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- 1) National Immunisation Day (NID) in India is observed on the same day as the day of immunisation against
- Covid 19
 - Polio
 - HIV
 - None of the above

Ans: b

- The National Polio Immunisation programme in India began on Sunday, 31 January 2021. The National Immunisation Day (NID) is commonly known as Pulse Polio Immunisation Programme.

- 2) Recently launched, Innovation Sandbox web portal is an initiative of
- RBI
 - SEBI
 - Bombay Stock Exchange
 - National Stock Exchange

Ans: c

- Leading stock exchange BSE said it has set up an "innovation sandbox" web portal where fintech firms and individuals may use the environment for offline testing of their applications in a test environment.

- 3) India's first indigenous Metro racks were deployed in the state of
- Uttar Pradesh
 - Tamil Nadu
 - Karnataka
 - Maharashtra

Ans: d

- Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray unveiled the first indigenous Metro racks (train) at Charkop Metro Depot on Friday.

- 4) Among 11 Asia Pacific countries, India was ranked 10th in a recently launched "Asia-Pacific Personalised Health Index" developed by
- Economic Intelligence Unit
 - Asia Cooperation Dialogue
 - World Economic Forum
 - World Health Organisation

Ans: a

- India ranked 10th out of 11 Asia Pacific countries in a newly-launched health index to measure the progress towards personalised healthcare.
- The Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) report 'Asia-Pacific Personalised Health Index' measures the readiness of 11 health systems across the region — Australia, China, Japan, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand and New Zealand — in adopting personalised healthcare, enabling the right care to be tailored to the right person at the right time.

- 5) Which among the following cities has set up India's first Gender Park?
- Lucknow
 - Bhopal
 - Chennai
 - Kozhikode

Ans: d

- Kerala is going to open a 'Gender Park' soon in the state and this will be the first time that India will have anything like that. This three-tower Gender Park has been created in Kozhikode city to promote gender equality and will be functional soon.

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- 6) 'Prabuddha Bharata', which recently celebrated its 125th anniversary is a monthly journal started by
- Swami Vivekananda
 - Mahathma Gandhi
 - KasondasMulji
 - Rajaram Mohan Roy

Ans: a

- Prabuddha Bharata, a monthly journal of the Ramakrishna order started by Swami Vivekananda in 1896. The journal 'Prabuddha Bharata' has been an important medium for spreading the message of India's ancient spiritual wisdom.

- 7) Which among the following is the first commercial space launch powered by biofuel?
- Stardust 1.0
 - Starlink
 - New Glenn
 - Firefly Alpha

Ans: a

- On January 31, Stardust 1.0 was launched from Loring Commerce Centre in Maine, US, a former military base, becoming the first commercial space launch powered by biofuel, which is non-toxic for the environment as opposed to traditionally used rocket fuels.

- 8) Which among the following states has topped the India Justice Report 2020?
- Uttar Pradesh
 - Tamil Nadu
 - Karnataka
 - Maharashtra

Ans: d

- The second edition of the India Justice Report, India's only ranking of states on delivery of Justice to people, announced here today, ranks Maharashtra once again at the top of the 18 Large and Mid-sized states (with population of over one crore each), followed by Tamil Nadu.

- 9) The theme of the World Wetlands Day 2021 is
- Wetlands and Climate Change
 - Wetlands and Biodiversity
 - Wetlands and Water
 - None of the above

Ans: c

- World Wetlands Day 2021's theme is 'Wetlands and Water'. According to UNESCO, the particular theme has been adopted to highlight the "importance of wetlands as a source of freshwater" and encourage "action to restore them and stop their **loss**"

- 10) India's first leather Park will be set up in
- Bhopal
 - Kanpur
 - Chennai
 - Kozhikode

Ans: b

- Uttar Pradesh government will establish the first leather park of the country in Kanpur district. The park is expected to provide employment to 50 thousand people directly and more than 1 lakh 50 thousand people

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- 11) 2020 was the worst year recorded for global tourism, according to 'World Tourism Barometer' report released by
- World Tourism Organization
 - International Air Transport Association
 - World Travel and Tourism Council
 - None of the above

Ans: a

- According to the latest UNWTO World Tourism Barometer, the collapse in international travel represents an estimated loss of USD 1.3 trillion in export revenues – more than 11 times the loss recorded during the 2009 global economic crisis. The crisis has put between 100 and 120 million direct tourism jobs at risk, many of them in small and medium-sized enterprises.

- 12) Which among the following cities has India's first ever dedicated Centre for Wetland Conservation and Management?
- Chennai
 - Mumbai
 - Kollam
 - Kolkata

Ans: a

- India, on the occasion of Wetland Conservation Day on Tuesday, set up its first dedicated centre for conservation of wetlands in Chennai, which occupy around 4.6 per cent of the country's landmass. Named 'Centre for Wetland

Conservation and Management' (CWCM), the specialised institution is a part of the National Centre for Sustainable Coastal Management (NCSCM), under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC).

13) Ford Motor Company has decided to tap into software, artificial intelligence and cloud computing in partnership with _____ to develop new consumer services and modernize internal operations.

- a) Infosys
- b) TCS
- c) Microsoft
- d) Google

Ans: d

- Ford Motor Co will tap into software, artificial intelligence and cloud computing offered by Alphabet Inc's Google to develop new consumer services and modernize internal operations, the companies said on Monday.

14) Recently celebrated, National Tribal Festival "Aadi Mahotsav, 2021" is organised by

- a) Ministry of Tribal Affairs
- b) SAMATA
- c) TRIFED
- d) None of the above

Ans: c

- The Vice President of India Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu will inaugurate "Aadi Mahotsav", a National Tribal Festival being organized by TRIFED, Ministry of Tribal Affairs on 1st February, 2021 at New Delhi.

15) International Economic Resilience (IER) by PHDCCI ranks India at _____ position

- a) 1st
- b) 2nd
- c) 3rd
- d) 4th

Ans: b

- Germany ranks first in the PHDCCI International Economic Resilience (IER) Rank followed by India and South Korea at second and third positions, respectively, according to the report released by industry body PHDCCI.

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16) World Cancer Day is observed every year on 4 February by

- a) Union for International Cancer Control
- b) World Cancer Research Fund International
- c) World Health Organization
- d) The Max Foundation

Ans: a

- World Cancer Day, organized by the Union for International Cancer Control (UICC) and celebrated each year on 4 February, is an opportunity to rally the

international community to end the injustice of preventable suffering from cancer.

