

December 1, 2021

1. Which of the following represent the GDP Growth of India as per Economic data for the second quarter of the current fiscal year released by the National Statistical Office?

- a. 7.4 %
- b. 8.4%**
- c. 8.2%
- d. 8.7%

- India's gross domestic product (GDP) grew by 8.4% in the July to September quarter, compared to a 7.4% contraction a year ago. Considering the impressive growth rate in the first quarter as well, India is likely to record double digit growth for 2021-22 as a whole. The first quarter of the current fiscal year had recorded a GDP growth of 20.1%.

Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/business/Economy/indias-gdp-growth-at-84-in-july-sept/article37769797.ece>

2. Which of the following represents India's fiscal deficit of GDP in 2020-21?

- a. 9.3 %**
- b. 6.8%
- c. 7.8%
- d. 8.3%

- According to data released by the Controller General of Accounts (CGA), the Union government's fiscal deficit stood at ₹5.47 lakh crore or 36.3% of budget estimates (BE) at end-October. India recorded a fiscal deficit of 9.3% of GDP in 2020-21. For FY22, the Centre expects the deficit at 6.8% of GDP or ₹15.06 lakh crore.

The difference between total revenue and total expenditure of the government is termed as fiscal deficit. It is an indication of the total borrowings needed by the government.

Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/business/Economy/centres-fiscal-deficit-at-547-lakh-crore-at-end-october/article37771560.ece>

3. Which of the following best defines Hecker's veto?

- a. The power to withhold the assent to the bill is termed as Heckers veto
- b. It refers to a private actor's capacity, but not right, to be loud and annoying enough to obstruct others' free speech.**

- c. It is defined as the right of a private actor, the heckler, to be loud and obnoxious enough to obscure the free speech of others
- d. None of the above
- Munawar Faruqi, a stand-up comedian, was unjustly imprisoned after a BJP functionary's son claimed that he was preparing to mock Hindu gods in a planned event. For the same reason, he was prevented from performing in a number of events. But, 'heckler's veto' seems to be winning repeatedly in the cases like these. It refers to the belief that those who disagree with a concept can prevent it from being spoken by endangering public safety. It means the ability but **not the right** of a private actor, the heckler, to be loud and obnoxious enough to obscure the free speech of others.

Link: <https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/editorial/protect-dont-pander-the-hindu-editorial-on-suppression-of-free-speech/article37778220.ece>

4. Which among the following states/UT has introduced Mukhyamantri Tirth Yatra Yojana?
- a. Goa
- b. **New Delhi**
- c. Karnataka
- d. Gujarat
- Under Mukhyamantri Tirth Yatra Yojna, senior citizens of Delhi can go on pilgrimages at the government's expense. Kartarpur Sahib and Velankanni Church in Tamil Nadu have been recently added to the Mukhyamantri Tirth Yatra Yojna'. The programme could not be held in 2020 and 2021 due to the pandemic outbreak.

Link: <https://www.timesnownews.com/delhi/article/mukhyamantri-tirth-yatra-yojana-first-train-to-leave-for-ayodhya-on-dec-3-says-delhi-cm-kejriwal/834817>

5. Which among the following is the theme of World AIDS day 2021?
- a. Know Your Status
- b. End inequalities. End AIDS. End pandemics
- c. **End Inequalities, End AIDS**
- d. Communities make the difference
- Every year, World AIDS (Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome) Day is celebrated on December 1 to educate people and honour those who have lost their lives due to this deadly disease. It is caused by HIV or the Human Immunodeficiency Virus. This year the theme of the day is "End Inequalities, End

AIDS", highlighting the fact that as much as the virus itself, the social stigma attached with it also greatly affects people.

Link:<https://www.indiatoday.in/information/story/world-aids-day-2021-history-date-theme-and-significance-everything-you-need-to-know-about-this-day-1882834-2021-12-01>

NB: In the previous days of current affairs questions, there was a question regarding Omicron virus's first recognition in South African country of Botswana. Later in news, it is on a debate that the first strain was already noted in Nigeria.

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6. Who among the following is the newly appointed CEO of twitter after Jack Dorsey?
- Santhanu Narayan
 - Parag Agarwal**
 - SundarPichai
 - Satya Nadella
- Twitter's new CEO Parag Agrawal, at 37 years of age, has become the youngest CEO leading an S&P 500 company. He has followed former CEO and co founder Jack Dorsey. (Sundarpichai- Google, Satya Nadella- Microsoft, Santhanu Narayan- Adobe, Aravind Krishna – IBM. All are Heads of Indian origin)
- Link:**<https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/twitter-ceo-parag-agrawal-jack-dorsey-7648523/>
7. Which of the following represents the species category of Southern Birdwing, Grass Jewel and Buddha peacock?
- Hornbill
 - Butterfly**
 - Insect
 - Peacock
- All of those are Butterfly species. Recently, a Butterfly survey conducted in the Peechi-Vazhany, Chimmony, and Chulannur Wildlife Sanctuaries, Kerala. The survey notes a remarkable increase in the Butterfly species' numbers. Southern Birdwing, the largest butterfly in India, and Grass Jewel, the smallest, were found during the survey. Buddha Peacock, the State butterfly of Kerala, was also recorded.

Link: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/kerala/survey-records-a-rise-in-butterfly-species/article37791200.ece>

8. Which of the following is the trend of general debit to GDP ratio of states by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in its 'State Finances: A Study of Budgets of 2021-22' report?

a. First increases, then steady for the last 5 years

b. Increases beyond target of 20%

c. Decreases to 31%

d. Increases to 23%

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in its 'State Finances: A Study of Budgets of 2021-22' report, expresses concerns over the high level of debt-to-GDP ratio of states. The combined debt-to-GDP ratio of states is expected to remain at 31% by end-March 2022, which is worryingly higher than the target of 20% to be achieved by 2022-23, as per the recommendations of the FRBM review committee.

Link: <https://www.thehindu.com/business/Economy/debt-to-gdp-ratio-of-states-worrying-rbi/article37793343.ece/amp/>

9. Who among the following has awarded the 'Woman of the Year' title by the World Athletics Awards 2021?

a. P V Sindhu

b. Yulimar Rojas

c. Anju Bobby George

d. Naomi Osaka

- At the World Athletics Awards 2021, a retired Indian sprinter Anju Bobby George was awarded 'Woman of the Year' by the World Athletics for her efforts in advancing the sport in India and for inspiring more women to follow her footsteps and achieve their dreams of being a successful athlete.

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10. Which of the following day is celebrated as National Pollution day every year?

a. December 1

b. December 3

c. November 30

d. December 2

- National Pollution Control Day is celebrated on 2 December to raise awareness about pollution and its hazardous effects. This day is observed in the memory of the people who lost their lives in the Bhopal gas calamity and is considered as one of the biggest industrial disasters.

December 2: International Day for the Abolition of Slavery -it is observed on 2 December to make people aware of the modern slavery that works against human rights.

World Computer Literacy Day - It is observed on December 2 and aims to encourage the development of technological skills, mainly among children and women in India.

Link:<https://www.indiatoday.in/information/story/national-pollution-control-day-2020-date-theme-significance-and-quotes-1745928-2020-12-02>

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11. Who among the following is the Deputy Managing Director of IMF appointed recently in December 2021 ?

- a. Kristalina Georgieva
- b. RaghuramRajan
- c. Geoffrey Okamoto
- d. **Gita Gopinath**

- Gita Gopinath, the Chief Economist of IMF, will take up a new role as the First Deputy Managing Director. She will replace Geoffrey Okamoto with the position. The role of the FDMD of IMF will take the lead on surveillance and the related policies and will oversee research and flagship publications

Link:https://www.business-standard.com/article/international/gita-gopinath-to-become-imf-s-first-deputy-managing-director-next-year-121120300085_1.html

12. Which of the following countries refers to the top grouping called Troika G20 within the G20 countries?

- a. India Japan and Italy
- b. India China and Japan
- c. **India Italy and Indonesia**
- d. India Australia and Indonesia

- India joined the G20 'Troika'. With this move, India has started the procedure for taking over the G20 presidency next year. Troika refers to the top grouping within the G20 that consists of the current, previous and the incoming presidencies — Indonesia, Italy and India

Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/india-joins-g20s-troika-with-indonesia-and-italy/article37798794.ece>

13. Which of the following is the military operation by US military and Bangladesh Navy?

- a. IN BN CORPAT
- b. **CARAT**
- c. SLINEX
- d. REDFLAG

- US military personnel and Bangladesh Navy (BN) began the 27th annual Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) maritime exercise virtually from 1 December in the Bay of Bengal.

Link:<https://www.tbsnews.net/bangladesh/us-bangladesh-begins-joint-maritime-exercise-carat-337882>

14. Which of the following states celebrate Hornbill festival in India?

- a. **Nagaland**
- b. Arunachal Pradesh
- c. Mizoram
- d. Haryana

- The biggest cultural extravaganza of Nagaland, the Hornbill Festival has kicked off with colorful renditions of traditional music, dances, and contemporary in one roof at Naga Heritage village Kisama.

Link:<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/travel/travel-news/hornbill-festival-in-nagaland-witnesses-more-than-12000-visitors-on-first-day/as88063051.cms>

15. Which of the following day is marked as International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD) ?

- a. December 1
- b. **December 3**
- c. December 4
- d. December 2

- Every year, the International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD) is marked on December 3. The day is observed to promote the rights and well-being of people with disabilities at every level of society and development. Additionally, it also aims to raise awareness of the situations of persons with disabilities in all aspects of political, social, economic and cultural life.

Theme- Leadership and participation of persons with disabilities toward an inclusive, accessible, and sustainable post-COVID-19 world

Link:<https://indianexpress.com/article/lifestyle/life-style/international-day-of-persons-with-disabilities-2021-history-theme-importance-7653794/>

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16. Name the application implemented to provide a 360-degree view of the activities of the Anganwadi Centre (AWC)?

a. **Poshan tracker**

b. Poshanabhiyan

c. WCD Anganwadi

d. App Close

- Poshan Tracker is a management tool that gives a 360-degree view of an Anganwadi Centre's (AWC) operations, service delivery by Anganwadi Workers (AWWs), and comprehensive beneficiary management for pregnant women, lactating mothers, and children.

Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/analysis-1000-crore-spent-on-poshan-tracker-but-where-is-the-data/article37822823.ece>

17. Which of the following represents the category of Endangered species, Lesser Florican?

a. **Small and thin bustard-like birds**

b. Gigantic birds found in deserts of Rajasthan

c. Water bird seen in Australia

d. Hornbill species of South India

- A Lesser Florican is a small and thin bustard-like bird that lives in tall grasses. *Sypheotides indicus* is the scientific name for Lesser Floricans. During the monsoon season, the endangered bird may be seen in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, and other areas.

Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/longest-in-country-migration-route-of-lesser-florican-from-rajasthan-tracked/article37833691.ece>

18. Name the state from which the new butterfly species called Shutterbug was identified?

a. Arunachal Pradesh

b. **Sikkim**

- c. Meghalaya
- d. Nagaland

- A new butterfly species called Chocolate-bordered Flitter was discovered in Sikkim. The physical appearance of the species differs slightly and the internal structures of the males also differ slightly.

Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/science/new-species-found-in-sikkims-dzongu-the-land-of-butterflies/article37829131.ece>

19. Who among the following has appointed as the Chairman of India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC)?

- a. Nagaland
- b. Sambitpatra**
- c. Kamala vardhana Rao
- d. SanjivPuri

- BJP spokesperson Sambit Patra has been appointed part-time Non-Executive Director and Chairman of the India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC), a listed company, after splitting the post of Chairman and Managing Director (CMD).

(ITDC) came into existence in October 1966 with the sole objective of developing and expending tourism infrastructure in the country and thereby promoting India as a tourist destination.

Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/business/Industry/sambit-patra-appointed-as-chairman-of-itdc/article37801338.ece>

20. Which of the following day is marked as Indian Navy Day?

- a. December 1
- b. December 3
- c. December 4**
- d. December 2

- Navy Day is observed on December 4 every year to commemorate the launch of Operation Trident against Pakistan during the 71' Indo-Pak War. The theme of 2021 Indian Navy Day is 'Swarnim Vijay Varsh' signifying 50 years of India's victory in the Indo-Pakistan war that took place in 1971. Last year, the theme was "Indian Navy Combat Ready, Credible & Cohesive".

Link:<https://www.indiatoday.in/information/story/indian-navy-day-2021-date-theme-history-significance-and-all-you-need-to-know-1884057-2021-12-04>

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21. Which among the following countries has associated with India in the manufacturing of AK 203 rifle deal worth 5000 crores?
- China
 - Russia**
 - Bangladesh
 - Japan
- The Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) has given its final approval for a deal with Russia to manufacture AK-203 assault rifles in India. The AK-203 rifles will replace the INSAS rifles that have been in use for almost three decades, resulting in increased efficiency.
- Link:**<https://www.livemint.com/news/world/india-russia-to-ink-deal-worth-over-rs-5-100-crore-to-produce-ak-203-assault-11638721624407.html>
22. Which of the following banks introduced MahilaMitra plus savings scheme for women?
- State Bank of India
 - Federal bank**
 - ICICI Bank
 - Union bank of India
- Private sector lender, Federal Bank has launched a feature-rich savings bank product for women. The savings scheme is called MahilaMitra Plus and provides a curated set of features, designed to make financial planning and investments easy for women.
- Link:**<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/money-and-banking/federal-bank-launches-an-exclusive-feature-rich-scheme-for-women/article37801669.ece>
23. Which of the following firms has ranked as ‘number one Cooperative’ among the top 300 cooperatives in the world as per world Cooperative monitor report 2021?
- FAO
 - IFFCO**
 - FCI
 - NABARD

- The Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited (IFFCO) has been ranked ‘number one Cooperative’ among the top 300 cooperatives in the world. The ranking is based on the ratio of turnover over the gross domestic product (GDP) per capita. It signifies that IFFCO is contributing significantly to the GDP and economic growth of the nation.

Link:https://www.business-standard.com/article/news-ani/iffco-ranks-first-among-top-300-cooperatives-globally-121120200339_1.html

24. Who among the following has got selected for Assam's highest civilian award Asom Bhaibav award 2021?

a. **Ratan Tata**

b. Sachin Tendulkar

c. Medhapatkar

d. Rahul Gandhi

- On the occasion of Assam Divas, the state government of Assam has decided to accolade renowned industrialist Ratan Tata with the ‘Asom Bhaibav’ award, the highest civilian state award for his contribution to cancer care in the state.

Link:<https://english.lokmat.com/photos/national/ratan-tata-to-be-conferred-assams-highest-civilian-award-for-contribution-towards-cancer-care/>

25. Which of the following day is marked as World soil Day?

a. December 4

b. December 3

c. **December 5**

d. December 2

- World Soil Day is observed on 5 December to raise awareness about the importance of soil, healthy ecosystems and human well-being. “Halt soil salinization, enhance soil production” is the theme for World Soil Day 2021.

Link:<https://www.indiatoday.in/information/story/world-soil-day-2021-aim-importance-history-theme-significance-quotes-and-messages-1884310-2021-12-05>

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26. Name the country where Mount Semero volcano is situated?

- a. Russia
- b. Indonesia**
- c. Spain
- d. Japan
- Eruption of Mount Semeru on the island of Java, Indonesia has resulted in loss of lives and property
Link:<https://www.news18.com/news/explainers/explained-as-mt-semeru-rains-destruction-in-indonesia-what-it-takes-to-predict-a-volcanic-eruption-4521962.html>
27. Which of the following denotes India's first privately developed, fully cryogenic rocket engine?
- a. Varun II
- b. Dhawan 1**
- c. Vikas
- d. CE 20
- In a significant development, Hyderabad-based Skyroot Aerospace has successfully test-fired Dhawan-1, India's first privately developed, fully cryogenic rocket engine. Notably, the engine was developed using 3D printing with a superalloy
Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/Hyderabad/citys-rocketmen-duo-aim-for-the-skies/article37859035.ece>
28. Which of the following states through Mithi and Dahisar rivers flowing?
- a. Madhya Pradesh
- b. Maharashtra**
- c. Arunachal Pradesh
- d. West Bengal
- Dahisar River is a river on Salsette island that runs through Dahisar, a suburb of Mumbai, India. It originates in the Tulsi Lake in Sanjay Gandhi National Park in the northern reaches of the city. The Mithi River is a river on Salsette Island, the island of the city of Mumbai, India. The Maharashtra government decided to rejuvenate these rivers as a part of CoP26 for climate action
Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/we-are-trying-to-rejuvenate-mithi-dahisar-other-rivers-in-mumbai/article37859470.ece>
29. Which among the following countries won the FIH Men's Hockey World Cup 2021?

a. **Argentina**

b. Spain

c. Germany

d. France

- Argentina defeated six-time winners Germany 4-2 in the FIH Men's junior hockey world cup 2021 final at the Kalinga Stadium in Odisha on December 5, 2021. Argentina has become the only third team after Germany (six wins) and India (2001, 2016) to win multiple Junior Hockey WC titles.

Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/sport/hockey/six-time-champions-germany-argentina-enter-junior-hockey-world-cup-semifinals/article37786914.ece>

30. Which of the following day is marked as death anniversary of Dr B R Ambedkar?

a. December 4

b. **December 6**

c. December 5

d. December 7

- On 6 December 1956, he passed away. The day is observed to commemorate his unforgettable contribution to society and his achievements.

Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/maha-governor-cm-pay-tributes-to-babasaheb-ambedkar-on-his-death-anniversary/article37862047.ece>

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31. Which of the following is the new initiative of Varanasi, Pune, Kolkata and Vijayawada airports to implement a facial recognition technology (FRT)-based boarding system ?

a. **Digi Yatra initiative**

b. Digital Rail Signalling

c. National rail plan 2024

d. Make in India

- Digi Yatra initiative aims to make air travel paperless and hassle-free in the country, and proposes to simplify passenger-related processes at various checkpoints at the airport by using FRT-based biometric scanning. Under this system, a camera scans the passenger's face, and takes measurements of their facial features to build a biometric profile of them.

Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/sci-tech/technology/the-hindu-explains-facial-recognition-tech-in-indian-airports/article37885267.ece>

32. Name the highly invasive snail species of North American native spotted for the first time in Kerala, recently in December 2021?

- a. **Physellaacuta**
- b. Achatinafulica
- c. Otalalactea
- d. Cornuaspersum

- Researchers have spotted acute bladder snail *Physellaacuta* in the Edappally canal in Kochi. It is considered native to North America but is now found in all continents except Antarctica. This snail has been globally branded as a highly invasive species. Its rapid growth rate, air-breathing capability, and tolerance to pollution makes the *Physellaacuta* a potential competitor to native fauna and hence it could play havoc with native ecosystems.

An invasive species is an organism that has been brought into a new ecosystem and has grown overpopulated, adversely altering its surroundings

Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/kerala/highly-invasive-snail-species-reported-in-kerala/article37869236.ece>

33. Which of the following countries has won the Davis cup title of 2021?

- a. France
- b. **Russia**
- c. Germany
- d. Croatia

- Russia has won the Davis cup title 2021 after 15 years. Davis cup is termed as the world cup of tennis.

Link:<https://sportstar.thehindu.com/tennis/davis-cup-2021-andrey-rublev-gives-russia-1-0-lead-dominik-koepfer-germany-semifinals-tennis-news/article37840183.ece>

34. Who among the following won the President election of Gambia this term?

- a. YahyaJamme
- b. Alieumommarnjai
- c. Pedro Castillo

d. AdamaBarrow

- Adama Barrow is the fourth president of Gambia, re-elected this term. He is a politician and a real estate developer.

Link:<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2021/12/6/the-gambias-barrow-wins-second-term-opposition-reject-results>

35. Which of the following day is marked as Armed forces flag day in India ?

- a. December 4
- b. December 6
- c. December 5

d. December 7

- The Armed Forces Flag Day or the Flag Day of India is a day dedicated to India towards collection of funds from people of India for the welfare of the Indian Armed Forces personnel. It has been observed annually in India on December 7 since 1949.

Link:<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/on-armed-forces-flag-day-pm-modi-urges-citizens-to-contribute-towards-forces-welfare/articleshow/88140202.cms>

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36. Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA) came to power in the year ;

- a. 1956
- b. 1958
- c. 1960
- d. 1962

- Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA), 1958 is an act of the Parliament of India that grants special powers to the Indian Armed Forces to maintain public order in “disturbed areas”.

