Q. NPCI has launched the RuPay SoftPoS in collaboration with which company for merchants?

A) PayPal India  C) Paytm
B) SBI Payments  D) HDFC Bank

Answer: B

- National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and SBI Payments have partnered to launch “RuPay SoftPoS” for Indian merchants.
- RuPay SoftPoS will enable merchants to use their near-field communication (NFC)-enabled smartphones as point of sale (PoS) terminals and accept payment up to Rs 5,000 through a simple tap and pay mechanism.

**SBI Cards & Payment Services Ltd:**

- CEO: Ashwini Kumar Tewari
- Headquarters: Gurugram
- Founded: 1998
- Revenue: 7,286.84 crores INR (US$1.0 billion, 2018–2019)
- Parent organizations: State Bank of India, The Carlyle Group
- Chairpersons: Dinesh Kumar Khara, Rajnish Kumar

**NPCI in Nems:**

- NPCI Partners SBI Payments to launch “RuPay SoftPoS” for Merchants
- Central Bank of India ties up with NPCI to launch ‘RuPay Select’ Contactless Debit Card
- NPCI imposes 30% cap on transaction volumes via UPI for third party apps

**About NPCI:**
About RuPay:
- Owner: National Payments Corporation of India
- Introduced: 8 May 2014; 6 years ago
- Tagline: ONE LIFE. ONE RuPay

Q. As per the State of India’s Environment 2021 Report, the COVID-19 pandemic will leave ___ million children with health impacts.

a) 325  
b) 350  
c) 375  
d) 400

Answer: C

- As per the State of India’s Environment 2021 Report, the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic will leave around 375 million children with long term health impacts.
- Health impacts include stunting, malnutrition, underweightness increased child mortality.

Q. The India-Sweden Virtual Summit was held on March 05, 2021 between PM Modi and his Sweden counterpart. Name the Prime Minister of Sweden?

A) Ardalan Shekarabi  
B) Jimmie Åkesson  
C) Dan Eliasson  
D) Stefan Lofven

Answer: D
Prime Minister Narendra Modi participated in the virtual India-Sweden summit on March 05, 2021, with the Prime Minister of Sweden, Stefan Lofven.

About Sweden:

- **Prime Minister of Sweden:** Stefan Lofven
- National minority languages: Finnish; Meänkieli; Sami; Romani; Yiddish
- Currency: Swedish krona

Q. DRDO conducted successful flight test of SFDR technology, which will be used to develop long-range air to air missiles. Expand SFDR.

A) Solid Fuel Ducted Ramjet
B) Standard Flight Data Recorder
C) Spurious Free Dynamic Range
D) Stabilized Full Depth Reclamation

**Answer: A**

- The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) conducted successful flight test of Solid Fuel Ducted Ramjet (SFDR) technology on March 05, 2021 from the integrated test range (ITR), Chandipur, off Odisha coast.
- The success of SFDR technology will enable DRDO to develop long-range air to air missiles.

**Abbreviation:**

- Integrated test range (ITR)
- Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)
- Solid Fuel Ducted Ramjet (SFDR)

**DRDO in NEWS:**

- DRDO successfully flight test SFDR technology
- Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh inaugurates DRDO Skill Development Centre for Fire Safety Training at Pilkhuwa in Uttar Pradesh
DRDO Conducts Two Successful Launches of VL-SRSAM Missile System
DRDO Carries successful user trials of indigenously-developed Anti-Tank Guided Missile Systems ‘Helina’ and ‘Dhruvastra’
DRDO Conducts Successful Maiden Test Launch of Surface-to-Air Akash-NG Missile
DRDO Successfully Test Flights indigenously developed Smart Anti-Airfield Weapon (SAAW)
DRDO Develops Special Motor Bike Ambulance ‘Rakshita’ for CRPF
DRDO Develops India’s first Indigenously-Developed 9mm Machine Pistol ‘Asmi’
DRDO Celebrates 63rd Foundation Day on 1st January 2021

About DRDO:
- Founded: 1958
- Jurisdiction: India
- Headquarters: DRDO Bhavan, New Delhi
- Annual budget: ₹11,375.50 crore (US$1.6 billion)(2021-22)
- Subsidiary: Gas Turbine Research Establishment
- Aircraft designed: Avatar, DRDO Nishant, DRDO Lakshya

Q. Who will receive the CERAWeek Global Energy Environment Leadership Award for 2021?

a) Narendra Modi
c) Morrison Scott
b) Borris Johnson
d) Shinzo Abe

Answer: A

Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi is set to receive the CERAWeek Global Energy Environment Leadership Award for 2021.
The event will be organized in Houston, USA. PM Modi will also deliver a key speech at the event.

