Q. What is the estimated GDP growth rate of India in the financial year 2021-22, as per the Japanese brokerage company Nomura?

A) 11.4%  
B) 12.6%  
C) 13.5%  
D) 10.1%

Answer - B

➢ The Japanese brokerage company Nomura has revised the GDP forecast of India in financial year 2021-22 (FY22) to 12.6 percent from previous estimate of 13.5 percent, amid rising coronavirus cases and higher inflation.

Projected India’s GDP in NEWS 2021

- Nomura slashes India’s GDP forecast to 12.6% in FY22
- IMF revises GDP growth forecast of India to 12.5% for FY22
- 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
About Nomura

- CEO: Kentaro Okuda (1 Apr 2020–)
- Headquarters: Tokyo, Japan
- Founder: Tokushichi Nomura II
- Founded: 25 December 1925, Osaka, Osaka, Japan

Q. Who has been appointed as the new Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) of India?

A) Sushil Chandra  
B) Rajiv Kumar  
C) Navin Chawla  
D) Nagendra Singh

Answer - A

- The incumbent Election Commissioner (EC) Sushil Chandra has been named to become the next Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) of India. Chandra will assume charge with effect from April 13, 2021.

About Election Commission

- Election Commission Formed: 25 January 1950;
- Election Commission Headquarters: New Delhi;
- First executive of Election Commission: Sukumar Sen.

Q. The International Day of Human Space Flight is observed on which day?

A) April 10  
B) April 11  
C) April 12  
D) April 13

Answer - C

- The International Day of Human Space Flight is celebrated annually on April 12 to mark the anniversary of the first human space flight by Yuri Gagarin on April 12, 1961.
Q. Which film has won the Best Film Award at the BAFTA 2021?

A) The Father          C) Nomadland
B) Rocks              D) Black Bottom

**Answer – C**

**About 74th Edition of BAFTA Awards 2021**

**Most Nominations**
- American drama “Nomadland” (7)
- British coming-of-age drama “Rocks” (7)

**Most Awards**
- Nomadland (4)

**List of Winners of BAFTA 2021**

- Best Film: **Nomadland**
- Best Director: **Chloe Zhao (Nomadland)**
- Best Actor in a Leading Role: **Anthony Hopkins** (The Father as Anthony)
- Best Actress in a Leading Role: **Frances McDormand** (Nomadland as Fern)
- Best Actor in a Supporting Role: Daniel Kaluuya (Judas and the Black Messiah as Fred Hampton)
- Best Actress in a Supporting Role: Youn Yuh-Jung (Minari as Soon-JA)
- Best Original Screenplay: Promising Young Woman (Emerald Fennell)
- Best Adapted Screenplay: The Father (Christopher Hampton and Florian Zeller)
- Best Short Animation: The Owl and the Pussycat (Mole Hill and Laura Duncalf)
- Best Short Film: The Present (Farah Nabulsi)
- Best Animated Film: Soul (Pete Docter and Dana Murray)
- Best Documentary: My Octopus Teacher (Pippa Ehrlich, James Reed and Craig Foster)
- Best Film Not in the English Language (Another Round)
- Best Casting: Rocks (Lucy Pardee)
- Best Cinematography: Nomadland (Joshua James Richards)
- Best Costume Design: Ma Rainey’s Black Bottom (Ann Roth)
- Best Editing: Sound of Metal (Mikkel E.G. Nielsen)
• Best Makeup and Hair: Ma Rainey’s Black Bottom (Matiki Anoff, Larry M. Cherry, Sergio Lopez-Rivera and Mia Neal)
• Best Original Music: Soul (Jon Batiste, Trent Reznor and Atticus Ross)
• Best Production Design: Mank (Donald Graham Burt and Jan Pascale)
• Best Sound: Sound of Metal (Jaime Baksht, Nicolas Becker, Phillip Bladh, Carlos Cortés and Michelle Couttolenc)
• Best Special Visual Effects: Tenet (Scott R. Fisher, Andrew Jackson and Andrew Lockley)
• Outstanding British Film: Promising Young Woman (Emerald Fennell, Ben Browning, Ashley Fox and Josey McNamara)
• Outstanding Debut by a British Writer, Director or Producer: His House (Remi Weekes (Writer/Director))
• Rising Star Award: Bukky Bakray

Q. What was the profession of Satish Kaul who has passed away recently?

A) Politician       C) Sportsman
B) Journalist       D) Actor

Answer – D

✔ Veteran actor Satish Kaul, who is known for playing the role of Lord Indra in the mythological TV show Mahabharat, has passed away due to coronavirus-related complications. He was 74.