Context : The Nagaland Cabinet on Monday decided to formally write to the Centre to repeal the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act of 1958, blaming it for the killing of 14 Konyak Civilians in a botched counter-insurgency operation by the Army, in December 2021

Link:<https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/nagaland-civilian-killings-indian-army-repeal-of-afspa-northeast-7661460/>

37. Which of the following is the theme of International civil aviation day, 2021?

- a. **Advancing Innovation for Global Aviation Development.**
- b. Swarnim Vijay Varsh
- c. Teamed for Defense
- d. This We'll Defend
- International Civil Aviation Day celebrated on Dec 7; theme: "Advancing Innovation for Global Aviation Development". This is theme from 2020 to 2023. The purpose of International Civil Aviation Day is to help generate and reinforce worldwide awareness of the importance of international civil aviation to the social and economic development of States, and of the unique role of ICAO in helping States to cooperate and realize a truly global rapid transit network at the service of all mankind.
Link:<https://www.firstpost.com/world/international-civil-aviation-day-2021-all-you-need-to-know-about-history-theme-and-significance-10189941.html>
38. Who among the following is India's ODI captain, appointed recently in December 2021?
- a. Viratkohli
- b. RavichandranAshwin
- c. **Rohitsharma**
- d. M S Dhoni
- Rohit Sharma has succeeded ViratKohli as India's one-day international captain and will now lead the side across all white-ball cricket.
Link:<https://www.hindustantimes.com/cricket/rohit-sharma-named-india-s-new-odi-captain-to-take-over-from-virat-kohli-starting-south-africa-series-101638971547848.html>
39. Which among the following countries becomes the first country to transition to 4-and-half day work week?
- a. Germany
- b. Austria
- c. New Zealand
- d. **UAE**
- The United Arab Emirates has announced to change its existing five-day workweek to a four-and-a-half day starting January 1, 2022. It has become the world's first country to make the employee-friendly transition as part of its efforts to improve productivity and work-life balance.

Link: https://www.business-standard.com/article/international/uae-becomes-first-country-to-transition-to-4-and-half-day-work-week-121120700986_1.html

40. Who among the following is selected as the winner of Jnanapith award 2021?

- a. **DamodarMauzo**
 - b. NilmaniPhookan Jr.
 - c. Akkitham Achuthan Namboothiri
 - d. Amitav Ghosh
- Assamese Poet Nilmani Phookan Jr. and Konkani Novelist Damodar Mauzo have emerged as the winners of 56th and 57th Award respectively for 2020 and 2021. They were selected for their contribution to Indian literature. Jnanpith Awards are India's highest literary honour, which is bestowed on the writers for their outstanding contribution in Literature.

Link:<https://indianexpress.com/article/books-and-literature/assam-poet-konkani-novelist-receive-jnanpith-award-7661414/>

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41. Which of the following Organizations publish the World Inequality Report to measure inequalities in income and wealth?

- a. London school of Economics
 - b. **Paris School of Economics**
 - c. International Monetary Fund
 - d. WWF
- It is a report released by the Paris School of Economics. The report measures income and wealth inequality in a systematic and transparent manner. The report highlights the important roles that national policies and institutions play in shaping inequality and equips various actors of society with the necessary facts to engage in informed public debates on inequality.

Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/global-and-indian-trends-in-inequality/article37910844.ece>

42. Port of Trincomalee is located at;

- a. Indonesia
- b. **Srilanka**

- c. Maldives
- d. India
- Port of Trincomalee is located at Srilanka. It is the oil tank farm that was initially built by the British during WW2. It is the second deepest natural harbour in the world. Other ports of importance in Srilanka are; Port of Galle, port of Colombo, Hambantota, oluvilharboir, Kankesanturaiharbour
Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/the-battle-for-the-trincomalee-oil-tank-farm/article37910694.ece>
43. Which among the following schemes deals with distribution of 50 million LPG connections to women of Below Poverty Line families?
- a. DeenDayalAntyodayaYojana
- b. Disha scheme
- c. Pradhan MantriUjjwalaYojana
- d. SwamitvaYojana
- Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana is a scheme of the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas for providing LPG connections to women from Below Poverty Line (BPL) households. The scheme was launched on 1st May 2016 in Ballia, Uttar Pradesh. The context is the rise in air pollution due to usage of coal and firewood because of high lpg prices
Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/high-lpg-prices-are-scorching-the-air-pollution-fight/article37904630.ece>
44. Name the helicopter crashed in December 2021, which caused the unfortunate demise of India's Chief of Defence staff, General Bipin Rawat?
- a. MI 8/17
- b. MI 17 V5
- c. Tu 124
- d. Chetak
- Chief of Defence Staff General Bipin Rawat and his wife have been killed along with 12 others when the Army chopper they were flying in crashed near Coonoor in Tamil Nadu. The exact reason for the crash is not yet known The helicopter that crashed was MI-17 V5.

It is an advanced transport helicopter which is with the Indian Air Force since 2012. It belongs to the MI-8/17 family of military helicopters. These choppers are equipped with the latest night vision. They also have weather radar.

Link: <https://theprint.in/opinion/why-aircraft-accidents-happen-coonoor-crash-inquiry-will-have-impact-on-iafs-vvip-ops/778884/>

45. Which among the following days is celebrated as International anti corruption day?

- a. December 8
 - b. December 9**
 - c. December 10
 - d. December 7
- International Anti-Corruption Day is observed on 9 December every year to highlight how corruption affects health, education, justice, democracy, prosperity, and development. International Anti-corruption day 2021's theme is "Your right, your role: say no to corruption."

Link: <https://www.news18.com/news/lifestyle/international-anti-corruption-day-2021-theme-history-and-significance-4534064.html>

December 10, 2021

46. Which of the following Ministries has implemented the Atal VayoAbhyudaya Yojana (AVYAY)?

- a. Ministry of minority affairs
 - b. Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment**
 - c. Ministry of tribal affairs
 - d. Ministry of rural development
- AVYAY) [Formerly National Action Plan for Senior Citizens (NAPSrC)] Umbrella Scheme is a centrally Sponsored Scheme by Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment for elderly citizens

Link: <https://socialjustice.nic.in/SchemeList/Send/43?mid=48565>

47. Which of the following represents the space faring human-robot developed by ISRO, by 2022?

- a. Vyommitra**
- b. Stretch Re1
- c. Gaganyanan
- d. PowereggX

- Vyommitra transl. Space friend is a female-looking space faring humanoid robot being developed by the Indian Space Research Organisation to function on-board the Gaganyaan, a crewed orbital spacecraft. Vyommitra was first unveiled on 22 January 2020 at the Human Spaceflight and Exploration symposium in Bengaluru. It is now announced to present by 2022.

Link:<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/home/science/gaganyaan-astronaut-training-has-a-three-semester-curriculum-1st-uncrewed-mission-only-in-2nd-half-of-2022-vyomitra-only-on-2nd-mission/articleshow/88213386.cms>

48. Which among the following is the 11th joint military exercise between India and Maldives held in December 2021?

- a. Ekuverin
- b. Lalquila
- c. Yudhabyas
- d. Nomadic elephant I

- Indian Army contingent participating in Exercise Ekuverin undertook joint Watermanship training with marines of Maldives National Defence Force. The exercise aims to enhance operational synergy between both Indian and Maldivian Armies. Meaning of Ekuverinis friends in dhivehi language.

Link:<https://www.aninews.in/news/world/asia/indian-army-contingent-participates-in-exercise-ekuverin-with-maldives-national-defence-force20211213192425>

49. Which among the following is the portal launched by Ministry of Civil Aviation for seamless air travel during Covid 19 in India?

- a. Air Suvidha
- b. Jagratha
- c. Covidyathra
- d. PM care 19

- Air Suvidha is a contactless solution by the Ministry of Civil Aviation and Delhi Airport for all international passengers coming to India. It is a Self Declaration Portal for International arriving passengers.

Link: https://www.business-standard.com/article/current-affairs/govt-mandates-air-suvidha-portal-for-international-passengers-convenience-121120700546_1.html

50. Which among the following days is celebrated as human rights day ?

- a. December 8
- b. December 9
- c. **December 10**
- d. December 7

- Human Rights Day is celebrated on 10 December. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights was adopted in 1948 by the United Nations General Assembly. This day is observed to protect the fundamental human rights of all people and their basic human freedom.

The United Nations has announced that the theme of Human Rights Day this year will be “equality”. It has taken the theme from Article 1 of the UDHR, which says: “All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights.”

Link:<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/dehradun/international-human-rights-day-social-organisation-act-holds-event-to-spread-awareness-on-women-rights/articleshow/88243669.cms>

December 11,2021

51. Singarenicol village is situated in the state of,

- a. Andra Pradesh
- b. Tamilnadu
- c. **Telangana**
- d. Karnataka

- Singareni is a village in the district of Khammam, Telangana, India. Singareni was the first place in Telangana where coal deposits were discovered. Recently, production at Singareni coal mines has been affected due to workers’ strikes.

Link:<https://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/telangana-mines-production-hit-as-75k-workers-go-on-strike-against-privatisation-101639077761151.html>

52. Who among the following won medal in women’s 49kg category Commonwealth Weightlifting Championships in Tashkent?

- a. Alice Annum
- b. Hazarika popy
- c. JoshnaChinappa
- d. **JhiliDalabehera**

- Commonwealth Weightlifting Championships in Tashkent: India's Jhilli Dalabehera wins gold in women's 49kg category

Link: <https://www.timesnownews.com/sports/others/article/indias-jhilli-dalabehera-claims-gold-in-commonwealth-weightlifting-championships/839043>

53. Which among the following countries decided to ban cigarette sales for future generations ?

a. Australia

b. **New Zealand**

c. Germany

d. Finland

- New Zealand plans to ban the sale of cigarettes to future generations as part of its effort to reduce smoking rates in the country. People aged 14 and under in 2027 will never be allowed to purchase cigarettes in New Zealand, part of the proposals unveiled on Thursday, 9 December, revealed

Link: <https://www.thequint.com/news/world/cigarette-to-be-banned-new-zealand-future-generations-smoking>

54. Who among the following won the gold medal in the men's 67kg category at the Commonwealth Championships, in Tashkent ?

a. L Jacoby

b. **Jeremy Lalrinnunga**

c. Ravi Kumar Dahiya

d. Redgrave

- Jeremy Lalrinnunga won the gold medal in the men's 67kg category at the Commonwealth Championships, in Tashkent on 10 Dec'21. He also created a national record in the snatch event. The Commonwealth Weightlifting Championships also serve as a qualifying event for the 2022 Commonwealth games in Birmingham.

Link: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/sports/more-sports/others/jeremy-lalrinnunga-wins-gold-at-commonwealth-championships/articleshow/88211960.cms>

55. Which among the following days is celebrated as International mountain day?

a. December 8

b. December 9

c. December 10

d. **December 11**

- International Mountain Day is celebrated on 11 December every year to educate children and people about the role that mountains play in providing fresh water, clean energy, food, and recreation. The theme of 2021 is “Sustainable mountain tourism”.