17) Which among the following words is selected as the Oxford Languages' Hindi Word of the Year 2020?

- a) Aatmanirbharta
- b) Jugaad
- c) Bapu
- d) Surya namaskar'

Ans: a

- 'Aatmanirbharta' implying self-reliance has been named by Oxford Languages as its Hindi word of the year 2020 as it "validated the day-to-day achievements of the countless Indians who dealt with and survived the perils of a pandemic".

18) India's first of its kind 'Amputee Clinic' is set up in?

- a) Kolkata
- b) Jaipur
- c) Udaipur
- d) Chandigarh

Ans: d

- An 'amputee clinic', the first of its kind in India, with the aim of improving amputation patient care by providing a collection of services under one roof with significant coordination was launched in Chandigarh.

19) 'Har GharPani, Har GharSafai' mission to accomplish the goal of 100 per cent potable piped water supply in all rural households is an initiative of Govt. of

- a) India
- b) Gujarat
- c) Punjab
- d) Maharashtra

Ans: c

- Punjab Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh on Monday virtually launched the 'Har GharPani, Har GharSafai' mission as part of the government's campaign to accomplish the goal of 100 per cent potable piped water supply in all rural households by March next year.

20) Who will be the new CEO of Amazon from July 2021?

- a) Jeff Bezos
- b) Andy Jassy
- c) Thierry Delaporte
- d) Kalyan Krishnamurthy

Ans: b

- Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos, earlier this week surprised everyone by announcing that he will step down as the CEO of the Seattle-based giant later this year, and announced that Andy Jassy, current AWS chief, will succeed him as the CEO of Amazon.

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21) Monpa handmade paper is a 1000-year-old heritage art of

- a) Arunachal Pradesh
- b) Andhra Pradesh
- c) Madhya Pradesh
- d) Maharashtra

Ans: a

- The 1000-year-old heritage art – the Monpa handmade paper of Arunachal Pradesh – which was driven to the extinction, has come to life once again, with the committed efforts of the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC).

22) Neptune Declaration, recently heard in news, deals with

- a) Alternate Dispute Resolution
- b) Seafarer Welfare and Crew Change
- c) Climate Change
- d) None of the above

Ans: b

- The Neptune Declaration on Seafarer Wellbeing and Crew Change, recognize the shared responsibility to ensure that the current crew change crisis is resolved as soon as possible and to use the learnings from the crisis as an opportunity to build a more resilient maritime supply chain

23) Indian Institute of Skills (IIS) is an initiative by the government of

- a) Rajasthan
- b) India
- c) Gujarat
- d) Kerala

Ans: c

- The Gujarat government is setting up an Indian Institute of Skills (IIS) at Nasmed village in Gandhinagar district, a government release said on Thursday.

24) First-ever International Day of Human Fraternity is observed in 2021 on

- a) February 1
- b) February 3
- c) February 2
- d) February 4

Ans: d

- International Day of Human Fraternity aims to underline the importance of raising awareness about different cultures and religions, or beliefs, and the promotion of tolerance. In December, the UN General Assembly adopted a resolution to declare **4 February** as International Day of Human Fraternity.

25) 2020 Democracy Index released by the Economist Intelligence Unit ranks India at

- a) 35
- b) 53
- c) 87

d) 78

Ans: b

- India slipped two places to 53rd position in the 2020 Democracy Index's global ranking, according to The Economist Intelligence Unit, which said the "democratic backsliding" by authorities and "crackdowns" on civil liberties has led to a further decline in the country's ranking.

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26) Which among the following Indian company entered into an offset contract with joint stock company, Rosoboron export, Russia?

- a) ISRO
- b) Reliance India Ltd
- c) BEL
- d) DRDO

Ans: c

- Bharat Electronics (BEL) gained 1.35% to Rs 142.80 after the PSU company on Thursday announced that it has entered into offset contract with joint stock company, Rosoboronexport, Russia.

27) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Zomatoto provide greater income-earning opportunities for

- a) Farmers
- b) Street Vendors
- c) Start-up entrepreneurs
- d) None of the above

Ans: b

- Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Zomato for empowering street food vendors with new digital technology and to provide greater income-earning opportunities on the food delivery platform.

28) Recently approved Lakhwar electricity project on Yamuna river is in

- a) Madhya Pradesh
- b) Uttar Pradesh
- c) Uttarakhand
- d) Rajasthan

Ans: c

- Union Environment Ministry on Thursday approved the Lakhwar electricity project on Yamuna river. Due to this project, Uttarakhand will get 572.54 million units of electricity every year. With this, the availability of water in the Yamuna will also increase.

29) SpearUAV, Israel, has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Paras Aerospaceto introduce encapsulated Ninox 40 system which is a

- a) Man-portable Anti-Tank Guided Missile
- b) Unmanned Aircraft Systems

- c) Surface-to-Air Missile (SAM)
- d) None of the above

Ans: b

- SpearUAV, developers and suppliers of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) for defence and homeland security applications from Israel, has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Paras Aerospace, a subsidiary of Paras Defence and Space Technologies, to introduce encapsulated Ninox 40 system for military forces, paramilitary, internal security and law enforcement agencies in India.

- 30) Which among the following incident's centenary celebration was initiated by launching a postage stamp dedicated to it?
- a) Rowlett Satyagraha
 - b) Blackhole Tragedy
 - c) Wagon Tragedy
 - d) Chauri Chaura incident

Ans: d

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday released a postage stamp dedicated to mark the beginning of centenary celebrations of the Chauri Chaura incident in Uttar Pradesh, via video conferencing.

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- 31) SPHEREx Mission which aims to perform an all-sky survey is an initiative by
- a) NASA
 - b) SpaceX
 - c) ISRO
 - d) Both (a) and (b)

Ans: d

- National Aeronautics and Space Administration (Nasa) has selected the Elon Musk-founded Space Exploration Technologies (SpaceX) for the launch of its SPHEREx Mission.

- 32) Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala is appointed as the first ever female Director General of
- a) WTO
 - b) IMF
 - c) World Bank
 - d) None of the above

Ans: a

- Nigerian economist Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, has been chosen as the first woman as well as the first African national Director General of the World Trade Organization (WTO).

