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Q. In the month of October, which day is marked as the International Snow Leopard Day annually?

A) October 21
B) October 22
C) October 20
D) October 23

Answer - D

- *Every year, October 23 is observed as International Snow Leopard Day since 2014.*
- *The day commemorates the anniversary of the Bishkek Declaration and to celebrate this endangered cat and raise awareness for its conservation and protection.*
- *It was on October 23, 2013, when political leaders from 12 countries came together to endorse the 'Bishkek Declaration on the conservation of snow leopards.*
- *Snow Leopards are found in 12 countries namely India, Nepal, Bhutan, China, Mongolia, Russia, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.*

Q. Which of these days is observed as the World Polio Day?

A) 24 October
B) 23 October
C) 22 October
D) 21 October

Answer - A

- *October 24 is observed as World Polio Day every year in order to call on countries to stay vigilant in their fight against the disease. As per the WHO, since 1980, the cases*
of wild poliovirus have decreased by over 99.9 percent as a result of vaccination efforts made around the world.

- **World Polio Day was established by Rotary International** over a decade ago to **commemorate the birth of Jonas Salk**, who led the first team to develop the vaccine against the disease.

- **Theme 2021: Delivering on a Promise**


A) Uday Mahurkar and Chirayu Pandit  
B) Randeep Sisodia and Anita Rani  
C) Jaideep Hardikar and Purushottam Agrawal

**Answer - A**

Q. Who has been roped in as the new CEO of the Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) by Sports Authority of India (SAI)?

A) Dilip Kumar Gupta  
B) Dinkar Prakash Srivastava  
C) PK Garg  
D) J.P. Singh

**Answer - C**

Q. Bandula Warnapura, who has passed away recently was the former Cricket player from which country?

A) Sri Lanka  
B) Bangladesh  
C) West Indies  
D) Zimbabwe

**Answer - A**
Q. The 4th General Assembly of International Solar Alliance (ISA) has decided to achieve what amount of global investments in solar energy by 2030?

A) USD 1 billion  
B) USD 2 trillion  
C) USD 5 billion  
D) USD 1 trillion

Answer - D

Q. Saranjeet Singh, who has passed away recently, was a sportsperson representing which game?

A) Wrestling  
B) Cricket  
C) Football  
D) Hockey

Answer - D

Q. What is the ceiling limit set by RBI for financing subscription to Initial Public Offer (IPO) of NBFCs w.e.f April 01, 2022 per borrower?

A) Rs 5 crore  
B) Rs 2 crore  
C) Rs 1 crore  
D) Rs 75 lakh

Answer - C

Q. FATF has retained Pakistan in the Grey List of countries for failing to fulfill the four remaining FATF mandates out of the total ______ action plan items mandated to it by FATF

A) 39  
B) 34  
C) 30  
D) 37

Answer - B

- Global terror financing watchdog **Financial Action Task Force (FATF)** has retained **Pakistan** on its ‘**Grey List**’ of countries.
In a briefing, FATF president Marcus Pleyer also said that three new countries **Turkey, Jordan, and Mali** have also been added to the Grey List.

In June this year, the **FATF had retained Pakistan on its ‘Grey List’ for failing to check money laundering, leading to terror financing.**

**About Financial Action Task Force (FATF):**

- **Founded:** 1989
- **Members:** 39
- **Headquarters:** Paris, France
- **President:** Marcus Pleyer

Q. Who has been appointment as the new Managing Director and Group Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of rating agency ICRA in place of N Sivaraman?

A) Prabhakar Aloka
B) Sanjay Dattatri
C) Amitav Ghosh
D) Ramnath Krishnan

**Answer - D**

Q. Who has been named for the Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award for Excellence in Cinema to be awarded at the 52nd International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa in November 2021?

A) James Cameron and Tim Burton
B) Robert Lantos and Quentin Tarantino
C) Istevan Szabo and Martin Scorsese
D) Steven Spielberg and Christopher Nolan

**Answer - C**

- **Istevan Szabo and Martin Scorsese** will be conferred the **Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award** at the **52nd International Film Festival of India** in Goa.
- **Istvan Szabo** is one of the most critically acclaimed Hungarian film directors of the past few decades known for masterpieces like Mephisto (1981) Father (1966).

