Q. The World Development Report 2021: Data for Better Lives focuses on how data can be used to improve the life of poor. The report is released by which organisation?

A) UNCTAD  
B) World Bank  
C) World Economic Forum (WEF)  
D) International Monetary Fund (IMF)

Answer: B

- The World Development Report focuses on how data can improve the lives of poor people and advance development objectives, to ensure no one is left behind.

World Bank in News:

- World Bank to launch $100 million guarantee scheme for solar rooftop projects
- India and World Bank inks $68 Million Project to Improve Quality of India’s Education in Nagaland
- India accounts for 11% of global death in road accidents: World Bank Report
- World Bank Signs $100 million Project to Support Nutrition-Supportive Agriculture in Tribal-Dominated Areas of Chhattisgarh
- France hosts 4th One Planet Summit in cooperation with UN and World Bank
- World Bank Projects Indian Economy to Contract By 9.6% in 2020-21; global economy to expand by 4% in 2021
- World Bank approves $105 million loan to improve Waterways in West Bengal

About World Bank:

- Headquarters: Washington, D.C., United States
- Parent organization: World Bank Group
Founded: July 1944, Bretton Woods, New Hampshire, United States
Purpose: Economic development
Subsidiaries: International Finance Corporation, MORE
Founders: John Maynard Keynes, Harry Dexter White

Q. Name the winner of the Rathbones Folio prize 2021

A) Karla Cornejo Villavicencio
B) Val Howlett
C) Carmen Maria Machado
D) Kristen Arnett

Answer: C

➢ Noted American author Carmen Maria Machado has won the Rathbones Folio prize for the year 2021.
➢ The 34-year-old author has won for her memoir, In the Dream House, released in 2019.

About Carmen Maria Machado:

➢ Born: 3 July 1986 (age 34 years), Allentown, Pennsylvania, United States
➢ Spouse: Val Howlett
➢ Genre: Science fiction, fantasy, horror
➢ Awards: Bard Fiction Prize, John Leonard Prize
Nominations: National Book Award for Fiction

Q. The ‘Global Wind Report 2021, released by the Global Wind Energy Council (GWEC) states that 93GW of new wind capacity were installed in 2020, making the year as the best in the history for wind industry. Where is the headquarter of GWEC located?

A) Paris, France
B) London, United Kingdom
C) Vienna, Austria
D) Brussels, Belgium
Answer: D

- Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, the year 2020 was the best year in history for the global wind industry as this sector installed 93GW of new capacity in 2020, according to a new report titled ‘Global Wind Report 2021, released by the Global Wind Energy Council (GWEC- Headquarters location: Brussels, Belgium).

About Belgium:
- Capital: Brussels
- Currency: Euro
- Prime minister: Alexander De Croo

About Global Wind Energy Council (GWEC):
- Headquarters location: Brussels, Belgium
- CEO: Ben Backwell
- Founded: 2005

Q. As per the Global Wind Report 2021, world needs to install minimum ______ GW of new wind energy every year to limit the global warming to well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels.

A) 280 GW
B) 180 GW
C) 380GW
D) 80GW

Answer: B

- The world needs to install a minimum of 180 GW of new wind energy every single year to limit global warming to well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels.

Q. RBI has imposed restriction on the PMC bank to carry out banking operations till __________
A) March 31  
B) June 30  
C) August 31  
D) September 30  

**Answer: B**

- (RBI) has once again extended the restriction imposed on scam-hit (PMC) Bank for a further period of 3 months till June 30, 2021.

**About Punjab & Maharashtra Co-operative Bank (PMC bank):**

- Headquarters location: Mumbai
- Founded: 1984
- Number of locations: 137
- Areas served: Maharashtra, Goa, Karnataka, Delhi, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh

**About Reserve Bank of India (RBI):**

- Bank rate: 4.00%
- Headquarters: Mumbai
- Founder: British Raj
- Governor: Shaktikanta Das

**Q. Shaheen-1A is a nuclear-capable surface-to-surface ballistic missile by which country?**

A) Afghanistan  
B) Iran  
C) Pakistan  
D) Israel  

**Answer: C**

- The Pakistan Army successfully test-fired a nuclear-capable surface-to-surface ballistic missile Shaheen-1A on March 26, 2021.
- The missile has a range of 900 kilometers.

