

1 July

- 1) Enforcing Contracts Portal envisioned to be a comprehensive source of information pertaining to the legislative and policy reforms is an initiative by
- Ministry of Commerce
 - Supreme Court
 - Ministry of Finance
 - Ministry of Law and Justice

Ans: d

- The **Department of Justice has launched Enforcing Contracts Portal**. The portal aims to promote ease of doing business and improve the 'Contract Enforcement Regime' in the country.

- 2) Saral Sanchar Portal is a web-based portal for issuing various types of _____ licenses
- Telecom
 - Coal allocation
 - Banking
 - None of the above

Ans: a

- Telecom companies can now apply online for licence to use spectrum for trials and demonstration on Saral Sanchar Portal and there will also be deemed approval in certain cases, the Department of Telecom said.

- 3) National Automotive Test Tracks (NATRAX) is the longest High-Speed Track (HST) in Asia. It is located in
- Kochi
 - Indore
 - Bangalore
 - Pune

Ans: b

- National Automotive Test Tracks (NATRAX) is the High-Speed Track (HST) locates in Indore. It is the longest such track in Asia. It is a 11.3 km long. It is also the world's fifth high speed test track. It

is built under NATRiP (National Automotive Testing and R&D Infrastructure Project) of the Heavy Industries Ministry.

- 4) India's first indigenous drone defence dome called "Indrajaal" is designed and developed by
- Grene Robotics
 - Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd
 - ideaForge
 - DRDO

Ans: a

- Hyderabad-based technology R&D firm Grene Robotics has designed and developed India's first indigenous drone defence dome called "Indrajaal".

- 5) International Telecommunication Union (ITU) has released the Global Cyber Security Index (GCI) 2020 and India is ranked at
- 23
 - 10
 - 5
 - 47

Ans: b

- India is ranked 10th in the Global Cyber security Index 2020 (GCI) released by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), the United Nations (UN) agency for information and communication technologies (ICT).

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- 6) Which among the following launched vehicles will be used by Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) to launch the first uncrewed mission, as part of the human spaceflight programme 'Gaganyaan'?
- PSLV
 - GSLV
 - GSLV Mk III
 - RLV-TD

Ans: c

- Human rated GSLV MkIII is identified as the launch vehicle for Gaganyaan mission. Gaganyaan programme aims at carrying three Crew to Low Earth Orbit (LEO) and bring them back safely to a predetermined location on Earth. Current GSLV MKIII vehicle is identified to be human rated and proposed to use in Gaganyaan mission.

7) Prime Minister Shri has virtually inaugurated a Kaizen Academy at Ahmedabad Management Association (AMA) premises in an effort to make replica of which country?

- a) China
- b) Japan
- c) USA
- d) South Korea

Ans: b

- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi virtually inaugurated a Zen Garden and Kaizen Academy at Ahmedabad Management Association (AMA) premises in Ahmedabad on June 27, 2021. These two new initiatives are part of PM's vision of creating a 'Mini-Japan' in Gujarat.

8) Who among the following has won gold in 25m pistol shooting at ISSF Shooting World Cup in Osijek, Croatia?

- a) ArsovicAndrea
- b) Vukojevic Teodora
- c) VukasinovicSanja
- d) RahiSarnobat

Ans: d

- Olympic-bound RahiSarnobat displayed sensational form to clinch the women's 25m pistol gold medal at the ISSF shooting World Cup on Monday but teen sensation Manu Bhaker ended seventh in the same event. Sarnobat's gold is India's first in the ongoing edition after the country secured one silver and two bronze medals earlier in the tournament.

9) SALT programme launched by Andhra Pradesh government is aimed at supporting

- a) Education sector
- b) Power sector
- c) Health sector

d) None of the above

Ans: a

- AP government has decided to introduce revolutionary changes in the education sector in the next five years with the help of the Supporting Andhra's Learning Transformation (SALT) project for which the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) sanctioned \$250 million for a period of five years.

10) Mustafa Kemal Ataturk 2021 is a joint military exercise held between Turkey and

- a) India
- b) Azerbaijan
- c) Pakistan
- d) Armenia

Ans: b

- Turkey and Azerbaijan began joint military drills in Baku on Monday, deploying tanks, helicopters and drones in an effort to improve the two countries' combat interoperability, Azerbaijan's defence ministry said in a statement. The drills, named "Mustafa Kemal Ataturk - 2021", will last until Wednesday, involving up to 600 personnel, around 40 tanks and armoured vehicles, and seven helicopters.

03 July

11) United Nations International Day of Parliamentarism is globally observed on

- a) July 3
- b) July 2
- c) July 1
- d) June 30

Ans: d

- **June 30** is observed as the **International Day of Parliamentarism** every year. The **Day** was designated in 2018 by **United Nations** General Assembly. It marks the **day** of the establishment of the Inter-**Parliamentary** Union, the **global** organization of **parliaments** in 1889.

12) Global Cyber security Index (GCI) 2020 conducted by ITU is topped by

- a) China

- b) Japan
- c) USA
- d) South Korea

Ans: c

- The United States has topped the list, followed by the United Kingdom and Saudi Arabia that tied for the second position

- 13) India has been ranked at the 20th spot among the top 100 countries in the Global Startup Ecosystem Index 2021 by
- a) World Economic Forum
 - b) World Intellectual Property Organisation
 - c) FoundersCard
 - d) Startup Blink

Ans: d

- **India** stands at the 20th spot among the top 100 countries that have been ranked in the **Global Startup Ecosystem Index 2021 by Startup Blink**. The country was in the 17th spot in 2019, after which it slid six spots down and stood at 23 in 2020.

- 14) Which among the following company aims to enable over 25 million online entrepreneurs by 2023 with the help of Shopsy app?
- a) Amazon
 - b) Flipkart
 - c) Paytm
 - d) Microsoft

Ans: b

- With Shopsy, Flipkart said Indians can start their online businesses without any investment.

- 15) National Doctors' Day is observed annually in India on
- a) 1 July
 - b) 2 July
 - c) 3 July
 - d) 4 July

Ans: a

- **National Doctor's Day is organized by the Indian Medical Association (IMA).** The day is observed to mark the birth as well as the death anniversary of renowned physician **Dr Bidhan Chandra Roy**. He was also former Chief Minister of West Bengal. **Doctors** are one of the most important members of our **society**.

05 July

16) July 1 is observed as National Doctors' Day in the memory of

- Anandi Gopal Joshi
- Upendranath Brahmachari
- S. I. Padmavati
- Bidhan Chandra Roy

Ans: d

- Born on July 1, 1882, Bidhan Chandra Roy was one of the most prominent leaders of the 20th century India. His birth anniversary, which incidentally is also his death anniversary (died in 1962), is celebrated as Doctors' Day.

