Q. Which film won the ‘Best Feature Film’ award at the 67th National Film Awards 2019?

A) Baahubali  
B) Marakkar  
C) Kabira  
D) Teertha

Answer: B

- ‘Marakkar: Lion of the Arabian Sea’ has won the ‘Best Feature Film’ award at the 67th National Film Awards 2019.
- Manoj Vajpayee won the Best Acting award for Bhonsle.

**Feature Film Awards**

- Best Feature Film: **Marakkar: Lion of the Arabian Sea** (Malayalam)
- Best Actor (shared): **Manoj Bajpayee** for Bhonsle (Hindi), and Dhanush for Asuran (Tamil)
- Best Actress: **Kangana Ranaut** for Panga (Hindi) and Manikarnika: The Queen of Jhansi (Hindi)
- Best Supporting Actress: Pallavi Joshi for The Tashkent Files (Hindi)
- Best Supporting Actor: Vijay Sethupathi for Super Deluxe (Tamil)
- Best Director: **Sanjay Puran Singh Chauhan** for Bahattar Hoorain (Hindi)
- Best Debut Film of a Director: **Mathukutty Xavier** for Helen (Malayalam)
- Best Child Artist: Naga Vishal for KD (Tamil)
- Best Action Direction: Avane Srimannarayana (Kannada), Vikram Mor
- Best Choreography: **Maharishi** (Telugu), Raju Sundaram
- Best Special Effects: Marakkar: Lion of the Arabian Sea (Malayalam), Siddharth Priyadarshan
- Special Jury Award: Oththa Seruppu Size 7 (Tamil), Radhakrishnan Parthibhan
- Best Lyrics: Prabha Varma for Kolaambi (Malayalam)
- Best Music Direction: **D. Imman** for Viswasam (Tamil)
- Best Background Music: Prabuddha Banerjee for Jyeshthoputro (Bengali)
- Best Make-up Artist: Ranjith for Helen (Malayalam)
Best Costumes: Sujith Sudhakaran and V. Sai for Marakkar: Lion of the Arabian Sea (Malayalam)
Best Production Design: Anandi Gopal (Marathi), Sunil Nigwekar and Nilesh Wagha
Best Audiography (Location Sound Recordist): Iewduh (Khasi), Debajit Gayan
Best Audiography (Re-recordist of the final mixed track): Oththa Seruppu Size 7 (Tamil), Resul Pookutty
Best Screenplay (Original): Jyeshthoputro (Bengali), Kaushik Ganguly
Best Screenplay (Adapted): Gumnaami (Bengali), Srijit Mukherji
Best Screenplay (Dialogue Writer): The Tashkent Files (Hindi), Vivek Ranjan Agnihotri
Best Cinematography: Jallikattu (Malayalam), Gireesh Gangadharan
Best Editing: Jersey (Telugu), Navin Nooli
Best Children’s Film: Kastoori (Hindi)
Best Film on Environment Conservation: Water Burial (Monpa)
Best Film on Social Issues: Anandi Gopal (Marathi)
Best Film on National Integration: Tajmahal (Marathi)
Best Popular Film Providing Wholesome Entertainment: Maharishi (Telugu)
Best Female Playback Singer: Savani Ravindra for Bardo (Marathi)
Best Male Playback Singer: B Praak for Kesari (Hindi)

Q. Ministry of Defense has signed a 1056 crore rupee contract with _________ for procuring LSVs.

   A) Tata Motors  C) Mahindra
   B) Ashok Leyland D) Toyota

Answer: C

- Ministry of Defense has signed a 1056 crore rupee contract with Mahindra Defense Systems Ltd (MSDL) for procuring Light Specialist Vehicles (LSVs) for Indian Army.
- The indigenously designed LSVs will be delivered by MSDL in 4 years.

