

2 August

1) Maharashtra Bhushan Puraskar for the year 2021 is awarded to

- a) Asha Bhosle
- b) Babasaheb Purandare
- c) Anil Kakodkar
- d) Jayant Narlikar

Ans: a

- Maharashtra cultural affairs minister Amit Deshmukh said the Maharashtra Bhushan Puraskar will be given to **legendary playback singer Asha Bhosle** for the year 2021. The minister visited the residence of the veteran singer and congratulated her by giving a flower bouquet.

2) Rajasthan government has launched a new campaign titled 'Mission NiryatakBano', to encourage

- a) Tax morality
- b) Exports
- c) Water saving
- d) Organic farming

Ans: b

- The Rajasthan government's industries department and the Rajasthan State Industrial Development and Investment Corporation (RIICO) have launched the "Mission NiryatakBano" campaign to promote aspiring exporters in the state. The campaign is aimed at registering and handholding the local traders willing to expand their business to foreign countries, in six steps.

3) PV Sindhu won bronze in women's single badminton event at Tokyo Olympics 2020 by beating

- a) Japan
- b) China
- c) Brazil
- d) Pakistan

Ans: b

- Ace badminton player PV Sindhu clinches the bronze medal for India after defeating **China's He Bing Jiao 21-13 21-15** in the third place play-off at Musashino Forest Plaza on Sunday. With this, Sindhu becomes the first Indian woman to win two individual medals at Olympics.

4) Lokmanya Tilak National Award for 2021 is awarded to

- a) Sanjay Gupta
- b) K Sivan
- c) N Ram
- d) Cyrus Poonawalla

Ans: d

- **Dr Cyrus Poonawalla**, chairman of the city-based vaccine maker Serum Institute of India (SII), will be honoured with the prestigious Lokmanya Tilak National Award for 2021.

5) World Lung Cancer Day is observed annually on

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

Ans: b

- World Lung Cancer Day is an annual observance that began August 1, 2012 as a way to promote lung cancer awareness and overall lung health. It's a necessary way to inform the public on risk factors that may lead to lung disease, especially smoking.

03 August

6) SIM Binding is a new security feature for mobile banking customers rolled out by

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

Ans: c

- India's leading public sector bank, State Bank of India (SBI) has launched a new security feature, 'SIM Binding' in its digital banking platform YONO and YONO Lite. According to the bank, these new features have been launched to protect the customers from different kinds of digital frauds.

7) India's UPI-based new digital payment solution-RUPI is launched by

- a) RBI
- b) NPCI
- c) Niti Aayog
- d) All of the above

Ans: b

- e-RUPI is a QR code or SMS string-based e-voucher, which is delivered to the mobile of the beneficiaries. The users of this seamless one-time payment mechanism will be able to redeem the voucher without a card, digital payments app or internet banking access, at the service provider. It has been developed by the National Payments Corporation of India in collaboration with the department of financial services, health ministry and the National Health Authority.

- 8) Zika virus is predominantly transmitted by infected mosquitoes from
- a) Anopheles culicifacies
 - b) Anopheles dirus
 - c) Culex spathifurca
 - d) Aedes aegypti

Ans: d

- The Zika virus is predominantly transmitted by infected mosquitoes from the Aedes genus, mainly Aedes aegypti. The Aedes mosquitoes also spread dengue, chikungunya and yellow fever.

- 9) Kuthiran Tunnel is the first-ever tunnel for road transport and South India's Longest 6-lane road tunnel in the state of
- a) Kerala
 - b) Tamil Nadu
 - c) Karnataka
 - d) Telangana

Ans: a

- The Kuthiran Tunnel is the first road tunnel in Kerala. It is a twin-tube tunnel, with three lanes in each tube, located at Kuthiran in Thrissur district of Kerala.

- 10) Recently launched Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme seeks to improve efficiency of
- a) Power sector

- b) Food processing sector
- c) Airline sector
- d) None of the above

Ans: a

- The Union Cabinet has approved a Reforms-based and Results-linked, Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme. The Scheme seeks to improve the operational efficiencies and financial sustainability of all DISCOMs/ Power Departments excluding Private Sector DISCOMs by providing conditional financial assistance to DISCOMs for strengthening of supply infrastructure.

04 August

- 11) Which among the following countries host the Exercise Talisman Sabre and is keen on India joining in it in 2023?
- a) China
 - b) Russia
 - c) Canada
 - d) Australia

Ans: d

- Australia is keen that India join its biggest war games 'Exercise Talisman Sabre' in 2023 and a formal invite could be extended during Australian Defence Minister Peter **Dutton's visit to India**, which is likely in the next couple of months, according to official sources. ... Australia was included in the Malabar 2020.

- 12) Minervarya Pentali is a newly discovered species endemic to the southern Western Ghats and it is a
- a) Butterfly
 - b) Snake
 - c) Frog
 - d) None of the above

Ans: c

- Researchers from University of Delhi have named a newly-discovered frog species after former vice chancellor and renowned plant geneticist Prof. Deepak Pentali. The new species was discovered from the globally recognised Western Ghats biodiversity hotspot that extends along the southwest coast of the Indian peninsula.

13) Nodal ministry for the Deep Ocean Mission (DOM) is

- a) Ministry of Earth Sciences
- b) Ministry of Science and Technology
- c) Ministry of Mines
- d) Ministry of New & Renewable Energy

Ans: a

- **Deep Ocean Mission** will be a mission mode project to support the Blue Economy Initiatives of the Government of India. Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) will be the nodal Ministry implementing this multi-institutional ambitious mission. The Deep Ocean Mission consists of the following six major components.

14) First city in India to become fully vaccinated against COVID-19 is

- a) Bhubaneswar
- b) Trichy
- c) Bangalore
- d) Noida

Ans: a

- Odisha's Bhubaneswar has achieved the milestone of becoming the first city in the country to achieve 100 per cent vaccination coverage against COVID-19, informed Anshuman Rath, Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC) Zonal Deputy Commissioner of South-East, Bhubaneswar.

15) 2021 Concacaf Football Gold Cup is won by

- a) Mexico
- b) United States
- c) Brazil
- d) Peru

Ans: b

- The United States beat Mexico 1-0 in extra time to win the Concacaf Gold Cup for a seventh time.