17) Indian Navy participated in the 7th Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS) in

- Madagascar
- Mauritius
- Reunion Island
- Cook Islands

Ans: c

- The seventh edition of the Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS), which was hosted by the French Navy at La Reunion in Italy, concluded on Thursday.

18) 'Five to 50' programme, aiming to connect broadband data users in the northern hemisphere, is an initiative by

- Starlink
- OneWeb
- Project Kuiper
- None of the above

Ans: b

- OneWeb, the Low Earth Orbit (LEO) satellite communications company, has confirmed the successful launch of all 36 satellites by Arianespace from the Vostochny Cosmodrome. OneWeb's 'Five to 50' programme aims to connect broadband data users in the northern hemisphere, with services covering the United Kingdom, Alaska, Northern Europe, Greenland, Iceland, the Arctic Seas and Canada. Service will be ready to start by the end of year, with global service available in 2022.

19) The world's third largest cricket stadium is planned to be constructed in

- a) Kochi
- b) Ahmedabad
- c) Jaipur
- d) New Delhi

Ans: c

- The **Rajasthan Cricket Academy** said it will **construct the world's third-largest cricket stadium in Jaipur** with capacity for 75,000 spectators at estimated cost of ₹300 crore.

20) World Sports Journalists Day is observed annually around the world on

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

Ans: a

- **World Sports Journalists Day is celebrated on 2 July every year in order to** recognise the efforts of sports journalists. The International Sports Press Association (AIPS) was established on this day in 1924 at the Summer Olympics in Paris. The anniversary of this association is also celebrated on this day.

06 July

21) Financial Stability Report is annually published by

- a) IMF
- b) RBI
- c) Financial Stability and Development Council

d) Chief Economic Advisor

Ans: b

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Thursday released the 23rd issue of the Financial Stability Report (FSR), which reflects the collective assessment of the Sub-Committee of the Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC) on risks to financial stability and the resilience of the financial system in the context of contemporaneous issues relating to development and regulation of the financial sector.

22) Last Ice Area, a part of the Arctic's ice called "Last Ice Area", located north of Greenland, has melted before expected. This name was given by

- a) WWF
- b) IPCC
- c) UNFCCC
- d) WMO

Ans: a

- Scientific projections show that summer sea ice will last the longest above northern Canada and Greenland. Some call this essential region "Similijuaq," meaning "place of the big ice" or Tuvaijuittuq, which means "the ice never melts" in Inuktitut. WWF-Canada was the first to call it The Last Ice Area.

23) Bagram airbase, recently seen in news, is located in

- a) Syria
- b) Iraq
- c) Yemen
- d) Afghanistan

Ans: d

- The U.S. left Afghanistan's Bagram Airfield after nearly 20 years by shutting off the electricity and slipping away in the night without notifying the base's new Afghan commander, who discovered the Americans' departure more than two hours after they left, Afghan military officials said.

24) Project BOLD, recently launched by Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), is associated with

- a) Rice
- b) Wheat
- c) Bamboo
- d) None of the above

Ans: c

- **KVIC, through BOLD (Bamboo Oasis on Lands in Drought) created a world record of planting the highest number of bamboo saplings on a single day at one location.**

25) Salaam DilSey is an initiative by HDFC Bank to pay tribute to

- a) Doctors
- b) Nurses
- c) Teachers
- d) Soldiers

Ans: a

- **HDFC Bank has launched the #SalaamDilSey initiative, a national platform for the general public to show gratitude to doctors for their tireless service during the pandemic and to pay tribute to doctors across the country.**

07 July

26) Recently launched E-Medha portal, AMAR portal and SHAI portal are associated with

- a) Medicine
- b) Tax collection
- c) Agriculture
- d) None of the above

Ans: a

- **At a virtual event, the Minister launched CTRI portal pertinent to Ayurveda Dataset along with AMAR, RMIS, SAHI and e-Medha portals. He also released four publications related to the Traditional Indian Medicine System of India and lauded the collaborative efforts of ICMR and Archaeological Survey of India for these initiatives.**

27) The flag-bearer for the Indian contingent at the opening ceremony of the Tokyo Olympics is /are

- a) MC Mary Kom

- b) Manpreet Singh
- c) Both (a) and (b)
- d) Neither (a) nor (b)

Ans: c

- Multiple-time world boxing champion and Olympic medallist **MC Mary Kom** and men's hockey team captain **Manpreet Singh** will have the honour of carrying the **Indian** tri-colour in the opening ceremony of the **Tokyo Olympics on July 23**.

28) Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam, formerly known as the Millennium Dam, is on which among the following rivers?

- a) Tekeze
- b) Genale
- c) Shebelle
- d) Blue Nile

Ans: d

- The Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (GERD), formerly known as the Millennium Dam, is under construction in the Benishangul-Gumuz region of Ethiopia, on the Blue Nile River, which is located about 40km east of Sudan. The project is owned by Ethiopian Electric Power Corporation (EEPCO).

29) In which among the following countries does residents of low-income families have started waving white flags as part of the so-called “White Flag Campaign”?

- a) Afghanistan
- b) Pakistan
- c) India
- d) Malaysia

Ans: d

- In Malaysia, some residents of low-income families have started waving white flags as part of the so-called “White Flag Campaign”, or the #benderaputi (white flag) movement. They are doing this to convey distress about the financial crunch they have had to deal with amid the lockdowns due to Covid-19. Malaysia enforced another lockdown on June 1 in order to control another surge of Covid infections.

30) World Chocolate Day is observed every year globally on

- a) July 5
- b) July 6
- c) July 7
- d) July 8

Ans: c

- **World Chocolate Day**, sometimes referred to as **International Chocolate Day**, or just **Chocolate Day**, is an annual celebration of chocolate, occurring globally on **July 7**. ... Ghana, the second largest producer of cocoa, celebrates **Chocolate Day** on February 14. In Latvia, **World Chocolate day** is celebrated on **July 11**.

08 July

31) Recently launched NIPUN Bharat programme is associated with

- a) Education
- b) Health
- c) Differently abled
- d) All of the above

Ans: a

- **Union Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'** on Monday **launched** the National Initiative for Proficiency in **Reading** with Understanding and **Numeracy (NIPUN Bharat)** for ensuring that **every child** in the country necessarily attains **foundational literacy and numeracy** by the **end of grade 3, by 2026-27**.

32) CoWin Global Conclave aims to share which among the following countries experience regarding universal vaccination to combat Covid-19?

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

Ans: d

- Addressing the CoWin Global Conclave, Modi said, “We have to learn from each other and guide each other about our best practices. Right from the beginning of this pandemic, India has been

committed to sharing all our experiences, expertise and resources with the global community in this pandemic.”

