

## 1 June

- 1) World Milk Day is observed each year on
- June 1
  - June 4
  - June 3
  - June 2

**Ans: a**

- **The World Milk Day is observed every year on 1 June** to recognise the importance of milk as a global food. The main objective of this day is to focus on activities that are connected to the dairy sector. The World Milk Day was established by the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of the United Nations in 2001.

- 2) World's first nano urea liquid fertiliser which is cheaper and easier to store and transport is launched by
- Krishak Bharati Cooperative
  - Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative
  - National Fertilizers
  - Rashtriya Chemicals & Fertilizers

**Ans: b**

- **IFFCO**, the premier farmers' cooperative, on Monday, launched the world's first nano urea liquid fertiliser, which is cheaper and easier to store and transport, said a company statement.

- 3) Which among the following states launched the concept of "Guardian Ministers"?
- Kerala
  - Arunachal Pradesh
  - Assam
  - Gujarat

**Ans: c**

- The Assam Cabinet on Wednesday appointed ministers who would act as guardians for different districts in the state. "The guardian ministers will be responsible for administration in the districts under their charge. But they won't be directly involved with people from those districts," said parliamentary affairs minister Pijush Hazarika.

- 4) AmbiTAG is India's first indigenous temperature data logger for cold chain management developed by
- IISc Bangalore
  - IIT Ropar
  - IIT Gandhinagar
  - IIT Madras

**Ans: b**

- **Indian** Institute of Technology, Ropar (IIT Ropar) in Punjab has developed a **first**-of-its-kind IoT device – **AmbiTag** that **records** real-time ambient **temperature** during the transportation of perishable products, vaccines and even body organs and blood.
- 5) Who is being appointed as the new chairperson of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC)?
- a) Indu Malhotra
  - b) R. Banumathi
  - c) Mohan Shantanagoudar
  - d) Arun Kumar Mishra

**Ans: d**

- Former Supreme Court judge, Justice Arun Kumar Mishra today took over as the Chairman of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC). Justice Mishra had retired from the Supreme Court in September last year.

## 02 June

- 6) Every year World Blood Cancer Day is observed on
- a) Feb 4
  - b) June 1
  - c) May 28
  - d) June 2

**Ans: c**

- On **28 May** people around the **world** show their support for people with **blood cancer**.

- 7) World's first human infection of the H10N3 bird flu strain is observed in
- a) China
  - b) Russia
  - c) India
  - d) US

**Ans: a**

- **In world's first case, China** reports human getting infected with H10N3 bird flu. Beijing: China has reported the first case of human infection with the H10N3 strain of bird flu from the country's eastern Jiangsu province, China's National Health Commission said on Tuesday.

- 8) Which among the following is the first standards body to join 'One Nation, One Standard' Scheme?
- a) Research Design and Standards Organisation
  - b) Bureau of Indian Standards
  - c) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India
  - d) Drugs Controller General of India

**Ans: a**

- Lucknow-based **RDSO**, which sets **standards** for the railway sector, has **become** the **first standards body** in the **country** to **join** the central government's '**One Nation, One Standard**' scheme that aims to ensure quality products to Indian consumers.

9) 'Kappa' and 'Delta' are names of variants of Covid-19 found in

- a) Britain
- b) Brazil
- c) South Africa
- d) India

**Ans: d**

- World Health Organisation (WHO) named the two variants of the Covid-19, first found in India. **The B.1.617.1 variant of the Covid 19 has been named as 'Kappa' while the B1.617.2 variant is named as 'Delta.'**

10) 17+1 mechanism, recently heard in news, is a forum connecting European countries to

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

**Ans: b**

- **The 17+1 initiative is a China-led format founded in 2012 in Budapest with an aim to expand cooperation between Beijing and the CEE member countries, with investments and trade for the development of the CEE region.**

### 03 June

11) Experimental Advanced Superconducting Tokamak (EAST), also known as 'Artificial Sun' experiment, has set a new record in the latest experiment, where it achieved a plasma temperature of 216 million Fahrenheit (120 million C) for 101 seconds. It is conducted by

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

**Ans: c**

- **China's "artificial sun" set a new record after it ran at 120 million degrees Celsius for 101 seconds, according to the state media. The Experimental Advanced Superconducting Tokamak (EAST) device designed by China replicates the nuclear fusion process carried out by the sun.**

12) Which among the following are methods through which oil spill can be cleaned?

- a) Containment Booms
- b) Skimmers
- c) Dispersing agents

d) All of the above

**Ans: d**

- Sri Lankan authorities on Thursday said they were bracing for a possible oil spill, as a fire-damaged cargo vessel was sinking off the island's main port in capital Colombo.



13) Which among the following is/are missions to Venus?

- Magellan
- EnVision
- Akatsuki
- All of the above

**Ans: d**

- The European Space Agency is evaluating a Venus mission, called EnVision, alongside two astronomy proposals – Theseus and Spica. Other concepts are also being proposed to Nasa.
- Historic missions to Venus: Magellan – a Nasa mission that ended in 1994, Venus Express – A European mission – focused on atmospheric science, Akatsuki – Japanese spacecraft – focused on atmospheric science.

14) World Bicycle Day is celebrated globally every year on

- June 3
- June 4
- June 1
- June 2

**Ans: a**

- **World Bicycle Day is observed every year on June 3** to promote the health **benefits** of **cycling** among **all** age groups. The **day** also aims to **draw** people's **attention** towards the fact that **cycling** is a zero pollution mode of transportation that is good for the environment.

15) XraySetu is an AI-based platform to help in easy detection of COVID 19, with the help of Chest X-ray, launched by

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

**Ans: b**

- ARTPARK (AI & Robotics Technology Park), a not-for-profit foundation established by the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru, with support from the Department of Science & Technology (DST), Govt. of India, in collaboration with Bangalore based Health Techstartup Niramai and the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), has developed XraySetu specifically designed to identify COVID positive patients even from low-resolution Chest X-Ray images sent over Whatsapp.

#### **04 June**

16) The Ministry of Education has extended the validity of the Teachers Eligibility Test (TET) qualifying certificate to

- a) 7 years
- b) 10 years
- c) 25 years
- d) Lifetime

**Ans: d**

- The Ministry of Education has extended the validity of the Teachers Eligibility Test (TET) qualifying certificate from seven years to life with retrospective effect from 2011.

17) Which type of clouds produce hailstones?

- a) Nimbostratus
- b) Cumulus
- c) Cumulonimbus
- d) None of the above

**Ans: c**

- Hail is produced by cumulonimbus clouds, which are generally large and dark and may cause thunder and lightning. In such clouds, winds can blow up the water droplets to heights where they freeze into ice.

