Q. The Skill Development Ministry has Mahatma Gandhi National Fellowship (MGNF) programme, to strengthen skills training at district level. This programme has been launched under the skill development SANKALP programme. SANKALP is assisted by which financial body?

A) Asian Development Bank  
B) World Bank  
C) New Development Bank  
D) International Monetary Fund

Answer: B

WORLD BANK IN NEWS

- World Bank Signs $100 million Project to Support Nutrition-Supportive Agriculture in Tribal-Dominated Areas of Chhattisgarh
- France hosts 4th One Planet Summit in cooperation with UN and World Bank
- World Bank Projects Indian Economy to Contract By 9.6% in 2020-21; global economy to expand by 4% in 2021
- World Bank approves $105 million loan to improve Waterways in West Bengal
- World Bank inks $500 million pact with Government of India for green, safe highway corridors project
- World Bank approves several projects to support development initiatives in India
India and World Bank sign $400 million project to protect India’s poor and vulnerable from the impact of COVID-19

About World Bank:

- Headquarters: Washington, D.C., United States
- President: David Malpass
- Parent organization: World Bank Group
- Founded: July 1944, Bretton Woods, New Hampshire, United States
- Subsidiaries: International Finance Corporation, MORE
- Founders: John Maynard Keynes, Harry Dexter White

Q. Which state has collaborated with UK Space Agency for new flood forecasting mechanism in Valley?

A) Arunachal Pradesh  
B) Jammu & Kashmir  
C) Himachal Pradesh  
D) Andhra Pradesh

Answer: B

- The project will be undertaken by HR Wallingford in collaboration with Oxford University, Sayers & Partners & D-Orbit (UK).

Recently Collaboration News:

- Exim Bank to provide USD 400 mn funding for Greater Male Connectivity Project in Maldives
- World Bank Signs $100 million Project to Support Nutrition-Supportive Agriculture in Tribal-Dominated Areas of Chhattisgarh
- New Development Bank Commits $100 million in NIIF Fund of Funds
- India and Afghanistan Inks MoU for the construction of the Lalandar “Shatoot” Dam in Afghanistan
- India-Bahrain holds first Joint Working Group meeting in the field of Renewable Energy
• HAL inks MoU with MIDHANI to develop and manufacture composite raw materials for aircrafts
• Ford joins hand with Google to offer cloud-based data services
• Prakash Javadekar Launches 2021 as Indo-French Year of the Environment
• India Inks Strategic Partnership Agreement with International Energy Agency
• India to procure 21 MiG-29 and 12 Sukhoi-30MKI fighter aircraft from Russia

Q. The New START Treaty is a nuclear arms reduction treaty, extended by United States with which country, for a period of five years?

A) China  C) India
B) Japan  D) Russia

Answer: D

- The United States has extended the" New START" nuclear disarmament treaty with Russia for a period of five years.
- New START (Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty)

**RUSSIA IN NEWS**

• United States-Russia Extends New START Arms Reduction Treaty for Five Years
• India to procure 21 MiG-29 and 12 Sukhoi-30MKI fighter aircraft from Russia
• BWF Bans Russian badminton player Nikita Khakimov for five years over betting, fixing offences
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About Russia:

- President: Vladimir Putin Trending
- Capital: Moscow
- Currency: Russian ruble

Q. Which digital transactions app has partnered with Star Health and Allied Insurance for offering Digital Health Insurance?

A) PayTM
B) Google Pay
C) PhonePe
D) CentPay

Answer: C

- PhonePe has partnered with Star Health and Allied Insurance for offering Digital Health Insurance to its users.
- It will also provide easy access to Arogya Sanjeevani health insurance policy to the millennial. Under this policy the insurers will get a health cover of Rs. 1 lakh by just paying a premium of Rs. 2985 annually.

About Phonepay:

- Parent organization: Flipkart
- Founded: December 2015
- CEO: Sameer Nigam
- Headquarters location: Bengaluru
- Founders: Sameer Nigam, Burzin Engineer, Rahul Chari

Q. Who has been appointed as the new Prime Minister of Italy?

A) Jens Weidmann
B) Silvio Berlusconi
C) Mario Draghi
D) Luigi Di Maio

Answer: C
The former European Central Bank Chief Mario Draghi has been sworn in as the new Prime Minister of Italy on 12 February 2021.

