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Q. The 2021 Meeting of the SCO Council of Heads of State was held in which place?

A) Dushanbe  
B) Bishkek  
C) Ashgabat  
D) Beirut  

Answer - A

About SCO:

- **Headquarters:** Beijing, China
- **Secretary General:** Vladimir Norov
- **Founded:** 15 June 2001
- **Founders:** China, Russia, Tajikistan, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan
- The Shanghai Cooperation Organisation is a Eurasian economic, political, and security alliance.
- The SCO is the largest regional organisation in the world in terms of geographical coverage and population, covering three-fifths of the Eurasian continent and nearly half of the human population.
- In 2021, SCO is celebrating the **20th anniversary** of its formation.

Q. The Surya Kiran -XV is a Joint Military Training Exercise of Indian Army with which country?

A) Sri Lanka  
B) Nepal  
C) Maldives  
D) Bangladesh  

Answer - B

About Nepal:

- **Capital:** Kathmandu
• Currency: Nepalese rupee
• Prime minister: Sher Bahadur Deuba
• President: Bidhya Devi Bhandari

Q. Which day in the year is celebrated as the World Bamboo Day?

A) 17 September  
B) 15 September  
C) 16 September  
D) 18 September

Answer - D

- World Bamboo Day is celebrated every year on 18th September & the theme for 12th edition of WBD 2021 is ‘#PlantBamboo: It Is Time To Plant Bamboo’.
- “To build momentum around the urgent need to address the gender pay gap,” the United Nations observes the International Equal Pay Day on September 18 each year.

Q. NITI Aayog has tied up with which entity to launch tech-driven learning programmes for children from 112 Aspirational districts of the country?

A) Google India  
B) Facebook India  
C) Byju's  
D) Amazon

Answer - C

Q. Which day is marked as the International Coastal Cleanup Day every year?

A) Third Saturday in September  
B) 18 September  
C) 19 September  
D) Third Friday in September

Answer - A

Q. The World Water Monitoring Day is an annual event which takes place on_______

A) 16 September  
B) 15 September
C) 17 September  
D) 18 September  

Answer - D

- *World Water Monitoring Day* was originally celebrated **annually on September 18**. & the *theme is valuing water*.

- *The International Coastal Cleanup Day* is traditionally held on the **third Saturday in September** & the Theme of 2021: “**Keep trash in the bin and not in the ocean**”.

Q. Who was the representative of India in-person at the 21st Meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Council of Heads of State?

A) Piyush Goyal
B) S. Jaishankar
C) Nitin Gadkari
D) Nirmala Sitharaman

Answer - B

Q. The International Red Panda Day is marked every year on which day?

A) Third Sunday of September
B) Third Friday of September
C) Third Saturday of September
D) Third Wednesday of September

Answer - C

Q. The International Equal Pay Day is observed annually on which day?

A) 18 September
B) 11 September
C) 15 September
D) 13 September

Answer - A

- *International Equal Pay Day is celebrated on 18 September*. The inaugural edition of the day was observed in the year 2020.

- The day aims to achieve equal pay for work of equal value and break the walls against all forms of discrimination, including discrimination against women and girls.
Q. Who has been appointed as the Chairman cum Managing Director (CMD) of the National Small Industries Corporation Ltd. (NSIC)?

A) Narayan Tatu Rane  
B) Anita Sharma  
C) Bhanu Pratap Singh Verma  
D) Alka Nangia Arora

Answer - D

About Alka Nangia:

- Alka Nangia Arora is an industry veteran with over 30 years of experience in diverse activities across the country.
- Alka Nangia Arora is serving as Joint Secretary in Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises and she has also served major positions in Government of India such as Additional Commissioner Handicrafts, Ministry of Textiles, Managing Director, Cottage Emporium, and Integrated Financial Advisor, Western Air Command (Subroto Park) & FA Army Hospital (R & R).
- She has also served in various capacities with the Navy as a Financial Advisor to Naval Dockyard & Joint Controller Defence Accounts (Mumbai) & as FA to Eastern Command Army (Kolkata).

