Q. Who is the author of the novel “Right Under our Nose”?  

A) Rajendra B Aklekar  
B) R Giridharan  
C) Vikram Sampath  
D) Roopa Pai  

Answer: B  

R Giridharan, a general manager at RBI has come out with his debut novel titled “Right Under our Nose”  

The book has been published by Rupa Publications  

MOST IMPORTANT BOOKS & AUTHORS 2020  

- ‘Dharma: Decoding the Epics for A Meaningful Life’, Authored By: Amish Tripathi  
- “The City and the Sea”. Authored By: Raj Kamal Jha  
- ‘40 Years with Abdul Kalam – Untold Stories’ Authored By: A. Sivathanu Pillai  
- Sonu Sood’s Autobiography Titled ‘I Am No Messiah’ Co-written By Meena Iyer  
- PM Modi Releases Book on the Life of Sri Guru Nanak Dev ji Penned By: Kirpal Singh Ji
ADB Releases Book Titled ‘Future of Regional Cooperation in Asia and the Pacific’

‘Boskiyana’ Speaks about lyricist Gulzar's life & philosophies Written By : Radhakrishna Prakashan

“Your Best Day Is Today!” Authored By : Anupam Kher

“Pandemonium: The Great Indian Banking Tragedy” Authored By : Tamal Bandyopadhyay

“Bye Bye Corona” Authored By : Pradeep Srivastava

“Insomnia: Army Stories” Authored By : Rachna Bisht

"Rasaathi: The Other Side of a Transgender" Authored By : Sasindran Kallinkeel

‘Portraits of Power’, autobiography of NK Singh,

‘The Battle of Belonging’ Authored By : Shashi Tharoor

‘Discovering the Heritage of Assam’, Authored By : Padampani Bora

'The Ultimate Goal' Authored By : Vikram Sood

“Night of the Restless Spirits: Stories from 1984” Authored By : Sarbpreet Singh

'Mr Prime Minister, We Shrank the Dragon' Authored By : Pradeep Goorha

Q. Claire Polosak has become the first women umpire to officiate men’s test match. She is from which country?

A) Australia

B) West Indies

C) Jamaica

D) England

Answer : A
Claire Polosak, an Australian umpire, has become the first-ever woman match official of a men's Test match.

AUSTRALIA IN NEWS

- Rachael Heyhoe Flint Award for ICC Female Cricketer of the Decade – Ellyse Perry (Australia)
- ICC Women’s ODI Cricketer of the Decade – Ellyse Perry (Australia)
- ICC Women’s T20I Cricketer of the Decade – Ellyse Perry (Australia)
- Australia's Ashleigh Barty won the brookwater golf club women's championship 2020
- Australia cancelled “Pitch Black 2020” due to coronavirus
- Shobha Sekhar conferred with “Medal of the Order of Australia”
- 108th Australian Open 2020 held in Melbourne, Australia
- Australian Open 2020
- Men's single title : Novak Djokovic
- Women's Single title : Sofia Kenin
- Australia and New Zealand to host 2023 Women's Football World Cup
- India, France, Australia hold 1st Trilateral Dialogue on Economic strategic challenges in Indo-pacific
- India-US-Japan-Australia kick-starts Malabar Naval Exercise-2020

AUSTRALIA

- Capital : Canberra
- Currency : Dollar
- Prime Minister : Scott Morrison

FIRST WOMEN'S CRICKETER IN NEWS

- Claire Polosak To Become First Female Umpire In Men’s ODI
- England’s Clare Connor to become 1st female president of Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC)
• GS Lakshmi to become 1st Woman Match Referee to officiate men’s ODI match
• Mithali Raj Becomes First Woman To Play 200 ODIs
• BCCI Appoints Neetu David as head of India women’s selection committee for 4 years
• Rupa Gurunath appointed as first woman president of Tamil Nadu Cricket Association

Q. The Guided Multi Launch Rocket System, Fatah-1, was tested by which recently?
A) North Korea
B) Kuwait
C) Pakistan
D) Bangladesh

Answer : C
➢ Pakistan Successfully Test Fires Indigenously Developed Rocket System, Fatah-1
➢ It can hit targets up to a range of 140 km

Q. Indian-origin Dr Raj Iyer, has been appointed as the first ever Chief Information Officer (CIO) of the Army Force of which country?
A) Germany
B) Switzerland
C) United Kingdom
D) United States

