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# TOP HEADLINES OF THE MONTH- AUGUST 2021

## AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

### 4 more sites in India added to Ramsar list

- Four more wetlands from India have been added to the list of Ramsar sites, giving it the status of **'Wetland of International Importance'**.
- With this, the total numbers of Ramsar sites in India have reached **46**, covering a surface area of 1,083,322 hectares.
- These sites are:
  - Thol, Gujarat
  - Wadhvana, Gujarat
  - Sultanpur, Haryana
  - Bhindawas, Haryana
- The Ramsar Convention on Wetlands is an inter-governmental treaty adopted on February 2, 1971, in the **Iranian city of Ramsar**, on the southern shore of the Caspian Sea. It came into force for India on February 1, 1982.

### Mahatma Gandhi to be given the US Congressional Gold Medal

- An influential US lawmaker from New York reintroduced a resolution in the US House of Representatives to posthumously award the prestigious **Congressional Gold Medal** to **Mahatma Gandhi** in recognition of his promotion of peace and nonviolence.
- The Congressional Gold Medal is the highest civilian award in the United States. Gandhi would be the **first Indian** to receive a Congressional Gold Medal.

### Other Notable mentions:

- Dr **Cyrus Poonawalla**, Chairman of the **Pune**-based vaccine maker **Serum Institute of India (SII)**, has been selected for the prestigious **Lokmanya Tilak National Award for 2021**.
- **Nagaland** has been conferred with seven national awards on the first Van Dhan Annual Awards 2020-21, during the celebration of the 34th foundation day of the **Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Limited (TRIFED)**.
- The **Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport** in New Delhi has found place among **world's top 50 best airports** in the **2021 Skytrax World Airport Awards**. The **Hamad International Airport** in Doha, **Qatar**, has been named the "Best Airport in the World"
- Dr Basant Kumar Misra has been conferred the prestigious American Association of Neurological Surgeons' 'International Lifetime Achievement Award in Neurosurgery'

## APPOINTMENTS

### Shri Deepak Das takes charge as new Controller General of Accounts (CGA)

- Shri Deepak Das, a 1986-batch Indian Civil Accounts Service (ICAS) officer, is appointed by the Government of India as the Controller General of Accounts (CGA), Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, with effect from August 1, 2021.

- Vice Admiral **SN Ghormade** has assumed charge as the **Vice Chief of Naval Staff** at a formal ceremony in New Delhi.
- Maharashtra Governor, **Bhagat Singh Koshyari** has approved the appointment of retired Bombay high court judge Justice **V M Kanade** as the new **Lokayukta** of Maharashtra, on the advice of the chief minister Uddhav Thackeray.
- The Indian government approved the appointment of **Dr Dhriti Banerjee** as the director of the **Zoological Survey of India**.
- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has extended the term of service of **Rajiv Gauba**, as the **Cabinet Secretary of India**, for a further period of one year.
- The Government of India has given a three-year extension to **Rekha Sharma** as **Chairperson** of the **National Commission for Women (NCW)**.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has started a public awareness campaign to **warn people against digital banking frauds**. For the new campaign, RBI has roped in Olympic Gold medalist **Neeraj Chopra**.
- Kamlesh Kumar Pant, a 1993-batch IAS officer of Himachal Pradesh cadre, has been appointed as the new chairman of **National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA)** by the Appointments Committee of the Union Cabinet.
- **Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Mansukh Mandaviya** has taken over charge as the Chairperson of Stop TB Partnership Board.
- Union Home Ministry appointed Pankaj Kumar Singh as the new Director General of Border Security Force.
- **Adidas** has roped in Tokyo Olympic Silver medalist **Mirabai Chanu** as the face of its "Stay in Play" campaign for latest product innovation designed to keep more menstruating women in sports.

## NATIONAL CURRENT AFFAIRS

### World's highest motorable road at 18,600 ft inaugurated in Ladakh

- **Border Roads Organisation (BRO)** has constructed and black-topped the highest road in the world at **Umlingla Pass** in **Eastern Ladakh**.
- The highest motorable road in the world is situated at an altitude of **19,300 feet**. This is higher than the base camps of Mount Everest.
- The road itself is a 52-km long tarmac stretch through Umlingla Pass, connecting important towns in the Chumar sector of Eastern Ladakh

### KVIC's Unique Plastic-Mixed Handmade Paper gets Patent for Invention to Recycle Waste Plastic

- The innovative **plastic-mixed handmade paper** developed by the **Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC)** to curb plastic pollution is now a patented invention. The handmade paper was developed under Project **REPLAN (Reducing Plastic from Nature)**, launched in 2018 as KVIC's commitment towards Swacch Bharat Abhiyan.
- The patent is issued for 20 years under the Patents Act, 1970

## **India's first cattle genomic chip 'IndiGau' launched in Telangana**

- Dr Jitendra Singh has released India's first cattle genomic chip 'IndiGau' for the conservation of pure varieties of indigenous cattle breeds like, **Gir, Kankrej, Sahiwal, Ongole** etc.

## **India to take over as President of UNSC on August 1**

- India took over from France to assume the presidency of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) for the month of August 2021.
- This is the first presidency for India during its 2021-22 tenure as **a non-permanent member** of the UNSC.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be the **first Indian PM to preside over a meeting** of the **UNSC**.
- The **theme** of the high-level open debate was **'Enhancing Maritime Security – A Case for International Cooperation'**

## **Other notable mentions:**

- The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has given a name to India's complex mission of **evacuating** its citizens from **war-torn Afghanistan**, as **'Operation Devi Shakti'**.
- The **world's highest movie theatre** has recently been inaugurated in **Ladakh**, which got its first-ever mobile digital movie theatre in the **Paldan area of Leh**, at an altitude of 11,562 feet.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has dedicated to the nation the renovated complex of **Jallianwala Bagh Smarak** in Punjab's Amritsar, to mark **102 years** of the Jallianwala Bagh massacre.
  - The historic garden is a memorial of national importance, preserved in the memory of countless revolutionaries, sacrificers, fighters, who were killed in the Jallianwala Bagh Massacre, which occurred on the festival of Baisakhi on 13 April 1919.
- India's Chandrayaan-2 moon mission may have made a hard landing on the lunar surface in 2019, but the orbiter accompanying it has been providing useful information to scientists back on Earth. A research paper revealed that the **Chandrayaan-2 orbiter confirmed the presence of water molecules** (H<sub>2</sub>O) and hydroxyl (OH) on the surface of the moon. The findings were published in the journal Current Science.
- **IIT Madras** has developed India's first indigenous motorized wheelchair vehicle named **'NeoBolt'**, which can be used not only on roads but even on uneven terrains.
- **Meenakashi Lekhi**, the **Minister of State for Culture** of India participated in the G20 Culture Ministers' Meeting on behalf of the Government of India.
- The **Union Law Minister Kiren Rijju** has virtually attended the eighth meeting of Ministers of Justice of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO).
- India organized the **IBSA (India, Brazil and South Africa)** Tourism Ministers' meeting through the virtual platform. The **Union Minister of Tourism** of India, **Shri G. Kishan Reddy**, chaired the meeting.

## STATE CURRENT AFFAIRS

### West Bengal receives four SKOCH awards for its schemes under Ease of Doing Business initiative

- The Government of West Bengal has received **four SKOCH awards** for its schemes under the Ease of Doing Business initiative.
- The State scheme '**Silpasathi**'-the online single window portal won the **platinum award** while the **Auto Renewal of Certificate** of Enlistment through online system for urban areas has received the **gold award**.
- Online issuance of trade licences in rural areas and the E-Nathikaran: the online system for registration, preparation and submission of deeds have won two silver awards.

