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**Q.1 In partnership with whom, FICCI organised the 16th edition of the FICCI Higher Education Summit?**

- a) Ministry of Education
- b) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- c) Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog
- d) Both (b) and (c)
- e) Both (a) and (b)

**Answer (e):** The summit was organised by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) in partnership with the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

**Q.2 Under which country's presidency was G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors (FMCBG) meeting held?**

- a) Canada
- b) Turkey
- c) Japan
- d) Italy
- e) None of these

**Answer (d):** The Union Finance and Corporate Affairs Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, participated in First G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors (FMCBG) meeting. The meeting was held under the Italian Presidency.

**Q.3 R. Vinay Kumar, announced his retirement from which of the following sports?**

- a) Hockey
- b) Table Tennis
- c) Badminton
- d) Cricket
- e) None of these

**Answer (d):** He has announced his retirement from all forms of cricket.

**Q.4 ISRO launched PSLV-C51, which also carried Amazonia-1. The Amazonia-1 satellite belongs to which country?**

- a) Brazil
- b) France
- c) Japan
- d) USA
- e) None of these

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**Answer (a):** The launching of C51 has marked the 53rd mission of PSLV. In the first move, the PSLV-C51 launched the Amazonia-1 satellite of Brazil and then followed by 18 co-passenger payloads which were launched from the first launch pad of the spaceport.

**Q.5 Which organisation launched 'Activ Health Policy', which is India's first health insurance plan with up to 100% return on the premium?**

- a) Care Health Insurance
- b) Aditya Birla Health Insurance Company Limited
- c) Max Bupa Health Insurance
- d) Universal Sompo General Insurance
- e) None of these

**Answer (b):** It is launched by Aditya Birla Health Insurance Company Limited (ABHICL). It is the country's first health insurance plan with up to 100% return on premium.

**Q.6 What was the theme for Global-Bio India 2021?**

- a) Biotechnology going far beyond
- b) 'Biotechnology: Way to transform economy'
- c) 'Transforming Lives'
- d) 'Exploring Biotechnology'
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** The theme for Global-Bio India 2021 was 'Transforming Lives'.

**Q.7 With which institute has the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting partnered to set up CoE in the Gaming sector?**

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

**Answer (c):** The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has collaborated with IIT Bombay. They have collaborated to set up a Centre of Excellence in gaming and allied areas.

**Q.8 In which state or UT was the 6th Technology Exhibition cum Seed Sale Mela held?**

- a) Chandigarh
- b) Jammu and Kashmir
- c) Haryana
- d) Uttar Pradesh
- e) None of these

**Answer (b):** The Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir and Chancellor of the Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Science and Technology (SKUAST), Manoj Sinha, inaugurated the 6th Technology Exhibition cum Seed Sale Mela.

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**Q.9 Who among the following is appointed as Chief Secretary of Bihar?**

- a) VP Joy
- b) Sharad Gokhlani
- c) Deepak Kumar
- d) Arun Kumar Singh
- e) None of these

**Answer (d):** He is appointed as Chief Secretary of Bihar. He has replaced Deepak Kumar.

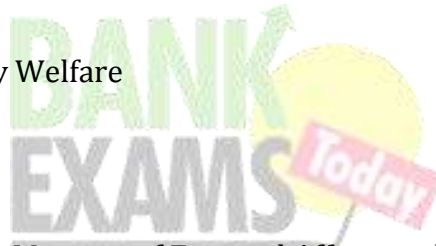
**Q.10 Which film was awarded as the Best Film at Golden Globe Awards 2021?**

- a) Nomadland
- b) Minari
- c) The Crown
- d) Schitt's Creek
- e) None of these

**Answer (a):** The Best Film at Golden Globe Awards 2021 film was awarded as Nomadland.

**Q.11 Which ministry organised the 5th Asia Economic Dialogue 2021?**

- a) Ministry of External Affairs
- b) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- c) Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- d) Ministry of Education
- e) None of these



**Answer (a):** It was organised by the Ministry of External Affairs and Pune International Centre under the theme of 'Post COVID-19 Global Trade and Finance Dynamics'.

**Q.12 Which country hosts Exercise Desert Flag?**

- a) South Korea
- b) Saudi Arabia
- c) Bahrain
- d) United Arab Emirates
- e) None of these

**Answer (d):** The Indian Air Force (IAF) is set to participate in Exercise Desert Flag-VI, which is a multinational exercise. The Exercise Desert Flag is hosted by United Arab Emirates Air Force.

**Q.13 With which entity/entities has NSE signed MoU to set up International Bullion Exchange (IBX), at GIFT City, Gujarat?**

- a) Multi Commodity Exchange of India Ltd
- b) National Securities Depository Ltd
- c) India INX International Exchange Ltd
- d) Central Depository Services (India) Ltd
- e) All of the above

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**Answer (e):** NSE has signed MoU with the entities: (a) Multi Commodity Exchange of India Ltd (b) India INX International Exchange Ltd (c) National Securities Depository Ltd (d) Central Depository Services (India) Ltd.

**Q.14 Which organisation to collaborate with Nasscom's 'AI Game Changers' program and be the innovation partner for the same?**

- a) Infosys
- b) Google
- c) Adobe
- d) Microsoft
- e) None of these

**Answer (d):** The program will be launched with an aim to promote AI (Artificial Intelligence) based innovations in India. Microsoft will be the innovation partner for Nasscom's 'AI Game Changers' program.

**Q.15 SBI Mutual Fund launched 'SBI International Access-US Equity FoF'. What is the minimum subscription amount for this SBI MF's first overseas offerings?**

- a) Rs 4000
- b) Rs 1000
- c) Rs 7000
- d) Rs 5000
- e) None of these

**Answer (d):** The SBI Mutual Fund has launched 'SBI International Access-US Equity FoF'. It is the SBI MF's first overseas offerings. For this scheme, the minimum subscription amount is Rs 5000 and in multiples of Re 1 thereafter.

**Q.16 Who among the following is appointed as Principal Director General of Press Information Bureau (PIB)?**

- a) Kuldeep Singh Dhartwali
- b) Sharad Gokhlani
- c) Jaideep Bhatnagar
- d) Arun Kumar Singh
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** He is appointed as Principal Director General of Press Information Bureau (PIB). He has replaced Kuldeep Singh Dhartwalia.

**Q.17 Which month is marked as Women's History Month?**

- a) June 2021
- b) Feb 2021
- c) March 2021
- d) Sep 2021
- e) None of these

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**Answer (c):** Women's History Month is marked as march 2021.

**Q.18 In which city was the International Yoga Festival held?**

- a) Rishikesh, Uttarakhand
- b) Guwahati, Assam
- c) Solan, Himachal Pradesh
- d) Gangtok, Sikkim
- e) None of these

**Answer (a):** The International Yoga Festival commenced in Rishikesh, Uttarakhand.

**Q.19 With which organisation NSE has signed MoU to explore the feasibility of a debt capital platform for MSMEs?**

- a) SIDBI
- b) SBI
- c) EPFO
- d) ESIC
- e) None of these

**Answer (a):** The National Stock Exchange of India (NSE) has signed an MoU with the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI). They have collaborated to have cooperation in the initiatives framed by both of the organisations for the upliftment of MSMEs.

**Q.20 Union cabinet chaired by PM Modi approved signing of MoU of India with Fiji in which sector?**

- a) E-Commerce
- b) Science and Technology
- c) Agriculture
- d) Defence
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** The Union Cabinet chaired by PM Narendra Modi has given the approval to sign the agreement between India and Fiji. The agreement will allow both nations to cooperate in agriculture and allied sectors.

**Q.21 Who among the following launched 'Sugamya Bharat App'?**

- a) Smriti Irani
- b) Thaawarchand Gehlot
- c) Narendra Singh Tomar
- d) Ravi Shankar Prasad
- e) None of these

**Answer (b):** The Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment, Thaawarchand Gehlot launched the 'Sugamya Bharat App' and a handbook with a titled 'Access-The Photo Digest' via video conference.

