Q. Who has been appointed as the new Chief of National Security Guards?

A. B M Kuldeep  
B. M A Ganapathy  
C. M K Vijetha  
D. R P Singh

Answer: B

About National Security Guards:

- Founded: 22 September 1986
- Jurisdiction: India
- Regional Hubs: Mumbai, Kolkata, Hyderabad, Chennai, Gandhinagar
- Headquarters: New Delhi
- Significant Operations: Black Thunder; Ashwamedh; Combat missions in Jammu and Kashmir; Vajra Shakti; Black Tornado
- Annual budget: ₹11.9 billion (US$166.8 million)

Q. What is the deadline set by the RBI for all bank branches to implement the image-based Cheque Truncation System (CTS)?

A) September 30, 2021  
B) March 31, 2021  
C) April 30, 2021  
D) August 31, 2021

Answer: A

- Reserve Bank of India has asked banks to implement the image-based Cheque Truncation System (CTS) in all branches by September 30, 2021
- The CTS clearing mechanism will bring operational efficiency in paper-based clearing and make the process of collection and settlement of cheques faster resulting in better customer service
The CTS is in use since 2010 and presently covers around 1,50,000 branches. However, there are about 18,000 bank branches that are still outside any formal clearing arrangement.

**About RBI:**

- Governor: Shaktikanta Das Trending
- Reserves: ₹3,830,997 crore (US$540 billion)
- Interest on reserves: 3.35% (market determined)
- Bank rate: 4.00%
- Currency: Indian rupee (₹)
- Headquarters: Mumbai

Q. RBI has asked the banks to implement image-based Cheque Truncation System (CTS) across all branches by _____________.

A. 1st April          C. 1st May
B. 30th June          D. 30th September

**Answer: B**

- RBI has asked the banks to implement image-based Cheque Truncation System (CTS) across all branches by 30th September, 2021.
- This will enable faster settlement of cheques and better customer service.

Q. Government has formed an experts advisory committee for the overall execution and monitoring of the Startup India Seed Fund Scheme. Who is the head of the committee?

A) M.G.K Menon          C) H K Mittal
B) S. Ramachandran      D) A.J. Kidwai

**Answer: C**
The government has constituted an experts advisory committee for the overall execution and monitoring of the Startup India Seed Fund Scheme

The committee would be chaired by H K Mittal from the Department of Science and Technology

The committee will evaluate and select incubators for allotment of funds under the scheme, monitor progress and take all necessary measures for efficient utilisation of funds towards fulfilment of objectives of the scheme

STARTUP INDIA SEED FUND SCHEME (SISFS)

The scheme has been approved for the period of next four years starting from 2021-22, beginning from April 1, 2021

Government has earmarked Rs 945 crore corpus for the scheme, which will be divided over the next four years for providing seed funding to eligible startups through eligible incubators across India

LATEST IMPORTANT COMMITTEE IN NEWS

- Centre forms experts committee for Startup India Seed Fund Scheme; Headed By : H K Mittal
- 259-member high-level National Committee constituted to commemorate 75 years of India’s Independence; Headed By PM Modi
- RBI constitues eight-member expert panel for strengthening Urban Co-operative Banks; Headed By : N. S. Vishwanathan
- RBI forms six-member working group to regulate digital lending frauds; Headed By - Jayant Kumar Dash,
- Centre formed an empowered committee for administration of Covid-19 vaccine; Headed By - RS Sharma
- To commemorate the 125th Birth Anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, a High Level Committee has been constituted ; headed by PM Modi
- RBI set up an academic advisory council called ‘College of Supervisors (CoS)’ to further strengthen supervision; Headed By - N S Viswanathan
- Centre plans to form committee to protect language, culture & land of Ladakh ; Headed By - Kishan Reddy
Centre constitutes high-level group for South Asia energy security; Headed By – Ram Vinay Shahi

Q. Which state has highest percentage of area covered under micro-irrigation (as per MoAFW)?

A. Sikkim  
B. Kerala  
C. Odisha  
D. Punjab

Answer: A

- As per the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (MoAFW) Sikkim has the highest percentage of area (73%) covered under micro-irrigation.
- Sikkim is followed by Andhra Pradesh (70%) and Karnataka (61%).

About MoAFW:

- **MoAFW**: Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare
- Founded: 1947
- Headquarters: New Delhi
- Jurisdiction: India
- Departments: Department of Agricultural Research And Education
- Officeholders: Parshottam Rupala (Minister of State)

About Sikkim:

- Capital: Gangtok
- Tree: Rhododendron
- Points of interest: Rumtek Dharma Chakra Centre, Nathula,

Q. Which company has partnered with IIT Delhi for research in electric, connected and autonomous vehicles?

A. Tata Motors  
B. Volvo Motors
C. Tesla Inc  
D. MG Motor

Answer: D

- Morris Garages (MG) Motor has partnered with Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi for research in electric, connected and autonomous vehicles.
- MG Motor will work with the Centre for Automotive Research and Tribology (CART) of IIT-Delhi.