### Other Notable mentions:

- **Karnataka** has become the **first state in the country** to issue the order with regard to the **implementation** of the **National Education Policy 2020**. The state government has issued an order on the implementation of NEP-2020 with effect from the current academic year 2021-2022.
- The All India Institute of Medical Science (**AIIMS**), **New Delhi** has become the first hospital of India to house a **fire station** inside the hospital premises, to meet any emergency.
- In Jammu and Kashmir, Lieutenant Governor **Manoj Sinha** has unveiled a mobile application named **PROOF**, to bring more transparency and accountability in the governance system. **PROOF** stands for '**Photographic Record of On-site Facility**'.
- Arvind Kejriwal inaugurated the **Country's First Smog Tower**, at Baba Kharak Singh Marg, Connaught Place.
- NTPC has commissioned the **largest floating solar PV project** in India of 25MW power on the reservoir of its Simhadri thermal station in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.
- '**Pani Maah**' or **water month** has been launched in **Ladakh** to inform villagers about the importance of clean water.
- Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, **Manoj Sinha** has inaugurated the **Bungus Awaam Mela** with grand arrangements for village games, exhilarating local performances, and other activities to celebrate the **75<sup>th</sup> year of Independence** at Bungus valley in Kupwara district.
- **Kaziranga National Park** (KNP) in **Assam** has become the first national park in India to be **equipped** with **satellite phones**.
- India's cleanest city, **Indore** in Madhya Pradesh, has achieved another feat of being declared as the country's first '**water plus**' **certified city**, under the Swachh Survekshan 2021.
- **Bhubaneswar** has become the first Indian city to achieve **100 per cent** COVID-19 vaccination.

## INTERNATIONAL

- The Chief of the **Myanmar** military, **Senior General Min Aung Hlaing** has taken over as the interim **prime minister** of the country by overthrowing Aung San Suu Kyi's ruling party.
- A 19-year old **Pakistani** climber **Shehroze Kashif** became the **youngest person** in the world to reach the **summit of K2 (9,611-metre)**, the second-highest peak in the world.
- **Germany** became the **5<sup>th</sup> country** to **sign** the **International Solar Alliance Framework Agreement**.

- The **Pakistan Army** successfully test-fired a nuclear-capable **surface-to-surface** ballistic missile **Ghaznavi**.
- **World Health Organization** (WHO) has created a **new** advisory group named, **The International Scientific Advisory Group for Origins of Novel Pathogens**, or **SAGO**.
  - The function of SAGO will be to systematically study the emergence of **future emerging pathogens** with **pandemic potential**, and advise the development in this regard to WHO.
- The world's **largest** and **tallest** observation wheel is set to be unveiled in Dubai, UAE on October 21, 2021. The observation wheel called as '**Ain Dubai**', is 250 m (820 ft) in height, located at Bluewaters Island.
- The armed force of the country **China, Pakistan, Mongolia** and **Thailand** will take part in a multinational peacekeeping exercise named "**Shared Destiny-2021**".

## SPORTS CURRENT AFFAIRS

- **Lionel Messi** joined star-packed **Paris St Germain (PSG)** after leaving Barcelona, the club where he had begun, after 21 years.
- India's **Sumit Antil** has won the **gold medal** in the **men's javelin throw** F64 final event at the Tokyo **Paralympics**, and in the process set a new world record throw of 68.55m. The 23-year-old Sumit hails from Sonapat in **Haryana**.
- **Esteban Ocon**, of France, has won the **Hungarian Grand Prix** 2021.
- Max Verstappen (Red Bull – Netherlands) has been declared the winner of the Belgian Grand Prix 2021.
- Sri Lanka left-arm seam bowling all-rounder, Isuru Udana has announced his retirement from international cricket
- **United States** clinched an exhilarating 1-0 extratime win over defending champion Mexico to claim a seventh **CONCACAF Gold Cup**.
- **Union Minister** for **Youth Affairs** and **Sports, Anurag Singh** Thakur launched the theme song for the **Indian Paralympic contingent** titled "**Kar De Kamaal Tu**". The composer and singer of the song is **Sanjeev Singh**, a Divyang cricket player from Lucknow.
- Indian **men's hockey team** defeated Germany to win their first-ever Olympic medal in **41 years**. Before this podium finish for bronze, India last climbed up the Olympic podium in **1980**, when it won its 8th gold at the Games
- Shooter **Avani Lekhara** has scripted history as she became the **first Indian woman to win a gold medal** at the **Paralympics**, firing her way to the top of the podium in the R-2 women's **10m Air Rifle** Standing SH1 event.
- **James Anderson** overtook Anil Kumble's tally of 619 Test wickets to become the **third-highest wicket-taker** in **Test cricket**.
- **Durand Cup, Asia's oldest and world's third oldest football tournament**, is all set to make a comeback, after a year's gap. The 130th edition of the Durand Cup is scheduled to be held in Kolkata.
- World Cup-winning U19 India captain, Unmukt Chand has announced his retirement from cricket in India.
- The 20-year-old Chess player Harshit Raja from Pune, Maharashtra has become the 69th Grandmaster of India in Chess

- The Odisha government will sponsor the Indian Hockey teams for 10 more years after the current sponsorship ends in 2023, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik announced.
- The 2021 edition of the World Athletics U20 Championships has been started in Nairobi, Kenya
- Mariyappan Thangavelu, 2016 Rio Paralympic Games gold medalist will be replaced by Asian Games gold medalist Tekchand as the new flagbearer of India at the opening ceremony
- South African cricketer Dale Steyn has announced his retirement from all forms of cricket.
- Indian all-rounder cricketer, Stuart Binny has announced his retirement from all forms of cricket on August 30, 2021.

## RANKS AND REPORTS

- India is **ranked 122<sup>nd</sup>** on a new **Global Youth Development Index 2020**, released by the **Commonwealth Secretariat** in London.
  - **Singapore** ranked **topmost** followed by Slovenia, Norway, Malta and Denmark.
  - Chad, South Sudan, Afghanistan and Niger came last respectively
- Uttar Pradesh's **Ghaziabad** was adjudged the **second** most polluted city out of the 50 'most polluted cities' in the world in 2020 by a report prepared by British company **HouseFresh**.
  - Preceding Ghaziabad, the Chinese city of **Hotan in Xinjiang province** has been named the **most polluted city**.
  - According to the report, **Bangladesh** was the **most polluted country** across the world in 2020, **followed by Pakistan, India** and **Mongolia**.
  - Meanwhile, **Judbury in Australia** bagged the **top position**.
- **Apple** is the **world's most valuable company** (USD 2,443 billion) according to the **Hurun Global 500 Most Valuable Companies list 2021**.
- **Reliance Industries** (USD 188 billion) ranked at **57** is the **top Indian company** in the list.
- **Copenhagen**, the capital city of Denmark, has been named as the **world's safest city** released by the **Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU)**.
  - **New Delhi** and **Mumbai** have found a place in the index. New Delhi is placed at **48<sup>th</sup>** position, while **Mumbai** is at **50<sup>th</sup>** place.
  - **Yangon** of Myanmar is at the **bottom of the index**, as least safe city.

## BOOKS AND AUTHORS

- Renowned novelist **Kunal Basu's** new work of fiction, **In An Ideal World**, will be released next year, Penguin Random House India (PRHI) announced.
- A new book titled **"Balakot Air Strike: How India Avenged Pulwama"**, published by Garuda Prakashan, is written by Navy veteran **Manan Bhatt**.
- Veteran actor Shabana Azmi has launched the book titled **"The Year That Wasn't – The Diary of a 14-Year-Old"**, which is penned by Kolkata girl **Brisha Jain**.
- A book titled **"How the Earth Got Its Beauty"** authored by **Sudha Murty**, released.
- A book titled **"The Earthspinner"** authored by award-winning novelist **Anuradha Roy**.
- CDS General Bipin Rawat was presented a book **"OPERATION KHUKRI"** by authors Major General Rajpal Punia & Ms Damini Punia. The book highlights the Indian Army's successful **rescue mission in Sierra Leone** as part of the United Nations.



## ECONOMY

### RBI announces its bi-monthly monetary policy

- The Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) rate and bank rates remain unchanged:
  - Policy Repo Rate: 4.00%
  - Reverse Repo Rate: 3.35%
  - Marginal Standing Facility Rate: 4.25%
  - Bank Rate: 4.25%
  - CRR: 4%
  - SLR: 18.00%
- Governor of the Reserve Bank of India – Chairperson, ex officio: Shri **Shaktikanta Das**.
- **Deputy Governor** of the Reserve Bank of India, in charge of Monetary Policy– Member, ex officio: Dr **Michael Debabrata Patra**.

