Q. Who became the costliest uncapped Indian player at the IPL 2021 auction?

A) Krishnappa Gowtham
B) Arjun Tendulkar
C) Ishan Kishan
D) Surya Kumar Yadav

Answer: A

- Krishnappa Gowtham has become the costliest uncapped Indian player at the IPL auction 2021. He has been bought by the franchise of Chennai Super Kings. A total of 292 players were listed for the IPL 2021 auctions.

Q. Which phase of the Intensified Mission Indradhanush has been launched by the government in 2021?

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

Answer: B

- The Union Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan launched the Intensified Mission Indradhanush 3.0, (IMI 3.0) on February 19, 2021, to expand immunization coverage across the country.
Q. V Narayanasamy has recently resigned as the Chief Minister of which state/UT?

A) Lakshadweep  
B) Andhra Pradesh  
C) Telangana  
D) Puducherry  

**Answer: D**  

- V Narayanasamy, the Chief Minister of the Union Territory of Puducherry, has submitted the letter of his resignation and his council of ministers on February 22, 2021 to the Lieutenant Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan.

### Resignation in NEWS 2021

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- **Georgia Capital:** Tbilisi  
- **Currency:** Georgian lari. |
| **Prime Minister of Italy** |  
Giuseppe Conte resigns  
- **President of Italy:** Sergio Mattarella.  
- **Capital of Italy:** Rome; **Currency of Italy:** Euro. |
| **Mongolian Prime Minister** |  
Khurelsukh Ukhnaa & His Government Resigns  
- **Mongolia Capital:** Ulaanbaatar.  
- **Mongolia President:** Khaltmaagiin Battulga.  
- **Mongolia Currency:** Mongolian Togrog. |
| **Dushyant Dave Resigns As SC Bar Association (SCBA) President** |  
- **Supreme Court Bar Association Headquarters:** New Delhi, India. |
| **Romanian PM Ludovic Orban resigns** |  
- **Romania Capital:** Bucharest.  
- **Romania Currency:** Romanian leu.  
- **Romania President:** Klaus Iohannis. |
| **Rajiv Lall resigns as chairman of IDFC First Bank** |  
- **MD and CEO of IDFC FIRST Bank:** V Vaidyanathan; **Headquarters:** Mumbai.  
- **IDFC FIRST Bank was founded in 2015.** |
About Puducherry

- **Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry (UT):** Tamilisai Soundararajan,
- **Chief Minister of Puducherry:** V. Narayanasamy.
- **Nickname**— Quintessence of French Culture, India’s Little France and The French Riviera of the East
- **Bird Sanctuary**— Oussudu Lake Birds Sanctuary

Q. RBI has brought State Bank of Sikkim (SBS) under its regulatory purview, which means that bank will now be regulated by the RBI. In which year was the SBS established?

A) 1968  
B) 1973  
C) 1970  
D) 1965

**Answer: A**

➢ *The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has brought State Bank of Sikkim under its regulatory purview, on February 22, 2021. The State Bank of Sikkim, was established as an autonomous body wholly owned by Government of Sikkim, in the year 1968*

**RBI IN NEWS**

- RBI Ropes In Punjabi Rapper For Awareness Campaign On Cyber Fraud
- RBI Permits Residents To Make Remittances To IFSCs Under LRS
- RBI Constitues 8-Member Expert Panel For Strengthening Urban Co-Operative Banks
- RBI Organises Financial Literacy Week From February 8-12
- RBI To Conduct Bond Purchases For Rs 20,000 Crore
- RBI keeps repo rate unchanged at 4%
RBI Retains SBI, ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank as Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs)
RBI cancels the licence of Maharashtra-based Vasantdada Nagari Sahakari Bank
RBI officer R. Giridharan authors debut novel ‘Right Under our Nose’

About RESERVE BANK OF INDIA (RBI)

- Founded: 1 April 1935
- RBI Nationalised: 1 January 1949
- HQ: Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 1st Governor: Sir Osborne Smith
- 1st Indian Governor: CD Deshmukh
- 25th Governor: Shaktikanta Das

RBI Deputy Governor (4)

1. Mukesh Kumar Jain
2. B P Kanungo
3. Michael D Patra
4. M Rajeshwar Rao

Four Subsidiaries of RBI:

1. Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation of India (DICGC)
2. Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran Private Limited (BRBNMPL)
3. Reserve Bank Information Technology Private Limited (ReBIT)
4. Indian Financial Technology and Allied Services (IFTAS)
Q. Vice-President M Venkaiah Naidu recently released a book titled ‘Maverick Messiah’. The book is a political biography of_______

A) Kotla Vijaya Bhaskara Reddy
B) N. Chandrababu Naidu
C) N T Rama Rao
D) Y. S. Jaganmohan Reddy

Answer: C

Vice-President M Venkaiah Naidu released a book ‘Maverick Messiah’ on February 18, 2021. The book is a political biography of ‘N T Rama Rao’, the former Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh.

