Q. General Bipin Rawat has formally commissioned the ICGS Vajra into service in Chennai. The Indian Coast Guard Ship VAJRA is ___________ in the series of 7 OPVs being built by L&T

A) 5th C) 7th
B) 6th D) 4th

Answer: B

➢ The Chief of Defence staff General Bipin Rawat formally commissioned into service, the Indian Coast Guard ship 'Vajra', at the Chennai Port Trust on 24 March 2021.
➢ ICGS Vajra is sixth in the series of seven Offshore Patrol Vessel constructed by M/s Larsen & Toubro Ltd.

About ICGS Samrat:

❖ Length: 105 m
❖ Draft: 3.6 m
❖ Beam: 13 m
❖ Builder: Goa Shipyard
❖ Sensors and processing systems: Raytheon surface search radar
❖ Displacement: 2,230 short tons (2,020 t)

About Bipin Rawat:

❖ Born: 16 March 1958 (age 63 years), Pauri Garhwal
❖ Spouse: Madhulika Rawat
❖ Parents: Lachu Singh Rawat
❖ Office: Chief of Defence Staff since 2019
❖ Education: University of Madras, Defence Services Staff College
❖ Awards: Param Vishisht Seva Medal, Ati Vishisht Seva Medal

About Larsen & Toubro Ltd:

❖ CEO: S. N. Subrahmanyan (Jul 2017–)
❖ Founded: 7 February 1938, Mumbai
Q. Who has been appointed as the CEO of the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)?

A) Saurbah Garg  
B) S.P. Saravanan  
C) Madanlal Rathore  
D) Faiz Ahmed Kidwai

Answer: A

About Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)

- Founder: Government of India
- Founded: 28 January 2009, India
- Headquarters: New Delhi

Recently Appointment in News 2021:

- Saurbah Garg, Sanjeev Kumar and Atish Chandra appointed Chief of UIDAI, AAI and FCI Respectively
- Indian-American Doctor Vivek Murthy appointed as US Surgeon General
- 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

Q. Name the newly appointed Chairman of the Airports Authority of India (AAI)
A) Sanjeev Kumar  C) Kona Sasidhar
B) Arun Kumar Shrivastava  D) Archana Ranjan

Answer: A

➢ Sanjeev Kumar, a 1991 batch IAS officer of Maharashtra cadre, has been appointed as the Chairman, Airports Authority of India (AAI).

About Airports Authority of India (AAI):
❖ Number of employees: 17,535 (As on 31.03.2018)
❖ Headquarters: New Delhi
❖ Founded: 1 April 1995
❖ Divisions: Indian Airports
❖ Key people: Anuj Aggarwal, IAS (Chairman); Arun Kumar, IAS DGCA (Ex-Officio)
❖ Parent organizations: Directorate General of Civil Aviation, Ministry of Civil Aviation, Government of India

Q. The world’s first mobile water from air kiosk and water knowledge centre has recently been unveiled in which city?
A) Bengaluru  C) Visakhapatnam
B) Hyderabad  D) Chennai

Answer: C
Hyderabad-based startup, Maithri Aquatech has set up the world's first mobile water from air kiosk and water knowledge centre in the smart city of Visakhapatnam, in Andhra Pradesh.

**Andhra Pradesh in News 2021:**

- Hardeep Singh Puri inaugurates Kurnool Airport in Andhra Pradesh
- Andhra Pradesh to Launch India’s first Govt-run Ambulance Network For Animals
- Vice President Venkaiah Naidu Releases ‘Maverick Messiah’, the Biography of former Andhra Pradesh CM ‘NTR’
- India and NDB signs USD 646 million loan agreement to upgrade road network in Andhra Pradesh

**About Andhra Pradesh:**

- Governor: Biswabhusan Harichandan
- Chief minister: YS Jagan Mohan Reddy
- Population: 4.97 crores
- **Capitals:** Hyderabad, Visakhapatnam, Amaravati, Kurnool
- Points of interest: Sri Venkateswara Swamy Vaari Temple

**Q. Earth Hour is an annual event which is marked on __________**

A) 27 March  
B) Last Saturday of March  
C) Last Friday of March  
D) 28 March  

**Answer: B**

- Every year, the Earth Hour is celebrated worldwide on the last Saturday of the March month to show support for fight against climate change and commitment towards better planet.
- Earth Hour 2021 is being marked on March 27, 2021.
- The Earth Hour 2021 theme will focus on “Climate Change to Save Earth.”

