Q. Merchant Digitization Summit 2021 was hosted by ____

A) Government of India  
B) FICCI  
C) Better Than Cash  
D) All of these

**Answer: D**

- Merchant Digitization Summit 2021 was hosted by the Government of India, Better Than Cash and Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI).
- It was held on 2nd March. It was organized by Intellecap.

**About Government of India:**

- Founder: Constitution of India
- Founded: 26 January 1950
- Headquarters location: New Delhi
- Main organ: Cabinet
- Head of civil services: Cabinet secretary (Rajiv Gauba, IAS)
- Subsidiaries: State Bank of India, Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited, MORE

**About FICCI:**

- Founded: 1927
- Headquarters location: New Delhi
- Purpose: Policy advocacy
- Members: over 250,000 companies
- Secretary General: Dilip Chenoy
- Founders: Purshottamdas Thakurdas, Ghanshyam Das Birla
About Better Than Cash:

- Founded: September 2012
- Headquarters location: New York, New York, United States
- Type of business: Global partnership

Q. The Udaipur Science Centre is a new centre developed by the National Council of Science Museums (NCSM) in which north-eastern state of India?

A) Tripura  
B) Sikkim  
C) Manipur  
D) Arunachal Pradesh

Answer: A

National Council of Science Museums (NCSM):

- Founded: 4 April 1978
- Director General: Shri A. D. Choudhury
- Headquarters: Kolkata
- Location: India
- Staff: 852
- Budget: ₹923 crore (US$130 million)

Tripura in News:

- New Science Centre Inaugurated At Udaipur in Tripura
- 39th Agartala International Book Fair begins in Tripura
- ADB announces Rs 2100 crore loan to Tripura for urban & tourism development
- India and ADB inks USD 4.21 million PRF facility for preparation of infrastructure development projects in Tripura

About Tripura:

- Capital: Agartala
Governor: Ramesh Bais
Tree: Agarwood
Languages: Bengali, Hindi, Kokborok, English Language, MORE
Points of interest: Neermahal, Ujjyanta Palace, Rudrasagar Lake, MORE

Q. World Bank has planned to introduce a credit guarantee scheme to boost the rooftop solar programme in India for MSMEs. What will be the value of this scheme?

A) 300 million  C) 100 million
B) 200 million  D) 500 million

Answer: C

➢ The World Bank is planning to introduce a $100-million credit guarantee scheme to boost the rooftop solar programme in India for MSMEs.

About MSMEs:

➢ Headquarters: New Delhi
➢ Founded: 2007
➢ Annual budget: ₹6,552.61 crore (US$920 million)
➢ Jurisdiction: India
➢ Officeholders: Ateesh Kumar Singh (Joint secretary to the Government of India)
➢ Departments: National Small Industries Corporation, National Institute of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

World Bank in News:

➢ World Bank to launch $100 million guarantee scheme for solar rooftop projects
➢ India and World Bank inks $68 Million Project to Improve Quality of India’s Education in Nagaland
➢ 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
• 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

About World Bank:

❖ Headquarters: Washington, D.C., United States
❖ Parent organization: World Bank Group
❖ Founded: July 1944, Bretton Woods, New Hampshire, United States
❖ Formation: July 1944; 76 years ago
❖ Subsidiaries: International Finance Corporation, MORE
❖ Founders: John Maynard Keynes, Harry Dexter White

Q. Which year has been adopted by UNGA to be observed as International Year of Millets, as proposed by India?

A) 2025                       C) 2022
B) 2021                       D) 2023

Answer: D

➢ On March 03, 2021, the 193-member United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) unanimously adopted the resolution, sponsored by India, declaring 2023 as the International Year of Millets.

United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)

❖ President: Volkan Bozkir
❖ Headquarters: New York, New York, United States
❖ Founder: United Nations
❖ Founded: 1945, New York, United States
Q. Which University has topped the QS World University Rankings 2021?

