

1 May

- 1) The project 'Sustainable Livelihoods For Tribal Households in India' is a product of MoU signed between
- Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and TRIFED
 - TRIFED and The LINK Fund
 - The Giving Pledge and UNICEF India
 - None of the above

Ans: b

- TRIFED has been focusing its efforts on finding new ways to improve the lives and the livelihoods of the tribal people. With this objective in mind, TRIFED has now entered into a collaborative project titled "Sustainable Livelihoods for Tribal Households in India" with The LINK Fund, a philanthropic operational foundation that is mandated to eradicate extreme poverty and mitigate the effects of climate change.

- 2) The US-Army led multinational, joint exercise 'DEFENDER-Europe 21' has kicked off in
- USA
 - Germany
 - Austria
 - Albania

Ans: d

- NATO has launched joint military exercises in Albania** with thousands of military forces from the United States and other countries in the first such large-scale drills since World War II in the western Balkans, a U.S. Army official said Thursday. Albania is playing a critical part in the Defender-Europe 21 exercise with Joint Logistics Over-the-Shore operations taking place "for the first time in Europe since World War II at the Port of Durres.

- 3) International Workers' Day is commemorated annually on
- April 30
 - April 25
 - May 1
 - May 3

Ans: c

- May 1 was chosen to be **International Workers' Day** to **commemorate** the 1886 Haymarket affair in Chicago. The members of **labour** union carried out peaceful strike demanding working hours from fifteen to eight, proper wages and paid leaves, among others. However, the strike was met with bombings which led to many deaths.

- 4) Which among the following has become the first country to announce regulation of the use of self-driving vehicles at slow speeds on motorways?
- US
 - UK
 - Germany
 - Japan

Ans: b

- The UK has become the first country to announce regulation of the use of self-driving vehicles at slow speeds on motorways.

- 5) World's Oldest Water, recently heard in news, was found in
- India
 - Canada
 - Russia
 - UK

Ans: b

- The research, published in Nature Communications, is based on a discovery made by Dr Barbara Sherwood Lollar of the University of Toronto, who in 2009 extracted from a **Canadian mine water** that is 1.6 billion years old– the **oldest** to be **found** on our planet.

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- 6) The Declaration of Windhoek is celebrated worldwide as World Press Freedom Day on
- May 4
 - May 1
 - May 2
 - May 3

Ans: d

- It is a **day** of remembrance of those journalists who lost their lives in the pursuit of a story. The UN General Assembly proclaimed **World Press Day** in December 1993. Since then, **May 3**, the **anniversary of the Declaration of Windhoek** has been **celebrated worldwide as World Press Freedom Day**.

- 7) Which among the following countries had cleared sale of six P-8I patrol aircraft to India?
- USA
 - Sweden
 - France
 - Russia

Ans: a

- The United States has cleared the potential sale of six additional P-8I maritime patrol aircraft for India, worth \$2.42 billion. The Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA), which handles these sales, notified the US congress of the clearance of the deal by the state department on Friday.

- 8) Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) was ranked at _____ in the 2021 Brand Finance Insurance 100 report.
- 3
 - 1
 - 10
 - 26

Ans: c

- State-owned insurance giant Life Insurance Corporation has emerged as the strongest and the **tenth most valuable insurance brand globally**. According to a report by London-based consultancy firm Brand Finance, the total value of the world's top 100 most valuable insurance brands dipped 6 per cent from \$462.4 billion in 2020 to \$433.0 billion in 2021.

- 9) World Tuna Day is observed annually on
- May 3
 - May 2
 - May 4
 - May 5

Ans: b

- In the **year 2016**, the General Assembly of the UN declared **May 2** as **World Tuna Day** to **spread awareness** among people regarding the importance of conserving **Tuna fish**. In the past few years, the population of **Tuna fish** has declined by more than 97 per cent due to overfishing **and** Illegal **fishing**.

- 10) Vorukh, a jamoat in northern Tajikistan, is an exclave surrounded by
- China
 - Uzbekistan
 - Kyrgyzstan
 - Tajikistan

Ans: c

- Vorukh is a jamoat in northern Tajikistan. It is an exclave surrounded by Kyrgyzstan that forms part of the city of Isfara in Sughd Region.

04 May

- 11) International Firefighters' Day (IFFD) is celebrated annually on
- May 1
 - May 4
 - May 2
 - May 3

Ans: b

- In order to honour the work and sacrifice made by **firefighting** professionals, **International firefighters' day (IFFD)** is **observed** on May 4 each **year**. The **day** also pays respects to those who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

- 12) The 'Susceptible, Undetected, Tested (positive), and Removed Approach' (SUTRA) model to predict the COVID graph in India is an initiative by
- IIT Hyderabad
 - IIT Gandhinagar
 - IIT Kanpur
 - Both (a) and (c)

Ans: d

- Active cases in the ongoing second COVID-19 wave in India may peak at 38-48 lakh between May 14-18 and daily new infections could hit a high of 4.4 lakh from May 4-8, according to a mathematical model by IIT scientists in **Kanpur and Hyderabad**, who have revised their projections upwards.

- 13) 2021 Portuguese Grand Prix is won by
- Max Verstappen
 - Valtteri Bottas
 - Lewis Hamilton

d) None of the above

Ans: a

- A brilliantly managed race from Mercedes' Lewis Hamilton saw him take his second win of the 2021 season at the Portuguese Grand Prix, the Briton finishing ahead of Red Bull's Max Verstappen, as Hamilton's polesitting team mate Valtteri Bottas came home third.

14) India doesn't have 2+2 dialogue mechanism with

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

Ans: d

- **Russia** now has become part of a small group of countries with whom India has 2+2 dialogue of foreign and defence ministers. India has such mechanism with the **US, Japan and Australia.**

15) Kachin people, recently heard in news, is an ethnic group from

- a) Bangladesh
- b) Nepal
- c) Myanmar
- d) Sri Lanka

Ans: c

- Protests against Myanmar's military government continued in Kachin State and elsewhere in the country. They are a confederation of ethnic groups who inhabit the Kachin Hills in northern Myanmar's Kachin State and neighbouring Yunnan Province, China, and Arunachal Pradesh, Assam in Northeastern India.

05 May

16) International Day of the Midwife is observed annually on

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

Ans: b

- This year's International Day of the Midwife (IDM) on **5th May 2021** is being celebrated under the theme of "**Follow the Data: Invest in Midwives**". The day coincides with the launch of the **2021 State of the World's Midwifery (SoWMy) Report. Developed by UNFPA** (the UN sexual and reproductive health agency), WHO (World Health Organization) and International Confederation of Midwives (ICM), the report evaluates the midwifery workforce and related health resources in 194 countries and includes policy recommendations to improve sexual, reproductive, maternal, newborn and adolescent health service delivery.

17) Moorhen Yoga Mat, a biodegradable and compostable yoga mat developed from water hyacinth, is an initiative by young girls belonging to the state of

- a) Maharashtra
- b) Karnataka
- c) Kerala

d) Assam

Ans: d

- It is a biodegradable and compostable yoga mat developed from water hyacinth by six young girls from the fishing community in Assam. It could turn this water plant from a nuisance to wealth. The girls belong to the fishing community living in the fringe of the DeeporBeel, a permanent freshwater lake in the southwest of Guwahati city, recognised as a Ramsar Site (a wetland of international importance) and a bird wildlife sanctuary.

