Q. Who has been appointed as the new Director General of the International Solar Alliance (ISA), upon the superannuation of Upendra Tripathy?

A) Ajay Mathur  
B) Sanjiv Nandan Sahai  
C) Narendra Modi  
D) Piyush Goyal

Answers - A

Dr Ajay Mathur has assumed office as the Director General of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) with effect from March 15, 2021.

Dr Ajay Mathur has replaced Upendra Tripathy

Appointment in NEWS 2021

- Kuldiep Singh appointed as Chief of Central Reserve Police Force
- Lt Gen DP Pandey takes over as new commander of 15-Corps
- 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
World Bank economist Deepak Mishra appointed as director of ICRIER
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
IPS Officer Kuldiep Singh given additional charge as Director General of CRPF
Matam Venkata Rao takes charge as MD & CEO of Central Bank of India
Vice Admiral Ajendra Bahadur Singh takes over as the Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief of Eastern Naval Command
Russian supermodel ‘Supernova’ Natalia Vodianova roped in as UNFPA goodwill ambassador

**About ISA (International Solar Alliance)**

International Solar Alliance The International Solar Alliance is an alliance of 121 countries initiated by India,
Headquarters location: Gurugram
Founded: 30 November 2015
Founded at: Paris, France
Membership: 121 members of UN
Director General: Ajay Mathur
Founders: Narendra Modi, François Hollande
Q. When is the Ordnance Factories’ Day celebrated in India?

A) 15 March  
B) 16 March  
C) 18 March  
D) 17 March  

Answers - C

Q. The Global Recycling day is observed every year on ______

A) 17 March  
B) 18 March  
C) 16 March  
D) 15 March  

Answers - B

*The Global Recycling Day is observed every year on 18 March to recognise the imp*

**List of important Days in March 2021**

- 2 March – Employee Appreciation Day
- 4 March – National Safety Day
- 8 March – International Women’s Day, Ramakrishna Jayanti
- 10 March – CISF Raising Day
- 12 March – Mauritius Day
- 14 March – Pi Day, International Day of Action for Rivers
- 15 March – World Consumer Rights Day, World Sleep Day
- 16 March – National Vaccination Day
- 18 March – Ordnance Factories Day (India), Global Recycling day
- 20 March – International Day of Happiness, World Oral Health Day
- 22 March – World Water Day
- 23 March – World Meteorological Day
- 24 March – World Tuberculosis (TB) Day
- 25 March – International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade, International Day of the Unborn Child
- 26 March – Purple Day for epilepsy
- 27 March – World Theatre Day
- Second Wednesday of March – No Smoking Day

Q. As per the latest “Trends in International Arms Transfers-2020” report of SIPRI, the arms and weapons imports of India fell by 33 percent in 2016-2020. What is the rank of India as arms importer of the world during the same period?

A) First
B) Fourth
C) Third
D) Second

Answers - D

Q. How much amount of loan guarantee program has been announced jointly by USAID and DFC to finance investments by Indian small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in renewable energy solutions?

A) USD 51 million
B) USD 31 million
C) USD 41 million
D) USD 61 million

Answers - C
The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC) have announced a USD 41 million-loan guarantee program to finance investment in renewable energy solutions by Indian SMEs.

The USD 41 million loan portfolio guarantee program by USAID and DFC will enable finance investments by Indian small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in renewable energy solutions, including rooftop solar installations.

Loan in NEWS

- India And NDB Signs USD 646 Million Loan Agreement For Andhra Pradesh
- World Bank Approves $105 Million Loan To Improve Waterways In West Bengal
- ADB approves $100 million loan to upgrade power distribution system in Bengaluru
- ADB & India sign $231 million loan to enhance power generation capacity in Assam
- ADB And India Sign $10 Million Loan To Support Horticulture In HP
- ADB announces Rs 2100 crore loan to Tripura for urban & tourism development
- ADB & India sign $300 million loan to upgrade power distribution network in Uttar Pradesh
- Punjab National Bank launches ‘LenS’ Solution to speed up loan delivery
- ADB Approves $190 Million Loan To Upgrade Power Distribution System in Bengaluru
- ADB and India sign $50 million loan agreement to boost digital platforms for public finance reforms in West Bengal
- ADB & India sign $132.8 million loan agreement to strengthen power distribution sector in Meghalaya

About USAID (United States Agency for International Development)

- Founder: John F. Kennedy
- Founded of USAID: 3 November 1961.
USAID Administrator: Mark Green.

About Development Finance Corporation

- Headquarters: Washington, D.C., United States
- Founded: 20 December 2019

Q. Kuldiep Singh has recently been appointed as the new Director General of which body?

A) National Security Guard (NSG)  C) Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)
B) Central Industrial Security Force  D) Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) (CISF)

Answers - D

- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has appointed senior IPS officer Kuldiep Singh as the Director General (DG) of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF).