**Q. Who has been felicitated with the Maharashtra Bhushan Award 2020, the highest honor of state government?**

A) Udit Narayan  
B) Javed Akhtar
C) Anupam Kher  
D) Asha Bhosle

Answer: D

➢ The Maharashtra Government has named legendary singer Asha Bhosle for the Maharashtra Bhushan Award, the highest honour presented by the government of Maharashtra.
➢ Bhosle has been chosen for the award for the year 2020, by a committee chaired by Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray.

About Asha Bhosle:
➢ Born: 8 September 1933 (age 87 years), Sangli
➢ Children: Anand Bhosle, Hemant Bhosle, Varsha Bhosle
➢ Awards: Filmfare Lifetime Achievement Award, Padma Vibhushan

The recipients of the Maharashtra Bhushan award are as follows:

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### CoreNet Global Academic Challenge 6.0 in 2021

A team of four undergraduate students from the Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur (IIT-K) has achieved historic win as they emerged as winners at the CoreNet Global Academic Challenge 6.0 in 2021 sponsored by Cushman and Wakefield, KI and IA: Interior Architects. The team from India emerged as winners.

**Q. Which team has won the CoreNet Global Academic Challenge 6.0 in 2021 sponsored by Cushman and Wakefield, KI and IA: Interior Architects?**

A) United Kingdom  
B) United States  
C) India  
D) Japan

**Answer:** C

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CoreNet Global Academic Challenge 6.0, sponsored by Cushman and Wakefield, KI and IA: Interior Architects.

- It is for the first time that a squad from India has emerged as winners in the CoreNet Global Academic Challenge since the inception of the competition in 2015.

About by Cushman and Wakefield:

- CEO: W. Brett White
- Headquarters: Chicago, Illinois, United States
- Revenue: 880 crores USD
- 26 Mar, 4:00 pm GMT-4 - Disclaimer
- Founded: 1917, New York, New York, United States
- Subsidiaries: DTZ Australia, Cushman & Wakefield, Inc

About India:

- President: Ram Nath Kovind
- Capital: New Delhi
- Native languages: 447 languages
- Population: 136.64 crores

Q. Who has been sworn in as the new Chairman of Food Corporation of India (FCI)?

A) Gudey Srinivas
B) Atish Chandra
C) Edwin Kulbhushan Majhi
D) Vivek Aggarwal

Answer: B

- Atish Chandra, a 1994 batch IAS officer of Bihar cadre, has been appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director, Food Corporation of India (FCI).

Food Corporation of India (FCI):

- Founder: Government of India
- Founded: 14 January 1965
- Headquarters: New Delhi
- Owner: Government of India (100%)
- Number of employees: 21,847 (as on 31 March 2019)
- Number of locations: 5 (Zonal Offices)
Q. Which day is observed as World Theatre Day every year globally?

A) 25 March  
B) 26 March  
C) 27 March  
D) 24 March

Answer: C

- The World Theatre Day is celebrated all over the world on the 27 March since 1962 to promote the art form “theatre” across the world.
- The author of the Message of World Theatre Day 2021 is: Helen MIRREN, United Kingdom.

Q. Who has been elected as the President of Congo?

A) Sassou Nguesso  
B) Guy Brice Parfait  
C) John Mgufuli  
D) Md. Zakir Abbas

Answer: A

- Sassou Nguesso has been elected as the President of Republic of Congo.
- The long-time President of Congo won the Presidential elections by a landslide of 88 % votes.
- He has been leading Congo for 36 years.

About Democratic Republic of the Congo:

- Capital: Kinshasa
- Currency: Congolese franc
- President: Félix Tshisekedi
- Population: 8.68 crores
- Official language: French

Q. Which state has been ranked 1st in National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme?

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

Answer: D
Himachal Pradesh has been ranked 1st among the states with more than 50 lakh population in the National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme. Government of India aims to eliminate TB from the states by 2025.

