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- **Inauguration of 'Bharat Toy Fair 2021':**
 - ❖ Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the Indian Toy Fair 2021 through video conferencing, on 27th February 2021. More than 1,000 exhibitors were participating in this fair.
 - ❖ It aims to bring all stakeholders including buyers, vendors, students, teachers, designers etc., on a single platform to create a continuous linkage and discuss the overall development of the industry.
- **National conference organized by National Bamboo Mission:**
 - ❖ The National Bamboo Mission related to Department of Agricultural Cooperation and Farmers Welfare organized a two-day conference on 'National Consultation on Opportunities and Challenges for Bamboo in India' on 25th and 26th February 2021 through virtual platforms.
 - ❖ NITI Aayog and Invest India joined hands with National Bamboo Mission to organizing this event. The purpose of this brainstorming session was to discuss the bamboo ecosystem to promote the overall development of the region across the value chain.
- **National Bamboo Mission:**
 - ❖ The National Bamboo Mission is the brainchild of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Progress of local entrepreneurs, preserve them and promote our product.
 - ❖ Through this mission, bamboo products are manufactured and exported to the markets of the entire country and the world.
- **One District, One Focus Product:**
 - ❖ Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare has finalized the products for 'One District One Focus Product' (ODOFP) in consultation with Ministry of Food Processing Industries.
 - ❖ These products will be promoted through a group approach through the inclusion of schemes of the Government of India to increase the value of these products with the ultimate objective of increasing the income of the farmers.
- **'One District, One Product:**
 - ❖ This scheme was announced by PM Modi in the UP Assembly elections in 2017.
 - ❖ The plan for 'One District, One Product' was first introduced in 1979 by Morihiko Hiramatsu, Governor of Oita, Japan.
 - ❖ Between 2001-2006, Thailand's PM Thaksin Suamatra started as 'One Tambon One Product'.
 - ❖ In addition, it has also been implemented in the Philippines, Malaysia, China, etc.

- **E-filing portal launched in 15 states and union territories:**
 - ❖ The e-filing portal for online redressal of consumer complaints has now been launched in 15 states and union territories.
 - ❖ The Consumer Protection Act 2019, which came into force from July 20, 2020, has provision for online payment for e-filing and filing of complaints with the Consumer Commissions. The edaakhil.nic.in portal has been developed by NIC to register consumer complaints online.

- **Inauguration of Global Investors Meet-India Pharma and India Medical Devices 2021:**
 - ❖ Union Chemicals and Fertilizers Minister DV Sadananda Gowda inaugurated the four-day Global Investors Meet: India Pharma 2021 and India Medical Devices 2021. It was organized under the aegis of FICCI in collaboration with Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, and Invest India, Government of India. During this event, the EY-FICCI report 'Indian Pharmaceutical Industry 2021: Future is now' was released. Another Production Linked Incentives Scheme (PLI) scheme was announced with an outlay of Rs 3,420 crore for medical devices.

- **Achieving a just and sustainable healthcare:**
 - ❖ There is potential to improve healthcare service by increasing acceptance of digital technologies. It simplifies the pursuit of progress towards the achievement of universal healthcare, effective process establishment using the Aadhaar card for identification and delivery based on health care coverage category.

- **Agreement on exchange of information in Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Income Tax Department:**
 - ❖ The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) and the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) of the Ministry of Finance signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 25 February 2021 for the exchange of data between the two organizations.
 - ❖ This MOU is in line with the capacity utilization approach in terms of data to ensure effective implementation of MCA and CBIC regulations. 16th FICCI Higher Education Summit- 2021 inaugurated.

- **Approval of production based incentive scheme for drugs (pharmaceuticals):**
 - ❖ The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the Product-based PLI Scheme for Drugs (Pharmaceutical Tickles) for the period from FY 2020-21 to 2028- 29.
 - ❖ The scheme will benefit domestic manufacturers, help in employment generation and is expected to make available medicines on a large scale to consumers at affordable rates.
 - ❖ The objective of the scheme is to increase India's production capacity by increasing investment and production in the region and to contribute towards diversification of products in the pharmaceutical sector from high value items.

- **Approval of production related incentive scheme for IT hardware:**
 - ❖ The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme for IT hardware. The plan proposes production incentives to boost domestic production in the value chain of IT hardware and attract large-scale investment. The target area of the proposed scheme includes laptops, tablets, all-in-one PCs and servers.

- **Light House Project: (LHP):**

- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of LHP on 1st January 2021. Under LHP, houses are being constructed in Lucknow, Ranchi, Rajkot, Agartala, Chennai and Indore. To promote these LHP sites as vibrant laboratories for transfer of technology in the region, the Ministry has encouraged large scale citizen participation, creating technical awareness, on-site learning solutions, explore ideas of experimentation and has launched an online enrollment campaign for technologists to encourage innovation.

- **India-Australia Circular Economy Hackathon (I-ACE):**
 - ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the India-Australia Circular Economy Hackathon Award Ceremony on 19th February 2021 via video conferencing. Addressing this ceremony, he said that recycling and reuse of goods and waste disposal and improvement in resource efficiency should be a part of our lifestyle.
 - ❖ According to PM Modi, the circular economy can be helpful in solving many of our problems. He also stressed on improving the utilization of existing resources. He said that India-Australia strong partnership will play an important role in shaping the world after COVID.

- **Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Permits Use of Drone:**
 - ❖ Ministry of Civil Aviation and Directorate General of Civil Aviation have given conditional exemption of use of Remotely Operated Aircraft System (RPAS) to Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India. Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Permits Use of Drone Under Pradhan Mantri Crop Insurance Scheme, insurance cover is available
 - ❖ Under this permission, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare will use drones to collect remote sensing data in agricultural areas of 100 districts of the country. This data will be collected at Gram Panchayat level for yield estimation under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY).
 - ❖ This conditional waiver is valid from the date of issue of the letter or till full operation of the digital Skype platform, whichever is earlier, but this waiver will be valid only if it is strictly adhered to all the conditions and limitations.

- **PM Crop Insurance Scheme: -**
 - ❖ Under Pradhan Mantri Crop Insurance Scheme, insurance cover is available before sowing and after harvesting. The scheme was started on 13th January 2016. Rabi, Kharif, commercial and Horticulture crops are also covered under Crop Insurance Scheme. Commercial and horticulture crops have to pay a higher premium. A 5% premium is to be paid for these crops.

- **'Go Electric' campaign launched:**
 - ❖ Union Minister of Road Transport & Highways, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Nitin Gadkaril launched the "Go Electric" campaign to spread awareness about e-mobility and EV charging infrastructure as well as the benefits of electric cooking in India.
 - ❖ Union Minister Gadkari started the campaign nationwide and said that electric fuel is an important alternative to fossil fuels, which has an import expenditure of Rs 8 lakh crore. Electric fuels cost less than conventional fuels, have lower emissions and are indigenous as well.
 - ❖ "Go Electric" campaign is an important initiative, which will help reduce our country's dependence on imports in the coming years and will be an important step towards a clean and

green future. The campaign aims to create awareness at the all-India level and is expected to boost the confidence of electric vehicle manufacturers.

- **25 cities set up for 'Nurturing Neighborhood Challenge' cohort:**
 - ❖ The Smart City Mission, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, has announced the selection of 25 cities for the 'Nurturing Neighborhood Challenge' cohort. The 'Nurturing Neighborhood Challenge' cohort has been launched in technical partnership with the Bernad van Leer Foundation (BBLF) and WRI India. This challenge is a three-year program and aims to support childhood friendly neighborhoods under the government's Smart City Mission.
 - ❖ The cohort will get technical support, capacity building opportunities for testing and pilot work for the next six months with the aim of showing initial victory, working for people's participation and forging consensus for proposals.

- **Amendment to the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 approved:**
 - ❖ The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has proposed to amend the Juvenile Justice (Care and Child Protection) Bill 2015 of the Ministry of Women and Child Development to ensure the interests of children and to take measures to strengthen the child protection system. Important revision points: This amendment empowers the District Magistrate and Additional District Magistrate to issue adoption orders under Section 61 of the Juvenile Justice Act to ensure speedy disposal of cases and increase accountability. The District Magistrate has also been empowered under the Act to make the implementation of the law smooth so that coordinated efforts can be made in favour of children in the event of a crisis. The bill also defines the eligibility criteria for appointment of CWC members and classifies previously undefined offenses as 'serious offenses'. The difficulties in implementing the various provisions of the law have also been removed. The Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 The Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 is a protective global umbrella for all Acts based on Child Protection.
 - ❖ Under this Act, the term juvenile is not used to describe any category of children. It includes two categories of children - children in need of care and protection and children in violation of law. Many new terms have been defined in it such as "orphan", "abandoned", "surrender", "petty crime", "serious crime", "heinous crime".
 - ❖ The term juvenile justice was first used in 1899 in the US state of Illinois. The history of juvenile justice system in India can be traced back to the British era. The Apprentices Act of 1850 was the first act that laid the foundation of the juvenile justice system in India. National Culture Festival concludes in Cooch Behar: The three-day Cultural Festival of the 11th National Culture Festival was held on 16th February 2021 at Rajbadi in Cooch Behar, West Bengal. The festival was attended by Dohar, a popular Bengali band, other renowned artists and local artists. During the festival organized for Rajbadi, there was a performance by famous artists and musicians in the splendid palace grounds with folk artists showcasing the rich cultural diversity.