18) Which among the following countries is not a part of Group of Seven (G7)?

- Japan
- France
- Australia
- Italy

Ans: c

- The G7, originally G8, was set up in 1975 as an informal forum bringing together the leaders of the world's leading industrial nations. The summit gathers leaders from the European Union (EU) and the following countries: Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom and the United States.

19) ParvatDharaYojna, recently heard in news, is an initiative to rejuvenate and recharge aquifers and conserve natural resources of water by

- Sikkim
- Himachal Pradesh
- Ladakh
- Arunachal Pradesh

Ans: b

- ParvatDharaYojna is being implemented in ten districts of Himachal Pradesh to rejuvenate and recharge aquifers and conserve natural resources of water. The scheme with an outlay of Rs 20 crore is being implemented in 10 districts of the State, except Kinnaur and Lahaul-Spiti, a spokesperson for the government said in a statement. About 2/3 of the land in Himachal Pradesh is forest land and 27 percent of the land is under forest cover.

20) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has joined the Central Banks and Supervisor's NGFS. The grouping is focussed on

- Money Laundering
- Fake Currency
- Climate Change
- Terrorism

Ans: c

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has joined the Central Banks and Supervisors Network for Greening the Financial System (NGFS) as a Member. The RBI said it expects to benefit from the membership of NGFS by learning from and contributing to global efforts on green finance, which has assumed significance in the context of climate change.

06 May

21) International No Diet Day is observed on May 6 with a symbol

- a) green ribbon
- b) yellow ribbon
- c) red ribbon
- d) light blue ribbon

Ans: d

- **International No Diet Day** is **observed** on **May 6**, and **its symbol** is a **light blue ribbon**. International No Diet Day is an annual celebration of body acceptance, including fat acceptance and body shape diversity.

22) Recently, cabinet gave ex-post facto approval to an MoU on Global Innovation Partnership (GIP) between India and

- a) France
- b) US
- c) UK
- d) Germany

Ans: c

- The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi gives ex-post facto approval to the signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Ministry of External Affairs of the Government of Republic of India and Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) of the United Kingdom on Global Innovation Partnership (GIP).

23) Who among the following is 2021 laureate of the UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize?

- a) Maria Ressa
- b) Jineth Bedoya Lima
- c) Kyaw SoeOo
- d) Wa Lone

Ans: a

- Investigative journalist and media executive Maria Ressa of the Philippines has been named as the 2021 laureate of the **UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize**. The award ceremony will take place at the World Press Freedom Day Global Conference.

24) Recently, world's largest plane 'Stratolaunch Roc' successfully completed test flight for a second time. It belongs to which among the following countries?

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

Ans: a

- The world's largest aeroplane, designed to transport hypersonic vehicles and facilitate easy access to space, soared into clear skies over California's Mojave Desert. The **US company Stratolaunch** designed it to transport hypersonic vehicles and facilitate easy access to space.

25) Indian Oil launched biodiesel made from used cooking oil (UCO) sourced from eateries for the first time in

- a) Chennai

- b) New Delhi
- c) Chandigarh
- d) Rourkela

Ans: b

- Amid the raging second Covid wave, in New Delhi, state-run Indian Oil launched biodiesel **made from used cooking oil (UCO) sourced from eateries**, a game changer that can help prevent people from serious ailments by removing reused or burnt **cooking** medium from the **food** chain and reduce **oil** imports.

07May

26) Recently released 'Prime Global Cities Index Q1 2021' report ranks Bangalore in terms of increase in prime residential prices at

- a) 1
- b) 10
- c) 40
- d) 46

Ans: c

- Mumbai and New Delhi have moved one spot down to 32nd and 36th rank respectively, while Bengaluru has moved down four spots to 40th rank in the latest Knight Frank's Prime Global Cities Index Q1.

27) World's longest pedestrian suspension bridge, Aroucbridge, is located in

- a) France
- b) Portugal
- c) China
- d) Germany

Ans: b

- The world's longest pedestrian suspension bridge has opened in northern Portugal and was officially inaugurated on May 2. The Arouca Bridge is 516 meters long and it hangs 175 metres above the fast-flowing Paiva River. The narrow footbridge connects Aguieiras Waterfall and Paiva Gorge and it is the latest adventure offering in the Arouca Geopark, which is known for its extreme sports.

28) Recently, first-ever India-France-Australia Trilateral Foreign Ministerial Dialogue was held in

- a) New Delhi
- b) Canberra
- c) London
- d) Paris

Ans: c

- S. Jaishankar, France's Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs, Mr. Jean-Yves Le Drian and Australia's Minister for Foreign Affairs, Senator Marise Payne, met in London for the first India-France-Australia Trilateral Ministerial Dialogue on 4 May 2021, on the sidelines of the G7 Foreign Ministers' Meeting.

29) World Athletics Day 2021 is celebrated on May 5 every year by

- a) International Association of Athletics Federations
- b) Union Cycliste Internationale
- c) Association of Summer Olympic International Federations
- d) None of the above

Ans: a

- The World Athletics Day 2021 was observed on 05 May 2021 by International Association of Athletics Federations.

- 30) GopabandhuSambadikaSwasthyaBima Yojanahas been launched by Odisha for
- a) Police
 - b) Nurses
 - c) Doctors
 - d) Journalists

Ans: d

- Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Sunday declared all the working journalists in the State as frontline Covid warriors. Approving a proposal to this effect, the Chief Minister said that working journalists are 'doing a great service to the State by providing seamless news feed, making people aware of issues relating to Covid at this very trying times and they are great support for our war against Covid'. It may be mentioned here that as many as 6944 working journalists of the state have been covered under GopabandhuSambadikaSwasthyaBima Yojana. They are getting health insurance cover of Rs 2 lakh each.

08 May

- 31) Red Crescent Day is observed every year on
- a) May 10
 - b) May 9
 - c) May 8
 - d) May 7

Ans: c

- The **World Red Cross Day** is celebrated to commemorate the principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. On **World Red Cross Day**, people pay tribute to the humanitarian agency for their great contribution for helping people in need. **The 2021 World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day theme is 'Unstoppable'**. The first **Red Cross Day** was celebrated on May 8, 1948. The official title of the day changed over time, and became World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day in 1984. Here are ten key points to know about the **World Red Cross Day**.

- 32) Dahla Dam, built on the Arghandab River is situated in
- a) Pakistan
 - b) Afghanistan
 - c) India
 - d) China

Ans: b

- As the American troops began to withdraw from **Afghanistan**, the Taliban has captured the **second-biggest dam** of the South Asian country on Thursday. **Dahla Dam**, which provides irrigation to farmers via a network of canals as well as drinking water for the provincial capital of Kandahar, has been taken over by the group.

- 33) Which among the following is not a product of National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)?
- a) RuPay
 - b) National Common Mobility Card

- c) Unified Payments Interface (UPI)
d) Dogecoin

Ans: d

- NPCI is an umbrella organisation which operates retail payments and settlement systems in India. RuPay, IMPS, Bharat Bill Payment System and BHIM are all products of NPCI. The NPCI-developed Unified Payments Interface has seen an exponential annual growth rate of 414 per cent in the ongoing fiscal year 2020. It has also become the most preferred payment product in terms of volume in India.