**Recently Pakistan in News:**
Pakistan successfully test-fired nuclear-capable ballistic missile Shaheen-1A
India, Pakistan and China to participate in multination anti-terror exercise “Pabbi-Anti-Terror 2021”
Pakistan Army successfully test-fired surface-to-surface Babur cruise missile
Pakistan Successfully Test Fires Indigenously Developed Rocket System, Fatah-1

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

About Shaheen-IA:
- Operational range: Shaheen (750km) Shaheen I (900km); Shaheen IA (1000km)
- Launch platform: Transporter erector launcher (TEL), spaceport
- Designer: National Defence Complex (NDC)
- Place of origin: Pakistan
- Diameter: 1.0m
- Length: 12m
- Warhead: 1000 kg single warhead

Q. Laxmipriya Mohapatra who has passed away recently was a maestro of which dance form?

A) Odissi

B) Kathak

C) Bharatnatyam

D) Kathakali

Answer: A
Q. Which country is the host nation for the 2022 ICC Women’s World Cup?

A) India
B) South Africa
C) New Zealand
D) Australia

Answer: C

- The 2022 ICC Women’s World Cup tournament is scheduled to be held in New Zealand from March 4 to April 3, 2022.

About New Zealand:
- Capital: Wellington
- Population: 49.2 lakhs
- Prime minister: Jacinda Ardern

About ICC Women's T20 World Cup:
- Number of teams: 10
- Current champion: Australia (5th title)
- Administrator: International Cricket Council
- First edition: 2009
- Next edition: 2023 South Africa
- Most runs: Suzie Bates (929)

Recently ICC in News 2021:
- ‘Girl Gang’ announced official song of ICC Women’s World Cup 2022
- ICC bans UAE cricketers Mohammad Naveed and Shaiman Anwar from all cricket for 8 years
- R Ashwin adjudged ICC Men’s Player of the Month for February 2021
- Virat Kohli Slips to 5th Position in Latest ICC Test Rankings for Batsmen
- Rishabh Pant and Shabnim Ismail wins inaugural ICC Player of the Month January 2021

About International Cricket Council:
Q. India’s 1st glass skywalk has been inaugurated in ______

A) Punjab  B) Bihar  C) Odisha  D) Kerala

Answer: B

➢ India’s 1st glass skywalk has been inaugurated in Bihar.
➢ The glass skywalk situated in Rajgir of Nalanda district has been named as Nature Safari.
➢ Bihar’s CM, Nitish Kumar inaugurated the Nature Safari expanded over 500 hectares.

Bihar in News:

➢ Bihar becomes first state to have Ethanol Promotion Policy
➢ Former Bihar-Jharkhand Governor & Jurist M Rama Jois, passes away at 88
➢ Bihar CM Nitish Kumar inaugurates state’s first Bird Festival ‘Kalrav’ at Nagi-Nakti bird sanctuary
➢ Union Minister Nitin Gadkari Inaugurates 1.5 km Koilwar bridge over Sone river in Bihar

About Bihar:

➢ Governor: Phagu Chauhan
➢ Capital: Patna
➢ Chief minister: Nitish Kumar
➢ Fruit: Mango (Mangifera indica)
Q. Which bank has been named as ‘India’s Best Bank for SMEs’ by Asiamoney?

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

Answer: A

- HDFC Bank has been named as ‘India’s Best Bank for SMEs’ by Asiamoney.
- The title was conferred to the HDFC Bank at the Asiamoney Best Bank Awards 2021 for its efforts made towards the transformation of the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs).

**HDFC Bank in News:**

- HDFC Bank launches ‘SmartUp Unnati’ for Women Entrepreneurs
- RBI Retains SBI, ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank as Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs)
- HDFC Bank Ranks Top among 100 BFSI Firms in India

**About HDFC Bank:**

- CEO: Sashidhar Jagdishan
- Headquarters: Mumbai
- Founded: August 1994, India
- Revenue: 1.47 lakh crores INR (US$21 billion, 2020)
- Subsidiaries: HDFC securities, HDB Financial Services
- Parent organization: Housing Development Finance Corporation

Q. Who has been made the Chairman of the Interdisciplinary Team set up by AYUSH ministry to explore the potential of yoga?

A) Kiren Rijiju  
B) Harsh Vardhan  
C) Narendra Modi  
D) HR Nagendra  

Answer: D
HR Nagendra has been made the Chairman of the Interdisciplinary Team set up by the AYUSH Ministry to explore the potential of yoga.

He is the Chairman of Swami Vivekananda Yoga Anusandhana Samsthan (SVYASA).

