Q. The Indian coastal defence exercise ‘Sea Vigil-21’ was conducted by Indian Navy recently. It was which edition of the maritime exercise?

A) Sixth
B) Fourth
C) Second
D) Third

Answer : C

⇒ The second edition of the biennial pan-India coastal defence exercise ‘Sea Vigil-21’ has been organised on 12-13 January 2021 by the Indian Navy.
⇒ The exercise will involve all the 13 coastal States and Union Territories

MOST IMPORTANT MILITARY EXERCISE IN NEWS

- Two-day coastal defence exercise ‘Sea Vigil-21’ kicks off
- Indian & Vietnamese Navy conclude two-day naval passage exercise PASSEX in South China Sea
- India-Indonesia Navies undertake 35th coordinated patrol (CORPAT)
- Andaman and Nicobar Command carries out joint tri-services exercise code ‘Bull Strike’ at Teressa Island
- India-US-Japan-Australia kick-starts Malabar Naval Exercise-2020 in Bay of Bengal
• Bangladesh and US launch joint naval exercise CARAT Bangladesh 2020
• 8th India-Sri Lanka Maritime Exercise SLINEX-20 to begin in Trincomalee in Sri Lanka from October 19
• Indian Navy will be represented by the indigenously built ASW corvettes Kamorta and Kiltan
• 2nd edition of Indian Navy and Bangladesh Navy Bilateral Exercise Bongosagar commenced in Northern Bay of Bengal
• 8th India-Sri Lanka Maritime Exercise SLINEX-20 to begin in Trincomalee, Sri Lanka
• Australia to Join Malabar-2020 Naval Exercise with India, US & Japan in November
• 4th edition India-Japan biennial naval exercise JIMEX-20 begins in Arabian sea
• Indian Navy has conducted a Passage Exercise (PASSEX), a high-end joint naval exercise with the US Navy in the Indian Ocean
• India and Japan conduct PASSEX (passing exercise) naval exercise in Indian Ocean Region
• Indian Navy and the Royal Australian Navy conducted Passage Exercise (PASSEX) in Eastern Indian Ocean Region
• US-Israel Joint military Exercise Juniper Cobra 20 Cancels over coronavirus
• Bimstec Disaster Management Exercise 2020 Held in Odisha
• Indian Navy and Russian Navy has commenced 11th edition of exercise INDRA NAVY begins in Bay of Bengal
• India & US conducts Passage Exercise in Indian Ocean
• Australi cancelled “Pitch Black 2020” due to coronavirus
• India withdraws from Russia military exercise Kavkaz 2020

Q. Which nation's military contingent will take part in India's Republic Day Parade 2021?
A) France  
B) Russia  
C) Australia  
D) Bangladesh  

**Answer : D**

- A 122 member Bangladesh armed forces contingent will be participating in India’s Republic Day parade on January 26, 2021.
- This is only the third time in India’s history that any foreign military contingent has been invited to participate in the National Parade at Rajpath.

**BANGLADESH IN NEWS**

- Kite festival Shakrain celebrated in Dhaka  
- Bangladesh Declared as ‘Country in Focus’ for 51st International Film Festival of India (IFFI)  
- PM Modi & Sheikh Hasina jointly inaugurates Chilahati-Haldibari rail link; 7 Agreement signed during Virtual Indo-Bangladesh Summit  
- Bangladesh signs maiden Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA)  
- The ‘SwadhinataSarak’ between Bangladesh and India will be opened on 26 March next year  
- The government of Bangladesh sent a batch of 1642 Rohingyas to the newly developed facility at Bhashan char.  
- Bangladesh govt orders ‘no mask, no service’ policy  
- Bangladesh approves death penalty for rape after protests  
- 2nd edition of India-Bangladesh Navy Bilateral Exercise “Bongosagar”  
- India hands over 10 broad-gauge railway locos to Bangladesh  
- Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina Launches E-passport Facility
India-Bangladesh Joint Exercise ‘SAMPRITI-IX’ Begins in Umroi, Meghalaya
Bangladesh starts ‘Shohojodha’ online plasma network for COVID 19
Bangladesh wins ICC U-19 Cricket World Cup 2020
Bangladesh launches “Digital Haat” for sacrificial animals
Vikram Kumar Doraiswami appointed India’s next envoy to Bangladesh

Bangladesh

- Capital : Dhaka
- Currency : Taka
- President : Abdul Hamid
- Prime Minister : Sheikh Hasina

Q. RBI has formed a working group to study digital lending activities to stop the growing frauds in the sector. Who will head this committee?

