Q. What is the rank of India in the UN World Happiness Report 2021 among 149 countries?

A) 118  
B) 106  
C) 121  
D) 139  

Answer: D

- India has been placed at 139th position out of 149 countries in the UN World Happiness Report 2021 released on March 19, 2021. In 2019, India was ranked 140th.

### Top 10 Countries

1. Finland  
2. Iceland  
3. Denmark  
4. Switzerland  
5. The Netherlands  
6. Sweden  
7. Germany  
8. Norway  
9. New Zealand  
10. Austria

### Bottom 5 Countries

1. Afghanistan (149)  
2. Zimbabwe (148)  
3. Rwanda (147)  
4. Botswana (146)  
5. Lesotho (145)
Q. Which state has launched the SAAMAR Campaign to tackle malnutrition in the state

A) Rajasthan  
B) Kerala  
C) Jharkhand  
D) West Bengal

Answer: C

- The state government of Jharkhand has launched a campaign called SAAMAR to tackle malnutrition in the state.
- SAAMAR stands for Strategic Action for Alleviation of Malnutrition and Anemia Reduction.

Jharkhand in NEWS

- Former Bihar-Jharkhand Governor & Jurist M Rama Jois, Passes Away
- IARI Jharkhand’s Building Named After Late Shyama Prasad Mukherjee
- Jharkhand’s Sohrai Khovar Painting & Telangana’s Telia Rumal Gets GI-Tag
- Jharkhand Hospitals Employ ‘COBOT-Robotics’ To Serve COVID-19 Patients
- Jharkhand Govt Launches PRAGYAAM App To Issue E-Passes

About Jharkhand:

- Capital City- Ranchi
- Chief Minister- Hemant Soren
- Governor- Shrimati Droupadi Murmu
- State Animal- Indian elephant
- State Bird- Asian koel
- State Tree- Sal Tree
- State Flower- Sacred Tree
CAMPAIGN IN NEWS

- PM Modi launches ‘Catch the Rain’ campaign to be funded by MGNREGA
- Puducherry launches campaign to become Covid-free by February 28
- RBI Ropes In Punjabi Rapper For Awareness Campaign On Cyber Fraud
- Arvind Kejriwal Launches ‘Switch Delhi’ Campaign To Promote Electric Vehicles
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurates ‘Jalabhishekam’ campaign in Madhya Pradesh
- IIT Bombay Launches Fundraising Campaign ‘Cherish IIT Bombay 2021’
- Madhya Pradesh launches ‘SAANS’ campaign to reduce infant mortality
- Petroleum Ministry launches ‘SAKSHAM’ campaign to spread awareness about ‘Green and Clean Energy’
- IDFC Mutual Fund unveils new investor awareness campaign #PaisonKoRokoMat
- ‘Varasat’ campaign launched in Uttar Pradesh to curb property & land-related disputes in rural areas
- West Bengal launches massive ‘Duare Sarkar’ outreach campaign ahead of 2021 assembly polls
- UP Governor Anandiben Patel launches women’s safety campaign ‘Safe City Project’ in Lucknow

Q. When is the International Day of Forests celebrated?

A) March 20  
B) March 21  
C) March 18  
D) March 19

Answer: B

➢ *The International Day of Forests (also known as World Forestry Day) is celebrated every year on March 21.*

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. The International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination is observed annually on _________

A) 20 March  
B) 19 March  
C) 21 March  
D) 18 March
Answer: C

- The International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination is observed annually on 21 March to remind people about the negative consequences of racial discrimination. 2021
- Theme: “Youth standing up against racism”

Q. Divyansh Singh Panwar has recently won a medal for India in international competition. He is associated with which event?

A) Wrestling  
B) Athletics  
C) Tennis  
D) Shooting

Answer: D

- Indian shooter Divyansh Singh Panwar, the world No. 1 in the men’s 10m Air Rifle has won bronze in men’s 10m Air Rifle event at the ISSF World Cup 2021 in New Delhi.

