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Q. Which state has topped the India Innovation Index 2020 among major states?

A) Kerala
B) Odisha
C) Tamil Nadu
D) Karnataka

Answer : D

MOST IMPORTANT STATE RANKING IN NEWS

India Innovation Index 2020 Released by NITI Aayog

- Top : Karnataka
- 2nd : Maharashtra
- 3rd : Tamil Nadu
- Last : Bihar

Urban Governance Index 2020

- Top : Odisha
- 2nd : Maharashtra
- 3rd : Chhattisgarh
- 4th : Kerala
- 5th : Madhya Pradesh

India’s Top Police Station for 2020
- Top: Nongpok Sekmai Police station, Manipur
- 2nd: AWPS-Suramangalam Police station, Tamil Nadu
- 3rd: Kharsang Police station, Arunachal Pradesh

**Public Affairs Index-2020**

- State Top: Kerala
- UT Top: Chandigarh
- Small state category Top: Goa

**India Happiness Report 2020 Report compiled By: Rajesh K Pillania**

- Top: Mizoram
- 2nd: Punjab
- 3rd: Andaman & Nicobar Island

**Anemia Mukt Bharat (AMB) Index**

- Top: Haryana

**States Startup Ranking Results 2019**

- Best Performer State: Gujarat
- Best Performer UT: Andaman and Nicobar Islands

**Business Reform Action Plan (BRAP) ranking of states 2019 (Ease of Doing Business rankings)**

- Top: Andhra Pradesh
- 2nd: Uttar Pradesh
- 3rd: Telangana

**Implementation of AMRUT Scheme**

- Top: Odisha
- 2nd: Chandigarh
- 3rd: Telangana

**5th edition Swachh Survekshan 2020**

**CLEANEST CITY AWARDS**
- TOP : Indore (4th Successive year)
- 2nd : Surat (Gujarat)
- 3rd : Navi Mumbai (Maharashtra)

**Export Preparedness Index (EPI) 2020 Released by : NITI Aayog**

- Top : Gujarat
- 2nd : Maharashtra
- 3rd : Tamil Nadu

**Landlocked states**

- Top : Rajasthan

**Himalayan States**

- Top : Uttarakhand

**Union Territories**

- Top : Delhi

**MUDRA LOAN SCHEME**

- TOP : Tamil Nadu (Rs 58,227 cr)
- 2nd : West Bengal (Rs 55,232 cr)
- 3rd : Karnataka (Rs 47,714 cr)

**Q. Which state has topped the India Innovation Index 2020 among the NE/Hilly states?**

A) Uttarakhand
B) Himachal Pradesh
C) Manipur
D) Meghalaya

**Answer : B**

**Innovation Index 2020 among the NE/Hilly states**

- Top : Himachal Pradesh
• 2nd : Uttarakhand
• 3rd : Manipur

Q. Which Union Territory/ City state topped the India Innovation Index 2020?
A) Delhi
B) Chandigarh
C) Puducherry
D) Lakshdweep

Answer : A

India Innovation Index 2021 among the UT/ City States
• Top : Delhi
• 2nd : Chandigarh and
• 3rd : Daman & Diu and Lakshadweep

Q. Gujarat state government has renamed which fruit as ‘Kamalam’?
A) Kiwi
B) Rambutan
C) Dragon Fruit
D) Mangosteen

Answer : C

• The Gujarat state government has decided to rename dragon fruit as "Kamalam", which means Lotus in Sanskrit.
• The renaming has been done as the outer shape of the fruit resembles a lotus

Q. The Union Cabinet has approved an agreement for cooperation in the field of Solar Energy with which nation?
A) Kazakhstan
B) Uzbekistan
MOU signed between India and Uzbekistan for solar energy cooperation

India and Japan inks MoC to promote movement of skilled workers from India to Japan

India and Japan sign MoU to strengthen cooperation in Information and Communications Technology

India and UAE sign MoU for scientific and technical cooperation

India, US ink MoU on Intellectual Property Examination and Protection

India-UK sign MoU on Water Partnership

Norway signs MoU with Clean Ganga Mission in India

India and Austria inks MoU on Technology Cooperation

India and Finland sign MOU on environmental protection

India & Denmark Inks MoU for Cooperation in the field of Intellectual Property

India and Japan inks agreement on Reciprocal Provision of Supplies and Services between Armed Forces