18) Which among the following state/UT will be using indigenously developed 'anti-hail guns' to disrupt the growth of hailstones in clouds?

- a) Himachal Pradesh

- b) Jammu and Kashmir
- c) Sikkim
- d) Arunachal Pradesh

**Ans: a**

- The **Himachal Pradesh government will be testing the use of indigenously developed 'anti-hail guns' to help out horticulturists who face crop damage due to hailstorms.** It is a machine that generates shock waves to disrupt the growth of **hailstones** in clouds.

19) World Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTD) Day will be annually observed on

- a) June 3
- b) January 30
- c) June 2
- d) June 30

**Ans: b**

- The ongoing 74th World Health Assembly declared January 30 as 'World Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTD) Day' May 28, 2021. The proposal to recognise the day was floated by the United Arab Emirates. It was adopted unanimously by the delegates.

20) The second United Nations Global Sustainable Transport Conference will be hosted by

- a) India
- b) China
- c) Bangladesh
- d) Indonesia

**Ans: b**

- The **second United Nations Global Sustainable Transport Conference will be held from 14-16 October 2021 in Beijing, China.**

## **05 June**

21) OneWeb and Starlink, recently heard in news, are associated with

- a) Machine Learning
- b) Satellite communication
- c) Big Data analytics
- d) None of the above

**Ans: b**

- Following the successful launch of 36 satellites on May 28, OneWeb's Low Earth Orbit (LEO) constellation reached 218 in-orbit satellites. OneWeb's chief competitor is Starlink, a venture led by Elon Musk's SpaceX. Starlink currently has 1,385 satellites in orbit and has already started beta testing in North America and initiating pre-orders in countries like India.

22) India along with which among the following country launched Industrial Deep Decarbonization Initiative (IDDI) at the 12th Chief Energy Ministerial (CEM)?

- a) US
- b) France
- c) Britain
- d) South Africa

**Ans: c**

- India along with Govt. of United Kingdom launched new work stream to promote industrial energy efficiency under the Clean Energy Ministerial's (CEM) – Industrial Deep Decarbonization Initiative (IDDI) at the 12th Chief Energy Ministerial (CEM).

23) As per SDG India Index, developed in collaboration with the United Nations, what is India's overall score?

- a) 60
- b) 66
- c) 84
- d) 82

**Ans: b**

- Country's overall SDG score improved by 6 points — from 60 in 2019 to 66 in 2020-21.

24) International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression is annually observed on

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

**Ans: d**

- International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression is a United Nations observance held on June 4 every year. It was established on 19 August 1982. Originally focused on victims of the 1982 Lebanon War, its purpose expanded to "acknowledge the pain suffered by children throughout the world who are the victims of physical, mental and emotional abuse. This day affirms the UN's commitment to protect the rights of children."

25) Which of the following state has topped the SDG India Index 2020-21 released by NITI Aayog in collaboration with the United Nations?

- a) Karnataka
- b) Kerala
- c) Himachal Pradesh
- d) Tamil Nadu

**Ans: b**

- Kerala has retained the **top** rank in **Niti Aayog's SDG India Index 2020-21**, while Bihar has been adjudged as the worst performer.

**07 June**

26) Which among the following countries is the host country for the 2021 World Environment Day?

- a) Pakistan
- b) Japan
- c) Germany
- d) Philippines

**Ans: a**

- **Pakistan**, in collaboration with the UN **Environment** Programme (UNEP), will be the **global host** for the **day** to highlight the importance of ecosystem restoration this year. The event has a participation of over 143 **countries** annually.

27) World Pest Awareness Day is observed annually on

- a) June 3
- b) June 5
- c) June 6
- d) June 4

**Ans: c**

- World Pest Day, also called World Pest Awareness Day, is celebrated on June 6 every year. The day is dedicated to spread awareness of pest management and its benefits to preserve quality of life for people and plants around us.

28) 2021 International Booker Prize is awarded to which among the following work?

- a) Celestial Bodies
- b) At Night All Blood Is Black
- c) The Discomfort of Evening
- d) The Vegetarian

**Ans: b**

- At Night All Blood Is Black is a novel by French author David Diop. First published in French on August 16, 2018, by Éditions du Seuil, it won the Prix Goncourt des Lycéens that same year. The English translation by Anna Moschovakis won the 2021 International Booker Prize.

29) World Environment Day (WED) is annually observed on

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

**Ans: b**

- **World Environment Day (WED)** is celebrated annually on 5 June and is the United Nations' principal vehicle for **encouraging awareness** and **action for the protection** of the **environment**.

30) SAGE portal, launched by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, deals with the support of



- a) Elderly
- b) Scheduled Caste
- c) Transgenders
- d) Scheduled Tribe

**Ans: a**

- The SAGE(Seniorcare Ageing Growth Engine) portal will be a “one-stop access” of elderly care products and services by credible start-ups.

## 08 June

31) International Day for the Fight Against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing is observed on 5<sup>th</sup> June under the aegis of

- a) WHO
- b) FAO
- c) PCA
- d) ISA

**Ans: b**

- The International Day for the Fight Against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing is organised every year on 5 June by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

32) I-Familia is a global database to identify missing persons launched by

- a) International Criminal Police Organization
- b) Permanent Court of Arbitration
- c) International Hydrographic Organization
- d) International Mobile Satellite Organization

**Ans: a**

- The Interpol has launched a new global database named “I-Familia” to identify missing persons through family DNA and help the police solve cold cases in member countries.

33) CBSE has collaborated with which among the following tech giant to introduce Coding and Data Science in schools for classes 6 to 12?

- a) Microsoft
- b) Google
- c) Apple
- d) Facebook

**Ans: a**

- The Central Board of Secondary **Education (CBSE)** in **collaboration with Microsoft to introduced coding** as a subject for students of **Class 6-8** and **data science** curriculum for **Class 8-12** as new skilling subjects in the 2021-2022 academic session.

34) Which among the following states topped the Performance Grading Index for 2019-20 released by Ministry of Education?

- a) Punjab
- b) Karnataka

- c) Kerala  
d) Tamil Nadu

**Ans: a**

- Punjab topped the list with a score of 929. Punjab, Chandigarh, Tamil Nadu, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, and Kerala occupy the highest grade A++ in 2019-20.