Obituary in NEWS

- Padma Shri winning renowned Avadh Historian Dr Yogesh Praveen passes away
- Satish Kaul passes away due to COVID-19 at 74
- Legendary Dronacharya awardee shooting coach Sanjay Chakravarty passes away at 79
- World’s first-ever Woman Commentator Chandra Nayudu passes away at 88
- Renowned Journalist-author Fatima R Zakaria passes away at 85
- Founder member of Samajwadi Party Bhagwati Singh passes away at 89
Former Union Minister and Gujarat MLA Digvijaysinh Zala passes away at 88
Veteran Actress Shashikala passes away at 88
Japanese Nobel laureate Isamu Akasaki, inventor of first efficient blue LED, passes away at 92
America’s beloved children’s author Beverly Cleary passes away at 104
Noted Journalist and Writer Anil Dharker passes away at 74
Former RBI Deputy Governor KC Chakrabarty passes away at 68
Noted Odissi Dancer Laxmipriya Mohapatra passes away at 86
Noted filmmaker and writer Sagar Sarhadi passes away at 87
Former SEBI Chief G.V. Ramakrishna passes away at 91
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

Q. According to the Nomura, what is the projected GDP growth rate of India in the Calendar Year 2021?

A) 11.5%  
B) 9.25%  
C) 10.6%  
D) 12%

Answer - A

Nomura has pegged the calendar year GDP growth of India as given below:

- 2020 – (-)6.9%
- 2021 – 11.5%
- 2022 – 7.0%
Q. Who has been roped in by the Government of Punjab as the brand ambassador for its anti-coronavirus vaccination programme?

A) Akshay Kumar  
B) Dharmendra  
C) Sonu Sood  
D) Kangana Ranaut

Answer - C

Sonu Sood in NEWS

- Punjab Government Ropes in Sonu Sood as Brand Ambassador for #Covid19 vaccination drive
- Sonu Sood Tops 50 Asian Celebrities In The World List 2020
- Sonu Sood’s Autobiography To Be Titled ‘I Am No Messiah’
- Sonu Sood Honoured With Special Humanitarian Action Award By UNDP
- Acer India Signs Sonu Sood As Brand Ambassador
- Sonu Sood Launches ‘Pravasi Rojgar’ App To Help Migrants

Punjab in NEWS

- World Bank, AIIB Approve Loan For USD 300 Million Projects To Punjab
- Punjab Cabinet Approves Mission ‘Lal Lakir’ In All Villages
- RBI Ropes In Punjabi Rapper For Awareness Campaign On Cyber Fraud
- Kings XI Punjab Renamed As Punjab Kings Ahead Of IPL Auction
- Punjab CM Launches ‘Har Ghar Pani, Har Ghar Safai’ Mission
- Punjab Govt Launches Mobile App And Web Portal ‘PR Insight’
- Punjab Government Rolls Out ‘I Rakhwali’ App

About Punjab

- Chief Minister of Punjab: Capt. Amarinder Singh
- Governor: V.P. Singh Badnore
Q. An Indian-origin businessman has been honored with Abu Dhabi’s top civilian award, recently. Name the businessman.

A) Yusuffali MA  
B) Ashraf Ali  
C) Azad Moopen  
D) Rizwan Sajan

Answer – A

- An Indian-origin businessman Yusuffali MA was honored with Abu Dhabi’s top civilian award, by Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi Sheikh Mohamed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan on April 09, 2021, for his outstanding contribution to Abu Dhabi’s business, industry and support to various philanthropic initiatives.

Q. The ‘Rewards123’ is a digital savings account launched by which bank?

A) AU Small Finance Bank  
B) Airtel Payments Bank  
C) HDFC Bank  
D) State Bank of India

Answer - B

- The Airtel Payments Bank has launched a new savings account called ‘Rewards123’ with a special feature under which customers will get certain benefits and value when they transact digitally using the bank account.