INTERNATIONAL

- Bangladesh gets UN recommendation for graduating from LDC status UN Committee for Development Policy recommended Bangladesh's graduation from Least Developed Country

status. It met, for the 2nd time, all 3 eligibility criteria for graduation such as income per capita, human assets, economic & environmental vulnerability Myanmar and Lao PDR also met the criteria for the 2nd time.

- Ghana becomes the world's first nation to receive COVAX vaccines Ghana became the 1st country in the world to receive vaccines acquired through the United Nations-backed COVAX initiative with a delivery of 600,000 doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine made by the Serum Institute of India. COVAX is led by WHO, GAVI and CEPI. Ghana is among 92 countries that signed onto the COVAX program.
- USA: Food and Drug Administration formally approves single-shot COVID-19 vaccine US Food and Drug Administration formally approved the single-shot Johnson & Johnson coronavirus vaccine. The vaccine is set to be a cost-effective alternative to the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines and can be stored in a refrigerator instead of a freezer. It is the 3rd vaccine to be authorised in the country.
- Israel officially receives first ever UAE ambassador Israel's president received the first-ever ambassador from the UAE following the agreement between the countries to normalise ties under Abraham Accords. UAE envoy Mohamed Al Khaja delivered his credentials to Israeli President Reuven Rivlin in Jerusalem. UAE-3rd major Arab country to form ties with Israel.
- Russia Launches First Satellite to Monitor Climate and Environment of Arctic It will provide round-the-clock continuous monitoring of the northern territory of Russia and the seas of the Arctic Ocean. Satellite will be able to transmit overview images of the Earth's northern polar region & the adjacent areas at least every 15-30 Min. Russia's space agency: Roscosmos.
- UAE's Mohamed Al Khaja (First-Ever Ambassador) To Israel Arrives in Jerusalem UAE was the first country to agree to establish full diplomatic relations with the Jewish state under the Abraham Accords, a pact brokered by former US President Donald Trump. Agreement made the UAE only the 3rd majority Arab country to form official ties Bahrain, Morocco & Sudan have subsequently joined Abraham Accords.
- Russia and China signed MoU to build lunar space station an international lunar science station is a complex of experimental and research facilities created on the surface and/or in orbit of the moon. Russia and China will promote international cooperation on the project and offer equal access to any nation. Roscosmos:-the Russian space agency.
- Switzerland referendum: People vote to ban full face coverings in public places As many as 51.21 percent of voters voted in support of the controversial proposal in the referendum. The proposal has been widely criticized, especially by the Swiss religious organizations, human rights, and civic groups, and the federal government. Switzerland PM: Guy Parmelin; Capital: Bern; Currency: Swiss Franc.
- Quad member countries to be part of France-led joint naval exercises this year India will be part of France-led exercises "La Pérouse" that will take place in early April in the Bay of Bengal. With the Indian Navy's addition, all Quad member countries – US, Japan, & Australia will be part of France initiated joint naval exercise QUAD nations agree to send 1 bn vaccines across Asia by end-2022.
- El Salvador certified as malaria-free by WHO El Salvador is the first Central American country to achieve this status, third in all of the Americas in recent years. The certification follows more than 50 years of commitment by the Salvadoran government and people to ending the disease. Capital: San Salvador; Currency: El Salvador colon.
- Canada clears Johnson & Johnson vaccine, first to approve 4 vaccines The vaccine shortage is so acute in Canada that provincial governments are now saying they will extend the interval between the two doses of Pfizer, Moderna, and AstraZeneca vaccines to four months rather than three to four weeks. Canada, Prime Minister: Justin Trudeau.

- WHO Grants Emergency Use Authorization To Johnson & Johnson Vaccine The World Health Organization (WHO) issued emergency use authorization for Johnson & Johnson's coronavirus vaccine, paving the way for the United Nation's international vaccine distribute e one shot dose to be used as part of the on effort. Alex Gorsky is chairman and CEO of Johnson & Johnson.
- Italy signs International Solar Alliance under amended ISA Framework Agreement Italy joined the ISA under the amended ISA Framework Agreement. Initiated by India at the 2015 UN Paris Climate Conference, ISA provides a platform for cooperation through which the India; Italy Capital: Rome; Currency: Euro. Global community can help to accelerate the deployment of solar energy. ISA HQs: Gurugram, I.
- Sri Lanka signs three year USD 1.5 billion currency swap deal with China The 10 billion Yuan (about USD 1.5 billion) currency swap deal with China for a three year period is to be used for promoting bilateral trade and direct investment between the two countries. The deal was signed between the Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL) and the People's Bank of China (PBoC). China is Sri Lanka's largest source of imports.
- World's 1st Catastrophe Bond sponsored by Dani Eruptions Aims to Improve Disaster Relief The project's partners sh Red Cross for Volcanic aim to raise as much as \$3 million with the launch of the note, which will transfer money to Denmark's branch of the Red Cross. The bond will cover 10 volcanoes. Catastrophe bonds typically insure against damage from natural disasters like earthquakes and storms, with some already including volcanic eruptions in baskets of covered perils. The bond adds a new variant to World Bank's pandemic bonds issued in 2017.
- Bangladesh celebrates 50 years of independence From 1947 to 1971, modern Pakistan. Day Pakistan was West Pakistan and Bangladesh was East On March 26, 1971, Bangladesh was proclaimed as an independent nation by Sheikh MujiburRahman and this led to Bangladesh Liberation War when war ensued between Pakistan and Bangladesh liberation forces with India n support.
- Republic of Congo: President SassouNguesso wins by landslide The long-time president of the Republic of Congo is set for another five year term after over 88% of the vote. The election day was marred by the death of his main opponent Brice Parfait Kolelas. The African leader is one of the world's longest serving presidents, earning him the nickname "emperor." He has led Congo for a total of 36 etting , Guy years. Republic of Congo: Capital: Brazzaville; Currency: franc.
- Project billed as world's first ship tunnel slated for construction in Norway The tunnel will run underneath the mountains in Norway's Stadhavet peninsula. It will measure 1700 metres long. 37metres high and 26.5 metres wide when complete. At present, vessels sometimes have to wait days for harsh weather and rough tides to subside in the Stadhavet Sea .Construction on the project is expected to begin in 2022 and be complete by 2025 or 2026.
- Indian- American physician Dr Vivek Murthy sworn in as US Surgeon General American physician Vivek Murthy has been sworn in as the 21st Surgeon General of the US, a role in which his top priority would be to end the coronavirus pandemic that has severely hit the country and be a voice for science. He has occupied the position of America's Surgeon General for the second time. In 2011, President Barack Obama tap on the advisor ped.

Polity and Governance

- **Uniform Civil Code**
 - Recently the Supreme Court sought a reply from the centre on a PIL seeking gender and religion- neutral uniform grounds of success and inheritance for citizens in the country.
 - **About the PIL-** This PIL is fourth in the last three months on issues that constitute together the Spectrum to be covered under the Uniform Civil Code.
 - The earlier three PIL deal with issues of uniform adoption laws, uniform divorce, maintenance and alimony law and a uniform gender neutral minimum age for marriage.
 - AUCC refers to a single law, applicable to all citizens of India in their personal matters such as marriage, divorce, custody, adoption and inheritance.

- **Collegium System**
 - Recently Supreme Court asked to government to clarify on the status of 55 recommendations made by the collegiums for judicial appointments to various High Courts.
 - 44 of the pending recommendations were made to fill vacancies in the Calcutta, MP, Guwahati, Rajasthan and Punjab High Courts.
 - However these recommendations have been pending with the government for over seven months to a year.
 - The remaining 10 names have been pending with the government despite their reiteration by the collegiums.

- **Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (Amendment) Act (GNCTD), 2021**
 - Recently, Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (Amendment) Act (GNCTD), 2021 was passed.
 - 2021 Act amends Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (Amendment) Act, 1991 and gives certain powers and responsibilities of the Legislative Assembly and the Lieutenant Governor (LG) in line with the constitutional scheme of governance of NCT.
 - It promotes harmonious relations between the legislature and executive.

