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Q. The government has decided to set up the Indian Institute of Heritage at ____.

A) Dhanbad  
B) Kanpur  
C) Agra  
D) Noida

Answer - D

Q. Pedro Castillo has been declared the new President of which of the following country?

A) Chile  
B) Equador  
C) Peru  
D) Bolivia

Answer - C

About Peru

- Peru Capital: Lima;
- Peru Currency: Sol.
- Peru President: Pedro Castillo

Q. ADB has projected India’s economic growth for FY22 at ____.

A) 10.0%  
B) 9.6%  
C) 8.9%  
D) 6.5%

Answer - A

Latest Projected India’s GDP in NEWS 2021

- **ADB** projected India’s economic growth forecast at **10% in FY22**
- **Fitch Ratings** projects India GDP growth for FY22 at **10%**
- **Ind-Ra** revises India’s GDP growth rate for FY22 at **9.6%**
- S&P Projects India’s Growth Forecast for FY22 to 9.5%
- **Moody’s Revises** India’s GDP Growth Rate To 9.6%
- 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

ADB in News 2021:

- ADB inks USD 484 million loan with GoI to upgrade road network in Tamil Nadu industrial corridor
- ADB inks USD 2.5 million loan pact with Union government to upgrade road infra in Sikkim
- ADB commits record $3.92 billion loan to India for 13 projects in 2020
- ADB launches Asia Pacific Tax Hub to enhance domestic resource mobilisation and international tax cooperation
- ADB provided $1.5-billion fiscal support to India for pandemic response
- ADB Projects India’s GDP to grow 11% in FY22
- $484 Million ADB Loan to Upgrade Road Network in Tamil Nadu Industrial Corridor
- ADB Appoints Woochong Um as Managing Director General
- ADB to provide Rs 100 cr loan to Medanta to combat Covid-19 pandemic
- ADB approves USD 2.5 million technical assistance to support advanced biofuel development in India
- ADB & India sign $231 million loan to enhance power generation capacity in Assam
- ADB announces Rs 2100 crore loan to Tripura for urban & tourism development
- ADB & India sign $300 million loan to upgrade power distribution network in Uttar Pradesh
- ADB launches $9 bn Asia Pacific Vaccine Access Facility (APVAX) for Developing Countries
- ADB approves USD 2.5 million technical assistance to support advanced biofuel development in India
- ADB and India sign $50 million loan agreement for West Bengal
• ADB released a new book titled ‘Future of Regional Cooperation in Asia and the Pacific’.
• ADB sign $132.8 million loan agreement for Meghalaya’s Power supply
• ADB inks $500 Million Loan agreement with India for Delhi-Meerut RRTS Corridor
• ADB and India inks USD 177 million loan for state road improvements in Maharashtra

ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (ADB)

❖ Founded : 19 December 1966
❖ HQ : Mandaluyong, Metro Manila, Philippines
❖ President : Masatsugu Asakawa
❖ Vice President : Ashok Lavasa
❖ Director of ADB for India : Takeo Konishi
❖ Executive Director : Sameer Kumar
❖ Member Countries : 68 (Nuie)

Q. Which Bank has signed an MoU with the Indian Navy for salary account?

A) IDFC Bank
B) RBL Bank
C) Yes Bank
D) Kotak Mahindra Bank

Answer- D

Kotak Mahindra Bank in NEWS

• Kotak Mahindra Bank Launches ‘Pay Your Contact’ Service
• Kotak Mahindra Bank Issues India’s First FPI Licence To GIFT AIF
• Kotak Mahindra Bank To Extend Online Payments To Farmers & Traders
• Kotak Mahindra Bank Tie-Up With Indian Army To Handle Salary Accounts
• Kotak Mahindra Bank Starts ‘Kona Kona Umeed’ Campaign
• Kotak Mahindra Bank Becomes 1st Bank In India To Allow Video KYC
• Kotak Mahindra Bank Partners With Pine Labs To Enable EMIs On Debit Cards