**About AYUSH ministry:**
- Officeholder: Shripad Naik (MOS independent charge)
- Founded: 9 November 2014, India
- Headquarters: New Delhi
- Jurisdiction: India

**About H. R. Nagendra:**
- Born: 1 January 1943 (age 78 years), Karnataka
- Awards: Padma Shri; Yoga Shri
- Education: Indian Institute of Science
- Books: Diabetes Mellitus: Modern Medical & Yoga Perspectives, Yoga for a Healthy Lifestyle
- Known for: Yoga, S-VYASA UNIVERSITY

**Q. Who launched the Central Scrutiny Centre & IEPFA App?**

A) Ram Nath Kovind  
B) Rajnath Singh  
C) Venkaiah Naidu  
D) Nirmala Sitharaman

**Answer: D**

- Nirmala Sitharaman has launched the Central Scrutiny Centre & (Investor Education & Protection Fund Authority) IEPFA application.
- The apps are a part of the tech initiatives of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA).
  - **Investor Education & Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA)**
  - **Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA).**

**About Nirmala Sitharaman:**
- Born: 18 August 1959 (age 61 years), Madurai
Spouse: Parakala Prabhakar (m. 1986)
Party: Bharatiya Janata Party
Education: Seethalakshmi Ramaswami College (1977–1980), Jawaharlal Nehru University
Children: Parakala Vangmayi
Parents: Narayanan Sitaraman, Savitri

Q. Which elephants have been listed under the IUCN Red list as Endangered & Critically Endangered?

A) African elephants  C) Russian elephants
B) Asian elephants  D) Brazilian elephants

Answer: A

- African elephants have been listed under the (International Union for Conservation of Nature) IUCN Red list as Endangered & Critically Endangered.
- African Forest elephants have been included in the category of ‘Critically endangered’ and African Savannah elephants have been kept in ‘Endangered’ category.

About International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN):
- Headquarters: Gland, Switzerland
- CEO: Bruno Oberle
- Founder: Julian Huxley
- Founded: 5 October 1948, Fontainebleau, France
- Motto: United for Life and Livelihoods
- Subsidiary: World Commission on Protected Areas

About African elephants:
- Scientific name: Loxodonta
- Height: African bush elephant: 3.2 m
- Gestation period: African bush elephant: 22 months
- Speed: African bush elephant: 40 km/h
- Mass: African bush elephant: 6,000 kg, African forest elephant: 2,700 kg
- Lifespan: African bush elephant: 60 – 70 years, African forest elephant: 60 – 70 years

**About IUCN Red list:**

- Headquarters: United Kingdom
- Parent organization: International Union for Conservation of Nature
- Region served: International
- Formation: 1964

**Q. India finished ___ in the 2021 Para Shooting World Cup.**

A) 1st  
B) 2nd  
C) 3rd  
D) 4th  

**Answer: C**

- India finished 3rd in the 2021 Para Shooting World Cup with 7 medals (2 Gold, 1 Silver and 4 Bronze).
- Ukraine finished at the 1st place in the points table with 11 medals followed by UAE with 5 medals.

**Q. Consulate General of India in South Africa has partnered with __________ to boost post-pandemic tourism in India.**

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

**Answer: B**

- Consulate General of India in South Africa has partnered with Uttar Pradesh to boost post-pandemic tourism in India.
The state has committed to make Ayodhya the center of attraction of tourists coming to India.

**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
- Ram Temple tableau of Uttar Pradesh on Republic Day wins first prize

**About Uttar Pradesh:**

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

**Q. Who will take over as the MD and CEO of Mahindra & Mahindra?**

A) Prabhu Mishra  
B) Sunil Shankar  
C) Anish Shah  
D) None of these

**Answer:** C

**About Mahindra & Mahindra:**

- Parent organization: Mahindra Group
- CEO: Pawan Kumar Goenka
- Founded: 2 October 1945, Ludhiana
- Subsidiaries: Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services Limited, MORE
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<td>Q. Wilson Dam is located in which state?</td>
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<td>Q. Arif Mohammad Khan is the present Governor of which state?</td>
<td>A) Punjab, B) Kerala, C) Odisha, D) Haryana</td>
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Q. Where is the headquarter of World Chess Federation located?
A) London, United Kingdom
B) Budapest, Hungary
C) Paris, France
D) Lausanne, Switzerland
Answer: D

Q. Who is the current Union Minister of Electronics and Information Technology in the government of India?
A) Pralhad Joshi
B) Gajendra Singh Shekhawat
C) Ravi Shankar Prasad
D) Giriraj Singh
Answer: C

Q. What is the capital of Macedonia?
A) Skopje
B) Tripoli
C) Lilongwe
D) Maputo
Answer: A

Q. Who is the chairman of Airports Authority of India (AAI)?
A) Pankaj Kumar
B) Anuj Aggarwal
C) Sohan Giri
D) Ajay Sharma
Answer: B

Q. When is the World Thalassemia Day observed?
A) May 11
B) May 9
C) May 8
D) May 7
Answer: C

Q. Which of the following National Park is not a Heritage Site?
A) Keoladeo National Park
B) Sunderbans National Park
C) Kaziranga National Park
D) Pench National Park
Answer: D