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Q. In 2021, India is observing which edition of the Dandi March celebrations, which was led by Mahatma Gandhi?

A) 75
B) 91
C) 82
D) 100

Answer - B

- On 12 March 2021, nation observed the 91st anniversary of the historic Salt Satyagraha led by Mahatma Gandhi. It was on March 12, 1930, that Mahatma Gandhi walked from the Sabarmati Ashram to Dandi in Gujarat to break the salt-tax law imposed by the British. It was an act of civil disobedience to protest against British rule in India.
- PM Modi also launched the “Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav”, the initiative launched by the Government of India to mark 75 years of Independence.

About Mahatma Gandhi

- Full Name: Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi
- Born: 2 October, 1869
- Place of Birth: Porbandar, Gujarat
- Death: 30 January, 1948
- Place of Death: Delhi, India
- Cause of Death: Shot by Gun or assassination
- Father: Karamchand Gandhi
- Mother: Putlibai Gandhi
- Nationality: Indian
- Spouse: Kasturba Gandhi
- Children: Harilal Gandhi, Manilal Gandhi, Ramdas Gandhi and Devdas Gandhi
- Professions: Lawyer, Politician, Activist, Writer
Mahatma Gandhi: Awards

- In 1930, Gandhi was named the Man of the Year by Time's Magazine.
- In 2011, Time magazine named Gandhi as one of the top 25 political icons of all time.
- He did not receive the Nobel Peace Prize despite being nominated five times between 1937 and 1948.
- The Government of India institutionalized the annual Gandhi Peace Prize to distinguished social workers, world leaders, and citizens. Nelson Mandela, the leader of South Africa's struggle against apartheid was a recipient of the award.

"Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony." - Mahatma Gandhi

Q. The Cabinet has recently approved to increase the FDI limit in insurance sector to what percent?

A) 85%  
B) 49%  
C) 100%  
D) 74%

Answer -D

➢ The Union cabinet has approved an amendment to the Insurance Act, 1938 to increase the permissible foreign direct investment (FDI) limit in insurance sector to 74 percent. Currently, the FDI limit in the life and general insurance is 49 percent with ownership and management control with Indian.

Important Acts related to RBI & Banks

1. Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934

Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934 is the legislative act under which the Reserve Bank of India was formed. This act along with the Companies Act, which was amended in 1936, were meant to provide a framework for the supervision of banking firms in India.
2. **GOVERNMENT SECURITIES ACT 2006**

An Act to consolidate and amend the law relating to Government securities and its management by the Reserve Bank of India and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

3. **Banking Regulation Act, 1949**

The Banking Regulation Act, 1949 is a legislation in India that regulates all banking firms in India. Initially, the law was applicable only to banking companies. But, 1965 it was amended to make it applicable to cooperative banks and to introduce other changes.

4. **Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999**

The Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (FEMA) is an Act of the Parliament of India “to consolidate and amend the law relating to foreign exchange with the objective of facilitating external trade and payments and for promoting the orderly development and maintenance of foreign exchange market in India”. It was passed in the winter session of Parliament in 1999, replacing the Foreign Exchange Regulation Act (FERA).

5. **Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002**

Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 is an Act of the Parliament of India enacted to prevent money-laundering and to provide for confiscation of property derived from money-laundering. PMLA and the Rules notified there under came into force with effect from July 1, 2005. The Act and Rules notified there under impose obligation on banking companies, financial institutions and intermediaries to verify identity of clients, maintain records and furnish information in prescribed form to Financial Intelligence Unit – India (FIU-IND).

**Money-laundering:** Whosoever directly or indirectly attempts to indulge or assist other person or actually involved in any activity connected with the proceeds of crime and projecting it as untainted property.
6. Companies Act 2013

The Companies Act 2013 is an Act of the Parliament of India which regulates incorporation of a company, responsibilities of a company, directors, dissolution of a company.

