Q. RBI has cancelled the licence of Vasantdada Nagari Sahakari Bank Ltd. The bank was based in which state?

A) Maharashtra  
B) Goa  
C) Uttar Pradesh  
D) Rajasthan  

Answer: A  

**RBI CANCELS LICENCE IN NEWS**

- RBI has cancelled the licence of Vasantdada Nagari Sahakari Bank Ltd (headquarter-Osmanabad, Maharashtra)  
- RBI cancels the Licence of the Subhadra Local Area Bank, Kolhapur, Maharashtra  
- RBI cancels licence of Maharashtra-based Karad Janata Sahakari Bank  
- RBI cancels the licence of The CKP Co-operative Bank Ltd., Mumbai  
- RBI cancels the licence of Mapusa Urban Co-operative Bank of Goa Ltd  

Q. Reserve Bank of India has imposed Rs 2 crore fine on Bank for non-compliance with certain provisions of directions concerning interest rate on deposits?

A) DBS Bank
B) SBM Bank
C) HSBC
D) Deutsche Bank

Answer : D

- The Reserve Bank of India has imposed a penalty of Rs 2 crore on Deutsche Bank AG for non-compliance with certain provisions of directions concerning interest rate on deposits.

**DEUTSCHE BANK**

- Headquarters : Frankfurt, Germany
- Chairman : Paul Achleitner
- CEO : Christian Sewing

**PENALTY IN NEWS**

- RBI slaps Rs 2 crore fine on Deutsche Bank for non-compliance
- RBI imposes ₹1 cr penalty on Jio Payments Bank over re-appointment of MD & CEO
- Sebi imposed a fine of Rs 25 crore on RIL, Rs 15 crore on Ambani
- The company’s chairman and MD, Rs 20 crore on Navi Mumbai SEZ and Rs 10 crore on Mumbai SEZ
- RBI imposes Rs 50 lakh fine on Urban Co-operative Bank in Kerala
- RBI imposes Rs 1 crore penalty on Punjab National Bank
- RBI imposes Rs 22 lakh monetary penalty on DCB Bank for rule violations

**Q. Who has been appointed as the head of the empowered committee formed by Centre to administer the Covid-19 vaccine?**

A) R. S. Sharma
B) Rajiv Mehrishi
C) D B Shekatkar
D) Dr V K Paul

Answer : A

- Centre forms empowered panel under former TRAI chief RS Sharma, for Covid-19 vaccine

LATEST IMPORTANT COMMITTEE IN NEWS

- RBI forms six-member working group to regulate digital lending frauds; Headed By - Jayant Kumar Dash,
- Centre formed an empowered committee for administration of Covid-19 vaccine; Headed By - RS Sharma
- To commemorate the 125th Birth Anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, a High Level Committee has been constituted ; headed by PM Modi
- RBI set up an academic advisory council called ‘College of Supervisors (CoS)’ to further strengthen supervision; Headed By - N S Viswanathan
- Centre plans to form committee to protect language, culture & land of Ladakh ; Headed By - Kishan Reddy
- Centre constitutes high-level group for South Asia energy security; Headed By – Ram Vinay Shahi

Q. Name the President of Suriname who was among 30 Pravasi Bharatiya Samman 2021 awardees?

A) Devan Nair
B) Kamisese Mara
C) Tevita Momoedonu
D) Chandrika Persad Santokhi
Answer: D

SURINAME

- Capital: Paramaribo
- Currency: Dollar
- President: Chandrika Persad Santokhi

Q. Which E-commerce company has signed an MoU with the Logistics Skill Sector Council (LSC) to launch a Centre of Excellence (CoE)

A) Microsoft
B) Apple
C) Flipkart
D) Amazon

Answer: C

FLIPKART IN NEWS 2020

- Flipkart establishes academic collaboration with IIT Patna
- Flipkart partners with the U.P. Government’s ODOP scheme
- Flipkart Partners With Bajaj Allianz To Cover Online Financial Frauds

FLIPKART

- Founded: 2007
- Founder: Sachin Bansal and Binny Bansal
- Headquarters: Bengaluru
- CEO: Kalyan Krishnamurthy
- Walmart stake (81.3%)