A) University of Oxford  
B) University of Cambridge  
C) Stanford University  
D) Massachusetts Institute of Technology  

Answer: D

The 11th edition of the QS World University Rankings was released on March 04, 2021. The QS World University Rankings 2021 ranks the top 1,000 universities from around the world, covering 80 different locations. There are 47 new entrants in the list. The Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), United States has retained its top position as the best university for the ninth year in a row.

Q. Which city has emerged as the top city in the Ease of Living Index 2020 in the Million+ category?

A) Bengaluru  
B) Pune  
C) Ahmedabad  
D) Chennai  

Answer: A

Bengaluru and Shimla have topped the Ease of Living Index 2020, released by Union Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs, Hardeep Singh Puri on March 04, 2021. Bengaluru emerged as the top performer in Million+ category. Shimla was ranked the highest in ease of living in Less than Million category.
Bengaluru in News:

- Bengaluru & Shimla adjudged best cities among 111 cities in Ease of Living Index 2020
- National Horticulture Fair 2021 begins in Bengaluru
- Chiefs of Air Staff (CAS) Conclave Organised at Bengaluru
- Elon Musk-owned Tesla Inc. sets up first India entity in Bengaluru

Q. Post-harvest agri-tech provider, Arya has partnered with ____ Bank for helping the farmers.

A) Syndicate  
B) Oriental  
C) Canara  
D) Maharashtra

Answer: C

- Post-harvest agri-tech provider, Arya has partnered with Canara Bank to help the farmers with collateral management and to provide warehousing facility.
- Arya will provide effective market linkage to the farmers.

About (Arya) Indian film Actor:

- Born: 11 December 1980
- Full name: Jamshad Cethirakath
- Spouse: Sayyeshaa
- Upcoming movie: Teddy
- TV shows: Enga Veetu Mapillai, Chikku Bukku

About Canara Bank:

- Headquarters: Bengaluru
- CEO: Lingam Venkat Prabhakar
- Founder: Ammembal Subba Rao Pai
- Founded: 1 July 1906
Q. Which municipality has topped the Municipal Performance Index (MPI) 2020 in Million plus population category?

A) Ahmedabad  
B) Indore  
C) Surat  
D) Pune

**Answer: B**

- The Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs released the final rankings of the Municipal Performance Index (MPI) 2020 on March 04, 2021. 
- Indore has topped this list, followed by Surat and Bhopal.

Q. The Starship prototype rocket “SN10 “ was successfully launched and tested by which organisation recently?

A) European Space Agency  
B) Boeing  
C) NASA  
D) SpaceX

**Answer: D**

- Elon Musk owned private rocket company, SpaceX successfully tested its Starship prototype rocket “SN10 “ after two recent failed attempts.

**About SpaceX:**

- CEO: Elon Musk
- Founder: Elon Musk
- Founded: 6 May 2002
- Headquarters: Hawthorne, California, United States
- Revenue: 200 crores USD
- Number of employees: 8,000

Q. How many Indian institution has made it to top 100 in 2021 QS World University Rankings by Subject?
A) 10  
B) 17  

Answer: C

Q. Which country has recently signed “procurement of defence material and equipment” agreement to purchase BrahMos missile?

A) Vietnam  
B) Philippines  
C) Germany  
D) Egypt

Answer: B

➢ India has signed a key pact with the Philippines called “implementing arrangement” for “procurement of defence material and equipment”, on March 02, 2021, as per which the country will buy the BrahMos cruise missiles from India.

About Philippines:

❖ President: Rodrigo Duterte  
❖ Capital: Manila  
❖ Currency: Philippine peso  
❖ Official languages: Filipino, English

About BrahMos missile:

❖ Maximum speed: Mach 3.5 (4,300 km/h; 2,700 mph; 1.2 km/s)  
❖ Launch platform: Ship, submarine, aircraft, and land-based mobile launchers  
❖ Unit cost: US$2.75 million  
❖ Used by: Indian Army; Indian Navy; Indian Air Force  
❖ Accuracy: 1 m CEP  
❖ Place of origin: India, Russia
Variants: Ship-launched; Surface-launched; Submarine-launched; Air-launched; BrahMos-II

Q. Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of the International Boxing Association’s (AIBA) Champions and Veterans Committee?