<b>HOW THE REGION FARED</b>						
The states and UTs were scored on 70 parameters under five main heads						
State (Rank)	Learning outcomes, quality (180)	Access (80)	Infra and facilities (150)	Equity (230)	Governance processes (360)	Total (1000)
<b>Punjab (1)</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>929</b>
Delhi (6)	124	77	149	224	324	898
Haryana (11)	134	75	131	217	305	862
HP (13)	140	77	131	220	271	839
J&K (26)	132	55	114	208	254	763

- 35) Which among the following union territory launched YounTab scheme for students to encourage digital learning?
- a) Jammu & Kashmir  
b) Ladakh  
c) Lakshadweep  
d) New Delhi

**Ans: b**

- Ladakh Lt Governor RK Mathur has launched the YounTab scheme for students in the Union Territory. YounTab scheme formulated to encourage digital learning, bridge the digital divide between connected and unconnected and mitigate the Covid pandemic disruptions.

## 09 June

- 36) UN has declared \_\_\_\_\_ as the International Year of Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture
- a) 2021  
b) 2022  
c) 2023  
d) 2025

**Ans: b**

- The United Nations General Assembly has declared 2022 the International Year of Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture (IYAFA 2022). FAO is the lead agency for celebrating the Year in collaboration with other relevant organizations and bodies of the United Nations system.

37) UN Russian Language Day is observed annually on

- a) June 6
- b) June 7
- c) June 5
- d) June 9

**Ans: a**

- June 6 is UN Russian Language Day

38) Mission Innovation CleanTech Exchange, to create a network of incubators across member countries, is an initiative by

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

**Ans: c**

- On Wednesday, **India** **launched** the **Innovation CleanTech Exchange Mission**, a global initiative to **create a incubators network across member countries** to boost clean energy **innovation**.

39) World Food Safety Day is annually observed on

- a) June 9
- b) June 6
- c) June 7
- d) June 8

**Ans: c**

- In 2018, the United Nations General Assembly declared that **7 June** would be **observed as the World Food Safety Day every year**. In 2020, a resolution was passed by the **World Health Assembly** to strengthen **the global food safety** efforts in order to decrease the burden of **food borne disease**.

40) United Nations Decade on Ecosystem Restoration 2021-30 is a joint initiative by which among the following organisations?

- a) Food and Agriculture Organization
- b) World Food Programme
- c) UNEP
- d) Both (a) and (c)

**Ans: d**

- The UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration is co-led by two UN agencies - the UNEP and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). Other key bodies involved are the Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR), the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), and the Global Landscapes Forum (GLF). In supporting the UN Decade, they will partner with other UN agencies, bodies and convention secretariats, and with international and indigenous organisations.

**10 June**

41) Operation Pangea XIV, coordinated by INTERPOL, deals with

- a) Terrorism
- b) Fake messages
- c) Fake medicines
- d) Sea Piracy

**Ans: c**

- A record number of fake online pharmacies have been shut down under Operation Pangea XIV targeting the sale of counterfeit and illicit medicines and medical products.

42) Zardalu, Khirsapati & Lakshmanbhog are varieties GI certified \_\_\_\_\_ exported to Bahrain from India

- a) Lichi
- b) Mango
- c) Coffee
- d) Jaggery

**Ans: b**

- Sixteen varieties of mangoes including three GI certified varieties exported to Bahrain from West Bengal & Bihar. These include GI certified Khirsapati & Lakshmanbhog (West Bengal), Zardalu (Bihar).

43) PM YUVA is a national 'Scheme For Mentoring Young Authors' to encourage youngsters to harness their

- a) Writing skills
- b) Scientific Aptitude
- c) Public speaking skills
- d) None of the above

**Ans: a**

- PM invites youngsters to harness their writing skills and contribute to India's intellectual discourse. The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has invited youngsters to know about YUVA: Prime Minister's Scheme For Mentoring Young Authors, a national scheme for nurturing young learners for future leadership roles.

44) Smart Kitchen, a project meant to modernise kitchens and ease the difficulty faced by homemakers in household chores, is an initiative by

- a) Kerala
- b) West Bengal
- c) Tamil Nadu
- d) New Delhi

**Ans: a**

- The Kerala government has announced the introduction of a Smart Kitchen project, which is meant to modernise kitchens and ease the difficulty faced by homemakers in household chores.

45) How many universities from India are listed in top 100 universities according to QS World University Rankings 2022?

- a) 5
- b) 2
- c) 3
- d) 0

**Ans: d**

- Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay and IIT Delhi remained the three universities from India to rank in the top-200 positions.

**Top varsities** | JNU, featuring for the first time in the QS World Universities Ranking list, is among the top-600 in the world  
*= indicates shared ranking*

2022 global rank	Name
177=	Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay
185	Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi
186=	Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru
255=	Indian Institute of Technology, Madras
277=	Indian Insititute of Technology, Kanpur
280	Indian Insititute of Technology, Kharagpur
395=	Indian Insititute of Technology, Guwahati
400=	Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee
501-510 (ranking band)	University of Delhi
561-570 (ranking band)	Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

**11 June**

46) Which among the following is the first country to make Bitcoin a legal currency?

- a) China

- b) El Salvador
- c) Cuba
- d) Fiji

**Ans: b**

- El Salvador, a small coastal country in Central America, has become the first in the world to make Bitcoin legal.

47) Addu Atoll, recently heard in news, is a part of

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

**Ans: c**

- Maldives president Ibrahim Mohamed Solih has said that the Maldives has made no decision on opening an Indian consulate in its southern Addu Atoll.

48) Argostemmaquarantena, recently spotted in Wagamon hills in Kerala, is a new plant species belonging to family of

- a) Tea
- b) Coffee
- c) Pepper
- d) None of the above

**Ans: b**

- A new plant species belonging to the coffee family spotted in the scenic Wagamon hills in Kerala has been named argostemmaquarantena to commemorate the millions who have died in the COVID-19 pandemic.

49) Which among the following states/UTs has the largest number of national parks?

- a) Madhya Pradesh
- b) Maharashtra
- c) Andaman and Nicobar Islands
- d) Assam

**Ans: a**

- Assam declares DihingPatkai as national park. With seven, Assam now has the third most national parks after 12 in Madhya Pradesh and nine in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, forest officials said. Kaziranga, Manas, Nameri, Orang and Dibru-Saikhowa are the other parks in the state.

50) A new Atlantic Charter pledged to defend the principles, values, and institutions of democracy and open societies is to be signed between

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

**Ans: a**



- President Joe Biden and British Prime Minister Boris Johnson recently inspected documents related to the Atlantic Charter, a declaration signed by British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt in August 1941.

## 12 June

51) Which among the following has announced a cash reward of Rs 1,000 for rescuing gharials, a critically endangered crocodile species, and informing wildlife personnel?

