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Q. In India, when is the National Broadcasting Day celebrated?

A) 22 July  
B) 24 July  
C) 21 July  
D) 23 July

Answer - D

- National Broadcasting Day is observed on July 23 across the country every year.
- The Indian Broadcasting Company (IBC) started organising radio broadcasting from Bombay station on this day in 1927.
- To mark the event, All India Radio (AIR) conducted a symposium on Creation of New India and Broadcasting Medium in New Delhi.
- Radio broadcasting services began in India during the British rule in 1923 under the initiative of the Radio Club of Bombay.
- India’s largest public broadcasting agency, Prasar Bharati is a statutory autonomous body established by an Act of Parliament and accords to the Doordarshan Television Network, which previously was media unit of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

Q. When is the World Brain Day observed globally?

A) July 22  
B) July 21  
C) July 20  
D) July 19

Answer - A

- The World Federation of Neurology was established on July 22 1957.
- It was suggested by the Public Awareness and Advocacy Committee that 22 July 2014 should be celebrated as “World Brain Day”.
World Brain Day 2021: The theme of this year’s World Brain Day is “Stop Multiple Sclerosis”.

This proposal was announced at WCN, Council of Delegates meeting on 22 September, 2013 and the proposal was received with a warm welcome by delegates.

The Board of Trustees meeting in February 2014 endorsed this proposal as an annual activity.

The main objective of this day of the brain is to increase public awareness and promote advocacy related to brain health.

The theme for this year’s campaign is “our brain, our future”.

Important dates in the month of July 2021

- 1 July – Doctor's Day, National Postal Worker Day, Canada Day, Chartered Accountant’s Day (India), National U.S. Postage Stamp Day, National Gingersnap Day
- 2 July – World UFO Day, National Anisette Day
- 3 July – National Fried Clam Day
- 4 July – Independence Day USA
- 6 July – World Zoonoses Day
- 11 July – World Population Day, National 7-Eleven Day
- 14 July- Bastille Day
- 17 July – World Day for International Justice
- 18 July – International Nelson Mandela Day
- 20 July - The International Chess Day, Science Exploration Day
- 22 July – Pi Approximation Day, World Brain Day
- 23 July - National Broadcasting Day,
- 24 July – National Thermal Engineer Day
- 26 July – Kargil Vijay Diwas (Kargil Victory Day)
- 29 July – International Tiger Day
- Fourth Sunday of July – National Parent’s Day (US)
- Fourth Thursday in July – National Refreshment Day
- Last Friday in July – System Administrator Appreciation Day
Q. The world’s first 3D-printed stainless steel bridge has been unveiled in which place?

A) Amsterdam  C) London
B) Paris  D) Dubai

**Answer - A**

- **Amsterdam, has unveiled the world’s first 3D-printed steel pedestrian bridge.** This project has been opened on the Oudezijds Achterburgwal canal in the city of Amsterdam.

- The opening ceremony of this bridge was attended by the Queen of the Netherlands, Máxima.

- The length of the bridge is nearly 40 feet. It is a 6-ton stainless steel structure. This bridge has been constructed by MX3D an Amsterdam based 3D metal printing company.

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**Bridge in NEWS**

- The World’s Longest Pedestrian Bridge Opens In Portugal
- India Completes Arch Of World’s Highest Railway Bridge In J&K
- PM Narendra Modi inaugurates ‘Maitri Setu’ between India and Bangladesh
- India’s Longest Road Arch Bridge Inaugurated In Meghalaya
- Union Minister Nitin Gadkari Inaugurates Koiwar Bridge In Bihar
- Majerhat Bridge Named “Jai Hind” To Mark Netaji’s 125th Birth Anniversary
- Country’s Longest Motorable Single-Lane Bridge Inaugurated In Uttarakhand
- Anji Khad Bridge: Indian Railways’ 1st Cable-Stayed Rail Bridge
- Jitendra Singh Inaugurates Devika And Puneja Bridges In J&K
- India’s 1st glass floor suspension bridge to be built in Rishikesh

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Q. Name the Indian economist who has been selected as the member of the UN Tax Committee for 2021 to 2025?

A) Karma Sonam Zangpo Lhasungpa  B) Vipul Bansal
C) Rasmi Ranjan Das  
D) Kiran Dhakate  

**Answer - C**  

- Rasmi Ranjan Das, a Joint secretary of the Finance Ministry has been appointed to the UN tax committee as a member for the term period 2021 to 2025.  
- Rasmi Ranjan Das is Joint Secretary – (FT&TR-I), Central Board of Direct Taxes, Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance.  

**About UN Committee:**  
- Formally known as the UN Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters, this committee helps the countries’ efforts to advance stronger and forward-looking tax policies which are adapted to suit the realities of a digitalised economy, globalised trade and investment and the ever worsening environmental degradation.