Q. PM Narendra Modi has released financial assistance worth Rs 2,691 crores to over 6 lakh beneficiaries in which state?

A) Uttar Pradesh

B) Chhattisgarh

C) Assam

D) Telangana

Answer : A

- Prime Minister Uttar Pradesh virtually released financial assistance worth Rs 2,691 crores to over 6 lakh beneficiaries in Uttar Pradesh under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana- Gramin
UTTAR PRADESH IN NEWS

- Keetham lake also known as Sur Sarovar, in Agra in Uttar Pradesh added to Ramsar sites
- UP Govt to establish anti-human trafficking Police Stations
- Ayodhya Airport to be renamed as Maryada Purushottam Sri Ram Airport
- Yogi Adityanath rings bell at BSE for listing bond of Lucknow Municipal Corporation
- Uttar Pradesh emerges as top destination in 2019 for attracting domestic tourists
- PM lays the foundation stone of rural drinking water supply projects in Vindhyachal region of Uttar Pradesh
- Uttar Pradesh Launches 'Varasat' Campaign For Rural Areas

KARNATAKA IN NEWS

- Karnataka Government launches Krishi Sanjeevani Vans to test soil, water
- Karnataka Government launches portal ‘FRUITS’ for farmers
- Karnataka’s 1st 11.5 megawatt power plant being set up at Bidadi
- India’s First Sandalwood Museum to come up in Mysuru, Karnataka
- Vijayanagara becomes 31st District of Karnataka, carved out of Ballari district
- Karnataka Observes Mask Day on 18th June 2020
- Karnataka approves Rs. 600-cr watershed project ‘REWARD’ with World Bank assistance
- Karnataka launches India’s first integrated air ambulance service
- Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana Participates in 7th WASH Conclave Concludes
- Karnataka Govt launches loan disbursal programme “Arthika Spandana”
- Karnataka launches Weavers’ Sammaan Yojana

Q. Which state’s Chief Minister launched Avalokana software?
A) Kerala
B) Odisha
C) Maharashtra
D) Karnataka

Answer: D

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Q. Which bank has launched the mobile app ‘InstaFX’ for authorised money changers, to help customers of any bank get the banks ‘Forex Prepaid Card’ swiftly?

A) ICICI Bank  
B) HDFC Bank  
C) Yes Bank  
D) Axis Bank  

Answer: A

**ICICI BANK IN NEWS**

- ICICI Bank ties up with fintech Niyo to issue prepaid cards to MSMEs  
- ICICI Bank launches online portal ‘Infinite India’ for foreign firms expanding in India  
- ICICI Bank Launches iMobile Pay to offer Payments & Banking Services For All  
- ICICI Bank launches ‘Mine’ a comprehensive banking programme for millennial customers  
- ICICI Bank shuts down operations in Sri Lanka  
- ICICI Bank introduces ‘iStartup2.0’  
- ICICI Bank Launched a Facility, ‘Insta Loans against Mutual Funds’  
- ICICI Bank Becomes the 1st Bank in India Uses Satellite Data  
- ICICI Bank introduced ‘ICICI Bank Golden Years FD’ for Senior Citizens  
- ICICI Bank Launches a unique self-service delivery facility ‘iBox’ for customers  
- Swiggy in Partnership with ICICI Bank  
- PhonePe Partnered with ICICI Bank

**Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India (ICICI) BANK**

- Founded: 1994  
- HQ: Mumbai, Maharashtra  
- MD & CEO: Sandeep Bakhshi  
- Tagline: Hum Hai Na Khayal Apka

Q. Who has been given the additional charge of the Ministry of AYUSH, in place of Shripad Yesso Naik, who has recently met with an accident?
A) Kiren Rijiju
B) Piyush Goyal
C) Narendra Singh Tomar
D) Hardeep Singh Puri

