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Q. The first consignment of GI-tagged Indian sweet dish named Mihidana, was recently exported to the Kingdom of Bahrain. Which state of India owns the GI tag for this product?

A) Maharashtra  
B) West Bengal  
C) Kerala  
D) Madhya Pradesh  

Answer - B

List of Some GI Tag 2021

- TavlohoPuan - Mizoram
- Green and White Tea - Darjeeling
- Srivilliputtur Palkova" - Channai
- Moira bananas, Harmal Chillies, Khaje - Goa
- Tezpur Litchi: Assam
- "sweet cucumber": Nagaland

West Bengal In NEWS 2021

- West Bengal Receives Four SKOCH Awards
- IAF Inducts 2nd Squadron Of Rafale Aircraft At West Bengal’s Hasimara
- Cyclone Yaas To Hit West Bengal, Odisha
- Mamata Banerjee Takes Oath As West Bengal CM For The 3rd Consecutive Time
- Prime Minister Modi inaugurates several railway projects in West Bengal
- ‘11th Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav’ begins at Cooch Behar in West Bengal
- PM Modi lays the Foundation Stone and dedicates to the Nation key infrastructure
World Bank approves $105 million loan to improve Waterways in West Bengal

Q. In which city is the ‘Azadi@75 – New Urban India: Transforming Urban Landscape’ Conference-cum-Expo inaugurated by PM Modi recently?

A) Hyderabad
B) Ahmedabad
C) Lucknow
D) Kolkata

Answer - C

Uttar Pradesh In NEWS 2021

- Uttar Pradesh Government to set up ‘Electronic Park’ near Noida
- Indore and Surat Jointly Wins Smart Cities Award 2020; Uttar Pradesh Bags Best State Award
- Kushinagar Airport in Uttar Pradesh Gets International Airport Licence from DGCA
- Uttar Pradesh: State Govt launches Bal-Seva Yojana to support children who lost their parents due to COVID
- Uttar Pradesh govt extended Essential Services Maintenance Act in state
- Uttar Pradesh Won E-Panchayat Award
- Ghaziabad Nagar Nigam In Uttar Pradesh Lists Itself At BSE
- Ram Temple Tableau Of Uttar Pradesh On Republic Day Wins 1st Prize
- First paperless budget to be presented in Uttar Pradesh Assembly
• Uttar Pradesh government plans to develop Jewar Airport as **Asia’s biggest airport with six runways.**

• Uttar Pradesh is celebrating its **foundation day on Jan 24.**

• PM Modi releases financial assistance for **UP under PMAY-G**

• Ministry of Minority Affairs will organise the **24th Hunar Haat** at Avadh Shilpgram,

**About UP**

• UP Capital: Lucknow;
• UP Governor: Anandiben Patel;
• UP Chief minister: Yogi Adityanath.

**Q.** Drone, a drone-based vaccine delivery model for Northeast states, has been developed by which organisation?

A) ISRO  
B) Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)  
C) DRDO  
D) Indian Institute of Technology, Madras

**Answer - B**

**Q.** Name the winners of the 2021 Nobel Prize in Physics

A) Syukuro Manabe, Klaus Hasselmann and Giorgio Parisi  
B) Andrea M. Ghez, Jim Peebles and Michel Mayor  
C) Reinhard Genzel, Didier Queloz and Kip Thorne  
D) Arthur B. McDonald, Peter Higgs and Adam Riess

**Answer - A**
Q. The India International Trade Fair (IITF) 2021 will be held in November 2021. The event will be which edition of the annual show?

A) 35th  C) 50th
B) 40th  D) 45th

Answer - B

Q. India has been selected as Partner Administration for the Tax Inspectors Without Borders (TIWB) in Seychelles. The initiative is launched by which organisation?

A) UNESCO  C) UNDP and OECD
B) World Bank and WTO  D) FATF

Answer - C

- **The Tax Inspectors Without Borders (TIWB)** has launched its *programme in Seychelles*. India has been chosen as the *Partner Administration for this programme*. The country will be providing its Tax Expert in support of the initiative.

- **About TIWB**: TIWB is a joint initiative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), since its launch in 2015.

