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Q. New Delhi is the 48th safe city in the world as per the Safe Cities Index 2021, which ranked 60 global cities for the level of urban safety. The index is released by which organisation?

A) International Monetary Fund  
B) Economist Intelligence Unit  
C) Transparency International  
D) World Economic Forum

Answer - B

- Copenhagen has been named the world’s safest city among 60 global cities, in Safe Cities Index 2021, released by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU).
- Copenhagen scored 82.4 points out of 100 & Yangon is at the bottom of the index, as least safe city, with a score of 39.5.

World’s top 10 Safest cities:

1. Copenhagen
2. Toronto
3. Singapore
4. Sydney
5. Tokyo
6. Amsterdam
7. Wellington
8. Hong Kong
9. Melbourne
10. Stockholm
• From India, **New Delhi** is placed at **48th** position with a score of **56.1**, while **Mumbai** is at **50th** place with a score of **54.4**.

• Cities score on a scale of 0 to 100 where score denotes the safety in following manner:
  1. 0-25 – Low Safety
  2. 1-50 – Medium Safety
  3. 1-75 – High Safety
  4. 1-100 – Very High Safety

**About Safe Cities Index 2021:**

• The EIU’s Safe Cities Index 2021 ranked **60 cities** to get a better picture of **global urban safety**.

• The Index was first released in **2015**.

• In 2021, cities are ranked based on **76 indicators** of security across **five broad pillars,**

  1. Digital
  2. Health
  3. Infrastructure
  4. Personal
  5. Environmental (new addition for the year 2021)

**Q. Who among the following has become the first Indian to be a part of an NBA title-winning team?**

A) Kalyan Singh  
B) Bhuvanesh Singh  
C) Arvind Singh  
D) Princepal Singh

**Answer - D**

• **Princepal Singh** is the **first Indian** to be part of an **NBA title-winning team**.
He is part of the Sacramento Kings which clinched the 2021 NBA Summer League crown.

The 6-foot-9 forward made history by being the first Indian to be part of a championship roster at any level of the NBA.

The Kings dominated the championship game against the Boston Celtics, clinching the title with a 100-67 win.

About NBA:

- Current champion: Milwaukee Bucks
- Founded: 6 June 1946
- Commissioner: Adam Silver
- Headquarters: New York, US

Q. Name of E-Comic cum Activity Book launched by the government on accessibility-related issues for Divyangs?

A) Pari - The Accessibility Warrior  
B) Pihu - The Accessibility Warrior  
C) Priya - The Accessibility Warrior  
D) Pooh - The Accessibility Warrior

Answer - C

Q. Who has been appointed as the joint secretary in the Ministry of Cooperation?

A) Madnesh Kumar Mishra  
B) Pramod Kumar Meherda  
C) Priya Ranjan  
D) Abhay Kumar Singh

Answer - D

Abhay Kumar Singh has been appointed as joint secretary in the Ministry of Cooperation. This ministry was recently formed with an aim to strengthen the cooperative movement in the country.
Abhay Kumar Singh, a 2004-batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer of the Bihar cadre, has been appointed as joint secretary in the ministry for a combined tenure of seven years against the newly created post.

List of some Union Secretary

- **Cabinet Secretary**: Rajeev Gauba
- **Defence Secretary**: Ajay Kumar
- **Home secretary**: Ajay Kumar Bhalla
- **Information and Broadcasting Secretary**: Amit Khare
- **Foreign secretary**: Harsh Vardhan Shringla

Q. Name the author of the book released recently named 'Mission Domination: An Unfinished Quest'?

A) Boria Majumdar and Kushan Sarkar  
B) Harsha Bhogle and Joy Bhattacharjiya  
C) Nalin Mehta and Rajdeep Sardesai  
D) Ayaz Memon and Sanjay Manjrekar

Answer - A

Q. Which country has recently developed world's first ever “fossil-free” steel?

A) Australia  
B) Russia  
C) United States  
D) Sweden

Answer - D

Q. Who is the author of the book – Address Book: A Publishing Memoir In the time of COVID?

A) Ritu Menon  
B) Urvashi Butalia  
C) Kamla Bhasin  
D) Zoya Hasan

Answer - A
• A New book titled ‘**Address Book: A Publishing Memoir in the time of COVID**’ by **Ritu Menon**.

• The book has been **published** under the **imprint** ‘**Women Unlimited**’.

**About Ritu Menon:**

• Ritu Menon is the **co-founded Kali for Women**, India’s first feminist press in 1983, is founder-director of Women Unlimited, an associate of KfW.

