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Q. Which institution has signed pact worth $105 million for West Bengal Inland Water Transport, Logistics and Spatial Development Project?

A) ADB
B) World Bank
C) NDB
D) IMF

Answer : B

WORLD BANK IN NEWS

- World Bank approves $105 million loan to improve Waterways in West Bengal
- World Bank inks $500 million pact with Government of India for green, safe highway corridors project
- World Bank has approved 4 India projects worth over $800 million.
- $400 million Second Accelerating India’s COVID-19 Social Protection Response Program.
- $100 million Chhattisgarh Inclusive Rural and Accelerated Agriculture Growth Project (CHIRAAG).
- $68 million Nagaland: Enhancing Classroom Teaching and Resources Project.
• $250 million Second Dam Improvement and Rehabilitation Project (DRIP-2)
• World Bank Signs $120 Million Project to Improve Connectivity in Meghalaya
• India and World Bank sign $310 million Loan Agreement for Jharkhand Power System Improvement Project
• World Bank $750 million funding support to MSME in India
• World Bank approve $500 million loan under 'STARS project
• World Bank $82 million loan for Himachal Pradesh Road Transformation
• World Bank $80 million loan improve water management in Himachal pradesh
• World Bank $88 million loan Implementation of Assam Inland water transport project
• World Bank $450 million loan agreement with India on support the Atal Bhujal Yojana
• World Bank $210 million loan for Maharashtra Agribusiness and rural Transformation project
• World Bank enchance the financial support for Ganga rejuvenation with $400 million
• World Bank lends Rs 1,950 Crore loans to west Bengal govt for tackling Covid-19 Situation
• Tamil Nadu, World Bank sign loan agreements worth $250 mn to boost affordable housing projects
• Rajesh Khullar appointed Executive Director at World Bank
• Carmen Reinhart appointed as Chief Economist of World Bank Group
• Rajeev Topno appointed as Senior Advisor to ED of World Bank

WORLD BANK

❖ Founded : 1944
Q. Name the newly appointed Chairman of the All India Gem and Jewellery Domestic Council (GJC)?

A) Annika Sorenstam
B) Sanjay Kapoor
C) Zena Wooldridge
D) Ashish Pethe

**Answer : D**

- All India Gem and Jewellery Domestic Council (GJC), has appointed Ashish Pethe as its new Chairman
- Saiyam Mehra has been appointed as Vice Chairman

Q. Filmmaker Pablo Cesar has been appointed as the head of the International Jury of 51st edition of International Film Festival of India (IFFI). He is from which country?

A) Sri Lanka
B) Argentina
C) Russia
D) Germany

Answer : B

- 51st edition of International Film Festival of India (IFFI) will be held in Goa from January 16 to January 24, 2021
- Opening film at 51st IFFI : ‘Another Round’
- Director by Thomas Vinterberg.
- The International Jury of IFFI will be headed by iconic Argentine filmmaker Pablo Cesar

OTHER MEMBERS OF THE JURY

- Priyadarshans (India)
- Prasanna Vithanage (Sri Lanka)
- Abu Bakr Shawky (Austria)
- Rubaiyat Hossain (Bangladesh)
- International Film Festival of India (IFFI), founded in 1952

ARGENTINA IN NEWS 2020

- Argentina to levy 'millionaires tax' to pay for COVID-19 relief, expenses
- China successfully launches 13 satellites into orbit with a single rocket, including 10 from Argentina
- Argentina’s Football Legend Diego Maradona passes away