## SPORTS

### Tokyo Olympics 2020 Closing Ceremony Highlights

- This was for the **fourth time** that Japan hosted the Olympic Games, after previously hosting the Tokyo 1964 (Summer), Sapporo 1972 (Winter), and Nagano 1998 (Winter) games. Apart from this, **Tokyo** is the **first Asian city** to hold the Summer Games **twice**.
- Medal Tally: The **United States** has **topped** the overall medal table with 113 medals, which includes 39 Gold, 41 Silver and 33 Bronze Medal.
- Indian Contingent managed to win 7 medals comprising 1 Gold, 2 Silver and 4 Bronze Medals. The country stood at the **48<sup>th</sup>** position in the medal table out of 86 countries.
- India finished the Games with its **best-ever Olympic medal tally** of 7 in Tokyo Games 2020, surpassing the previous best record of 6 medals at the 2012 London Olympics.
- **MC Mary Kom**, and men's hockey team skipper, **Manpreet Singh**, were **flag-bearers** for the Indian contingent at the **opening ceremony**.
- Bronze-medalist **Bajrang Punia** was the **flag-bearer** at the **closing ceremony** of the event.
- Indian Medal Winners List
- **Gold**
  - Men's **Javelin** Throw: **Neeraj Chopra**
- **Silver**
  - Women's 49kg Weightlifting: **Mirabai Chanu**
  - Men's Freestyle 57kg Wrestling: **Ravi Dahiya**
- **Bronze**
  - Women's Welterweight boxing: **Lovlina Borgohain**
  - Women's Singles Badminton: **PV Sindhu**
  - Men's 65kg Freestyle Wrestling: **Bajrang Punia**
  - Men's hockey: **India men's hockey team**

## **Khel Ratna Award renamed as Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award**

- Major Dhyan Chand, whose birthday is celebrated as **National Sports Day**, won three Olympic golds for the country in Hockey.
- About the award: The award was inaugurated in **1991-92**, the award comprises a medallion, a certificate, and a cash prize of **₹ 25 lakh**.
- The **first recipient** of the Khel Ratna was chess legend, **Viswanathan Anand**.
- **Deepa Malik**, the **first Indian woman** to win a medal in Paralympics, was conferred the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award.

## **IMPORTANT DAYS AND THEMES**

- The **World Breastfeeding Week (WBW)** is marked every year in the **first week of August**, between 1 to 7 August, to raise awareness on the importance of breastfeeding for mothers and infants.
  - The theme of the World Breastfeeding Week 2021 is **“Protect Breastfeeding: A Shared Responsibility”**. The annual week is organized by WABA, WHO and UNICEF since **1991**.
- In India, **“Muslim Women’s Rights Day”** is celebrated across the nation on August 01 to celebrate the enactment of the law against Triple Talaq.
  - The first Muslim Women’s Rights Day was observed in **2020**.
  - The Government of India enacted the law against Triple Talaq on **August 01, 2019** to make the social malpractice of Triple Talaq a criminal offence.
- Annually **6th of August** marks the anniversary of the atomic bombing in **Hiroshima** during World War II.
  - The **horrific** incident took place on August 6, 1945, when the United States dropped an atomic bomb named “Little Boy”, on the town of Hiroshima in Japan.
  - This bomb attack was done with the  **motive to end** the Second World War in 1945.
  - This day is remembered to promote peace and spread awareness about the danger of nuclear energy and nuclear weapons. 2021 marks the **76<sup>th</sup> anniversary** of the world’s first atomic bombing.
- The 79th anniversary of the **August Kranti Din** or **Quit India Movement**, which is considered as one of the important milestones in the history of the freedom struggle of our country, is being observed on **8 August 2021**.
  - On 8 Aug 1942, Mahatma Gandhi gave a clarion call to end British rule and launched the Quit India Movement at the session of the All-India Congress Committee in Mumbai.
- United Nations observes the International Day of the World’s Indigenous Peoples on 09th August every year.
  - The theme for 2021 is “Leaving no one behind: Indigenous peoples and the call for a new social contract.”
- **Japan** commemorates the **9th of August** every year as **Nagasaki day**.
  - On August 9, 1945, the United States dropped an atomic bomb on Nagasaki, Japan. It was code-named **“Fat Man”** due to the design of the bomb as it had a wide, round shape. This happened 3 days after dropping an atomic bomb on Hiroshima.
- **World Lion Day** is observed globally on August 10 every year.

- The **International Youth Day** is observed on August 12 annually to draw the attention of governments and others towards youth issues worldwide.
- World Organ Donation Day is celebrated every year on August 13.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has declared that, **August 14** will be observed as '**Partition Horrors Remembrance Day**' or '**Vibhajan Vibhishika Smriti Diwas**', in memory of people's struggles and sacrifices during the partition of the country in 1947.
- World Photography Day is celebrated on 19 August every year.
- World Mosquito Day is observed on 20 August annually to raise awareness about the causes of malaria and how it can be prevented.
- Every year India observes **Sadbhavana Diwas** on **August 20** to commemorate the birth anniversary of late erstwhile Prime Minister, Rajiv Gandhi.
  - This year on 20th August 2021, we are going to celebrate the 77th birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.
  - The Indian National Congress instituted Rajiv Gandhi **Sadbhavana Award in 1992**, a year after his death.
- **Akshay Urja Diwas** (Renewable Energy Day) is observed every year on **20 August** to raise awareness about the developments and adoption of renewable energy in India.
- World Senior Citizen Day is observed globally on August 21 every year.
- In 2021, India is observing the **Sanskrit Week from August 19 to August 25, 2021**, to promote, popularise and cherish the importance of ancient language.
  - In 2021, Sanskrit Day will be celebrated on August 22, 2021. The day is celebrated on the **full moon** day of the month of **Shravan**, which also marks the occasion of **Raksha Bandhan** each year
- **Women Equality Day** is celebrated annually on **August 26**. It is celebrated to make the anniversary of the 19th Amendment to the **United States Constitution** giving women the **right to vote**.
- The **International Day against Nuclear Tests** is observed globally on **29th August**.
- Every year, **29th August** has been observed as **National Sports Day** in India. The first National Sports Day was celebrated on 29th August 2012, on the birth anniversary of **Major Dhyan Chand** who was the star of hockey team of India.

## OBITUARY

### **Eminent Bengali writer Buddhadeb Guha, has passed away.**

- Buddhadeb Guha the author of many notable works such as "Madhukari" (Honey Gatherer), "Koeler Kachhe" (Near the Koel bird) and "Sobinoy Nibedon" (Humble Offering).
- He also won several awards including Ananda Purashkar in 1976, Shiroman Purashkar and Sharat Puraskar.

### **Noted Kerala Cartoonist, sculptor and folk singer, P.S. Banarji has passed away.**

- A recipient of the Lalithakala Akademi Fellowship, Banarji was noted for his Ayyankali and Buddha sculptures at Venganur and Koduman.

## **Eminent India-international footballer Chinmoy Chatterjee has passed away.**

- Eminent India-international footballer Chinmoy Chatterjee, who played for the three Maidan heavyweights in his prime in the 1970-80s, has passed away.
- He was a member of the Indian team at the **1978 Bangkok Asian Games** where they finished fourth in the quarterfinal league.

## **Maki Kaji, the creator of puzzle Sudoku passed away**

- Maki Kaji, the creator of puzzle Sudoku passed away at the age of 69 years due to bile duct cancer. He was known as the father of Sodoku and was from Japan.

# **CURRENT AFFAIRS MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS- AUGUST 2021**

## **AWARDS AND HONOURS**

1. **Bhindawas is located in which state that has been recognized as a Ramsar site?**

- [A] Gujarat
- [B] Uttarakhand
- [C] Haryana
- [D] Himachal Pradesh

Correct Answer – [C] Haryana

**Explanation:** Four more wetlands from India have been added to the list of Ramsar sites, giving it the status of 'Wetland of International Importance'. These sites are: Thol, Gujarat, Wadhvana, Gujarat, Sultanpur, Haryana, Bhindawas, Haryana

2. **Who has been awarded the National Youth Award for displaying exemplary leadership qualities?**

- [A] Ram Singh Sharma
- [B] Ramesh Sipi
- [C] Mohammad Azam
- [D] Divya Kumari Dutta

Correct Answer – [C] Mohammad Azam

**Explanation:** Mohammad Azam from Karimnagar district in Telangana has been awarded the National Youth Award recently by the Union Youth Affairs and Sports Minister Anurag Singh Thakur in Delhi for displaying exemplary leadership qualities. He has conducted several awareness programmes related to blood donation, organ

donation and plantation programmes under the Haritha Haram project.

