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**Q.1 In which state will be India's first Ethanol Plant on the basis of public-private partnership (PPP) setup by Bhoramdeo Sahakari Sakhar Utpadak Karkhana Maryadit (BSSUKM) and NKJ Biofuel Ltd?**

- a) Haryana
- b) Chhattisgarh
- c) Maharashtra
- d) Andhra Pradesh
- e) None of these

**Answer (B):** The MoU is signed to set up India's first Ethanol Plant on the basis of public-private partnership (PPP). It will be built in Kabirdham, Chhattisgarh; which is the headquarter of BSSUKM.

**Q.2 In partnership with whom DRDO held the operational trial of SAHAYAK-NG?**

- a) Indian Coast Guard
- b) Indian Army
- c) Indian Navy
- d) Indian Air Force
- e) None of these

**Answer (C):** The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and the Indian Navy jointly conducted the successful maiden test trial of SAHAYAK-NG. The SAHAYAK-NG is India's first indigenously designed and developed Air Dropped Container from IL 38SD aircraft.

**Q.3 The Pune based Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation (PCMC) signed MoU with whom to co-create India's first Social Impact Bond (SIB)?**

- a) Infosys
- b) SERUM Institute of India
- c) UNICEF
- d) UNDP India
- e) None of these

**Answer (D):** The Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation (PCMC) has entered into MoU with UNDP (United Nations Development Programme) India.

**Q.4 Which organisation developed Quantum Random Number Generator (QRNG)?**

- a) DRDO-Naval Science and Technological Laboratory
- b) CSIR-Central Electronics Engineering Research Institute(CSIR-CEERI)
- c) DRDO's Young Scientist Laboratory for Quantum Technologies (DYSL-QT)
- d) Both a and b

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e) None of the above

**Answer (C):** The DRDO's Young Scientist Laboratory for Quantum Technologies (DYSL-QT) has developed the Quantum Random Number Generator (QRNG).

**Q.5 Which ministry launched Global Pravasi Rishta Portal and mobile app?**

- a) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
- b) Ministry of Law and Justice
- c) Ministry of Defence
- d) Ministry of External Affairs
- e) None of these

**Answer (D):** The Ministry of External Affairs, GOI launched the Global Pravasi Rishta Portal and mobile app. This portal and app will help to connect 3.12 crore Indians across the world.

**Q.6 Who among the following conferred with Eminent Engineer Award for the Year 2020' by Institution of Engineering and Technology?**

- a) V K Yadav
- b) Piyush Goyal
- c) Dr. G. Satheesh Reddy
- d) K. Sivan
- e) None of these

**Answer (A):** He is conferred with 'Eminent Engineer Award for the Year 2020' by Institution of Engineering and Technology. He is Chairman and CEO of Railway Board.

**Q.7 Which state/UT won Platinum Icon Awards under the category of Excellence in Digital Governance State /UT in Digital India Awards 2020?**

- a) Haryana
- b) Delhi
- c) Maharashtra
- d) Andhra Pradesh
- e) None of these

**Answer (A):** The 6th Digital India Awards for 2020 were conferred by President of India, Ram Nath Kovind. He presented the awards through a virtual ceremony.

**Q.8 Who among the following is appointed as Chairman of SAIL?**

- a) Anil Kumar Chaudhary
- b) Suneet Sharma
- c) A K Sharma
- d) Soma Mondal
- e) None of these

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**Answer (D):** She is appointed as Chairman of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL). She has replaced Anil Kumar Chaudhary.

**Q.9 From which of the following countries Tea Cultivation Sites were added by FAO in Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems (GIAHS)?**

- a) China, Japan and South Korea
- b) China and India
- c) Italy, China and Japan
- d) India and Australia
- e) None of these

**Answer (A):** The name of the Asian Tea Cultivation Sites added under GIAHS: (1) Pu'er Traditional Tea Agrosystem (China) (2) Traditional Tree Grass system (Japan) (3) Fuzhou Jasmine tea site (China) (4) Traditional Hadong Tea Agrosystem (South Korea).

**Q.10 With whom Ministry of Defence signed an agreement to procure 10 numbers of Lynx U2 Fire Control Systems?**

- a) DRDO
- b) Bharat Electronics Limited
- c) Bharat Dynamics
- d) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited
- e) None of these

**Answer (B):** The Ministry of Defence entered into an agreement with Bharat Electronics Limited to procure the 10 numbers of Lynx U2 Fire Control Systems i.e. LYNX U2 GFCS. The LYNX U2 GFCS will be supplied for frontline warships of Indian Navy.

**Q.11 Who among the following laid the foundation stone for Light House Projects (LHPs) in 6 Indian states?**

- a) PM Narendra Modi
- b) Nitin Gadkari
- c) Rajnath Singh
- d) Dharmendra Pradhan
- e) None of these

**Answer (A):** PM Modi laid the foundation stone of Light House Projects (LHPs) for Six Indian states. The project will be implemented in Indore (MP), Rajkot (Gujarat), Chennai (TN), Ranchi (Jharkhand), Agartala (Tripura) and Lucknow (UP).

**Q.12 Which state launched 'DigiNest' app?**

- a) Assam
- b) Karnataka
- c) Punjab
- d) Kerala

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e) None of these

**Answer (C):** It is the name of the mobile application of the Punjab Government which allows the people to access a directory of state government in a digital manner.

**Q.13 ADB and GOI signed \$10 million loan agreement to support horticulture in which state?**

- a) Haryana
- b) Nagaland
- c) Manipur
- d) Himachal Pradesh
- e) None of these

**Answer (D):** The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Government of India has entered into a loan agreement to support the horticulture in Himachal Pradesh.

**Q.14 With whom J&K signed MoU to offer marketing support for Horticulture produce of UT?**

- a) NAFED
- b) NABARD
- c) Jammu and Kashmir Bank
- d) SIDBI
- e) None of these

**Answer (A):** The Jammu and Kashmir administration has entered into MoU with National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd (NAFED).

**Q.15 In partnership with whom RuPay has launched 'RuPay PoS', an innovative payment solution for Indian merchants?**

- a) HDFC Bank
- b) Karnataka Bank
- c) IndusInd Bank
- d) RBL Bank
- e) None of these

**Answer (D):** The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) announced that RuPay has partnered with RBL Bank to launch 'RuPay PoS' in association with PayNearby.

**Q.16 Who among the following released 'Digital Payments Index (DPI)' which measures the extent of digitisation of payments in India?**

- a) NITI Aayog
- b) State Bank of India
- c) Ministry of Finance
- d) Reserve Bank of India
- e) None of these

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**Answer (D):** The Reserve Bank of India has released the 'Digital Payments Index (DPI)' which measures the extent of digitisation of payments in India.

**Q.17 Shantanu Mohapatra, who passed away recently belonged to which profession?**

- a) Politician
- b) Music Director
- c) Economist
- d) Author
- e) None of these

**Answer (B):** He was Music Director by profession.

**Q.18 Who among the following organised the National Metrology Conclave 2021?**

- a) Council of Scientific and Industrial Research-National Physical Laboratory (CSIR-NPL)
- b) IIT Bombay
- c) NITI Aayog
- d) IIM Ahmedabad
- e) None of these

**Answer (A):** The conclave was organised by Council of Scientific and Industrial Research-National Physical Laboratory (CSIR-NPL) and is being held in New Delhi.

**Q.19 Which country to co-chair the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) supported by Asia Protected Areas Partnership (APAP) for the upcoming three years, by replacing South Korea?**

- a) Vietnam
- b) India
- c) Sri Lanka
- d) Cambodia
- e) None of these

**Answer (B):** India is selected to co-chair the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) supported by Asia Protected Areas Partnership (APAP).

**Q.20 Who among the following topped the Bloomberg Billionaires Index for 2021?**

- a) Elon Musk
- b) Bill Gates
- c) Jeff Bezos
- d) Mark Zuckerberg
- e) None of these

**Answer (C):** The Bloomberg Billionaires Index for 2021 was released. The index is topped by Jeff Bezos with a net worth of 190 Billion USD.

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**Q.21** Who among the following is appointed as Deputy Election Commissioner in Election Commission of India?

- a) Aditya Nath Das
- b) Umesh Sinha
- c) Ranvir Singh Krishna
- d) Vineet Agrawal
- e) None of these

**Answer (B):** He is appointed as Deputy Election Commissioner in Election Commission of India.

**Q.22** When is World Braille Day marked?

- a) 6th Jan
- b) 5th Jan
- c) 4th Jan
- d) 7th Jan
- e) None of these

**Answer (C):** World Braille Day is marked on 4th January.

**Q.23** Who among the following approved USD 100 million sovereign loans and USD 90 million loans without sovereign guarantee to upgrade power distribution network in Bangalore?

- a) Asian Development Bank
- b) New Development Bank
- c) European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
- d) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
- e) None of these

**Answer (A):** The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved the loan amount for India to upgrade the power distribution network in Bangalore city. ADB has approved the loan amount of USD 100 million (around Rs 730 crore) for same.