Answer : D
Indian-American Dr Raj Iyer has been appointed as the first Chief Information Officer (CIO) of the US Army

UNITED STATES IN NEWS

- United States plans to have the first nuclear reactor on the moon by the end of the year 2026
- Donald Trump Honours PM Modi With Top US Honour ‘Legion Of Merit’
- US President Joe Biden & Kamala Harris jointly named Time's ‘Person of the Year’ 2020
- United States Formally Exits Paris Climate Accord
- India-US-Japan-Australia kick-starts Malabar Naval Exercise-2020
  - Edition : 24th
  - First phase : Bay of Bengal
  - Second Phase : Arabian Sea
- 3rd India-US 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue begins in New Delh. Rajnath Singh and S. Jaishankar are leading the Indian delegation.
- Joseph Robinette Biden Jr. has defeated Donald Trump to become the 46th U.S. president. Biden’s electoral college vote to 290,
- Kamala Harris, becomes the first Black and Indian-American woman to serve as vice president
- India & USA signs MoU on Intellectual Property Cooperation
- US formally announced its withdrawal from WHO
- Bangladesh & the US launches joint naval exercise ‘CARAT Bangladesh 2020’

UNITED STATES (US)

- Capital : Washington, D.C.
- Largest city : New York City
- Currency : Dollar
- First President : George Washington
- 46th President : Joe Biden
- India ambassador to US : Taranjit Singh Sandhu
- Yudh Abhyas Exercise : India & Us
Tiger Trump Exercise : India & US
Vajra Prahar Exercise : India & Us
Malabar Exercise : India US Australia & Japan

Q. What was the profession of Chitra Ghosh, the niece of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, who passed away recently?

A) Politician
B) Journalism
C) Academician
D) Businessman

Answer : C

Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's niece and eminent academician Chitra Ghosh has passed away

Q. India has been appointed as the head of the three important committees of the UN Security Council (UNSC). Which of these committees is not among them?

A) Taliban Sanctions Committee
B) Counter-Terrorism Committee
C) Libyan Sanctions Committee
D) Committee for Development Policy

Answer : D

India has been asked to chair three important committees of the UN Security Council (UNSC), during its tenure as non-permanent member of the powerful 15-nation UN body. The three highly significant
committees include the Taliban Sanctions Committee, Counter-Terrorism Committee (CTC) and the Libyan Sanctions Committee

- India, Norway, Kenya, Ireland and Mexico joined as non-permanent members in the Council
- India began its two-year term at UNSC from January 01, 2021
- India will chair the Counter-Terrorism Committee of UNSC in 2022, which coincides with the 75th anniversary of India’s independence
- Permanent Representative of India to the UN, T S Tirumurti

Q. As per the IHS Markit, what is the estimated GDP of India for 2021-22?

A) 7.5%
B) 8.9%
C) 9.7%
D) 7.7%

Answer : B

- London-based financial services company IHS Markit has projected the Indian economy to rebound by 8.9 percent in the fiscal year 2021-22, beginning April 2021

Q. Who has launched Indian government's Digital Calendar, Diary App?

A) Smriti Irani
B) Prakash Javadekar
C) Amit Shah
D) Rajnath Singh

Answer : B
Information and Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar launched the Government's Digital Calendar and Diary App in New Delhi.

Q. K K Ramachandran has passed away. He was a/an _____.

A) Cricketer  
B) Singer  
C) Politician  
D) Filmmaker  

Answer : C

Q. Who is the author of the book ‘India’s 71-Year Test: The Journey to Triumph in Australia’?

A) Sandeep Shastri  
B) Subramanian Swamy  
C) Siddharth Shanghvi  
D) R. Kaushik  

Answer : D

Q. Hyderabad International Airport and which airport together will build a 'vaccine air freight corridor product' called ‘HYDXB-VAXCOR’?

