

## 1 April

- 1) Indian Navy is scheduled to take part for the first time in the naval drill 'La Perouse' led by
- Belgium
  - France
  - Vietnam
  - Cambodia

**Ans: b**

- The warships of the Indian Navy will for the first time participate in the "La Pérouse" drill led by the French Navy. Anirban Bhaumik, DHNS, New Delhi, Apr 01 2021.

- 2) Which among the following is the first country to have made a law to provide leave for miscarriage and for stillbirth for the first time?
- India
  - USA
  - New Zealand
  - Germany

**Ans: a**

- New Zealand's parliament has passed legislation giving mothers and their partners the right to paid leave following a miscarriage or still birth, becoming only the second country in the world to do so, the first one being India.

- 3) 2020 Human Rights Report, recently heard in news, is released by
- UN
  - Amnesty International
  - Human Rights First
  - None of the above

**Ans: d**

- It is released by the U.S. State Department. The report, which is submitted each year to the U.S. Congress, is retrospective and contains a country-wise discussion of the state of human rights.

- 4) New Development Bank (NDB) was established in 2014, at the 6th BRICS Summit at
- Saint Petersburg, Russia
  - Johannesburg, South Africa
  - Ufa, Russia
  - Fortaleza, Brazil

**Ans: d**

- It was established in 2014, at the 6th BRICS Summit at Fortaleza, Brazil and was headquartered in Shanghai, China. The bank is set up to foster greater financial and development cooperation among the five emerging markets.

- 5) Saraswati Samman for 2020 is awarded to which among the following work?

- a) Chequebook
- b) PakkakiOttigilite
- c) Vakhar
- d) Sanatan

**Ans: d**

- The 30<sup>th</sup> edition of the prize, the highest recognition in the field of Indian literature in the country, was given to SharankumarLimbale for his 2018 Marathi novel, Sanatan.

### **03 April**

6) DadasahebPhalke Award for the year 2019 has been conferred upon

- a) Rajinikanth
- b) Amitabh Bachchan
- c) Kamala Hasan
- d) K. Viswanath

**Ans: a**

- Rajinikanth honoured with DadasahebPhalke award: Minister for Information and Broadcasting, Prakash Javadekar shared the news via Twitter on Thursday morning. The DadasahebPhalke award for 2018 had gone to Amitabh Bachchan.

7) ShantirOgroshena2021is a multinational military exercise hosted by

- a) India
- b) Bangladesh
- c) Sri Lanka
- d) Pakistan

**Ans: b**

- Indian Army will participate in Multinational Military Exercise namely SHANTIR OGROSHENA -2021 in Bangladesh. The nine days exercise will start on the 4th of this month to commemorate the birth centenary of Bangladesh Father of the Nation, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and mark glorious 50 years of liberation.

8) Who among the following won the 2021 Bahrain Grand Prix?

- a) Max Verstappen
- b) Lewis Hamilton
- c) Nikita Mazepin
- d) None of the above

**Ans: b**

- For the first time since 2015, Lewis Hamilton won the season-opening Grand Prix, having held off a furious attack from Max Verstappen in Bahrain

9) Global Gender Gap Report 2021 ranked India at

- a) 136
- b) 140

- c) 111
- d) 96

**Ans: b**

- India has slipped 28 places to rank 140 among 156 countries in the World Economic Forum's Global Gender Gap Report 2021, becoming the third-worst performer in South Asia. According to the report, India has closed 62.5 per cent of its gender gap till date.

10) World Autism Awareness Day is observed every year on

- a) April 5
- b) April 2
- c) April 4
- d) April 3

**Ans: b**

- **World Autism Awareness Day is observed internationally on April 2 every year.** It is a day when member states of the United Nations are encouraged to **raise awareness** about people living with **autistic** spectrum disorders including **autism** and Asperger syndrome.

#### **05 April**

11) 14<sup>th</sup> April, recently announced by the government as a public holiday, marks the birth anniversary of

- a) Bhagat Singh
- b) Sardar Patel
- c) BR Ambedkar
- d) Aruna Asaf Ali

**Ans: c**

- 14 April 2021 will mark the 130th birth anniversary of Babasaheb Ambedkar. The Centre declared Ambedkar Jayanti on 14 April, a public holiday under Section 25 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881, to celebrate the birth anniversary of Dr BR Ambedkar.

12) Which among the following will be the first mission ever to peer deep beneath the Martian surface?

- a) Mars Pathfinder
- b) Nozomi
- c) ExoMars
- d) InSights

**Ans: d**

- InSight is part of NASA's Discovery Program. It will be the first mission to peer deep beneath the Martian surface, studying the planet's interior by measuring its heat output and listening for marsquakes, which are seismic events similar to earthquakes on Earth. It will use the seismic waves generated by marsquakes to develop a map of the planet's deep interior.

- 13) Harmonized System of Nomenclature Code is a multipurpose international product nomenclature developed by
- World Customs Organization
  - Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs
  - World Trade Organisation
  - Goods and Services Tax Council

**Ans: a**

- Businesses with turnover of more than Rs 5 crore will have to furnish six-digit HSN or tariff code on the invoices issued for supplies of taxable goods and services from April 1. It is developed by the World Customs Organization (WCO) called the "universal economic language" for goods.

- 14) International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action is celebrated every year on
- April 5
  - April 4
  - April 2
  - April 3

**Ans: b**

- Every year, April 4 is observed as the International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action. The day was approved by the General Assembly on 8 December in the year 2005. This day aims to seek assistance for mine action work, raise awareness about landmines and advance toward their eradication.

- 15) Facebook and Google are planning to build new cables under the sea called 'Echo' and 'Bifrost' to connect the US to
- Singapore
  - India
  - Indonesia
  - Both (a) and (c)

**Ans: d**

- Facebook and Google are planning to build new subsea cables from the US to Singapore and Indonesia. Facebook said it has partnered with leading regional and global partners to build two new subsea cables -- Echo and Bifrost -- that will provide vital new connections between the Asia-Pacific region and North America.

## 06 April

- 16) The proposed Mahendragiribiosphere reserve is located in the state of
- Bengal
  - Odisha
  - Assam
  - Andhra Pradesh

**Ans: b**

- **The Odisha government has proposed a second biosphere reserve in the southern part of the state at Mahendragiri, a hill ecosystem having rich biodiversity.** The 5,569-square kilometre Similipal **Biosphere Reserve** is **Odisha's** first such **reserve** and **was** notified May 20, 1996.

17) International Virtual Election Visitors Programme (IVEP) 2021 is hosted by the chief election body of which among the following country?

- a) India
- b) Japan
- c) UK
- d) US

**Ans: a**

- Election Commission of India today hosted International Virtual Election Visitors Programme (IEVP) 2021 for Election Management Bodies (EMBs) /Organisations from 26 countries and three International Organisations during the ongoing elections for Legislative Assemblies of Assam, Kerala, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal.