33) What is the revised age for the superannuation of Chairman of Life Insurance Corporation of India?

- a) 61
- b) 63
- c) 62
- d) 65

Ans: c

- The **government has extended the superannuation age of IPO-bound LIC Chairman to up to 62 years** by making amendment to the **Life Insurance Corporation of India (Staff) Regulations, 1960.**

34) Which among the following is the small ticket loan providing facility launched by Paytm?

- a) Postpaid Mini
- b) Prepaid Mini
- c) Postpaid Mega
- d) Prepaid Mega

Ans: a

- Our **new Postpaid Mini service helps users manage their liquidity by clearing their bills or payments on time.** Postpaid Mini will offer **loans ranging from Rs 250 to Rs 1000** to users to pay their monthly expenses, including mobile & DTH recharges, gas cylinder booking, electricity & water bills, amongst others.

35) World Zoonoses Day is observed every year globally on

- a) July 5
- b) July 6
- c) July 7
- d) July 8

Ans: b

- World Zoonoses Day is observed every year on July 6 to commemorate the first vaccination administered against a zoonotic disease like Ebola, Avian influenza, and West Nile virus. Zoonosis

is an infectious disease that spread from non-human animals to humans. Zoonotic pathogens can be bacterial, viral, or parasitic which can spread to humans through direct contact or through food, water, or the environment. For example, Coronavirus spread from bats to humans, and we already have witnessed how it can create a major public health problem around the world.

09 July

36) Which of the following is the latest ministry introduced in the Union Cabinet of Government of India?

- a) Disaster Management
- b) Security
- c) Co-operation
- d) None of the above

Ans: c

- Ahead of cabinet reshuffle, the Modi government Tuesday announced the creation of a new Ministry of Cooperation. The ministry will provide a separate administrative, legal and policy framework for strengthening the cooperative movement in the country, a government statement said.

37) India's first Maritime Arbitration Centre is being set up in

- a) Chennai
- b) Vishakhapatnam
- c) Cochin
- d) Gandhinagar

Ans: d

- To promote the Gujarat International Maritime Arbitration Centre (GIMAC), a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed by the Gujarat Maritime University with the International Financial Services Centres Authority in GIFT City on 21 June 2021. This is going to be the first of its kind centre in India that will manage arbitration as well as mediation proceedings with disputes related to the maritime and shipping sector. GIMAC will be part of a maritime cluster that is being set up by the Gujarat Maritime Board (GMB) in GIFT City at Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

38) SPARSH is an automated sanction and disbursement mechanism for

- a) Disability pension
- b) Defence pension

- c) Family pension
- d) All of the above

Ans: b

- Ministry of Defence has implemented & established SPARSH [System for Pension Administration (Raksha)]. SPARSH is an integrated system for automation of sanction & disbursement of defence pension.

- 39) India's first movable freshwater tunnel aquarium 'Aquatic Kingdom' is set up in
- a) Bengaluru
 - b) Kolkata
 - c) Pune
 - d) Lucknow

Ans: a

- The **KrantiviraSangolliRayanna Railway Station** also known as **Bengaluru City Railway Station** has become the **first railway station in India** with a **movable freshwater tunnel aquarium**.

- 40) dbGENVOC is the world's first database of genomic variants of
- a) Oral cancer
 - b) Blood cancer
 - c) Liver cancer
 - d) Breast cancer

Ans: a

- **NIBMG** has **made** this **database** publicly-accessible. **dbGENVOC** is a browsable online **database of GENomic Variants of Oral Cancer** and is a free resource.

10 July

- 41) Which among the following military firing range has been named Vidya Balan Firing Range by the Indian Army?
- a) Gulmarg
 - b) Teesta
 - c) Mahajan

d) Balwanta

Ans: a

- Honouring **the** varied accomplishments of Vidya, **the Indian Army has named a military firing range in Gulmarg as the Vidya Balan Firing Range.** Meanwhile, Vidya along with husband and producer Siddharth Roy Kapur had attended **the Gulmarg Winter Festival organised by the Indian Army** in February **this** year.

42) India Industrial Land Bank is a GIS-based portal under

- Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade
- Directorate General of Foreign Trade
- NITI Aayog
- Department of Expenditure

Ans: a

- The India Industrial Land Bank (IILB) is a GIS-based portal - a one-stop repository of all industrial infrastructure-related information – connectivity, infra, natural resources & terrain, plot-level information on vacant plots, line of activity, and contact details. Information on Land bank is also accessible via Homepage of the **Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade.**

43) Which among the following is/are prominent nomadic communities engaged in yak rearing?

- Changpas
- Dokpas
- Brokpa
- All of the above

Ans: d

- Since past meteorological data is lacking in this region, researchers from NRCY have collated information from **Brokpanamads** who are engaged in yak husbandry in Arunachal Pradesh. Two other prominent nomadic communities engaged in yak rearing are **Changpas and Dokpas in Ladakh, Sikkim and Himachal Pradesh.**

44) Bhumi Pandugaare celebrations marking the beginning of farm operations every year celebrated by Koya tribes in

- West Bengal

- b) Andhra Pradesh
- c) Karnataka
- d) Nagaland

Ans: b

- As traditions have it, the tribals go hunting as part of the 'Bhumi Panduga' celebrations, marking the beginning of farm operations every year. The Koya tribes say this is the last time they are celebrating the festival in their ancestral villages in the close vicinity of the Polavaram irrigation project of Andhra Pradesh as they are evacuees now and the government is preparing to shift them to the rehabilitation colonies.

45) National Fish Farmers Day is celebrated annually in India on

- a) July 11
- b) July 8
- c) July 10
- d) July 14

Ans: c

- Recently, a webinar was hosted by the Department of Fisheries under the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying in association with the National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) on the occasion of National Fish Farmers Day, which is celebrated on 10th July every year.

12 July

46) Lemru Elephant Reserve, planned to prevent human-animal conflict, is located in

- a) Chhattisgarh
- b) Odisha
- c) Jharkhand
- d) West Bengal

Ans: a

- It is planned to prevent human-animal conflict in the region, with elephants moving into Chhattisgarh from Odisha and Jharkhand. It has run into controversy as the government is planning to decrease the area of the proposed reserve from 1,995 sq km to 450 sq km. It is because if the government doesn't reduce it then several coal mines would become unusable.

- 47) Union govt may issue guidelines for use of 'flexible fuel vehicles' by October. 'Flexible fuel vehicles' run on
- Gasoline and Diesel
 - Gasoline and Ethanol-blended petrol
 - Diesel and Bio-diesel
 - Gasoline and Electricity

Ans: b

- An FFV is a modified version of vehicles that could run both on gasoline and doped petrol with different levels of ethanol blends. FFVs will allow vehicles to use all the blends and also run on unblended fuel. FFVs have compatible engines to run on more than 84 per cent ethanol blended petrol.