About Italy

- President of Italy: Sergio Mattarella.
- Capital of Italy: Rome
- Currency of Italy: Euro

Q. A ‘COVID Warrior Memorial’ to recognise the self-less services and sacrifices of Covid warriors, is planned to be set up in which city?

A) Bhubaneswar  
B) Indore  
C) New Delhi  
D) Chennai

Answer: A

Recap Notes

- AIIMS Bhubaneswar Receives Kayakalp Award For 3rd Time
- Naveen Patnaik Inaugurates India’s First ‘Fire Park’ In Bhubaneswar

Q. RBI has tightened the norms for investments in NBFCs from non-____ nations.

A) UN  
B) SAARC  
C) FATF  
D) UNEP

Answer: C

- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has tightened the norms for investments in NBFCs from non- **FATF** (Financial Action Task Force) nations. The decision has been taken by RBI for stopping money laundering from 17 non-compliant FATF nations.

About FATF
The headquarters of FATF is in Paris, France.
FATF was founded in July 1989.

Q. The memoir titled ‘Unfinished’ is written by which Indian celebrity?

A) Anuskha Sharma  
B) Priyanka Chopra  
C) Kareena Kapoor  
D) Shilpa Shetty  

Answer: B

Q. Who has been named as the new MD & CEO of Tata Motors Limited?

A) Hanne Birgitte Sorensen  
B) Thierry Bolloré  
C) Marc Llistosella  
D) Guenter Butschek  

Answer: C

➢ Tata Motors Limited has appointed Marc Llistosella as its new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Managing Director (MD).

About Tata Motors

➢ Tata Motors Founder: J. R. D. Tata.  
➢ Tata Motors Founded: 1945, Mumbai.

Q. What is the theme of National Productivity Day 2021?

A) From Waste to Profits—through Reduce, Recycle and Reuse  
B) Udyog Manthan for Productivity  
C) Industry 4.0 Leapfrog Opportunity for India  
D) Circular Economy for Productivity & Sustainability  

Answer: B
Q. How much amount will be infused by the Finance Ministry in the state-owned general insurance companies during the ongoing quarter of the fiscal 2020-21 for their recapitalisation?

A) Rs 5,000 crore       C) Rs 3,000 crore
B) Rs 2,000 crore       D) Rs 7,000 crore

Answer: C

Q. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has laid the foundation stone of the Grand Anicut Canal System in which state?

A) Andhra Pradesh       C) Rajasthan
B) Kerala               D) Tamil Nadu

Answer: D

Q. Who has been selected as the 1st Indian startup to be selected for WEF's Circulars Accelerator Programme 2021?

A) Koo                C) SkyRoot
B) IndiVenture        D) Recykal

Answer: D

Recykal has become the 1st Indian startup to be selected for World Economic Forum’s (WEF) Circulars Accelerator Programme 2021. Hyderabad-based Recykal provides end-to-end digital waste-commerce solutions. Recykal has been founded by Abhay Deshpande.

Q. Which state has signed a pact with UNEP for achieving climate resilience & low carbon emissions by 2040?

A) Bihar       B) Punjab
C) Kerala

**Answer:** A

**UNEP IN NEWS**

- Vidyut Mohan among UNEP’s Seven ‘Young Champions of the Earth’ for 2020
- Surat-based 17-Year-Old Khushi Chindaliya Appointed As Indian Ambassador for UNEP’s Tunza Eco-Generation
- UNEP announces 2020 Champions of the Earth Award
- UNEP launches “The Little Book of Green Nudges” for universities

**United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)**

- Formation: 5 June 1972
- Headquarters: Nairobi, Kenya
- Executive Director: Inger Andersen (Denmark)

**About Bihar**

- **Capital** – Patna
- **Governor** – Phagu Chauhan
- **Chief minister** – Nitish Kumar
- **UNESCO Heritage sites** - Nalanda Mahavihara (Nalanda University), Mahabodhi Temple Complex at Bodh Gaya.
- **Wild Life Sanctuaries (WLS)** - Gautam Budha WLS, Kanwarjheel WLS, Kaimur WLS, Kusheshwar Asthan Bird WLS, Nagi Dam WLS.

**Q.** PM Modi has recently dedicated to the nation the Rs 6000 crore Propylene Derivative Petrochemical Project (PDPP), developed by the Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL), in which state?