3. **Name the following, who has been awarded Kirti Chakra in Gallantry awards 2021.**

- [A] Altaf Hussain Bhat
- [B] Perminder Antil
- [C] Chitesh Kumar
- [D] Manjinder Singh

Correct Answer – [A] Altaf Hussain Bhat

4. **Which Indian airport has been ranked as the best airport of the country as per the 2021 Skytrax World Airport Awards list?**

- [A] Mumbai Airport
- [B] Hyderabad Airport
- [C] Bengaluru Airport
- [D] Delhi Airport

Correct Answer – [D] Delhi Airport

**Explanation:** Hamad International Airport in Doha, Qatar has been named as the Best Airport in the World in 2021 Skytrax World Airport Awards.

5. **Which sports award has been renamed as Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award?**

- [A] Arjuna Award
- [B] Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award
- [C] Dronacharya Award
- [D] Dhyan Chand Award

Correct Answer – [B] Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award

6. **How many Tiger Reserves have received the accreditation of the Global Conservation Assured Tiger Standards (CA|TS) 2021?**

- [A] 14
- [B] 18
- [C] 20
- [D] 25

Correct Answer – [A] 14

**Explanation:** From India, 14 tiger reserves have received the accreditation of the Global Conservation Assured Tiger Standards (CA|TS), on the occasion of International Tiger Day on July 29, 2021. The National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) recognized the 'BaghRakshaks' for their efforts in protecting Tigers and forests. The NTCA's quarterly newsletter STRIPES was also released during the event. **The 14 tiger reserves of India that**

**have received prestigious global accreditation from CA|TS are:** , Mudumalai and Anamalai Tiger Reserves, Tamil Nadu, Bandipur Tiger Reserve, Karnataka, Parambikulam Tiger Reserve, Kerala, Sunderbans Tiger Reserve, West Bengal, Dudhwa Tiger Reserve, Uttar Pradesh, Valmiki Tiger Reserve, Bihar, Pench Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra, Satpura, Kanha and Panna Tiger Reserves, Madhya Pradesh.

7. **Who has been has been selected for the prestigious Lokmanya Tilak National Award for 2021?**

- [A] Krishna Ella
- [B] Sonam Wangchuk
- [C] Kailash Satyarthi
- [D] Cyrus Poonawalla

Correct Answer – [D] Cyrus Poonawalla

## APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

1. **Who is present home secretary whose term has been extended for one year?**

- [A] Ajay Kumar Bhalla
- [B] Rajeev Kumar
- [C] Shri Sushil Chandra
- [D] AC Pandey

Correct Answer – [A] Ajay Kumar Bhalla

2. **In August 2021, who has been appointed Secretary (Security), Cabinet Secretariat?**

- [A] Amitendra Nath Sinha
- [B] Sanjeeb Panda
- [C] Sudhir Kumar Saxena
- [D] Jay Narayan Pankaj

Correct Answer – [C] Sudhir Kumar Saxena

3. **Who has been reappointed as the Chairperson of National Commission for Women (NCW)?**

- [A] Maneka Gandhi
- [B] Rekha Sharma
- [C] Rekha Srivastav

[D] Rakhi Bidlan

Correct Answer – [B] Rekha Sharma

4. **Which state has named Indian women's hockey team player Vandana Kataria as the state's Department of Women Empowerment and Child Development brand ambassador?**

- [A] Uttar Pradesh
- [B] Uttarakhand
- [C] Bihar
- [D] Gujarat

Correct Answer – [B] Uttarakhand

5. **Who has been appointed as director of the 105-year-old Zoological Survey of India (ZSI)?**

- [A] Mini Ipe
- [B] Noopur Chaturvedi
- [C] Neha Parikh
- [D] Dhriti Banerjee

Correct Answer – [D] Dhriti Banerjee

6. **Who has been appointed as the Executive Director (ED) of Reserve Bank of India with effect from August 20, 2021?**

- [A] Ajay Kumar
- [B] Nitin Chugh
- [C] Upma Goel
- [D] Arunava Banerjee

Correct Answer – [A] Ajay Kumar

7. **Who has been reappointed as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of ICICI Bank?**

- [A] Chandra Kochar
- [B] Sandeep Bakshi

- [C] Anup Bagchi
- [D] Sandeep Batra

Correct Answer – [B] Sandeep Bakshi

8. \_\_\_\_\_ **has taken over as the Controller General of Accounts (CGA) on August 01, 2021.**

- [A] Deepak Das
- [B] Rohit Tiwari
- [C] Hem Pandey
- [D] Ravi Verma

Correct Answer – [A] Deepak Das

## NATIONAL CURRENT AFFAIRS

1. **Which is the first state in the country to officially implement the National Education Policy (NEP)-2020?**

- [A] Uttar Pradesh
- [B] Madhya Pradesh
- [C] Karnataka
- [D] Haryana

Correct Answer – [C] Karnataka

2. **How many Vande Bharat Express Train will be launched in India during the celebrations of 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav'?**

- [A] 100
- [B] 75
- [C] 50
- [D] 25

Correct Answer – [B] 75

**Explanation:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the nation on the occasion of 75th Independence Day and announced that 75 'Vande Bharat' trains would connect different parts of the country in 75 weeks of the celebration of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav. Presently two Vande Bharat Express trains are operating in the country by the Indian Railways. The **first Vande Bharat Express** operates between **Varanasi** and **New Delhi** and the other Vande Bharat Express operates between Katra and New Delhi.

3. **Which place has recently got the world's highest movie theatre?**

- [A] Machu Picchu
- [B] Shangri-la, China
- [C] Thimpu
- [D] Ladakh

Correct Answer – [D] Ladakh

4. **Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) has increased the entry age for National Pension System (NPS) to \_\_\_\_\_.**

- [A] 55 Years
- [B] 60 Years
- [C] 65 Years
- [D] 70 Years

Correct Answer – [D] 70 Years

5. **SVEEP Consultation Workshop was recently organised by which organisation?**

- [A] RBI
- [B] Election Commission of India
- [C] DRDO
- [D] Indian Army

Correct Answer – [C] DRDO

**Explanation:** The Election Commission of India (ECI) organized the Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) Consultation Workshop.

6. **The India – Kazakhstan Joint Training Exercise, "KAZIND-21", is which edition of the**

**annual bilateral military exercise?**

- [A] 4th
- [B] 3rd
- [C] 5th
- [D] 7th

Correct Answer – [C] 5<sup>th</sup>

7. **The finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman launched the fourth edition of the Public Sector Bank Reforms Agenda EASE- 4.0'. What does 'E' stands for in EASE-4.0?**

- [A] Enchanted
- [B] Excess
- [C] Emergence
- [D] Excellence

Correct Answer – [A] Enchanted

**Explanation:** The finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman launched the fourth edition of the Public Sector Bank Reforms Agenda 'Enhanced Access and Service Excellence (EASE) – 4.0'.

8. **Who has virtually hosted the 11th Meeting of BRICS High Representatives Responsible for National Security, since India is the chair for 2021 BRICS summit?**

- [A] Rajnath Singh
- [B] S Jaishankar
- [C] Ajit Doval
- [D] Narendra Modi

Correct Answer – [C] Ajit Doval

9. **The 'National Monetisation Pipeline' was recently launched by FM Nirmala Sitharaman. The pipeline has been developed by which organisation?**

- [A] IIT Kanpur
- [B] DRDO
- [C] ONGC
- [D] NITI Aayog

Correct Answer – [D] NITI Aayog

**What is National Monetisation Pipeline**

**(NMP)?** The National Monetisation Pipeline (NMP) lists out assets and asset classes, under various infrastructure ministries, which will be monetised over a period of time. Which means assets will be monetised. The pipeline has

been developed by NITI Aayog, in consultation with infrastructure line ministries, based on the mandate for 'Asset Monetisation' under Union Budget 2021-22. NMP estimates aggregate monetisation potential of Rs 6.0 lakh crores through core assets of the Central Government, over a four-year period, from FY 2022 to FY 2025. The top 5 sectors capture about 83% of the aggregate pipeline value. These top 5 sectors include- Roads (27%) followed by Railways (25%), Power (15%), oil & gas pipelines (8%) and Telecom (6%).