Q. The Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR) is the only Indian institute to be placed among the top 50 world’s rising institutions in the Nature Index 2021 Materials Science list. Where is JNCASR located?  
A) Visakhapatnam  
B) Hyderabad  
C) Chennai  
D) Bengaluru  

**Answer - D**  

Q. Who among the following has been given the additional charge as the Chairman of National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)?  
A) Aramane Giridhar  
B) Kandikuppa Sreekant  
C) Sunil Barthwal  
D) Udita Chowdhury  

**Answer - A**
Aramane Giridhar, Secretary, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) has been assigned the additional charge of the post of Chairman, National Highways Authority of India (NHAI).

About NHAI:

- The National Highways Authority of India is an autonomous agency of the Government of India, set up in 1995 and is responsible for management of a network of over 50,000 km of National Highways out of 1,32,499 km in India.
- It is a nodal agency of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.
- It is responsible for the development, maintenance and management of National Highways.
- In addition to this, NHAI is also responsible for implementing other projects on National Highways, primarily road connectivity to major ports in India.

Q. The World Fragile X Awareness Day is observed on which day of the year?

A) 21 July  
B) 22 July  
C) 19 July  
D) 23 July

Answer - B

- The World Fragile X Awareness Day is marked on 22 July every year to celebrate families impacted by Fragile X and highlight progress of research to find a cure.

Q. Which state has launched “Dalit Bandhu’ scheme for Dalit empowerment?

A) Karnataka  
B) Telangana  
C) Madhya Pradesh  
D) Assam

Answer - B

- The scheme, which was to be called Dalit Empowerment Scheme, has now been renamed as Dalita Bandhu scheme.

About the scheme:
• **Huzurabad constituency** has only a total of **around 2 lakh voters**.

• Out of the total, **CM KCR's scheme will benefit nearly 21,000 families**, which accounts for around 60,000 to 80,000 people, if this scheme is implemented soon.

• Interestingly, the CM had mentioned that all over the state the **Dalita Bandhu scheme** will be **implemented as decided earlier with Rs 1200 crore**.

• However, in poll-bound Huzurabad, the CM has now said that **additional Rs 1500 to Rs 2000 crore** would be spent in the constituency on the scheme.

**About Telangana:**

• Telangana is a **state in southern India**.

• In the capital of Hyderabad, **the Charminar** is a **16th-century mosque** with 4 arches supporting 4 towering minarets.

• In the **city of Warangal**, the centuries-old Warangal Fort features **carved stone towers and gateways**.

• **Capital**: Hyderabad

• **Governor**: Tamilisai Soundararajan

• **Chief minister**: Chandrashekar Rao

• **National parks**: Kasu Brahmananda Reddy National Park, Mahavir Harina Vanasthali National Park, and Mrugavani National Park

**Q.** ICICI Bank has launched a co-branded credit card with which among the following company to provide customers with benefits and reward points of using multiple credit cards in one?

A) BPCL

B) OIL

C) IOC

D) HPCL

**Answer – D**

- The **'ICICI Bank HPCL Super Saver Credit Card'** provides in-class rewards and benefits to customers on daily fuel spends as well as other categories such as departmental stores like Big Bazaar and D-Mart, electricity and mobile, and e-commerce portals, among others.
The co-branded credit card is powered by VISA and provides benefits in multiple categories of spends, unlike its peers, which typically offer benefits on only one category.

ICICI BANK IN NEWS 2021

- RBI approves re-appointment of GC Chaturvedi as part-time Chairman of ICICI Bank
- ICICI Bank became the 1st in Asia-Pacific, 2nd Globally to offer ‘SWIFT gpi Instant’ Facility
- Over 20 lakh customers of other banks log in to ICICI Bank mobile app
- 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 solutions “ICICI STACK” for Corporates
- ICICI Bank Launches Digital Banking Platform ‘Merchant Stack’
- ICICI Bank, MUFG Bank tie up for serving Japanese corporations operating in India
- ICICI Bank launches ‘InstaFX’ mobile app to help customers obtain Forex Prepaid Card swiftly
- ICICI Bank ties up with fintech Niyo to issue prepaid cards to MSMEs
- RBI Retains SBI, ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank as Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs)
- ICICI Bank launches online portal ‘Infinite India’ for foreign firms expanding in India
- ICICI Bank Launches iMobile Pay to offer Payments & Banking Services For All
- ICICI Bank launches ‘Mine’ a comprehensive banking programme for millennial customers
- ICICI Bank shuts down operations in Sri Lanka
- ICICI Bank introduces ‘iStartup2.0’
- ICICI Bank Launched a Facility, ‘Insta Loans against Mutual Funds’
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Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India (ICICI) BANK

- Founded: 1994
- HQ: Mumbai, Maharashtra
- MD & CEO: Sandeep Bakhshi
- Tagline: Hum Hai Na Khayal Apka
- Mobile App: iMobileApp

