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Q. Name the player who has lifted the Australian Open 2021 Tennis title

A) Daniil Medvedev  
B) Novak Djokovic  
C) Aslan Karatsev  
D) Federico Gaio

Answer: B

➢ In Men’s single final, Novak Djokovic claimed his ninth Australian Open crown and the 18th Major Grand Slam overall, as he defeated Daniil Medvedev.

Winners of Australian Open 2021:

- **Men’s Singles**: Novak Djokovic (Serbia) defeated Daniil Medvedev (Russia)
- **Women’s Singles**: Naomi Osaka (Japan) defeated Jennifer Brady (US)
- **Men’s Doubles**: Ivan Dodig of Croatia and Filip Polášek (Slovakia) defeated Rajeev Ram (US) and Joe Salisbury (UK)
- **Women’s Doubles**: Elise Mertens (Belgium) and Aryna Sabalenka (Belarus) defeated Barbora Krejčíková (Czech Republic) and Kateřina Siniaková (Czech Republic)
- **Mixed Doubles**: Barbora Krejčíková (Czech Republic) and Rajeev Ram of the US defeated the Australian pair of Samantha Stosur and Matthew Ebden.
Recently Sports 2021 in News:

- Sri Lanka Fast Bowler Dhammika Prasad quits international cricket
- Novak Djokovic and Naomi Osaka wins Australian Open 2021 Tennis Championship
- South Africa’s Chris Morris becomes ‘most expensive player’ in IPL auction history
- Manika Batra Wins her Second Women’s Singles Title at 82nd National Table Tennis Championship
- Vivo is back as title sponsor for Indian Premier League 2021 Season
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- Former South African Skipper Faf du Plessis retires from Test cricket
- Naman Ojha announces retirement from all forms of cricket
- Virat Kohli Slips to 5th Position in Latest ICC Test Rankings for Batsmen
- Steve Smith claims Allan Border Medal for third time in his career; Beth Mooney bags her maiden Belinda Clarke Award
- Rishabh Pant and Shabnim Ismail wins inaugural ICC Player of the Month January 2021
- Ajay Singh re-elected Boxing Federation of India President
- Bengal fast bowler Ashoke Dinda Announces Retirement From All Forms Of Cricket
- Former pacer Merv Hughes inducted into Australian Cricket Hall of Fame
- Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju launches first Reference Material synthesized by NDTL and NIPER to strengthen anti-doping measures
- India top medals tally with 11 medals at first Asian Online Shooting Championship
- Dinesh Karthik led Tamil Nadu Beat Baroda to claim Syed Mushtaq Ali T20 Trophy
Q. Which alliance will launch World Solar Bank?

A) World Solar Alliance
B) International Solar Alliance
C) Asian Solar Alliance
D) United Nations Solar Alliance

Answer: B

- International Solar Alliance will launch World Solar at the United Nations Climate Change Conference to be held in November, 2021 at Glasgow.

About International Solar Alliance:

- Headquarters: Gurugram
- Founded: 30 November 2015
- Leader: Upendra Tripathy
- Founded at: Paris, France
- Founders: François Hollande, Narendra Modi

✓ International Solar Alliance (ISA)
✓ World Solar Bank (WSB)

Q. The Government of India has inked pact with which country to set up a Centre of Excellence on Hydrogen?

A) Maldives
B) United States
C) Australia
D) Norway
Answer: D

- Indian Oil signs pact with Greenstat Norway for setting up of Centre of Excellence for Hydrogen

**Norway in News:**

- India slips two positions to rank 53rd in EIU’s Democracy Index, Norway Tops
- India Ranks 131 in Human Development Index 2020, Norway Tops
- Norway signs MoU with Clean Ganga Mission for development of sludge management framework in India

**About Norway:**

- Currency: Norwegian krone
- Official language: Norwegian

**Q. What is the GDP growth projection of India in the fiscal 2021-22, as per S&P Global Ratings?**

A) 11%
B) 12%
C) 10%
D) 9%

**Answer: C**

- The S&P Global Ratings has projected that India will be one of the fastest growing emerging market economies in the fiscal year 2021-22, with GDP growth rate of 10 percent.
Q. External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, was on a two day visit to Maldives during which he handed over 1 lakh additional doses of COVID-19 vaccine and offered line of credit (LoC) to support the development of sports infrastructure. What amount of LoC has been offered by India for the same?

A) $40-million  
B) $20-million  
C) $10-million  
D) $80-million  

Answer: A

- Jaishankar also offered a $40-million line of credit (LoC) to support the development of sports infrastructure in Maldives.

Q. Which bank has partnered with Vayana Network for helping the MSMEs?

A) Bank of India  
B) Bank of Baroda  
C) Punjab National Bank  
D) Bank of Maharashtra  

Answer: D

- Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) has partnered with Vayana Network for offering financial assistance to the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs).
Under the partnership, BoM will provide short term loans to the MSMEs through the Mahabank Channel Financing Scheme.

