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Q. The Aarogya Dhara- 2.0 event was organised by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare recently to mark the completion of how many treatments under AB-PMJAY?

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

Answer - D

- Ministry of Health and Family Welfare had organized an event Aarogya Dhara- 2.0 to mark the completion of 2 Crore treatments under Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Aarogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) on August 18, 2021.

Q. When is the World Mosquito Day observed globally?

A) 20 August 
B) 19 August 
C) 18 August  
D) 17 August

Answer - A

- World Mosquito Day is observed every year on August 20.
- The theme of World Mosquito Day 2021 is “Reaching the zero malaria targets”.
- This day observed to commemorate Sir Ronald Ross’s discovery in 1897 that Anopheles mosquitoes transmit the malaria parasite to humans.
- The London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine has been organizing the annual event since the 1930s to mark the British doctor’s work.
- World Mosquito Day is observed every year to highlight the efforts of healthcare officials, NGOs, and others in fighting diseases caused by malaria.
- On World Mosquito Day every year, awareness is created around diseases caused by mosquitoes.
Q. The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has notified the Electronic Monitoring and Enforcement of Road Safety, which, among other things, requires the state government to place electronic enforcement devices in major cities having more than ________ population

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

Answer - A

Q. Which platform has been launched by RBI to strengthen compliance by entities that are supervised by the RBI?

A) LENS  
B) PRISM  
C) BRIDGE  
D) MIRROR  

Answer - B

➢ The Reserve Bank of India will launch “Platform for Regulated Entities for Integrated Supervision and Monitoring (PRISM)”, a web-based platform via which the entities that are supervised by the RBI may submit various compliances to the RBI.

Q. The DISC 5.0 initiative has been launched by which ministry?

A) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare  
B) Ministry of Health & Family Welfare  
C) Ministry of Defence  
D) Ministry of Culture  

Answer - C

Q. The Minister of State for Culture addressed the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Culture Ministers Meeting under the Chairship of Tajikistan. Name the MoS for culture in GoI?

A) Ashwini Kumar Choubey  
B) Mansukh Mandaviya
C) Gajendra Singh Shekhawat  
D) Arjun Ram Meghwal

**Answer - D**

Q. Which tech platform has been launched by India in collaboration with the UN, for improving the safety and security of the UN peacekeepers?

A) Unite Aware  
B) Ultimate Visual  
C) Cognizant View  
D) Plugged Ware

**Answer - A**

- **India has launched a tech platform named “UNITE Aware”, in collaboration with the UN, for improving the safety and security of the UN peacekeepers. The platform was launched in the presence of External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar at the UN headquarters.**

- The launch of the UNITE AWARE platform came as India assumed the Presidency of the 15-nation UN Security Council for the month of August.

Q. Nitin Chugh has stepped down as the managing director and chief executive officer (MD & CEO) of which bank?

A) ESAF Small Finance Bank  
B) Ujjivan Small Finance Bank  
C) Equitas Small Finance Bank  
D) Utkarsh Small Finance Bank

**Answer - B**

**About Ujjivan Small Finance Bank:**

- The Company was originally incorporated as **Ujjivan Financial Services Private Limited** on December 28 2004 at Bengaluru Karnataka India as a private limited company under the **Companies Act 1956**.

- On receipt of **License from RBI, UFSL set up Ujjivan Small Finance Bank (USFB)** and USFB commenced its Banking operations from February 1, 2017.

- This is ‘scheduled bank’ included in the Second Schedule to the **Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934** and a listed Entity.
Q. Sadbhavana Diwas is observed in India annually to commemorate the birth anniversary of which Indian leader?

A) Syama Prasad Mukherjee  
B) Atal Bihari Vajpayee  
C) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel  
D) Rajiv Gandhi

Answer - D

- **Sadbhavana Diwas (Harmony Day)** is celebrated in India on **20th August every year**.
- On this day, we celebrate the **birth anniversary of former PM Rajiv Gandhi of the country**.
- This year is his **77th birthday**.
- Close family members and senior Congress party leaders will arrive at **Veerbhoomi** early in the morning to pay homage to the former PM.
- Rajiv Gandhi became **India’s youngest PM at the age of 40**.
- Rajiv Gandhi was the PM of the country from 1984 to 1989.
- The message of this day celebrated in the memory of Rajiv Gandhi is that people of all religions and beliefs should live together in the country.
- The aim of the young PM's government was to motivate people to have a good spirit towards others, to instill brotherhood, community harmony, unity, and love, belonging among people of all religions.

Q. The Government has recently announced Rs.77.45 crore revival package for **NERAMAC**, a centrally owned enterprise under the administrative control of 

A) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment  
B) Ministry of Road Transport and Highways  
C) Ministry of Development of North Eastern Regional  
D) Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
Answer - \( C \)

Q. Who is the author of the book ‘Operation Khukri’?

A) Major General V.K. Jetley \hspace{0.5cm} C) Major General Bijender Singh Siwach
B) Major General Satish Kumar \hspace{0.5cm} D) Major General Rajpal Punia

Answer - D

- A new book titled ‘\textit{Operation Khukri}’, has been written by \textbf{Major General Rajpal Punia} & co-authored by his daughter, Damini.
- The book is \textit{published} by \textbf{Penguin Random House India} and it will soon be republished in Hindi by Rajkamal Prakashan.

\textit{Note}:

- \textbf{13th July 2021}, marks the \textbf{21st} anniversary of Operation Khukri.

\textbf{About the Book}:

- The Book talks about the \textbf{True Story behind the Indian Army’s Most Successful Mission as part of the United Nations}.
- Operation Khukri is one of the Indian Army’s most successful UN Peacekeeping missions, in the jungles of Sierra Leone in 2000.