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**Q.22 Which organisation/ institute launched the 'Swachhta Saarthi Fellowship'?**

- a) Atal Innovation Mission
- b) Office of Principal Scientific Adviser
- c) IIT Kharagpur
- d) AIIMS Delhi
- e) None of these

**Answer (b):** The Office of Principal Scientific Adviser of the Government of India has launched the 'Swachhta Saarthi Fellowship'. The fellowship is launched under 'Waste to Wealth Mission'.

**Q.23 Who among the following topped the 10th Hurun Global Rich List 2021?**

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

**Answer (a):** It is topped by Tesla Chief, Elon Musk. The second and third positions are marked by Jeff Bezos (Amazon) and Bernard Arnault (LVMH-Louis Vitton) respectively. Mukesh Ambani is marked at 8th position in the list.

**Q.24 Which university topped in 11th QS World University Rankings for 2021?**

- a) Boston University
- b) Oxford University
- c) Stanford University
- d) Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), US
- e) None of these

**Answer (d):** The 11th edition of QS World University Rankings for 2021 was released which ranks top universities from around the world. The ranking is topped by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), the United States.

**Q.25 Which city topped in Ease of Living Index 2020 for a million-plus category?**

- a) Hyderabad
- b) Bengaluru
- c) Ahmedabad
- d) Mumbai
- e) None of these

**Answer (b):** The Ease of Living Index ranks the cities by evaluating the quality of life and impact of initiatives for urban development. The index is topped by Bengaluru in the category of a population of more than a million.

**Q.26 Which country signed a defence pact with India to purchase BrahMos cruise missiles?**

- a) Japan

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- b) Iran
- c) Australia
- d) Philippines
- e) None of these

**Answer (d):** The India and Philippines have entered into a key pact for the sale of defence equipment. The pact is named as 'implementing arrangement for the procurement of defence material and equipment'.

**Q.27 Which organisation inked a soft loan pact with Eswatini to support construction work at disaster sites?**

- a) ADB
- b) AIIB
- c) Exim Bank
- d) New Development Bank
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** The Export-Import Bank of India (Exim Bank) has signed a soft loan pact with Eswatini (Swaziland) on behalf of the GOI. Both the entities have signed a soft loan pact of USD 10.40 million (Rs 75.99 crore).

**Q.28 Who is appointed as India's High Commissioner to Australia?**

- a) Manpreet Vohra
- b) Vikram Doraiswami
- c) Gopal Baglay
- d) Ajay Bisaria
- e) None of these



**Answer (a):** He is appointed as India's High Commissioner to Australia.

**Q.29 Which tech giant partnered with Gov. of Goa to provide free online courses to the students, job seekers of the state?**

- a) TCS
- b) Wipro
- c) KPIT Technologies
- d) IBM
- e) None of these

**Answer (d):** IBM partnered with Gov. of Goa with an aim to provide free online courses to the students, job seekers of the state. The tech giant IBM has set a target to provide skill training to 10,000 youths across 10 institutions in 1 year through its SkillBuild Program.

**Q.30 Who among the following launched 'CSIR Floriculture Mission'?**

- a) Narendra Singh Tomar
- b) Dr. Harsh Vardhan



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- c) Arjun Mumda
- d) Smriti Irani
- e) None of these

**Answer (b):** The Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare and Science and Technology and Earth Sciences, Dr Harsh Vardhan launched the 'CSIR Floriculture Mission' in a virtual manner.

**Q.31 Which organisation/institute partnered with MathWorks to develop mathematical computing software for the upliftment of deep-tech startups?**

- a) IIT Kanpur
- b) NASSCOM
- c) IIT Bombay
- d) Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog
- e) None of these

**Answer (d):** NITI Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission entered into a partnership with MathWorks. MathWorks is a developing organisation of mathematical computing software for scientists and engineers.

**Q.32 DRDO successfully tested SFDR Technology from ITR at Chandipur off the coast of Odisha. What does 'S' signifies in SFDR?**

- a) Surface
- b) Space
- c) Solid
- d) Single
- e) None of these



**Answer (c):** The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) conducted the successful flight test of Solid Fuel Ducted Ramjet (SFDR) technology. The flight test was conducted from the Integrated Test Range at Chandipur off the coast of Odisha.

**Q.33 Who among the following represented India at India-Sweden Virtual Summit?**

- a) PM Narendra Modi
- b) Tanmaya Lal
- c) S. Jaishankar
- d) Harsh Vardhan Shringla
- e) None of these

**Answer (a):** Prime Minister Narendra Modi headed the summit along with his counterpart Stefan Lofven of Sweden. The summit was organised to discuss bilateral relations in various sectors of both nations.

**Q.34 Which organisation launched the 'RuPay SoftPoS' payment solution for merchants?**

- a) SBI Payments
- b) National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)
- c) Axis Bank

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- d) Both (b) and (c)
- e) Both (a) and (b)

**Answer (e):** The 'RuPay SoftPoS' solution was launched for millions of Indian merchants by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) in partnership with SBI Payments.

**Q.35 Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) announced to maintain \_\_\_% of the annual rate of interest on Provident Fund (PF) for FY 2020-21?**

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

**Answer (c):** The Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) announced to maintain 8.5% of the annual rate of interest on Provident Fund (PF) for FY 2020-21.

**Q.36 Which bank signed MoU with the Indian Army for salary accounts?**

- a) Axis Bank
- b) Karnataka Bank
- c) Kotak Mahindra Bank
- d) State Bank of India
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** India's private sector bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank has signed MoU with the Indian Army. The MoU was signed to provide a salary to the accounts of all active and retired army personnel.

**Q.37 Which is/are 'most free countries' as per the report titled 'Freedom in the World 2021 - Democracy under Siege'?**

- a) Norway
- b) Sweden
- c) Finland
- d) All of the above
- e) None of these

**Answer (d):** The 'most free countries' are Finland, Norway and Sweden. These countries have secured a score of 100. The 'least free countries' with a score of 1 are Tibet and Syria.

**Q.38 Which of the following organisation organised 39th CERAWeek Conference 2021?**

- a) Morgan Stanley
- b) Tesla
- c) IHS Market
- d) Oracle Corporation
- e) None of these

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**Answer (c):** PM Modi also addressed the conference via video-conference. While addressing, he highlighted India's goal to boost the share of gas in its fuel mix to 15% from 6% by 2030. The conference was organised by IHS Markit.

**Q.39 In which state, Arcelor Mittal Nippon Steel (AMNS) to set up an integrated steel plant?**

- a) Assam
- b) Meghalaya
- c) West Bengal
- d) Odisha
- e) None of these

**Answer (d):** The Arcelor Mittal Nippon Steel (AMNS) to set up an integrated steel plant having a capacity of 12 million tonnes per annum in the Kendrapara district of Odisha with an investment of Rs 50000 crore. For this, the organisation has signed MoU with the state government.

**Q.40 In which state, PM Modi dedicated the 7500th Janaushadhi Kendra in March 2021?**

- a) Meghalaya
- b) Maharashtra
- c) Kerala
- d) Rajasthan
- e) None of these

**Answer (a):** He dedicated 7500th Janaushadhi Kendra to North Eastern Indira Gandhi Regional Institute of Health and Medical Sciences, Shillong, Meghalaya.

**Q.41 What was the theme for the 76th Annual Conference of Association of Physicians of India (API)?**

- a) 'Contribution of Physicians to Atma Nirbhar Bharat'
- b) 'Engaging Minds: Empowering Medicine'
- c) 'Praising and Empowering the Physicians'
- d) Both a and b
- e) None of the above

**Answer (b):** The theme for the 76th Annual Conference of Association of Physicians of India (API) was 'Engaging Minds: Empowering Medicine'.

**Q.42 Who among the following launched the 'Her Circle' digital platform?**

- a) Smriti Irani
- b) Nita Mukesh Ambani
- c) Priyanka Chopra
- d) Anandiben Patel
- e) None of these

**Answer (b):** To mark the celebrations of International Women's Day, Reliance Foundation Chairperson Nita Mukesh Ambani launched a digital platform named 'Her Circle'.