- **Martin Scorsese** is one of the major figures of the New Hollywood era, regarded as one of the greatest and most influential directors in film history.

- The 52nd edition of India’s most prestigious film festival will be held from 20th to 28th November, 2021 in Goa. BRICS Film Festival to be held alongside IFFI.

- Announcing the Opening Film of this edition of IFFI, Shri Thakur said that ‘The King of all the World’ (El Rey de Todo El Mundo) directed by Carlos Saura will be the Opening Film and this will also be the film’s international premier.

Q. Name the High-speed Expendable Aerial Target (HEAT), which was flight tested by DRDO recently?

A) NIBHAY  
B) ABHYAS  
C) VIRAAT  
D) AKASH

**Answer - B**  

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**DRDO in NEWS 2021**

- DRDO Successfully flight-tests High-Speed Expendable Aerial Target ‘**ABHYAS**’

- Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh felicitates winners of DRDO Dare to **Dream 2.0 contest** & 2019 DRDO Young Scientists awards

- DRDO Conducts Successful Maiden Flight Test of **Akash Prime Missile** off Odisha Coast

- DRDO Successfully Test-Fires **Nirbhay Missile** with Indigenous Engine Off Odisha Coast

- **2nd IEEE International Conference** On Range Technology By DRDO

- DRDO Successfully Test-Flights Surface-To-Air Missile ‘**Akash-NG**’
- DRDO Successfully Flight-Tests Indigenously Developed **MPATGM**
- DRDO Gives Licence **To Laurus Labs** To Make & Market 2-DG
- Army **Inducts 10m Bridging** System Developed By DRDO
- DRDO Successfully Flight-Tests ‘**Agni P**’ Ballistic Missile Off Odisha Coast
- DRDO Successfully Test Fires Enhanced **Pinaka Rocket** Off Odisha Coast
- DRDO develops indigenous Covid-19 antibody detection kit **DIPCOVAN**
- DRDO Conducts Maiden Trial of Python-5 **Air to Air Missile Using LCA Tejas**
- DRDO Develops Supplemental Oxygen Delivery System For Soldiers
- DRDO Develops Advanced Chaff Technology To Safeguard Naval Ships
- Light Weight Bullet Proof Jacket Developed By DRDO Lab
- DRDO successfully flight test SFDR technology
- Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh inaugurates DRDO Skill Development Centre for Fire Safety Training at Pilkhuwa in Uttar Pradesh
- DRDO Conducts Two Successful Launches of VL-SRSAM Missile System
- DRDO Carries successful user trials of indigenously-developed Anti-Tank Guided Missile Systems ‘Helina’ and ‘Dhruvastra’
- DRDO Conducts Successful Maiden Test Launch of Surface-to-Air Akash-NG Missile
- DRDO Successfully Test Flights indigenously developed Smart Anti-Airfield Weapon (SAAW)
- DRDO Develops Special Motor Bike Ambulance ‘Rakshita’ for CRPF
- DRDO Develops India’s first Indigenously-Developed 9mm Machine Pistol ‘Asmi’
DRDO Celebrates 63rd Foundation Day on 1st January 2021

About DRDO:
- Founded: 1958
- Jurisdiction: India
- Headquarters: DRDO Bhavan, New Delhi
- Annual budget: ₹11,375.50 crore (US$1.6 billion)(2021-22)
- Subsidiary: Gas Turbine Research Establishment
- Aircraft designed: Avatar, DRDO Nishant, DRDO Lakshya

Q. Which day of the year is observed as the United Nations Day?

A) 24 October  
B) 23 October  
C) 22 October  
D) 21 October

Answer - A

- The United Nations (UN) Day is observed on October 24 each year and marks the official establishment of the United Nations in 1945.
- The United Nations is an intergovernmental organisation whose primary role is to maintain world peace and security.
- The UN came into existence on October 24, 1945. The name ‘United Nations’ was coined by the United States President Franklin D. Roosevelt and was first used in the Declaration of the United Nations on January 1, 1942, during the Second World War.
- The UN had 51 members at the time of its establishment.
- **It is currently made up of 193 Member States.** Each of the 193 Member States of the United Nations is a member of the General Assembly.

