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

A) Ramesh Pokhriyal  
B) Prakash Javadekar  
C) Harsh Vardhan  
D) Nitin Gadkari

**Answer: C**

**About stop TB partnership:**

- The Stop TB Partnership is a unique international body with the power to align actors all over the world in the fight against TB.
- The participation of a wide range of constituencies gives this global body the credibility and the broad range of medical, social and financial expertise needed to defeat TB.
- The Partnership’s vision is a TB-free world.
- The appointment of Dr Harsh Vardhan as the Chair of this prestigious global body is a proud recognition of India’s political commitment to the eradication of TB.
- Established in the year 2000, the ‘Stop TB Partnership’ is mandated to eliminate Tuberculosis as a public health problem.

Q. The World Frog Day is observed on this day of the year........

A) 19 March  
B) 16 March  
C) 18 March  
D) 20 March

**Answer: D**
The World Frog Day is observed annually on March 20 to raise awareness about the tailless amphibian frogs: found on land and water both.

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)
- 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. For the year 2021, what is the GDP rate estimated for India by UN body UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)?

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

Answer: C

- The UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) has projected the India’s economy to contract by 6.9 percent in 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic. However, the UN body estimates the GDP forecast to record a “stronger recovery” in 2021 and grow by 5 percent.

### Projects Indian Economy in NEWS

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### About UNCTAD  (UN Conference on Trade and Development )

- UNCTAD Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland.
- UNCTAD Founded: 30 December 1964.

Q. The Ministry of Defence has recently inked an agreement with which company for the supply of 4,960 MILAN-2T Anti-Tank Guided Missiles (ATGMs) to Indian Army?

A) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited  B) Bharat Dynamics Limited
The Acquisition Wing of Ministry of Defence (MoD) has signed a contract with Defence Public Sector Undertaking (DPSU) Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL) on March 19, 2021 for supply of 4,960 MILAN-2T Anti-Tank Guided Missiles (ATGMs) to Indian Army. The cost of the deal is Rs 1,188 crore.

About Bharat Dynamics:
- Head Office of Bharat Dynamics: Hyderabad, Telangana.
- Chairman & Managing Director (MD) of Bharat Dynamics: Siddharth Mishra.

Q. When is the International Day of Happiness observed?
A) 20 March  
B) 18 March  
C) 19 March  
D) 17 March

Answer: A

- Every year the International Day of Happiness is celebrated on March 20 to promote happiness as a fundamental human right for all human beings across the world. The 2021 International Day of Happiness campaign theme is ‘Keep Calm. Stay Wise. Be Kind’.

Q. Which country is developing the largest floating solar farm of the world to curb climate change?
A) Germany  
B) Australia  
C) Netherlands  
D) Singapore

Answer: D

- Singapore is building the largest floating solar farm of the world, in a bid to tackle climate change. The 60 megawatt-peak floating solar system is being built at Tengeh.
Reservoir by Sembcorp Industries in collaboration with Singapore Public Utilities Board.

**Quick RECAP**

- World’s Largest Floating Solar Farms Being Built In Singapore
- India’s First Floating Jetty Inaugurated In Goa
- Apple’s first ‘floating’ store to be launched in Singapore

**Solar Power Related NEWS**

- India's biggest floating solar power plant with 100 MW capacity to be set up in Telangana
- World’s largest Floating Solar Plant at Omkareshwar Dam, Madhya Pradesh
- AAI Signs MoU With NTPC Subsidiary, NVVN, To Set Up Solar Power Plants At Airports
- IAF’s Leh Station Gets Largest Solar Plant In Ladakh
- ADB, NNS Sign Loans to Build Milestone Solar Power Project in Uzbekistan
- PM Shri Narendra Modi dedicated Rewa Ultra Mega Solar Power project to the Nation
- Asia’s first solar power-enabled Textile Mill to be unveiled in Parbhani district of Maharashtra
- Ajay Mathur elected new Director Genera of International Solar Alliance
- CMERI installed the world's largest solar tree at Durgapur

**Singapore in NEWS**

- World’s Largest Floating Solar Farms Being Built In Singapore
- India, Singapore Sign Pact On Submarine Rescue Support
- Singapore’s ‘Hawker’ Culture Gets UNESCO Recognition
- World Economic Forum 2021 To Be Held In Singapore
- India-Singapore Maritime Exercise SIMBEX-20
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- Kala Narayanasamy Honoured With President’s Award In Singapore
- Lee Hsien Loong Becomes Prime Minister Of Singapore
About SINGAPORE

- Capital: Singapore City
- Currency: Dollar
- President: Halimah Yacob
- Prime Minister: Lee Hsien Loong

Q. Samia Suluhu Hassan has been sworn in as the first female President of which country?

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

Answer: C

- Samia Suluhu Hassan was sworn in as the sixth President of Tanzania on March 19, 2021, becoming the first female leader of the East African country.