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**Q.43 Who among the following is appointed as Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Federal Reserve Bank?**

- a) DPK Gunasekera
- b) John William
- c) Ligia Noronha
- d) Naureen Hassan
- e) None of these

**Answer (d):** She is appointed as first Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the Federal Reserve Bank.

**Q.44 What was the theme for International Women's Day, which is marked on 8th March 2021?**

- a) 'Women: Strength of Society'
- b) 'Empowering Women Globally'
- c) 'Women in Leadership: Achieving an equal future in a COVID-19 World'
- d) 'Celebrating Nurses contribution in combating COVID-19'
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** The theme for International Women's Day, which is marked on 8th March 2021 was 'Women in Leadership: Achieving an equal future in a COVID-19 World'.

**Q.45 Which private sector bank launched SmartUp Unnati Mentoring Programme'?**

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

**Answer (b):** The 'SmartUp Unnati Mentoring Programme' was launched by HDFC Bank. The programme aims to support women entrepreneurs. It was launched to mark the celebrations of International Women's Day.

**Q.46 Which country topped the Economic Freedom Index 2021?**

- a) New Zealand
- b) Switzerland
- c) Singapore
- d) Australia
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** The Economic Freedom Index 2021 was released by a US-based think tank named Heritage Foundation. The index is topped by Singapore with a score of 89.7.

**Q.47 What was the theme for Virtual New Delhi World Book Fair 2021?**

- a) National Education Policy (NEP) 2020
- b) Education for all

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- c) Promoting NEP 2020
- d) Education: Vital right of children
- e) None of these

**Answer (a):** Union Education Minister, Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank inaugurated Virtual New Delhi World Book Fair 2021 via video conference. This was the 29th edition of the event which was organised by the National Book Trust (NBT).

**Q.48 Which of the following organisation organised the Virtual New Delhi World Book Fair 2021?**

- a) Central Board of Secondary Education
- b) Union Public Service Commission
- c) National Book Trust
- d) National Council of Educational Research and Training
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** Union Education Minister, Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank inaugurated Virtual New Delhi World Book Fair 2021 via video conference. This was the 29th edition of the event which was organised by the National Book Trust (NBT).

**Q.49 Where was the Combined Commanders Conference (CCC) 2021 held?**

- a) Bengaluru, Karnataka
- b) Nagpur, Maharashtra
- c) Kevadia, Gujarat
- d) Jodhpur, Rajasthan
- e) None of these



**Answer (c):** Union Defence Minister, Rajnath Singh participated in Combined Commanders Conference (CCC) 2021. The conference was held at Kevadia, Gujarat.

**Q.50 Who among the following entities signed MoU to implement Agroforestry in the silk sector under the Sub-Mission on Agroforestry (SMAF) Scheme?**

- a) Ministry of Tribal Affairs and Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
- b) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and Central Silk Board
- c) Central Silk Board and NABARD
- d) Both a and b
- e) None of the above

**Answer (b):** The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (MoA&FW) has signed an MoU with the Central Silk Board under the Ministry of Textiles. The MoU was signed to implement Agroforestry in the silk sector under the Sub-Mission on Agroforestry (SMAF) Scheme.

**Q.51 Ishar Singh Deol, who passed away recently belonged to which profession?**

- a) Actor
- b) Historian
- c) Businessman

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- d) Athlete
- e) None of these

**Answer (d):** He was an Athlete. He was awarded the Dhyan Chand National Award.

**Q.52 Which organisation launched the 'Women Will' web portal?**

- a) Microsoft
- b) Google
- c) Reliance
- d) IBM
- e) None of these

**Answer (b):** It is the name of a web portal launched by Google on the occasion of International Women's Day. The web portal will help 1 million rural women to become successful entrepreneurs by undergoing various programmes, tutorials etc.

**Q.53 PM Modi inaugurated 'Maitri Setu' in March 2021, which connects India and \_\_\_\_?**

- a) Nepal
- b) Myanmar
- c) Bangladesh
- d) Bhutan
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually inaugurated 'Maitri Setu' connecting India and Bangladesh. 'Maitri Setu' is constructed over the Feni River. The Feni River flows between the Indian boundary in Tripura and Bangladesh.

**Q.54 With which organisation, Ministry of Women and Child Development signed MoU to boost the cooperation in Nutrition, Child Protection and Development, Women Empowerment and Capacity Building sectors?**

- a) Invest India
- b) Google
- c) Reliance
- d) NITI Aayog
- e) None of these

**Answer (a):** The Government of India's Women and Child Development Ministry has signed an MoU with Invest India. The MoU was signed to boost the cooperation in Nutrition, Child Protection and Development, Women Empowerment and Capacity Building sectors.

**Q.55 J&K launched the 'Tejaswini Scheme' for which of the following purpose?**

- a) Sports exposure to girls
- b) Safety of women while in public transports
- c) Support financially women to start business
- d) Free education for girls to crack government exams

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e) None of these

**Answer (c):** The Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir launched the 'Super-75 Scholarship Scheme' and 'Tejaswini Scheme'. The schemes aim to support the education facilities to the meritorious girls from poor families and women entrepreneurship.

**Q.56 As per OECD, India's GDP to grow \_\_\_% in FY22?**

- a) 12.6%
- b) 11%
- c) 10%
- d) 9.2%
- e) None of these

**Answer (a):** The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) has projected that India's GDP to grow at 12.6% in FY22. As per the organisation, this growth will be the highest among G20 countries.

**Q.57 In which of the following state was the first forest healing centre of India inaugurated?**

- a) Meghalaya
- b) Assam
- c) Uttarakhand
- d) Tripura
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** The first forest healing centre of India was inaugurated at Ranikhet in Kalika Uttarakhand. It is developed by the Research Wing of the Uttarakhand Forest Department.

**Q.58 Recently which of the following bank was taken out of PCA Framework by RBI?**

- a) Indian Overseas Bank
- b) IDBI Bank
- c) UCO Bank
- d) Central Bank of India
- e) None of these

**Answer (b):** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has taken out IDBI Bank from the Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) framework as enhanced regulatory supervision by RBI.

**Q.59 Which organisation collaborated with TRRAIN (Trust for Retailers & Retail Associates of India) to provide skill training and jobs to youth and people with disabilities?**

- a) Invest India
- b) KPIT Technologies
- c) City Union Bank Ltd
- d) DBS Bank India Ltd
- e) None of these

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**Answer (d):** The DBS Bank India has entered into a partnership with TRRAIN (Trust for Retailers & Retail Associates of India). The TRRAIN is a non-profit organisation engaged in training and placement of youth particularly in the e-commerce & retail sectors.

**Q.60 Who among the following appointed as MD and CEO of Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Ltd (Arcil)?**

- a) Lingam Venkat Prabhakar
- b) Pallav Mohapatra
- c) PV Bharathi
- d) RK Chhibber
- e) None of these

**Answer (b):** He was appointed as MD and CEO of Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Ltd (Arcil). He has replaced Vinayak Bahuguna.

**Q.61 Who among the following signed contract with Suryadipta Projects Private Limited for Ammunition-Cum-Torpedo-Cum-Missile (ACTCM) barges?**

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

**Answer (d):** The Indian Navy has entered into a contract with Suryadipta Projects Private Limited, which is a Thane based MSME. The contract was signed to construct 11 Ammunition-Cum-Torpedo-Cum-Missile (ACTCM) barges.

**Q.62 ISRO has developed an S-Band NISAR satellite, which will be used for the Joint Earth Observation Satellite Mission of India and \_\_\_\_?**

- a) France
- b) Russia
- c) United States
- d) Australia
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** The Joint Earth Observation Satellite Mission is a mission of ISRO and NASA. NISAR uses dual-frequency L and S-band for its application of earth observation.

**Q.63 Who among the following won the BBC Indian Sportswoman of the year award?**

- a) Koneru Humpy
- b) Manu Bhakar
- c) Mary Kom
- d) Saina Nehwal
- e) None of these



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**Answer (a):** She has won the BBC Indian Sportswoman of the year award.