- 34) Which among the following bank was selected as the digital payment partner for e-NAM (National Agriculture Market)?
- a) Kotak Mahindra Bank
b) Axis Bank
c) Canara Bank
d) State Bank of India

Ans: a

- Kotak Mahindra Bank on Wednesday announced that it has been selected as a **digital payments partner** by the **National Agriculture Market (eNAM)**.

- 35) Which among the following countries will hold the presidency of G20 in 2021?
- a) Italy
b) France
c) Indonesia
d) Brazil

Ans: a

- The Group of Twenty (G20) is an informal forum of the world's major economies that discuss global financial and development issues. The G20 is made up of 19 countries and the European Union. The 19 countries are Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, Germany, France, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, South Korea, Turkey, the United Kingdom and the United States. **Since December 1st 2020, Italy holds the Presidency of the G20, which is annually rotated amongst its members.**

10 May

- 36) Drug 2-deoxy-D-glucose (2-DG) which recently got approval from DCGI for treatment in moderate to severe cases of Covid-19 is developed by
- a) Serum Institute of India
b) Bharat Biotech
c) Defence Research and Development Organisation
d) Indian Space Research Organisation

Ans: c

- With the country battling the second wave of Covid-19 infections, The Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) on Saturday approved a drug developed by the **DRDO** for emergency use. The **drug - 2-deoxy-D-glucose (2-DG)** - has been approved as an adjunct therapy in moderate to severe cases of coronavirus.

- 37) Five oil PSUs have recently pledged Rs 100 crore for development of _____ in Uttarakhand as a spiritual smart city.
- a) Badrinath

- b) Dwaraka
- c) Puri
- d) Rameswaram

Ans: a

- Five state-owned oil and gas PSUs have committed Rs 100 crore for the redevelopment of the Badrinath Dham in Uttarakhand as a spiritual smart city. Announcing this Friday, Union Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas Dharmendra Pradhan said the move “would help attract tourists to the state” and added that oil sector PSUs would also contribute to the development of Kedarnath, Uttarkashi, Yamunotri and Gangotri.
- Badrinath is in the Garhwal Himalayas, on the banks of the Alaknanda River. The town lies between the Nar and Narayana mountain ranges 9 km east of Nilkantha peak (6,596m). Badrinath is located 62 km northwest of Nanda Devi peak and 301 km north of Rishikesh.

38) Mount Sinabung, erupted recently, is located at

- a) USA
- b) Indonesia
- c) China
- d) Philippines

Ans: b

- Indonesia’s Mount Sinabung, located in the North Sumatra province, erupted on Thursday, belching a massive column of volcanic ash and smoke 3,000 metres (3 km) into the sky. The volcano had erupted in March as well, sending a cloud of hot ash into the sky. This was the first time it erupted since August 2020 when the volcano sent a column of ash and smoke more than 16,000 feet into the air. The volcano has been active since 2010 when it erupted after nearly 400 years of inactivity.

39) India is participating in the 3rd Arctic Science Ministerial (ASM3) – the global platform for discussing research and cooperation in the Arctic region. It is organised by

- a) India
- b) Japan
- c) Iceland
- d) Both (b) and (c)

Ans: d

- India is participating in the 3rd Arctic Science Ministerial (ASM3) - the global platform for discussing research and cooperation in the Arctic region (8-9 May, 2021).The first two meetings—ASM1 and ASM2—were held in the USA in 2016 and Germany in 2018, respectively. ASM3, jointly organised by Iceland and Japan, is the first Ministerial meeting being held in Asia.

40) Dailynewspaper entitled Jnanaprakash is published by

- a) MK Gandhi
- b) Gopal Krishna Gokhale
- c) Bal Gangadhar Tilak
- d) Pheroz Shah Mehta

Ans: b

- PM paid tributes to Gopal Krishna Gokhale on his birth anniversary. He was born on 9 May 1866.He served as Secretary of the Deccan Education Society. He visited Ireland and arranged for Irish nationalist Alfred Webb to serve as the President of the Indian

National Congress in 1894. **Gokhale also published a daily newspaper entitled Jnanaprakash**, which allowed him to voice his reformist views on politics and society.

11 May

- 41) Battle of Haldighati was fought in 1576 between _____ and the forces of Akbar led by Man Singh of Amber.
- Maharana Pratap
 - Udai Singh II
 - Bhamashah
 - Amar Singh I

Ans: a

- May 9 marks the birth anniversary of **Maharana Pratap, the 13th Rajpur king of Mewar**. Maharana Pratap was born in 1540 and died at the age of 56 in 1597. He is known for his bravery in the Battle of Haldighati. It was fought in 1576 between Maharana and the forces of Akbar led by Man Singh of Amber.

- 42) 2021 Spanish Grand Prix, held on May 09, 2021, was won by
- Lewis Hamilton
 - Max Verstappen
 - Charles Leclerc
 - Valtteri Bottas

Ans: a

- Lewis Hamilton claimed his fifth successive Spanish Grand Prix** on Sunday ahead of Red Bull's Max Verstappen after a Mercedes pit-stop masterstroke.

- 43) Theme of the 2021 World Migratory Bird Day is
- Birds Connect Our World
 - Save migratory birds in crisis - every species counts!
 - Protect Birds: Be the Solution to Plastic Pollution!
 - Sing, Fly, Soar – Like a Bird

Ans: d

- "Sing, Fly, Soar – Like a **Bird!**" is the **theme** of this year's **World Migratory Bird Day**, an annual **global** campaign dedicated to raising awareness of **migratory birds** and the need for **international** cooperation to conserve them.

- 44) Bollywood actress Kalki Koechlin has authored her first book titled
- The Diary of a Domestic Diva
 - Mrs Funnybones
 - Elephant In The Womb
 - Pyjamas are Forgiving

Ans: c

- Actor Kalki Koechlin is making her debut as an author with an illustrated non-fiction book on motherhood, publisher Penguin Random House India (PRHI) announced on Saturday. Titled "Elephant In The Womb", the book illustrated by Valeriya Polyanychko, will be published under 'Penguin's' imprint this year.

- 45) 2021 "Laureus Sportsman of the Year" Award was awarded to
- Lionel Messi
 - Rafael Nadal

- c) Lewis Hamilton
- d) None of the above

Ans: b

- Tennis great Rafael Nadal was named the **2021 Laureus Sportsman of the Year** after a landmark year in which the Spaniard equalled Roger Federer's Grand Slam record for the most majors won by a male player. With the French Open victory in 2020, Nadal took his tally to 20 Grand Slam titles.

12 May

46) Which among the following is not the significance of 'National Technology Day' celebrated on May 11?

- a) Test firing of the Trishul Missile
- b) Test flown the first indigenous aircraft - 'Hansa - 3'
- c) Mission Shakti
- d) None of the above

Ans: c

- It is the day India successfully tested nuclear bombs in Pokhran on May 11, 1998. India successfully test-fired its Shakti-1 nuclear missile in operation called Pokhran-II, also codenamed as **Operation Shakti**. On the same day, India performed a successful test firing of the Trishul Missile (surface to air short range missile) and had test flown the first indigenous aircraft - 'Hansa - 3'.

