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Q. Who has been appointed as the head of the committee formed by RBI to suggest steps for strengthening and consolidating Primary (Urban) Co-operative Banks (UCBs)?

A) Hasmukh Adhia  C) Karnam Sekar
B) Harsh Kumar Bhanwala  D) N. S. Vishwanathan

Answers - D

Other members

- **Harsh Kumar Bhanwala**: Former Chairman of the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD),
- **Mukund Chitale**: Chartered Accountant
- **NC Muniyappa and RN Joshi**: retired Indian Administrative Service officers
- **MS Sriram**: IIM Bengaluru Professor
- **Jyotindra Mehta**: President of the National Federation of Urban Cooperative Banks and Credit Societies
- **Neeraj Nigam**: Chief General Manager-in-Charge, Department of Regulation, RBI

**Appointment in NEWS FEB 2021**

- **Ajay Mathur** elected new DG at special assembly of ISA
- Tata Motors appoints **Marc Llistosella** as new CEO & MD
- **Satishwar Balakrishnan** appointed as Aegon Life’s MD & CEO
- **Anish Shah** appoint as new chairman of Mahindra Finance
- **Mario Draghi** Sworn in as Prime Minister of Italy
- **Nigeria’s Okonjo-Iweala** set to become first female Chief of WTO
- Michael Bloomberg re-appointed as United Nations Climate Envoy
- Google Cloud appoints Bikram Singh Bedi as Managing Director for India business
- Ajay Singh re-elected Boxing Federation of India President
- S.N. Subrahmanyan appointed as Chairman of the National Safety Council
- Centre appoints Praveen Sinha as interim Director of CBI
- Andy Jassy set to replace Jeff Bezos as Amazon CEO in July
- Indian-Origin Bhavya Lal appointed as Acting Chief of Staff of NASA
- Rama Mohan Rao Amara appointed MD and CEO of SBI Card
- Nguyen Phu Trong re-elected as Chief of ruling Communist Party of Vietnam for 3rd term
- Facebook hires Henry Moniz as its First Chief Compliance Officer
- R S Sharma appointed as new CEO of Ayushman Bharat Scheme

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. The ‘Traffic Crash Injuries and Disabilities: The Burden on Indian Society’ report states that India accounts for 11 percent of the global death due to road accidents. The report has been developed by which organisation?

A) World Bank  
B) Economist Intelligence Unit  
C) Reserve Bank of India  
D) International Monetary Fund

Answers – A

About Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH):

- Union Minister – Nitin Gadkari (Lok Sabha MP, Constituency – Nagpur, Maharashtra)
- Minister of State – Vijay Kumar Singh (Lok Sabha MP, Constituency – Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh)

WORLD BANK IN NEWS

- India accounts for 11% of global death in road accidents: World Bank Report
- 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. As per Nomura, the GDP of India in FY22 is projected at to be _______ percent
A) 12.5%  
B) 10.5%  
C) 11.5%  
D) 13.5%

Answers - D

- The Japanese brokerage Nomura has projected the GDP of India to grow at 13.5 percent in FY22 (2021-22).

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NCAER projects India’s GDP to contract 7.3% in FY21
SBI Ecowrap Report Projects India GDP to contract 7.4% in FY21; 11% in FY22
S&P revises India’s GDP contraction forecast in FY21 to 7.7% from 9% earlier
ADB Projects GDP of India at -8% in 2020, 8% in 2021
Fitch Ratings lowers India’s GDP contraction at 9.4% for FY21; 11% for FY22
OECD Projects India’s FY21 GDP at -9.9%, & Forecasts Global GDP at -4.2% in 2020

Q. Who is the author of the novel ‘The Terrible, Horrible, Very Bad Good News’?
A) Nikita Singh  C) Meghna Pant
B) Samhita Arni  D) Anita Desai
Answers - C

➢ The book will be released in April 2021, and soon be seen as a major motion picture under the title Badnam Ladoo.