05 August

16) Anaimalai flying frog, recently heard in news, is categorised by IUCN as

- a) Endangered
- b) Vulnerable
- c) Extinct
- d) Critically endangered

Ans: d

- Critically endangered frog species, the *Racophorus pseudomalabaricus* or Anaimalai flying frog, is being conserved by Naturalist Hadlee Renjith project in a plantation in Munnar

17) Which among the following multilateral funding agency is funding Jharkhand's urban water supply infrastructure project?

- a) AIIB
- b) NDB
- c) World Bank
- d) ADB

Ans: d

- Multilateral funding agency Asian Development Bank (ADB) has okayed an over Rs 831 crore (USD 112 million) loan to finance water supply infrastructure in Jharkhand.

18) Fish Andhra, a project by Andhra Pradesh government in line with Pradhana Mantri Mathsyasampadha Yojana (PMMSY), is implemented by

- a) Bank of Baroda
- b) Indian Overseas Bank
- c) Indian Bank
- d) State Bank of India

Ans: a

- The State Department of Fisheries designed a novel scheme under the brand name "Fish Andhra" by establishing aqua hubs in line with Pradhana Mantri Mathsyasampadha Yojana (PMMSY), a central government scheme. The Bank of Baroda is supporting the implementation of the project.

19) Which among the following is India's first education financing platform to receive an NBFC license from the Reserve Bank of India?

- a) Eduvanz

- b) GyanDhan
- c) Credenc
- d) Propellid

Ans: b

- **GyanDhan**, India's first education financing platform said it has received an NBFC license from the Reserve Bank of India and it aims to disburse Rs 650 crore worth of education loans in FY22. Out of this, Rs 50 crore will be for domestic short-term courses offered by various ed-tech players and coaching institutes.

20) EOS-03, an earth observation satellite to be launched by India, will be placed in

- a) Geosynchronous orbit
- b) Sun synchronous orbit
- c) Geostationaryorbit
- d) None of the above

Ans: c

- The satellite, EOS-03, will be carried on board the 14th flight of the GSLV, the GSLV-F10, and will place the satellite in a Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit. The satellite will reach the final geostationary orbit using its onboard propulsion system, ISRO said.

06 August

21) Diego Garcia, an island in Indian Ocean, is an overseas territory of

- a) US
- b) France
- c) United Kingdom
- d) Australia

Ans: c

- Diego Garcia is the largest of 55 islands split off by **the United Kingdom** from its Seychelles and Mauritius colonies to create the British Indian Ocean Territory in 1965. Devised exclusively for military use, the BIOT has been the key US strategic outpost in the Indian Ocean since 1966.

22) Which among the following schemes had been subsumed under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA)?

- a) Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan
- b) Teacher Education
- c) Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan
- d) All of the above

Ans: d

- Samagra Shiksha is an integrated scheme for school education extending from pre-school to class XII to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education at all levels of school education. It subsumes the three Schemes of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) and Teacher Education (TE).

23) Agaléga island on which India is trying to build a naval military facility is a part of

- a) Seychelles
- b) Mauritius
- c) Maldives
- d) Madagascar

Ans: b

- On August 3, Al Jazeera published an extensive investigation into the development of a military facility on North Agaléga island, which is part of the island nation of Mauritius. It revealed that Indian workers are laying the groundwork for what is expected to be an Indian naval military facility.

24) Mekedatu is a multipurpose (drinking and power) project to be constructed on river Cauvery by the government of

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

Ans: c

- Tamil Nadu has protested against Karnataka's move to build a reservoir on river Cauvery at Mekedatu. However, the Karnataka Government has asserted that there is no "compromise" on the Mekedatu project and the state wants to undertake the project.

25) Prime Minister Modi announced that Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award will now be known as Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award. Major Dhyan Chand has played

- a) Hockey
- b) Cricket
- c) Handball
- d) None of the above

Ans: a

- Prime Minister Modi announced that Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award will now be known as Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award. The highest honour in sports has been renamed in honour of **Hockey wizard Dhyan Chand**. Prime Minister also informed that the decision has been taken at the request of citizens across India.

07 August

26) Which medal was won by India boxer LovlinaBorgohain at Tokyo Olympics?

- a) Gold
- b) Silver
- c) Bronze
- d) None of the above

Ans: c

- India boxer LovlinaBorgohain has won bronze medal in the Women's Welter (64-69kg) semi-final.

27) 'PaniMaah' (Water Month) to increase the pace of implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission is an initiative by

- a) Ladakh
- b) Puducherry
- c) Chandigarh
- d) Jammu and Kashmir

Ans:a

- "The Union Territory of Ladakh has launched a month-long campaign- "PaniMaah" (Water Month) to increase the pace of implementation of the Jal Jeevan Mission in the UT and to inform and engage village communities on the importance of clean water," the Jal Shakti Ministry said in a statement.

28) Hezbollah is a Shia Islamist political party that is based in

- a) Iran
- b) Lebanon
- c) Syria
- d) Iraq

Ans: b

- As a Shiite Muslim political party and militant group based in Lebanon, Hezbollah is practically “a state within a state.” It came into existence during the 15-year Lebanese Civil War and is considerably backed by Iran as a front against Israel. Hezbollah also does not share a very fond relationship with the Western powers.

29) ‘Indian Society of Oriental Art’ is created by.

- a) Abanindranath Tagore
- b) Rajaram Mohan Roy
- c) Rabindranath Tagore
- d) None of the above

Ans: a

- Abanindranath Tagore’s 150th birth anniversary is celebrated on 7th August. He first created the ‘Indian Society of Oriental Art’ and later went on to establish Bengal school of art.

30) Hiroshima Day is observed annually around the globe on

- a) 5th August
- b) 8th August
- c) 7th August
- d) 6th August

Ans: d

- August 6, 2021, observed solemnly as Hiroshima Day around the world, will be the 76th anniversary of the atomic bombing of the Japanese city in the final year of World War II. On this day in 1945, the United States dropped the very first deployed nuclear bomb in the city of Hiroshima, wiping out an estimated 39 per cent of the population, most of who were civilians. Along with the atomic bombing of Nagasaki three days later, these instances remain the only recorded use of nuclear weapons in armed conflict.