**About UNDP**

- UNDP Headquarters: New York, New York, United States.
- UNDP Head: Achim Steiner.

**About Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)**

- OECD Headquarters: Paris, France;
Q. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh recently felicitated 40 winners of ‘Dare to Dream 2.0’ Contest. The contest was organised by which organisation?

A) DRDO  
B) Atal Innovation Mission (AIM)  
C) NITI Aayog  
D) ISRO  

**Answer - A**

Q. Name the winner of the inaugural Meltwater Champions Chess Tour (MCCT)

A) Fabiano Caruana  
B) Magnus Carlsen  
C) Sergey Karjakin  
D) Wesley So  

**Answer - B**

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**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

**About Champions Chess Tour 2021:**
- The 2021 Meltwater Champions Chess Tour was the most viewed online chess event in history, with hundreds of memorable games and moments throughout the series of elite tournaments.
- The **10-month long online chess tournament** was held on [com from November 22, 2020 till October 4, 2021.**
- The tournaments are not rated by FIDE.
- There are 10 total tournaments in the tour: 6 labelled as Regular, 3 labelled as Major, and 1 Final.

**About Magnus Carlsen:**
- Magnus Carlsen born 30 November 1990 is a Norwegian chess grandmaster.
- He is the current World Chess Champion, World Rapid Chess Champion, and World Blitz Chess Champion.
- Currently, Magnus Carlsen is considered as the undisputed best online chess player in the world.

**Q. The month of October is observed annually as which of these?**

A) Mathematics Awareness Month  
B) National Stroke Awareness Month  
C) Breast Cancer Awareness Month  
D) Mental Health Awareness Month

**Answer - C**

**Q. How many awardees have won the 2021 ‘Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi Award for National Integration and Contribution’ of Assam Government?**

A) 1  
B) 3
C) 5  
D) 7

Answer - B

Q. JIMEX 2021 will be held in which region?

A) Bay of Bengal
B) Pacific Ocean
C) Indian Ocean
D) Arabian Sea

Answer - D

Q. How many awardees have won the DRDO Young Scientists awards for the year 2019?

A) 6
B) 11
C) 16
D) 21

Answer - C

DRDO in NEWS 2021

- 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. Who appoints the MD and CEOs of public sector banks and insurance companies?

A) Banks Board Bureau  C) Ministry of Finance
B) Reserve Bank of India  D) Respective Banks and Companies

Answer - A

Q. Name the winners of the 2021 Nobel Prize in Chemistry

A) Richard Henderson and Ben Feringa  D) William E. Moerner and Paul L. Modrich
B) Jennifer Doudna and Akira Yoshino
C) Benjamin List and David MacMillan

Answer - C

- For the development of asymmetric organocatalysis

About Noble Prize in Chemistry

- First awarded: 1901
- Reward: 10 million
- Presented By: Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences
First Nobel Prize in Chemistry was awarded in 1901 to Jacobus Henricus van 't Hoff, "for his discovery of the laws of chemical dynamics and osmotic pressure in solutions"

Indian Venkatraman Ramakrishnan Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2009 "for studies of the structure and function of the ribosome."

Frederick Sanger is the only Nobel Laureate who has been awarded the Nobel Prize in Chemistry twice, in 1958 and 1980

2021 Nobel Prize

- **Physics**: Giorgio Parisi, Syukuro Manabe and Klaus Hasselmann
- **Medicine Nobel**: S. scientists David Julius, Ardem Patapoutian

Q. Which Section of SARFAESI Act states that a company can carry the business of asset reconstruction only after obtaining a certificate of registration from RBI in addition to having prescribed limit of minimum net owned fund requirement?

A) Section 3  
B) Section 5  
C) Section 2  
D) Section 4

Answer - A

Q. The Ministry of Textile has extended the Comprehensive Handicrafts Cluster Development Scheme (CHCDS) upto what period?

A) March 2026  
B) March 2022  
C) March 2024  
D) March 2025

Answer - A

Q. RBI has recently superseded the Board of Directors of Srei Infrastructure Finance Limited (SIFL) and Srei Equipment Finance Limited (SEFL) under which Section of RBI Act, 1934?

