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Q. When is the Income Tax Day observed by the CBDT?

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

Answer - C

- **Aaykar Diwas (Income Tax Day) – Observed on July 24**

- It was on **24th July, 1860** that **Income Tax** was **introduced for the first time** in India by Sir James Wilson to compensate for the losses incurred by the **British regime** during the first war of independence against British Rule.

- The Finance Ministry stated, the week preceding the **Aaykar Diwas** has been marked by various activities undertaken by the regional offices of the department across the country.

- Several outreach programmes have been **organized across the country to promote payment of taxes** as a value norm and for sensitizing potential tax payers that payment of taxes was an ethical duty of all citizens.

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**About Central Board of Direct Taxes**

- **Chairman:** Jagannath Bidyadhar Mohapatra;
- **Established:** 1924;
- **Headquarters:** New Delhi.

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Q. Name the Union Environment Minister of India, who represented the country at G20 Environment Ministerial Meeting 2021
A) Bhupender Yadav
B) Mansukh Mandaviya
C) Ashwini Vaishnaw
D) Parshottam Rupala

Answer - A

➢ The G20 Environment Ministerial Meeting 2021 was organised on July 22, 2021, at Naples, in Italy. From India, Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav participated in the two-day meeting virtually, along with Minister of State for Environment Ashwini Choubey and senior officials.

Q. Bhageerathi Amma, the oldest student in India to take the equivalency exams, has passed away at 107. She was from which state?
A) Odisha
B) Kerala
C) Tamil Nadu
D) Andhra Pradesh

Answer - B

➢ Bhageerathi Amma, the oldest women in India to take the equivalency exams, has passed away due to age-related ailments. She was 107-years-old. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has expressed grief over the demise of respected Bhageerathi Amma.

About Bhageerathi Amma:

• Bhageerathi Amma was born in 1914.
• She hailed from the Kollam district of Kerala, and decided to continue her education at the age of 105
• She had quit formal education in class three, when she was 9 years old.
• She started preparing for an equivalency examination conducted by the state-run Kerala State Literacy Mission (KSLM) in 2019.
• At the age of 105, Amma decided to continue her education and took examinations in Mathematics, the Malayalam language and Environmental Science.
• She cleared the Kerala State Literacy Mission’s fourth-standard equivalency test.
- She scored 205 out of a total of 275 marks and full marks in mathematics.

Achievements:
- Bhageerathi Amma, was a recipient of the prestigious Nari Shakti Puraskar by the central government for her exceptional contribution towards women's empowerment.
- She received appreciation from the Prime Minister in his Mann Ki Baat address.

About Nari Shakti Puraskar:
- Nari Shakti Puraskar is an annual award given by the Ministry of Women and Child Development of the Government of India to individual women or to institutions that work towards the cause of women empowerment.
- The awards are presented by the President of India on International Women’s Day 8 March, at Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi.
- The awards were instituted in 1999 under the title of Stree Shakti Puraskar and were renamed and reorganised in 2015.

Kerala in NEWS 2021
- Kerala’s Oldest Serving MLA KR Gouri Amma Passes Away At 102
- World TB Day 2021: Kerala’s TB Eradication Programme Bags National Honour
- Kerala Governor Inaugurates India’s First Digital University
- Kerala Government Sanctions Rs. 9 Crore To Build 48 ‘Smart’ Anganwadis
- ‘Snakepedia’ Mobile App Launched In Kerala
- Kerala To Open Its First Human Milk Bank
- India’s First ‘Gender Park’ In Kerala’s Kozhikode
- India’s 1st Labour Movement Museum To Be Set Up In Kerala
- Kerala Governor Launches ‘One School One IAS’ Scheme
- Kerala Becomes 8th State To Complete Ease Of Doing Business Reforms
About Kerala:

- Chief Minister- Pinarayi Vijayan
- Governor- Arif Mohammad Khan
- Capital City- Thiruvananthapuram
- State Animal- Indian elephant
- State Bird- Great hornbill
- Rivers- Cheruthoni river, Bharathapuzha river, Pamba river, Chalakudy river, Parambikulam river.
- State Flower- Golden shower tree
- State Tree- Coconut
- GI Tag : Tirur Betel Leaf (Tirur Vettila)

Q. Max Bupa Health Insurance has rebranded itself. What is the new name of the company?

A) Pahal Bupa       C) Niva Bupa
B) True Bupa        D) Satin Bupa

Answer - C

- **Standalone health insurer Max** Bupa Health Insurance, backed by private equity firm True North and Bupa, has rebranded itself to **Niva Bupa Health Insurance**.

