Q. Which state/UT hosted the Cherry Blossom Mao Festival?

A) Tripura
B) Manipur
C) Nagaland
D) Meghalaya

Answer : B

- In Manipur, the Cherry Blossom Mao Festival was held at Senapati district marking the beginning of pink season in the district.
- The Mao area of Senapati district in Manipur is known for Cherry Blossom, a plant which is popularly known as Sakura in Japan.
- The Manipur government started organizing the festival every year from 2017 onward.

LATEST FESTIVAL IN NEWS

- Cherry blossom Mao festival: Manipur
- Festival of Cattle ' Kanuma': Telangana
- Karthigai Deepam Festival: Tamil Nadu
- Pongal Festival: Tamil Nadu
- Hornbill Festival :Nagaland
- Cherry Blossom Festival: Shillong Meghalaya
- National Science film Festival: Tripura
- Pang Lhasbol Festival :Sikkim
- Kati Bihu Festival :Assam
**Nuakhai Festival**: Odisha and Chhattisgarh

**Dragonfly Festival “Thumbimahotsavam 2020”**: Kerala

**MANIPUR IN NEWS**

- The 4th edition of the Cherry Blossom Festival, Mao in Manipur
- Manipur recently launched the m-Pension App to assist pensioners without them having to go to the treasury office.
- Manipur’s Nongpok Sekmai Police Station best in India
- Manipur’s Gyanendro Ningombam becomes new president of Hockey India
- CM N. Of Manipur Biren Singh Inaugurated "Plant Health Clinic"
- Manipur CM Inaugurates 'Anganphou Hunba' Program
- United Nations Declares Manipur’s Khudol among the top 10 global initiatives to fight COVID-19
- Manipur govt starts new initiative ‘Food Bank’ to help the poor
- Indian Railways Constructs Country’s Tallest Pier Bridge in Manipur

Q. Who has been chosen as the official representative of BCCI for the ICC Board meeting?

A) V V Laxman
B) Ravi Shastri
C) Rajinder Patel
D) Jay Shah

**Answer : D**

- Jay Shah has been named as the official representative of BCCI for the International Cricket Council (ICC) Board meetings
- He will replace BCCI president Sourav Ganguly
Jay Shah is the Secretary of the BCCI

BCCI IN NEWS 2020

- Jay Shah named BCCI’s Official Representative on ICC Board
- BCCI appoints Chetan Sharma as selection Men's committee chairman
- BCCI Appoints Neetu David as head of India women’s selection committee for 4 years
- BCCI approves 10-team IPL from 2022
- BCCI announced Jio as the Title Sponsor of the 2020 edition of the Women’s T20 Challenge
- BCCI Appoints Hemang Amin As Its Interim CEO
- BCCI announces MPL Sports as Official Kit Sponsor

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. Which country is the focus country of the 51st International Film Festival of India (IFFI)?

A) France
B) Russia
C) Germany
D) Bangladesh

Answer : D
Bangladesh has been chosen as the ‘Country in Focus’ for the 51st International Film Festival of India (IFFI).

51st International Film Festival of India (IFFI)

Opening movie: ‘Another Round’ (Denmark)

Director by Thomas Vinterberg

Closing Movie: ‘Wife of a Spy’ (Japan)

Director By Kiyoshi Kurosawa

Bangladesh declared as ‘Country in Focus’ for 51st IFFI

Argentine filmmaker Pablo Cesar to head 51st IFFI’s International Jury

IFFI 2021 to celebrate the work of legendary filmmaker Satyajit Ray

The International Film Festival of India (IFFI), founded in 1952

51st IFFI is being organised from 16th to 24th January in Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Indoor Stadium at Panaji, Goa

Q. The Coastal Research Vessel ‘Sagar Avneshika’ has recently been inaugurated by the Dr. Harsh Vardhan at which port?

A) Chennai Port Trust
B) Kandla Port Trust
C) Mumbai Port Trust
C) Visakhapatnam Port Trust

Answer : A

Union Science and Technology Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan launched state-of-the-art vessel ‘Sagar Avneshika’ on 9 January 2021, at Chennai Port Trust in Chennai.