Answer : A

Q. Who among the following will become the first Woman Fighter Pilot to take part in the Republic Day Parade?

A) Shivangi
B) Bhawana Kanth
C) Mohana Singh
D) Avani Chaturvedi

Answer : B

- Flight Lieutenant Bhawana Kanth to become the first Woman Fighter Pilot to take part in Republic Day Parade
- Bhawana Kanth from Darbhanga Bihar
- She is one of the first women fighter pilots to be inducted in the IAF
- Kanth will be the part of the Indian Air Force’s (IAF’s) tableau in the parade.
- The IAF tableau will showcase mock-ups of the light combat aircraft, light combat helicopter and the Sukhoi-30 fighter plane.
- Currently Kanth is posted at an airbase in Rajasthan where she flies the MiG-21 Bison fighter plane.

FIRST FIGHTER WOMEN’S IN NEWS

- Indian Navy operationalises first batch of 3 women pilots on Dornier Aircraft at Kochi
- The three women pilots of the first batch are Lieutenant Divya Sharma, Lieutenant Shubhangi Swaroop, and Lieutenant Shivangi.
- Shivangi Singh set to become India’s 1st woman fighter pilot to fly Rafale
• Riti Singh and K. Tyagi: In a first, 2 woman Navy aviators will operate from warship, IAF trains woman pilot for Rafale

Q. What is India’s rank in the Global Firepower Index 2021

A) 6th
B) 4th
C) 10th
D) 8th

Answer: B

• India ranked at 4th place in the Global Firepower Index 2021 out of 138 countries that based on their potential military strength

Global Firepower Index 2021

• Top: USA
• 2nd: Russia
• 3rd: China
• 4th: INDIA

Q. Which state government has announced to increase the number of days under the MGNREGA from 100 to 150?

A) Bihar
B) Uttar Pradesh
C) Madhya Pradesh
D) Uttarakhand

Answer: D

• The Uttarakhand government announced that the number of working days under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) will be increased from 100 to 150 days.
• NREGA was first proposed in 1991 by former Prime Minister PV Narasimha Rao.
• Passed in Parliament in 2008, it aims to provide 100 days of wage employment to enhance livelihood security in rural areas. (ANI)

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<td>• PM Modi to inaugurate 6 mega projects in Uttarakhand under ‘Namami Gange Mission’</td>
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Q. Who has been chosen for 'Press Club Person of the Year' given by the Press Club of Bangalore?

A) Shiv Nadar
B) Azim Premji
C) Mukesh Ambani
D) Kiran Mazumder

Answer: B

- The chairman of Wipro Limited Azim Premji has been chosen for 'Press Club Person of the Year' award given by the Press Club of Bangalore.
- The founder chairman of Narayana Health Dr Devi Prasad Shetty and actor-Director Sudeep Sanjeev have been selected for the 'Press Club Special Award'.

Q. Who was the chairman of the 10-member task force set up by the Union Govt to evaluate the marriageable age of girls?

A) Jaya Jaitly
B) Rajana Desai
C) Smriti Irani
D) Raj Nath Singh

Answer: A

- The union government early last year, set a panel under the chairmanship of Jaya Jaitley to evaluate the marriageable age of girls.

Q. Joe Biden took oath as the___________ President of the United States of America.

A) 44th
B) 45th
C) 46th
D) 47th
Answer : C

- Joe Biden took oath as the 46th President of the United States of America at a ceremony in the US Capitol building in Washington.
- Kamala Harris was also sworn in as 49th Vice-President of the country

### UNITED STATES IN NEWS

- Dr Raj Iyer has been appointed as the first Chief Information Officer (CIO) of the US Army
- United States plans to have the first nuclear reactor on the moon by the end of the year 2026
- Donald Trump Honours PM Modi With Top US Honour ‘Legion Of Merit’
- US President Joe Biden & Kamala Harris jointly named Time’s ‘Person of the Year’ 2020
- United States Formally Exits Paris Climate Accord
- India-US-Japan-Australia kick-starts Malabar Naval Exercise-2020
- Edition : 24th
- First phase : Bay of Bengal
- Second Phase : Arabian Sea
- 3rd India-US 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue begins in New Delh. Rajnath Singh and S. Jaishankar are leading the Indian delegation.
- Joseph Robinette Biden Jr. has defeated Donald Trump to become the 46th U.S. president. Biden’s electoral college vote to 290,
- Kamala Harris, becomes the first Black and Indian-American woman to serve as vice president
- India & USA signs MoU on Intellectual Property Cooperation
- US formally announced its withdrawal from WHO
- Bangladesh & the US launches joint naval exercise ‘CARAT Bangladesh 2020’