About Kotak Mahindra Bank

• Kotak Mahindra Bank Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
• Kotak Mahindra Bank Tagline: Lets make money simple.
• MD of Kotak Mahindra Bank: Uday Kotak

Q. Which company has acquired US edtech firm Epic in $500 million deal?
A) upGrad  C) Jio
B) Coursera  D) Byju's

Answer - D

• Edtech major Byju's has acquired US-based kids learning platform Epic in a $500 million cash-and-stock deal, making this its second-biggest acquisition after it bought brick-and-mortar coaching network Aakash Institute for close to $1 billion earlier this year.
• The Epic acquisition is part of Byju's big foray into the overseas market where it expects annual revenue of $300 million this financial year.

Q. Which organization has successfully flight tested indigenously developed low weight Man-Portable Anti-Tank Guided Missile (MPATGM)?
A) Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)  C) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India
B) Defence Research and Development Laboratory (DRDL)  D) Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)

Answer - A

• Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully flight-tested the New Generation Akash Missile (Akash-NG), a surface-to-air Missile from Integrated Test Range (ITR) off the coast of Odisha on July 21, 2021.
• The missile system has been developed by Defence Research & Development Laboratory (DRDL), Hyderabad in collaboration with other DRDO laboratories.
Launch Missile with range by DRDO IN NEWS

- “Prithvi II” - 350 Km
- “Brahmos” - 400Km
- “Shaurya” - 1000Km
- “Pranash” - 200Km
- “K-4 nuclear” - 3500Km
- “Nirbhay”: 1500Km
- **Agni P Ballistic Missile**: 1000 to 2000KM

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DRDO in NEWS 2021

- DRDO Successfully Test-Flights Surface-To-Air Missile ‘Akash-NG’
- DRDO Successfully Flight-Tests Indigenously Developed MPATGM
- DRDO Gives Licence To Laurus Labs To Make & Market 2-DG
- Army **Inducts 10m Bridging** System Developed By DRDO
- DRDO Successfully Flight-Tests ‘Agni P’ Ballistic Missile Off Odisha Coast
- DRDO Successfully Test Fires Enhanced Pinaka Rocket Off Odisha Coast
- DRDO develops indigenous Covid-19 antibody detection kit DIPCOVAN
- DRDO Conducts Maiden Trial of Python-5 **Air to Air Missile Using LCA Tejas**
- DRDO Develops Supplemental Oxygen Delivery System For Soldiers
- DRDO Develops Advanced Chaff Technology To Safeguard Naval Ships
- Light Weight Bullet Proof Jacket Developed By DRDO Lab
- DRDO successfully flight test SFDR technology
  - Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh inaugurates DRDO Skill Development Centre for Fire Safety Training at Pilkhuwa in Uttar Pradesh
- DRDO Conducts Two Successful Launches of VL-SRSAM Missile System
- DRDO Carries successful user trials of indigenously-developed Anti-Tank Guided Missile Systems ‘Helina’ and ‘Dhruvastra’
- DRDO Conducts Successful Maiden Test Launch of Surface-to-Air Akash-NG Missile
- DRDO Successfully Test Flights indigenously developed Smart Anti-Airfield Weapon (SAAW)
- DRDO Develops Special Motor Bike Ambulance ‘Rakshita’ for CRPF
- DRDO Develops India’s first Indigenously-Developed 9mm Machine Pistol ‘Asmi’
DRDO Celebrates 63rd Foundation Day on 1st January 2021

**About DRDO:**
- Founded: 1958
- Jurisdiction: India
- Headquarters: DRDO Bhavan, New Delhi
- Annual budget: ₹11,375.50 crore (US$1.6 billion) (2021-22)
- Subsidiary: Gas Turbine Research Establishment
- Aircraft designed: Avatar, DRDO Nishant, DRDO Lakshya

Q. Name the New Generation surface-to-air missile which has been successfully flight-tested by Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO).