- a) Odisha
- b) West Bengal
- c) Gujarat
- d) Kerala

**Ans: a**

- The Mahanandi **Wildlife** Division in **Odisha** announced June 10 a **cash reward of Rs 1,000 for rescuing gharials, a critically endangered crocodile species, and informing wildlife personnel.**

52) World Accreditation Day (WAD) is observed every year on

- a) June 1
- b) June 9
- c) June 29
- d) June 19

**Ans: b**

- The World Accreditation Day (WAD) is celebrated on 9th June every year to highlight as well as promote the role of accreditation in trade & economy. The theme for WAD 2020 is "Accreditation: Improving Food Safety", as decided by the International Accreditation Forum (IAF) and the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC).

53) First batch of three MH-60 Romeo helicopters are to be received by Indian Navy from

- a) Russia
- b) US
- c) France
- d) Israel

**Ans: b**

- India and the US had signed over-Rs 16,000 crore deal to buy 24 MH-60 Romeo helicopters from Lockheed Martin in 2020 under fast track procedures on a government-to-government deal to hasten the process.

54) DihingPatkai National Park, recently designated as a National Park, is situated in

- a) Madhya Pradesh
- b) Maharashtra
- c) Andaman and Nicobar Islands
- d) Assam

**Ans: d**

- Assam declares DihingPatkai as national park. With seven, Assam now has the third most national parks after 12 in Madhya Pradesh and nine in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, forest officials said. Kaziranga, Manas, Nameri, Orang and Dibru-Saikhowa are the other parks in the state.

55) First International Maritime Services in India is being established in

- a) Gujarat
- b) Maharashtra
- c) West Bengal
- d) Odisha

**Ans: a**

- Gujarat Maritime Board (GMB) will be setting up India's first international maritime services cluster at GIFT City in Gujarat.**

**14 June**

56) Mission 'EnVision', launched to study the planet Venus, is an initiative by space agency of which among the following countries?

- a) USA
- b) China
- c) European Union
- d) Russia

**Ans: c**

- Days after Nasa decided to send two missions to **Earth's** mysterious twin **Venus**, the **European Space Agency (ESA)**, has announced **its own probe** for the inhabitable world. EnVision will be **the** next orbiter to circle over **Venus** providing a **holistic view of the planet from its inner core to the upper atmosphere.**

57) International Albinism Awareness Day is observed annually on

- a) June 12
- b) June 9
- c) June 19
- d) June 13

**Ans: d**

- International Albinism Awareness Day is celebrated annually on June 13 to celebrate the human rights of persons with albinism worldwide. The term **albinism** typically refers to oculocutaneous (ok-u-low-ku-TAY-nee-us) **albinism** (OCA) — a group of inherited disorders where there is little or no production of the pigment melanin.

58) Kavach Personal Loan is launched by State Bank of India (SBI) is to provide financial assistance to customers facing economic crises due to

- a) Covid pandemic
- b) Cyclonic destruction



- c) Both (a) and (b)
- d) None of the above

**Ans: a**

- The SBI has introduced the KAVACH personal loan in order to provide aid to the SBI customers and their family members for treatment against COVID-19.

59) India is the fourth largest foreign reserve holder in the world. Which among the following is not among the top 3 foreign reserve holders in the world?

- a) China
- b) Switzerland
- c) Russia
- d) Japan

**Ans: c**

- At \$605 bn, **India ties with Russia as fourth largest** forex reserves **holder. India's** foreign exchange reserves crossed \$600 for the first time. As on June **4**, the foreign exchange reserves stood at \$605 billion, almost tying with **Russia as the fourth largest reserve holder in the world.**

60) The 31<sup>st</sup> edition of bi-annual India-Thailand Coordinated Patrol between the Indian Navy and Royal Thai Navy was conducted in

- a) Andaman Sea
- b) Bay of Bengal
- c) South China Sea
- d) None of the above

**Ans: a**

- The Indian and Thai navies on June 9 kicked off a three-day coordinated patrol in the Andaman Sea in the backdrop of growing concern over China's increasing maritime presence in the Indian Ocean region.

## **15 June**

61) Global Liveability Index 2021 was published by

- a) World Economic Forum
- b) UN Habitat
- c) Bureau of Labor Statistics
- d) Economist Intelligence Unit

**Ans: d**

- New Zealand and Australian cities dominated the Global Liveability Index 2021 published by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU), owing to their strong response to the coronavirus disease (Covid-19) pandemic. According to the EIU report, the overall global average liveability fell by seven points as compared with the pre-pandemic score.

62) World Day Against Child Labour observed annually on

- a) June 12
- b) June 14

- c) June 15
- d) June 13

**Ans: a**

- Each year on 12 June, the World Day Against Child Labour brings together governments, employers and workers organizations, civil society, as well as millions of people from around the world to highlight the plight of child labourers and what can be done to help them.

63) 2021 World's Best Banks in India list by Forbes is topped by

- a) DBS Bank
- b) Axis Bank
- c) HDFC
- d) SBI

**Ans: a**

- Forbes recently released the third edition of the 'World's Best Banks' list. DBS Bank has taken the top position in a list of the best banks in India

64) Men's single title at the French Open Tennis Tournament 2021 is won by

- a) Roger Federer
- b) Novak Djokovic
- c) Stefanos Tsitsipas
- d) None of the above

**Ans: b**

- French Open 2021 Final Highlights: Novak Djokovic won his 19th Grand Slam title as he beat Stefanos Tsitsipas in a five-set thriller.

65) New Shephard, a rocket system meant to take tourists to space, is built by

- a) Blue Origin
- b) SpaceX
- c) NASA
- d) OneWeb

**Ans: a**

- Amazon founder and billionaire Jeff Bezos's space company called **Blue Origin** recently concluded the online auction for the first seat on **New Shephard**, a rocket system meant to take tourists to space.

## 16 June

66) Which among the following is not one of official language included in the eighth schedule of the Constitution?

- a) Konkani
- b) Bodo
- c) Santhali
- d) Tulu

**Ans: d**

- Clamour grows for Tulu to be included in the eighth schedule of the Constitution and given official language status in Karnataka and Kerala.

67) World Giving Index (WGI) is an annual report published by

- a) Charities Aid Foundation
- b) Doctors Without Borders
- c) Amnesty International
- d) Transparency International

**Ans: a**

- The World Giving Index (WGI) is an annual report published by the Charities Aid Foundation, using data gathered by Gallup, and ranks over 140 countries in the world according to how charitable they are. The aim of the World Giving Index is to provide insight into the scope and nature of giving around the world.

68) What is the rank of India in recently published World Giving Index 2021?