December 11 is also observed as UNICEF day by the United Nations. UNICEF stands for United Nations International Children Emergency Fund

Link:<https://www.hindustantimes.com/world-news/international-mountain-day-2021-know-its-importance-theme-quotes-101639185464911.html>

December 12, 2021

56. Which among the following countries recently decided to pass a law permitting same-sex marriage in their territory?

- a. Argentina
- b. Indonesia
- c. **Chili**
- d. Nigeria

- A law legalizing same-sex marriage signed by Chile’s center-right President Sebastian Pinera is seen at the government house, in Santiago, Chile on, December 9, 2021.

Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/chile-president-signs-law-allowing-same-sex-marriage/article37920483.ece>

57. Who among the following is the most searched person in Google in 2021?

- a. Elon Musk
- b. **Neeraj Chopra**
- c. Aryan Khan
- d. Shehnaz Gill

- Recently, Google India has curated and released the results for the most searched items on the search platform in the country in 2021. In the list of most searched celebrities, ‘Neeraj Chopra’ stands in the first place, followed by Aryan Khan and Shehnaaz Gill. Tesla founder Elon Musk ranked at the fifth position.

Link:<https://trak.in/tags/business/2021/12/11/neeraj-chopra-beats-elon-musk-becomes-most-searched-celebrity-on-google-in-2021-full-list/>

58. Which among the following countries hosted this year's Asian Youth Para Games recently?

- a. Vietnam
- b. Bahrain**
- c. Nepal
- d. India

- The fourth edition of the Asian Youth Para Games was held in Manama, Bahrain from December 2-6, 2021.

Link:<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/sports/more-sports/others/india-win-41-medals-at-asian-youth-para-games/articleshow/88170216.cms>

59. Who among the following is the author of the book named Public Service Ethics, released in December 2021 by the vice president of India?

- a. Prabhat Kumar**
- b. Smriti Irani
- c. Ajit Doval
- d. Raghuram Rajan

- Vice President Venkaiah Naidu released the book, 'Public Service Ethics' in December 2021. It has been written by Prabhat Kumar, former Governor of Jharkhand and former Cabinet Secretary to the Government of India. It has been published by IC Centre for Governance. Prabhat served as the Cabinet Secretary between 1998 and 2000.

Link:<https://www.aninews.in/news/national/general-news/vice-president-calls-for-moral-resurgence-in-civil-services-to-improve-the-delivery-of-services-to-the-common-man20211205160631>

60. Which among the following days is celebrated as Universal Health Coverage Day?

- a. December 13
- b. December 12**
- c. December 10
- d. December 11

- The United Nations proclaimed 12 December as International Health Coverage Day (UHC) by resolution 72/138 on 12 December 2017. The purpose behind celebrating the day is to spread awareness of the need for strong and resilient health systems and universal health coverage with multi-stakeholder partners.

This year theme of International Universal Health Coverage Day is ‘Health For All: PROTECT EVERYONE’. The theme reflects that to end this crisis (COVID-19) and build a safer and healthier future, we must invest in health systems that protect us all

Additional : International Day of Neutrality is a United Nations recognized day held on December 12 each year to raise public awareness of the value of neutrality in international relations.

Link:<https://www.un.org/en/observances/universal-health-coverage-day>

December 13, 2021

61. Which among the following countries recently invited 110 nations across the globe for the ‘Summit for Democracy’ to strengthen democracies around the world?

- a. Russia
- b. **USA**
- c. India
- d. China

- The new Democrat government in the United States of America invited 110 nations across the globe for the ‘Summit for Democracy.’ The exclusion of Russia, China, Bhutan and Sri Lanka among others has led to a larger friction in the geo-political spheres.

Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/editorial/freedom-and-power-on-bidens-summit-for-democracy/article37940667.ece>

62. Who among the following has won the crown of Miss Universe 2021?

- a. **Harnaaz Sandhu**
- b. Andrea Meza
- c. Nadia Ferreira
- d. LalelaMswane

- India’s Harnaaz Sandhu crowned Miss Universe 2021 at the 70th Miss Universe Pageant in Eilat, Israel. The 21-year-old has created history by bringing home the crown 21 years after Lara Dutta won

it in 2000. She was crowned Miss Universe by Mexico's Andrea Meza, the current Miss Universe. Harnaaj Kaur hails from Chandigarh, Punjab.

Link: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/entertainment/hindi/bollywood/news/indias-harnaaz-sandhu-crowned-miss-universe-2021/articleshow/88245205.cms>

63. Which among the following states constitute Samanya Varg Aayog' to address grievances of 'general category'?

a. Bihar

b. Himachal Pradesh

c. Tamilnadu

d. Arunachal Pradesh

- A massive protest outside the Himachal Pradesh Assembly complex At Tapovan in Dharamshala on Friday forced the state government to announce the formation of "Samanya Varg Ayog" in the hill state for redressal of grievances of the upper caste people.

Link: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/shimla/hp-to-be-2nd-bjp-ruled-state-to-set-up-general-category-commission/articleshow/88215281.cms>

64. Which among the following corridor connects the iconic Kashi Vishwanath temple and the ghats along the river Ganga ?

a. Kashi Ganga corridor

b. Varanasi Kashi corridor

c. Kashi-Vishwanath Corridor

d. Varanasi Ganga corridor

- The project is aimed at ensuring easy movement of pilgrims and devotees between the ghats and the temple. Earlier, they had to pass through congested streets to reach the temple. More than 40 ancient temples were rediscovered during the work on the project. They were restored while ensuring there is no change in the original structure,

Link: <https://www.ndtv.com/india-news/what-is-kashi-vishwanath-corridor-project-explained-in-5-points-2648407>

65. Which of the following country head made the historic visit to UAE for the first time recently in December 2021?

- a. Nepal
 - b. Iran
 - c. **Israel**
 - d. Bangladesh
- Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett met Abu Dhabi's crown prince on Monday during the first visit by a leader of the Jewish state to the United Arab Emirates, over a year after the two countries established ties.

Link:<https://m.economictimes.com/news/international/world-news/israeli-pm-naftali-bennett-meets-crown-prince-on-historic-uae-visit/articleshow/88258283.cms>

December 14, 2021

66. Who among the following is recently appointed as the Executive Director of UNICEF?
- a. **Catherine Russel**
 - b. Henreitta Fore
 - c. GautamRaghavan
 - d. Antonio Guterres
- UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has appointed Catherine Russell, an adviser to US President Joe Biden, as Executive Director of Unicef, replaces Henrietta Fore.

Link:https://www.business-standard.com/article/international/joe-biden-adviser-catherine-russell-appointed-executive-director-of-unicef-121121100304_1.html

67. Who among the following category has Brydes whale belong to?
- a. Extinct
 - b. **Least concern**
 - c. Critically Endangered
 - d. Endangered
- The Bryde's Whale occurs in warm temperate and tropical waters. It is mostly restricted to Indo – Pacific. They Are protected under the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972. The IUCN has listed Bryde's whale as Least Concern.

Link:<https://www.ndtv.com/india-news/carcass-of-endangered-brydes-whale-washes-ashore-odisha-coast-2645900>

68. Who among the following has won 2021 DST-ICTP-IMU Ramanujan Prize for Young Mathematicians from developing countries?

- a. Carolina Araujo
- b. Will Sawin
- c. **Neena Gupta**
- d. Raman Parivala

- Neena Gupta, a mathematician and professor at the Indian Statistical Institute in Kolkata, has been awarded the 2021 DST-ICTP-IMU Ramanujan Prize for young mathematicians from developing countries

Link:<https://indianexpress.com/article/education/ramanujan-prize-2021-winner-neena-gupta-says-work-in-mathematics-field-7673906/>

69. Who among the following has awarded Dr. Ida S. Scudder Oration award for 2021?

- a. Ratan Tata
- b. NandanNeelekani
- c. **Azim premji**
- d. UshaSubramaniam

- Azim Premji, founder chairman of Wipro Limited and founder of Azim Premji Foundation is this year's recipient of the 10th annual Dr. Ida S. Scudder Humanitarian Oration, jointly established by Christian Medical College Vellore (CMC) and the U.S.-based Vellore CMC Foundation. The award is presented to Mr. Premji in recognition of his contributions to society.

Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/tamil-nadu/azim-premji-receives-dr-ida-s-scudder-oration-award/article37928906.ece>

70. Which of the following days is celebrated as National Energy conservation day?

- a. December 12
- b. December 13
- c. **December 14**
- d. December 15

- It is observed on 14 December to raise awareness about the need for energy and its conservation in daily life. Since 1991, it is celebrated every year on 14 December by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), under the Ministry of Power.

Link:<https://www.news18.com/news/lifestyle/world-energy-conservation-day-2021-history-significance-and-theme-4550993.html>

December 15, 2021

71. Who among the following has awarded the title Time's 2021 Athlete of the Year?

- a. **Simon Biles**
- b. Aly Raisman
- c. Gabby Douglas
- d. Sunisa Lee

- Simone Biles was named Time's 2021 Athlete of the Year, the magazine announced. With a combined total of 32 Olympic and World Championship medals, Biles is tied as the most decorated gymnast of all time.

72. Which of the following is the new recognized highest Arctic temperature measured in Siberia for 2020?

- a. 37 degree Celsius
- b. **38 degree Celsius**
- c. 39 degree Celsius
- d. 38.5 degree Celsius

- The United Nations (UN) officially recognised the 38 degrees Celsius measured in Siberia last year as a new Arctic temperature record, on Tuesday.

Link:<https://news.abplive.com/news/world/38-degrees-celsius-recorded-in-siberia-last-year-is-highest-arctic-temperature-ever-un-confirms-1499710>

73. Buxa tiger reserve, recently seen in the news, is located in which state/UT?

- a. Uttarakhand
- b. **West Bengal**
- c. Uttar Pradesh
- d. Odisha

- Buxa Tiger Reserve is a tiger reserve in northern West Bengal, India, covering an area of 760 km². Recently, a royal bengal tiger has spotted here after 23 years.

Link:<https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/kolkata/west-bengal-tiger-buxa-reserve-7668240/>

74. Which among the following governments has announced to become the world's first government to turn 100% paperless?

a. Dubai

b. Srilanka

c. Indonesia

d. Abu Dhabi

- Dubai became the world's first government to turn 100% paperless, the announcement was made by the United Arab Emirate (UAE) Crown Prince, Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum. It will save around 3 billion Dirham (USD 350 million) and 14-million-man hours

Link:<https://www.indiatoday.in/world/story/dubai-worlds-first-govt-to-become-100-paperless-crown-prince-sheikh-hamdan-1887058-2021-12-13>

75. To which of the following countries the Island Territory of New Caledonia has decided to vote to stay part of ?

a. France

b. Spain

c. Finland

d. Russia

- Voters in the French island territory of New Caledonia chose to stay part of France, in a referendum, hailed by French President Emmanuel Macron. Sonia Backes, President of the Southern Province region, announced the results, which showed 96 per cent of those who took part chose to stay in France. The vote was monitored by the UN and regional powers.