Q. Who is the author of the book ‘Translating Myself and Others’?

A) Arundhati Roy  
B) Sudha Murthy  
C) Anita Desai  
D) Jhumpa Lahiri

Answer - D

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launched

- Subramanian Swamy comes out with book titled Human Rights and Terrorism in India
- Jhumpa Lahiri to launch her new book ‘Translating Myself and Others’ in 2022
- A book titled ‘Human Rights and Terrorism in India’ by Subramanian Swamy
- Rajnath Singh launches ‘Shining Sikh Youth of India’ written by Dr Prabhleen Singh

Q. Name the campaign launched by the Department of Justice for Justice Delivery at doorstep?

A) Sewa Samarpan  
B) Nyaya Raksha  
C) Ek Pahal  
D) Apna Haq

Answer - C

**Latest Campaign in NEWS**

- Ministry of Law and Justice launches “Ek Pahal” campaign for Justice Delivery at doorstep
- MoHUA and MeitY launch ‘Main Bhi Digital 3.0’ campaign
- Government launches **AYUSH AAPKE DWAR** campaign to distribute medicinal saplings
- RuPay launches #FollowPaymentDistancing campaign to promote and encourage contactless payments
- Ministry of Jal Shakti introduces ‘**SUJALAM**’ Campaign
- RBI appointed Neeraj Chopra for banking fraud awareness campaign
- Ladakh launches month-long water campaign ‘Pani Maah’ to raise awareness about clean water
- Covid Vaccination Campaign For Pregnant Women In Kerala, “Mathrukavacham”
- Minority Affairs Minister Launched “JaahToJahaanHai” Awareness Campaign
- Delhi launched **Jahan Vote, Wahan Vaccination** campaign
- Gujarat has launched ‘**My Village- Corona Free Village**’ (Maru Gam Corona-Mukt Gam) Campaign
- Himachal Pradesh government has launched wellness programme called ‘**AYUSH Ghar Dwar**’
- Shuttlers PV Sindhu & Michelle Li named Athlete Ambassadors for IOC’s ‘Believe in Sports’ campaign
PM Modi launches ‘Catch the Rain’ campaign to be funded by MGNREGA

Jharkhand launches ‘SAAMAR’ campaign to fight malnutrition in the state

Rajnath Singh Inaugurates ‘Jalabhishekam’ Campaign In Madhya Pradesh

Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat: Goa paired with Jharkhand

J&K: "Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyan" programme held at Budgam

Madhya Pradesh Launches ‘SAANS’ Campaign To Reduce Infant Mortality

Arvind Kejriwal Launches ‘Switch Delhi’ Campaign To Promote Electric Vehicles

Petroleum Ministry Launches ‘SAKSHAM’ Campaign

IDFC Mutual Fund Unveils New Investor Awareness Campaign #PaisonKoRokoMat

“Varasat” Campaign Launched In Uttar Pradesh

West Bengal Launches Massive ‘Duare Sarkar’ Outreach Campaign

UP Govt Launches 'Kisan Kalyan Mission'; Invokes Campaign To Double Farmers' Income

Q. NPCI has partnered with which entity to enable UPI QR-based payments acceptance in 10 Asian markets?

A) Liquid Group  
B) Banking Circle  
C) High Radius  
D) Bill Trust

Answer - A

NPCI IN NEWS

- NPCI partners with Liquid Group to enable UPI QR-based payments acceptance in 10 Asian markets
- NPCI launches RuPay credit card stack, ‘nFiNi’ to enable fintechs to co-create bank sponsored credit cards
- NPCI partners with Mashreq Bank to launch UPI in the UAE
- NPCI appoints Noopur Chaturvedi as CEO of NPCI Bharat BillPay Ltd
- NPCI launches digital payment solution e-RUPI
- ICICI Bank Partners with NPCI to Link UPI ID with Its Digital Wallet ‘Pockets’
- NPCI Partners Turkish firm PayCore for RuPay SoftPoS
- NPCI transfers Bharat Bill Payments business to its new subsidiary NBBL
- NPCI launches UPI-Help on BHIM app for Grievance Redressal
- NPCI Partners SBI Payments to launch “RuPay SoftPoS” for Merchants
About NPCI:

