Q. The tableau of which state has won the first prize in the Republic Day parade 2021?

A) Uttarakhand  
B) Karnataka  
C) Assam  
D) Uttar Pradesh 

Answer:D

Ram Temple tableau of Uttar Pradesh on Republic Day wins first prize

UTTAR PRADESH IN NEWS:

- Uttar Pradesh Government launches ‘Udyam Sarathi App’ for Youths on the 71st Foundation Day of the State
- ‘Varasat’ campaign launched in Uttar Pradesh to curb property & land-related disputes in rural areas
- ADB & India sign $300 million loan to upgrade power distribution network in Uttar Pradesh
- PM Modi virtually inaugurates Construction work of Agra Metro project in Uttar Pradesh
- Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi Adityanath rings bell at BSE for listing Lucknow Municipal Corporation bonds
Nitin Gadkari inaugurates Highway projects worth Rs 7477 Cr in Uttar Pradesh

About Uttar Pradesh:

- Uttar Pradesh Capital: Lucknow.
- Uttar Pradesh Governor: Anandiben Patel.
- Uttar Pradesh Chief minister: Yogi Adityanath.

Q. What is the rank of India in the Corruption Perception Index (CPI) 2020?

A) 86  
B) 91  
C) 102  
D) 80

Answer: A

- India has been ranked 86th among 180 countries in the Corruption Perception Index (CPI) 2020, released by Transparency International.
  - Transparency International Headquarters location: Berlin, Germany.
  - Transparency International Chairperson: Delia Ferreira Rubio.
- Top Country: New Zealand and Denmark (88)
- Lowest Country: Somalia and South Sudan (12)

Q. Who among these is not the Managing Director of State Bank of India (SBI)?

A) Swaminathan Janakiraman  
B) C.S. Setty
C) Dinesh Kumar Khara

D) Ashwani Bhatia.

**Answer: C**

- Swaminathan Janakiraman and Aswini Kumar Tewari appointed as MDs of SBI for a period of three years
- The other two MDs of the bank are:
  1) C.S. Setty
  2) Ashwani Bhatia.

**About SBI Bank:**

- State Bank of India Headquarters: Mumbai;
- Founded: 1 July 1955.
- Chairperson: Dinesh Kumar Khara

**Q. Kaja Kallas has been appointed as the first ever female Prime Minister of which country?**

A) Latvia

B) Estonia

C) Finland

D) Denmark

**Answer: B**

**Estonia In News:**

- Kaja Kallas sworn in as first woman Prime Minister of Estonia
- Estonia, Niger, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Tunisia, Vietnam Elected as Non-Permanent Members of UNSC
- Nagaland signs MoU with Estonian Academy on e-governance
About Estonia

- Estonia Capital: Tallinn.
- Estonia Currency: Euro.

First Women Prime Minister of India

1) Indira Gandhi

Q. Who has been appointed as the new Vice-chief of Army Staff to replace incumbent VC Lt General SK Saini?

A) Iqroop Singh Ghuman
B) Arun Shridhar Vaidya
C) Anil Chauhan
D) Chandi Prasad Mohanty

Answer: D

➢ The current Vice-chief of Army staff (VCOAS) is Lieutenant General Chandi Prasad Mohanty who assumed the office from 01 February 2021

Vice Chief of the Army Staff (VCOAS)

- Formation: 15 January 1965
- First (VCOAS): P. P. Kumaramangalam

Q. Name the top most Indian IT services brand as per the latest ranking of the Brand Finance?

A) TCS
B) Infosys
India’s Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) has been ranked third most-valued IT services brand globally.

The brand value of TCS is recorded at USD 15 billion.