**Q.24** Who among the following partnered to promote tribal products of Northeast India region?

- a) TRIFED, KVIC and SBI Bank
- b) TRIFED, India Post and DoNER
- c) TRIFED, HDFC Bank and Assam Gov.
- d) IIM Ahmedabad, TRIFED and KVIC
- e) None of these

**Answer (B):** The TRIFED which comes under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs has collaborated with DoNER (Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region) and India Post to promote the tribal products of North-Eastern India.

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**Q.25 Which country passed 'Malala Yousafzai Scholarship Act'?**

- a) Vietnam
- b) India
- c) United States
- d) Cambodia
- e) None of these

**Answer (C):** The US Congress has passed the 'Malala Yousafzai Scholarship Act'. The act is passed to expand the number of scholarships available to Pakistani women which will help them pursue higher education under a merit and needs-based programme.

**Q.26 Who among the following is appointed as Chief Justice of Common High Court of UT Jammu and Kashmir and UT Ladakh?**

- a) Gita Mittal
- b) Amreshwar Pratap Sahi
- c) Dipankar Datta
- d) Pankaj Mithal
- e) None of these

**Answer (D):** He is appointed as Chief Justice of Common High Court of UT Jammu and Kashmir and UT Ladakh. He has replaced Gita Mittal.

**Q.27 Which state/UT announced to setup Tamil Academy?**

- a) Karnataka
- b) Jammu and Kashmir
- c) Delhi
- d) Tamil Nadu
- e) None of these

**Answer (C):** Government of Delhi announced to setup Tamil Academy. The decision and announcement for the same were made by the Delhi government's Department of Art, Culture, and Language.

**Q.28 Who is appointed as the Vice-Chairman of the Tamil Academy, to be set up in Delhi?**

- a) K. Shanmugam
- b) Sangam N Raja
- c) Prahlad Singh Patel
- d) Manish Sisodia
- e) None of these

**Answer (B):** The Tamil Academy will be responsible to promote the language and culture of the southern state of Tamil Nadu. For this, the Delhi Gov. has appointed a former councillor and member of Delhi Tamil, Sangam N Raja as the Vice-Chairman of the academy.



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**Q.29 With whom the Indian Army signed a pact to procure Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation Dazzlers (LASER Dazzlers)?**

- a) Engineers India
- b) Bharat Dynamics
- c) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited
- d) Bharat Electronics Limited
- e) None of these

**Answer (D):** Indian Navy and Bharat Electronics Limited signed a pact to procure Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation Dazzlers (LASER Dazzlers).

**Q.30 World Bank offered a loan of \$105 million to improve Waterways in which Indian State?**

- a) Goa
- b) West Bengal
- c) Gujarat
- d) Maharashtra
- e) None of these

**Answer (B):** The World Bank, Government of India and Government of West Bengal have entered into a loan agreement to improve waterways in West Bengal.

**Q.31 Which state government launched the 'LaunchPad Scheme'?**

- a) Arunachal Pradesh
- b) Uttar Pradesh
- c) Andhra Pradesh
- d) Madhya Pradesh
- e) None of these

**Answer (D):** The Madhya Pradesh Government has launched 'LaunchPad Scheme'. The scheme is launched for boys and girls who have completed 18 years of age and aims to offer employment opportunities to them in order to make them self-reliant.

**Q.32 Who among the following constructed Kochi-Mangaluru Natural Gas Pipeline which was inaugurated by PM Modi?**

- a) GAIL India Ltd
- b) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation
- c) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited
- d) Petronet LNG
- e) None of these

**Answer (A):** The Kochi-Mangaluru Natural Gas Pipeline was constructed by GAIL India Ltd with the funds of Rs 3000 crore. The pipeline will be carrying natural gas from LNG regasification terminal at Kochi, Kerala to Mangaluru, Karnataka.

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**Q.33 Who among the following is appointed as President of All India Chess Federation (AICF)?**

- a) Sanjay Kapoor
- b) Vishwanathan Anand
- c) Dipankar Datta
- d) Koneru Humpy
- e) None of these

**Answer (A):** He is appointed as President of All India Chess Federation (AICF).

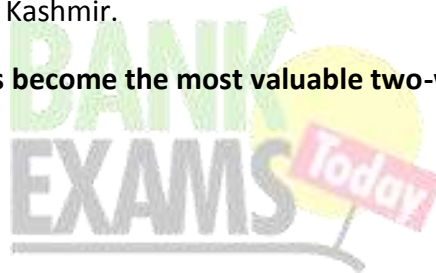
**Q.34 Who among the following to set up a mega hydropower project in UT Jammu and Kashmir?**

- a) Jammu and Kashmir Power Development Corporation (JKPDC)
- b) National Hydro Power Corporation Ltd (NHPC)
- c) Power Development Department (PDD)
- d) All of the above
- e) None of these

**Answer (D):** The National Hydro Power Corporation Ltd (NHPC), Power Development Department (PDD) and Jammu and Kashmir Power Development Corporation (JKPDC) have entered into MoU to set up a mega hydropower project in UT Jammu and Kashmir.

**Q.35 Which automobile company has become the most valuable two-wheeler company in the world?**

- a) Yamaha Motor Company
- b) Hero MotoCorp
- c) Bajaj Auto
- d) TVS Motor Company
- e) None of these



**Answer (C):** It has become the most valuable two-wheeler company in the world. It has crossed a market capitalization of more than Rs 1 lakh crore.

**Q.36 With whom TATA power partnered to support with finance to the MSMEs engaged in the rooftop solar segment?**

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

**Answer (C):** India's largest integrated power company, TATA Power partnered with SIDBI (Small Industries Development Bank of India). They have partnered to offer financial support to MSMEs who are associated with the rooftop solar segment.

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**Q.37** As per World Bank, India's economy to contract by \_\_\_% in FY 2020-21?

- a) 9.6%
- b) 10.6%
- c) 7.6%
- d) 8.6%
- e) None of these

**Answer (A):** The World Bank has predicted that India's economy to contract by 9.6% in FY 2020-21. It has also projected that India to recover growth to 5.4% in 2021.

**Q.38** The RBI has introduced Legal Entity Identifier (LEI) for the payment transactions above the value of Rs 50 crore in RTGS and NEFT. How long is the LEI digit number?

- a) 15 digit
- b) 11 digit
- c) 20 digit
- d) 9 digit
- e) None of these

**Answer (C):** The LEI is a 20 digit number which will be used to uniquely identify parties to financial transactions worldwide. This will lead to improving the quality and accuracy of financial data systems for better risk management post the global financial crisis.

**Q.39** Who is appointed to head the committee called 'South Asia Group for Energy (SAGE)' which will look after the development of south Asia energy security architecture?

- a) Amar Sinha
- b) Preeti Saran
- c) Ram Vinay Shahi
- d) Deepak Amitabh
- e) None of these

**Answer (C):** He is appointed to head the committee set up by the central government named as 'South Asia Group for Energy (SAGE)'. The committee will look after the development of south Asia energy security architecture.

**Q.40** Who among the following launched 'Toycathon 2021' initiative?

- a) Smriti Irani
- b) Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank
- c) Prakash Javedekar
- d) Both (a) and (c)
- e) Both (a) and (b)

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**Answer (E):** Union Education Minister, Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank and Union Women and Child Development Minister, Smriti Irani together launched the inter-ministerial initiative called 'Toycathon 2021' and 'Toycathon Portal'.

**Q.41 Michael Kindo, who passed away recently belonged to which sports?**

- a) Hockey
- b) Cricket
- c) Football
- d) Golf
- e) None of these

**Answer (A):** He was a Hockey Player.

**Q.42 Which state launched Krishi Sanjeevani Vans?**

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

**Answer (A):** The Government of Karnataka has flagged off 40 Krishi Sanjeevani Vans to test the quality of soil, water for farming purpose.

**Q.43 As per National Statistical Office, India's economy to contract by \_\_\_% in FY 2020-21?**

- a) 9.7%
- b) 10.7%
- c) 7.7%
- d) 8.7%
- e) None of these

**Answer (C):** The National Statistical Office (NSO) has predicted that India's GDP to contract by 7.7% for FY 2020-21. They have predicted this contraction on account of the impact of COVID-19 on the economy.

**Q.44 RBI announced the operationalization of Payments Infrastructure Development Fund (PIDF) Scheme, who among the following to manage the scheme?**

- a) BP Kanungo
- b) M K Jain
- c) M D Patra
- d) M Rajeshwar Rao
- e) None of these

**Answer (A):** The Reserve Bank of India has announced the operationalization of Payments Infrastructure Development Fund (PIDF) Scheme. The functioning of PIDF Scheme will be managed by RBI's Deputy Governor, BP Kanungo.

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**Q.45 Who is appointed Chief Justice of Andhra Pradesh High Court?**

- a) Raghvendra Singh Chauhan
- b) Hima Kohli
- c) J K Maheswari
- d) Arup Kumar Goswami
- e) None of these

**Answer (D):** He is appointed as Chief Justice of Andhra Pradesh High Court. He has replaced J K Maheswari.

**Q.46 Union Cabinet approved the MoU with which country to send Indian Specified Skilled Workforce to work in 14 professional sectors of that country?**

- a) South Korea
- b) Singapore
- c) Japan
- d) Malaysia
- e) None of these

**Answer (C):** The Union Cabinet chaired by PM Narendra Modi, has given the approval for signing MoU between India and Japan for Specified Skilled Workforce. These workers will be granted with a new status of residence of 'Specified Skilled Worker' by Japan's Government.