Q. India’s first indoor Ski Park will come at which state?

A) Uttrakhand
B) Gujrat
C) Himachal Pradesh

D) Jammu and Kashmir

Answer : C

HIMACHAL PRADESH IN NEWS

- India’s first indoor ski park will come up at Kufri in Shimla with the objective of making Himachal Pradesh
- ADB & India sign $10 million loan to support project preparation to expand horticulture in Himachal Pradesh
- Himachal Pradesh Launches ‘Him Suraksha Abhiyan’ to collect real-time data on the health profile of entire state
- Atal Tunnel: World’s Longest Highway Tunnel In Himachal Pradesh, 9.02 km-long-tunnel, built by the BRO
- “Panchvati Yojna” launched in Himachal Pradesh
- Mukhya Mantri Shahari Rojgar Guarantee Yojna
- Nadaun Police Station of Himachal Pradesh declared as one of the best in India
- Himachal Pradesh starts to use eSanjeevaniOPD
- World Bank to provide USD 80 million to an integrated project in Himachal Pradesh
- Fagli festival celebrated in Himachal Pradesh
- “Active Case Finding Campaign” begins in Himachal Pradesh
- Himachal Pradesh wins e-Panchayat Puraskar 2020
- HP govt to starts ‘Nigah’ to educate family members of migrant returnees
- Himachal Pradesh becomes first state of India where every household has LPG gas connections
- Himachal Pradesh, World Bank sign $82 mn loan deal for HP State Roads Transformation Project
Q. Which of the following Municipal Corporation has recently launched the ‘Thaila Bank’ in the city?

A) Pune  
B) Nagpur 
C) Lucknow  
D) Hyderabad  

Answer : C

LUCKNOW IN NEWS

• Uttar Pradesh CM rings bell at Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) for listing Lucknow Municipal Corporation bonds  
• Airports Authority of India (AAI) over Lucknow airport to Adani group  
• 11th DefExpo 2020 to be held in Lucknow 
• Theme : “India: the emerging defence manufacturing hub”  
• Lucknow-Hardoi Road renamed as Tandon Road  
• “Safe City Project” launched a women’s safety campaign in Lucknow, UP

Q. The India-Vietnam Defence Security Dialogue 2021 was co-chaired by Defence Secretary Dr Ajay Kumar with his Vietnamese counterpart. The Dialogue was which edition of the annual event?

A) 17  
B) 15  
C) 13  
D) 11

Answer : C
Defence Secretary Dr Ajay Kumar co-chairs 13th India-Vietnam Defence Security Dialogue

The virtual event was co-chaired by Defence Secretary Dr Ajay Kumar along with Vietnamese Sr Lt Gen Nguyen Chi Vinh, Deputy Defence Minister, Socialist Republic of Vietnam


A) Priti K Shroff
B) S Y Quraishi
C) Sudha Murthy
D) Dhiren Tiwari

Answer : B

Former chief election commissioner (CEC) S Y Quraishi has come out with his book titled “The Population Myth: Islam, Family Planning and Politics in India”.

It has been published by HarperCollins India

Q. Which country was the host of the ‘One Planet Summit’ 2021, held in collaboration with UN and World Bank?

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

Answer : D
France hosts 4th One Planet Summit in cooperation with UN and World Bank
The theme of the Summit was “Let’s act together for nature!”

FRANCE IN NEWS

- France inducted as the latest and 23rd member of the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA)
- Former French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing passes away
- YES Bank launches ‘SMS Pay’ on POS Terminals in Partnership with French company ‘Worldline’
- France to boost India’s COVID-19 response with 200-million-euros
- Jean Castex appointed as Prime Minister of France
- India & France re-elected as President and Co-President of International Solar Alliance (ISA)
- Rafael Nadal (Men's Single) and Iga Swiatek (Women's Single) wins French Open 2020
- Indo-French to launch constellation of maritime surveillance satellites to trace illegal oil spillage in IOR
- Tour de France postponed due to Coronavirus Pandemic
- India overtakes UK and France to become 5th largest economy
- India-France-Australia holds first-ever Trilateral Dialogue on Indo-Pacific
- France will train Indian flight surgeons for Gaganyaan mission
- Edouard Philippe resigns as Prime Minister of France
- Emmanuelle Charpentier of France and Jennifer Doudna of the U.S. who won the 2020 Nobel Chemistry Prize

FRANCE

- Capital: Paris
- Currency: Euro
- President: Emmanuel Macron
Prime Minister: Jean Castex

- Varuna Naval exercise India and France
- Garuda Air exercise India and France
- Shakti Army exercise India and France
- Educational Scientific & Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) HA: Paris, France
- Organisation for Economic Cooperation & Development (OECD) HQ: Paris, France
- International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) HQ: Paris, France

Q. Neil Sheehan, renowned journalist and author has passed away. He was from which country?

A) United Kingdom
B) United States
C) Australia
D) Vietnam

Answer: B

- Veteran American reporter and Pulitzer Prize winning author, Neil Sheehan, has passed away.
- He was the author of the book titled “A Bright Shining Lie: John Paul Vann and America in Vietnam,” which won a National Book Award and a Pulitzer in 1989

Q. Which state has waived off the examination fees for matriculation students of the ongoing academic session?

A) Madhya Pradesh
B) Odisha
B) Telangana
D) Andhra Pradesh

Answer : B

Q. The Union Cabinet has approved an MoU to enhance scientific and technical cooperation between India and which nation’s Meteorology centre?

A) Saudi Arabia
B) UAE
C) Italy
D) Israel

Answer : B

➢ The Union Cabinet chaired by PM Narendra Modi approved the Memorandum of Understanding on the scientific and technical cooperation between the Ministry of Earth Sciences, India and the National Centre of Meteorology, UAE.