**Q.64 With which country India held the 'DUSTLIK II' joint military exercise at Uttarakhand in March 2021?**

- a) Australia
- b) Myanmar
- c) Japan
- d) Uzbekistan
- e) None of these

**Answer (d):** India and Uzbekistan commenced a joint military exercise called 'DUSTLIK II'. The second edition of the joint military exercise between armies of both nations is being held at Chaubatia near Ranikhet, Uttarakhand.

**Q.65 Recently Union Cabinet approved PMSSN as a single non-lapsable reserve fund What does First 'S' signifies in PMSSN?**

- a) Sarvodaya
- b) Swasthya
- c) Shipping
- d) Single
- e) None of these

**Answer (b):** The Union Cabinet has approved Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Nidhi (PMSSN). It is approved as a single non-lapsable reserve fund. It is approved for the share of Health from the proceeds of Health and Education Cess levied under Section 136-b of Finance Act, 2007.

**Q.66 Who among the following is appointed as Chief Statistician of India?**

- a) Dr GP Samanta
- b) Kshatrapati Shivaji
- c) PV Bharathi
- d) RK Chhibber
- e) None of these

**Answer (a):** He is appointed as Chief Statistician of India. He has replaced Kshatrapati Shivaji.

**Q.67 Which bank launched 'Wear N Pay', a contactless wearable payment device?**

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

**Answer (d):** Axis Bank has launched a range of wearable contactless payment devices named 'Wear N Pay'. This range of devices linked to the customers' bank account and thus perform like a regular debit card.

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**Q.68 With which bank has Aquaconnect partnered to grant credit access to aquaculture farmers?**

- a) Punjab National Bank
- b) Bank of Baroda
- c) States Bank of India
- d) Canara Bank
- e) None of these

**Answer (b):** Aquaconnect, which is a leading aquaculture Tech Company has partnered with Bank of Baroda. They have partnered to grant credit access to aquaculture farmers.

**Q.69 Who among the following joined the list of Young Global Leaders of the World Economic Forum (WEF)?**

- a) Kunal Bahl
- b) Manu Bhakar
- c) Bhavish Aggarwal
- d) Deepika Padukone
- e) None of these

**Answer (d):** She has joined the list of Young Global Leaders of the World Economic Forum (WEF).

**Q.70 Which organisation signed a pact with Bhutan's Kholongchhu Hydro Energy Limited (KHEL), to finance the hydroelectric project of 600MW at Trashiyangtse, Bhutan?**

- a) Rural Electrification Corporation Limited (REC Ltd) and
- b) Power Finance Corporation (PFC)
- c) Power Grid Corporation of India
- d) Both (a) and (b)
- e) None of these

**Answer (d):** India's Rural Electrification Corporation Limited (REC Ltd) and Power Finance Corporation (PFC) has signed a pact with Bhutan's Kholongchhu Hydro Energy Limited (KHEL).

**Q.71 Who among the following represented India at Quad Summit 2021?**

- a) President Ram Nath Kovind
- b) S. Jaishankar
- c) Harsh Vardhan Shringla
- d) PM Narendra Modi
- e) None of these

**Answer (d):** The Quad Summit 2021 observed the participation of India's PM Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of Japan Yoshihide Suga, President of the United States Joe Biden, and Prime Minister of Australia Scott Morrison.

**Q.72 Which country hosted the BRICS Contact Group on Economic and Trade Issues (CGETI) meeting in March 2021?**

- a) Russia

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

**Answer (c):** The first meeting of the BRICS Contact Group on Economic and Trade Issues (CGETI) was held recently under India's Chairmanship. The theme of the meeting: 'BRICS@15: Intra BRICS Cooperation for Continuity, Consolidation, and Consensus'.

**Q.73 SEBI has set up a group of experts to examine the feasibility in order to implement SPACs. What does 'A' signifies in SPACs?**

- a) Advanced
- b) Acquisition
- c) Approved
- d) Access
- e) None of these

**Answer (b):** The Securities Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has constituted a committee of experts to examine the feasibility in order to implement Special Purpose Acquisition Companies (SPACs).

**Q.74 Who is the author of a book titled 'Baanjh: Incomplete Lives of Complete Women'?**

- a) Nikita Lalwani
- b) Susmita Mukherjee
- c) Arundhati Roy
- d) Jhumpa Lahiri
- e) None of these



**Answer (b):** The author of a book titled 'Baanjh: Incomplete Lives of Complete Women' is Susmita Mukherjee.

**Q.75 Which state or UT celebrated the 'Herath' Festival?**

- a) Delhi
- b) Punjab
- c) Jammu and Kashmir
- d) Odisha
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** It was three days Mahashivratri Festival held in Jammu and Kashmir.

**Q.76 Which edition of the Global Ayurveda Festival was addressed by PM Modi in March 2021?**

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

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**Answer (c):** The 4th edition of the Global Ayurveda Festival was addressed by the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi via video conference. It is being held from 12th to 19th March 2021.

**Q.77 Which organisation launched the 'Wheels of Love' programme, to support new parents in the workforce environment?**

- a) Tata Motors
- b) Cognizant
- c) Reliance
- d) IBM
- e) None of these

**Answer (a):** Tata Motors has launched a holistic programme called 'Wheels of Love'. The programme is launched to support new parents in the workforce environment.

**Q.78 What is the rank of India for an attractive global destination in the world as per the 24th Annual Global CEO Survey by PwC?**

- a) 6<sup>th</sup>
- b) 4<sup>th</sup>
- c) 5<sup>th</sup>
- d) 3<sup>rd</sup>
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** The 24th edition of the Annual Global CEO Survey was released by PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC). As per survey, India is the 5th most attractive global destination in the world.

**Q.79 In which state was the 'Kalanamak Rice Festival' held?**

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

**Answer (c):** It commenced in Uttar Pradesh. It is being held in the Siddharthnagar district of the state. The festival aims to promote historical, nutritional and scientific information about the cultivation of Kala Namak Rice.

**Q.80 What is the name of the sounding rocket which was launched by ISRO in March 2021 to study altitudinal variations in the neutral winds and plasma dynamics?**

- a) GISAT-455
- b) RH-560
- c) RISAT-J2
- d) EMISAT-1C
- e) None of these

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**Answer (b):** The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has launched a sounding rocket named RH-560 from Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota Range. The RH-560 was particularly launched to study altitudinal variations in the neutral winds and plasma dynamics.

**Q.81 With which country's organisation has India's National High-Speed Rail Corporation signed MoU to get support for track works of MAHSR bullet train project of India?**

- a) Japan
- b) Italy
- c) France
- d) UAE
- e) None of these

**Answer (a):** The National High-Speed Rail Corporation Limited (NHSRCL) signed MoU with Japan Railway Track Consultant Co. Limited (JRTC). The MoU will also enhance the cooperation between India and Japan.

**Q.82 Who among the following launched 'Energy Efficiency Enterprise (E3) Certifications Programme for Brick Manufacturing Sector'?**

- a) Dharmendra Pradhan
- b) Hardeep Singh Puri
- c) R K Singh
- d) Nitin Gadkari
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** R K Singh, Minister of State (I/C) for Power and New & Renewable Energy and Minister of State for Skill Development & Entrepreneurship launched the 'Energy Efficiency Enterprise (E3) Certifications Programme for Brick Manufacturing Sector'.

**Q.83 Who among the following won Grammy Award 2021 for the category of Album of the Year?**

- a) Harry Styles
- b) Billie Eilish
- c) Dua Lipa
- d) Taylor Swift
- e) None of these

**Answer (d):** The 63rd edition Grammy Awards 2021 were held at the Los Angeles Convention Center by following social distancing norms. Taylor Swift: Won Album of the Year for 'Folklore'.

**Q.84 When is World Consumer Rights Day observed?**

- a) 17th March 2021
- b) 15th March 2021
- c) 12th March 2021
- d) 13th March 2021
- e) None of these

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**Answer (b):** World Consumer Rights Day is observed on 15 March 2021.

**Q.85 Who among the following inaugurated Advanced Radiation Shielding and Geopolymeric Materials?**

- a) Dharmendra Pradhan
- b) Prakash Javadekar
- c) Dr Harsh Vardhan
- d) Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** The Union Minister of Science & Technology, Earth Science Dr. Harsh Vardhan inaugurated the Centre for (a) Advanced Radiation Shielding and Geopolymeric Materials (b) Analytical High-Resolution Transmission Electron Microscope Laboratory.