New Concepts:

1. **One Person Company** is a company with only one person as a member.
2. **Woman Director**: Every Listed Company /Public Company with paid up capital of Rs 100 Crores or more / Public Company with turnover of Rs 300 Crores or more shall have at least one Woman Director.
3. **Corporate Social Responsibility**: Clause (135) Every company having net worth of rupees five hundred crore or more, or turnover of rupees one thousand crore or more or a net profit of rupees five crore or more during any financial year shall constitute a Corporate Social Responsibility Committee of the Board consisting of three or more directors, out of which at least one director shall be an independent director.
4. **Dormant Company**: Where a company is formed and registered under this Act for a future project or to hold an asset or intellectual property and has no significant accounting transaction, such a company or an inactive company may make an application to the Registrar for obtaining the status of a dormant company.


The Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (also known as the Sarfaesi Act) is an Indian law. It allows banks and other financial institution to auction residential or commercial properties to recover loans.
The first asset reconstruction company (ARC) of India, ARCIL, was set up under this act. The law does not apply to unsecured loans, loans below Rs. 100,000 or where remaining debt is below 20% of the original principal. This law allowed the creation of asset reconstruction companies (ARC) and allowed banks to sell their non-performing assets to ARCs. Banks are allowed to take possession of the collateral property and sell it without the permission of a court.


The PSS Act, 2007 provides for the regulation and supervision of payment systems in India and designates the Reserve Bank of India (Reserve Bank) as the authority for that purpose and all related matters. The Reserve Bank is authorized under the Act to constitute a Committee of its Central Board known as the Board for Regulation and Supervision of Payment and Settlement Systems (BPSS), to exercise its powers and perform its functions and discharge its duties under this statute. The Act also provides the legal basis for “netting” and “settlement finality”. This is of great importance, as in India, other than the Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS) system all other payment systems function on a net settlement basis.

9. Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881

An Act to define and Law relating to negotiable instruments which are Promissory Notes, Bills of Exchange and cheques. Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 is an act in India dating from the British colonial rule, that is still in force largely unchanged.

10. State Bank of India Act, 1955

To constitute a State Bank for India, to transfer to it the undertaking of the Imperial Bank of India and to provide for other matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

11. The Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation Act, 1961

The functions of the DICGC are governed by the provisions of ‘The Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation Act, 1961’ (DICGC Act) and ‘The Deposit Insurance and
Credit Guarantee Corporation General Regulations, 1961’ framed by the Reserve Bank of India in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (3) of Section 50 of the said Act.

The preamble of the Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation Act, 1961 states that it is an Act to provide for the establishment of a Corporation for the purpose of insurance of deposits and guaranteeing of credit facilities and for other matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.


An Act to establish a development bank to be known as the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development for providing and regulating credit and other facilities for the promotion and development of agriculture, small-scale industries, cottage and village industries, handicrafts and other rural crafts and other allied economic activities in rural areas with a view to promoting integrated rural development and securing prosperity of rural areas and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

13. Regional Rural Banks Act, 1976

Regional Rural Banks were established under the provisions of an Ordinance passed on September 1975 and the RRB Act. 1976 to provide sufficient banking and credit facility for agriculture and other rural sectors. These were set up on the recommendations of The M. Narasimham Working during the tenure of Indira Gandhi’s government with a view to include rural areas into economic mainstream since that time about 70% of the Indian Population was of Rural Orientation.

15. National Housing Bank Act, 1987

An Act to establish a bank to be known as the National Housing bank to operate as a principal agency to promote housing finance institutions both at local and regional levels and to provide financial and other support to such institutions and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.
16. Indian Coinage Act, 2011

The Coinage Act, 2011 is an Act that consolidates laws regarding coinage and the Mints. It was enacted for protection of coinage and to prohibit the melting or destruction of coins and also to prohibit the making or possession for issue. This Act extends to the whole of India. It has 6 chapters and 28 sections. It came into force on 1st September, 2011.

