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## 5-12-2021 Current Affairs Quiz

### 1) PM Narendra Modi lays Foundation Stone for Multiple Projects in which state?

- a) Tamil Nadu                      b) Uttarakhand                      c) Kerala                      d) Gujarat

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for multiple projects worth around Rs.18,000 crore in Dehradun, Uttarakhand. This includes the Delhi-Dehradun Economic Corridor (from Eastern Peripheral Expressway Junction to Dehradun) which will be built at a cost of around Rs.8300 crore. It will significantly reduce the travel time from Delhi to Dehradun from six hours to around 2.5 hours.

**Static Points:** Uttarakhand **Capital** - Dehradun (Winter), Bhararisen (Summer) **CM** - Pushkar Singh Dhama  
**Governor** - Gurmit Singh

### 2) \_\_\_\_\_ with 15.9% Manufacturing Growth became India's Largest Manufacturing Hub.

- a) Gujarat                      b) Punjab                      c) Odisha                      d) Assam

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:** Gujarat has pipped Maharashtra to emerge as the largest manufacturing hub in the country, with the former's Gross Value Addition (GVA) in manufacturing growing 15.9 per cent annually on average between FY12 and FY20 to touch Rs.5.11 lakh crore, according to the data released by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

**Static Points:** Gujarat **CM** - Bhupendrabhai Patel                      **Capital** – Gandhinagar                      **Governor** - Acharya Devvrat  
**River bank cities in Gujarat:** Sabarmati river (Ahmedabad city); Tapi river(Surat city); Vishwamitri river(Vadodara city); Narmada river(Bharuch city)

### 3) CIFT is Awarded with Future Refrigeration India Project named as \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) NTNU                      b) INDEE+                      c) Both a & b                      d) None of the above

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:** The Central Institute of Fisheries Technology (CIFT) here has been awarded a project on "Future Refrigeration India", aimed at spearheading the fuel transition in the seafood sector. The project named "INDEE+" is an umbrella project covering several dedicated schemes supporting the Indian refrigeration and air-conditioning sector in the transition towards cleaner and green technologies.

### 4) Fintech brand Kinara Capital appoints \_\_\_\_\_ as brand ambassador.

- a) Jasprit Bumrah                      b) Ravichandran Ashwin                      c) Ravindra Jadeja                      d) KL Rahul

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:** Kinara Capital, a fintech brand serving MSMEs, announced that it has signed the Indian cricket team's shining star, Ravindra Jadeja, as its official brand ambassador on the occasion of the company's 10th anniversary. With this partnership, Kinara aims to boost its outreach in financing the MSME sector in the country. With a current AUM of Rs.1000 crore, Kinara Capital plans to grow 500% by the year 2025.

### 5) When was the International Day of Banks observed in 2021?

- a) 4th December                      b) 3rd December                      c) 5th December                      d) 6th December

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:** International Day of Banks is celebrated on 4th December to recognise the importance of multilateral and international development banks in financing sustainable developments. As of now, there are around 46 Foreign banks that are operating in India in 2021.

6) According to a recent report, India will have \_\_\_ nuclear reactors by 2024.

- a) 6                                      b) 7                                      c) 9                                      d) 2

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:** The nation will have nine nuclear reactors by 2024 and a new nuclear project, the first in northern India, will come up 150 km away from Delhi in Gorakhpur of Haryana, the government informed the Rajya Sabha. According to Jitendra Singh by 2024, India will have nine nuclear reactors plus 12 new additional ones which were approved during the Covid times with a capacity of 9000 MW.

**Static Points:** **Jitendra Singh** - Minister of State for the Ministry of Science & Technology, Ministry of Earth Science; & **Constituency** - Udhampur, J&K Lok Sabha

7) Union Minister Giriraj Singh inaugurated NGDR and Banadhikar mobile app in which state?

- a) Kerala                                      b) Assam                                      c) Tripura                                      d) Tamil Nadu

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:** Union Rural Development Minister Giriraj Singh inaugurated the Tripura BanAdhikar Mobile App and the NGDRS virtually in presence of Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb and Revenue minister N C Debbarma. Speaking at the programme Singh lauded Deb and the Tripura government for starting such an initiative.

**Static Points:** Tripura **Capital** – Agartala      **CM** - Biplab Kumar Deb      **Governor** - Satyadev Narayan Arya

8) USD \_\_\_ million has been approved by the ADB to help the Gol to improve the quality of the country's school education?

- a) 450                                      b) 500                                      c) 700                                      d) 400

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:** The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a \$500 million loan to the Government of India to help improve the quality of the country's school education and mitigate the impact of the Covid-19) pandemic on students' learning.

**Static Points:**

**Asian Development Bank** (ADB) President - Masatsugu Asakawa      **Headquarters** - Manila, Philippines

9) Who has been appointed as the new Deputy Managing Director of International Monetary Fund (IMF)?

- a) Gita Gopinath                                      b) Kristalina Georgieva                                      c) Abhijit Banerjee                                      d) Christine Lagarde

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:** Gita Gopinath, a US national of Indian origin, has been appointed the first deputy managing director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in a surprise turn of events that would have otherwise seen her leave the multilateral lending agency next month to return to academia.

**Static Points:**

**Gita Gopinath** - American economist serving as the Chief Economist of the International Monetary Fund since 2019.

10) Which city plays host to the International Ambedkar Conclave in 2021?

- a) Telangana                                      b) Odisha                                      c) Gujarat                                      d) Delhi

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:** The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, inaugurated the fifth International Ambedkar Conclave, being organised by the Forum of SC and ST Legislators and Parliamentarians and Dr Ambedkar Chamber of Commerce, in New Delhi. The conclave focuses on education, entrepreneurship, innovation and economic development along with the issue of constitutional rights.

**Static Points: Ram Nath Kovind** - is the 14th and current president of India since his inauguration in 2017

**Constituency** - Uttar Pradesh, Rajya Sabha

**11) Who has topped the Fortune India 50 Most Powerful Women list?**

- a) Gita Gopinath                      b) Nirmala Sitharaman                      c) Nita Ambani                      d) Soumya Swaminathan

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:** Finance Nirmala Sitharaman is ranked at the top on Fortune India 50 Most Powerful Women list. While Reliance's Nita Ambani has grabbed second place. WHO Chief Scientist Soumya Swaminathan is ranked third followed by Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw at the fourth place, Biocon Limited's founder.

**Static Points: Nirmala Sitharaman** - Economist and Minister of Finance & Corporate Affairs of India.

**Constituency** - Karnataka, Rajya Sabha

**12) Omicron COVID variant was first detected in which among the following countries?**

- a) Israel                                      b) South Africa                                      c) Europe                                      d) Canada

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:** The latest Covid 19 variant Omicron that was first detected in South Africa and has taken the world by storm, has been named after the 15th letter of the Greek alphabet. Experts fear that the travel curbs are being imposed too late as most likely the virus has already spread to other parts of the world.

**Static Points:** south Africa **Capital's** - Pretoria (executive) Cape Town (legislative) Bloemfontein (judicial)

**Currency** - South African Rand                      **President** - Cyril Ramaphosa

**13) The first-ever Aharbal Festival has been held in which state/ UT to promote tourism**

- a) Chandigarh                      b) Jammu & Kashmir                      c) Puducherry                      d) None of the above

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:** Kulgam district administration and the Department of Tourism, Jammu & Kashmir organized the 1st ever Aharbal Festival at Kulgam, J & K to promote tourism in Kashmir, particularly at the Aharbal waterfall. Aharbal falls, also known as "Niagara Falls" of Kashmir, is a hill station in the southwestern part of Kashmir Valley in the Jammu and Kashmir.

