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Q. Which aircraft has recently created history by becoming the first powered controlled aircraft to take flight on Mars?

A) Curiosity  
B) Insight  
C) Opportunity  
D) Ingenuity  

Answer - D

Q. International Mother Earth Day is observed on which day of the year?

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

Answer - B

- *International Mother Earth Day (Earth Day) is celebrated every year on 22 April to recognise that the Earth and its ecosystems are our home and that it is necessary to promote harmony with nature and the Earth.*

**Important Days & Dates in April 2021**

- 1 April – Orissa Day, Prevention of Blindness week
- 4 April – International Day for Mine Awareness
- 5 April – National Maritime Day
- 6 April – International Day of Sport for Development and Peace
- 7 April – World Health Day (On this very day in the year 1948, WHO was formed, however, the first World Health Day was observed in the year 1950)
- 10 April – World Homeopathy Day
- 11 April – National Safe Motherhood Day, National Pet Day
- 12 April – Equal Pay Day
13 April – Jallianwallah Bagh Massacre Day (1919)
14 April – B.R. Ambedkar Remembrance Day
17 April – World Hemophilia Day
18 April – World Heritage Day
21 April – National Civil Service Day, Secretaries’ Day
22 April – World Earth Day
23 April – World Book and Copyright Day
24 April – National Panchayati Day
25 April – World Malaria Day
26 April – World Intellectual Property Day
28 April – World Day for Safety and Health at Work, World Veterinary Day
30 April – Ayushman Bharat Diwas

Q. The Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) has established a 'Water Sports and Adventure Institute (WSAI)' in which state?

A) Assam  
B) Jammu & kashmir  
C) Himachal Pradesh  
D) Uttarakhand

Answer - D

The Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) has established a ‘Water Sports and Adventure Institute (WSAI)’ near Tehri Dam Reservoir in Uttarakhand. The institute was inaugurated by Uttarakhand Chief Minister Tirath Singh Rawat along with Union Minister of State for Sports Kiren Rijiju on April 16, 2021.

UTTARAKHAND IN NEWS

- ITBP sets up Water Sports & Adventure Training Institute in Uttarakhand
- Uttarakhand Ranger Mahinder Giri Wins International Ranger Award 2021
- Second Indo-Uzbekistan Field Training Exercise ‘DUSTLIK ’ commences in Ranikhet, Uttarakhand
- Uttarakhand CM Trivendra Singh Rawat Resigns
- Uttarakhand CM Launches ”Gharoki Pechan, Chelik Naam” Scheme
- Uttarakhand sets up Botanical Garden to conserve 210 species of trees of
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**About Uttarakhand:**

- Governor: Baby Rani Maurya
- Chief minister: Tirath Singh Rawat

**ITBP IN NEWS**

- ITBP Water Sports & Adventure Institute Inaugurated In Tehri
- ITBP Wins IHAI National Ice Hockey Championship
• Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) Celebrates 59th Raising Day
• Uttarakhand Govt Inks MoU with ITBP to promote adventure tourism at Tehri Lake

About ITBP

• ITBP Founded: 24 October 1962.
• ITBP Headquarters: New Delhi, India.
• ITBP DG: S S Deswal.

Q. How much amount has been announced as grant by Australia for the Australia-India Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative (IPOI)?

A) Rs 81.2 million
B) Rs 61.2 million
C) Rs 91.2 million
D) Rs 71.2 million

Answer - A

> Australia has announced a grant of Rs 81.2 million (AUD 1.4 million) under the Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative (IPOI).

Q. What was the profession of Kishore Nandlaskar who has passed away recently?

A) Entrepreneur
B) Actor
C) Cricket Player
D) Mountaineer

Answer - B

Q. India has been elected to how many bodies of UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) recently with effect from January 01, 2021?

A) 1
B) 5
C) 2
D) 3

Answer - D
Q. What was the profession of Shankha Ghosh, who has passed away recently?

A) Litterateur  
B) Economist  
C) Sportsman  
D) Filmmaker

Answer - A

Q. Idriss Deby Itno has passed away. He was the President of which country?

A) South Sudan  
B) Chad  
C) Niger  
D) Mali

Answer - B

➢ The President of the Republic of Chad, Idriss Deby Itno, has passed away, following a confrontation with rebels after which he suffered wounds on battlefield. Deby was 68.