Link:<https://indianexpress.com/article/world/new-caledonia-stay-france-separatists-boycott-7669424/>

December 16, 2021

76. Who among the following festivals has added recently to UNESCO's Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity?

a. Thiruvathira in Kerala

b. Dasra in UP

c. Chitrapournami

d. Durga puja in Kolkata

- Durga Puja inscribed on UNESCO's 'Intangible Cultural Heritage' list The Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity includes "forms of expression that testify to the diversity of intangible heritage and raises awareness of its importance".

Link:<https://indianexpress.com/article/lifestyle/art-and-culture/durga-puja-unesco-representative-list-of-the-intangible-cultural-heritage-of-humanity-7674497/>

77. Which of the following represents the increased legal marriage age of women in India by union cabinet recently?

- a. 18 years
- b. 19 years
- c. 20 years
- d. **21 years**

- Union Cabinet on December 15, 2021 cleared a bill to raise women's legal marriage age from 18 to 21 years after reviewing a proposal from a specially constituted task force. The task force had made its recommendations after holding extensive consultations with experts and young adults, especially young women.

Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/union-cabinet-gives-nod-to-raise-womens-marriage-age-to-21/article37968276.ece>

78. Which of the following states has signed an agreement with UN FAO and ICAR to promote sustainable agriculture through training farmers?

- a. Uttarakhand
- b. West Bengal
- c. **Andra Pradesh**
- d. Odisha

- The Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of the United Nations has signed an agreement with the Andhra Pradesh Government to train the farmers in good farm management practices and sustainable agricultural methods. The FAO apart, the Indian Council of Agricultural Research is collaborating on the project.

Link:<https://www.devdiscourse.com/article/headlines/1847193-un-fao-and-icar-collaborate-with-ap-to-make-agri-sustainable>

79. Who among the following write the book titled Gandhitopi Governor, released recently?
- Yarlagadda Lakshmi Prasad**
 - PundalikNaik
 - DamodarMauzo
 - Ravindra Kelekar
- Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu released the book ‘Gandhitopi Governor’ on 15 December 2021.It has been authored by the Chairman, Official Language Commission, Andhra Pradesh, Yarlagadda Lakshmi Prasad.
Link:<https://www.devdiscourse.com/article/headlines/1848873-vp-releases-book-gandhitopi-governor-by-shri-yarlagadda-lakshmi-prasad>

80. Which of the following days is observed as Kargil Vijay Diwas?
- December 14
 - December 15
 - December 16**
 - December 17
- Vijay Diwas in India is observed annually in India on December 16 to commemorate the country’s victory over Pakistan in the 1971 war that led to the formation of Bangladesh. The day pays homage to the soldiers who fought bravely during the war which ultimately helped the Indian Armed Forces in establishing their prowess.
Link:<https://www.business-standard.com/about/when-is-vijay-diwas>

December 17, 2021

81. Which of the following is the typhoon hit in Philippines recently in 2021?
- Rai**
 - Vickey
 - Pepito
 - Ofei
- Super Typhoon Rai charged across the Pacific Ocean and slammed along the coasts . Rai is the strongest storm to hit the disaster-prone archipelago of Philippines this year. Experts have warned that this is indicative of the fact that climate change is making typhoons more ferocious and unpredictable.

Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/super-typhoon-rai-hammers-philippines/article37972755.ece>

82. Which of the following countries has hosted the eighth Indian Ocean Dialogue recently in December 2021?

- a. China
 - b. **India**
 - c. Myanmar
 - d. Srilanka
- The dialogue was jointly hosted by External Affairs Ministry and Indian Council of World Affairs. Dialogue was hosted under the theme- “Leveraging Digital Technologies for Health, Education, Development, and Trade in Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) Member States”.

Link:https://m.timesofindia.com/india/indian-ocean-region-most-vital-for-global-commerce-geopolitical-stability-mea/amp_articleshow/88296015.cms

83. Which of the following states hold the origin of Manohari gold tea, one of the expensive tea varieties, recently seen in news?

- a. Uttarakhand
- b. West Bengal
- c. **Assam**
- d. Odisha

Link:<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/life-style/food-news/lesser-known-assam-tea-sold-for-rs-1-lakh-per-kg-twitter-reacts/articleshow/88370509.cms>

84. Who among the following has appointed as the Director General of Software Technology Parks of India, recently?

- a. Sanjay Tyagi
- b. Subodh Sachan
- c. N V Ramana
- d. **Aravind Kumar**

- Arvind Kumar has joined as Director General of Software Technology Parks of India. Software Technology Parks of India is an autonomous body under the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology Government of India.

Link: <https://theprint.in/ani-press-releases/arvind-kumar-joins-software-technology-parks-of-india-stpi-as-director-general/781600/>

85. Which of the following days is observed as Minorities Rights Day in India ?

- a. December 18
- b. December 15
- c. December 16
- d. December 17

- Minorities Rights Day in India is observed on 18 December to preserve and promote the rights of minority communities in India. This day focuses on issues like the safety of minorities in the state. On this day several campaigns, seminars, and events are conducted to inform and educate people about them.

Link: <https://www.news18.com/news/lifestyle/minorities-rights-day-2021-history-significance-and-theme-4566623.html>

December 18, 2021

86. Where does the recently inaugurated famous Kalibari Ramnatemple located?

- a. India
- b. Bangladesh
- c. Srilanka
- d. China

- President Ram NathKovind inaugurated a famous Hindu temple, namely, the RamnaKalibari in Dhaka that had been destroyed by Pakistani forces in 1971.

Link: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/president-kovind-inaugurates-dhakas-historic-kali-mandir-destroyed-by-pak-army-in-1971/article37975699.ece>

87. Which of the following countries has recently honored The Prime Minister of India its highest civilian award of Order of the DrukGyalpo?

- a. China

- b. **Bhutan**
- c. Myanmar
- d. Srilanka
- Bhutan has conferred its highest civilian award the “Order of the DrukGyalpo”, also known as “NgadagPelgiKhorlo”, on Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Link:<https://www.livemint.com/news/world/pm-modi-honoured-with-order-of-the-druk-gyalpo-bhutan-s-highest-civilian-award-11639741979796.html>

88. Which of the following states has launched started the khel nursery program to promote sports in the state
- a. Uttarakhand
- b. West Bengal
- c. **Haryana**
- d. Odisha

- Haryana government has launched the ‘Khel Nursery Scheme 2022-23’ to promote sports in the state. Under the scheme, sports nurseries will be established in government, private educational institutions, and private sports institutions, and applications are being accepted until January 20, 2022.

Link:<https://krishijagran.com/others/haryana-introduces-khel-nursery-scheme/>

89. Who among the following has awarded the global entrepreneur of the year award from TiE recently?
- a. **K M Birla**
- b. Ratan Tata
- c. SundarPichau
- d. V S Ramamoorthi

- Silicon Valley-based The Indus Entrepreneurs (TiE) conferred the Global Entrepreneur of the Year Award- Business Transformation on Kumar Mangalam Birla, chairman Aditya Birla Group. Birla is the first Indian industrialist to receive this prestigious award. He was conferred with the award for his extraordinary leadership of a globally diversified conglomerate during the unprecedented period of global turmoil induced by the pandemic at a ceremony in Dubai.

Link:<https://www.livemint.com/companies/people/tie-award-conferred-on-km-birla-11639678379137.html>

90. Which of the following days is observed as International Migrants Day?

- a. **December 18**
 - b. December 15
 - c. December 16
 - d. December 17
- International Migrants Day is observed on 18 December every year to tackle the problem and challenges of global migration. The theme for the year 2021 is 'Harnessing the potential of human mobility. The United Nations General Assembly in the year 1999 created the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families.

Link:<https://www.un.org/en/observances/migrants-day>

December 19, 2021

91. Name the second indigenous stealth destroyer of the P15B class of Indian Navy?
- a. INS vishakhapattanam
 - b. **Mormugao**
 - c. Shivalik class frigates
 - d. Nilgiri class frigates
- Mormugao, the Indian Navy's second indigenous stealth destroyer of the P15B class is set to be commissioned in mid-2022. INS Visakhapatnam is the first indigenous stealth destroyer of the P15B class.

Link:<https://www.navalnews.com/naval-news/2021/12/indian-navys-second-p15b-destroyer-starts-sea-trials/>

92. Which of the following states do aerial bridges named Jing KiengJri belongs to?
- a. **Meghalaya**
 - b. Bihar
 - c. Chandigarh
 - d. Punjab
- The jingkiengjri or living root bridges are bridges built by weaving and manipulating the roots of the Indian rubber tree (ficus trees).

They have been serving as connectors for generations in Meghalaya. These living roots bridges are primarily a means to cross streams and rivers. They are made by the Khasi and Jaintia peoples of the mountainous terrain along the southern part of the Shillong Plateau,

Link:<https://m.economictimes.com/news/india/meghalayas-living-root-bridges-vying-for-tag-of-unesco-world-heritage-site/articleshow/88419666.cms>

93. Which of the following states has owned the Mithila Makhana, which got GI tag recently in December 2021?

- a. Uttarakhand
- b. West Bengal
- c. Bihar
- d. Odisha

- The Geographical Indications Registry (GIR) under the Central Ministry of Commerce has accepted the plea to rename GI-tagged Bihar Makhana as Mithila Makhana. It has also suggested amendments in the brand logo to better reflect its origins apart from protecting the product's GI rights.

Link:<https://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/centre-accepts-mithila-makhana-gi-tag-101639369086308.html>

94. Which among the following states has launched SAHAY scheme for Maoist-hit areas, recently?

- a. Arunachal Pradesh
- b. Mizoram
- c. Nagaland
- d. Jharkhand

- Jharkhand CM Hemant Soren launched a scheme aimed at nurturing young sporting talents in Maoist-hit districts, in December 2021. The scheme is called Sports Action toward Harnessing Aspiration of Youth (SAHAY).

Link: <https://avenueemail.in/jharkhand-cm-launches-sahay-scheme-to-promote-sports-in-rebel-hit-areas/>

95. Which of the following days is observed as Goa's Liberation day ?

- a. December 18
- b. December 19
- c. December 16
- d. December 17

- The Liberation Day of Goa is celebrated on 19 December annually. On this date in 1961, Goa was released from the Portuguese dominion after army operation and extended freedom movement. This day is celebrated in commemoration of the Indian armed forces that helped Goa to receive freedom from Portuguese rule.