10. **What name has been given by India to its operation of evacuating its citizens from war-torn Afghanistan?**

- [A] Operation Vijay Shakti
- [B] Operation Sthal Shakti
- [C] Operation Devi Shakti
- [D] Operation Samudrasetu

Correct Answer – [C] Operation Devi Shakti

11. **Fifth edition of Indo- Kazakhstan Joint Training Exercise, KAZIND-21 will be conducted at \_\_\_\_\_.**

- [A] Dushanbe
- [B] Jodhpur
- [C] Aisha Bibi
- [D] Konday

Correct Answer – [C] Aisha Bibi

**Explanation:** Fifth edition of Indo- Kazakhstan Joint Training Exercise, KAZIND-21 will be conducted at Aisha Bibi in Kazakhstan

12. **In August 2021, which of the following has become the fourth Indian company to touch a market valuation of USD 100 billion?**

- [A] Infosys
- [B] Wipro
- [C] HCL Technologies
- [D] Tech Mahindra

Correct Answer – [A] Infosys

**Explanation:** Infosys Ltd has become the fourth Indian company to touch a market valuation of USD 100 billion. It has joined the league of TCS, Reliance Industries, and HDFC Bank for crossing

the USD 100 billion mark in terms of market capitalization (m-cap). According to the latest m-cap data, Reliance Industries is the most-valued firm, followed by Tata Consultancy Services and HDFC Bank.

13. **Bharat Biotech has announced that the WHO has awarded prequalification to which of the following rotavirus vaccines?**

[A] Rotavac R2  
[B] Rotavac 5D  
[C] Rotavac 3E  
[D] Rotavac RV1

Correct Answer – [B] Rotavac 5D

**Explanation:** Bharat Biotech has announced that the WHO has awarded prequalification to its rotavirus vaccine, Rotavac 5D. It will help prevent rotavirus diarrhoea. It is a unique rotavirus vaccine formulation that can be administered without a buffer and its low dose volume, facilitates easy vaccine logistics, cold chain management, and low biomedical waste disposal post-vaccination.

14. **The second edition of the joint naval exercise, Zair-Al-Bahr, between the Indian Navy and \_\_\_\_\_ Navy.**

[A] UAE  
[B] Saudi Arabia  
[C] Oman  
[D] Qatar

Correct Answer – [D] Qatar

15. **Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has launched 'Ubharte Sitaare Fund' for export-oriented firms and startups. Ubharte Sitaare fund has been set up by \_\_\_\_\_.**

[A] Export Import Bank of India  
[B] Small Industries Development Bank of India  
[C] Reserve Bank of India  
[D] Both [A] & [B]

Correct Answer – Both [A] & [B]

16. **NTPC Ltd has commissioned the largest floating solar PV project of 25MW on the reservoir of its Simhadri thermal power station in \_\_\_\_\_.**

[A] Hyderabad  
[B] Visakhapatnam  
[C] Bhopal  
[D] Bengaluru

Correct Answer – [B] Visakhapatnam

17. **In August 2021, the world's first DNA-based vaccine developed indigenously by which of the following companies would be the first vaccine to be administered to those in the age group of 12-18 years in India?**

[A] Glaxo Smith Kline  
[B] Zydus Cadila  
[C] Bharat Biotech International  
[D] Johnson and Johnson

Correct Answer – [B] Zydus Cadila

18. **Minister of State for Culture, Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal participated in the SCO Culture Ministers Meeting in August 2021 hosted by which country?**

[A] Kazakhstan  
[B] Tajikistan  
[C] Uzbekistan  
[D] Kyrgyzstan

Correct Answer – [B] Tajikistan

19. **What is the name of the new advisory group created by the WHO to study the emergence of future emerging pathogens with pandemic potential?**

[A] SAGO  
[B] TAHO  
[C] HALO  
[D] PEARL

Correct Answer – [A] SAGO

20. **What is the name of India's first Cattle Genomic Chip for the conservation of pure varieties of indigenous cattle breeds?**

[A] BharGau  
[B] GauDham  
[C] IndiGau  
[D] GauLok

Correct Answer – [C] IndiGau

21. **Recently the government launched brand name and logo for marketing of the urban**



**Self-Help Group (SHG) products. What brand name has been given to these products?**

- [A] SonChiraiya
- [B] Neelkanth
- [C] Saras
- [D] Gauraiya

Correct Answer – [A] SonChiraiya

**22. Which country has the Presidency of United Nations Security Council (UNSC) for August 2021?**

- [A] Pakistan
- [B] India
- [C] Afghanistan
- [D] Indonesia

Correct Answer – [B] India

**23. The Indian Navy recently participated in the multinational SEACAT exercise, organised in which country?**

- [A] Singapore
- [B] Canada
- [C] Italy
- [D] France

Correct Answer – [A] Singapore

**Explanation:** The Indian Navy participated in the U.S. Navy-led Southeast Asia Cooperation and Training (SEACAT) military exercise in Singapore, to demonstrate its maritime manoeuvres.

**24. Prime Minister Narendra Modi set a target of becoming 'energy independent' by which year?**

- [A] 2030
- [B] 2035
- [C] 2040
- [D] 2047

Correct Answer – [D] 2047

**Explanation:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi set a target of becoming 'energy independent' by 2047 through a mix of electric mobility, gas-based economy, doping ethanol in petrol and making the country a hub for hydrogen production.

**25. For the expedition of which glacier, the 'Operation Blue Freedom' has been launched from Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi on the 75th Independence Day?**

- [A] Siachen
- [B] Baltoro
- [C] Zemu
- [D] Pindari

Correct Answer – [A] Siachen

**26. Which ministry has launched an online portal titled as TAPAS (Training for Augmenting Productivity and Services) to provide free of cost filmed lectures/courses and e-study material in the field of social defence?**

- [A] Ministry of Finance
- [B] Ministry of Education
- [C] Ministry of Rural Development
- [D] Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment

Correct Answer – [D] Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment

**27. In August 2021, in which state, for the first time, a separate budget for agriculture is presented?**

- [A] Tamil Nadu
- [B] Kerala
- [C] Karnataka
- [D] Odisha

Correct Answer – [A] Tamil Nadu

**28. The Taxation Laws (Amendment) Act, 2021 received the assent of the President on August 13, 2021. It will amend which of the following Acts?**

- [A] Finance Act, 2012
- [B] Income Tax Act, 1961
- [C] Finance Act, 1970
- [D] Both 1 and 2

Correct Answer – [D] Both 1 and 2

**Explanation:** The Taxation Laws (Amendment) Act, 2021 received the assent of the President on August 13, 2021. It would scrap the retrospective taxation clause in income tax law. The bill which has now become a law, amends the Finance Act, 2012, and the Income

Tax Act, 1961, nullifying demands raised on transactions prior to May 28, 2012.

29. **ISRO secretary Dr K Sivan, formally inaugurated the Health QUEST study. What does U stands for in QUEST?**
- [A] Upliftment
  - [B] Undertaken
  - [C] Upgradation
  - [D] Upper
- Correct Answer – [C] Upgradation
- Explanation:** ISRO chief, Dr K Sivan has formally inaugurated the Health QUEST study (Health Quality Upgradation Enabled by Space Technology of ISRO) which will be undertaken by 20 private hospitals across India.
30. **India will finally launch its most advanced satellite (GiSAT-1). What type of satellite is GiSAT-1?**
- [A] Geo-imaging satellite
  - [B] Geostatic satellite
  - [C] Global Positioning satellite
  - [D] Ground satellite
- Correct Answer – [A] Geo-imaging satellite
31. **India conducted first ever naval exercise 'Al-Mohed Al-Hindi 2021' with which country?**
- [A] UAE
  - [B] Iran
  - [C] Oman
  - [D] Saudi Arabia
- Correct Answer – [D] Saudi Arabia
32. **The Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched the second edition of the government's free LPG connection scheme called Ujjwala scheme from which state?**
- [A] Madhya Pradesh
  - [B] Uttar Pradesh
  - [C] Punjab
  - [D] Goa
- Correct Answer – [B] Uttar Pradesh
33. **Rail Madad is an integrated one-stop solution for customer grievance, enquiry, suggestion,**