**Static Points:** Jammu & Kashmir **Capital** – Srinagar (Summer), Jammu (Winter)

**14) ADB Approves \$125 Million Loan for Water Supply and Sanitation Projects to which state?**

- a) Uttar Pradesh                      b) Kerala                      c) Uttarakhand                      d) Odisha

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:** The Asian Development Bank (ADB) said it has approved a loan of USD 125 million (around Rs.938 crore) for water supply and sanitation projects in Uttarakhand. The funds will be utilised to improve access to quality water supply and sanitation services in the Himalayan state.

**Static Points: River bank cities in Uttarakhand:** Alaknanda River (Badrinath city); Ganga River (Haridwar city)

**15) Which country launches Zhongxing-1D Communications Satellite into Space?**

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

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:** China successfully launched a new communications satellite from the Xichang Satellite Launch Centre in southwest Sichuan Province. The satellite, Zhongxing-1D, was launched at 0:40 am (Beijing Time) by a Long March-3B carrier rocket and entered the planned orbit successfully.

**Static Points:** China **President** – Xi Jinping    **Capital** – Beijing                      **Currency** – Renminbi  
China-India boundary: **McMahon Line**

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**1) In which state the 22nd Hornbill Festival begins?**

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

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:** Gracing the inaugural programme of the 10-day festival, Assam and Nagaland Governor Prof. Jagdish Mukhi said Nagaland is a place with rich culture, tradition and customs, which are unique. The 22nd Hornbill Festival began on a high note at Naga Heritage Village, Kisama, 12 km from Kohima.

**Static Points:**

Nagaland **Capital** – Kohima                      **CM** - Neiphiu Rio                      **Governor** - Jagdish Mukhi

**2) Who announced the new Helicopter Policy to Set Up Dedicated Hubs & Corridors?**

- a) Dharmendra Pradhan                      b) Narendra Modi                                  c) Jyotiraditya Scindia                                  d) None

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:** Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia announced a new helicopter policy under which dedicated hubs and corridors would be established and landing charges and parking deposits abolished to boost commercial operations. The central government is going to put together a dedicated helicopter-acceleration cell in the Civil Aviation Ministry that will look at the helicopter industry's issues and help instil ease of doing business.

**Static Points:** **Jyotiraditya Scindia** - Minister of State for Civil Aviation of India

**Constituency** - Madhya Pradesh, Rajya Sabha

**3) Who received the 2021 Badminton World Federation (BWF) Player of the Year?**

- a) Viktor Axelsen and Tai Tzu-ying                      b) Jae-Eun Noh and Peter Gade  
c) Mia Blichfeldt and Min Tae-zing                      d) None of the above

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:** Tokyo 2020 Olympic champion Viktor Axelsen of Denmark and Chinese Taipei's silver medallist Tai Tzu-Ying have received Player of the Year awards from the Badminton World Federation (BWF). Badminton's global governing body took into account performances from November 1 2019 to October 31 2021 for this year's awards because of the disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Static Points:**

- **BWF President** - Poul-Erik Hoyer Larsen                      **Headquarters** - Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- **Para-Badminton Pair of the Year** - Lucas Mazur and Faustine Noel

**4) Former Tamil Nadu Governor & Andhra Pradesh CM Konijeti Rosaiah Passed Away at the age of \_\_\_\_.**

- a) 77    b) 82    c) 78    d) 88

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:** Konijeti Rosaiah was an Indian politician who served as the 15th chief minister of Andhra Pradesh from 2009 to 2010. He also served as the Governor of Tamil Nadu from 2011 to 2016 and the Governor of Karnataka (additional charge) for two months. He was previously an MLC, MLA and MP from the Indian National Congress numerous times and handled many ministerial posts over his long political career spanning over half a century. He is one of the most experienced political leaders in the state of Andhra Pradesh and his role as the Finance minister is very well recognized.

**Static Points:** Konijeti Rosaiah **Political Party** - Indian National Congress **Constituency** – Narasaraopet

**5) Assam's highest civilian award was conferred on Ratan Tata for his contribution to which of the following services?**

- a) Nursing Service                      b) Heart Service                      c) Diabetes Care                      d) Cancer care

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:** The Assam government will confer the state's highest civilian awards to industrialist Ratan Naval Tata, Olympian Lovlina Borgohain and an array of personalities from diverse fields. On the occasion of Assam Divas, the state government of Assam has decided to accolade renowned industrialist Ratan Tata with the 'Asom Bhaibav' award, the highest civilian state award for his contribution to cancer care in the state

**6) Which cooperative company has been ranked 1 out of 300 in the 2021 edition of the 10th Annual World Cooperative Monitor (WCM) report?**

- a) IFFCO                                      b) KRIBHCO                                      c) GNFC                                      d) Fertilizer Corporation of India

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:** The Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited (IFFCO) has been ranked 'number one Cooperative' among the top 300 cooperatives in the world. The ranking is based on the ratio of turnover over the gross domestic product (GDP) per capita. It signifies that IFFCO is contributing significantly to the GDP and economic growth of the nation. The 2021 edition of the 10th Annual World Cooperative Monitor (WCM) report, withholds its position from the 2020 edition.

**Static Points:** IFFCO - Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited  
**Headquarters** - New Delhi **MD & CEO** - DR. U. S. Awasthi.

**7) Which bank has recently listed its USD 650-million green bonds simultaneously on the India INX and the LuxSE?**

- a) RBI    b) SBI    c) Yes Bank    d) HDFC Bank

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:** State Bank of India (SBI) listed its USD 650-million green bonds simultaneously on the India International Exchange (India INX) and the Luxembourg Stock Exchange (LuxSE). This dual listing is in line with 2021's topic of the World Investor Week (WIW), 'sustainable finance', as indicated by the regulatory body International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA). India INX has now emerged as the leading bond listing venue with over \$33 billion.

**Static Points:** State Bank of India **Chairperson** - Dinesh Kumar Khara **Headquarters** - Mumbai  
**Tagline** - The Nation banks on us; Pure Banking Nothing Else; With you all the way

**8) What is the name of India's first biometric-based digital processing system in Airports?**

- a) Bio-Tech                                      b) Tech Yatra                                      c) Digi Yatra                                      d) None of the above

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:** The Digi Yatra initiative seeks to promote paperless and hassle-free air travel. It is a biometrics-based digital processing system for passenger entry and related requirements at the airport, according to the government. The Airports Authority of India (AAI) was working on the country's first facial recognition technology-based biometric boarding system for passengers at Varanasi, Pune, Kolkata and Vijayawada airports, Minister of State for Civil Aviation.

**9) When was the Indian Navy Day is observed in 2021?**

- a) 4th December                      b) 3rd December                      c) 5th December                      d) 6th December

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:** The day is celebrated to respect the Indian Navy's counter-attack in Operation Trident during the Indo-Pakistan war in 1971. The Indian Navy Day is observed on 4th December every year to recognise the efforts and achievements of the Indian Navy in Operation Trident conducted during the Indo-Pakistan war in 1971.

**10) 'SRESHTA' scheme is set to be launched by which Union Ministry?**

- a) Ministry of Tribal Affairs                      b) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment  
c) Ministry of Minority Affairs                      d) None of the above

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:** According to Social Justice and Empowerment Minister Virendra Kumar, the Residential Education for Students in High Schools in Targeted Areas (SRESHTA) scheme will enable meritorious SC students to have a better future and aid in controlling dropout rates of students from classes 9 to 12.

**Static Points: Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment** - Virendra Kumar  
**Constituency** - Sagar Lok Sabha constituency, Madhya Pradesh

**11) Who has been awarded Woman of the Year by World Athletics?**

- a) Anju Bobby George                      b) Dutee Chand                      c) Saikhom Mirabai Chanu                      d) Mary Kom

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:** Indian legend Anju Bobby George wins the Woman of the Year Award from World Athletics. Legendary Indian long jumper Anju Bobby George has been bestowed with the Woman of the Year Award by World Athletics for grooming talent in the country and advocating gender equality.