A) Mary Kom  
B) Floyd Mayweather  
C) Mike Tyson  
D) Vijender Singh

Answer: A

Six-time world champion boxer Mary Kom has been appointed as the Chairperson of the International Boxing Association's (AIBA) Champions and Veterans Committee.

About Mary Kom:
- Born: 1 March 1983
- Spouse: K Onler Kom
- Awards: Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan, Padma Shri, MORE
- Children: Prince Chungthanglen Kom, Khupneivar Kom, Rechungvar Kom
- Medals: Boxing at the 2012 Summer Olympics – Women's flyweight

International Boxing Association (AIBA)
- Headquarters location: Lausanne, Switzerland
- President: Umar Kremlyov
- Founded: 1946
- Main organ: Congress
- Formation: 29–30 November 1946
- Affiliations: Association of Summer Olympic International Federations, MORE
Q. Manpreet Vohra has been given the role of the India’s Ambassador to which country recently?

A) New Zealand  
B) Japan  
C) Australia  
D) Finland  

Answer: C

- Manpreet Vohra has been appointed as the High Commissioner of India to Australia.

**Australia in News:**

- Senior Officials of India, Australia and France hold trilateral dialogue with focus on Indo-Pacific
- Novak Djokovic and Naomi Osaka wins Australian Open 2021 Tennis Championship
- PM Modi Address the Valedictory Function of India-Australia circular Economy Hackathon (I-ACE)
- Former pacer Merv Hughes inducted into Australian Cricket Hall of Fame

**About Australia:**

- Prime minister: Scott Morrison
- Capital: Canberra

Q. Which city has emerged as the top city in the Ease of Living Index 2020 in the Less than Million category?

A) Gandhinagar  
B) Gurugram  
C) Bhubaneswar  
D) Shimla

Answer: D

- Shimla was ranked the highest in ease of living in this category
Bengaluru & Shimla adjudged best cities among 111 cities in Ease of Living Index 2020

Q. Which municipality has topped the Municipal Performance Index (MPI) 2020 in Less than million category?

A) Udaipur
B) Salem
C) New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC)
D) Tirupati

Answer: C

New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) emerged as the leader, followed by Tirupati and Gandhinagar.

Abbreviation:

✔ New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC)
✔ Municipal Performance Index (MPI)

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Q. Which city is known as the City of spices?

A) Kannur
B) Kozhikode
C) Thrissur
D) Bardoli

Answer: B

Q. “Kaundinya Bird Sanctuary” is located in which state?
A) Andhra Pradesh
B) Maharashtra
C) Odisha
D) Madhya Pradesh

**Answer: A**

**Q. What is the capital and currency of Taiwan?**

A) Dushanbe & Ruble
B) Kampala & Tunis
C) Banjul & Lira
D) Taipei & Dollar

**Answer: D**

**Q. Where in India is the “Birsa Munda Airport” situated ?**

A) Jharkhand
B) Bihar
C) Punjab
D) Karnataka

**Answer: A**

**Q. Kundala Dam is located in which part of India?**

A) Haryana
B) Chandigarh
C) Kerala
Q. Ratanmahal Sloth Bear Wildlife Sanctuary is situated in which state?
A) Delhi
B) Arunachal Pradesh
C) Gujarat
D) Haryana
Answer: C

Q. Where is the HQ of IRDA?
A) Lucknow
B) Mumbai
C) Chennai
D) Hyderabad
Answer: D

Q. Kariyala is a form of folk drama from which state?
A) Chhattisgarh
B) Himachal Pradesh
C) West Bengal
D) Jammu & Kashmir
Answer: D

Q. Shri Biswa Bhusan Harichandan is the governor of which Indian state?
A) Andhra Pradesh
B) Tamil Nadu
C) West Bengal
D) Goa

**Answer: A**

**Q. Santiago is the Capital of which country?**

A) Haiti
B) Nauru
C) Tonga
D) Chile

**Answer: D**