- **Right to Information**
 - Central Information Commission (CIC) recently released its annual report (for 2019- 20) that covers more than 2,000 public authorities across the Central Government as well as the Union Territories.
 - The rejection of applications of the RTI fell to 4.3% (from 8.4% in 2014- 15) which is the lowest rejection percentage observed since inception of the commission.

- **Registration of Political Parties**
 - Registration of Political Parties is governed by the provisions of Section 29A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951.
 - A party seeking registration under the said section with the commission has to submit an application to the commission within a period of 30 days following the date of its formation as per guidelines prescribed by the Election Commission of India in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 324 of the commission of India and Section 29A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951.

- **Zero Hour**
 - While Question Hour is strictly regulated, Zero Hour is an Indian Parliamentary Innovation.
 - During the initial days, Parliament used to break for lunch at 1 PM.

➤ **AADHAAR**

- The Supreme Court termed the cancellation of around three crore ration cards by the centre due to non-linking with Aadhaar Card as too serious and sought response from the government on the issue.
- The Supreme Court made this remark while hearing a plea that claimed that the technological system based on iris identification thumb prints, non-functioning of the internet in rural and remote areas, etc. led to large scale cancellation of ration cards without notice to the family concerned.

➤ **Medical Termination of Pregnancy (Amendment) Bill, 2021**

- The Rajya Sabha has approved the medical termination of Pregnancy (Amendment) Bill, 2021 to amend the Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act, 1971 on 16th March, 2021.
- The Bill was approved in Lok Sabha on 17th March, 2020, salient features of amendments.

❖ **Enhancing the upper gestation limit from 20 to 24 weeks for special categories of women which will be defined in the amendments to the MIP Rules and would include survivors of rape. Victims of incest and other vulnerable women (like differently abled women, minor) etc.**

- The ground of failure of contraceptive has been extended to women and her partner.

➤ **The standing committee on Home Affairs (Chairman: Mr. Anand Sharma) submitted its report on the subject “Atrocities and crimes against women and children” on March 15, 2021.**

➤ **Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Amendment Bill, 2021**

- This Bill was passed by Lok Sabha
- The Bill amends the Juvenile Justice. (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015
- The Act contains provisions related to children in conflict with law and children in need of care and protection.
- The Bill seeks to introduce measures for strengthening the child protection setup.

Economy

➤ **National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development [NABFID]**

- Recently the Parliament passed National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development Bill, 2021.
- Bill seeks to setup NABFID, a Development Financial Institution (DFI) to support the development of long term non-recourse infrastructure financing.
- Shareholding of NABFID- Bill be setup as a corporate body with authorised share capital of 1 lakh crore rupees held by Central Government multilateral institutions, sovereign wealth funds, pension funds, insurers, financial institutions etc.

➤ **New Umbrella Entity**

- Recently Reserve Bank of India extended the deadline to apply for NUE to March, 31.
- In August last year RBI had released a framework for authorization of an UE for retail payments and had invited applications from desirous entities by February 26, 2021.

➤ **Digital Currency**

- China has floated its own Central Bank backed Digital Currency namely eCNY in selected cities on a trial basis.
- **Capital Gains Tax**
 - The Finance Bill, 2021 proposed an amendment to the regulations relating to Capital Gains Tax (CGT)
 - The amendment imposes CGT on any assets or share received by a partner of a company when she/he retires.
- **Electric Vehicle Financing**
 - NITI Aayog and Rocky Mountain Institute India (an independent non- profit) released a new report Mobilizing, Electric Vehicle, financing in India.

STATE NEWS

- **Inauguration of 'Namma Cargo' service in Karnataka:**
 - ❖ Karnataka Chief Minister B.S. Yeddyurappa introduced 'Namma Cargo' service in the Legislative Assembly on 26th February 2021. The service has been implemented at 109 bus stations in Karnataka and select locations in Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Goa, Maharashtra, Kerala and Tamil Nadu. With the launch of these services, the Transport Department estimates that the goods revenue income will increase from 70 crores to 80 crores per year.
- **Saras Livelihood Fair 2021 inaugurated in Noida:**
 - ❖ Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Narendra Singh Tomar inaugurated Saras Livelihood fair 2021 in Noida on 26th February 2021
 - ❖ SarasAajeevikaMela 2021 is being organized by the Ministry of Rural Development from 26th February to 14 March 2021 on the theme of entertainment atmosphere of tradition craft art and culture. More than 300 self-help groups and handicrafts from 27 states are participating in this fair.
- **Inauguration of world's largest stadium "NarendraModi Stadium":**
 - ❖ On February 24, 2021, President Ram NathKovind inaugurated the NarendraModi Stadium in Motera, Ahmedabad.
 - ❖ NarendraModi Stadium is the largest stadium in the world with a seating capacity of one lakh 32 thousand.
 - ❖ Earlier it was known as Sardar Patel Cricket Stadium (Motera).
 - ❖ Its seating capacity is more than Melbourne Cricket Stadium of Australia, it has a seating capacity of one lakh 32 thousand people.
 - ❖ Along with the cricket ground, the Athletics Track and Field, Football Stadium, Hockey and Tennis Ground, Indoor Sports Hall, Outdoor Fields, Skating, Area Beach Volleyball, Boating Center etc. were also built in this Motera Stadium which will be on 236 acres.
- **Rajasthan Budget 2021:**
 - ❖ Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot on Wednesday presented the budget for the financial year 2021-22. He presented the paperless budget for the first time in the state. By not

imposing any new tax in the budget, Gehlot gave cashless insurance to all the families of the state.

- ❖ In this scheme, all the contractual workers, small and marginal farmers of the state will get the benefit of insurance by giving 50 percent premium amount to free and ordinary families. In this, treatment will be available in government and private hospitals. Under this, cashless insurance up to 5 lakhs will be provided. He claimed that Rajasthan would be the first state in the country to provide such facilities. Athletics Track and Field, Football Stadium, Hockey and Tennis Ground, Indoor Sports Hall, Outdoor Fields, Skating, Area Beach Volleyball, Boating Center etc. were also built in this Motera Stadium which will be on 236 acres.
 - ❖ CM also announced to form a separate agricultural power distribution company for farming electricity to farmers. With this dedicated electricity company, will distribute and manage the agricultural power.
 - ❖ Rajiv Gandhi Yuva Core will be formed to spread the schemes of the state government to the general public. With this, 2500 Rajiv Gandhi YuvaMitra will be selected
 - ❖ Free travel in roadways bus for youth for competitive examination and internship and allowance for unemployed youth has been increased by one thousand rupees.
- **Rs 9 crore allocated for making 'smart' AnganwadiCenters in Kerala:**
- ❖ For rejuvenation of Anganwadicenters in Kerala the state government has approved the conversion of traditional buildings into 'smart' structures with better facilities.
 - ❖ The State Government has decided to construct 'Smart Anganwadi' in a phased manner in place of old buildings under floriculture. It produces 14% of India's total area under production of flowers. Important oil and gas projects and engineering colleges inaugurated in Assam on 22 February 2021, Prime Minister NarendraModi dedicated several important projects to the country in Dhemaji, Assam and laid the foundation stone of many projects. The Prime Minister inaugurated the foundation of engineering colleges as part of the Assam tour.
 - ❖ 'Smart Anganwadi' is being designed and constructed under Integrated Child Development Program (ICDC). It will have study room, dining room, store room, swimming pool, and sports spaces.
 - ❖ The objective of this initiative is to provide all facilities for the care of children and to create a centerconducive to the physical and mental development of children.

SCHEMES AND COMMITIES

- The Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has launched “Super-75” scholarship schemes for meritorious girls, on the occasion of International Women’s Day 2021. The basic aim of this scholarship scheme is to facilitate the education and entrepreneurship of women.
- The Reserve Bank of India has announced the names of the members of the Standing External Advisory Committee (SEAC) for evaluating applications for Universal Banks as well as Small Finance Banks. The committee has five members, with former RBI deputy governor ShyamalaGopinath as the chairperson. The panel will have a tenure of three years.
- The government has constituted an experts advisory committee for the overall execution and monitoring of the Startup India Seed Fund Scheme. The committee would be chaired by H K Mittal from the Department of Science and Technology. The other representatives of the

committee would include members from DPIIT, the department of biotechnology, science and technology, electronics and IT, NitiAayog, and expert members from the startup ecosystem.

- ➤Uttarakhand Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat has launched “GharokiPaachan, ChelikNaam” (daughter’s name is a home’s identity) programme and development schemes worth Rs 42 crore in Nainital. Initially, the scheme has been launched in Nainital and later is set to be extended to the entire Uttarakhand.
- The Tripura government has come up with a digital platform 'Jagrut Tripura' to help people get benefits from various schemes of the Centre and the state government. At least 102 schemes of various departments of both governments are available on the platform. The 'Jagrut Tripura' will empower citizens of the north-eastern state.