About National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme:

- National TB Elimination Program (NTEP)
- Country: India
- Launched: 1997

About Himachal Pradesh:

- Union territory: 1 November 1956
- Capital: Shimla (Summer) Dharamshala (Winter)
- Governor: Bandaru Dattatreya
- Chief Justice: Lingappa Narayana Swamy
- Chief Minister: Jai Ram Thakur (BJP)

Q. India has been ranked ___ in the International Intellectual Property Index 2021.

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

Answer: D

- India has been ranked 40th among 53 nations in the International Intellectual Property Index 2021.
- USA, Germany and UK topped the index released by US Chamber of Commerce Global Innovation Policy Centre (GIPC).

Q. Who has become the 2nd batsman in the cricket history to score 10,000 runs at number 3?

A) Virat Kohli  
B) Ravindra Jadeja  
C) Glenn Maxwell  
D) Steve Smith

Answer: A
Virat Kohli has become the 2nd batsman in cricket history to reach 10,000 runs at number 3.
He achieved the milestone during the 2nd ODI against England.
Ricky Ponting is the 1st batsman to achieve this feat.

About Virat Kohli:
- Born: 5 November 1988 (age 32 years), New Delhi
- ODI debut (cap 175): 18 August 2008 v Sri Lanka
- Test debut (cap 270): 20 June 2011 v West Indies
- T20I debut (cap 31): 12 June 2010 v Zimbabwe
- Last ODI: 2 December 2020 v Australia
- Last Test: 4 March 2021 v England

Q. The 1st ship tunnel of the world will be built in _______.

A) Norway  
B) Belgium  
C) Canada  
D) Mexico

Answer: A
- The 1st ship tunnel of the tunnel will be built in Norway.
- The tunnel will run underneath the Stadhavet peninsula in Norway.
- The project is expected to be completed by 2025-26.

About Norway
- Capital and largest city: Oslo
- Currency: Norwegian krone
- Government: Unitary parliamentary constitutional monarchy
- Prime Minister: Erna Solberg
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Q. The Indo-Korean Bilateral Friendship Park has been inaugurated in ___ Cantt

A) Jaipur  
B) Delhi
C) Hyderabad

D) Mumbai

Answer: B

- The Indo-Korean Bilateral Friendship Park has been inaugurated in Delhi Cantt to commemorate the contribution of Indian Peacekeepers in the Korean War from 1950 to 1953.
- The friendship park was jointly inaugurated by Union Minister of Defense, Rajnath Singh and Korean Defense Minister, Suh Wook.

About Delhi:

- Formation of National Capital Territory: 1 February 1992
- Capital: New Delhi
- Chief Minister: Arvind Kejriwal (AAP)
- Deputy Chief Minister: Manish Sisodia (AAP)

STATIC GK BASED CURRENT AFFAIRS MCQ:

Q. Birsa Munda Athletics Stadium is based in which of these cities?

A) Raipur
B) Patna
C) Ranchi
D) Nagpur

Answer: C

Q. Where is the hq of HDFC Bank situated?

A) Mumbai
B) Kolkata
C) Nainital
D) Jaipur

Answer: A

Q. In which state is “Vantawng Falls” located?

A) Mizoram
B) Assam
C) Odisha
D) Kerela

Answer: A

Q. Blackbuck National Park is located in which of these states?

A) Uttaranchal
B) Madhya Pradesh
C) Gujarat
D) Assam

Answer: C
Q. Agra lies along the banks of which river?
A) Yamuna
B) Narmada
C) Mahanadi
D) Ganges

Answer: A

Q. Merdeka Cup is associated with which sports?
A) Hockey
B) Golf
C) Football
D) Horse Riding

Answer: C

Q. Prague is the capital of Czech Republic. What is the currency of this country?
A) CFA Franc
B) Peso
C) Koruna
D) Nakfa

Answer: C

Q. World Malaria Day is observed every year on which day?
A) 28 March
B) 25 April
C) 18 June
D) 20 May

Answer: B

Q. Sultanpur National Park is based in which state?
A) Haryana
B) Maharashtra
C) Uttar Pradesh
D) Rajasthan

Answer: A

Q. The headquarter of World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) is located in which country?
A) Geneva, Switzerland
B) London, United Kingdom
C) Rome, Italy
D) Vienna, Austria

Answer: A