Link:<https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/explained-go-a-liberation-day-pm-modi-7679860/>

December 20,2021

96. Name the project dealing with widening of three Himalayan highways namely Rishikesh to Mana, Rishikesh to Gangotri and Tanakpur to Pithorgarh ?

a. **Char dham project**

b. BRI

c. Golden quadrilateral project

d. SethuBharatam

- The char dham project, which costs around Rs 12,000 crore, seeks to develop approximately 889 km of road in the Himalayan region. The Char Dham project will focus on the widening of the existing roads in the region, along with ensuring adequate and sufficient slope protection

Link:<https://thewire.in/government/supreme-court-char-dham-highway-national-security-wider-landslide-prone-roads-uttarakhand>

97. Which of the following countries is not included in the Central Asian dialogue hosted by India this year?

a. **Pakistan**

b. Kazakhstan

c. Tajikistan

d. Uzbekistan

- It is a ministerial-level discussion between India and Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan in Central Asia. Except for Turkmenistan, all of the nations taking part in the debate are also members of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization.

Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/editorial/a-strategic-bulwark-on-third-india-central-asia-dialogue/article38000172.ece>

98. Who among the following become the first Indian male shuttler to win silver at BWF World Championships?

- a. H S Pranoy
 - b. Kidambisreekanth**
 - c. B S Praneeth
 - d. PV Sindhu
- Kidambi Srikanth became the first Indian male shuttler to claim a silver medal at the prestigious tournament. He settled for the silver after losing to Singapore's Loh Kean Yew in straight sets of 21-15, 22-20.

Link: <https://sports.ndtv.com/badminton/bwf-rankings-kidambi-srikanth-returns-to-top-10-2664612>

99. Which among the following states has introduced a 25-years action plan and set the goal of zero dropouts?

- a. Arunachal Pradesh
 - b. Mizoram
 - c. Tripura**
 - d. Jharkhand
- Tripura government has devised an action plan for the next 25 years that focuses on infrastructure development, better employment and education opportunities. The Tripura Chief Secretary Kumar Alok said that the path of Tripura's development for the next 25 years has been defined through the two-day Vision 2047 workshop that culminated on December 18.

Link: <https://news.webindia123.com/news/articles/India/20211219/3876467.html>

100. Which of the following days is observed as International Human Solidarity day?

- a. December 18
 - b. December 19
 - c. December 20**
 - d. December 17
- The International Human Solidarity Day was observed globally on December 20, to honour the "Unity in Diversity". It acts as a reminder for governments across the world to respect their commitments towards international agreements

Link: <https://www.indiatoday.in/information/story/international-human-solidarity-day-2021-date-history-and-significance-1889728-2021-12-20>

December 21, 2021

101. Which of the following countries has signed Uthuru Thila Falhu (UTF) harbour development defence deal with India in 2021?

- a. Myanmar
- b. **Maldives**
- c. Srilanka
- d. Nepal

- The new government has signed the Uthuru Thila Falhu (UTF) harbour development defence deal with India, in February 2021. This project has been termed vital for the “effective functioning” of the Maldivian Coast Guard.

Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/india-out-campaign-in-maldives-intensifies-with-yameens-backing/article37996175.ece>

102. Which of the following states decided to launch ‘happiness curriculum’ in 150 primary schools;in December 2021?

- a. Meghalaya
- b. **Uttar Pradesh**
- c. Chandigarh
- d. Punjab

- UP Govt. to launch ‘happiness curriculum’ in 150 primary schools; 3rd after Chhattisgarh and Delhi. Project aims to make the students more sensitive towards nature, society, and the country.

Link:<https://www.indiatvnews.com/news/india/after-delhi-and-chhattisgarh-uttar-pradesh-government-to-introduce-happiness-curriculum-in-150-schools-750413>

103. Who among the following wins the BBC Sports Personality of the Year 2021?

- a. **Emma Raducanu**
- b. Tom Daley
- c. Adam peaty
- d. Jen beattie

- Tennis star Emma Raducanu is the BBC’s Sports Personality of the Year for 2021. She beat Tom Daley(diver) and Adam Peaty (swimmer) into second and third place.

Link:<https://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/centre-accepts-mithila-makhana-gi-tag-101639369086308.html>

104. Who among the following is appointed as the brand ambassador of the state Uttarakhand recently?

a. Sachin Tendulkar

b. RishabhPanth

c. ViratKohli

d. Souravganguly

- Swashbuckling India wicketkeeper-batter Rishabh Pant has been appointed the brand ambassador of Uttarakhand with an aim to promote sports and create mental health awareness among the state's youth.

Link:<https://indianexpress.com/article/sports/cricket/pant-appointed-as-uttarakhands-brand-ambassador-7681843/>

105. Which of the following days is observed as National Mathematics day in India?

a. December 22

b. December 19

c. December 20

d. December 21

- Every year, the country celebrates National Mathematics Day on December 22 to commemorate the birth anniversary of Mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan.

Link:<https://indianexpress.com/article/education/why-do-we-celebrate-national-mathematics-day-on-december-22-5504394/>

December 22, 2021

106. Which of the following places have chillaikalan, as their local winter during December?

a. Himachal Pradesh

b. Kashmir

c. KuluManali valley

d. New Delhi

- The 40-day harsh spell of winter, locally called 'chillaikalan', has started in the Kashmir valley pushing the minimum temperature to sub-zero levels.

Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/chillai-kalan-begins-in-kashmir/article38005793.ece>

107. Which of the following category in IUCN list, the Albino Indian Flapshell turtle belongs to ?

- a. Endangered
- b. **Vulnerable**
- c. Extinct
- d. Least concern

- The rarely found species of Albino Indian Flapshell turtle has been spotted in Sirnapalli forest in Telangana's Nizamabad. It is seen in Pakistan India Srilanka and Bangladesh. IUCN status is vulnerable.

Link:https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indian_flapshell_turtle

108. Which of the following space agencies had launched Yusaku Maezawa, the first private passenger to the international space station, recently in December 2021?

- a. NASA
- b. **ROSCOSMOS**
- c. European space agency
- d. VSSC

- Yusaku Maezawa, a Japanese billionaire was launched to the international space station by Russian space agency, ROSCOSMOS on December 8 in a Soyuz Spacecraft. He has returned to earth after spending 12 days on the International Space Station The landing completed a successful test run for his 2023 flight to the Moon with Elon Musk's SpaceX.

Link:<https://www.indiatoday.in/science/story/japanese-billionaire-yusaku-maezawa-space-station-trip-roscosmos-spacex-moon-mission-1889784-2021-12-20>

109. Who among the following is appointed as the new CEO of BrahMos Aerospace Limited ?

- a. **Atul Dinkar Rane**
- b. Dr. A. Sivathanu Pilla
- c. Dr. Sudhir Kumar Mishra
- d. Kailasavadivoo Sivan

- DRDO scientist Atul Dinkar Rane has been appointed as the new chief executive officer (CEO) and chief managing director (CMD) of the Indo-Russian multinational aerospace and defence corporation, BrahMos Aerospace Limited on Friday, December 24..

Link:<https://www.indiatoday.in/india/story/atul-dinkar-rane-appointed-as-brahmos-aerospace-chief-1890136-2021-12-21>

110. Which of the following states has inaugurated India's First International Arbitration and Mediation Centre (IAMC) ??

- a. Kerala
- b. Tamilnadu
- c. Karnataka
- d. **Telangana**

- India's 1st International Arbitration and Mediation Centre (IAMC) inaugurated in Hyderabad, Telangana. IAMC has come up with 25,000 sqft temporary accommodation at VK Towers in Gachibowli, an information technology hub

Link:https://www.business-standard.com/article/current-affairs/india-s-first-international-arbitration-and-mediation-centre-opens-in-hyd-121121800768_1.html

December 23, 2021

111. Who among the following designed and developed Indian Army's Next-generation Armoured Engineer Reconnaissance Vehicles (AERV) recently?

- a. BHEL
- b. **DRDO**
- c. BARC
- d. IGMDP

- Next-generation Armoured Engineer Reconnaissance Vehicles (AERV) were formally inducted into the Indian Army recently. The AERVs are indigenously designed and developed by DRDO, and manufactured by Bharat Electronics Limited, It is fitted with instruments for water reconnaissance, land reconnaissance and navigation. AERVs navigate terrain using Military Grid Coordinate System

Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/news/cities/bangalore/indian-army-inducts-armoured-engineer-reconnaissance-vehicle/article38012445.ece>

112. Which of the following is India's indigenously developed quasi ballistic surface-to-surface missile test fired recently?

- a. Pralay
- b. Prithvi II
- c. Dhanush
- d. Prithvi III

- Recently, the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has successfully conducted maiden flight test of a new indigenously developed surface-to-surface missile 'Pralay'. The missile was tested from the Dr A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Island off the coast of Odisha. Pralay' is India's first conventional quasi-ballistic missile and is an answer to any conventional missile attack from northern or western borders.

Link: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/india-successfully-tests-pralay-missile-off-odisha-coast/article38011495.ece>

113. Which of the following countries have its newly elected youngest President, Gabriel Boric ?

- a. Argentina
- b. Chile
- c. France
- d. Egypt

- 35-year-old leftist millennial Gabriel Boric became the youngest President of Chile. He is also the second millennial to lead in Latin America, after El Salvador's Nayib Bukele. With 56 per cent of the votes, Gabriel Boric defeated by more than 10 points lawmaker José Antonio Kast. The outgoing conservative President Sebastian Pinera is set to guide the new Government during transition. Boric gave the victory speech in the indigenous Mapuche language.

Link: <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-latin-america-59715941>

114. Which among the following states created new three districts recently in December 2021?

- a. Sikkim
- b. Uttar Pradesh
- c. Nagaland
- d. Manipur

- Nagaland government has created three new districts in the state- Tseminyu, Niuland and Chumukedima, taking the total number of districts to 15. The Governor of Nagaland Jagdish Mukhi announced the Tseminyu subdivision under Kohima district, Niuland subdivision under Dimapur district, and Chumukedima sub-division into three new districts.

Link: <https://www.ndtv.com/india-news/nagaland-creates-three-new-districts-tseminyu-niuland-and-chumukedima-2662343>

115. Which of the following days is celebrated as Kisan diwas or Farmers day in India?

- December 21
- December 22
- December 23**
- December 24

- Kisan Divas or Farmer’s Day in India or National Farmer’s Day is celebrated on 23 December across the country to commemorate the birth anniversary of the former Prime Minister Chaudhary Charan Singh.