- **Max India**, which owned 51 per cent in the insurer, sold its stake to True North in February 2019 for Rs 510 crore.

- While the erstwhile promoters exited the venture, it was decided that the use of the “Max” brand will be phased out over a period of two years and replaced with a suitable name.

- The **Bupa brand name**, however, would continue as before.

- “Owing to a change in shareholding pattern, with the exit of **Max** India and entry of private equity firm True North, Max Bupa needed to create a new brand identity as part of the transition”.
About Max Bupa:

- Max Bupa Health Insurance Company Limited is an Indian health insurance company, founded in 2008.
- It is headquartered in New Delhi, India.
- It started as a joint venture between Max India Limited and Bupa, the UK-based international healthcare group.
- CEO: Krishnan Ramachandran

Q. India is one of the best performing countries in the Global Survey on Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation for 2021, with a score of 90.32 percent. The survey is released by which organisation?

A) United Nations  
B) World Bank  
C) World Economic Forum  
D) Transparency International

Answer - A

- India has seen a “significant improvement” in the UNESCAP’s Global Survey on Digital & Sustainable Trade Facilitation with a 90.32 percent score.
- After evaluation of 143 economies, the Survey 2021 has highlighted India’s significant improvement in the scores on all five key indicators — transparency, formalities, institutional arrangement and cooperation, paperless trade and cross-border paperless trade.
- India has scored 90.32 per cent in the global survey on Digital and Sustainable Trade Facilitation.
- This is a remarkable jump from 78.49 per cent in 2019.
- Under the transparency indicator, the country scored 100 per cent in 2021, up from 93.33 percent in 2019.
- The score for ‘paperless trade’ improved to 96.3 per cent in 2021, from 81.48 per cent in 2019.
• The score in the institutional arrangement and cooperation indicator improved to 88.89 per cent, from 66.67 percent in 2019.

About UNESCAP:

• The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific is one of the five regional commissions under the jurisdiction of the United Nations Economic and Social Council.

• Headquarters: Bangkok, Thailand

Q. Sikkil R Bhaskaran, who has passed away recently, was a renowned classical musician of which instrument?

A) Sitar  
B) Flute  
C) Tabla  
D) Violin

Answer - D

About Sikkil Shri R Bhaskaran:

• Sikkil Shri R Bhaskaran started learning the Violin at the age of 11 from Thiruvarur Shri Subba Iyer.

• He had 5 decades of Musical Career, & he was an ‘A’ Grade Artist of AIR and also served for nearly 2 decades in Chennai radio Station from 1976 to 1994.

• He has served as an Executive Committee member of the Thiruvaliyar Thyaga Brahma Festival for more than 2 decades.

Achievements:

• Sikkal Ramaswami Pillai, was awarded with Kalaimamani title and Sangeetha Nataka Academy award by Tamil Nadu and Central Government.

Q. Rubina Francis is an Indian para athlete, who has won Olympic quota for the ongoing Tokyo Games. She competes in which sports event?
A) Badminton  
B) Shooting  
C) Weightlifting  
D) Discuss Throw

Answer - B

- Indian para shooter Rubina Francis won gold in the 10-metre air pistol para event for women, at the Para World Cup Shooting in Lima, Peru.

About Rubina Francis:
- Rubina started learning the basics of shooting in 2006 in a camp organised by an academy in Jabalpur.
- In 2017, she started practising at MP Shooting Academy.
- In 2017, she helped set a junior world record in the 10m air pistol women team event at the World Shooting Para Sports Championship in Bangkok, winning gold.
- She also has a bronze from the 2019 world para championship in Croatia.
- She is currently ranked number five by the International Shooting Sport Federation in Women's 10m Air Pistol SH1 (World Shooting Para Sport Rankings)
- She also participated in the 2018 Asian Para Games P2 – Women's 10M Air Pistol.
- She has made Madhya Pradesh proud by earning 12 medals including 10 gold, 2 silver in national para shooting competitions.