ARGENTINA

- Capital : Buenos Aires
- Currency : Peso
- President : Alberto Fernández

Q. Which state has launched the ‘Launch Pad Scheme’ for above 18 years youths, coming out of child care institutions?

A) Haryana
B) Madhya Pradesh

C) Uttarakhand

D) Kerala

Answer : B

**MADHYA PRADESH IN NEWS**

- MP Govt launches ‘Launch Pad Scheme’ to make youth self-reliant
- Madhya Pradesh Government is introducing Campaign regarding promotion of “Ek Zila- Ek Shilp"
- India’s first tiger reserve hot air balloon safari launched in Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve of Madhya Pradesh
- Gwalior and Orchha Cities of Madhya Pradesh Included in UNESCO World Heritage Cities List
- Panna Tiger Reserve of Madhya Pradesh gets UNESCO Biosphere Reserve status
- Arjun Munda e-launches “Virtual Aadi Mahotsav-Madhya Pradesh”
- Madhya Pradesh Government Launches Roadmap For "Self-Reliant Madhya Pradesh"
- Madhya Pradesh Government Announces Formation Of "Cow Cabinet" For Conservation Of Cows
- Madhya Pradesh Government Launches "Quit Dirt India" Campaign
- "One Mask - Many Lives" Public Awareness Campaign Inaugurated In Madhya Pradesh
- Nitin Gadkari inaugurates 45 Highway projects worth around Rs 11,427 cr in Madhya Pradesh
- Madhya Pradesh CM launches ‘Mukhyamantri Kisan Kalyan Yojna’ on lines of PM-Kisan Scheme
- MP govt launches ‘Roadmap to Aatma Nirbhar Madhya Pradesh’
PM Narendra Modi inaugurates Rewa Solar Power Project in Madhya Pradesh

Q. Who has been elected as the new President of the All India Chess Federation (AICF)?

A) Mrinmoy Rajkhowa  
B) C.G.S.Narayanan  
C) Bharat Singh Chauhan  
D) Sanjay Kapoor

Answer : D

- Sanjay Kapoor has been elected as the President of the All India Chess Federation (AICF)
- Bharat Singh Chauhan has been re-elected as the Secretary' of AICF and Naresh Sharmahas been elected as Treasurer

All India Chess Federation (AICF)

- Founded : 1951
- Headquarteres : Chennai Tamil Nadu

NEWLY APPOINTED SPORTS ORGANIZATION HEAD

- Sanjay Kapoor Elected as New President of All India Chess Federation
- Annika Sorenstam elected President of International Golf Federation
- Zena Wooldridge appointed as World Squash Federation President
- New Zealand’s Greg Barclay elected new ICC Chairman
- Manipur’s Gyanendro Ningombam appointed as the Hockey India President
- Bimal Julka appointed as the new Chairman of Federation of Indian Fantasy Sports (FIFS)
Anil Jain Elected As New President of All India Tennis Association

Rohan Jaitley elected unopposed as the President of the Delhi and District Cricket Association (DDCA)

Q. Government has set up a high-level group to build a South Asia-focused energy security architecture. Who is the head of this group?

A) Amit Shah  
B) Ram Vinay Shahi  
C) R P Gupta  
D) Vivek Murthy  

Answer: B

Central Government has set up a high-level group to build a South Asia-focused energy security architecture; headed by former Union Power Secretary Ram Vinay Shahi

MOST IMPORTANT COMMITTEE IN NEWS 2020

- Centre constitutes high-level group for South Asia energy security; Head – Ram Vinay Shahi
- Government constitutes High Level Committee headed by Home Minister Amit Shah to commemorate 125th Birth Anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose
- Centre constitutes Apex Committee for the Implementation of the Paris Agreement (AIPA) headed by R P Gupta
- Centre Forms Inter-Ministerial Committee to strengthen capital goods sector; Headed By : Arun Goel
- ‘Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas' Headed By : MM Kutty
Centre forms committee to assess existing TRP system of TV channels; Headed By: Shashi S Vempati

NITI Aayog sets up panel for reforms in urban planning education, Headed By: Rajiv Kumar

SEBI Sets Up Advisory Committee to Recommend Policy on Market Data Access, Headed By: Madhabi Puri Buch

Government sets up a panel to streamline telecom spectrum allocation, Headed By: Rajiv Gauba

Q. The Kochi – Mangaluru Natural Gas Pipeline has been inaugurated by PM Modi recently. What is the estimated length of this project?