**12) Who is the new Twitter Chief Executive Officer?**

- a) Nikesh Arora                      b) Sundar Pichai                      c) Parag Agrawal                      d) None of the above

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:** Parag Agrawal is the new chief executive officer of Twitter. He announced a major reorganization of the company, putting his stamp on the organization following the sudden departure of co-founder and CEO Jack Dorsey recently. Earlier this year it aims to have 315 million monetizable daily active users by the end of 2023 and to at least double its annual revenue in that year.

**Static Points: Parag Agrawal** - is an Indian-American technology executive and CEO of Twitter

**13) India is scheduled to sign a deal to procure around 7.5 lakh AK-203 assault rifles with which country?**

- a) Russia                      b) Israel                      c) China                      d) Italy

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:** India's Defence Minister and Russian Defence Minister General Sergey Shoigu signed agreements including contract for procurement of 6,01,427 7.63 x 39mm assault rifles AK-203 through Indo-Russia Rifles Pvt Ltd, Program for military-technical cooperation from 2021-2031.

**Static Points:** Russia **Capital** – Moscow

**Currency** - Russian Ruble

**President** - Vladimir Putin

**14) RedBus launches Rail Ticketing Service ‘details’ in Partnership with which Corporation?**

a) IRCTC

b) MakeMyTrip

c) IndiGo

d) None of the above

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:** India’s largest online bus ticketing platform, RedBus has recently announced its foray into Indian Railways’ train ticketing with the launch of RedRail, a rail ticket booking service in collaboration with the Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) as their authorized partner.

**Static Points:** **Minister for Railways** – Ashwini Vaishnaw; & **Constituency** – Rajya Sabha from Odisha

**Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways** – Shri Danve Raosaheb Dadarao & **Constituency** – Jalna, New Delhi

**15) Which Institution released a report on Online Dispute Resolution (ODR)?**

a) IGIDR

b) NIPFP

c) NITI Aayog

d) None of the above

**Answer:**

**Explanation:** NITI Aayog released a report on Online Dispute Resolution (ODR) namely ‘Designing the Future of Dispute Resolution: The ODR Policy Plan for India’, to scale dispute avoidance, containment and resolution online. The rollout of the stated recommendations in the report can help make India a world leader in using technology and innovation through Online Dispute Resolution (ODR) for effective access to justice for every individual.

**Static Points:** NITI Aayog **Chairman** – Narendra Modi

NITI Aayog **CEO** – Amitabh Kant

## **7-12-2021 Current Affairs Quiz**

**1) NMPB and CSIR-CIMAP Signed MoU to Promote the Production of Medicinal Plants of which city?**

a) Pune

b) Lucknow

c) Hyderabad

d) Bengaluru

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:** The National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB) and the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research-Central Institute of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants, (CSIR-CIMAP), Lucknow has signed an MoU for extending joint collaborative efforts to promote the production of quality planting material (QPM) of medicinal plants.

**Static Points:**

- National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB) **Headquarters** - New Delhi
- CSIR-CIMAP **Headquarters** - Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh      CSIR-CIMAP **Director** - Dr Prabodh Kumar Trivedi

**2) EAM S Jaishankar addresses the 5th Indian Ocean Conference in which country?**

a) Iran

b) Kuwait

c) Abu Dhabi

d) Qatar

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:** The Union Minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar, Ministry of External Affairs (EAM) visited Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (UAE) to attend the 5th Indian Ocean Conference. External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar has stressed the importance of respecting and facilitating freedom of navigation and overflight and unimpeded commerce in a globalised world. The conference is being organised by India Foundation in collaboration with the RSIS Singapore, Institute of National Security Studies (INSS), Sri Lanka, and the Emirates Centre for Strategic Studies and Research (ECSSR), UAE.

**Static Points:**

**Abu Dhabi** - is the capital of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) & **Currency** - UAE Dirham

**President** - Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan



**7 Emirates** of the UAE - Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Sharjah, Ajman, Umm Al Quwain, Ras Al Khaimah, and Fujairah

**3) Who inaugurated a thought leadership forum on FinTech 'InFinity Forum'?**

- a) Narendra Modi                      b) Ram Nath Kovind                      c) Aravind Kejriwal                      d) Nirmala Sitharaman

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually inaugurated a thought leadership forum on FinTech, 'InFinity Forum'. The event was hosted by International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA), under the aegis of the Government of India in collaboration with GIFT City and Bloomberg. Indonesia, South Africa and the United Kingdom were the partner countries in the 1st edition of the Forum.

**Static Points:** International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) **Headquarters** - Gujarat

**4) Which bank has launched the revised mobile banking app 'mPay Delight' for the Public?**

- a) HDFC Bank                      b) Bank of Baroda                      c) Punjab National Bank                      d) J&K Bank

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:** To make daily transactions of its customers more secure and easier, J&K Bank launched its revised and refurbished Mobile Banking App 'mPay Delight' for the Public. R K Chhibber, Chairman and Managing Director(CMD) of Jammu & Kashmir(J&K) Bank launched its revised and refurbished mobile banking app for the public.

**5) PNB Launched \_\_\_\_ an android app for differently-abled employees.**

- a) PNB Pride-CRMD module tool                      b) PNB DAE Tool                      c) Both a & b                      d) None

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:** Punjab National Bank (PNB) observed the International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD) in a unique way by launching PNB Pride - CRMD Module Tool. Punjab National Bank (PNB) launched the PNB Pride-CRMD module tool, an android-based application for differently-abled employees to monitor and effectively follow up with the special mention account (SMA) borrowers.

**Static Points:** International Day of Persons with Disabilities - **3rd December**

Punjab National Bank **CEO** - SS Mallikarjuna Rao                      **Headquarters** - New Delhi

**Tagline** - The Name You Can Bank Upon

**6) Government Expands SCALE Committee with how many new members?**

- a) 5                      b) 3                      c) 7                      d) 2

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:** Government Expands SCALE Committee with 3 new members. Currently, the 14-member Steering Committee for Advancing Local Value-Add and Exports (SCALE) committee is headed by former Mahindra CEO Pawan Goenka. The government has expanded the Steering Committee for Advancing Local Value-Add and Exports (SCALE committee) by adding three new members from different industries are Manish Sharma, Panasonic India Chairman and CEO, Vikram S Kirloskar, Toyota Kirloskar Vice-Chairman, and Jalaj Dani, Asian Paints co-promoter and Chairman Addverb Technologies.

**7) Alka Upadhyaya, appointed as New Chairperson of which agency?**

- a) NHIDCL                      b) IRCTC                      c) NHAI                      d) AAI

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:** The Centre has appointed Alka Upadhyaya as chairperson of the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI). Upadhyaya is a 1990-batch IAS officer of Madhya Pradesh cadre and is serving as Additional Secretary, Department of Rural Development.

**Static Points:** National Highways Authority of India Headquarters - **New Delhi**

**8) Who is the Brand Ambassador of Unix, an Indian Mobile Accessories manufacturing brand?**

- a) Jasprit Bumrah                      b) Virat Kohli                      c) Virender Sehwag                      d) Rohit Sharma

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:** Indian Cricket Fast Bowler Jasprit Bumrah signs up as Unix Brand Ambassador- India's home-grown mobile accessories brand. UNIX is a popular Indian brand that offers the latest and widest range of mobile accessories for your smartphones.

**9) Aditya Birla Health Insurance Launches Activ Health Essential Plan for \_\_\_\_.**

- a) Children                      b) Senior Citizens                      c) Women                      d) None

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:** Aditya Birla Health Insurance has launched a new plan called Activ Health Essential special health needs of senior citizens. This plan will offer coverage from day one of chronic health management, along with optional benefits to waive off mandatory co-payment. The senior citizen plan also comes with counselling support and health coaching features that are so important for senior citizens.