09 August

31) National Handloom Day is celebrated annually in India on

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

Ans: c

- National Handloom day is celebrated to honour the handloom community and acknowledge their contribution to India's socio-economic development. The government of India announced August 7 as National Handloom Day to **mark the 100th anniversary of the Swadeshi Movement**, which started in 1905.

32) Who among the following has claimed the gold medal for India at Tokyo Olympics in javelin throw?

- a) Neeraj Chopra
- b) Shivpal Singh
- c) Annu Rani
- d) Devendra Jhajharia

Ans: a

- Tokyo 2020-Olympics star Neeraj Chopra created history on Saturday as he won the men's javelin on Saturday with a best throw of 87.58 metres to claim a historic first Olympic athletics gold medal for India.

33) Bharat Rang Mahotsav, or the 'National Theatre Festival', established in 1999, is the annual theatre festival of

- a) National School of Drama
- b) Film and Television Institute of India
- c) Barry John Acting Studio
- d) Institute of Creative Excellence

Ans: a

- Bharat Rang Mahotsav (BRM) (भारतरंगमहोत्सव) or the National Theatre Festival, started in 1999, is the annual theatre festival organised by National School of Drama (NSD), New Delhi.

34) Which among the following banks partnered with fintech platform SahiPay to expand its rural reach?

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

Ans: b

- To increase non-life insurance penetration in the rural market, SBI General Insurance will tap customers of fintech player SahiPay, which provides digital and financial services in the semi-urban and rural parts of the country. SBI General Insurance on Monday announced a partnership with Manipal Business Solutions, the promoter of SahiPay.

35) First National Heart Failure Biobank (NHFB) in India was inaugurated at

- a) Chennai
- b) New Delhi
- c) Thiruvananthapuram
- d) Trichy

Ans: c

- The first National Heart Failure Biobank (NHFB) in the country that would collect blood, biopsies, and clinical data as a guide to future therapies was inaugurated at the Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology (SCTIMST).

10 August

36) World Tribal Day is celebrated annually on

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

Ans: a

- The International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples is observed on 9 August each year to raise awareness and protect the rights of the world's indigenous population.

37) Zayed Talwar 2021 is the bilateral naval exercise between

- a) India and Iran
- b) Iran and Turkey
- c) India and UAE
- d) India and Saudi Arabia

Ans: c

- The Indian Navy took part in a bilateral exercise with the United Arab Emirates (UAE) Navy off the coast of Abu Dhabi on Saturday. The bilateral naval exercise-- 'Zayed Talwar 2021'-- was designed to enhance interoperability and synergy between the two navies.

38) A person can be named a Fugitive Economic Offender in India if there is an arrest warrant against him or her for involvement in economic offences involving at least

- a) Rs. 100 Crore
- b) Rs. 500 Crore
- c) Rs. 1000 Crore
- d) Rs. 200 Crore

Ans: a

- A person can be named an offender under the law if there is an arrest warrant against him or her for involvement in economic offences involving at least Rs. 100 crore or more and has fled from India to escape legal action.

39) Jezero Crater, recently seen in news, is located in

- a) Antarctica
- b) Africa
- c) Moon
- d) Mars

Ans: d

- **NASA's Perseverance rover did not collect a rock sample on Mars** in its first attempt to gather samples, the US space agency has said. Early last month, the self-driving six-wheeled robot started its journey across Jezero Crater floor to seek signs of ancient life.

40) Indian Army will be taking part in International Army Games 2021 to be held in

- a) China

- b) Russia
- c) US
- d) UK

Ans: b

- Indian Army to take part in International Army Games 2021 to be held in Russia. The International Army Games is an annual Russian military sports event organized by the Ministry of Defense of Russia (MoD).

11 August

41) Which among the following is the world's most consumed vegetable oil?

- a) Oliveoil
- b) Palm oil
- c) Corn oil
- d) Sunflower oil

Ans: b

- Palm oil is currently the world's most consumed vegetable oil. Top consumers of the commodity are India, China, and the European Union (EU). Palm oil is used extensively in the production of detergents, plastics, cosmetics, and biofuels.

42) Which is the first country in the world to have granted a patent to an 'artificial intelligence system'?

- a) Turkey
- b) UAE
- c) South Africa
- d) Russia

Ans:c

- Recently, South Africa, first time in the world, has granted a patent to an 'artificial intelligence system' relating to a "food container based on fractal geometry" innovation.

43) The controversial "Basic Law", recently seen in news, is being introduced in

- a) Taiwan
- b) Hongkong
- c) Mauritius

d) Seychelles

Ans: b

- Hong Kong leader Carrie Lam recently said she supports the implementation of a mainland Chinese law in Hong Kong to respond to foreign sanctions, the strongest signal yet that the city is set to adopt the legislation. The law is proposed to be introduced through Hong Kong legislation rather than Beijing legislation, by adding it to an annex of Hong Kong's mini-constitution, known as the Basic Law.

44) How many indigenous aircraft carrier (IAC) does India have?

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

Ans: a

- **India's first indigenous aircraft carrier (IAC) Vikrant** on Sunday successfully completed a five-day maiden sea voyage as the performance of the key systems of the 40,000-tonne warship was found to be satisfactory, officials said. The aircraft carrier, built at a cost of around Rs 23,000 crore, set sail on Wednesday for the crucial sea trials ahead of its planned induction into the Indian Navy by August next year.

45) Which day is celebrated as 'Javelin Throw Day' in India to honour Javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra, who won India's first Olympic gold medal in athletics at Tokyo?

- a) August 7
- b) August 8
- c) August 9
- d) August 10

Ans: a

- The Athletics Federation of India (AFI) decided to name August 7 as 'Javelin Throw Day' in India to honour Neeraj Chopra's first historic Olympic gold. The javelin thrower bagged the gold medal in men's javelin throw at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics on August 7.

12 August

46) Digital Prayaas is an app-based digital-lending platform launched by

- a) Small Industries Development Bank of India
- b) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development
- c) Reserve Bank of India
- d) All of the above

Ans: a

- Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI), engaged in promotion, financing and development of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) has unveiled 'Digital Prayaas' an app-based digital-lending platform to facilitate loans to entrepreneurs from low-income groups. The objective is to sanction a loan by the end of the day.

47) Which among the following countries is not a part of Malabar Naval Exercise?