About MG Motor:

- Morris Garages (MG) Motor
- Founded: 12 April 2006; 14 years ago
- Headquarters: Marylebone, London, United Kingdom
- Products: Automobiles
- Owner: SAIC Motor
- Number of employees: Approx. 100
- Parent: SAIC Motor UK

Q. Cricket players Mohammad Naveed and Shaiman Anwar Butt have been banned from all cricket by ICC for 8 years for being involved in match fixing. They play for which country?

A) Afghanistan  
B) Pakistan  
C) Bangladesh  
D) UAE

Answer: D

- International Cricket Council (ICC) has imposed eight years ban on former UAE players Mohammad Naveed and Shaiman Anwar Butt from all cricket, for trying to fix matches during the T20 World Cup qualifiers in 2019
- Their eight-year bans have been made effective from 16 October, 2019
• ICC bans UAE cricketers Mohammad Naveed and Shaiman Anwar from all cricket for 8 years
• Indian Air Force to Participate in EX Desert FLAG VI exercise hosted by the United Arab Emirates
• Indian Navy Ship Pralaya Participates in NAVDEX 21 and IDEX 21 in Abu Dhabi, UAE
• ‘Hope’ probe of UAE successfully enters Mars orbit
• Cabinet approves MoU between India and UAE for Scientific and Technical Cooperation
• 20th IORA Council of Ministers Meeting Held in UAE
• Govt of India gave nod to IPL 2020 in UAE
• World Future Energy Summit 2020 Begins in Abu Dhabi
• Trump announces historic peace deal between UAE & Israel to establish full diplomatic relations
• UAE becomes first Arab country to produce nuclear energy
• Piyush Goyal Co-chairs 8th Meeting of the India-UAE High Level Joint Task Force on Investments
• India’s External Affairs Minister and Foreign Minister of UAE Co-Chairs 13th India-UAE Joint Commission Meeting
• United Arab Emirates launches “Hope” mission to “Mars”
• UAE’s DMCC launches “Agriota E-Marketplace”
• Arab Gulf’s first coal-based power plant being developed in Dubai
• 2020 Asia Cup Cricket Tournament Shifted from Pakistan to Dubai

**United Arab Emirates (UAE)**

- Capital : Abu Dhabi
- Currency : Dirham
- President : Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan
- Prime Minister : Mohammed bin

Q. Who has been appointed as the new Chief of CRPF?
A. Kuldeep Singh  
B. Pawan Kumar  
C. MN Sehgal  
D. MP Vishwanath

**Answer: A**

- Kuldeep Singh has been appointed as the new Director General of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF). He will hold the post till 30th September, 2022.

**About CRPF:**

- Formed: 27 July 1939; as Crown Representative's Police; 28 December 1949; 71 years ago
- Motto: "सेवा और निःस्व"; Service and Loyalty
- Headquarters: New Delhi
- Operations jurisdiction: IN
- Annual budget: ₹26,197.90 crore (US$3.7 billion)
- Founder: Parliament of India

**Q. Which is the most polluted city in the world, according to the IQAir 2020 World Air Quality Report?**

A) New York  
B) New Delhi  
C) Xinjiang  
D) Dhaka

**Answer: C**

- The top most polluted city of the world is Xinjiang in China
- New Delhi has been adjudged as the world's most polluted capital city for the third straight year in the 2020 World Air Quality Report by Swiss organisation, IQAir

**DON'T CONFUSE**

- US Air Quality Index (AQI) 2020
- Lahore is world’s most polluted city
- New Delhi stood second, while Nepal's capital Kathmandu ranked the third
- World Air Quality Report 2020
New Delhi Ranked as World’s most polluted capital city
The top most polluted city of the world is Xinjiang in China

Q. The Indian Army has recently decommissioned M-46 Catapult Guns and Tampella Mortars, two of the longest serving artillery gun systems from service. The caliber of M-46 Catapult Guns and Tampella Mortars were_____ and _____ respectively.