17. The Industrial Development Bank (Transfer Of Undertaking And Repeal) Act, 2003

An Act to provide for the transfer and vesting of the undertaking of the Industrial Development Bank of India to, and in, the Company to be formed and registered as a Company under the Companies Act, 1956 to carry on banking business and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto and also to repeal the Industrial Development Bank of India Act, 1964.

18. Credit Information Companies Act, 2005

The Credit Information Companies (Regulation) Act, 2005 ("CIC Act"), is a legislation enacted by the Government of India to regulate the actions of credit information companies in India ("CIC's") in India and to facilitate efficient distribution of credit as well as for matters connected to the same.

Q. India's first centralised air-conditioned (AC) railway terminal 'Sir M Visvesvaraya Terminal' has been setup in which city?

A) Bengaluru  
B) Mumbai  
C) Chennai  
D) Kolkata

Answer – A

Bengaluru IN NEWS 2021

- Bengaluru & Shimla adjudged best cities among 111 cities in Ease of Living Index 2020
National Horticulture Fair 2021 begins in Bengaluru
Bengaluru Airport Bags ACI World’s ‘Voice Of The Customer’ Award
Chiefs of Air Staff (CAS) Conclave Organised at Bengaluru
Elon Musk-owned Tesla Inc. sets up first India entity in Bengaluru
13th Aero India-21 to be held in Bengaluru in Feb 2021
ADB approves $100 million loan to upgrade power distribution system in Bengaluru
ADB Approves $190 Million Loan to Upgrade Power Distribution System in Bengaluru
India’s First Mobile COVID-19 testing lab, developed by IISC, launched in Bengaluru

GK Notes on Railway:

- The first train in India “Great Indian Peninsula Railway” ran between Bombay and Thane on 16 April, 1853. The distance covered by this train is around 34 kilometers.
- Vivek Express runs between Dibrugarh (Assam) – Kanyakumari (Tamil Nadu) is the longest distance running train in India.
- The National Academy of Indian Railways (NAIR), previously known as Railway Staff College is located in Vadodara, Gujarat.
- The longest railway bridge in India is constructed over Vembanad Lake in Kerala.
- Howrah Junction is the busiest railway stations in terms of passenger volume per day in India.
- The Chenab Bridge (under construction, planned to open on 2019) across Chenab River in Jammu and Kashmir is the world’s highest rail bridge.
- Gorakhpur (Uttar Pradesh), the headquarters of North Eastern Railway has the longest railway platform (1,366.33 m) in the world.
- Siliguri Railway Station in West Bengal has all the three guages i.e., broad, metre and narrow.
- In India all major passenger and freight routes are now broad gauge. The width of broad gauge is 5 feet 6 inches (1676mm).
- The Railway manufacturing units are maintained by Ministry of Railways and they are spread across six locations in India. They are:
  - Chittaranjan Locomotive Works, Chittaranjan, West Bengal
  - Diesel Locomotive Works, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
Diesel Loco Modernisation Works, Patiala, Punjab
Integral Coach Factory, Chennai, Tamil Nadu
Rail Coach Factory, Kapurthala, Punjab
Rail Wheel Factory, Bangalore, Karnataka
Siliguri Railway Station in West Bengal has all the three guages i.e., broad, metre and narrow.
The Fairy Queen, an 1855-built steam locomotive, runs regularly between New Delhi and Alwar, in Rajasthan.

Q. What is the name of the world’s most powerful supercomputer, which has been developed by Japan and made operational recently?
   A) Akane  
   B) Volcano  
   C) Fugaku  
   D) Pangea  

Answer - C

The world’s most powerful supercomputer named “Fugaku”, developed by Japanese scientific research institute RIKEN and Fujitsu, has been made available for research work. The development of the machine was started about six years ago in 2014 and was completed in May 2020.

