Q. India and ____ has announced joint commission to boost ties in energy sector.

A) Jordan  
B) Turkey  
C) Kuwait  
D) Tehran

Answer: C

- India and Kuwait has announced joint commission to boost ties in energy sector.
- The joint commission will be jointly headed by the foreign ministers of both the countries.

**About Kuwait:**

- Capital: Kuwait City
- Currency: Kuwaiti dinar
- Ethnic groups: 57.65% Arab; 40.42% Asian; 1.02% African; 0.39% European; 0.52% Other;

Q. Which country has signed agreement with India for greater cooperation in patent verification?

A) Russia  
B) Germany  
C) Canada  
D) Japan

Answer: D

- Japan has signed an agreement with India for greater cooperation in patent verification. The agreement was signed between both the countries during the 4th review meeting of Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) and Japan Patent Office.
Japan in NEWS:

- Japan’s Nozomi Okuhara wins All England Badminton C’ships Women’s title, Malaysia’s Lee Zii Jia clinches Men’s title
- 5th Joint Meeting of the India-Japan Act East Forum
- India and Japan inks MoC to promote movement of skilled workers from India to Japan
- India and Japan inks MoU to Enhance Cooperation in the Field of Information and Communications Technologies (ICT)
- India Ranks 85 in Henley Passport Index 2021; Japan Tops
- Japan Government Commits Rs 2,113 crore to support India’s Covid-19 relief effort
- Japan plans to launch world’s first wood-based satellite by 2023 to reduce space debris

About Japan:

- Capital: Tokyo
- National language: Japanese
- Currency: Japanese yen
- Prime minister: Yoshihide Suga

Recently Agreements in NEWS March 2021:

- Sri Lanka inks 3 year USD 1.5 billion currency swap deal with China
- Italy signs International Solar Alliance amended Framework Agreement with India
- USAID & DFC jointly announce $41 million financing for renewable energy in India
- China and Russia Inks MoU to jointly build Lunar Space Station
- India inks pact with Philippines for sale of ‘defence equipment’ including BrahMos

Q. Gaurav Solanki and Nikhat Zareen have won ____ medal at the Bosphorus Boxing Tournament held in Turkey.

A) Gold  C) Bronze
B) Silver  D) No
Indian Boxers, Gaurav Solanki and Nikhat Zareen have won Bronze medal at the Bosphorus Boxing Tournament held in Turkey.
Nikhat was defeated by Turkey’s Busenaz Cakiroglu and Gaurav was defeated by Argentina’s Nirco Cuello in the semi-final.

About Turkey:
- Currency: Turkish lira Trending
- Capital: Ankara
- Mains electricity: 230 V–50 Hz
- Spoken languages: predominantly Turkish;

About Gaurav Solanki:
- Born: 7 July 1986 (age 34 years), Meerut
- Education: Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee
- Movies: Article 15
- Awards: Filmfare Award for Best Story, MORE
- Nominations: Filmfare Award for Best Screenplay, Filmfare Award for Best Dialogue, IIFA Award for Best Story

About Nikhat Zareen:
- Born: 14 June 1996 (age 24 years), Nizamabad
- Nationality: Indian
- Weight: 51 kg

Q. UNOPS has partnered with ______ to support Jal Jeevan Mission in Uttar Pradesh.

A) Japan  C) Australia
B) Denmark  D) England

Answer: B
The United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) has partnered with Denmark to support Jal Jeevan Mission in Uttar Pradesh.

The partnership aims to bring tap water connections to the 11 most water-scarce districts in Uttar Pradesh.

About United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS):

- Founded: December 1973
- Parent organization: United Nations

About Uttar Pradesh (UP):

- Capital: Lucknow (Executive Branch)
- Governor: Anandiben Patel
- Population: 20.42 crores
- Chief minister: Yogi Adityanath

About Denmark:

- Capital: Copenhagen
- Recognised regional languages: Faroese; Greenlandic; German
- Currency: Danish krone
- Population: 58.1 lakhs

Q. India has been ranked ___ in the International Intellectual Property Index.

A) 10th  
B) 20th  
C) 30th  
D) 40th

Answer: D

India ranks 40th on International Intellectual Property Index 2021: GIPC

- India has been ranked 40 among 53 global economies in the International Intellectual Property (IP) Index 2021.
- The annual IP Index 2021 was released on March 23, 2021 by the US Chamber of Commerce Global Innovation Policy Centre (GIPC).
- This is the ninth edition of the IP index released by the GIPC.

Q. How many committees have been formed by the Government of India for driving India into a Circular Economy?

A) 11  
B) 12  
C) 13  
D) 14

Answer: A

- A total of 11 committees have been formed by the Government of India for driving India into a Circular Economy.
- The committees will prepare transition plan for the moving India to a Circular economy.
- Circular economy intends to reuse and recycle the products as long as it is possible.

