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Q. Recently the Government of India has exported 22 tonnes of Geographical Indications (GI) certified fiber and mineral-rich Jalgaon banana to Dubai. This Jalgaon banana is a certified product from which state?

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

Answer - A

➢ The Ministry of Commerce has announced that India has exported 22 tonnes of Geographical Indications (GI) certified fiber and mineral-rich Jalgaon banana to Dubai. This marks a major boost to exports of Geographical Indications (GI) certified agricultural produce from India. The Jalgaon district of Maharashtra, got GI certification for their Jalgaon banana in 2016.

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- Maharashtra Gets **India’s First Floating** LNG Storage And Regasification Unit
- Maharashtra: Amboli Named As **Biodiversity Heritage Site**
- Asha Bhosle To Be Honoured With ‘**Maharashtra Bhushan**’
- Maharashtra Farmers Start **Fresh Fruit Cake ‘Movement’**
- Maharashtra Governor Releases E-Book Titled **Dawn Under The Dome**
- Maharashtra Govt **Signs MoU With Flipkart** To Promote Wooden Toys
- Maharashtra **tops 2nd India Justice Report** for delivering justice to people
- **Journalist Day** Observed in Maharashtra on January 6
- Maharashtra’s new bill on sexual crimes under ‘**Shakti act**’ to have death penalty
- Maharashtra Govt signs MoU with Cornell University to train entrepreneurs
- Maharashtra CM announces, Rs 25 crore to be provided for development of Dajipur Sanctuary in 1st phase
- Maharashtra govt all set to launch 'MahaSharad' platform
- Maharashtra declares Kanhargaon wildlife sanctuary its 50th Wildlife Sanctuary
- Maharashtra's Ranjitsinh Disale becomes first Indian to win 2020 Global Teacher Prize
- Maharashtra Cyber becomes India's first agency to acquire 'Crawler' from the Interpol; will aid in police's crackdown against offenders of child pornography
- Maharashtra's first 'child-friendly police station' has been inaugurated in Pune
- Lonar Lake in Maharashtra selected under 'Ramsar site'
- RBI cancels licence of Maharashtra-based Karad Janata Sahakari Bank
- Asia's first solar power-enabled Textile Mill to be unveiled in Parbhani district of Maharashtra
- Maharashtra Governor, Bhagat Singh Koshyari has released the book ‘Majhi Bhint’ (My Wall) authored by Rajendra Darda
- Usha Mangeshkar Honored with Gan Samragni Lata Mangeshkar award for 2020-21 by Maharashtra Govt
- Maharashtra launches largest plasma therapy trial “Project Platina”
- ADB and India inks USD 177 million loan for Maharashtra
- Maharashtra Govt launches 'My Family, My Responsibility' campaign
- Maharashtra partners with Google to deploy learning tools for online education
- Bharat Air Fibre Services inaugurated in Maharashtra
- Maharashtra government launches “Maha” Job portal
- Maharashtra Govt introduced “Maha Parwana” plan to boost investment
- Flood warning system “iFLOWS” launched in Mumbai Maharashtra

About Maharashtra:
- Chief Minister- Uddhav Thackeray
- Governor- Bhagat Singh Koshyari
- Capital City- Mumbai
- State Animal- Indian giant squirrel
- State Bird- Yellow-footed green pigeon
- State Tree- Mangifera indica
- State Flower- Pride of India
Q. What is the rank of India in terms of surplus reserve transfer to government by its Central Bank (RBI) as a percentage to GDP for FY22?

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

**Answer - D**

- *The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) was second in terms of reserves transferred to the government as a percentage of gross domestic product (GDP) for the fiscal year 2020-21.*

Q. Which state observes the Great June Uprising Unity Day on June 18 every year?

A) Telangana  
B) Manipur  
C) Himachal Pradesh  
D) Sikkim

**Answer - B**

- *Manipur is observing the 20th Great June Uprising Unity Day on June 18, 2021. The day is marked since 2002, to pay homage to 18 martyrs who laid down their lives to protect the territorial integrity of Manipur on June 18 in 2001.*

Q. Autistic Pride Day is observed annually all over the world on which day?

A) 18 June  
B) 19 June  
C) 17 June  
D) 16 June

**Answer - A**

- *Every year, Autistic Pride Day is observed on June 18 globally to create awareness about autism among people and recognise the importance of pride for autistic people and its role in bringing about positive changes in the broader society.*

**Important Days and Dates of June 2021:**
• 1 June: World Milk Day, Global Day of Parents
• 2 June: International Sex Workers Day, Telangana Formation Day
• 3 June: World Bicycle Day
• 4 June: International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression
• 5 June: World Environment Day
• 7 June: World Food Safety Day
• 8 June: World Brain Tumour Day, World Oceans Day
• 9 June: World Accreditation Day (WAD)
• 12 June: World Day Against Child Labour
• 14 June: World Blood Donor Day
• 15 June: World Wind Day, World Elder Abuse Awareness Day
• 16 June: Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev
• 17 June: World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought (International)
• 19 June: World Sickle Cell Awareness Day, World Sauntering Day
• 20 June: World Refugee Day (International)
• 26 June: International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, International Day in Support of Victims of Torture
• 30 June: Asteroid Day

Q. As per the latest estimate of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), what is the GDP growth rate projection of India in 2020-21?