First Female in NEWS

- Samia Suluhu Hassan Sworn In As Tanzania’s First Woman President
- Nigeria’s Okonjo-Iweala Set To Become First Female Chief Of WTO
- Kaja Kallas To Become Estonia’s First Female Prime Minister
- Australian umpire Claire Polosak becomes first-ever female to officiate Men’s Test Match
- Jane Fraser named first female CEO of Citigroup
- India’s First Female Cardiologist, Dr S. Padmavati Passes Away at 103
- Mumbai becomes first Indian city to get female symbol on traffic signage
- First Female UN Refugee Chief Sadako Ogata Passes Away at 92
- IAF’s First Woman Officer Vijayalakshmi Ramanan Passes Away
- First Woman Chief Justice Of Kerala KK Usha Passes Away
- R Sreerekha To Become Kerala’s First Woman DGP

About Tanzanian

- President: Samia Suluhu Trending
- Capital: Dodoma
- Currency: Tanzanian shilling
Q. As per Moody's Analytics, what is the projected GDP growth rate of India in the Calendar Year 2021?

A) 10%     C) 11%
B) 12%     D) 9%

Answer: B

- *The Moody's Analytics has projected the Indian economy to grow by 12 percent in the Calendar Year 2021.*

**About Moody’s:**

- Headquarters of Moody's: New York, United States.
- President & CEO of Moody’s: Raymond W. McDaniel, Jr.

Q. The 6th India-Brazil-South Africa (IBSA) Women’s Forum was held in virtual format recently. Who was the chair of the meeting?

A) Smriti Zubin Irani     C) Maneka Gandhi
B) Nirmala Sitharaman     D) Vasundhara Raje

Answer: A

- *The Sixth India-Brazil-South Africa (IBSA) Women’s Forum meeting was held virtually on March 16, 2021. The event was chaired by the Ministry of Women and Child Development, GoI, led by Smt Smriti Zubin Irani.*

**Smriti Irani IN NEWS**

- A Book On Smriti Irani’s Victory In Amethi Released
- Smriti Irani Inaugurates 8th India International Silk Fair
- Smriti Irani Launches First Ever Brand & Logo For Indian Cotton
- “Chronicles Of Change Champions” Book Released By Smriti Irani
Q. Name the new wholly owned subsidiary set up by Punjab National Bank to manage its credit card business

A) PNB Cards Ltd  
B) PNB Card Elite  
C) PNB Credit Cards Freedom Ltd  
D) PNB Cards & Services Ltd

Answer: D

State-run Punjab National Bank (PNB) has set up a wholly-owned subsidiary namely “PNB Cards & Services Ltd” to manage its credit card business.

PNB IN NEWS

- PNB Sets-Up Subsidiary To Manage Credit Card Business
- PNB Restricts Withdraw Of Money From Non-EMV ATMs
- PNB Collaborates With IIT Kanpur To Set Up Fintech Innovation Centre
- PNB Launches Loan Management Solution ‘LenS-The Lending Solution’
- PNB Launches ‘DIGITAL APNAYEN’ Campaign To Promote Digital Banking
- Hardayal Prasad Becomes New MD & CEO Of PNB Housing Finance
- PNB Launches Campaign To Distribute Face Masks & Sanitizers

About Punjab National Bank

- Punjab National Bank Founded: 19 May 1894, Lahore, Pakistan.
- PNB Tagline : The Name you can Bank Upon

Q. There are 6 official languages recognized by UN and each language day is observed on specific day of the year. Which language day is observed on March 20 every year?

A) Russian Language Day  
B) Spanish Language Day  
C) French Language Day  
D) English Language Day
The UN French Language Day is observed annually on 20 March.
Russian Language Day celebrated on June 6
Spanish Language Day celebrated on 23 April
English Language Day celebrated on 23 April

History of the day:
The date of French Language Day was chosen symbolically in reference to March 20, 1970, which marks the creation of the Agency for Cultural and Technical Cooperation (ACCT), which became the International Organization of La Francophonie (OIF).

About FRANCE:
France Prime minister: Jean Castex.
France President: Emmanuel Macron.

