of India in the Global Manufacturing Risk Index which was released by Cushman & Wakefield?**

- a) 4<sup>th</sup>
- b) 2<sup>nd</sup>
- c) 6<sup>th</sup>

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- d) 9th
- e) None of these

**Answer (b):** India is placed at 2nd position and has thus become the world's second most desired manufacturing destination.

**Q.139 Who is the author of a book titled 'Mission Domination: An Unfinished Quest'?**

- a) Boria Majumdar
- b) Vishram Bedekar
- c) Kushan Sarkar
- d) Both (a) and (c)
- e) None of these

**Answer (d):** The author of a book titled 'Mission Domination: An Unfinished Quest' is Boria Majumdar & Kushan Sarkar.

**Q.140 RBI's expert committee on Urban Cooperative Banks (UCBs) suggested the recommendation of \_\_\_\_-tier structure for UCBs in order to ease the regulatory process?**

- a) 3
- b) 4
- c) 2
- d) 5
- e) None of these

**Answer (b):** The committee suggested the 4-tier structure for UCBs in order to ease the regulatory process. The structure is divided on the basis of UCB's capital availability and other factors.

**Q.141 RBI's expert committee on Urban Cooperative Banks (UCBs) suggested minimum capital to risk-weighted asset ratio (CRAR) for Tier 1 UCBs to vary from 9% to \_\_\_\_%?**

- a) 12%
- b) 11%
- c) 15%
- d) 13%
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** The expert committee also suggested different capital adequacy and regulatory norms for UCBs. It has been suggested that the minimum capital to risk-weighted asset ratio (CRAR) for Tier 1 UCBs will vary from 9% to 15%.

**Q.142 Which ministry launched the 'SUJALAM' Campaign?**

- a) Ministry of Education
- b) Ministry of MSME
- c) Ministry of Textiles
- d) Ministry of Jal Shakti

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e) None of these

**Answer (d):** The Ministry of Jal Shakti, GOI has launched the 'SUJALAM' Campaign. The campaign was launched to create Open Defecation Free (ODF) plus villages by undertaking wastewater management at the village level.

**Q.143 Which bank granted a loan of Rs 5100 crore to the ambitious Ganga Expressway project of Uttar Pradesh which is operated by Uttar Pradesh Expressways Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA)?**

- a) State Bank of India
- b) Punjab National Bank
- c) HDFC Bank
- d) Union Bank of India
- e) None of these

**Answer (b):** The ambitious Ganga Expressway project of Uttar Pradesh has received major support of funds from Punjab National Bank (PNB).

**Q.144 For what purpose was the 'SAMRIDH' Programme launched by MeitY?**

- a) To support and uplift IT based startups
- b) To reduce malnutrition in tribal areas
- c) To educate girls in tribal areas
- d) To setup vaccination drives against COVID-19
- e) None of these

**Answer (a):** The programme aims to create 100 unicorns from the selected IT/Software based startups by offering them funds, mentor guidance and access to the markets.

**Q.145 In partnership with which SFB has Freo Neo bank has launched 'Freo Save' Saving account?**

- a) Equitas Small Finance Bank
- b) Ujjivan Small Finance Bank
- c) A U Small Finance Bank
- d) Utkarsh Small Finance Bank
- e) None of these

**Answer (a):** The account was launched in partnership with Equitas Small Finance Bank (SFB). The 'Freo Save' Saving account grants a 7% interest rate and allows to have a minimum balance of Rs 1 lakh.

**Q.146 Which entity gave approval to Bajaj Finserv to perform mutual fund business?**

- a) IRDAI
- b) SEBI
- c) RBI
- d) AMFI
- e) None of these

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**Answer (b):** The SEBI has given its approval to Bajaj Finserv to perform mutual fund business.

**Q.147 Who among the following chaired the 11th BRICS High Representatives Responsible for the National Security meeting?**

- a) General Bipin Rawat
- b) General M M Naravane
- c) Ajit Doval
- d) Rajnath Singh
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** The 11th edition of the BRICS High Representatives Responsible for National Security meeting was held in a virtual manner. The meeting was chaired by India's National Security Advisor, Ajit Doval.

**Q.148 Who was appointed as the new Executive Director of RBI?**

- a) Ajay Kumar
- b) Ravinder Dhillion
- c) M V Rao
- d) Abhay Kumar Singh
- e) None of these

**Answer (a):** He was appointed as Executive Director of RBI. He will look after the department of currency management, foreign exchange and premises department.

