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Q. India’s first Maritime Arbitration Centre is being set up in which city of the country?

A) Pune  
B) Bengaluru  
C) Chennai  
D) Gandhinagar

Answer - D

- The Gujarat Maritime University has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) in GIFT City to set up the Gujarat International Maritime Arbitration Centre (GIMAC).
- GIMAC will be the first of its kind centre in India to manage arbitration and mediation proceedings for disputes related to the maritime and shipping sector.

About IFSCA

- Chairman of the IFSCA: Injeti Srinivas.
- Headquarters of IFSCA: Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

Q. The Ministry of Defence has unveiled a new system for automated sanction and disbursement of defence pension. What is the name given to that system?

A) MITRA  
B) ROSHINI  
C) SPARSH  
D) PRAYAS

Answer - C

- Ministry of Defence has implemented SPARSH [System for Pension Administration (Raksha)] which is a web-based system, for automated sanction and disbursement of defence pension.
The system has been implemented with agreement between Controller General of Defence Accounts (CGDA), State Bank of India (SBI) and Punjab National Bank (PNB).

About Ministry of Defence:

- **Headquarters**: New Delhi
- **Founded**: 15 August 1947
- **Union Minister**: Rajnath Singh
- **Minister of State**: Shripad Naik
- **Defence Secretary**: Ajay Kumar
- **Chief of Defence Staff**: Bipin Rawat (He is the **first and current Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) of India**).

About SBI:

- **Chairperson**: Dinesh Kumar Khara
- **Headquarters**: Mumbai, Maharashtra
- **Founded**: 1 July 1955

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- **Rama Mohan Rao Amara**: MD & CEO of SBI Cards
- **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 PNB:

- **Headquarters**: New Delhi
- **MD & CEO**: S. S. Mallikarjuna Rao
- **Founded**: 19 May 1894, Lahore, Pakistan
• **Founders:** Lala Lajpat Rai, Dyal Singh Majithia

• It is the **second largest government-owned bank in India, both in terms of its business volumes and its network.**

Q. The Indian Railways has set up India’s first movable freshwater tunnel aquarium ‘Aquatic Kingdom’ in which city?

A) Himachal Pradesh  
B) Kerala  
C) Bengaluru  
D) Gujarat

**Answer - C**

**About the Tunnel:**

• The **12-feet long aquatic kingdom** at the railway station is **Indian Railways first paludarium** that houses myriad flora and fauna.

• The Indian Railways stated that the entrance of the **station** now gives a glimpse into marine life, with a beautiful dolphin humbly greeting visitors with a slight bow and a smile.

• A 3D selfie area, 20 feet of glass periphery are also some attractive features of the new facility.

**About IRSDC:**

• Indian Railway Stations Development Corporation Ltd. is a **Special Purpose vehicle.**

• IRSDC is a **Joint Venture company** of Rail Land Development Authority, RITES and Ircon International Limited.

• IRSDC was incorporated under the **Companies Act, 1956** on 12th April, 2012.

• **Headquarters:** New Delhi  
  **Chairman:** Pradeep Kumar  
  **CEO & MD:** S. K. Lohia

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- India’s First Movable Freshwater Tunnel Aquarium Installed At Bengaluru Station
- Bengaluru Ranked As One Of The Top 5 Technology Centers In Asia Pacific
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• Bengaluru International Airport Achieves Net Energy Neutral Status
• Bengaluru Airport Bags ACI World’s ‘Voice Of The Customer’ Award
• Aero India 2021 Begins In Bengaluru
• Chiefs Of Air Staff (CAS) Conclave Organised At Bengaluru
• Tesla Sets Up India Subsidiary In Bengaluru
• ADB Approves $100 Million Loan To Upgrade Power Distribution System In Bengaluru
• ADB Approves $190 Million Loan To Upgrade Power Distribution In Bengaluru
• Bengaluru’s Bowring Medical College Named After Atal Bihari Vajpayee
• Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike Launches “Pranavayu” Programme

