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Q. What is the rank of India in the Global Startup Ecosystem Index 2021?

A) 11  C) 34
B) 20  D) 49

Answer - B

Global Startup Ecosystem Index 2021 Top 5:

- **Rank 1:** US
- **Rank 2:** UK
- **Rank 3:** Israel
- **Rank 4:** Canada
- **Rank 5:** Germany

List of India’s Rank Different Index 2021

- **World Happiness Report 2021:** 139th
- **International Intellectual Property (IP) Index 2021:** 40th
- **Henley Passport index 2021:** 84th
- **World Press Freedom Index, 2021:** 142nd
- **World Competitiveness Index 2021:** 41st
- **Global Peace Index 2021:** 135th

Q. Which country has topped in the Global Startup Ecosystem Index 2021?

A) Sweden  B) Germany
About UNITED STATES (US)

- Capital: Washington, D.C.
- Largest city: New York City
- Currency: Dollar
- First President: George Washington
- 46th President: Joe Biden
- India ambassador to US: Taranjit Singh Sandhu
- Yudh Abhyas Exercise: India & Us
- Tiger Trump Exercise: India & US
- Vajra Prahar Exercise: India & Us

Q. What is the rank of India in Global Cybersecurity Index (GCI) 2020?

A) 37  
B) 10  
C) 52  
D) 29

Answer - B

Global Cybersecurity Index (GCI) 2020

- Top: USA (Score 100)
- Second Position: UK and Saudi Arabia (score 99.54)
- India Rank: 10th (Score 97.5)

About Global Cybersecurity Index (GCI) 2020:

- The GCI 2020 is the fourth edition of the annual index and ranked 194 countries.
- The GCI measures the commitment of countries to cybersecurity at a global level.
• GCI assessment is done on the basis of performance on five parameters of cybersecurity including legal measures, technical measures, organisational measures, capacity development, and cooperation.

About International Telecommunication Union (ITU):

• Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland
• Founded: 17 May 1865
• Head: Secretary-General; Houlin Zhao

Q. Asia’s longest High Speed Track (HST), NATRAX, has been inaugurated in which city of India?

A) Indore  
B) Pune  
C) Hyderabad  
D) Agra

Answer - A

• Asia’s longest and the world’s fifth high speed test track was inaugurated at National Automotive Test Tracks (NATRAX) in Pithampur.
• The 3 km facility is likely to attract global players for automotive testing and reduce dependence of Indian OEMs on foreign testing tracks.
• This one of its kind facility has two semi-circular curves that can test vehicles at a maximum neutral speed of 250 kmph without touching the steering, while with control on steering, vehicles can be driven up to 375 kmph on curves.

About high-speed track:

• It is used to measure the speeding capabilities of high-end cars like BMW, Mercedes, Audi, Ferrari, Lamborghini, and Tesla among others, which cannot be measured on any of the test tracks in India yet.
• Currently, foreign OEMs go to their respective high-speed tracks abroad to test the speeding requirements.

Q. Shri K.V. Sampath Kumar, the editor of world’s first Sanskrit Daily, has passed away. What is the name of the Sanskrit Daily?
A) Rashi
B) Sudharma
C) Brahman
D) Purana

Answer - B

About K V Sampath Kumar Achievements:

- For his contribution to the field of Literature & Education, In 2020, he along with his wife was selected for the Padma Shri honour from the Government of India.
- He has also received several awards like the Siddarudha award, the Shivaratri Deshikendra Media award, the Abdul Kalam award and others.

About Sudharma:

- Sudharma is the only Sanskrit Daily in the world, printed and published from Mysore.
- Headquarters: Mysore, Karnataka

Q. The ICC Men’s T20 World Cup 2021 has been shifted to be held in UAE and Oman. Earlier the tournament was to be held in which country?

A) India
B) England
C) Australia
D) Rome

Answer - A

About International Cricket Council (ICC):

- Headquarters: Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- Founded: 15 June 1909
- Chairman: Greg Barclay
- Deputy Chairman: Imran Khwaja
- CEO: Manu Sawhney
• Chief executive: Geoff Allardice
• The ICC has instituted the ICC Awards to recognize and honor the best international cricket players of the previous 12 months.

About Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)

• Founded: 1928
• Headquarters: Wankhede Stadium
• 1st President: R E Grant Govan
• 39th President: Saurav Ganguly
• Vice President: Rajeev Shukla
• Secretary: Jay Shah
• Men’s Coach: Ravi Shastri
• Women’s Coach: Ramesh Powar
• Interim CEO of BCCI: Hemang Amin

About UAE:

• Capital: Abu Dhabi
• Currency: United Arab Emirates dirham
• President: Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan

About Oman:

• Capital: Muscat
• Currency: Omani rial

Q. Anshula Rao is the first women cricketer to get four-year doping ban by the National Anti-Doping Agency. She is a domestic player, who played for the state of ___________

A) Gujarat          C) Bihar
B) Madhya Pradesh   D) Kerala
Answer - B

About National Anti-Doping Agency:

- The National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) is the national organisation responsible for promoting, coordinating, and monitoring the doping control program in sports in all its forms in India.
- CEO: Navin Agarwal
- Headquarters: New Delhi
- Founded: 24 November 2005

Note:

- Anti Doping Disciplinary Panel headed by Gaurang Kanth

Q. Whom among the following has been appointed as the Tamil Nadu’s new Director General of Police?

A) Karan Singha  
B) Irai Anbu  
C) C Sylendra Babu  
D) JK Tripathy

Answer - C

Q. A joint military exercise “Mustafa Kemal Ataturk 2021” was held between which among the following countries?

A) India & Azerbaijan  
B) Turkey & Azerbaijan  
C) Pakistan & Azerbaijan  
D) Turkey & Pakistan

Answer - B

Q. Who will be the new Vice Chief of Indian Air Force?

A) Ravneet Singh  
B) Vivek Ram Chaudhari  
C) Rajesh Pendetkar  
D) Samant Goel
Answer - B

About Indian Army head

- **Chiefs of Army Staff**: Manoj Mukund Naravane
- **Chief of Air Staff**: Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria
- **Chief of Navy Staff**: Admiral Karambir Singh

Q. Name the CEO of NITI Aayog who has got another one-year extension.

A) Amitabh Kant  
B) Rajiv Kumar  
C) Tarun Bajaj  
D) N. K. Singh

Answer – A

About Amitabh Kant:

- **Amitabh Kant** is an IAS officer of the 1980 batch.
- As of June 2019, he is the chief executive officer of NITI Aayog.
- NITI is a government institution for catalysing economic development.
- He was a key driver of the “Make in India”, Start-up India, “Incredible India” and “God’s Own Country” initiatives.

**NITI Aayog in News 2021:**

- Government Extends Tenure of **Amitabh Kant** as Niti Aayog CEO by One Year till June 2022
- NITI Aayog and Piramal Foundation launch ‘**Surakshit Hum Surakshit Tum Abhiyaan**’
- NITI Aayog recommends **Privatisation of Central Bank & Indian Overseas Bank**
- **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
- 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
- Bihar's Nawada tops aspirational districts ranking in January: Niti Aayog
- NITI Aayog and Flipkart collaborate to enhance Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP)
- NITI Aayog Releases Second Edition of India Innovation Index; Karnataka occupied the top position, followed by Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu respectively
- Niti Aayog Launches Made-in-India Cloud Storage Service ‘DigiBoxx’
- NITI Aayog releases ‘Vision 2035: Public Health Surveillance in India’
- NITI Aayog sets up panel headed by Rajiv Kumar for reforms in urban planning education
- Gujarat Tops NITI Aayog’s inaugural Export Preparedness Index 2020

**About 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

**Q.** Which film maker’s documentary ‘Decoding Shankar’ has won the Best Film Award in the Documentary section (Best Biographical) at the Toronto International Women Film Festival, 2021?

A) Tahira Kashyap Khurrana
B) Romila Thapar
C) Deepti Pillay Sivan
D) Deepa Mehta

**Answer - C**
Freelance filmmaker Deepti Pillay Sivan’s most touted documentary, “Decoding Shankar” about the life and career of the celebrated musician Shankar Mahadevan, recently won the Best Film Award in the Documentary section (Best Biographical) at the Toronto International Women Film Festival, 2021.

The 52-minute docu-film released a few years ago is a sketch of the life of the prolific musician focusing on how he balances his career as a singer, music composer, and teacher.

Film Festival in NEWS

- ‘Decoding Shankar’, Wins At Toronto International Women’s Film Festival
- India’s Tillotama Shome Wins Best Actor Award At UK Asian Film Festival
- Anupam Kher Wins Best Actor Award At New York City International Film Festival
- “Koozhangal” Wins Tiger Award At Rotterdam International Film Festival 2021
- ‘Karkhanisanchi Waari’ Only Indian Entry At Tokyo Film Festival

Q. State Bank of India has celebrated its _______ Foundation Day on 1st July 2021.

A) 63th  C) 65th  B) 64th  D) 66th

Answer - D

- An act was accordingly passed in Parliament in May 1955 and the State Bank of India was constituted on 1 July 1955.
- State Bank of India is an Indian multinational, public sector banking and financial services statutory body headquartered in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- SBI maintains thousands of branches throughout India and offices in dozens of countries throughout the world.
- Old name of SBI bank is Imperial Bank of India.
- Chairperson: Dinesh Kumar Khara
• **Headquarters**: Mumbai
• **Tagline**: Pure banking nothing else; With you all the way; The Nation banks on us; A Bank to the common man; A banker to every Indian.