The vessel ‘Sagar Avneshika’ will enable the scientists to launch deep ocean mission for ocean exploration.
The research ship ‘Sagar Avneshika’ has been developed by the Titagarh Marine Limited, Kolkata for the National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT), Chennai

**PORT IN NEWS**

- 40th Indian Scientific Expedition to Antarctica flagged off from Mormugao Port, Goa
- Rajiv Jalota Appointed As Chairman of Mumbai Port Trust
- Indian-built Sittwe port in Myanmar to be operational in 2021
- Indian Naval Ship ‘Airavat’ reaches Port Sudan under ‘Mission Sagar-II’
- Union Minister Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurates ‘Direct Port Entry Facility’ at V.O. Chidambaranar port in Tamil Nadu
- Shipping Minister Launches SAROD-Ports To Resolve Disputes In Maritime Sector
- Adani Ports to buy 75% stake in Krishnapatnam Port Andhra Pradesh
- CCI approves acquisition of Krishnapatnam Port Company Limited by Adani Ports
- Kolkata Port Starts new Shipping service from Kolkata to Bangladesh’s Chattogram port
- Gujarat Govt gives approval to world’s first CNG terminal at Bhavnagar port
- Note: Currently India has 13 major ports

**Q. The Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention 2021 is which edition of the programme?**

A) 17th  
B) 16th  
C) 14th  
D) 15th
Answer : B

- 16th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention has been organized on 9th January 2021 in virtual format, in the wake of coronavirus pandemic
- The theme of 16th PBD Convention 2021 is “Contributing to Aatmanirbhar Bharat”.

Q. The mobile app ‘Satark Nagrik’ and Departmental Vigilance Officers (DVO) Portal has been launched by which state for easy grievance redressal?

A) Haryana
B) Rajasthan
C) Uttar Pradesh
D) Jammu and Kashmir

Answer : D

- Jammu & Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, launched Mobile Application ‘Satark Nagrik’ and Departmental Vigilance Officers (DVO) Portal of J&K Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) recently.

J&K IN NEWS

- J&K LG, Manoj Sinha launches Mobile Application ‘Satark Nagrik’
- Pankaj Mithal sworn in as CJ of J&K, Ladakh Court
- J&K UT signs historic MoU with National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd. (NAFED)
- PM Modi to launch 'SEHAT', Health Insurance Scheme for UT of J&K
- Manoj Sinha appointed as Lt Governor of J&K
- J&K Launches E-Auction Portal for Kashmir Saffron
- Macadamisation Program
• "Puneja Bridge" & “Devika Bridge” in J&K
• ‘SUKOON’ COVID-19 Beat the Stress
• Samagra Shiksha programme
• Kashmir saffron gets GI tag
• Student Health Card scheme
• Historic city Chowk renamed as 'Bharat mata chowk’ in J&K
• J&K LG Manoj Sinha launches ‘My Town My Pride’ Campaign to provide doorstep governance in urban areas
• 2020 Dronacharya Awardee Kuldeep Handoo from J&K, Appointed as “Fit India Movement” Ambassador
• J-K LG Manoj Sinha launches SPARROW system for its Administrative Service officers
• Govt increases scholarship amount under ‘Pragati and Saksham’ schemes for J&K students to Rs 50,000
• J&K L-G launches salary tracking app "MeraVetan” for government employees
• Indian Army in J&K Celebrates 74th Infantry Day
• Union Cabinet approves J&K official languages Bill 2020 Kashmiri, Dogri and Hindi along with Urdu and English,

Q. Shaurya Salary Account is a new product launched by which bank for the defence personnel?

A) Bandhan Bank
B) Punjab National Bank
C) State Bank of India
D) Central Bank of India

Answer : A
Bandhan Bank launches ‘Shaurya Salary Account’ to provide banking services to Defence personnel

- Key features of ‘Bandhan Bank Shaurya Salary Account’
- Zero-balance salary accounts higher interest on Savings account balance
- Unlimited free ATM transactions at any banks ATMs
- Unlimited free NEFT/RTGS/IMPS transaction
- Free personal accidental insurance of Rs 30 lakh
- Air accident cover of Rs 1 crore

**BANDHAN BANK IN NEWS**

- Bandhan Bank Launches Shaurya Salary Account For Army Personnel
- Singapore’s Caladium increases its stake in Bandhan Bank to 4.49%
- Bandhan Bank sets up new vertical “Emerging Entrepreneurs Business”
- RBI allows Bandhan Bank to open new branches without prior permission

**BANDHAN BANK**

- Founded: 23 August 2015
- Founders: Chandra Shekhar Ghosh
- Headquarters: Kolkata
- Chairman: Anup Kumar Sinha
- MD & CEO: Chandra Shekhar Ghosh
- Tagline: "Aapka Bhala, Sabki Bhalai"

**Q. The Government of India celebrates the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas on which day annually?**

A) 9 January

B) 8 January

C) 7 January
D) 6 January

Answer : A

- Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (Non-Resident Indian Day) is observed by the Republic of India on 9 January to mark the favors and contributions made by Non Resident Indians towards the welfare and development of the nation.
- The Pravasi Bhartiya Divas was observed for the first time in 2003
- The day commemorates the return of Mahatma Gandhi from South Africa to India on 9 January 1915, and eventually led India’s freedom struggle.