- 33) Tapovan hydro power project, recently heard in news, is constructed across the river
- a) Dhauliganga
 - b) Sutlej

- c) Luni
- d) Narmada

Ans: a

- The Tapovan Vishnugad power plant is a 520 MW run-of-river project which is being constructed on Dhauliganga River in Chamoli District of Uttarakhand.

34) Which among the following is the first Arab interplanetary mission expected to reach Mars?

- a) Arabsat
- b) Badr
- c) Al Amal
- d) None of the above

Ans: c

- The first Arab interplanetary mission is expected to reach Mars' orbit Tuesday in what is considered the most critical part of the journey to unravel the secrets of weather on the Red Planet. The unmanned probe -- named "Al-Amal", Arabic for "Hope" blasted off from Japan last year, marking the next step in the United Arab Emirates' ambitious space programme.

35) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has restricted the permissible amount of industrial Trans Fatty Acid (TFA) in food products to _____ by 2022.

- a) 10%
- b) 5%
- c) 2%
- d) 1%

Ans: c

- The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has restricted the permissible amount of industrial Trans Fatty Acid (TFA) in food products to 2 per cent from 2022.

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36) International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation is observed on

- a) February 4
- b) February 5
- c) February 6
- d) February 7

Ans: b

- International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation is observed on February 6, to spread awareness and educate people about the problems females faced due to genital mutilation. The main aim of the day is to end Female Genital Mutilation in one decade and it will require support from every quarter especially youth. Therefore, the theme focuses on mobilising youth around the elimination of harmful practices, including female genital mutilation.

37) Which among the following is the first Indian state to launch "e-cabinet" app to make cabinet proceedings paperless?

- a) Himachal Pradesh
- b) Gujarat
- c) Kerala
- d) Karnataka

Ans: a

- India's first e-cabinet application has been launched in Himachal Pradesh, the State Government claimed on February 5, 2021. With this, Himachal Pradesh has become the first state in the country to make the end to end processing of the cabinet paperless by implementing the e-cabinet application, the government claimed.

38) India's first thunderstorm research testbed is being constructed in Odisha's Balasore by

- a) ISRO
- b) DRDO
- c) IMD
- d) CSIR

Ans: c

- Odisha's Balasore will get the country's first thunderstorm research testbed, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) has said.
- The objective of setting up the thunderstorm testbed is to minimalise human fatalities and loss of property due to lightning strikes.

39) ParivarPehchan Patra (PPP) scheme is a unique identity card scheme by

- a) Haryana
- b) Punjab
- c) Himachal Pradesh
- d) None of the above

Ans: a

- Amid concerns over the **ParivarPehchan Patra scheme**, the **Haryana** govt. says enrolment is voluntary. But residents have little choice as delivery of even birth and death certificates is linked to it

40) World's first energy island in the North Sea is constructed by

- a) UK
- b) France
- c) Netherlands
- d) Denmark

Ans: d

- Denmark approved a plan on Thursday to build the world's first energy island in the North Sea that will produce and store enough green energy to cover the electricity needs of 3 million European households.

- 41) 2021 marks the 16th edition of annual bilateral joint exercise YudhAbhyas between India and
- France
 - Russia
 - US
 - UK

Ans: c

- The India-US joint military exercise "Yudh Abhyas 20" commenced today in Mahajan Field Firing Range of Bikaner district in Rajasthan. This is the 16th edition of annual bilateral joint exercise of both the armies. It will continue till the 21st of this month. The previous version of the joint exercise was held at Seattle in the United States.

- 42) Dobhi – Durgapur Natural Gas Pipeline is situated in the state of
- Himachal Pradesh
 - Gujarat
 - West Bengal
 - Karnataka

Ans: c

- The commissioning of the Dhobi-Durgapur gas pipeline has helped Essar deliver gas it produces from coal seams to Durgapur fertiliser plant in West Bengal via GAIL, helping meet the urea requirement of the state.

- 43) India's first ever Geothermal Field Development Project is set up in
- Ladakh
 - Rann of Katch
 - Shimla
 - Tawang

Ans: a

- ONGC to develop India's first Geothermal Field Development Project in Ladakh. The country's largest oil and gas producer ONGC has signed an MoU with the Union Territory of Ladakh and Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council, Leh, to develop the country's first Geothermal Field Development Project.

- 44) A Memorandum of Understanding for the construction of the Shahtoot dam was signed between India and
- Pakistan
 - Nepal
 - Bhutan
 - Afghanistan

Ans: d

- India and Afghanistan signed an agreement to build the Shahtoot Dam in Kabul to provide drinking water facility in the Afghan capital.

- 45) The United Nations designated World Pulses Day is observed every year on
- 12 February

- b) 11 February
- c) 1 February
- d) 10 February

Ans: d

- The World Pulses Day falls on **February 10** every year and recognised Pulses as a global food. On World Pulses Day, people make efforts in creating awareness about the importance of Pulses in sustainable food production. Donations of pulses are made to provide it to the people it is not easily accessible.

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46) Which among the following is the Guinness record holder for being the longest-serving warship of the world?

- a) HMS Trincomalee
- b) Mary Rose
- c) INS Viraat
- d) Lotus

Ans: c

- INS Viraat is the Guinness record holder for being the longest-serving warship of the world. It had arrived at the Alang ship-breaking yard in Gujarat in September last year, where it was supposed to have been broken and sold as scrap.

47) Meri Saheli Initiative for the security of women is an initiative by

- a) Delhi Police
- b) Indian Army
- c) Railway Protection Force
- d) CRPF

Ans: c

- 'Meri Saheli' initiative was launched as Pilot Project by Railway Protection Force (RPF) across South Eastern Railway for security of women passengers in trains originating in that zone.

48) World Sustainable Development Summit is the annual flagship event of

- a) The Energy and Resources Institute
- b) Sustainable Development Solutions Network
- c) G20
- d) None of the above

Ans: a

- The 20th edition of The Energy and Resources Institute's (TERI) flagship event- the World Sustainable Development Summit, will be held online from 10th to 12th February.

49) International Day of Women and Girls in Science is celebrated on

- a. 8 February
- b. 9 February

- c. 10 February
- d. 11 February

Ans: d

- The International Day of Women and Girls in Science is celebrated on 11 February.
- According to the United Nations, the theme for the International Day of Women and Girls in Science 2021 is 'Women Scientists at the forefront of the fight against COVID-19'.