### MEMOIR IN NEWS

- A Book ‘Address Book: A Publishing Memoir In The Time Of COVID’ By Ritu Menon
- The Struggle Within: A Memoir of the Emergency Authored by Ashok Chakravarti
- ‘Home In The World’ Book: By Amartya Sen’s Memoir
- “Monk in a Merc” – Neurologist Ashok Panagariya’s Memoir
- Will Smith opening up, releasing memoir ‘Will’ in November
- Suresh Raina’s memoir title ‘Believe – What Life and Cricket Taught Me’
- Indra Nooyi Memoir titled My Life in Full: Work, Family and Our Future
- Kabir Bedi’s memoir titled ‘Stories I Must Tell’
- M. Hamid Ansari Pens his memoir ‘By Many a Happy Accident: Recollections of a Life’
- Actor Priyanka Chopra Jonas’ Memoir Named ‘Unfinished’
- Peter Mukerjea pens memoir ‘Starstruck: Confessions of a TV Executive’
- Hunter Biden To Release Memoir ‘Beautiful Things’
- Neena Gupta’s memoir title ‘Sach Kahun Toh’
- Barack Obama’s first presidential memoir, ‘A Promised Land,’

**Q.** The Indian Navy recently conducted the bilateral maritime exercise “Zair-Al-Bahr” with which country?

A) Saudi Arabia  
B) Iraq  
C) Qatar  
D) Egypt

**Answer - C**

**Q.** Which city has topped the Safe Cities Index 2021?

A) Copenhagen  
B) Singapore  
C) Paris  
D) Tokyo
C) Tokyo
D) Sydney

Answer - A

Q. Which among these is the first state in India to implement National Education Policy (NEP- 2020)?

A) Kerala
B) Karnataka
C) Maharashtra
D) Gujarat

Answer - B

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

Q. The Virtual Open Schooling platform for NIOS has been designed by Ed4All in association with which company?

A) Amazon
B) Google
C) Microsoft
D) Facebook
MICROSOFT IN NEWS 2021

- Microsoft acquires cybersecurity firm RiskIQ for $500M
- AJNIFM partners with Microsoft to build an AI and Emerging Technologies Centre of Excellence
- Microsoft officially launched its new Windows operating system ‘Windows 11’
- Satya Nadella appointed as Chairman of Microsoft
- Microsoft launches the first-ever Asia-Pacific Cyber Security Council
- CBSE collaborates with Microsoft to introduce a coding and data science curriculum
- Microsoft to retire iconic Internet Explorer on 15 June 2022
- Ministry of Tribal Affairs and Microsoft sign MoU for Digital Transformation of Tribal Schools
- Microsoft buys AI speech tech company Nuance for $19.7 billion

About MICROSOFT

- Founded: 1975
- Founders: Bill Gates and Paul Allen
- Headquarters: Washington DC
- Chairman: Satya Nadella
- CEO: Satya Nadella
- President: Brad Smith

Q. The NIPUN Bharat Mission aims to ensure every child achieves the desired learning competencies in reading, writing and numeracy by the end of Grade 3, by which year?

A) 2022-23
B) 2025-26
C) 2026-27
D) 2024-25

Answer - C
Q. The Noted writer and poet Dr Yashodhara Mishra would be receiving Sahitya Akademi Award 2020 for her work in Odia. She won the prestigious award for which of her following book?

A) These Errors are Correct  
B) Samudrakula Ghara  
C) India after Gandhi  
D) Disorderly Women

Answer - B

About Mishra:

- Born in 1951, in Sambalpur, Mishra in her illustrious career spanning three decades, has perfected the role as an author, poet and fiction writer.
- Her writings include around fifteen collections of short stories, three novels, and a collection of poems.
- She is a PhD in American Literature and has worked as a Professor of English under the Government of Madhya Pradesh.

Q. The World Economic Forum’s annual Sustainable Development Impact Summit 2021 will be held in which city?

A) Zürich, Switzerland  
B) Geneva, Switzerland  
C) Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur  
D) Mandaluyong, Philippines

Answer- B

Q. What name has been given to India’s Evacuation Mission from Afghanistan?

A) Operation Meghdoot  
B) Operation Sard Hawa  
C) Operation Devi Shakti  
D) Operation Sankalp

Answer - C
Thousands of Afghans have been crowding around the Kabul airport for nearly a week in a desperate attempt to flee the country fearing the Taliban’s brutality.

India is carrying out the evacuation missions in coordination with the US and several other countries.

India gave a name to its operation to evacuate its citizens from war-torn Afghanistan.

External affairs minister S Jaishankar called it ‘Operation Devi Shakti’ and saluted the efforts of Indian Air Force and Air India.

About Afghanistan:

- Capital: Kabul
- Currency: Afghan afghani

Q. India has carried out a naval exercise with the Philippines navy in the eastern parts of the South China. Which among the following Indian Navy ships has participated in this naval exercise?

A) INS Sahyadri and INS Trishul
B) INS Talwar and INS Tabar
C) INS Brahmaputra and INS Gomati
D) INS Ranvijay and INS Kora

Answer - D

Aim:

- To further strengthen bilateral collaboration in the maritime domain towards a collective aim of ensuring a stable, peaceful and prosperous Indo-Pacific”.