**Q.47 With whom Punjab National Bank partnered to setup 'Fintech Innovation Centre'?**

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

**Answer (C):** Punjab National Bank partnered with IIT Kanpur and Foundation for Innovation and Research in Science and Technology (FIRST) to develop 'Fintech Innovation Centre'.

**Q.48 Which e-commerce platform signed MoU with Logistics Skill Sector Council (LSC) to setup the Centre of Excellence (CoE) in Logistics?**

- a) Myntra
- b) Snapdeal
- c) Amazon
- d) Flipkart
- e) None of these

**Answer (D):** India's e-commerce platform, Flipkart has signed MoU with Logistics Skill Sector Council (LSC) to set up the Centre of Excellence (CoE) in Logistics.

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**Q.49 PM Modi flagged off the world's first 1.5 km long double-stack long haul container train between which two states?**

- a) Rajasthan and Punjab
- b) Gujarat and Rajasthan
- c) Haryana and Rajasthan
- d) Haryana and Uttar Pradesh
- e) None of these

**Answer (C):** PM Modi also flagged off the world's first 1.5 km long double-stack long haul container train between New Ateli in Haryana and New Kishangarh in Rajasthan.

**Q.50 Who among the following to the head the academic advisory council committee called 'College of Supervisors' formed by RBI?**

- a) Arjit Basu
- b) N S Viswanathan
- c) Subrata Sarkar
- d) S Raghunath
- e) None of these

**Answer (B):** He is the former deputy governor of RBI. He is selected to head the academic advisory council committee called 'College of Supervisors' formed by RBI. The academic advisory council committee is formed to strengthen supervision on regulated entities.

**Q.51 With whom GOI signed a loan agreement of USD 646 million to improve the highways and reconstruct dilapidated bridges of Andhra Pradesh?**

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

**Answer (A):** The GOI, Government of Andhra Pradesh has entered into a loan agreement with New Development Bank (NDB) to upgrade highway networks in Andhra Pradesh. The loan agreement is basically signed to fund two major projects of the state.

**Q.52 What is the theme for Pravasi Bharatiya Divas which is marked on 9th Jan?**

- a) 'Apna Bharat, Apna Gaurav'
- b) 'Redefining engagement with the Indian diaspora'
- c) 'Role of Indian Diaspora in building Self-Reliant India'
- d) 'Contributing to Aatmanirbhar Bharat'
- e) None of these

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**Answer (D):** The theme for Pravasi Bharatiya Divas which is marked on 9th Jan is 'Contributing to Aatmanirbhar Bharat'.

**Q.53 Who announced that India to chair three vital committees of the UN Security Council (UNSC)?**

- a) Rajnath Singh
- b) TS Tirumurti
- c) S Jaishankar
- d) Ajit Doval
- e) None of these

**Answer (B):** TS Tirumurti, who is the Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations made an announcement that India will chair three vital committees of UN Security Council (UNSC) as a non-permanent member of 15 nations UN body.

**Q.54 Which of the following UN Security Council Committee will India chair, as announced by TS Tirumurti?**

- a) Taliban sanctions committee
- b) Libya sanctions committee.
- c) Counter-terrorism committee
- d) All of the above
- e) None of these

**Answer (D):** The three UNSC committees to be chaired by India are: (1) Taliban sanctions committee (2) Counter-terrorism committee (3) Libya sanctions committee.

**Q.55 Who inaugurated the Virtual International Akhand Conference 'EDUCON 2020'?**

- a) Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- b) Prakash Javadekar
- c) Ramkesh Pokhriyal Nishank
- d) Vice President Venkaiah Naidu
- e) None of these

**Answer (C):** Union Education Minister, Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank inaugurated the Virtual International Akhand Conference 'EDUCON 2020'.

**Q.56 Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd. (IREDA) signed MoU with whom to offer technical expertise for renewable energy projects?**

- a) NHPC Limited
- b) NTPC Limited
- c) Power Grid Corporation
- d) TATA Power
- e) None of these

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**Answer (A):** The Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd. (IREDA) signed MoU with NHPC Limited (National Hydroelectric Power Corporation Limited) for the purpose of providing technical expertise for upcoming renewable energy projects.

**Q.57 Faustin-Archange Touadera is appointed as President of which country?**

- a) Algeria
- b) Djibouti
- c) Liberia
- d) Central African Republic
- e) None of these

**Answer (D):** He is appointed as President of the Central African Republic.

**Q.58 Who is the author of the book title as 'Right Under Our Nose'?**

- a) Raghuram Rajan
- b) MK Jain
- c) R. Giridharan
- d) Arvind Subramanian
- e) None of these

**Answer (C):** The author of the book title as 'Right Under Our Nose' is R. Giridharan.

**Q.59 Which nation has offered Official Development Assistance loan of Rs 2113 crore to India for COVID relief efforts?**

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

**Answer (C):** Japan has committed the Official Development Assistance loan to India for COVID relief efforts. Japan has committed to offering the loan of 30 billion Japanese Yen which is Rs 2113 crore to India.

**Q.60 With whom NHA signed MoU to develop clean energy and energy efficiency interventions at NHA structures?**

- a) Bureau of Energy Efficiency
- b) TATA Power
- c) Energy Efficiency Services Limited
- d) DRDO
- e) None of these

**Answer (C):** The Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) has signed MoU with National Highway Authority of India (NHA). The MoU is signed to build clean energy and energy efficiency interventions at NHA structures.



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**Q.61 Who among the following represented India at India-France Strategic Dialogue 2021?**

- a) Ajay Kumar
- b) Ajit Doval
- c) Harsh Vardhan Shringla
- d) Rajnath Singh
- e) None of these

**Answer (B):** India was represented by Ajit Doval, National Security Advisor and France were represented by Emmanuel Bonne, Diplomatic Advisor to the French President.

**Q.62 What is the name of Coastal Research Vessel (CRV) which was recently inaugurated by Dr Harsh Vardhan at Chennai Port?**

- a) 'Sagar Manusha'
- b) 'Sagar Sampada'
- c) 'Sagar Anveshika'
- d) 'Sagar Nidhi'
- e) None of these

**Answer (C):** Union Minister Harsh Vardhan inaugurated the Coastal Research Vessel (CRV) named as 'Sagar Anveshika' at Chennai Port.

**Q.63 Who inaugurated the Coastal Research Vessel (CRV) named as 'Sagar Anveshika'?**

- a) Dr Harsh Vardhan
- b) Nitin Gadkari
- c) Mansukh Laxmanbhai Mandaviya
- d) Rajnath Singh
- e) None of these

**Answer (A):** The CRV 'Sagar Anveshika' is built by Titagarh Wagons, Kolkata, West Bengal. It is built under the Indian Register of Shipping (IR Class).

**Q.64 Who among the following partnered with JKIDFC (Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh Finance Corporation) to offer comprehensive insurance cover to the customers of J&K and Ladakh?**

- a) Royal Sundaram General Insurance Co. Ltd
- b) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance
- c) IFFCO Tokio General Insurance Company Limited
- d) Universal Sompo General Insurance Company Limited
- e) None of these

**Answer (D):** Universal Sompo General Insurance Company Limited and JKIDFC (Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh Finance Corporation) to offer comprehensive insurance cover to the customers of J&K and Ladakh.

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**Answer (C):** The Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) has signed MoU with National Highway Authority of India (NHAI). The MoU is signed to build clean energy and energy efficiency interventions at NHAI structures.

**Q.67 Who among the following represented India at India-France Strategic Dialogue 2021?**

- a) Ajay Kumar
- b) Ajit Doval
- c) Harsh Vardhan Shringla
- d) Rajnath Singh
- e) None of these

**Answer (B):** India was represented by Ajit Doval, National Security Advisor and France were represented by Emmanuel Bonne, Diplomatic Advisor to the French President.

**Q.68 What is the name of Coastal Research Vessel (CRV) which was recently inaugurated by Dr Harsh Vardhan at Chennai Port?**

- a) 'Sagar Manusha'
- b) 'Sagar Sampada'
- c) 'Sagar Anveshika'
- d) 'Sagar Nidhi'
- e) None of these

**Answer (C):** Union Minister Harsh Vardhan inaugurated the Coastal Research Vessel (CRV) named as 'Sagar Anveshika' at Chennai Port. The CRV 'Sagar Anveshika' will be used to perform environment indexing and bathymetric in coastal and offshore waters.

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**Q.69 Who inaugurated the Coastal Research Vessel (CRV) named as 'Sagar Anveshika'?**

- a) Dr Harsh Vardhan
- b) Nitin Gadkari
- c) Mansukh Laxmanbhai Mandaviya
- d) Rajnath Singh
- e) None of these

**Answer (A):** Union Minister Harsh Vardhan inaugurated the Coastal Research Vessel (CRV) named as 'Sagar Anveshika' at Chennai Port.