**Static Points:** Aditya Birla Health Insurance Co. Ltd.                      **Headquarters** - Mumbai, Maharashtra & **Founder** - Shiv Narain Birla

**10) Argentina beat Germany to lift 12th Men's FIH Junior Hockey World Cup 2021 in which state?**

- a) Punjab                      b) Gujarat                      c) Assam                      d) Odisha

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:** Argentina defeated the six-time champions Germany in the final to lift the FIH Men's Junior Hockey World Cup 2021 in Bhubaneswar, Odisha. This is their second Junior Men's Hockey World Cup title. Argentina has become the only third team after Germany (six wins) and India (2001, 2016) to win multiple Junior Hockey WC titles.

**Static Points:** Odisha **Capital** – Bhubaneswar                      **CM** - Naveen Patnaik                      **Governor** - Ganeshi Lal

- **River bank cities in Odisha:** Mahanadi(Banki); Rushikulya river (Brahmapur city & Chhatrapur city )
- FIH Men's Junior Hockey World Cup 2021 **Location** - Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar, Odisha

**11) Padma Bhushan Award Sarada Menon, India's 1st Woman Psychiatrist Passed Away at the age of \_\_\_\_.**

- a) 77                      b) 89                      c) 98                      d) 102

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:** Sarada Menon, considered India's first woman psychiatrist, passed away at the age of 98 at her home in Chennai. She has been a recipient of several awards, including the Padma Bhushan in 1992 for her work in the field of mental health.

**12) When was Armed Forces Flag Day is observed?**

- a) 7th December                      b) 4th December                      c) 8th December                      d) 3rd December

**Answer: A**

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

**13) First Ship 'Sandhayak' under Survey Vessel (Large) project for Indian Navy launched in which state?**

- a) Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- b) Dispur, Assam
- c) Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh
- d) Kolkata, West Bengal

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:** Sandhayak, the first of the four Survey Vessels (Large) Projects being built for the Indian Navy was launched in Hooghly River of Kolkata, West Bengal in the presence of the Minister of State Ajay Bhatt, Ministry of Defence. These Vessels have been designed and developed by Defence Public Sector Undertaking (DPSU), Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE). It was launched by Smt Pushpa Bhatt, spouse of Ajay Bhatt, by chanting invocation from Atharva Veda.

**Static Points:** Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Headquarters - **Kolkata**

**14) Who won the second term as President during Gambia presidential election?**

- a) Adama Barrow
- b) Yahya Jammeh
- c) Alieu Momarr Njai
- d) None

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:** Adama Barrow has comfortably won a second term in The Gambia's presidential election, with thousands of supporters celebrating and opponents disputing the results. Barrow garnered 53 per cent of the vote, according to results released by the Electoral Commission Chairman Alieu Momarr Njai. Adama Barrow's assumption as President 5 years ago ended more than 20 years of the dictatorship of former dictator Yahya Jammeh.

**Static Points:** **Gambia** - Country in West Africa      **Capital** – Banjul      **Currency** - Gambian dalasi

**15) Paytm Partners with \_\_\_ to Offer Startup Toolkits for Entrepreneurs.**

- a) Google Cloud Platform
- b) Amazon Web Services
- c) Microsoft Azure
- d) IBM Cloud

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:** Paytm will help entrepreneurs to grow businesses with payment, distribution, and growth solutions who are operating in India in the Amazon Web Services (AWS) Activate. Paytm, a leading digital ecosystem for consumers and merchants has partnered with Amazon Web Services (AWS) to offer Paytm Startup Toolkit with exclusive payment services to early-stage Indian startups.

**Static Points:** Paytm Group **CEO** - Vijay Shekhar Sharma & **Headquarters** - Noida, Uttar Pradesh

## **8-12-2021 Current Affairs Quiz**

**1) Who Launched the Swachh Technology Challenge for Entrepreneurial Skills in Waste Management Sector?**

- a) Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
- b) Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs
- c) Ministry of Education
- d) None of the above

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:** The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) launched the Swachh technology challenge, under the aegis of Swachh Bharat Mission 'Urban 2.0 (SBM-U 2.0)', in New Delhi.



6) 1st certified tokenization service for NTS to support tokenization of \_\_\_ cards.

- a) Paytm                      b) RuPay                      c) Google pay                      d) None of the above

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:** PayPhi, Phi Commerce's API-first digital payments platform has become the first certified tokenization service for the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) to support the tokenization of RuPay cards. To enhance security, RBI has issued a set of guidelines to store sensitive customer information in the form of encrypted 'token'. To comply with this guideline, NPCI announced the launch of the NPCI Tokenization system (NTS) to support the tokenization of cards as an alternative to storing card details with merchants, PayPhi.

**Static Points:** NPCI - National Payments Corporation of India; **Headquarters** – Mumbai, & **MD & CEO** - Dilip Asbe

7) Which medal did PV Sindhu Won at HSBC BWF World Tour Finals 2021?

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

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:** Indian badminton ace P V Sindhu settled for a silver medal at the BWF World Tour Finals 2021 after going down meekly against South Korean teen sensation An Seyoung in the summit. Sindhu, the reigning world champion and two-time Olympic medallist, could neither match the pace nor breach the defence of the world number six Korean, losing 16-21 12-21 in the 40-minute lop-sided clash.

8) Name the Indian-American mathematician who has been nominated by AMS for the 1st Ciprian Foias Award in Operator Theory.

- a) Nikhil Srivastava                      b) Satya Nadella                      c) Ajay Bhatt                      d) Shantanu Narayen

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:** Indian-American mathematician, Nikhil Srivastava, who teaches at the University of California, Berkeley along with Adam Marcus and Daniel Spielman was awarded the First Ciprian Foias Prize in Operator Theory by the American Mathematical Society (AMS).

**Static Points:** US **President** - Joe Biden                      **Capital** - Washington DC                      **Currency** - US Dollar

9) Kazhuveli Wetland declared as 16th Bird Sanctuary for which state?

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

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:** The Tamil Nadu government has notified the Kazhuveli swamp/ wetland in Vanur and Marakkanam taluks of Villupuram district as Kazhuveli Wetland Birds Sanctuary - 16th bird sanctuary in the State. The sanctuary lies adjacent to the Bay of Bengal along the East coast of Tamil Nadu. The Sanctuary covers 13 villages in the Villupuram district. It covers 5,151.60 hectares of land in Vanur taluk and 3,027.25 hectares in Marakkanam taluks.

**Static Points:** Tamil Nadu **CM** - MK Stalin                      **Capital** – Chennai                      **Governor** - RN Ravi

**Popular Bird Sanctuaries of TN** - Karaivetti, Sakkarakottai, Theerthangal, Melaselvanur-Keelaselvanur, Vaduvor birds Sanctuary, and Others

**Popular Wildlife Sanctuaries of TN** - Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve, Gangaikondan Spotted Deer Sanctuary, Cauvery North Wildlife Sanctuary, and Others

10) Ujjivan Small Finance Bank appoints \_\_\_ as MD & CEO for 3 years.

- a) Hitendra Dave                      b) Matam Venkata Rao                      c) Ittira Davis                      d) Masatsugu Asakawa

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:** Ujjivan Small Finance Bank appointed Ittira Davis as managing director (MD) and chief executive officer (CEO) of the bank for a period of three years. The appointment is subject to the approval of the members of the Bank and Reserve Bank of India (RBI). Ittira Davis has been with Ujjivan since 2015 and was previously CEO of Ujjivan Financial Services. His appointment as Director (Executive) will be for a period co-terminus with his tenure as MD and CEO.