A) 450 km
B) 500 km
C) 300 km
D) 250 km

Answer: A

- PM Modi dedicates Kochi – Mangaluru Natural Gas Pipeline to the Nation
- The 450-kilometre long pipeline has been built by GAIL (India) Ltd
- The estimated cost of the project is Rs 3,000-crore
- The pipeline is a step forward towards the Centre’s ambitious ‘One Nation One Gas Grid’ programme
- The Kochi – Mangaluru Natural Gas Pipeline would improve the ease of living in Kerala and Karnataka

Q. The 40th Indian Scientific Expedition to Antarctica was flagged off from Mormugao Port recently. Where is the port located?

A) Tamil Nadu
B) Goa

C) Maharashtra

D) Kerala

Answer : B

- 40th Indian Scientific Expedition to Antarctica flagged off from Mormugao Port, Goa
- The chartered ice-class vessel MV Vasily Golovnin has been chosen for the prestigious 40th Indian Scientific Expedition to Antarctica (ISEA) mission journey and will reach Antarctica in 30 days

GOA IN NEWS

- Goa Liberation Day is observed on December 19 in India. 2020 marks the 60th Goa Liberation Day
- Former Governor of Goa and veteran BJP leader Mridula Sinha has passed away
- World Bank sanctions Rs 3 crore to set up India's first Sand Dune Park in Goa
- Goa's Harmal Chillies, Moira bananas, Khaje gets GI tag
- Goa's Khola Chilli Gets Geographical Indication Tag
- 51st International Film Festival of India (IFFI) will be held in Goa
- Goa becomes the 1st state to launch assessment tool for COVID-19
- Goa 2020 National Games unveils ‘Rubigula’ as official mascot
- Goa becomes the 1st state to use Ayurveda to COVID-19 patients
- 5th Science Film Festival of India 2020 Begins in Panaji, Goa
- Goa CM Launches Online E-Learning Platform: DISHTAVO

Q. The Toycathon-2021 has been launched to develop India as the global Toy manufacturing hub. Toycathon-2021 has how many themes?
A) 6
B) 9
C) 7
D) 8

Answer : B

- Union Education Minister Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal ‘Nishank’ and Union Minister WCD and Textiles Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani jointly launched Toycathon-2021 and the Toycathon Portal
- Toycathon is being organized to develop India as the global Toy manufacturing hub
- The Toycathon will be based on nine themes

Q. Which state of India marks 6th January every year as the Journalist Day?

A) Gujarat
B) Maharashtra
C) West Bengal
D) Madhya Pradesh

Answer : B

- Journalist Day is observed by Maharashtra state government on 6th January every year in the memory of late journalist Balshastri Jambhekar.
- Balshastri Jambhekar is also known as ‘The Father of Marathi Journalism’
first newspaper in the Marathi language named ‘Darpan’, was published on January 6, 1832

MAHARASHTRA IN NEWS

- Maharashtra becomes first state in India to get dedicated action plan to protect pangolins
- Maharashtra Government Introduces Unified Development Control Rules for Real Estate
- Maharashtra’s new bill on sexual crimes under ‘Shakti act’ to have death penalty
- Maharashtra Govt signs MoU with Cornell University to train entrepreneurs
- Maharashtra CM announces, Rs 25 crore to be provided for development of Dajipur Sanctuary in 1st phase
- Maharashtra govt all set to launch 'MahaSharad' platform
- Maharashtra declares Kanhargaon wildlife sanctuary its 50th Wildlife Sanctuary
- Maharashtra’s Ranjitsinh Disale becomes first Indian to win 2020 Global Teacher Prize
- Maharashtra Cyber becomes India’s first agency to acquire ‘Crawler’ from the Interpol; will aid in police’s crackdown against offenders of child pornography
- Maharashtra's first ‘child-friendly police station’ has been inaugurated in pune
- Lonar Lake in Maharashtra selected under ‘Ramsar site’
- RBI cancels licence of Maharashtra-based Karad Janata Sahakari Bank
- Asia’s first solar power-enabled Textile Mill to be unveiled in Parbhani district of Maharashtra
- Maharashtra Governor, Bhagat Singh Koshyari has released the book ‘Majhi Bhint’ (My Wall) authored by Rajendra Darda
- Usha Mangeshkar Honored with Gan Samragni Lata Mangeshkar award for 2020-21 by Maharashtra Govt
- Maharashtra launches largest plasma therapy trial “Project Platina”
- ADB and India inks USD 177 million loan for Maharashtra
- Maharashtra Govt launches ‘My Family, My Responsibility’ campaign
- Maharashtra partners with Google to deploy learning tools for online education
- Bharat Air Fibre Services inaugurated in Maharashtra
- Maharashtra government launches “Maha” Job portal
- Maharashtra Govt introduced “Maha Parwana” plan to boost investment
- Flood warning system “iFLOWS” launched in Mumbai Maharashtra