Link:<https://www.ndtv.com/india-news/kisan-diwas-2021-date-history-and-significance-of-national-farmers-day-2666877>

December 24, 2021

116. Which of the following states launched the ‘Meendum Manjappai’ scheme to promote the usage of cloth bags by the general public and discourage plastic bags?

- Karnataka
- Goa
- Tamilnadu**
- Telangana

- Tamil Nadu government has launched the ‘Meendum Manjappai’ scheme to promote the usage of cloth bags by the general public and discourage plastic bags. Indiscriminate usage of single use plastic bags is contributing to plastic pollution. Plastic pollution has harmful effects on not only the flora and fauna of the world but is also found to adversely impact human health

Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/tamil-nadu/stalin-goes-green-by-launching-meendum-manjappai-scheme/article38024068.ece>

117. Which of the following countries launched 'National Oxygen Stewardship Programme' to prevent wastage of Medical Oxygen?

- a. China
- b. Australia
- c. UK

d. India

- The Indian government launched "National Oxygen Stewardship Programme" to train health care workers in rational utilisation of medical oxygen to prevent wastage. Under the Programme, at least one oxygen steward will be identified and trained in each district across the country, as per the Union health ministry. Oxy Care, a dashboard to publish information on the oxygen stock, was also set up.

Link: <https://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/national-oxygen-stewardship-programme-centre-to-train-health-care-workers-to-rationally-utilise-medical-oxygen-101640200028161.html>

118. Which of the following is the rank of India in Global unicorn index 2021?

- a. 1st
- b. 2nd
- c. 3rd**
- d. 4th

- As per the Global unicorn index report 2021, India ranked 3rd in position, replaced UK where USA and China are in first and second positions India proudly stands at third rank this year, with Bengaluru as the seventh biggest unicorn hub in the world. Unicorn is the term used in the venture capital industry to describe a startup company with a value of over \$1 billion.

Link:<https://www.businessinsider.in/business/startups/news/2021-indias-year-of-the-unicorn-and-its-many-high-points/slidelist/88528773.cms>

119. Which of the following has launched the 'Vernacular Innovation Program' in India?

- a. Ministry of Finance
- b. NITI Ayog**
- c. Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
- d. NYKS

- Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog launched the Vernacular Innovation Program which enables entrepreneurs to have access to innovative ecosystem in 22 mother tongue languages. Atal Innovation

Mission will train a Vernacular Task Force in each of the 22 scheduled languages. Each task force includes vernacular language teachers, subject experts, technical writers, and the leadership of regional Atal Incubation Centres.

Link:<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/policy/aim-niti-aayog-launches-vernacular-innovation-program-in-22-languages-for-entrepreneurs/articleshow/88431556.cms>

120. Which of the following days is celebrated as National Consumer Rights Day?

- a. December 21
- b. December 22
- c. December 23

d. **December 24**

- December 24 is celebrated annually in India as National Consumer Rights Day, also called National Consumer Day, to commemorate December 24, 1986, when the Consumer Protection Act received assent of the President of India. The purpose of the day is to make consumers aware of their rights and responsibilities. This year's theme of National Consumer Day is "Tackling Plastic Pollution".

Link:<https://www.news18.com/news/lifestyle/bharatiya-grahak-divas-2021-history-significance-and-all-you-need-to-know-about-national-consumer-day-4578761.html>

December 25, 2021

121. Which of the following states introduced the shakti criminal laws to recommend capital punishment in rape cases?

a. Karnataka

b. **Maharashtra**

c. Tamilnadu

d. Uttar Pradesh

- The Maharashtra Assembly on Thursday (December 2) passed the Shakti Criminal Laws (Maharashtra Amendment) Act unanimously. With the passage of the Bill, it became the second state in India after Andhra Pradesh to approve death penalty for heinous offences of rape and gangrape.

Link:<https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/explained-maharashtras-shakti-act-that-approved-death-penalty-for-rape-7694231/>

122. Which of the following states topped in the implementation of the Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission (SPMRM) ?

a. Arunachal Pradesh

b. Telangana

c. Kerala

d. Rajasthan

- Telangana stood first in the implementation of the Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission (SPMRM). SPMRM is a scheme launched by the Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) in 2016 to deliver integrated project based infrastructure in the rural areas, which will also include development of economic activities and skill development.

Link: <https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/telangana/telangana-tops-in-implementation-of-rurban-mission/article38037517.ece>

123. Which of the following state has topped in the Good Governance index 2021?

a. Kerala

b. Maharashtra

c. Arunachal Pradesh

d. Gujarat

- Gujarat has topped the composite ranking in the Good Governance Index (GGI), followed by Maharashtra and Goa while Uttar Pradesh showed an incremental growth of 8.9 per cent in the indicators launched by Union Home Minister Amit Shah on the occasion of the Good Governance Day

Link: <https://www.livemint.com/news/india/gujarat-maharashtra-top-centre-s-good-governance-index-2021-check-how-others-fared-11640448207780.html>

124. Who won the Asian Champions Trophy men's hockey tournament 2021?

a. South Africa

b. South Korea

c. Japan

d. India

- South Korea defeats Japan in final at Dhaka to win Asian Champions Trophy men's hockey tournament. India defeated Pakistan 4-3 to secure the bronze medal, while Korea defeated Japan 4-2 to emerge Asian Champions Trophy men's hockey tournament held in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Link:<https://indianexpress.com/article/sports/hockey/india-beat-pakistan-4-3-to-win-asian-champions-trophy-hockey-bronze-7685434/>

125. Which of the following days is celebrated as Good Governance Day in India?

- a. December 22
- b. December 24
- c. **December 25**
- d. December 26

- In India, Good Governance Day (Sushasan Divas) is observed annually on 25th December. On this day nation celebrates the birth anniversary of former-Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee. The aim to observe this day is to let the students and citizens of the country know about the duties and responsibilities of the government they need to fulfil.

Link:<https://www.indiatoday.in/information/story/good-governance-day-2021-date-significance-quotes-and-all-you-need-to-know-1892054-2021-12-25>

December 27, 2021

126. Archbishop Desmond Tutu, who passed away recently was a native of

- a. Nepal
- b. South America
- c. **South Africa**
- d. India

- Archbishop Desmond Tutu was a South African anti-apartheid icon and Nobel Peace Prize laureate. He was a global human rights activist who worked tirelessly to uphold human dignity and equality.

Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/south-africa-to-accord-special-official-state-funeral-to-archbishop-desmond-tutu-on-new-years-day/article38060326.ece>

127. Which of the following projects comes under the Trincomalee deal between India and Srilanka?

- a. **Oil tank farms**
- b. Solar plants
- c. Hydroelectric project
- d. Ocean currents and power generation

- Sri Lanka will soon sign the long-dragging deal with India to jointly develop the Trincomalee oil tank farms.

Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/sri-lanka-to-sign-trincomalee-oil-tank-farm-deal-with-india-in-a-month-says-minister/article38044183.ece>

128. Which of the following states in which the foundation stone of Defence Technology & Test Centre and BRAHMOS Manufacturing Centre of DRDO is laid recently?

- a. Lucknow
- b. Maharashtra
- c. Arunachal Pradesh
- d. Gujarat

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh lays foundation stone for Defence Technology & Test Centre and BRAHMOS Manufacturing Centre of DRDO in Lucknow

Link:<https://frontline.thehindu.com/dispatches/manufacturing-centre-for-the-brahmos-ng-supersonic-cruise-missile-to-come-up-in-lucknow-as-part-of-uttar-pradesh-defence-industrial-corridor/article38049740.ece>

129. Who won the Vijay Hazare Trophy in Cricket tournament held at Jaipur recently?

- a. Tamilnadu
- b. Himachal Pradesh
- c. Karnataka
- d. Goa

- Himachal Pradesh beat Tamil Nadu by 11 runs (VJD Method) in the final to win their maiden Vijay Hazare Trophy title, at the Sawai Mansingh Stadium, Jaipur.

Link:<https://indianexpress.com/article/sports/cricket/himachal-pradesh-create-history-win-vijay-hazare-trophy-7691442/>

130. Which of the following days is marked as International day of epidemic preparedness?

- a. December 25
- b. December 26
- c. December 27
- d. December 28

- The United Nations and World Health Organization marked December 27 as the International day for Epidemic Preparedness. The day was observed since last year of pandemic

Link: <https://www.un.org/en/observances/epidemic-preparedness-day>

December 28, 2021

131. Which of the following states topped in the fourth edition of NitiAyogs state health index published recently?

- a. Kerala
- b. Uttar Pradesh
- c. Tamilnadu
- d. Telangana

- Kerala was ranked as the best performer, while Uttar Pradesh was the worst. Kerala, Tamil Nadu, and Telangana are the top three, which means for four times in a row Kerala has emerged the best in overall health performance. Bihar and Madhya Pradesh were the second-and third-worst performers, respectively.

Link: https://www.business-standard.com/article/economy-policy/up-last-again-in-niti-aayog-health-index-2019-20-kerala-tops-ranking-121122700547_1.html

132. Who among the following is appointed as the new deputy National security advisor of India?

- a. Pradeep Kumar Rawat
- b. AjitDowal
- c. VikramMisri
- d. Brajesh Mishra

- VikramMisri has been appointed as the new Deputy National Security Adviser of India in the National Security Council Secretariat. He is a 1989 batch Indian Foreign Service officer. Misri currently serves as India's Ambassador to China.

Link: <https://www.deccanherald.com/national/who-is-vikram-misri-the-new-deputy-nsa-1065481.html>

133. Which of the following vaccines got authorization against covid 19 in India recently?

- a. Covovax
- b. Corbevax
- c. a and b

d. None of the above

- India has got two new COVID-19 vaccines-Covovax & Corbevax. Both the vaccines have received emergency use authorization from Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation. CDSCO has also given approval to the anti-viral drug Molnupiravir. CORBEVAX is the country's first indigenously developed RBD protein sub-unit vaccine against COVID-19.

Link:<https://www.outlookindia.com/website/story/india-news-covovax-corbevax-and-molnupiravir-what-are-indias-new-covid-19-vaccines/407279>

134. Name the state/UT in which nodal agency for Kanpur metro rail project in news is situated?

- a. Uttarakhand
- b. New Delhi
- c. **Uttar pradesh**
- d. Bihar

- The Uttar Pradesh Metro Rail Corporation (UPMRC) is the nodal agency for the project. Operations on the Kanpur Metro rail started in December 2021. PM Narendra Modi inaugurated phase 1 of the Kanpur Metro Project in December 2021. The completed 9 kilometres long stretch of the Kanpur Metro rail will run between IIT and MotiJheel.