18) Which of the following is world's highest railway bridge?

- a) Chenab Bridge
- b) Trestle bridge
- c) Bogibeel Bridge
- d) Pamban Bridge

**Ans: a**

- Indian Railways completes arch closure of iconic Chenab Bridge, World's Highest Railway Bridge. The total cost of the Chenab bridge is estimated to be Rs 1486 crore and the design life of the bridge is said to be 120 years.

19) Which among the following countries share borders with Xinjiang province of China?

- a) India
- b) Russia
- c) Afghanistan
- d) All of the above

**Ans: d**

- Xinjiang is technically an autonomous region within China — its largest region, rich in minerals, and sharing borders with many countries, including India, Russia and Afghanistan.
- Japanese Foreign Minister Toshimitsu Motegi has expressed strong concerns to his Chinese counterpart about the human rights situation of China's Uighur minority.

20) Shistura Hiranyakeshi Biological Heritage Site is located in the state of

- a) Maharashtra

- b) Madhya Pradesh
- c) Uttar Pradesh
- d) Bengal

**Ans: a**

- Following the discovery of a rare freshwater fish species there, the Maharashtra government has declared an area at Amboli in Western ghats in Sindhudurg district as a biodiversity heritage site. SchisturaHiranyakeshi is a rare sub-species of Schistura, a freshwater loach and was named after the Hiranyakeshi river near Amboli village.

## 07 April

21) Which among the following is the first permanent, treaty based, international criminal court established to help end impunity for the perpetrators of the most serious crimes of concern to the international community?

- a) Permanent Court of Arbitration
- b) International Criminal Court
- c) International Court of Justice
- d) None of the above

**Ans: b**

- U.S. President Joe Biden has lifted sanctions imposed by previous President Donald Trump on two top officials of the International Criminal Court (ICC). It is the first permanent, treaty based, international criminal court established to help end impunity for the perpetrators of the most serious crimes of concern to the international community. Its founding treaty, the Rome Statute, entered into force on July 1, 2002.

22) Ingenuity mini-helicopter, dropped on the surface of Mars, is an initiative by

- a) NASA
- b) ISRO
- c) ESA
- d) JAXA

**Ans: a**

- **NASA's Ingenuity mini-helicopter has been dropped on the surface of Mars in preparation for its first flight.** The helicopter had been fixed to the belly of the Perseverance rover, which touched down on the Red Planet on February 18.

23) Which of the following is the Asia's largest brackish water lake?

- a) Wular Lake
- b) ChilikaLake
- c) Lake Baikal
- d) Loktak Lake

**Ans: b**

- The Chilika lake in Odisha, Asia's largest brackish water lake, was once part of the Bay of Bengal, a study by the marine archaeology department of the National Institute of Oceanography (NIO), Goa, has found.

- 24) Isamu Akasaki, who recently passed away, had won the Nobel prize in the field of
- a) Physics
  - b) Chemistry
  - c) Mathematics
  - d) Peace

**Ans: a**

- The Japanese semiconductor pioneer Isamu Akasaki has died at the age of 92. His work in the late 1980s and early 1990s led to the development of blue light-emitting diodes (LEDs), which soon found a wide range of applications from low-energy light bulbs and mobile-phone displays to televisions. For the work Akasaki shared the 2014 Nobel Prize for Physics together with fellow Japanese-born researchers Hiroshi Amano and Shuji Nakamura.

- 25) National Maritime Day is observed every year on
- a) April 5
  - b) April 8
  - c) April 7
  - d) April 6

**Ans: a**

- **National Maritime Day is observed on April 5th every year.** This year, India will mark its 58th edition of National Maritime Day. The first celebration took place in 1964 to spread awareness about intercontinental commerce and the economy.

## **08 April**

- 26) "Anamaya" is a tribal health collaborative supported by
- a) Piramal Foundation
  - b) Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
  - c) Both (a) and (b)
  - d) None of the above

**Ans: c**

- A multi-stakeholder initiative **supported by Piramal Foundation and Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF)**, 'Anameya' will cover efforts of various government agencies and organisations to enhance the **health** and nutrition status of the **tribal** communities of the country.

- 27) World Health Day is observed every year on
- a) April 4
  - b) April 7
  - c) April 6
  - d) April 5



**Ans: b**

- The **World Health Organisation (WHO)** organised the first **World Health Assembly** which called for a "**World Health Day**" in 1948. The first **World Health Day** was **observed** on **April 7**, 1950 and since then, it is **celebrated** every year on the same **day**.

28) Lab on wheels, recently heard in news, is an initiative by

- a) IIT Mumbai
- b) Delhi Technological University
- c) Gujarat Technological University
- d) IIT Delhi

**Ans: b**

- Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia inaugurated a **lab on wheels, which is part of Delhi Technological University's (DTU) Education Reaches You scheme**. The lab will impart science education to students in Delhi government schools and under privileged children.

29) North Atlantic Treaty Organization is an intergovernmental military alliance headquartered at

- a) Washington
- b) New York
- c) Brussels
- d) Paris

**Ans: c**

- The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) is headquartered in a complex in Haren, part of the City of Brussels municipality of Belgium. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky has urged NATO to speed up his country's membership in the alliance, saying it was the only way to end fighting with pro-Russia separatists.

30) Virat Kohli has been appointed as the brand ambassador of which among the following smartphone company?

- a) Mi
- b) Vivo
- c) Samsung
- d) Oppo

**Ans: b**

- Chinese **smartphone** major **Vivo** on Wednesday said it **has appointed** cricketer **Virat Kohli** as its **brand ambassador**. With the association, Vivo aims to reach the millennials and technologically driven consumers, and a 360-degree marketing approach will characterise the **company's** association with **Kohli**.

**09 April**



- 31) The world's first animal vaccine against the novel coronavirus has been registered in
- New Zealand
  - Russia
  - Canada
  - Sweden

**Ans: b**

- The world's first animal vaccine against the novel coronavirus has been registered in Russia, the country's agriculture safety watchdog Rosselkhoz nadzor. The vaccine for animals, developed by a unit of Rosselkhoz nadzor (Federal Service for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Surveillance), was named Carnivac-Cov.

- 32) Forbes' annual world's billionaires list 2021 is topped by

- Mark Zuckerberg
- Jeff Bezos
- Elon Musk
- Mukesh Ambani

**Ans: b**

- The top spot was unsurprisingly taken by **Jeff Bezos**, with a fortune of US\$177 billion, closely followed by Elon Musk, with a net worth of US\$151 billion, and Bernard Arnault and family, with US\$150 billion.

- 33) Every year, the famous Tulip festival is organised in

- Ladakh
- Karnataka
- Arunachal Pradesh
- Jammu and Kashmir

**Ans: d**

- The **festival** which was **thrown open by Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha** yesterday was organised by **Jammu and Kashmir** Tourism department in collaboration with **Jammu and Kashmir** Tourism Development Corporation and Department of Floriculture.