Abbreviation:

- Light Specialist Vehicles (LSVs)
- Mahindra Defense Systems Ltd (MSDL)
About Ministry of Defense:

- Preceding Ministry: Department of Defence
- Officeholder: Rajnath Singh (Minister)
- Headquarters: New Delhi
- Annual budget: ₹478,195 crore (US$67 billion)
- Founded: 15 August 1947
- Departments: Border Roads Organisation, Bharat Dynamics

About Mahindra:

- Parent organization: Mahindra Group
- CEO: Pawan Kumar Goenka (1 Apr 2020–)
- Founded: 2 October 1945, Ludhiana
- Subsidiaries: Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services Limited, MORE
- Founders: Malik Ghulam Muhammad, Jagdish Chandra Mahindra, Kailash Chandra Mahindra

Q. Which state has developed India’s 1st FPO Portal?

A) Uttar Pradesh  
B) Madhya Pradesh  
C) Andhra Pradesh  
D) Arunachal Pradesh

Answer: A

- Uttar Pradesh has developed India’s 1st Farmer Producer Organization (FPO) portal.
- It has been developed by the Department of Agriculture and is being supported by Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.
- This will benefit the farmers at the grassroot level.

Recently Uttar Pradesh in News:

- Kushinagar Airport in Uttar Pradesh Gets International Airport Licence from DGCA
- Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh inaugurates DRDO Skill Development Centre for Fire Safety Training at Pilkhuwa in Uttar Pradesh
PM Modi lays foundation stone of Maharaja Suheldev Memorial and Chittaura Lake Development Work at Bahraich in Uttar Pradesh

Uttar Pradesh Government announces unique 16-digit Unicode to identify landholdings

About Uttar Pradesh:

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

Q. Who will head the 5-member panel made for the evaluation of applications for Universal Banks and Small Finance Banks?

A) Revathy Iyer  
B) B Mahapatra  
C) Shyamala Gopinath  
D) TN Manoharan

Answer: C

Shyamala Gopinath will head the 5-member panel made for the evaluation of applications for Universal Banks and Small Finance Banks.

Shyamala Gopinath has served as the Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

Q. Who has won Gold Medal for India in the Para Shooting World Cup 2021?

A) Mukesh Thapa  
B) Prem Rawat  
C) Rahul Vaidya  
D) Singhraj

Answer: D

Singhraj has won Gold Medal at the Para Shooting World Cup 2021 held at Al Ain, UAE.

Singhraj defeated Server Ibragimov in the finals of Men’s 10m Air Pistol SH1 event.

Q. Which of the following countries will participate in the ‘Pabbi- Antiterror- 2021’?

A) India  
B) Pakistan  
C) China  
D) All of these
Answer: D

- China, India and Pakistan will participate in the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) joint anti-terrorism exercise ‘Pabbi-Antiterror-2021’.
- It was officially announced in the 36th meeting of the Council of the Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure (RATS) held at Tashkent.

### About India:
- Currency: Indian rupee
- Capital: New Delhi
- Native languages: 447 languages

### About China:
- Capital: Beijing
- Official script: Simplified Chinese
- Currency: Renminbi
- President: Xi Jinping
- Population: 139.77 crores
- Gross domestic product: 14.34 lakh crores USD

### About Pakistan:
- President: Arif Alvi
- Capital: Islamabad
- Population: 21.66 crores
- Currency: Pakistani rupee
- Prime minister: Imran Khan

Q. As per the Military Direct’s Study, India has the world’s ___ strongest army.

A) 2nd  
B) 3rd  
C) 4th  
D) 5th

**Answer: C**

- As per the Military Direct’s study, India has the 4th strongest army.
The study revealed that China has the world’s strongest army with a score of 82 out of 100 followed by USA (74) and Russia (69). India’s score was 61.

About Indian Armed Forces:

- Chief of Defence Staff: General Bipin Rawat
- Military age: 18
- Reaching military age annually: 23,116,044
- Minister of Defence: Rajnath Singh
- Defence Secretary: Ajay Kumar, IAS
- Reserve personnel: 1,155,000; (ranked 3rd)

Q. IRDAI has raised the maximum cover under Arogya Sanjeevani Policy from Rs 5 lakh to Rs. ___ lakh.

A) 7  B) 10  C) 15  D) 20

Answer: B

- Insurance Regulatory Authority of India (IRDAI) has raised the maximum cover under the Arogya Sanjeevani Policy from Rs. 5 lakh to Rs. 10 lakh.
- Arogya Sanjeevani Policy is a standard health insurance plan launched by the Government of India.

Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDAI)

- Founded: 1999
- Sector: Insurance
- Headquarters: Hyderabad
- Type: Statutory corporation
- Chairperson: Subhash Chandra Khuntia

Recently Schemes/Policy in NEWS:

- Centre launches ‘Gram Ujala Scheme’ to offer LED bulbs at Rs 10/piece in rural areas
Government announces “All India Tourist Vehicles Authorization and Permit Rules, 2021” to be effective from April 01

HDFC Bank launches ‘SmartUp Unnati’ for Women Entrepreneurs

Jammu and Kashmir launches Super-75 Scholarship Scheme for meritorious girls from poor families

"Gharoki Pechan, Chelik Naam” Scheme launched in Nainital

Q. Which of the following has been appointed as the ‘Trustee’ of Rs. 750 crore Credit Guarantee Fund under AHIDF?

A) IOCL  
B) NSDL  
C) NTPL  
D) OIL

Answer: C

➢ NABSanrakshan Trustee Pvt Ltd (NTPL) has been appointed as a trustee for Rs. 750 crore Credit Guarantee Fund under the Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund (AHIDF).

➢ NTPL is a fully owned subsidiary of the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD).

About NTPL Thermal Power Station:

➢ Location: Harbour Estate, Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu
➢ Primary fuel: Coal
➢ Units operational: 2 X 500 MW
➢ Commission date: Unit 1: March 2012; Unit 2: August 2012

Recently Appointment in NEWS:

➢ Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan appointed as Chairman of ‘Stop TB Partnership Board’
➢ Samia Suluhu Hassan sworn in as Tanzania’s first woman President
➢ Netherlands PM Mark Rutte claims victory for fourth straight term
➢ Kuldip Singh appointed as Chief of Central Reserve Police Force
M A Ganapathy appointed as Chief of National Security Guard
Ajay Mathur takes over as Director General of International Solar Alliance (ISA)
Pallav Mohapatra appointed as MD & CEO of ARCIL
Union Minister Anurag Thakur becomes first serving MP to get promoted as Captain in Territorial Army
Government Appoints Dr. GP Samanta as new Chief Statistician of India
Imran Amin Siddiqui appointed as Executive Director of Indian Bank
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
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

Q. The Shaheed Bhagat Singh Smarak has been inaugurated in which city by Ramesh Pokhriyal ‘Nishank’ on 90th anniversary of Shaheed Diwas?

A) Bhopal  
B) New Delhi  
C) Ahmedabad  
D) Lucknow

Answer: B


Q. When is the World Tuberculosis Day observed?

A) March 24  
B) March 22  
C) March 23  
D) March 21
The theme of World Tuberculosis Day 2021 is ‘The Clock is Ticking’.

Q. The e-Tendering Portal PRANIT has been launched by which of these organisations?

A) NHPC  
B) ONGC  
C) NTPC  
D) POWERGRID

Answer: D

State-owned Power Grid Corporation of India (POWERGRID) has launched an “e-Tendering Portal” called ‘PRANIT’ to make tendering process more transparent.

About Power Grid Corporation of India (POWERGRID):

- Founded: 23 October 1989
- Headquarters: Gurgaon, India
- Owner: Government of India
- Organization type: State-owned enterprise
- Area served: India
- Purpose: Transmission, distribution and energy trading

Q. Who is the head of the standing external advisory committee (SEAC) formed by RBI to evaluate applications of universal banks and small finance banks (SFBs)?

A) Revathy Iyer  
B) Hemant G Contractor  
C) Shyamala Gopinath  
D) T N Manoharan

Answer: C

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has set up a five members standing external advisory committee (SEAC) to evaluate applications for “on-tap” licensing of universal banks.
and small finance banks (SFBs). The committee will be chaired by the former RBI deputy governor Shyamala Gopinath. The panel will have a tenure of three years.

Q. The Ministry of Defence has signed deal with Mahindra Defence Systems Ltd (MDSL) to provide 1300 LSV to Indian Army, indigenously designed and developed by MDSL. What does LSV stands for?

A) Landing Ship Vehicle
B) Light Specialist Vehicles
C) Long Side Vertical
D) Large-Scale Vehicle

Answer: B

➢ The Ministry of Defence (MoD) has signed a contract with Mahindra Defence Systems Ltd (MDSL) on March 22, 2021, to procure 1,300 Light Specialist Vehicles (LSV) for the Indian Army. The total cost of the deal is Rs 1,056 crore and the induction of the vehicles into the Army would be completed in four years.

