Q. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has recently inaugurated ‘Maitri Setu’ bridge, to strengthen connectivity with which country?

A) Nepal  
B) Bangladesh  
C) Maldives  
D) Sri Lanka

Answer: B

- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated ‘Maitri Setu’ bridge between India and Bangladesh through a video conference on March 09, 2021 to strengthen the connectivity between both the countries, and especially with the north-eastern region of India.

About ‘Maitri Setu’:

- Crosses: Feni River
- Locale: Sabroom, Tripura in India and Ramgarh Upazila in Bangladesh.
- Other name: Gateway of Northeast
- Owner: National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited
- Material: Steel and concrete
- Total length: 1.9 kilometres (1.2 mi)
- Constructed by: National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd
- Construction start: June 2015
- Construction cost: ₹133 crores
- Inaugurated: 10 March 2021

Bangladesh in News:
PM Narendra Modi inaugurates ‘Maitri Setu’ between India and Bangladesh

First ever visit of Indian Naval Ships to the historic port city of Mongla in Bangladesh to commemorate 50th anniversary of 1971 Liberation war

14th International Children’s Film Festival concludes in Bangladesh

Bangladesh Declared as ‘Country in Focus’ for 51st IFFI

About Bangladesh:

- Capital: Dhaka
- Currency: Bangladeshi taka
- Demonym(s): Bangladeshi
- Population: 16.3 crores
- President: Abdul Hamid

Q. The newly inaugurated Maitri Setu bridge has been established over which river?

A) Feni
B) Sone
C) Kosi
D) Subernarekha

Answer: A

The Maitri Setu bridge has been built on the Feni river, which lies between Indian boundary in Tripura and Bangladesh.

Q. Who has won the BBC’s Emerging Player of the Year award?

A) Bajrang Punia
B) Manu Bhaker
C) Anju Bobby George
D) PV Sindhu

Answer: B
19-year old Indian shooter, Manu Bhaker has won the BBC’s Emerging Player of the Year award.
The award was announced by the English all-rounder, Ben Stokes.

About Manu Bhaker:

- Born: 18 February 2002 (age 19 years), Jhajjar
- Nationality: Indian
- Medals: Shooting at the 2018 Commonwealth Games – Women’s 10 metre air pistol,
- Parents: Ram Kishan Bhaker, Sumedha Bhaker
- Awards: Arjuna Award for Shooting

Q. Who is the author of the book “Dynasty to Democracy: The Untold Story of Smriti Irani’s Triumph”?

A) Anant Vijay  
B) Ashok Banker  
C) Shiv Aroor  
D) Vikram Chandra

Answer: A


Recently Books & Authors in News:

- The autobiography of freedom fighter ‘Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan’, titled “The Frontier Gandhi: My Life and Struggle” has been released recently.
- Book Titled ‘Advantage India: The Story of Indian Tennis’ by Anindya Dutta
- Kabir Bedi’s memoir titled ‘Stories I Must Tell’ to be released in April 2021
- Meghna Pant Pens her new novel 'The Terrible, Horrible, Very Bad Good News’
- Peter Mukerjea pens memoir ‘Starstruck: Confessions of a TV Executive’
Q. The Food Waste Index Report 2021 has been released by which organisation, to measure food waste, at household, food service and retail level?

A) International Union for Conservation of Nature  
B) United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)  
C) Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)  
D) World Food Programme

Answer: B

- The Food Waste Index Report 2021 was released by the Nairobi-based United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) on March 04, 2021.
- The report has been produced jointly by the UNEP and WRAP, with the aim to encourage countries to cut the food waste to half by 2030.

About United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP):

- Headquarters location: Nairobi, Kenya
- Head: Inger Andersen
- Founder: Maurice Strong
- Founded: 5 June 1972, Nairobi, Kenya
- Awards: Shorty Industry Award for Best Social Good Campaign
- Subsidiary: World Conservation Monitoring Centre

Recently Ranking & Index in News:

- Singapore Tops Economic Freedom Index 2021; India Ranks 121: The Heritage Foundation
- Food Waste Index Report 2021 shows 931 million tonnes of food were wasted globally in 2019: UNEP
- Indore and NDMC tops Municipal Performance Index (MPI) 2020
- MIT-USA Retains Top Spot in QS World University Rankings 2021; IIT Bombay top Indian Institute placed at 172
- Bengaluru & Shimla adjudged best cities among 111 cities in Ease of Living Index 2020
• Elon Musk Tops Hurun Global Rich List 2021; Ambani Ranks 8th

Q. SmartUp Unnati programme has been launched for women entrepreneurs by _______ Bank.

A) IDFC  C) Axis
B) ICICI  D) HDFC

Answer: d

➢ India’s largest private sector lender HDFC Bank has launched a dedicated mentoring programme ‘SmartUp Unnati’, to support women entrepreneurs.
➢ The initiative has been launched on the occasion of International Women’ Day on March 08, 2021.

