Q. The Government of India has declared April 14 as public holiday from now-on. The day marks the birth anniversary of which leader?

A) BR Ambedkar   C) Rabindranath Tagore
B) Swami Vivekananda   D) A. P. J. Abdul Kalam

Answer - A

➢ The government has declared Ambedkar Jayanti, the birth anniversary of Dr BR Ambedkar which falls on 14 April every year, as a public holiday with effect from 2021, under Section 25 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881.

About Babasaheb Ambedkar

- Babasaheb Ambedkar's original name is Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar.
- His father Ramji Sakpal was a Subedar in the army and his mother Bhimbai Kapal was a housewife.
- The family settled in Mumbai in 1897 and Babasaheb enrolled at Elphinstone High School. After matriculation, he took admission to Elphinstone College in 1907.
- He graduated from Bombay University in 1912 with a degree in Economics and Political Science. Babasaheb Ambedkar was a renowned social reformer and a Dalit icon, he spoke unequivocally against the inequality, injustice, and discrimination faced by the members of the Dalit community.
Babasaheb Ambedkar died on December 6 in 1956. In 1990, he was posthumously awarded the **Bharat Ratna**, India’s highest civilian award.

Q. As per CRISIL Rating agency, what is the GDP projection for India in the fiscal 2021-22?

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

**Answer - C**

*Rating Agency CRISIL has projected India’s GDP growth rate as under:*

- For FY21= -7%
- For FY22= +11%

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### Projected GDP in NEWS 2021

- World Bank Raises GDP Growth Projection For India To 10.1% For FY22
- S&P Raises India’s FY22 GDP Growth Forecast To 11% From 10%
- Fitch Ratings Projects India’s GDP to 12.8% for FY22
- UNCTAD projects India’s GDP to grow 5% in 2021 while Global GDP to grow 4.7% in 2021
- Moody’s projects India’s GDP to contract 7% in FY21, expects 13.7% growth in FY22
- HSBC Raises India’s GDP Forecast for FY22 to 11.2%
- SBI Research revises India’s FY21 GDP estimates to -7.0 percent
- India’s GDP to contract 8% in fiscal year 2020-21: FICCI Survey
- Nomura Estimates India’s GDP to contract 6.7% in FY21
- BofA Securities Projects GDP of India to Contract 6.7% in FY21’
- UBS Projects GDP of India at -7.5% in 2020-21
- ICRA Projects India’s real GDP to expand by 10.1% in FY22
- National Statistical Office (NSO) Projects India’s GDP to contract 7.7% in FY21

Q. On March 31, 2021, Indian Air Force received which batch of three Rafale jets from France?

A) 2nd  
B) 5th
The fourth batch of three IAF Rafales landed in India on March 31, 2021, after a direct ferry from Istres Air Base in France. With this new arrival of the three jets, the total Rafale fleet with Indian Air Force has increased to 14.

Q. Who among the following has recently been appointed as the additional director of the Britannia Industries board?

A) Raghuram Rajan  
B) Urjit Patel  
C) Viral Acharya  
D) Shaktikanta Das

Answer - B

The Board of Britannia Industries has appointed former Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Urjit Patel as the Additional Director of the company. He has been appointed for a period of five years with effect from March 31, 2021, in the category of Non-Executive and Independent Director.

URJIT PATEL IN NEWS

- Urjit Patel appointed as additional director of Britannia
- Urjit Patel appointed as Chairman of National Institute of Public Finance and Policy (NIPFP)
- Former RBI governor Urjit Patel pens book on dealing with NPA issue titled ‘Overdraft: Saving the Indian Saver’
- Urjit Patel is the 24th Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)

About BRITANNIA

- Founded: 1892
- Headquarters: Bengaluru
- CEO: Varun Berry
Q.Who received the Kalinga Ratna Award 2021?

A. YS Jagan Mohan Reddy  
B. Pinarayi Vijayan  
C. Bhupesh Baghel  
D. Biswabhusan Harichandan

Answer: D

- Governor of Andhra Pradesh, Biswabhusan Harichandan has received the Kalinga Ratna Award 2021 on the occasion of birth anniversary of Adikabi Sarala Das. The award was conferred by Vice President, Venkaiah Naidu.