- 34) SUPACE, an AI-based portal, is an initiative by

- Supreme Court of India
- Reserve Bank of India
- Securities and Exchange Board of India
- None of the above

**Ans: a**

- The Supreme Court has **launched** an **artificial intelligence-enabled portal** that would help its judges in legal research. The **SUPACE** — short for Supreme Court **Portal** for Assistance in Courts Efficiency — was inaugurated by Chief Justice SA Bobde

35) "HamariSadak" & "Tameer Taraqqi" are two apps launched by \_\_\_\_\_ to improve e-Governance structure.

- a) Gujarat
- b) Bihar
- c) Jammu and Kashmir
- d) Uttarakhand

**Ans: c**

- Taking a major leap towards strengthening the e-Governance structure and bringing transparency in the system, Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha today launched JK Public Works- Online Management, Monitoring and Accounting System (JKPW-OMMAS), besides two apps- **"HamariSadak" & "Tameer Taraqqi"** of J&K Public Works (R&B) department.

### 10 April

36) NanoSniffer, a microsensor based explosive trace detector, is invented by a start-up based in

- a) IIT Madras
- b) IIT Bombay
- c) IISc Bangalore
- d) IIT Kanpur

**Ans: b**

- The Nanosniffer has been developed by NanoSniff Technologies which is an IIT Bombay incubated startup. It is being marketed by Vehant Technologies, a spin-off from a former IIT Delhi incubated startup Kritikal Solutions.

37) World Homeopathy Day is celebrated every year on

- a) April 10
- b) April 11
- c) April 13
- d) April 1

**Ans: a**

- **World Homeopathy Day is celebrated** on April 10. The **day is observed** to mark the importance of **homoeopathy** and its contribution to **the world** of medicine. The date is the birth anniversary of Dr Christian Friedrich Samuel Hahnemann, who was a German physician and the founder of **homoeopathy**.

38) India hands over a ₹100 cr patrol boat, PS Zoroaster to boost the maritime security of

- a) Sri Lanka
- b) Bangladesh
- c) Mauritius
- d) Seychelles

**Ans: d**

- India has been working closely with countries in the Indian Ocean, especially the Maldives and Seychelles, to bolster maritime security through the supply of

aircraft and patrol vessels. The PS Zoroaster is the fourth made-in-India patrol boat to be gifted to Seychelles since 2005.

39) India's Muktiyoddha Scholarship scheme is aimed at helping students from

- a) Sri Lanka
- b) Bangladesh
- c) Mauritius
- d) Seychelles

**Ans: b**

- The government of India has announced scholarships to 2000 descendants of the Liberation War fighters of Bangladesh under its new Muktiyoddha Scholarship scheme.

40) The CRPF celebrates April 9 as Valour Day to commemorate the defence of post in

- a) Rann of Kutch
- b) Kargil
- c) Ladakh
- d) Tawang

**Ans: a**

- The CRPF celebrates April 9 as Valour Day to commemorate the defence of the Sardar post in the Rann of Kutch at the onset of the Indo-Pak War of 1965. In the intervening night of 8 and 9 April 1965, about 3500 men of 51st Infantry of Pakistani Army invaded India at Sardar Post.

## **12 April**

41) National Safe Motherhood Day, observed on 11<sup>th</sup> of April every year, marks the birth anniversary of

- a) Kasturba Gandhi
- b) Jaya Lalita
- c) Sarojini Naidu
- d) None of the above

**Ans: a**

- At the request of WRAI, an alliance of 1800 organizations, in 2003, the Government of India declared April 11th, the **anniversary of Kasturba Gandhi's birth**, as **National Safe Motherhood Day**. India became the first **country** to do so. **Kasturba Gandhi** is the **wife of the father of Nation Mohan Das Karam Chand Gandhi**.

42) 'Strategic Partnership on Water' to deepen the cooperation in the water related sector is signed recently between India and

- a) Netherlands
- b) US
- c) Bangladesh
- d) Sweden

**Ans: a**

- India and the Netherlands on Friday launched a strategic partnership on water, agreed to alleviate the joint working group on water to ministerial level and broaden bilateral cooperation in new areas of water. The two sides also decided to set up fast-track mechanism to promote bilateral trade.

43) Which among the following is the first municipal corporation to issue green bonds in BSE?

- a) Bangalore
- b) Ghaziabad
- c) Delhi
- d) Chennai

**Ans: b**

- The Ghaziabad Municipal Corporation which raised 150 crore via municipal bonds on private placement basis using the BSE bond platform, was listed on the exchange on April 8. It opened for a subscription on March 31, 2021. This is also the first-ever green bond issued by any municipal corporation in India.

44) "Lilavati" is a twelfth century book written by

- a) Aryabatta
- b) Sushruta
- c) Vyasa
- d) Bhaskara II

**Ans: d**

- Six higher education institutions have been awarded the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) Lilavati Awards 2020 on women empowerment under various sub-themes. The winners were chosen from 456 entries. Lilavati is written by the Indian mathematician Bhaskara II, also known as Bhaskara Acharya.

45) Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) tied up with the GamappSportswizz Tech Private Limited to launch "LITTLE GURU" application to teach

- a) Mathematics
- b) Sanskrit
- c) Hindi
- d) Science

**Ans: b**

- It is a specialized gamified mobile application for learning Sanskrit in an interactive platform.

### 13 April

46) Umngot, considered to be the cleanest river in India, is situated in the state of

- a) Meghalaya
- b) Assam
- c) Jharkhand

d) None of the above

**Ans: a**

- Stiff resistance from at least 12 villages in **Meghalaya** has cast a cloud on a 210 MW hydroelectric project on **Umngot**, considered India's clearest **river**. The villages are near the border with Bangladesh in East Khasi Hills district but the dam is proposed upstream in the adjoining West Jaintia Hills district.

47) Brucellosis is a zoonotic infection caused by

- a) Virus
- b) Bacteria
- c) Fungus
- d) Plasmodium

**Ans: b**

- **Brucellosis is a zoonotic infection caused by the bacterial genus Brucella.** The **bacteria** are transmitted from animals to humans by ingestion through **infected** food products, direct contact with an **infected** animal, or inhalation of aerosols.

48) Advanced Antiquities Management System, first of its kind in the country for storage of antiquities, is established in the state of

- a) Karnataka
- b) Uttar Pradesh
- c) Goa
- d) Tamil Nadu

**Ans: c**

- The Directorate of Archives and Archaeology (DAA) of the Goa government inaugurated the Advanced Antiquities Management System on March 30 that it claimed was the first such system in the country for storage of antiquities. The system that catalogues 83 antiquities at present is aimed at providing quick information about an antiquity linked to the software, saving storage space and ensuring improved preservation of the objects of historical significance.