SPORTS

- Kieron Pollard hit six sixes in an over to guide West Indies to a comprehensive four-wicket win against Sri Lanka in the first game of their three-match T20 series. Pollard joins former India batsman Yuvraj Singh as the only other player to hit six sixes in an over in T20 cricket, and just the third man to hit six sixes in an international match, emulating Herschelle Gibbs (South Africa) and Yuvraj Singh (India).
- All India Football Federation confirms Odisha as the venue for the forthcoming Hero Indian Women’s League 2020-21 edition. This is the fifth edition of IWL, the top division women’s league in India. The Odisha government is a strategic partner of the AIFF (All India Football Federation) as it provides the necessary infrastructure to various men and women age-group teams.
- Star Indian wrestler, VineshPhogat has defeated 2017 world champion VanesaKaladzinskay of Belarus to win a gold medal at the XXIV Outstanding Ukrainian Wrestlers and Coaches Memorial tournament, held in Kiev, Ukraine.
- India’s VarunKapur and MalvikaBansod clinched the men’s and women’s singles titles respectively at the 2021 Uganda International Badminton tournament in Kampala. Varun beat compatriot SankarMuthusamy 21-18, 16-21, 21-17 in the men’s singles final.
- Mumbai City FC has scripted a 2-0 triumph over ATK MohunBagan (ATKMB) at the GMC Stadium in Goa to bag the ISL League Winners Shield and the coveted AFC Champions League spot that comes with it.
- Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir topped the medals tally in the second edition of the Khelo India Winter National Games. J&K won 11 gold, 18 silver and 5 bronze medals. The five-day mega sports event which began on the 26th of February concluded in the famous ski resort of Gulmarg in north Kashmir’s Baramulla district. The event was e-inaugurated by Prime Minister NarendraModi.
- India spinner RavichandranAshwin was awarded the ICC Player of the Month award for February, the International Cricket Council (ICC). Meanwhile, England opener Tammy Beaumont won the ICC Women’s Player of the Month for February.
- India will play their inaugural World Test Championship final against New Zealand at Southampton’s Ageas Bowl Stadium, England from June 18-22. Initially, the final was supposed to be held at the Lord’s but Southampton, with a five-star facility inside the stadium, will make it easier for both the ICC and the England and Wales Cricket Board to create a bio-bubble for the two teams.
- The veteran Indian women’s cricketer Mithali Raj has become the first Indian woman cricketer that has completed 10,000 international runs in all the cricket formats. She also becomes the

second woman cricketer at the international level to complete 10000 runs. She achieved the milestone of 10,000 after she hit a boundary off the Anne Bosch in 28th over of Indian innings in the ongoing third ODI match against South Africa.

- Bhavani Devi became the first-ever Indian fencer to qualify for the Olympics. The sabre fencer secured an Olympic spot due to events in the ongoing Fencing World Cup. Hosts Hungary lost in the quarterfinals of the team event, allowing Korea to progress to the semis.
- The International Cricket Council (ICC) has imposed eight years ban on former UAE players Mohammad Naveed and Shaiman Anwar Butt from all cricket, for trying to fix matches during the T20 World Cup qualifiers in 2019. The ICC Anti-Corruption Tribunal had found them guilty of breaching the Anti-Corruption Code in January 2021.
- Indian captain Virat Kohli has breached the 3000-run mark in Twenty20 Internationals with his last shot in the second T20I against England. Kohli's knock of 73 runs, which came off 49 balls, also helped India to level the five-match T20I series. He also became the third captain in international cricket to score 12000 runs as a captain. He joined legendary captains Ricky Ponting and Graeme Smith in the elite list.
- Yashaswini Deswal bagged the first gold medal for India in the Women's 10M Air Pistol final of the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup Rifle/Pistol/Shotgun. Deswal accumulated 238.8 points to lead in her category. Another Indian shooter Manu Bhaker won a silver medal with 236.7 points.
- In Cricket, India Legends defeated Sri Lanka Legends by 14 runs to clinch the Road Safety World Series final title, held at Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh International Stadium in Raipur, Chhattisgarh. India Legends put up a total of 181/4 but Sri Lanka Legends could manage 167/7. Sachin Tendulkar was the captain of the India Legends.
- Indian para-athlete Singhraj won the gold medal in the 2021 Para Shooting World Cup at Al Ain in the UAE. He defeated Uzbekistan's Server Ibragimov to get the top honour in the P1 – Men's 10m Air Pistol SH1 final.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- Zero Discrimination Day is an annual day celebrated on 1 March each year by the United Nations and other international organisations. The theme of Zero Discrimination Day 2021: "End Inequalities".
- The Indian Civil Accounts Service (ICAS) observes the "Civil Accounts Day" every year on March 01, 2021, since its inception in 1976. The year 2021 marks the 45th Civil Accounts Day celebrations. ICAS is one of the Civil Services of India, under the Department of Expenditure, Union Ministry of Finance.
- World Hearing Day is held on 3 March each year by the World Health Organisation (WHO) to raise awareness on how to prevent deafness and hearing loss and promote ear and hearing care across the world. The theme of World Hearing Day 2021 is Hearing care for ALL! Screen, Rehabilitate, Communicate.
- World Wildlife Day is observed globally on the 3rd of March every year to celebrate the beautiful and varied forms of wild fauna and flora present on earth. World Wildlife Day will be celebrated in 2021 under the theme "Forests and Livelihoods: Sustaining People and Planet".
- The National Safety Day (NSD) is celebrated every year on 4 March by the National Safety Council (NSC) of India. In 2021, we are observing the 50th National Safety Day. The National Safety Day Theme 2021 is "Sadak Suraksha (Road Safety)".

- In India, March 4 is celebrated as National Security Day (RashtriyaSurakshaDiwas) every year, in the honor of the Indian Security Forces. 4 March also marks the day when the National Security Council (NSC) of India was established, in 1966 by the Ministry of Labour under the Government of India. The first National Security Day (NSD) was held in 1972.
- International Women's Day is celebrated on the 8th of March every year. This day celebrating the social economic cultural and political achievements of women. This year's theme for International Women Day, "Women in leadership: Achieving an equal future in a COVID-19 world", celebrates the tremendous efforts by women and girls around the world in shaping a more equal future and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The Central Industrial Security Forces (CISF) – Raising Day (CRD) is observed on March 10 in India every year. In 2021, the nation is celebrating the 52nd Raising Day of CISF. The basic objective of the CISF is Better "protection and security" of industrial undertakings in both government and private sectors in the country.
- World Kidney Day is observed globally on the second Thursday of March every year. This year World Kidney Day is observed on 11th March 2021. The theme of the 2021 World Kidney day is "Living Well with Kidney Disease". World Kidney Day is a global campaign aimed at raising awareness of the importance of our kidneys.
- World Consumer Rights Day is celebrated on March 15 every year to raise global awareness about consumer rights and needs, and protect consumers across the globe against market abuses. The theme for World Consumer Rights Day 2021 is "Tackling Plastic Pollution."
- The National Vaccination Day, (also called the National Immunization Day), is celebrated every year on March 16 in India, to convey the importance of vaccination to the entire nation. The prime purpose behind the celebration of National Vaccination Day is to make all people aware of arming against polio and eradicating it completely from the world. In 2021, the National Vaccination Day is important as the country has started its biggest Covid-19 immunization programme.
- Global Recycling Day is observed every year on March 18 to create awareness among the masses about the rapid pace at which our natural resources are being used. The day also promotes the concept and practice of recycling. Every year, events are organised by environmentalist and activists to promote the cause.
- The Ordnance Factories' Day is observed on the 18th of March every year. The production of India's oldest Ordnance Factory, which is at Cossipore of Kolkata, was started on the 18th of March, 1802. OFB is the 37th largest defence equipment manufacturer in the world, 2nd largest in Asia, and the largest in India.
- World Sparrow Day is celebrated every year on March 20 to raise awareness about the House Sparrow and other common birds to urban environments, and of threats to their populations. The theme of 2021 World Sparrow Day "I LOVE Sparrows".
- International Day of Happiness is celebrated on March 20 to promote happiness as a fundamental human right for all human beings across the world. The 2021 International Day of Happiness campaign theme is 'Keep Calm. Stay Wise. Be Kind'.
- World Oral Health Day is observed every year on 20th March. It focuses on highlighting the benefits of good oral health, spreads awareness about oral diseases and promotes maintenance of oral hygiene. The theme for the next three years, 2021-2023 is: Be Proud of Your Mouth.
- The UN French Language Day is observed annually on 20 March. The day was established by the UN's Department of Public Information in 2010, to celebrate multilingualism and cultural diversity as well as to promote equal use of all six official languages throughout the Organization.