- 50) 'BY MANY A HAPPY ACCIDENT: Recollections of a Life', a recently released book, is written by
- a) Pranab Mukherjee
 - b) Arun Jaitley
 - c) APJ Abdul Kalam
 - d) M Hamid Ansari

Ans: d

- In his latest book 'By Many a Happy Accident', former Vice President of India Hamid Ansari talks about his journey from representing India as a diplomat to the vice presidency. Hamid Ansari also feels that Prime Minister Narendra was selective in his reference to the outgoing Vice President's work and period as the chairman of Rajya Sabha.

12 Feb

- 51) Financial Literacy Week (FLW), observed from February 8-12, 2021, is an initiative of
- a) Ministry of Finance
 - b) Reserve Bank of India
 - c) SEBI
 - d) Niti Aayog

Ans: b

- As a part of nationwide campaign, Reserve Bank of India, Delhi is observing Financial Literacy Week from February 8-12, 2021, to propagate financial education.

- 52) Who among the following is the winner of the Femina Miss India World 2020?
- a) Manya Singh
 - b) ManikaSheokand
 - c) Manasa Varanasi
 - d) None of the above

Ans: c

- At the beauty pageant, three beautiful ladies emerged as the winners. Contestants namely Manasa Varanasi was crowned Miss India World 2020. While ManikaSheokand became Miss Grand India 2020, whereas Manya Singh went on to become Miss India 2020 Runner-up.

- 53) The Tamil film "Koozhangal" has won Tiger award, at the

- a) International Film Festival Rotterdam 2021
- b) International Film Festival Kerala 2020
- c) International Film Festival India 2021
- d) International Film Festival Boston 2021

Ans: a

- Filmmaker PS Vinodraj's debut feature Koozhangal aka Pebbles, an indie drama has won the prestigious Tiger Award, the top honour at the recently-concluded 50th edition of the International Film Festival Rotterdam.

- 54) Which among the following organisation has released India Energy Outlook, recently?
- a) Bureau of Energy Efficiency
 - b) International Energy Agency
 - c) International Atomic Energy Agency
 - d) Ministry of New & Renewable Energy

Ans: b

- The International Energy Agency has released the India Energy Outlook 2021 report which examines the opportunities and challenges faced by the planet's third-largest energy-consuming country as it seeks to recover from the COVID-19 crisis.

- 55) Who is the present Leader of opposition in Upper House of Indian Parliament?
- a) Mallikarjun Kharge
 - b) Shashi Tharoor
 - c) Ghulam Nabi Azad
 - d) Dr Umesh Jadhav

Ans: a

- Senior leader Mallikarjun Kharge has been nominated leader of the Congress in the Rajya Sabha and will take over as leader of opposition in the House on Monday when veteran Ghulam Nabi Azad retires.

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- 56) Recently tested short range surface-to-surface ballistic missile Babur capable of hitting land and sea targets belongs to
- a) India
 - b) Pakistan
 - c) China
 - d) Iran

Ans: b

- Pakistan on Thursday successfully test-fired a short-range surface-to-surface ballistic missile capable of hitting land and sea targets with "high precision" up to 490 km away, its military said. In a statement, it said the Babur cruise missile was "launched from a state-of-the-art Multi Tube Missile Launch Vehicle".

- 57) Tianwen-1 probe which had successfully entered orbit around Mars after a 6-1/2-month journey from Earth was launched by

- a) South Korea
- b) Japan
- c) China
- d) None of the above

Ans: c

- An uncrewed Chinese spacecraft on Wednesday successfully entered orbit around Mars after a 6-1/2-month journey from Earth, China's space agency said, in the country's first independent mission to the red planet.

58) Theatre Level Operational Readiness Exercise (TROPEX-21) in which the Army, Air Force, Navy and the Coast Guard participate is organised by

- a) Indian Army
- b) Indian Air Force
- c) Indian Navy
- d) Coast Guard

Ans: c

- The Navy's largest war game, the biennial Theatre Level Operational Readiness Exercise (TROPEX-21), with the participation of all its operational units as well as those of the Army, Air Force and the Coast Guard has completed the weapon work-up phase and the tactical scenario phase was under way, the Navy said on Wednesday.

59) The theme of World Radio Day 2021 is "New World, New Radio". It is observed globally on every

- a) 12th February
- b) 13th February
- c) 14th February
- d) 11th February

Ans: b

- World Radio Day is celebrated every year on February 13. The UNESCO has called on radio stations to celebrate the 10th anniversary of World Radio Day through three sub-themes: evolution, innovation and connection.

60) National Women's Day is observed every year on 13th February to commemorate the birth anniversary of

- a) Sarojini Naidu
- b) Pandita Ramabhai
- c) Indira Gandhi
- d) Bina Das

Ans: a

- India celebrates Sarojini Naidu's birthday as National Women's Day every year on February 13. She was born on February 13, 1879.

15 Feb

61) In India, National Productivity Day is observed on

- a) 12 February
- b) 13 February

- c) 14 February
- d) None of the above

Ans: a

- In India, National Productivity Council (NPC) observes the National Productivity Day every year on February 12.

- 62) New START Treaty is a nuclear arms reduction treaty between
- a) India and China
 - b) China and US
 - c) US and Russia
 - d) India and US

Ans: c

- The United States has extended the New START nuclear disarmament treaty with Russia for five years starting Wednesday, Secretary of State Antony Blinken said.

- 63) 'COVID Warrior Memorial' is being set up in the city of
- a) Ropar
 - b) Mandi
 - c) Bhubaneswar
 - d) Gandhinagar

Ans: c

- Odisha's Health and Family Welfare Department on Monday announced to construct a COVID-19 Warrior Memorial in Bhubaneswar to "recognise sacrifice and service rendered by COVID-19 warriors".

- 64) Recently inaugurated Grand Anicut Canal System is situated in the state of
- a) Karnataka
 - b) Tamil Nadu
 - c) Assam
 - d) Gujarat

Ans: b

- Prime Minister will lay the foundation stone for the extension, renovation and modernization of the Grand Anicut Canal System in Tamil Nadu. The canal is important for irrigation in the delta districts.

- 65) Propylene Derivative Petrochemical Project (PDPP), inaugurated recently in Kerala by the Prime Minister, is developed by
- a) IOCL
 - b) ONGC
 - c) BPCL
 - d) HPCL

Ans: c

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday dedicated to the nation a ₹6,000 crore petrochemical complex of oil major Bharat Petroleum here and Ro-Ro vessels of

Inland Waterways at Willingdon Islands, asserting these projects would energise India's growth trajectory.