49) Thwaites Glacier, also known as "Doomsday Glacier", is located in

- a) Antarctica
- b) Greenland
- c) Iceland
- d) Russia

**Ans: a**

- Doomsday Glacier, also called the Thwaites Glacier, it is located in Antarctica. The melting of this glacier has long been a cause of concern because of its high potential of speeding up the global sea level rise happening due to climate change.

50) Who has been appointed as the new Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) of India?

- a) Manpreet Vohra
- b) GP Samanta
- c) Kapil Dev
- d) Sushil Chandra

**Ans: d**

- The Election Commission of India (ECI) will get a new chief on Tuesday as Sushil Chandra will take over as the new chief election commissioner (CEC) from Sunil Arora, who demitted office on Monday.

#### **14 April**

- 51) Aahaar Kranti, a movement to raise awareness of the importance of a nutritionally balanced diet in India, is run by
- a) Vijnana Bharati (Vibha)
  - b) Global Indian Scientists' and Technocrats' Forum (GIST).
  - c) Pravasi Bharatiya Academic and Scientific Sampark (PRABHASS)
  - d) All of the above

**Ans: d**

- **Vijnana Bharati (Vibha), 'Global Indian Scientists and Technocrats' (GIST) Forum, Vigyan Prasara, and Pravasi Bharatiya Academic and Scientific Sampark (PRABHASS)** have come together to launch mission "Aahaar Kranti" with the motto of 'UttamAahaar-UttamVichaar' (Good Diet-Good Cognition).

- 52) e-SANTA is an electronic marketplace providing a platform to connect buyers with
- a) aqua farmers
  - b) horticulture farmers
  - c) both (a) and (b)
  - d) neither (a) nor (b)

**Ans: a**

- Minister for Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal inaugurated e-SANTA. e-SANTA is an electronic marketplace providing a platform to connect aqua farmers and buyers. e-SANTA will raise income, lifestyle, self-reliance, quality levels, traceability, and provide new options for aqua farmers.

- 53) Poshan Gyan, a national digital repository on health and nutrition, is launched by
- a) Niti Aayog
  - b) Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
  - c) Centre for Social and Behaviour Change
  - d) All of the above

**Ans: d**

- **NITI Aayog, in partnership with Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and Centre for Social and Behaviour Change, Ashoka University** launched Poshan Gyan, a national digital repository on health and nutrition.

54) Which of the following vaccines are permitted in India so far?

- a) Covaxin
- b) Sputnik V
- c) Covishield
- d) All of the above

**Ans: d**

- Amidst a bad surge in COVID-19 cases in India, the third COVID-19 vaccine, Sputnik V has just been approved for emergency use authorization in the country. In comparison to Russia's Sputnik V, both Covaxin and Oxford-Astrazeneca (Covishield) shot have a lower efficacy rate. While Bharat Biotech's Covaxin is still under study (Phase 3) is said to be at least 81% effective against the virus, and well-effective against the UK strain of the virus too.

55) Who is set to become the first female to be named as the new Director General of National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER)?

- a) Poonam Gupta
- b) Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw
- c) Preetha Reddy
- d) Vinita Bali

**Ans: a**

- The **National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER)** has **appointed Poonam Gupta** as its **new director general**, effective from July 1, according to a statement. **Gupta will** succeed the current **head** of the think tank, Shekhar Shah, to **become the first woman** to hold the post.

## 16 April

56) MANAS App, endorsed as a national program by the Prime Minister's Science, Technology, and Innovation Advisory Council (PM-STIAC), deals with

- a) Health
- b) Education
- c) Skill Development
- d) None of the above

**Ans: a**

- The app, MANAS, which stands for Mental Health and Normalcy Augmentation System, is a comprehensive, scalable, and national digital wellbeing platform, it said. The app has been developed to augment the mental wellbeing of Indian citizens, according to the principal scientific advisor's office.

57) 2021 'Inclusive Internet Index' ranks India at

- a) 49
- b) 96
- c) 112
- d) 34

**Ans: a**



- Despite cheapest data plans and nearly 700 million internet users, India is at a dismal 49<sup>th</sup> spot globally when it comes to internet inclusion and gender equality in accessing the world wide web, a Facebook-Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) study has revealed.

- 58) The S-400 Triumf, a mobile, surface-to-air missile system (SAM) which India plans to procure, is designed by
- a) Russia
  - b) France
  - c) US
  - d) South Korea

**Ans: a**

- India and Russia are “committed” to completing their contract for the S-400 missile system, due to be delivered to India at the end of the year, confirmed Russian Ambassador to India Nikolay Kudashev, who said both countries oppose U.S. sanctions on the issue.

- 59) Which of the following are included in India’s sources of public debt?

- a) Treasury Bills
- b) External Assistance
- c) Short term borrowings
- d) All of the above

**Ans: d**

- As per Moody’s Investors Service, India’s public debt level is among the highest in emerging economies with a quantitative easing programme underway, while its debt affordability is among the weakest. Sources of Public Debt are listed as follows:
  - Dated government securities or G-secs.
  - Treasury Bills or T-bills
  - External Assistance
  - Short term borrowings
  - Public Debt definition by Union Government

- 60) The Siachen Day is observed every year on 13 April to commemorate the launch of

- a) Operation Meghdoot
- b) Operation Rajiv
- c) Operation Safed Sagar
- d) None of the above

**Ans: a**

- The Siachen Warriors celebrated the 37th Siachen Day with tremendous zeal and enthusiasm today. On this day in 1984, Indian troops first unfurled the tri colour at Bilafond La launching Operation Meghdoot.

## 17 April

- 61) Regulations Review Authority 2.0, recently heard in news, was set up by

- a) IBBI
- b) RBI
- c) PFRDA
- d) SEBI

**Ans: b**

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has set up the **Regulations Review Authority 2.0**. Deputy Governor M. Rajeshwar Rao has been appointed as the **Regulations Review Authority**. The **authority** would **have** validity for a period of one year from May 1, 2021, unless its tenure is extended by the **RBI**.

62) The Inclusive Internet Index 2021 is released annually by

- a) Economist Intelligence Unit
- b) Amnesty International
- c) Reporters Without Borders
- d) World Economic Border

**Ans: a**

- Despite cheapest data plans and nearly 700 million internet users, India is at a dismal 49<sup>th</sup> spot globally when it comes to internet inclusion and gender equality in accessing the world wide web, a Facebook-Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) study has revealed.

63) The Marathi film "Puglya" has won the Best Foreign Language Feature award at which of the international film festival?

- a) Moscow
- b) India
- c) Cannes
- d) Berlin

**Ans: a**

- **Marathi film Puglya has won the best foreign language feature at the Moscow International Film Festival 2021**, continuing its immensely successful **international** stint. Director Vinod Sam Peter's **film** about a pug and two boys **has** been winning accolades at **foreign festivals**.