Link:<https://www.hindustantimes.com/cities/lucknow-news/pm-inaugurates-kanpur-metro-becomes-its-first-passenger-101640716503655.html>

135. Who among the following is named as PETA India's 2021 Person of the Year?

- a. Sachin Tendulkar
- b. Aiswarya Rai Bachan
- c. **Aliya Bhatt**
- d. Greta Thunberg

- People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) has named Alia Bhatt as its Person of the Year 2021. Alia had also set up a program titled Coexist which is a platform that highlights and works towards the issues of animal and ecological welfare. Alia's vegan-friendly kidswear line, Ed-a-Mamma, also won a 2021 PETA India fashion award for helping nurture kids' love for animals and nature.

Link:<https://indianexpress.com/article/lifestyle/life-style/alia-bhatt-peta-india-2021-person-of-the-year-akshay-kumar-bhumi-pednekar-7694234/>

December 29, 2021

136. Which of the following Union Ministries has launched the “Star Rating Protocol of Garbage Free Cities-Toolkit 2022”?

- a. **Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs**
 - b. Ministry of Rural Development
 - c. Ministry of Forest, Environment and Climate Change
 - d. Ministry of Agriculture
- Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs launched the “Star Rating Protocol of Garbage Free Cities-Toolkit 2022”. On 1st October 2021, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0, to create “Garbage Free Cities” (GFC). The aim of the programme is to make every urban local body at least 3-star Garbage Free as per the Star Rating protocol

Link:<https://www.livemint.com/news/india/mohua-launches-star-rating-protocol-of-garbage-free-cities-11640350485851.html>

137. The James Webb Space Telescope (JWST), launched into space by the Ariane 5 rocket from French Guiana, South America is an initiative of ;

- a. National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
 - b. ESA (European Space Agency)
 - c. Canadian Space Agency.
 - d. **All of the above**
- Billed as the next-generation telescope, the James Webb Telescope is a joint project of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), ESA (European Space Agency) and the Canadian Space Agency. Telescopes in space help avoid atmospheric disturbance and thermal turbulence and thus provide clear and sharp images of objects in space. They can also detect objects further away than ground-based telescopes.

Link:<https://www.cnet.com/news/nasas-most-powerful-telescope-ever-launches-to-reveal-unseen-corners-of-the-universe/>

138. Which of the following states own the Apatani textile product in news regarding GI Tag recently?

- a. Sikkim
- b. **Arunachal Pradesh**
- c. Assam

d. Nagaland

- An application seeking a Geographical Indication (GI) tag for the Arunachal Pradesh Apatani textile product has been filed. The Apatani weave comes from the Apatani tribe living in Arunachal Pradesh. The woven fabric is known for its geometric and zigzag patterns and for its angular designs. Leaves and plant resources are used for organic dyeing.

Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/other-states/plea-seeks-gi-tag-for-arunachal-apatani-textile-product/article38059215.ece>

139. Which of the following countries has recently launched the ‘Tsirkon hypersonic missile system’?

a. **Russia**

b. Japan

c. China

d. UK

- Russia’s Defence forces have successfully test-launched the Tsirkon hypersonic missile system that can strike both naval and ground targets. The launch was undertaken amidst the continuing tensions on the Ukraine border. Repeated warning from the US is being given that Russia has placed over 100,000 troops on the Ukrainian border.

Link:<https://www.wionews.com/world/amid-row-with-ukraine-russia-tests-tsirkon-hypersonic-missile-system-439712>

140. Which of the following states/UT has installed the statue of Cristiano Ronaldo installed in its capital, recently?

a. Maharashtra

b. **Goa**

c. New Delhi

d. Bihar

- Portuguese football legend Cristiano Ronaldo's statue has been installed in Panaji, Goa to inspire the youth and take football to next level in the state and country. The statue weighs around 410 kgs and the aim of installing it is to motivate the younger generation towards sports and following their dreams.

Link:https://www.business-standard.com/article/sports/football-legend-cristiano-ronaldo-s-statue-installed-in-panaji-go-121122900152_1.html

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141. Which of the following countries initiated the “India Out” campaign”?

- a. India
- b. Bangladesh
- c. **Maldives**
- d. Myanmar

- “India Out” campaign was led by former Maldives President Abdulla Yameen. Recently, political parties in the Maldives have opposed the campaign. “India Out” slogan has been witnessed on social media over the past three years. The “India Out” campaign centres around the allegations that India is seeking to establish a military presence in the Maldives through ongoing security cooperation.

Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/the-india-out-campaign-in-the-maldives/article38046584.ece>

142. Which of the following states/ UT has introduced the Graded Response Action Plan’ (GRAP) against Covid 19 surges in India?

- a. Kerala
- b. Tamil Nadu
- c. **New Delhi**
- d. Haryana

- Delhi is set to implement the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP), to tackle Covid-19. It is a colour-coded action plan with yellow at lowest level of alert and red at the highest level. Under the plan, the level of restrictions in markets, industries, offices and public transport will be determined based on factors like Covid-19 test positivity rate, new cases, and occupancy of oxygen beds in hospitals.

Link:<https://indianexpress.com/article/explained/explained-delhi-govts-colour-coded-action-plan-to-fight-covid-19-7692328/>

143. Indian Army’s Quantum Lab is decided to locate in?

- a. Arunachal Pradesh
- b. New Delhi
- c. **Madhya Pradesh**
- d. Nagaland

- The Army has set up a quantum computing laboratory and a centre for artificial intelligence (AI) at a military engineering institute in Madhya Pradesh's Mhow. The two centres will carry out extensive research in developing transformative technologies for use by the armed forces.

Link:<https://indianexpress.com/article/education/army-sets-up-quantum-computing-lab-ai-centre-at-engineering-institute-in-mhow-7697802/#:~:text=The%20Army%20has%20set%20up,use%20by%20the%20armed%20forces.>

144. Which of the following states are connected by Bina -Panki Multiproduct pipeline project ?

a. **Madhya pradesh and Uttar Pradesh**

b. Chattisgarh and Maharashtra

c. Madhya pradesh and Rajasthan

d. Bihar and Odisha

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the 356 Km long Bina Refinery (Madhya Pradesh)-POL Terminal at Panki (Kanpur, UP) Multiproduct pipeline project (capacity of 45 million metric tonnes per annum) with an outlay of Rs 1524 crore (Rs. 1227 crores in UP and Rs. 297 crores in MP). The project has been completed and commissioned one month ahead of the approved completion schedule of December 2021 (3 years from PNGRB authorisation) and within the approved cost..

Link:<https://www.thestatesman.com/india/pm-inaugurates-bina-mp-panki-multiproduct-pipeline-project-1503034208.html>

145. Which of the following institutions won the top position in Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements (ARIIA) 2021?

a. IIT Bombay

b. **IIT Madras**

c. IGNOU Delhi

d. IIT Delhi

- IIT Madras has bagged the first position in the Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements (ARIIA) 2021, for the third consecutive year, under the category of CFTIs/ Central Universities/ Institute of National Importance (Technical). IIT-Madras is followed by IIT Bombay, IIT Delhi, IT Kanpur, and IIT Roorkee. The Indian Institute of Science (IISc) in Bengaluru bagged the sixth position in the category.

Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/iit-madras-tops-in-atal-innovation-rankings/article38065814.ece>

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146. Which of the following Union Ministries has decided to launch the SMILE (Support for Marginalised Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise)

- a. Ministry of Rural Development
- b. Ministry of Forest, Environment and Climate Change
- c. Ministry of Agriculture
- d. **Ministry of Union Social Justice and Empowerment**

- An umbrella scheme, SMILE (Support for Marginalised Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise), including two sub-schemes for the welfare of transgender persons and persons engaged in begging is to be launched soon by the Union Social Justice and Empowerment Ministry. The scheme will cover rehabilitation, provision of medical facilities, counselling, education, skill development and economic linkages.

Link:<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/new-scheme-to-support-the-marginalised/article38074221.ece>

147. Name the state in which Indravati Tiger Reserve, recently came in news located?

- a. West Bengal
- b. **Karnataka**
- c. Bihar
- d. Nagaland

- The Indravati Tiger Reserve is located in the state of Chhattisgarh with a total area of approximately 2799.08 square km. Recently, tiger counting was carried out in the reserve covering more than 400 square kilometers, which is the first time covering such a large area of the reserve. As per the latest data, the reserve had 3 tigers.

Link:<https://www.downtoearth.org.in/news/wildlife-biodiversity/tiger-survey-census-work-covers-400-sq-km-in-chhattisgarh-s-maoist-territory-80859>

148. Which of the following states hosts the Ganga sagar mela?

- a. **West Bengal**

- b. Uttar Pradesh
- c. Bihar
- d. Nagaland
- The Ganga Sagar Mela is a religious festival and the second-biggest fair of India after Kumbha Mela, celebrated on the Ganga Sagar Island, at the mouth of the river Hooghly in West Bengal. It is held in the month of January-February. It is attended by thousands of pilgrims every year. A dip in the water at this place, during Gangasagar Mela, is considered to be sacred.

Link:<https://www.downtoearth.org.in/news/health/covid-19-calcutta-hc-to-decide-on-ganga-sagar-mela-bengal-municipal-polls-80995>

149. Which of the following states is authoritative to the Renukaji Dam project in news?

- a. Uttar Pradesh
- b. Himachal Pradesh**
- c. Madhya Pradesh
- d. Gujarat
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation of the Rs 6,700-crore Renukaji Dam project from Himachal Pradesh's Mandi. Once completed, the project on the Giri river is expected to generate 200 million units of energy in a 40 MW surface power house. The storage capacity of the dam would be 498 million cubic meters which would fulfil about 40 per cent of drinking water requirement of Delhi.

Link:<https://theprint.in/india/governance/why-modi-launched-renukaji-dam-in-himachal-is-solution-to-delhis-drinking-water-problem/792489/>

150. Which of the following countries introduced the world's 1st Dual-Mode Vehicle recently?

- a. China
- b. India
- c. Japan**
- d. Russia
- Japan has introduced a minibus lookalike world's first dual-mode vehicle (DMV) in its town of Kaiyo. The vehicle can run on normal rubber tyres on the road but its steel wheels, which are in its underbelly, descend when it hits the rail tracks.

Link:<https://gulfnews.com/world/asia/bus-or-train-worlds-first-dual-mode-vehicle-to-begin-operating-in-japan-1.1640366244565>