**Q.86 Which of the following entity/entities interacted with the fishermen community to mark the celebrations of the 75th Anniversary of India's Independence?**

- a) Coastal Security Police of Andhra Pradesh
- b) Indian Navy
- c) Indian Coast Guard
- d) All of the above
- e) None of these

**Answer (d):** The seven teams of personnel from the Indian Navy, Coast Guard District Headquarters 6, Coastal Security Police of Andhra Pradesh and representatives of the State Fisheries Department held an interactive session with the fishermen communities.

**Q.87 Which country was the largest oil supplier to India after Iraq being the top most for Feb 2021?**

- a) Nigeria
- b) Saudi Arabia
- c) USA
- d) UAE
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** As per the analysis of trade data, Iraq is continued to be top oil supplier to India for Feb 2021. However, there is a decline of 23% in purchases to a five-month low of 867,500 bpd (barrels per day). The United States has become India's second biggest oil supplier for Feb 21 by surpassing Saudi Arabia.

**Q.88 Who among the following is appointed as Director and Chief Executive of the Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER)?**

- a) Deepak Mishra
- b) Ligia Noronha
- c) Manpreet Vohra
- d) Michael Philip Carruth

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e) None of these

**Answer (a):** He is appointed as Director and Chief Executive of the Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER). He is serving as Economist and Practice Manager at the World Bank.

**Q.89 Which of the following organisation launched 'UPI-Help'?**

- a) PhonePe
- b) Google Pay
- c) NPCI
- d) Jio
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** India's digital payments umbrella entity called National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has launched 'UPI-Help' on BHIM UPI. The 'UPI-Help' will help in the grievance redressal mechanism for BHIM app users.

**Q.90 Laxman Pai who passed away recently belonged to which profession?**

- a) Historian
- b) Poet
- c) Author
- d) Painter
- e) None of these

**Answer (d):** He was Padma Bhushan Awarded Painter and Artist.

**Q.91 Which institute partnered with MG Motor India to conduct the research activities in the deployment of electric, connected and autonomous vehicles in urban areas of India?**

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

**Answer (d):** MG Motor India has entered into a partnership agreement with IIT Delhi. MG Motor has collaborated with the Centre for Automotive Research and Tribology (CART) of IIT Delhi.

**Q.92 Who among the following represented India during the India-Finland Virtual Summit held in March 2021?**

- a) Piyush Goyal
- b) S. Jaishankar
- c) PM Narendra Modi
- d) Raveesh Kumar
- e) None of these

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**Answer (c):** The meet was held between PM Narendra Modi and PM of the Republic of Finland Ms Sanna Marin. The meet was held to discuss the bilateral, regional and multilateral issues between both nations.

**Q.93 The RBI has asked all the bank branches in India to implement image based Cheque Truncation System by which date?**

- a) 31st March 2021
- b) 15th April 2021
- c) 30th Sep 2021
- d) 31st Dec 2021
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has asked all banks in the country to implement an image-based Cheque Truncation System (CTS) in their all branches. The RBI has also framed the deadline for the same i.e. till 30th Sep 2021.

**Q.94 Who is appointed to head the committee to review medical care arrangements for the Haridwar Kumbh Mela?**

- a) P K Sinha
- b) Dr. SK Singh
- c) Dr. A Sakthivel
- d) Neeraj Nigam
- e) None of these

**Answer (b):** He is appointed to head the 3 member committee to review medical care arrangements for the Haridwar Kumbh Mela which will commence from 1st April 2021.

**Q.95 Who among the following signed SoI with Aster DM Healthcare with an aim to promote digital healthcare innovations and entrepreneurship initiatives in India?**

- a) CSIR
- b) Atal Innovation Mission
- c) Bharat Biotech
- d) SIDBI
- e) None of these

**Answer (b):** The NITI Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) has signed SoI with Aster DM Healthcare with an aim to promote digital healthcare innovations and entrepreneurship initiatives in India.

**Q.96 Which of the following insurance company launched the Bachat Plus plan?**

- a) United India Insurance
- b) Max Life Insurance Co. Ltd.
- c) Life Insurance Corporation of India
- d) ICICI Prudential Life Insurance
- e) None of these



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**Answer (c):** It is a non-linked, participating, individual, saving plan launched by LIC. It offers protection and saving features by providing financial support for the family of the deceased policyholder any time before the maturity period.

**Q.97 Which edition of the India-Brazil-South Africa (IBSA) Women's Forum meeting was held in March 2021?**

- a) 4<sup>th</sup>
- b) 5<sup>th</sup>
- c) 6<sup>th</sup>
- d) 7<sup>th</sup>
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** The 6th edition of the India-Brazil-South Africa (IBSA) Women's Forum meeting was held virtually. The meeting was hosted by the Ministry of Women and Child Development, GOI.

**Q.98 As per the 2020 World Air Quality report, which is the topmost polluted city in the world?**

- a) Berlin, Germany
- b) Yanbu, Saudi Arabia
- c) Ghaziabad, India
- d) Xinjiang, China
- e) None of these

**Answer (d):** The Swiss technology company IQAir released the World Air Quality report. The report mentions the list of polluted cities globally in each country. Xinjiang in China is the topmost polluted city in the world. It is further followed by Ghaziabad in Uttar Pradesh.

**Q.99 What amount of penalty was imposed by RBI on SBI for contravention of certain provisions of Section 10 of the Banking Regulation (BR) Act, 1949?**

- a) Rs 1 crore
- b) Rs 1.5 crore
- c) Rs 2 crore
- d) Rs 2.5 crore
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a penalty of Rs 2 crore on the State Bank of India (SBI). The penalty was imposed for contravention of certain provisions of Section 10 of the Banking Regulation (BR) Act, 1949.

**Q.100 Who among the following inducted as a board member of the Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI)?**

- a) Sunil Gavaskar
- b) Ravi Shastri
- c) Kapil Dev
- d) Verendra Sehwag
- e) None of these

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**Answer (c):** He is inducted as a board member of the Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI).

**Q.101 Which of the following state/states topped in the usage of Drip Irrigation?**

- a) Maharashtra
- b) Sikkim
- c) Karnataka
- d) Andhra Pradesh
- e) All of the above

**Answer (e):** As per the data from Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Ministry, the 4 states namely Sikkim, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Maharashtra have topped in the usage of Drip Irrigation. These states have more than half of the net cultivated farms under drip irrigation facility.

**Q.102 With which organisation Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) has signed MoU to boost the export potentials of MSMEs?**

- a) Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)
- b) National Small Industries Corporation Ltd (NSIC)
- c) Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC)
- d) NITI Aayog
- e) None of these

**Answer (b):** The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) has signed MoU with National Small Industries Corporation Ltd (NSIC).

**Q.103 Who among the following is mandated by IATA to manage the payment flow within the aviation ecosystem under EasyPay?**

- a) Federal Bank
- b) DBS Bank
- c) HSBC Bank
- d) Standard Chartered Bank
- e) None of these

**Answer (d):** The International Air Transport Association (IATA) has entered into a partnership with Standard Chartered Bank (StanC). Under this partnership, StanC is mandated by IATA to manage the payment flow within the aviation ecosystem under EasyPay.

**Q.104 Who among the following appointed as Director-General of National Security Guard?**

- a) Lt Gen DP Pandey
- b) M A Ganapathy
- c) Kuldeep Singh
- d) Upendra Tripathy
- e) None of these

**Answer (b):** He is appointed as the Director-General of the National Security Guard.

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**Q.105 Who among the following developed 'INS Dhruv', ocean surveillance and nuclear missile tracking vessel?**

- a) Indian Navy
- b) DRDO
- c) NTRON
- d) All of the above
- e) None of these

**Answer (d):** It is jointly developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), Indian Navy and National Technical Research Organisation (NTRON).