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66) On the lines of WhatsApp, National Informatics Centre has launched an instant messaging platform called

- a) Sandes
- b) Chitty
- c) Patrika
- d) None of the above

Ans: a

- The National Informatics Centre has launched an instant messaging platform called Sandes on the lines of WhatsApp.

67) MaaCenteens which provides subsidised cooked meals for the poor and the destitute at a nominal cost of ₹5 is an initiative by the state of

- a) Odisha
- b) Maharashtra
- c) West Bengal
- d) Tamil Nadu

Ans: c

- With an eye on the upcoming Assembly polls, Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Monday launched "Maa" canteens for providing subsidised cooked meals for the poor and the destitute at a nominal cost of ₹5.

68) Ngozi Okonjo-Iwealawho has been appointed the new chief of the World Trade Organization is the first woman to ever lead the institution and the first African citizen to take on the role. She is a citizen of

- a) Uganda
- b) Ghana
- c) Nigeria
- d) South Africa

Ans: c

- Nigerian economist Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala was appointed Monday to head the World Trade Organization, becoming the first woman and first African to take on the role amid rising protectionism and disagreement over how the body decides cases involving billions in sales and thousands of jobs.

69) "Zero Covid by Feb28" campaign is an initiative by the State/UT of

- a) New Delhi
- b) Puducherry
- c) Haryana
- d) Gujarat

Ans: b

- Under the "Zero Covid by Feb28" campaign, launched to ensure there were no Covid-19 cases by this month end in Puducherry, all those who had come into

contact with people infected with coronavirus would be identified and provided treatment, so that the further spread of the pathogen could be prevented.

- 70) Which among the following state governments has partnered with Flipkart's digital platform to promote wooden toys, local artefacts, handicrafts?
- Maharashtra
 - Gujarat
 - Punjab
 - Karnataka

Ans: a

- Flipkart, India's homegrown e-commerce marketplace, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Maharashtra Small Scale Industries Development Corporation (MSSIDC) and Maharashtra State Khadi & Village Industries Board (MSKVIB), to bring local artisans, weavers, craftsmen and SMBs of the state into the e-commerce fold.

17 Feb

- 71) Defence Minister recently launched an online portal 'e-Chhawani' and mobile app, to facilitate 'ease of living' and 'ease of doing' for
- Residents of cantonment boards
 - CRPF
 - BSF
 - ITBP

Ans: a

- Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh launched E-Chhawani portal and mobile app in New Delhi on February 16, 2021. The portal (<https://echhawani.gov.in/>) has been created to provide online civic services to over 20 lakh residents of 62 Cantonment Boards across the country.

- 72) International Cruise Terminal "Sagarika", the first full-fledged international cruise terminal in India, is located in
- Mumbai
 - Cochin
 - Kolkata
 - Vishakhapatnam

Ans: b

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will dedicate to the nation a slew of projects, including the flagship Rs 6,000 crore propylene derivative petrochemical (PDP) project at Kochi Refinery, Cochin Port Trust's (CPT) international cruise terminal (ICT) 'Sagarika' and Vigyana Sagar, a marine engineering training institute of the Cochin Shipyard Ltd (CSL)

- 73) 'Traffic Crash Injuries and Disabilities: The Burden on Indian Society' report, recently seen in news, is published by
- UNDP
 - Inclusion International

- c) World Bank
- d) Humanitarian Aid International

Ans: c

- The report titled "Traffic Crash Injuries and Disabilities: The Burden on Indian Society," is brought out by the World Bank in collaboration with SaveLIFE Foundation.

- 74) Satish Dhawan Satellite (SD SAT) to be launched by 2021 is developed by
- a) ISRO
 - b) Skyroot Aerospace
 - c) BEL
 - d) SpaceKidz India

Ans: d

- Chennai-based SpaceKidz, will be launching their SD Sat (an experimental communication satellite) on-board ISRO's PSLV-C51 rocket in early 2021.

- 75) Chittaura Lake, recently seen in news, is situated in the state of
- a) Uttar Pradesh
 - b) Bihar
 - c) Odisha
 - d) West Bengal

Ans: a

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of Maharaja Suheldev Memorial and development work of Chittaura Lake in Uttar Pradesh's Bahraich.

18 Feb

- 76) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has launched the Pilot Pey Jal Survekshan
- a) Jal Jeevan Mission
 - b) Atal Bhujal Yojana
 - c) Jal Shakti Abhiyan
 - d) Jal Kranti Abhiyaan

Ans: a

- Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has launched a Pilot Pey Jal Survekshan under Jal Jeevan Mission- Urban, JJM-U. Secretary Housing and Urban Affairs Durga Shanker Mishra informed that it will be conducted in cities to ascertain equitable distribution of water, reuse of wastewater and mapping of water bodies

- 77) Which among the online retailer company has partnered with ICICI Lombard insurance company to offer 'Group SafeGuard' insurance policy to its customers?
- a) Amazon
 - b) Flipkart
 - c) Alibaba
 - d) All of the above

Ans: b

- E-commerce company Flipkart has partnered with ICICI Lombard to offer 'Group SafeGuard' insurance, a group insurance policy to its consumers.

78) What is the name of the sustainable electric two-wheeler developed by IIT Madras?

- a) MoPi
- b) Athena
- c) PiMo
- d) Amalthea

Ans: c

- An IIT Madras-Incubated start-up has recently launched PiMo, a sustainable utility e-bike. Pi Beam's new Electric Two-Wheeler can charge faster than a smartphone. Riding PiMo does not require a license or registration. Priced at Rs. 30, 000 it is economical and eliminates fuel costs.

79) Which among the following countries are participating in Iran-Russia Maritime Security Belt 2021 naval exercise happening in Indian Ocean?

- a) India
- b) China
- c) Both (a) and (b)
- d) Neither (a) nor (b)

Ans: c

- India has joined Iran and Russia in a two-day navy exercise dubbed "Iran-Russia Maritime Security Belt 2021" in the northern part of the Indian Ocean. The Chinese navy will also join the exercise.