Indian SUPER Computer Name : PARAM-Siddhi AI

Japan in News

5th Joint Meeting of the India-Japan Act East Forum
- India and Japan inks MoC to promote movement of skilled workers from India to Japan
- India and Japan inks MoU to Enhance Cooperation in the Field of Information and Communications Technologies (ICT)
- India Ranks 85 in Henley Passport Index 2021; Japan Tops
- Japan Government Commits Rs 2,113 crore to support India’s Covid-19 relief effort
- Japan plans to launch world’s first wood-based satellite by 2023 to reduce space debris
• Prime Minister Narendra Modi addresses 6th Indo-Japan SAMVAD Conference
• Japanese Nobel laureate physicist Masatoshi Koshiba passes away at 94
• SBI inks USD1 billion loan with JBIC for Japanese automakers in India

About Japan

• Japan Capital: Tokyo.
• Japan Currency: Japanese yen.
• Japan Prime minister: Yoshihide Suga.

Q. When is the World Kidney Day observed?

A) March 12  C) March 11
B) Second Thursday in March  D) Second Friday in March

Answer - B

➢ Every year, the World Kidney Day is held on the second Thursday in March. In 2021, the day is being observed on March 11, 2021.

Q. The Sounding rocket RH-560, was recently launched by ISRO. This RH-560 belong to which series of Sounding Rockets of ISRO?

A) Rohini  C) Ganga
B) Aparna  D) Saurya

Answer - A

➢ The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) launched the indigenously made sounding rocket, RH-560, on March 12, 2021, from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC), Sriharikota Range (SHAR), Andhra Pradesh. ISRO has developed a series of sounding rockets called “Rohini series”.

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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 celebrated as the International Day of Mathematics (IDM) globally?

A) March 11  
B) March 12  
C) March 13  
D) March 14  

Answer - D

➢ Every year, the International Day of Mathematics (IDM) is observed on March 14.

Q. The first Quadrilateral (QUAD) Leaders’ Virtual Summit was held recently. Which country is not a part of the Quad nation?

A) Australia  
B) Japan  
C) China  
D) United States  

Answer - C

➢ The first-ever Quadrilateral (QUAD) Leaders’ Virtual Summit was held on March 12, 2021, on virtual platform. The US, Australia, India and Japan are the members of the QUAD nation. The four leaders, namely President Biden (US), Prime Minister Scott Morrison (Australia) Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga (Japan) and Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

COMPLETE LIST OF INTERNATIONAL SUMMITS

- BRICS SUMMIT

- Core Brics Members (5) – Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa
- Recently Held BRICS Summits and Venues
- 6th BRICS Summit 2014 – Fortaleza, Brazil
- 7th BRICS Summit 2015 – UFA, Russia
- 8th BRICS Summit 2016 – Benaulim, Goa, India
- 9th BRICS Summit 2017 – Xiamen, China
- 10th BRICS Summit 2018 – Johnnesberg, South Africa
- 11th BRICS Summit 2019 – Brasilia, Brazil
- 12th BRICS Summit 2019 – Russia

**G-20 Summit**

- **Headquarters** – Cancún, Mexico
- **Establishment** – 20 August 2003
- **Chairperson** – Mauricio Macri
- **Total Members** – 20 (Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, South Korea, Turkey, United Kingdom United States, European Union)

**Recently held G-20 Summits and Venues**

- 9th G 20 Meeting 2014 – Brisbane, Australia
- 10th G 20 Meeting 2015 – Antalya, Turkey
- 11th G 20 Meeting 2016 – Hangzhou, China
- 12th G 20 Meeting 2017 – Germany
- 13th G 20 Meeting 2018 – Argentina, Buenos Aires
- 14th G20 Meeting 2019 – Osaka, Japan
- 15th G20 Meeting 2020 – Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

**G-7 Summit**

- Earlier it was G8, Now Russia suspended temporarily so called as G7.
- **Establishment** – 1975
- **Group of Seven Countries** – France, Germany, Italy, Japan, United Kingdom, United States of America, Canada.