Airtel Payments Bank In News

- Airtel Payments Bank announces ‘Rewards123’ savings account
- Airtel Payments Bank launches ‘Airtel Safe Pay’
- Airtel Payments Bank, Bharti AXA partner to offer ‘shop insurance’ for retailers
- Airtel Payments Bank team up with Mastercard for farmers, SMEs
- Airtel Payments Bank launches ‘Suraksha salary account’ for MSMEs
- Airtel Payments Bank partners NSDC to train rural youth

Airtel Payments Bank

- Founded : 2017
- Headquarters : New Delhi
- MD & CEO : Anubrata Biswas
- Parent organization: Bharti Airtel
- **India’s first payment bank, license was received on April 11, 2016**

### Payment Banks with its Headquarters (HQ)

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Q. Name the Indian filmmaker who has been honored with the second highest French civilian honour “Knight of the Order of Arts and Letters” recently

A) Sunil Bohra  
B) Anurag Kashyap  
C) Shaan Vyas  
D) Guneet Monga

Answer - D

Awards & Honours in NEWS 2021

- **Dutee Chand** selected for inaugural Chhattisgarh Veerni Award
- **Suman Chakraborty** selected for 2021 GD Birla Award for Scientific Research
- **Alfred Aho** Wins the 2020 ACM Turing Award
- Andhra Pradesh Governor **Biswabhusan Harichandan** Receives Kalinga Ratna Samman
- 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

Q. Which Municipal Corporation has issued India’s first municipal green bonds?
A) Dhanbad   C) Agra
B) Kanpur   D) Ghaziabad

Answer - D

Q. Which life insurance company and Fincare Small Finance Bank has recently joined hands for bancassurance partnership?
A) SBI Life Insurance Company   C) Religare Health Insurance Company
B) Oriental Insurance Company   D) Bharti AXA Life Insurance

Answer - D

About Bharati AXA General Insurance

- Bharati AXA General Insurance
- Founded: 2008
- HQ: Mumbai, Maharashtra
- MD & CEO: Sanjeev Srinivasan
- Share: Bharti Enterprises (51%)
- Axa Business Group (49%)

Q. Who among the following has got the top Civilian Award in UAE?
A) Yusuffali M A   C) Alfred Aho
B) Sumon Chakraborty   D) Sharankumar Limbale

Answer - A
Q. Which of the following has won the AICTE Lilavati Awards, 2020 under “Women’s Health” sub theme?

A) Sona College of Technology, Tamil Nadu
B) St. Joseph’s College of Engineering, Tamil Nadu
C) Institute of Management and Entrepreneurship Development, Pune
D) Walchand Institute of Technology, Maharashtra

Answer - D

Q. Legendary coach Sanjay Chakrabarty passed away recently. He was related to which sports?

A) Shooting
B) Tennis
C) Badminton
D) Hockey

Answer - A

Q. Which of the countries listed below is not included in the E9 countries?

A. Sri Lanka
B. Bangladesh
C. Brazil
D. China

Answer - A

- E9 is a forum of nine countries namely Bangladesh, Brazil, China, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Mexico, Nigeria and Pakistan.

Srilanka in News:

- Thisara Perera becomes first Sri Lankan to hit six Sixes in an Over
- Sri Lanka inks 3 year USD 1.5 billion currency swap deal with China
- India Legends beat Sri Lanka Legends to win 2020-21 Road Safety World Series T-20
- IAF Participates in 70th Anniversary Celebrations of Sri Lanka Air Force
- Sri Lanka Fast Bowler Dhammika Prasad quits international cricket
- Sri Lanka to host Asia Cup in 2021 while Pakistan gets hosting right for 2022 edition
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**About Sri Lanka:**

- Capital: Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte
- Currency: Sri Lankan rupee
- President: Gotabaya Rajapaksa

**Q. What is the purpose of the E9 forum of countries?**

A. To achieve the goals of UNESCO's Education For All initiative
B. To protest for World Peace
C. To achieve population control
D. None of the above

