Q. Which state has topped the SDG India Index 2020-21 released by NITI Aayog?

A) Gujarat  
B) Kerala  
C) Maharashtra  
D) Assam  

**Answer: B**

- The Third edition of the Sustainable Development Goals SDG India Index and Dashboard 2020-21 has been released by NITI Aayog.
- NITI Aayog Vice Chairperson Dr Rajiv Kumar launched the report titled, SDG India Index and Dashboard 2020-21:
- Partnerships in the Decade of Action.
- This third edition of the index covers 17 Goals, 70 targets, and 115 indicators.
- The First Sustainable Development Goals Index was launched in December 2018.
- Kerala retained its rank as the top state with a score of 75. Both Himachal Pradesh and Tamil Nadu took the second spot with a score of 74.
- Bihar, Jharkhand and Assam were the worst performing states in this year’s India index.
- Chandigarh maintained its top spot among UTS, followed by Delhi.
- The Index for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) evaluates progress of states and union territories on social, economic and environmental parameters.

**NITI Aayog (National Institution for Transforming India)**

- Founded: 1 January 2015
- Preceding: Planning Commission (15 March 1950)
- Headquarters: New Delhi
- Chairperson: Narendra Modi
- Vice Chairperson: Rajiv Kumar
- CEO: Amitabh Kant

**Latest NITI Aayog in News 2021:**
• Kerala has retained the top rank in NITI Aayog’s SDG India Index 2020-21,
• NITI Aayog to partner with TRIFED to implement Van Dhan Yojana in districts identified as aspirational
• NITI Aayog has set up a dedicated portal named ‘CovAid’, to track all aid coming via missions
• NITI Aayog and Mastercard Jointly Release Report on ‘Connected Commerce: Creating a Roadmap for a Digitally Inclusive Bharat’
• NITI Aayog launches ‘Poshan Gyan’, a digital repository on health, nutrition
• Niti Aayog launches India Energy Dashboards Version 2.0 focused on data
• NITI Aayog launched the first-of-its kind Online Dispute Resolution (ODR) handbook in India

Q. The SDG India Index and Dashboard 2020–21 released by NITI Aayog is which edition of the annual report and ranking?

A) Third
B) Second
C) Fifth
D) First

Answer: A

➢ The NITI Aayog Vice-Chairperson Dr Rajiv Kumar released the third edition of the SDG India Index and Dashboard 2020–21

Q. What amount of On-Tap Liquidity Window has been launched by RBI for contact-intensive sectors?

A) Rs. 18,000 crore
B) Rs. 10,000 crore
C) Rs. 12,000 crore
D) Rs. 15,000 crore

Answer:D
The Reserve Bank of India has launched a separate liquidity window of Rs. 15,000 crore certain contact-intensive sectors.

Recently RBI in News 2021:

- RBI launches On-Tap Liquidity Window worth Rs 15,000 crore for Contact-Intensive Sectors
- RBI Keeps Repo Rate Unchanged at 4% in MPC meet June 2021
- RBI imposes Rs 10 crore penalty on HDFC Bank for violation of provisions under various sections of Banking Regulation Act
- Rajesh Bansal Takes Charge as CEO of RBI Innovation Hub
- RBI to transfer Rs. 99,122 crore surplus to Central Government for FY21

About RBI Reserve Bank of India:

- Headquarters: Mumbai
- Founder: British Raj
- Founded: 1 April 1935, Kolkata
- Jurisdiction: India
- Governor: Shaktikanta Das
- Subsidiary: Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran

Q. What is the projected GDP growth rate of India in 2021-22, as per the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?

A) 7.5%  
B) 8.5%  
C) 9.5%  
D) 10.5%

Answer: C

- The Reserve Bank of India has decided to keep the Repo Rate unchanged in the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meeting held between June 2-June 4, 2021.
RBI has continued with the accommodative stance. RBI has projected the real GDP growth for India at 9.5% in 2021-22.

Q. The Government of India has extended the validity period of the Teachers Eligibility Test (TET) qualifying certificate, which currently stands at 7 years. What is the new validity period of the certificate?