- **Theme of UN concert 2021:** “Building Back Together for Peace and Prosperity”

Q. Under the Scale Based Regulation (SBR) of NBFCs, RBI has categorized NBFC into how many categories?

A) 5  
B) 7  
C) 8  
D) 4  

**Answer - D**

Q. Sandra Mason has been appointed as the first President of which of these states?

A) Australia  
B) Papua New Guinea  
C) Barbados  
D) Jamaica  

**Answer - C**

- **Barbados** has elected its **first-ever president** as it prepares to become a republic, removing Queen Elizabeth as head of state.

- **Dame Sandra Mason**, 72, is set to be sworn in on 30 November, which will mark the country’s **55th anniversary of independence from Britain.**

- The first woman to serve on the Barbados Court of Appeals, Dame Sandra has been governor-general since 2018. The historic election came after a joint session of the House of Assembly and the Senate. described the vote as a “seminal moment” for the nation.

**About Barbados:**

- **Capital:** Bridgetown  
- **Currency:** Barbados Dollar
- Continent: North America
- Prime Minister: Mia Mottley

Q. The International Day of Diplomats is celebrated on __________ every year.
A) 19 October  
B) 24 October  
C) 22 October  
D) 18 October

Answer - B

Q. The year 2021 marks how many years of the foundation of UN Charter?
A) 76  
B) 79  
C) 72  
D) 70

Answer - A

Q. Which state's CM has launched ‘e-munnetram’ web portal?
A) Bihar  
B) Assam  
C) Telangana  
D) Tamil Nadu

Answer - D

- The portal was developed by the Tamil Nadu e-Governance Agency (TNeGA), Information Technology (IT) Department. Currently, the portal will work as a private portal.

Apps & Services in NEWS October 2021
- Election Commission of India launches Garuda App for Digital Mapping of Polling Booths
- BPCL launches automated fuelling technology UFill
• Union Minister Anurag Thakur launches **MyParkings App**
• Shipping Minister Sarbanand Sonowal launches ‘**MyPortApp**’ for digital monitoring of port operations
• Centre launches ICMR’s drone-based vaccine delivery model ‘**i-Drone**’ in North East
• Government launches web portal ‘**Waste to Wealth**’ to find solutions to India’s waste problems
• PM Modi launches Jal Jeevan Mission App and Rashtriya Jal Jeevan Kosh

**Tamil Nadu in NEWS**

• Tamil Nadu’s ‘Kaniyakumari Clove’ gets GI Tag along with 2 more products
• ADB approves $150 million loan for urban poor housing project in Tamil Nadu
• India’s first dugong conservation reserve to come up in Tamil Nadu
• Tamil Nadu Governor Banwarilal Purohit gets additional charge of Punjab and Chandigarh
• Tamil Nadu BJP Leader La Ganesan Appointed As Manipur Governor
• Raghuram Rajan Named In Tamil Nadu Economic Advisory Panel
• Tamil Nadu Set To Create State’s 5th Tiger Reserve
• Tamil Nadu Beat Baroda To Claim Syed Mushtaq Ali T20 Trophy
• Tamil Nadu Govt Launches “Smart Black Board Scheme”
• Tamil Nadu Appoints India’s 1st-Ever Woman Ambulance Driver
• Tamil Nadu Women Top The List Of MUDRA Loan Scheme

**About Tamil Nadu**

• Tamil Nadu Capital: Chennai.
• Tamil Nadu Chief Minister: M K Stalin
• Tamil Nadu Governor: R. N. Ravi (former Nagaland governor)
• Tamil Nadu State Dance: Bharathanatyam.
Q. Who will head the Empowered Group of Secretaries (EGOS) set up to review and monitor the implementation of the PM GatiShakti – National Master Plan (NMP) for Multi-Modal Connectivity?