**Static Points:** Ujjivan Small Finance Bank **tagline** :Bharosa, Aake Bharose Par & **Headquarters** - Bengaluru

**11) Who is the author of a book titled 'At Home In The Universe' released Globally?**

- a) Amit Shah                      b) Apoorva Kumar Singh                      c) BK Madhur                      d) Aravind Adiga

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:** An autobiography titled 'At Home In The Universe' by Bala Krishna Madhur was released by R.C. Sinha, IAS (Rtd), advisor to the Ministry of Road Development in Mumbai, Maharashtra. The book is published by Bookworld Enterprises of Mumbai. The book is the autobiography of B K Madhur, a former Chief Executive Officer at DHFL Property Services Ltd, and one of the key personalities in establishing Dewan Housing.

**12) 2021 Davis Cup Finals title was clinched by which country after defeating Croatia?**

- a) Italy                                      b) Canada                                      c) Spain                                      d) Russia

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:** 2021 Davis Cup Finals, formerly known as World Group, was the highest level of Davis Cup competition in 2021.2020–21 Davis Cup was the 109th edition of the Davis Cup. It was held on indoor hard courts at three venues. The 2021 Davis Cup Finals title was clinched by Russia after defeating Croatia. It was Russia's third Davis Cup title after 2002 and 2006. Russia won for the 1st time in 15 Years after its last victory in 2006.

**Static Points:** Croatia **Capital** – Zagreb                      **President** - Zoran Milanovic                      **Currency** - Croatian Kuna

**13) Which Bank Partners with Flipkart to Offer Instant Overdraft Facility?**

- a) ICICI Bank                      b) HDFC Bank                      c) Yes Bank                      d) HSBC Bank

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:** ICICI Bank will partner with Flipkart for the initiative which will help sellers to avail an overdraft (OD) from ICICI bank instantly in a process - from the application - to sanction to disbursement. The OD facility is enabled by Application Programming Interface (API) and the process from application to sanction to disbursement is completely digital.

**Static Points:**

ICICI Bank **MD & CEO** - Sandeep Bakhshi                      **Headquarters** – Vadodara                      **Tagline** - Hum hai na, Khayal Apka

**14) Which bank Imposes Restrictions on Nagar Urban Co-operative Bank?**

- a) RBI                                      b) SBI                                      c) Yes Bank                                      d) HDFC Bank

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:** The Reserve Bank of India has put Nagar Urban Co-operative Bank, Ahmednagar, under directions. Deposit withdrawal will be restricted to ₹10,000 per depositor during the entire six months that the Bank will be under Directions, with effect from the close of business.

**Static Points:**

RBI **Headquarters** – Mumbai                      RBI **Governor** – Shaktikanta Das  
RBI **Deputy Governor** – Mahesh Kumar Jain, M. Rajeshwar Rao, Michael Patra and T. Rabi Shankar

**15) \_\_\_ and NITI Aayog Releases the Waste-wise Cities- Best Practices in Municipal Solid Waste Management report.**

- a) International Council on Clean Transportation                      b) Centre for Science and Environment  
c) The Energy and Resources Institute                                      d) None of the above

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:** Niti Aayog and the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) released "Waste-wise Cities: Best practices in municipal solid waste management," a comprehensive knowledge repository of how Indian cities are managing their solid waste. India's solid waste management sector has witnessed unparalleled growth in the last few years. The Swachh Bharat Mission Phase 2 is launched to further strengthen the efforts for a clean India. The report documents best practices from 28 cities in 15 states of India.

**Static Points:**

Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) **Founder** - Anil Agarwal                      **Headquarters** - New Delhi

NITI Aayog **Chairperson** - Narendra Modi                      **Headquarters** - New Delhi

**9-12-2021 Current Affairs Quiz**

**1) India ranked as \_\_\_ most powerful country in Asia?**

- a) 3<sup>rd</sup>                                      b) 4<sup>th</sup>                                      c) 7<sup>th</sup>                                      d) 6<sup>th</sup>

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:** India is the 4th most powerful country in Asia with a score of 37.7, as per the Lowy Institute Asia Power Index 2021. As the fourth most powerful country in Asia, India again falls short of the major power threshold in 2021. Its overall score declined by two points compared to 2020. India is one of eighteen countries in the region to trend downward in its overall score in 2021.

**Static Points:**

The topmost powerful countries are:

**1<sup>ST</sup> United States** - 82.2 Score                      **2<sup>ND</sup> China** - 74.6 Score                      **3<sup>RD</sup> Japan** - 38.7 Score

**2) Who inaugurated the AIIMS, Fertilizer plant & ICMR centre in Uttar Pradesh?**

- a) Yogi Adithyanath                      b) Narendra Modi                      c) Mamata Banerjee                      d) Ram Nath Kovind

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh. He also inaugurated a fertilizer plant and a new building of the Regional Medical Research Center of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) in Uttar Pradesh. According to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, drastic reduction in the cases of Japanese Encephalitis in the area and the growth of the medical infrastructure in the area. "With AIIMS and ICMR Centre, the fight against JE will gain new strength.

**Static Points:** Uttar Pradesh **CM** - Yogi Adithyanath                      **Capital** – Lucknow                      **Governor** Anandiben Patel

**PM Narendra Modi** - Prime Minister and also in charge of Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances, & Pensions, Department of Atomic Energy, Department of Space, All important policy issues.  
Constituency - Varanasi, UP

**3) Fitch Ratings cuts India's FY22 GDP Growth Forecast to \_\_\_\_.**

- a) 7.7%                                      b) 12.1%                                      c) 8.4%                                      d) 10%

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:** Fitch Ratings cut India's economic growth forecast to 8.4 per cent for the current fiscal year ending March 31, 2022, but raised GDP growth projection for the next financial year to 10.3 per cent. According to the rating agency, the economy staged a strong rebound in the second quarter of FY22 from the Delta variant-induced sharp contraction. The economy has contracted 4 per cent in the April-June quarter in FY22 over the fourth quarter of FY21.

**Static Points:** Fitch Ratings **President** - Ian Linnell

**Headquarters** - New York, United States

**4) Which company partnered with TA'ZIZ to form Chemical Production JV Named "TA'ZIZ EDC & PVC"?**

- a) IndianOil                      b) Reliance Industries Ltd.                      c) ONGC                      d) None of the above

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:** Reliance Industries Ltd. (RIL), have agreed to set up 'TA'ZIZ EDC & PVC', a chemical production joint venture at the TA'ZIZ Industrial Chemicals Zone in Ruwais. The joint venture would construct and operate a Chlor-alkali, ethylene dichloride (EDC) and polyvinyl chloride (PVC) production facility. Both companies will invest more than \$2 billion in a chemical production facility. These chemicals will be produced for the first time in the UAE.

**Static Points:** Reliance Industries Limited **CEO** - Mukesh Ambani & **Headquarters** - Mumbai

**5) \_\_\_\_ launches 'e-Sawaari India e-bus Coalition' in partnership with CESL & WRI India.**

- a) NITI Aayog                      b) NDC                      c) NIC                      d) CVC

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:** NITI Aayog has launched the e-Sawaari India Electric Bus Coalition in partnership with Convergence Energy Service Limited (CESL) and World Resources Institute, India, (WRI India), and supported by Transformative Urban Mobility Initiative (TUMI). Through the e-Sawaari India Electric Bus Coalition, the central-, state-, and city-level government agencies, transit service providers, original equipment manufacturers (OEMs), financing institutions, and ancillary service providers will be able to share knowledge and their learnings on e-bus adoption in India.