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**Awards & Honours in NEWS 2021**

- Legendary Actor Rajinikanth to be honoured with 51st Dadasaheb Phalke Award
- Noted Marathi writer Dr Sharankumar Limbale selected for Saraswati Samman 2020
- Mahinder Giri Wins International Ranger Award 2021
- Asha Bhosle selected for Maharashtra Bhushan award, state’s highest honour
- Hindi Writer Prof. Sharad Pagare Selected for Vyas Samman 2020
- Kiran Bedi Receives Baton of Honor from President Ram Nath Kovind
- Amitabh Bachchan becomes first Indian to be honoured with 2021 FIAF Award
- Chess Player Koneru Humpy named BBC Indian Sportswoman of the Year 2021
- Niger’s President Mahamadou Issoufou wins Africa’s top prize for Leadership
- India’s Anjali Bharadwaj among 12 people named by Biden administration for newly-instituted Anti-corruption Award
- Sushant Singh Rajput posthumously honoured at Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival with Critic’s Best Actor Award
- Tamil Movie “Koozhangal” Wins Tiger Award at Rotterdam International Film Festival 2021
- Manasa Varanasi of Telangana crowned VLCC Femina Miss India World 2020
- Robert Irwin wins Wildlife Photographer of the Year 2021

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Q.2023 Men’s Boxing World Championship will be held in _______.

A. Uzbekistan  
B. Kazakhstan  
C. Tajikistan  
D. Afghanistan

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Answer: A

- 2023 Men’s Boxing World Championship will be held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. The tournament will be administered by the Boxing Federation of Uzbekistan. The announcement was made by the President of International Boxing Association (AIBA), Umar Kremlev.

About Uzbekistan’s

- Capital: Tashkent
- President: Shavkat Mirziyoyev
- Currency: Uzbekistani so‘m
- Recognised regional languages: Karakalpak (Karakalpakstan)

Q. Who has been appointed as the Prime Minister of Slovakia?

A. Eduard Heger  B. Zuzana Caputova  C. Igor Matovic  D. None of these

Answer: A

- Eduard Heger has been appointed as the Prime Minister of Slovakia. Eduard Heger is the former Finance Minister who replaced Igor Matovic as Slovakia’s PM. The appointment was made by Slovak President, Zuzana Caputova.

NEWLY Elected PRIME MINISTER IN NEWS

- Mark Rutte : Netherlands  Moctar Ouane : Mali
- Irakli Garibashvili : Georgia  Mohamed Hussein Ruble : Somalia
- Mario Draghi : Italy  Yoshihide Suga : Japan
- Kaja Kallas : Estonia  Francisco Asue : Equatorial Guinea
- Sheikh Sabah al-Khalid : Kuwait  Keith Rowley : Trinidad and Tobago
- Saad Hariri : Lebanon  Mohamed Ould Bilal : Mauritiana
- Jacinda Ardern : New Zealand  Walter Roger Martos Ruiz : Peru
- Bishr al-Khasawneh : Jordan  Mahinda Rajapaksa : Sri Lanka
• Hichem Mechichi : Tunisia
• Ossouka Raponda : First woman PM of Gabon
• Lee Hsien Loong : Singapore
• Jean Castex : France
• Micheal Martin : Ireland
• Kubatbek Boronov : Kyrgyzstan
• Robert Abela : Malta
• Pedro Sanchez : Spain

• Mikhail Mishustin : Russia
• Sheikh Khalid bin Khalifa bin Abdulaziz Al Thani : Qatar
• Muhyiddin bin Haji Muhammad yassin : Malaysia
• Janez Jansa : Slovenia
• Denys Shmygal : Ukraine
• Mustafa Al Kadhimi : Iraq
• Benjamin Netanyahu : Israel

Q. NBBL is a newly set up entity formed on April 01, 2021 to run the Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS) business. The NBBL is a wholly owned subsidiary of____?