**Q.149 With which company has Google partnered to open fixed deposits (FD) using Google Pay app?**

- a) Shiksha Finance
- b) MoneyTap
- c) Lendingkart
- d) Setu
- e) None of these

**Answer (d):** Google has partnered with a fintech company, Setu. The partnership will allow its users to open fixed deposits (FD) using Google Pay app.

**Q.150 Which company launched the '12% Club' app?**

- a) Setu
- b) Ujjivan Small Finance Bank
- c) BharatPe
- d) Airtel Payment Bank
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** The BharatPe has launched the '12% Club' app. The app is basically an investment-cum-borrowing product. The app will allow customers to invest and earn up to 12 % annual interest or borrow at a similar rate.

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**Q.151 To which country has India extended USD 1 million for affected populations to tackle the climate shocks situation?**

- a) Indonesia
- b) Sri Lanka
- c) Zimbabwe
- d) West Indies
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** The GOI has extended USD 1 million support to the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) in Zimbabwe. The support was extended for affected populations to tackle climate shocks.

**Q.152 Which district topped in North Eastern Region (NER) District SDG Index Report 2021-22?**

- a) Gomati
- b) North Tripura
- c) South Sikkim
- d) East Sikkim
- e) None of these

**Answer (d):** East Sikkim has topped the NER SDG Index 2021-22 with a score of Score 75.87. The second position is marked by Gomati and North Tripura.

**Q.153 Which firm from India will construct the Greater Male Connectivity project (GMCP) of Maldives?**

- a) L&T
- b) Afcons
- c) Gammon India
- d) Hindustan Construction Company Limited
- e) None of these

**Answer (d):** The project will be constructed by AFCONS, which is India's construction and engineering firm based in Mumbai. The project is comprised of a 6.74 km long bridge and causeway link which will provide the connectivity between Male (Maldives capital) with three islands named, Villingili, Gulhifahu, and Thilafushi.

**Q.154 In partnership with which entity has NITI Aayog launched 'WEP Nxt'?**

- a) LinkedIn Corporation
- b) Oracle Corporation
- c) Cisco
- d) Yahoo
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** The NITI Aayog in partnership with Cisco launched 'WEP Nxt'. The 'WEP Nxt' is the next phase of the Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP).

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**Q.155 With which entity has MeitY Startup Hub (MSH) signed MoU to support deep tech startups?**

- a) Atal Innovation Mission
- b) Paytm
- c) NASSCOM
- d) ICICI Bank
- e) None of these

**Answer (b):** The MeitY Startup Hub (MSH) which comes under the Ministry of Electronics & IT (MeitY) has entered into MoU with Paytm.

**Q.156 In which country will be the world's largest and tallest observation wheel be unveiled soon?**

- a) Japan
- b) Russia
- c) Saudi Arabia
- d) UAE
- e) None of these

**Answer (d):** The world's largest and tallest observation wheel will soon be unveiled in Dubai, UAE. The observation wheel is named 'Ain Dubai' and is located at Bluewaters Island. It is 250 m (820 ft) in height and it is 42.5 m (139 ft) taller than the current world's tallest observation wheel, High Roller, in Las Vegas, measuring 167.6 m (550 ft).

**Q.157 As per Liberalised Drone Rules, 2021 which are set up by replacing with Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Rules, 2021, Yellow zone reduced from 45 km to \_\_\_\_ km from the airport perimeter?**

- a) 22 km
- b) 35 km
- c) 12 km
- d) 25 km
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** The yellow zone was reduced from 45 km to 12 km from the airport perimeter. There is not any requirement for security clearance before the issuance of any registration or license.

**Q.158 Which entity launched the 'MANTHAN 2021' Hackathon?**

- a) Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D)
- b) All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE)
- c) Delhi Police
- d) Both (a) and (b)
- e) None of these

**Answer (d):** The 'MANTHAN 2021' Hackathon was jointly launched by Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D) and the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE).



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**Q.159** Which entity from India entered into an agreement with UAE's NYUAD (New York University Abu Dhabi) to send Visiting Professors in Social Science at NYUAD?

- a) Indian Council for Cultural Relations
- b) Centre for Cultural Resources and Training
- c) University Grants Commission
- d) National Council of Educational Research and Training
- e) None of these

**Answer (a):** India and UAE have entered into an agreement with an aim to enhance academic and cultural ties between them. In this regard, the agreement was signed between Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) and New York University Abu Dhabi.

**Q.160** When is Rashtriya Khel Divas observed?

- a) 25th Aug
- b) 26th Aug
- c) 29th Aug
- d) 30th Aug
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** Rashtriya Khel Divas is observed on 29th August.

