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Q. The Pradhan Mantri Dakshta Aur Kushalta Sampann Hitgrahi (PM-DAKSH) Yojana has been unveiled by which ministry?

A) Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports  
B) Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises  
C) Ministry of Women and Child Development  
D) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

Answer - D

About PM-Daksh:

- ‘PM-DAKSH’ – Pradhan Mantri Dakshta Aur Kushalta Sampann Hitgrahi (PM-DAKSH) Yojana.
- PM- DAKSH Portal is available at [http://pmdaksh.dosje.gov.in](http://pmdaksh.dosje.gov.in) while ‘PM-DAKSH’ Mobile App is available in Google play store.
- It is being implemented by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment from the year 2020-21.
- Through PM DAKSH, the youth of the target groups will now be able to avail the benefits of skill development training programmes more easily.
- Under this, eligible target groups are being provided skill development training programmes on
  1. Up-skilling/Reskilling
  2. Short Term Training Programme
  3. Long Term Training Programme
  4. Entrepreneurship Development Program (EDP).
These training programs are being implemented through Government Training Institutes, Sector Skill Councils constituted by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and other credible institutions.

**Features of the Portal:**

- It gives all information related to skill development at one place for Scheduled Castes, Backward Classes and Safai Karamcharis.
- Provides Facility to register for the training institute and program of their interest.
- Facility to upload desired documents related to personal information.
- Facility to register the attendance of the trainees through face and eye scanning during the training period.
- Monitoring facility through photo and video clip during training etc.

**Note:**


**About Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology:**

- **Founded:** 1991
- **Headquarters:** New Delhi
- **Minister of State:** Surinderjeet Singh Ahluwalia
- **Secretary:** Ajay Prakash Sawhney

Q. The International Day of the World’s Indigenous Peoples, also called as World Tribal Day, is observed on which day?

A) 8 August  
B) 9 August  
C) 7 August  
D) 6 August
Answer - B

- The International Day of the World’s Indigenous Peoples (World Tribal Day) is observed on 9 August annually to protect the rights of the world’s indigenous population and recognize the achievements and contributions that indigenous people make to improve world issues such as environmental protection.

Q. Which bank has been adjudged as the world’s ‘Most Innovative in Digital Banking’ by ‘The Banker’, in its Innovation in Digital Banking Awards 2021?

A) DBS Bank  
B) Standard Chartered  
C) HDFC Bank  
D) HSBC

Answer - A

- **DBS** has been honoured as the global winner for **Most Innovative in Digital Banking by Financial Times publication**, The Banker, in its 2021 **Innovation in Digital Banking Awards**.

- The bank was also recognised as the **Asia-Pacific winner**, and won in the Cyber Security category for its Secure Access and Remote Working Solution.

- **The Banker’s Innovation in Digital Banking Awards** recognise the most innovative banks across the world for their digital banking initiatives, strategy, and overall commitment to digital transformation.

- These awards, now in their second year, are the evolution of **The Banker’s Technology Projects of the Year Awards**.

- “DBS’ digital capability was tested to the core by Covid, and it not only stepped up but turned the situation to its advantage.

**About DBS Bank:**

- **DBS Bank Ltd** is a **Singaporean multinational banking and financial services corporation** headquartered in Marina Bay, Singapore.

- The company was known as The Development Bank of Singapore Limited, before the present name was adopted on 21 July 2003 to reflect its changing role as a global bank.
Q. The Zayed Talwar 2021 is the bilateral naval exercise of Indian Navy with which country?

A) Oman  
B) Qatar  
C) Israel  
D) UAE  

Answer - D


It is a bilateral naval exercise, and was designed to enhance interoperability and synergy between the two navies.

The Indian Navy deployed warship INS Kochi and two Sea King MK 42B helicopters.

The UAE deployed Baynunah class guided missile corvette, Al Dhafra and an AS-565B Panther helicopter.

About Indian Navy:

Founded: 26 January 1950  
Vice Chief of the Naval Staff (VCNS): Vice Admiral G. Ashok Kumar  
Deputy Chief of the Naval Staff (DCNS): Vice Admiral Ravneet Singh  
Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS): Admiral Karambir Singh, PVSM, AVSM  
Commander-in-Chief: President Ram Nath Kovind

About UAE Navy:

Founded: 1971  
Headquarters: Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

About UAE:

Capital: Abu Dhabi
• **Currency:** United Arab Emirates dirham
• **President:** Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan

**List Of Some Exercise**

• **Al Nagah**-India and Oman
• ‘**Naseem-Al-Bahr**’-India and Oman (Navy)
• **Ekuverin**-India and Maldives
• **Garuda Shakti**-India and Indonesia
• **IMDEX**-India & Singapore
• **SIMBEX**-India & Singapore (Navel)

Q. The Government has approved the extension of the term of service of the Cabinet Secretary of India for a period of one-year till August 2022. Who is the incumbent Cabinet Secretary?