National & International Winners in NEWS

- **India Legends beat** Sri Lanka Legends to win 2020-21 Road Safety World Series T-20
- Japan’s **Nozomi Okuhara wins** All England Badminton C'ships Women’s title, Malaysia’s Lee Zii Jia clinches Men’s title
- **India’s Divyansh Panwar wins** bronze in 10m Air Rifle at New Delhi ISSF World Cup 2021
- **S Dhanalakshmi Be**ats Dutee Chand To Win 100m Gold in Federation Cup Athletics
- Niger's President **Mahamadou Issoufou wins** Africa’s top prize for Leadership
- **R Ashwin adjudged** ICC Men's Player of the Month for February 2021
- **Bajrang Punia and Vinesh Phogat wins** Gold at Matteo Pellicon World Ranking Series in Rome
- Indian Women's Trap Team wins silver at ISSF Shotgun World Cup, taking country's final medal tally to 2
- Mumbai City beat ATK Mohun Bagan to win 2020-21 ISL League Winners Shield
- Indian men's skeet team wins bronze in ISSF World Cup Shotgun in Cairo
- Indian Boxer Deepak Kumar wins silver at Strandja Memorial Tournament in Bulgaria
- Vinesh Phogat beats former World Champion Vanesa Kaladzinskaya to win gold in Ukraine wrestling event in 53-kg category

Q. The World Down Syndrome Day is marked on which day annually?

A) Third Sunday of March  C) 20 March  
B) 21 March  D) Third Saturday of March

Answer: B

- The World Down Syndrome Day (WDSD) is observed globally on 21 March each year, in order to raise public awareness for the rights, inclusion and well being of people with Down syndrome. The Theme of 2021 World Down Syndrome Day is “#Connect”.

Q. When does World Poetry Day takes place?

A) 19 March  C) 22 March  
B) 20 March  D) 21 March

Answer: D

- The World Poetry Day is celebrated on 21 March every year to promote the reading, writing, publishing and teaching of poetry throughout the world.

Q. The World Puppetry Day is celebrated on which day of the year?

A) March 21  B) March 20
C) March 19
D) March 18

Answer: A

- *The World Puppetry Day is observed every year on March 21, to promote the puppet arts. The first celebration was held in 2003.*

Q. The World Day of Theatre for Children and Young People is celebrated on which day?

A) March 21
B) March 20
C) March 19
D) March 18

Answer: B

- *The World Day of Theatre for Children and Young People is celebrated all over the world on March 20 every year since 2001, by the international community of theatre practitioners for children and young people.*

Q. Which country has topped the World Happiness Report 2021?

A) Germany
B) Singapore
C) Finland
D) Norway

Answer: C

- *The World Happiness Report 2021 has been topped by Finland, for the fourth consecutive year.*

Q. What is the theme of the International Day of Forests 2021?

A) Forests | Climate | Change
B) Forests and Sustainable Cities
C) My Forest | Our Future
D) Forest restoration: a path to recovery and well-being
D

- The theme for International Day of Forests 2021 is “Forest restoration: a path to recovery and well-being”.

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

- The Union minister for Health and Family Welfare, Dr Harsh Vardhan, has been appointed as the Chairman of the Stop TB Partnership Board. He will serve a three year term as the chair of the board of Stop TB Partnership, which will commence from July 2021.

Appointment in NEWS

- **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

**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.*

**Q. Which organisation recently (in Mar’2A) signed an agreement with Broadcast Engineering Consultants India Ltd (BECIL) to provide technical support for conducting IT enabled All India Surveys on Migrant Workers?**

A) Employees Provident Fund (EPFO)  
B) Directorate General of Employment (DGE)
Labour Bureau an attached office of Ministry of Labour & Employment has signed a service level agreement with Broadcast Engineering Consultants India Ltd (BECIL) for providing technical and manpower support for conducting All India Surveys on Migrant Workers & All India Quarterly Establishment based Employment Survey (AQEES).

The IT-enabled surveys are expected to reduce the time taken for completion of surveys by at least 30-40%.