- a) 84
- b) 41
- c) 14
- d) 118

**Ans: c**

- India is now ranked as the 14th most charitable country in the world as per a report released by the World Giving Index 2021 (WGI). The report suggests that the COVID-19 pandemic has further increased the 'giving' trends worldwide.

69) Raja Parba festival is a three-day-long festival dedicated to Mother Earth and womanhood at large and is celebrated in

- a) Rajasthan
- b) Odisha
- c) Manipur
- d) Meghalaya

**Ans: b**

- Raja or Raja Parba or Mithuna Sankranti is a three-day-long festival of womanhood celebrated in Odisha, India. The second day of the festival signifies beginning of the solar month of Mithuna from, which the season of rains starts.

70) Which among the following state government launched a project with Flipkart to check delivery feasibility of medical supplies using drones?

- a) Kerala
- b) Gujarat
- c) New Delhi
- d) Telangana

**Ans: d**

- Telangana government has launched a project to check delivery feasibility of medical supplies. Companies with logistics experience including Flipkart and

Dunzo have announced their consortia under Telangana's drone delivery scheme to develop and execute drone deliveries there.

## 17 June

71) VivaTech is one of the largest digital and startup events in Europe, held in \_\_\_\_\_ every year since 2016.

- a) Brussels
- b) Berlin
- c) Vienna
- d) Paris

**Ans: d**

- **VivaTech is one of the largest digital and startup events in Europe**, and it is **held in Paris every year since 2016**, the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) noted. It is jointly organised by Publicis Groupe, **a** prominent advertising and marketing conglomerate, and Les Echos, **a leading** French media group.

72) National Maritime Heritage Complex, to be developed as an international tourist destination, will be constructed in

- a) Lothal
- b) Dholaveera
- c) Pattadakal
- d) None of the above

**Ans: a**

- The Union **ministry of ports, shipping and waterways** and the Union **ministry of culture signed an MoU** on Wednesday for '**Cooperation in development of National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC)**' in **Lothal in Gujarat**.

73) Which among the following is the lead institution of India for the BRICS Network University?

- a) IIT Delhi
- b) IIT Mumbai
- c) IIT Madras
- d) IIT Kanpur

**Ans: b**

- Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay is hosting a three-day virtual conference of BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa) network universities that started yesterday, June 16. The conference on the theme of electric mobility is a part of the engagements that India is hosting under the education stream during its chairship of the 13th BRICS Summit this year.

74) Jalgaon Banana, recently got GI certification, is from the state of

- a) Rajasthan
- b) Odisha
- c) Maharashtra

d) Meghalaya

**Ans: c**

- A consignment of fibre and mineral rich 'Jalgaon Banana' has been exported to Dubai, United Arab Emirates, in an effort to boost to India's exports of Geographical Indications (GI) registered agricultural goods.

75) Which among the following banks signed an MoU with India for a loan to improve transport connectivity and facilitate industrial development in the Chennai-Kanyakumari Industrial Corridor (CKIC) in the state of Tamil Nadu?

- a) ADB
- b) AIIB
- c) World Bank
- d) New Development Bank

**Ans: a**

- The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** will provide a **USD 484 million loan** (over Rs 3,500 crore) to **improve transport connectivity and facilitate industrial development in the Chennai-Kanyakumari Industrial Corridor (CKIC) in Tamil Nadu.**

**18 June**

76) Desertification and Land Degradation Atlas of India is published by

- a) NGT
- b) MoEFCC
- c) National Afforestation and Eco-Development Board
- d) ISRO

**Ans: d**

- **Desertification and Land Degradation Atlas of India** has been published by Space Application Centre, ISRO, Ahmedabad. The Atlas provides state wise area of degraded lands for the time frame 2018-19. It also provides the change analysis for the duration of 15 years, from 2003-05 to 2018-19.

77) Project Silver Line is a flagship semi high-speed railway project by the state of

- a) Kerala
- b) Uttar Pradesh
- c) Gujarat
- d) West Bengal

**Ans: a**

- Last week, the **Kerala** cabinet gave the green light to begin acquiring land for SilverLine, its **flagship semi high-speed railway project aimed at reducing travel time between the state's northern and southern ends.**

78) Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the US and is observed on

- a) June 20

- b) June 19
- c) June 18
- d) June 17

**Ans: b**

- The day (19 **June**), known popularly as **Juneteenth**, will be the twelfth legal **public holiday** (including Inauguration Day that happens every four years) **recognised** by the **federal government**, and the first new one to come into effect since former president Ronald Reagan signed Martin Luther King Jr Day into law in 1983. The day (19 **June**), known popularly as **Juneteenth**, will be the twelfth legal **public holiday** (including Inauguration Day that happens every four years) **recognised** by the **federal government**, and the first new one to come into effect since former president Ronald Reagan signed Martin Luther King Jr Day into law in 1983.

- 79) Gold and silver hallmarking schemes in India are operated by
- a) Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
  - b) Research Design and Standards Organisation
  - c) Bureau of Indian Standard (BIS)
  - d) None of the above

**Ans: c**

- **The government** on Tuesday **announced the phased implementation of mandatory hallmarking of gold jewellery with effect from June 16**. In the first **phase, gold hallmarking** will be available in only in 256 districts and **jewellers** having annual turnover above Rs 40 lakh will come under its purview. The Bureau of Indian Standard (BIS) operates gold and silver hallmarking scheme in India.

- 80) Which among the following countries designed Woodsat, a 10x10x10 cm nanosatellite made of plywood?
- a) Finland
  - b) Germany
  - c) Norway
  - d) Britain

**Ans: a**

- The Woodsat is a 10x10x10 cm nanosatellite built up from standardised boxes, but the surface panels have been made from plywood. The concept was initialised by the co-founder of Arctic Astronautics, JariMakinen, a Finnish writer and broadcaster.

## **19 June**

- 81) What is India rank on an annual World Competitiveness Index compiled by the Institute for Management Development (IMD)?
- a) 34
  - b) 23

- c) 85
- d) 43

**Ans: d**

- India maintained 43<sup>rd</sup> rank on an annual World Competitiveness Index compiled by the Institute for Management Development (IMD) that examined the impact of COVID-19 on economies around the world this year. The 64-nation list was led by Switzerland, while Sweden has moved up to the second position (from sixth last year), Denmark has lost one place to rank third, the Netherlands has retained its fourth place and Singapore has slipped to the fifth place (from first in 2020).