80) Charminar was built by Mohammed Quli Qutab Shah in 1591 to commemorate the

- a) victory of Battle of Tallikota
- b) foundation of city of Hyderabad
- c) end of the plague
- d) none of the above

Ans: c

- Charminar was built by Mohammed Quli Qutab Shah, in 1591 to commemorate the end of the plague in the city. No records of 'chilla' adjacent to Charminar, says ASI

19 Feb

81) India's first trade agreement with any African country is with

- a) Mauritius
- b) Mozambique
- c) Mali
- d) Nigeria

Ans: a

- The Indian Cabinet on Wednesday approved signing of the Comprehensive Economic Cooperation and Partnership Agreement (CECPA) between India and Mauritius. The CECPA will be signed in near future. The India-Mauritius CECPA will be the first trade Agreement to be signed by India with a country in Africa.

82) MaaSamaleswari Shrine, recently heard in news, is in the state of

- a) Karnataka
- b) Gujarat
- c) Tamil Nadu
- d) Odisha

Ans: d

- Odisha Chief Minister announced a Rs 200-crore package for the development of the 16th-century shrine of MaaSamaleswari, the presiding deity of western Odisha.

83) 11th edition of 'RashtriyaSanskriti Mahotsav was conducted in

- a) Amethi
- b) Cooch Behar
- c) Raipur
- d) Ranchi

Ans: b

- The Governor of West Bengal Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar in the presence of Minister of State (I/C) for Culture and Tourism, Shri Prahlad Singh Patel will inaugurate the 11th Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav on 14th February, 2021 at Cooch Behar Palace at Cooch Behar in West Bengal.

84) 'SetuBharatam' project which aims to make National Highway railway-crossing-free comes under the ministry of

- a) Ports, Shipping and Waterways
- b) Railways
- c) Road Transport and Highway
- d) None of the above

Ans: c

- Government has envisaged replacement of all the level crossings on National Highways by Road Over Bridges or Road Under Bridges under the SetuBharatam scheme. The programme is being implemented by Road Transport and Highways Ministry to ensure safe.

85) National Ambient Air Quality Standards includes 12 pollutants. Which among the following is not one among them?

- a) Carbon Dioxide
- b) Ozone
- c) Ammonia
- d) Lead

Ans: a

- The measurement of air quality under National Air Quality Index (AQI) is based on 8 pollutants: PM10, PM2.5, Nitrogen Dioxide (NO2), Sulphur Dioxide (SO2), Carbon Monoxide (CO), Ozone (O3), Ammonia (NH3), and Lead (Pb)

- National Ambient Air Quality Standards are specified separately for 12 pollutants including the 8 that constitute the National Air Quality Index and Nickel, Arsenic, Benzo[a]pyrene & Benzene)

20 Feb

86) Which among the following Indian city has received the recognition of the 2020 Tree City of World by Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)?

- a) Hyderabad
- b) Mumbai
- c) Cochin
- d) Chennai

Ans: a

- Greater Hyderabad has been recognized as a 2020 Tree City of the World by the Arbor Day Foundation and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). Telangana's capital is the only city from India to have been recognized as a Tree City.

87) Every year India observes the Soil Health Card Day on _____ to commemorate the launch of the Soil Health Card (SHC) Scheme

- a) 20th February
- b) 19th February
- c) 18th February
- d) 17th February

Ans: b

- The Soil Health Card Day commemorates the day Soil Health Card Scheme was launched by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on February 19, 2015 at Suratgarh, Rajasthan. Coincidentally, the International Year of Soils was celebrated the same year.

88) Majuli-Jorhat bridge which connects Nemati ghat to Kamlabarighat built across the river

- a) Ganga
- b) Brahmaputra
- c) Cauvery
- d) Narmada

Ans: b

- Majuli-Jorhat bridge connects Nemati ghat to Kamlabarighat on the Brahmaputra river in Assam.

89) Which among the following is the lightest and first element on the periodic table?

- a) Lithium
- b) Hydrogen
- c) Helium
- d) Sodium

Ans: b

- Hydrogen is the lightest and first element on the periodic table.

- "Energy transition is underway at an exceptional level and several countries are betting on hydrogen to emerge as the top clean fuel with its high energy density and versatility. Government of India's (GOI) National Hydrogen Energy Mission (NHM) initiative will capitalise on one of the most abundant elements on earth for cleaner alternative fuel option."

90) Who among the following is not one of the Indian-origin people who were featured in the Time100 Next 2021?

- a) Rishi Sunak
- b) Apoorva Mehta
- c) Shikha Gupta
- d) Shashi Taroor

Ans: d

- Five Indian-origin personalities, including Twitter's top lawyer Vijaya Gadde and UK's finance minister Rishi Sunak feature in TIME magazine's annual list of 100 "emerging leaders who are shaping the future."
- Other Indian-origin personalities on the list are Instacart founder and CEO Apoorva Mehta, doctor and Executive Director of non profit Get Us PPE Shikha Gupta and founder of nonprofit Upsolve Rohan Pavuluri.

22 Feb

91) Centre of Excellence on Hydrogen is an initiative to be set up in India under the partnership of Greenstat Hydrogen India Pvt. Ltd and

- a) IOCL
- b) BPCL
- c) ISRO
- d) IISc, Bangalore

Ans: a

- Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) has signed an agreement with Greenstat Hydrogen India Pvt. Ltd., a subsidiary of Greenstat Norway, to set up a Centre of Excellence on Hydrogen.

92) Carbon Watch, a mobile application to assess the carbon footprint of an individual, is an initiative by

- a) New Delhi
- b) Tamil Nadu
- c) Kerala
- d) Chandigarh

Ans: d

- Chandigarh became the first state or Union Territory in India to launch Carbon Watch, a mobile application to assess the carbon footprint of an individual. Although the app can be accessed by everyone, it has specific options for the residents of Chandigarh to compile a detail study.

93) International Mother Language Day (IMLD) is observed every year on

- a) 20 February

- b) 21 February
- c) 22 February
- d) 23 February

Ans: b

- International Mother Language Day is observed on February 21, every year to promote linguistic and cultural diversity and multilingualism. International Mother Language Day recognizes that languages and multilingualism can advance inclusion, and the Sustainable Development Goals focus on leaving no one behind.

94) First ever 'Skill University of the Eastern India' is being set up in the state of

- a) Meghalaya
- b) West Bengal
- c) Assam
- d) Arunachal Pradesh

Ans: c

- Chief minister Sarbananda Sonowal on Monday laid the foundation of the Assam Skill University (ASU) at Mangaldoi in Darrang district — a first-of-its-kind institute in the northeast.