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Q. The 11th Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav has been organised in which state by the Government of India?
A) Madhya Pradesh  
B) West Bengal  
C) Uttar Pradesh  
D) Gujarat

Answers – B

Quick Mahotsav RECAP

“Venkaiah Naidu Inaugurates National Tribal Festival “Aadi Mahotsav”

WEST BENGAL IN NEWS 2021

- West Bengal CM Inaugurates 26th Kolkata International Film Festival
- World’s first Tram library for children launched in Kolkata
- West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has launched a massive campaign titled ‘Duare Sarkar’
- Majerhat Bridge in Kolkata Renamed as “Jai Hind Bridge” To Commemorate 125th Birth Anniversary of Subhas Chandra Bose
- ADB and India sign $50 million loan agreement to boost digital platforms for public finance reforms in West Bengal
- India’s first ‘tyre park’ to come up in West Bengal
- West Bengal launches “Pathashree Abhijan” scheme for road repair
- Karma Sathi Prakalpa scheme
- Matir Smristi scheme
- Sneher Porosh Scheme
- Prochesta Scheme
- Pathashree Abhijan Scheme
- Karma Sathi Prakalpa Scheme
- “Karmo Bhumi” a job portal
- “SelfScan” document scanning App
- India’s 1st digital parcel locker service in Kolkata, West Bengal
- Kolkata Port Trust remaned as Syama Prasad Mookerjee Trust
- NABARD Sanctioned Rs 795 crore to West Bengal for Reconstructing Infrastructure Damaged by Cyclone Amphan
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. Name the Indian digital map developing body, that has collaborated with ISRO to develop in-house ‘mapping and location tracking’ app ‘Bhuvan’, similar to Google Maps.

A) DigiMapIndia  
B) NavigatingIndia  
C) MapmyIndia  
D) LocateIndia

Answers - C

➤ The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has entered into an agreement with ‘MapmyIndia’ to offer an indigenous satellite-based mapping service to the country, as well as give an alternative to widely-used Google maps and similar products. The new indigenously-developed alternative app will be known as ‘Bhuvan’, to provide mapping and other location-based services in India.

App in NEWS

- Bharti AXA General Insurance launches ‘Krishi Sakha’ App for farmers
- Airtel Payments Bank launches ‘Airtel Safe Pay’
- ICICI Bank launches ‘InstaFX’ mobile app to help customers obtain Forex Prepaid Card swiftly
- J&K LG, Manoj Sinha launches Mobile Application ‘Satark Nagrik’ and Departmental Vigilance Officers Portal
- Housing & Urban Affairs Ministry launches ‘E-Sampada’ mobile app and
portal for management of all GoI Estate services

- Punjab Government launches mobile app and web portal ‘PR Insight’

Q. The Government of Maharashtra has partnered with which digital platform to promote wooden toys, local artifacts, handicrafts?

A) Flipkart  
B) Paytm  
C) Amazon  
D) IndiaMART

Answers - A

- The Maharashtra Small Industries Development Corporation and Maharashtra State Khadi & Village Industries Board have signed a Memorandum of Understanding with e-commerce marketplace Flipkart, to promote wooden toys, local artifacts, handicrafts at state-level.

About Flipkart

- Flipkart headquarters: Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- Flipkart CEO: Kalyan Krishnamurthy.

About Maharashtra:

- Chief Minister- Uddhav Thackeray
- Governor- Bhagat Singh Koshyari
- Capital City- Mumbai
- State Animal- Indian giant squirrel
- State Bird- Yellow-footed green pigeon
- State Tree- Mangifera indica
- State Flower- Pride of India

Q. What is the projected GDP of India in Fy21, as per the Japanese brokerage Nomura?

A) -8.7 percent  
B) -6.7 percent
C) -7.7 percent  D) -9.7 percent

Answers - B

➢ The brokerage expects the real GDP of India to contract by 6.7 percent in FY21 (2020-21)

Q. The International Cruise Terminal “Sagarika” is first full-fledged international cruise terminal in India. It has been inaugurated at which place?