64) HulakiRajmarg, constructed with Indian assistance, is located in

- a) Maldives
- b) Sri Lanka
- c) Mauritius
- d) Nepal

**Ans: d**

- With the aim of strengthening road infrastructure in the Terai region of Nepal, India has provided Nepali Rs 800 crores of grant assistance under a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), said Indian Embassy in Kathmandu. India provides NRs 800 cr financial aid to Nepal for road construction project. These Terai roads are also called **HulakiRajmarg** and connect major towns located on the East-West highway with the India-Nepal border, these 10 roads

are located in seven border districts of Province 1, 2, and 5 of Nepal and provide a smooth travel experience to people of over 284 wards, 149 villages, 18 village municipalities, 18 municipalities, and 1 sub-metropolitan city.

65) World Voice Day is observed globally on

- a) April 11
- b) April 12
- c) April 16
- d) April 14

**Ans: c**

- World Voice Day is observed globally on April 16 and celebrates the phenomenon of voice. It encourages people irrespective of their sex to assess their vocal health and take action to improve or maintain their good voice habits.

**19 April**

66) India's first bamboo-dwelling bat with sticky discs has been found in

- a) Meghalaya
- b) Kerala
- c) Goa
- d) Himachal Pradesh

**Ans: a**

- India's first disk-footed bat recorded in Meghalaya; dwells in bamboo grooves. A team of scientists have discovered India's first bat species with disk-shaped sticky feet in Meghalaya. With this find, the number of bat species in India increases to 130, and in Meghalaya, to 66.

67) International Day for Monuments and Sites is observed every year on

- a) April 16
- b) April 18
- c) April 17
- d) April 19

**Ans: b**

- **Every year, the United Nations marks April 18 as the International Day for Monuments and Sites**, in many countries also celebrated as World Heritage **Day**. The theme for this **year** is "Complex Pasts: Diverse Futures". Globally, the **day** is promoted by the **International Council on Monuments and Sites** (ICOMOS).

68) 1004<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Sri Ramanujacharya was observed on April 18, 2021. He is the chief proponent of

- a) Advaita Vedanta
- b) Dvaidavada
- c) Vishishtadvaita
- d) All of the above

**Ans: c**

- He was a great philosopher-Saint, theologian, social reformer and chief exponent of the Visishtadvaita School of Vedanta. It is a non-dualistic school of Vedanta philosophy. It is non-dualism of the qualified whole, in which Brahman alone exists, but is characterized by multiplicity.

- 69) US engineers have created what they are calling the whitest paint yet. It is made of
- a) Barium Chloride
  - b) Calcium Chloride
  - c) Calcium Sulphate
  - d) Barium Sulphate

**Ans: d**

- Older formulations of **white paints** were **made** of calcium carbonate, while the new one is **made up of barium sulphate making it more white. Barium Sulphate** is used to **make** photo paper and cosmetics **white**. Different sized particles of this chemical compound, helps in scattering different amounts of light.

- 70) Transport 4 All (T4All) Challenge, recently heard in news, is launched by
- a) Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
  - b) Ministry of Rural Development
  - c) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
  - d) All of the above

**Ans: c**

- Transport 4 All (T4All) Challenge is launched by the Housing & Urban Affairs Ministry in collaboration with Institute for Transportation and Development Policy (ITDP).

## **20 April**

- 71) India signed an agreement on Technical Cooperation titled 'Cities Combating Plastic Entering the Marine Environment' at a virtual ceremony with
- a) US
  - b) Netherlands
  - c) France
  - d) Germany

**Ans: d**

- The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), Government of India and Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH India on behalf of the German Federal Ministry of Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety signed an agreement on Technical Cooperation titled 'Cities Combating Plastic Entering the Marine Environment' at a virtual ceremony.

- 72) The World Liver Day is observed every year on
- a) April 16
  - b) April 18

- c) April 17
- d) April 19

**Ans: d**

- World Liver day is observed on the 19 April every year to spread awareness about the second largest organ in the body.

73) 2021 Emilia Romagna F1 Grand Prix was won by

- a) Lewis Hamilton
- b) Charles Leclerc
- c) Max Verstappen
- d) None of the above

**Ans: c**

- Emilia Romagna Grand Prix: Max Verstappen crossed the finish line in first place for Red Bull ahead of Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes) and McLaren's Lando Norris in the race which was temporarily suspended after Valtteri Bottas's accident.

74) Italy has launched its first ever mega food park project in India in the state of

- a) Punjab
- b) Gujarat
- c) Madhya Pradesh
- d) Haryana

**Ans: b**

- The pilot project "The **Mega Food Park**" was **launched** today, in virtual mode, with the signing of a Letter of Intent between the ICE Office in Mumbai and Fanidhar **Mega Food Park**, in Gujarat. Ambassador of **Italy** to **India**, Vincenzo de Luca, and the Ambassador of **India** to **Italy**, Neena Malothra were part of the **launch**.

75) Which among the following is not one of the official languages of the United Nations?

- a) Chinese
- b) Arabic
- c) French
- d) Hindi

**Ans: d**

- There are six official languages of the UN. These are Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish. UN Chinese Language Day is observed on April 20 annually.

## 21 April

76) Russia's space agency is planning to launch its own orbital station in 2025. International Space Station is a collaborative initiative by

- a) Russia
- b) Canada

- c) European Space Agency
- d) All of the above

**Ans: d**

- Launched in 1998 and involving Russia, the United States, Canada, Japan, and the European Space Agency, the ISS is one of the most ambitious international collaborations in human history.

77) Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2021, held in China, deals with

- a) economic integration
- b) climate change
- c) terrorism
- d) human rights violation

**Ans: a**

- The Boao Forum for Asia was initiated in 2001 by 25 Asian countries and Australia (increased to 28 in 2006). It is a non-profit organisation. It has provided a high-end platform for political, business and academic leaders in Asia and the world. It is modelled on the World Economic Forum held annually in Davos, Switzerland. The Forum is committed to promoting regional economic integration and bringing Asian countries even closer to their development goals.

78) World Press Freedom Index 2021 ranks India at

- a) 154
- b) 131
- c) 142
- d) 95

**Ans: c**

- **India retains 142<sup>nd</sup> position among 180 countries in World Press Freedom Index.** Rights: **India has** retained its **position** on the **2021 World Press Freedom Index** at **142** out of **180 countries**.

79) World Press Freedom Index is released by

- a) United Press International
- b) Reporters without Borders
- c) World Economic Freedom
- d) None of the above

**Ans: b**

- India has retained its position on the 2021 World Press Freedom Index at 142 out of 180 countries. In a report released by the international journalism nonprofit—Reporters Without Borders—India continues to be in the category of countries considered 'bad' for journalism. Other countries in this category include Brazil, Russia, and Mexico.

80) World Creativity and Innovation Day celebrated globally every year on

- a) April 12
- b) April 18

- c) April 21
- d) April 2

**Ans: c**

- World Creativity and Innovation Day (#WCID) is a global UN day celebrated on April 21 to raise awareness around the importance of creativity and innovation in problem solving with respect to advancing the United Nations sustainable development goals, also known as the "global goals".