47) Al-Aqsa Mosque, Islam's third holiest site, is located in

- a) Mecca
- b) Medina
- c) Jerusalem
- d) Istanbul

Ans: c

- **Al-Aqsa** - located in the Old City of **Jerusalem**- is considered to be the **third holiest site in Islam**. But the compound - called **Haram al-Sharif** by Muslims - is equally **holy** for Jews, who refer to it as the Temple Mount. **Al-Aqsa** means the farthest **mosque** in English.

48) Decentralized Triage and Emergency Response (DETER) Committees, formed to manage COVID pandemic at the local level is an initiative seen in

- a) Bangalore
- b) Mumbai
- c) Trivandrum
- d) Delhi

Ans: a

- As Bengaluru continues to witness a daily surge in fresh Covid-19 infections and related fatalities, the state government has decided to manage pandemic at the local level. On the orders of the state government, Decentralized Triage and Emergency Response (DETER) Committees at ward-levels are being formed in the Karnataka capital, which will be overseen by the Bruhat Bengaluru MahanagaraPalike.

49) Which among the following is not part of the Great Nicobar Island project?

- a) container transshipment terminal
- b) green field international airport

- c) township complex
- d) none of the above

Ans: d

- The proposal includes an international container transshipment terminal, a greenfield international airport, a power plant and a township complex spread over 166 sq. km. (mainly pristine coastal systems and tropical forests), and is estimated to cost ₹75,000 crore.

50) NASA's Origins, Spectral Interpretation, Resource Identification, Security, Regolith Explorer (OSIRIS-REx) recently landed on which among the following of asteroid?

- a) Apophis
- b) Bennu
- c) Eros
- d) Aten

Ans: b

- On May 11, NASA's Origins, Spectral Interpretation, Resource Identification, Security, Regolith Explorer (OSIRIS-REx) spacecraft will depart asteroid Bennu, and start its two-year long journey back to Earth.

13 May

51) Elon Musk-owned SpaceX is set to launch the "DOGE-1 Mission" to

- a) Moon
- b) Mars
- c) International Space Station
- d) Titan

Ans: a

- **SpaceX** has announced that it will **launch "DOGE-1 Mission** to the Moon" in the first quarter of next year. The entrepreneur tweeted that the company's new satellite will be called **Doge-1**, and that the **mission** will be funded by **Dogecoin**. "**SpaceX launching** satellite **Doge-1** to the moon next year. **Mission** paid for in **Doge**."

52) Who has recently won the Best Actor award at the New York City International Film Festival 2021?

- a) Anupam Kher
- b) Anil Kapoor
- c) Sharukh Khan
- d) None of the above

Ans: a

- **Anupam Kher** won the **Best Actor award** for his performance in the short **film** Happy Birthday at the **New York City International Film Festival**.

53) The International Nurses Day is celebrated on May 12, every year to mark the contributions and hard work of nursing staff around the world in the memory of

- a) Virginia Lynch
- b) Florence Nightingale
- c) Dorothea Dix
- d) Mary Eliza Mahoney

Ans: b

- The International Nurses and Midwives Day is celebrated every year on May 12 globally to appreciate the nurses' efforts. This day is also marked as the anniversary of Florence Nightingale, founder of modern nursing.

- 54) Iron Dome, recently heard in news, is an anti-missile air defence system developed by
- a) Russia
 - b) India
 - c) US
 - d) Israel

Ans: d

- Iron Dome is a mobile all-weather air defense system developed by Rafael Advanced Defense Systems and Israel Aerospace Industries.

- 55) What is the name of AI-based chatbot developed by HDFC bank in partnership with Common Services Centres (CSCs), to support Village Level Entrepreneurs (VLEs) in providing banking services?
- a) Thought Factory
 - b) SIA
 - c) Eva
 - d) None of the above

Ans: c

- HDFC Bank has developed an AI-based chatbot, "Eva", built by Bengaluru-based Senseforth AI Research. Since its launch in March this year, Eva (which stands Electronic Virtual Assistant) has addressed over 2.7 million customer queries, interacted with over 530,000 unique users, and held 1.2 million conversations.

14 May

- 56) 'Connected Commerce: Creating a Roadmap for a Digitally Inclusive Bharat', recently released report, is an initiative by Niti Aayog and
- a) Mastercard
 - b) NPCI Ltd
 - c) RBI
 - d) None of the above

Ans: a

- NITI Aayog and Mastercard today released a report titled 'Connected Commerce: Creating a Roadmap for a Digitally Inclusive Bharat'. The report identifies challenges in accelerating digital financial inclusion in India and provides recommendations for making digital services accessible to its 1.3 billion citizens.

- 57) World Food Prize for the year 2021 is awarded to
- a) Simon Groot
 - b) Lawrence Haddad
 - c) Shakuntala Thilsted
 - d) Rattan Lal

Ans: c

- **Dr Shakuntala Thilsted**, who is best known in the aquaculture sector for her groundbreaking research into the nutritional value of small native fish species in Bangladesh and Cambodia, has been named the 2021 World Food Prize Laureate.

- 58) International Nurses and Midwives Day, celebrated on May 12 every year, is started by
- International Council of Nurses
 - World Health Organization
 - United Nations
 - None of the above

Ans: a

- It was started in 1965 by the International Council of Nurses(ICN).ICN sponsors International Nurses' Day every May 12 (the anniversary of Florence Nightingale's birthday).

- 59) Which of the following organisation won the Green Urja Award by the Indian Chamber of Commerce?
- Cochin International Airport Ltd
 - Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency
 - Life Insurance Corporation of India
 - Indian Railways

Ans: b

- Power sector **major** lender **Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd (IREDA) has been conferred with Green Urja Award** for being the leading public **financing** institution for **renewable energy** this year by the **Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC)**.

- 60) Y NukluPhom has won the 'Whitley Awards 2021'. He hails from
- Assam
 - Goa
 - Ladakh
 - Nagaland

Ans: d

- NukluPhom** is the **only** person from **India** to **win** the prestigious #Whitley Awards **2021** for **his** work; "**Establishing a biodiversity peace corridor**". The **award** is **one** of the world's leading prizes for grassroots **conservation**.

15May

- 61) Which among the following payment bank launched "digigold"?
- Airtel Payments Bank
 - India Post Payments Bank
 - Jio Payments Bank.
 - Paytm Payments Bank.

Ans: a

- Airtel Payments Bank launched a digital platform -- DigiGold -- for customers to make investments in gold, in partnership with digital gold provider SafeGold.

- 62) 2021 Rugby World Cup will take place in 2022 in
- New Zealand
 - Australia
 - UK
 - USA

Ans: a

- **The 2021 Rugby World Cup will now take place in 2022 in New Zealand;** the competition has been extended to give longer rests between games for player welfare; Eden Park to make history as the first venue to host both men's and women's Rugby World Cup finals.

- 63) The book "All-Time Favourites for Children" is written by
- a) Julia Donaldson
 - b) Ruskin Bond
 - c) J. K. Rowling
 - d) Eric Carle

Ans: b

- All Time Favourites for Children celebrates Ruskin Bond's writing with stories that are perennially loved and can now be enjoyed in a single collectible volume.