A) Ōta, Tokyo Airport  
B) Shanghai Airport  
C) Dubai Airport  
D) Frankfurt Airport  

Answer : C
AIRPORT IN NEWS

- Rajiv Gandhi International Airport Hyderabad Telangana is the first one in India to start paperless e-boarding
- Uttar Pradesh government signs concession agreement with Zurich International Airport for development of Jewar Airport at Noida
- Puducherry airport becomes AAI’s first 100% solar-powered airport
- Fiumicino International Airport in Rome becomes World’s First Airport to earn “COVID-19 5-star airport rating” from Skytrax
- India's first and exclusive private jet terminal opens at Delhi's Indra Gandhi airport
- 2019 Airport Service Quality awards- Kempegowda International Airport adjudged as Best Airport in 2019
- Kempegowda International Airport becomes the 1st airport in India to get AWMS at both ends of the runway
- Kempegowda International Airport Bengaluru SKYTRAX award for Best regional Airport in India and Asia
- Kempegowda International Airport first Indian Airport to get Disabled Airplcrafft Recovery Equipment (DARE)
- Indra Gandhi International Airport Delhi has unveiled India's tallest ATC tower
- Indra Gandhi International Airport India's first Single use plastice free Airport
- Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi India's first Coronavirus airport testing facility
- Maharashtra Govt has Aurangabad Aiport renamed as Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj Airport
- Kushinagar Airport, Uttar Pradesh declared as International Airport
- Rajiv Gandhi Airport won CII-GBC National Energy Leader and Excellent Energy Efficient Unit award
Rajiv Gandhi International Airport Introduces India’s First Fully Contactless Car Parking

Rajiv Gandhi International Airport gets additional Thermal screening system

Q. Who has been appointed as the Ambassador of India to Somalia?

A) Virander Kumar Paul
B) Neeharika Singh
C) Sanjay Jain
D) Vipan Malhotra

Answer: A

LIST OF INDIA'S AMBASSADOR & HIGH COMMISSIONER 2020

INDIA’S AMBASSADOR

- Neena Malhotra : Italy
- Raj Srivastava : Croatia
- Vikram Doraiswami : Bangladesh
- Rudrendra Tandon : Afghanistan
- Vidhu P. Nair : Turkmenistan
- Indra Mani Pandey : United Nations & other organisations in Geneva
- Vijay Khanduja : Zimbabwe
- Santosh Jha : Belgium
- Shambhu S. Kumaran : Philippines
- Monika Mohta : Switzerland
- Brajendra Navnit : WTO
- Rahul Srivastava : Romania
- Raveesh Kumar : Finland
- Sushil Singhal : Papua New Guinea
- Sibi George : Kuwait
- Jawed Ashraf : France
- Abhishek Singh : Venezuela
- Taranjit Singh Sandhu : USA
- Vinay Mohan kwatra : Nepal
- Sanjay Kumar Panda : Turkey
- T.S Tirumurti : United Nations
- Jaideep Mazumdar : Austria
- Namrata S. Kumar : Slovenia
- Deepak Mittal : Qatar
- Piyush Srivastava : Bahrain
- Prem K Nair : Niger

INDIA'S HIGH COMMISSIONER

- Alex Ellis : British High Commissioner to India
- Gaitri Kumar : United Kingdom
- Periasamy Kumaran : Singapore
- Ajay Bisaria : Canada
- Gopal Baglay : Sri Lanka
- Ajay Kumar : Uganda

Q. Who has become the world's richest person, according to a Bloomberg report?

A) Elon Musk
B) Jeff Bezos
C) Mark Zuckerberg
D) Warren Buffett

Answer : A
South African-born US entrepreneur Elon Musk has just become the richest person in the world, with a personal fortune valued at $185 billion (£136 billion) according to a Bloomberg report; the first time the Tesla CEO has topped the global rankings.

Q. Where is the Numaligarh Refinery Plant located?
   A) Telangana
   B) Kerala
   C) Assam
   D) Bihar
   Answer: B

Q. Guru Ghasidas National Park is in which state of India?
   A) Chhattisgarh
   B) Sikkim
   C) Punjab
   D) Rajasthan
   Answer: D

Q. In which state is the Abohar Wildlife Sanctuary located?
   A) Punjab
   B) West Bengal
   C) Karnataka
   D) Uttarakhand

Q. Where is the headquarters of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) located?
   A) Copenhagen, Denmark
   B) Geneva, Switzerland
   C) Madrid, Spain
   D) The Hague, The Netherlands
   Answer: B
Answer: A

Q. The Great Victoria Desert is located in
A) France
B) Australia
C) Canada
D) South America

Answer: B

Q. Bibi Ka Maqbara is a tomb located in which state?
A) Jammu & Kashmir
B) New Delhi
C) Rajasthan
D) Maharashtra

Answer: D

Q. Where is Indian Council of Agricultural Research located?
A) Ladakh
B) New Delhi
C) Mumbai
D) Hyderabad

Answer: B