Q. Recently (in Mar’2A) the Ministry of Power launched the ‘GRAM UJALA’ programme in Arrah, Bihar. What is the amount paid by the rural consumers to procure LED bulbs through the scheme?

A) Rs. 150  
B) Rs. 50  
C) Rs. 100  
D) Rs. 10

Answer- D

Union Minister of State for Power, R K Singh, virtually launched the ‘GRAM UJALA’ programme in Arrah, Bihar.

Under the programme, 15 Million LEDs with 3 years of warranty will be given to rural customers on submission of working incandescent bulbs. Under this scheme Government will provide the world’s cheapest LED bulbs in rural areas at Rs. 70; were Rs 60 will be covered under the scheme & Rs.10 to be paid by the consumer.

About the Government Schemes

Knowing all the government schemes is one thing, but the candidates must also know their purpose. Candidates stand a better chance of scoring high marks if and when they go through the purpose of each scheme given below.

1. Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana: Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana is a National Mission on Financial Inclusion that provides an integrated approach to bring about a
robust financial inclusion and ultimately provide banking services to all households in the country.

2. **Make in India**: PM Narendra Modi launched the ‘Make in India’ campaign that will facilitate investment, foster innovation, enhanced protection for intellectual property and build best in manufacturing infrastructure.

‘Make in India’ has identified 25 sectors in manufacturing, infrastructure and service activities and detailed information is being shared through interactive web-portal and professionally developed brochures.

3. **Swachh Bharat Mission**: Swachh Bharat Mission was launched in the entire country as a national movement. The campaign aims to achieve the vision of a ‘Clean India’ by 2nd October 2019. The Swachh Bharat Abhiyan is the most significant campaign with regards to sanitation by the Government of India.

4. **Beti Bachao Beti Padhao**: The goal of this scheme is to make girls socially and financially self-reliant through education.

5. **Atal Pension Yojna**: Atal Pension Yojana is a pension scheme mainly aimed at providing a universal pension scheme for those who are a part of the unorganized sector such as maids, gardeners, delivery boys, etc. This scheme replaced the previous Swavalamban Yojana which wasn’t well-received by the people.

6. **Digital India Mission**: The Digital India programme is a flagship programme of the Government of India with a vision to transform India into a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy.

7. **Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-dhan**: It is a voluntary and contributory pension scheme, under which the subscriber would receive the following benefits:

(i) Minimum Assured Pension: Each subscriber under the PM-SYM, shall receive minimum assured pension of Rs 3000/- per month after attaining the age of 60 years.

(ii) Family Pension: During the receipt of a pension, if the subscriber dies, the spouse of the beneficiary shall be entitled to receive 50% of the pension received by the beneficiary as a family pension. Family pension is applicable only to a spouse.

(iii) If a beneficiary has given a regular contribution and died due to any cause (before age of 60 years), his/her spouse will be entitled to join and continue the scheme subsequently by payment of regular contribution or exit the scheme as per provisions of exit and withdrawal.
8. **Gold Monetisation Scheme**: Gold Monetisation Scheme was launched by Government of India in 2015, under this scheme one can deposit their gold in any form in a GMS account to earn interest as the price of the gold metal goes up.

9. **PM CARES Fund - Prime Minister’s Citizen Assistance and Relief in Emergency Situation Fund**: Is a public charitable trust initiated by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi. This national trust is created with the objective to meet the distressed and dreadful situation like COVID-19 in times ahead. PM CARES was initiated on March 28, 2020, under the chairmanship of the Indian Prime Minister with Ministry of Home Affairs, Defence Minister and Finance Minister as the ex-officio Trustee.

10. **Aarogya Setu**: The Government of India took the initiative to fight the Coronavirus pandemic. It launched a mobile application to spread the awareness of COVID_19 among the citizens of India through an app called Aarogya Setu. The Aarogya Setu mobile app has been developed by the National Informatics Centre (NIC) that comes under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology. For detailed information, visit the link of Aarogya Setu given above.

