Q. Merv Hughes, a former pace bowler has recently been inducted into the Cricket Hall of Fame by which country?

A) England  C) New Zealand
B) South Africa  D) Australia

Answers - D

About Australian Cricket Hall of Fame

- **Founded:** 6 December 1996 Prime Minister, John Howard
- **Headquarder:** Melbourne
- **1st cricketer** to won Australian cricket hall of fame: Jack Blackham

About Australia

- **Prime minister:** Scott Morrison Trending
- **Capital:** Canberra

Q. As per the ‘World Tourism Barometer’ report by UNWTO, 2020 was the worst year recorded for global tourism, during which the international arrivals dropped by_____ percent year-on-year

A) -74%  C) -59%
B) -16%  D) -62%

Answers - A

About UNWTO

- *(UNWTO)*: United Nations World Tourism Organization
- **Founded:** 1 November 1975
Secretary-General of UNWTO: Zurab Pololikashvili.
Headquarters: Madrid, Spain
Head: Zurab Pololikashvili

INDIAN TOURISM IN NEWS

- Kerala Tourism bags prestigious PATA Grand Award 2020 in Marketing
- Tourism Minister Prahlad Singh Patel virtually inaugurates “Tourist Facilitation Centre” facility in Kerala under PRASHAD Scheme
- Uttar Pradesh emerges as top destination in 2019 for attracting domestic tourists
- Maharashtra launches ‘jail tourism’ initiative from Pune’s Yerawada jail
- Ministry of Tourism launches ‘Stranded in India’ portal
- Tourism Ministry launches #DekhoApnaDesh” webinar series
- Tourism Ministry partners with TAAI & FICCI’s FLO to promote tourism
- Prahlad Singh Patel inaugurates “Tourist Facilitation Centre” in Kerala
- Ministry of Tourism: Prahlad Singh Patel Constituency: Damoh Madhya Pradesh

Extra Shots

- Every year, January 25 is celebrated as National Tourism Day in India
- This year, the theme of National Tourism Day is ‘Dekho Apna Desh’
- The World Tourism Day is observed worldwide on September 27 since 1980
- In 2020 the theme of WTD is “Tourism and Rural Development”

Q. Where is the headquarters of UNWTO?

A) Geneva  
B) Paris  
C) Madrid  
D) New York

Answer - C

Reminder: NASA Headquarters To Be Renamed For Mary W. Jackson
Q. Who is the author of the book ‘The Little Book of Encouragement’?

A) Ruskin Bond  C) Chetan Bhagat
B) Dalai Lama  D) Narendra Modi

Answers - B

Q. Which of the following bank has decided to restrict its customers from withdrawing money from non-EMV automated teller machines (ATMs) with effect from 01 February 2021?

A) Central Bank of India  C) Bank of Baroda
B) Union Bank of India  D) Punjab National Bank

Answer - D

PNB IN NEWS

- PNB Collaborates with IIT Kanpur to set up Fintech Innovation Centre
- Punjab National Bank launches ‘LenS’ Solution to speed up loan delivery
- Punjab National Bank launches campaign named ‘DIGITAL APNAYEN’
- RBI imposes Rs 1 crore penalty on Punjab National Bank

About PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK

- Founded: 12 April 1894
- Founder: Dyal Singh Majithia Lala Lajpat Rai
- Headquarters: New Delhi
- MD & CEO: CH S. S. Mallikarjuna Rao
- Tagline: The Name You can Bank Upon
- Punjab National Bank Merge: (Oriental Bank of Commerce & United Bank of India)

Q. What is the theme of World Leprosy Day 2021?
A) Achieve Zero transmission and disabilities  
B) Tackling stigma and discrimination  
C) Accelerating towards a leprosy-free world  
D) Beat Leprosy, End Stigma and advocate for Mental Wellbeing

Answer - D

Q. Who among the following has been appointed as chairman of the board in Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services?

A) Vijay Arora  
B) Anish Shah  
C) Raunak Singh  
D) Shankar Bansal

Answer - B

About Mahindra Finance

- Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services Headquarters: Mumbai.  

Q. Cicely Tyson passed away recently. She was related to which Profession?

A) Actress  
B) Film-Maker  
C) Politician  
D) Dancer

Answer - A

Q. What is the theme of World Wetlands Day 2021?

A) Wetlands and Water  
B) Wetlands and Biodiversity  
C) Wetlands and Climate Change  
D) Wetlands for a sustainable urban future

Answer - A
Q. The first ever dedicated Centre for Wetland Conservation and Management (CWCM) has been set up in which city of India?