A) Prithvi       C) BrahMos
B) Akash        D) Dhanush

**Answer - B**

Q. Urmil Kumar Thapliyal passed away recently. He was a/an ____.

A) Theatre personality       C) Contemporary dancer
B) Costume Designer           D) Mountaineer

**Answer - A**

Q. Which state of India has become the first to announce issuance of educational documents to students of educational institutions using blockchain technology?

A) Gujarat       C) Tamil Nadu
B) Karnataka     D) Maharashtra

**Answer - D**
The Government of Maharashtra has decided to issue educational documents to students of educational institutions using blockchain technology. With this Maharashtra will become the first state in the country and world's largest user of Blockchain for educational certificates.

**Maharashtra In News 2021**

- Maharashtra govt launches new EV Policy 2021
- Maharashtra Govt Launches “Mission Oxygen Self-Reliance”
- 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 Kanhargao 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:

- **Maharashtra** is a state in the western peninsular region of India occupying a substantial portion of the Deccan Plateau.
- Maharashtra is the second-most populous state in India as well as the third-most populous country subdivision in the world.
- **Capital:** Mumbai
- **Governor:** Bhagat Singh Koshyari
- **Chief minister:** Uddhav Thackeray
- **National Parks:** Chandoli National Park, Gugamal National Park, Nawegaon National Park, Pench (Jawaharlal Nehru) National Park, Sanjay Gandhi (Borivali) National Park, Tadoba National Park

Q. Which player has won the Sparkassen Trophy 2021 for Chess?

A) Vladimir Kramnik  
B) Magnus Carlsen  
C) Viswanathan Anand  
D) Sergey Karjakin

Answer - C

➢ Former World Chess Champion Viswanathan Anand defeated Vladimir Kramnik of Russia, to win the Sparkassen Trophy at Dortmund in Germany on July 18, 2021. It is a brand new format of four-game chess match.

Q. What is the maximum loan amount extended under the Stand Up India Scheme?
A) Rs 10 lakh  
B) Rs 1 crore  
C) Rs 50 lakh  
D) Rs 5 crore  

**Answer - B**

- *The loan under Stand Up India Scheme are extended by Scheduled Commercial Banks (SCBs) between Rs. 10 lakh and Rs.1 Crore.*

**Q. Which of the following city has been selected to host the 2032 summer Olympics?**

A) Brisbane, Australia  
B) Jakarta, Indonesia  
C) Shanghai, China  
D) London, United Kingdom  

**Answer - A**

- *The Australian city of Brisbane has been selected to host the 2032 summer Olympics, said the International Olympic Committee on 21 July.*
- *“The International Olympic Committee has the honour to announce that the Games of the 35th Olympiad are awarded to Brisbane, Australia,” IOC president Thomas Bach said.*
- *Australia has become the second country after the United States to host the Olympic Games in three different cities. Prior to this, Melbourne had staged Olympics in 1956 and Sydney had in 2000.*

**List of upcoming Olympic**

- **2024 Summer Olympics**: Paris, France  
- **2028 Summer Olympics**: Los Angeles, California, United States.

**Q. In July 2021, India successfully conducted its 1st High-Speed Rail Trails with _______ from Jaynagar in _________.**

A) Bangladesh; Bihar  
B) Bhutan; Sikkim
C) Bangladesh; West Bengal
D) Nepal; Bihar

Answer - D

NEPAL IN NEWS

- KP Sharma Oli Re-appointed as Prime Minister of Nepal
- Nepal's Mingma Tenji Sherpa sets world record by climbing Mount Everest twice in the shortest time
- Nepal inaugurates small hydro power plant built with Indian assistance
- Nepal's Kami Rita scales Everest for record 25th time
- A team of 10 Nepali climbers makes history by becoming the first to scale in winter the world's second highest mountain K2 (8,611 m)
- Integrated Check-Post (ICP), Biratnagar inaugurated at India-Nepal border
- Tiger spotted at a record altitude of 3,165 metres in eastern Nepal
- World's highest mountain peak 'Mount Everest' has become taller by 0.86m, as per a survey conducted jointly by Nepal and China.
- Indian Army chief MM Naravane made honorary General of Nepal Army
- Prime Minister Khadga Prasad Oli decided to recommend the dissolution of Parliament

About Nepal:

- Currency- Nepalese Rupee
- Capital- Kathmandu
- The Flag of Nepal is the world's only non-quadrilateral flag that acts as both the state flag and civil flag of a sovereign country

Q.Name the bank that recently (in July’2A) partnered with SMC Global Securities to offer Online Trading Services to its Customers.