About Bank of Maharashtra:

- CEO: A. S. Rajeev
- Headquarters: Pune
- Owner: Government of India (93.33%)
- Founders: D. K. Sathe, V. G. Kale

About MSMEs:

- Headquarters: New Delhi
- Founded: 2007
- Annual budget: ₹6,552.61 crore (US$920 million)
- Jurisdiction: India
- Officeholders: Ateesh Kumar Singh (Joint secretary to the Government of India), MORE
- Departments: National Small Industries Corporation, National Institute of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

Q. Which state has recently sanctioned Rs. 9 crore to build ‘smart anganwadis’, by converting the conventional anganwadis into “smart” structures with better amenities?

A) Andhra Pradesh
B) Kerala
C) Tamil nadu
D) Karnataka
Kerala in News:

- PM Modi inaugurates and lays foundation stone of key power and urban sector projects in Kerala
- ‘Snakepedia’ mobile app launched in Kerala to help treat snake bites
- PM Modi Visits Kerala to dedicate to the nation and lay foundation stone of multiple projects
- India’s First ‘Gender Park’ to be inaugurated in Kozhikode, Kerala
- India’s first Labour Movement Museum to be set up in Kerala
- Kerala launches ‘One School, One IAS’ Program to impart UPSC Civil Services free coaching for economically weak students

About Kerala:

- Chief Minister- Pinarayi Vijayan.
- Governor- Arif Mohammad Khan.
- Capital- Thiruvananthapuram.
- Rivers- Cheruthoni river, Bharathapuzha river, Pamba river, Chalakudy river, Parambikulam river.

Q. The foundation stone of the first ever ‘Skill University of the Eastern India’ has been laid in which state?

A) Assam
B) West Bengal
C) Jharkhand
D) Sikkim

Answer: A

- Assam CM Sarbananda Sonowal Lays Foundation of Eastern India’s First Skill University in Darrang district

Assam in News:

- Prime Minister Modi inaugurates Oil & Gas projects and Engineering Colleges in Assam
- PM Modi launches ‘Mahabahu-Brahmaputra’ initiative and lays foundation stone of two bridges in Assam
- PM lays Foundation Stone of two Hospitals and launches ‘Asom Mala’ programme in Assam
- ADB & India sign $231 million loan to enhance power generation capacity in Assam

About Assam:

- Capital - Dispur
- Chief Minister (CM) - Sarbananda Sanowal
- Governor - Jagdish Mukhi
- National Parks (NP) - Kaziranga NP, Manas NP, Dibru Saikhowa NP, Nameri NP, Orang NP

Q. The pacer Dhammika Prasad, has announced his retirement from professional cricket. He represented which country in the international game?

A) Pakistan
B) India
C) Bangladesh

D) Sri Lanka

Answer: D

➤ Sri Lanka Fast Bowler Dhammika Prasad quits international cricket

5 Indian Cricketers Who Might Retire From International Cricket In 2021:

❖ Harbhajan Singh
❖ Amit Mishra
❖ Dinesh Karthik
❖ Kedar Jadhav
❖ Stuart Binny

About Sri Lanka:

❖ Capitals: Colombo, Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte
❖ President: Gotabaya Rajapaksa
❖ Currency: Sri Lankan rupee

Q. The Atal Paryavaran Bhavan has recently been inaugurated in which place by Union Minister Prakash Javadekar?

A) Jammu & Kashmir

B) Assam

C) Lakshadweep

D) Bihar

Answer: C
Union Minister Prakash Javadekar inaugurates Atal Paryavaran Bhavan in Lakshadweep

Lakshadweep in News:

- Lakshadweep Becomes India’s First UT to be declared 100% Organic
- Lakshadweep Administrator and former J&K interlocutor Dineshwar Sharma passes away
- Ladakh & Lakshadweep joins ‘One Nation-One Ration Card’ scheme, bringing total States/UTs under the Scheme to 26

About Lakshadweep:

- Smallest Union Territory of India with 36 Islands
- Capital: Kavaratti
- Largest city: Andrott
- Administrator: Praful Khoda Patel

Q. When is the International Mother Language Day (IMLD) observed?

A) 22 February
B) 21 February
C) 20 February
D) 19 February

Answer: B

- The International Mother Language Day (IMLD) is observed annually on 21 February to raise awareness regarding linguistic and cultural diversity and to promote multilingualism.

Important Days Feb 2021:
- World Thinking Day: 22 February
- International Mother Language Day: 21 February
- World Day of Social Justice: 20 February
- World Pangolin Day 2021: 20 February
- 6th Soil Health Card Day Observed on 19 February 2021
- National Productivity Day: 12 February
- National Women’s Day in India: 13 February
- World Radio Day: 13 February
- RBI Organises Financial Literacy Week from February 8-12, 2021
- World Unani Day: 11 February
- International Day of Women and Girls in Science: 11 February
- World Pulses Day: 10 February
- International Epilepsy Day 2021: 08 February
- International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation: 06 February
- International Day of Human Fraternity: 04 February
- World Cancer Day: February 4
- World Wetlands Day: 02 February

Q. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has recently laid the foundation stone of the Dhubri Phulbari Bridge in which state?