**and assistance. It is available in**

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- [A] 8 languages
  - [B] 14 languages
  - [C] 10 languages
  - [D] 12 languages
- Correct Answer – [D] 12 languages
34. **Central Board for Indirect Taxes & Customs launched the Indian Customs Compliance Information Portal. In which year CBIC was founded?**
- [A] 1940
  - [B] 1958
  - [C] 1993
  - [D] 1964
- Correct Answer – [D] 1964
35. **Name India's first indigenously designed and built aircraft carrier that began sea trials off the coast of Kochi.**
- [A] INS Viraat
  - [B] INS Chakra
  - [C] INS Vikrant
  - [D] INS Maysore
- Correct Answer – [A] INS Viraat
36. **The 2021 India-Indonesia CORPAT which took place in July 2021 was which edition of the biannual event?**
- [A] 42nd
  - [B] 36th
  - [C] 51st
  - [D] 60<sup>th</sup>
- Correct Answer – [B] 36<sup>th</sup>
37. **Govt announces \_\_\_\_\_ reservation for OBCs, 10% quota for EWS in medical seats**
- [A] 30%
  - [B] 27%
  - [C] 33%
  - [D] 10%
- Correct Answer – [B] 27%

## STATE CURRENT AFFAIRS

1. **Which Indian city has been declared as the first 'water plus' city of India under the Swachh Survekshan 2021?**

[A] New Delhi  
[B] Indore  
[C] Dehradun  
[D] Jaipur

Correct Answer – [B] Indore

2. **India's first green hydrogen electrolyzer manufacturing unit has been unveiled in which city?**

[A] Visakhapatnam  
[B] Chennai  
[C] Hyderabad  
[D] Bengaluru

Correct Answer – [D] Bengaluru

3. **In August 2021, the Central Government has notified the appointment of how many additional judges of the Calcutta High Court as permanent judges?**

[A] 3  
[B] 4  
[C] 5  
[D] 6

Correct Answer – [C] 5

**Explanation:** The Central Government has notified the appointment of five additional judges of the Calcutta High Court as permanent judges. The Judges are Rajasekhar Mantha, Sabyasachi Bhattacharyya, Mrs. Moushumi Bhattacharya, Shekhar Bobby Saraf, and Rajarshi Bharadwaj. The appointments have been made in exercise of the power conferred by clause (1) of Article 224 of the Constitution of India. According to the Ministry, the appointment of Sugato Majumdar and Bivas Pattanayak as Additional Judges of Calcutta High Court would be for a period of two years with effect from the date they assume charge of their respective offices. Meanwhile, the period of appointment of

Kesang Doma Bhutia, Rabindranath Samanta and Ananda Kumar Mukherjee as Additional Judges of Calcutta High Court would be till May 4, 2022, June 23, 2023 and August 4, 2022, respectively with effect from the date they assume charge of their offices.

4. **In which city of West Bengal the first CNG bus was run in August 2021?**

[A] Kolkata  
[B] Siliguri  
[C] Durgapur  
[D] Darjeeling

Correct Answer – [A] Kolkata

**Explanation-** The first CNG bus hit the roads of Kolkata on 9 August 2021 – more than two decades after such buses began running in Delhi. At the moment, two CNG buses will be run on a trial basis and if found operationally feasible, the conversion will be expanded. The two buses have been converted from diesel and will be run by the West Bengal Transport Corporation, which has nearly 1,000 buses in its fleet, including 80 electric.

5. **Which becomes the first city in India to achieve 100% vaccination of its people against COVID-19?**

[A] Indore  
[B] Jaipur  
[C] Bhubaneswar  
[D] Ranchi

Correct Answer – [C] Bhubaneswar

6. **Which state has celebrated Wanchuwa Festival 2021?**

[A] Tripura  
[B] Manipur  
[C] Arunachal Pradesh  
[D] Assam

Correct Answer – [D] Assam

7. **Which of these regions in India has got the highest altitude herbal park of the country recently?**

- [A] Shimla
- [B] Chamoli
- [C] Dehradun
- [D] Kinnaur

Correct Answer – [B] Chamoli

**Explanation:** The main aim of this high altitude herbal park is to conserve various medicinally and culturally important alpine species and to do research on their propagation and habitat ecology.

8. **The Hisar Airport is being renamed after which of these rulers?**

- [A] Raja Harishchandra
- [B] Maharaja Agrasen
- [C] Ahilyabai Holkar
- [D] Rani Lakshmi Bai

Correct Answer – [B] Maharaja Agrasen

**Explanation:** Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar has announced to rename the Hisar Airport as Maharaja Agrasen International Airport.

9. **Who among the following has won the “Best Actor in a Series” Award at the Indian Film Festival of Melbourne (IFFM) 2021?**

- [A] Abhishek Bachchan
- [B] Ali Fazal
- [C] Nawazuddin Siddiqui
- [D] Manoj Bajpayee

Correct Answer – [D] Manoj Bajpayee

10. **Which state government has inaugurated India’s first smog tower to improve air quality?**

- [A] Uttar Pradesh
- [B] Rajasthan
- [C] Haryana
- [D] Delhi

Correct Answer – [D] Delhi

11. **Which of these states has launched the third phase of ‘Mission Shakti’?**

- [A] Uttar Pradesh
- [B] Madhya Pradesh
- [C] Rajasthan
- [D] Himachal Pradesh

Correct Answer – [A] Uttar Pradesh

**Explanation:** The Uttar Pradesh (UP) government launched the third phase of ‘Mission Shakti’ with an aim to promote safety and self-reliance for women.

12. **In August 2021, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma announced that Jorhat central jail would be preserved as a heritage site.**

**Who among the following freedom fighters was/were imprisoned in this jail?**

- [A] Fakaruddin Ali Ahmed
- [B] Gopinath Bordoloi
- [C] Kamakhya Tripathi
- [D] All 1, 2 and 3

Correct Answer – [D] All 1, 2 and 3

13. **When did Pondicherry get Independence?**

- [A] 15th August 1947
- [B] 21st November 1975
- [C] 26th January 1952
- [D] 16th August 1962

Correct Answer – [D] 16th August 1962

**Explanation:** Puducherry on 16th

August celebrated its De Jure Transfer day. Speaker of the Puducherry Assembly, R. Selvam, paid floral tributes at the memorial in Kizhur, a remote hamlet in Puducherry, where the transfer of power took place on the same day in 1962. De Jure Transfer Day is the day it really got independence. The then Pondicherry was under French control well after 1947. The treaty of cession signed between the French and Indian governments was ratified by the French Parliament only on August 16, 1962. So on that day the “De-Jure” (The Legal Merger of the UT with the Indian Union) was affected. 178 representatives participated in the referendum in which 170 voted in favour of a merger with India and 8 against it.

14. **Which of the following state government has renamed a landmark freedom movement Kakori Train Conspiracy to Kakori Train Action?**

- [A] West Bengal

[B] Himachal Pradesh

[C] Uttarakhand

[D] Uttar Pradesh

Correct Answer – [D] Uttar Pradesh

**Explanation:** The Uttar Pradesh government has renamed a landmark freedom movement event as Kakori Train Action while paying tributes to the revolutionaries who were hanged for robbing a train at Kakori to buy weapons in 1925.

15. **Which state government has won five Skoch Awards 2021 (a platinum, a gold and three silver awards) in four categories of governance?**

[A] Uttar Pradesh

[B] Madhya Pradesh

[C] Bihar

[D] West Bengal

Correct Answer – [D] West Bengal

16. **Which state government has launched earthquake early warning mobile application, titled as 'Bhookamp Alert'?**

[A] Uttar Pradesh

[B] Himachal Pradesh

[C] Uttarakhand

[D] Sikkim

Correct Answer – [C] Uttarakhand

17. **Bhoot Jolokia chillies from Nagaland exported to \_\_\_\_\_ for the first time.**

[A] Beijing

[B] Berlin

[C] New York

[D] London

Correct Answer – [D] London

**Explanation:** A consignment of 'Raja Mircha', also referred to as King Chilli or Bhoot Jolokia, from Nagaland, has been exported to London for the first time.

