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Q. Who among these has been appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Ayushman Bharat?

A) VK Sinha  
B) Amit Kumar Sharma  
C) RS Sharma  
D) VN Tripathi  

**Answer: C**

- National Health Authority (NHA) has appointed RS Sharma as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Ayushman Bharat Scheme.
- He would replace Indu Bhushan.
- RS Sharma, a former chairman of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI).
- RS Sharma to head empowered panel for Covid-19 vaccine.
- Ayushman Bharat Yojana or National Health Protection Mission (Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Abhiyaan) { PM-JAY}
- The PMJAY, world’s largest health insurance/assurance scheme fully financed by the government, provides a cover of Rs. 5 lakh per family per year for secondary and tertiary care hospitalisation across public and private empanelled hospitals in India.
- The insurance cost is shared by the centre and the state mostly in the ratio of 60:40.
- Ayushman Bharat Yojana is a National Health Protection Scheme launched on September 25, 2018.

Q. BCCI has decided to cancel the Ranji Trophy 2020-21 season, for the first time in the games history. The championship was first held in which season?
A) 1942-43  
B) 1919-20  
C) 1951-52  
D) 1934-35

**Answer:** D

- BCCI cancels Ranji Trophy 2020-21 for first time in 87 years
- This will be first time in 87 years since its inception in 1934-35, that India’s premier first-class cricket national championship will not be held in 2020-21 domestic season
- The 2020–21 Ranji Trophy tournament was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the first time since the tournament’s inception in the 1934–35 season that the Ranji Trophy was not held, instead, the BCCI has decided to organize 50 overs Vijay Harare Trophy

**Ranji Trophy**

**First Season:** 1934–35
- Winner: Bombay
- Runner up: Northern India

**Last Season:** 2019–20
- Winner: Mumbai
- Runner up: Bengal

- Number of teams: 38,
- Current champion: Bombay (42nd title),
- Most successful: Bombay (42 titles),
- Ranji Trophy is related to Cricket,
- The Ranji Trophy is a domestic first-class cricket

**BCCI IN NEWS**

- Jay Shah named BCCI’s Official Representative on ICC Board
- BCCI appoints Chetan Sharma as selection Men’s committee chairman
Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)

- Founded: 1928
- Headquarters: Wankhede Stadium
- 1st President: R E Grant Govan
- 39th President: Saurav Ganguly
- Vice president: Rajeev Shukla
- Secretary: Jay Shah
- Men's coach: Ravi Shastri
- Women's coach: Woorkeri Raman

Q. The World Leprosy Day is observed across the globe on ______

A) 31 January
B) Last Sunday of January
C) 30 January
D) last Saturday of January

Answer: B

- World Leprosy Day is observed around the world on the last Sunday of January every year to raise global awareness of this deadly ancient disease and call attention to the fact that it can be prevented, treated and cured
- Theme 2021: “Beat Leprosy, End Stigma and advocate for Mental Wellbeing”
- The day was initiated in 1954 by French philanthropist and writer, Raoul Follereau, as a tribute to the life of the Mahatma Gandhi who had compassion for people afflicted with leprosy
Q. On 30th January, India observes Martyrs Day to commemorate the death anniversary of which leader?

A) Rajiv Gandhi  
B) Bhagat Singh  
C) Mahatma Gandhi  
D) Lala Lajpat Rai

**Answer: C**

- Every year on January 30, India pays homage to Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi to mark his death anniversary.
- The day is also observed as Martyrs’ Day. 2021 marked his 73rd death anniversary.

Q. Who has been sworn in as the new President of the Asian Cricket Council (ACC)?

A) Jay Shah  
B) Sachin Tendulkar  
C) Sanath Jaysurya  
D) VVS Laxman

**Answer: A**

- BCCI Secretary Jay Shah takes over as President of Asian Cricket Council (ACC)
- He replaces Nazmul Hussain, Chief of Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) who was the previous chief of the ACC

**JAY SHAH IN NEW**

- Jay Shah takes over as President of Asian Cricket Council (ACC)
- Jay Shah named BCCI’s Official Representative on ICC Board
Jay Shah is the Secretary of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)
Jay shah son of Union Home Minister Amit Shah

Asia Cup

- First edition : 1984
- Winner : India
- Runner up : Sri Lanka
- Host country : UAE

Asia Cup

- Last edition : 2018
- Winner : India
- Runner up : Bangladesh
- Host Country : UAE
- Current champion : India (7th Title)
- Next edition 2021 : Sri Lanka
- Next edition 2022 : Pakistan

Asian Cricket Council (ACC)

- Founded : 1983
- Headquarters : Colombo, Sri Lanka
- Chairman : Amitabh Choudhary
- President : Jay Shah