A) Mumbai  
B) Kochi  
C) Chennai  
D) Hyderabad

Answers - C  

- **CWCM**: Centre for Wetland Conservation and Management  
- **NCSCM**: National Centre for Sustainable Coastal Management (NCSCM)

Q. Name the newly appointed Indian-origin Acting Chief of Staff of NASA

A) Mohini Bhardwaj  
B) A. K. Mozumdar  
C) Sheetal Sheth  
D) Bhavya Lal

Answers - D

**Indian-Origin Person in NEWS**

- Suriname’s Indian-Origin President to be 2021 Republic Day of India Chief Guest, After Boris Johnson Cancels Visit  
- Indian-origin global health expert **Anil Soni** appointed first CEO of The WHO Foundation  
- Priyanka Radhakrishnan becomes first Indian-origin minister of New Zealand  
- Indian-origin **Wavel Ramkalawan** elected President of Seychelles  
- Indian-origin **Hinduja-Reuben Brothers** Shares Second Spot in Annual UK Rich List 2020  
- Indian-origin UK Minister **Alok Sharma** to lead UN Climate Summit COP26  
- Indian-origin **Arvind Krishna** to Succeed Ginni Rometty as IBM Chief  
- Indian-Origin author **Jasbinder Bilan** wins UK children’s book award

**NASA IN NEWS 2021**
- NASA-ESA successfully launches Sentinel-6 Michael Freilich satellite
- NASA lifts off SS Kalpana Chawla cargo spacecraft
- Nokia selected by NASA to build first ever cellular network on the Moon
- NASA to launch rover 'MARS 2020' in 2020
- NASA astronauts fly SpaceX spacecraft ‘Dragon’
- Indian-origin girl Vaneeza names NASA’s 1st Mars helicopter as 'Ingenuity'
- NASA renames its WFIRST Telescope after ‘Mother of Hubble’ Nancy Grace Roman
- NASA Astronaut Kathy Sullivan becomes 1st Woman to Reach Deepest Point of Ocean
- Renjith Kumar honoured with “NASA Distinguished Public Service Medal”

About NASA

- National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
- Founded : 1958
- Headquarters : Washington, D.C
- Motto : For the Benefit of All
- Administrator : Jim Bridenstine

Q. Automaker company Ford has joined hand with which technology major to use artificial intelligence and cloud computing in offering customer services?

A) Google  C) Microsoft
B) Amazon  D) Facebook

Answers - A

GOOGLE IN NEWS

- Ford Joins Hand With Google To Offer Cloud-Based Data Services
- **Karan Bajwa** To Head Google Cloud In Asia Pacific
- Google Unveils **MuRIL Tech** To Boost Indian Regional Language Internet Ecosystem
- Google to invest **USD 10 billion in India**
- Maharashtra ties up with Google to start virtual classes
- Google Launches ‘**The Anywhere School**’ With 50 New Features To Boost Online Learning

**About GOOGLE**

- **Founded**: 1998
- **Founders**: Larry Page and Sergey Brin
- **Headquarters**: California, U.S.
- **CEO**: Sundar Pichai
- **CFO**: Ruth Porat

Q. The Aadi Mahotsav 2021 is being organized from February 1-15, 2021 by TRIFED. The annual festival is being held in the country since which year?

- A) 2019
- B) 2018
- C) 2017
- D) 2016

**Answers - C**

**LATEST FESTIVAL IN NEWS**

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Q. Where is Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) situated?

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

**Answers - A**

Q. Where is the HQ of Oxfam, a charitable organization situated?

A) Nairobi, Kenya  
B) Helsinki, Finland  
C) Oslo, Norway  
D) Copenhagen, Denmark  

**Answers - A**

Q. Before Chennai, where was the only location of National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT)?

A) Delhi  
B) Mumbai  
C) Jaipur  
D) Bhopal  

**Answers - A**
Q. Where is the HQ of Dhanlaxmi Bank situated?
A) Pune
B) Bengaluru
C) Coimbatore
D) Thrissur
Answers - D

Q. Where is the HQ of Bharti Axa General Insurance situated?
A) Mumbai
B) Bengaluru
C) Chennai
D) Kolkata
Answers - A

Q. Where is the HQ of United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) situated?
A) New York, USA
B) Rome, Italy
C) Gland, Switzerland
D) Sydney, Australia
Answers - A

Q. Where is the HQ of All India Institute of Ayurveda situated?
A) Bhopal
B) Mumbai
C) Delhi
D) Jaipur
Answers - C

Q. Where is the HQ of International Energy Agency situated?
A) California, USA
B) Paris, France
C) Brussels, Belgium
D) Vienna, Austria
Answers - B

Q. The book “Mother Teresa: The Final Verdict” has been authored?
A) Vikram Chandra
B) Anita Desai
C) Vikram Seth
D) Aroup Chatterjee
**Q. When is the “National Tourism day” observed?**

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**Answers - B**

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