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Q. Name the online portal launched by the Government to provide online civic services to residents of 62 Cantonment Boards

A) e-Basti
B) e-Chhawani
C) e-Samuh
D) e-Padaav

Answer – B

Rajnath Singh recently launched an online portal ‘e-Chhawani’ and mobile app, to facilitate ‘ease of living’ and ‘ease of doing’ for the residents of the Cantonment Boards across the country.

Q. The foundation stone of Maharaja Suheldev Memorial has been laid in which city by PM Modi recently?

A) Gorakhpur
B) Agra
C) Bahraich
D) Meerut

Answer - C
Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of Maharaja Suheldev Memorial at Bahraich, Uttar Pradesh on February 16, 2021, via video conference.

The 2021 event marked the 112th birth anniversary celebration of Maharaja Suheldev.

Maharaja Suheldev was the ruler of Shravasti in Bahraich district of Uttar Pradesh, who ruled in the 11th century.

Q. Who has been appointed as the new Executive Secretary of the ‘United Nations Capital Development Fund’?

A) Preeti Sinha  
B) Natasha Sahgal  
C) Shrabani Deodhar  
D) Vandana Gupte

Answer - A

Appointment in NEWS FEB 2021

- Justice Puligoru Venkata Sanjay Kumar sworn-in as Chief Justice of Manipur HC
- Ajay Mathur elected new DG at special assembly of ISA
- Preeti Sinha appointed to head United Nations Capital Development Fund
- 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

Q. Name the newly elected Director General of the International Solar Alliance (ISA)

A) R K Pachauri  C) Upendra Tripathy
B) Darbari S Seth  D) Ajay Mathur

Answer - D

- The International Solar Alliance (ISA) has elected Dr. Ajay Mathur as its new Director General on February 15, 2021, at the first special assembly of ISA members. He will take over the leadership of ISA on March 15, 2021. Dr. Mathur will replace Mr. Upendra Tripathy, who has served as Director-General since the inception of the ISA in 2015.

Q. Naman Ojha has announced his retirement from all forms of Cricket recently. He had represented which team in the Ranji Trophy?

A) Madhya Pradesh  C) Uttarakhand
B) Gujarat  D) Maharashtra

Answer - A

- Former India wicketkeeper-batsman Naman Ojha has announced his retirement, from all formats of cricket on 15 February 2021. Ojha made his first-class debut for Madhya Pradesh in 2000-01.
Recently Announced Retirement in NEWS (SPORTS)

- **Ashok Dinda** Announces Retirement From All Forms Of Cricket
- **Mohammad Amir** Announced His Retirement From International Cricket
- **Parthiv Patel** Announces Retirement From All Forms Of Cricket
- **Sudeep Tyagi** Announces Retirement From All Forms Of Cricket
- Pakistan’s Fast Bowler **Umar Gul** Announces Retirement
- England Cricketer **Ian Bell** Announces Retirement
- **Indian Table Tennis Star Poulomi Ghatak** Announced Retirement

A small experimental communication satellite Satish Dhawan Satellite (SD SAT) is scheduled to be launched on February 28, 2021 by ISRO. The nano-satellite has been developed by which company?

A) Pixxel  
B) Skyroot Aerospace  
C) SpaceKidz India  
D) EARTH2ORBIT (E2O)

**Answer - C**

*The Chennai-based SpaceKidz India, has developed the nanosatellite called Satish Dhawan Satellite, or SD SAT. The SD SAT, a 30x10x10cm cuboid, is an experimental communication satellite, to test the capabilities of LoRa (Long range) technology in Space.*

**Satellite in NEWS 2021**

- SpaceX breaks ISRO’s Record by launching **143 Satellites** in a single mission
- Japan plans to launch **world’s first wood-based satellite** by 2023 to reduce space debris
- ISRO successfully launches **India’s new communication satellite CMS-01** from Sriharikota onboard PSLV-C50
- BSNL launches **World’s First Satellite-based Narrowband-IoT Network**
- Space-tech start-up ‘**Pixxel**’ to launch remote-sensing satellite on ISRO
rocket in early 2021

- India becomes 4th nation to have navigation satellite system as **IRNSS Gets IMO Recognition**
- NASA-ESA successfully **launches Sentinel-6 Michael Freilich satellite** to monitor global sea levels
- China successfully sends **world’s first 6G communications test satellite** into orbit
- ISRO Launches Earth Observation Satellite (EOS-01) and 9 Foreign Satellites from Sriharikota
- **ICICI Bank** becomes **first bank in India to use satellite data** to assess credit worthiness of farmers