- 48) NASA has announced that it will launch its Volatiles Investigating Polar Exploration Rover, or VIPER, in 2023. It aims to explore south pole of
- Mars
 - Saturn
 - Moon
 - Venus

Ans: c

- NASA's Volatiles Investigating Polar Exploration Rover, or VIPER, is a mobile robot that will go to the South Pole of the Moon to get a close-up view of the location and concentration of water ice that could eventually be harvested to sustain human exploration on the Moon, Mars — and beyond. VIPER represents the first resource mapping mission on another celestial body.

- 49) Unity 22, a mission to take the crew to the edge of space, is developed by
- NASA
 - SpaceX
 - Blue Origin
 - Virgin Galactic

Ans: d

- VSS Unity spaceship, with six people onboard, recently took off from New Mexico and reached an altitude of 85 km from Earth before returning. Such a trip is called a "suborbital flight". As part of

the mission, the crew flew to the edge of space on July 11 on board the 'Unity' rocket ship developed by Virgin Galactic.

50) World Population Day is observed annually around the world on

- a) July 11
- b) July 8
- c) July 10
- d) July 14

Ans: a

- World Population Day is observed every year on July 11. The main purpose of this day is to draw attention towards the issues arising out of rising population across the globe. India has the world's second-largest populace after China.

13 July

51) India's first cryptogamic garden was recently inaugurated in

- a) Dehradun
- b) Mumbai
- c) Bengaluru
- d) Chandigarh

Ans: a

- India's first cryptogamic garden housing nearly 50 species of lichens, ferns and fungi was inaugurated in Uttarakhand's Dehradun district on Sunday. Located in the district's Chakrata town, the garden was inaugurated by social activist Anoop Nautiyal.

52) Industrialist N.S. Srinivasa Murthy has been appointed as Honorary Consul General of Vietnam for

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

Ans: b

- As part of Vietnam's efforts to deepen cooperation with various states, Industrialist N.S. Srinivasa Murthy based in Bengaluru has been appointed as Honorary Consul General of Vietnam for Karnataka.

- 53) NTPC Renewable Energy Ltd (NTPC REL) will set up the country's first green Hydrogen Mobility project in
- a) Puducherry
 - b) Chandigarh
 - c) Ladakh
 - d) None of the above

Ans: c

- **REL**, a 100% subsidiary of **NTPC**, signed an MoU with the Union Territory of **Ladakh**, on Wednesday to **set up the country's first green Hydrogen Mobility project** in the region. The signing of the MoU was also marked with the inauguration of **NTPC's first solar** installations in **Leh** in form of **solar** trees and a **solar** carport.

- 54) Which among the following countries has become the first to adopt India's Unified Payment Interface (UPI) standards for its quick response (QR) code?
- a) Singapore
 - b) Malaysia
 - c) Bangladesh
 - d) Bhutan

Ans: d

- **Bhutan** is the **first country to adopt UPI standards for its Quick Response (QR) code**, and the **first country in our immediate neighbourhood to accept mobile based payments** through the **BHIM** App. It is **also the second country after Singapore to have BHIM-UPI acceptance at merchant locations**.

- 55) Indian Navy has received P-8I, an anti-submarine warfare aircraft, from
- a) US
 - b) France
 - c) Israel

d) Russia

Ans: a

- **Indian Navy has received its 10th anti-submarine warfare and maritime patrol aircraft P-8I Poseidon** from the US-based aerospace company Boeing. The **aircraft** is used for maritime reconnaissance and **anti-submarine warfare**.

14 July

56) India's first ever private Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) facility plant has been inaugurated in

- a) Nagpur
- b) Dehradun
- c) Mumbai
- d) Bengaluru

Ans: a

- The Country's first Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) facility plant has been set up by Baidyanath Ayurvedic Group on Kamptee Road near Nagpur Jabalpur Highway.

57) World Malala Day is observed annually on

- a) July 10
- b) July 12
- c) July 11
- d) July 13

Ans: b

- In honour of the education activist, the United Nations declared 12 July, which is also her birthday, as Malala Day to support world education

58) 2021 Copa America title was won by

- a) Peru
- b) Columbia
- c) Argentina
- d) Brazil

Ans: c

- Argentina beats Brazil 1-0; Messi wins his 1st major title. Lionel Messi's Argentina beat Brazil 1-0 in Sunday's Copa America final to secure the national team's first title in 28 years and the superstar's first major international trophy.

59) 2021 Khelo India Youth Games will be hosted by

- a) Punjab
- b) Tamil Nadu
- c) Haryana
- d) Assam

Ans: c

- The Haryana government on Monday applied brakes on its earlier decision to hold Khelo India Youth Games-2021 in November-December and has now decided to organise the sports show in February 2022, in view of the possible third wave of Covid-19 pandemic.

60) With Indian assistance, a 679-megawatt Lower Arun Hydropower project will be constructed for

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

Ans: a

- Nepal Investment Board has said it has signed a pact with India's state-owned SJVN Ltd to develop the 679-megawatt (MW) Lower Arun Hydro Electric Project in **eastern Nepal**.

15 July

61) Recently, Home Minister inaugurated research-based Centre of Excellence for Research and Analysis of Narcotics, Drugs and Psychotropic Substances in

- a) Gandhinagar
- b) Dehradun
- c) Mumbai
- d) Bengaluru

Ans: a

- Home Minister Amit Shah has said that scientific and technological investigation will help in punishing the accused more easily. He was speaking after inaugurating the Centre of Excellence for Research and Analysis of Narcotics, Drugs and Psychotropic Substances at National Forensic Science University at Gandhinagar in Gujarat

62) World Youth Skills Day is observed annually on

- a) July 10
- b) July 15
- c) July 11
- d) July 14

Ans: b

- The World Youth Skills Day, an event organised by the United Nations (UN), celebrates the strategic importance of equipping the youth with skills for employment, entrepreneurship and work. It is observed on July 15 every year. The day first came into existence back in 2014, and has since then provided “a unique opportunity for dialogue between young people, technical and vocational education and training (TVET) institutions, firms, employers’ and workers’ organizations, policy makers and development partners,” according to the UN’s website.

63) State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2021 was recently released by

- a) UNDP
- b) WEF
- c) FAO
- d) All of the above

Ans: c

- The report is jointly published by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), the UN World Food Programme (WFP) and the World Health Organization (WHO).

64) Recently launched Retail Direct Scheme is rolled out by

- a) Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
- b) Ministry of Corporate Affairs

- c) RBI
- d) All of the above

Ans: c

- The scheme was recently launched by the RBI. Under the scheme, retail investors will be allowed to open retail direct gilt accounts (RDG) directly with RBI.