**Static Points:** NITI Aayog **Chairperson** - Shri Narendra Modi    **Headquarters** - New Delhi & **Established** - 1st January 2015

**6) Who won the WTA Player of the Year for 2nd time?**

- a) Chris Evert                      b) Martina Navratilova                      c) Steffi Graf                      d) Ashleigh Barty

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:** Ashleigh Barty won Women's Tennis Association(WTA)'s Player of the Year for the second time in voting results. Barbora Krejčíková was selected as Most Improved Player and shared the Doubles Team of the Year award with Katerina Siniakova. She became the 5th woman to achieve this feat after Chris Evert, Martina Navratilova, Steffi Graf and Serena Williams. She won the tour leading 5 WTA Titles in 2021 including the 2021 Wimbledon Title, her 2nd career Grand Slam title.

**Static Points:**

Women's Tennis Association(WTA) **CEO** - Steve Simon

**Founder** - Billie Jean King

**Headquarters** - Florida, United States

**7) Who joins the Board of Advisors for International Institute for Democracy & Electoral Assistance (IDEA)?**

- a) Sushil Chandra                      b) Sunil Arora                      c) TN Seshan                      d) Anup Chandra Pandey

**Answer: B**



**Explanation:** Former Chief Election Commissioner of India Sunil Arora joined the Board of Advisors for International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA). Mr Arora has rich leadership experience, knowledge and skills to contribute significantly to the working of the International Institute.

**Static Points:** IDEA **Headquarter** - Stockholm, Sweden.

8) \_\_\_\_ ranked 37th on Forbes' 2021 World's 100 most powerful women.

- a) Roshni Nadar Malhotra      b) Kiran Mazumdar Shaw      c) Nirmala Sitharaman      d) Falguni Nayar

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:** Nirmala Sitharaman is ranked at 37th position, up from 41 last year. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has, for the third time in a row, made it to the Forbes' rankings of 100 most powerful women in the world. Besides Sitharaman, the Indians who made it to the list include HCL Corporation CEO Roshni Nadar Malhotra (52); Biocon Executive Chairperson Kiran Mazumdar Shaw (72), and Nykaa Founder Falguni Nayar made her debut and was featured at number 88.

9) Which country is among the most unequal countries, according to World Inequality Report?

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

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:** India stands out as a poor and very unequal country, with the top one per cent of the population holding more than one-fifth of the total national income in 2021 and the bottom half just 13 per cent, according to World Inequality Report. The 'World Inequality Report 2022', has been authored by Lucas Chancel, co-director of the World Inequality Lab, and coordinated by several experts, including French economist Thomas Piketty.

10) Who Presented the 'President's Standard' to Indian Navy's 22nd Missile Vessels Squadron?

- a) Narendra Modi      b) Ram Nath Kovind      c) Aravind Kejriwal      d) Nirmala Sitharaman

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:** President Ram Nath Kovind presented the President's Standard award to the 22nd Missile Vessels Squadron of the Indian Navy at a ceremony held in the naval dockyard. The President's Standard is the highest honour bestowed by the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces to a military unit in recognition of the service rendered to the nation. The presentation of the Standard is a testimony to the exceptional service rendered by officers and sailors, past and present, of this squadron to our nation.

**Static Points:** Ram Nath Kovind - 14th and current president of India

**Constituency** - Uttar Pradesh, Rajya Sabha

11) When was the International Anti-Corruption Day is observed?

- a) 9th December      b) 10th December      c) 7th December      d) 8th December

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:** The International Anti-Corruption Day is observed to raise awareness and find newer ways to combat corruption. Society is largely affected by corruption and preventing it will help progress towards sustainable development goals and promote equity. The UN General Assembly (UNGA) adopted a convention against corruption on October 31, 2003. The same year, the UN General Assembly also designated December 9 as International Anti-Corruption Day to prevent corruption and raise awareness about the convention.

12) Which bank proposes to launch UPI-based payment products for feature phone users?

- a) SBI      b) RBI      c) Canara Bank      d) Punjab National Bank

**Answer: B**



**Explanation:** Bharti Airtel launched 'Airtel India Startup Innovation Challenge' in partnership with Invest India that will let early-stage technology companies demonstrate differentiated solutions for 5G, IoT, Cloud Communications, Digital Advertising and Digital Entertainment. "India's startup ecosystem is now a globally celebrated story and our young technology companies are doing some phenomenal work in building solutions that solve hard problems," Adarsh Nair, Chief Product Officer, Bharti Airtel, said in a statement.

**Static Points:** Airtel **Founder** - Sunil Bharti Mittal, **MD & CEO** - Gopal Vittal & **Headquartered** - New Delhi

**2) Bank of Maharashtra, NPCI tie up to launch \_\_\_\_ of its 1st Credit Card.**

- a) Premium Card                      b) Business Card                      c) RuPay                      d) Both a & b

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:** Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) on Thursday said it has tied up with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) to launch its first credit card on card payment network RuPay. The benefits of the credit card include reward points for every Rs 100 spent, fuel surcharge and the card also has card liability cover wherein customers will have zero liability post reporting of fraud.

**Static Points:**

- Bank of Maharashtra **CEO** - AS Rajeev                      **Headquarters** – Pune                      **Tagline** - One Family One Bank
- **Rupay** - conceived and launched by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)  
**Tagline** - One Life One RuPay

**3) Which country defence ministry unveils model for Hypersonic Weapon Prototype 'Hycore'?**

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

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:** South Korea has revealed plans to begin testing a prototype for a ground-launched hypersonic cruise missile in 2022. The Agency for Defense Development (ADD) and local defence prime Hanwha debuted the Hycore prototype concept in December.

**Static Points:** South Korea **Capital** – Seoul                      **Currency** - South Korean Won                      **President** - Moon Jae-in

**4) Which space agency launches an X-ray space telescope to unlock the secrets of a black hole?**

- a) NASA                      b) ISRO                      c) ASA                      d) CNES

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:** NASA launched its new Imaging X-ray Polarimetry Explorer (IXPE) X-ray space telescope to unlock the secrets of extreme cosmic objects. It was launched into orbit by SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket from NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida, US. The project is a collaboration between NASA and the Italian Space Agency.

**Static Points:** NASA **Headquarters** - Washington DC, US                      **Founder** - Dwight D. Eisenhower

**5) What is the edition of India- Maldives joint military exercise named 'EKUVERIN' which is held in the Maldives?**

- a) 7<sup>th</sup>                      b) 11<sup>th</sup>                      c) 8<sup>th</sup>                      d) 10<sup>th</sup>

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:** The 11th edition of Exercise EKUVERIN-21 between India and Maldives, held at Kadhdhoo Island, Maldives. Ekuverin means "Friends" in the Dhivehi language. It is an Indo-Aryan language. It is spoken in India, Lakshadweep and Maldives. It was scheduled to be held at Kadhdhoo Island, Maldives from 6th to 19th December 2021. Besides rigorous training, the joint military exercise will also include cultural and sports activities to enhance defence cooperation and bilateral relations.

**Static Points:** India, Sri Lanka and the Maldives - TTX-2021

- Maldives **Capital** – Male      **President** – Ibrahim Mohamed Solih      **Currency** – Rufiyaa

**6) Aviva Life Insurance launches Life Insurance Plan of \_\_\_ Bima.**

- a) Jeevan Bima      b) Nivesh Bima      c) Ayush Bima      d) None of the above

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:** Aviva Life Insurance, a private insurance company, has announced the launch of Aviva Nivesh Bima. This is a non-linked, non-participating, individual savings life insurance plan that provides guaranteed moneyback at every fifth policy year, in addition to a lump sum payout at maturity. It also offers features such as fixed benefit pay-out on maturity or death, limited premium paying term, and an option to enhance the coverage through an add-on accidental death benefit, along with tax benefits.