- World Water Day is observed globally on 22nd March every year. World Water Day celebrates water and raises awareness of the 2.2 billion people living without access to safe water. It is about taking action to tackle the global water crisis. The theme of World Water Day 2021 is “Valuing water”.
- The International Day of Forests (also known as World Forestry Day) is celebrated every year on March 21. The theme for International Day of Forests 2020 is “Forest restoration: a path to recovery and well-being”.
- The World Down Syndrome Day is observed globally on 21 March each year, to raise public awareness for the rights, inclusion and wellbeing of people with Down syndrome. This year, the theme for World Down Syndrome Day is “We Decide.” This day was first observed in the United Nation in the year 2012.
- The International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination is observed annually on 21 March to remind people about the negative consequences of racial discrimination. This year theme is “Youth standing up against racism”.
- World Poetry Day is celebrated on 21 March every year to promote the reading, writing, publishing and teaching of poetry throughout the world. The Day celebrates one of humanity’s most treasured forms of cultural and linguistic expression and identity.
- The World Meteorological Day is celebrated every year on 23 March to commemorate the date of the establishment of the World Meteorological Organization in 23 March 1950. The World Meteorological Day theme is “The Ocean, our climate and weather” celebrates WMO’s focus in connecting the ocean, climate and weather within the Earth System.
- International Day for the Right to the Truth Concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims is observed annually on 24th March every year. This day is observed on 24th March every year to pay tribute to “Monsignor Óscar Arnulfo Romero” as he was murdered on 24 March 1980.
- World Tuberculosis Day is observed every year on 24 March to create awareness among the public about the global epidemic of tuberculosis (TB) and efforts to eliminate the disease. The date marks the day in 1882 when Dr Robert Koch announced that he had discovered the bacterium that causes TB, which opened the way towards diagnosing and curing this disease. The theme of World TB Day 2021 – ‘The Clock is Ticking’.
- International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade is observed annually on 25th March every year. 2021 Theme: “Ending Slavery’s Legacy of Racism: A Global Imperative for Justice”.
- The International Day of Solidarity with Detained and Missing Staff Members is observed annually on 25 March by the United Nations. The day is marked each year on the anniversary of the abduction of Alec Collett, a former journalist who was working for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) when he was abducted by armed gunman in 1985. His body was finally found in Lebanon’s Bekaa Valley in 2009.
- World Theatre Day is observed globally on 27th March every year. World Theatre Day was initiated in 1961 by the International Theatre Institute (ITI), France. The author of the Message of World Theatre Day 2021 is Helen MIRREN, United Kingdom.
- Every year, the Earth Hour is celebrated worldwide on the last Saturday of March month to show support for the fight against climate change and commitment towards a better planet. Earth Hour 2021 is being marked on March 27, 2021. The Earth Hour 2021 theme will focus on “Climate Change to Save Earth.”

- Bangladesh celebrates 50 years of its Independence and National Day on 26 March, coinciding with the grand celebration of the birth centenary of Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh MujiburRahman.
- International Transgender Day of Visibility observed globally on 31st March every year. The day is dedicated to celebrating transgender people and raising awareness of discrimination faced by transgender people worldwide, as well as a celebration of their contributions to society.

Awards / Honors

➤ **'Seravić Announces Global Energy and Environmental Leadership Award**

Daniel Yergin, vice chairman of IHS Market, announced to honor with the Seraviq Global Energy and Environmental Leadership Award' for PM Modi's work towards sustainable development in India and the world's energy needs.

PM Modi will be given this honor during an International Energy Summit next week. The conference will be held digitally from 1 to 5 March 2021, which will be its 39th edition.

He will be honored for his commitment to expand India's leadership in sustainable development to meet the energy needs of the country and the world.

- Daniel Yergin further said that India has emerged as a center of global energy and environment in economic development, poverty reduction and making its way towards a new energy future.
- Prime Minister Modi has been honored with many global accolades earlier also. Prior to this, he was awarded the Order of Abdulaziz Al Saud of Saudi Arabia, Afghanistan's highest civilian award, the State Order of Ghazi AamirAmanullah Khan, Palestine's Grand Collar Award, UAE's highest civilian award, the Order of Zayed, Russia's highest civilian honor, St. Andrew's Award, Maldives. Marks of Ijjuddin etc. have been awarded.
- The Seravić Conference is organized by the IHS Markit. This annual international conference is attended by energy industry experts, government officials and policy makers, among others.
- "IHS Markit" is an American-British information provider organization. It combines information, analytics and expertise to provide solutions for government, business and finance.

➤ **KaushikBarua received Cambodia's royal award**

- The government of Cambodia presented the national award to KaushikBarua, an Indian citizen, for his remarkable services. Barua was awarded the National Medal by the Cambodian government under the "Royal Order of Sahamatrei.
- Barua is currently the director of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) in Cambodia and Laos. * This award is given to foreign nationals for outstanding service to the King and people of Cambodia.
- IFAD is a United Nations agency working to diagnose problems of poverty and hunger in developing countries.

➤ **Anjali Bhardwaj gets US 'Anti-Corruption Award'**

Social activist Anjali Bhardwaj, who is working on issues of transparency and accountability, was awarded the International Anti-Corruption Champions Award (Anti CorruptionAward) by the US.

Bharadwaj has been seen as an active member in the Right to Information movement for the last two decades. He has raised a public movement raising his voice against corruption.

Anjali is the founder of the vigilante civic organization (SNS). Under this, they work towards keeping transparency in government and promoting accountability and promoting active participation of citizens. At the same time, she is also the convener of the national campaign for the right to information.

Anjali works on issues related to Right to Information, Lokpal, Whistle Blowers Protection Act, Grievance Redressal and Right to Food.

- His efforts include working towards the Right to Information Act, 2005, Whistleblowers Protection Act, 2011, Lokpal and Lokayukta Act, 2013 and Grievance Redressal Bill.

➤ **Awards given for animal welfare and conservation 2020-21:**

The Zoological Welfare Board of India (AWBI), the apex body working for animal welfare and conservation in the country, presented 14 Zoological friend and Jeevadaya Awards for the year 2021 to individuals, organizations and corporates who have made matchless contribution in the field of animal welfare.

The list of individuals and organizations who were given Zoological friends and Jeevadaya Awards on this occasion is as follows-

1. Zoological Friend Award: Mr.Yogendra Kumar, New Delhi, Mr. Manish Saxena,Jaipur, Rajasthan and Mr.ShyamlalChaubisa, Udaipur, Rajasthan.
2. Zoological Friend Award Shaurya: Mr. Anil Ganadas, Gurugram, Haryana, Late Mrs.KalpanaVasudevan, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu.
3. Zoological Friend Award: Tumor Animal Service - Major General (Retd.) Dr. R. M. Kharb AVSM, Gurugram, Haryana, Dr. S. Chinni Krishna, Chennai, Tamil Nadu and Dr.S.R.Sundaram, Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
4. JeevaMitra Award: Fauna Welfare Organization - World Sankirtan Tour Trust, Hodal, Haryana, Shree Karuna Foundation Trust, Rajkot, Gujarat and People for Animals Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
5. JeevanMitra Award: CorporateTata Trust Foundation, Mumbai, Maharashtra.
6. JeevaDaya Award: Jeeva-Animal Welfare Organization - Dhyana Foundation, New Delhi and Animal Aid Charitable Trust, Udaipur, Rajasthan.

➤ **Zoological Welfare Board of India:**

It was established in the year 1962 under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1960 to ensure the implementation of laws related to animal welfare. It is headquartered in Chennai. RukmaniArundale is its founder.

Science and Technology

➤ **Scientists have developed a new molecule to treat Alzheimer's**

- A team of scientists led by Professor T. Govindaraju at the Jawaharlal Nehru Center for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR), an autonomous institute of the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India, has prepared and synthesized a new group of small molecules and a major is identified as a candidate, which may decrease the toxicity of amyloid beta (Abeta).
- This named TGR63 has proved to be a prime candidate for protecting unneuronal cells from amyloid poisoning. Surprisingly, this molecule was also found to be effective in reducing the amyloid burden on the complex portion present deep in the cortex and hippocampus, or the temporal lobe, and reversing a state of decreased cognition.
- Scientists have developed a small molecule, which can disrupt the process through which neurons become inactive in Alzheimer's disease (AD). This molecule may become a potential drug candidate to prevent or treat the leading cause of dementia (70-80 per cent) worldwide.

In the brain of a person with Alzheimer's, naturally occurring protein nodules accumulate to abnormal levels to form plaques that accumulate between neurons and disrupt cell function.