A) CSB Bank
B) Dhanlaxmi Bank
C) Karnataka Bank
D) Bandhan Bank
Dhanlaxmi bank made a strategic partnership with SMC Global Securities Limited (SMC Global) to offer online trading services through a 3-in-1 bank account to its customers.

About Dhanlaxmi Bank:

- Headquarters – Thrissur, Kerala
- MD & CEO – Shivan J.K

Q. In July 2021, Paytm Payments Bank enabled its customers to make Online payments through Fixed Deposit (FD) accounts that are held with which bank?

A) Kotak Mahindra Bank
B) IndusInd Bank
C) Bank of Baroda
D) Federal Bank

Answer- B

Paytm Payments Bank enables its customers to make instant payments across online platforms through its all-in-one payment gateway using balances available in their Fixed Deposit (FD) account, that are held with IndusInd Bank.

- Paytm Payments Bank is Headquartered at Noida, Uttar Pradesh
- IndusInd Bank is Headquartered at Pune, Maharashtra

Q. Pick the Insurance provider which launched ‘Arogya Rakshak’ - a health insurance scheme

A) United India Insurance
B) Life Insurance Corporation
C) Oriental Insurance Company
D) SBI Life Insurance

Answer- B

Q. Name the payment provider of the co-branded credit card - ‘ICICI Bank HPCL Super Saver Credit Card’

A) MasterCard
B) American Express
ICICI Bank launched a co-branded credit card with Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) named ‘ICICI Bank HPCL Super Saver Credit Card’ to provide all the benefits and reward points of multiple credit cards in one card. The card is powered by VISA.

Q. Name the State that launched ‘SOHUM’ - India’s 1st Automated Auditory Brainstem Response System (AABR)

A) Maharashtra  
B) Gujarat  
C) Punjab  
D) Tamil Nadu

Answer - C

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Q. The Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi Airport is located in which city?
   A) Kolkata
   B) Patna
   C) Panaji
   D) Guwahati
   **Answer - D**

Q. Shekel is the currency of which country?
   A) Israel
   B) Jordan
   C) Kenya
   D) Monaco
   **Answer - A**

Q. The “Khangchendzonga National Park” is situated in which part of India?
   A) Ladakh
   B) Mizoram
   C) Sikkim
   D) Andaman And Nicobar Islands
   **Answer - C**

Q. Where is the “World Anti-Doping Agency” (WADA) headquartered?
   A) Lausanne, Switzerland
   B) Montreal, Canada
   C) Amman, Jordan
   D) New Delhi, India
   **Answer - B**

Q. When is the “Akshay Urja Diwas” observed?
   A) September 8
   B) July 22
   C) August 20
   D) July 18
   **Answer - C**

Q. Who is the current Governor of Madhya Pradesh?
   A) Shri Vajubhai Vala
   B) Mangubhai Chhaganbhai Patel
   C) Sushri Anusuiya Uikey
   D) Shri Shri Satya Pal Malik
   **Answer - B**
Q. In which state is the “Jagdalpur Airport” located?

A) Gujarat  
B) Punjab  
C) Madhya Pradesh  
D) Chhattisgarh  

**Answer – D**

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

A) Andhra Pradesh  
B) Tamil Nadu  
C) Kerala  
D) Karnataka  

**Answer - C**

Q. San Jose is the capital of which country?

A) Costa Rica  
B) Guinea  
C) Senegal  
D) Tanzania  

**Answer - A**

Q. Banter Blitz Cup is associated with which sports?

A) Volleyball  
B) Chess  
C) Athletics  
D) Golf  

**Answer - B**

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