A) Kerala  B) West Bengal
C) Tamil Nadu  
D) Gujarat

**Answer: A**

Q. Which state/UT has launched the “Zero Covid by Feb28” campaign to ensure zero COVID-19 cases by 28 February 2021?

A) Goa  
B) Puducherry  
C) Tamil Nadu  
D) Jammu & Kashmir

**Answer: B**

- In Puducherry, a campaign has been launched titled “Zero Covid by Feb28” to ensure that there is no COVID-19 cases by the end of February 2021, in the union territory.

**Campaign in NEWS**

- Rajnath Singh Inaugurates ‘Jalabhishekam’ Campaign In Madhya Pradesh
- Madhya Pradesh Launches ‘SAANS’ Campaign To Reduce Infant Mortality
- Arvind Kejriwal Launches ‘Switch Delhi’ Campaign To Promote Electric Vehicles
- Petroleum Ministry Launches ‘SAKSHAM’ Campaign
- IDFC Mutual Fund Unveils New Investor Awareness Campaign #PaisonKoRokoMat
- “Varasat” Campaign Launched In Uttar Pradesh
- West Bengal Launches Massive ‘Duare Sarkar’ Outreach Campaign

Q. How many female scientists have been conferred with SERB Women Excellence Award 2021?

A) 2  
B) 7
C) 4
D) 6

Answer: C

- Four young women fellows of National Science Academies have been awarded SERB Women Excellence Award 2021. The winners include: Dr. Shobhna Kapoor, Dr. Antara Banerjee, Dr. Sonu Gandhi and Dr. Ritu Gupta

Q. What is the authorised share capital of National Insurance Company Limited (NICL)?

A) Rs 7,500 crore
B) Rs 5,000 crore
C) Rs 3,500 crore
D) Rs 8,000 crore

Answer: A

- The authorised share capital of National Insurance Company Limited (NICL) is Rs 7,500 crore

Q. Starstruck: Confessions of a TV executive is a memoir of which media personality?

A) Arnab Ranjan Goswami
B) Peter Mukerjea
C) Rajdeep Sardesai
D) Prannoy Lal Roy

Answer: B

- Former media baron Peter Mukerjea has come out with his memoir ‘Starstruck: Confessions of a TV executive’.

Q. The Mandu Festival is celebrated in which state of India?

A) Kerala
B) Gujarat
C) Assam
D) Madhya Pradesh
Q. The Authorised share capital of United India Insurance Company Limited (UIICL) is_____

A) Rs 5,000 crore  
C) Rs 4,000 crore

B) Rs 2,000 crore  
D) Rs 3,000 crore

**Answer: A**

- United India Insurance Company Limited (UIICL) – Rs 5,000 crore

Q. What is the authorised share capital of Oriental Insurance Company Limited (OICL)?

A) Rs 3,000 crore  
C) Rs 5,000 crore

B) Rs 2,500 crore  
D) Rs 4,000 crore

**Answer: C**

- Oriental Insurance Company Limited (OICL) – Rs 5,000 crore

**STATIC GK BASED CURRENT AFFAIRS MCQ**

Q. Uddhav Thackeray is the chief minister of which Indian state?

A) Madhya Pradesh  
B) Maharashtra

C) Gujarat  
D) Punjab

**Answer: B**

Q. Which city is situated on the bank of Noyyal River?
A) Cuttack
B) Chennai
C) Coimbatore
D) Vijayawada

Answer: C

Q. Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport is located in which city
A) Hyderabad
B) Varanasi
C) Indore
D) Chandigarh

Answer: B

Q. Where is the headquarter of The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)?
A) Paris, France
B) New York, United States
C) London, United Kingdom
D) Geneva, Switzerland

Answer: D

Q. Where is the capital city of Yemen?
A) Lusaka
B) Rabat
C) Sana’a

D) Cairo

**Answer: C**

Q. The Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) is headquartered at____?

A) Jakarta, Indonesia
B) Hanoi, Vietnam
C) Manila, Philippines
D) Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

**Answer: A**

Q. Hemant Soren is the chief minister of which of the following Indian state?

A) Bihar
B) Uttar Pradesh
C) Jharkhand
D) Odisha

**Answer: C**

Q. The Talcher Thermal Power Station is based in which state?

A) Gujarat
B) Odisha
C) Andhra Pradesh
D) Tamil Nadu
Answer: B

Q. Georgetown is the capital of which country?
A) Honduras
B) Kiribati
C) Guyana
D) Senegal
Answer: C

Q. The book title “Indira Gandhi: A life in Nature” authored by___?
A) Chetan Bhagat
B) Jairam Ramesh
C) Mahesh Choudhary
D) Arundhati Roy
Answer: B