- National Payments Corporation of India MD & CEO: Dilip Asbe.
- Headquarters location: Mumbai
- Founded: 2008
- Type of business: Section 8 Company
- Founders: Reserve Bank of India, Indian Banks' Association

Q. The Planetarium Innovation Challenge has been launched by which body for Indian start-ups and tech entrepreneurs?

A) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship  
B) MyGov  
C) NITI Aayog  
D) Atal Innovation Mission (AIM)

Answer - B

Q. What is the deadline to link PAN and Aadhaar?

A) January 31, 2022  
B) December 31, 2021  
C) March 31, 2022  
D) October 31, 2021

Answer - C

Latest Deadline in NEWS

- Deadline to link PAN-Aadhaar extended by six months till March 2022
- Income Tax Returns filling deadline for FY21(AY 2021-22) extended till December 31
- RBI Extends Deadline For Processing Auto-Debit Payments By 6 Months
- Government Extends ‘Vivad Se Vishwas’ Scheme Deadline Till 30 June 2021

Q. Which institute has launched the unique and innovative device that can generate electricity from water drops, raindrops, water streams, and ocean waves?

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

Answer - D

Q. The annual Doing Business report will no longer be released due to data irregularities issues. The report was released by which organisation?

A) World Bank  
B) International Monetary Fund  
C) World Economic Forum  
D) United Nations Development Programme

Answer - A

Q. Who is the head of the group of ministers (GoM) formed for better implementation of various welfare schemes meant for the SC, ST, OBC, minorities, women?

A) Rajnath Singh  
B) Nitin Gadkari  
C) Smriti Irani  
D) Kiren Rijiju

Answer - A

Rajnath Singh in NEWS

- Rajnath Singh launches ‘Shining Sikh Youth of India’ written by Dr Prabhleen Singh
- Centre forms GoM for better implementation of schemes meant for SC, ST, OBC, minorities, women; Head-Rajnath Singh
- Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh Commissions Indigenously built ICGS ‘Vigraha’
- Rajnath Singh names Army Sports Institute, Pune as “Neeraj Chopra Stadium”
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh launches Defence India Startup Challenge- DISC 5.0
- Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh Visits Tajikistan to attend SCO Defence Ministers’ Meeting
- Rajnath Singh launches SeHAT OPD portal to provide tele-medicine services to Armed Forces personnel and veterans
- Rajnath Singh Addresses IAF Commanders’ Conference 2021
- Rajnath Singh inaugurates 26th edition of ‘Hunar Haat’ in New Delhi
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh launches e-Chhawani portal for online civic services to Cantt Boards
• Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurates ‘Jalabhishekam’ campaign in Madhya Pradesh
• Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh inaugurates Aero India 2021
• Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh launches India’s First Indigenously Designed & Developed Driverless Metro Car

Q. Name the Chief Minister of Punjab who has resigned from the post recently?
A) Sukhbir Singh Badal
B) Raninder Singh
C) Amarinder Singh
D) Navjot Singh Sidhu

Answer - C

Q. Who has been roped in by the Fino Payments Bank as its first ever brand ambassador?
A) Pankaj Kapur
B) Amitabh Bachchan
C) Neeraj Chopra
D) Pankaj Tripathi

Answer - D

Q. Harmilan Kaur Bains has created national record in which event at the 60th National Open Athletics Championships in Warangal?
A) 800m
B) 1500m
C) 1000m
D) 100 m

Answer - B

Q. Who has been appointed as Punjab’s new Chief Minister?
A) Charanjit Singh Channi
B) Ambika Soni
C) Amarinder Singh
D) Navjot Singh Sidhu

Answer - A
Q. Who among the following has won Norway Chess Open 2021 Masters section?