A) 190mm and 190mm  
B) 120mm and 150mm  
C) 100mm and 110mm  
D) 130mm and 160mm

Answer: D

- Indian Army Decommissions two of longest serving artillery systems ‘130mm Self Propelled Catapult Guns’ and ‘160mm Tampella Mortars’ from Service
- The Indian Army decommissioned two of the longest serving artillery systems from service on March 16, 2021 at Mahajan Field Firing Ranges in Rajasthan
- These include: 130mm Self Propelled M-46 Catapult Guns and the 160mm Tampella Mortars 130mm Catapult It had a range of more than 27 km. 160mm Tampella mortars It had a range of 9.6km

INDIAN ARMY IN NEWS

- Indian Army Decommissions two of longest serving artillery systems ‘130mm Self Propelled Catapult Guns’ and ‘160mm Tampella Mortars’ from Service
- L&T Delivers 100th & Final K-9 Vajra Howitzer to Indian Army
- The Army Day in India is celebrated on 15 January every year
- 2021 marks the 73rd Indian Army Day
- Indian Army inks pact with Goa Shipyard to get 12 fast patrol boats for Pangong Tso lake in Ladakh
- Indian Army inks $20 mn contract to buy SWITCH drones
- In India, the Armed Forces Veterans Day is observed each year on 14 January
- Indian Army successfully testfires Anti-Ship version of BrahMos missile
- Indian Army chief MM Naravane made honorary General of Nepal Army
- Indian Army launches its own WhatsApp-like messaging application ‘SAI’
- Indian Army and Maharashtra govt organised a anti-terror exercise “Suraksha Kavach”
- Lt Gen Harpal Singh appointed new Engineer-in-Chief of Indian Army
- Indian Army launches cycling expedition in Gujarat & Rajasthan
- Indian Army celebrates 74th Infantry Day in J&K on 27 October 2020

**INDIAN ARMY**

- Founded : 1 April 1895
- Headquarters : New Delhi
- Motto(s) : Service Before Self
- Army Day : 15 January
- KM Cariappa : first Indian commander-in-chief
- Commander-in-Chief : President Ram Nath Kovind
- Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) : General Bipin Rawat
- First Army chief : Sir Robert Lockhart
- 29th Chief of the Army Staff : Manoj Mukund Naravane

**Q. INS Jalashwa has been sent to ______ for delivering 1,000 tonnes of rice under Mission Sagar IV.**

A. Barbados  
B. Comoros  
C. Lithuania  
D. Ethiopia

**Answer: B**

- INS Jalashwa has been sent to Port Anjouan of Comoros for delivering 1,000 tonnes of rice as part of Mission Sagar IV. It is the largest amphibious vessel of Indian Navy.

**About Comoros:**

- Capital: Moroni
- President: Azali Assoumani
- Currency: Comorian franc
Ethnic groups: Afro-Arab 86%; Malagasy 14%

Q. As per the SIPRI Report, India’s import of arms has decreased by ___ % due to indigenization.

A. 10 %  
B. 16 %  
C. 33 %  
D. 42 %  

Answer: C

➤ As per the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), India’s import of arms has decreased by 33 % from 2011-15 to 2016-20 due to indigenization or ‘Make In India’ initiative of the Government of India.

About SIPRI:

➤ Headquarters: Solna  
➤ Founded: 6 May 1966  
➤ Location: Stockholm, Sweden  
➤ Director: Dan Smith  
➤ Chair: Jan Eliasson  
➤ Founders: Government of Sweden, Tage Erlander, Alva Myrdal

Q. Which country will host 2021 Asian Boxing Championship?

A. China  
B. Japan  
C. UAE  
D. India  

Answer: D

➤ India will host the 2021 Asian Boxing Championship in May, 2021.  
➤ It will be held in New Delhi from 21st to 31st May. The announcement regarding the hosting of tournament was made by International Boxing Association (AIBA).

About India:
Q. Which state’s government will set up 100 Nursery Sports Academies to give opportunities to the Children?

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

**Answer: A**

Rajasthan government will set up 100 Nursery Sports Academies to give opportunities to the children. It was announced by the Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports, Ashok Chandna.

**Rajasthan in News:**

- Former Rajasthan Governor Anshuman Singh Passes Away at 86
- 16th edition of India-US joint military exercise ‘Yudh Abhyas 20’ commences at Bikaner in Rajasthan
- BSF launches Operation ‘Sard Hawa’ at Rajasthan border
- Rajasthan Congress MLA Gajendra Singh Shaktawat passes away at 48

**About Rajasthan:**

- Capital: Jaipur (Executive Branch)
- Governor: Kalraj Mishra
- Area rank: 1st

Q. Lou Ottens, the inventor of the audio cassette tape has passed away. He was from which country?

A) Ireland  
B) Finland
C) Netherlands

Answer: C

- Lou Ottens, the Dutch engineer who is credited with the invention of the audio cassette tape, has passed away.
- Ottens founded the cassettes in the year 1960s, while he was employed with tech giant Philips. Later it led to the invention of the first reel-to-reel walkman in 1963.
- He is also known for helping develop the concept of magnetic tape players and the computer discs (CDs).

NETHERLANDS

- Capital: Amsterdam
- Currency: Euro

Q. Sports Minister Shri Kiren Rijiju and the President of Inter Parliamentary Union, (IPU) held a meeting on March 16, to discuss various issues, especially in the field of Youth Affairs and Sports. Who is the President of IPU?