- **Recently Held G7 Summits**
  - 40th G7 Summit 2014 – Brussels, Belgium
  - 41st G7 Summit 2015 – Schloss Elmau, Germany
  - 42nd G7 Summit 2016 – Shima, Japan
• 43rd G7 Summit 2017 – Italy
• 44th G7 Summit 2018 – Canada
• 45th G7 Summit 2019 – France
• 46th G8 Summit 2020 – United States
• 47th G8 Summit 2021 – United Kingdom

**ADB Annual Meeting**

• ADB – Asian Development Bank
• Annual meeting of the board of governors of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) held every year.

**Recently held ADB Meetings:**

• 47th ADB Annual Meeting 2014: Astana, Kazakhstan
• 48th ADB Annual Meeting 2015: Baku, Azerbaijan
• 49th ADB Annual Meeting 2016: Frankfurt, Germany
• 50th ADB Annual Meeting 2017: Yokohama, Japan
• 51st ADB Annual Meeting 2018: ADB Headquarters, Manila
• 52nd ADB Annual Meeting 2019: Nadi, Fiji

**NAM Summit**

• NAM – Non Aligned Movement membership countries (120 + 2)
• Two nations namely Azerbaijan Republic and Fiji
• 17th NAM Summit 2015 – Caracas, Venezuela
• 18th NAM Summit 2019 – Azerbaijan

**NATO Summit**

• NATO – North Atlantic Treaty Organization
• Head Office: Brussels, Belgium
• Members: 28
• Secretary General: Jens Stoltenberg
• Recent NATO Summits:
• NATO Summit 2014: Wales (Britain), UK
• NATO Summit 2016: Poland
• NATO Summit 2017: Belgium (25th May)
• NATO Summit 2018: Belgium (11th-12th July)
• NATO Summit 2019: United Kingdom (Landon)

CHOGM Summit

• CHOGM – Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting
• CHOGM 2015: Valletta, Malta
• CHOGM 2018: London, United Kingdom
• CHOGM 2020: Malaysia

BIMSTEC Summit

• BIMSTEC – Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multisectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation
• Countries (7): Bangladesh – India – Myanmar – Sri Lanka – Thailand – Bhutan – Nepal
• 3rd BIMSTEC Summit 2014: Nay Pyi Taw (Myanmar)
• 4th BIMSTEC 2018 was hosted by Nepal
  5th BIMSTEC 2022 will be hosted by Sri Lanka

Arab League Summit

• 2015: Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt
• 2016: Noukchott, Mauritania
• 2017: Amman, Jordan
• 2018: Dhahran, Saudi Arabia

SAARC Summits

• SAARC – South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation
• These summits have generally taken place approximately every eighteen months.
• Headquarters – Kathmandu, Nepal
• Formation – 16 January, 1987
• First holder – Abul Ahsan
• **Secretary General** – Arjun Bahadur Thapa  
• **Countries (8)** – Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka

**Recently Held SAARC Summits**

• 18th SAARC Summit 2014 – Kathmandu, Nepal  
• 19th SAARC Summit 2016 – Islamabad, Pakistan (cancelled)

**OPEC International Seminar**

• OPEC – Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries  
• 6th OPEC International Seminar 2015: Vienna, Austria  
• 7th OPEC International Seminar 2018: Vienna, Austria (20–21 June 2018)

**ASEAN Summits**

• ASEAN – Association of South East Asian Nation  
• Headquarters – Jakarta, Indonesia  
• Establishment – 8 August 1967  
• Total Countries – 10 (Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Burma (Myanmar), Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam  
• Secretary General – Le Luong Minh (Vietnam)  
• Chairman – Philippines Rodrigo Duterte