About International Shooting Sport Federation:
- Headquarters: Munich, Germany
- President: Vladimir Lisin
- Founded: 1907

Q. Which football player has been awarded with AIFF Women's Footballer of the Year 2020-21?
A) Ritu Rani  
B) Ashalata Devi  
C) Aditi Chauhan  
D) Bala Devi  

Answer - D

In Women’s category, Indian women’s team forward Bala Devi, was named AIFF Women’s Footballer of the Year. This is the third time that Bala Devi has claimed the title. At the same time, Manisha Kalyan won the Women's Emerging Player of the year awards.

Q. Which institute has launched a technology innovation hub ‘C3i Hub’ to find cyber security solutions for anti-drones technologies?

A) IIT, Ropar  
B) IIT, Delhi  
C) IIT, Kanpur  
D) IIT Ahmedabad  

Answer - C

Q. Indian bank has signed an agreement with which among the following IIT’s Technology Incubation Centre for financing start-ups under Bank’s loan product “IND SpringBoard”?

A) IIT Madras  
B) IIT Bombay  
C) IIT Delhi  
D) IIT Guwahati  

Answer - D

Q. Which among the following bank has launched CASA campaign on the 53rd Bank Nationalization day?

A) Indian Bank  
B) Punjab & Sind Bank  
C) Canara Bank  
D) Punjab national Bank  

Answer - A
• **Indian Bank** launched its **CASA (current account, savings account)** campaign on the 53rd Bank Nationalization day.

• The campaign is expected to ‘inject confidence’ in customers and to **bring new customers into their fold to improve the CASA of the Bank**.

• A programme was organized at the Chetpet branch and was presided by **Imran Amin Siddiqui, Executive Director of Indian Bank**.

• Olympian Shiny Wilson, who had participated in four Olympics and was the flag bearer of Indian contingent at the Barcelona Olympics 1992, was a special guest at the programme.

• She extended her wishes to the CASA campaign.

**About Indian Bank:**

• Indian Bank is an **Indian government owned financial services and banking company**.

• It is under the ownership of the Ministry of Finance of the Government of India, established in 1907.

• **Headquarters:** Chennai

• **CEO:** Padmaja Chunduru

• **Tagline:** Your Own Bank, Banking That’s Twice As Good

Q. Who among the following has been appointed as the Chief Technology Officer of Upstox, one of India’s largest investment platforms?

A) Puneet Maheshwari.  
B) Amit Lalan  
C) Thippesha Dyamappa  
D) Shrini Viswanat

Answer - **C**

• **Upstox** (also known as RKSV Securities India Pvt. Ltd.), one of India’s largest investment platforms, has appointed US-based **Thippesha Dyamappa**, former director of software development, international retail at Amazon, as its **Chief Technology Officer (CTO)**.
Meanwhile, the co-founder Shrini Viswanath, who was looking after the technology stack, will now take on a more strategic role in the organization.

**About Dyamappa:**

- **Thippesha Dyamappa** brings in a unique mix of tech capabilities and organizational acumen, **20+ years of software engineering experience** in building best-in-class organizations in six countries (US, India, Jordan, China, UAE, and Brazil).
- The appointment of Dyamappa is the first step towards the next phase of Upstox’s expansion into global markets.

Q. RBI has increased the limit of loan that can be sanctioned by banks to director or associates of other banks, without board approval. What is the enhanced limit?

A) Rs 1 crore          C) Rs 2 crore
B) Rs 5 crore          D) Rs 3 crore

**Answer - B**

➢ *The Reserve Bank of India has raised the limit on loans that can be sanctioned by a bank to any director or associates of other banks, without board approval to Rs 5 crore. Earlier this limit was Rs 25 lakh.*

Q. The ‘Jogajog’ is a platform similar to Facebook. The new platform is being developed by which country?

A) Pakistan          C) Nepal
B) India          D) Bangladesh

**Answer - D**

➢ *The Government of Bangladesh is working to develop a social media platform dubbed as ‘Jogajog’. Apart from this, the government is also working to develop a communication app called ‘Alapan’ as an alternative to Whatsapp.*
Q. The book titled “An Ordinary Life: Portrait of an Indian Generation” has been authored by _______

A) T. N. Seshan  
B) Sunil Arora  
C) Ashok Lavasa  
D) Sushil Chandra

Answer - C

 Former election commissioner Ashok Lavasa has come out with a book titled “An Ordinary Life: Portrait of an Indian Generation.”