- a) US
- b) Japan
- c) Australia
- d) None of the above

Ans: d

- The Quad navies (India, the US, Japan and Australia) will be conducting amphibious operations which will be involving Special Forces, live firing and anti-submarine warfare operations off the coast of Guam as part of Malabar 2021 exercises.

48) Which among the following states has announced Rajiv Gandhi Award for Excellence in Information Technology?

- a) Gujarat
- b) Maharashtra
- c) Kerala
- d) Telangana

Ans: b

- Days after Prime Minister Narendra Modi renamed the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna as Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna award, the Maharashtra government on Tuesday announced Rajiv Gandhi Award for Excellence in Information Technology (IT).

49) Global Youth Development Index 2020 released by the Commonwealth Secretariat in London ranks India at

- a) 122
- b) 132
- c) 143
- d) 112

Ans: a

- India is ranked 122nd on a new Global Youth Development Index measuring the condition of young people across 181 countries, released by the Commonwealth Secretariat in London

50) World Elephant Day is observed annually around the globe on

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

Ans: b

- World Elephant Day is celebrated on August 12 every year to help protect elephants for **maintaining the biodiversity of rainforests**. This day is marked by raising awareness about the difficulty of the elephants in the forests and also finding out possible ways to protect them.

13 August

51) As per Swachh Survekshan 2021, India's first 'water plus' certified city is

- a) Indore
- b) Tawang
- c) Kochi
- d) Aizawl

Ans: a

- Indore, the country's cleanest city, has now been declared the first "water plus" city of India under the Swachh Survekshan 2021, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said. Indore, the state's commercial capital, has set an example for other cities, he said.

- 52) The maiden bilateral naval exercise between India and Saudi Arabia, Al-Mohed Al-Hindi 2021 is being held in
- a) Saudi Arabia
 - b) Arabian Sea
 - c) Bay of Bengal
 - d) None of the above

Ans: a

- The maiden bilateral naval exercise between India and Saudi Arabia, dubbed “Al-Mohed Al-Hindi,” began on Thursday in Al-Jubail, Saudi Arabia. The exercise comprises several shore and sea-based drills between the navies of the two countries.

- 53) Durand Cup 2021 to be held in Kolkata is the Asia’s oldest tournament in
- a) Cricket
 - b) Football
 - c) Hockey
 - d) Handball

Ans: b

- Durand Cup, the world's third oldest and Asia's oldest football tournament is poised to make a comeback after a year's hiatus due to the Covid-19 pandemic. With the dynamic support of All India Football Federation (AIFF), IFA (West Bengal) and the Government of West Bengal, the 130th Edition of Durand Cup is set to become a landmark event.

- 54) Which census is India’s first digital census?
- a) 15
 - b) 13
 - c) 14
 - d) 16

Ans: d

- The country's 16th Census (Census **2021**) will be done digitally. Till now, the process involved visiting every household and filling up forms. This year, workers going door-to-door will have tablets or smartphones that will let them enter information digitally.

55) World Organ Donation Day is observed annually around the globe on

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

Ans: a

- World Organ Donation Day is observed on August 13 every year to spread awareness about the importance of organ donation and address and debunk myths related to donating organs. This day strives to encourage people to donate their healthy organs after death in order to save more lives.

14 August

56) Southeast Asia Cooperation and Training (SEACAT) exercise is organised annually by

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

Ans: b

- The Indian Navy demonstrated its maritime maneuvers in U.S. Navy-led Southeast Asia Cooperation and Training (SEACAT) military exercise in Singapore. The military exercise also included navies of 20 other partner nations as well.

57) The report titled “Climate Change 2021: The Physical Science” is released by

- a) Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
- b) United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
- c) Pew Center on Global Climate Change
- d) International Geosphere-Biosphere Programme

Ans: a

- The Sixth Assessment Report (AR 6) by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), Climate Change 2021: the Physical Science Basis, for the first time gave cognisance to the role of compound extremes and multiple climate change drivers operating in tandem in maximising disaster impacts in India and elsewhere.

58) Which among the following genetically modified crop is recently allowed to be imported to India?

- a) Brinjal
- b) Mustard
- c) Soybean
- d) All of the above

Ans: c

- Centre decided to allow the import of crushed genetically modified soybean, which is a major ingredient of poultry feed. However, environmental activists have raised concerns about the permission given for something derived from a genetically modified plant to enter the human food chain, given that India's regulatory system has yet to approve GM foods.

59) 'Honour FIRST' is a premium banking solution by Infrastructure Development Finance Company (IDFC) for serving personnel and veterans of

- a) Indian Navy
- b) CAPF
- c) Indian Airforce
- d) Indian Army

Ans: a

- The Indian Navy has inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Infrastructure Development Finance Company (IDFC) FIRST Bank to initiate 'Honour FIRST', a premium banking solution for serving personnel and veterans of the Indian Navy.

60) National Mourning Day is celebrated on 15 August every year in

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

Ans: d

- On 15 August, National Mourning Day in Bangladesh is observed. On this day Bangladesh's first President Sheikh Mujibur Rahman was assassinated along with most of his family members.

16 August

61) Anonline portal, Training for Augmenting Productivity and Services (TAPAS), to offer massive open online courses has been developed by

- a) IIT Bombay
- b) National Institute of Social Defence
- c) National Informatics Centre
- d) Niti Aayog

Ans: b

- The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has launched an online portal Training for Augmenting Productivity and Services, or TAPAS, to offer massive open online courses (MOOC). TAPAS has been developed by the National Institute of Social Defence (NISD).

62) The first national park in India to be equipped with satellite phones is

- a) Nagarhole National Park
- b) Valley of Flowers National Park
- c) Balphakram National Park
- d) Kaziranga National Park

Ans:d

- In a first-of-its-kind move to provide assistance to thwart poaching and ensure coordinated functioning, officials of Assam's Kaziranga National Park (KNP) have been equipped with satellite phones

63) Which among the following is not an indigenous cattle breeds in India?

- a) Kankrej
- b) Sahiwal
- c) Ongole
- d) None of the above

Ans: d

- Dr Jitendra Singh said that IndiGau is purely indigenous and the **largest cattle chip** of the world. It has 11,496 markers (SNPs) more than that placed on 777K Illumina chip of US & UK breeds. It aims to conserve the pure varieties of indigenous cattle breeds like, Gir, Kankrej, Sahiwal, Ongole etc.