## 22 April

81) Water Sports and Adventure Institute (WSAI) in Uttarakhand's Tehri is developed as per the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between Uttarakhand Tourism Development Board and

- a) ITBP
- b) BSF
- c) SSB
- d) CRPF

**Ans: a**

- The institute is developed as per the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between Uttarakhand Tourism Development Board and Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) in the year 2020.

82) Which among the following is the first country to ratify Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP)?

- a) Singapore
- b) China
- c) Malaysia
- d) Sri Lanka

**Ans: a**

- Singapore has **ratified** the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (**RCEP**) and deposited its **ratification** instrument, becoming the **first** participating **country** to complete the official process.

83) Government of India chose April 21 as the National Civil Service Day in the memory of

- a) Thomas Babington Macaulay
- b) Jawaharlal Nehru
- c) George Robinson
- d) Sardar Patel

**Ans: d**

- The Government of India chose April 21 as the National Civil Service Day as on this day the country's first home minister, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel addressed the newly appointed Administrative Services Officers in 1947. The historic occasion took place at the Metcalfe House in Delhi.



84) Cryptocurrency exchange Bitex, first exchange in India to provide investment declaration reports, is based in

- a) India
- b) China
- c) Iran
- d) UAE

**Ans: d**

- Cryptocurrency exchange Bitex has announced that it has started providing investment declaration reports for all its retail and institutional investors, becoming the first exchange in India to comply with the recent amendments made to the Companies Act 2013 by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs.

85) International Mother Earth Day is observed globally every year on

- a) April 12
- b) April 18
- c) April 21
- d) April 22

**Ans: d**

- Today (April 22) is Earth Day, an international event celebrated around the world to pledge support for environmental protection. The year 2021 marks the 51st anniversary of the annual celebrations. This year's theme for Earth Day is 'Restore Our Earth'. In 2009, the United Nations designated April 22 as 'International Mother Earth Day'.

## **23 April**

86) Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC) is an intergovernmental body established by

- a) World Customs Organisation
- b) Food and Agriculture Organisation
- c) World Health Organisation
- d) Both (b) and (c)

**Ans: d**

- It is an intergovernmental body established jointly by the UN's Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) and the World Health Organisation (WHO) in 1963, within the framework of the Joint Food Standards Programme. Fifth session of the Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs (CCSCH) was recently inaugurated by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).

87) Global Energy Transition Index (ETI) is released by

- a) UNFCCC
- b) IUCN
- c) World Meteorological Organisation
- d) World Economic Forum

**Ans: d**

- **India** has been ranked at the 87th position among 115 countries in the **Energy Transition Index** (ETI) that tracks nations on the current performance of their **energy** systems across various aspects, according to a report.
- The report from the **World Economic Forum** (WEF) **released** on Wednesday and prepared in collaboration with Accenture also draws on insights from **ETI**. The top 10 countries in the **index** are Western and Northern European countries, and Sweden is in the first position followed by Norway (2nd) and Denmark (3rd).

88) Global Energy Transition Index (ETI) 2021 ranks India at

- a) 94
- b) 32
- c) 87
- d) 132

**Ans: c**

- **India** has been ranked at the 87th position among 115 countries in the **Energy Transition Index** (ETI) that tracks nations on the current performance of their **energy** systems across various aspects, according to a report.
- The report from the **World Economic Forum** (WEF) **released** on Wednesday and prepared in collaboration with Accenture also draws on insights from **ETI**. The top 10 countries in the **index** are Western and Northern European countries, and Sweden is in the first position followed by Norway (2nd) and Denmark (3rd).

89) Fi app for salaried millennials is a partnership between Google Pay and

- a) Bank of Baroda
- b) State Bank of India
- c) Federal Bank
- d) Union Bank

**Ans: c**

- Co-creators of Google Pay, Sujith Narayanan and SumitGwalani, are launching Fi, a neobank for salaried millennials in partnership with Federal Bank

90) Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) is headquartered at

- a) Hague
- b) Vienna
- c) Bern
- d) None of the above

**Ans: a**

- Conference of State Parties of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), The Hague, selected India's Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) as the External Auditor of the OPCW for the three-year term starting in 2021, the Ministry of External Affairs said on Wednesday.

**24 April**

91) World Day for Animals In Laboratories (WDAIL) is observed every year on

- a) 6 April
- b) 14 April
- c) 4 April
- d) 24 April

**Ans: d**

- World Day for Laboratory Animals: **24 April**
  - Instituted in 1979 World Day for Laboratory Animals, and the associated Lab Animal Week (20-26 April 2020), has been a catalyst for the movement to end the suffering of animals in laboratories around the world and their replacement with advanced scientific non-animal techniques.

92) Which among the following day is commemorated as the National Panchayati Raj Day annually in the country?

- a) 16 April
- b) 1 April
- c) 26 April
- d) 24 April

**Ans: d**

- **24<sup>th</sup> April, 1993** marks a defining moment in the history of decentralization of power to the grassroots, with the institutionalization of Panchayati Raj, through the Constitution (73<sup>rd</sup> Amendment) Act, 1992 which came into force with effect from that day. Ministry of Panchayati Raj commemorates 24<sup>th</sup> April of every year as the National Panchayati Raj Day(NPRD), as the 73<sup>rd</sup> Constitutional Amendment came into force on this date.

93) Crew-2 mission is a collaboration between NASA and \_\_\_\_\_ under the Commercial Crew Program.

- a) SpaceX
- b) Blue Origin
- c) Bigelow Aerospace
- d) Scaled Composites

**Ans: a**

- **Four astronauts were launched to the International Space Station (ISS) from Florida as part of a collaboration between NASA and SpaceX under the Commercial Crew Program.** The mission **is** called **Crew-2** and **is** the second **crew** rotation of the **SpaceX Crew** Dragon and the first **with international** partners.

94) 2021 AIBA Youth World Boxing Championship was held in

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

**Ans: c**

- Indian boxer Sachin produced a remarkable performance to clinch the gold medal as the Indian contingent concluded their glorious campaign with an unprecedented 11 medals, including eight gold, at the 2021 AIBA Youth Men's and Women's World Boxing Championships in Kielce, Poland

95) Which among the following countries **topped** World Press Freedom index 2021 for the fifth year in the row?

- a) Finland
- b) Norway
- c) Denmark
- d) Eritrea

**Ans: b**

- Norway has topped yet again for the fifth year in the row, followed by Finland and Denmark. Eritrea is at the bottom meanwhile China is ranked 177, and is only above North Korea at 179 and Turkmenistan at 178.

## 26 April

96) The Indian and French Navy bilateral exercise 'VARUNA-2021' will be conducted in

- a) Mediterranean Sea
- b) Arabian Sea
- c) Bay of Bengal
- d) South China Sea

**Ans: b**

- **India and France** began their joint **Navy exercise VARUNA-2021** on Sunday in the **Arabian Sea**. The 19th edition of **bilateral** event began on **25th April** and **will** continue until **27th April**.