A) Lifetime  
B) 20 Years  
C) 15 Years  
D) 10 Years

Answer: A

The Union Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' has announced that the validity period of the Teachers Eligibility Test (TET) qualifying certificate has been extended from the present 7 years to lifetime with retrospective effect from 2011.

Q. Which day of the year is celebrated as the World Environment Day (WED)?

A) First Saturday of June  
B) 5 June  
C) 4 June  
D) First Sunday of June

Answer: B

World Environment Day (WED) is celebrated on June 05 every year to raise awareness and encourage action for the protection of our environment.

About World Environment Day:

- Date: Saturday, 5 June, 2021
- Observances: Environment Protection
- Significance: Environmental issues awareness
- Also called: Eco Day, Environment Day, WED (world environment day)
Q. What is the theme of World Environment Day 2021?

A) Time For Nature  
B) Ecosystem Restoration  
C) Air Pollution  
D) Beating Plastic Pollution

Answer: B

➢ The theme for World Environment Day 2021 is “Ecosystem Restoration”.

Q. Which country is the host country for the 2021 World Environment Day?

A) South Korea  
B) Pakistan  
C) Netherlands  
D) India

Answer: B

➢ The host country for 2021 World Environment Day is Pakistan.

About Pakistan:

➢ Prime minister: Imran Khan
➢ Capital: Islamabad
➢ Population: 21.66 crores
➢ Currency: Pakistani rupee
➢ President: Arif Alvi
➢ Gross domestic product: 27,822.19 crores USD

Q. Which Ministry has launched the Seniorcare Aging Growth Engine (SAGE) portal to support elderly person of the country?

A) Ministry of Minority Affairs  
B) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare  
C) Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
D) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

Answer: D

- The Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment, Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot virtually launched an initiative called, SAGE (Seniorcare Aging Growth Engine) on June 04, 2021, and also the SAGE portal to support India’s elderly persons.
- The SAGE portal will act as a “one-stop access” of elderly care products and services by credible start-ups.

About Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment:

- Headquarters: New Delhi
- Jurisdiction: Republic of India
- Annual budget: ₹6,908 crore (US$970 million)
- Departments: Department of Disability Affairs
- Officeholders: Krishan Pal (Minister of State)
- Awards: National Film Award for Best Feature Film in English

Latest Schemes in news 2021:

- Thaawarchand Gehlot Launches SAGE Programme and Portal to support India’s Elderly Persons
- Madhya Pradesh Government launches ‘Ankur’ scheme to award people for planting trees
- PM Modi announces Rs 10 Lakh PM CARES Fund for kids orphaned due to COVID
- Government announces measures to help families who lost the earning member due to Covid
- Government launches YUVA – Prime Minister’s Scheme For Mentoring Young Authors
- Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma Appoints ‘Guardian Ministers’ for growth of districts
- Uttarakhand Government Launches ‘Vatsalya Yojana’ for Children Orphaned due to Covid
- Maharashtra Launches Scheme “Mission Oxygen Self-Reliance” to Meet Oxygen Need
- Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik Declares Journalists as Frontline Covid Warriors
• SIDBI launches SHWAS and AROG Loan Schemes for MSMEs for COVID Preparedness

Q. What is the current Marginal Standing Facility Rate?

A) 3.55%  
B) 4.00%  
C) 3.35%  
D) 4.25%

Answer: D

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Q. What shall be the interest rate applicable on banks if they park their excess money up to the size of the COVID loan book with RBI?

A) Reverse Repo Rate  
B) CRR  
C) Repo Rate  
D) MSF

Answer: C

➤ Under this scheme, RBI has advised commercial banks to create a COVID loan book.
➤ The loans given to contact-intensive sectors under this window shall form a part of this COVID loan book.
➤ Now banks will have the facility to park their surplus liquidity up to the size of the COVID loan book with RBI at a rate of (Repo Rate-0.25%).
➤ (special 14-day reverse repo window will be opened for this.)
Q. Sir Anerood Jugnauth, who has passed away recently was the former President of which country?

A) Mauritius  
B) Nepal  
C) Bhutan  
D) Thailand

Answer: A

- Sir Anerood Jugnauth, the former President and also Prime Minister of Mauritius, has passed away.
- He was 91.
- Jugnauth, who was a lawyer by profession, had served as Mauritius’ President twice, from 2003 to 2012.