List of Most Important Books and Authors 2021

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Q. PM Modi recently inaugurated the extension of Metro Railway service from Noapara to Dakshineswar, in which state?

A) Gujarat  
B) Kerala  
C) Uttarakhand  
D) West Bengal  

Answer: D

- PM inaugurated the 4.1 km extension of Metro Railway from Noapara to Dakshineswar, in West Bengal and flagged off the first service on this stretch. The Rs. 464 crore project is fully funded by the Central Government.

Recently Inaugurations By PM Modi in NEWS

- PM Modi inaugurates and lays foundation stone of key power and urban sector projects in Kerala  
- PM Modi inaugurates World Sustainable Development Summit 2021
organised by TERI

- PM Modi Inaugurates Chauri Chaura Centenary Celebrations
- PM Modi inaugurates National Metrology Conclave 2021 organised by CSIR
- PM Modi inaugurates New Bhaupur-New Khurja section of Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor (EDFC)
- PM Modi inaugurates world’s largest, 30,000 MW renewable energy park in Kutch
- PM Modi Inaugurates virtual India Mobile Congress 2020
- PM Modi Inaugurates 3rd global renewable energy event RE-INVEST 2020
- PM Modi inaugurates & lays foundation for various development projects in Varanasi worth Rs 614 crore

**About West Bengal:**

- Capital- Kolkata.
- Chief Minister- Mamata Banerjee.
- Governor- Jagdeep Dhankhar.
- Districts- 23.
- State Bird- White-throated Kingfisher.
- State Animal- Fishing cat.
- State Tree- Chatim tree.
- State Flower- Night-flowering jasmine.

**Q. The Chief of Army Staff General MM Naravane flagged off the 100th and final K9 Vajra Tracked Self-Propelled Howitzer. The gun has been developed by which entity?**

A) Ordnance Factories Board  
B) Larsen and Toubro  
C) Bharat Forge  
D) Tata Power
Answer: B.

Q. As per HSBC, what is the growth rate projection of India in the fiscal 2021-22?

A) 10.5%
B) 9%
C) 11.2%
D) 12.1%

Answer: C

Indian GDP Forecast in NEWS

- HSBC Raises India’s GDP Forecast for FY22 to 11.2%
- Goldman Sachs Projects India’s GDP Forecast At -10.3% In FY21
- Citi projects India’s FY21 GDP forecast at -6%
- Fitch cuts India’s FY20 GDP forecast to 4.9% and for FY21 to 5.4%

Q. The first-of-its-kind Skill Development Centre (SDC) for Fire Safety Training of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has been inaugurated in which state?

A) Uttar Pradesh
B) Gujarat
C) Rajasthan
D) West Bengal

Answer: A

➢ Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh inaugurated Skill Development Centre (SDC) for Fire Safety Training of Defence Research and
Development Organisation (DRDO) through virtual mode on February 22, 2021, at Pilkuwa in Uttar Pradesh. The first of its kind in India facility has been created by Delhi based DRDO laboratory ‘Centre for Fire, Explosive and Environment Safety (CFEES)’

About Uttar Pradesh:

- Capital city - Lucknow
- Chief Minister - Yogi Adityanath
- Governor - Anandiben Patel
- State Animal - Swamp Deer
- State Bird - Sarus Crane
- State Tree - Ashoka tree
- State Flower - Palash

Q. PM Modi has dedicated to the nation, the INDMAX Unit at Bongaigaon Refinery of Indian Oil. The refinery is located in which state?

A) West Bengal
B) Assam
C) Odisha
D) Tamil Nadu

Answer: B

- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi was in Assam on February 22, 2021, to inaugurate and lay foundation stone of various development projects in the state. During the visit, PM dedicated to the nation and laid foundation stone of following projects: INDMAX Unit at Indian Oil’s Bongaigaon Refinery