**Q.106 What was the theme for Global Recycling Day which was observed on 18th March?**

- a) Recycle it and use it
- b) Recycling Heroes
- c) Recycle the waste
- d) Recycle and avoid pollution
- e) None of these

**Answer (b):** The theme for Global Recycling Day which was observed on 18th March was Recycling Heroes.

**Q.107 What is the rank of India in the World Happiness Report 2021?**

- a) 144<sup>th</sup>
- b) 122<sup>nd</sup>
- c) 139<sup>th</sup>
- d) 125<sup>th</sup>
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** As per the report, India is ranked at 139<sup>th</sup> position among 149 countries. The list is topped by Finland, being the happiest country in the world for the fourth consecutive year.

**Q.108 Recently which country's foreign minister paid a visit to India and released the joint statement on the establishment of a joint ministerial commission (JCM)?**

- a) Myanmar
- b) Italy
- c) Kuwait
- d) Iraq
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** The foreign minister of Kuwait Ahmed Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Sabah visited India by receiving an invitation from India's external affairs minister, Dr S Jaishankar. They released the joint statement on the establishment of a joint ministerial commission (JCM).

**Q.109 As per UNCTAD, India's GDP to grow \_\_\_% in FY 2021?**

- a) 5%

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- b) 5.5%
- c) 6%
- d) 6.5%
- e) None of these

**Answer (a):** The UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) has estimated that the Indian economy to contract by 6.9% in FY2020 amidst COVID-19, is forecast to record a 'stronger recovery', with growth by 5% in FY 2021.

**Q.110 Samia Suluhu Hassan, is appointed as President of which country?**

- a) Ethiopia
- b) Zambia
- c) Uganda
- d) Tanzania
- e) None of these

**Answer (d):** She is sworn in as the first woman President of Tanzania.

**Q.111 To whom the Labour Bureau signed a service level agreement to conduct surveys?**

- a) NITI Aayog
- b) Broadcast Engineering Consultants India Limited (BECIL)
- c) NASSCOM
- d) FICCI
- e) None of these

**Answer (b):** The Ministry of Labour & Employment's attached office called the Labour Bureau signed a service level agreement with Broadcast Engineering Consultants India Limited (BECIL). The BECIL is a GOI's enterprise which is under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

**Q.112 When is International Day of Happiness marked?**

- a) 19th March
- b) 20th March
- c) 21st March
- d) 22nd March
- e) None of these

**Answer (b):** International Day of Happiness is marked on 20th March.

**Q.113 Who among the following signed SoI with Amazon Internet Services Private Limited (AISPL) to empower the students about cloud computing?**

- a) IIT Kharagpur
- b) NITI Aayog
- c) IIT Kanpur
- d) NASSCOM
- e) None of these

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**Answer (b):** The NITI Aayog has signed SoI with Amazon Internet Services Private Limited (AISPL). They have signed SoI with an aim to empower the students about the fundamentals of cloud computing through Atal Tinkering Labs.

**Q.114 In which state was first phase of the Gram Ujala Scheme launched by Union Minister RK Singh?**

- a) Maharashtra
- b) Haryana
- c) Assam
- d) Bihar
- e) None of these

**Answer (d):** The first phase of the scheme was launched from Arrah in Bihar. During the first phase, 15 million LED bulbs will be distributed across villages of 5 states.

**Q.115 Who among the following organised 11th India Chem 2021?**

- a) Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL)
- b) Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals, GOI
- c) Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and industry (FICCI)
- d) Both (b) and (c)
- e) None of these

**Answer (d):** It was jointly organised by the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals, GOI and Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI).

**Q.116 Which nation to cooperate with India for Patent Verification?**

- a) Ethiopia
- b) Japan
- c) Russia
- d) France
- e) None of these

**Answer (b):** India and Japan have agreed to enhance cooperation in patent verification.

**Q.117 What is the theme for the International Day of Forests which is marked on 21st March?**

- a) Forest: a place to survive for animals and birds
- b) Explore the beauty of forest
- c) Forest restoration: a path to recovery and well being
- d) Restore forest and protect the Earth
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** The theme for the International Day of Forests which is marked on 21st March is Forest restoration: a path to recovery and well being.

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**Q.118 Which state launched SAAMAR Campaign?**

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

**Answer (a):** The government of Jharkhand launched SAAMAR Campaign. The campaign is launched to tackle malnutrition in the state.

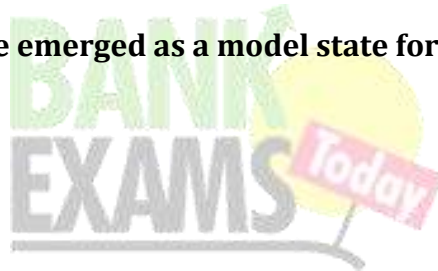
**Q.119 Who among the following launched the 'Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain' Campaign?**

- a) Gajendra Singh Shekhawat
- b) PM Narendra Modi
- c) Smriti Irani
- d) Narendra Singh Tomar
- e) None of these

**Answer (b):** Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the 'Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain' Campaign via video conference. It was launched on the occasion of World Water Day (22nd March 2021).

**Q.120 Which of the following state emerged as a model state for implementing Van Dhan Yojana?**

- a) Nagaland
- b) Sikkim
- c) Manipur
- d) Jharkhand
- e) None of these



**Answer (c):** Manipur has emerged as the winning state for Van Dhan Yojana. In this state, the Van Dhan programme has emerged as a major source of employment for the local tribals.

**Q.121 Who among the following appointed as General Secretary of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS)?**

- a) Dattatreya Hosabale
- b) Arindam Bagchi
- c) Bhaiyyaji Joshi
- d) Anurag Srivastava
- e) None of these

**Answer (a):** He is appointed as General Secretary of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS). He has replaced Bhaiyyaji Joshi.

**Q.122 Which organisation conferred with 'Role Model' Award' at the 11th CII National HR Excellence Awards 2020-21?**

- a) NTPC Ltd
- b) Power Grid Corporation

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- c) NHPC Limited
- d) BHEL
- e) None of these

**Answer (a):** It is conferred with the 'Role Model' Award' at the 11th CII National HR Excellence Awards 2020-21.

**Q.123 Who among the following to head the committee set up by RBI to evaluate applications for Universal Banks and Small Finance Banks?**

- a) Hemant G Contractor
- b) T N Manoharan
- c) Shyamala Gopinath
- d) Revathy Iyer
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** The committee set up for this purpose is termed as 'standing external advisory committee (SEAC)'. The 5 member committee will be headed by former Deputy Governor Shyamala Gopinath.

**Q.124 Which of the following country secured 1st rank for having the Strongest Military Force in the world?**

- a) China
- b) USA
- c) Russia
- d) India
- e) None of these



**Answer (a):** China is at the 1st rank position with 82 points in the study for having Strongest Military Force in the world. The second and third ranks are gained by the USA and Russia respectively for the same.

**Q.125 Who among the following launched UPFPO (Uttar Pradesh Farmer Producer Organisation) Shakti portal?**

- a) Ravi Shankar Prasad
- b) Yogi Adityanath
- c) Narendra Singh Tomar
- d) Anandiben Patel
- e) None of these

**Answer (b):** The government of Uttar Pradesh launched UPFPO (Uttar Pradesh Farmer Producer Organisation) Shakti portal. It was launched by the CM of the state, Yogi Adityanath.

**Q.126 Who among the following won Women's single title for All England Open 2021 Championship?**

- a) Pornpawee Chochuwong
- b) Mayu Matsumoto

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- c) Nozomi Okuhara
- d) Wakana Nagahara
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** Women's single title for All England Open 2021 Championship won Nozomi Okuhara (Japan).

**Q.127 Which state won the Most Film Friendly State award at 67th National Film Awards ceremony?**

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

**Answer (d):** The Most Film Friendly State award at 67th National Film Awards ceremony won Sikkim.

**Q.128 IRDAI has increased the maximum cover under Arogya Sanjeevani Policy from Rs 5 lakh to Rs \_\_\_?**

- a) Rs 8 lakhs
- b) Rs 7 lakhs
- c) Rs 10 lakhs
- d) Rs 9 lakhs
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has increased the maximum coverage under the Arogya Sanjeevani Policy. It has increased cover from Rs 5 lakhs to Rs 10 lakhs and has expanded sum insured bands under the policy between Rs 50,000 and Rs 10 lakh in multiples of Rs 50,000.