This is due to the formation and deposition of amyloid peptide (Ab), which collects in the central nervous system. The multifunctional nature of Alzheimer's disease (AD) due to multi-factorial amyloid poisoning has prevented neonates from developing effective treatments.

➤ **Study of solar orbit during the century by digitized data from Kodaikanal Solar Observatory**

- Researchers led by Bibhuti Kumar Jha, PhD student of Aryabhata Observational Science Research Institute, an autonomous institute under the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India, as well as colleagues from Max Planck Institute for Solar Systems Research, Gottingen Germany and Southwest Research Institute, Boulder, US With the help of a century old digitized film and photo, they have studied solar orbit by detecting sunspots (sunspots).
- Older films and photographs were obtained from the Autonomous Institute of the Department of Science and Technology, Indian Institute of Tara Physics, Kodaikanal Solar Observatory and have now been digitized.
- # Researchers compared digitized human-generated data to traditional data and said that for the first time they were able to differentiate between the behavior of large and small solar spots (sunspots).
- This type of digitized data and difference between big and small and blur will help in understanding the understanding of solar magnetic field and solar spots (sunspots) and this will help in predicting solar cycles in future.
- This will help in studying the magnetic field arising in the inner part of the Sun which is responsible for the sunspots and resulting extreme conditions like historical minor ice age (lack of solar spots) on the Earth. It can also help in predicting the solar cycles and changes in them in the future.

Over time, the Sun's different orbital movements complicate its magnetic field.

Complexity in magnetic field lines can produce intense local magnetic fields. Many solar spots are formed when the Sun's magnetic field is intricately entangled.

The spots formed on the surface of the Sun for a period of 11 years are the only measure of the study of solar magnetism within the Sun and from which the solar orbit can be assessed.

➤ **Washable Adhesive and Related Product Development**

Professor Animangshu Ghatak of the Department of Chemical Engineering of IIT Kanpur has developed Adhesive Mate under the Make in India program with the help of the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India.

He developed it by looking at the pads sticking to the claws of wall-climbing creatures such as lizards found in homes. The adhesive in the mat pulls dust particles towards it with the help of the ultra-pyramidal shape bump on its surface, so that our shoe soles are cleaned when we step on it. When the adhesive is completely filled with dust particles, it is cleaned in the same way that we wash our clothes.

It can be used in ICU of MAT hospitals. Can be used as a component of air filters in chambers and facilities holding sensitive equipment.

➤ **New discovery to convert waste heat into electricity efficiently**

Scientists at the Jawaharlal Nehru Center for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR), Bengaluru, an autonomous institute of the Department of Scientific and Technology, Government of India, have identified cadmium doped silver antimony telluride (AGSBTE₂), led by Professor Kanishka Biswas, from waste energy to electricity. The effect can flow efficiently from within. This has led to a paradigm shift in the thermoelectric puzzle.

According to this research published in the journal Science, scientists have discovered a new glass-free material that can efficiently convert waste energy into electricity and provide electrical power to small household appliances and vehicles.

When one end of the material is heated keeping the other end cool, an electric voltage is generated by the conversion of thermoelectric energy. Experiencing this scientific theory, the discovery of this efficient material has presented a challenging task for scientists.

This one material consists of three different properties visible - high electrical conductivity of metals, high thermoelectric sensitivity of semiconductors and low thermal conductivity of glass.

Glass has been used as a major component as one of the most efficient thermoelectric materials used by scientists until now, restricting their use in large-scale business applications.

➤ **Disabled 'Chang E-4 Probe**

After continuously working for 27 lunar days, the Chinese space agency- China National Space Administration (CNSA) has temporarily neutralized the lander and rover of its lunar mission Chang E-4 Probe.

The night time temperature in the moon goes up to about -173°C. The rover and lander stop working due to lack of energy from the sun. Therefore, till the day is over, they have been defunctioned.

These will be reactivated once the moon has completed its night time period. It is worth mentioning that one day of the moon is equal to about 29.5 days of the Earth, which means that the daylight in the moon lasts for about 14 days of the Earth and the night time is also only about so many days.

➤ **'Chang E-4 Probe':**

On December 8, 2018, the Chang E-4 was launched and on January 3, 2019, it made a soft landing for the first time at the von Karman crater of the Moon's South Pole-Etontoken.

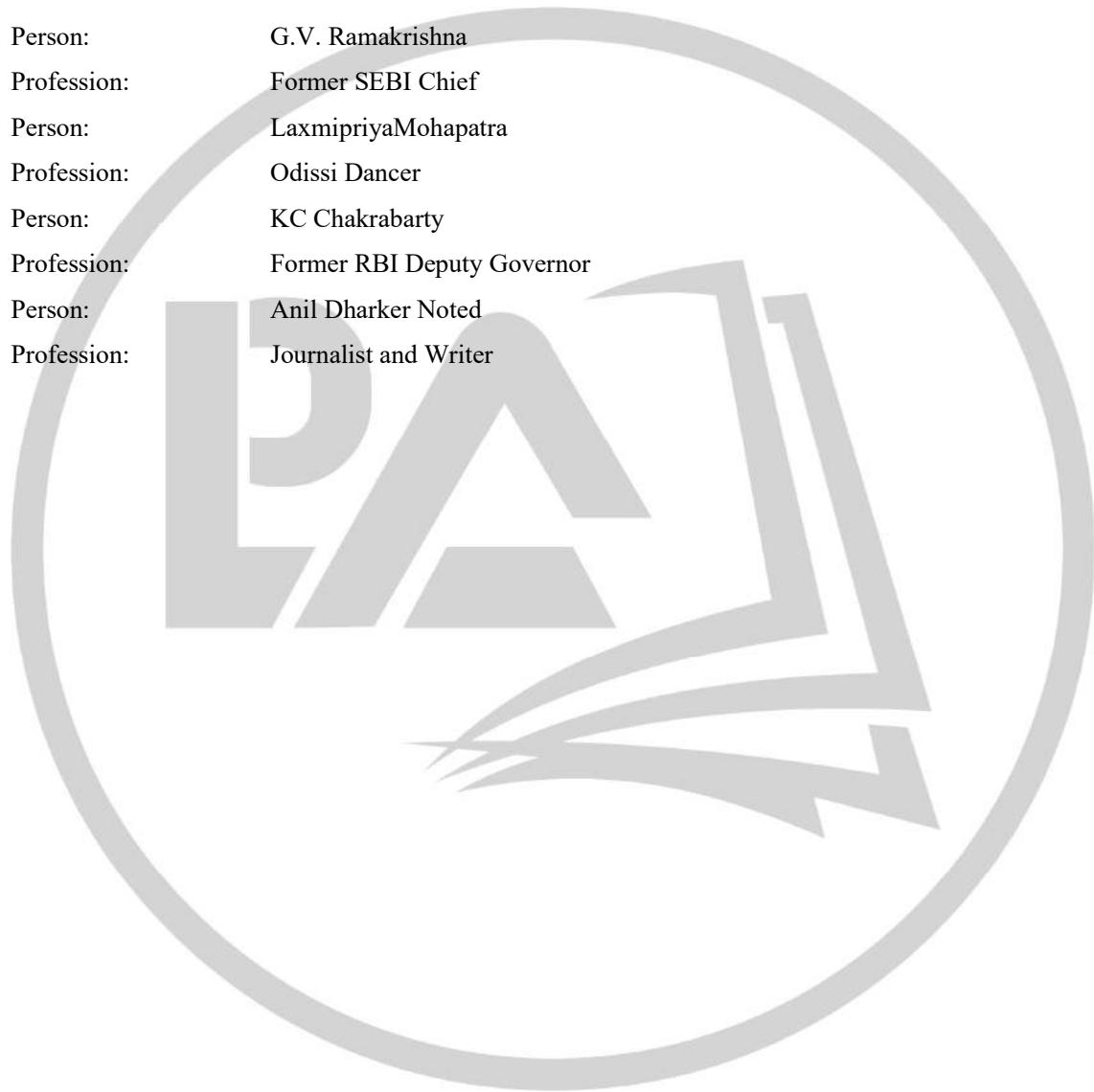
Rover Yutu-2 has spent its three months on the moon. With this, it has become the longest working lunar rover on the moon.

Chang E-4 Probe 'is currently 778 Earth Days away from the Moon and its rover Yutu-2 has traveled 652.62 meters so far. According to the Xinhua News Agency, the rover is in good condition and all its payloads are functioning normally.