- 64) Which among the following is a site in Great Nicobar Island for the nesting of Giant Leatherback turtles?
- a) Alexandra
 - b) Amrit Kaur
 - c) Dogmar
 - d) Galathea

Ans: d

- Galathea Bay sanctuary, located in the Great Nicobar island, south of the Little Andaman island, may be de-notified for the purpose of Great Nicobar Plan

- 65) CGTeeka, a web portal for registration for COVID vaccination has been developed for which among the following state governments?
- a) Karnataka
 - b) West Bengal
 - c) Kerala
 - d) Chhattisgarh

Ans: d

- As per Chhattisgarh government, CGTeeka web portal for registration for COVID vaccination has been developed on the basis of social and geographical conditions in the state

17 May

- 66) Indian Navy recently hosted 'GMS-21' under the aegis of Naval War College located in
- a) Kerala
 - b) West Bengal
 - c) Goa
 - d) Andhra Pradesh

Ans: c

- Towards fostering friendly relations with its maritime neighbours, Indian Navy hosted 'GMS-21' under the aegis of Naval War College, Goa on 11 and 12 May 21. Owing to the COVID-19 pandemic, the event for the first time was hosted in virtual mode, with online participation of Naval representatives from 13 Indian Ocean Littoral countries, which included India, Bangladesh, Comoros, Indonesia, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritius, Myanmar, Seychelles, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Thailand. The theme for GMS-21 was focused on "Maritime Security and Emerging Non-Traditional

Threats: A Case for Proactive Role for IOR Navies,” with emphasis on capacity building amongst the IOR Navies to tackle emerging common maritime threats.

67) Which among the following states has got Malerkotla declared as an independent district?

- a) Punjab
- b) Haryana
- c) Rajasthan
- d) Uttar Pradesh

Ans: a

- Fulfilling a pre-poll promise of the Congress party, Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh Friday declared Malerkotla as the 23rd district of the state on the occasion of Eid-ul-Fitr.

68) Which among the following organisation launched a feature called Indicative Notes in its website?

- a) Supreme Court
- b) Election Commission
- c) Comptroller and Auditor General
- d) Niti Aayog

Ans: a

- CHIEF Justice of India (CJI) NV Ramana Wednesday launched a special facility for granting media access to the Supreme Court’s new mobile application even as he announced that the apex court’s website would have a new feature, called “Indicative Notes” that would aim to provide concise summaries of landmark judgments in an easy-to-understand format.

69) Which among the following has created history by becoming the first Indian fencer to qualify for the Olympic Games?

- a) Kabita Devi
- b) Gisho Nidhi Kumaresan Padma
- c) Arora Ena
- d) Bhavani Devi

Ans: d

- **India's first Olympic-bound Fencer Bhavani Devi** thanks parents for sustaining her dream. **Sabre Fencer Bhavani Devi**, who **created history by becoming the first Indian fencer to qualify for the Olympic Games**, said she was looking forward to giving off her best performance in Tokyo2020.

70) Cyclone Tauktae, a recently formed cyclone in Arabian Sea, is named so by

- a) India
- b) Myanmar
- c) Sri Lanka
- d) Bhutan

Ans: b

- Cyclone Tauktae, which is all set to hit Gujarat on Monday, May 18, has been named by meteorologists from Myanmar. The word ‘Tauktae’ (pronounced as Tau’te) means a particular type of gecko or a distinctively vocal lizard, in the Burmese language. Similarly, the previous cyclone that hit the east coast of India, Cyclone Nivar, was named as proposed by Iran.

18 May

- 71) National Crisis Management Committee, recently heard in news, is chaired by
- National Security Adviser
 - Prime Minister
 - Cabinet Secretary
 - None of the above

Ans: c

- As Cyclone Tauktae intensifying into a very severe cyclone, the National Crisis Management Committee (NCMC) headed by Cabinet Secretary Rajiv Gauba on Sunday reviewed preparedness of Central and State Ministries and agencies to deal the which is currently hovering over the East-Central Arabian Sea, an official statement said.

- 72) Winchcombe, recently seen in news, is a/an
- Asteroid
 - Meteor
 - Meteoroid
 - Meteorite

Ans: d

- It is a meteorite. A piece of the Winchcombe meteorite had touched down in the town of Winchcombe in Gloucestershire in the UK in February 2021.

- 73) Which among the following is the second country in the world to send a rover to explore the Mars?
- India
 - China
 - Japan
 - Russia

Ans: b

- China's uncrewed 'Tianwen-1' spacecraft landed safely on the surface of Mars** on Saturday, making the country only the second in the world to send a rover to explore the mysterious Red Planet. Onboard the lander was the 'Zhurong' rover, which will soon be deployed to study the **Martian** atmosphere and geology.

- 74) Which of the following countries was the largest recipient of remittances in 2020 among low-income and middle-income countries, according to the recently released "Migration and Development Brief "report by the World Bank?
- India
 - China
 - Bangladesh
 - Pakistan

Ans: a

- India received over \$83 billion in remittances in 2020, a drop of just 0.2% from the previous year, despite a pandemic that devastated the world economy, according to a World Bank report. India and China are followed by Mexico (\$42.8 billion), the Philippines (\$34.9 billion), Egypt (\$29.6 billion), Pakistan (\$26 billion), France (\$24.4 billion) and Bangladesh (\$21 billion), it showed.

75) Which among the following countries is the chair of BRICS in 2021?

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

Ans: a

- India **has assumed the Chairmanship of BRICS for 2021** and will be hosting this year's summit.

19 May

76) SAMVEDNA tele counselling service is for psychological support to children to address their stress, anxiety, fear and other issues during the coronavirus pandemic. The service is provided by the

- a) Niti Aayog
- b) Ministry of Women and Child Development
- c) National Commission for Protection of Child Rights
- d) None of the above

Ans: c

- With an objective of providing psychological first-aid and emotional support to children affected during COVID-19 Pandemic, National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) is providing Tele-Counselling to children through **SAMVEDNA** (Sensitizing Action on Mental Health Vulnerability through Emotional Development and Necessary Acceptance) - a Toll-Free Helpline launched to provide psycho-social mental support for Children affected during COVID 19 Pandemic.

77) The International Day of Families observed every year on

- a) May 19
- b) May 17
- c) May 15
- d) May 16

Ans: c

- **International Day of Families** is **annually observed** by the United Nations across the world on **May 15**. The **day** is commemorated to highlight the important affairs central to the welfare of **families**, such as health, education, gender equality, rights for children, and social inclusion among others.

78) Who among the following is the only Indian among the top 10 of Fortune's 'World's 50 Greatest Leaders' 2021?

- a) Adar Poonawalla
- b) Narendra Modi
- c) Aparna Hegde
- d) None of the above

Ans: a

- The only Indian in the top 10 list, Poonawalla is CEO of the world's largest vaccine producer- Serum Institute of India. He has been recognised for taking the task of supplying COVID-19 vaccines across India.

79) International Day of Living Together in Peace 2021 is observed on

- a) May 15
- b) May 16

- c) May 17
- d) May 19

Ans: b

- **The UN General-Assembly, in its resolution 72/130, declared 16 May the International Day of Living Together in Peace**, as a means of regularly mobilizing the efforts of the international community to promote peace, tolerance, inclusion, understanding and solidarity.

80) Who among the following is appointed as the head coach of the Indian Women's National Cricket Team?