Q. Who has inaugurated the two-day Virtual International Akhand Conference ‘EDUCON 2020’?

A) Narendra Modi
B) Amit Shah
C) Piyush Goyal
D) Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank

Answer : D

Q. What was the theme of Virtual International Akhand Conference ‘EDUCON 2020’?

A) Assessment for learning outcomes and sustainable development
B) Education Contributing to Aatmanirbhar Bharat
C) Building Peace in the mind of youths and all
D) Envisioning Education for Transforming Youth to Restore Global Peace

Answer : D
Q. Who is the Chair of the High Level Committee (HLC) to commemorate year long celebration of the 125th Birth Anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose?

A) Amit Shah  
B) Narendra Modi  
C) Rajnath Singh  
D) Ramesh Pokhriyal  

Answer : B  

➢ To commemorate the 125th Birth Anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, a High Level Committee (HLC) has been constituted. This HLC will be headed by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi  
➢ There are 85 members in this committee  
➢ The commemoration activities will be held in Delhi, Kolkata and other places associated with Netaji and Azad Hind Fauj, both in India as well as overseas

Q. Veteran former Foreign minister Madhavsinh Solanki, has passed away. He was the former Chief Minister of which state?

A) Maharashtra  
B) Bihar  
C) Chhattisgarh  
D) Gujrat  

Answer : D

Q. When is the World Hindi Day observed globally?

A) 09 January
B) 10 January
C) 12 January
D) 11 January

Answer : B

- World Hindi Day celebrated globally on 10th January
- The day marks the anniversary of first World Hindi Conference which was inaugurated on January 10, 1975, by the then PM Indira Gandhi
- The celebration of first World Hindi Day was commenced on 10 January 2006 by former PM Dr Manmohan Singh
- On that day in 1949, the constituent assembly adopted Hindi, written in Devanagari script, as the official language of the Union
- National Hindi Day is celebrated in India on September 14 every year

Q. Faustin-Archange Touadera has recently been reelected as the President of which country?

A) Zimbabwe
B) Nigeria
C) Lebia
D) Central African Republic

Answer : D

- Faustin-Archange Touadera has been reelected as the President of Central African Republic

Central African Republic

- Capital : Bangui
- Currency : Franc
Q. The Kolkata International Film Festival (KIFF) 2021 has been organised from January 8 to 15, 2021. The event is which edition of the annual programme?

A) 36  
B) 45  
C) 26  
D) 51  

Answer : C

- Mamata Banerjee Inaugurates 26th Kolkata International Film Festival  
- The inaugural ceremony was also attended by Bollywood superstar and West Bengal’s brand ambassador Shah Rukh Khan virtually from Mumbai.  
- The festival will screen 131 movies from 45 countries till January 13

Q. Name the coffee table book on PM Modi, launched during the occasion of 2021 Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD)?

A) Modi : A Journey - 2021  
B) Modi India Story – 2021  
C) Modi India Calling – 2021  
D) Modi’s response to challenges

Answer : C

- A coffee table book titled “Modi India Calling – 2021” was released on the eve of the 16th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) on 8 January 2021.  
- The book was released by Delhi BJP president Adesh Gupta.  
- It has been published by Maneesh Media
The book is the brainchild of Vijay Jolly

The 450-page book is filled with over hundreds of photographs of Prime Minister Narendra Modi from his “107 overseas and bilateral visits”

Q. What was the profession of Sri Turlapati Kutumba Rao who has passed away recently?

A) Musician
B) Journalist
C) Politician
D) Filmmaker

Answer: B

Veteran journalist and orator (public speaker) Sri Turlapati Kutumba Rao has passed away.
Rao is known for his service to journalism in Telugu language

Q. Which country has committed Official Development Assistance loan of Rs 2,113 crore to support India's COVID-19 relief efforts?