About Karnataka:

• **Karnataka** is a state in southwest India with Arabian Sea coastlines.
• The capital, **Bengaluru** (formerly Bangalore), is a high-tech hub known for its shopping and nightlife.
• To the southwest, **Mysore** is home to lavish temples including Mysore Palace, former seat of the region’s maharajas.
• Hampi, once the medieval Vijayanagara empire’s capital, contains ruins of Hindu temples, elephant stables and a stone chariot.
• **Capital:** Bengaluru
• **Governor:** Vajubhai Vala
• **Chief minister:** B. S. Yediyurappa
• **National Parks:** Bannerghatta National Park, Bandipur National Park, Nagarhole National Park, Kudremukh National Park, Anshi National Park.

Q. Amazon Inc has launched its first Digital Kendra in India in which city?

A) Hyderabad  
B) Agra  
C) New Delhi  
D) Surat

**Answer - D**
E-Commerce company, Amazon has launched its first Digital Kendra in India in Surat, Gujarat.

Amazon In News

- Amazon Launches Its First Digital Kendra In India In Gujarat
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- Amazon India launches video streaming service miniTV
- Amazon launches $250-million Venture Fund for Digitizing SMEs in India
- Andy Jassy set to replace Jeff Bezos as Amazon CEO
- Amazon tops Brand Finance Global 500 2020 report; Tata Group top Indian brand
- Amazon founder Jeff Bezos commits USD 1 bn investment in India to digitise small businesses
- Amazon signs Amitabh Bachchan for its Alexa voice assistant
- Amazon Pay collaborate with Uber to push digital payments in India
- Amazon India ties up with IRCTC to start online train ticket bookings
- Amazon Pay ties up with Acko to sell auto insurance
- Amazon launches seller driven ‘Itna Aasan Hai’ campaign

About AMAZON

- Founded : 1994 (Online bookstore)
- Founder : Jeff Bezos
- Headquarters : Seattle, Washington DC
- CEO : Andy Jessy

Q. The tallest sandcastle of the world has recently been inaugurated in which country?

A) Russia
B) Denmark
C) Italy
D) France

Answer - B
At a height of 21.16 metres, and standing 3.5m higher than the previous record holder, the world's tallest sandcastle was unveiled in Denmark.

The sandcastle built in Blokhus in northwest Denmark broke the Guinness World record previously held by a sandcastle constructed in Germany in 2019, which was 17.66m tall.

Dutch designer Wilfred Stijger mentioned his creation was inspired by the corona virus pandemic.

He stated he put corona virus bacteria as a crown atop the castle to illustrate how the virus is ruling our world, and not allowing us to do what we want to do.

The Guinness world record was measured by an authorized surveyor and signed by witnesses and will be in the book’s next edition.

The Sand Sculpture Festival in Blokhus takes place every summer.

About Denmark:

- Denmark is a Scandinavian country comprising the Jutland Peninsula and numerous islands.
- It’s linked to nearby Sweden via the Öresund Bridge.
- Copenhagen, its capital, is home to royal palaces and colorful Nyhavn harbor, plus the Tivoli amusement park and the iconic “Little Mermaid” statue.
- Odense is writer Hans Christian Andersen’s hometown, with a medieval core of cobbled streets and half-timbered houses.
- **Capital**: Copenhagen
- **Currency**: Danish krone
- **Prime Minister**: Mette Frederiksen

Q. Who has been sworn in as the new Minister of Food Processing Industries?

A) Gajendra Singh Shekhawat  
B) Ashwini Vaishnaw  
C) Pashu Pati Kumar Paras  
D) Bhupender Yadav

**Answer**: C
Q. RBI has imposed monetary penalty on which of the following bank for contravention of various regulatory norms, including on lending to NBFCs?