Q. Justice (Retd.) M. Rama Jois, who has passed away recently has also served as the Governor of which state?

A) Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh  
B) Bihar and Jharkhand  
C) Uttar Pradesh and Bihar  
D) Haryana and Punjab

**Answer - B**

> **Noted jurist and a former Governor of Bihar and Jharkhand, Justice (Retd.) M. Rama Jois has passed away, suffering from age-related ailments. He was 88-year-old.**

**Obituaries In NEWS FEB 2021**

- Bollywood actor **Rajiv Kapoor passes away**
- Padma Shri Winning Theatre Director and Founder of **Rang Vidushak, Bansi Kaul** passes away at 71
- India Tennis Legend and Davis Cup **Coach Akhtar Ali** passes away at 81
- ‘Sound of Music’ fame Oscar-winning Canadian actor **Christopher Plummer**, passes away at 91
- Nobel Prize Winner **Paul Crutzen** passes away
Q. Which country was the biggest trading partner of the European Union (EU) in 2020, as per Eurostat data?

A) United Kingdom  
B) United States  
C) Japan  
D) China  

Answer - D

➤ The People’s Republic of China has overtaken the United States (US) as the biggest trading partner of the European Union (EU) in 2020, according to the data by the European Union statistics agency, Eurostat. Britain, which left the European Union in 2020, was the third-largest trading partner for the bloc, behind China and the United States.

About CHINA

- Capital: Beijing
- Currency: Renminbi (yuan)
- President: Xi Jinping

Q. The President of India has appointed Justice Puligoru Venkata Sanjay Kumar as the Chief Justice of which High Court?

A) Sikkim  
B) Manipur  
C) Assam  
D) Nagaland  

Answer - B

➤ Justice Puligoru Venkata Sanjay Kumar has been sworn-in as the Chief Justice of Manipur High Court.
Q. The war veteran Major General (retired) Basant Kumar Mahapatra, known for participating in 1962 Indo-China war, and 1965 and 1971 India-Pakistan war has passed away. He was from which state?

A) Goa  
B) Maharashtra
C) Odisha

Answer - C

➢ War veteran Major General (retired) Basant Kumar Mahapatra, who had participated in major battles including the 1962 Indo-China war, and 1965 and 1971 India-Pakistan war, has passed away. He was 87. Hailing from Bhubaneswar in Odisha, Mahapatra was commissioned into armoured corps (Tanks) of the Indian Army as a Combat Officer and was popularly known as 'Tank Man'.

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1st Khelo India University Games 2020 Bhubaneswar, Odisha
Odisha to set up the largest COVID-19 hospital in the country
Odisha becomes 1st state in India to receive ISO certification
100% solarisation of Konark sun temple & Konark town in Odisha
BIMSTEC Disaster Management Exercise-2020 Odisha
Odisha gives state anthem status to “Bande Utkala Janani”

About Odisha
Chief Minister of Odisha: Naveen Patnaik.
Odisha Capital: Bhubaneswar.
Odisha Governor: Ganeshi Lal.
Airports in Orissa: Biju Patnaik International Airport, Jharsuguda Airport, Rourkela Airport, Jeypore Airport and Savitri Jindal Airport.

Q. PM Modi has recently inaugurated the development work of Chittaura Lake in which state?
A) Uttar Pradesh C) West Bengal
B) Andhra Pradesh D) Tamil Nadu

Answer - A

Q. Which expressway will be India’s 1st elevated wildlife corridor?
A) Delhi-Noida Expressway C) Ranchi-Patna Expressway
B) Delhi-Dehradun Expressway D) Kota-Jaipur Expressway
12 km-long Delhi-Dehradun Expressway will be India’s 1st elevated wildlife corridor. The construction of the expressway has been approved by the Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways, Nitin Gadkari. It will reduce the travel time between Delhi and Dehradun by 2.5 hours.

Q. ‘Pahela Phagun’ festival was recently celebrated in which country?
A) Bangladesh  C) Pakistan
B) India  D) Nepal

Answer - A

‘Pahela Phagun’ festival was celebrated on 13th February in Bangladesh. It was started in 1991 by the students of Faculty of Arts at the Dhaka University.