95) World Social Justice Day is observed globally on

- a) 20 February
- b) 21 February
- c) 22 February
- d) 23 February

Ans: a

- World Social Justice Day is observed globally on February 20 to remind people to keep fighting against discrimination in all forms and focus on issues including human rights, gender equality, poverty, exclusion, unemployment and social protections.

23 Feb

96) Recently, Indian Oil Corporation has established the INDMAX Unit at Bongaigaon Refinery in line with Hydrocarbon Vision 2030 for North-East. Where is it located?

- a) Assam
- b) Manipur
- c) Tripura
- d) Arunachal Pradesh

Ans: a

- Indian Oil operates Guwahati, Digboi and Bongaigaon Refineries in Assam and Indian Oil's pipelines and marketing network ensures making the vital petroleum products available across the entire north-east.

97) Recently inducted K9 Vajra Tracked Self-Propelled Howitzer is developed by

- a) DRDO
- b) Ordnance Factory Board
- c) BEL

d) None of the above

Ans: d

- Leading Indian private defence major Larsen and Toubro (L&T) successfully completed delivery of the last and 100th K9 Vajra 155mm/52 calibre Tracked Self-Propelled Howitzer, which was flagged off by Army Chief General M.M. Naravane at Hazira near Surat in Gujarat.

98) 'Maverick Messiah', a book on political biography of N T Rama Rao, is authored by

- a) N T Rama Rao
- b) Ramesh Kandula
- c) M Venkaiah Naidu
- d) Y S Jaganmohan Reddy

Ans: b

- Vice-President M Venkaiah Naidu today paid tributes to former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister, late NT Rama Rao and said the actor-politician was a phenomenon, who strode the political stage like a colossus. Releasing a book, 'Maverick Messiah,' a political biography authored by senior journalist, Ramesh Kandula, the Vice-President said the political landscape underwent a profound change after NTR's arrival on the scene.

99) "O" in YONO Merchant app launched by SBI stands for

- a) One, Only
- b) Online, One
- c) Only, One
- d) Only, Online

Ans: c

- YONO stands for "You Only Need One". Using YONO App & website, customer can integrate all his products & service from SBI bank account, SBI Card, SBI Mutual Fund, SBI Life Insurance, SBI General Insurance, SBI Securities.

100) Khajuraho Dance Festival 2021 is being organised in the state of

- a) Madhya Pradesh
- b) Gujarat
- c) Bihar
- d) Rajasthan

Ans: a

- One of the most popular classical dance festivals, the Khajuraho Dance Festival is organised annually to promote India's rich cultural heritage, and is held at the backdrop of the historical Khajuraho Temple, Madhya Pradesh.

24 Feb

101) Best International Feature Film at the 2021 Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival awards was awarded to

- a) Parasite
- b) Unhinged

- c) The map of tiny perfect things
d) None of the above

Ans: a

- Here is the list of winners of the Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival Awards 2021:
- Best Actor (Female) - Deepika Padukone, Chhapaak
- Best Actor (Male) - Akshay Kumar, Laxmii
- Critic's Best Actress - Kiara Advani, Guilty
- Critic's Best Actor - Sushant Singh Rajput
- Best Film - Tanhaji: The Unsung Warrior
- Best International Feature Film - Parasite
- Best Director - Anurag Basu, Ludo

102) Khelo India University Games (KIUG) for the year 2021 will be hosted by

- a) Assam
b) Andhra Pradesh
c) West Bengal
d) Karnataka

Ans: d

- Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa and Union Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju announced that Karnataka will be the host state for the second Khelo India University Games (KIUG) 2021, scheduled later this year.

103) Hoshangabad city being is planned to be renamed as Narmadapuram is located in the state of

- a) Gujarat
b) Madhya Pradesh
c) Maharashtra
d) Rajasthan

Ans: b

- Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has announced that Hoshangabad city in the state would be renamed as Narmadapuram and a proposal to that effect would be sent to the Centre.

104) Which among the following state is going to be developed as India's first fisheries hub under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana?

- a) West Bengal
b) Karnataka
c) Goa
d) Gujarat

Ans: c

- Union fisheries minister Giriraj Singh on Sunday announced that Goa will be developed into the first fisheries hub of the country, and that the Centre is investing Rs 400 crore in the project.

105) United Nations Human Rights Council is headquartered at

- a) Rome
- b) Geneva
- c) Vienna
- d) New York

Ans: b

- The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) has its headquarters in the historic Pala is Wilson building in Geneva, Switzerland. UNHRC was reconstituted from its predecessor organisation, the UN Commission on Human Rights to help overcome the “credibility deficit” of the previous organisation.

25 Feb

106) The Sardar Patel Stadium, also known as the Motera stadium, is being renamed in the name of

- a) Narendra Modi
- b) Donald Trump
- c) B R Ambedkar
- d) Bhagat Singh

Ans: a

- President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated the newly revamped Motera cricket stadium in Ahmedabad, which has been renamed the Narendra Modi Stadium, on Wednesday. The ground, which was earlier named the Sardar Patel Stadium, and more popularly known as the Motera stadium, has been renamed after the Prime Minister, who was also formerly a president of the Gujarat Cricket Association.

107) International Anti-Corruption Champions Award is an initiative by the government of

- a) India
- b) Sweden
- c) Norway
- d) USA

Ans: d

- Right to Information (RTI) activist Anjali Bhardwaj is among 12 people being honoured by the United States government with a new International Anti-corruption Champions Award.

108) Advanced Institute of Integrated Research in Livestock and Animal Science (AIIRLAS), the largest cattle park in Asia, is inaugurated in the state of

- a) Gujarat
- b) Tamil Nadu
- c) Madhya Pradesh
- d) Rajasthan

Ans: b

- Chief Minister Edappadi K Palaniswami on Monday inaugurated the Advanced Institute of Integrated Research in Livestock and Animal Science (AIIRLAS), the

largest in Asia, near Thalaivasal. The facility was constructed at Rs 1,023 crore and spans 1,100 acres. Water for the AIIRLAS is drawn from the Cauvery river from Poolampatti at a cost of Rs 260 crore.

109) Which among the following organisations had been selected for 2020's Genome Valley Excellence Award?

- a) Serum Institute of India
- b) Pfizer
- c) Bharat Bio Tech
- d) Cipla

Ans: c

- Vaccine maker Bharat Biotech has been selected for this year's Genome Valley Excellence Award.