A) 8.9%  
B) 7.2%  
C) 9.5%  
D) 10.4%

Answer - C
The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) has estimated the gross domestic product (GDP) of India to grow at 9.5 percent in the current financial year, i.e. FY 2021-22.

Latest Projected India’s GDP in NEWS 2021

- CII Projects India’s FY22 GDP Growth At 9.5%
- ICRA Projects GDP Growth Of India At 8.5% In FY 2022
- Crisil Projects India’s GDP Growth For FY22 To 9.5%
- Moody's Projects Indian Economy to grow 9.3% in FY22
- SBI Economists Revises GDP Growth Estimate in FY22 to 7.9%
- SBI Research: GDP Likely Grew By 1.3% In Q4 FY21
- Barclays Pegs India’s FY22 GDP Growth At 7.7%
- Care Ratings Projects India’s GDP Forecast to 9.2% for FY22
- HDFC Bank projects India's GDP growth for FY22 at 10%
- United Nations: India Projected To Grow At 10.1% In 2022
- Moody’s Projects India’s GDP Forecast for FY22 to 9.3%
- Nomura Revises GDP Growth Estimate of India in FY22 to 10.8%
- S&P Revises India’s GDP Growth Forecast To 9.8% For FY22
- Goldman Sachs Lowers GDP Growth Forecast For India In FY22 To 11.1%
- Barclays Projects India’s GDP Growth Forecast To 10% In FY22
- ADB Projects India’s GDP To Grow 11% In FY22
- IHS Markit Estimates GDP Growth Rate Of India At 9.6% For FY22
- Oxford Economics Projects India’s FY22 GDP Growth Forecast to 10.2%
- SBI Research Projects India’s GDP Growth Rate At 10.4% For FY22
- S&P Projects India’s GDP Growth Forecast At 11% In FY22
- ICRA Slashes India’s GDP Forecast By 0.5% To 10.5% In FY22
- Care Ratings Projects India’s GDP Growth Forecast At 10.2% For FY22
- 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**

Q. The Sustainable Gastronomy Day is marked every year on which day?
A) 15 June  
B) 16 June  
C) 17 June  
D) 18 June

Answer - **D**

- The Sustainable Gastronomy Day is observed on 18 June globally to focus the attention of the world on the role that sustainable gastronomy plays in our lives. The day was designated by UN General Assembly on 21 December 2016

Q. What is the rank of India in the SIPRI Yearbook 2021, which determines the number of nuclear weapons possessed by a country?
A) 4th  
B) 6th  
C) 7th  
D) 2nd

Answer - **B**

- The Swedish think tank, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) released the SIPRI Yearbook 2021 on 14 June 2021. The SIPRI Yearbook assesses the current state of armaments, disarmament and international security. As per the report, the number of nuclear weapons in India has increased to 156 in January 2021,
as compared to the 150 weapons in January 2020. This places India at sixth place globally in the list.

Q. The Central Bank of which country has topped in terms of surplus transfer to government as a percentage to GDP in 2020-21?

A) Turkey  
B) Russia  
C) Greece  
D) Israel  

Answer - A

➢ Turkey has been ranked first. Central Bank of the Republic of Turkey constitutes 0.5% of GDP.

Q. Which country has topped in the SIPRI Yearbook 2021?

A) United Kingdom  
B) China  
C) USA  
D) Israel  

Answer - C

➢ The United States continues to possess highest nuclear warheads, having 5550 in January 2021, however this is a decrease from 5800, possessed by the country in January 2020.