**Q.70 Who among the following partnered with JKIDFC (Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh Finance Corporation) to offer comprehensive insurance cover to the customers of J&K and Ladakh?**

- a) Royal Sundaram General Insurance Co. Ltd
- b) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance
- c) IFFCO Tokio General Insurance Company Limited
- d) Universal Sampo General Insurance Company Limited
- e) None of these

**Answer (D):** Universal Sampo General Insurance Company Limited and JKIDFC (Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh Finance Corporation) to offer comprehensive insurance cover to the customers of J&K and Ladakh.

**Q.71 Which state launched the Bindu Sagar Lake Cleaning Project?**

- a) Haryana
- b) Uttar Pradesh
- c) Arunachal Pradesh
- d) Odisha
- e) None of these

**Answer (D):** The Government of Odisha launched the Bindu Sagar Lake Cleaning Project. The state government launched this project jointly with the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, GOI.

**Q.72 Who among the following developed 'Khadi Prakritik Paint', which was launched by Union Minister Nitin Gadkari?**

- a) Hindustan Unilever Limited
- b) Khadi and Village Industries Commission
- c) Institute of Chemical Technology, Mumbai
- d) CSIR-Advanced Materials and Processes Research Institute
- e) None of these

**Answer (B):** The 'Khadi Prakritik Paint' is an innovative new paint which is eco-friendly and non-toxic. It is a first-of-its-kind paint having anti-fungal, anti-bacterial properties. It is developed by Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) and is certified by the Bureau of Indian Standards.

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**Q.73 Who among the following launched the 'Single Window Clearance System' for coal mines?**

- a) Anil Kumar Jain
- b) Ritesh Chauhan
- c) Pralhad Joshi
- d) Amit Shah
- e) None of these

**Answer (D):** Union Minister for Home Affairs, Amit Shah launched the 'Single Window Clearance System' for coal mines. This single clearance system will reduce the time required for various approvals.

**Q.74 Who among the following lead Indian delegation at 7th Trade Policy Review of India which was conducted at the World Trade Organization (WTO) in Geneva?**

- a) Anup Wadhawan
- b) Nirmala Sitharaman
- c) Tarun Bajaj
- d) Amitabh Kant
- e) None of these

**Answer (A):** The 7th Trade Policy Review of India was recently conducted at the World Trade Organization (WTO) in Geneva. At the 7th TRP of India, the Indian delegation was represented by Anup Wadhawan, Commerce Secretary.

**Q.75 Who is appointed as the official representative of BCCI for ICC Board meetings?**

- a) Rajeev Shukla
- b) Jay Shah
- c) Sunil Gavaskar
- d) Ravi Shastri
- e) None of these

**Answer (B):** He is named as the official representative of BCCI (Board of Control for Cricket in India) for the ICC (International Cricket Council) board meetings.

**Q.76 What was the theme for National Youth Day, observed on 12th Jan 2021?**

- a) Youth for Transforming Nation
- b) Channelizing Youth Power for Nation Building
- c) Youth for Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan
- d) Indian Youth for Development, Skill and Harmony
- e) None of these

**Answer (B):** The theme for National Youth Day, observed on 12th Jan 2021 was Channelizing Youth Power for Nation Building.

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**Q.77 Which edition of 'Sea Vigil-21' was held recently?**

- a) 3<sup>rd</sup>
- b) 2<sup>nd</sup>
- c) 4<sup>th</sup>
- d) 5<sup>th</sup>
- e) None of these

**Answer (B):** The 2nd edition of 'Sea Vigil-21' commenced from 12th Jan 2021. It is the biennial pan-India coastal defence exercise which is conducted to assess India's preparedness for coastal defence and maritime security.

**Q.78 What is the rank of India in Henley Passport Index 2021?**

- a) 100<sup>th</sup>
- b) 67<sup>th</sup>
- c) 43<sup>rd</sup>
- d) 85<sup>th</sup>
- e) None of these

**Answer (D):** The index was prepared on the basis of the International Air Transport Association (IATA). As per the report, India is ranked at 85th position among 110 nations with a visa-free score of 58.

**Q.79 Which country topped in Henley Passport Index 2021?**

- a) Singapore
- b) Japan
- c) Germany
- d) Finland
- e) None of these

**Answer (B):** The Henley Passport Index 2021 was released by Henley and Partners. The list is topped by Japan.

**Q.80 Who among the following led the Indian delegation at the 13th India-Vietnam Defence Security Dialogue?**

- a) Rajnath Singh
- b) Dr Ajay Kumar
- c) Pranay Verma
- d) Ajit Doval
- e) None of these

**Answer (B):** The Indian delegation was led by Defence Secretary Dr. Ajay Kumar and Vietnamese delegation was led by Sr. Lt Gen Nguyen Chi Vinh, Deputy Defence Minister, Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

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**Q.81 Which country organised 4th One Planet Summit in partnership with the United Nations and World Bank?**

- a) France
- b) Germany
- c) Russia
- d) Switzerland
- e) None of these

**Answer (A):** The 4th edition of One Planet Summit was organised by the Government of France. France organised this summit in partnership with the United Nations and the World Bank.

**Q.82 Bharat Biotech signed a pact with Precisa Medicamentos to export its COVID-19 vaccine, called 'Covaxin' to which country?**

- a) Namibia
- b) Myanmar
- c) Brazil
- d) Nigeria
- e) None of these

**Answer (C):** Bharat Biotech has entered into an agreement with Precisa Medicamentos. They have signed a pact to supply its COVID-19 vaccine, called 'Covaxin' to Brazil.

**Q.83 Who is the author of a book titled 'The Population Myth: Islam, Family Planning and Politics in India'?**

- a) S Y Quraishi
- b) K S Vijayanath
- c) Romila Thapar
- d) Lt. Gen. Konsam Himalay Singh
- e) None of these

**Answer (A):** The author of a book titled 'The Population Myth: Islam, Family Planning and Politics in India' is S Y Quraishi.

**Q.84 Union Cabinet chaired by PM Modi approved MoU between India and which country to have shared data and operational products for seismological, meteorological, and oceanic services?**

- a) Sri Lanka
- b) Myanmar
- c) Qatar
- d) UAE
- e) None of these

**Answer (D):** The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the MoU between India and UAE for scientific and technical cooperation.

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**Q.85** With which telecom company, National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC) signed MoU to have a digital transformation of MSMEs in India?

- a) Bharti Airtel
- b) Jio
- c) Vodafone Idea
- d) BSNL
- e) None of these

**Answer (A):** Indian Telecomm Company, Bharti Airtel has signed MoU with National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC). The MoU is signed to achieve digital transformation of Indian MSMEs.

**Q.86** As per UBS Investment Bank, India's GDP to contract \_\_\_\_% for FY2020-21?

- a) 6.5%
- b) 7.5%
- c) 8.5%
- d) 9.5%
- e) None of these

**Answer (B):** The UBS Investment Bank, which is a major Swiss brokerage has projected that India's GDP to contract 7.5% for FY2020-21.

**Q.87** Who among the following to head the high-level committee formed to commemorate 125th Birth Anniversary of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose?

- a) Prahlad Singh patel
- b) PM Narendra Modi
- c) Prakash Javadekar
- d) Amit Shah
- e) None of these

**Answer (B):** He will be heading the high-level committee formed to commemorate 125th Birth Anniversary of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

**Q.88** D Prakash Rao, who passed away recently belonged to which profession?

- a) Economist
- b) Critic
- c) Cartoonist
- d) Social Activist
- e) None of these

**Answer (D):** He was a Social Activist.

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**Q.89 Which of the following Indian Institute signed MoU with V.I. Il'Ichev Pacific Oceanological Institute (POI) of Russia to work in the field of marine science and technology?**

- a) CSIR-National Institute of Oceanography
- b) IIT Bombay
- c) CSIR-National Geophysical Research Institute
- d) Both (b) and (c)
- e) Both (a) and (c)

**Answer (E):** The CSIR-NIO, Goa (CSIR-National Institute of Oceanography), CSIR-NGRI, Hyderabad (CSIR-National Geophysical Research Institute) has signed MoU with V.I. Il'Ichev Pacific Oceanological Institute (POI) of Russia.

**Q.90 Which banking organisation partnered with FSS (Financial Software and Systems) to offer the doorstep banking services in underserved and unbanked areas of India?**

- a) Punjab National Bank
- b) Canara Bank
- c) India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)
- d) UCO Bank
- e) None of these

**Answer (C):** The global payment processor and integrated payment products provider, FSS (Financial Software and Systems) has announced its partnership with India Post Payments Bank (IPPB).

**Q.91 Which private sector bank partnered with Fintech Niyo to offer prepaid cards to MSME workers?**

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

**Answer (D):** India's private sector bank, ICICI Bank has partnered with Fintech Niyo to launch and issue prepaid cards to MSME workers.

**Q.92 Who among the following launched CollabCAD Software?**

- a) National Informatics Centre (NIC)
- b) University Grants Commission (UGC)
- c) Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)
- d) Atal Innovation Mission (AIM)
- e) (a), (c) and (d)

**Answer (E):** The National Informatics Centre (NIC) in partnership with Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) and Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) of NITI Aayog launched CollabCAD Software.