- 65) World's first commercial modular small reactor 'Linglong One' is constructed by
- a) South Korea
 - b) Japan
 - c) China
 - d) Germany

Ans: c

- China has officially begun the construction of the world's first commercial modular small reactor 'Linglong One' at the Changjiang Nuclear Power Plant in the country's Hainan Province, the China National Nuclear Corporation (CNNC) said on Tuesday.

16 July

- 66) International Cooperation and Convention Centre – Rudraksh was constructed with Japanese assistance in
- a) Gandhinagar
 - b) Dehradun
 - c) Puri
 - d) Varanasi

Ans: d

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate an international cooperation and convention centre, also known as 'Rudraksha', in Varanasi on July 16. As many as 108 Rudraksha have been installed at this convention centre and its roof is shaped like a Shiva Linga.

- 67) "Fit for 55", one of the world's most ambitious proposals to reduce carbon emissions, is launched by
- a) European Union
 - b) ASEAN
 - c) SCO
 - d) G20

Ans: a

- The World Youth Skills Day, an event organised by the United Nations (UN), celebrates the strategic importance of equipping the youth with skills for employment, entrepreneurship and work. It is observed on July 15 every year. The day first came into existence back in 2014, and has since then provided “a unique opportunity for dialogue between young people, technical and vocational education and training (TVET) institutions, firms, employers’ and workers’ organizations, policy makers and development partners,” according to the UN’s website.

68) Which among the following governments is planning to recruit 206 ‘scene of crime officers’ (SoC officers) across the state specialised in forensic science?

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

Ans: c

- On Tuesday, **Karnataka Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa** gave the sanction to recruit 206 SoC officers across the state. Karnataka State Police will now have specialised 'scene of crime officers' (SoC officers), who will be responsible for gathering crucial evidence from crime scenes.

69) ‘Kongu Nadu’, mentioned in Sangam literature, is a commonly used name for part of

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

Ans: b

- ‘Kongu Nadu’ is neither a place with a PIN code nor a name given formally to any region. It is a commonly used name for part of western Tamil Nadu.

70) Which among the following is not one of the investments by India in Afghanistan?

- a) Salma Dam
- b) Stor Palace
- c) Zaranj-Delaram Highway
- d) None of the above

Ans: d

- No part of Afghanistan today is untouched by the 400-plus projects that India has undertaken in all 34 of Afghanistan's provinces. Its investments include
 - Rebuild Afghanistan's infrastructure and institutions; education and technical assistance for capacity-building in many areas.
 - Salma Dam (Afghan-India Friendship Dam)
 - Zaranj-Delaram Highway
 - Afghan Parliament in Kabul was built by India
 - Prime Minister Modi inaugurated the restored Stor Palace in Kabul
 - India pledged \$1 million for another Aga Khan heritage project, the restoration of the BalaHissar Fort south of Kabul,
 - Establishment in 2017 of an air freight corridors

17 July

- 71) UV-C air duct disinfection system, recently seen in news, is developed by
- a) Central Scientific Instruments Organisation
 - b) Indian Space Research Organisation
 - c) Defence Research and Development Organisation
 - d) Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation

Ans: a

- Union Minister of State for Science and Technology Dr Jitendra Singh has said that Ultraviolet-C or UV-C Disinfection Technology will soon be installed in Parliament for the "mitigation of airborne transmission of SARS-COV-2". The UV-C air duct disinfection system was developed by CSIR-CSIO (Central Scientific Instruments Organisation). CSIR-CSIO mentioned in a release that the system is designed to fit into any existing air-ducts and the virucidal dosages using UV-C intensity and residence time can be optimised according to the existing space.

- 72) Ladakh administration has signed an MoU with Sikkim to convert the Union Territory of Ladakh into an organic entity by
- a) 2022
 - b) 2023
 - c) 2024

d) 2025

Ans: d

- Ladakh administration has signed an MoU with Sikkim State Organic Certification Agency (SOCCA) to turn the Union Territory into an organic entity. A tripartite MoU has been signed between Ladakh and SSOCA regarding the implementation of Prampragat Krishi Vikas Yojana and Mission Organic Development Initiative (MODI) in the Ladakh region with the aim to convert Ladakh into organic entity by 2025. The main objective of this MoU is to get the organic certification after a tie-up with the Centre.

73) Which among the following global card players were barred from onboarding new domestic customers on its network by the RBI?

- a) Visa
- b) Mastercard
- c) Rupay
- d) America Express

Ans: b

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed restrictions yesterday on Mastercard Asia/Pacific (Mastercard) from on-boarding new domestic customers (debit, credit or prepaid) onto its card network from 22 July 2021.

74) 'Bonalu' is a traditional folk festival celebrated every year in the state of

- a) Kerala
- b) Tamil Nadu
- c) Telangana
- d) Karnataka

Ans: c

- 'Bonalu' is a traditional folk festival celebrated every year in the Telugu month of Ashadham (falling in June/July), in the twin cities of Hyderabad and Secunderabad, and some other parts of Telangana state.

75) First ever grain dispensing ATM in India has been installed in

- a) Gandhinagar

- b) Patiala
- c) Chennai
- d) Gurugram

Ans: d

- In a first of its kind initiative, Haryana Government has recently set up its first ATM machine for dispensing food grains at **Farrukhnagar in Gurugram**. Haryana's Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala recently took to Twitter to make the announcement.

19 July

76) Nelson Mandela International Day is annually observed on

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

Ans: b

- Nelson Mandela International Day, also known as Mandela Day, is observed every year on July 18 to mark the birth anniversary of the former South African president. This day is an opportunity for everyone to renew their commitment to the values that inspired Mandela.

77) India will see its first pod taxi running in which among the following cities?

- a) Noida
- b) Gandhinagar
- c) Mumbai
- d) Bangalore

Ans: a

- India to get its first pod taxi service between **Noida Airport and Film City**. India will see its first pod taxi running between Noida Airport and Noida Film City. As per the latest reports, it will start running on the tracks as soon as flights start operating from Noida Airport.

78) Trilateral table top exercise on maritime security is conducted among which of the following countries?

- a) India
- b) Sri Lanka

- c) Maldives
- d) All of the above

Ans: d

- Top defence officials from India, Sri Lanka and the Maldives participated in a virtual trilateral table top exercise where they discussed best practices and procedures for countering common trans-national maritime crime like curbing narcotics and assistance in maritime search and rescue.

79) India will host the World Badminton Championships in

- a) 2024
- b) 2025
- c) 2026
- d) 2027

Ans: c

- **India** will host the World Badminton Championships in 2026, the sport's global governing body, BWF, said on Tuesday. India were scheduled to organise the Sudirman Cup in 2023 but the Badminton World Federation decided to award the hosting rights of the world mixed team championships to China.