## INTERNATIONAL CURRENT AFFAIRS

1. **In August 2021, which country has warned of a possible increase in West Nile virus infections?**

[A] China

[B] Russia

[C] Japan

[D] Australia

Correct Answer – [B] Russia

2. **Name the national counter-terrorist mock exercise carried out by the counter-terrorist force National Security Guard (NSG).**

[A] Yudh Aabyas

[B] Shakti

[C] Khanjar

[D] Gandiv

Correct Answer – [D] Gandiv

3. **The Shared Destiny-2021 is a multinational peacekeeping exercise, scheduled to take place in September 2021. Which country will**

**host the exercise?**

[A] China

[B] Thailand

[C] Pakistan

[D] Malaysia

Correct Answer – [A] China

**Explanation:** The armed force of the country China, Pakistan, Mongolia and Thailand will take part in a multinational peacekeeping exercise named "Shared Destiny-2021".

4. **Which becomes the first country in the world to manufacture first fossil-free steel (Green Steel)?**

[A] Sweden

[B] Denmark

[C] Belgium

[D] Norway

Correct Answer – [A] Sweden

## RANKS AND REPORTS

- What is India's rank in the 2021 Global Cryptocurrency Adoption Index released by blockchain data platform Chainalysis?**  
[A] 1  
[B] 2  
[C] 3  
[D] 4  
Correct Answer – [B] 2
- World's largest and tallest observation wheel is set to be unveiled in \_\_\_\_\_**  
[A] Muscat  
[B] Riyadh  
[C] Dubai  
[D] Paris  
Correct Answer – [C] Dubai
- In August 2021, which country successfully test-launched an indigenously developed guided multilaunch rocket system, Fatah-1?**  
[A] Pakistan  
[B] Israel  
[C] Iran  
[D] UAE  
Correct Answer – [A] Pakistan
- Who has been sworn in as the new PM of Malaysia?**  
[A] Muhyiddin Yasin  
[B] Mahathir Mohamad  
[C] Mohd Najib Abdul Razak  
[D] Ismail Sabri Yaakob  
Correct Answer – [D] Ismail Sabri Yaakob
- Which country was the most polluted country across the world in 2020, according to British**

**company HouseFresh?**

- [A] Bangladesh
- [B] Nepal
- [C] Myanmar
- [D] Sri Lanka

Correct Answer – [A] Bangladesh

- Where is the headquarters of the International Union for Conservation of Nature?**  
[A] Gland, Switzerland  
[B] Geneva, Switzerland  
[C] Nairobi, Kenya  
[D] The Hague, Netherlands  
Correct Answer – [A] Gland, Switzerland
- The UN report on climate has warned that global warming is on track to hit 1.5 degrees celsius around which year?**  
[A] 2024  
[B] 2026  
[C] 2028  
[D] 2030  
Correct Answer – [D] 2030
- Which company has topped the 2021 Fortune's Global 500 list?**  
[A] Walmart  
[B] Apple  
[C] Amazon  
[D] Toyota Motor  
Correct Answer – [A] Walmart  
**Explanation:** Reliance Industries Ltd is the highest-ranked Indian company on the list in terms of revenue.

## SPORTS

- Who becomes the first Indian to win a gold medal in a track and field Olympic event?**  
[A] Dutee Chand  
[B] Arokiya Rajiv  
[C] Sandeep Kumar

[D] Neeraj Chopra

Correct Answer – [D] Neeraj Chopra

- Name the Indian Grandmaster who has won the 2021 Barcelona Open chess tournament title.**  
[A] S P Sethuraman

- [B] Aravindh Chithambaram  
[C] Krishnan Sasikiran  
[D] Srinath Narayanan  
Correct Answer – [A] S P Sethuraman
3. **Name the Indian para-athlete who won a gold medal for a record three time in javelin throws after winning the third one in final of the Tokyo Paralympics?**  
[A] Sumit Antil  
[B] Yogesh Kathuniya  
[C] Devendra Jhajharia  
[D] Sundar Singh Gurjar  
Correct Answer – [A] Sumit Antil
4. **Renowned cricketer Stuart Binny has announced his retirement from all forms of cricket. He held from which country?**  
[A] India  
[B] England  
[C] Australia  
[D] New Zealand  
Correct Answer – [A] India
5. **Name the Indian who has won the gold medal in Women's 10 metre Air Rifle Shooting at Tokyo Paralympics.**  
[A] Jyoti Baliyan  
[B] Simran Sharma  
[C] Avani Lekra  
[D] Kashish Lakra  
Correct Answer – [C] Avani Lekra
6. **Name the Indian table tennis player who has won historic silver medal at 2020 Paralympic Games at Tokyo in the women's singles table tennis summit clash.**  
[A] Simran Sharma  
[B] Avani Lekhara  
[C] Bhavinaben Patel  
[D] Kashish Lakra  
Correct Answer – [C] Bhavinaben Patel
7. **Who led the Indian contingent at the opening ceremony of the 16th Paralympic Games in Tokyo, Japan?**  
[A] Mariyappan Thangavelu  
[B] Tek Chand  
[C] Varun Singh Bhati  
[D] Pramod Bhagat  
Correct Answer – [B] Tek Chand
8. **Who amongst these will become the first Singapore international cricketer to play in IPL?**  
[A] Janak Prakash  
[B] Tim David  
[C] Navin Param  
[D] Selladore Vijayakumar  
Correct Answer – [B] Tim David
9. **Shaili Singh is associated with which sports who won a silver medal at the U-20 World Athletics Championships in Nairobi, Kenya?**  
[A] Long Jump  
[B] Short Put  
[C] Javelin Throw  
[D] Sprinting  
Correct Answer – [C] Javelin Throw
10. **Lionel Messi is \_\_\_\_\_times winner of the Ballon d'Or for Europe's best soccer player.**  
[A] 7 times  
[B] 6 times  
[C] 10 times  
[D] 9 times  
Correct Answer – [B] 6 times  
**Explanation:** Lionel Messi joined star-packed Paris St Germain after leaving Barcelona, the club where he had begun, after 21 years.
11. **Harshit Raja is the 69th and newest Grandmaster in Chess for India. He hails from which city?**  
[A] Kolkata  
[B] Pune  
[C] Guwahati  
[D] Bhubaneswar  
Correct Answer – [B] Pune
12. **Durand Cup is associated with which sports?**  
[A] Hockey  
[B] Football  
[C] Badminton

[D] Tennis

Correct Answer – [B] Football

13. **The 2020 Tokyo Paralympics will witness the largest ever Indian contingent. How many member Indian team is participating in the Games?**

[A] 59

[B] 45

[C] 63

[D] 54

Correct Answer – [D] 54

14. **Who became the new under-21 recurve world champion at the World Archery Youth Championship in Wroclaw?**

[A] Dola Banerjee

[B] Komalika Bari

[C] Muskan Kirar

[D] Trisha Deb

Correct Answer – [B] Komalika Bari

15. **What is the rank of Indian in the Tokyo Olympics 2020?**

[A] 48<sup>th</sup>

[B] 62<sup>nd</sup>

[C] 47<sup>th</sup>

[D] 52<sup>nd</sup>

Correct Answer – [A] 48<sup>th</sup>

16. **Who won Olympic gold medal in men's freestyle 57kg title in Tokyo Olympic 2020 after defeating India's Ravi Kumar Dahiya in final clash?**

[A] Nurislam Sanayev

[B] Zaur Uguev

[C] Georgi Valentinov Vangelov

[D] Thomas Patrick Gilman

Correct Answer – [B] Zaur Uguev

17. **Ravi Kumar Dahiya is associated with which sports who won a silver medal in Tokyo Olympic 2020?**

[A] Wrestling

[B] Boxing

[C] Shooting

[D] Discus Throw

Correct Answer – [A] Wrestling

18. **Who is the singer and composer of the theme song for the Indian Paralympic contingent 'Kar De Kamaal Tu'?**

[A] Kailash Kher

[B] AR Rahman

[C] Sanjeev Singh

[D] Mohit Chauhan

Correct Answer – [C] Sanjeev Singh

19. **PV Sindhu defeated whom in badminton women's singles match in Tokyo Olympics to win a bronze medal?**

[A] He Bing Jiao

[B] Tai Tzu Ying

[C] CHEN Yu Fei

[D] Nozomi OKUHRA

Correct Answer – [A] He Bing Jiao

## BOOS AND AUTHORS

1. **A book titled 'Address Book: A Publishing Memoir in the time of COVID' has been written by whom?**