\textbf{About Rajpal Punia}:


Q. In India, when is the Akshay Urja Diwas celebrated?

A) 19 August \hspace{0.5cm} C) 18 August
B) 20 August \hspace{0.5cm} D) 17 August

Answer - \( B \)

- \textbf{Akshay Urja Diwas} is celebrated every year on \textbf{August 20}.
The date on which the day is celebrated has another special feather attached to it.

It is an **awareness campaign** aimed at enlightening the masses about the benefits of renewable energy resources in their lives as well as that of our blue planet.

The campaign was **first organized in Delhi by former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh** with the **Indian Ministry for New & Renewable Energy Sources (MNRE)** as the power station.

The event saw 12000-odd school students making a **human chain** to promote efficient and green energy sources.

The **main motive** of Akshya urja Diwas is to make people aware that they have to think about the **renewable energy (Akshya Urja)** apart from tradition energy. The energy which we are getting naturally doesn't have any side effect on environment, and by using this energy we can use the traditional energy for more long time.

Q. The “JAZBAA-E- TIRANGA” Relay Marathon was organised in which state/UT by the Indian Army?

A) Jammu & Kashmir          C) Sikkim  
B) Himachal Pradesh          D) Uttarakhand

**Answer** - A

Q. How much amount has been earmarked by the Ministry of Defence for domestic procurement through Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX) initiative for the financial year 2021-2022?

A) Rs 3000 crore  
B) Rs 2000 crore  
C) Rs 5000 crore  
D) Rs 1000 crore

**Answer** - D
Q. Recently, an All Women Tri-Services Mountaineering Team, successfully scaled the Mount Manirang and unfurled the national flag. The Mount Manirang is in which state?

A) Himachal Pradesh   C) Sikkim
B) Ladakh   D) Uttarakhand

Answer - A

Q. India has signed a _______ loan agreement with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for the expansion of Bengaluru Metro.

A) USD 100 million   C) USD 300 million
B) USD 200 million   D) USD 500 million

Answer - D

List of Loan approved by ADB (Recently)

- $300 million – Primary health care in urban areas
- $300 million – Upgrade power distribution network in Uttar Pradesh
- 2100 Cr. – Tripura for urban, tourism development
- $231 million – Enhance power generation capacity in Assam
- $300 million – Upgrade the power distribution system in Bengaluru city.
- $484 Million – Chennai-Kanyakumari Industrial Corridor

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- 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 (Nui)

Q. Who has been appointed as the brand ambassador of Kerala adventure tourism?

A) Neeraj Chopra  B) Mary Kom
C) Mirabai Chanu

D) PR Sreejesh

Answer - D

- Olympian **R. Sreejesh** will be made **brand ambassador of adventure tourism in Kerala**.
- The feasibility of operating a solar boat in Muziris would be probed.
- Minister for Public Works and Tourism P.A. Mohammed Riyas stated the immense tourism potential of Kadamakudy will be tapped as part of which road connectivity is being improved.
- **Varapuzha-Kadamakudy road** that was resurfaced using BMBC and developed with a walkway and parking space.

About P.R. Sreejesh:

- **Parattu Raveendran Sreejesh** is an Indian professional field hockey player who plays as a goalkeeper and former captain of the Indian national team.
- He plays in the **Hockey India League for Uttar Pradesh Wizards**.

Q. Which Film has won the “Best Feature Film” Award at the Indian Film Festival of Melbourne (IFFM) 2021?

A) Sherni
B) The Great Indian Kitchen
C) Ludo
D) Soorarai Pottru

Answer - D

Here is the full list of winners of the Indian Film Festival of Melbourne (IFFM) 2021:

- **Best Feature Film** – Soorarai Pottru
- **Best Performance Male (Feature)** – Suriya Sivakumar (Soorarai Pottru)
- **Best Performance Female (Feature)** – Vidya Balan (Sherni) & Honourable mention to Nimisha Sajayan (The Great Indian Kitchen)
- **Best Director** – Anurag Basu (Ludo) & Honorary Mention Prithvi Konanur (Pinki Elli?)
Best Series – Mirzapur Season 2
Best Actress in a Series – Samantha Akkineni (The Family Man 2)
Best Actor in a Series – Manoj Bajpayee (The Family Man 2)
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Equality in Cinema Award (Feature Film) – The Great Indian Kitchen
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Q. The Balphakram National Park is located in the state of ________

A) Meghalaya
B) Himachal Pradesh
C) Sikkim
D) Andaman & Nicobar Island

**Answer - A**
Q. Vembanad is the longest lake in India. The lake lies in which state?

A) Gujarat  
B) Tamil Nadu  
C) Kerala  
D) Goa  

Answer - C

Q. The Rajiv Gandhi International Airport is in which city?

A) Hyderabad  
B) Mumbai  
C) Pune  
D) New Delhi  

Answer - A

Q. Swaythling Cup is associated with which sports?

A) Badminton  
B) Table Tennis  
C) Football  
D) Cricket  

Answer - B

Q. Which Answer - is not correct?

A) OECD – Paris, France  
B) UNEP - Nairobi, Kenya  
C) WTO - Geneva, Switzerland  
D) ITU- London, United Kingdom  

Answer - D

Q. Kyat is the currency of which country?

A) Saudi Arabia  
B) UAE  

Q. The M. A. Chidambaram Stadium is located in which city?

A) Bengaluru  
B) Ahmedabad  
C) Chennai  
D) Mumbai  

Answer - C
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