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Q. Who has been appointed as the head of the GoM formed by government for proposing a rationalization of tax rates and considering the merger of different tax slabs under GST?

A) Buggana Rajendranath  
B) K.N. Balagopal  
C) Amit Mitra  
D) Basavaraj S. Bommai  

Answer - D

Q. How many awardees have won the 2021 Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize?

A) 14  
B) 11  
C) 18  
D) 21  

Answer - B

### Awards and Honours in NEWS 2021

- Andhra Pradesh won best tourism policy award
- Yemeni humanitarian organization wins 2021 UNHCR Nansen Refugee Award
- Former UN-Under Secretary General Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka bags 2021 Global Goalkeeper Award of Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
- India’s NIOS wins UNESCO Literacy Prize 2021 for Innovation in Education
- UK’s Susanna Clarke wins Women’s Prize for Fiction 2021
- Larsen & Toubro and Powergrid Wins the Prestigious global ATD Best Award
- Mexico’s Alejandro Prieto wins Bird Photographer of the Year 2021
- SBI becomes Overall winner of the EASE Reforms Index Award 2021
- DBS Bank recognised as ‘Most Innovative in Digital Banking’ globally by ‘The Banker’
- Indian Economists Dr Jagdish Bhagwati and Dr C Rangarajan conferred with inaugural Prof CR Rao Centenary Gold Medal
- Cyrus Poonawalla wins Lokmanya Tilak National Award
- Graphic artist Anand Radhakrishnan wins prestigious Eisner award
- Asha Bhosle to get prestigious Maharashtra Bhushan award 2021
- Vaidehi Dongre from Michigan crowned as Miss India USA
- Sunjeev Sahota among 13 contenders for fiction’s Booker Prize
- Pramod Bhagat named Differently Abled Sportsman of the Year 2019
- Ngangom Bala Devi named AIFF ‘Women’s Footballer of the Year’ 2020-21
- Sandesh Jhingan named AIFF men’s Footballer of Year
- Cachar district received National Silver SKOCH award
- Shibaji Banerjee to be conferred with Mohun Bagan Ratna posthumously
- India’s Payal Kapadia wins best documentary award in Cannes 2021
- Bangladesh Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus to get Olympic Laurel
- Journalist N N Pillai honoured with BKS Literary Award
- Sophie Ecclestone, Devon Conway win ICC Player of the Month Award
- Syed Osman Azhar Maqsusi won Commonwealth Points of Light award
- Zaila Avant-garde Wins 2021 Scripps National Spelling Bee
- Kaushik Basu awarded prestigious Humboldt Research Award

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**Q. What is the limit of Ways and Means Advances (WMA) set for the second half of the financial year 2021-22 (Oct-March)?**

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**Answer - A**

**About WMA:**

- Ways and means advances is a **mechanism used by Reserve Bank of India** under its credit policy to provide to States, banking with it, to help them tide over temporary mismatches in the cash flow of their receipts and payments.
- Ways and means advances are **temporary advances given by the RBI** to the States to tide over any mismatch in receipts and payments.

**Q. Which of these days is marked as the World Heart Day?**
Q. What is the extended tenure of the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) 2015-20 of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry?

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

Answer - C

Q. What is the new validity period of the Company Law Committee, formed by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA)?

A) December 2022  
B) September 2022  
C) October 2022  
D) November 2022  

Answer - B

Q. The International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste is observed annually on which day?

A) 29 September  
B) 28 September  
C) 27 September  
D) 26 September  

Answer - A

Q. Who has been selected as the external auditor of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) for the period between 2022 to 2027?

A) Manoj Sinha  
B) Rajiv Mehrishi  
C) R. K. Mathur  
D) G C Murmu  

Answer - D
Q. Who has been named as the convenor of GoM which will look at tapping IT tools to minimize tax evasion and make compliance easier for taxpayers?

A) Uddhav Thackeray  
B) Ajit Pawar  
C) Devendra Fadnavis  
D) Anil Deshmukh

Answer - B

Q. Who is the current chairperson of the Company Law Committee formed by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs?

A) Ajay Bahl  
B) Siddarth Birla  
C) Rajesh Verma  
D) Uday Kotak

Answer - C

Q. What is the theme of 2021 World Heart Day?

A) USE HEART to connect  
B) Use Heart ... for society, your loved ones and you  
C) Power your Life  
D) Your heart, my heart

Answer - A

Q. Who was the Chief Guest at the Global FinTech Fest (GFF) 2021 organized by the Payments Council of India (PCI), Fintech Convergence Council (FCC) and Internet and Mobile Association of India (AIMAI)?

A) Nirmala Sitharaman  
B) Anurag Thakur  
C) Nitin Gadkari  
D) Piyush Goyal

Answer - A

Q. The Lok Sabha, Shri Om Birla recently inaugurated the NIDHI 2.0 scheme, which has been launched by the Ministry of ________

A) Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports  
B) Ministry of Tourism
C) Ministry of Power  
D) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  

**Answer - B**

Q. NPCI has partnered with which bank to launch ‘RuPay On-the-Go’ contactless payments solutions?  

A) Axis Bank  
B) HDFC Bank  
C) Yes Bank  
D) Kotak Mahindra Bank  

**Answer - C**

**Yes Bank In NEWS 2021**

- NPCI partners YES Bank to launch RuPay ‘On-the-Go’ payment solution  
- Yes bank partners with VISA to offer credit cards  
- Yes Bank Joins Hand with Aditya Birla Financial Services to launch wellness-themed credit cards  

**About Yes Bank**

- YES bank HQ: Mumbai, Maharashtra.  
- YES bank MD & CEO: Prashant Kumar.  
- YES Bank CFO : Niranjan Banodkar  
- YES Bank Tagline : Experience Our Expertise  

**NPCI IN NEWS**

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• 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. International Translation Day is observed on which date in September?
A) 27 Sept    C) 29 Sept
B) 28 Sept    D) 30 Sept
Answer - D

Q. Which team has won the 2021 Ryder Cup?
A) Australia    C) United States
B) Europe    D) Italy
Answer - C

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A) Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment  
B) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology  
C) Ministry of Food Processing Industries  
D) Ministry of Minority Affairs

Answer - A

Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment has launched India’s first Pan-India helpline for senior citizens named ‘Elder Line’ for which the toll-free number is 14567.