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**Q.93 Who among the following to is appointed as Chairman for the committee setup by RBI to regulate digital lending frauds?**

- a) Ajay Kumar Choudhary
- b) Rahul Sasi
- c) P Vasudevan
- d) Jayant Kumar Dash
- e) None of these

**Answer (D):** He is appointed as Chairman for the working group set up by RBI to regulate digital lending frauds. The group members will study digital lending activities of the regulated and unregulated players.

**Q.94 Which organisation launched Women Entrepreneurship Platform in partnership with NITI Aayog?**

- a) TCS
- b) Facebook
- c) Flipkart
- d) HDFC Bank
- e) None of these

**Answer (C):** It is jointly launched by NITI Aayog and Flipkart. This portal will allow women from all over India to realize their entrepreneurial skills.

**Q.95 Recently India's Union Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad signed MoU with Japan in of the following sector?**

- a) Defence
- b) Ayurveda
- c) ICT
- d) Logistics
- e) None of these

**Answer (C):** India and Japan have entered into MoU to boost the cooperation in Information and Communication Technology (ICT) and to have standardization for 5G Technology.

**Q.96 Which ministry to manage the third phase of Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana?**

- a) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
- b) Ministry of Education
- c) Ministry of Labour and Employment
- d) Ministry of Rural Development
- e) None of these

**Answer (A):** The scheme is launched for the current fiscal year i.e. till March 2021. This third phase of the scheme will be managed by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.

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**Q.97 Which state/UT signed MoU with North East Cane & Bamboo Development Council (NECBDC) to boost Bamboo cultivation in the region?**

- a) Jammu and Kashmir
- b) Nagaland
- c) Chandigarh
- d) Manipur
- e) None of these

**Answer (A):** The Government of Jammu and Kashmir has signed MoU with North East Cane & Bamboo Development Council (NECBDC) to increase the bamboo cultivation and its related businesses in the UT.

**Q.98 In collaboration with whom, DRDO developed 'Asmi', India's first indigenous Machine Pistol?**

- a) Bharat Dynamics
- b) HAL
- c) Indian Navy
- d) Indian Army
- e) None of these

**Answer (D):** The DRDO's Armament Research and Development Establishment (ARDE) and the Indian Army have jointly developed India's first indigenous Machine Pistol.

**Q.99 Pet Gelsinger is appointed as CEO of which tech giant?**

- a) Dell
- b) Adobe
- c) Intel
- d) Qualcomm
- e) None of these

**Answer (C):** He is appointed as CEO of Intel. He has replaced Bob Swan.

**Q.100 Which organisation topped 2020 Hurun Global 500 List of Companies?**

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

**Answer (D):** It is the ranking for most 500 valuable global companies. The list is topped by Apple. The second and third position is marked by Microsoft and Amazon respectively.

**Q.101 Which organisation organised the 'Prarambh': Startup India International Summit'?**

- a) Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)
- b) NITI Aayog

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- c) Small industrial Development Bank of India (SIDBI)
- d) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
- e) None of these

**Answer (A):** It was organised by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

**Q.102 Who among the following unveiled India's first indigenously developed Driverless Metro Car?**

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

**Answer (D):** Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh unveiled India's first indigenously developed Driverless Metro Car. It was unveiled at the BEML manufacturing facility in Bengaluru.

**Q.103 In which state/UT Dr Harsh Vardhan inaugurated Doppler Weather Radars?**

- a) Jammu and Kashmir
- b) Himachal Pradesh
- c) Uttarakhand
- d) Both (b) and (c)
- e) None of these

**Answer (D):** The Doppler Weather Radars were inaugurated in Mukteshwar village of Uttarakhand and Kufri hill station in Himachal Pradesh.

**Q.104 Who among the following is elected for Vice-Chairs of US-India Business Council (USIBC) for 2021?**

- a) Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw
- b) Edward Knight
- c) Sandeep Aggarwal
- d) Milind Pant
- e) All (a), (b) and (d)

**Answer (E):** They all are selected for Vice-Chairs of 2021 for Global Board of Directors of US-India Business Council (USIBC).

**Q.105 Who among the following signed contract of USD 20 million with IdeaForge for procurement of SWITCH UAVs?**

- a) DRDO
- b) Bharat Biotech
- c) ISRO
- d) Indian Army
- e) None of these

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**Answer (D):** Indian Army signed a contract of USD 20 million with IdeaForge, which is Mumbai based Drone manufacturing hub to procure high altitude version of SWITCH Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV).

**Q.106 Total how many trains were flagged off by PM Modi to offer connectivity from different parts of the country to Statue of Unity in Gujarat?**

- a) 5
- b) 3
- c) 8
- d) 11
- e) None of these

**Answer (C):** Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged off 8 trains connecting the Statue of Unity in Gujarat via video conference. These trains will connect different parts of India to Kevadiya in Gujarat where the Statue of Unity is situated.

**Q.107 The SAKSHAM' Campaign aims to spread awareness for which of the following?**

- a) Girl School Education
- b) Clean and Green Energy
- c) Consumer Rights
- d) Employment to the migrants
- e) None of these

**Answer (B):** SAKSHAM signifies Sanrakshan Kshamata Mahotsav. It is a one-month-long campaign which will create awareness for clean and green energy.

**Q.108 Which state launched 'One School One IAS' Scheme?**

- a) Bihar
- b) Maharashtra
- c) Kerala
- d) Uttar Pradesh
- e) None of these

**Answer (C):** Kerala's Governor Arif Mohammad Khan launched 'One School One IAS' Scheme. The scheme is launched under the Vedhik Erudite Foundation Scholarship Programme.

**Q.109 In partnership with whom Yes Bank launched 'YES BANK Wellness' and 'YES BANK Wellness Plus' credit cards?**

- a) Medlife
- b) Aditya Birla Wellness Private Limited
- c) AIIMS
- d) Apollo Pharmacy
- e) None of these

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**Answer (B):** The Yes Bank in partnership with Aditya Birla Wellness Private Limited launched the themed credit cards. The themed credit cards are: 'YES BANK Wellness' and 'YES BANK Wellness Plus'.

**Q.110 Who among the following conferred with 'Indian Personality of the Year' at IFFI?**

- a) Anurag Kashyap
- b) Biswajit Chatterjee
- c) Dharmendra
- d) Rajnikanth
- e) None of these

**Answer (B):** He is veteran Actor, Director and Singer and was conferred with 'Indian Personality of the Year' at International Film Festival of India (IFFI) which is held in Goa.

**Q.111 Who among the following partnered with WE-Hub to support women entrepreneurs to develop startups in focused technology sectors?**

- a) IIM Ahmedabad
- b) iStartup Program of ICICI Bank
- c) Atal Innovation Mission
- d) i-Hub
- e) None of these

**Answer (D):** India's first state-led incubator which promotes women entrepreneurship, WE Hub (operates under Government of Telangana) has partnered with i-Hub, Government of Gujarat.

**Q.112 What was the theme for 24th National Youth Festival 2021?**

- a) Yuvaah: Utsaah Naye Bharat Ka
- b) Youth: The Power of India
- c) Yuvaah: Aage Badhayein Bharat
- d) Youth: Reason for development of India
- e) None of these

**Answer (A):** At the event, Union Minister of State (I/C) for Youth Affairs and Sports Kiren Rijiju was also present. Theme for NYF 2021: Yuvaah: Utsaah Naye Bharat Ka.

**Q.113 With whom Asian Development Bank partnered to protect oceans and support the blue economy?**

- a) World Bank
- b) Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
- c) European Investment Bank (EIB)
- d) World Trade Organization (WTO)
- e) None of these

**Answer (C):** The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the European Investment Bank (EIB) have collaborated to enhance clean and ocean partnership between them in order to achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDG).

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**Q.114 Who is appointed as the Chairman of the Trust which manages Somnath temple in Gujarat?**

- a) Vijay Rupani
- b) PM Narendra Modi
- c) Acharya Devvrat
- d) Prahlad Singh Patel
- e) None of these

**Answer (B):** He is appointed as the Chairman of the Trust which manages Somnath temple in Gujarat. PM Modi has become second Prime Minister after the former Prime Minister Morarji Desai to hold this authority.

**Q.115 WHO has announced which year as the year of global solidarity and survival?**

- a) 2020
- b) 2021
- c) 2022
- d) 2023
- e) None of these

**Answer (B):** The WHO Executive Board session was held to discuss the direction and frame agenda to fulfil the health requirement of WHO Member nations. WHO has announced the year 2021 as the year of global solidarity and survival.

**Q.116 Who is the author of a book titled 'The Commonwealth of Cricket'?**

- a) Kapil Dev
- b) Harsha Bhogle
- c) Rashmi Bansal
- d) Ramachandra Guha
- e) None of these

**Answer (D):** The author of a book titled 'The Commonwealth of Cricket' is Ramachandra Guha.

**Q.117 Who among the following inaugurated YES MSME programme of Yes Bank?**

- a) Anurag Thakur
- b) Nitin Gadkari
- c) Nirmala Sitharaman
- d) Arvind Kumar Sharma
- e) None of these

**Answer (B):** The Yes Bank under YES MSME programme will offer collateral-free funds up to Rs 5 crore. The YES MSME programme was launched by Union MSME, Road Transport and Highways Minister, Nitin Gadkari.