A) Harry Dexter White
B) Duarte Pacheco
C) Heinrich von Stephan
D) Tatiana Valovaya

Answer: B

- Union Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports Shri Kiren Rijiju held a meeting with the President of Inter Parliamentary Union, (IPU) Mr Duarte Pacheco in New Delhi on March 16, 2021.
- Discussion about corporation among the international parliamentarians especially in the field of Youth Affairs and Sports.

SPORTS MINISTER IN NEWS

- Kiren Rijiju reveals 1,000 Khelo India centers to be launched for retired sportspersons
Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju Launches 2nd edition of Fit India Cyclothon
Kiren Rijiju launches initiative of Fit India Youth Clubs to promote fitness among every citizen
Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju has launched the 2nd edition of the “Fit India School Week” program
Kiren Rijiju inaugurates “Khelo India e-Pathshala” programme
Foreign and Indian coaches to have a 4-year contract : Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju
Kiren Rijiju launches new logo of Sports Authority of India
Kiren Rijiju launches “NADA App” for athletes
Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju attended Y20 Global Summit Virtually hosted from Al Khobar, Saudi Arabia
Kiren Rijiju announces Ladakh and J&K will host Khelo India Winter Games 2020
Ministry of Youth affairs and Sports : Kiran Rijiju
Constituency : Arunachal west

Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)

- Founded :1889
- Headquarters : Geneva, Switzerland
- President : Duarte Pacheco (Portugal)

Q. As per the 2020 IQAir World Air Quality Report, which city has been adjudged as the most polluted capital city in the world?

A) Beijing   C) Dhaka
B) Kathmandu D) New Delhi

Answer: D

- New Delhi has been adjudged as the world’s most polluted capital city for the third straight year in the 2020 World Air Quality Report by Swiss organisation, IQAir.
- Globally, New Delhi is ranked as the 10th most polluted city in the world
- The top most polluted city of the world is Xinjiang in China
This is followed by nine Indian cities as most polluted cities in the world, which are Ghaziabad, Bulandshahar, Bisrakh Jalalpur, Noida, Greater Noida, Kanpur, Lucknow and Bhiwari.

**IQAir Report**

- The IQAir report measures air quality levels based on the concentration of lung-damaging airborne particles known as PM 2.5, which is measured by ground-based monitoring stations.
- As per the report, India was home to 35 of the world’s 50 most polluted cities, spanning 106 countries, which means India continues to feature prominently at the top of the most polluted cities ranking.

**Latest City Index 2021**

- World Air Quality Report 2020
- New Delhi Ranked as World’s most polluted capital city
- The top most polluted city of the world is Xinjiang in China
- Ease of Living Index 2020
- Million+ populated cities
- Bengaluru emerged as the top performer in this category
- Less than Million category
- Shimla was ranked the highest in ease of living
- Municipal Performance Index (MPI) 2020
- Million plus population category
- Indore has topped this list, followed by Surat and Bhopal
- Less than million category
- New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) emerged as the leader, followed by Tirupati and Gandhinagar
- US Air Quality Index (AQI) 2020
- Lahore is world’s most polluted city
- New Delhi stood second, while Nepal’s capital Kathmandu ranked the third
- Hong Kong, Zurich, and Paris most expensive cities in EIU’s Worldwide Cost of Living (WCOL) Index

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- IMD's Global Smart City Index 2020
- The index has been topped by Singapore
- Hyderabad was the top Indian city, placed at the 85th position

### STATIC GK BASED CURRENT AFFAIRS MCQ

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Q. Mandi is one of the largest parliamentary constituencies in India. Mandi is based in which state?

A) Assam  
B) Madhya Pradesh  
C) Himachal Pradesh  
D) Rajasthan

**Answer: C**

Q. Where is “Advanced Numerical Research & Analysis Group” (ANURAG) located?

A) Hyderabad  
B) Kanpur  
C) Bangalore  
D) Pune

**Answer: A**

Advanced NUmerical Research and Analysis Group is a laboratory of the Defence Research and Development Organisation located in Kanchanbagh, Hyderabad.

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Q. Beirut is the capital city of which of the following country?

A) Lebanon  
B) Turkey  
C) Iran  
D) Cyprus

**Answer: A**

Q. Who is the defence minister of India?

A) Amit Shah  
B) Nirmala Sitharaman  
C) Rajnath Singh  
D) Nitin Gadkari

**Answer: C**

Q. Where is the Kozhikode International Airport located?

A) Maharasthra  
B) Assam  
C) Kerala  
D) Goa

**Answer: C**
Q. Where is the Kanaka Durga Ammavari Temple located?

A) Visakhapatnam  
B) Vijayawada  
C) Guntur  
D) Rajamahendravaram  

Answer: B