A) Jayanth R Varma
B) Shashanka Bhide
C) Ashima Goyal
D) Jayant Kumar Dash

Answer : D

- RBI forms six-member working group to regulate digital lending frauds;
  Head- Jayant Kumar Dash, Executive Director, RBI

Q. India’s first ‘Fire Park’ has been inaugurated in which city to educate and bring awareness on basic fire safety measures among people?

A) Ahmedabad
B) Bhubaneswar
C) Bhagalpur
D) Kolkata

Answer : B

Q. What is the new GDP growth rate projection of the Indian economy for the financial year 2020-21 according to the latest report of the UBS Investment Bank?

A) -6.5%
B) -6.5%
C) -7.5%
D) -8.5%

Answer : C

➢ UBS Projects GDP of India at -7.5% in 2020-21

Q. IRDAI has constituted an expert panel to examine the availability of health insurance products in the country. Who is the head of this committee?

A) Sanyukta Samaddar
B) Rajiv Mehrishi
C) Rajesh Verma
D) Subhash Chandra Khuntia

Answer : D

➢ IRDAI Constitutes Panel of Experts to examine availability of health insurance products
➢ The expert committee will be headed by IRDAI Chairperson, Subhash Chandra Khuntia
Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)

- Headquarters: Hyderabad
- Chairman: Subhash Chandra Khuntia
- Chief General Manager: V Jayanth Kumar
- Authority Act, 1999

- IRDAI is a 10-member body including the chairman
- The agency's headquarters are in Hyderabad, Telangana, where it moved from Delhi in 2001

Q. BofA Securities has revised its GDP growth prospect of India and expects the economy at __ percent in the current fiscal FY21?

A) -8.4%
B) -9.7%
C) -8.9%
D) -6.7%

Answer: D

- BofA Securities Projects GDP of India to Contract 6.7% in FY21′

BofA Securities

- Headquarters: New York, U.S.

Q. The book titled “Making of a General-A Himalayan Echo” is a memoir of which Indian Army officer?

A) Rajiv Dogra
B) Iqbal Chand Malhotra
C) Satyarth Nayak
D) Konsam Himalay Singh
Answer: D

- Manipur Governor Dr Najma Heptulla released a book titled “Making of a General - A Himalayan Echo”
- The book has been authored by Konsam Himalay Singh

**MOST IMPORTANT BOOKS & AUTHORS**

- “Making of a General - A Himalayan Echo” Authored by: Konsam Himalay Singh
- “The Population Myth: Islam, Family Planning and Politics in India” Authored By: S Y Quraishi
- ‘Right Under our Nose’ Authored by: R Giridharan
- ‘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. D Prakash Rao who has passed away recently was a recipient of Padma Shri honour for contribution in which field?

A) Coordinator

B) Journalist

C) Social Activity

D) Filmmaker

Answer: C

- Social Activist and Padma Shri Awardee D Prakash Rao passes away
- He was conferred with the prestigious Padma Shri award in 2019

LATEST OBITUARY IN NEWS

- Indian Fashion Designer Satya Paul passes away
- Social Activist and Padma Shri Awardee D Prakash Rao passes away
- Pulitzer Prize-winning author and NY Times Reporter Neil Sheehan passes away
- Telugu Journalist Turlapati Kutumba Rao passes away
- Former Gujarat Chief Minister Madhavsinh Solanki passes away
Veteran Professor Chitra Ghosh & Niece of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose passes away
hockey player Michael Kindo passes away
Congress leader Buta Singh passes away
Former Maharashtra Minister Vilas Patil Undalkar passes away
Odia music director Shantanu Mohapatra passes away
Ace mountaineer Colonel Narendra ‘Bull’ Kumar passes away
Oldest living first-class cricketer, Alan Burgess, of New Zealand and World War II veteran, passes away

Q. What is the projected GDP rate of India as per the latest report of Nomura for the fiscal 2020-21?

A) -4.7%
B) -6.7%
C) -5.7%
D) -8.7%

Answer: B

- Nomura Estimates India’s GDP to contract 6.7% in FY21

NOMURA

- Headquarters : Tokyo, Japa
- Nomura is a Japanese financial holding company

Q. Armed Forces Veterans Day is observed every year on _____.

A) 14 January
B) 12 January
C) 13 January
D) 15 January

Answer : A

- In India, the Armed Forces Veterans Day is observed each year on 14 January since 2017
- 2021 marks the 5th Armed Forces Veterans Day
- The day is observed as a mark of respect and recognition of the services rendered by Field Marshal KM Cariappa OBE, the first Indian Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Armed Forces who retired on 14 January 1953.