About Mauritius:

- Prime minister: Pravind Jugnauth
- Capital: Port Louis
- Currency: Mauritian rupee
- Population: 12.7 lakhs

Q. Which river project in Gujarat has been recently approved by NGT?

A) Narmada  
B) Godavari  
C) Vishwamitri  
D) Tapi

Answer: C

- National Green Tribunal (NGT) has recently approved project on Vishwamitri River in Gujarat.
- The Vishwamitri River Action Plan will be implemented by Vadodara Municipal Corporation (VMC).

About Vishwamitri River:
About Gujarat:
- Capital: Gandhinagar
- Governor: Acharya Devvrat
- Population: 6.27 crores
- Chief minister: Vijay Rupani

About National Green Tribunal Act (NGT):
- Committee report: 24 November 2009
- Enacted by: Parliament of India
- Enacted: 5 May 2010
- Bill published on: 31 July 2009

Q. Who has won the Belgrade Open men’s title?

A) Roger Federer  
B) Novak Djokovic  
C) Rafael Nadal  
D) Alex Molcan

Answer: B

Novak Djokovic has won the Belgrade Open Men’s title by defeating Alex Molcan of Slovakia. Djokovic won his 83rd career title in this tournament.

About Novak Djokovic:
- Born: 22 May 1987 (age 34 years), Belgrade, Serbia
- Grand slams won (singles): 18
- Height: 1.88 m
- Nationality: Serbian
- Spouse: Jelena Đoković
Coaches: Marián Vajda, Goran Ivanišević

**Latest Sports in News 2021:**

- Novak Djokovic wins 2021 Belgrade Open Tennis Tournament to lift 83rd ATP trophy
- Sanjeet Kumar wins 91kg Gold Medal at 2021 Asian Amateur Boxing Championships
- ICC Expands Men’s ODI Cricket World Cup to 14 teams for 2027 & 2031 Editions
- Pooja Rani Wins 75kg Gold for India in 2021 Asian Amateur Boxing Championships
- Hockey India Wins Etienne Glichitch Award, Odisha CMs Secretary VK Pandian Awarded With FIH Presidents Awar
- Chelsea Beats Manchester City 1–0 to Win 2020-21 UEFA Champions League Final
- Mary Kom Settles with Silver Medal at 2021 Asian Boxing Championships
- Hong Kong Mountaineer Tsang Yin-hung Sets New Record for Fastest Ascent of Everest by Women

**Q. Government of India aims to achieve ___ % ethanol blending in petrol by 2023.**

A) 20  
B) 30  
C) 40  
D) 50

**Answer: A**

- Government of India aims to achieve 20 % ethanol blending in petrol by 2023.
- GOI has already set a target of achieving 10 % ethanol-blending in petrol by 2023.

**Q. Who has won the International Booker Prize 2021?**

A) Salman Rushdi  
B) David Diop  
C) Shiv Khera  
D) Shashi Tharoor

**Answer: B**

**2021:**

- David Diop has won the International Booker Prize 2021 for his fiction ‘At Night All Blood is Black’.
- He is the first French novelist to win the International Booker Prize.
2020:

✓ The International Booker Prize 2020 has been won by Dutch author Marieke Lucas Rijneveld for her debut novel ‘The Discomfort of Evening’.
✓ The novel has been translated from Dutch to English by Michele Hutchison.

Q. Which state has topped the Sustainable Development Goals Index 2020-21?

A) Punjab  
B) Gujarat  
C) Odisha  
D) Kerala

Answer: D

➢ Kerala has topped the Sustainable Development Goals Index 2020-21 with a score of 75 followed by Himachal Pradesh and Tamil Nadu.
➢ The index was released by National Institution for Transforming India (NITI).