A) H R Nagendra  
B) P Vasudevan  
C) Jayant Kumar Dash  
D) Rajeev Gauba

Answer - D

- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi cleared the ‘PM GatiShakti – National Master Plan (NMP) for Multi-Modal Connectivity’ to economic zones and the information for the same was provided by Union Minister Anurag Singh Thakur, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (MIB) during a media briefing on the Cabinet decisions in New Delhi.

- This approval comes after a week when the PM launched Rs 100 Lakh crores Gati Shakti NMP for Infrastructure Development from New Delhi. PM Modi launched PM Gati Shakti NMP on 13th October 2021.

- An Empowered Group of Secretaries (EGOS) headed by the Cabinet Secretary (Currently Rajiv Gauba) and secretaries of 18 ministries as members will be set up to review and monitor the implementation of the PM GatiShakti NMP and to ensure logistics efficiency.

List of Latest Committee and Headed by

- Committee on “Variable Capital Company: Dr. K.P. Krishnan
- Suggests 4-tier structure for Urban Co-operative Banks: N. S. Vishwanathan
- RBI to setup committee on NUE licenses: Shri. P. Vasudevan
- Framing a new law for drugs, cosmetics and medical devices: Dr V G Somani
- IFSCA Constitutes an Expert panel on Sustainable Finance: C.K. Mishra.
- SEBI formed 4-Member Advisory Committee on Settlement Orders: Vijay C Daga
- Working Group Constituted to overhaul Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY): Ritesh Chauhan
- Expert Group by MoHFW on Tobacco Tax Policy: Vikas Sheel

Q. Cabinet has recently approved a further increase in the Dearness Allowance to Central Government employees and Dearness Relief to pensioners from 28% to ______.

A) 29%  
B) 30%  
C) 31%  
D) 32%

Answer - C

- The union government has approved a 3% hike in dearness allowance (DA) and dearness relief (DR) for central government employees.
- The new rate of dearness allowance will now be 31% from 28% earlier. The increase in allowance amount will benefit 1.13 crore central government employees including 47.14 lakh central government employees and 68.62 lakh pensioners.
- Union Minister Anurag Thakur has announced the development will cost ₹9,488 crore to the government. The new rate will be applicable from July 2021.
- Dearness Allowance means an allowance paid by the government to its employees as well as pensioners to curb the impact of inflation.
- Prior to this, the Centre had approved an increase in DA and DR given to central government employees and pensioners from 17% to 28%.

Q. Who has been appointed as the global brand ambassador of Adidas?

A) Deepika Padukone  
B) Kiara Advani  
C) Disha Patani  
D) Mary Kom

Answer - A
Adidas, a German sportswear major, has appointed Bollywood actress Deepika Padukone as its global brand ambassador. She will endorse Adidas women globally.

The appointment was announced during the unveiling event of Adidas’s first flagship store in India in Delhi.

Other brand ambassadors of Adidas in India:

- Mirabai Chanu, Lovlina Borgohain, Nikhat Zareen, Simranjeet Kaur, Hima Das and Dipika Pallikal.

Q. Who has been roped in as the Brand Ambassador of Realme?

A) Bhuvneshwar Kumar  
B) K L Rahul  
C) Rishabh Pant  
D) Virat Kohli

Answer - B

- Realme, a Chinese smartphone brand, has appointed Indian Cricketer KL Rahul as its brand ambassador for its smartphone category.
- The association of realme with KL Rahul will reinstate the brand ideology of being youth-oriented.
- The primary target of this partnership is the millennials in India.

Note: List of brand ambassador Recently Appointed

- Mastercard global brand ambassador: Magnus Carlsen
- TAGG, a tech-driven lifestyle electronics brand: Rohit Sharma
- CoinDCX: Amitabh Bachchan
- Fire-Boltt: Virat Kohli
- CoinDCX ‘Future Yahi Hai’ campaign: Ayushmann Khurrana
- Russian Film Festival in India: Imtiaz Ali
Q. Parambikulam Tiger Conservation Foundation has won “Earth Guardian Award” at 11th NatWest Group Earth Heroes Awards 2021. Which state’s Satpura Tiger Reserve has won the “Earth Guardian Award” along with Parambikulam Tiger Conservation Foundation?