A) State Bank of India

B) RBI

C) NPCI

D) IDRBT

Answer – C

Points to Remember:

- NBBL is the wholly owned subsidiary of NPCI
- NPCI has transferred its automatic bill payment business to which company? NPCI Bharat BillPay Limited (NBBL)
- Payments under NBBL will be effective from? April 01, 2021

NPCI in News:

- NPCI Launches UPI-Help On BHIM App For Grievance Redressal
- NPCI Partners SBI Payments to launch “RuPay SoftPoS” for Merchants
- NPCI enables UPI AutoPay live on music streaming platform ‘Gaana’
- Central Bank of India ties up with NPCI to launch ‘RuPay Select’
- NPCI launches “UPI Chalega” Campaign to promote UPI
- Blockchain-Based “Vajra Platform” launched by NPCI for secure payments
- NPCI imposes 30% cap on transaction volumes via UPI for third party apps
- NPCI rolls out AI virtual Artificial Intelligence assistant PAi
- NPCI launches omni-channel loyalty platform ‘nth Rewards’
- NPCI launches its subsidiary firm – NPCI International Payments Ltd (NIPL)
- NPCI approves WhatsApp to expand its UPI project 10 million users
- NPCI to set up Rs 500-crore data centre in Hyderabad to handle digital transactions

**About NPCI:**
- National Payments Corporation of India MD & CEO: Dilip Asbe.
- Headquarters location: Mumbai
- Founded: 2008
- Type of business: Section 8 Company
- Founders: Reserve Bank of India, Indian Banks’ Association

**Q. Who is the author of the book ‘Manohar Parrikar: Brilliant Mind, Simple Life’?**

A) Nitin Gokhale  
B) Shiv Aroor  
C) Shailendra Joshi  
D) R.N. Kao

**Answer - A**


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Q. Aniyan Midhun, has recently won gold for India in which of these events?

A) Fencing  
B) Boxing  
C) Chess  
D) Wushu

**Answer - D**

- Aniyan Midhun of Kerala has won the gold medal in the 70-kg category at the South Asian Wushu Championship 2021, held in Nepal on March 30 and 31, 2021.

**Quick Recap Gold Medal Winners**

- India Tops The Medals Tally With 15 Gold At Delhi ISSF Shooting World Cup
- Rahi Sarnobat, Chinky Yadav And Manu Bhaker Clinch Gold At ISSF Shooting World Cup
- Rahi Sarnobat, Chinky Yadav And Manu Bhaker Clinch Gold At ISSF Shooting World Cup
- India’s Singhraj Wins Gold In Para Shooting World Cup 2021
- ISSF WC: Yashaswini Wins First Gold For India
- Dhanalakshmi Beats Dutee Chand To Win Federation Cup Gold
- Bajrang Punia Bags Gold In Matteo Pellicon World Ranking Series
- Vinesh Phogat Wins Gold In Ukraine Wrestling Event

Q. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) celebrated its ___th Foundation Day on 1 April 2021

A) 78th  
B) 88th
C) 86th  
D) 89th

Answer : C

- Celebrating 86th Foundation Day of Reserve Bank of India
- The Reserve Bank of India is India’s central bank and regulatory body under the jurisdiction of Union Ministry of Finance, Government of India. The Reserve Bank of India was established on 1 April 1935 in accordance with the provisions of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934.

### RBI IN NEWS 2021

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- RBI to evaluate impact of ‘RBI Kehta Hai’ campaign in 14 languages
- RBI Cancels Licence Of Kolhapur-Based Shivam Sahakari Bank
- RBI Slaps Penalty Of Rs 2 Crore On Standard Chartered Bank
- RBI Introduces Legal Entity Identifier For NEFT, RTGS Transactions Above Rs 50 Crore
- RBI to launch “Positive Pay System” for Cheque Truncation System
- RBI publishes ‘Technology Vision for Cyber Security’ for UCBs
- RBI announces ‘positive pay’ feature to help avert cheque frauds

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. Suparipalana is the Telugu version of the book titled Echo T Calling: Towards People-Centric Governance. Who is the author of this book?