A) Bank of Baroda  
B) Bandhan Bank  
C) IndusInd Bank  
D) State Bank of India  
E) All of the above

Answer - E

SUPER Note:

- **Rs. 2Cr**: Bank of Baroda.
- **Rs 50 lakhs**: SBI

RBI Imposed Penalty In NEWS

- RBI imposes **Rs 6 crore** Penalty on Bank of India & PNB for Violation of Norms
- RBI Imposes **Rs 10 Crore** Penalty On HDFC Bank
- RBI has imposed monetary penalty on City Union Bank, Tamilnad Mercantile Bank, Nutan Nagarik Sahakari Bank, Ahmedabad, Daimler Financial Services India Private Limited, Pune
- RBI Imposes **₹3 Crore** Penalty On ICICI Bank
- RBI Imposes **Rs 15 Lakh** Penalty On Fedbank Financial Services
- RBI Slaps Penalty Of **Rs 2 Crore** On Standard Chartered Bank
- RBI Imposes **Rs 1 Crore** Penalty On Punjab National Bank

Q. Identify the fintech company that launched Housing Finance Sector's 1st AI based Home loan selection & recommendation engine - 'Instant Match':

A) SwitchMe  
B) EasiLoan
Answer - B

➢ Fintech startup EasiLoan Techno Solutions Pvt. Ltd. launched ‘Easiloan Instant Match’ application for home loans. This app is the housing finance industry’s 1st Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology-based selection and recommendation engine for home buyers.

Q. Which company launched ‘Arogya Supreme’ - a comprehensive health insurance plan?
A) Life Insurance Corporation C) SBI General Insurance
B) Max Bupa Health Insurance D) Star Health and Allied Insurance

Answer - C

About SBI General Insurance:
- Establishment – 2009
- Headquarters – Mumbai, Maharashtra
- MD & CEO – Prakash Chandra Kandpal

Q. Pick the Payment Bank that recently (in July’2A) launched “Pay to Contacts” features to its customers.
A) Airtel Payments Bank C) Paytm Payments Bank
B) Jio Payments Bank D) Fino Payments Bank

Answer - A

Q. Name the organisation that recently (in July’2A) divested 2.46% of its stake in Hindustan Oil Exploration Company (HOECL):
A) HDFC Ltd C) Bajaj Group
B) Adani Group D) Reliance Industries
Answer - A

Q. Which bank has signed an MOU with the Indian Army to offer defence service salary package for Indian Army under its 'Power Salute' initiative?

A) HDFC Bank  
B) Kotak Mahindra Bank  
C) Yes Bank  
D) Axis Bank

Answer - D

Q. Max Bupa Health Insurance has entered into a Bancassurance partnership with which bank?

A) RBL Bank  
B) ICICI Bank  
C) HDFC Bank  
D) Axis Bank

Answer - D

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- Axis Bank board okays reclassification of NIACL as "public investor" from "promoter"
- Amitabh Chaudhry Re-Appointed As MD & CEO Of Axis Bank
- Axis Bank acquires 12.99% stake in Max Life Insurance to become co-promoter
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- Jeep India tied up with Axis Bank to launch Jeep Financial Services
- Axis Bank Launches “Wear N Pay” Contactless Payment Wearable Devices
- PhonePe Partners With Axis Bank On UPI Multi-Bank Model
- Axis Bank Launches Aura Credit Card With Health, Wellness Benefits
- Axis Bank Launches ‘Axis Bank Rupi Business Credit Card’ For MSMEs
- Axis Bank Launches ACE Credit Card In Partnership With Google Pay
- Axis Bank Tie-Up With Vistara To Launch Co-Branded Forex Card
- Axis Bank Introduced ‘Liberty Savings Account’ For The Indian Youth
- Axis Bank Launches Hiring Initiative Named ‘Gig-A-Opportunities’
- Axis Bank Launches Automated Voice Assistant ‘AXAA’
About AXIS Bank

- Axis Bank Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- Axis Bank Tagline: Badhti Ka Naam Zindagi.
- Axis Bank MD and CEO: Amitabh Chaudhry.