**Q.118 With whom TRIFED signed MoU to provide livelihood opportunities to the tribal community?**

- a) Abhyudaya Cooperative Bank
- b) Atal Innovation Mission

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- c) Indian Farm Forestry Development Co-Operative Ltd (IFFDC)
- d) Dena Bank
- e) None of these

**Answer (C):** The Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED) has signed MoU with Indian Farm Forestry Development Co-Operative Ltd (IFFDC). They have collaborated to provide livelihood opportunities to the tribal community.

**Q.119 What is the rank of India in Global Firepower Index 2021?**

- a) 4<sup>th</sup>
- b) 3<sup>rd</sup>
- c) 7<sup>th</sup>
- d) 6<sup>th</sup>
- e) None of these

**Answer (A):** India is ranked at 4th position (PwrIndx: 0.1214) among 138 countries. India is having 542 combat aircraft, 17 submarines, 4,730 tanks and 37 attack helicopters.

**Q.120 Who among the following is re-appointed as the MD and CEO of RBL Bank?**

- a) Vishwvir Ahuja
- b) B Ramesh Babu
- c) M S Mahabaleshwar
- d) Chandra Shekhar Ghosh
- e) None of these



**Answer (A):** He is re-appointed as the MD and CEO of RBL Bank for a period of three years.

**Q.121 What amount of 'Startup India Seed Fund' was announced by PM Modi at Prarambh Startup India International Summit?**

- a) Rs 900 crore
- b) Rs 1500 crore
- c) Rs 1000 crore
- d) Rs 1300 crore
- e) None of these

**Answer (C):** Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched Rs 1000 crore 'Startup India Seed Fund.' The 'Startup India Seed Fund' is launched to form new startups and promote existing startups.

**Q.122 The 'Kalrav' bird festival was held in which state?**

- a) Goa
- b) Uttar Pradesh
- c) Bihar
- d) Sikkim
- e) None of these

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**Answer (C):** It is the name of the first bird festival of Bihar. It was inaugurated at Nagi-Nakti Bird sanctuary of the state by CM Nitish Kumar.

**Q.123 Which organisation releases the India Innovation Index?**

- a) Reserve Bank of India
- b) NITI Aayog
- c) Planning Commission
- d) Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade
- e) None of these

**Answer (B):** The 2nd India Innovation Index was launched by NITI Aayog. It was released by Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog, Rajiv Kumar.

**Q.124 Which UT topped the India Innovation Index 2.0?**

- a) Delhi
- b) Chandigarh
- c) Puducherry
- d) Daman and Diu
- e) None of these

**Answer (A):** Among the UTs, Delhi topped the index. Chandigarh is in the second position. Among North-Eastern and Hill states, Himachal Pradesh has secured the top position. The second and third position in this category is marked by Uttarakhand and Manipur respectively.

**Q.125 Recently, in which sector did Cabinet approved MoU of India with Uzbekistan?**

- a) Roads Infrastructure
- b) Logistics
- c) Defence
- d) Solar Energy
- e) None of these

**Answer (D):** The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved MoU between India and Uzbekistan in the solar energy sector. As per the MoU, both the countries will work collaboratively for the research and project activities of solar energy.

**Q.126 Which organisation to establish Quantum Computing Applications Lab in India?**

- a) Oracle Corporation
- b) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- c) Amazon Web Services (AWS)
- d) Both (b) and (c)
- e) Both (a) and (b)



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**Answer (D):** The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has entered into a partnership with Amazon Web Services (AWS). They have partnered to establish Quantum Computing Applications Lab in India.

**Q.127 Who among the following is appointed as Chairman and MD of TCIL (Telecommunications Consultants India Ltd)?**

- a) Siddhartha Mohanty
- b) M R Kumar
- c) Rajiv Gupta
- d) Sanjeev Kumar
- e) None of these

**Answer (D):** He is appointed as Chairman and MD of TCIL (Telecommunications Consultants India Ltd). Currently, he is serving as Technical Director of MTNL. He has replaced Rajiv Gupta.

**Q.128 Which bank launched 'InstaFX' mobile app for authorized money changers?**

- a) Axis Bank
- b) Federal Bank
- c) Deutsche Bank
- d) ICICI Bank
- e) None of these

**Answer (D):** India's Private sector bank, ICICI Bank launched a new mobile application called 'InstaFX'. The 'InstaFX' app is launched to help the customers of any bank to get 'ICICI Bank Forex Prepaid Card' swiftly.

**Q.129 In which state will be India's 1st Labour Movement Museum setup?**

- a) Maharashtra
- b) Uttar Pradesh
- c) Punjab
- d) Kerala
- e) None of these

**Answer (D):** It will be set up in Kerala's houseboat tourism boat named Alappuzha.

**Q.130 With which country, India recently signed a pact for Submarine Rescue Report?**

- a) Singapore
- b) Indonesia
- c) Sri Lanka
- d) Maldives
- e) None of these

**Answer (A):** India and Singapore entered into a pact for Submarine Rescue Report. They signed this pact at the 5th Defence Ministers Dialogue between India and Singapore.

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**Q.131 With whom Ministry of Road Transport and Highways signed MoU to attain sustainable geo-hazard management?**

- a) Border Roads Organisation (BRO)
- b) World Bank
- c) DRDO
- d) National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)
- e) None of these

**Answer (C):** The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) signed MoU with the Defense Research and Development Organization (DRDO) to corporately work to attain sustainable geo-hazard management.

**Q.132 Who among the following represented India at 1st Virtual India-EU Maritime Security Dialogue?**

- a) Harsh Vardhan Shringla
- b) Sandeep Arya
- c) S. Jaishankar
- d) Santosh Jha
- e) None of these

**Answer (B):** India was represented by Joint Secretary Sandeep Arya and Director Joanneke Balfoort represented European Union External Action Service side.

**Q.133 Which bank launched AURA Credit Card?**

- a) Yes Bank
- b) Andhra Bank
- c) Axis Bank
- d) Punjab National Bank
- e) None of these

**Answer (C):** India's private sector bank, Axis Bank has launched 'AURA' credit card. The AURA Credit Card comes up with health and wellness benefits features at an affordable cost to the users.

**Q.134 Which edition of Global Risks Report 2021 was released by the World Economic Forum?**

- a) 12<sup>th</sup>
- b) 9<sup>th</sup>
- c) 19<sup>th</sup>
- d) 16<sup>th</sup>
- e) None of these

**Answer (D):** The World Economic Forum has released the 16th Global Risks Report 2021. The findings and analysis of the report are based on Global Risk Perception Survey (GRPS).

**Q.135 Which state government announced the renaming of Dragon Fruit as 'Kamalam'?**

- a) Gujarat

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- b) Kerala
- c) Goa
- d) Kerala
- e) None of these

**Answer (A):** Government of Gujarat announced that it has renamed Dragon Fruit as 'Kamalam'. The name is given because of the shape of the fruit.

**Q.136 Unnikrishnan Namboothiri, who passed away recently belonged to which profession?**

- a) Union Minister
- b) Environmentalist
- c) Actor
- d) Space Scientist
- e) None of these

**Answer (C):** He was Malayalam Actor.

**Q.137 India held Exercise Desert Knight-21 with which nation?**

- a) Singapore
- b) Indonesia
- c) France
- d) Japan
- e) None of these

**Answer (C):** Indian Air Force and French Air and Space Force commenced the bilateral Air exercise called Ex Desert Knight-21. It is held at Air Force Station of Jodhpur, Rajasthan.

**Q.138 The Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) successfully test-fired the SAAW weapon. What does the second 'A' represent in it?**

- a) Airfield
- b) Automatic
- c) Anti
- d) Advanced
- e) None of these

**Answer (A):** The Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) successfully conducted test firing operation of SAAW (Smart Anti Airfield Weapon). It was test-fired from Hawk-i aircraft off the Odisha coast.

**Q.139 Who among the following inaugurated 7th MASGRADE 2021-Movement against Smuggled and Counterfeit Trade'?**

- a) Dr Harsh Vardhan
- b) Nirmala Sithraman
- c) S. Jaishankar
- d) Nitin Gadkari

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e) None of these

**Answer (A):** The '7th MASCRAGE 2021-Movement against Smuggled and Counterfeit Trade' was inaugurated by Union Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan.

**Q.140 Who among the following signed MoU with Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers (SIDM) to boost indigenisation and innovation?**

- a) DRDO
- b) Indian Coast Guard
- c) HAL
- d) Indian Army
- e) None of these

**Answer (D):** Indian Army has signed MoU with Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers (SIDM). The MoU was signed to boost indigenisation and innovation.

**Q.141 Who among the following is appointed to manage commercial interest and marketing rights of JSW Sports?**

- a) K L Rahul
- b) Rishabh Pant
- c) Rohit Sharma
- d) Shikhar Dhawan
- e) None of these

**Answer (B):** He is appointed to manage commercial interest and marketing rights of JSW Sports, which is the sports arm of JSW Group.