Q. Saikhom Mirabai Chanu, has opened India’s medal tally at the ongoing Tokyo Olympics 2020, by winning a silver medal. She represents the country in which event?

A) Weightlifting  
B) Gymnastics  
C) Boxing  
D) Sprinting

Answer - A

 India’s ace weightlifter Saikhom Mirabai Chanu has claimed a silver medal in the Women’s 49kg category, at Tokyo 2020 Olympics on July 24, 2021.

Q. Satish Kalsekar, who has passed away recently was a renowned poet of which language?

A) Kannada  
B) Malayalam  
C) Bengali  
D) Marathi

Answer - D

Q. Which of the following country has joined International Solar Alliance (ISA) recently on July 17?

A) Sweden  
B) Norway  
C) Finland  
D) Switzerland
Sweden has ratified the framework agreement for the International Solar Alliance (ISA) and is now a member of the global platform, which is an initiative of India aimed at promoting renewable energy and sustainable development.

In an official statement released on 23rd July, the Swedish embassy in India said that Sweden has ratified and deposited the framework agreement of the ISA and its membership entered into force on July 17.

About ISA

- **Headquarters:** Gurugram
- **Founded:** 30 November 2015
- **Founded at:** Paris, France
- **Director General:** Ajay Mathur

Q. Who among the following has been appointed as the Managing Director of HCL Technologies Ltd?

A) Shiv Nadar
B) C. Vijayakumar
C) Shyam Srinivasan
D) Hitendra Dave

Answer - B

List of Some World’s Top Company and CEOs or MD

- **Microsoft**- Satya Nadella
- **Apple**- Tim Cook
- **Dell Technologies**- Michael Dell
- **Oracle**- Safra Catz
- **HP**- Enrique Lores
• **Ericsson**– Börje Ekholm
• **IBM**- Arvind Krishna

Q. Every year on __________ National Thermal Engineer Day is observed.

A) 22 July  
B) 23 July  
C) 24 July  
D) 25 July

**Answer - C**

Q. National Parents Day is observed every year on ____________.

A) Fourth Wednesday of July  
B) Fourth Thursday of July  
C) Fourth Friday of July  
D) Fourth Sunday of July

**Answer - D**

Q. Yang Qian has won the first Gold Medal of the Tokyo Olympics in the women’s 10m air rifle. She is from which country?

A) Vietnam  
B) Thailand  
C) Indonesia  
D) China

**Answer - D**

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Q. International Youth Day is observed every year on which day?

A) 12 August  
B) 01 September  
C) 30 July  
D) 26 June

Answer - A

Q. Seema Bisla is associated with which sports?

A) Golf  
B) Tennis  
C) Badminton  
D) Wrestling

Answer - D

Q. Vyas Samman is given for excellence in the field of ___________.

Answer - C
A) Poetry  C) Rajasthan
B) Hindi Literature  D) Karnataka
C) Music  
D) Human Rights Awareness  
Answer - B

Q. Which of these stadiums is located in Goa?
A) Moin-ul-Haq Stadium 
B) Keenan Stadium 
C) Tilak Maidan Stadium 
D) Dadaji Kondadev Stadium
Answer - C

Q. Where is the headquarters of the “International Fund for Agricultural Development” (IFAD) located?
A) Montreal, Canada 
B) Dubai, UAE 
C) Rome, Italy 
D) Jakarta, Indonesia
Answer - C

Q. Bogota is the capital of which country?
A) Slovakia 
B) Haiti 
C) Colombia 
D) Malawi
Answer - C

Q. In which Indian state is the “Madhav National Park” situated?
A) Madhya Pradesh 
B) Karnataka 
C) Punjab
Answer - A

Q. Thaawar Chand Gehlot is the current Governor of ____________.
A) Assam 
B) Telangana

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D) Odisha | Answer - A

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