A) Srinivas Yadav
B) Shailendra Joshi
C) Satyavathi Rathod
D) Puvvada Ajay Kumar
Answer – B

Q. Shistura Hiranyakeshi Biological Heritage Site is a new protected area, discovered in which state of India?

A) Maharashtra
B) Kerala
C) West Bengal
D) Assam

Answer - A

Q. Nobel Laureate Isamu Akasaki of Japan has passed away recently. He won the Nobel Prize in which field?

A) Medicine
B) Economics
C) Chemistry
D) Physics

Answer - D

- Japanese Physicist Isamu Akasaki, a co-winner of the 2014 Nobel Prize in Physics, has passed away following pneumonia. He was 92.

Q. United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) has estimated that the GDP of India in financial year 2021-22 will be_________

A) 8%
B) 6%
C) 7%
D) 9%

Answer - C

- The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) has estimated the GDP growth rate of India at 7% in 2021-22, in its latest report titled Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific 2021.
Q. In April 2021, India & US agreed to revise the India-US Strategic Energy Partnership (SEP). Which is NOT one among the 4 preliminary pillars of cooperation under the SEP?

A) Renewable Energy  
B) Food and Nutrition Security  
C) Oil and Gas  
D) Sustainable Growth  

Answer- B

Q. What is the total financial outlay of the ‘Production Linked Incentive Scheme for Food Processing Industry (PLISFPI)’ that facilitates Manufacturing, Branding & Marketing of 4 food products?

A) Rs. 14075 crores  
B) Rs. 7,650 crores  
C) Rs. 10,900 crores  
D) Rs. 18,500 crores  

Answer- C

Q. What was the Key point discussed by External Affairs Minister, S. Jaishankar in the 17th BIMSTEC Ministerial Meeting?

A) Creation of Travel Bubble  
B) Free Trade Agreement  
C) Master Connectivity Plan  
D) Vaccine Delivery Outlay  

Answer- C

Q. How many digits are there in the Unique Land Parcel Identification Number (ULPIN) that is used for segregating land records?

A) 8  
B) 16  
C) 14  
D) 6  

Answer- C
Q. Which country topped the list with most number of real-time transactions in Digital Payments in 2020 & Which one was the fastest growing country for real-time payments based on CAGR 2020-25, according to the report ‘Prime-Time for Real Time’-2021?

A) China & Croatia  C) China & Malaysia
B) India & Croatia  D) India & Malaysia

Answer- B

➢ According to the report ‘Prime-Time for Real Time’-2021 launched by ACI Worldwide and GlobalData, India with 25.5 Billion transactions topped the list of countries with most number of real-time transactions in Digital Payments in 2020. It was followed by China (15.7 Billion) & South Korea (6.0 Billion). The report further states that Digital Payments will account for 71.7% of all Transactions in India by 2025.

➢ The fastest growing countries for real-time payments based on CAGR 2020-25 are Croatia, Colombia, Malaysia, Peru and Finland. The Fastest Growing Region is North America.

Q. ______ announced the inflation rate of 4% with a +/- 2% tolerance band for the next ____ years.

A) Govt. of India, 2 years  C) Govt. of India, 5 years
B) Reserve Bank of India, 2 years  D) Reserve Bank of India, 5 years

Answer- C

Q. Name the newly formed (in Apr’2A) company, a wholly-owned subsidiary of National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).

A) NPCI Aadhaar Enabled Payment System Ltd  C) NPCI BHIM Aadhaar Ltd
B) NPCI Bharat BillPay Ltd  D) NPCI National Financial Switch Ltd
Answer - B

Q. Who was appointed (in Apr’2A) as the brand ambassador of the general insurance company, ‘Digit Insurance’?

A) Rohit Sharma  
B) Hardik Pandya  
C) Virat Kohli  
D) Sachin Tendulkar

Answer - C

About Digit Insurance:

- Chairman – Kamesh Goyal
- Headquarters – Bengaluru, Karnataka

Q. Who was appointed as the Chairperson of the Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB)?

A) Soma Mondal  
B) Mallika Srinivasan  
C) Rajiv Kumar  
D) MK Gupta

Answer - B

Q. When is the International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action celebrated?

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

Answer - B

- The United Nations’ International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action is celebrated on April 4 each year.
Q. Echo and Bifrost are the two new subsea cables to connect US West Coast region with Indonesia and Singapore. The project will be implemented by which organisations?