Q. Prime Minister Mark Rutte has won the 2021 Presidential election, to be sworn in for the fourth straight term. He is the PM of which country?
A) Netherlands
B) Belgium
C) Spain
D) Sweden

Answer: A
Netherlands Prime Minister Mark Rutte has won the 2021 parliamentary elections with most seats to be sworn in as the Prime Minister for fourth straight term.

Q. Which day of the year is celebrated as World Sparrow Day?
A) 19 March
B) 20 March
C) 18 March
D) 21 March

Answer: B
World Sparrow Day is celebrated every year on March 20 to raise awareness about the House Sparrow and other common birds to urban environments, and of threats to their populations. Theme of 2021 World Sparrow Day “I LOVE Sparrows”

Q. The World Oral Health Day is marked annually on ________

A) March 19  C) March 20
B) March 18  D) March 17

Answer: C

The World Oral Health Day is marked every year on March 20. The theme for the next three years, 2021-2023 is: Be Proud Of Your Mouth.

Q. India’s Avinash Sable is associated with which sports?

A) Cricket  C) Boxing
B) Hockey  D) Athletics

Answer: D

The Indian athlete Avinash Sable set a new national record in the men’s 3000m steeplechase event in the ongoing Federation Cup Senior National Athletics Championships in Patiala, with a timing of 8:20.20.

Q. RBI has recently imposed a penalty of Rs. 2 crores on ____ for deficiencies in regulatory compliance.

A) BOI  C) PNB
B) SBI  D) IOB

Answer: B

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has recently imposed a penalty of Rs. 2 crores on State Bank of India (SBI) for deficiencies in regulatory compliance. RBI’s action is not intended to pronounce upon the validity of any transaction or agreement with its customers.
RBI IMPOSES Penalty IN NEWS

- RBI Imposes Rs 2 Crore Fine On State Bank Of India
- RBI Imposes Rs 50 Lakh Fine On Urban Co-Operative Bank In Kerala
- RBI Imposes Six-Month Ban On Manta Urban Cooperative Bank
- RBI Imposes Rs 1 Crore Penalty On Punjab National Bank
- RBI Imposes Monetary Penalty On DCB Bank For Rule Violations
- RBI Imposes Rs 1.50 Crore Penalty On Corporation Bank

About RESERVE BANK OF INDIA (RBI)

- Founded : 1 April 1935
- RBI Nationalised : 1 January 1949
- HQ : Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 1st Governor : Sir Osborne Smith
- 1st Indian Governor : CD Deshmukh
- 25th Governor : Shaktikanta Das

RBI Deputy Governor (4)

1. Mukesh Kumar Jain
2. B P Kanungo
3. Michael D Patra
4. M Rajeshwar Rao

Four Subsidiaries of RBI :

1. Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation of India (DICGC)
2. Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran Private Limited (BRBNMPL)
3. Reserve Bank Information Technology Private Limited (ReBIT)
4. Indian Financial Technology and Allied Services (IFTAS)

Q. Which organization will help agro-based food processing MSMEs in exploring export potential?

A) APEDA
B) NCDC
C) IRDA
D) NSIC

Answer: D

- National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC) will help the agro-based food processing Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in exploring export opportunities. NSIC
Q. Which female athlete has broken the record of PT Usha recently?

A) S Dhanalakshmi  
B) Sawarna Barman  
C) Hima Das  
D) Purvi Lokhande

Answer: A

- S Dhanalakshmi has broken the record of PT Usha by clocking a record time of 23.26 seconds in the women’s 200 m semi-finals at the 24th National Federation Cup Senior Athletics Championships held in Patiala. PT Usha’s timing was 23.20 seconds.

Q. As per the WHO report, almost ___ in 3 women across the globe face physical and sexual violence.

A) 4  
B) 3  
C) 2  
D) 1

Answer: D

- As per the ‘Violence Against Women Prevalence Estimates, 2018’, almost 1 in 3 women across the globe face physical and sexual violence. The report has been released by World Health Organization on the behalf of ‘The United Nations Inter-Agency Working Group on Violence Against Women Estimation and Data’ (VAW-IAWGED).

Q. As per the report released by UNICEF, _____ will record the largest increase in child and maternal deaths in South Asia in 2020 due to COVID-19.