About HDFC Bank:

➢ CEO: Sashidhar Jagdishan
➢ Headquarters: Mumbai
➢ Founder: Hasmukhbhai Parekh
➢ Founded: August 1994, India
➢ Subsidiaries: HDFC securities, Next Gen Publishing
➢ Parent organization: Housing Development Finance Corporation
➢ Tagline: “We Understand your World”

Q. The “Super-75” scholarship schemes has been launched by the government of which state for for meritorious girls from poor family to support them in education and entrepreneurship?

A) Maharashtra  C) Uttarakhand
B) Rajasthan  D) Jammu & Kashmir
The Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has launched “Super-75” scholarship schemes for meritorious girls, on the occasion of International Women’s Day 2021 on March 8.

About the Super-75 scholarship scheme:

- The super-75 scholarship scheme will support the education of meritorious girls from poor families, so that they can excel in streams like medicine, engineering, ITI (Industrial training institutes) and humanity and contribute to nation-building.
- Apart from this, Lt Governor Sinha also announced a new scheme named ‘Tejaswini’. This scheme has been launched under ‘Mission Youth-J&K’.
- Under Tejaswini, financial assistance of Rs 5 lakhs will be provided to the girls between the age group of 18 to 35 years to start their business.

About Jammu & Kashmir:

- Union territory: 31 October 2019
- Capital: Srinagar: (May–October) Jammu (Nov-April)
- Governor: Manoj Sinha
- Chief Secretary: B. V. R. Subrahmanyam

Q. All the major programmes of Ministry of Women and Child Development have been brought under ______

A) Mission Shakti  
B) Mission Vatsalya  
C) Mission Poshan 2.0  
D) All of these

Answer: D

- All major programmes of Ministry of Women and Child Development (WCD) have been brought under 3 schemes- Mission Shakti, Mission Vatsalya and Mission Poshan 2.0.
This step has been taken for ensuring proper implementation of the schemes & programmes.

**About Ministry of Women and Child Development:**

- Annual budget: ₹24,700 crore (US$3.5 billion)
- Founded: 30 January 2006
- Headquarters: New Delhi
- Jurisdiction: India
- Officeholders: Debasree Chaudhuri (Minister of State), Krishna Raj (Minister of State), Smriti Irani (Union Minister)

**About Mission Shakti:**

- Date: 27 March 2019; 11:10 – 11:13 (IST)
- Objective: Destruction of target live satellite (suspected Microsat-R)
- Planned by: India
- Executed by: PDV Mk-II anti-ballistic missile
- Outcome: Satellite destroyed successfully

Q. Who among these has been appointed as the new Chairman of the Asia Pacific Rural and Agricultural Credit Association (APRACA)?

A) Mohammad Mustafa  
B) Dakshita Das  
C) G.R. Chintala  
D) Emandi Sankara Rao

**Answer:** C

- G.R. Chintala, the Chairman of (NABARD), has been sworn in as the new Chairman of APRACA
- Chintala has taken over from DPK Gunasekera, who is the Chief Executive Officer of Bank of Ceylon.

**Abbreviation:**
APRACA (Asia Pacific Rural and Agricultural Credit Association)
National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)

About NABARD:
- Founded: 12 July 1982
- Headquarters: Mumbai
- Agency executive: Harsh Kumar Bhanwala (Chairperson)
- Purpose: Rural development
- Formation: July 12, 1982; 38 years ago

Recently Appointment in News March 2021:
- CAG of India Girish Murmu re-appointed Chairman of UN Panel of External Auditors for 2021
- Tirath Singh Rawat takes oath as Chief Minister of Uttarakhand
- Uttarakhand Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat Resigns
- NABARD’s Chairman G.R. Chintala takes charge as Chairman of APRACA
- Indian Economist Ligia Noronha Appointed As Assistant Secretary-General of United Nations
- Economic Affairs Secretary Tarun Bajaj gets additional charge of Revenue Secretary
- Indian-Origin Naureen Hassan appointed as First VP & COO of Federal Reserve Bank
- Mary Kom appointed chairperson of AIBA’s champions and veterans committee
- Manpreet Vohra Appointed as High Commissioner of India To Australia
- IPS Officer Kuldip Singh given additional charge as Director General of CRPF
- Matam Venkata Rao takes charge as MD & CEO of Central Bank of India
- Vice Admiral Ajendra Bahadur Singh takes over as the Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief of Eastern Naval Command

Q. Indian shuttler PV Sindhu lost to which player to settle for silver in 2021 Swiss Open women’s single final?
A) Carolina Marin
B) Nozomi Okuhara
C) Akane Yamaguchi
D) Tai Tzu-ying

Answer: A

- India’s ace shuttler PV Sindhu has won silver medal in the BWF Swiss Open Super 300 in the final of the women’s singles event held at Basel on March 07, 2021.
- The World No. 7 Sindhu lost to World No. 3 and reigning Olympic champion Carolina Marin.