- a) Bharat Arun
- b) Ravi Shastri
- c) Ramakrishnan Sridhar
- d) Ramesh Powar

Ans: d

- The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) announces the appointment of Mr Ramesh Powar as the Head Coach of Team India (Senior Women). The BCCI had advertised for the post and received over 35 applications.

20 May

81) National Dengue Day is observed annually in India on

- a) May 16
- b) May 19
- c) May 18
- d) May 20

Ans: a

- May 16 is observed as the National Dengue Day in India. The World Health Organization has acknowledged the growing prominence of dengue infections across the world in the past decade.

82) miniTV, a recently launched free video streaming service, is an initiative by

- a) Amazon
- b) Reliance
- c) Zoom
- d) None of the above

Ans: a

- **Amazon has launched its miniTV in India which is a video streaming platform** that includes web series, comedy shows, and many genres of **videos to stream for free**, as per a blog post. ... **Amazon already has an external video streaming platform called Amazon Prime Video**, which is a paid **subscription service**.

83) National Digital Financial Infrastructure, a next-generation Digital Financial Infrastructure, is being built by

- a) National Informatics Centre(NIC)
- b) National Payments Corporation of India(NPCI)
- c) Institute for Development and Research in Banking Technology(IDRBT)
- d) None of the above

Ans: c

- The Institute for Development and Research in Banking Technology (IDRBT), an arm of Reserve Bank of India (RBI), is building next generation Digital Financial Infrastructure. The National Digital Financial Infrastructure (NADI) would provide a roadmap and framework for future digital financial services growth in the country.

84) 2020 Miss Universe title is won by Andrea Meza from

- a) India
- b) Canada
- c) UK
- d) Mexico

Ans: d

- On Monday, **Andrea Meza** from **Mexico** won the title of **Miss Universe 2020-21**. The **beauty pageant** winner is a software engineer and she competed with 73 other contestants from all over the world to become the third woman from the country to **win** the title.

85) HIV Vaccine Awareness Day is observed annually on

- a) Dec 1
- b) May 18
- c) May 1
- d) Dec 18

Ans: b

- World AIDS vaccine day is observed each year on May 18 across the globe. The day is commemorated to recognize the efforts of thousands of scientists and health professionals who are tirelessly working to find a vaccine against the Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). The day is also addressed as HIV Vaccine Awareness Day, which is aimed at increasing awareness regarding the need for HIV vaccines to prevent the spread of HIV infection and AIDS.

21 May

86) News Showcase which allows partnering publishers to curate content is launched in India by

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

Ans: c

- **Google** on Tuesday **announced the roll-out of News Showcase in India with 30 news publishers, including national, regional and local news organisations**. The **News Showcase** allows partnering **publishers** to curate content which **is** displayed as story panels on **Google's News** and Discover platforms.

87) International Museum Day observed every year on

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

Ans: c

- **International Museum Day is celebrated every year on May 18.** Introduced by the International Council of Museums, it has been celebrated every year over the past 43 years, since 1977.

88) Formosa Strait recently seen in news connects

- a) South China Sea and East China Sea
- b) Indian Ocean and South China Sea
- c) Sea of Japan and Philippines Sea
- d) South China Sea and Philippines Sea

Ans: a

- The strait is currently part of the South China Sea and connects to the East China Sea to the north. The narrowest part is 130 km wide. The Taiwan Strait, also known as the Formosa Strait, is a 180 km wide strait separating Taiwan and mainland China.

89) In a major boost to exports of Geographical Indication (GI) certified products, a consignment of Dahanu Gholvad Sapota was today shipped to the United Kingdom. The GI is certified in the name of which among the following states?

- a) Karnataka
- b) Goa
- c) Tamil Nadu
- d) Maharashtra

Ans: d

- In a major boost to exports of Geographical Indication (GI) certified products, a **consignment of Dahanu Gholvad Sapota from Palghar district of Maharashtra** was today shipped to the United Kingdom.

90) AYUSHGharDwar campaign of practicing Yoga for home isolated Covid-19 positive patients is launched in

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

Ans: b

- Health and Family Welfare and Ayush Minister of Himachal Pradesh Rajiv Saizal inaugurated a state-level 'AyushGhar-Dwar' programme in Solan for home-isolated patients.

22 May

91) New Big 5 project is an international initiative of more than 250 of the world's wildlife photographers, conservationists and wildlife charities. Which among the following animals is not a part of it?

- a) Lion
- b) Polar Bear
- c) Elephant
- d) Rhino

Ans: d

- Two of Kaziranga National Park's 'Big Five' animals have made it to the planet's 'New Big 5' for shooting with the camera. Missing from the global list of "favourite animals to photograph" is the greater one-horned or Indian rhinoceros for which Kaziranga was

born in 1905. The African cousin of Assam's iconic and apparently armour-plated animal was in the original 'Big 5', a term that trophy hunters used for the five most prized and dangerous animals to shoot and kill. The others on the hunters' list were the **elephant, leopard, Cape buffalo and lion.**

92) Corpse flower, recently seen in news and an ultra-rare plant known to bloom only once every seven to ten years, is the native of

- a) India
- b) Indonesia
- c) Congo
- d) Russia

Ans: b

- While the plant is native to Indonesia, its saplings have been cultivated in zoos, botanical gardens and greenhouses around the world over the years.

93) World Bee Day is annually observed on

- a) May 19
- b) May 20
- c) May 21
- d) May 22

Ans: b

- Angelina Jolie came on board with National Geographic to celebrate annual World Bee Day on May 20, and the results were stunning. The actor, known for her philanthropy, decided to raise awareness and send across the right message with an evocative image. In the photo and video shared, Jolie was seen covered in bees.

94) Bao-dhaan is an iron-rich rice variety grown in _____, without the use of any chemical fertilizer.

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

Ans: a

- Recently, the first consignment of 'red **rice**' was sent to the USA from **Assam**. **Iron rich 'red rice' is grown in Brahmaputra valley of Assam, without the use of any chemical fertilizer.** The **rice variety** is referred as '**Bao-dhaan**', which is an integral part of the **Assamese** food.

95) 'Vax and Scratch' programme, a new vaccination programme that will provide free lottery tickets to those individuals over the age of 18 years who choose to get vaccinated, is rolled out in

- a) Beijing
- b) Tokyo
- c) New York
- d) Moscow

Ans: c

- New York's Governor Andrew Cuomo has announced a new vaccination programme that will provide free lottery tickets to those individuals over the age of 18 years who choose to get vaccinated from one of the ten state-run sites.

24 May

- 96) India's first agro-export facilitation centre in Pune was launched by
- a) Maharashtra Chamber of Commerce, Industry, and Agriculture (MCCIA)
 - b) Niti Aayog
 - c) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)
 - d) Both (a) and (c)

Ans: d

- The Maharashtra Chamber of Commerce Industries and Agriculture (MCCIA), in association with the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), will launch India's first and unique Agriculture Export Facilitation Centre on 15th May 2021. This Facilitation Centre will work as a one-stop-shop for the exporters in the agricultural sector.