82) World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought is annually observed on

- a) 17 June
- b) 18 June
- c) 19 June
- d) 20 June

**Ans: a**

- The desertification and drought day 2021 is observed on 17 June every year. The day's focus is to turn the degraded land that has lost its natural productivity due to human activity into healthy land. To fight this menace, the degraded land should be converted to fertile land in the coming years. The need to restore the degraded land is to bring economic resilience, create jobs, raise income and food security. The pandemic has played a significant role in lessening the impact of climate change and green recovery.

83) Maiden Indian Navy – European Union Naval Force (EUNAVFOR) exercise was held in gulf of

- a) AgíouOrous
- b) Aden
- c) Laconia
- d) Messenia

**Ans: b**

- **Indian Naval Ship Trikanth** deployed for anti-piracy operations is participating in the **maiden Indian Navy (IN) – European Union Naval Force (EUNAVFOR) Joint Naval Exercise** in the **Gulf of Aden** which commences today.

84) Indian Certification of Medical Devices (ICMED) Plus Scheme is an upgraded ICMED Scheme launched by

- a) Indian Medical Association
- b) Indian Council of Medical Research
- c) Quality Council of India
- d) Bureau of Indian Standards

**Ans: c**



- The Quality Council of India (QCI), and the Association of Indian Manufacturers of Medical Devices (AiMeD) have added further features to the ICMED the Scheme that had been launched for Certification of Medical Devices in 2016. The ICMED 13485 PLUS, as the new scheme has been christened, will undertake verification of the quality, safety and efficacy of medical devices.

85) Flag Satyagraha movement by the freedom fighters against British government was held in Jabalpur and Nagpur in

- a) 1922
- b) 1932
- c) 1947
- d) 1942

**Ans: a**

- According to the records, the outline of the Jhanda Satyagraha was prepared in the year 1922 in a meeting held in the Town Hall of Jabalpur. Despite the deployment of heavy police force, ignoring the orders of the British government, the brave immortal martyrs of Jabalpur had hoisted the flag in Victoria Town Hall without caring for their lives. The news of flag hoisting in Jabalpur spread like fire in the country and after flags were hoisted at several places across the country.

## 21 June

86) Central Government has constituted an Expert Group under the Chairmanship of Professor Ajit Mishra with a mandate of

- a) GST
- b) Citizenship Amendment Act
- c) New Farm laws
- d) National Floor Wages

**Ans: d**

- Earlier this month, the ministry announced that the **Centre has constituted an expert group under the chairmanship of renowned economist Ajit Mishra to provide technical inputs and recommendations on fixing these wages.** The tenure of the **expert group** is three years.

87) India's GST is based on GST model from which among the following countries?

- a) Canada
- b) France
- c) Germany
- d) Malaysia

**Ans: a**

- India has chosen the Canadian model of dual GST as it has a federal structure where the Centre and states have the powers to levy and collect taxes.

88) Which among the following countries launched Hydrogen Task Force under their Strategic Clean Energy partnership in order to boost India's energy security efforts?



- a) Israel
- b) US
- c) France
- d) Russia

**Ans: b**

- **India and US launched the Strategic Energy Partnership in New Delhi in April 2018. Four working groups have been created under the Strategic Energy Partnership—oil and gas, power and energy efficiency, renewable energy and sustainable development**

89) Who among the following is appointed as the Director at India's WTO mission?

- a) BrajendraNavnit
- b) Dr.Renu Swarup
- c) Aashish Chandorkar
- d) None of the above

**Ans: c**

- Ahead of the WTO's ministerial conference later this year, the government has appointed a private person Aashish Chandorkar as 'Counsellor' in India's Permanent Mission in the World Trade Organisation for three years.

90) Annual International Day for Yoga is celebrated on

- a) June 21
- b) June 19
- c) June 23
- d) June 25

**Ans: b**

- June 21 is marked as the annual International Day for Yoga to celebrate the ancient Indian art of healthy living. Translating into "unity" from Sanskrit, Yoga intends to unite the body and mind to bring harmony.

## **22 June**

91) "Jaan Hai To Jahaan Hai" Awareness Campaign to "Crush and Curb" the rumours and apprehensions regarding the on-going vaccination drive is organised by

- a) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- b) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- c) Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
- d) Ministry of Minority Affairs

**Ans: d**

- Minority Affairs Minister Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi on Monday launched a nationwide "Jaan Hai ToJahaan Hai" awareness campaign to create awareness on Corona vaccination in rural and remote areas of the country and also to "Crush and Curb" the rumours and apprehensions regarding the ongoing vaccination drive.

- 92) In 2021, Black Softshell Turtle, a freshwater species, was listed by IUCN in
- Extinct
  - Critically endangered
  - Endangered
  - Vulnerable

**Ans: b**

- The International Union for Conservation of Nature had in 2021 listed the turtle as 'critically endangered'. But it does not enjoy legal protection under the Indian Wildlife (Protection) Act of 1972 although it has traditionally been hunted for its meat and cartilage, traded in regional and international markets.

- 93) Which among the following high courts has jurisdiction of Lakshadweep?
- Karnataka
  - Kerala
  - Mumbai
  - None of the above

**Ans: b**

- Lakshadweep is under Kerala High Court jurisdiction now.** Also, Malayalam is the spoken as well as the written language both in Kerala and Lakshadweep.
- The Lakshadweep administration has mooted a proposal to shift its legal jurisdiction from the Kerala High Court to the Karnataka High Court.

- 94) World Hydrography Day is observed annually on
- June 18
  - June 19
  - June 21
  - June 22

**Ans: c**

- Observed annually on 21 June, the World Hydrography Day highlights the importance of hydrography and its relevance. This important day was approved and implemented by the International Hydrographic Organization (IHO) as an annual celebration. This year, the IHO is also celebrating the 100th anniversary of its formation.

- 95) What is the theme of the 2021 International Yoga Day?
- Connect the Youth
  - Yoga for well-being
  - Yoga health
  - Yoga For Harmony And Peace

**Ans: b**

- June 21 is marked as the annual International Day for Yoga to celebrate the ancient Indian art of healthy living. Translating into "unity" from Sanskrit, Yoga intends to unite the body and mind to bring harmony. The theme for 2021 is 'Yoga for well-being'

## 23 June

96) World Investment Report 2021 is released by

- a) World Bank
- b) World Trade Organisation
- c) World Economic Forum
- d) UN Conference on Trade and Development

**Ans: d**

- The World Investment Report 2021 by the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) said global FDI flows have been severely hit by the pandemic and they plunged by 35 per cent in 2020 to USD 1 trillion from USD 1.5 trillion the previous year.

97) United Nations Public Service Day is annually observed on

- a) June 22
- b) June 23
- c) June 24
- d) June 25

**Ans: b**

- The United Nations Public Service Day is celebrated on June 23 of every year to celebrate the value and virtue of public service to the community.