A) Facebook and Microsoft  
B) Microsoft and Google  
C) Facebook and Google  
D) Microsoft, Google and Facebook

Answer - C

Q. For the first time, a specialist from private sector has been appointed as the Chairperson of the Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB). Name the new Chairperson?

A) M.K. Gupta  
B) Shekhar Mittal  
C) Sudarshan Venu  
D) Mallika Srinivasan

Answer - D

➢ The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the appointment of Mallika Srinivasan as the Chairperson of Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB). This is for the first time that a specialist from private sector has been appointed as the head of the PESB.

Q. Which company has recently achieved the feat of crossing one billion transactions on Unified Payments Interface (UPI) infrastructure?

A) PhonePe  
B) GPay  
C) Paytm  
D) Freecharge

Answer – A

➢ Bengaluru-based digital payments and financial services company, PhonePe has become the first company to cross one billion transactions on Unified Payments Interface (UPI) infrastructure. The company achieved the feat in March 2021, when
the total transactions clocked around 1.3 billion on its platform, across the payment instruments offering of wallet, cards as well as UPI.

Q. What is the theme of the 2021 International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action?

A) Mine Action is Humanitarian Action  
B) Perseverance, Partnership, and Progress  
C) Safe Ground  
D) Advancing Protection, Peace and Development

Answer - B

Which nation has registered the world’s first COVID-19 vaccine for animals?

A) US  
B) Russia  
C) China  
D) UK

Answer – B

Russia in NEWS

- Russia Registers World’s 1st Covid Vaccine **Carnivac-Cov** For Animals
- Russia Launches 38 Satellites From 18 Countries Into Space on Soyuz Rocket
- India’s Foreign Exchange Reserves surpasses Russia to become fourth biggest in world
- China and Russia Inks MoU to jointly build Lunar Space Station
- Russia launches first Arctic-monitoring Satellite ‘Arktika-M’
- Russian supermodel ‘Supernova’ Natalia Vodianova roped in as UNFPA goodwill ambassador
- India Participates in Naval Exercise ‘Iran-Russia Maritime Security Belt 2021’
- United States-Russia Extends New START Arms Reduction Treaty for Five Years
- BWF Bans Russian badminton player Nikita Khakimov for five years over betting, fixing offences
- Russia Successfully Test-Fires ‘Tsirkon’ Hypersonic Missile
About Russia

- Russia President: Vladimir Putin.
- Russia Capital: Moscow.
- Russia Currency: Russian Ruble.

**STATIC GK BASED CURRENT AFFAIRS MCQ**

**Q. What is the currency of the country whose capital is Amman?**

A) Dinar  
B) Pound  
C) Rial  
D) Shilling  

**Answer - A**

**Q. The Medicine Line is the boundary line between which countries?**

A) Russia and Finland  
B) France and Germany  
C) United States and Canada  
D) South Korea and North Korea  

**Answer - C**

**Q. The Konark Sun Temple is situated in which state?**

A) Gujarat  
B) Odisha  

**Answer - C**

**Q. Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) has its headquarter in which city?**

A) Lyon, France  
B) Singapore  
C) Madrid, Spain  
D) California, United States  

**Answer - D**

**Q. In which state is the Indravati National Park located?**

A) Odisha  
B) Gujarat  
C) Chhattisgarh  
D) Karnataka  

**Answer - C**
Q. In which place is the Indira Gandhi Athletic Stadium located?

A) Guwahati
B) Mumbai
C) New Delhi
D) Pune

Answer - B

Q. What is the capital of Eritrea?

A) Asmara
B) Malabo
C) Tallinn
D) Djibouti

Answer - A

Q. World Health Day is observed on which day of the year?

A) August 25
B) June 11
C) March 30
D) April 7

Answer - D

Q. Tonya mel, Talgadi, Dhalo are some of the famous folk dance of which state?

A) West Bengal
B) Goa
C) Rajasthan
D) Gujarat

Answer - A

Q. The R. William Jones Cup is related to which international tournament?

A) Football
B) Cricket
C) Basketball
D) Hockey

Answer - C
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