Winners List of Swiss Open 2021

- **Men’s Singles**: Viktor Axelsen (Denmark) beat Kunlavut Vitidsarn (Thailand) 21-16, 21-6
- **Women’s Singles**: Carolina Marin (Spain) beat PV Sindhu (India) 12-21, 5-21
- **Men’s Doubles**: Kim Astrup and Anders Skaarup Rasmussen (Denmark) beat Mark Lamsfuss-Marvin Seidel (Germany) 21-16, 21-11
- **Mixed Doubles**: Thom Gicquel-Delphine Delrue (France) beat Denmark pair Mathias Christiansen-Alexandra Boje 21-19, 21-19

About PV Sindhu

- Born: 5 July 1995 (age 25 years), Hyderabad
- Height: 1.79 m
- Full name: Pusarla Venkata Sindhu
- Coach: Pullela Gopichand
- Awards: Padma Bhushan, Padma Shri, Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna
- Medals: Badminton at the 2016 Summer Olympics – Women's singles

About Carolina Marin:

- Born: 15 June 1993 (age 27 years), Huelva, Spain
- Height: 1.72 m
- Nationality: Spanish
- Profession: Badminton player
Q. Name the winner of men’s single title at the 2021 BWF Swiss Open Super 300

A) Kento Momota
B) Chen Long
C) Viktor Axelsen
D) Shi Yuqi

**Answer: C**

- Men’s Singles: Viktor Axelsen (Denmark) beat Kunlavut Vitidsarn (Thailand) 21-16, 21-6

Q. India’s first Forest Healing Centre has been inaugurated in which state?

A) Assam
B) Uttarakhand
C) Himachal Pradesh
D) Karnataka

**Answer: B**

- The first-of-its-kind ‘Forest Healing Centre’ of India has been inaugurated at Kalika near Ranikhet in Uttarakhand.

**Uttarakhand in News:**

- Tirath Singh Rawat takes oath as Chief Minister of Uttarakhand
- Uttarakhand’s Ranikhet gets India’s first Forest Healing Centre
- Uttarakhand Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat Resigns
- Uttarakhand sets up Botanical Garden to conserve 210 species of trees of Shivalik range

**About Uttarakhand:**
Q. Trivendra Singh Rawat has recently resigned as the Chief Minister of which state?
A) Kerala C) Rajasthan
B) Haryana D) Uttarakhand
Answer: D
- Uttarakhand Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat has tendered his resignation to Governor Baby Rani Maurya on March 09, 2021.

Q. “The Frontier Gandhi: My Life and Struggle” is an English translation of the autobiography of which freedom fighter?
A) Muhammad Ali Jinnah C) Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan
B) Vallabhbhai Patel D) C. Rajagopalachari
Answer: C
- The autobiography of freedom fighter ‘Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan’, titled “The Frontier Gandhi: My Life and Struggle” has been released recently.
- The book is English translation of Khan’s autobiography, which was first published in Iranian language Pashto in 1983.
- The English translation of the book is done by former Pakistani civil servant and author Imitiaz Ahmad Sahibzada.
- It is published by the publishing house Roli Book.

About Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan:
- Born: 6 February 1890, Utmānzai, Pakistan
- Died: 20 January 1988, Peshawar, Pakistan
Movement: Indian independence movement: Khudai Khidmatgar; Pashtunistan movement

Nicknames: Bāchā Khān, Frontier Gandhi, Pāchā Khān

Children: Khan Abdul Wali Khan, Khan Abdul Ghani Khan, Khan Abdul Ali Khan, Mehar Taj Khan, Sardaro Khan

Books: Khudai Khidmatgar and National Movement: Momentous Speeches of Badshah Khan, WOF: Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan

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**STATIC GK BASED CURRENT AFFAIRS MCQ**

**Q. When is the International Workers’ Day observed every year?**

A) 3rd May  
B) 11 May  
C) 1st May  
D) 24 May  

**Answer: C**

**Q. Dinesh Kumar Khara is the chairman of which of the following bank?**

A) PNB  
B) State Bank of India  
C) Canara bank  
D) IDBI  

**Answer: B**

**Q. Where is the Dr. Ambedkar Stadium (Football) located?**

A) Raipur  
B) Delhi  
C) Panaji  
D) Bengaluru  

**Answer: B**

**Q. Which of the following is the state animal of Assam?**

A) Wild buffalo  
B) Asiatic Lion  
C) rhinoceros  
D) Mithun  

**Answer: C**
Q. Where is the hq of Indian Bank?
A) Mumbai
B) Vadodara
C) Chennai
D) New Delhi
Answer: C

Q. Which organisation releases the Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI)?
A) The Economist Intelligence Unit
B) Transparency International
C) World Economic Forum
D) International Monetary Fund
Answer: B

Q. “Kitam Bird Sanctuary” is located in which part of India?
A) Maharashtra
B) Arunachal Pradesh
C) Goa
D) Sikkim
Answer: D

Q. Cheruthoni Dam is situated in which Indian state?
A) Kerala
B) Tamil Nadu
C) Odisha
D) Andhra Pradesh
Answer: A

Q. “Kitam Bird Sanctuary” is located in which part of India?
A) Maharashtra
B) Arunachal Pradesh
C) Goa
D) Sikkim
Answer: D

Q. Who won the “Padma Vibhushan award 2021” for medicine?
A) Belle Monappa Hegde
B) Krishnan Nair Shantakumari
C) Narinder Singh Kapany
D) Biren Kumar Basak
Answer: A