A) Pradeep Kumar Sinha  
B) Rajiv Gauba  
C) Ajay Kumar Bhalla  
D) Nripendra Misra

**Answer - B**

• The **Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has extended the term of service of Rajiv Gauba**, as the Cabinet Secretary of India, for a further period of one year.

• His term of service was to end on August 30, 2021. Prior to this, Mr Gauba was Union Home Secretary from August 2017 to August 2019.

**List of Secretary**

• **Defence Secretary**– Ajay Kumar
• **Home secretary**– Ajay Kumar Bhalla
• **Information and Broadcasting Secretary**– Ravi Mittal
- New foreign secretary – Harsh Vardhan Shringla
- Finance secretary: T V Somanathan
- Commerce Secretary : B V R Subrahmanyam

Q. What is the name given to India’s first indigenous aircraft carrier (IAC), which successfully completed its maiden sea trails recently?

A) Vikrant
B) Viraat
C) Vikram
D) Vineet

Answer - A

Q. Which country has won the most number of medals at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics?

A) Italy
B) Japan
C) United States
D) China

Answer - C

Overview of 2020 Tokyo Summer Olympics Games

- The 2020 Tokyo Olympics Games is the international multi-sport event held from July 23 to August 08, 2021 in Tokyo, Japan.

- In the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, the United States has topped the overall with 113 medals, which includes 39 Gold, 41 Silver and 33 Bronze Medal.

- Followed by China, with 88 medals, which includes 38 Gold, 32 Silver & 18 Bronze medals.

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Japan | 58 (27, 14, 17) 
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Great Britain | 65 (22, 21, 22) 
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Team ROC (the Russian Olympic Committee) | 71 (20, 28, 23) 

**About India in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics:**

- **India** remains 48th position in the medal table out of 86 countries, winning 7 medals comprising 1 Gold, 2 Silver and 4 Bronze Medals.

**Indian Medal Winners List:**

**Gold**
1. Neeraj Chopra – Men’s Javelin

**Silver**
1. Mirabai Chanu – Women’s 49kg Weightlifting
2. Ravi Dahiya – Men’s Freestyle 57kg Wrestling

**Bronze**
1. Lovlina Borgohain – Women’s Welterweight boxing
2. PV Sindhu – Women’s Singles Badminton
3. Bajrang Punia – Men’s 65kg Freestyle Wrestling
4. India men’s hockey team – Bronze

- In that Tokyo Olympics 2020 MC Mary Kom, and men’s hockey team skipper, Manpreet Singh, were flag-bearers for the Indian contingent at the opening ceremony.

- At the closing ceremony of the event, Bronze-medalist Bajrang Punia was the flag-bearer.
Q. Who was the flag bearer of Indian contingent at the Closing ceremony of the Tokyo Olympics 2020?

A) MC Mary Kom    C) Manpreet Singh
B) Bajrang Punia    D) Mirabai Chanu

Answer - B

Q. Who among the following has won Bharat Kesari Wrestling Dangal 2021 for Uttarakhand?

A) Labhanshu Sharma    C) Vinesh Phogat
B) Bajrang Punia      D) Ravi Kumar Dahiya

Answer - A

Q. 33rd Summer Olympics Games in 2024 will be hosted in which city?

A) Beijing, China    C) London, United Kingdom
B) Geneva, Switzerland D) Paris, France

Answer - D

Q. Caeleb Dressel has won the maximum number of golds individually (5 Gold) in Swimming in Tokyo Olympic 2020. He is from which country?

A) Germany    C) United States
B) UK      D) Japan

Answer - C

Q. On which date Nagasaki Day is observed every year?

A) 5 August    C) 9 August
B) 7 August    D) 11 August

Answer - C
Nagasaki Day is observed on 9 August. On this day US dropped an atomic bomb on the Nagasaki city of Japan in 1945 during World War II. Bomb that was dropped on Nagasaki was known as “Fat Man”.

The first bomb was dropped on the city of Hiroshima and the second was dropped on Nagasaki on 9 August which killed around 74,000 people or more.

Q. Anupam Shyam passed away recently. He was a/an ____________.

A) Musician  
B) Poet  
C) Kathak dancer  
D) Actor

Answer - D

- He was 63.