**SBI IN NEWS 2021**

- Foundation Day of State Bank of India – **Observed on July 01**
- SBI launches “**Aarogyam Healthcare Business Loan**”
- SBI Card Joins Hand with Fabindia to launch co-branded credit card ‘**Fabindia SBI Card**’
- SBI Launches **Kavach Personal Loan** For Covid-19 Patients
- **SBI And HyperVerge** Partner For AI-Powered Online Account Opening
- **Yono** By SBI Joins Hands With Shivrai Technologies
- SBI Research Projects India’s GDP Growth Rate At **10.4% For FY22**
- **SBI MF** Becomes First Mutual Fund Company To Cross **Rs 5 Lakh Crore AAUM**
- **SBI Inks USD 1 Billion Loan Agreement** With Japan Bank
- **SBI And IOCL** To Ink India’s **First Libor Alternative Rate Deal**
- NPCI Partners SBI Payments To Launch **“RuPay SoftPoS”** For Merchants
- SBI Mutual Funds Launches **First Overseas Fund**
- SBI Ecowrap Report Projects India GDP to contract **7.4% in FY21; 11% in FY22**
- Mercedes-Benz Collaborates With SBI to offer financial benefits to lender’s HNI customers who owns the luxury car
- State Bank of India joins ‘**Liink’ blockchain-based** payment network of JPMorgan
- Swaminathan Janakiraman and Aswini Kumar Tewari appointed as **MDs of State Bank of India**
- Dinesh Kumar Khara appointed as **Chairman of State Bank of India**
- Ashwani Bhatia appointed as Managing Director of State Bank of India
- RBI Retains SBI, ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank as Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs)
- SBI to launch loan product ‘**SAFAL’** for organic cotton growers
- SBI, Titan launch contactless payment watches **“Titan Pay”**
- SBI creates separate business vertical for financial inclusion, agri biz
- Ashwani Bhatia appointed as Managing Director of State Bank of India
- SBI General Insurance launches **“Shagun – Gift an insurance” policy**
SBI Card starts new brand campaign ‘Contactless Connections’
SBI lists USD 100 million green bonds on India INX
SBI will buy Yes Bank shares worth Rs 7250 crore
SBI General Insurance launches “Arogya Sanjeevani” Health Insurance Policy

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- Rama Mohan Rao Amara: MD & CEO of SBI Cards
- Dinesh Kumar Khara: Chairman of State Bank of India
- Charanjit Singh Attra: Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of SBI
- Ashwini Kumar Tewari: MD of SBI
- Ashwani Bhatia: MD of SBI
- Challa Sreenivasulu Setty Arjit Basu: MD of SBI
- Prakash Chandra Kandpal: MD & CEO of SBI General Insurance
- Vinay Tonse: MD & CEO of SBI Mutual Funds

About STATE BANK OF INDIA (SBI)

- Founded: 1 July 1955
- HQ: Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Chairman: Dinesh Kumar Khara

Q. On which date, National Postal Worker Day is observed every year?

A) 30 June  
B) 1 July  
C) 2 July  
D) 3 July

Answer - B

- July 1 was declared National Postal Worker Day in 1997 by a Seattle-area postal carrier to honour fellow employees and since then it is celebrated every year on this day.

- National Postal Workers Day is celebrated annually on July 1 to show appreciation for the postal workers’ hard work that they put in to deliver our mail and deliveries on time.
Postal workers walk or travel miles a day to deliver letters and packages to our doorsteps.

They work consistently and diligently to deliver all of our mail.

Even in the harshest working conditions, they continue to persevere six days a week, to help us send and receive our emails.

The day is observed to encourage us to show our appreciation to those who work tirelessly even during COVID-19 pandemic.

Q. Chartered Accountants Day is observed in India every year on ____________.

A) 29 June  
B) 30 June  
C) 1 July  
D) 2 July

Answer - C

National Chartered Accountant Day is observed in order to celebrate the formation of Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) on July 1st, 1949.

This year 73rd Chartered Accountants’ Day is celebrated.