**Recently held ASEAN Summits**

• The First ASEAN summit was held February 1976 in Bali, Indonesia.  
• 24th ASEAN Summit 2014 (May) – Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar  
• 25th ASEAN Summit 2014 (November) – Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar  
• 26th ASEAN Summit 2015 (April) – Langkawi, Malaysia  
• 27th ASEAN Summit 2015 (November) – Manila, Philippines  
• 28th ASEAN Summit 2016 (April) – Vientiane – Laos  
• 29th ASEAN Summit 2016 (November) -Vientiane- Laos  
• 30th ASEAN Summit 2017 (April) – Philippines, Metro Manila  
• 31st ASEAN Summit 2017 (November) – Philippine, Clark, Freeport Zone  
• 32nd ASEAN Summit 2018 (April) – Singapore
• 33rd ASEAN Summit 2018 (November) – Singapore
• 34th ASEAN Summit 2019 (April) – Thailand (Bangkok)
• 35th ASEAN Summit 2019 (November) – Thailand (Bangkok)
• 36th ASEAN Summit 2020 (April) – Vietnam
• 37th ASEAN Summit 2020 (November) – Vietnam
• 38th ASEAN Summit 2021 (April) – Brunei (Bandar Seri Begawan)
• 39th ASEAN Summit 2021 (November) – Brunei (Bandar Seri Begawan)

IBSA Summit

• IBSA Dilogue Forum (India, Brazil, and South Africa) is an international tripartite grouping for promoting international cooperation among these countries

• 7th IBSA Summit 2017: India (New Delhi)

Nuclear Security Summit

3rd Nuclear Security Summit 2014: The Hague, Netherlands
4th Nuclear Security Summit 2016: United States

East Asia Summit (EAS)

• Establishment – 1991 by Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad.
• Countries: Australia, Brunei, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, New Zealand, Philippines, Russia, Singapore, South Korea, Thailand, United States, Vietnam
• The East Asia Summit (EAS) is a forum held annually.
• EAS meetings are held after annual ASEAN leaders’ meetings.
• The first summit was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 14 December 2005.

Recently held EAST Asia Summits

• The first summit was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 14 December 2005.
• 9th East Asia Summit 2014 – Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar
• 10th East Asia Summit 2015 – Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
• 11th East Asia Summit 2016 – Vientiane, Laos
• 12th East Asia Summit 2017 – Philippines
• 13th East Asia Summit 2018 – Singapore
APEC Summits (Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation)

- **Headquarters** – Singapore
- **Establishment** – 1989
- **Total Countries** – (Australia, Canada, Brunei, Chile, china, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Philippines, Russia, Singapore, Thailand, United States, Vietnam). These are total 21 countries.
- **Executive Director** – Alan Bollard

Recently Held APEC Summits

- 26th APEC Summit 2014 – Beijing, China
- 27th APEC Summit 2015 – Philippines, Manila
- 28th APEC Summit 2016 – Peru, Lima
- 29th APEC Summit 2017 – Vietnam, Danang
- 30th APEC Summit 2018 – Papua, New Guinea Port Mores
- 31st APEC Summit 2019 – Chile
- 32nd APEC Summit 2020 – Malaysia
- 33rd APEC Summit 2021 – New Zealand
- 34th APEC Summit 2022 – Thailand
- 35th APEC Summit 2023 – Mexico
- 36th APEC Summit 2024 – Brunei
- 37th APEC Summit 2025 – Republic of Korea

Q. The Mera Ration mobile app launched by government under ‘One Nation-One Ration Card’ system, has been developed by_________

A) National Payments Corporation of India  
B) National Informatics Centre (NIC)  
C) TCS  
D) India Post

Answer - B

- The government has launched a mobile app called ‘Mera Ration’, under ‘One Nation-One Ration Card’ system, for the benefit of citizens, especially those ration card
holders who move to new areas for livelihoods. The android-based mobile application has been developed by the National Informatics Centre (NIC).