97) Who has been sworn in as the 48<sup>th</sup> Chief Justice of India (CJI) recently?

- a) Justice SA Bobde
- b) Justice RF Nariman
- c) Justice NV Ramana
- d) Justice DY Chandrachud

**Ans: c**

- Justice Nuthalapati Venkata Ramana was sworn in as the 48th Chief Justice of India by President Ram Nath Kovind on Saturday. He took the oath at a brief ceremony held at Rashtrapati Bhavan.

98) India Renewables Dashboard, a joint effort to provide detailed operational information on renewable energy (RE) projects in India, is an initiative of

- a) Central Electricity Authority
- b) Centre for Energy Finance
- c) Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation
- d) All of the above

**Ans: d**

- The Central Electricity Authority (CEA) and CEEW's Centre for **Energy** Finance (CEEW-CEF) on Wednesday launched the **India Renewables** Dashboard. The dashboard is a **joint effort to provide detailed operational information on renewable energy (RE) projects in India**, according to a statement. The dashboard, supported by the Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation, captures daily generation data at the state, regional and national levels for the aggregate 93 GW of installed RE capacity in India. It also captures this data at a plant-level for a subset of projects.

99) World's first QR credit card "ConQR" is an initiative by

- a) BOB Financial Solutions
- b) Mastercard
- c) Both (a) and (b)
- d) VISA

**Ans: c**

- QR on Card makes payments more flexible and safer and is another solution to drive easy acceptance of digital payments for SMEs in India. Mumbai, Maharashtra, India (NewsVair) Mastercard and BOB Financial Solutions Limited (BFSL) have come together to offer an easy, frictionless payment solution for cardholders with the launch of ConQR - a Mastercard QR on Card solution.

100) Priyanka Mohite from Satara in Maharashtra has become the first Indian woman to scale \_\_\_\_\_, the tenth highest mountain peak in the world.

- a) Mount Annapurna
- b) Mount Kangchenjunga
- c) Mount Makalu
- d) Mount Shishapangma

**Ans: a**

- Priyanka Mohite from Satara in Maharashtra has become the first Indian woman to scale Mt Annapurna, the tenth highest mountain peak in the world. Mt Annapurna is a massif in the Himalayas, which is located in Nepal. It has a peak with an altitude of over 8,000 metres, which is hard to scale, even for some of the top mountaineers in the world. Also called the 'Killer Mountain', the mountain peak poses several risks to mountaineers; one misstep and you can lose your life.

**27 April**

101) Kowloon peninsula, recently heard in news, is located in

- a) Taiwan
- b) South Korea
- c) Japan
- d) Hong Kong

**Ans: d**

- **China's national security office** to open **permanent base** in **Hong Kong**. **HONG KONG**, April 23 (Reuters) - **Hong Kong** is to **grant a site on the western Kowloon peninsula**, close to the high-speed railway to the

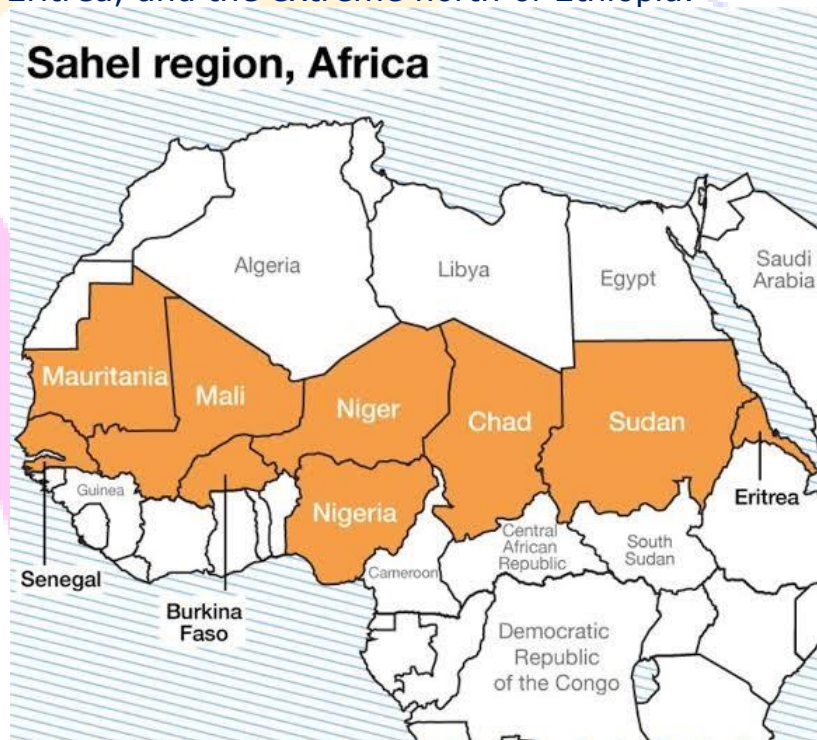
mainland, to Beijing's **national security office for its permanent base in the city**, the government said on Friday.

102) Sahel is the ecoclimatic and biogeographic realm of transition in Africa. Which among the following countries is not a part of it?

- a) Chad
- b) Sudan
- c) Egypt
- d) Nigeria

**Ans: c**

- The Sahel is the ecoclimatic and biogeographic realm of transition in Africa between the Sahara to the north and the Sudanian savanna to the south. **The Sahel part of Africa includes** northern Senegal, southern Mauritania, central Mali, northern Burkina Faso, the extreme south of Algeria, Niger, the extreme north of **Nigeria**, the extreme north of Cameroon and Central African Republic, central **Chad**, central and southern Sudan, the extreme north of South **Sudan**, Eritrea, and the extreme north of Ethiopia.



103) RBI has fixed the maximum age limit for MD, CEO and whole-time director (WTD) in a private sector bank at

- a) 75 years
- b) 65 years
- c) 60 years
- d) 70 years

**Ans: a**



- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** on Monday **fixed the tenure of Managing Director (MD), Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and whole-time director (WTD) in a private sector bank at 15 years and prescribed the maximum age of 70 years for such functionaries.**

104) Project DANTAK which completed 60 years recently is associated with which among the following countries?

- a) Bangladesh
- b) Bhutan
- c) China
- d) Nepal

**Ans: b**

- Project DANTAK was established on April 24, 1961 as a result of the visionary leadership of His Majesty the Third King and then Prime Minister Jawahar Lal Nehru. Identifying the utmost importance of connectivity in spurring the socio-economic development and growth of Bhutan, DANTAK was tasked to construct the pioneering motorable roads in the Kingdom.

105) World Intellectual Property Day is observed annually on

- a) 27<sup>th</sup> April
- b) 26<sup>th</sup> April
- c) 24<sup>th</sup> April
- d) 25<sup>th</sup> April

**Ans: b**

- World Intellectual Property Day is observed annually on **26 April**. The event was established by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in 2000 to "raise awareness of how patents, copyright, trademarks and designs impact on daily life" and "to celebrate creativity, and the contribution made by creators and innovators to the development of societies across the globe".