**About TCS:**

- CEO: Rajesh Gopinathan
- Founded: 1 April 1968
- Parent organization: Tata Sons
- Headquarters: Mumbai
- Founders: Faquir Chand Kohli, Tata Sons, J. R. D. Tata

**Q. How much amount has been pledged by the Government of India for the United Nations Peacebuilding Fund (PBF) for the year 2021?**

A) USD 50,000  
B) USD 100,000  
C) USD 150,000  
D) USD 200,000

**Answer:C**

- India has announced a pledge of USD 150,000 to the United Nations Peacebuilding Fund (PBF) for the year 2021 to support the activities and programs this year.

**Q. What is the interest rate on Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana in quarter four of 2020-21 fiscal?**
A) 6.9%
B) 7.6%
C) 7.1%
D) 8.2%

Answer: B

**Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana:**
- Launched: 22 January 2015
- Sector: Finance
- Launched by (prime minister): Narendra Modi
- Ministry: Ministry of Women and Child Development

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Q. What is the rank of India in the Coronavirus Performance Index released by Lowy Institute recently?

A) 90
B) 65
C) 72
India has been ranked at 86th position among 98 countries in the new Coronavirus Performance Index released by Australia-based Lowy Institute.

**Top three countries:**

New Zealand, Vietnam and Taiwan

Q. Government has recently opened a new bench of the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) in which city?

A) Chennai
B) Hyderabad
C) Visakhapatnam
D) Bengaluru

**Answer:** A

Union Minister for Finance Nirmala Sitharaman has inaugurated the new Bench of National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) at Chennai through virtual mode.

**Chennai In News:**

- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman Inaugurates NCLAT Chennai bench
- India successfully test fires BrahMos cruise missile from INS Chennai
- Offshore Patrol Vessel-6 “VAJRA” launched at Chennai
Q. India has inked an MoU with the International Energy Agency (IEA) called strategic partnership agreement to strengthen cooperation in global energy security. Where is the headquarter of IEA based?

A) New York  
B) Paris  
C) Geneva  
D) Vienna  

Answer: B

- A memorandum of understanding (MOU or MoU)

About International Energy Agency (IEA)

- Headquarters location: Paris, France
- Founded: November 1974

Q. How many PRAGATI meetings have been chaired by PM Modi till date, since its inception?

A) 30  
B) 38  
C) 35  
D) 33  

Answer: C

- PRAGATI stands for Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation.
- In the meeting ten agenda items were taken for review worth Rs. 54,675 crore, related to 15 states.
Q. New Zealand and Denmark have jointly secured first position in the Corruption Perception Index (CPI) 2020. The index is released every year by which organisation?

A) Transparency International  
B) World economic Forum  
C) Economist Intelligence Unit  
D) International Monetary Fund

Answer:A  
- New Zealand and Denmark have jointly secured first position with scores of 88.  
- Somalia and South Sudan rank lowest at 179th position with scores of 12.

About Transparency International:

- Transparency International Headquarters location: Berlin, Germany.  
- Transparency International Chairperson: Delia Ferreira Rubio.  

Q. Which country has topped the Coronavirus Performance Index released by Lowy Institute recently?

A) Australia  
B) New Zealand  
C) Japan  
D) Russia

Answer:B
New Zealand, Vietnam and Taiwan are the top three countries respectively in the index.
India Rank: 86th

Q. The interest rate on Senior Citizen Savings Scheme for Q4 of FY21 is
   _________
   A) 7.4%
   B) 8.1%
   C) 6.2%
   D) 7.9%
   Answer: A

Q. Bangalore is situated on the banks of which river?
   A) Vrishabhavathi
   B) Kaveri
   C) Ghataprabha
   D) Tunga
   Answer: A

Q. Where in India is the “Rajagopalaswamy Temple” is located?
   A) West Bengal
   B) Telangana
   C) Tamil Nadu
   D) Karnataka
   Answer: C
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Q. “Wanakbori Thermal Power Station” is located in which state?
A) Maharashtra
B) Gujarat
C) Uttar Pradesh
D) Madhya Pradesh
Answer: B

Q. In which state of India is the “Nahargarh Fort” located?
A) Gujarat
B) Uttar Pradesh
C) New Delhi
D) Rajasthan
Answer: D