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**Apps in NEWS**

- Government Launches ‘MERA RATION’ App to help ONORC scheme beneficiaries
- Thaawarchand Gehlot launches “Sugamya Bharat App” and Handbook “Access – the Photo Digest”
- Chandigarh launches ‘Carbon Watch’, India’s first app to assess one’s carbon footprint
- Indian Railways reactivates ‘UTS ON MOBILE App’ facility
- Centre Launches new Instant Messaging platform ‘Sandes’, on lines of WhatsApp
- Bharti AXA General Insurance launches ‘Krishi Sakha’ App for farmers
- Airtel Payments Bank launches ‘Airtel Safe Pay’
- ICICI Bank launches ‘InstaFX’ mobile app to help customers obtain Forex Prepaid Card swiftly

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Q. Name the first Indian women cricket player to cross 10,000 runs mark across all formats.

A) Mithali Raj  
B) Smriti Mandhana  
C) Harmanpreet Kaur  
D) Jhulan Goswami

**Answer - A**

Q. The Global Ayurveda Festival (GAF) 2021 was which edition of the annual Ayurveda Festival?

A) 7th  
B) 5th  
C) 3rd  
D) 4th

**Answer - D**

Q. The World Rotaract Day is observed on_______

A) March 12  
B) March 13
C) March 11
D) March 14

**Answer - B**

➢ *World Rotaract Day is observed on March 13*

**Q. Who has been appointed as the CEO and MD of Asset Reconstruction Co India Ltd (Arcil)?**

A) Pallav Mohapatra  
B) Pramod Kumar Gupta  
C) Sanjay Jain  
D) Manohar Gopal Bhide

**Answer - A**

**Q. What is the theme of the World Kidney Day 2021?**

A) Kidneys And Women’s Health: Include, Value, Empower  
B) Kidney Disease & Obesity – Healthy Lifestyle for Healthy Kidneys  
C) Kidney health for everyone everywhere  
D) Living Well with Kidney Disease

**Answer - D**

**Q. What is the theme of 2021 International Day of Mathematics (IDM)?**

A) Mathematics is Easy  
B) Mathematics is Everywhere  
C) Mathematics for a Better World  
D) Mathematics to Sustainability

**Answer - C**

**Q. Who has been signed in as the brand ambassador of Doritos India?**

A) Virat Kohli  
B) Kartik Aaryan  
C) Ronit Roy  
D) Shilpa Shetty

**Answer - B**
Kartik Aaryan has been signed in as the brand ambassador of Doritos India. Doritos is the popular nacho-product from PepsiCo India that comes in three flavors.

Click Here to Check List of Brand Ambassador in India (Updated)

Q. Who has been appointed as the Chief Statistician of India?

A) G P Samanta C) B S Rama
B) K S Murthy D) M K Vishvanath

Answer - A

G P Samanta has been appointed as the Chief Statistician of India. He was serving as an adviser in the Department of Statistics in RBI. He will hold the post of Chief Statistician of India for a period of two years.

Q. Which motor vehicle company has launched ‘Wheels of Love’ programme to support parenthood?

A) Hyundai Motors C) Tata Motors
B) Suzuki Motors D) Datsun Motors

Answer - C

Tata Motors has launched ‘Wheels of Love’ programme to support parenthood. A curated book titled ‘Wheels of Love’ was also released on the launch.

Q. Which insurance company has been imposed with a penalty of Rs. 1 crore by the IRDAI recently?

A) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance C) Life Insurance Corporation
B) Tata AIA General Insurance D) Chola MS General Insurance

Answer - D

Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has imposed as penalty of Rs. 1 crore on Chola MS General Insurance for not clearing due payments.
IRDAI also found violations of certain provisions by the company during an inspection carried out from 1st to 4th May 2018.

Q.CBIC will make e-invoicing of GST mandatory for businesses with a turnover of more than Rs. ___ crores from 1st April, 2021.

A) 50 
B) 100 
C) 150 
D) 200

Answer - A

➢ Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) will make e-invoicing of Goods and Services Tax (GST) mandatory for businesses with a turnover of more than Rs. 50 crores from 1st April, 2021. E-invoicing will be made compulsory under the Central Goods and Services Tax (CGST) Rules, 2017.