A) Madhya Pradesh  
B) Tripura  
C) Assam  
D) Karnataka

Answer - A

- The Parambikulam Tiger Conservation Foundation (PaTCoF), a non-profit organisation in Palakkad, Kerala, under the Kerala Forest Department, has won the NatWest Group’s Earth Guardian Award 2021 for its efforts towards the conservation of tigers and biodiversity of the Parambikulam tiger reserve.

- NatWest Group India, the global capability centre of the NatWest Group announced the 8 winners of the 11th edition of the NatWest Group Earth Heroes Awards (2021).

- The 2021 awards have been presented under different categories such as Green Warrior, Earth Guardian, Save the Species, Inspire and Lifetime Achievement.

- The theme of the 2021 awards is “Biodiversity – A resilient nature is a foundation on which all climate mitigation and adaptation efforts must be raised”.

### 2021 NatWest Group Earth Heroes Awards: Complete List of Winners

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Q. What is the rank of Indian football team in FIFA’s latest 2021 ranking?

A) 102  
B) 104  
C) 106  
D) 108  

Answer - C

Q. Which of the following country has topped the FIFA’s latest 2021 ranking?

A) Belgium  
B) France  
C) Brazil  
D) England  

Answer - A

- India has ranked **106th** in the FIFA (Fédération Internationale de Football Association) **Rankings 2021**, the position of team India was increased to one spot.

- After the victory in SAFF (South Asian Football Federation) **Championship 2021** of team India led by **Sunil Chhetri**, it has secured the 106th position. The team has defeated Nepal in the summit clash.
• Under the FIFA Rankings, **Belgium is at 1st position**. Brazil holds 2nd position, France holds 3rd position.

**FIFA Rankings 2021:**

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**About FIFA (Fédération Internationale de Football Association):**

• **Founded:** 21 May 1904
• **Headquarters:** Zurich, Switzerland
• **President:** Gianni Infantino

Q. Ridhima Veerendra Kumar recently broke a 7-year National record of Maana Patel and bagged gold medal in which sports at 47th Junior National Championships?

A) Shot Put  
B) Javelin Throw
C) Fencing  
D) Swimming

**Answer - D**

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Q. Where is the headquarter of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) located?  
A) New York  
B) Vienna  
C) London  
D) Paris  
**Answer - D**

Q. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has its headquarter at which place?  
A) New York  
B) London  
C) Washington, D.C.  
D) Geneva  
**Answer - C**
Q. The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) is a specialized agency of the United Nations. The headquarters of FAO is located at ________

A) Bern  
B) Rome  
C) Singapore  
D) Paris  

Answer - B

Q. Which of these is correct with respect to the headquarters of World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF)

A) Gland, Switzerland  
B) Vienna, Austria  
C) London, United Kingdom  
D) Paris, France  

Answer - A

Q. The headquarters of which of these organizations is located at New York?

A) UNESCO  
B) World Food Programme  
C) UNICEF  

Answer - C

D) Greenpeace

Q. Amnesty International has its headquarters at which place?

A) Geneva  
B) New York  
C) Paris  
D) London  

Answer - D

Q. International Fund For Agricultural Development has its headquarters at which of these places?

A) Dubai, United Arab Emirates  
B) Rome, Italy  
C) Paris, France  
D) Bern, Switzerland  

Answer - B

Q. Where is the headquarters of International Telecommunication Union (ITU) based?

A) Kathmandu, Nepal  
B) Jakarta, Indonesia  

Answer - C
C) Geneva, Switzerland  
D) Madrid, Spain  
**Answer - C**

Q. **The headquarter of United Nations Populations Fund (UNFPA) is located at _______**

A) New York, United States  
B) Rome, Italy  
C) Paris, France  
D) The Hague, Netherlands  
**Answer - A**

Q. **Which of these organisations has its headquarter at Vienna, Austria?**

A) Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)  
B) International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)  
C) International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)  
D) United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO)  
**Answer - D**
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