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Q. The International Day for the preservation for Ozone layer (World Ozone Day) is observed annually on?

A) 15 September  
B) 14 September  
C) 16 September  
D) 13 September

Answer - C

- **September 16** was designated by the **United Nations General Assembly** as the International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer.

- This year’s **theme** for the International Day for the Prevention of the Ozone Layer is ‘Montreal Protocol – Keeping us, our food, and vaccines cool.’

- This designation had been made on December 19, 2000, in commemoration of the date, in 1987, on which nations signed the **Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer**.

Q. The Campaign titled Shoonya has been launched by which organisation to promote zero-pollution delivery vehicles?

A) NITI Aayog  
B) SBI  
C) ISRO  
D) IIT Madras

Answer - A

**NITI Aayog in News 2021**

- NITI Aayog And WRI Jointly Launch ‘**Forum For Decarbonizing Transport**’

- Government Extends Tenure of **Amitabh Kant** as Niti Aayog CEO by One Year till June 2022

- NITI Aayog and Piramal Foundation launch ‘**Surakshat Hum Surakshat Tum Abhiyaan**’

- NITI Aayog recommends **Privatisation of Central Bank & Indian Overseas Bank**
• **Kerala** has retained the top rank in NITI Aayog's SDG India Index 2020-21,

• **NITI Aayog to partner with TRIFED** to implement Van Dhan Yojana in districts identified as aspirational

• NITI Aayog has set up a dedicated portal named ‘CovAid’, to track all aid coming via missions

• NITI Aayog and Mastercard Jointly Release Report on ‘Connected Commerce: Creating a Roadmap for a Digitally Inclusive Bharat’

• NITI Aayog launches ‘Poshan Gyan’, a digital repository on health, nutrition

• Niti Aayog launches India Energy Dashboards Version 2.0 focused on data

• NITI Aayog launched the first-of-its kind **Online Dispute Resolution (ODR)** handbook in India

• **Bihar’s Nawada** tops aspirational districts ranking in January: Niti Aayog

• **NITI Aayog and Flipkart collaborate** to enhance Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP)

• NITI Aayog Releases **Second Edition of India Innovation Index**; Karnataka occupied the top position, followed by Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu respectively

• Niti Aayog Launches Made-in-India Cloud Storage Service ‘DigiBoxx’

• **NITI Aayog releases ‘Vision 2035: Public Health Surveillance in India’**

• NITI Aayog sets up panel headed by Rajiv Kumar for reforms in urban planning education

• Gujarat Tops NITI Aayog’s inaugural **Export Preparedness Index 2020**

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**About NITI Aayog (National Institution for Transforming India)**

• Founded : 1 January 2015

• Preceding : Planning Commission (15 March 1950)

• Headquarters : New Delhi

• Chairperson : Narendra Modi

• Vice Chairperson : Rajiv Kumar

• CEO : Amitabh Kant
Q. What is the GDP growth rate projection of Indian economy in Calendar Year 2021 as per the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)?

A) 9.0%  
B) 8.1%  
C) 6.5%  
D) 7.2%

Answer - D

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- **S&P Revises** India’s GDP Growth Forecast To **9.8% For FY22**
- **Goldman Sachs** Lowers GDP Growth Forecast For India In **FY22 To 11.1%**
- **Barclays Projects** India’s GDP Growth Forecast To **10% In FY22**
- **ADB Projects** India’s GDP To Grow **11% In FY22**
- **IHS Markit** Estimates GDP Growth Rate Of India At **9.6% For FY22**
- **Oxford Economics** Projects India’s **FY22 GDP Growth Forecast to 10.2%**
- **SBI Research** Projects India’s GDP Growth Rate At **10.4% For FY22**
- **S&P Projects** India’s GDP Growth Forecast At **11% In FY22**
- **ICRA Slashes** India’s GDP Forecast By **0.5% To 10.5% In FY22**
- **Care Ratings** Projects India’s GDP Growth Forecast At **10.2% For FY22**
- **Nomura** slashes India’s GDP forecast to **12.6% in FY22**
- **IMF revises** GDP growth forecast of India to **12.5% for FY22**
- **World Bank** Raises GDP Growth Projection For India To **10.1% For FY22**
- **S&P Raises** India’s FY22 GDP Growth Forecast To **11% From 10%**
- **Fitch Ratings** Projects India’s GDP to **12.8% for FY22**
- **UNCTAD** projects India’s GDP to grow **5% in 2021** while Global GDP to grow 4.7% in 2021
• Moody’s projects India’s GDP to contract 7% in FY21, expects 13.7% growth in FY22
• HSBC Raises India’s GDP Forecast for FY22 to 11.2%
• SBI Research revises India’s FY21 GDP estimates to -7.0 percent
• India’s GDP to contract 8% in fiscal year 2020-21: FICCI Survey
• Nomura Estimates India’s GDP to contract 6.7% in FY21
• BofA Securities Projects GDP of India to Contract 6.7% in FY21’
• UBS Projects GDP of India at -7.5% in 2020-21
• ICRA Projects India’s real GDP to expand by 10.1% in FY22
• National Statistical Office (NSO) Projects India’s GDP to contract 7.7% in FY21