Q. Hundreds of winter migratory birds have been found dead in which among the following Ramsar sites in India?

A) Vembanad Lake  
B) Chilika Lake  
C) Dal Lake  
D) Pong Dam Lake

Answer : D

- Hundreds of winter migratory birds have been found dead in Himachal Pradesh's Pong Dam Lake sanctuary.

Q. The potential first case of a new and deadly ‘Disease X’ has been discovered in which nation?

A) Uganda  
B) Angola  
C) Zambia
D) Democratic Republic of Congo

Answer : D

- The scientist who discovered the Ebola virus in 1976 has warned against an unknown number of new and potentially fatal viruses faced by humanity, among which is a deadly disease called 'Disease X'. This came after a woman from a remote town in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, was found suffering from symptoms of a hemorrhagic fever similar to Ebola, which could have been caused by an unidentified deadly pathogen.

Q. India has launched its 40th scientific expedition to which among the following regions?

A) Arctic Region  
B) Mount Everest  
C) Alaska  
D) Antarctica

Answer : D

- India launched the 40th Scientific Expedition to Antarctica on January 4, 2021. The journey marks the fourth decade of the nation’s scientific endeavour to the Southern White Continent.

Q. Alexander Ellis has been appointed as which nation’s next High Commissioner to India?

A) France  
B) Britain  
C) Australia
Alexander Ellis has been appointed as the British High Commissioner to India. He will be succeeding Philip Barton.

Q. Which state is going to host the 4th Global Ayurveda Festival from March 12, 2021?

A) Kerala  
B) Delhi  
C) Goa  
D) Maharashtra  

Answer : A

KERALA IN NEWS

- UN Women collaborates with Kerala Government to set up India's first Gender Data Hub
- Kerala best-governed state while Chandigarh top union territory: PAC Report
- Kerala becomes the first state to fix floor price for vegetables
- Kerala becomes 1st state to have completely digital, hi-tech classrooms
- India’s 1st solar-powered miniature train launched in Kerala
- Kerala tops 'The State of young Child in India'
- Dragonfly Festival (Thumbi Maholsavam 2020)
- Festival Mascot : “Pantalu”
- Kerala Govt commissioned 1st Marine Ambulance ‘PRATHEEKSHE’
- Kerala tops India's literacy chart at 96.2%, Andhra Pradesh worst performer
India’s 1st International Women’s Trade center open in kerala
Kerala Tourism wins PATA Grand Award 2020
Malayalam writer Paul Zacharia selected for Ezhuthachan Puraskaram 2020 by the Kerala govt
Kerala wins UNIATF award for prevention and control of NCD 2020

Q. Who has cancelled the 2021 Republic Day visit as chief guest?
A) Donald Trump
B) Vladimir Putin
C) Joe Biden
D) Boris Johnson

Answer: D

- British Prime Minister Boris Johnson cancelled his Republic Day visit to India later this month, citing the need to oversee the Covid-19 pandemic response at home.

Q. Who has won the Airthings Masters Chess championship?
A) Leon Mendonca
B) Teimour Radjabov
C) Vachier-Lagrave
D) Daniil Dubov

Answer: B

- Airthings Masters from Azerbaijan: Teimour Radjabov wins first Major & $60k top prize
- The Azerbaijani grandmaster beat GM Levon Aronian
Q. The TRIFED has signed a memorandum of understanding with Akhil Bhartiya vanvasi Kalyan Ashram to setup TRIFOOD parks in which state?