**Static Points:** Aviva Life **CEO & MD** - Amit Malik

**Headquarter** - Gurugram, Haryana

**7) Disney BYJU'S Early Learn App Signs \_\_\_ & \_\_\_ as Brand Ambassadors.**

- a) Neeraj Chopra & PV Sindhu      b) Mirabai Chanu & Ravi Dahiya  
c) Mirabai Chanu & Bajrang Punia      d) Abhinav Bindra & Ravi Dahiya

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:** BYJU'S announced a 2 years partnership with Olympic medalists Neeraj Chopra and PV Sindhu as the brand ambassadors for Disney BYJU'S Early Learn app. Javelin thrower, Neeraj Chopra is a Gold medallist and Badminton player, PV Sindhu is a Bronze medallist from the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

**Static Points:** Byju's **Founder** – Byju Raveendran

**Headquarters** – Bangalore, Karnataka

**8) How many medals did India claim at the 4th Asian Youth Para Games (AYPG)?**

- a) 17      b) 32      c) 37      d) 41

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:** The Indian contingent won 12 gold, 15 silver, and 14 bronze medals at the continental Para youth games held in Riffa city. On 8th December 2021, India claimed 41 medals at the 4th Asian Youth Para Games (AYPG), Asia's biggest event held at Riffa city, Bahrain. The event is organized by the National Paralympic Committee (NPC) of Bahrain with the support of the local government.

**Static Points:**

Asian Youth Para Games

Host **City & Venue** - Manama, Bahrain International Circuit

**Motto** - Together. Rising. Stronger.

Participated **Nations** – 30; Participated **Athletes** – 750;

**9) India's 1st CDS Bipin Rawat dies in IAF Mi17 Helicopter Crash in which state?**

- a) Tamil Nadu      b) Kerala      c) Odisha      d) Delhi

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:** Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) of Indian Armed Force General Bipin Rawat, India's most senior defence official died in a helicopter crash near Coonoor in Tamil Nadu. He was returning from the Defence Services Staff College in Wellington in the Nilgiris district of Tamil Nadu. Gen Rawat was on board an Indian Air Force (IAF) Mi17 V5 helicopter along with his wife Madhulika Rawat, and 11 other defence personnel. While IAF Group Captain Varun Singh is the lone survivor in the crash.

**10) Which state Chief Minister launched the 'Milk Price Incentive Scheme'?**

- a) Assam                      b) Maharashtra                      c) Uttarakhand                      d) Uttar Pradesh

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:** Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami launched the Milk Price Promotion Scheme at IRDT Auditorium, Survey Chowk, Dehradun. The scheme is aimed to provide incentives benefiting around 53,000 people of Uttarakhand. The state government is targeting to spend INR 444.62 crore to open 500 milk sales centres in Uttarakhand.

**Static Points:** Uttarakhand **Capital** - Dehradun (Winter), Bhararisen (Summer); & **Governor** - Gurmit Singh

**11) South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Charter Day is observed annually on which day?**

- a) 10th December                      b) 9th December                      c) 8th December                      d) 7th December

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:** The South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Charter Day is observed annually on 8th December to commemorate the adoption of the SAARC Charter. This year marks the 37th anniversary of the regional group. On 8 December 1985, the SAARC Charter was adopted, in Dhaka, during the first summit of the group. The Charter was signed by the leaders of eight South Asian nations- Bangladesh, Bhutan, Afghanistan, Maldives, Nepal, India, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka.

**Static Points:** SAARC **Chairmanship** - Nepal; **Secretary General** - H.E Mr. Esala Ruwan Weerakoon (Sri Lanka)

**12) Name the Indian women, who ranked 37th in the Forbes' list of the World's 100 Most Powerful Women 2021?**

- a) Nirmala Sitharaman                      b) Nita Ambani                      c) Soumya Swaminathan                      d) Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:** Finance Minister (FM) of India, Nirmala Sitharaman has ranked 37th on the Forbes' list of the World's 100 Most Powerful Women 2021 or 18th Edition of Forbes' list of the World's 100 Most Powerful Women. She has been featured on the list for the 3rd year in a row. She was ranked 41st on the list in 2020 and 34th in 2019.

**Static Points:** **Nirmala Sitharaman** - Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs

**Constituency** - Karnataka, Rajya Sabha

**13) What is the rank of India in the Lowy Institute Asia Power Index 2021?**

- a) 1<sup>st</sup>                      b) 2<sup>nd</sup>                      c) 3<sup>rd</sup>                      d) 4<sup>th</sup>

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:** India is the 4th most powerful country in Asia with a score of 37.7, as per the Lowy Institute Asia Power Index 2021. According to Lowy Institute Asia Power Index 2021, India has ranked 4th most powerful country in the Asia-Pacific region for comprehensive power out of 26 countries, with an overall score of 37.7 out of 100. India's overall score declined by 2 points compared to 2020.

**14) International Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide & the Prevention of this Crime is observed annually on \_\_\_\_.**

- a) 10th December                      b) 9th December                      c) 8th December                      d) 7th December

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:** The International Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide and of the Prevention of this Crime is marked annually on 9th December. 2021 marks the 73rd anniversary of the adoption of the 1948 Genocide Convention by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA). This was the 1st Human Rights Treaty adopted by the UNGA. It is observed to raise awareness about genocide and the role of the United Nations' Genocide Convention in preventing it.

**15) Kazhuveli wetland has been declared as the 16th Bird Sanctuary of which of the following state?**

- a) Kerala                      b) Maharashtra                      c) Odisha                      d) Tamil Nadu

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:** Kazhuveli Wetland was declared the 16th Bird Sanctuary of Tamil Nadu. The Kazhuveli wetland situated in Villupuram district of Tamil Nadu has been declared as the 16th Bird Sanctuary by Surpiya Sahu, Environment and Forest Secretary, at the Minister of Environment Forest and Climate Change.

**Static Points:** Famous **Bird Sanctuary** in Tamil Nadu - Chitrangudi, Koonthankulam-Kadankulam, Vellode, Vedanthangal Birds Sanctuary.

Tamil Nadu **CM** - MK Stalin                      Tamil Nadu **Capital** – Chennai

### **11-12-2021 Current Affairs Quiz**

**1) \_\_\_ granted Observer Status to International Solar Alliance.**

- a) UNICEF                      b) UNGA                      c) UNSC                      d) None of the above

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:** The UN General Assembly has conferred Observer Status to the International Solar Alliance (ISA), a historic decision which India said would help provide for well-defined cooperation between the Alliance and the United Nations that would benefit global energy growth and development. This decision has been taken based on the UNGA's Sixth Committee report.

**Static Points:**

UNGA **President** - Abdulla Shahid                      **Headquarters:** New York  
India's Permanent Ambassador to UN - **TS Tirumurti**

**2) Which country assumed the chairmanship of the council of Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure of SCO?**

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

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:** India assumed the Chairmanship of Council of Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure of SCO (RATS SCO) from October 28, 2021, for a period of one year. The seminar is the 1st event to be hosted by India during its Chairmanship of Council of RATS SCO. This is the second time India is hosting such a Seminar event.

**Static Points:** RATS SCO **headquarters** - Tashkent, Uzbekistan                      **Director** - Jumakhon Giyosov

**3) Which institution releases the report on the Country level status of Emergency & Injury Care in India?**

- a) NDC                      b) NITI Aayog                      c) NIC                      d) NHRCI

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:** NITI Aayog has released two comprehensive reports titled Reports on the current status on Country level- secondary and tertiary level & district level emergency and injury care in India. These reports were launched in the presence of Dr V K Paul, Hon'ble Member (Health) NITI Aayog and Dr Rakesh Sarwal, Additional Secretary, and other dignitaries.