About Anupam Shyam:

- Anupam Shyam was an Indian film and television actor, who usually played villainous roles.
- He is best known for his work on the TV show and appearances in films like Slumdog Millionaire and Bandit Queen.
- He done nearly three-decade long career in film industry & he featured in films like Satya, Dil Se, Lagaan, Hazaaron Khwaishein Aisi
- He last appeared in Star Bharat’s popular series Mann Kee Awaaz Pratigya 2

Q. The World Biofuel Day is celebrated all over the globe on which day?

A) First Saturday of August  
B) 10 August  
C) 9 August  
D) First Sunday of August

Answer - B

The International Biofuel Day (World Biofuel Day) is observed every year on August 10 to raise awareness about the importance of non-fossil fuels as an alternative to
conventional fossil fuels and highlight the various efforts made by Government in the biofuel sector.

Q. The International Army Games 2021, is the 7th edition of the annual military war games, organised annually by which country?

A) Israel  
B) United States  
C) Russia  
D) UAE

Answer - C

RUSSIA IN NEWS

- Indian Army Contingent To Participate In International Army Games 2021 In Russia
- Indo-Russia Joint Military Drill ‘Exercise INDRA 2021’ To Be Held In Russia
- Russia successfully test-fires S-500 missile system
- India ties with Russia as 4th largest forex reserves holder
- Russia 'building first fully stealth warship'
- India, Russia to establish a '2+2 ministerial dialogue' between foreign, defence
- Russia says it will launch own space station in 2025
- Russia to revisit Moon after 45 years, Luna 25 set to launch in October 2021
- Russia Registers World’s First Covid-19 Vaccine For Animals named ‘Carnivac-Cov’
- Russia Launches 38 Satellites From 18 Countries Into Space on Soyuz Rocket
- India’s Foreign Exchange Reserves surpasses Russia to become fourth biggest in world
- Russia launches first Arctic-monitoring Satellite ‘Arktika-M’
- United States-Russia Extends New START Arms Reduction Treaty for Five Years
- Russia has reported the first case of a bird flu strain, H5N8, being passed from poultry to humans
- China and Russia Inks MoU to jointly build Lunar Space Station
- India Participates in Naval Exercise ‘Iran-Russia Maritime Security Belt 2021’

About RUSSIA

- Capital : Moscow
- Currency : Ruble
PM: Mikhail Mishustin
President: Vladimir Putin
'Roscosmos' Space Agency: Russia
'INDRA' Naval Exercise: India and Russia
'Aviaindra' Air Force Exercise: India and Russia

Q. Who represented the Indian delegates at the 8th Ministers of Justice Meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)?

A) Kiren Rijiju  C) Dharmendra Pradhan
B) Anurag Thakur  D) Hardeep Singh Puri

Answer - A

Q. The tenure of incumbent Chairperson of the National Commission for Women (NCW) has been extended for 3-years-period. Who is the Chairperson of NCW?

A) Smriti Irani  C) Arpita Ghosh
B) Rekha Sharma  D) Anandiben Patel

Answer - B

Q. Which organisation has approved loan worth USD 300 million for the Maharashtra Rural Connectivity Improvement Project?

A) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank  C) Asian development Bank
B) World Bank  D) International Monetary Fund

Answer - C

List of Loan approved by ADB (Recently)

- **$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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- Founded : 19 December 1966
- 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 (Nuie)

Q. Which is the first state on India to issue order regarding the implementation of the National Education Policy 2020?

A) Karnataka  
B) Gujarat  
C) Madhya Pradesh  
D) Maharashtra

Answer - A

Q. August 10 is dedicated to observing which of these days?

A) World Elephant Day  
B) World Lion Day  
C) World Tiger Day  
D) World Fish Day

Answer - B

Q. Which state government has signed an MoU with ‘Walmart Vriddhi’ and ‘Haqdarshak’ to help MSMEs?

A) Uttar Pradesh  
B) Haryana  
C) Madhya Pradesh  
D) Punjab

Answer - B

- The Haryana government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with ‘Walmart Vriddhi’ and ‘Haqdarshak’ to create a pathway for Indian MSMEs’ products to move to the international markets.
To promote MSMEs apart from large industries, many important concessions have been given to investors in ‘Haryana Enterprises and Employment Policy-2020’. 4

HARYANA IN NEWS

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- Haryana To Introduce ‘One Block, One Product’ Scheme
- 2022 Khelo India Youth Games To Be Held In Haryana
- Book Titled ‘UNTOLD stories’ of Haryana Police unveiled by Haryana CM Manohar Lal Khattar
- Haryana CM Announces Creating ‘Oxi-Van’ In Karnal
- Haryana Govt Launches ‘Sanjeevani Pariyojana’ To Treat COVID Patients At Home
- India’s 1st CoE for Skill Development in Power Sector inaugurated in Gurugram
- Haryana Tops The Anemia Free India Index In The Country
- Haryana CM Launches ‘Project Air Care’ In Gurugram
- Haryana Chief Minister Launches "Your Friend" Chatbot For UG Courses
- Haryana Government launches a Water Testing Lab On Wheels
- Haryana to host the 4th edition of Khelo India Youth Games 2021 in Panchkula
- Haryana’s Amin village renamed as Abhimanyupur
- Haryana to open Atal kisan – majdoor canteens to provide affordable meals to farmers
- Ambala city bus stand renamed after late Sushma Swaraj
- NIFM, Faridabad, Haryana renamed Arun Jaitley National Institute of Financial Management