80) As per PFRDA Regulation 2021, the limit of Foreign Direct Investment(FDI) in pension funds is

- a) 26%
- b) 50%
- c) 74%
- d) 100%

Ans: c

- After increasing the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in insurance from 49 percent to **74 percent**, the government has now issued a notification to increase the limit of FDI in pension funds from 49 percent to 74 percent and has named it as PFRDA Regulation 2021.

20 July

81) Under the amended Central Motor Vehicles Rules, Vintage Motor Vehicles are defined as two and four-wheelers which are older than

- a) 15 years
- b) 50 years

- c) 35 years
- d) 10 years

Ans: b

- All two- and four-wheelers that are 50+ years old and have been maintained in their original form will be defined as vintage motor vehicles, which will not be driven for regular and commercial purposes and will have to get a special registration

82) Digital fertility map has been prepared by the scientists of Agriculture University of

- a) Kerala
- b) Himachal Pradesh
- c) Bihar
- d) Sikkim

Ans: c

- The digital fertility map has been prepared by the scientists of Bihar Agriculture University (BAU), Sabour, in Bhagalpur district after months of hard work. The scientists said they collected more than 2,500 soil samples from across Kishanganj district — some four-five samples from each of its 848 villages — to prepare the fertility map.

83) Space rice is the rice harvested from seeds exposed to cosmic radiation and zero gravity when went on a lunar voyage and it is an initiative of

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

Ans: a

- China has harvested the first batch of Space rice from seeds that went to a 23-day lunar voyage with China's Chang'e-5 in November. After being exposed to cosmic radiation and zero gravity, these seeds weighing around 40 gram returned and were harvested at the space breeding research centre of the South China Agricultural University in Guangdong province.

84) Which among the following has the world's largest emissions trading system?

- a) US

- b) European Union
- c) China
- d) India

Ans: c

- **China's national carbon market, the world's largest emissions trading system**, will begin its online trading July 16, 2021. The market will initially cover more than 2,200 companies in China's power sector, which are responsible for 14 per cent of the global greenhouse gas emissions (or 40-50 per cent of the country's GHG emissions).

85) Google on July 18 celebrated KadambiniGanguly with a special doodle on her 160th birth anniversary. She was India's first women _____.

- a) Lawyer
- b) Pilot
- c) Engineer
- d) Doctor

Ans: d

- Google Doodle honoured KadambiniGanguly, one of India's first two women doctors on her 160th birth anniversary today. Tributes poured in for KadambiniGanguly as politicians and common people from all walks of life hailed her as a champion of women's rights in India.

21 July

86) Pegasus, recently heard in news, is a spyware tool developed by NSO Group based in

- a) Pakistan
- b) Israel
- c) Russia
- d) North Korea

Ans: b

- Pegasus is a spyware developed by the Israeli cyberarms firm NSO Group that can be covertly installed on mobile phones (and other devices) running most versions of iOS and Android. The 2021 Project Pegasus revelations suggest that current Pegasus software is able to exploit all recent iOS versions up to iOS 14.6.

87) Mekedatu is a deep gorge situated at the confluence of the rivers Cauvery and its tributary_____.

- a) Hemavati
- b) Suvarnavathi
- c) Bhavani
- d) Arkavathi

Ans: d

- Mekedatu, meaning goat's leap, is a deep gorge situated at the confluence of the rivers Cauvery and Arkavathi, about 100 km from Bengaluru, at the Kanakapura taluk in Karnataka's Ramanagara district.

88) International Chess Day is globally observed on

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

Ans: d

- International Chess Day is celebrated on July 20, every year. Chess was invented in India in the fifth century. It was then named "Chaturanga". International Chess Day is celebrated every year as the founding day of FIDE (World Chess Federation). This year will mark FIDE's 97th anniversary.

89) Palme d'Or award at the 2021 Cannes Film Festival was awarded to

- a) Titane
- b) The French Dispatch
- c) Casablanca Beats
- d) Red Rocket

Ans: a

- **Julia Ducournau**, the 37-year-old French director of "**Titane**", a freaky and provocative body-horror drama has become the first female director in 28 years to win the Cannes Film Festival's Palme d'or.

90) Which among the following Indian organisations have bagged the Equator Prize 2021 presented by UNDP?

- a) AadhimalaiPazhangudiyinar Producer Company Limited
- b) Snehakunja Trust
- c) Both (a) and (b)
- d) Neither (a) nor (b)

Ans: c

- Two Indian communities have bagged this year's UNDP Equator Prize. They have won this prestigious prize for their exceptional achievement in exhibiting innovative, local and various nature-based solutions for tackling climate change and biodiversity loss and also achieving their local development goals.

23 July

91) Indian Institute of Heritage is planned to be built in

- a) Noida
- b) Mathura
- c) Varanasi
- d) Kancheepuram

Ans: a

- The Union government has decided to set up the Indian Institute of Heritage in the city, an umbrella body under which all heritage institutes in the country will operate.

92) NBDriver, a mathematical model based on artificial intelligence, to identify the pathogenic variants of mutations that can cause cancer is developed by

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

Ans: a

- The study by three researchers from the Robert Bosch Centre for Data Science and Artificial Intelligence (RBCDSAI), IIT Madras, found that the neighbouring gene sequences of driver mutations are significantly different from that of passengers. The researchers further designed NBDriver, a mathematical model based on artificial intelligence, to identify the pathogenic variants of mutations that can cause cancer

93) The International Chess Day is celebrated annually on

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

Ans: d

- The International Chess Day is celebrated annually on July 20, the day the International Chess Federation was founded, in 1924. The idea to celebrate this day as the international chess day was proposed by UNESCO, and it has been celebrated as such since 1966, after it was established by FIDE.

94) Which among the following is the first court in India to live stream judicial proceedings?

- a) Rajasthan High Court
- b) Supreme Court
- c) Gujarat High Court
- d) Delhi High Court

Ans: c

- In a step towards ensuring transparency and openness in the Indian judiciary, the Gujarat High Court has become the first high court to begin live-streaming of court proceedings after Chief Justice NV Ramana launched the live broadcast of the court functioning on Saturday and said the Supreme Court will start the same soon.

95) Which among the following countries is selected to host 2032 summer Olympics?

- a) New Zealand
- b) Australia
- c) South Korea
- d) Brazil

Ans: b

- The Australian city of Brisbane will host the 2032 summer Olympics, after the International Olympic Committee on Wednesday approved the recommendation of its executive board.