About UNCTAD:

• The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development was established in 1964 as an intergovernmental organization intended to promote the interests of developing states in world trade.
• UNCTAD is the part of the United Nations Secretariat dealing with trade, investment, and development issues.
• The organization’s goals are to: “maximize the trade, investment and development opportunities of developing countries and assist them in their efforts to integrate into the world economy on an equitable basis”.

Q. India’s first CO2 capture plant, which extracts CO2 directly from the blast furnace gas has been launched by which company?

A) Tata Steel        C) Larsen and Toubro
B) ONGC            D) BHEL
Answer - A

About TATA Steel:

- **Tata Steel Limited** is an *Indian multinational steel-making company* based in Jamshedpur, Jharkhand, and is headquartered in Mumbai, Maharashtra, India. It is a subsidiary of the Tata Group.
- **CEO**: T. V. Narendran
- **Founder**: Jamsetji Tata

Q. India is participating in the 6th Exercise PEACEFUL MISSION -2021, of SCO member states from September 13 to 25, 2021. Which country is hosting the exercise?

A) Australia       C) Russia

B) China           D) India

Answer - C

- **The Indian military contingent comprising of an all arms combined force of 200 personnel is participating in the Exercise PEACEFUL MISSION -2021**, a Joint Counter Terrorism Exercise between Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) member states.
- The Exercise PEACEFUL MISSION- 2021 is being hosted by **Russia** in the Orenburg Region of South-West Russia from September 13 to 25, 2021.
- **The aim of the exercise is to foster close relations between SCO member states** and to enhance the abilities of the military leaders to command multi-national military contingents.

List of major multilateral exercises conducted by the military are given below:

- **COBRA-GOLD**: Asia – Pacific countries
• **BIMSTEC Disaster Management Exercise:** India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka & Myanmar

• 'Milan The Naval Exercise ‘MILAN 2020’ is scheduled to be held at Visakhapatnam in March 2020 in which 41 countries have been invited.

• **AFINDEX:** Between the Indian Army and 16 African nations

• **Samvedna:** South Asian Region Nations

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**RUSSIA IN NEWS**

- Indian Military Contingent Participates in SCO Exercise ‘Peaceful Mission’ 2021 at Russia
- Indian Army to take part in military exercise ‘ZAPAD 2021’ in Russia
- 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’

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**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. The Artificial Intelligence-powered project, ‘iRASTE’ which aims to reduce road accidents, has been launched on pilot basis in which city by the Ministry for Road Transport and Highways?

A) Ghaziabad
B) Nagpur
C) New Delhi
D) Bengaluru

Answer - B

- The Union Minister for Road Transport, Nitin Gadkari launched ‘iRaste- a two year pilot project in Nagpur, Maharashtra.
- It is a collaborative project, developed by Intel India, International Institute of Information Technology, Hyderabad (IIIT-H), Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR) – Central Road Research Institute (CRRI), Mahindra and Mahindra and Nagpur Municipal Corporation (NMC).
- Objective: – To enhance road safety and reduce road accidents in Nagpur.

iRASTE

- It uses Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology to provide better results.
- The initiative will bring down 50 percent of road accidents.
- Later it will be extended to other cities as well.

About International Road Federation (IRF)
Q. Which country recently tested the indigenously developed submarine-launched ballistic missile (SLBM) and became the first country without nuclear weapon to develop such missile system?