About Haryana:

- Capital- Chandigarh.
- Chief Minister (CM)- Manohar Lal Khattar.
- Governor- Bandaru Dattatraya;
- National Parks (NP)- Sultanpur NP, Kalesar NP.
- State Bird- Black Francolin
- State Animal- Black buck
- State Tree: Peepal
- State Flower: Lotus.
- Festivals/Fair: Surajkund International Fair, Pinjore Heritage Festival, Gopal-Mochan Fair, Masani Fair, Gugga Naumi Festival.
- Dances: Dhamaal, Ghoomar, Gugga, Khoria, Loor, Phaag

Q. Who among the following has become the first brand ambassador of HomeLane?

A) Rohit Sharma  
B) Sachin Tendulkar  
C) Virat Kohli  
D) M S Dhoni

Answer - D

Q. Which of the following armed force has recently inducted its first two women officers (Prakriti and Diksha) in combat for the first time?

A) National Security Guard (NSG)  
B) Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)  
C) Indo Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)  
D) Border Security Force (BSF)

Answer - C

- For the first time, India-China LAC guarding the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) force has commissioned its first two women officers in combat.
- The two women officers, Prakriti and Diksha will be posted as company commanders in ITBP battalions. Heretofore, women officers in the ITBP were serving in the medical branch or were on deputation from the Indian Police Service at top echelons.

About ITBP

- Founded: 24 October 1962.
- Headquarters: New Delhi, India.
- DG: S S Deswal.
Q. Athletics Federation of India (AFI) has named which day of August as ‘Javelin Throw Day’ in India to honour Neeraj Chopra’s historic gold?

A) 6 August  
B) 7 August  
C) 8 August  
D) 9 August

Answer - B

Q. ICC plans to bid for cricket’s inclusion in which edition of Olympic Games?

A) 2024 Paris Olympics  
B) 2028 Los Angeles Olympics  
C) 2032 Brisbane Olympics  
D) 2036 Olympics

Answer - B

Q. Who of the following is known as the father of modern Olympics?

A) Demetrius Vikelas  
B) Henri De Baillet-Latour  
C) J. Sigfrid Edström  
D) Pierre De Coubertin

Answer - D

➢ Pierre De Coubertin (1863-1937) is known as the father of modern Olympics. He was born in a French noble family. He had occupied the position of the chairman of International Olympic Committee (IOC) was also the designer of the symbol and flag of Olympics.

Most Important Links
Q. What is the currency of North Korea?
A) Ringgit
B) Yen
C) Won
D) Baht
Answer - C

Q. Nagarahole National Park, also known as Rajiv Gandhi National Park, is located in which state?
A) Karnataka
B) Bihar
C) Meghalaya
D) Gujarat
Answer - A

Q. List of Brand Ambassadors in India 2021 for SSC Bank Railway UPSC Exam

Q. The Nilgiri Mountain range is situated in which Indian state?
A) Sikkim
B) Uttarakhand
C) Tamil Nadu
D) Karnataka
Answer - C

Q. Suva is the capital of which country?
A) Malta
B) Fiji
C) Sudan
D) Zambia
Answer - B
Q. World Fisheries Day is observed every on____
A) 01 September
B) 12 August
C) 21 November
D) 31 May
Answer - C

Q. Where is the headquarter of International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) located?
A) Rome, Italy
B) Washington, D.C., United States
C) Shanghai, China
D) Moscow, Russia
Answer - A

Q. Amaravati city in Andhra Pradesh is situated along the banks of which river?
A) Narmada
B) Godavari
C) Krishna
D) Mahanadi
Answer - C

Q. United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO) has its headquarter at which place?
A) Vienna, Austria
B) The Hague, Netherlands
C) Washington, D.C., United States
D) Singapore
Answer - A

Q. In which state is the Jolly Grant Airport located?
A) Kerala
B) Goa
C) Ladak
D) Uttarakhand
Answer - D

Q. Birsa Munda International Hockey Stadium is an under-construction stadium located in which state?
A) Haryana
B) Odisha
C) Himachal Pradesh
D) Bihar
Answer - B

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