Q. ISRO recently demonstrated free-space Quantum Communication, for the first time in India. The demonstration took place over a range of ________

A) 400 m
B) 500 m
C) 1000 m
D) 300 m

Answer: D

➢ In a first-of-its-kind initiative, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully demonstrated free-space Quantum Communication over a distance of 300 metre, with several technologies developed within the country.

➢ The demonstration included live video conferencing using quantum-key-encrypted signals, at Space Applications Centre (SAC), Ahmedabad, between two line-of-sight buildings within the campus.

ISRO IN NEWS 2021

▪ ISRO Develops Joint Earth Observation Satellite Mission Radar With NASA
▪ ISRO’s PSLV-C51 Launches Brazil’s Amazonia-1 Satellite
- India’s Homegrown App MapMyIndia Ties Up With ISRO
- ISRO Opens Satellite Testing Centre For Private Sector
- ISRO To Launch City College’s Academic Satellite
- SpaceX Breaks ISRO’s Record By Launching 143 Satellites
- ISRO Sets Up Dedicated Control Centre ‘NETRA’ For SSA
- Space-tech start-up ‘Pixxel’ to launch remote-sensing satellite on ISRO rocket in early 2021
- ISRO Chairman K Sivan Conferred with Doctor of Science honorary doctorate by Karnataka Governor Vajubhai Vala
- Indian Space Research organisation ISRO has scheduled the launch of the Earth Observation Satellite EOS01. Launch vehicle PSLV-C49
- ISRO Launches Earth Observation Satellite (EOS-01) and 9 Foreign Satellites from Sriharikota
- Xiaomi to bring ISRO’s NavIC technology to smartphones in 2020
- ISRO Chief K Sivan named for Von Karman Award 2020 by the International Academy of Astronautics (IAA)
- ISRO will launch GSAT-30 satellite onboard Ariane-5 launch vehicle (VA 251) from French Guiana
- ISRO to launch its Venus mission in 2025, France to take part: French space agency

About Indian Space Research Organisation[a] (ISRO)

- Founded: 15 August 1969
- HQ: Bengalure, Karnataka
- Founder / 1st Chairman: Vikram Sarabhai
- Chairman: Kailasavadivoo Sivan (Rocket Man of India)
- ISRO’s motto: “Space technology in the Service of humankind”.
- मानव जाति की सेवा में अंतरिक्ष प्रौद्योगिकी
- ISRO built India’s first satellite, Aryabhata, which was launched by the Soviet Union on 19 April 1975
- In 1980, Rohini became the first satellite
- Chandrayaan-1, India’s first mission to Moon, was launched successfully on October 22, 2008
- Chandrayaan-2, India’s second moon mission to study south pole of lunar surface On 22 July 2019
Q. Which day of the year is observed as the International Day for the Right to the Truth concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims?

A) March 22  
B) March 23  
C) March 24  
D) March 21  

Answer: C

➢ Every year March 24 is observed as the International Day for the Right to the Truth concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims, to say no to all forms of violence, injustice and oppression against humanity.

Q. Russia recently launched 38 foreign satellites from 18 countries into orbit. Which rocket system was used for this launch?

A) Soyuz-2.1a  
B) Soyuz-2.1b  
C) Soyuz-2.1v  
D) Soyuz-2.1s  

Answer: A

Russia in NEWS

- China and Russia Inks MoU to jointly build Lunar Space Station
- Russia launches first Arctic-monitoring Satellite ‘Arktika-M’
- Russian supermodel ‘Supernova’ Natalia Vodianova roped in as UNFPA goodwill ambassador
- India Participates in Naval Exercise ‘Iran-Russia Maritime Security Belt 2021’
- United States-Russia Extends New START Arms Reduction Treaty for Five Years
- BWF Bans Russian badminton player Nikita Khakimov for five years over betting, fixing offences
- Russia Successfully Test-Fires ‘Tsirkon’ Hypersonic Missile
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<td>Q. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) is based in _____?</td>
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