Q. What is the title of the official song of ICC Women’s World Cup 2022?

A) Pink Gang  
B) Lady Gang  
C) Female Gang  
D) Girl Gang

Answer: D

- ‘Girl Gang’ is the title of the official song of ICC Women’s World Cup 2022. It has been sung by Gin Wigmore of New Zealand.
- New Zealand will host the 12th edition of ICC Women’s World Cup 2022.

About ICC Women’s World Cup:

- Current champion: England cricket team
- Founded: 1973
Most runs: Debbie Hockley (1,501)
Most wickets: Lyn Fullston (39)
Most successful: Australia (6 titles)
Next edition: 2022 New Zealand

About International Cricket Council (ICC):
- Chairperson: Greg Barclay
- Deputy Chairman: Imran Khwaja
- CEO: Manu Sawhney
- Headquarters: Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- Founded: 15 June 1909

Q. Which state’s government has signed an MoU with ITC for executing watershed programme?

A) Rajasthan  
B) Haryana  
C) Karnataka  
D) Jharkhand

Answer: C

- Karnataka Government has signed an MoU with ITC for executing Watershed Programme.
- The programme will cover around 1 million acres of land in a period of three years.

✓ Memorandum of understanding MoU
✓ Indian multinational conglomerate (ITC)

About (ITC):
- CEO: Sanjiv Puri
- Headquarters: Kolkata
- Founded: 24 August 1910, Kolkata
- Revenue: 52,001 crores INR (US$7.3 billion, 2020)
- Subsidiaries: ITC Infotech India Ltd., Sunrise Foods Pvt. Ltd.
Karnataka in News:

- Karnataka to set up a Flower Processing Centre to add value to its flower power
- Karnataka to Host Second Khelo India University Games (KIUG) 2021
- Vijayanagara officially declared as 31st District of Karnataka
- President Ramnath Kovind Inaugurates Museum Dedicated to General KS Thimayya in Karnataka
- Karnataka CM Yediyurappa launches Avalokana Software

About Karnataka:

- Capital: Bengaluru (Executive Branch)
- Governor: Vajubhai Vala
- Chief minister: B. S. Yediyurappa
- Flower: Lotus

Q. Name the winner of Vyas Samman 2020

A) Sharad Pagare  
B) Govind Mishra  
C) Sunita Jain  
D) Amar Kanth

Answer: A

Hindi Writer Prof. Sharad Pagare Selected for Vyas Samman 2020

- Well known Hindi writer **Professor Sharad Pagare** has been chosen to be conferred with the prestigious **Vyas Samman for the year 2020**.
- He will be awarded the **31st Vyas Samman** for his novel ‘**Patliputru Ki Samragi.**’
- The Vyas Samman was started in 1991. It is given by **K K Birla Foundation** every year for an outstanding literary work in Hindi.

Q. What is the projected GDP growth rate of India for fiscal 2021-22 as per the Fitch Ratings?

A) 9.2%  
B) 10.1%
American credit rating agency Fitch has revised India's GDP growth estimate for the fiscal 2021-22 to 12.8%, from its previous estimate of 11%, in its latest Global Economic Outlook (GEO).

Q. Name the Indian-American physician who has been appointed as the US Surgeon General in Biden’s administration?

A) Neera Tanden  
B) Atul Gawande  
C) Vivek Murthy  
D) Arun Majumdar

Answer: C

The US Senate has voted, 57-43, to confirm the appointment of Indian-American doctor Vivek Murthy as the Surgeon General under US President Biden’s administration.

About US:

- Capital: Washington, D.C.
- President: Joe Biden
- Official languages: None at the federal level
- Population: 32.82 crores

Q. Pabbi-Anti-Terror 2021 is a joint anti-terrorism exercise which is scheduled to be held among the member countries of which international bloc?

A) SAARC  
B) SCO  
C) OPEC  
D) G20
**India, Pakistan and China to participate in multination anti-terror exercise “Pabbi-Anti-Terror 2021”**

- The member states of the **Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)**, including India, Pakistan and China, will hold a joint anti-terrorism exercise named “**Pabbi-Anti-Terror 2021**” in later 2021.
- The exercise will be hosted by **Pakistan** at its premier anti-terrorism centre in **Pabbi in Nowshera district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa**.
- **SCO member states include**: India, Kazakhstan, China, the Kyrgyz Republic, Pakistan, Russia, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan

**About Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO):**

- Secretary General: Vladimir Norov
- Deputy Secretaries General: Sabyr Imandosov; Wang Kaiwen; Aziz Nosirov; Vladimir Potapenko
- Headquarters: Beijing, China
- Official language: Chinese and Russian
- Founded: 15 June 2001
- Founders: China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan

**Q. International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade is observed every year on which day?**

A) March 25
B) March 24
C) March 23
D) March 21

**Answer: A**

- 2021 Theme: “**Ending Slavery’s Legacy of Racism: A Global Imperative for Justice**”
Q. Which state has launched India’s first government-run ambulance network for animals to boost the animal husbandry and veterinary sector?