A) Uttar Pradesh
B) Himachal Pradesh
C) Madhya Pradesh
D) Assam

**Answer : C**

- The Tribal Co-operative Marketing Development Federation of India-TRIFED signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Akhil Bhartiya Vanvasi Kalyan Kendra on January 3, 2021, to set up TRIFOOD Parks in 5 districts in Madhya Pradesh
- TRIFED is a cooperative body that comes under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs
- Akhil Bhartiya Vanvasi Kalyan Kendra has been known for working for the welfare of tribals in Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, and MP since 1952

Q. Which state government has set up a Tamil academy to promote the South Indian language and culture in the state?

A) Uttar Pradesh
B) Bihar
C) Delhi
D) Jharkhand

**Answer : C**
The Department of Art, Culture and Language of the Delhi government set up a Tamil academy to promote the South Indian language and culture in the Capital.

Q. Union Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal ‘Nishank’ laid the foundation stone of the buildings for School of Engineering and Atal Bihari Vajpayee School of Management and Entrepreneurship in _.

A) Banaras Hindu University
B) Aligarh Muslim University
C) Jawaharlal Nehru University
D) Jamia Milia Islamia University

Answer : C

Q. Who has been elected as the as the speaker of US House of Representatives for the 117th Congress?

A) Nancy Pelosi
B) Hilary Clinton
C) Kamla Hariss
D) Ellison Stones

Answer : A
Democrat Nancy Pelosi Narrowly Re-Elected As US House Speaker

US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, a Democrat from California, wears a protective mask while waving the Speaker's gavel during the first session of the 117th Congress in the House Chamber in Washington, DC.

Q. The Mathikettan Shola National Park is located in which state in which the central government notified a zero to 1 km area around the boundary of it as an Eco-sensitive zone?

A) Tamil Nadu
B) Karnataka
C) Kerala
D) Telangana

Answer : C

- The central government notified a zero to 1 km area around the boundary of Mathikettan Shola National Park in Idukki district, Kerala as an Eco-sensitive zone.
- The area of the Eco-sensitive Zone is 17.5 square kilometres

Q. Which railway station is set to get the “world’s longest railway platform” of 1500 plus meters’ length and 10 meters width?

A) Khargapur Railways Station
B) Hubballi Railways Station
C) Itrasi Railways Station
D) Tundla Railways Station

Answer : B
Karnataka’s Hubballi Railway station officially Shree Siddharoodha Swamiji railway station is set to get the “world’s longest railway platform” of 1500 plus meters’ length and 10 meters width.
The platform will be inaugurated in March 2021.

Q. Under whose chairmanship the University Grants Commission has set up a 7-member committee to look at the possibility and review the feasibility of holding the Common Entrance Test at undergraduate level from the next academic year in central universities?

A) DK Jain
B) Ramesh Chand
C) R P Tiwari
D) Praveen Singh

Answer : C

The University Grants Commission has set up a seven-member committee to look at the possibility and review the feasibility of holding the Common Entrance Test (CET) at undergraduate level from the next academic year in central universities.
The committee is headed by Raghavendra P Tiwari.
Q. In which state is the Buddh International circuit stadium located?
A) Bihar  
B) West Bengal  
C) Sikkim  
D) Uttar Pradesh

Answer : D

Q. The famous and sacred Pashupatinath Temple is located in ______.
A) Nepal  
B) Bhutan  
C) Bangladesh  
D) Myanmar

Answer : A

Q. Rajendra Prasad Cup is Related to which sports?
A) Football  
B) Tennis  
C) Badminton  
D) Polo

Answer : B

Q. In which state is the Gomateshwara Temple located?
A) Bihar  
B) Haryana  
C) Karnataka  
D) Chhattisgarh

Answer : C
Q. What is the capital and currency of North Korea?
A) Rabat & Euro
B) Oslo & Rial
C) Yaren & Dollar
D) Pyongyang & Won
Answer: D

Q. In which state is the Kalesar Wild Life Sanctuary located?
A) Haryana
B) Sikkim
C) Assam
D) Madhya Pradesh
Answer: A

Q. Where is the headquarters of International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) situated?
A) Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
B) Bangkok, Thailand
C) Geneva, Switzerland
D) Washington DC, USA
Answer: D