**Q.161** Which institute developed India's first 'Quantum Computer Simulator (QSim) Toolkit'?

- a) IIT Roorkee
- b) IISc Bangalore
- c) C-DAC
- d) All of the above
- e) None of these

**Answer (d):** The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) launched India's first 'Quantum Computer Simulator (QSim) Toolkit'. It is jointly developed by scientists and experts of IIT Roorkee, C-DAC, and IISc Bangalore.

**Q.162** Which state to launch 'Mera Kaam Mera Maan (MKMM)'?

- a) Uttar Pradesh
- b) Punjab
- c) Assam
- d) Andhra Pradesh
- e) None of these

**Answer (b):** The Punjab cabinet has given the approval to launch the 'Mera Kaam Mera Maan (MKMM)' Scheme. The MKMM scheme aims to support unemployed youth in refining their skill sets.

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**Q.163 Which financial firm launched ANANDA Mobile App?**

- a) ICICI Bank
- b) LIC
- c) AU Small Finance Bank
- d) HDFC Ergo
- e) None of these

**Answer (b):** The Chairman of LIC, MR Kumar launched the ANANDA Mobile App of LIC. The ANANDA signifies: Atma Nirbhar Agents New business Digital Application.

**Q.164 Who was appointed as the brand ambassador of the Delhi government's 'Desh Ke Mentors' programme?**

- a) Virat Kohli
- b) Ritesh Agarwal
- c) Sonu Sood
- d) Mirabai Chanu
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** He was appointed as the brand ambassador of the Delhi government's 'Desh Ke Mentors' programme. The programme aims to 'adopting' one to ten government school students who can be mentored by citizens who are successful in their respective fields.

**Q.165 Who among the following won Belgian Grand Prix 2021?**

- a) George Russell Williams
- b) Max Verstappen
- c) Valtteri Bottas
- d) Lewis Hamilton
- e) None of these

**Answer (b):** He has won the Belgian Grand Prix 2021. The 2nd and 3rd positions were marked by George Russell Williams and Lewis Hamilton respectively.

**Q.166 RBI has raised the limit from Rs 50,000 per transaction to Rs \_\_\_ per transaction under the Indo-Nepal Remittance Facility Scheme?**

- a) Rs 1 lakh
- b) Rs 85,000
- c) Rs 2 lakh
- d) Rs 70,000
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has raised the limit of fund transfer under the Indo-Nepal Remittance Facility Scheme. Under the new updates for the scheme, RBI has raised the limit from Rs 50,000 per transaction to Rs 2 lakh per transaction.

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**Q.167** The format for the BH series Registration mark is 'YY BH ##### XX'. What does XX indicate in it?

- a) Initials of owner name (Name- Surname)
- b) Numbers (00-99)
- c) Alphabets (AA to ZZ)
- d) State-City Code
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** Format for the BH series Registration mark: YY BH ##### XX. (where, YY- Year of first registration, BH- Bharat Series code, #####-000 to 9999 (randomized), XX- Alphabets (AA to ZZ))

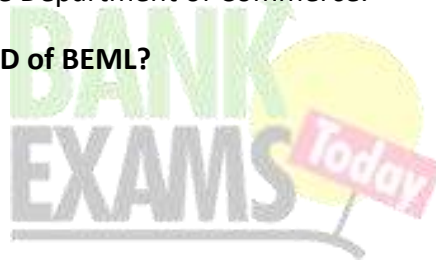
**Q.168** Which entity organized India-ASEAN Engineering Partnership Summit 2021?

- a) Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India
- b) Federation of Indian Export Organisations
- c) NASSCOM
- d) Engineering Exports Promotion Council
- e) None of these

**Answer (d):** The summit was organized by Engineering Exports Promotion Council (EEPC) with support from the Ministry of External Affairs and the Department of Commerce.

**Q.169** Who was appointed as the CMD of BEML?

- a) Nakul Chopra
- b) Amit Banerjee
- c) Sunil Lulla
- d) D K Hota
- e) None of these



**Answer (b):** He was appointed as CMD of BEML (Bharat Earth Movers Limited). He has replaced D K Hota who retired in Jan 2021 and the post was served by MV Rajasekhar as the additional charge.

**Q.170** What was the rank of India in the Global DeFi (Decentralized Finance) Adoption Index?

- a) 3<sup>rd</sup>
- b) 5<sup>th</sup>
- c) 6<sup>th</sup>
- d) 9<sup>th</sup>
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** It was released by Chainalysis. India marked the rank position of 6th in the index. The index was topped by the US. The 2nd and 3rd positions were marked by Vietnam and Thailand respectively.