A) Audi Ameya
B) Abhimanyu Mishra
C) Leon Mendonca
D) D Gukesh

Answer - D

CHESS IN NEWS
- Indian Grandmaster SP Sethuraman Wins 2021 Barcelona Open Chess Tournament
- Raunak Sadhwani Wins 2021 Spilimbergo Open Chess Tournament
- SP Sethuraman Wins 2021 Barcelona Open Chess Tournament
- Harshit Raja Becomes India’s 69th Chess Grandmaster
- Vantika Agarwal Bags National Women Online Chess Title
- Grandmaster D. Gukesh wins $15,000 Gelfand Challenge Chess Title
- Tamil Nadu's Arjun Kalyan has become the 68th Chess Grandmaster of India
- Chess Player Koneru Humpy named BBC Indian Sportswoman of the Year 2021
- Jorden van Foreest from Dutch Wins Tata Steel Chess Tournament 2021
- Goa’s 14-year-old Leon Mendonca becomes India’s 67th Grandmaster
- India, Russia announced joint winners of FIDE Online Olympiad 2020 (Chess)
- Indian Grandmaster D Gukesh wins 34th Cannes Open in France
- China Wins FIDE Chess.com Online Nations Cup (India’s 5th rank)
- Viswanathan Anand was the first Grandmaster in India 1988
- India’s first Woman Grandmaster Subbaraman Vijayalakshmi
- Gukesh D has become India’s youngest Grand Master at at 12 years, 7 months and 17 days
- Sergey Karjakin has become world’s youngest grandmaster ever at 12 years and 7 months
- International Chess Day is celebrated annually on July 20

WORLD CHESS FEDERATION
- Founded: 1924
- HQ - Lausanne, Switzerland
- President: Arkady Dvorkovich
Q. Who among the following has won Asian Snooker Championship for second successive time?

A) Mark Selby  
B) Aditya Mehta  
C) Pankaj Advani  
D) Ronnie O'Sullivan  

Answer - C

Q. Name the Indo-Nepal joint military exercise which has been held at Pithoragarh in Uttarakhand.

A) Surya Kiran  
B) Hand In Hand  
C) Sampriti  
D) Mitra Shakti  

Answer - A

- The 15th edition of *Indo–Nepal Joint Military Training Exercise Surya Kiran* will be held from September 20, 2021, at Pithoragarh in Uttarakhand.
- The joint military training will help in improving bilateral relations and further strengthen the traditional friendship between the two nations.

**List of Exercise between India and South Asia Countries**

- **Sampriti**: India and Bangladesh
- **Mitra Shakti**: India and Sri Lanka
- **SLINEX**: India and Sri Lanka(SL)
- **Ekuverin**: India and Maldives

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Q. What is the currency of Jordan?
A) Pound
B) Dinar
C) Yen
D) Euro
Answer - B

Q. Qadar Aapki Mehnat Ki is the tagline of which bank?
A) FINO Payment Bank
B) Jiyo Payment Bank
C) Paytm Payment Bank
D) Indian Post Payment Bank
Answer - A

Q. Where is the headquarter of United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) based?
A) London, United Kingdom
B) Geneva, Switzerland
C) Paris, France
D) Vienna, Austria
Answer - B

Q. Where is the headquarters of IRDAI?
A) Mumbai
B) Hyderabad
C) Chennai
D) Kolkata
Answer - A
Q. Who is the president of Fiji?
A) Ali Bongo Ondimba
B) Jioji Konrote
C) Sauli Niinistö
D) Frank Bainimarama
Answer - B

Q. When is the “Central Excise Day” observed?
A) 20th June
B) 4th May
C) 17th December
D) 24th February
Answer - D

Q. Where is the headquarters of Axis Bank?
A) Thrissur
B) Kolkata
C) Srinagar
D) Mumbai
Answer - D

Q. The Chamera Dam is located in which of these states?
A) Jammu & Kashmir
B) Assam
C) Himachal Pradesh
D) Goa
Answer - C

Q. Which among these is the National Heritage Animal of India?
A) Elephant
B) Tiger
C) Giraffe
D) Cow
Answer - A

Q. Who is the current minister of Consumer Affairs Food and Public Distribution ministry?
A) Ram Vilas Paswan
B) Piyush Goel
C) Kiren Rijiju
D) Amit Shah
Answer - B
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