The CERAWeek Conference-2021, has been organised from March 01 to 05, 2021, by the information and insights company IHS Markit based in Houston, Texas.
✓ This is the 36th edition of the conference and first time that the conference will be an all-virtual event.
✓ Theme: The New Map: Energy, Climate, and Charting the Future

Q. Which team has won the highest medal in the Khelo India Winter National Games 2021?

A) Maharashtra  
B) Karnataka  
C) Jammu & Kashmir  
D) Ladakh

Answer: C

➢ The Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir has topped the medals tally in the second edition of Khelo India Winter National Games.
➢ The five-day mega sports event was held from February 26 to March 02, 2021, at the famous ski resort of Gulmarg in the Baramulla district of north Kashmir.
➢ J&K won 11 gold, 18 silver and 5 bronze medals.

About Jammu & Kashmir:

❖ Union territory: 31 October 2019
❖ Capital: Srinagar (May–October) Jammu (Nov–April)
❖ Districts: 20
❖ Official animal: Kashmir stag
❖ Official bird: Black-necked crane
❖ Official tree: Platanus orientalis

Q. ‘Gharoki Pechan, Chelik Naam’ Scheme has been launched in _______.

a) Uttarakhand  
b) Chhattisgarh  
c) Maharashtra  
d) Karnataka

Answer: A
Gharoki Pechan, Chelik Naam’ Scheme has been launched in Uttarakhand.
- It has been launched in Nainital on pilot basis.
- The 42-crore rupee scheme has been aimed at women empowerment.

Uttarakhand in News:
- Uttarakhand sets up Botanical Garden to conserve 210 species of trees of Shivalik range
- India’s first Pollinator Park inaugurated in Haldwani, Uttarakhand
- Uttarakhand CM Trivendra Singh Rawat Inaugurates Suryadhar Lake in Dehradun

About Uttarakhand:
- Governor: Baby Rani Maurya
- Chief minister: Trivendra Singh Rawat

Recently Schemes in News:
- "Gharoki Pechan, Chelik Naam” Scheme launched in Nainital
- Health Minister Harch Vardhan launches Mission Indradhanush 3.0
- Cabinet approves PLI scheme worth Rs 12,195 crore for telecom sector
- Centre Approves ‘Startup India Seed Fund Scheme’
- Madhya Pradesh CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan launches ‘PANKH Abhiyan’ for Girl Child
- Kerala launches ‘One School, One IAS’ Program to impart UPSC Civil Services free coaching for economically weak students
- Centre launches Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana 3.0 in 600 districts
- Madhya Pradesh Government launches ‘Launch Pad Scheme’ to make youth self-reliant
- PM Modi launches Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY SEHAT to extend coverage to all residents of Jammu & Kashmir

Q. India has won 2 medal at the ISSF World Cup Shotgun 2021. The tournament was held in which country?
A) Russia  
B) Egypt  
C) India  
D) Japan

Answer: B

- The Indian Women’s Trap team trio of Kirti Gupta, Manisha Keer and Rajeshwari Kumari won a silver medal in International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup Shotgun 2021, in Cairo, Egypt.
- The Indian team managed to collect two medals at the tournament. Earlier, Men’s Skeet team bagged a bronze medal.

**About Egypt:**
- Capital: Cairo
- National language: Egyptian Arabic
- President: Abdel Fattah Al-Sisi
- Currency: Egyptian pound
- Continent: Africa, Asia

**Q. Which country has planned to develop the world’s first dedicated sanctuary for duck-billed mammal, Platypus?**

A) United Kingdom  
B) China  
C) Singapore  
D) Australia

Answer: D

- The Australian conservationists have unveiled their plan to build the world’s first refuge for the platypus, a duck-billed mammal, that are facing extinction due to climate change.
- The new facility will promote breeding and rehabilitation of these iconic creatures, which are native to Australia.
Australia plans to build world’s first platypus sanctuary to promote breeding and rehabilitation

Manpreet Vohra Appointed as High Commissioner of India To Australia

Senior Officials of India, Australia and France hold trilateral dialogue with focus on Indo-Pacific

Novak Djokovic and Naomi Osaka wins Australian Open 2021 Tennis Championship

PM Modi Address the Valedictory Function of India-Australia circular Economy Hackathon (I-ACE)

Former pacer Merv Hughes inducted into Australian Cricket Hall of Fame

Australian umpire Claire Polosak becomes first-ever female to officiate Men’s Test Match

About Australia:

- Capital: Canberra
- Currency: Australian dollar

Q. India and _________ have signed agreement for the sale of defense equipment including BrahMos missiles.

a) Indonesia  

b) Malaysia  

c) Singapore  

d) Philippines

Answer: D

- India and Philippines have signed agreement for the sale of defense equipments including BrahMos missiles.
- Philippines showed its interest in the BrahMos Cruise Missiles right after it completed its successful tests.