**Static Points:**

NITI Aayog **Chairperson** - Shri Narendra Modi

**Vice Chairperson** - Rajiv Kumar

**CEO** - Amitabh Kant

**Headquarters** - New Delhi

**4) As per the 'World Malaria Report 2021', what is the number of estimated malaria deaths in 2020?**

- a) 6.00 lakhs                      b) 5.71 lakhs                      c) 7.44 lakhs                      d) 6.27 lakhs

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:** According to WHO's (World Health Organisation) latest World Malaria Report 2021, globally there were an estimated 241 million malaria cases and 627000 malaria deaths in 85 malaria-endemic countries in 2020, increasing from 227 million in 2019. As per the report, there are about 14 million more cases in 2020 compared to 2019 and 69000 more deaths.

**Static Points:**

WHO **Headquarters** – Geneva, Switzerland & **Director-General** – Tedros Adhanom

**5) Which state retains the top position for most Employable Talent?**

- a) Maharashtra                      b) Uttar Pradesh                      c) Kerala                      d) West Bengal

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:** As per the 9th edition of India Skills Report (ISR) 2022, released by Wheebox, Maharashtra has retained the top position in the list of states with the highest poll of employable talent followed by Uttar Pradesh and Kerala. The theme of ISR 2022 is 'Rebuilding and Reengineering the Future of Work'. As per the current edition, the overall employability in India has improved with 46.2% of the youth being found to be highly employable compared to last year's employability standing at 45.97%.

**Static Points:** Topmost Employability followed by Maharashtra

Uttar Pradesh (2)

Kerala (3)

West Bengal (4)

Karnataka (5)

**6) Federal Bank entered into Bancassurance Partnership with which insurance company?**

- a) HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company                      b) Life Insurance Corporation  
c) Star Health and Allied Insurance                      d) United India Insurance

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:** Federal Bank and Star Health Insurance tie-up for bancassurance. Federal Bank has joined hands with Star Health and Allied Insurance Co Ltd as a corporate agent to provide a wide range of innovative health insurance products for the Bank's 8.90 million customers spread over 1,291 banking outlets across the country. It is a partnership between a bank and an insurance company that would enable them to offer insurance products to the bank's customers.

**Static Points:**

- Federal Bank **CEO** - Shyam Srinivasan; **Headquarters** - Aluva, Kerala & **Tagline** - Your Perfect Banking Partner
- Star Health and Allied Insurance **CEO** - V Jagannathan & **Headquarters** - India

**7) Which bank granted Scheduled Payment Bank Status to Paytm Payments Bank Limited?**

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

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:** According to Paytm Payments Bank, it has been given the scheduled bank status by the Reserve Bank of India. The bank has been included in the Second Schedule to the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934 and the approval will help it to bring more financial services and products. With this approval, PPBL becomes the 3rd Scheduled Payments Bank. This will also enable the PPBL to offer more financial services and products.

**Static Points:** Paytm Payments Bank **Founder** - Vijay Shekhar Sharma & **Headquarter**– Noida, Uttar Pradesh

**Tagline** - Simplifying Payments For India

**8) FICCI appoints \_\_\_ as the Chairman & Managing Director of Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL).**

- a) Sangita Reddy                      b) Sanjiv Mehta                      c) Dilip Chenoy                      d) Harshavardhan Neotia

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:** The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) announced that Sanjiv Mehta, the Chairman and Managing Director of Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL), will be appointed as its President. FICCI's 94th Annual General Meeting was to be held on 18th December 2021.

**Static Points:** HUL **Headquarters** - Mumbai

**9) Which corporation introduced Atmanirbhar Hastshilpkar Scheme for North-Eastern Artisans?**

- a) SEFL                                      b) NEFS                                      c) NEDFi                                      d) None of the above

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:** North-Eastern Development Finance Corporation Ltd. (NEDFi) has introduced the 'Atmanirbhar Hastshilpkar' scheme to support artisans in the Northeast region. The objective of the scheme is to provide financial assistance in the form of term loans for income-generating activities. Under the launch of the scheme, around 17 artisans have been provided with credit assistance of Rs 1 lakh per artisan.

**Static Points:**

NEDFi - is a Financial institution ; **Headquarters** - Guwahati, Assam

**10) Architect Balkrishna Doshi to be honoured with the \_\_\_ Medal 2022.**

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

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:** Architect Balkrishna Doshi will receive the Royal Gold Medal 2022, one of the world's highest honours for architecture, the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) announced. The announcement for the same was made by the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA). He is also an awardee of Padma Shri and the Padma Bhushan.

**11) When was International Mountain Day is observed?**

- a) 9th December                      b) 7th December                      c) 12th December                      d) 11th December

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:** International Mountain Day is celebrated on 11th December every year to educate children and people about the role that mountains play in providing freshwater, clean energy, food, and recreation. The theme of 2021 is "Sustainable mountain tourism". Mountain conservation plays a crucial role in long-term development. Nearly, 27% of the Earth's land is covered by mountains.

**12) Which bank signs MoU with Centrum Housing Finance for Housing Loans?**

- a) Bank of Baroda                      b) New Development Bank  
c) World Bank                              d) Asian Development Bank

**Answer: A**



**Explanation:** Bank of Baroda signs MoU with Centrum Housing Finance Limited (CHFL) for sourcing and financing Housing loans under the Co-lending Mechanism. The Bank will penetrate deep into the markets of tier 2 & tier 3 cities at very competitive interest rates. Bank extends up to Rs.1000 crore as Housing finance in one financial year. CHFL is one of the leading housing finance companies that provide long-term housing finance.

**Static Points:**

- CHFL **MD & CEO** – Sanjay Shukla & **Headquarters** – Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Bank of Baroda **CEO** – Sanjiv Chadha; **Headquarters** – Vadodara, Gujarat; & **Tagline** - India's International Bank

**13) \_\_\_ got Approval from RBI to hike the stake up to 9.99% in IndusInd Bank.**

- a) PAI                                      b) LIC                                      c) AXA                                      d) Liberty Mutual

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:** LIC gets central bank approval to hike stake in IndusInd Bank to 9.99% The Reserve Bank of India has approved the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) to raise its stake in IndusInd Bank by up to 9.99 per cent. The approval will be valid for 1 year i.e. up to December 8, 2022. At present, LIC holds a 4.95 per cent stake in the IndusInd Bank.

**Static Points:**

- IndusInd Bank **Headquarters** – Mumbai; **CEO** - Sumant Kathpalia; & **Tagline** - We Make You Feel Richer
- LIC **Chairperson** - MR Kumar & **Headquarters** - Mumbai

**14) \_\_\_ award for exceptional bravery at sea to Indian Navy, ICG & Master.**

- a) ICA                                      b) FAO                                      c) IMO                                      d) None of the above

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:** IMO Award for exceptional bravery at sea to Indian Navy, ICG and Master along with a crew of tugboat Ocean Bliss. The International Maritime Organisation (IMO) has established an annual Award to provide international recognition for individuals' and teams' exceptional bravery at sea. For 2021, IMO awarded Certificate of Commendation to the Indian Navy, Indian Coast Guard and Master along with crew members of tugboat Ocean Bliss.

**Static Points:**IMO **Secretary-General** – Kitack Lim (Republic of Korea) & **Headquarters** – London, United Kingdom

**15) Asian Development Bank approves USD \_\_\_ mn loan to Improve Urban Services in India?**

- a) 203                                      b) 230                                      c) 270                                      d) 350

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:** Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved USD 350 million policy-based loans to improve urban services in India. This loan supports the policies formulated by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) to benefit the urban poor, economically weaker section and low-income groups. ADB will also provide recommendations on cross-cutting issues like climate change, environmental and social safeguards assessment, and gender equality and social inclusion.

**Static Points:**

Asian Development Bank (ADB) **President** - Masatsugu Asakawa  
ADB **Headquarters** - Manila, Philippines.

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