Q. The CHAMPIONS portal was in news recently for crossing 50 lakh registrations. The portal is launched by which ministry?

A) Ministry of Steel  
B) Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises  
C) Ministry of Commerce and Industry  
D) Ministry of Corporate Affairs

Answer - B

Q. The government has recently enhanced the income limit of disabled dependents to be eligible for family pension for life from Ministry of Defence. What is the new limit?

A) less than 20% of the last pay drawn  
B) less than 10% of the last pay drawn  
C) less than 30% of the last pay drawn  
D) less than 40% of the last pay drawn

Answer - C

Q. Who among these is the winner of the UNHCR Nansen Refugee Award for 2021?
A) Jeel Albena Association for Humanitarian Development (Yemen)  
B) Society for Humanitarian Solidarity (Yemen)  

Answer - A

Q. What is the toll free number for the newly launched “Elder Line”?  
A) 19999  
B) 12345  
C) 15555  
D) 14567  

Answer - D

Q. The “AmritGrand Challenge Program” titled “जनCARE” has been launched by which ministry?  
A) Ministry of Science & Technology  
B) Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports  
C) Ministry of Health & Family Welfare  
D) Ministry of AYUSH  

Answer - A

Q. Who has been appointed as the President of All India Management Association (AIMA) for one year till September 2022?  
A) Nikhil Sawhney  
B) Chinni Krishnan  
C) C K Ranganathan  
D) Shrinivas V Dempo  

Answer - C

Q. Hwasong-8 is a new hypersonic missile, which was tested successfully by which country recently?  
A) North Korea  
B) South Korea  
C) Japan  
D) Taiwan
Answer - A

Q. What was the theme of the Global FinTech Festival (GFF) 2021?

A) Navigating the Next Phase of Payments in India
B) FinTech: Empowering a Global Digital Economy
C) Fintech: With and Beyond COVID
D) Building Resilience, Seizing Opportunities, Emerging Stronger

Answer - B

Q. Who has been chosen as the new Prime Minister of Japan?

A) Fumio Kishida
B) Yoshihide Suga
C) Shinzo Abe
D) Yoshihiko Noda

Answer - A

NEWLY Elected PRIME MINISTER IN NEWS

- Japan: Fumio Kishida
- Morocco: Aziz Akhannouch
- Nikol Pashinyan: Armenia
- Min Aung Hlaing: Myanmar
- Guido Bellido: Peru
- Najib Mikati: Lebanon
- King Mswati III: Eswatini
- Ariel Henry: Haiti
- Sher Bahadur Deuba: Nepal
- Abiy Ahmed: Ethiopia
- Henri Dondra: Central African Republic
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- KP Sharma Oli: Nepal
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• Keith Rowley : Trinidad and Tobago
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• Mahinda Rajapaksa : Sri Lanka
• Hichem Mechichi : Tunisia
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• Lee Hsien Loong : Singapore
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• Kubatbek Boronov : Kyrgyzstan
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• Pedro Sanchez : Spain
• Mikhail Mishustin : Russia
• Sheikh Khalid bin Khalifa bin Abdulaziz Al Thani : Qatar
• Muhyiddin bin Haji Muhammad yassin : Malaysia
• Janez Jansa : Slovenia
• Denys Shmygal : Ukraine
• Mustafa Al Kadhimi : Iraq

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Q. Who is the current Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu?
A) Pinarayi Vijayan
B) Pramod Sawant
C) M.K. Stalin
D) Banwarilal Purohit
Answer - C

Q. Where is the headquarters of PFRDA?
A) Mumbai
B) Hyderabad
C) Kolkata
D) New Delhi

Q. Who is the current cabinet minister of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare?
A) Amit Shah
B) Harsh Vardhan
C) Ravi Shankar Prasad
D) Prakash Javadekar
Answer - B

Q. Where is Deendayal Sea Port is located?
A) Gulf of Kutch
B) Bangalore
C) Patna
D) Raipur
Answer - A

Q. Where is the Sree Padmanabhaswamy temple located?
A) Tamil Nadu
B) Kerala
C) Karnataka
D) Odisha
Answer - B

Q. Where is M. A. Chidambaram International Cricket Stadium Located?
A) Mumbai
B) Pune
C) Chennai
D) Kanpur
Answer - C

Q. What is the capital of Guyana?
A) Georgetown
B) Riga
C) Bamako
D) Windhoek
Answer - A

Q. When is the World Radio Day observed?
A) August 15
B) March 18
C) March 28
D) February 13
Answer - D

Q. UIDAI is mandated to issue an easily verifiable number as Unique Identity – Aadhaar to all Residents of India. How many random number in Aadhaar?
A) 10
B) 11
C) 12
D) 14
Answer - C

Q. In which State is the Bornadi Wild Life Sanctuary located?
A) West Bengal
B) Odisha
C) Assam
D) Bihar
Answer - C
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