Q.Mastercard and ______ have joined hands to launch a fingerprint-based biometric payments card.

A) Xiaomi 
B) Micromax 
C) Panasonic 
D) Samsung

Answer - D

➢ Mastercard and Samsung have joined hands to launch a fingerprint-based biometric payments card. The proposed biometric card will have a built-in fingerprint scanner for making the payments secure.

Q.Which of the following minister has been appointed as Captain in Territorial Army?

A) Amit Shah 
B) Arjun Munda 
C) Anurag Thakur 
D) Smriti Irani

Answer - C
Anurag Thakur has been appointed as the Captain of Territorial Army. He is presently the Minister of State for Finance and Corporate Affairs. He has been made the Captain in the 124 Sikh regiment.

Q. Which international airport has launched India’s 1st dedicated express cargo terminal?

A) Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru  
B) Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi  
C) Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, Hyderabad  
D) Dum Dum International Airport, Kolkata

Answer - A

Kempegowda International Airport has launched India’s 1st dedicated express cargo terminal. It will be used for exclusive import and export of international couriers operated by the Express Industry Council of India.

Q. Who has been appointed as the Bowling Coach of Kings XI Punjab for IPL 2021?

A) Damien Wright  
B) Wasim Akram  
C) Shane Warne  
D) Zaheer Khan

Answer - A

Australian pacer, Damien Wright has been appointed as the Bowling Coach of Kings XI Punjab for Indian Premier League 2021. He has been previously appointed as the bowling coach of Australia, Bangladesh and New Zealand.

Q. Who will be honored with the Bihari Puraskar 2020?

A) Mohankrishna Bohara  
B) Karanjeet Singh  
C) Akash Kautilya  
D) Vinod Goswami

Answer - A
Mohankrishna Bohara will be honored with the Bihari Puraskar 2020 for his book ‘Taslima: Sangharsha aur Sahitya’. Bihari Puraskar is among the three literary awards conferred by the KK Birla Foundation in 1991.

**STATIC GK BASED CURRENT AFFAIRS MCQ**

Q. Bhavani Sagar dam is situated in which state?
   A) Kerala  
   B) Telangana  
   C) Maharashtra  
   D) Tamil Nadu
   **Answer - D**

Q. The Dharohar Museum is located in ________.
   A) New Delhi  
   B) Haryana  
   C) Punjab  
   D) Rajasthan

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Q. In which state is the “Sipat Thermal Power Plant” located?
   A) Chhattisgarh  
   B) Uttarakhand  
   C) Haryana  
   D) Andhra Pradesh
   **Answer - A**

Q. JSCA International Stadium is located in which Indian state?
   A) Odisha  
   B) Tamil Nadu  
   C) Jharkhand  
   D) Manipur
   **Answer - C**

Q. What is the currency of United Kingdom?
   A) Pound Sterling  
   B) Dollar  
   C) Euro  
   D) Rupee

Q. The headquarter of European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) is based at ________?
   A) Rome, Italy  
   B) London, United Kingdom  
   C) Kirchberg, Luxembourg  
   D) Helsinki, Finland
   **Answer - B**
D) Ruble

**Answer - A**

Q. Where is the Lower Lake situated in India?
A) Mizoram
B) Madhya Pradesh
C) Meghalaya
D) Chhattisgarh

**Answer - B**

Q. Mayani Bird Sanctuary is located in which state?
A) Bihar
B) Gujarat
C) Karnataka
D) Maharashtra

**Answer - C**

Q. Srinagar is located on the banks of which river?
A) Godawari
B) Mahanadi
C) Jhelum
D) Narmada

**Answer - D**

Q. Charkula dance is performed in which state?
A) Uttar Pradesh
B) Haryana
C) Assam
D) Kerala

**Answer - A**

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