24 July

96) Global Survey on Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation for 2021 released by United Nations gives India a score of

- a) 90.32
- b) 80.32
- c) 70.32
- d) 60.32

Ans: a

- India has substantially improved its score on a trade facilitation survey conducted by the United Nations for a total of 143 countries, scoring 90.32 per cent in the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific's (UNESCAP) latest Global Survey on Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation, and improving from 78.49 per cent in 2019.

97) Paraathlete Rubina Francis won gold in the 10-metre air pistol para event for women, at the Para World Cup Shooting in Lima, Peru. She belongs to

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

Ans: b

- Madhya Pradesh shooter Rubina Francis has set a world record and won herself the gold in the 10-metre air pistol para women event at World shooting Para Sport Cup in Peru on Wednesday.

98) Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) observed the 161st Income Tax Day (Aaykar Diwas) on

- a) July 21
- b) July 22
- c) July 23
- d) July 24

Ans: d

- Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) celebrated the 161st anniversary of Income Tax Day on Saturday, July 24.

99) 'Jogajog' is a new social media platform developed by

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

Ans: b

- **Bangladesh** is going to create its own social media platform called "Jogajog" as an alternative to Facebook, and "Alapon" as alternative to WhatsApp, State Minister for Information and Communication Technology Zunaid Ahmed Palak said today.

100) Technology innovation hub 'C3i Hub' launched by Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur primarily find solutions for

- a) Block-chaintechnologies
- b) Anti-drone technologies
- c) Cyberphysical systems
- d) All of the above

Ans: d

- The Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur (IIT-K) has launched a technology innovation hub called 'C3i Hub' to find cyber security solutions for **anti-drones technologies, intrusion detection system, block-chain and cyber physical system.**

26 July

101) Ramappa temple which was recently declared as a UNESCO World Heritage Site by the World Heritage Committee (WHC) is located in

- a) Maharashtra
- b) Kerala
- c) Andhra Pradesh
- d) Telangana

Ans: d

- The Ramappa temple at Palampet in Telangana's Warangal has been conferred the tag of UNESCO World Heritage site, the Culture Ministry said on Sunday.

102) Which among the following is/are the benefits for OCI cardholders?

- a) Right to vote
- b) Lifelong Visa
- c) Right to government jobs
- d) Holding office of High Court Judge

Ans: b

- The Delhi High Court has said that the Foreigners Regional Registration Office (FRRO) cannot insist on the physical or virtual presence of both the spouses for processing Overseas Citizenship of India (OCI) card applications for one of them. There are certain restrictions placed on OCI card holders:
 - Do not have the right to vote.
 - Do not have right to any public service/government jobs
 - Cannot hold offices of – Prime Minister, President, Vice -President, Judge of Supreme Court and High Court, member of Parliament or Member of state legislative assembly or council.
 - Cannot own agricultural property.

103) Wolf warrior diplomacy, in the context of international relations, is referred with respect

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

Ans: a

- Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) celebrated the 161st anniversary of Income Tax Day on Saturday, July 24.

104) Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) envisages supply of 55 litres of water per person per day to every rural household by

- a) 2022
- b) 2023
- c) 2024
- d) 2025

Ans: c

- Jal Jeevan Mission, is envisioned to provide safe and adequate drinking water through individual household tap connections by 2024 to all households in rural India. The programme will also implement source sustainability measures as mandatory elements, such as recharge and reuse through grey water management, water conservation, rain water harvesting.

105) ARMEX-21, the Indian Army Skiing Expedition, was flagged off at Karakoram Pass in Ladakh and culminated in

- a) Malari
- b) Simla
- c) Gangtok
- d) Leh

Ans: a

- The expedition, called **ARMEX-21**, was flagged off at Karakoram Pass in Ladakh on March 10 and culminated at Malari in Uttarakhand on July 6 covering 1,660 km in 119 days.]

27 July

106) Europa Clipper mission is the Earth's first mission investigations of Europa which is a moon of

- a) Mars
- b) Jupiter
- c) Neptune
- d) Uranus

Ans: b

- NASA's Europa Clipper will conduct detailed reconnaissance of Jupiter's moon Europa and investigate whether the icy moon could have conditions suitable for life.

107) International Day for the Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystem is celebrated annually on

- a) 27th July
- b) 26th July
- c) 29th July
- d) 25th July

Ans:b

- Each year the day is celebrated on **26th of July**, aiming to raise awareness of the importance of mangrove ecosystems as a unique, special and vulnerable ecosystem and to promote solutions for their sustainable management, conservation and uses.

108) First country in the world to get approval for the commercial production of genetically modified golden rice is

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

Ans: c

- **The Philippines** became the world's first country to approve the commercial production of genetically modified “golden rice” that experts hope will combat childhood blindness and save lives in the developing world.

109) Which among the following Special Economic Zones has become the first green industrial city in India to receive a platinum rating under IGBC Green Cities Rating for existing cities in the industrial cities category?

- a) Santa Cruz
- b) Cochin
- c) Kandla
- d) Surat

Ans: c

- **Kandla Special Economic Zone (KASEZ)**, the oldest export zone in the country, has become the “first green industrial city” in India to receive a platinum rating under IGBC Green Cities Rating for existing cities in the industrial cities category.

110) Which among the following tree oil is also known as liquid gold?

- a) Agarwood
- b) Neem
- c) Black pepper
- d) Tangerine

Ans: a

- Draft Tripura Agarwood Policy 2021 released. It seeks to promote the state's agarwood business in a bid to develop a Rs 2000 crore economy in the state within 2025. The agarwood tree (*Aquilaria malaccensis*) oil is also known as liquid gold.

28 July

111) Contested island and Scarborough Shoal is located in

- a) Arabian Sea
- b) South China Sea
- c) Mediterranean Sea
- d) East China Sea

Ans: b

- It is a disputed territory claimed by the Republic of the Philippines through the 1734 Velarde map, while the People's Republic of China and the Republic of China (Taiwan) claim it through the disputed nine-dash line (originally an eleven-dash line which included waters in the Gulf of Tonkin). The shoal's status is often discussed in conjunction with other territorial disputes in the South China Sea such as those involving the Spratly Islands, and the 2012 Scarborough Shoal standoff.

112) Which among the following is the first site of the ancient Indus Valley Civilisation (IVC) in India to get the UNESCO World Heritage tag?

- e) Dholavira
- f) Kalibhangan
- g) Harappa
- h) Mohenjo daro

Ans: a

- Dholavira in Gujarat has got the tag of a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It is now the 40th treasure in India to be given UNESCO World Heritage tag. It is the first site of the ancient Indus Valley Civilisation (IVC) in India to get the tag.