### UNITED STATES (US)

- Capital : Washington, D.C.
- Largest city : New York City
- Currency : Dollar
- First President : George Washington
46th President : Joe Biden
India ambassador to US : Taranjit Singh Sandhu
Yudh Abhyas Exercise : India & Us
Tiger Trump Exercise : India & US
Vajra Prahar Exercise : India & Us
Malabar Exercise : India US Australia & Japan

Q.22nd January to 4th February, the Ministry of Minority Affairs will organise the 24th Hunar Haat at which place?
A) Mumbai
B) Pune
C) Lucknow
D) Bengalore
Answer : C

Ministry of Minority Affairs will organise the 24th Hunar Haat at Avadh Shilpgram, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh from 22nd January to 4th February with the theme of Vocal for Local

LUCKNOW IN NEWS

- Uttar Pradesh CM rings bell at Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) for listing Lucknow Municipal Corporation bonds
- Airports Authority of India (AAI) over Lucknow airport to Adani group
- 11th DefExpo 2020 to be held in Lucknow
- Theme : “India: the emerging defence manufacturing hub”
- Lucknow-Hardoi Road renamed as Tandon Road
- “Safe City Project” launched a women’s safety campaign in Lucknow, UP

Q. Cabinet has given its approval for the investment of over 5200 crore rupees for Ratle Hydro Electric Project. Ratle Hydro Electric project is located in river ?
A) Satluj
B) Jhelum
C) Chenab
D) Rabi

Answer : C

- The Cabinet has given its approval for the investment of over 5200 crore rupees for 850 MW Ratle Hydro Electric (HE) Project located on river Chenab, in Kishtwar in J&K

Q. Which Indian state will host the 3-day Ports Review Meeting named 'Chintan Baithak'?  
A) Gujarat  
B) Uttar Pradesh  
C) Tamil Nadu  
D) Karnataka

Answer : A

- A three-day Ports Review Meeting named 'Chintan Baithak' will be held at Gujarat from 21st to 23rd of this month.  
- It will be chaired by Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways Mansukh Mandaviya.  
- The Chintan Baithak will include sessions on exploring new vistas of urban transportation, effective implementation of SAROD-Ports and issues related to International Arbitrations.

Q. The three north-eastern states of Tripura, Manipur, and Meghalaya celebrate their Foundation day on 21 January 2021. The three states became full-fledged states in which year?  
A) 1978  
B) 1972  
C) 1969  
D) 1970

Answer : B

- The three north-eastern states of Tripura, Manipur, and Meghalaya celebrate their Foundation day on 21 January 2021.
• The three states became full-fledged states under the North-Eastern region (Re-organisation) Act, 1971.
• The erstwhile princely states of Tripura and Manipur were merged into Indian Union in October 1949 and became full-fledged states on January 21, 1972.

Static GK Based Current Affairs MCQs

Q. In which state is the Sri Peninsula Narasimha Wildlife Sanctuary located?
A) Kerala
B) Uttar Pradesh
C) Andhra Pradesh
D) Assam
Answer: C

Q. International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) is based in which country?
A) Rome, Italy
B) Caracas, Venezuela
C) Moscow, Russia
D) Metro Manila, Philippines
Answer: A

Q. Where in India is the Murlen National Park situated?
A) Tamil Nadu
B) Sikkim

Q. Jawai Dam is situated in which state of India?
A) Himachal Pradesh
B) Bihar
C) Punjab
D) Rajasthan
Answer: D

Q. Zurich Airport International is in which country?
A) Switzerland
B) UAE
C) Germany
D) France
Answer: A

Q. What is the currency of Myanmar?
A) Ruble
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