- 97) An mobile application named 'MOMA Market' for home delivery of _____, for day to day consumption, amid COVID pandemic was launched by Manipur.
- a) Fish
 - b) Vegetables
 - c) Packed food
 - d) None of the above

Ans: b

- Under the CM's supervision, Manipur Organic Mission Agency (**MOMA**), a unit of the state horticulture and soil conservation department, introduced **the app** to make **fresh vegetables** available for **day-to-day consumption** and curb the distress sales of- farm produces during lockdown due to the **COVID-19 pandemic**.

- 98) Which among the following countries has unveiled a new supercomputer named 'Simorgh', which is 100 times more powerful than previous supercomputer of the country till date?
- a) China
 - b) UAE
 - c) Israel
 - d) Iran

Ans: d

- Iran unveiled the Simorgh supercomputer, which will deliver 1 petaflops of performance, according to state-run news outlet IRNA.

- 99) "International Invincible Gold Medal" for 2021 is awarded to
- a) Ramesh PokhriyalNishank
 - b) Narendra Modi
 - c) Joe Biden
 - d) Emmanuel Macron

Ans: a

- The "International Invincible Gold Medal" of this year has been conferred on Union Education Minister Dr Ramesh PokhriyalNishank.

- 100) SBIRS Geo-5 is a missile-warning satellite was launched into space by
- a) US

- b) India
- c) Russia
- d) UK

Ans: a

- Fully fueled, the **SBIRS Geo-5 satellite** weighs about 10,700 lbs. (4,850 kilograms) and carries sophisticated infrared scanning and staring sensors that allow the military to track **missiles** that might threaten U.S. and its allied forces.

25 May

101) Largest international submarine cable system centred on India is constructed by

- a) BSNL
- b) Reliance Jio
- c) Airtel
- d) MTNL

Ans: b

- Reliance Jio said on Monday it is constructing the **largest international submarine cable system centred on India.**

102) Starlink satellite system, aimed at providing high-speed satellite internet to customers worldwide, is associated with

- a) SpaceX
- b) Google
- c) Apple
- d) Both (a) and (b)

Ans: d

- Google announced that its cloud unit has won a deal to supply computing and networking resources to Elon Musk's SpaceX to help deliver internet service through the latter's Starlink satellites.

103) United Nations International Tea Day is observed annually on

- a) May 19
- b) May 20
- c) May 21
- d) May 22

Ans: c

- The reason for **UN** celebrating **May 21** as **International Tea Day** is that the season of **tea** production begins in **May** in most of the **tea** producing countries. The **world** will join hands to celebrate **International Tea Day** on **May 21**, 2021. The **day is observed** primarily with a view to increasing consumption of **tea**.

104) 57th EY Renewable Energy Country Attractiveness Index ranks India at 3rd position. It is released by

- a) IRENA
- b) American Solar Energy Society
- c) Ernst & Young
- d) International Solar Alliance

Ans: c

- India moved up a position to the third spot in EY's Renewable Energy Country Attractiveness Index released by a consultancy firm Ernst & Young (EY) as a result of

an exceptional performance on the solar PV front and with generation from solar forecast to exceed coal before 2040.

105) What is the theme of the World Metrology Day 2021?

- a) Measurement for Health
- b) Measurements for global trade
- c) Weather-ready, climate-smart
- d) Measurements in a Dynamic World

Ans: a

- The theme for World Metrology Day 2021 is Measurement for Health. This theme was chosen to create awareness of the important role measurement plays in health, and thus in the wellbeing of every one of us.

26 May

106) In India, the National Anti-Terrorism Day is observed on May 21 to commemorate the death anniversary of

- a) Rajiv Gandhi
- b) Indira Gandhi
- c) Jawaharlal Nehru
- d) Both (a) and (b)

Ans: a

- **Anti-Terrorism Day is observed** every year on **May 21**, the **death anniversary of former prime minister Rajiv Gandhi**. In 1991, on this **day** he was assassinated by **terrorists** while campaigning for the Congress party at Sriperumbudur in Tamil Nadu.

107) Who among the following is the first Indian to win the prestigious 'World Choreography Award 2020'?

- a) Remo D'souza
- b) Ashley Wallen
- c) Jemel McWilliams
- d) Suresh Mukund

Ans: d

- Emmy Award-nominated choreographer Suresh Mukund, who is the founder of dance group Kings United, has won the title of World Choreography Awards for the show World of Dance. He has become the first Indian to win this title. Earlier, Suresh's team had won NBC's World of Dance Season 3. Suresh was also one of the captains in the TV show Dance Plus 5.

108) 'Amrit Vahini', a mobile app launched to enable booking beds at Covid-19 hospitals on a real-time basis by the patients, is an initiative by the state of

- a) Kerala
- b) Chattisgarh
- c) Jharkhand
- d) Odisha

Ans: c

- Chief Minister Hemant Soren inaugurated the Amrit Vahini website, App and chat boat today with the objective of providing better treatment and necessary medical resources to the patients in this phase of the ever increasing infection of Covid-19 in

the State. On this occasion, he said that many effective arrangements have been made to curb Coronavirus infection in the State. In this sequence, one more step has been taken through Amrit Vahini.

109) What is the new accounting year of RBI, effective from FY22?

- a) July-June
- b) April-March
- c) June-May
- d) March-February

Ans: b

- **RBI** to sync **its accounting year** with **govt's fiscal year** from **2020-21**. The Reserve Bank of India (**RBI**) will align **its financial accounting year** with **that** of the central **government** with **effect** from **2020-21** (April-March)— a move **that** may put an end to the practice of the exchequer getting interim dividend from the central bank.

110) World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development celebrated annually on

- a) May 17
- b) May 24
- c) May 21
- d) May 4

Ans: c

- In December 2002, the UN General Assembly (UNGA) in its resolution 57/249 announced **May 21** to be **The World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development**, recognizing the need to "enhance the potential of culture as a means of achieving prosperity, sustainable **development** and global peaceful co-existence."

27 May

111) Shahi litchi was the fourth agricultural products to get GI certification from the state of

- a) Odisha
- b) Bihar
- c) West Bengal
- d) Andhra Pradesh

Ans: b

- Shahi litchi was the fourth agricultural products to get GI certification from Bihar in 2018, after Jardalu mango, Katarni rice and Magahi paan. First consignment of Shahi Litchi from Bihar exported to UK

112) Cyclone Yaas that hit Odisha is named by

- a) India
- b) Oman
- c) Malaysia
- d) Sri Lanka

Ans: b

- Yaas is the name of a tropical cyclone which is set to hit eastern coastal areas of Odisha and West Bengal on Wednesday, barely a week after cyclone 'Tauktae' battered the western coast leaving behind a trail of destruction. Though these names may look like random ones but these names are carefully chosen and indicate something. For instance, the last cyclone in Arabian sea was given its name by Myanmar as Tauktae

which means Gecko, a lizard. Similarly, the upcoming cyclone Yaas has been given by Oman and it refers to a tree.

113) BioHub will be a global facility for pathogen storage, sharing and analysis under

- a) World Health Organization
- b) Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS
- c) Indian Association of Preventive and Social Medicine
- d) International Health Organization

Ans: a

- WHO and Switzerland have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to launch this facility. The move is significant in the view of the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic and the need to underline the importance of sharing pathogen information to assess risks and launch countermeasures.