A) Australia           C) South Korea
B) Israel             D) Germany

Answer - C

About South Korea:

- President: Moon Jae-in
- Capital: Seoul
- Currency: South Korean won

Q. The Government of India will host the first ever Global Buddhist Conference in November 2021 in which state?

A) Bihar            C) Gujarat
B) Madhya Pradesh D) Meghlaya

Answer - A

Q. The AI-based language translator software ‘Project Udaan’ has been launched by which Indian institute?

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

Answer - D

Q. The National Florence Nightingale Awards 2020 has been conferred upon how many awardees by President Ramnath Kovind?

A) 34            B) 51
C) 72          D) 65

Answer - B

Q. Which Indian organisation has won the UNESCO King Sejong Literacy Prize 2021 under the UNESCO International Literacy Prizes?

A) National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS)
B) Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU)
C) Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)
D) National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT)

Answer - A

Q. The Exercise PEACEFUL MISSION -2021 is a Joint Counter Terrorism Exercise of which intergovernmental group?

A) SAARC
B) SCO
C) ASEAN
D) BRICS

Answer - B

Q. FM Nirmala Sitharaman has announced how much amount of a formal government guarantee for bad bank or National Asset Reconstruction Company (NARCL)?

A) over Rs 10,500 crores
B) over Rs 20,000 crores
C) over Rs 30,600 crores
D) over Rs 40,800 crores

Answer - C

Q. AUKUS” is a new security partnership for Indo-Pacific between US and

A) Australia
B) U.K.
C) Russia
D) Both a & b
Answer- D

Q. Which of the following company has bought coding site Tynker for $200 million to grow in US?
A) upGrad   C) Jio
B) Coursera  D) Byju’s

Answer – D

Q. SpaceX has launched the first all-tourist crew into orbit onboard Crew Dragon capsule. Name the three days mission.
A) Falcon 1   C) Shift 4
B) Ingenuity  D) Inspiration4

Answer - D

SpaceX in NEWS

• SpaceX Launches First All-Tourist Crew Into Orbit
• NASA Selects SpaceX For Mission To Jupiter Moon Europa
• Google Cloud Partnered With SpaceX For Providing Satellite Internet Service
• SpaceX to launch ‘DOGE-1 Mission to the Moon’, Paid Entirely with Cryptocurrency
• NASA Set To Launch SpaceX Crew-2 Mission on April 22 with 4 Astronauts onboard
• NASA Awards $2.9 billion contract to SpaceX to build commercial moon lander
• SpaceX successfully tests Starship SN10 prototype rocket
• NASA Selects SpaceX to launch its SPHEREx Mission
• SpaceX breaks ISRO’s Record by launching 143 Satellites in a single mission
• SpaceX Launches South Korea’s Military Communications Satellite ANASIS-II
• SpaceX’s Crew Dragon spacecraft Successfully docks 2 NASA Astronauts at ISS after historic launch
• SpaceX launches 60 satellites under 12th Starlink mission, claims 100Mbps download speeds
About SpaceX

- Founder & CEO: Elon Musk.
- Headquarters: California, United States of America.

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Q. In which state is the “Tilaiya Dam” located

A) Bihar
B) Himachal Pradesh
C) Jharkhand
D) Madhya Pradesh

**Answer**: C

Q. Forint is the currency of which country?

A) Jamaica
B) Hungary
C) Rwanda
D) Paraguay

**Answer**: B

Q. “Sariska National Park” is located in which state of India?

A) Rajasthan
Q. Where in India is the “Deoghar Airport” located?
A) Haryana  
B) Chandigarh  
C) Jharkhand  
D) Manipur  
**Answer - C**

Q. In which state is the “Palamau Tiger Reserve” situated?
A) Assam  
B) Nagaland  
C) Sikkim  
D) Jharkhand  
**Answer - D**

Q. Tungabhadra Dam is situated in which Indian state?
A) Andhra Pradesh  
B) Karnataka  
C) Kerala  
D) Tamil Nadu  
**Answer - B**

Q. S. P. Sethuraman is associated with sports?
A) Athletics  
B) Chess  
C) Football  
D) Wrestling  
**Answer - B**

Q. Where is the headquarters of the “United Nations Development Programme” (UNDP) located?
A) Basel, Switzerland  
B) Singapore  
C) New York, United States  
D) Vienna, Austria  
**Answer - C**

Q. What is the capital of Cameroon?
A) Moroni  
B) Brazzaville  
C) Gaborone  
D) Yaounde  
**Answer - D**
Q. In which part of India is the “Ambubachi Mela” held?

A) Mizoram

B) Assam

C) Rajasthan

D) Odisha

Answer: B
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