98) What was India's rank among the recipients of FDI inflows in 2020, as per World Investment Report 2021?

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

**Ans: b**

- According to a **report** released by the **United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)** on Monday, **Indian** is the **fifth largest recipient of FDI inflows in the world** in the financial year **2020-21**.

99) World Music Day is observed annually on

- a) June 18
- b) June 19
- c) June 21
- d) June 22

**Ans: c**

- Every year on 21 June, **World Music Day** is celebrated globally to recognise singers and **musicians** for making the **world** a better place through **music**.

100) Which among the following is the most liveable city of India as per Ease of Living Index 2020?

- a) Bangalore

- b) Mumbai
- c) Cochin
- d) Pune

**Ans: a**

- **Bengaluru has been named as the most liveable city of India, in the Ease of Living Index 2020**, released by the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE).

## 24 June

101) Recently, India has signed an MoU with \_\_\_\_\_ for cooperation in the field of Agriculture and allied sectors.

- a) Japan
- b) Indonesia
- c) US
- d) Fiji

**Ans: d**

- Union Minister for **Agriculture** and Farmers Welfare, Narendra Singh Tomar, and **Fiji's** Minister of **Agriculture**, Waterways and Environment, Dr Mahendra Reddy, **signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for cooperation in the field of Agriculture and allied sectors** between **India** and **Fiji** in a virtual meeting.

102) International Olympic Day is annually observed on

- a) June 22
- b) June 23
- c) June 24
- d) June 25

**Ans: b**

- **International Olympic Day is observed** every year on June 23 to celebrate sports and health. It also aims to encourage more people to participate in the **Olympic** games and raise awareness about the number of sports held during this event.

103) Tax Inspectors Without Borders (TIWB) programme is a initiative by

- a) World Customs Organisation
- b) Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development
- c) United Nations Development Programme
- d) Both (b) and (c)

**Ans: d**

- Tax Inspectors Without Borders (TIWB), a joint initiative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), launched its programme in Bhutan today. India was chosen as the Partner Jurisdiction and has provided the Tax Expert for this programme.

104) Information Fusion Centre for Indian Ocean Region (IFC-IOR) is located in

- a) Nairobi
- b) Antananarivo
- c) Gurugram
- d) Muscat

**Ans: c**

- The IFC has been established at Gurugram, India and is collocated with Information Management and Analysis Centre which is jointly administered by the Indian Navy and Indian Coast Guard.

105) World's first genetically modified (GM) rubber sapling was recently planted in

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

**Ans: a**

- **Planted at the Rubber Board's Sarutari research farm near Guwahati, Assam,** the world's first genetically modified (GM) rubber sapling was developed at the Kerala-based Rubber Research Institute of India (RRII) through long years of research at its biotechnology laboratory.

## 25 June

106) Which among the following cities is known as the tea capital of the world?

- a) Jorhat
- b) Dibrugarh
- c) Jaisalmer
- d) Kozhikode

**Ans: a**

- Jorhat city is the 2nd largest city in the Indian state of Assam. It is situated 307km from Guwahati on the north eastern region of Assam. Jorhat is famously known as the 'Tea capital of the world' thanks to the innumerable number of tea plantations here.

107) Who among the following has won the prestigious United Nations' Land for Life Award in 2021?

- a) Yingzhen Pan
- b) Florencia Escudero Fonseca
- c) Shyam Sundar Jyani
- d) None of the above

**Ans: c**

- Shyam Sundar Jyani, a Rajasthan-based climate activist, has won the prestigious United Nations' Land for Life Award for his environment conservation concept, Familial Forestry.

108) World Refugee Day is annually observed on

- a) June 22
- b) June 20
- c) June 24
- d) June 21

**Ans: b**

- **World Refugee Day, which is observed every year on June 20** to honour and celebrate refugees around the world, is aimed at recognising the strength of those who have fled their home country to find a safe haven for a better life. This year theme is '**Together we heal, learn and shine**'.

109) Recently, world's third largest diamond was found in

- a) South Africa
- b) Namibia
- c) Angola
- d) Botswana

**Ans: d**

- It is the **third largest in the world**, behind the 3,106 **carat** Cullinan stone recovered in South Africa in 1905. A **1,098 carat diamond** believed to be the **third largest** gem-quality stone **ever** to be mined, **has been discovered** in **Botswana**, according to a joint venture between Anglo American's De Beers and the government.

110) The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) celebrates National Reading Day annually on

- a) June 20
- b) June 21
- c) June 19
- d) June 18

**Ans: c**

- In the light of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has asked schools to celebrate National Reading Day, week and month with online reading-related activities. National Reading Day is celebrated to honour the father of the 'Library Movement in Kerala', the late PN Panicker, whose death anniversary is on June 19.

## **26 June**

111) PosonPoya is an annual festival celebrating the arrival of Buddhism in

- a) Sri Lanka
- b) China
- c) Bhutan
- d) South Korea

**Ans: a**

- **Poson, also known as PosonPoya, is an annual festival held by Sri Lankan Buddhists celebrating the arrival of Buddhism in Sri Lanka in**

**the 3rd century BC.** The **festival** is the most important **Poya** holiday of the year and the second most important **Buddhist** holiday of the year, being surpassed in importance by **Vesak**.

112) Who among the following has been appointed as the chairperson of the task force formed to bring bureaucratic reforms through Mission Karmayogi?

- a) Salil Parekh
- b) Nandan Nilekani
- c) S D Shibu Lal
- d) Vishal Sikka

**Ans: c**

- The government on Wednesday appointed former Infosys CEO SD Shibu Lal as chairperson of a three-member task force which will assist in bringing major bureaucratic reforms through "Mission Karmayogi".

113) International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking is annually observed on

- a) June 25
- b) June 26
- c) June 27
- e) June 28

**Ans: b**

- **In 1987, the United Nations General Assembly decided to observe 26th June as the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking** as an expression of its determination to strengthen action and cooperation to achieve the goal of an international society free of drug abuse.

114) India's first Wallet Auto Top-up feature using UPI e-mandates was launched by

- a) Amazon Pay
- b) Google Pay
- c) Paytm
- d) PhonePe

**Ans: d**

- PhonePe has launched **Wallet Auto Top-up** feature using UPI e-mandates for its customers. This feature allows PhonePe customers to set **up** a UPI e-mandate once, after which PhonePe will automatically **top up** their **wallet** balance, when it falls below a minimum level.

115) Which among the following ships was awarded **the 'Best Ship Trophy'** at the annual Fleet Awards Function?