113) Government has decided to set up National Centre of Excellence for Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming & Comics in collaboration with

- a) IIT Madras

- b) IIT Mumbai
- c) IIT Delhi
- d) IIT Kharagpur

Ans: b

- The Union Government has decided to set up a National Centre of Excellence for Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming and Comics for creating a world-class talent pool in India to cater to the Indian as well as global industry. It will be set up in collaboration with **Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay.**

114) First-ever Bamboo Industrial Park of the Northeast is being set up in

- a) Manipur
- b) Meghalaya
- c) Mizoram
- d) Assam

Ans: d

- Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma laid the foundation stone of a Bamboo Industrial Park at Manderdisa in Dima Hasao district. The project will be implemented with Rs. 50 crores from DoNER Ministry.

115) World Hepatitis Day is annually observed on

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

Ans: c

- World Hepatitis Day is marked every year on July 28 to raise awareness of the global burden of viral hepatitis.

29 July

116) Bilateral joint military exercise INDRA 2021 between India and Russia will be conducted in

- a) Bay of Bengal, India
- b) Pune, India

- c) Volgograd, Russia
- d) Jhansi, India

Ans: c

- The 12th edition of Indo-Russia joint military exercise INDRA 2021 will be held this year **at Volgograd, Russia from 1 to 13 August**. The exercise will entail conducting counter-terror operations under the United Nations (UN) mandate by a joint force against international terror groups.

117) Defence Ministers meeting of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) for 2021 has been hosted in

- a) Kyiv
- b) Beijing
- c) Shanghai
- d) Dushanbe

Ans:d

- Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh is visiting Dushanbe, Tajikistan from July 27-29, 2021 to attend the annual meeting of the Defence Ministers of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) member states. In the annual meeting, defence cooperation issues among SCO member states are discussed and a communique is expected to be issued after the deliberations. Shri Rajnath Singh's address at the meeting is slated for July 28, 2021.

118) Exercise Cutlass Express 2021 in which India participates is being conducted in

- a) West Coast of Africa
- b) Indian Ocean
- c) South China Sea
- d) East Coast of Africa

Ans: d

- The drill is underway off the East Coast of Africa since July 26-Aug 6, is sponsored by the US Africa Command (AFRICOM) and is indicative of India's intention to step up its engagement with the countries of the Western Indian Ocean region.

119) Dholavira is the newest Indian site to be inscribed on the UNESCO's World Heritage list. How many such sites are recognised by UNESCO in India?

- a) 40
- b) 45
- c) 48
- d) 42

Ans: a

- Union minister for culture G Kishan Reddy called the latest inscription another feather in India's cap as the country entered the “Super-40 club” for **World Heritage inscriptions**. Taking to Twitter, Reddy said India has added 10 new World Heritage sites, one-fourth of India's total sites on Unesco's list.

120) World Nature Conservation Day is annually observed on

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

Ans: b

- The World Nature Conservation Day is celebrated on 28 July annually across the world. The day recognises that a healthy environment is a key foundation for a stable and strong society. The main reason for celebrating this day is to conserve animals and plants that are going extinct from the natural environment.

30 July

121) The player who has won the Gold medal in the first ever skateboarding competition held at the Olympic Games at Tokyo is from

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

Ans: c

- **Japan's Yuto Horigome** won the first ever skateboarding competition at the Olympic Games, taking gold in men's street event at the Ariake Urban Sport in Tokyo on Sunday.

122) Which among the following is the only city from India to be selected for International Clean Air Catalyst Programme?

- a) Bhopal
- b) Indore
- c) Cochin
- d) Chandigarh

Ans: b

- Indore, the cleanest city of the country, has also become the only city to be selected from India for International Clean Air Catalyst Programme. Clean Air Catalyst is a new flagship programme launched by The US Agency for International Development (USAID) and a global consortium of organisations, led by World Resources Institute (WRI) and Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) to accelerate clean air solutions in low and middle-income countries.

123) The first city to have fully implemented a drink-from-tap facility in India is

- a) Bangalore
- b) Puri
- c) Shimla
- d) Ahmedabad

Ans: b

- **Odisha's Puri** has become the first city in the state to have a drink-from-tap facility. This means that the city now has safe drinking water that can be used directly from tap for cooking and drinking, without requiring further filtration.

124) Sitio Burle Marx, one of the latest to be tagged as the UNESCO World Heritage site, is situated in

- a) Brazil
- b) Peru
- c) Argentina
- d) Cuba

Ans: a

- Globally renowned for its natural beauty, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil received a new international distinction Tuesday as UNESCO added landscape architect Roberto Burle Marx's former home to its

list of World Heritage sites. The Sitio Burle Marx in western Rio features more than 3,500 species of plants native to Rio and is considered a laboratory for botanical and landscape experimentation.

125) Earth Overshoot Day for the year 2021 is observed on

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

Ans: d

- Earth Overshoot Day 2021 happened on July 29, almost a month earlier than the year before. It was pushed forward because emissions are on the rise and biodiversity loss is speeding up.

31 July

126) Project BOLD is an initiative by Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) & Border Security Force (BSF) launched in the state of

- a) Gujarat
- b) Rajasthan
- c) Punjab
- d) Haryana

Ans: b

- KVIC & BSF Launch Project BOLD in Jaisalmer to Prevent Desertification and Support Rural Economy. Project BOLD was launched on 4th July from a tribal village Nichla Mandwa in Udaipur district in Rajasthan with plantation of 5000 saplings of special bamboo species over 25 bigha of arid land

127) EOS-03 is an earth observation satellite, to be launched by

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

Ans: a

- Geo-imaging satellite for earth observation EOS-03, which would enable near real-time monitoring of natural disasters like floods and cyclones, is scheduled for launch in the third quarter of 2021, Union Minister Jitendra Singh said on Thursday.

128) First state in India to reserve government jobs in favour of transgender persons is

- a) Karnataka
- b) Odisha
- c) Kerala
- d) Gujarat

Ans: a

- **Karnataka became the first state in India to reserve jobs in public employment in favour of transgender persons.** The state government informed the division bench of the Karnataka high court of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Suraj Govindaraj that it has amended the Karnataka Civil Services (General Recruitment) Rules, 1977 to provide for 1% horizontal reservation for transgenders

129) Google's parent company, Alphabet is launching a new company, known as Intrinsic for building software for

- a) Internet of things
- b) Machine learning
- c) Industrial robots
- d) Big Data Analytics

Ans: c

- Google-parent Alphabet on Friday said it will launch a new robotics company, Intrinsic which will focus on building software for industrial robots.

130) International Tiger Day is observed annually on

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

Ans: d

- International Tiger Day - also known as Global Tiger Day - is observed each year on 29 July to raise awareness about tigers, which **are an endangered species**. According to the United Nations, the global tiger population has declined by 95% over the past century, due to habitat loss and wildlife trafficking.