**Q.142 When is Parakram Diwas observed?**

- a) 27th April
- b) 5th March
- c) 16th Feb
- d) 23rd Jan
- e) None of these

**Answer (D):** Parakram Diwas is observed on 23rd January.

**Q.143 With which organisation, Gujarat Gov. signed MoU to build the country's largest multi-modal logistic park?**

- a) Adani Port & Special Economic Zone Ltd
- b) Gati Ltd
- c) FedEx Express TSCS India Pvt Ltd.
- d) DHL Express India Pvt Ltd
- e) None of these

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**Answer (A):** The Government of Gujarat signed MoU with Adani Port & Special Economic Zone Ltd (APSEZ). The MoU was signed to build the country's largest multi-modal logistic park in Gujarat.

**Q.144 Who among the following organised 15th India Digital Summit 2021?**

- a) FICCI
- b) SIDBI
- c) Internet and Mobile Association of India
- d) NASSCOM
- e) None of these

**Answer (C):** The 15th IDS 2021 was organised by the Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI). The theme for 15th IDS 2021: 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat-Start of New Decade'.

**Q.145 Who among the following launched 'ShramShakti' portal?**

- a) D.V. Sadananda Gowda
- b) Arjun Munda
- c) Narendra Singh Tomar
- d) Kiren Rijiju
- e) None of these

**Answer (B):** The Union Minister of Tribal Affairs, Arjun Munda launched the 'ShramShakti' portal. It was launched virtually during the programme held at Panjim, Goa in the presence of CM of Goa, Pramod Sawant.

**Q.146 Which unit of CIL (Coal India Limited) won the Coal Minister's Award 2020?**

- a) Northern Coalfields Ltd of Madhya Pradesh
- b) Western Coalfields Ltd of Maharashtra
- c) Central Coalfields Ltd of Jharkhand
- d) All of the above
- e) None of these

**Answer (D):** This award is conferred to three units of CIL (Coal India Limited) namely (a) Northern Coalfields Ltd of Madhya Pradesh (b) Central Coalfields Ltd of Jharkhand (c) Western Coalfields Ltd of Maharashtra.

**Q.147 In which state is India's longest road arch bridge named 'Wahrew Bridge' constructed?**

- a) Arunachal Pradesh
- b) Sikkim
- c) Meghalaya
- d) Manipur
- e) None of these

**Answer (C):** CM of Meghalaya inaugurated country's longest road arch bridge named 'Wahrew Bridge' in Meghalaya. It is constructed at an estimated cost of Rs 49.395 crore. It was constructed under Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources of Ministry of Development of North-East Region.

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**Q.148 Which institute signed MoU with Madhya Pradesh Industrial Development Corporation (MPIDC) to frame a roadmap to attain goals under Aatmanirbhar Madhya Pradesh initiative?**

- a) IIT Indore
- b) IIM Indore
- c) CSIR-AMPR
- d) All of the above
- e) None of these

**Answer (B):** The Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Indore has signed MoU with Madhya Pradesh Industrial Development Corporation (MPIDC). They have signed MoU to frame a roadmap to attain goals under Aatmanirbhar Madhya Pradesh initiative.

**Q.149 With which bank India's Education Fintech Company named GrayQuest joined hands to offer support to its clients in paying academic fees of children's?**

- a) Axis Bank
- b) South Indian Bank
- c) Federal Bank
- d) SBM Bank India
- e) None of these

**Answer (D):** India's Education Fintech Company named GrayQuest has entered into a partnership with SBM Bank India. They have partnered with SBM Bank India with an aim to offer support to its clients with affordable funds to pay their children's academic fees in monthly payments.

**Q.150 Which state launched Avalokana software?**

- a) Karnataka
- b) West Bengal
- c) Kerala
- d) Maharashtra
- e) None of these

**Answer (A):** The CM of Karnataka launched Avalokana software. The software will also help the state government to take a decision on releasing funds by referring to expenditure data saved in it.

**Q.151 Which state to launch 'Jail Tourism' initiative?**

- a) Madhya Pradesh
- b) Maharashtra
- c) Jharkhand
- d) Gujarat
- e) None of these

**Answer (B):** The government of Maharashtra will be launching 'Jail Tourism' initiative from Yerawada prison of Pune on 26th Jan 2021.

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**Q.152 Which is the first Indian state to have door delivery of rations under PDS?**

- a) Arunachal Pradesh
- b) Andhra Pradesh
- c) Karnataka
- d) Rajasthan
- e) None of these

**Answer (B):** It has become the first state to have door delivery of rations under PDS. For this, the state government has allotted funds of Rs 830 crore per annum.

**Q.153 Which state launched 'Udyam Sarathi' mobile application?**

- a) Karnataka
- b) West Bengal
- c) Punjab
- d) Uttar Pradesh
- e) None of these

**Answer (D):** The CM of Uttar Pradesh launched the 'Udyam Sarathi' mobile application. The 'Udyam Sarathi' app is launched for the youths to assist them for employment opportunities.

**Q.154 Who among the following conducted 'Operation Sard Hawa'?**

- a) Central Reserve Police Force
- b) Border Security Force
- c) Central Industrial Security Force
- d) Delhi Police
- e) None of these

**Answer (B):** The 'Operation Sard Hawa' was launched by the Border Security Force (BSF). It was launched on the western international border of Rajasthan.

**Q.155 To which of the following technical institute will CAQM collaborate to develop a Decision Support System to improve air quality in Delhi and NCR?**

- a) India Meteorological Department (IMD) of Delhi
- b) National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (NEERI)
- c) Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM) of Pune
- d) Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC)
- e) All of the above

**Answer (E):** The CAQM will be joining with the experts from India Meteorological Department (IMD) of Delhi, The Energy and Resource Institute (TERI), IIT Delhi, Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM) of Pune, Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) and National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (NEERI).

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**Q.156 Who among the following is the winner of the Michael and Sheila Held Prize which is given to mathematicians?**

- a) Nikhil Srivastava
- b) Adam Marcus and
- c) Daniel Alan Spielman
- d) All of the above
- e) None of these

**Answer (D):** He is an Indian mathematician and is a winner of 2021 Michael and Sheila Held Prize. He has won this prize with two other experts for solving long questions based on Kadison-Singer problem and Ramanujan graphs. Adam Marcus and Daniel Alan Spielman are the other two winners.

**Q.157 What is the rank of India as per 16th Global Climate Risk Index 2021?**

- a) 18<sup>th</sup>
- b) 12<sup>th</sup>
- c) 7<sup>th</sup>
- d) 10<sup>th</sup>
- e) None of these

**Answer (C):** As per the index ranking, India is at 7th position among the countries that are most affected by climate change in 2019. Top 3 most affected countries in 2019 are: Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Bahamas.

**Q.158 Who among the following conducted AMPHEX – 21 exercise?**

- a) Central Reserve Police Force and Indian Army
- b) Indian Navy, Border Security Force and Central Reserve Police Force
- c) Central Industrial Security Force and Indian Air Force
- d) Indian Army, Indian Navy and Indian Air Force
- e) None of these

**Answer (D):** The tri-service joint amphibious exercise named AMPHEX – 21 was conducted by the Indian Army, Indian Navy and Indian Air Force. The exercise was held in the Andaman and Nicobar group of islands.

**Q.159 Government of Madhya Pradesh launched 'PANKH Abhiyan' for which of the following purpose?**

- a) Boost Tourism of the state
- b) Uplift SHG of the state
- c) To provide water facility to birds and animals
- d) Empower Girl Child
- e) None of these

**Answer (D):** The Government of Madhya Pradesh launched the 'PANKH Abhiyan'. The scheme was launched to mark the occasion of National Girl Child Day.



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**Q.160 Which state launched 'PANKH Abhiyan' to empower the girl child?**

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

**Answer (B):** The Government of Madhya Pradesh launched the 'PANKH Abhiyan'. The scheme was launched to mark the occasion of National Girl Child Day.

**Q.161 Who among the following inaugurated Bharat Parv-2021?**

- a) Om Birla
- b) Venkaiah Naidu
- c) D V Sadananda Gowda
- d) Smriti Irani
- e) None of these

**Answer (A):** The annual event Bharat Parv-2021 was inaugurated by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on 26th Jan 2021. The event was organized by the Ministry of Tourism.

**Q.162 Which ministry signed MoU with National Health Authority (NHA) to launch Ayushman Bharat Health Scheme for the Central Armed Police Force (CAPF)?**

- a) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- b) Ministry of Home Affairs
- c) Ministry of Defence
- d) Ministry of Finance
- e) None of these

**Answer (B):** The Ministry of Home Affairs launched Ayushman Bharat Health Scheme for the Central Armed Police Force (CAPF). For this purpose, the MoU was signed between the National Health Authority (NHA) and the Ministry of Home Affairs.

**Q.163 Where was 69th meet of North Eastern Council (NEC) held which was chaired by Union Home Minister Amit Shah?**

- a) Sikkim
- b) Nagaland
- c) Meghalaya
- d) Assam
- e) None of these

**Answer (C):** It was held in Shillong, Meghalaya. The meet was inaugurated and chaired by Union Home Minister Amit Shah. The meet was held to have a discussion about the projects undertaken for the welfare of North East India.

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**Q.164** As per IMF, India's GDP to contract by \_\_\_\_% in the fiscal year 2021-22?