114) The Indian Armed forces will shortly deploy advanced Heron drones that it will receive from

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

Ans: d

- **The Indian forces are set to get a major boost to their surveillance capabilities as they are shortly going to receive their advanced Heron drones from Israel for keeping an eye on the Chinese activities in the Ladakh sector and other areas along the Line of Actual Control with China.**

115) Which among the following countries has decided to close its embassy in Kabul in three days, ahead of the withdrawal of its final contingent of troops from Afghanistan?

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

Ans: d

- Australia on Tuesday abruptly announced it will shutter its embassy in Afghanistan this week, expressing fears over the "increasingly uncertain security environment" in Kabul as foreign troops withdraw. The Taliban, which has ramped up violence across the country in recent weeks, reacted by saying it would provide a "safe environment" to foreign diplomats and humanitarian organisations.

28 May

116) The Reclining Buddha was first depicted in

- a) Gandhara art
- b) Mathura art
- c) Amaravati art
- d) None of the above

Ans: a

- On Buddha Jayanti (May 26), India's largest statue of the Reclining Buddha was to have been installed at the Buddha International Welfare Mission temple in Bodh Gaya. The ceremony has been put off due to Covid-19 restrictions. The Reclining Buddha was

first depicted in Gandhara art, which began in the period between 50 BC and 75 AD, and peaked during the Kushana period from the first to the fifth centuries AD.

117) VIPER, a mobile robot planned to explore moon, is an initiative of

- a) US
- b) UK
- c) Australia
- d) Canada

Ans: a

- National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) is sending its first mobile robot to the moon and is expected to launch it by late 2023. The robot named Volatiles Investigating Polar Exploration Rover (VIPER) is part of the Artemis program. It will map and explore the moon's resources on and under the lunar surface, particularly water-ice. This will help them in providing a sustained human presence on the moon.

118) Who among the following is appointed as the Director of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), recently?

- a) Samant Goel
- b) Kuldiep Singh
- c) Subodh Jaiswal
- d) Arvind Kumar

Ans: c

- Subodh Jaiswal, a 1985 batch Maharashtra cadre IPS officer and **chief** of the CISF, has been appointed **Director of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)**.

119) World Turtle Day is observed annually on

- a) May 28
- b) May 26
- c) May 24
- d) May 23

Ans: d

- World Turtle Day is celebrated every year on May 23 to spread awareness among people to help turtles survive and thrive in their natural habitat.

120) Which among the sector was the top recipient of FDI in India during the fiscal year 2020-21 (FY21)?

- a) Construction (Infrastructure) Activities
- b) Services Sector
- c) Computer Software & Hardware
- d) None of the above

Ans: c

- 'Computer Software & Hardware' has emerged as the top sector during F.Y. 2020-21 with around 44% share of the total FDI Equity inflow followed by Construction (Infrastructure) Activities (13%) and Services Sector (8%) respectively.

29 May

121) Which among the following countries recently recognised its role in the 1994 Rwandan genocide and hoped for forgiveness?

- a) Belgium

- b) Britain
- c) Netherlands
- d) France

Ans: d

- **French President Emmanuel Macron said** he recognised his country's role in the Rwandan genocide and hoped for forgiveness at a memorial in Kigali on Thursday, seeking to reset relations after years of Rwandan accusations that France was complicit in the 1994 atrocities.

122) Golden Visa, recently heard in new, is issued by which among the following countries?

- a) Saudi Arabia
- b) UAE
- c) Qatar
- d) Canada

Ans: b

- **Bollywood actor Sanjay Dutt** was thrilled to **receive a golden visa** for the **United Arab Emirates (UAE)** on Wednesday. He also thanked the **UAE Government** and Hamad Obaidalla, COO of flydubai for support. In **a** statement to news agency IANS, **Dutt** mentioned that **Dubai** became **a** home for **his** family in the past year.

123) Louvre museum, world's largest art museum, is based in

- a) Paris
- b) Beijing
- c) Washington
- d) London

Ans: a

- Art historian and curator Laurence des Cars has become the first woman to be appointed the president of Louvre – the world's largest art museum, based in Paris – in its 228-year history. The competition for the post was close and fierce, with one of the contenders being the current president Jean-Luc Martinez, who was vying for a third term. Des Cars, 54, has said 'her heart was beating fast' when culture minister Roselyne Bachelot broke the news to her. She will take over from Martinez in September.

124) Princess of Asturias award in the social sciences category for the year 2021 is awarded to

- a) Amartya Sen
- b) Michael J. Sandel
- c) Alejandro Portes
- d) Dani Rodrik

Ans: a

- Amartya Sen to be honoured with Spain's Princess of Asturias Award 2021 for his efforts to promote 'justice, freedom and democracy'. The 50,000-euro award (US\$ 61,000) is one of eight prizes, including in the arts, communications and sports, handed out annually by the Asturias Princess Foundation, which is named for Spanish Crown Princess Leonor.

125) UNITE AWARE app for UN peace keeper to improve their safety is launched by

- a) China
- b) US

- c) India
- d) Pakistan

Ans: c

- India's Deputy Permanent Representative to the UN, Ambassador K Nagaraj Naidu said India, in partnership with the UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the Department of Operational Support, has been working towards developing a mobile tech platform 'UNITE AWARE' that helps increase situational awareness and provides terrain-related information to peacekeepers.

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126) The 'Bell of Faith' scheme, a Community Policing Scheme implemented for senior citizens staying alone in villages, is an initiative by

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

Ans: a

- The 'Bell of Faith' scheme will now be implemented for senior citizens staying alone in villages. It is a safety project conceived under Kerala's Community Policing Scheme. It has been under implementation in Kerala since 2018.

127) World No Tobacco Day is annually observed on

- a) May 31
- b) May 30
- c) April 30
- d) June 1

Ans: a

- Every year, on 31 May, the World Health Organization (WHO) and global partners celebrate World No Tobacco Day (WNTD). The annual campaign is an opportunity to raise awareness on the harmful and deadly effects of tobacco use and second-hand smoke exposure, and to discourage the use of tobacco in any form.

128) Ankur Scheme encouraging citizens for planting trees during monsoon is an initiative by

- a) Rajasthan
- b) Maharashtra
- c) Madhya Pradesh
- d) New Delhi

Ans: c

- The Madhya Pradesh government on Saturday announced the launch of Ankur, a scheme under which citizens will be awarded for planting trees during monsoon, an official said.

129) FakeBuster, a facial detector tool to prevent imposters from attending video conferencing, is launched by

- a) IIT Gandhinagar
- b) IIT Hyderabad
- c) IISc Bangalore
- d) IIT Ropar

Ans: d

- The Indian Institute of Technology in Punjab's Ropar on Wednesday said that the institute along with Australia based Monash University has developed a **unique detector** named '**FakeBuster**' to detect imposters attending a virtual conference without anybody's knowledge.

130) Who has won the gold medal in the 75kg Women's Middle category final at the 2021 Asian Amateur Boxing Championships?

- a) Mary Kom
- b) Pooja Rani
- c) Lal BuatSaihi
- d) Anupama Kundu

Ans: b

- Tokyo Olympic-bound pugilist Pooja Rani was the lone Indian woman to win a gold medal at the 2021 Asian Boxing Championships in Dubai. The 30-year-old beat Uzbekistan's Mavluda Movlonova in the finals of the women's 75kg category (middleweight) by a unanimous decision of 5-0.