ASSAM IN NEWS 2021

- 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
- 1st Cow Hospital Of Northeast Inaugurated In Assam
- Assam Celebrates Lachit Divas (Lachit Day) on 24 November
- 8th North East Festival to be held in Guwahati on Dec 19-20
- Assam set to get its 6th national park in Dima Hasao
- Assam Celebrates Lachit Divas on 24 November, mark the birth anniversary of Lachit Borphukan
- Assam’s Tezpur Litchi gets GI tag
- SBI starts “Mahila Atmanirbharshil Aachani” (Women Self-Reliance programme) in Assam
- Assam Launches Orunodoi Scheme to financially empower women
- Former Assam Chief Minister Tarun Gogoi passes away
- Assam Musician Bibhuranjan Choudhury passes away
- India’s longest river ropeway inaugurated in Assam
- Kati Bihu festival celebrated across Assam
- Assam’s only woman CM Syeda Anwara Taimur passes away
- Assam CM launches ‘Kritagyata’ for online pension submission and tracking
- Assam Govt launched “Mukhyamantrir Grammya Paribahan Achoni Yojana”
- Assam CM Sarbananda Sonowal lays foundation stone of Indo-Israeli Centre of Excellence for Vegetables Protected Cultivation at Khetri near Guwahati
- Assamese folk singer Archana Mahanta has passed away
- Assam government to upgrade Dehing Patkai wildlife sanctuary to national park
About Assam:

- Capital: Dispur.
- Largest city: Guwahati.
- Chief minister: Sarbananda Sonowal.
- Governor: Jagdish Mukhi.
- Rivers: Dhansiri river, Kopili river, Subansiri river.

Q. DRDO recently conducted the successful trial launch of VL-SRSAM missile system. Expand VL-SRSAM

A) Variant Land Sea Route Surface to Air Missile
B) Very Limited Short Range Surface to Air Missile
C) Volatile Large System Range Surface to Air Missile
D) Vertical Launch Short Range Surface to Air Missile

Answer: D

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DRDO successfully flight tests ‘Supersonic Missile Assisted Release of Torpedo’ (SMART) Off Odisha Coast

India successfully test-fires new version of nuclear-capable Shaurya Missile from Odisha coast, Shaurya : surface-to-surface missile

DRDO successfully test fires laser-guided anti-tank guided missile

India successfully test fires Brahmos surface-to-surface cruise missile featuring indigenous booster

India Successfully test-fires indigenously developed surface-to-surface Prithvi-II missile
Prithvi-II missile strike range : 350 km

DRDO successfully test-fires high-speed expendable aerial target (HEAT)-ABHYAS

Centre Forms 5-member Panel under IIT Delhi Director V. Ramagopal Rao to redefine DRDO Charter

DRDO successfully test-fires HELINA ‘Dhruvastra’ from ITR Chandipur

DRDO Successfully Test Fires First Pinaka Rockets Produced by Private Sector

DRDO develops P7 Heavy Drop System for IL 76 aircraft

DRDO Develops 'UV blaster' Ultraviolet Disinfection Tower

DRDO Develops 'DRUVS' automated UV system to Sanitise electronic gadgets

**DRDO Develops Ultra Swachh to Disinfect PPE**

- Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)
- Founded : 1958
- HQ : New Delhi
- Motto : Strength's Origin is in Knowledge
- Chairman : G. Satheesh Reddy

Q. _____ Communications has partnered with Google Cloud in India for promoting cloud adoption.

A) Reliance
B) Tata
C) Wipro
D) Amazon

Answer: B

Q. Who introduced the Major Port Authorities Bill 2020 and where?

A) Mansukh Mandaviya in Lok Sabha
B) Mansukh Mandaviya in Rajya Sabha
C) Nitin Gadkari in Lok Sabha
D) Smriti Irani in Lok Sabha

Answer: A

Q. Which country does Twitter find its origin in?

A) USA
B) UK
C) Japan
D) South Korea

Answer: A

Q. The state that is hosting Khelo India University Games this year is?

A) Karnataka
B) Uttar Pradesh
C) Gujarat
D) Maharashtra

Answer: A

Q. As per which state government, women would get the co-ownership rights to the ancestral property of their husbands?

A) USA
B) UK
C) Japan
D) South Korea

Answer: A
A) Kerala  
B) Uttarakhand  
C) Maharashtra  
D) Tamil Nadu  
**Answer: B**

**Q. What is the currency of Indonesia ?**
A) Euro  
B) Rupiah  
C) Dollar  
D) Won  
**Answer: B**

**Q. Bacha Nagma is a folk dance of which state?**
A) Haryana  
B) West Bengal  
C) Jammu & Kashmir  
D) Bihar  
**Answer: C**

**Q. The Duleep Trophy is related to which sports?**
A) Cricket  
B) Hockey  
C) Football  
D) Lawn Tennis  
**Answer: A**

**Q. Nokrek National Park is located in which state?**
A) Odisha  
B) Assam  
C) Karnataka  
D) Meghalaya  
**Answer: D**

**Q. “Moti Bagh Stadium” is located in which part of India?**
A) Rajasthan  
B) Gujarat  
C) Punjab  
D) Uttar Pradesh  
**Answer: B**

**Q. Where is the headquarters of “Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons” (OPCW) situated?**
A) The Hague, Netherlands
B) New York, US
C) Dubai, UAE

D) Montreal, Canada

Answer: A