A) Paradip Port Trust  C) Visakhapatnam Port Trust
B) Chennai Port Trust  D) Cochin Port Trust

Answers – D

Q. How many members are there in the expert panel formed by RBI to suggest steps for strengthening and consolidating Primary (Urban) Cooperative Banks (UCBs)?

A) 10  C) 8
B) 7  D) 9

Answers - C

Q. PM Modi inaugurated the 1st full-fledged international cruise terminal at _____ Port.

A) Kandla  C) Mumbai
B) Cochin  D) JNPT

Answer - B

➢ PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the 1st full-fledged international cruise terminal at the Cochin Port, Kerala. It has been named as Sagarika
International Cruise Terminal. The landmark has highlighted Cochin in the global map of major cruise destinations.

Q. Who handed over the indigenously designed and manufactured Arjun Main Battle Tank to the Indian Army?

A) Narendra Modi  
B) Rajnath Singh  
C) MM Naravane  
D) Bipin Rawat

**Answer - A**

- *PM Narendra Modi has handed over the indigenously designed and manufactured Arjun (Mk-1A) Main Battle Tank to the Indian Army. Arjun Mk-1A has been designed and manufactured by Combat Vehicles Research and Development (CVRD) under the Defense Research and Development Organization (DRDO).*

Q. Which of the following bowler has become the 1st to left-handed batmen for 200 times in Test Cricket?

A) Usman Khwaja  
B) Hashim Amla  
C) R Ashwin  
D) Shoaib Mallik

**Answer - C**

- *Indian off-spinner, Ravichandran Ashwin has become the 1st bowler in Test Cricket to dismiss left-handers for 200 times. He dismissed the 200th left-handed batsman during the 3rd Day of the 2nd test match between India and England.*

Q. National Horticulture Fair was held at ______.

A) Mumbai  
B) Varanasi  
C) Shimla  
D) Bengaluru
Answer - D

- National Horticulture Fair was held at Bengaluru, Karnataka from 8th to 12th February, 2021. The festival as co-organized by Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) – Indian Institute of Horticultural Research (IIHR) and ICAR-Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute (ATARI).

Q. Indian Navy has signed contract with ______ for Diving Support Crafts.
A) Titagarh Wagon C) GSL, Goa
B) GRSE, Kolkata D) BHML, Cuttack

Answer - A

- Indian Navy has signed a 174.76 crore rupee contract with Titagarh Wagons Ltd, Kolkata for procuring 5 Diving Support Crafts (DSCs). The DSCs will cater to the needs of Command Clearance Diving Teams (CCDTs).

Q. India will provide NR 142 million for the restoration of 3 Cultural Heritage Projects in ______.
A) Bhutan C) Bangladesh
B) Sri Lanka D) Nepal

Answer - D

- India will provide NR 142 million for the restoration of 3 cultural heritage projects in Nepal. The funds will be used to restore Seto Machindranath Temple, Budhanilkantha Dharamsala and Kumari Chhen and Kumari Niwas in Lalitpur.

Q. Which state has mandated Aadhar card for COVID vaccination?
A) Bihar  
B) Kerala  
C) Punjab  
D) Gujarat

**Answer - A**

- Bihar government has officially announced that Aadhar card should be mandatorily produced at the time of vaccine registration before getting the COVID vaccination. The vaccine seekers without an Aadhar card will not be given the COVID vaccination.

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

A) 1  
B) 2  
C) 3  
D) 4

**Answer - D**

- 4 female scientists - Dr. Ritu Gupta, Dr. Sonu Gandhi, Dr. Antara Banerjee and Shobhna Kapoor have been honored with Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB) Women Excellence Award 2021. SERB is a statutory body that comes under the Department of Science and Technology of Government of India.

Q. India’s 1st Dolphin Research Centre is being constructed at _____.

A) Kolkata  
B) Mumbai  
C) Patna  
D) Ranchi

**Answer - C**

- India’s 1st Dolphin Research Centre is being constructed at Patna. The foundation stone of the research centre was laid by CM Nitish Kumar. The
research center will work on the lines of the Project Dolphin announced by PM Narendra Modi.

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