110) In Hydrogen production, if produced from fossil fuels, it is generally known as

- a) Green Hydrogen
- b) Blue Hydrogen
- c) Grey Hydrogen
- d) None of the above

Ans: c

- Hydrogen produced from fossil fuels: Grey hydrogen.
- Hydrogen generated from fossil fuels with carbon capture and storage options: Blue hydrogen
- Hydrogen generated entirely from renewable power sources: Green hydrogen

26 Feb

111) Which of the following recently became the first state or Union Territory in India to launch Carbon Watch?

- a) Chandigarh
- b) Puducherry
- c) Kerala
- d) Gujarat

Ans: a

- Chandigarh became the first state or Union Territory in India to launch Carbon Watch, a mobile application to assess the carbon footprint of an individual.
- Carbon footprint is the amount of greenhouse gases-especially carbon dioxide-released into the atmosphere by a particular human activity.
- As a person downloads the application, they will need to fill details in four parts – Water, Energy, Waste Generation and Transport (Vehicular movement).

112) India's first Digital University was recently inaugurated in

- a) Maharashtra
- b) Kerala
- c) Haryana
- d) Bihar

Ans: b

- A Digital University has been set up in **Kerala's Technocity, Mangalapuram. Kerala University of Digital Sciences, Innovation and Technology (Digital University)** is established by upgrading the two-decade old state government's Indian Institute of Information Technology and Management Kerala (IIITM-K).

113) Which of the following countries has assumed the Chairmanship of BRICS for 2021?

- a) Brazil
- b) Russia
- c) India
- d) China

Ans: c

- **India has kicked off its BRICS Chairship** with the inaugural three-day-long Sherpas' meeting. Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) Spokesperson Anurag Srivastava said Secretary (CPV & OIA) chaired the meeting and introduced our themes, priorities, and calendar for BRICS 2021.

114) Which among the following organisations recently launched Swavalamban Divyangjan Assistive Tech Market Access (ATMA) fund, an inclusion fund offering financial grant to startups from this sector?

- a) SIDBI
- b) RBI
- c) NABARD
- d) SEBI

Ans: a

- The recent tie-up between **Small Industries Development Bank of India (Sidbi) and Social Alpha** will aid startups working in the assistive technology sector through financial support, thereby easing access to these technologies.
- Assistive technology is a product or software that supports and improves capabilities of people with disabilities. **Named Swavalamban Divyangjan Assistive Tech Market Access (ATMA) fund, it is a first of its kind inclusion fund offering financial grant to startups from this sector.**

115) Which of the following ministries/departments have launched Swachh Iconic Places (SIP) programme?

- a) Ministry of Culture
- b) NITI Aayog
- c) Ministry of Tourism
- d) Ministry of Jal Shakti

Ans: d

- Taking forward the vision of Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi for transforming iconic heritage, spiritual and cultural places in the country as **'Swachh Tourist Destinations' under Swachh Iconic Places (SIP) initiative of Swachh Bharat Mission Grameen (SBM-G), the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DDWS), Ministry of Jal Shakti** has

announced the selection of the following Twelve (12) iconic sites under Phase IV of SIP.

- Ajanta Caves, Maharashtra
- Sanchi Stupa, Madhya Pradesh
- Kumbhalgarh Fort, Rajasthan
- Jaisalmer Fort, Rajasthan
- Ramdevra, Jaisalmer, Rajasthan
- Golconda Fort, Hyderabad, Telangana
- Sun Temple, Konark, Odisha
- Rock Garden, Chandigarh
- Dal Lake, Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir
- Banke Bihari Temple, Mathura, Uttar Pradesh
- Agra Fort, Agra, Uttar Pradesh
- Kalighat Temple, West Bengal

27-Feb

116) World NGO Day is annually observed on

- a) February 27
- b) March 30
- c) September 7
- d) May 5

Ans: a

- **World NGO Day is annually observed on February 27** to celebrate, commemorate and collaborate with various NGOs around the world.
- The day aims to inspire people to become actively involved with NGOs, both in the public and private sectors.

117) 'Swaathandhryathe- Kurich Oru Geetham', 'Bhoomigeethangal', 'India Enna Vikaram', 'Aparaajitha', 'Aranyakam' are books authored by

- a) M T Vasudevan Nair
- b) Vishnunarayanan Namboothiri
- c) Subash Chandran
- d) N S Madhavan

Ans: b

- Well-known poet Vishnunarayanan Namboothiri died on Thursday
- Namboothiri, 81, one of the widely acclaimed poets of contemporary Malayalam literature, was awarded the Padma Shri in 2014.
- He is also a recipient of several literary honours, including the Kerala Sahitya Akademi award.
- Some of his noted works are 'Swaathandhryathe- Kurich Oru Geetham', 'Bhoomigeethangal', 'India Enna Vikaram', 'Aparaajitha', 'Aranyakam', 'Pranayageethangal' and 'Ujjayiniyile Rappakalukal', among others.

118) Which of the following has organized the Asia Economic Dialogue 2021?

- a) World Economic Forum
- b) Ministry of External Affairs

- c) Asian Development Bank
- d) NITI Aayog

Ans: b

- The Asia Economic Dialogue 2021 (AED 2021) **jointly convened by the Ministry of External Affairs and Pune International Centre (PIC)** will be held over three days from Friday, February 26 to Sunday, February 28.
- The theme for this year's conference is 'Post Covid-19 Global Trade and Finance Dynamics' featuring high-level international participation from foreign ministers of a number of countries, senior bureaucrats, industry leaders and global financial experts.

- 119) INS Utkrosh is an Indian naval air station under the joint-services of Indian Armed Forces in
- a) Visakhapatnam
 - b) Kochi
 - c) Andaman and Nicobar
 - d) Chennai

Ans: c

- President of India Shri Ram Nath Kovind was accorded a formal welcome on his arrival at **Port Blair**.
- **INS Utkrosh is the first naval air station in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.**

- 120) Vivad Se Vishwas scheme, recently seen in news, is related to
- a) GST
 - b) Border security
 - c) DISCOM
 - d) Direct Tax

Ans: d

- The **Income Tax Department** extended the deadline for filing declarations and making payment under **direct tax dispute resolution scheme Vivad Se Vishwas (VsV)** till March 31 and April 30.
- The Direct Tax 'Vivad se Vishwas' Act, 2020 was enacted on March 17, 2020, with the objective to reduce pending income tax litigation, generate timely revenue for the government and to benefit taxpayers.