[A] Urvashi Butalia

[B] Zoya Hasan

[C] Ritu Menon

[D] Kamla Bhasin

Correct Answer – [C] Ritu Menon

2. **Who is the author of the book 'Accelerating India: 7 Years of Modi Government'?**

[A] K. K. Shailaja

[B] Pinarayi Vijayan

[C] M. K. Stalin

[D] K J Alphons

Correct Answer – [D] K J Alphons

3. **Who has won silver medal with a best effort of 2.06 meter in Men's High Jump T47 event, in Tokyo Paralympics?**

[A] Sandeep Chaudhary

[B] Sundar Singh Gurjar



- [C] Nishad Kumar  
[D] Amit Kumar Saroha  
Correct Answer – [C] Nishad Kumar
4. **Who is the author of the book 'Lahore: Book 1 of the Partition Trilogy'?**  
[A] Taslima Nasreen  
[B] Manu S. Pillai  
[C] Manreet Sodhi Someshwar  
[D] Khushwant Singh  
Correct Answer – [C] Manreet Sodhi Someshwar
5. **A book titled "The Earthspinner" authored by award-winning novelist \_\_\_\_\_.**  
[A] Mansi Karmakar  
[B] Nipa Kumari  
[C] Inderjeet Rana  
[D] Anuradha Roy  
Correct Answer – [D] Anuradha Roy
6. **Who has authored the book titled 'How the Earth Got Its Beauty'?**  
[A] Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni  
[B] Jhumpa Lahiri  
[C] Sudha Murty

- [D] Arundhati Roy  
Correct Answer – [C] Sudha Murty
7. **Name the author of the book "The Year That Wasn't – The Diary of a 14-Year-Old".**  
[A] Roshni Sachdeva  
[B] Brisha Jain  
[C] Kanika Sharma  
[D] Sumita Kapoor  
Correct Answer – [B] Brisha Jain
8. **Name the author of the book "Balakot Air Strike: How India Avenged Pulwama".**  
[A] Manan Bhatt  
[B] Ravi Ranjan  
[C] Gokul Ram  
[D] Sikandar Singh  
Correct Answer – [A] Manan Bhatt
9. **Who is the author of 'In An Ideal World', that is to be released in 2022?**  
[A] Aravind Adiga  
[B] Anita Desai  
[C] Jhumpa Lahiri  
[D] Kunal Basu  
Correct Answer – [D] Kunal Basu

### IMPORTANT DAYS AND THEMES

1. **The National Sports Day is observed in India to mark the birth anniversary of which Indian sports person?**  
[A] K. [D] Jadhav  
[B] Dhanraj Pillay  
[C] Milkha Singh  
[D] Major Dhyhan Chand  
Correct Answer – [D] Major Dhyhan Chand  
Explanations: Recently Prime Minister Narendra Modi has announced that Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award will be renamed as Major Dhyhan Chand Khel Ratna Award.
2. **When is National Sports Day celebrated every year in India?**  
[A] 26 August  
[B] 27 August  
[C] 28 August

- [D] 29 August  
Correct Answer – [D] 29 August
3. **When is the International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition observed?**  
[A] 20 August  
[B] 21 August  
[C] 22 August  
[D] 23 August  
Correct Answer – [D] 23 August
4. **The International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief is celebrated every year on \_\_\_\_\_.**  
[A] 22 August  
[B] 23 August  
[C] 21 August

[D] 20 August

Correct Answer – [A] 22 August

5. **The International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism is celebrated on which day of the year?**

[A] 20 August

[B] 21 August

[C] 19 August

[D] 18 August

Correct Answer – [B] 21 August

6. **Sadbhavana Diwas is observed in India annually to commemorate the birth anniversary of which Indian leader?**

[A] Syama Prasad Mukherjee

[B] Rajiv Gandhi

[C] Atal Bihari Vajpayee

[D] Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel

Correct Answer – [B] Rajiv Gandhi

**Explanation:** Every year India observes Sadbhavana Diwas on August 20 to commemorate the birth anniversary of late erstwhile Prime Minister, Rajiv Gandhi.

7. **World Photography Day is celebrated on \_\_\_\_\_ every year to promote photography.**

[A] 19 August

[B] 20 August

[C] 21 August

[D] 22 August

Correct Answer – [A] 19 August

8. **Akshay Urja Diwas is observed every year on which date to raise awareness about the developments and adoption of renewable energy in India?**

[A] 18th August

[B] 19th August

[C] 20th August

[D] 21st August

Correct Answer – [C] 20th August

9. **The International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples is observed every year on which date?**

[A] 6th August

[B] 7th August

[C] 8th August

[D] 9th August

Correct Answer – [D] 9th August

10. **The Quit India Day is an annual celebration, which takes places every year on \_\_\_\_\_.**

[A] 4 August

[B] 5 August

[C] 6 August

[D] 8 August

Correct Answer – [D] 8 August

**Explanation-** The 79th anniversary of the August Kranti Din or Quit India Movement, which is considered as one of the important milestones in the history of the freedom struggle of our country, is being observed on 8 August 2021. On 8 Aug 1942, Mahatma Gandhi gave a clarion call to end British rule and launched the Quit India Movement at the session of the All-India Congress Committee in Mumbai. After the failure of Cripps Mission, Gandhiji gave the call to "Do or Die" in his Quit India speech delivered at the Gowalia Tank Maidan in Mumbai. The grateful country is paying homage to the freedom fighters and remembering the supreme sacrifices of the martyrs during the freedom struggle.

11. **Athletics Federation of India has announced which day as "Javelin Throw Day" to honour Neeraj Chopra?**

[a] 5<sup>th</sup> August

[b] 6<sup>th</sup> August

[c] 7<sup>th</sup> August

[d] 8<sup>th</sup> August

Correct Answer – [c] 7<sup>th</sup> August

**Explanations:** The 23-year-old Neeraj is India's second individual Olympic gold medallist after Abhinav Bindra. Neeraj bagged the gold medal in men's javelin throw at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2021. Neeraj has scripted the history at the Olympic Stadium in

Tokyo when he threw the javelin to a distance of **87.58m** to end India's medal drought in athletics at the Olympics. This is India's **first-ever gold medal** in **athletics** in the history of the Olympics.

12. **When is National Handloom Day celebrated every year?**

- [A] 5 August
- [B] 6 August
- [C] 7 August
- [D] 8 August

Correct Answer – [C] 7 August

13. **Hiroshima Day is celebrated on**

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[A] 6 August

[B] 6 July

[C] 9 August

[D] 6 December

Correct Answer – [A] 6 August

14. **The first week of August from 01 to 07, is dedicated to which of these observations every year?**

[A] World Anti-Corruption Week

[B] World Allergy Week

[C] World Tourism Week

[D] World Breastfeeding Week

Correct Answer – [D] World Breastfeeding Week

## OBITUARY

1. **Renowned personality Buddhadeb Guha passed away recently was a noted author of which language, who authored several popular books including Madhukari (Honey Gatherer)?**

- [A] Urdu
- [B] Bengali
- [C] Malayalam
- [D] Odia

Correct Answer – [B] Bengali

2. **Renowned personality Pt Subhankar Banerjee passed away recently, he was a veteran**

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- [A] Guitarist
- [B] Violinist
- [C] Sitar Maestro
- [D] Percussionist

Correct Answer – [D] Percussionist

3. **Father of 'Sudoku' puzzle Maki Kaji passed away recently he held from which country?**

- [A] South Korea
- [B] Taiwan

[C] Japan

[D] Philippines

Correct Answer – [C] Japan

4. **Renowned personality P.S. Banarji passes away recently, he was a veteran** -----.

- [A] Cartoonist
- [B] Sculptor
- [C] Folk Singer
- [D] All A, B and C

Correct Answer – [D] All A, B and C

**Explanation-** Cartoonist, sculptor and folk singer P.S. Banarji passed away at Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.

5. **Padma Shri awardee Padma Sachdev passed away recently, she was first modern woman poet of which language?**

- [A] Assamese
- [B] Bengali
- [C] Dogri
- [D] Kokani

Correct Answer – [C] Dogri

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