**Q.129 RBI imposed Rs \_\_\_ penalty on Fedbank Financial Services Limited, Mumbai?**

- a) Rs 20 lakh
- b) Rs 5 lakh
- c) Rs 10 lakh
- d) Rs 15 lakh
- e) None of these

**Answer (d):** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a penalty of Rs 15 lakh on Fedbank Financial Services Limited, Mumbai.

**Q.130 The Union Cabinet gave the approval to sign MoC between India and Japan in which of the following sector?**

- a) E-Commerce
- b) E-Learning
- c) Water Resources



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- d) Maritime Security
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** The Union Cabinet gave the approval to sign a Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) between Japan and India in the water resources sector.

**Q.131 The United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) and Denmark to support Jal Jeevan Mission implementation in which Indian state?**

- a) Uttar Pradesh
- b) Rajasthan
- c) Andhra Pradesh
- d) Tamil Nadu
- e) None of these

**Answer (a):** The United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) has entered into a partnership with Denmark to support the Jal Jeevan Mission Programme in Uttar Pradesh.

**Q.132 What is the name of the e-Tendering Portal launched by Power Grid Corporation of India?**

- a) SAHAS
- b) PRANIT
- c) NIVIDA
- d) SHASHAK
- e) None of these

**Answer (b):** The Power Grid Corporation of India has launched an e-Tendering Portal called PRANIT. The PRANIT portal will support fewer paperwork activities, ease of operation and will offer more transparency in the tender application process.

**Q.133 The ISRO demonstrated its Free-Space Quantum Communication over a distance of \_\_\_ meters?**

- a) 350 meters
- b) 300 meters
- c) 270 meters
- d) 330 meters
- e) None of these

**Answer (b):** The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has successfully demonstrated its Free-Space Quantum Communication over a distance of 300 meters.

**Q.134 Which state implement Mukhyamantri Chiranjeevi Yojana from 1st May 2021?**

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

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**Answer (d):** It will be implemented in Rajasthan from 1st May 2021. The scheme grants free annual medical insurance of upto Rs 5 lakhs.

**Q.135 With which organisation has the Gov. of Karnataka signed MoU to execute watershed development programme in the state?**

- a) Larsen & Toubro
- b) Reliance Industries Ltd
- c) ITC
- d) Hindustan Unilever
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** The state government of Karnataka has signed an MoU with ITC. The MoU was signed to execute a watershed development programme, which covers over one million acres and 100 watersheds in the state.

**Q.136 Which of the following state governments signed MoU with the Jal Shakti Ministry to implement the Ken-Betwa river interlinking project?**

- a) Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh
- b) Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh
- c) Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu
- d) Maharashtra and Karnataka
- e) None of these

**Answer (b):** The governments of Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh signed MoU with Union Jal Shakti Ministry. The MoU was signed to implement the Ken-Betwa river interlinking project.

**Q.137 As per Fitch Ratings, India's GDP to be at \_\_\_% for FY22?**

- a) 10.5%
- b) 11%
- c) 12.8%
- d) 12%
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** The Fitch Ratings has upgraded the growth projection for India to 12.8% for the fiscal year 2022.

**Q.138 Who among the following represented India at the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) Forum 2021?**

- a) Prakash Javadekar
- b) Ravi Shankar Prasad
- c) Sanjay Dhotre
- d) PM Narendra Modi
- e) None of these

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**Answer (c):** India was represented by the Minister of State for Communication, Sanjay Dhotre. The WSIS Forum is the world's largest annual gathering of the 'ICT for the development community.

**Q.139 Who among the following will be appointed as 48th Chief Justice of India?**

- a) Jagdish Singh Khehar
- b) Dipak Mishra
- c) NV Ramana
- d) Jasti Chelameswar
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** He will be appointed as the next Chief Justice of India following the retirement of Chief Justice of India (CJI) SA Bobde. Therefore, Justice N V Ramana will serve as the 48th Chief Justice of India from April 24th.

**Q.140 Which country build World's first ship tunnel?**

- a) Russia
- b) Sweden
- c) Norway
- d) Switzerland
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** The World's first ship tunnel will be built in Norway. It will be a 1.7 km tunnel and will handle ships of upto 16000 tonnes.

**Q.141 What is the rank of India in the International Intellectual Property Index 2021?**

- a) 40<sup>th</sup>
- b) 35<sup>th</sup>
- c) 22<sup>nd</sup>
- d) 14<sup>th</sup>
- e) None of these

**Answer (a):** It was released by the US Chamber of Commerce Global Innovation Policy Centre (GIPC). As per the index, India is ranked at 40th position among 53 nations with a score of 38.40.

**Q.142 Who among the following launched Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA) mobile app?**

- a) Ravi Shankar Prasad
- b) Anurag Singh Thakur
- c) Nirmala Sitharaman
- d) JP Nadda
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** The Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs, Nirmala Sitharaman virtually inaugurated Central Scrutiny Centre (CSC) and launched the Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA) mobile app.

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**Q.143** What is the name of the saving account launched by Indian Overseas Bank particularly for the growing millennial population?

- a) IOB Millions
- b) IOB Trendy
- c) IOB Sampanna
- d) IOB Wealthy
- e) None of these

**Answer (b):** The Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) launched an 'IOB Trendy' Savings Account. It is particularly launched for the growing millennial population in the country by keeping their banking preferences in mind.

**Q.144** With which institute Applied Materials India has signed the R&D Pact?

- a) CSIR-Advanced Materials and Processes Research Institute
- b) IISc
- c) IIT Kanpur
- d) Roorkee
- e) None of these

**Answer (b):** Applied Materials India has signed a Research and Development (R&D) pact with the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru.

**Q.145** Who is appointed as Chairman of the Airports Authority of India (AAI)?

- a) Sanjeev Kumar
- b) Saurabh Garg
- c) K Vijay Raghavan
- d) Sanjeev Kumar
- e) None of these

**Answer (d):** He is appointed as Chairman of the Airports Authority of India (AAI).

**Q.146** Who among the following to be honoured with Maharashtra Bhushan Award 2020?

- a) Shreya Ghoshal
- b) Lata Mangeshkar
- c) Alka Yagnik
- d) Asha Bhosle
- e) None of these

**Answer (d):** She will be honoured with Maharashtra Bhushan Award 2020.

**Q.147** In partnership with whom Niyo launched NiyoX banking account?

- a) Equitas Small Finance Bank
- b) RBL Bank
- c) Bandhan Bank
- d) Ujjivan Small Finance Bank

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e) None of these

**Answer (a):** The Digital banking fintech firm, Niyox has partnered with Equitas Small Finance Bank and Visa to launch Niyox. The Niyox is a mobile banking solution for millennials.

**Q.148 Who among the following won the gold medal in Men's 10m Air Pistol event at the 2021 Para Shooting World Cup tournament?**

- a) Shinghraj
- b) Manish Narwal
- c) Rahul Jakhar
- d) Both a and b
- e) None of the above

**Answer (a):** Shinghraj won the gold medal in Men's 10m Air Pistol event at the 2021 Para Shooting World Cup tournament.

**Q.149 India held the 116th edition of the Permanent Indus Commission (PIC) meeting with which country?**

- a) Nepal
- b) Bangladesh
- c) Pakistan
- d) Sri Lanka
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** The 116th edition of Permanent Indus Commission (PIC) was held between India and Pakistan in New Delhi. The 116th PIC meet was held under the Indus Water Treaty (IWT).

**Q.150 Who among the following to head an expert committee to explore the potential of Yoga as a productivity-enhancing tool for the population?**

- a) Shripad Yesso Naik
- b) Dr HR Nagendra
- c) K Vijay Raghavan
- d) Randeep Guleria
- e) None of these

**Answer (b):** He is appointed to head an expert committee to explore the potential of Yoga as a productivity-enhancing tool for the population. The committee is set up by AYUSH Ministry.