11. **Ayushman Bharat**: Launched in 2018 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi Ayushman Bharat is a health scheme. It is the largest government-funded healthcare programme in the world with over 50 crore beneficiaries. The Ayushman Bharath programme has two sub-missions PM-JAY & HWCs.

   - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY), earlier known as the National Health Protection Scheme (NHPS) will cover the financial protection for availing healthcare services at the secondary and tertiary levels.
   - Health and Wellness Centres (HWCs) aimed at improving access to cheap and quality healthcare services at the primary level. Read about Ayushman Bharat in detail in the link provided above.

12. **UMANG – Unified Mobile Application for New-age Governance**: is a mobile application launched by PM Narendra Modi to provide secured access to the citizens to multiple government services at one platform. UMANG is a key component of the Digital India initiative of the government that intends to make all traditional offline government services available 24 * 7 online through a single unified app.

13. **PRASAD Scheme – Pilgrimage Rejuvenation And Spirituality Augmentation Drive**: The Scheme is launched under the Ministry of tourism in the year 2015. The aims of PRASAD Scheme is the integrated development of pilgrimage destinations in a
prioritised, planned, and sustainable manner for providing complete religious tourism experience. The focus of Pilgrimage Rejuvenation And Spirituality Augmentation Drive-PRASAD is on the development and beautification of the identified pilgrimage destinations. Further details on PRASAD scheme is given in the related page link given above in the article.

**14. Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan** – The scheme (meaning self-reliant India scheme) is a name given to the full-fledged economic stimulus package announced by the Union Government. It has been launched with an aim to make people self-dependent and overcome the difficulties caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

**15. National Digital Health Mission** – Launched on August 15, 2020, the mission aims to create an integrated healthcare system linking practitioners with the patients digitally by giving them access to real-time health records.

**16. PM Atmanirbhar Swasth Bharat Yojana** – The scheme is launched to develop capacities of primary, secondary, and tertiary health care systems, strengthen existing national institutions, and create new institutions, to cater to detection and cure of new and emerging diseases.

**17. National Infrastructure Pipeline Project** – It is a social and economic infrastructure project which was launched in 2019 in order to improve the overall quality of life of for all citizens. The NIP will fulfil all the crucial factors that will help India in achieving its target in becoming a $5 trillion economy by the financial year 2025.

The path to success in the Government and bank exams is paved with difficulties but it is not an impossible path to walk on. Practising with mock tests and brushing up daily on study materials will lead to success.

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**Q. Who chaired the 4th Global Ayurveda Festival 2021 (GAF 202A) that was held virtually in March 2021?**

A) Narendra Modi  
B) Shripad Naik  
C) V Muraleedharan  
D) Harsh Vardhan

**Answer: C**
Q. With which organisation, ISRO recently (in Mar’21) signed an MoU to set-up a Space Technology Incubation Center (S-TIC), enabling students to build applications & products for space applications?

A) NIT-Warangal  
B) NIT-Rourkela  
C) NT-Raipur  
D) NIT-Allahabad

Answer- B

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 organisation released a “Handbook on Ethics for Insolvency Professionals: Ethical and Regulatory Framework”?

A) Ministry of Corporate Affairs  
B) Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction  
C) Reserve Bank of India  
D) Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India

Answer - D

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Q. Which country agreed to recognize India’s DPIIT as an International Searching & International Preliminary Examining Authority ISA/IPEA under pilot Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program?

A) Japan   C) Germany
B) USA     D) France

Answer - A)

- 4th Review Meeting held virtually between India’s Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) & Japan Patent Office (JPO) under Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) on Industrial Property signed in 2015. Both sides agreed to recognize each other’s Offices to act mutually as competent International Searching &
- International Preliminary Examining Authority ISA/IPEA under pilot Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) program from 1 July 2021.

Japan in News:

- Japan’s Nozomi Okuhara wins All England Badminton C’ships Women’s title, Malaysia’s Lee Zii Jia clinches Men’s title
- 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

About Japan:

- Prime minister: Yoshihide Suga
- Trending
- Capital: Tokyo
Q. How many PSU’s were listed for privatization in the 1st set of companies listed for disinvestment by NITI Aayog?