A) Rajasthan  
B) Tamil Nadu  
C) Maharashtra  
D) Andhra Pradesh  

Answer: D

➢ The Andhra Pradesh Government, under the leadership of Chief Minister Y.S Jagan Mohan Reddy, has decided to set up India’s first government-run ambulance network for animals, in a move to boost the animal husbandry and veterinary sector in the state.

About Andhra Pradesh:

➢ Governor: Biswabhusan Harichandan
➢ Chief minister: YS Jagan Mohan Reddy
➢ Population: 4.97 crores

Q. Who has topped the GROHE Hurun India Real Estate Rich List for 2020?

A) Rajiv Singh  
B) Mangal Prabhat Lodha  
C) Niranjan Hiranandani  
D) Ajay Piramal  

Answer: B

➢ Mangal Prabhat Lodha and family has emerged as the richest real estate developer in India, as per the GROHE Hurun India Real Estate Rich List for 2020.

About Mangal Prabhat Lodha:

➢ Born: 18 December 1955 (age 65 years), Jodhpur
➢ Spouse: Manju Lodha
➢ Parents: Guman Mal Lodha
➢ Children: Abhishek Lodha, Abhinandan Lodha
Education: Jai Narain Vyas University (1978), Jai Narain Vyas University (1975), Jai Narain Vyas University
Organization founded: Lodha Group

Q. Sri Lanka has recently signed currency swap deal with China for 3 years. What is the amount of this deal?
A) USD 2 billion  
B) USD 3 billion  
C) USD 1.5 billion  
D) USD 4.5 billion

Answer: C

- Sri Lanka has signed a 10 billion yuan (about USD 1.5 billion) currency swap deal with China with the main motive to promote bilateral trade and direct investment between the two countries.

Recently Sri Lanka in News:

- Sri Lanka inks 3 year USD 1.5 billion currency swap deal with China
- India Legends beat Sri Lanka Legends to win 2020-21 Road Safety World Series T-20
- IAF Participates in 70th Anniversary Celebrations of Sri Lanka Air Force
- Sri Lanka Fast Bowler Dhammika Prasad quits international cricket

About Sri Lanka:

- Capital: Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte
- Currency: Sri Lankan rupee
- President: Gotabaya Rajapaksa

Q. The World’s first exclusive Ship Tunnel is slated to be constructed in which country?

A) Germany  
B) Singapore  
C) Finland  
D) Norway

Answer: D

- The Norwegian Coastal Administration has received the green signal to start working on the construction of world’s first tunnel, being built exclusively for ships.
- The tunnel is dubbed as “Stad Ship Tunnel” and would be built under the mountainous Stadhaven peninsula in northwestern Norway.
About Norway:

- Currency: Norwegian krone

Q. International Day of Solidarity with Detained and Missing Staff Members is observed on which day?

A) 25 March  
B) 23 March  
C) 24 March  
D) 22 March

Answer: A

- Every year, the United Nations observes the International Day of Solidarity with Detained and Missing Staff Members on 25 March.

Q. The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) is an intergovernmental military alliance between 30 North American and European countries. Where is the headquarter of this alliance based?

A) Paris, France  
B) Brussels, Belgium  
C) Rome, Italy  
D) New York, United States

Answer: B

Q. Cheraw dance is the folk dance of which state?

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

Answer: C
Q. What is the currency of Italy?
A) Euro  
B) Dollar  
C) Pound  
D) Peso  
Answer: A

Q. In which state is the Kakarpur Nuclear Power plant located?
A) Himachal Pradesh  
B) Gujarat  
C) Madhya Pradesh  
D) Tamil Nadu  
Answer: B

Q. Which among the following folk dances has been inscribed in UNESCO's Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity?
A) Gotipua  
B) Bihu dance  
C) Chhau dance  
D) Fugdi  
Answer: C

Q. Where is Pinjore Gardens situated?
A) Himachal Pradesh  
B) Punjab  
C) Bihar  
D) Haryana  
Answer: D

Q. World Health Day is observed on which of these days?
A) April 17  
B) April 7  
C) April 9  
D) April 21  
Answer: B

Q. Bhagalpur city of Bihar lies along the banks of which river?
A) Mahanadi  
B) Ganga  
C) Falguni  
D) Sone  
Answer: B
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