About CRPF

- CRPF founded: 27 July 1939.
- Central Reserve Police Force Director-General: AP Maheshwari.
- Central Reserve Police Force Headquarters: New Delhi, India.
- The motto of CRPF: Service and Loyalty.
- Central Reserve Police Force Headquarters: New Delhi, India

Q. The Ratle Hydro-electric Power Corporation is a joint venture company formed by J&K administration with which company to implement the 850 MW Ratle Hydro-Electric Project (HEP)

A) NTPC  C) Power Grid
B) NHPC  D) Tata Power
The Jammu and Kashmir administration has approved the incorporation of a joint venture company (JVC) under the name “Ratle Hydro-electric Power Corporation”, to implement the 850 MW Ratle Hydro-Electric Project (HEP) on river Chenab in Kishtwar district of the Union Territory (UT) of Jammu & Kashmir (J&K).

About National Hydroelectric Power Corporation

- CMD of NHPC: Abhay Kumar Singh

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. Which country was the largest arms exporter in the world during 2016-2020 as per latest SIPRI report?

A) United States  C) Russia
B) China  D) Germany

Answers - A

The five largest arms exporters in 2016–20 were the United States, Russia, France, Germany and China. India ranked at 24th position among arms exporter.
UNITED STATES IN NEWS

- US surpasses Saudi Arabia to become India’s second biggest oil supplier
- United States officially re-joins Paris Climate Agreement
- China has overtaken the United States (US) as the biggest trading partner of the European Union
- Dr Raj Iyer has been appointed as the first Chief Information Officer (CIO) of the US Army
- United States plans to have the first nuclear reactor on the moon by the end of the year 2026
- Donald Trump Honours PM Modi With Top US Honour ‘Legion Of Merit’
- US President Joe Biden & Kamala Harris jointly named Time’s ‘Person of the Year’ 2020

India-US-Japan-Australia kick-starts Malabar Naval Exercise-2020

- Edition : 24th
- First phase : Bay of Bengal
- Second Phase : Arabian Sea
- 3rd India-US 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue begins in New Delh. Rajnath Singh and S.Jaishankar are leading the Indian delegation.
- Joseph Robinette Biden Jr. has defeated Donald Trump to become the 46th U.S. president. Biden’s electoral college vote to 290,
- Kamala Harris, becomes the first Black and Indian-American woman to serve as vice president
- India & USA signs MoU on Intellectual Property Cooperation
- US formally announced its withdrawal from WHO
- Bangladesh & the US launches joint naval exercise ‘CARAT Bangladesh 2020’

About UNITED STATES (US)

- Capital : Washington, D.C.
- Largest city : New York City
- Currency: Dollar
- First President: George Washington
- 46th President: Joe Biden
- India ambassador to US: Taranjit Singh Sandhu
- Yudh Abhyas Exercise: India & Us
- Tiger Trump Exercise: India & US
- Vajra Prahar Exercise: India & Us
- Malabar Exercise: India US Australia & Japan

Q. John Magufuli, who has passed away recently was the former President of which country?

A) Tanzania  
B) Ethiopia  
C) Kenya  
D) Somalia

Answers - A

➢ The President of Tanzania, John Magufuli has passed away following heart ailment. He was 61.

About Tanzania

- Tanzania President: Samia Suluhu.
- Tanzania Capital: Dodoma.
- Tanzania Currency: Tanzanian shilling.

Obituary in NEWS

- Tanzanian President John Magufuli passes away following heart ailment
- Audio cassette tape inventor Lou Ottens passes away at 94
- Former Bangladesh PM and Senior BNP Leader Moudud Ahmed passes away at 81
- Former Union Minister and BJP leader Dilip Gandhi passes away at 69
- Renowned Padma Bhushan winning painter Laxman Pai passes away in Goa
- Noted Kathakali Dancer Chemancheri Kunhiraman Nair passes away at 105
- Former Boxing Champion ‘Marvelous’ Marvin Hagler Passes Away at 66
- Veteran Marathi Actor Shrikant Moghe Passes Away at 91
- Former Rajasthan Governor Anshuman Singh Passes Away at 86
- Noted Kannada poet NS Lakshminarayana Bhatta passes away at 84
- Dhyan Chand Awardee Veteran Indian Athlete Ishar Singh Deol passes away at 91
- Muthoot Group Chairman & Whole Time Director M G George Muthoot passes away at 71

Q. Who has been appointed as the new Director General (DG) of National Security Guard (NSG)?

A) Megh Singh  C) M A Ganapathy
B) Abhay Raghunath Karve  D) Ravi Datt Mehta

Answers - C

- Senior IPS officer M A Ganapathy has been appointed as the Director General (DG) of National Security Guard (NSG) on March 16, 2021.