Q. What is the theme of 2021 International Mother Earth Day?

A) Protect our Species  
B) Climate Action  
C) Restore Our Earth  
D) Harmony with Nature

Answer - C

Q. Which country became the first in world to introduce climate change law for financial firms?

A) New Zealand  
B) Australia  
C) England  
D) Ireland

Answer - A

Q. What was the rank of India in the Global Energy Transition Index (ETI) 2021?

A) 68  
B) 84  
C) 87  
D) 95
Answer - C

**Most Important Ranking and INDEX April 2021**

**Global Energy Transition Index 2021**
- The report is published by the World Economic Forum (WEF), prepared in collaboration with Accenture
- Top : Sweden
- Last : Zimbabwe (115)
- India : 87th

**World Press Freedom Index 2021**
- Published by the international journalism not-for-profit body, “Reporters Without Borders (RSF)
- Rank 1: Norway
- Rank 2: Finland
- Rank 3: Denmark
- Rank 177: China
- Rank 179: North Korea
- Rank 180: Eritrea
- **India has been placed at 142nd position**

**Henley Passport Index 2021**
- Rank 1: Japan
- Rank 2: Singapore
- Rank 3: Germany, South Korea
- Rank 4: Finland, Italy, Luxembourg, Spain
- Rank 5: Austria, Denmark
- Rank 107: Pakistan
- Rank 110: Afghanistan (Bottom)
- **India 84th**
Inclusive Internet Index 2021

- Released by: The Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU), in partnership with Facebook
- Top: Sweden
- India: 49th

Gender Gap Index 2021

- Released by: World Economic Forum (WEF)
- Top: Iceland
- India: 140th
- Bottom: Afghanistan

2020 Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU)

- Released by Shanghai Ranking Consultancy.

Best Institute Ranking Index

- Rank 1: Harvard University
- Rank 2: Stanford University
- Rank 3: University of Cambridge

Regional Best Institute Ranking Index

- Rank 1: IISc Bangalore
- Category 2-4: IIT Madras
- Category 2-4: University of Calcutta

Forbes' annual world's billionaires list

- Edition: 35th
- Top: Jeff Bezos
- India: Mukesh Ambani (Rank 10th)

International Intellectual Property (IP) Index 2021

- Released by: US Chamber of
Q. Which country has topped in the Global Energy Transition Index (ETI) 2021 released by World Economic Forum (WEF)?

A) Sweden  
B) Norway  
C) Denmark  
D) Switzerland  

Answer - A  

➢ India ranks 87th in global energy transition index, Sweden tops

Q. Who among the following has become the 68th Indian Grandmaster?

A) Audi Ameya  
B) Arjun Kalyan  
C) P Iniyan  
D) M Pranesh  

Answer - B  

➢ Tamil Nadu’s, Arjun Kalyan became India’s 68th Chess Grandmaster when he crossed the 2500 ELO mark after beating Dragan Kosic in the fifth round of GM Round Robin “Rujna Zore-3” in Serbia.

Indian Grandmasters List

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Quick Recap

➢ The World Chess Federation, known as FIDE headquarters: Lausanne (Switzerland).

Q. UN Chinese Language Day is observed annually on ________________.

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

Answer - B

Q. Name the Padma Vibhushan awardee Indian Islamic scholar and peace activist, who passed away recently.

A) Mir Zafarullah Khan Jamali  
B) Maulana Wahiduddin Khan  
C) Dar Yasin  
D) Mukhtar Khan

Answer - B

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Q. The “Krishna Raja Sagar Dam” is located in ____________.

A) Chhattisgarh  
B) Madhya Pradesh  
C) Karnataka  
D) West Bengal

Answer - C

Q. When is the “World Haemophilia Day” observed?

A) 19th August  
B) 17th April  
C) 7th July  
D) 23rd March

Answer - B
Q. Etawah is situated on the banks of which river?
A) Ganga
B) Godavari
C) Yamuna
D) Gomti
Answer - C

Q. Where in India is the “Dr. Bhupen Hazarika Cricket Stadium” situated?
A) Assam
B) Jammu & Kashmir
C) Odisha
D) Punjab
Answer - A

Q. Which line divides the boundary between Lebanon and Israel?
A) Green Line
B) Radcliffe Line
C) Oder-Neisse Line
D) Blue Line
Answer - D

Q. N’Djamena is the capital of which country?
A) Chad
B) Honduras
C) Estonia
D) Burkina Faso
Answer - A

Q. Buland Darwaza, also known as the “Door of victory”, is the highest gateway in the world. In which state is this historical place situated?
A) Haryana
B) Delhi
C) Rajasthan
D) Uttar Pradesh
Answer - D

Q. “Kaundinya Bird Sanctuary” is located in which Indian state?
A) Telangana
B) Tamil Nadu
C) Andhra Pradesh
D) Kerala
Answer - C
Q. The World Health Organization is a specialized agency of the United Nations responsible for international public health. Where is its headquarter located?

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

Answer - B

Q. In which state is the “Ranthambhore National Park” situated?

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

Answer - A

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