Q. What is the rank of India on IMD's World Competitiveness Index 2021?

A) 12  
B) 43  
C) 56  
D) 72  

Answer - B

Index

• Rank 1: Switzerland
• Rank 2: Sweden
• Rank 3: Denmark

List of India’s Rank Different Index 2021

• Economic Freedom Index 2021: 121st
• World Happiness Report 2021-139th
• International Intellectual Property (IP) Index 2021-40th
• Henley Passport index 2021: 84th
• World Press Freedom Index, 2021: 142nd

Q. What is the rank of India in 15th edition of Global Peace Index (GPI) 2021?

A) 40th  C) 72nd  B) 58th  D) 135th

Answer - D

Top Peaceful country

• Rank 1: Iceland since 2008
• Rank 2: Denmark
• Rank 3: New Zealand
• Rank 4: Portugal

Least peaceful country

• Bottom: Afghanistan is the least peaceful country again for fourth consecutive year.
• Yemen
• Syria,
• South Sudan,

Q. Which country is the most peaceful country worldwide, according to the Global Peace Index (GPI) 2021?

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

Answer - B

About Iceland

• Capital of Iceland: Reykjavik.
• Currency of Iceland: Icelandic Krona.
• President of Iceland: Gudni Th. Johannesson

Q. Name the digital lending platform recently launched by IndusInd Bank.

A) IndusStack Credit  
B) IndusBack Credit  
C) IndEasy Credit  
D) IndusEasy Credit

Answer - D

Q. Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) has projected India’s FY22 GDP growth at ________

A) 8.5%  
B) 9.5%  
C) 10.5%  
D) 11.5%

Answer - B

Q. Who has been appointed as Director/Counsellor in India’s Permanent Mission in the World Trade Organisation?
A)Aashish Chandorkar C)Ajay Puri
B)Mukesh Sharma D)A K Sikri

Answer- A

**Note: About World Trade Organization**

- **Director-General:** Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala;
- **Headquarters:** Geneva, Switzerland;
- **Founded:** 1 January 1995.

Q. Who has been appointed as the brand ambassador of PUMA Motorsport in India?
A)Yuvraj Singh C)Virat Kohli
B)Aamir Khan D)Sonu Sood

Answer - A

**List of PUMA Brand Ambassadors**

- Sunil Chhetri
- Kareen Kapoor khan
- KL Rahul
- Sushma Verma (women's national cricketer)
- Yuvraj Singh

Q. International Picnic Day is observed every year on ____________.
A)17 June C)19 June
B)18 June D)20 June

Answer - B

Q. Every year, Autistic Pride Day is observed on _____ globally.
A) 17 June  
C) 19 June  
B) 18 June  
D) 20 June  

**Answer - B**

**Q. The world's third-largest diamond has been unearthed in which nation?**

A) Botswana  
C) Tanzania  
B) Angola  
D) South Africa  

**Answer - A**

- Debswana Diamond Company on June 1, 2021, found the world’s third-largest diamond in the Jwaneng mine in Botswana, South Africa. The stone weighs 1,098 carats and measures measuring 73mm long, 52mm wide, and 27mm thick, and is yet to be named.

**Q. When is Desertification and Drought Day 2021 observed?**

A. June 16th  
B. June 17th  
C. June 18th  
D. June 19th  

**Answer - B**

**Q. As per the “Children and Digital Dumpsites” report, globally over 18 million Childrens are at risk of health hazards caused by e-Waste processing. The report was released by which organisation?**

A) UNICEF  
B) World Health Organisation  
C) World Bank  
D) United Nations Development Programme  

**Answer - B**

**WHO IN NEWS 2021**

- Mukesh Sharma Appointed Honorary Member Of WHO's Technical Advisory Group
• Dr Patrick Amoth Of Kenya Appointed As Chair Of WHO Executive Board
• WHO Names Covid-19 Variants First Found In India As ‘Kappa’ And ‘Delta’
• WHO Honours Dr Harsh Vardhan For Efforts In Tobacco Control
• WHO Classified Indian Coronavirus Variant As A “Global Variant Of Concern”
• Carl Bildt Appointed WHO Special Envoy For ACT-Accelerator
• WHO Declares El Salvador Malaria-Free
• Harsh Vardhan Chairs 148th Session Of WHO Executive Board
• Anil Soni Appointed First CEO Of The WHO Foundation
• Former Health Secretary Preeti Sudan Appointed WHO Panellist

About WHO:

• Established – 7th April 1948
• Headquarters – Geneva, Switzerland
• Director General – Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus
• Chief Scientist – Soumya Swaminathan

Q.Which country received the USD 100 million Line of Credit (in June’21) by Indian government for development of its Solar Energy Sector?