Recently Kerala in News 2021:

• Kerala Tops SDG India Index 2020–21 Released by NITI Aayog
• Pinarayi Vijayan takes oath as 12th Chief Minister of Kerala for second time in row
• Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan submits resignation to Governor Arif Mohammed Khan
• Kerala-based Aniyán Midhun Wins Gold at South Asian Wushu Championship

About Kerala:

➢ Governor: Arif Mohammad Khan
➢ Population: 3.46 crores
➢ Capital: Thiruvananthapuram
➢ Chief minister: Pinarayi Vijayan

Recently Raking & Index in News 2021:

• Kerala Tops SDG India Index 2020–21 Released by NITI Aayog
• UFC Champion Conor McGregor Tops Forbes’ Highest-Paid Athletes for 2021
• India emerges as second-largest insurance technology market in Asia-Pacific region after China
• India Ranks Third in 2020 EY Index; The US Retains Top Position
• New Zealand PM Jacinda Ardern Tops Fortune’s World’s 50 Greatest Leaders 2021, Adar Poonawalla Only Indian in Top 10
• Bengaluru slips to 40th spot globally in Knight Frank’s global prime property index for Q1 of 2021
• LIC Among Top Ten Most-Valuable Insurance Brand Globally: Brand Finance Report
• India Ranks 49th in Chandler Good Government Index 2021, Finland Tops
• India Ranks Third Biggest Military Spender in World in 2020, the US Tops: SIPRI Report

Q. Which bank has become the 1st in Asia-Pacific to offer ‘SWIFT GPI Instant’ facility?

A) HDFC Bank
B) Axis Bank
C) Fino Bank
D) ICICI Bank

Answer: D

➢ ICICI Bank has become the first in Asia-Pacific region to offer ‘SWIFT GPI Instant’ facility.
➢ SWIFT GPI stands for Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication Global Payments Innovation.

Latest ICICI Bank in News 2021:
• ICICI Bank Partners SWIFT to offer instant cross-border inward remittances facility
• ICICI Bank Partners with NPCI to Link UPI ID with Its Digital Wallet ‘Pockets’
• RBI imposes Rs 3 crore penalty on ICICI Bank for Violating Specific Directions Issued by RBI
• ICICI Bank launches Digital banking Platform ‘Merchant Stack’
• RBI Retains SBI, ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank as Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs)
• ICICI Bank launches ‘InstaFX’ mobile app to help customers obtain Forex Prepaid Card swiftly

About ICICI Bank:

- CEO: Sandeep Bakhshi
- Headquarters: Vadodara
- Founder: Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India
- Founded: June 1994, Vadodara
- Revenue: 1,300 crores USD
- Subsidiaries: ICICI Prudential Life Insurance, ICICI Lombard
- ICICI Bank Tagline: Hum Hai Na, Khayal Apka.

Q. Who has become the fastest female mountaineer to scale Mt. Everest?

A) Tsang Yin-Hung
B) Phunjo Lama
C) Arthur Muir
D) Phulo Jhano

Answer: A

- Tsang Yin-Hung of Hong Kong has become the fastest female mountaineer to scale Mount Everest.
- She scaled the world’s highest peak in 25 hours and 50 minutes.

Q. Which company will launch India’s largest IPO?

A) Zomato
B) PayTM
C) PhonePe
D) Swiggy

Answer: B
PayTM will launch India’s largest **Initial Public Offering (IPO)**. It aims to raise $3 billion from the IPO.

PayTM is backed by Softbank under the name of One97 Communications Private Limited.

**About PayTM:**

- **Founder:** Vijay Shekhar Sharma
- **Founded:** 2009, Noida
- **CEO:** Vijay Shekhar Sharma
- **Revenue:** 3,281 crores INR (US$460 million)
- **Parent organization:** One97 Communications
- **Subsidiaries:** Wasteland Entertainment Pvt. Ltd

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**STATIC GK BASED CURRENT AFFAIRS MCQ**

Q. In which part of India is the “Patratu Thermal Power Station” located?

A) Tamil Nadu  
B) Rajasthan  
C) Kerala  
D) Jharkhand  

**Answer:** D

Q. Yadavindra Cup is related to which sports?

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

**Answer:** B

Q. Where in India is the “Rewalsar Lake” located?

A) Himachal Pradesh  
B) Sikkim  

**Answer:** B
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Answer: B

Q. The “Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation” (APEC) is headquartered at ____________.
A) Monaco
B) Singapore
C) Rome
D) Vienna

Answer: B