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Q. The World Sickle Cell Day is observed every on which day?

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

Answer - D

World Sickle Cell Day is celebrated on 19 June every year to raise awareness about Sickle Cell Disease, its treatment methods and to get effective control over this disease worldwide. The day was recognised by the United Nations General Assembly in 2008.

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)
- 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. In India, which day is celebrated as the National Reading Day by CBSE?

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

Answer - C

➢ The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) celebrates National Reading Day annually on 19 June.

Q. Who is the winner of 2021 Land for Life Award given by the UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)?

A) SAHARA SAHEL FOODS. NIGER  C) CAUVERY CALLING – RALLY FOR RIVERS, ISHAFOUNDATION, INDIA
B) FAMILIAL FORESTRY, RAJASTHAN, INDIA  D) IGUGU TRUST, ZIMBABWE

Answer - B

About the Familial Forestry:

➢ Familial Forestry is an environment conservation concept by climate-activist Shyam Sunder Jyani, an Associate Professor for Sociology in Rajasthan, who has been campaigning for Familial Forestry for over 15 years.
➢ Familial Forestry means transferring the care of the tree and environment in the family so that a tree becomes a part of the family’s consciousness. More than a million families from more than 15,000 villages of desert-prone northwest
Rajasthan in over 2.5 million saplings have been planted in the past 15 years, with the active participation of students and desert dwellers.”

Q. When is the International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict commemorated?

A) 19 June
B) 20 June
C) 18 June
D) 17 June

Answer - A

➢ Each year June 19 is observed as the International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict.

Q. Kenneth Kaunda, who has passed away recently was the former President of which country?

A) Uganda
B) Kenya
C) Zambia
D) Ethiopia

Answer - C

➢ Zambian politician Kenneth Kaunda, who served as the first President of Zambia, has passed away. He was 97

About Zambia

• Zambia Capital: Lusaka;
• Currency: Zambian kwacha.

Q. World Refugee Day is observed on which day?

A) 18 June
B) 20 June
C) 19 June
D) 17 June

Answer - B
The United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR) observes the World Refugee Day on June 20 each year to raise awareness of the situation of refugees throughout the world.

2021 Theme: Together we heal, learn and shine.

Q. Kevin O’Brien is a cricket player, who has recently announced retirement from One-Day international game. He represents which country?

A) Ireland  
B) Scotland  
C) Netherlands  
D) Australia

Answer - A

Ireland all rounder Kevin O’Brien has announced his retirement from One-Day international cricket, after playing his final match for the country against the Netherlands on June 7, 2021. The 37-year-old O’Brien, will continue to represent Ireland in both T20s and Tests.

Cricketer Retirement in NEWS 2021

- Ireland’s Kevin O’Brien Announces Retirement From ODIs
- Sri Lankan All-Rounder Thisara Perera Announces Retirement
- R. Vinay Kumar Announces Retirement From All Forms Of Cricket
- Yusuf Pathan Announces Retirement From All Forms Of Cricket
- Naman Ojha Announces Retirement From All Forms Of Cricket
- Ashok Dinda Announces Retirement From All Forms Of Cricket
- Mohammad Amir Announced His Retirement From International Cricket
- Parthiv Patel Announces Retirement From All Forms Of Cricket
- Sudeep Tyagi Announces Retirement From All Forms Of Cricket
- Pakistan’s Fast Bowler Umar Gul Announces Retirement

Q. Guruprasad Mohapatra, who has passed away recently was serving as a top bureaucrat in which department of Central Government?

A) Department of Expenditure  
B) Department of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)
C) Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM)  D) Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT)

Answer - B

- Shri Guruprasad Mohapatra, the Secretary in the Department of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), has passed away due to COVID-19 related complications.
- He was 59. Before being appointed as DPIIT secretary in August 2019, Mohapatra served as Chairman of the Airports Authority of India (AAI).

Q. Ebrahim Raisi has won the 2021 Iranian presidential election of which country recently?

A) Ukraine  C) Syria
B) Qatar  D) Iran

Answer - D

- Ebrahim Raisi has won the 2021 Iranian presidential election, winning 62 percent of the vote with about 90 percent of ballots counted. The 60-year-old Raisi will succeed Hassan Rouhani in August.

About Iran:

- President: Ebrahim Raisi
- Capital: Tehran
- Currency: Iranian rial
- Population: 8.29 crores
- Supreme leader: Ali Khamenei
- Official language: Persian

Q. India’s Asian Gold-medalist Milkha Singh, who has passed away recently was associated with which sports event?

A) Boxing  C) Weightlifting
B) Sprinting  D) Weightlifting
Answer - B

- The legendary Indian sprinter Milkha Singh has passed away due to post-Covid complications. He was 91-year-old.

About Milkha Singh

- Milkha Singh was one of the greatest Indian track and field sprinter, who was nicknamed as The Flying Sikh, for his accomplishments.
- He won four Asian Games gold medals, and was the only athlete to win gold in 400 metres race at the Asian Games.
- He secured gold in 200m and 400m in the 1956 Asian Games and 400m and 4X400m relay in 1962 Asian Games.
- Apart from this, he was also the first Indian to become Commonwealth Games champion, winning gold in 1958.
- Milkha Singh represented India at three Olympics, 1956 Summer Olympics in Melbourne, 1960 Summer Olympics in Rome and the 1964 Summer Olympics in Tokyo.
- He accomplished fourth-place finish in the 1960 Summer Olympics.
- The legendary sprinter was awarded India's fourth-highest civilian honour, Padma Shri, in 1959, in recognition of his sporting achievements.