A) Bangladesh  
B) Maldives  
C) Seychelles  
D) Sri Lanka

Answer- D

Sri Lanka 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 T20
• 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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IAF Participates in 70th Anniversary Celebrations of Sri Lanka Air Force
Sri Lanka Fast Bowler Dhammika Prasad quits international cricket

About Sri Lanka:
- President – Gotabaya Rajapaksa
- Judicial capital – Colombo
- Legislative capital – Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte

Q. Which Ministry launched the “Adi Prashikshan” portal in partnership with UNDP?

A) Ministry of AYUSH
B) Ministry of Tribal Affairs
C) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
D) Ministry of Panchayati Raj

Answer- B

Apps & Services in NEWS 2021
- Ministry of Tribal Affairs launched “Adi Prashikshan” portal
- IIT Ropar develops India’s first power-free CPAP device ‘Jivan Vayu’
- Ministry of Ayush Launches ‘Namaste Yoga’ App
- Virender Sehwag launches Experiential Cricket Learning Portal CRICURU
- NCPCR has launched an online tracking portal “Bal Swaraj”
- SAGE Programme and Portal to support India’s Elderly Persons The Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment,
- AI-based Solution XraySetu Launched to Detect Covid in Rural Population via WhatsApp
- IIT Ropar Develops IoT Device ‘AmbiTag’ to Record Real-Time Ambient Temperature
- IIT Ropar develop ‘FakeBuster’ tool to detect imposters in video conferences & manipulated Faces on social media
- India to launch mobile tech platform ‘UNITE AWARE’ for UN peacekeepers in August 2021
• ICICI Bank Partners with NPCI to Link UPI ID with Its Digital Wallet ‘Pockets’

• **SeHAT OPD portal** to provide tele-medicine services to Armed Forces personnel and veterans

• Hero Group launches education technology venture **Hero Vired**

• **MOMA Market’** for Home Delivery of Fresh Vegetables

• Jharkhand CM Hemant Soren Launches Mobile App ‘Amrit Vahini’ for online booking of hospital beds

• Airtel Payments Bank **Unveils ‘DigiGold’ for Digital Gold Investment**

• Bihar Government Launches ‘HIT COVID’ App to Track Home Isolated Patients

• RBL Bank Partners Mastercard to launch **“Pay by Bank App”**

• Government Launches Community Mental-Health Digital platform ‘**MANAS**’

• Piyush Goyal Launches “e-SANTA”, an Electronic Marketplace For Aqua Farmers

• NITI Aayog Launches ‘**Poshan Gyan**’, a Digital Repository on Health & Nutrition Information

• India Unveils first-ever app to learn Sanskrit called “**Little Guru**”

• Ramesh Pokhriyal ‘Nishank’ launches ‘SARTHAQ’, the NEP Implementation Plan for School Education

• Ramesh Pokhriyal launches **“NanoSniffer”**, World’s First Microsensor based Explosive Trace Detector

• Narendra Singh Tomar launches Madhukranti portal and Honey Corners of NAFED

• S A Bobde launches Supreme Court of India’s first AI-driven Research Portal ‘**SUPACE**’

• Nirmala Sitharaman virtually launches Central Scrutiny Centre and **IEPFA mobile App**

• POWERGRID Launches Certified E-Tendering Portal “**PRANIT**”

• Government Launches **‘MERA RATION’ App** to help ONORC scheme beneficiaries

• Thaawarchand Gehlot launches “**Sugamya Bharat App**” and Handbook “Access – the Photo Digest”

• Chandigarh launches ‘**Carbon Watch**’, India’s first app to assess one’s carbon footprint

• Indian Railways reactivates ‘**UTS ON MOBILE App**’ facility

• Centre Launches new Instant Messaging platform ‘**Sandes**’, on lines of WhatsApp

• Bharti AXA General Insurance launches ‘**Krishi Sakha**’ App for farmers

• Airtel Payments Bank launches ‘**Airtel Safe Pay**’

• ICICI Bank launches ‘**InstaFX**’ mobile app to help customers obtain Forex Prepaid
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A) Rajasthan
B) Jharkhand
C) Kerala
D) Madhya Pradesh
Answer - D

Q. Kolhapur city is situated on the banks of which river?
A) Bhima
B) Panchganga
C) Koyna
D) Narmada
Answer - B
Q. When is the “National Sports Day” observed?
A) August 29
B) July 21
C) June 22
D) June 30
Answer - A

Q. Panthi dance is a famous folk dance of which Indian state?
A) Chhattisgarh
B) Assam
C) Sikkim
D) Odisha
Answer - A

Q. The currency of Ukraine is ________.
A) Kip
B) Denar
C) Hryvnia
D) Colon
Answer - C

Q. In which part of India is the “Amarnath Temple” situated?
A) Jammu And Kashmir
B) Himachal Pradesh
C) Uttarakhand
D) Uttar Pradesh
Answer - A

Q. Santiago is the Capital of which country?
A) Burundi
B) Chile
C) Netherlands
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<td>B) Jagdeep Dhankhar is the current governor of which state of India?</td>
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