64) India's first Drone Forensic Lab and Research Center is being setup in the state of

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

Ans: a

- At a time when drones have emerged as a major security threat in the country, the Kerala police on Friday (August 13) launched a first-of-its-kind Drone Forensic Lab and Research Centre with an aim to address the rising concerns in this regard.

65) Team CLAW, a team of people with disabilities, has embarked upon a journey to trek

- a) Machoi Glacier
- b) Shafat Glacier
- c) Siachen Glacier
- d) Biafo Glacier

Ans: c

- Team CLAW, a team of people with disabilities, has embarked upon a journey to trek the Siachen Glacier on Independence Day.

17 August

66) Currently, which among the following wetlands of India are not included in Montreux record?

- a) Keoladeo National Park
- b) Loktak Lake
- c) Chilka lake
- d) All of the above

Ans: c

- Currently, two wetlands of India are in Montreux record: Keoladeo National Park (Rajasthan) and Loktak Lake (Manipur). Chilka lake (Odisha) was placed in the record but was later removed from it. Four more wetlands from India – two from Haryana and two from Gujarat – have been recognised as Ramsar site of international importance, taking the number of such sites in the country to 46, covering a total area of 1,083,322 hectares.

- 67) SAMVAD 2.0 initiative, after the successful completion of phase 1, is an intervention for _____ in vulnerable circumstances.
- a) Children
 - b) Elderly
 - c) Women
 - d) All of the above

Ans:a

- The Union Minister of Women and Child Development, Smriti Zubin Irani, on the eve of Independence Day, launched 2nd phase of SAMVAD programme today in Bengaluru and commemorated the successful completion of one year of SAMVAD - Support, Advocacy & Mental health interventions for children in Vulnerable circumstances And Distress. SAMVAD is a National Initiative and Integrated Resource that works in child protection, mental health and psychosocial care.
- 68) Which among the following is the 69th and newest Grandmaster in Chess for India?
- a) Harshit Raja
 - b) Leon Luke Mendonca
 - c) G. Akash
 - d) Chithambaram Aravindh

Ans: a

- The 20-year-old Chess player Harshit Raja from Pune, Maharashtra has become the 69th Grandmaster of India in Chess
- 69) First hospital of India to house a fire station inside the hospital premises is
- a) Christian Medical College Vellore
 - b) Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, New Delhi
 - c) Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai
 - d) AIIMS, New Delhi

Ans: d

- The All India Institute of Medical Science (AIIMS), Delhi, has become the first hospital in India to house a fire station inside the hospital premises, its Director Dr RandeepGuleria said on Sunday. Making the announcement at a function to mark the 75th Independence Day, he said that the AIIMS has joined hands with the Delhi Fire Service for the purpose

70) 'My e-Haat' portal has been launched by HCL Foundation, the corporate social responsibility arm of HCL Technologies, to empower

- a) Traders
- b) Artisans
- c) Women
- d) LGBTQ

Ans: b

- HCL Foundation, the corporate social responsibility arm of HCL Technologies, launched an online portal, 'My e-Haat', to empower artisans and strengthen the value chain of the handicraft sector in the country.

18 August

71) 'Exercise Konkan 2021' is a bilateral navy exercise held between the India and

- a) Britain
- b) Singapore
- c) Sri Lanka
- d) Bangladesh

Ans: a

- Indian Naval Ship Tabar arrived at Portsmouth on England's south coast on Thursday to undertake the annual bilateral exercise Konkan between the Indian Navy and Britain's Royal Navy.

72) Financial Inclusion Index (FI-Index) in India is released by

- a) World Bank
- b) Chief Economic Advisor
- c) RBI
- d) Niti Aayog

Ans: c

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) introduced the financial inclusion index (FI-Index) to capture the extent of financial inclusion in the country. This was among the announcements made in the first bimonthly monetary policy in April this year.

73) Which of the following years are considered to be “base year” for Financial Inclusion Index released by RBI?

- a) 2020
- b) 2015
- c) 2010
- d) None of the above

Ans: d

- The FI-Index has been constructed without any ‘base year’ and as such it reflects cumulative efforts of all stakeholders over the years towards financial inclusion.

74) World’s second-largest refurbished state-of-the-art National Gene Bank was set up in

- a) Vellore
- b) New Delhi
- c) Mumbai
- d) Dehradun

Ans: b

- Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare inaugurated the world's second-largest refurbished state-of-the-art National Gene Bank at the National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources (NBPGR), Pusa, New Delhi. On this occasion, Shri Tomar said that the farmers of India are fully capable of accepting the challenges faced by the agriculture sector and conquering them.

75) ‘Right to be forgotten’ is a fundamental right that comes under

- a) Article 15
- b) Article 25
- c) Article 21
- d) Article 19

Ans: c

- The Right to be Forgotten falls under the purview of an individual’s right to privacy. In 2017, the Right to Privacy was declared a fundamental right (under Article 21) by the Supreme Court in its landmark verdict (Puttuswamy case).

19 August

76) Wanchuwa festival is celebrated to mark their good harvest by Tiwa tribesmen who belong to the state/UT of

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

Ans: a

- Tiwa also known as Lalung is indigenous community inhabiting the states of Assam and Meghalaya and are also found in some parts of Arunachal Pradesh and Manipur.

77) Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) has signed an agreement with Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) to make available high quality and high speed internet facility to

- a) Central India
- b) South India
- c) North-east India
- d) North India

Ans: c

- For making available high quality and high speed internet access to the States of North Eastern Region of the country, Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) has signed an Agreement with Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) for hiring of 10 Gbps International Bandwidth for Internet Connectivity to Agartala from Bangladesh Submarine Cable Company Limited (BSCCL), Bangladesh via Cox Bazar/Kuakata.

78) Who has been appointed as the chairperson of the Mumbai Academy of Moving Image (MAMI) Film Festival?

- a) Deepika Padukone
- b) Priyanka Chopra
- c) Amitabh Bachchan
- d) Sharukh Khan

Ans: b

- Actor-producer Priyanka Chopra Jonas on Tuesday was announced as the chairperson of Jio MAMI Film Festival, almost four months after Deepika Padukone stepped down from the position.