Q. India's first Gender Park has been set up in which city?

A) Gurugram
B) Kozhikode
C) Nagpur
D) Shimla
PARK IN NEWS

- India’s First ‘Gender Park’ to be inaugurated in Kozhikode, Kerala
- India’s first ‘Fire Park’ in Bhubaneswar, Odisha
- India’s First Pollinator Park Opened In Haldwani, Uttarakhand
- India’s largest multi-model logistic park to come up at Virochan Nagar in Ahmedabad, Gujarat
- India’s first leather park to be opened In Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh
- Nehru Zoological Park Hyderabad gets ISO certifications
- India’s first ‘tyre park’ to come up in Kolkata, West Bengal
- India’s first multi-modal logistic park in Jogighopa, Assam
- India’s 1st ever organic spices seed park set up Patan & Banaskantha, Gujarat
- Odisha to set up Bulk Drug Park at Gopalpur
- Missile park “Agneeprastha” to be set up at INS Kalinga
- Uttarakhand opens its biggest biodiversity park in Haldwani
- NTPC to build India’s biggest solar park in Gujarat
- India’s first space tech park to come up in Kerala
- Jim Corbett National park has set up India’s first quarantine facility for animals
- Narendra Singh Tomar inaugurates Phagwara Mega Food Park in Punjab
- World Bank sanctions Rs 3 crore to set up India’s first Sand Dune Park in Goa
- India’s first lichen park developed in Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand

Q. Singapore has topped the Asia-Pacific Personalised Health Index. The index has been released by which body?

A) The Economist Intelligence Unit
B) World Health Organisation
C) International Monetary Fund
D) World Economic Forum
Answer: A

Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU)

- Founded: 1946
- Headquarters: London, England

Q. Oscar winning actress Cloris Leachman has passed away. She was from which country?
A) Australia
B) Britain
C) Germany
D) United States

Answer: D

Q. What is the rank of India in the "Asia-Pacific Personalised Health Index"?
A) 10
B) 7
C) 2
D) 5

Answer: A

- India ranks 10th in EIU's Asia-Pacific Personalised Health Index
- Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU)

Asia-Pacific Personalised Health Index
Top : Singapore
2nd : Taiwan
3rd : Japan
4th : Australia
INDIA : 10
11th : Indonesia (Last)
Released by : Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU)

MOST IMPORTANT LATEST INDEX & RANKING IN NEWS

Coronavirus Performance Index

- Top : New Zealand
- 2nd : Vietnam
- 3rd : Taiwan
- INDIA : 86
- Bottom : Brazil
- Released by Australia-based Lowy Institute

Corruption Perception Index (CPI) 2020

- Top : New Zealand and Denmark
- Lowest : Somalia and South Sudan
- INDIA : 86
- Released by Transparency International
- (Headquarter – Berlin, Germany)

✓ India is sharing its position jointly with Burkina Faso, Morocco, East Timor, Trinidad and Tobago and Turkey

Q. Nobel laureate Paul J. Crutzen has passed away. He receive the award in which field?

A) Economic Sciences
B) Physics
C) Chemistry
D) Literature
Q. Bharat Ratna Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Ekana Cricket Stadium is located in which city?

A) Lucknow
B) Patna
C) New Delhi
D) Pune

Answer: A

Q. Keisabadi is the folk dance of which state?

A) Madhya Pradesh
B) Gujarat
C) Odisha
D) Assam

Answer: C

Q. The World Rabies Day is observed every year on _____?

A) August 21
B) September 28
C) July 19
D) November 11

**Answer: B**

**Q. What is the capital of Cuba?**

A) Zagreb  
B) Prague  
C) Nicosia  
D) Havana

**Answer: D**  
Currency – Peso, President – Miguel Díaz-Canel

**Q. Deodhar Trophy is related with which sports event?**

A) Football  
B) Badminton  
C) Cricket  
D) Horse Racing

**Answer: C**

**Q. What is the state animal of Gujarat?**

A) Blackbuck
B) Asiatic Lion
C) Snow leopard
D) Indian elephant

**Answer: B**

**Q. Buenos Aires is the capital of which country?**

A) The Gambia
B) Ireland
C) Croatia
D) Argentina

**Answer: D**

**Q. International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES) is headquartered at_____?**

A) Copenhagen, Denmark
B) Vienna, Austria
C) Brussels, Belgium
D) The Hague, The Netherlands

**Answer: A**

Founded – 1902
Q. The Formula One World Champion Lewis Hamilton hails from which country?

A) United Kingdom  
B) Spain  
C) Argentina  
D) Germany  

**Answer: A**

Q. The Dudhwa National Park is a national park in which state?

A) Gujarat  
B) Rajasthan  
C) Uttar Pradesh  
D) Bihar  

**Answer: C**