About BrahMos missiles:

- Maximum speed: Mach 3.5 (4,300 km/h; 2,700 mph; 1.2 km/s)
- Launch platform: Ship, submarine, aircraft, and land-based mobile launchers
- Unit cost: US$2.75 million
- Used by: Indian Army; Indian Navy; Indian Air Force
- Accuracy: 1 m CEP
- Place of origin: India, Russia
- Variants: Ship-launched; Surface-launched; Submarine-launched; Air-launched; BrahMos-II

**About Philippines:**

- Capital: Manila
- Dialing code: +63
- Currency: Philippine peso
- President: Rodrigo Duterte
- Official languages: Filipino, English

**Recently Agreement in News:**

- India inks pact with Philippines for sale of ‘defence equipment' including BrahMos
- State Bank of India joins ‘Liink’ blockchain-based payment network of JPMorgan
- India and AIIB signs $304 million pact for improving power transmission network in Assam
- India and World Bank inks $68 Million Project to Improve Quality of India’s Education in Nagaland
- India signs FTA with Mauritius; Offers USD 100 million LoC for Defence Purchase
- Indian Oil signs pact with Greenstat Norway for setting up of Centre of Excellence for Hydrogen
- India & Ethiopia Sign Agreements On Visa Facilitation and Leather Technology
- CSIR inks MoU with Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to promote health research
- Exim Bank to provide USD 400 mn funding for Greater Male Connectivity Project in Maldives
- World Bank Signs $100 million Project to Support Nutrition-Supportive Agriculture in Tribal-Dominated Areas of Chhattisgarh
- New Development Bank Commits $100 million in NIIF Fund of Funds
India and Afghanistan Inks MoU for the construction of the Lalandar “Shatoot” Dam in Afghanistan

India-Bahrain holds first Joint Working Group meeting in the field of Renewable Energy

Q. Chabahar Port is located in which country?

A) Afghanistan  
B) India  
C) Iran  
D) Australia

Answer: C

- Chabahar Port is a seaport located in southeastern Iran, on the Gulf of Oman.
- The location of the Chabahar port has strategic advantage and high potential to provide connectivity among India, Iran, Afghanistan, Uzbekistan and other Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) countries, and boost trade.

Iran in News:

- India Participates in Naval Exercise ‘Iran-Russia Maritime Security Belt 2021’
- Textile Minister Smriti Irani inaugurates 8th India International Silk Fair
- Indian entrepreneur Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw among three new Vice-Chairs of US-India Business Council

About Iran:

- Capital: Tehran
- Currency: Iranian rial
- President: Hassan Rouhani
- Supreme leader: Ali Khamenei
- Official language: Persian
Q. 1st export consignment of ‘Red Rice’ has been flagged off from Haryana to USA. Red rice is mainly grown in _____.

a) Sikkim  c) Odisha
b) Assam   d) Punjab

Answer: B

- Red rice is mainly grown in the Brahmaputra valley of Assam.
- The variety is locally called as ‘Bao-dhaan’ which is grown without using any agro-chemicals.
- The consignment to USA was flagged off by APEDA Chairman.

Assam in News:

- India and AIIB signs $304 million pact for improving power transmission network in Assam
- Prime Minister Modi inaugurates Oil & Gas projects and Engineering Colleges in Assam
- Assam CM Sarbananda Sonowal Lays Foundation of Eastern India's First Skill University in Darrang district
- PM Modi launches ‘Mahabahu-Brahmaputra’ initiative and lays foundation stone of two bridges in Assam
- PM lays Foundation Stone of two Hospitals and launches ‘Asom Mala’ programme in Assam
- ADB & India sign $231 million loan to enhance power generation capacity in Assam

About Assam:

- Capital:Dispur
- Largest city: Guwahati
- Districts: 33
- Dance: Bihu dance
- Bird: White-winged wood duck
- Flower: Rhynchostylis retusa
Tree: Dipterocarpus macrocarpus
River: Brahmaputra

**STATIC GK BASED CURRENT AFFAIRS MCQ:**

**Q. Bargi Dam is situated in which state of India?**
A) Assam  
B) Madhya Pradesh  
C) Chhattisgarh  
D) Mizoram  
**Answer: B**

**Q. “Farakka Super Thermal Power Plant” is located in __________.**
A) Gujarat  
B) Telangana  
C) West Bengal  
D) Odisha  
**Answer: C**

**Q. Where in India is the “Hadgarh Wild Life Sanctuary” located?**
A) Odisha  
B) Uttar Pradesh  
C) Haryana  
D) Rajasthan
Answer: A

Q. In which state are the Ellora Caves situated?
A) Rajasthan
B) Karnataka
C) Maharashtra
D) West Bengal

Answer: C

Q. Where is the headquarters of the “United Nations Population Fund” (UNFPA) located?
A) Singapore
B) Montreal, Canada
C) Paris, France
D) New York, United States

Answer: D

Q. Who was the founder of Green Revolution in India?
A) Indira Gandhi
B) Sam Pitroda
C) Nirpakh Tute
D) MS Swaminathan

Answer: D

Q. What is the currency of Albania?
A) Lek
B) Dinar
C) Euro
D) Euro

**Answer: A**

Q. In which of these state is the Barabati Stadium located?
A) Assam
B) Karnataka
C) Maharashtra
D) Odisha

**Answer: D**

Q. Scott Morrison is the Prime Minister of which of the following country?
A) Angola
B) Australia
C) Bhutan
D) Brazil

**Answer: B**

Q. Where is the hq of International Hockey Federation situated?
A) Lausanne, Switzerland
B) Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
C) Munich, Germany
D) Budapest, Hungary

Answer: A

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