Recent News:

- On Aug 18, 2021, The Indian and Vietnamese navies carried out a naval exercise in the South China Sea.

About Indian Navy:
• **Headquarters**: New Delhi  
• **Founded**: 26 January 1950  
• **Commander-in-Chief**: President Ram Nath Kovind  
• **Chief of Defence Staff**: General Bipin Rawat  
• **Chief of the Naval Staff**: Admiral Karambir Singh  
• **Vice Chief of the Naval Staff**: Vice Admiral Satish Namdeo Ghormade  
• **Deputy Chief of the Naval Staff**: Vice Admiral Ravneet Singh  

**About Philippine Navy**:  
• **Commander-in-Chief**: President Rodrigo Duterte  
• **Chief of the Navy**: VADM Adeluis S. Bordado, PN  
• **Headquarters**: Manila, Philippines  
• **Founded**: 20 May 1898  

**About Philippines**:  
• **President**: Rodrigo Duterte  
• **Capital**: Manila  
• **Currency**: Philippine peso  

Q. What is the rank of India in Cushman Global Manufacturing Risk Index 2021?  

A) 2  
B) 4  
C) 5  
D) 11  

**Answer - A**  

• **India has overtaken the United States (US) to become the second-most sought-after manufacturing destination globally**, driven mainly by cost competitiveness, according to real estate consultant Cushman & Wakefield.
China remains at number one position, which assessed the most advantageous locations for global manufacturing among 47 countries in Europe, the Americas and Asia-Pacific (APAC).

The US is at third position, followed by Canada, Czech Republic, Indonesia, Lithuania, Thailand, Malaysia and Poland.

List of India’s Rank Different Index 2021

- World Happiness Report 2021-139th
- International Intellectual Property (IP) Index 2021-40th
- Henley Passport index 2021: 84th
- World Press Freedom Index, 2021: 142nd
- World Competitiveness Index 2021-43rd
- Global Peace Index 2021: 135th
- Global Startup Ecosystem Index 2021: 20th

Q. Which country has topped in Cushman Global Manufacturing Risk Index 2021?

A) Vietnam                  C) China
B) Japan                    D) Vietnam

Answer- C

About Cushman & Wakefield:

- **CEO:** W. Brett White
- **President:** John Forrester
- **CFO:** Duncan Palmer
- **Headquarters:** Chicago, Illinois, United States
- **Founded:** 1917
Q. Which company has become 4th Indian company to touch $100 billion m-capitalization?

A) Tech Mahindra  C) Accenture
B) Tata Consultancy Services  D) Infosys

Answer - D

- Infosys crossed the $100 billion mark in terms of market capitalisation on 24th Aug, becoming the fourth Indian company.
- Reliance Industries (m-cap of $140 billion), Tata Consultancy Services (m-cap $115 billion) and HDFC Bank (m-cap $100.1 billion) are the other Indian firms in the club with Infosys.

Note: About Infosys

- Founded: 7 July 1981.
- CEO: Salil Parekh.
- Headquarters: Bengaluru.

Q. Who is the author of the book titled ‘Battlefield’, translated by Jerry Pinto from the Marathi original book Ranaangan?

A) Vishram Bedekar  C) Ayaz Memon
B) Manan Bhatt  D) Vikram Sampath

Answer – D

- The book is translated from the Marathi original Ranaangan by Jerry Pinto.

About the book:
• The book portrayed **romantic love** between an **Indian youth** and a **German Jewish girl** against the backdrop of World War II.

**About Vishram Bedekar:**

• Vishram Bedekar was an Indian Marathi-language writer and film director.
• Bedekar received in 1985 a **Sahitya Akademi Award** for his autobiographical Ek Jhad Ani Don Pakshi.

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Q. In which state is the “Rangapahar wildlife sanctuary” situated?

A) Telangana  
B) Karnataka  
C) Nagaland  
D) Sikkim

**Answer - C**

Q. “Betla National Park” is situated in which Indian state?

A) Assam  
B) Jharkhand  
C) Uttarakhand
Q. “Birsa Munda Airport” is situated in which Indian state?
A) Gujarat
B) Madhya Pradesh
C) Kerala
D) Jharkhand
Answer - D

Q. The capital of Paraguay is ________.
A) Managua
B) Asuncion
C) Pyongyang
D) Niamey
Answer - B

Q. Where is the “North East small finance bank” headquartered?
A) Jaipur
B) Bangalore
C) Chennai
D) Guwahati
Answer - D

Q. Laho Dance is a folk dance of which Indian state?
A) Chhattisgarh
B) Odisha
C) Meghalaya
D) Tripura
Answer - C

Q. The Merlin award is awarded in the field of ________.
A) Agriculture
B) Magic
C) Journalism
D) Music

Answer - B

Q. In which state is the “Chandrapur Thermal Power Plant” located?

A) Maharashtra
B) Tamil Nadu
C) Uttar Pradesh
D) West Bengal

Answer - A

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