OBITUARY

Person:	M G George Muthoot
Profession:	Businessman
Info:	Muthoot Group Chairman & Whole Time Director.
Person:	Anshuman Singh
Profession:	Politician
Info:	Former Rajasthan Governor.
Person:	Ishar Singh Deol
Profession:	Athlete
Person:	NS LakshminarayanaBhatta
Profession:	Kannada poet
Person:	ShrikantMoghe
Profession:	Marathi Actor
Person:	HamedBakayoko
Profession:	Ivory Coast Prime Minister
Person:	'Marvelous' Marvin Hagler
Profession:	Boxer (American)
Person:	ChemancheriKunhiraman Nair
Profession:	Kathakali Dancer
Person:	LaxmanPai
Profession:	Painter
Person:	Lou Ottens

Profession: Audio cassette tape inventor
Person: Moudud Ahmed
Profession: Former Bangladesh PM and Senior BNP Leader
Person: John Magufuli
Profession: Tanzanian President
Person: SagarSarhadi
Profession: Filmmaker and Writer
Person: G.V. Ramakrishna
Profession: Former SEBI Chief
Person: LaxmipriyaMohapatra
Profession: Odissi Dancer
Person: KC Chakrabarty
Profession: Former RBI Deputy Governor
Person: Anil Dharker Noted
Profession: Journalist and Writer



PRELIMINARY QUESTIONS

Q1. The Archaeological Survey of India has discovered a Buddhist monastery buried under a mound near the Juljul mountain in the Sitagadhi Hills of which state?

- a) Karnataka **b) Jharkhand** c) Chhattisgarh d) Gujarat

Q2. Which Union Minister has inaugurated Global Bio India 2021?

- a) **Dr. Harsh Vardhan** b) Narendra Modi c) Rajnath Singh d) Nirmala Sitharaman

Q3. Which state's Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has approved Rs 101 crore for scholarship of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe students in the state?

- a) **Odisha** b) Tamil Nadu c) Bihar d) Gujarat

Q4. Which state government has approved reservation for 75 percent of the state's youth in private sector jobs?

- a) Bihar b) Nagaland c) Jharkhand **d) Haryana**

Q5. Which city has ranked first among cities with a population of more than 1 million in the 'Ease of Living' index released by the Government of India?

- a) Patna **b) Bengaluru** c) Ranchi d) Lucknow

Q6. Which country has been given the status of a 'partially free' nation in a democracy report?

- a) Bangladesh **b) India** c) Lanka d) Pakistan

Q7. India's first transgender community desk is open in which state?

- a) Odisha **b) Telangana** c) Bihar d) Gujarat

Q8. Researchers from India and which country have discovered five new species of shrub frogs?

- a) Russia **b) America** c) Nepal d) China

Q9. How many member panel has been formed by the Government of India in integral part of 75 years of India's independence?

- a) 250 b) 255 **c) 259** d) 260

Q10. Which state's chief minister has declared Garasain as the new administrative board of the state? a) Karnataka **b) Uttarakhand** c) Chhattisgarh d) Gujarat

Q11. Which state has been ranked first among the 112 most polluted sites in the country by the Central Pollution Control Board?

- a) Punjab b) Haryana **c) Odisha** d) Rajasthan

Q12. In which state the 100 MW unit wind power plant of Adani Green Energy is commissioned?

- a) Rajasthan b) Uttar Pradesh **c) Gujarat** d) Manipur

Q13. Which state government has presented a 'patriotic' budget of 69000 crore rupees?

- a) **Delhi** b) Tamil Nadu c) Bihar d) Gujarat

Q14. The President of India inaugurated the conservation work in the Singaregarh Fort of which state?

- a) Punjab b) Haryana **c) Madhya Pradesh** d) Rajasthan

Q15. In which state has the first forest medicine center opened?

- a) Karnataka **b) Uttarakhand** c) Chhattisgarh d) Gujarat

- Q16.** Which country's Prime Minister has been awarded the Global Energy and Environmental Leadership Award by the Cambridge Energy Research Associate?
a) Japan **b) India** c) Nepal d) Russia
- Q17.** Which state has been given the top position in land record digitization?
a) Bihar b) Nagaland c) Jharkhand **d) Madhya Pradesh**
- Q18.** The Chief Minister of which state has resigned from his post after the disregard of party MLAs ?
a) Karnataka **b) Uttarakhand** c) Chhattisgarh d) Gujarat
- Q19.** Which helpline number has been issued by Indian Railways for all types of questions, complaints, assistance during the journey?
a) 132 b) 131 **c) 139** d) 142
- Q20.** With whom has ISRO developed a joint Earth observation satellite mission radar?
a) NASA b) JAXA c) ISREAL d) None of these
- Q21.** Tirath Singh Rawat has been sworn in as the 10th Chief Minister of which state?
a) Karnataka **b) Uttarakhand** c) Chhattisgarh d) Gujarat
- Q22.** Which payment bank has been upgraded by Reserve Bank of India to the status of scheduled commercial bank?
a) Rajasthan **b) Jammu Kashmir** c) Madhya Pradesh d) Bihar
- Q23.** Which state government has started the STEM For Girls program with IBM?
a) Bihar b) Haryana **c) Uttarakhand** d) Gujarat
- Q24.** In which ocean will the first genome mapping project be launched?
a) **Indian Ocean** b) Pacific Ocean c) South polar ocean d) North Polar Ocean
- Q25.** Who has taken over as the Director General of the International Solar Alliance?
a) **Ajay Mathur** b) Mohan Agravaal c) Rahul Sachdeva d) ShankerDass
- Q26.** In which state will the 'Kalanamak Rice Festival' be organized?
a) Punjab b) Haryana **c) Utter Pradesh** d) Rajasthan
- Q27.** In which state is the VanvasiSamagam organized?
a) **Uttar Pradesh** b) Nagaland c) Jharkhand d) Tripura
- Q28.** How many years has the Parliamentary Committee recommended to the government to reduce the age of a teenager from 18 under the Paxy Act?
a) 14 Year b) 12 Year **c) 16 Year** d) 13 Year
- Q29.** According to the World Air Quality 2020 report, which has become the most polluted capital in the world?
a) **Delhi** b) Mumbai c) Kolkata d) Bihar
- Q30.** The number of tourists visiting the Statue of Unity located in Kevadia in Narmada district of which state has exceeded 50 lakhs?
a) Bihar b) Nagaland c) Jharkhand **d) Gujarat**
- Q31.** Which state's governor has released an e-book called 'Under the Dome'?
a) Odisha b) Tamil Nadu **c) Maharashtra** d) Gujarat
- Q32.** Which place has India ranked in the Global Home Price Index?
a) 50th **b) 56th** c) 55th d) 57th
- Q33.** Which place did India ranked in the World Happiness Report 2021?
a) 135 b) 136 c) 137 **d) 139**

- Q34.** Which Union Minister inaugurated the Shaheed Bhagat Singh memorial in New Delhi?
a) Amit Shah b) Rajnath Singh c) Arjun Munda **d) Ramesh Pokhriyal**
- Q35.** An agreement has been reached between the Government of Uttar Pradesh and which government for the Ken Betwa River Interlinking Project?
a) Bihar b) Nagaland c) Jharkhand **d) Madhya Pradesh**
- Q36.** The central government has increased the annual limit of tax-free interest on deposits in Employees Provident Fund from 2.5 lakhs to how much?
a) 3 Lakh **b) 5 Lakh** c) 10 Lakh d) 7 Lakh
- Q37.** What is the rank of India in the International Intellectual Property Index?
a) 32th b) 37th **c) 40th** d) 42th
- Q38.** Which state has launched the Ethanol Production Promotion Policy, 2021?
a) Bihar b) Nagaland c) Jharkhand d) Tripura
- Q39.** Which state's Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha inaugurated 73 AYUSH Health and Welfare Centers?
a) Jammu-Kashmir b) Tamil Nadu c) Bihar d) Gujarat
- Q40.** India and which Country have announced a consensus to establish a hotline between the two countries?
a) America b) Japan **c) China** d) Nepal
- Q41.** Sri Lanka has awarded the contract to develop the Western container terminal of Colombo port to which country?
a) France b) Nepal c) Russia **d) India**
- Q42.** By what percentage has China increased its defense budget by last year?
a) 2.8% b) 5.8% **c) 6.8%** d) 4.8%
- Q43.** The United Nations General Assembly has accepted the proposal to declare which year as the 'International Year of Coarse Grains' at the initiative of India?
a) 2022 **b) 2023** c) 2024 d) 2025
- Q44.** Which country has signed a ten-year agreement with Qatar regarding liquefied natural gas?
a) Japan b) India **c) Pakistan** d) China
- Q45.** Which country has banned the wearing of burqa in public places?
a) Bangladesh b) Iraq c) Pakistan **d) Switzerland**
- Q46.** The Supreme Court of which country has entrusted the responsibility of the Communist Party to Rishi Kattel ?
a) Japan b) Russia **c) Nepal** d) America
- Q47.** The Australian government has suspended its defense cooperation with which country?
a) Myanmar b) Japan c) Nepal d) France
- Q48.** Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the 'Friendship Bridge' between India and which country through video conferencing?
a) Sri Lanka **b) Bangladesh** c) China d) Nepal
- Q49.** China and which country entered into agreement to build Lunar space station?
a) France b) Japan **c) Russia** d) Nepal
- Q50.** Which country has recently closed 184 Chinese websites for selling bad, adulterated goods and giving fake offers?
a) Japan **b) Saudi Arabia** c) Israel d) America