A) Assam  
B) Tamil Nadu  
C) Nagaland  
D) Ladakh

**Answer:** A

- PM launched the Mahabahu-Brahmaputra inland waterway project, laid the foundation stone of Dhubri Phulbari Bridge along with Bhumi Pujan for construction of Majuli Bridge, across the Brahmaputra.
Q. The India and Indonesia navies recently held their Passage Exercise (PASSEX) in which region?

A) Arctic Ocean  
B) South China Sea  
C) Indian Ocean  
D) Arabian Sea  

Answer: D

- Indian And Indonesian Navies Conduct PASSEX Exercise In Arabian Sea

About Arabian Sea:

- Area: 3.862 million km²  
- Part of: Indian Ocean  
- Location: East Africa, Western Asia and South Asia  
- Max. depth: 4,652 m (15,262 ft)  
- Islands: Piram Island  
- Basin countries: India, Iran, Maldives, Oman, Pakistan, Somalia, Yemen

Q. When is the World Thinking Day observed?

A) 21 February  
B) 20 February  
C) 22 February  
D) 19 February  

Answer: C
World Thinking Day, originally known as Thinking Day, is celebrated annually on 22 February by all Girl Scouts, Girl Guides and other girl groups worldwide.

Q. PM Modi has inaugurated the 50 MW Kasaragod Solar Power Project in which state?

A) Kerala  
B) Rajasthan  
C) Odisha  
D) Jharkhand  

Answer: A

- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of key projects in the state of Kerala via video conference.  
- 50 MW Kasaragod Solar Power Project, developed under the National Solar Energy Mission

Q. What is the theme of the International Mother Language Day (IMLD) 2021?

A) Languages without borders  
B) Indigenous languages matter for development, peace building and reconciliation  
C) Linguistic diversity and multilingualism count for sustainable development  
D) Fostering multilingualism for inclusion in education and society
The 2021 theme is “Fostering multilingualism for inclusion in education and society”.

Q. India has recently signed agreements related to visa facilitation and leather technology with which country

A) Sri Lanka  
B) Maldives  
C) Ethiopia  
D) Mauritius

Answer: C

- On February 20, 2021, India and Ethiopia signed two agreements related to visa facilitation and leather technology.

About Ethiopia:
- Capital: Addis Ababa  
- Currency: Ethiopian birr  
- President: Sahle-Work Zewde  
- Prime minister: Abiy Ahmed  
- Official language: Amharic

Latest Agreement in News Feb 2021:
- Indian Oil signs pact with Greenstat Norway for setting up of Centre of Excellence for Hydrogen  
- India & Ethiopia Sign Agreements On Visa Facilitation and Leather Technology
- CSIR inks MoU with Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to promote health research
- 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
- Reliance sources world’s first ‘carbon-neutral’ oil from United States
- Ford joins hand with Google to offer cloud-based data services

**Q. US has officially rejoined the Paris Climate Agreement in February 2021. The landmark deal was signed in which year?**

A) 2013  
B) 2015  
C) 2017  
D) 2012

**Answer: B**

- The United States has officially rejoined the Paris Agreement on February 19, 2021, under the Presidency of US President Joe Biden, who was sworn-in on January 20, 2021.
Q. What is the theme of the World Thinking Day 2021?

A) Peacebuilding  
B) Leadership  
C) Cooperation  
D) Discipline

Answer: A

- 2021 Theme of World Thinking Day is: “Peacebuilding”

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Answer: A

Q. In which state is the “Mitti Dam” located?

A) Andhra Pradesh  
B) West Bengal  
C) Gujarat  
D) Madhya Pradesh

Answer: C

Q. Nagpur is situated on the banks of which river?

A) Nag  
B) Betwa

Q. With which sports is Sakshi Malik is related?

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Answer: A

Q. In which of these state is the Barabati Stadium located?
A) Assam
B) Karnataka
C) Maharashtra
D) Odisha
Answer: D

Q. Girna Dam is in which state?
A) Maharashtra
B) Gujarat
C) Punjab
D) Haryana
Answer: A

Q. In India, the National Science Day is held on_____?
A) 18 April
B) 1 May
C) 28 February
D) 7 July
Answer: C

Q. Where is the HQ of Federal Bank situated?
A) Tamil Nadu
B) Odisha
C) Maharashtra
D) Kerala
Answer: D

Q. Which of the following Desert in China?
A) Arabian Desert
B) Great Victoria Desert
C) Taklamakan Desert
D) Simpson Desert
Answer: C