A) Japan
B) France
C) Australia
D) United States

Answer: A

Japan Government Commits of 30 billion Japanese Yen (approx Rs 2,113 crore) to support India’s Covid-19 relief effort
JAPAN IN NEWS

- Japan Government Commits Rs 2,113 crore to support India's Covid-19 relief effort
- India and Japan inks MoU to enhance cooperation in ICT
- India Ranks 85th in Henley Passport Index 2021; Japan Tops
- Japan to launch the first wood-based satellite by 2023
- Japan targeted to achieve zero carbon emissions by 2050
- Yoshihide Suga to succeed Shinzo Abe as Japan's PM
- Quad Countries’ Foreign Minister Meet held in Tokyo
- Japan’s Naomi Osaka wins 2020 US Open Tennis Tournament
- Naomi Osaka becomes world's highest-paid female athlete
- Japan commits ODA of Rs 3500 crore to fight COVID-19 in India
- Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 rescheduled to year 2021
- India & Japan signs MoU on Reciprocal Provision of Supplies & Services
- Japan’s longest-serving PM Shinzo Abe resigns
- Canada withdraws from Tokyo 2020 Olympics
- India and Japan conduct PASSEX naval exercise in Indian Ocean Region
- Japan launches new unit for defense in outer space named Space Operations Squadron
- PNB Housing Finance ties-up with Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) to raise $75 million
- Thangjam Dhabali Singh conferred ‘Order of Rising Sun’ by Japan
- GOI approves MoU between India, Japan for cooperation in technical textile
- Japan to join ‘Five Eyes’ to check China's clampdown on Uyghurs

JAPAN

- Capital : Tokyo
- Currency : Yen
- Emperor : Naruhito
- Prime Minister : Yoshihide Suga
Q. The National Road Safety Month 2021 will be organised by the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways from____

A) January 12 to February 11
B) January 13 to February 12
C) January 15 to February 14
D) January 18 to February 17

Answer : D

- Ministry of Road Transport & Highways observes the National Road Safety Week every year in the second week of January.
- However, in 2021, Government has decided to observe National Road Safety Month instead of National Road Safety Week.
- National Road Safety Month will be observed from 18th January, 2021′ to 17th February' 2021.
- Road Safety Week is observed from January 11th to January 17th every year.
- This year, we are celebrating 32nd Road Safety Week and its theme is “Safe yourself to save your family”

Q. Which country has requested India for 2 million doses of Covishield vaccine?

A) Bhutan
B) Brazil
C) Indonesia
D) Sri Lanka

Answer : B
Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro has requested India for 2 million doses of Covishield vaccine produced indigenously by the Serum Institute of India, Pune

BRAZIL IN NEWS

- Carolina Araujo of Brazil Wins 2020 Ramanujan Prize for Young Mathematicians
- Bharat Biotech inks pact with Precisa Med to supply Covaxin to Brazil
- Brazilian President J. M. Bolsonaro to be India's 71st Republic Day Chief Guest
- ISRO to launch Brazil’s Amazonia-1 satellite
- Brazil’s Marcos Prado Troyjo Named as new President of NDB to Replace KV Kamath

BRAZIL

- Capital : Brasília
- Currency : Real
- President : Jair Bolsonaro

Q. The governments of Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh were close to an agreement on connecting Ken river with _____.

A) Son  
B) Tapi  
C) Betwa  
D) Mahanadi

Answer : C

- Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat reviewed the Ken-Betwa project.
The governments of Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh were close to an agreement on it.

The Ken-Betwa River linking project will benefit the dry Bundelkhand area in MP and UP.

The project that aims to transfer surplus water from the Ken river in MP to Betwa in UP to irrigate the drought-prone Bundelkhand region spread across the districts of two states.

Q. Which state has decided to create a new Bagasara Prant in Amreli district?

A) Assam  
B) Gujarat  
C) Punjab  
D) Haryana

Answer: B

- Gujarat CM has decided to create a new Bagasara Prant in Amreli district
- Gujarat announces its new Solar Power Policy-2021
- India’s first Lithium refinery to be set up in Gujarat
- Gujarat govt announces to set up the world’s biggest Zinc Smelter project
- India’s biggest cardiac hospital in Ahmedabad Gujarat
- Gujarat to commence Seaplane service from 31 October 2020
- Gujarat Tops FSSAI’s State Food Safety Index 2019-20
- Gujarat to launch ‘Digital Seva Setu’ to offer public welfare services online in rural areas
- Gujarat Tops NITI Aayog’s inaugural Export Preparedness Index 2020
- Gujarat inks MoU with Denmark in water sector
### STATIC GK BASED CURRENT AFFAIRS MCQ

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