About National Security Guard

- The motto of the National Security Guard: Sarvatra Sarvottam Suraksha.

Q. What is the theme of Global Recycling Day 2021?

A) Recycling: Endless Possibilities  C) Recycling Warriors
B) Recycling into the Future  D) Recycling Heroes

Answers - D
Q. Which country has been adjudged as the largest importer of arms in the world during 2016-2020 as per SIPRI’s “Trends in International Arms Transfers-2020” report?

A) Australia     C) India
B) Saudi Arabia  D) China

Answers - B

➢ The five largest arms importers in 2016-20 were Saudi Arabia, India, Egypt, Australia and China.

Q. Who has been appointed as the Chairman of ‘Stop TB Partnership’ Board?

A. Narendra Modi  C. Ramesh Pokhriyal
B. Harsh Vardhan  D. Smriti Irani

Answer: B

Q. The high-level central team for reviewing medical care arrangements at Kumbh Mela of Haridwar will be led by _________.

A. Nirmala Sitharaman  C. Dr. SK Singh
B. Prakash Javedkar  D. Mohammed Ayyub

Answer: C

➢ The high-level central team for reviewing medical care arrangements at Kumbh Mela of Haridwar will be led by Director of National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC),

➢ Dr. SK Singh, Dr. Meera Dhuri and Dr. SK Jain from NCDC have also been included in the review team.

Q. Handicraft and handloom products of ________ will be promoted in Canada.

A. Andhra Pradesh  B. Jammu & Kashmir
C. Himachal Pradesh  D. Arunachal Pradesh

Answer: B

- Handicraft and handloom products of Jammu & Kashmir will be promoted in Canada. This will increase exports of handloom and handicraft from the state through the proposed trade avenues in Canada.

Q. Which former cricketer has been inducted to the board of members of Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI)?

A. Kapil Dev  C. Irfan Pathan
B. Saurav Ganguly  D. Ajit Agarkar

Answer: A

- Former Indian Cricketer, Kapil Dev has been inducted to the board of members of the Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI). PGTI was founded in 2006.

Q. Which nuclear missile tracking vessel has been commissioned by the Indian Navy?

A. INS Kalahari  C. INS Dhruv
B. INS Shiva  D. INS Dhabal

Answer: C

MISSILES IN NEWS

- KRAS Releases First Batch Of MRSAM Missiles
- 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’
- Pakistan Army successfully test-fires surface-to-surface Babur cruise missile
- DRDO Conducts Successful Maiden Test Launch of Surface-to-Air Akash-NG Missile
India successfully test-fires surface-to-air missile ‘MRSAM’ off Odisha coast

Q. According to the Hurun India’s ‘Wealth Report 2020’, ______ has the highest number of millionaire households in India.

A. Karnataka  
B. Maharashtra  
C. Rajasthan  
D. Chhattisgarh

Answer: B

Maharashtra In News 2021

- Maharashtra Governor Releases E-Book Titled **Dawn Under The Dome**
- Maharashtra Govt **Signs MoU With Flipkart** To Promote Wooden Toys
- Maharashtra **tops 2nd India Justice Report** for delivering justice to people
- **Journalist Day** Observed in Maharashtra on January 6
- Maharashtra’s new bill on sexual crimes under ‘**Shakti act**’ to have death penalty
- Maharashtra Govt signs MoU with Cornell University to train entrepreneurs
- Maharashtra CM announces, Rs 25 crore to be provided for development of Dajipur Sanctuary in 1st phase
- Maharashtra govt all set to launch '**MahaSharad**' platform
- Maharashtra declares Kanhargao wildlife sanctuary its 50th Wildlife Sanctuary
- Maharashtra’s **Ranjitsinh Disale** becomes first Indian to win 2020 Global Teacher Prize
- Maharashtra Cyber becomes India’s first agency to acquire ‘**Crawler**’ from the Interpol; will aid in police’s crackdown against offenders of child pornography
- Maharashtra’s first ‘**child-friendly police station**’ has been inaugurated in pune
- Lonar Lake in Maharashtra selected under ‘**Ramsar site**’
- RBI cancels licence of Maharashtra-based Karad Janata Sahakari Bank
- Asia’s first solar power-enabled Textile Mill to be unveiled in Parbhani district of Maharashtra
- Maharashtra Governor, Bhagat Singh Koshyari has released the book ‘**Majhi Bhint**’ (My Wall) authored by Rajendra Darda
- **Usha Mangeshkar Honored** with Gan Samragni Lata Mangeshkar award for 2020-21 by Maharashtra Govt
- Maharashtra launches largest plasma therapy trial “Project Platina”
- ADB and India inks USD 177 million loan for Maharashtra
- Maharashtra Govt launches ‘My Family, My Responsibility’ campaign
- Maharashtra partners with Google to deploy learning tools for online education
- Bharat Air Fibre Services inaugurated in Maharashtra
- Maharashtra government launches “Maha” Job portal
- Maharashtra Govt introduced “Maha Parwana” plan to boost investment
- Flood warning system “iFLOWS” launched in Mumbai Maharashtra