About Max Bupa Health Insurance:

- Headquarters – Gurugram, Haryana
- MD & CEO – Krishnan Ramachandran

Q. Who has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Tunisia?

A. Manoj Das
B. Ngulkham Jathom
C. Vinay Malhotra
D. Rahul Verma

Answer: B

- Shri Ngulkham Jathom has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Tunisia. He is currently serving as the High Commissioner of India to Zambia.

Q. Who has been awarded with the prestigious Humboldt Research Award?

A. Amartya Sen
B. Kaushik Basu
C. Mrinal Ghosh
D. Kabir Pant

Answer: B

- Indian economist Kaushik Basu has been awarded the Humboldt Research Award for Economics.
- The award was conferred on him by Professor Dr Hans-Bernd Schäfer of Bucerius Law School in Hamburg, Germany.

About Kaushik Basu:
A native of Kolkata, Kaushik Basu had served as the senior vice president and chief economist at the World Bank from 2012-2016 and as the chief economic advisor to the Government of India for three years from 2009 to 2012.

About the award:

- Every year, the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation grants up to 100 Humboldt Research Awards to internationally leading researchers of all disciplines from abroad in recognition of their academic record to date.
- The award amount is €60,000.
- Award winners are also invited to conduct a research project of their choice at a research institution in Germany in cooperation with specialist colleagues there.
- The award enables a total stay of between six months and a full year, which can be split into multiple stays.

Q. INS Tabar has recently conducted military exercise with which country’s Navy?
A) Australia  
B) UK  
C) Italy  
D) Spain

Answer - C

Q. Jovenel Moise has been assassinated at his home. He was the President of which country?
A) Guatemala  
B) Belize  
C) Gabon  
D) Haiti

Answer - D

- Haiti President Jovenel Moise was assassinated and his wife wounded in an attack at their home, the interim prime minister announced an act that risks further destabilizing the Caribbean nation beset by gang violence and political volatility.
The president faced steep opposition from swathes of the population that deemed his mandate illegitimate, and he churned through a series of seven prime ministers in four years.

**About Haiti**

- **Capital**: Port-au-Prince;
- **Currency**: Haitian gourde;
- **Continent**: North America.

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Q. The headquarters of the “All India Chess Federation” (AICF) is located at _______.

- A) Mumbai
- B) Bengaluru
- C) Chennai
- D) New Delhi

Answer - C

Q. “Bandipur National Park” is situated in which state of India?

- A) Assam
- B) Karnataka
- C) Haryana
D) Mizoram

**Answer** - B

Q. In which state of India is the “Mandu festival” celebrated?

A) Himachal Pradesh
B) Uttar Pradesh
C) Odisha
D) Madhya Pradesh

**Answer** – D

Q. In which part of India is the “Wahrew Bridge” located?

A) Andhra Pradesh
B) Maharashtra
C) Nagaland
D) Meghalaya

**Answer** - D

Q. Where in India is the “Sasthamcotta Lake” situated?

A) Kerala
B) Kochi
C) Cuttack
D) Bhopal

**Answer** - A

Q. What is the capital of Madagascar?

A) Tashkent
B) Antananarivo
C) N'Djamena
D) Dodoma

**Answer** - B

Q. “Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy” is associated with which sports?

A) Hockey
B) Cricket
C) Football
D) Wrestling

**Answer** - B

Q. The headquarters of the “United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs” (UN-DESA) is located at __________.

A) Geneva, Switzerland
B) Amsterdam, Netherlands
C) New York, United States
D) Seoul, South Korea

**Answer** - C
Q. “The Little Book of Encouragement” is authored by _________.
A) Priyanka Chpра
B) Dalai Lama
C) shashi tharoor
D) Meghna Pant

Answer – B

Q. “Mukutmanipur Dam” is situated in which Indian state?
A) West Bengal
B) Assam
C) Kerala
D) Telangana

Answer - A

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