Q. National Informatics Centre in collaboration with _____ jointly launched CollabCAD Software.

A) NITI Aayog
B) ISRO
C) SBI
D) CBSE

Answer : D

- National Informatics Centre and Central Board of Secondary Education, CBSE jointly launched CollabCAD Software.

Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)

- Founded : 1962
- Headquarteres : New Delhi
- Chairperson : Manoj Ahuja

Q. Indian government has approved procurement of _____ Light Combat Aircraft, LCA, Tejas worth about 48 thousand crore rupees from Hindustan Aeronautics Limited.
A) 83
B) 74
C) 55
D) 45

Answer : A

- Government has approved procurement of 83 Light Combat Aircraft, LCA, Tejas worth about 48 thousand crore rupees from Hindustan Aeronautics Limited for Indian Air Force.

Q. What is India's retail inflation in December 2020?
A) 4.59%
B) 2.69%
C) 4.49%
D) 5.79%

Answer : A

India’s retail inflation fell sharply to 4.59% in December, mainly due to declining food prices, government data showed

Retail inflation based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) was 6.93% in November.

Q. Which of the following country has topped the Break Out Economies in the third edition of the Digital Evolution Scorecard?
A) Switzerland
B) United States
C) Singapore

D) China

Answer : D

CHINA IN NEWS 2020

- China becomes second country after the US to unfurl its flag on Moon
- MountEverest declared 86 cm (0.86 M) taller by Nepal and China
- China launches ‘world’s first 6G experiment satellite’
- China to send first-ever ‘asteroid mining robot’ into space
- 2nd World Health Expo kicks off in Wuhan
- Govt of India bans 59 Chinese apps
- China launches new rocket “Long March 5B” successfully
- China launches its 1st independent mission to Mars
- China successfully launches 13 satellites into orbit with a single rocket, including 10 from Argentina

CHINA

- Capital : Beijing
- Currency : Renminbi (yuan)
- President : Xi Jinping
- India-China 'Hand-in-Hand' exercise
- Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) : Headquarteres : Beijing, China
- New Development Bank (NDB) : Headquarters : Shanghai, China
- Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) : Headquarters : Beijing, China

Q. As per the Digital Evolution Scorecard 2020 by Tufts University’s Fletcher School, what is the rank of India in ‘Break Out Economies’?
A) 3
B) 2
C) 4
D) 5

**Answer : C**

- Rapidly digitalising India was ranked 4th among “Break Out Economies” in the third edition of the Digital Evolution Scorecard developed by Tufts University’s Fletcher School in partnership with Mastercard.

**Q. What is the theme of the National Youth Festival 2021?**

A) Celebrating Diversity
B) 'YUVAAH – Utsah Naye Bharat Ka”
C) “unity in diversity” of India
D) Sabse Pehle Bharat

**Answer : B**

- Orissa hosted for the first time the 15th National Youth Festival in Bhubaneswar from 8 to 12 January 2010
- National Youth Festival in India Celebrated to commemorate the birth anniversary of youth icon Swami Vivekananda, it is organized by Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
- National Youth Week, 12 to 16 January every year
### STATIC GK BASED CURRENT AFFAIRS MCQ

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Q. Raichur Super Thermal Power Station is located in which of these states?
A) Rajasthan
B) Jharkhand
C) Karnataka
D) Odisha
Answer: C

Q. Mathura city lies along the banks of which river?
A) Rapti
B) Gomti
C) Yamuna
D) Ganga
Answer: C

Q. The Sonari Airport serves which state of India?
A) Jharkhand
B) Karnataka
Answer: A

Q. What is the currency of Italy?
A) Euro
B) Dollar
C) Pound
D) Peso
Answer: A