**Q.151 Which institute won CoreNet Global Academic Challenge 6.0?**

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

**Answer (c):** It has won the CoreNet Global Academic Challenge 6.0.

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**Q.152 With which organisation, was the loan agreement of 10 billion Japanese yen was signed by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)?**

- a) Reliance
- b) Power Grid Corporation of India Limited
- c) Tata Cleantech Capital Ltd (TCCL)
- d) NABARD
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) has signed a loan agreement with Tata Cleantech Capital Ltd (TCCL). The loan agreement was signed to offer loans to the Indian firms which work in the Clean Energy project sectors.

**Q.153 Which organisation released the report titled as 'as 'World Development Report 2021: Data for Better Lives'?**

- a) World Trade Organisation
- b) World Bank
- c) International Monetary Fund
- d) Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
- e) None of these

**Answer (b):** The World Bank released a report titled 'World Development Report 2021: Data for Better Lives'. The report highlights various ways to improve the lives of people.

**Q.154 Recently, MoU was signed to implement a city-specific action plan in \_\_\_ identified cities under National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) to tackle air pollution?**

- a) 109
- b) 132
- c) 88
- d) 65
- e) None of these

**Answer (b):** The MoU was signed for 132 identified cities in India. The MoU was signed in the presence of Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Prakash Javadekar.

**Q.155 What was the theme for the 7th annual summit of NATHEALTH?**

- a) 'Combating Pandemic through collaborations among health care infra'
- b) 'Role of Healthcare systems in post COVID19 era'
- c) 'Improving Health Infrastructure in India'
- d) 'Indian Health system expansion in post-COVID era'
- e) None of these

**Answer (d):** The summit was addressed by Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Dr Harsh Vardhan. The theme of the Summit: 'Indian Health system expansion in post-COVID era'.

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**Q.156 Which bank was named as 'India's Best Bank for SME's' at the Asiamoney Best Bank Awards?**

- a) ICICI Bank
- b) Karnataka Bank
- c) HDFC Bank
- d) SBI
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** It was named as 'India's Best Bank for SME's' at the Asiamoney Best Bank Awards.

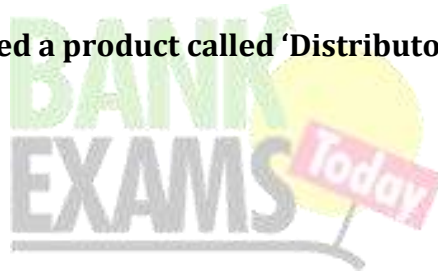
**Q.157 Who among the following launched the 'Tribal TB Initiative'?**

- a) PM Narendra Modi
- b) Yogi Adityanath
- c) Dr Harsh Vardhan
- d) Arjun Munda
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** The Union Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan has launched the 'Tribal TB Initiative' with an aim to achieve the target of TB Mukht Bharat.

**Q.158 Which organisation launched a product called 'Distributor to Retailer' (D2R) Finance?**

- a) PayU
- b) BharatPe
- c) PhonePe
- d) Paytm
- e) None of these



**Answer (b):** The Financial Technology firm, BharatPe has launched a product called 'Distributor to Retailer' (D2R) Finance.

**Q.159 In March 2021, PM Modi visited which of the following country to review the bilateral cooperation activities?**

- a) Sri Lanka
- b) Indonesia
- c) Myanmar
- d) Bangladesh
- e) None of these

**Answer (d):** India's PM Narendra Modi paid a visit to Bangladesh, during which both the nations signed MoUs in various sectors to boost their cooperation.

**Q.160 In partnership with whom, Karnataka Bank launched KBL Smart Trade?**

- a) IIFL Securities
- b) HDFC Bank
- c) Kotak Securities

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- d) Religare
- e) None of these

**Answer (a):** The KBL Smart Trade will allow the customers of Karnataka Bank to access IIFL Securities Demat and Trading account solution to serve their capital market needs.

**Q.161 Which country test fired 'Shaheen 1-A', Nuclear capable surface-to-surface ballistic missile?**

- a) Pakistan
- b) Saudi Arabia
- c) India
- d) Qatar
- e) None of these

**Answer (a):** It is a nuclear-capable surface-to-surface ballistic missile having a range of 900km, which was test-fired by Pakistan.

**Q.162 Which firm signed a pact with CSC e-Governance Services India Limited, a Special Purpose Vehicle (CSC SPV) to create demand aggregation for electric mobility, solar and energy efficiency solutions?**

- a) Tata Power
- b) Adani Power
- c) Torrent Power
- d) Convergence Energy Services Limited (CESL)
- e) None of these

**Answer (d):** The Convergence Energy Services Limited (CESL) has signed a pact with CSC e-Governance Services India Limited, a Special Purpose Vehicle (CSC SPV).

**Q.163 In partnership with whom, Union Bank of India launched 'UNI-CARBON CARD'?**

- a) Bharat Petroleum
- b) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC)
- c) Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL)
- d) Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL)
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** Union Bank of India launched the 'UNI-CARBON CARD' which is co-branded by HPCL in NPCI's Rupay platform. This card will create an opportunity to add the value of benefits to the bank's customers.

**Q.164 Who is appointed as Chairman of the Standing Conference of Public Enterprises (SCOPE)?**

- a) Pradip Kumar Das
- b) Ranjan Kumar Mohaptra
- c) Soma Mondal
- d) Alok Verma
- e) None of these



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**Answer (c):** She is appointed as Chairman of the Standing Conference of Public Enterprises (SCOPE). She is also the Chairman of SAIL.

**Q.165 In which state or UT was Indo-Korean Friendship Park inaugurated?**

- a) Delhi
- b) Jammu and Kashmir
- c) Rajasthan
- d) Punjab
- e) None of these

**Answer (a):** India's Union Defence Minister, Rajnath Singh and South Korea's Minister of National Defence, Suh Wook jointly inaugurated an Indo-Korean Friendship Park in Delhi State Park.

**Q.166 Anil Dharker, who passed away recently belonged to which profession?**

- a) Film Making
- b) Journalist
- c) Social Activist
- d) Economist
- e) None of these

**Answer (b):** He was Journalist and Author.

**Q.167 In March 2021, India held talks on Disarmament, Non-Proliferation, and Export Control with which country?**

- a) Nepal
- b) USA
- c) Australia
- d) Russia
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** India and Australia held joint talks on Disarmament, Non-Proliferation, and Export Control. This was the sixth edition of the same.

**Q.168 With which country, India held the 11th edition of Vajra Prahar 2021 joint military exercise at Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh?**

- a) Japan
- b) United States
- c) Australia
- d) Myanmar
- e) None of these

**Answer (b):** The Special Forces of India and the US conducted the joint military exercise at Special Forces Training School located at Bakloh in Himachal Pradesh.

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**Q.169** Which firm launched a 'Returnship Programme' for the employees to restart their careers?

- a) Wipro
- b) Cognizant
- c) Ford India
- d) Volkswagen
- e) None of these

**Answer (b):** The tech giant Cognizant launched a Returnship Programme with the name 'Cognizant Returnship Programme'. The programme was launched to offer support for IT professionals who wish to restart their careers.

**Q.170** What was the tally of medals won by India at the 2021 ISSF Shooting World Cup New Delhi?

- a) 10 gold, 9 silver and 5 bronze
- b) 11 gold, 10 silver and 4 bronze
- c) 15 gold, 7 silver and 8 bronze
- d) 15 gold, 9 silver and 6 bronze
- e) None of these

**Answer (d):** India secured 30 medals which included 15 gold, 9 silver and 6 bronze. The USA was in second position by winning 8 medals.

**Q.171** In which state was the 'Maharaja Chhatrasal Convention Centre' inaugurated by Union Minister Prahlad Singh Patel?

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



**Answer (d):** The 'Maharaja Chhatrasal Convention Centre' was inaugurated at Khajuraho, Madhya Pradesh. It was inaugurated by Union Minister of State for Tourism and Culture (Independent Charge) Prahlad Singh Patel.

**Q.172** Who won the 2021 Bahrain Grand Prix?

- a) Max Verstappen
- b) Sebastian Vettel
- c) Lewis Hamilton
- d) Valtteri Bottas
- e) None of these

**Answer (c):** He won the 2021 Bahrain Grand Prix.