A) China  
B) India  
C) Japan  
D) Pakistan

Answer: B

- As per the ‘Direct and indirect effects of COVID-19 pandemic and response in South Asia’, India will record the largest increase in child (15 %) and maternal deaths (18 %) in South Asia in 2020 due to COVID-19 pandemic. The report has been released by

Q. Which bank has executed the world’s first green hedging transaction?

A) HDFC Bank  
B) Ing Vysa Bank  
C) Deutsche Bank  
D) Forex Bank

Answer: C

- Deutsche Bank has executed the world’s first green hedging transaction based on a special green hedge framework with Continuum Green Energy. Green hedge with a framework manages the currency exposure while ensuring investors receive their returns on the green bonds.

About Deutsche Bank

- Deutsche Bank CEO: Christian Sewing.
- Deutsche Bank Headquarters: Frankfurt, Germany.
- Deutsche Bank Founded: 10 March 1870.

Q. Who has been roped in as the brand ambassador of NeoGrowth?

A) Rohit Sharma  
B) Ajinkya Rahane  
C) Ishan Kishan  
D) MS Dhoni

Answer: B

- Indian cricketer, Ajinkya Rahane has been roped in as the brand ambassador of NeoGrowth for a period of 1 year. Rahane will be a part of NeoGrowth’s ‘Keeping It Simple’ campaign.

Q. Which app has been launched by CAIT for vendor onboarding?

A) India Mart  
B) Bharat Mart  
C) India e Market  
D) Bharat e Market

Answer: B
Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) has launched ‘Bharat e Market’ app for vendor onboarding. This will allow the businesses and service providers to register on the portal and establish their own online shop.

### App in NEWS 2021

- NPCI launches UPI-Help on BHIM app for Grievance Redressal
- Government Launches ‘MERA RATION’ App to help ONORC scheme beneficiaries
- Thaawarchand Gehlot Launches “Sugamya Bharat App”
- Chandigarh launches ‘Carbon Watch’, India’s first app to assess one’s carbon footprint
- Indian Railways reactivates ‘UTS ON MOBILE App’ facility
- ‘Snakepedia’ mobile app launched in Kerala to help treat snake bites
- 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
- J&K LG, Manoj Sinha launches Mobile Application ‘Satark Nagrik’ and Departmental Vigilance Officers Portal
- Housing & Urban Affairs Ministry launches ‘E-Sampada’ mobile app and portal for management of all GoI Estate services
- Punjab Government launches mobile app and web portal ‘PR Insight’

Q. Which telecom company has partnered with Microsoft, AWS and Google for developing cloud-based 5G radio solutions?

A) Nokia  
B) Sony  
C) LG  
D) Samsung

**Answer: A**

- Global telecom giant, Nokia has partnered with Microsoft, Amazon Web Services and Google for developing a cloud-based 5G radio solutions using Nokia’s Radio Access Network (RAN) Technology.
Q. John Magufuli passed away at 61. He was the President of ______.

A) Zimbabwe  
B) Tanzania  
C) Honduras  
D) Somalia

Answer: B

- John Magufuli was the President of Tanzania. He belonged to the Chama Cha Mapinduzi party. He is the 1st President of Tanzania to die during his tenure. John will be succeeded by Samia Hassan Suluhu.

**STATIC GK BASED CURRENT AFFAIRS MCQ**

Q. Who is the Chief Minister of Jharkhand?

A) Hemant Soren  
B) Jairam Thakur  
C) Ashok Gehlot  
D) Pinarayi Vijayan

Answer: A

Q. The Round Revolution in India is related with the production _____?

A) Cotton Production  
B) Meat Production  
C) Potato Production  
D) Jute Production

Answer: C

Q. Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh International Cricket Stadium is in which city?

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

Answer: C

Q. Where is the headquarter of Union Bank of India?

A) Kolkata  
B) Mumbai  
C) New Delhi  
D) Chennai

Answer: B
Q. Where is the Lengpui Airport located?

A) Mizoram
B) Sikkim
C) Andhra Pradesh
D) Himachal Pradesh

Answer: A

Q. Amsterdam is the capital of Netherlands while its currency is ________

A) Euro
B) Dollar
C) Franc
D) Peso

Answer: A

Q. Hemis National Park is located in which place?

A) Assam
B) Uttarakhand
C) Himachal Pradesh
D) Ladakh

Q. Agatti Airport is based in which part of India?

A) Arunachal Pradesh
B) Lakshadweep
C) Goa
D) Andaman & Nicobar Islands

Answer: B

The JSCA International Cricket Stadium is situated in which of these states?

A) Haryana
B) Maharashtra
C) Madhya Pradesh
D) Jharkhand

Answer: D

The Rana Pratap Sagar Dam is built on which River in the state of Rajasthan?

A) Sabarmati
B) Mahi
C) Chambal
D) Banas

Answer: C