**Answer - A**

- *E9 is a forum of nine countries that aims at achieving the goals of UNESCO's Education For All (EFA) initiative*

**Q. Who among the following has participated from India in 103rd Meeting of World Bank Development Committee Plenary**

A) Narendra Modi  
B) Nirmala Sitharaman  
C) Ram Nath Kovind  
D) Shaktikanta Das

**Answer - B**

**Nirmala Sitharaman in NEWS**

- Nirmala Sitharaman Attends 103rd Development Committee Meeting Of World Bank-IMF
- Nirmala Sitharaman Attends 2nd Virtual G20 Finance Ministers
- Nirmala Sitharaman Launches Central Scrutiny Centre And IEPFA Mobile App
Q. Which country has launched the construction of an international center for trade and economic cooperation called “Central Asia”?

A) Kazakhstan
B) Uzbekistan
C) Tajikistan
(D) Both a & b

Answer - D

Q. Name the tropical cyclone which has ripped across 1000 kilometers stretch of Western Australia.

A) Diane
B) Tino
C) Yasa
D) Seroja

Answer - D

- Tropical cyclone Seroja has ripped across a 1,000km stretch of Western Australia, leaving a trail of damage. The category three storm made landfall near the town of Kalbarri yesterday with windspeed of up to 170km/h

Q. Who has won the ICC Player of the Month award in March 2021?

A) Bhuvneshwar Kumar
B) Ravichandran Ashwin
C) Rishabh Pant
D) Virat Kohli

Answer - A
Quick Recap

- Ashwin, Beaumont Win ICC Player Of Month Awards For February
- Rishabh Pant Wins Inaugural ICC Player Of The Month January 2021
- Bhuvneshwar Kumar Wins ICC Players Of The Month Award

Q. Every year, International Day of Human Space Flight is celebrated on ____________.

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

Answer - B

Q. Jallianwala Bagh Massacre Day is commemorated on ____________.

A) 10 April
B) 11 April
C) 12 April
D) 13 April

Answer - D

Q. Who is the present Election Commissioner of India?

A) Rajiv Kumar
B) Umesh Sinha
C) Sudeep Jain
D) Chandra Bhushan Kumar

Answer – A
### Static GK Based Current Affairs MCQ

**Q.** "Coringa Wildlife Sanctuary" is situated in which state of India?

| A) Odisha       | Answer - A |
| B) Assam       |             |
| C) Andhra Pradesh |            |
| D) Kerala      |             |

**Answer - C**

**Q.** Padayani is a folk dance form of which Indian state?

| A) Telangana   | Answer - A |
| B) Kerala      |             |
| C) Mizoram     |             |
| D) West Bengal |             |

**Answer - B**

**Q.** Guru Gobind Singh Gold Cup is given in which field?

| A) Hockey      | Answer - D |
| B) Football    |             |
| C) Golf        |             |
| D) Cricket     |             |

**Answer - D**

**Q.** Who is the author of the book "Golden Girl"?

| A) PT Usha     |          |
| B) Amish Tripathi |        |
| C) Arundhati Roy |         |
| D) Jhumpa Lahiri |         |

**Answer - A**

**Q.** Which city in India is called as “city of weavers”?

| A) Vellore     |          |
| B) Mysore      |         |
| C) Surat       |         |
| D) Panipat     |         |

**Answer - D**

**Q.** What is the capital and currency of Thailand?

| A) Taipei & Pound |              |
| B) Ottawa & Peso |            |
| C) Bangkok & Baht |            |

**Answer - C**
**Q.** In which part of India is the “Indira Priyadarshini Stadium” located?

A) Daman  
B) Andhra Pradesh  
C) Gujarat  
D) New Delhi  

**Answer - B**

**Q.** Round Revolution is associated with which production?

A) Coal  
B) Tomato  
C) Potato  
D) Egg  

**Answer - C**

**Q.** In which state is the “Swami Vivekananda Airport” situated?

A) Chhattisgarh  
B) Jharkhand  
C) Madhya Pradesh  
D) Rajasthan  

**Answer - A**

**Q.** Dhuvaran Thermal Power Plant is located in __________.

A) Haryana  
B) Karnataka  
C) Bihar  
D) Gujarat  

**Answer - D**