A) 12  
B) 8  
C) 13  
D) 15

Answer- A

- In March 2021, NITI Aayog had submitted the 1st list of 12 Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) for Privatization. It was planned to privatize 2 Public Sector Banks (PSBs) and 1 general Insurance company in the year 2021-22. India is targeting Rs 1.75 lakh crores of disinvestment in the FY 2021-22.

Q. Who heads the expert advisory committee that was constituted to execute & monitor the Startup India Seed Fund Scheme (SISFS)?

A) S S Sandhu  
B) M M Kutty  
C) V K Saraswat  
D) H K Mittal

Answer- D

- The Govt. of India has constituted an expert advisory committee to execute & monitor the Startup India Seed Fund Scheme (SISFS). The committee will be chaired by “H K Mittal” from the Department of Science and Technology. The total investment of the scheme, Rs.945 core will be divided over 4 years for providing seed fundings to eligible startups through eligible incubators across India. This will be implemented from 1st April 2021.

Q. Which company got approval from the Competition Commission of India (in Mar’21) for acquiring 51% shares of NESCO Utility from Grid Corporation of Odisha Ltd?
On March 18, 2021, The Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved the acquisition of 51% of the equity share capital of North Eastern Electricity Supply Company of Odisha (NESCO Utility) by The Tata Power Company Limited (TPCL) from Grid Corporation of Odisha Limited (GRIDCO).

Q. Which organisation signed an agreement (in Mar’2A) with Jaiprakash Power Ventures Ltd (JPVL) for acquiring 74% stake in JPVL?

A) Power Grid Corporation of India  
B) Tata Power  
C) Indian Oil Corporation  
D) Reliance Power

Answer- A

On March 19, 2021, Power Grid Corporation of India has signed an agreement with Jaiprakash Power Ventures (JPVL) for the acquisition of the outstanding 74% stake of JPVL. Power Grid has already owned a 26% stake in JPVL, this acquisition will make it a wholly-owned subsidiary of Power Grid.

Q. Name India’s 1st indigenous Mobile app store that was recently (in Mar’2A) launched by Union Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad?

A) Mobile Seva Appstore  
B) Bharat Appstore  
C) Kendra Sarkar Appstore  
D) e-Bharat Seva

Answer- A

On 18th March 2021, Ravi Shankar Prasad, Union Minister, Ministry for Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), stated that the government is keen to develop and strengthen India’s 1st indigenously developed cloud based mobile app store – “Mobile Seva Appstore” as a part of India’s efforts towards self-reliance.
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**STATIC GK BASED CURRENT AFFAIRS MCQ**

Q. In which state is the Balphakram National Park located?

- A) Meghalaya
- B) Karnataka
- C) Odisha
- D) Rajasthan

**Answer: A**

Q. Dabolim Airport is an international airport based in which state?

- A) Arunachal Pradesh
- B) Goa
- C) Gujarat
- D) Assam

**Answer: B**

Q. Saifai International Cricket Stadium is situated in which of these states?

- A) Himachal Pradesh
- B) Kerala
- C) Uttar Pradesh
- D) Gujarat

**Answer: C**

Q. If Manama is the capital of Bahrain, what is the currency of the country?

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Q. Hemis National Park is located in which place?
A) Assam
B) Uttarakhand
C) Himachal Pradesh
D) Ladakh
Answer: D

Q. Agatti Airport is based in which part of India?
A) Arunachal Pradesh
B) Lakshadweep
C) Goa
D) Andaman & Nicobar Islands

Answer: B

Q. The JSCA International Cricket Stadium is situated in which of these states?
A) Haryana
B) Maharashtra
C) Madhya Pradesh
D) Jharkhand
Answer: D

Q. The Ranapratap Sagar Dam is built on which River in the state of Rajasthan?
A) Sabarmati
B) Mahi
C) Chambal
D) Banas
Answer: C