- a) 8%
- b) 7%
- c) 8.5%
- d) 7.5%
- e) None of these

**Answer (A):** The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has revised the growth forecast for India. As per IMF, India's GDP to contract by 8% in the fiscal year 2021-22.

**Q.165** Recently India and UK held which edition of Joint Working Group meet on Counter-Terrorism?

- a) 10<sup>th</sup>
- b) 7<sup>th</sup>
- c) 12<sup>th</sup>
- d) 14<sup>th</sup>
- e) None of these

**Answer (D):** India and United Kingdom virtually conducted the 14th edition of Joint Working Group on Counter-Terrorism. Both the nations strongly condemned the terrorism activities in all forms.

**Q.166** India has announced that it has pledged to provide USD \_\_\_\_\_ to United Nations Peacebuilding Fund (PBF) for 2021?

- a) USD 130,000
- b) USD 120,000
- c) USD 150,000
- d) USD 160,000
- e) None of these

**Answer (C):** India has announced that it has pledged to provide USD 150,000 to United Nations Peacebuilding Fund (PBF) for 2021. Announcement of this was made by India's permanent representative to the United Nations, TS Tirumurti.

**Q.167** Who among the following is appointed as MD and CEO of Dhanlaxmi Bank?

- a) Subramanian Sundar
- b) N Kamakodi
- c) Chandra Shekhar Ghosh
- d) J K Shivan
- e) None of these

**Answer (D):** He is appointed as MD and CEO of Dhanlaxmi Bank.

**Q.168** Which edition of International Film Festival 2021 held in Goa?

- a) 49<sup>th</sup>

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- b) 52<sup>nd</sup>
- c) 51<sup>st</sup>
- d) 48<sup>th</sup>
- e) None of these

**Answer (C):** The 51st edition of International Film Festival 2021 concluded in Panaji, Goa. The IFFI 2021 was conducted in hybrid mode i.e. 50 films among 224 films of various categories were screened online.

**Q.169 Which was the focus country of the International Film Festival 2021 held in Goa?**

- a) Bangladesh
- b) Argentina
- c) Poland
- d) Japan
- e) None of these

**Answer (A):** The 51st edition of International Film Festival 2021 concluded in Panaji, Goa. The IFFI 2021 was conducted in hybrid mode i.e. 50 films among 224 films of various categories were screened online.

**Q.170 Who is the author of the book titled 'India 2030: The Rise of a Rajasic Nation'?**

- a) S Y Quraishi
- b) Gautam Chikermane
- c) K S Vijayanath
- d) Dr Y S Rajan
- e) None of these



**Answer (B):** The author of the book titled 'India 2030: The Rise of a Rajasic Nation' is Gautam Chikermane.

**Q.171 What is the rank of India in the Corruption Perception Index (CPI) 2020?**

- a) 69<sup>th</sup>
- b) 74<sup>th</sup>
- c) 86<sup>th</sup>
- d) 92<sup>nd</sup>
- e) None of these

**Answer (C):** Transparency International has released the Corruption Perception Index (CPI) 2020. As per the index ranking, India is at 86th rank position among 180 nations, with a score of 40.

**Q.172 Who among the following chaired the 35th PRAGATI Meeting?**

- a) Dr Harsh Vardhan
- b) PM Narendra Modi
- c) Amitabh Kant
- d) Dharmendra Pradhan
- e) None of these

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**Answer (B):** India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired and addressed the 35th edition of PRAGATI meeting. The meeting was held to review activities undertaken in various projects and programmes.

**Q.173 With whom India signed a strategic partnership agreement for the purpose of boosting cooperation in energy security?**

- a) United Nations Environment Programme
- b) International Atomic Energy Agency
- c) U.S. Energy Information Administration
- d) International Energy Agency
- e) None of these

**Answer (D):** India signed the strategic partnership agreement with the International Energy Agency (IEA) for the purpose of energy security. The MoU will enable cooperation in the global energy security sector.

**Q.174 Kaja Kallas, is appointed as first female Prime Minister of which country?**

- a) Denmark
- b) Belarus
- c) Estonia
- d) Latvia
- e) None of these

**Answer (C):** She is appointed as the first female Prime Minister of Estonia. She has replaced Juri Ratas.

**Q.175 Which insurance company launched Krishi Sakha App for Indian farmers?**

- a) Bharti AXA General Insurance
- b) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance
- c) Tata AIG General Insurance Company Limited
- d) Royal Sundaram General Insurance Co. Ltd
- e) None of these

**Answer (A):** The Bharti AXA General Insurance has launched the Krishi Sakha App for Indian farmers. The app will help farmers to get updated with daily farming needs.

**Q.176 Prasanta Dora, who passed away recently belonged to which sports?**

- a) Boxing
- b) Shooting
- c) Hockey
- d) Football
- e) None of these

**Answer (D):** He was former Indian National Football Team Goalkeeper.

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**Q.177 From which country was 4th FII Forum 2021 held virtually?**

- a) Saudi Arabia
- b) India
- c) Russia
- d) Sri Lanka
- e) None of these

**Answer (A):** The 4th FII Forum 2021 was held virtually by Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. The Future Investment Institute (FII) hosted the forum.

**Q.178 With which e-commerce platform, Gov. Of Karnataka signed MoU to uplift e-commerce and MSMEs of the state?**

- a) Ajio
- b) Snapdeal
- c) Amazon
- d) Walmart
- e) None of these

**Answer (C):** The Government of Karnataka's Department of Industries and Commerce signed MoU with Amazon India to boost the e-commerce sector of the state. This MoU will help to uplift the MSMEs to a global level with the help of various export programmes of Amazon.

**Q.179 What is the overall rank of India in Asia-Pacific Personalised Health Index?**

- a) 7<sup>th</sup>
- b) 24<sup>th</sup>
- c) 10<sup>th</sup>
- d) 15<sup>th</sup>
- e) None of these

**Answer (C):** The Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) recently launched the Asia-Pacific Personalised Health Index. Overall rank of India is 10th position out of 11 health systems.

**Q.180 Who among the following represented India in 5th India-Japan Act East Forum (AEF) Meeting?**

- a) Harsh Vardhan Shringla
- b) S Jaishankar
- c) Sanjay Kumar Verma
- d) Jitendra Singh
- e) None of these

**Answer (A):** India was represented by Harsh Vardhan Shringla, Foreign Secretary and Japan were represented by Suzuki Satoshi, Ambassador of Japan to India.

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**Q.181** With which country, Textiles Committee of Ministry of Textiles signed MoU to boost the textile sector?

- a) Myanmar
- b) Malaysia
- c) Italy
- d) Japan
- e) None of these

**Answer (D):** The Textiles Committee of Ministry of Textiles signed MoU with Japan's Nissenken Quality Evaluation Centre. The MoU was signed to boost the export of Textile and Apparel to Japan.

**Q.182** What is the rank of India in Coronavirus Performance Index released Lowy Institute of Australia?

- a) 45<sup>th</sup>
- b) 77<sup>th</sup>
- c) 86<sup>th</sup>
- d) 69<sup>th</sup>
- e) None of these

**Answer (C):** It was released by Lowy Institute of Australia. In this index, India is at 86th rank position among 98 countries. The index ranking is prepared by publically available and comparable data on COVID-19 response.

**Q.183** Who among the following launched 2021 as the Indo-French Year of the Environment along with French Minister for Ecological Transition, Barbara Pompili?

- a) C K Mishra
- b) Jawed Ashraf
- c) Prakash Javadekar
- d) Dr Harsh Vardhan
- e) None of these

**Answer (C):** Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Prakash Javadekar along with French Minister for Ecological Transition, Barbara Pompili launched 2021 as the Indo-French Year of the Environment.

**Q.184** Which organisation released the framework for strengthening grievance redress mechanism in banks?

- a) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India
- b) NITI Aayog
- c) Securities and Exchange Board of India
- d) Reserve Bank of India
- e) None of these

**Answer (D):** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced the framework for strengthening the grievance redress mechanism in banks.

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**Q.185 Which of the following state topped in 2nd India Justice Report (IJR) by Tata Trusts?**

- a) Maharashtra
- b) Tamil Nadu
- c) Kerala
- d) Punjab
- e) None of these

**Answer (A):** Maharashtra is at the top position among the 18 large and mid-size states to provide better justice delivery.

**Q.186 Who among the following signed MoU with UT Ladakh to have developed in the region through Science and Technology (S&T) interventions?**

- a) Border Road Organisation
- b) CSIR
- c) IIT Delhi
- d) ISRO
- e) None of these

**Answer (B):** The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) signed MoU with the union territory of Ladakh. The MoU was signed to have the development of UT Ladakh by using Science and Technology (S&T) interventions.

**Q.187 What amount of corpus will be injected by GOI for 'Startup India Seed Fund Scheme (SISFS)'?**

- a) Rs 900 crore
- b) Rs 945 crore
- c) Rs 865 crore
- d) Rs 830 crore
- e) None of these

**Answer (B):** The Central Government has approved 'Startup India Seed Fund Scheme (SISFS)' with a corpus of Rs 945 crore. It will become operational from 1st April 2021 and will be held till 2025.