Q. What is India’s Rank in Sustainable Development Report 2021?

A) 76  
B) 80  
C) 84  
D) 120

Answer

About Sustainable Development Solutions Network

- Sustainable Development Solutions Network President: Jeffrey Sachs;
- Sustainable Development Solutions Network Headquarters: Paris, France & New York, USA.
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6. Jessica Tan, founder of Ping An Group
7. Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury for the Church of England/Anglican Church
8. Stacey Abrams, founder of Fair Fight
9. Reshorna Fitzpatrick, pastor for Proceeding Word Church, Chicago
10. Adar Poonawalla, CEO of Serum Institute of India

Global Prime Residential Index

- Released by London-based property consultant Knight Frank
- Top : Shenzhen,
- Second : Shanghai
- Third : Guangzhou
- India : New Delhi (32nd Rank )

Brand Finance Insurance 100 report for 2021.

- Released by London-based brand valuation consultancy firm Brand Finance,
- Top : Chinese firm ‘Ping An Insurance

According to the report:

- Most Valuable Global Insurance Brand – Ping An Insurance, China
- Most Strongest Global Insurance Brand – Poste Italiane, Italy
- Most Valuable Indian Insurance Brand – LIC (10th)
- Most Strongest Indian Insurance Brand – LIC (3rd)

Chandler Good Government Index 2021

- Released by the Chandler Institute of Governance headquartered in Singapore. Index
- Rank 1: Finland
- Rank 2: Switzerland
- Rank 3: Singapore
- Rank 4: Netherlands
- Rank 5: Demark
- India : 49th
- Venezuela : 104 ( Last )

‘SIPRI Military Expenditure Database’
Published by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)

1. United States ($778 billion),
2. China ($252 billion),
3. India ($72.9 billion),
4. Russia ($61.7 billion)
5. United Kingdom ($59.2 billion)

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)

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 ShanghaiRanking Consultancy.

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- 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**

2020 Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU)

- Released By : World Economic Forum (WEF)
- TOP : Iceland
- INDIA : 140th
- Bottom : Afghanistan
Best Institute Ranking Index

- Rank 1: Harvard University
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- Rank 1: IISc Bangalore
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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 Commerce Global Innovation Policy Centre (GIPC)
- TOP: USA
- INDIA: 40

Q. On __________ every year, World Sauntering Day is celebrated.
A) 17 June   C) 19 June
B) 18 June   D) 20 June
Answer – C

Q. National Reading Day is celebrated annually on ____________.
A) 19 June   C) 21 June
B) 20 June  D) 22 June
Answer - A

Q. Father's Day is observed every year on ____________.
A) First Sunday of June  
B) Second Sunday of June  
C) Third Sunday of June  
D) Third Monday of June

**Answer – C**

**Q. India has been ranked ___ in the Swiss Bank’s Annual Bank Statistics of 2020 Report.**

A. 50th  
B. 51st  
C. 52nd  
D. 53rd

**Answer: B**

- India has been ranked 51st in the Swiss Bank’s Annual Bank Statistics of 2020 Report. United Kingdom topped the rankings. India was followed by New Zealand, Norway, Sweden and Denmark.

**About Swiss National Bank**

- Swiss National Bank Chairman of the Governing Board: Thomas J. Jordan;
- Swiss National Bank Head Offices: Berne, Zurich.

**Q. e-Pathshala and e-Mulyankan platforms have been launched by the government of _____.**

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

**Answer: D**

- e-Pathshala and e-Mulyankan platforms have been launched by the government of Odisha. Both the platforms have been aimed to benefit the students, teachers and District Education Officers (DEOs) of Odisha.

**Odisha In NEWS**

- e-Pathshala and e-Mulyankan platforms
- Raja Parba- Odisha’s Famous Festival Celebrated
- Cyclone Yaas To Hit West Bengal, Odisha
- Odisha Announces Gopabandhu Sambadika Swasthya Bima Yojana
- Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik Launches 'Mask Abhiyan' Against Covid-19
- PM Modi To Release Hindi Version Of ‘Odisha Itihaas’ By Dr Harekrushna Mahtab
- Utkal Divas Or Odisha Day Is Celebrated On 1 April
- Odisha Farmer’s Solar Car Gets Thumbs-Up Online
- Odisha Govt Announced Development Package For Maa Samaleswari Shrine

About Odisha

- Chief Minister of Odisha: Naveen Patnaik.
- Odisha Capital: Bhubaneswar.
- Odisha Governor: Ganeshi Lal.
- Airports in Orissa: Biju Patnaik International Airport, Jharsuguda Airport, Rourkela

Q. Who has won the Gelfand Challenger Chess Title?

A. K Mukesh
B. Praggnanandhaa
C. Murugappa K
D. D Gukesh

Answer: D

➢ D Gukesh has won the Gelfand Challenger Chess Title. He is the second youngest Grandmaster in the world. He defeated Praggnanandhaa for winning the title.

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Q. What is the capital and currency of Mongolia?
A) Kingston & Euro  
B) Majuro & Dollar  
C) Ulaanbaatar & Tugrik  
D) Naypyidaw & Kyat
Answer - C

Q. Where in India is the “Bhuntar Airport” located?
A) Arunachal Pradesh  
B) Himachal Pradesh  
C) Daman  
D) Chandigarh
Answer - B

Q. “Galathea National Park” is situated in which part of India?
A) Sikkim  
B) Assam
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