- a) INS Kamorta
- b) INS Khukri
- c) INS Sahyadri
- d) INS Kiltan

**Ans: c**



- While **INS Sahyadri** has been adjudged the **best ship** of the Eastern Fleet among capital **ships**, **INS Kamorta** has received the title of the most spirited **ship**. **INS Kiltan** and **INS Khukri** won the **best** corvette trophy amongst corvettes and similar classes of **ships**.

## 28 June

116) Which among the following cities topped the India Smart Cities Awards Contest (ISAC) 2020?

- a) Indore
- b) Surat
- c) Both (a) and (b)
- d) None of the above

**Ans: c**

- Indore**, the cleanest city of the country, is now the smartest too. The city shared the top position in India Smart Cities Awards Contest (ISAC) 2020 with **Surat** for best performance among 100 smartest cities for their overall performance in 2020. In fact, state bagged awards in 11 categories.

117) Which among the following tech giants has acquired the messaging application Wickr, recently?

- a) Amazon
- b) Facebook
- c) Flipkart
- d) Google

**Ans: a**

- Amazon Web Services (AWS) has acquired a messaging application Wickr. The messaging application which was founded in 2012, boasts of emphasis on encryption.

118) Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises Day is annually observed on

- a) June 25
- b) June 26
- c) June 27
- d) June 28

**Ans: c**

- Since 2017, **June 27** has been observed as Micro, Small, and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSME) Day. It is to recognise the importance of these enterprises in achieving improvement goals, promoting innovation and creativity, and creating employment internationally.

119) Which among the following is India's first Indigenous Aircraft Carrier (IAC-I) planned to be commissioned by 2022?

- a) INS Vikramaditya
- b) INS Vikrant
- c) INS Vishal



d) None of the above

**Ans: b**

- The **IAC** would be **commissioned** as INS Vikrant in the **first** half of **2022**, which would be the most potent sea-based asset, sources said.

120) Microsoft has unveiled the first big change to its Windows platform in over five years and is called

- a) Windows Surface Pro
- b) Windows Surface
- c) Windows 15
- d) Windows 11

**Ans: d**

- Microsoft has unveiled the next generation of its Windows software, called Windows 11, that has sleeker visual features and is more open to third-party apps.

**29 June**

121) Rajmohan's Wife, a fiction, was published in 1864 by

- a) Ram Mohan Roy
- b) Bankim Chandra Chatterjee
- c) Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay
- d) None of the above

**Ans: c**

- PM pays homage to Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay on his Jayanti. Rajmohan's Wife, published in 1864 by Bankimchandra Chattopadhyay (1838–94), is generally regarded as the first Indian novel in English, significant not only because its author was the greatest Bengali novelist of the nineteenth century

122) Bengal monitor or common Indian monitor (*Varanus bengalensis*) is a large terrestriallizard which is protected under

- a) Schedule I of WPA
- b) Schedule II of WPA
- c) Schedule III of WPA
- d) Schedule V of WPA

**Ans: a**

- **The monitor lizard is protected under Schedule I of WPA but is regularly killed for its meat, blood and oil. Its** genitals are sold as a charm or an aphrodisiac as well as cure for several ailments, said Suvendu Mallick, a herpetologist and general secretary of Odisha Snake Helpline.

123) Indian government is planning to phase out single-use plastics leading to complete elimination by

- a) 2024
- b) 2023
- c) 2022

d) 2025

**Ans: c**

- In 2019, the Union government in a bid to free India of single-use plastics by 2022, had laid out a multi-ministerial plan to discourage the use of single-use plastics across the country.

124) Who among the following has become World's most generous philanthropists of 20<sup>th</sup> century as per EdelGiveHurun?

- a) Azim Premji
- b) Jamsetji Tata
- c) Rohini Nilekani
- d) Priyanka Chopra

**Ans: b**

- With total donations of \$102.4 billion, India's Jamsetji Tata has topped the 2021 EdelgiveHurun philanthropists of the century. The list is a ranking of the world's most generous individuals from the past century and this is the first year of the ranking. Tata started his endowment journey in the year 1892.

125) World's first special green rating system for high speed rail has been started in

- a) New Zealand
- b) Germany
- c) UK
- d) India

**Ans: d**

- Indian **Green Building Council** with the support of National **High-Speed Rail Corporation Limited** **has** undertaken the formulation of the **world's first** exclusive **green rating system for high-speed rail**

### 30 June

126) Which among the following vaccines haven't been approved by EMA for its "vaccine passport" programme?

- a) Vaxzevria
- b) Comirnaty
- c) Covishield
- d) Spikevax

**Ans: c**

- Covishield, manufactured by Serum Institute of India, is not among the vaccines which have been approved by the European Medicines Agency (EMA) for its "vaccine passport" programme that allows free movement of people in and out of Europe. The EMA list only includes four vaccines now Vaxzevria (Oxford-AstraZeneca), Comirnaty (Pfizer-BioNTech), Spikevax (Moderna) and Janssen (Johnson & Johnson).

127) Which among the following states are yet to join the One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC)?

- a) Chhattisgarh
- b) Delhi
- c) West Bengal
- d) All of the above

**Ans: d**

- Till date, 32 states and Union Territories have joined the ONORC, covering about 69 crore NFSA beneficiaries. Four states are yet to join the scheme — Assam, Chhattisgarh, Delhi and West Bengal. Till date, 32 states and Union Territories have joined the ONORC, covering about 69 crore NFSA beneficiaries. **Four states are yet to join the scheme — Assam, Chhattisgarh, Delhi and West Bengal.**

128) 2DG drug that comes in powder form in the sachet is developed by

- a) Dr Reddy's Laboratories
- b) Defence Research and Development Organisation
- c) Serum Institute of India
- d) Bharat Biotech

**Ans: b**

- Dr Reddy's Laboratories has announced the commercial launch of drug 2-deoxy-D-glucose (2-DG). It is an anti-Covid drug developed by **the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).**

129) Statistics day is celebrated on 29th June every year in recognition to the notable contributions made by

- a) P. C. Mahalanobis
- b) C. R. Rao
- c) Raj Chandra Bose
- e) Samarendra Nath Roy

**Ans: a**

- June 29 has been designated as one of the special days to be celebrated at the national level in recognition of Mahalanobis' invaluable contribution in establishing the National Statistical System.

130) International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking is a United Nations International Day against drug abuse and the illegal drug trade observed annually on

- a) 26 June
- b) 28 June
- c) 29 June
- d) 27 June

**Ans: a**

- The International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking is a United Nations International Day against drug abuse and the illegal drug trade. It is observed annually on 26 June, since 1989.