79) iDEX is an initiative by the government to contribute towards the modernization of

- a) Telecom
- b) Defence
- c) Airports
- d) Thermal plants

Ans: b

- **Defence Minister Rajnath Singh** on Thursday launched the 5th edition of the Defence India Start-up Challenge (DISC) under Innovations for Defence Excellence - Defence Innovation Organisation (iDEX-DIO) meant to achieve self-reliance and foster innovation and technology development in the defence and aerospace sectors.

80) The World Humanitarian Day (WHD) is observed every year on

- a) August 15
- b) August 25
- c) August 21
- d) August 19

Ans: d

- World Humanitarian Day also marks the day on which the then Special Representative of the secretary-general to Iraq, Sergio Vieira de Mello, and 21 aid workers were killed in the bombing of the UN headquarters in Baghdad on August 19, 2003.

20 August

81) India has launched a tech platform named "UNITE Aware", in collaboration with

- a) UN
- b) IMF
- c) World Bank
- d) G20

Ans: a

- India, in collaboration with the UN, on Wednesday, launched a technology platform to ensure the safety and security of peacekeepers who are operating in an increasingly complex and risky environments across the world.

82) Every year India observes SadbhavanaDiwas on August 20 to commemorate the birth anniversary of

- a) Indira Gandhi
- b) Rajiv Gandhi
- c) Jawaharlal Nehru
- d) None of the above

Ans: b

- 20th August is observed as SadbhavanaDiwas' every year. The theme of Sadbhavana is to promote National Integration and Communal Harmony among people of all religions, languages and regions. The idea behind observance of SadbhavanaDiwas' is to eschew violence and to promote goodwill among the people.

83) “Jazbaa-E-Tiranga” Relay Marathon was organised in Jammu & Kashmir by

- a) CRPF
- b) BSF
- c) Indian Army
- d) Jammu & Kashmir Police

Ans: c

- In the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, Army organised a 400 Km “JAZBAA-E-TIRANGA” Relay Marathon. The event was flagged off by Major General Rajeev Puri, General Officer Commanding (GOC), Ace of Spades Division, who led the relay, closely followed by other military personnel.

84) Recently, an All Women Tri-Services Mountaineering Team, successfully scaled and unfurled the national flag in

- a) Mount Manirang
- b) Mount Trisul
- c) Mount Hardeol
- d) Mount Mamostong Kangri

Ans: a

- All-women team of three armed forces successfully scaled Mt Manirang in Himachal Pradesh. New Delhi: An all-women team of the three armed forces successfully scaled Mt Manirang in Himachal Pradesh on August 15 and unfurled the national flag to celebrate the 75th Independence Day

85) World Photography Day is celebrated every year on

- a) August 15
- b) August 25
- c) August 21
- d) August 19

Ans: d

- August 19 is observed as World Photography Day, which aims to inspire photographers across the planet to share a single photo with a simple purpose: to share their world with the world.

23 August

86) Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana (BSKY) smart card scheme promises cashless healthcare coverage of up to Rs 5 lakh for nearly 96 lakh families in the state of

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

Ans: a

- Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Friday launched Smart Health Card under Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana (BSKY) from Malkangiri.

87) Hazara, recently seen in news, is an ethnic group from

- a) China
- b) Iran
- c) Afghanistan
- d) Syria

Ans: c

- The Hazaras are **the third largest ethnic group of Afghanistan and a religious minority**. They are mostly based in the mountainous area of central Afghanistan known as 'Hazaristan', or the land of the Hazaras. Hazaras speak a dialect of Dari called Hazaragi, which is a Persian dialect.

88) Kigali Amendment which India has decided to ratify is a key amendment to the

- a) Nagoya Protocol
- b) Montreal Protocol
- c) Kyoto Protocol
- d) Cartagena Protocol

Ans: b

- Following similar decisions by the United States and China in the past few months, India on Wednesday decided to ratify a key amendment to the 1989 ozone-saving Montreal Protocol negotiated five years ago. The Kigali Amendment, named after the Rwandan capital where it was negotiated, enables the phase-out of hydrofluorocarbons, a set of chemicals notorious for their capacity to warm the planet.

89) Who among the following turned Harimandir Sahib at Amritsar into the Golden Temple by covering it with gold?

- a) Ahmad Shah Durrani
- b) Guru Ram Das
- c) Maharaja Ranjit Singh
- d) Guru Arjan

Ans: c

- Maharaja Ranjit Singh, after founding the Sikh Empire, rebuilt it in marble and copper in 1809, and overlaid the sanctum with Gold foil in 1830. This has led to the name the Golden Temple

90) Which among the following dates marks the centenary of the Malabar rebellion, which is also known as the Moplah (Muslim) riots?

- a) August 25
- b) August 21
- c) August 23
- d) August 20

Ans: d

- August 20, marks the centenary of the Malabar rebellion, which is also known as the Moplah (Muslim) riots. It had been an uprising of Muslim tenants against British rulers and local Hindu landlords.

24 August

- 91) India's largest floating solar photo voltaic (PV) project of 25 mega watt (MW) has been commissioned
- a) Visakhapatnam
 - b) Hyderabad
 - c) Haridwar
 - d) Coorg

Ans: a

- **NTPC Ltd** has commissioned the largest floating solar PV project of 25MW on the reservoir of its Simhadri thermal power station in Visakhapatnam. This is also the first solar project to be set up under the Flexibilisation Scheme, notified by the Government of India in 2018.

- 92) Madur mats, also known as Madurkathi, are awarded the Geographical Indication (GI) tag in the state of
- a) Uttar Pradesh
 - b) Bihar
 - c) West Bengal
 - d) Odisha

Ans: c

- **Gauri Rani Jana and Gauri Bala Das** have been honoured with the national crafts award. Two women from Sabang in West Bengal's Paschim Medinipur district have been given the National Handicraft Award in recognition of their outstanding contribution to the development of crafts. An intrinsic part of the Bengali lifestyle, Madur mats are made of natural fibres. Also known as Madurkathi, these mats are awarded the Geographical Indication (GI) tag by the Geographical Indication Registry in April 2018.

- 93) Cyber security Multi-Donor Trust Fund has been launched by World Bank in partnership with
- a) Estonia
 - b) Japan

- c) Germany
- d) All of the above

Ans: d

- World Bank has partnered with four countries, namely Estonia, Japan, Germany, and the Netherlands, to launch Cyber security Multi-Donor Trust Fund

94) Facebook India has launched “Small Business Loans Initiative” in India in partnership with which among the following online lending platform?