Q. Old Kanchoth festival was recently celebrated in which State/UT?
A) Uttar Pradesh  C) Jammu & Kashmir
B) Arunachal Pradesh  D) Himachal Pradesh

Answer - C

3-day long Old Kanchoth festival was celebrated in the Chenab Valley of Jammu & Kashmir. It is mainly celebrated by the Nag followers who believe that Shiva and Parvati got married on this day.

Q. Which state government has signed an MoU with IETO for implementing the SDGs?
A) Chhattisgarh  C) Uttarakhand
B) Karnataka  D) Rajasthan
Answer - B

- Karnataka government has signed an MoU with Indian Economic Trade Organization (IETO) for the successful and effective implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) across the state. This will help Karnataka achieve the SDGs by 2030.

Q. Which state has launched the ‘Mukhyamantri Abhyudaya Yojana’?

A) Uttar Pradesh  C) Andhra Pradesh
B) Madhya Pradesh  D) Himachal Pradesh

Answer - A

- Uttar Pradesh government has launched the ‘Abhyudaya Yojana’ for providing free-of-cost coaching of various competitive exams like UPSC, JEE and NEET. In the 1st phase of the scheme, Government Coaching Centers will be established in the divisional level and then on the district level in subsequent phases. This will help the poor students in their preparation of competitive exams.

Q. 2nd International Conference on Gender Equality has become the 1st government event in ______ to be carbon-neutral.

A) Kerala  C) Gujarat
B) Punjab  D) Goa

Answer - A

- The 2nd International Conference on Gender Equality has become the 1st government event in Kerala to be carbon-neutral. The vent was in accordance with the PAS 2020 Carbon Neutrality Standards.

Kerala in News:
• 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
• Congress Leader and Former Kerala Minister Ramachandran passes away at 84
• Kerala’s 21-yr-old Arya Rajendran becomes India’s youngest mayor from Thiruvananthapuram
• UN Women collaborates with Kerala Government to set up India’s first Gender Data Hub

About Kerala:

❖ Kerala CM: Pinarayi Vijayan.
❖ Kerala Governor: Arif Mohammad Khan.

Q. Carlos Menem dies at the age of 90. He was the former President of ________.

A) Mexico  C) Australia
B) Netherland  D) Argentina

Answer - D

➢ Carlos Menem was the 44th President of Argentina who served from 1989 to 1999. He was a lawyer by profession who promoted the governmental reform laws.

About Argentina

▪ President: Alberto Fernández Trending
▪ Capital: Buenos Aires
▪ Currency: Argentine peso
Q. Central government has raised upper ceiling for family pensions to Rs. ______ per month.

A) 1,00,000  
B) 1,25,000  
C) 1,50,000  
D) 1,75,000  

Answer - B

Q. “Defence Research and Development Organisation” (DRDO) is headquartered at _______.

A) Pune  
B) Mumbai  
C) Bangalore  
D) New Delhi

Answer - D

Q. The “Koyna Hydroelectric Project” is located in which state?

A) Maharashtra  
B) Karnataka  
C) Punjab  
D) Manipur

Answer - D

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C) Punjab  
D) Manipur

Answer - D

Q. Narang Cup is related to which sports?

A) Tennis  
B) Badminton

Answer - B
Q. Who is the current Chief Minister of Nagaland?

A) Droupadi Murmu  
B) PS Golay  
C) Neiphiu Rio  
D) Zoramthanga  

Answer - C

Q. What is the capital and currency of Botswana?

A) Belmopan & Dollar  
B) Gaborone & Pula  
C) Nicosia & Peso  
D) Roseau & Krone  

Answer - B

Q. Bathukamma is floral festival celebrated in _______.

A) Telangana  
B) Sikkim  
C) Uttarakhand

Answer - B

Q. In which state is the “Kudremukh National Park” situated?

A) Bihar  
B) Tamil Nadu  
C) Andhra Pradesh  
D) Karnataka  

Answer - D

Q. The Researchers have discovered three fossils of the 550-million-year-old ‘Dickinsonia’ on the roof of the Bhimbetka Rock. The “Bhimbetka rock shelters” are located in which state?

A) Odisha  
B) Madhya Pradesh  
C) Rajasthan  
D) Haryana  

Answer - B
Q. Where is the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) situated?

A) New Delhi  
B) Noida  
C) Mumbai  
D) Chennai

Answer - A
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