**28 April**

106) Harlequin Ichthyosis, recently reported in Odisha, is an extremely rare genetic disorder first reported in

- a) Ganjam
- b) Nagpur
- c) Chennai
- d) Bastar

**Ans: b**

- **India's first recorded case of a baby born with harlequin ichthyosis** was in **2016, at** a private hospital in **Nagpur, Maharashtra**. Such **cases** were also **reported** in Delhi, Patna and West Bengal. The **infants** could not survive for long and succumbed to the disease days after **birth**, sources said.

107) SUPACE, an artificial intelligence portal developed for good governance, is an initiative by

- a) Comptroller and Auditor General of India



- b) Election Commission of India
- c) Supreme Court
- d) High Court of Delhi

**Ans: c**

- A **pet project of Chief Justice of India S ABobde**, the **Supreme Court Portal for Assistance in Court's Efficiency (SUPACE)** is a tool that collects relevant facts and laws and makes them available to a judge.

108) Which among the following countries is the biggest spender on military according to SIPRI Military Expenditure Database ranking for the year 2020?

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

**Ans: a**

- The US, China and India were the world's three biggest military spenders in 2019, followed by Russia and Saudi Arabia. The two Asian countries made it to the top three for the first time, the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (Sipri) said on Monday.

109) International Commemoration Day for Dead and Injured Workers is observed annually on

- a) 29<sup>th</sup> April
- b) 26<sup>th</sup> April
- c) 28<sup>th</sup> April
- d) 27<sup>th</sup> April

**Ans: c**

- On April 28th, International Workers' Memorial Day (IWMD), the ITF remembers all those across the world killed at or around their place of work.

110) 'KRI Nanggala', a submarine went missing recently, is reported to be found split into three pieces. It belonged to

- a) Indonesia
- b) China
- c) Japan
- d) Malaysia

**Ans: a**

- A missing **Indonesian submarine** has been found, broken into at least three parts, at the bottom of **the Bali Sea**, army and navy officials said on Sunday, as the president sent condolences to relatives of the 53 crew.

## 29 April

111) Chandler Good Government Index (CGGI) 2021 ranked India at

- a) 24
- b) 49
- c) 64

d) 110

**Ans: b**

- **India has been ranked 49th in the Chandler Good Government Index (CGGI)**, which classifies 104 countries in terms of government capabilities and outcomes.

112) Which among the following is the cloud-based IT solution for planning, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of Covid-19 vaccination in India?

- a) CoVAX
- b) CoWAR
- c) CoWIN
- d) CoSHIELD

**Ans: c**

- To ensure smooth running of the vaccination programme, a dedicated web portal called Co-WIN (COVID -19 Vaccine Intelligence Network) has been launched recently. Co-WIN serves as an extension of the existing electronic Vaccine Intelligence Network (eVIN) module for it to be a comprehensive cloud-based IT solution for planning, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of COVID-19 vaccination in India.

113) As per Vehicle Scrappage Policy, private vehicles which are over \_\_\_\_\_ years old will be scrapped.

- a) 15
- b) 20
- c) 25
- d) 30

**Ans: b**

- Old vehicles will have to pass a fitness test before re-registration and as per the policy government commercial vehicles more than 15 years old and private vehicles which are over 20 years old will be scrapped.

114) Which among the following states in the country were the last to have a 'two children' policy for appointment in government jobs or even for the elections of some local government bodies?

- a) Rajasthan
- b) Madhya Pradesh
- c) Andhra Pradesh
- d) Assam

**Ans: d**

- Maharashtra is one of the few states in the country that have a 'two children' policy for appointment in government jobs or even for the elections of some local government bodies. Other states such as Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, Gujarat, Odisha, Uttarakhand and Assam being the latest addition to the list in 2019.

115) Arobot prototype named as 'NEO-01' developed by China is used for

- a) Surgeries
- b) Currency Swap
- c) Manhole cleaning
- d) Removing space debris

**Ans: d**

- China has launched a robot prototype named as 'NEO-01' that is capable of clearing space debris left behind by other spacecraft.

### 30 April

116) Recently, ICICI Bank launched of a digital and contactless banking platform called \_\_\_\_\_ for retail merchants.

- a) InstaBIZ
- b) Merchant Stack
- c) Digital Stack
- d) Merchant Stock

**Ans: b**

- ICICI Bank announced the launch of its 'Merchant Stack', a set of digital banking services specially curated for retail merchants. Merchants — grocers, supermarkets, large retail store chains, online businesses and large e-commerce firms can meet their banking requirements seamlessly so that they can continue to serve their consumers during the pandemic's difficult times. This initiative is in line with the Bank's 'Business with Care' principle. Retail merchants can avail these contactless services without visiting the Bank's branches. They can use these services right away via InstaBIZ, the Bank's mobile banking application for businesses.

117) International Jazz Day is celebrated every year on

- a) 30<sup>th</sup>April
- b) 29<sup>th</sup>April
- c) 28<sup>th</sup>April
- d) 27<sup>th</sup>April

**Ans: a**

- **International Jazz Day** is an **International Day** declared by the **United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization** in 2011 "to **highlight jazz and its diplomatic role of uniting people in all corners of the globe.**" It is **celebrated annually** on **April 30**. The 2019 **Jazz Day** was hosted in Melbourne, Australia.

118) Name the start-up incubated at IIT Madras which built first-ever 3D printed house of India

- a) Rector Innovations
- b) Tvasta Manufacturing Solutions
- c) Sycode
- d) Fracktal Works

**Ans: b**

- Tvasta Manufacturing Solutions, a start-up founded by alumni of IIT Madras, has made what it says is **India's first 3D-printed house**. The team **printed** the structure using a specialty concrete that it had developed to **print** large-scale **3D** structures in short periods.

119) WHO under Global Immunisation Strategy aims to achieve \_\_\_\_\_ coverage for essential vaccines given in childhood and adolescence by 2030.

- a) 30%
- b) 50%
- c) 90%
- d) 100%

**Ans: c**

- Targets, under new global immunization strategy, to be achieved by 2030 include:
  - **Achieve 90% coverage for essential vaccines given in childhood and adolescence**
  - Halve the number of children completely missing out on vaccines
  - Complete 500 national or subnational introductions of new or under-utilized vaccines - such as those for COVID-19, rotavirus, or human papillomavirus (HPV)

120) Which among the following state has topped the "E-Panchayat Puraskar 2021" in Category I?

- a) Odisha
- b) Kerala
- c) Tamil Nadu
- d) Uttar Pradesh

**Ans: d**

- The Uttar Pradesh government on Tuesday said it has won the "E-Panchayat Puraskar 2021", ranking first in Category I. It was followed by Assam and Chhattisgarh at the second position, while Odisha and Tamil Nadu stood third, the government said.