- Q51.** Which Chinese app has been banned by Pakistan's Media Regulatory Agency?
a) UC Browser **b) TikTok** c) LUSD Snack Video d) None of the above
- Q52.** The world's most powerful super computer 'Fugaku' built by which country is ready for use?
a) Japan b) Russia c) China d) India
- Q53.** Which country has banned wearing the burqa after Switzerland?
a) Sri Lanka b) Bangladesh c) Nepal d) Pakistan
- Q54.** Recently with which country has Japan started producing hydrogen from brown coal?
a) America b) India c) Russia **d) Australia**
- Q55.** India has become the fourth largest country in the world by surpassing which country in terms of foreign exchange reserves?
a) Nepal b) America c) France **d) Russia**
- Q56.** Which country has become the second largest oil supplier in India leaving behind the UAE?
a) Iraq **b) America** c) Nepal d) Russia
- Q57.** Which country has announced to build the world's largest floating solar farm?
a) Japan b) America c) Nepal **d) Singapore**
- Q58.** Which country's Prime Minister Mark Rutte has won the election for the fourth consecutive time?
a) Netherland b) Pakistan c) Nepal d) Bangladesh
- Q59.** How many million US dollars have been approved by the World Bank to help Bangladesh
a) 200 Million b) 300 Million c) 400 Million d) 500 Million
- Q60.** Former Governor of which state Anshuman Singh has passed away ?
a) Bihar b) Nagaland c) Jharkhand **d) Rajasthan**
- Q61.** In which state has the 39th International Book Fair been started?
a) Grandma Hriday Mohani b) Grandma Vinita Devi
c) Grandma Poonam Pandit d) Grandma Radhakishore
- Q62.** Which country's President John Magufuli has died at the age of 61?
a) Canada **b) Tanzania** c) Denmark d) France
- Q63.** Which famous Padma Bhushan awardee has passed away at the age of 95?
a) Maulana Waheeduddin Khan b) Sudarshan Sahuc) **Laxman pie**
d) Narinder Singh Kapani
- Q64.** Which Indian fast bowler has retired from international and first class cricket?
a) Ravindra Jadeja b) Kedar Yadav c) **R. Vinay Kumar** d) Rohit Sharma
- Q65.** Which state has announced to host the Indian Women's Football League?
a) Odisha b) Tamil Nadu c) Bihar d) Gujarat
- Q66.** Who became the second player in T20 International cricket after Yuvraj Singh to hit 6 sixes in 6 consecutive balls?
a) Virat Kohli b) **Kieron Pollard** c) Ravindra Jadeja d) Rohit Sharma
- Q67.** Who has topped the Khelo India Winter National Games?
a) Jammu-Kashmir b) Tamil Nadu c) Bihar d) Gujarat

Q68. Which Indian female wrestler won the final of the MatiPallikone ranking wrestling to become the number one wrestler in the world in the 65 kg weight category?

- a) **VineshPhogat** b) RituPhogat c) GeetaPhogat d) BabitaPhogat

Q69. Who has topped the Khelo India Winter National Games?

- a) **Jammu-Kashmir** b) Tamil Nadu c) Bihar d) Gujrat

Q70. P. V. Sindhu has won which medal in Swiss Open Super Badminton tournament.

- a) Gold Medal b) Bronze Medal c) **Silver Medal** d) None of these

Q71. Which Indian cricketer has been appointed by GlenmarkPharma Company as its brand ambassador?

- a) **Rohit Sharma** b) ShikharDhawan c) ViratKohli d) K. L. Rahu

Q72. In which state has the 39th International Book Fair been started?

- a) Rashid Khan b) **HashmatullahShahidi** c) Mohammad Nabi d) RahmatSaha

Q73. Women has become the world's second and India's first female cricketer to have completed 10,000 runs in international cricket?

- a) Harmanpreetkaur) **mitali raj** c) Deepti Sharma d)smritimandhana

Q74. Which international female swordsman of India has qualified for Tokyo Olympics starting July 23 this year?

- a) AnkitaRaina b) MohniAggrawale) **Bhavanidevi** d) JyottikaDatta

Q75. Which Indian cricketer became the first player in the world to score 3000 runs in international T20 cricket?

- a) **ViratKohli** b) Rohit Sharma c) IshanKisan d) Lokesh Rahul

Q76. Who has become the highest wicket taker in T20 cricket for India?

- a) JaspritBumrah) **YuzvendraChahal** c) RavindraJadeja d) KuldeepYadav

Q77. Who won the gold medal in the women's 100 meters race at the ongoing 24th Federation Cup Athletics Championships in Patiala?

- a) P.T. USHA b) **Dhanlaxmic**) Hima Das d) Duti Chand

Q78. Which medal has been won by India's Para Athlete Singharaj in the 2021 Para Shooting World Cup?

- a) Silver medal b) **Gold Medal** c) Bronze medal d) None of these

Q79. Which athlete has created a new national record in men's 3000 meter steeplechase?

- a) Rahul Rohilla b) Neerajchoprac) **AvinashSaable** d) Sandeep Kumar

Q80. In which state has the 39th International Book Fair been started?

- a) Bihar b) Nagaland c) Jharkhand d) **Tripura**

Q81. Which country has participated in Virtual Summit 2021?

- a) Australia b) Brazil c) Napald) **Sweden**

Q82. Which country has chaired the first meeting of BRICS CGETI?

- a) China b) Brazil c) **India** d) Uganda

Q83. Who has participated in the first quad summit 2021 virtually?

- a) Rajnath Singh b) Giriraj Singh c) **NarendraModi** d) AmitSaha

Q84. Recently ISRO has launched the Amazonia- 1 satellite of which country from PSLV- C51?

- a) Australia b) **Brazil** c) Nepal d) Uganda

Q85. Which country has launched the first Arctica monitoring satellite 'Arctica-M'?
a) **Russia** b) Japan c) Nepal d) Uganda

Q86. Scientists of which country have placed a large space telescope inside the Lake Baikal?
a) Nepal b) Bangladesh c) China **d) Russia**

Q87. Is Zero Discrimination Day celebrated?
a) 28 Feb **b) 01 March** c) 02 March d) 03 March

Q88. When is World Wildlife Day celebrated globally?
a) 04 March b) 01 March c) 02 March **d) 03 March**

Q89. Bangladesh will celebrate which anniversary of the 1971 Liberation War?
a) 45th b) 47th c) 49th **d) 50th**

Q90. Which industrial establishment day is celebrated by the Central Industrial Security Force?
a) 50th b) 51th **c) 52th** d) 53th

Q91. International Day of Happiness is celebrated?
a) 20 March b) 21 March c) 18 March d) 19 March

Which film has been awarded the Best Film Award at the 67th National Awards ceremony?
a) Jangal b) Aadmic) **Chhichhore** d) Mitti

Q92. Which actress has been awarded the National Award at the 67th National Awards ceremony?
a) Anushka Sharma b) RaveenaTandonc) **KanganaRanaut** d) KarismaKapoor

Q93. The President of which country MahamadouIssoufou has won Africa's top award ?**a) Niger** b) Brazil c) Nepal d) Uganda

Q94. Who has been awarded the Best Actor Award at the Filmfare Awards 2021?
a) Irrfan Khan b) ArjunKapoor c) AyushmannKhurrana d) Ajay Devgan

Q95. Who has been awarded the Best Actress Award at the Film fare Awards 2021?
a) **Madhuri Dixit** b) **TaapsePannuc)** KarismaKapoor d) Alia Bhatt

Q96. Which singer will be awarded the Maharashtra Bhushan Award, the highest award of the Government of Maharashtra?
a) RanuMandal b) UshaMangeshkarc) **AshaBhosle** d) LataMangeshkar

Q97. Which state has launched the country's first 'Engineering Research and Development' policy?
a) Bihar b) Nagaland c) Jharkhand **d) Karnataka**

Q98. Which bank has launched a program called "SmartupUnnati"
a) Fino Payments Bank **b) HDFC Bank** c) Reserve Bank of India d) YES Bank

Q99. With whom has the Indian Navy conducted PASSEX exercises?
a) Russia b) France c) Nepal **d) Bahrain**

Q100. Who has successfully tested the anti-satellite mission Shakti missile?
a) NASA **b) DRDO** c) JAXA d) ISR

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