Q. The United States has re-designated which nation as a State Sponsor of Terrorism?

A) Ukraine
B) Turkey
C) Iran
D) Cuba

Answer : D
CUBA

- Capital: Havana
- Currency: Peso

Q. The global stockpile of the Ebola vaccine is being created in which nation?

A) China
B) South Africa
C) Switzerland
D) Nigeria

Answer: C
- The global stockpile of Ebola vaccines is being created in Switzerland

SWITZERLAND

- Capital: Bern
- Currency: Franc

Q. Bharti Airtel signed a MoU with which institutions for the digital transformation of MSMEs in order to achieve the goal of “Atma Nirbhar Bharat”?

A) NSIC
B) IREDA
C) SIDBI
D) SEBI

Answer: A
➢ Bharti Airtel signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC) for the digital transformation of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in order to achieve the goal of “Atma Nirbhar Bharat”.

National Small Industries Corporation Limited (NSIC)

➢ Founded : 1955
➢ Headquarters : New Delhi
➢ CMD : Vijayendra

Q. Which state has approved the ‘One Time Settlement (OTS) Scheme for Recovery of Outstanding Dues – 2021’ for Traders to clear their Pending Arrears?

A) Punjab  
B) Telangana  
C) Tamil Nadu  
D) Andhra Pradesh

Answer : A

➢ Punjab Cabinet led by CM Captain Amarinder Singh approved the ‘One Time Settlement (OTS) Scheme for Recovery of Outstanding Dues – 2021’ for Traders to clear their Pending Arrears.
➢ The OTS will help Traders to settle their Pending arrears under the Punjab Value Added Tax Act, 2005 & Central Sales Tax Act, 1956.

Q. Which country will launch its flagship rocket H3 with the highest ever launch capability?

A) Russia  
B) Japan
C) India
D) United States

Answer : B

- Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency - JAXA announced that it will launch its flagship rocket H3 to pave the way for the next generation of transportation technologies.

Q. Nitin Gadkari launched eco-friendly, non-toxic paint innovative new paint developed by Khadi and Village Industries Commission named as ______.
A) Khadi Jaivik Paint
B) Khadi Bhartiya Paint
C) Khadi Prakritik Paint
D) Khadi Sulabh Paint

Answer : C

- Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari launched an innovative new paint developed by Khadi and Village Industries Commission.
- The eco-friendly, non-toxic paint, called “Khadi Prakritik Paint” is a first-of-its-kind product, with anti-fungal and anti-bacterial properties.

Q. Which state government undertakes the Karuna Abhiyan campaign to save and treat birds that get injured during the kite festival?
A) Maharashtra
B) Bihar
C) Kerala
D) Gujrat

Answer : D

➢ In wake of bird flu cases, Gujarat govt announces SOPs for Karuna Abhiyan

Q. Which state/UT has launched the TESOL Core Certificate Program for the English teachers of Government schools?

A) Delhi
B) Rajasthan
C) Gujrat
D) Maharashtra

Answer : A

➢ Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia launched the TESOL Core Certificate Program for the English teachers of Government schools.
➢ TESOL stands for Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages.

Q. Apple Inc and Amazon.com Inc have suspended ‘Parler’ from their respective App Store and web hosting service. Parler is a/an _____.

A) e-commerce platform
B) Social media platform
C) Music service provider
D) Dating platform

Answer : B

➢ Apple Inc and Amazon.com Inc have suspended Parler from their respective App Store and web hosting service, saying the social
networking service popular with many right-leaning social media users has not taken adequate measures to prevent the spread of posts inciting violence.

Q. EBITDA' was recently in the news. It is a/an ______.

A) Tsunami warning system

B) Measure of profits of an organisation

C) Standardization of Internet Protocols

D) Antivirus

Answer : B

➢ State-owned telecom companies BSNL and MTNL turned EBITDA positive in the first half of the financial year 2020-21.

➢ EBITDA stands for Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation, and Amortization

Q. The 13-day Khelo India Zanskar Winter Sport & Youth festival 2021 will start from 18th January 2021. Zanskar river is the tributary of which river?

A) Chenab

B) Beas

C) Jhelum

D) Indus

Answer : D

➢ 13-day Khelo India Zanskar Winter Sport & Youth festival 2021 to begin from Jan 18
The Zanskar River is a major tributary of the Indus River, which flows entirely with Ladakh, India.

Q. Warsaw is the capital of which of the following country?

A) Austria
B) Poland
C) Syria
D) Belarus

Answer: B

Q. Where is the headquarter of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) located?

A) Rome Italy
B) Geneva, Switzerland
C) London, United Kingdom
D) Paris, France

Answer: A

Q. Sita Mata Wildlife Sanctuary is in which state of India?

A) Gujarat

Answer: A
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