ICAI is the sole licensing and regulatory body for the financial audit and accounting profession in India.

Chaturvedi family is credited to be the only family in India to be Chartered Accountants in five generations.

P. Kapadia was the first person to get a membership certificate by the ICAI.

Uday Kotak Chairman of Kotak Mahindra Bank is richest CA in the world having the net worth of 14.70 billion USD, He has featured in Forbes as India’s top 10 richest man.

Q. National Doctor’s Day is celebrated in India on ____________ every year.

A) 1 July  
B) 2 July  
C) 3 July  
D) 4 July

Answer - A
Every year, **July 1** is celebrated as National **Doctors’ Day** by the **Indian Medical Association (IMA)**.

The day is observed to commemorate the birth and death anniversary of former Bengal’s Chief Minister **Dr Bidhan Chandra Roy**.

In India, the **National Doctors’ Day** is celebrated on **July 1** all across India to honour the legendary physician and the second Chief Minister of West Bengal, **Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy**.

He was born on **July 1, 1882** and died on the same date in 1962, aged 80 years.

The first **National Doctors’ Day** was celebrated in the year 1991.

He was instrumental in establishing institutions like Chittaranjan Cancer Hospital, Chittaranjan Seva Sadan, among others.

He was awarded with the **Bharat Ratna** on February 4, 1961.

**Q. Who has become the youngest-ever Chess Grandmaster in history?**

A) Pratyush Chaudhary  
B) Abhimanyu Mishra  
C) Stanley Jacob  
D) Abhyudey Pandey

**Answer - B**

Abhimanyu Mishra, a 12-years old Indian-origin boy, became the youngest ever Grandmaster in Chess on June 30, 2021. Abhimanyu, from New Jersey, broke the record of 12 years and 7 months set by GM Sergey Karjakin in 2002.

**Q. What is the name of India’s first indigenous aircraft carrier, which will be commissioned in 2022?**

A) INS Shaurya  
B) INS Arjun  
C) INS Vikrant  
D) INS Arya

**Answer - C**
Q. Which of the following has won the 1st mRNA based COVID-19 vaccine to get approved for emergency-use in India?

A. Moderna  
B. Pfizer  
C. Johnson and Johnson  
D. Rochelle’s

**Answer: A**

- *Moderna Vaccine (mRNA-1273) has become the 1st mRNA based COVID-19 vaccine to get approved for emergency-use in India. Moderna’s mRNA-1273 has an efficacy of 94.1 percent.*

Q. Who has been appointed as USA’s interim envoy to India?

A. Manik Chandra  
B. Soumen Ghosh  
C. Atul Keshap  
D. Binod Mishra

**Answer: C**

- *Atul Keshap has been appointed as USA’s interim envoy to India. He had previously served as the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs.*

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Q. In which state is the “Rajbari National Park” located?
A) Odisha  
B) West Bengal  
C) Tripura  
D) Rajasthan  
**Answer - C**

Q. Where is the “International Court of Justice” (ICJ) located?
A) Lausanne, Switzerland  
B) The Hague, The Netherlands  
C) Jakarta, Indonesia  
D) New York, United States  
**Answer - B**

Q. The currency of Turkey is _________.
A) Pound  
B) Peso  
C) Shilling  
D) Lira  
**Answer - D**

Q. Where in India is the “Pangolakha Wildlife Sanctuary” situated?
A) Andaman & Nicobar Islands  
B) Sikkim  
C) Andhra Pradesh  
D) Meghalaya  
**Answer - B**

Q. Gaborone is the capital of which country?
A) Botswana  
B) Cameroon  
C) Jamaica  
D) Kenya  
**Answer - A**

Q. The “Sarnath Museum” is situated in which Indian state?
A) Odisha  
B) West Bengal  
C) Tripura  
D) Rajasthan
A) Sikkim  
B) Bihar  
C) Odisha  
D) Uttar Pradesh  
**Answer - D**

Q. When is the “National Sports Day” observed in India?

A) August 29  
B) June 23  
C) September 21  
D) July 30  
**Answer - A**

Q. In which state is the “Bhandardara Dam” located?

A) Rajasthan  
B) Maharashtra  
**Answer - A**

C) Manipur  
D) Jharkhand  

Q. “International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF)” is headquartered in ________.

A) Munich, Germany  
B) Budapest, Hungary  
C) Lausanne, Switzerland  
D) Athens, Greece  
**Answer - C**

Q. “Bagurumba dance” is a folk dance of which Indian state?

A) Assam  
B) Arunachal Pradesh  
C) Chhatisgarh  
D) Goa  
**Answer - A**

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