- a) Faircent
- b) RupeeCircle
- c) Indifi
- d) i2iFunding

Ans: c

- Social media giant Facebook India on Friday announced a lending initiative to help small and medium businesses that advertise on its platform to get quick access to credit through independent lending partners. The company said India is the first country to see the roll-out of the 'Small Business Loans Initiative'.

95) World Senior Citizen Day is celebrated every year on

- a) August15
- b) August 21
- c) August 25
- d) August19

Ans: b

- Every year on 21 August, World Senior Citizens' Day is observed annually to recognise the contribution of elders towards society and its people. The day is dedicated to increase **awareness** about issues like elder abuse and age deterioration that affect elderly people.

25 August

96) Panjshir Valley, recently seen in news, is located in

- a) India
- b) Pakistan

- c) Afghanistan
- d) Bhutan

Ans: c

- **Panjshir Valley is a valley in north-central Afghanistan**, near the Hindu Kush mountain range. It is divided by the Panjshir River. The valley is home to Afghanistan's largest concentration of ethnic Tajiks.

- 97) Ubhartesitaare fund is a type of Alternative investment fund for export-oriented micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) set up by
- a) Exim Bank
 - b) SIDBI
 - c) Both (a) and (b)
 - d) SBI

Ans: c

- Finance minister launches 'UbharteSitaare' scheme for export oriented MSMEs. Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Saturday launched the "UbharteSitaare" scheme to help micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) which could be future champions with good export potential. The Fund has been set up by Exim Bank and SIDBI (Small Industries Development Bank of India).

- 98) Kayyur is considered the cradle of agrarian revolution in the state of
- a) Kerala
 - b) Karnataka
 - c) West Bengal
 - d) Assam

Ans: a

- In 1940, peasants there under the leadership of communists rose against the two local jenmis, Nambiar of Kalliat and the Nayanar of Karakkatt Edam. Kayyur is considered the cradle of agrarian revolution in Kerala.

- 99) INS Chilka is the only ab-initio training establishment of the Indian Navy located in
- a) Odisha
 - b) West Bengal

- c) Andhra Pradesh
- d) None of the above

Ans: a

- INS Chilka is the only ab-initio training establishment of the Indian Navy, which trains more than 6600 raw recruits annually to make them able-bodied sailors. INS Chilka was commissioned in 1980 and is located in Odisha in the vicinity of Chilika Lake.

100) Yuktdhara is a Geospatial Planning Portal for facilitating Gram Panchayat level planning of

- a) Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana
- b) Mission Antyodaya
- c) Amrit Mahotsav
- d) National Rural Employment Guarantee Act

Ans: d

- Yuktdhara is a Geospatial Planning Portal for facilitating Gram Panchayat level planning of MGNREGA. It is a new portal under 'Bhuvan' launched by the Ministry of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj.

26 August

101) Google has launched the global 'Be Internet Awesome' program for kids in India in partnership with

- a) Tulika Publishers
- b) Karadi Tales
- c) Eklavya
- d) Amar Chitra Katha

Ans: d

- Google has launched the global 'Be Internet Awesome' program for kids in India, wherein it will partner with Indian comic book publisher Amar Chitra Katha to offer Internet safety lessons through popular comic book characters across eight Indian languages.

102) Aranmula Boat Race is the oldest river boat festival and is celebrated in the state of

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

d) Andhra Pradesh

Ans: c

- The Aranmula Boat Race the oldest river boat festival in Kerala, the south western State of India is held during Onam (August–September). It takes place at Aranmula, near a Hindu temple dedicated to Lord Krishna and Arjuna in Pathanamthitta district of Kerala State.

103) Fair and Remunerative Prices of sugar is announced by

- a) Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs
- b) Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices
- c) Ministry of Consumer Affairs
- d) Ministry of Agriculture

Ans: a

- The Federal/Central Government announces Fair and Remunerative Prices which are determined on the recommendation of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) and are announced by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, which is chaired by the Prime Minister.

104) India's first smog tower has been set up in

- a) Hyderabad
- b) Delhi
- c) Lucknow
- d) Chennai

Ans: b

- Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Monday inaugurated the "country's first smog tower" at Connaught Place in Delhi, one of the most polluted cities in the world, and said it will prove to be a path-breaking milestone.

105) Safe Cities Index 2021, released recently, is an initiative by

- a) Economist Intelligence Unit
- b) Cities Alliance
- c) Organization for International Economic Relations
- d) ECOSOC

Ans: a

- EIU produced its Safe Cities Index 2021, under which it enlisted names of 60 safe cities based on 76 indicators. The list also included names of two Indian cities that secured their place among the top 50: Delhi and Mumbai

27 August

106) Priya -The Accessibility Warrior, is an E-Comic cum Activity Book to sensitize the students on accessibility-related issues for

- a) Women
- b) Divyangs
- c) Transgenders
- d) Backward Castes

Ans: b

- Union Education and Skill Development Minister, Shri Dharmendra Pradhansaid that the book “Priya -The Accessibility Warrior”, released today will sensitize the students on accessibility related issues for Divyangs. Special emphasis has been laid to make the booklet simple, interesting and interactive to create awareness on accessibility in children right from their formative years, he added.

107) ‘Forum for Decarbonizing Transport’ in India is initiative by

- a) NITI Aayog
- b) UNFCCC
- c) World Resources Institute
- d) Both (a) and (c)

Ans:d

- NITI Aayog and World Resources Institute (WRI), India, jointly launched the 'Forum for Decarbonizing Transport' in India as part of the NDC-Transport Initiative for Asia (NDC-TIA) project on Monday (23 August). The launch was held virtually and inaugurated by NITI Aayog CEO Amitabh Kant

108) Inan effort to reduce the global carbon footprint of the steel industry, world’s first ever “fossil-free” steel(green steel) is developed in

- a) India
- b) China

- c) Norway
- d) Sweden

Ans: d

- As the world looks to counter the deadly impact of greenhouse gas emissions, a Swedish company might give a fighting chance as it switches steel production away from fossil fuels. The first delivery of 'green steel' was done in Sweden by Hybrit to truck-manufacturer Volvo AB as a trial run.