Q. The Shravan Harela has been celebrated on the onset of the rainy season in Uttarakhand. What does Harela mean?

A) Day of Rain  
B) Day of Leaves  
C) Day of Green  
D) Day of Blue

Answer - C

- The **Shravan Harela**, celebrated in the **Hindu calendar month of Shravan**, marks the onset of the rainy season (Monsoon).
- **Harela** means “Day of Green”.
- It is considered to be an auspicious day for farmers, as it is the day when they begin the sowing cycle in their fields.
- It is celebrated by people from the Kumaon region of the state of Uttarakhand.
- The day marks the religious celebration of **Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvati’s wedding**.
- The village communities make clay idols of Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvati.
- These are known as Dikare or Dikars.
- The **festival** is celebrated with prayers for **good harvest and prosperity**.
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Uttarakhand:

- **Uttarakhand**, a state in northern India crossed by the Himalayas, is known for its Hindu pilgrimage sites.
- **Rishikesh**, a major centre for yoga study, was made famous by the Beatles’ 1968 visit.
- The city hosts the evening **Ganga Aarti**, a spiritual gathering on the sacred Ganges River.
- The state’s forested **Jim Corbett National Park** shelters Bengal tigers and other native wildlife.
- **Capital**: Dehradun
- **Governor**: Baby Rani Maurya
- **Chief minister**: Pushkar Singh Dhami

Q. Which of the following city has been selected by UNESCO under its ‘Historic Urban Landscape Project’?

A) Gwalior  
B) Orchha  
C) Jabalpur  
D) Both A and B

**Answer- D**

- In **Madhya Pradesh**, **Gwalior and Orchha cities** have been selected by UNESCO under ‘Historic Urban Landscape Project’, which was started in the year 2011, for the inclusive and well-planned development of fast-growing historical cities while preserving the culture and heritage.
- **Orchha and Gwalior** have been included as the 7th and 8th cities.
- The development and management plan of these cities will be prepared by UNESCO.
About Madhya Pradesh:

- Madhya Pradesh, a large state in central India, retains landmarks from eras throughout Indian history.
- Begun in the 10th century, its Hindu and Jain temples at Khajuraho are renowned for their carvings of erotic scenes, most prominently Kandariya Mahadeva, a temple with more than 800 sculptures.
- The eastern Bandhavgarh and Kanha national parks, noted Bengal tiger sanctuaries, offer guided safaris.
- Capital: Bhopal
- Chief minister: Shivraj Singh Chouhan
- Governor: Mangubhai C. Patel

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About UNESCO

- UNESCO Head: Audrey Azoulay.

Q. Who has been named the AIFF men’s Footballer of the Year 2020-21 season?

A) Subrata Pal  B) Bhaichung Bhutia
C) Sunil Chhetri  D) Sandesh Jhingan

Answer - D

About Jhingan:

- Jhingan made his senior national team debut in 2015 in Guwahati and has since gone on to make 40 appearances for the Blue Tigers, scoring four goals.
- He was part of the Indian sides that lifted the Intercontinental Cup in 2018 and played out a memorable draw at the home of the Asian champions Qatar in 2019.
- Jhingan has captained the senior team on five occasions, the most recent being the international friendly against Oman in Dubai in March. He was conferred with the prestigious Arjuna Award last year.

Another award:

- While midfielder Suresh Singh Wangjam was picked as the Emerging Player for the year award for 2020-21. The 20-year-old Suresh, who made his Blue Tigers debut earlier this year against Oman, was part of the Indian side that competed at the FIFA U-17 World Cup in 2017.

About All India Football Federation

- All India Football Federation President: Praful Patel.
- All India Football Federation Founded: 23 June 1937.
- All India Football Federation Headquarters: Dwarka, Delhi.

Q. Who is the author of the book titled ‘Bank With A Soul: Equitas’?

A) C K Garyali
B) Raghuram Rajan  
C) D. Subbarao  
D) Bimal Jalan

Answer - A

The Book has been written by Dr. C K Garyali is a founder trustee of EDIT (Equitas Development Initiative Trust).

About the Book:

The book chronicles the journey of Equitas and EDIT in transforming the lives of women with frequent social reform initiatives helping them set up micro-enterprises and pioneering financial inclusivity right from its inception.

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Q. World Hepatitis Day is observed on which day of the year?

A) 7 August
B) 21 April
C) 15 November
D) 28 July

Answer - D

Q. Ludhiana city is situated on the banks of which river?

A) Mahanadi
B) Sutlej
C) Beas
Q. The “United Nations Security Council” (UNSC) is headquartered at __________.
A) Lausanne, Switzerland
B) Manila, Philippines
C) Paris, France
D) New York, United States
Answer - D

Q. In which state is the “Mouling National Park” situated?
A) Kerala
B) Arunachal Pradesh
C) Tamil Nadu
D) West Bengal
Answer - B

Q. In which state is the Lilabari Airport located?
A) Gujarat
B) Maharashtra
C) Assam
D) Tamil Nadu
Answer - C

Q. What is the currency of Ecuador?
A) Dollar
B) Peso
C) Won
D) Franc

Answer - A

Q. Who is the author of the book “Stargazing: The Players in My Life”? 

A) Saina Nehwal
B) Ravi Shastri
C) Sania Mirza
D) Sunil Gavaskar

Answer - B

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