**About Maharashtra:**
- Chief Minister- Uddhav Thackeray
- Governor- Bhagat Singh Koshyari
- Capital City- Mumbai
- State Animal- Indian giant squirrel
- State Bird- Yellow-footed green pigeon
- State Tree- Mangifera indica
- State Flower- Pride of India

**Q. Who has become the world’s biggest wealth gainer in 2021?**

A. Ratan Tata  
B. Mukesh Ambani  
C. Elon Musk  
D. Gautam Adani  

**Answer: D**

- As per the Bloomberg Billionaires Index, Chairman of Adani Group, Gautam Adani has become the world’s biggest wealth gainer in 2021. Gautam Adani is followed by Google Co-founder, Larry Page in the list of biggest gainers of 2021. Adani has gained US $16.2 billion and Larry Page has gained US $14.3 billion.

**Q. Which country has recently joined International Solar Alliance?**

A. Japan  
B. Russia  

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C. Italy

D. Cuba

Answer: C

- Italy has recently joined International Solar Alliance (ISA). Italy has also signed framework agreement with India after the ISA framework was amended.
- The amendment has allowed all the countries of United Nations to join ISA.

ITALY IN NEWS

- Mario Draghi Sworn in as Prime Minister of Italy
- Prime Minister of Italy Giuseppe Conte resigns
- Italy's legendary footballer, Paolo Rossi has passed away
- Novak Djokovic (Serbia) wins 2020 Italian Open title
- Simona Halep (Romania) win 2020 women's Single Italian Open title
- Pierre Gasly wins F1 Italian Grand Prix 2020
- 15 MoUs/Agreements Signed during India-Italy Virtual Summit 2020
- Italy beat Serbia to win the inaugural UEFA eEURO 2020
- Napoli beats Juventus in penalty shootout to win its sixth Italian Cup Football title
- Italy Will Host The 2026 Olympic And Paralympic Winter Games
- Italy will host 2021 G20 Summit

About Italy

- President of Italy: Sergio Mattarella.
- Capital of Italy: Rome
- Currency of Italy: Euro

Q. Sahi Disha' campaign has been launched by _____ for celebrating the livelihoods and entrepreneurship of rural women.

A. UNESCO
B. UNDP
C. UNHRC
D. UNEP

Answer: UNDP

Q. Where can alpine plants be found
A. Tundra
B. Tropics
C. Sahara Desert
D. Poles

Answer - A

- Alpine plants are those that grow at a high elevation and above the tree line. They are also called alpine tundra.

Q. What is NFT?

A. Non Fungible Tokens
B. Non Fugitive Token
C. Non Funded Token
D. New Fund Token

Answer – A

- NFT or Non Fungible Token is one of its kind asset and is widely in news these days

**STATIC GK BASED CURRENT AFFAIRS MCQ**

Q. Dodoma is the capital of which country?

A) Ethiopia
B) Tanzania
C) Uganda
D) Zambia

Answer - B

Q. The Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh International Cricket Stadium is the fourth-largest cricket stadium in the world. Where is it located?

A) Surat
B) Lucknow
C) Raipur
D) Hyderabad

Answer - C

Q. Davis Cup is related to which sports?

A) Football
B) Golf
C) Hockey
D) Tennis

**Answer - D**

Q. The headquarter of which of these sports federations is based in Munich, Germany?

A) International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF)
B) World Athletics
C) International Boxing Association (AIBA)
D) FIFA

**Answer - A**

Q. Kathputli Dance is a puppetry art, known to have originated from which state?

A) Haryana
B) Gujarat
C) Rajasthan
D) Punjab

**Answer - C**

Q. Which day is marked as the World Sparrow Day globally?

A) 15 July
B) 20 March
C) 11 June
D) 30 May

**Answer - B**

Q. The International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) is a specialised agency of the United Nations to address poverty and hunger in rural areas of developing countries. Where is its headquarter located?

A) New York
B) Geneva
C) London
D) Rome

**Answer - D**

Q. In which state is the Rajahmundry Airport based?

A) Odisha
B) Kerala
C) Andhra Pradesh
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