109) India has conducted bilateral maritime exercise “Zair-Al-Bahr” with

- a) Tajikistan
- b) Iran
- c) Qatar
- d) UAE

Ans: c

- The second edition of the joint naval exercise, Zair-Al-Bahr, between the Indian Navy and Qatar Emiri Naval Force (QENF) was conducted between August 9 and 14 in the Persian Gulf.

110) The first state in India to implement National Education Policy (NEP- 2020) is

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

Ans: c

- Karnataka became the first state in the country to implement the National Education Policy 2020 with Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan and CM Basavaraj Bommai virtually launching the university and college admission module as per the new policy on Monday.

28 August

111) Operation Devi Shakti is the name given to the mission undertaken by Indian government for evacuating its citizens from

- a) Afghanistan
- b) Libya
- c) Yemen

d) Syria

Ans: a

- India's complex mission to evacuate its citizens and Afghan partners from Kabul after its swift takeover by the Taliban last week has been named as "Operation Devi Shakti".

112) NIPUN Bharat Mission aims to ensure every child achieves the desired learning competencies in reading, writing and numeracy by the end of

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

Ans:b

- Ministry of Education has launched a 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 (FLN) by the end of Grade 3, by 2026-27.

113) Ministry of Jal Shakti has launched a '100 days campaign' named SUJALAM to create villages of

- a) ODF + status
- b) 100% electrified houses
- c) 100% piped water connections
- d) All of the above

Ans: a

- The ministry of jal shakti ministry started a 100-day campaign — Sujalam — on **August 25** as part of the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' to create more Open Defecation Free (ODF) Plus villages by undertaking waste water management at the village level.

114) Kilauea, an active shield volcano recently seen in news, is located in

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

Ans: c

- Kilauea is an active shield volcano in the Hawaiian Islands, USA. Historically, it is the most active of the five volcanoes that together form the Big Island of Hawaii.

115) Maldives government has officially signed an agreement for the construction of the Greater Malé Connectivity Project (GMCP) with

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

Ans: a

- A year after India's External Affairs Minister, Dr. S. Jaishankar, visited the Maldives and, during a meeting with his counterpart Maldives Foreign Minister Abdulla Shahid, announced the signing of a \$500-million infrastructure project, the Maldives government officially signed an agreement with Mumbai-based company AFCONS, for the construction of the Greater Malé Connectivity Project (GMCP).

30 August

116) India's first green hydrogen electrolyser manufacturing unit has been unveiled in the state of

- a) Karnataka
- b) Andhra Pradesh
- c) Gujrat
- d) Maharashtra

Ans: a

- Ohmium International, a US-based renewable energy start-up, on Tuesday said it has launched India's first green hydrogen electrolyzergigafactory at Bengaluru through its India subsidiary.

117) World's largest and tallest observation wheel is set to be unveiled in

- a) Britain
- b) USA
- c) Australia
- d) UAE

Ans:d

- On Tuesday, the Government of Dubai (UAE), Media Office confirmed on Twitter that the 250-meter-high observation wheel would open later this year. The observation wheel, which will be located on Bluewaters Island, is set to be the world's largest, with each glass-enclosed capsule rising up to 820 feet in the air and offering 360-degree views of the Dubai skyline.

118) India was ranked in the 2021 Global Manufacturing Risk Index at

- a) 1st
- b) 2nd
- c) 10th
- d) 60th

Ans: b

- India has emerged as the second most sought after manufacturing destination across the world indicating the growing interest shown by manufacturers in India as a preferred manufacturing hub over other countries, including the U.S and those in the Asia-Pacific region, showed Cushman & Wakefield's 2021 Global Manufacturing Risk Index.

119) EASE Reforms Index Award 2021 (EASE 3.0 Awards) was won by

- a) State Bank of India
- b) HDFC
- c) ICICI
- d) Axis Bank

Ans: a

- State Bank of India, Bank of Baroda and Union Bank of India have won the awards for best performing banks for PSB Reforms EASE 3.0 based on the EASE index.

120) 5th edition of Indo – Kazakhstan Joint Training Exercise, “KAZIND-21” will be held from August 30 to September 11, 2021, at

- a) Aisha Bibi, Kazakhstan
- b) New Delhi, India
- c) Madhya Pradesh, India
- d) Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan

Ans: a

- As part of military diplomacy and to strengthen the growing strategic relation with Kazakhstan, the 5th edition of India-Kazakhstan Joint Training Exercise, "KAZIND-21" will be conducted at Training Node, Aisha Bibi, Kazakhstan, from August 30 to September 11 this year.

31 August

121) Animal Discoveries 2020 is a document published recently by

- a) Wildlife Institute of India
- b) Zoological Survey of India
- c) World Wide Fund for Nature
- d) International Union for Conservation of Nature

Ans: b

- It is a document published recently by the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI). It reveals that 557 new species have been added to India's fauna in 2020, which includes 407 new species and 150 new records. The number of faunal species in India has climbed to 1,02,718 species.

122) Deepar Beel Wildlife Sanctuary, recently seen in news, is located in

- a) Kerala
- b) West Bengal
- c) Assam
- d) Karnataka

Ans: c

- Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has notified the eco-sensitive zone of the Deepar Beel Wildlife Sanctuary on the south-western edge of Guwahati, Assam

123) Which among the following countries is not a part of "Quad Plus"?

- a) New Zealand
- b) Singapore
- c) South Korea
- d) Vietnam

Ans: b

- In March 2020, the Quad members held a meeting with representatives from New Zealand, South Korea and Vietnam to discuss their respective approaches to the COVID-19 pandemic. Instigated by the US, this new grouping of key Indo-Pacific states was called “Quad Plus”.

124) According to UNEP, which among the following has been eradicated from being used in petrol?

- a) Benzene
- b) Toluene
- c) Xylene
- d) Lead

Ans: d

- The use of leaded petrol has been eradicated from the globe as per the observation made by UNEP

125) Which city has topped the North Eastern Region (NER) District SDG Index 2021-22?

- a) East Sikkim
- b) Kiphire
- c) Gomati
- d) Zunheboto

Ans: a

East Sikkim [Score 75.87] ranks first in the region followed by districts Gomati and North Tripura [Score 75.73] in the second position. The score for the 103 districts ranges from 53.00 in Kiphire [NL] to 75.87 in East Sikkim [SK].