A) Section 54-EE (1)  
B) Section 45-IE (1)
C) Section 35-BE (1)
D) Section 42-AE (1)

Answer - B

Q. The World Cotton Day is observed annually on which day?

A) October 07
B) October 06
C) October 05
D) October 04

Answer - A

Q. How many PM MITRA mega textile parks have been approved by the government to be set up in 5 years?

A) 5
B) 15
C) 7
D) 10

Answer - C

Q. The Moody's Investor Service has recently revised the sovereign rating outlook of India to______

A) Stable
B) Negative
C) Neutral
D) Prime

Answer - A

Q. What was the profession of Arvind Trivedi who has passed away recently?

A) Litterateur
B) Economist
C) Actor
D) Sportsperson

Answer - C
Q. The Mahabahu Brahmaputra River Heritage Centre has been inaugurated in which city recently?

A) Itanagar  
B) Guwahati  
C) Gangtok  
D) Shillong  

Answer - B

Q. Who have been honoured with the 2021 Yidan Prize?

A) Usha Goswami and Sir Fazle Hasan  
B) Carol S. Dweck and Vicky Colbert  
C) Anant Agarwal and Larry Hedges  
D) Eric A. Hanushek and Dr Rukmini Banerji  

Answer - D

Q. The Alibaug white onion of which state has recently received the GI tag?

A) Assam  
B) Maharashtra  
C) West Bengal  
D) Bihar  

Answer - B

Q. In the Comprehensive Handicrafts Cluster Development Scheme (CHCDS) handicraft cluster having more than ___ artisans will be selected for the scheme?

A) 20,000  
B) 12,000  
C) 5,000  
D) 10,000  

Answer - D

Q. Who has been appointed as the new administrator of Srei Infrastructure Finance Limited (SIFL) and Srei Equipment Finance Limited (SEFL)?
A) Debadatta Chand
B) Sanjiv Chadha

Answer - D

Q. Which city has become the first Indian city to use ropeway services in public transportation?

A) Varanasi
B) Gorakhpur

Answer - A

Q. Which country has been chosen as the Partner Administration for Tax Inspectors Without Borders (TIWB) programme launched in Seychelle?

A) Russia
B) Japan

Answer - C

Q. Which state government has launched the ‘Swechha’ program to ensure affordable access to health and menstrual hygiene in adolescent girls and women?

A) Rajasthan
B) Uttarakhand

Answer - C

Q. Under which scheme, PM has recently distributed 1.7 lakh e-Property Cards in Madhya Pradesh?
A) Sabki Yojana Sabka Vikas
B) SVAMITVA scheme
C) Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana – Gramin (PMAY-G)
D) MGNREGA scheme

**Answer - B**

Q. As per October, what is the Rank of India in the latest Henley Passport Index in 2021?

A) 45th  
B) 53rd  
C) 71st  
D) 90th  

**Answer - D**

- **India’s rank has slipped by six places from last year to 90 on the Henley Passport Index 2021**, which lists the world’s most travel-friendly passports. Japan and Singapore hold the first rank on the passport index. **The index covers 227 destinations and 199 passports.**

- The index comes at a time when countries are easing travel restrictions for international visitors after almost two years since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic. The rankings are based on the survey of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) data.

**Rankind Index Top 5**

- **Rank 1**: Japan, Singapore
- **Rank 2**: Germany, South Korea
- **Rank 3**: Finland, Italy, Luxembourg, Spain
- **Rank 4**: Austria, Denmark
- **Rank 5**: France, Ireland, Netherlands, Portugal, Sweden

**World’s 5 least powerful passports:**
• Afghanistan
• Iraq
• Syria
• Pakistan
• Yemen

**List of India’s Rank Different Index 2021**

- **World Press Freedom Index, 2021**: 142\(^{nd}\)
- **World Competitiveness Index 2021**: 43\(^{rd}\)
- **Global Peace Index 2021**: 135\(^{th}\)
- **Global Startup Ecosystem Index 2021**: 20\(^{th}\)
- **Global Manufacturing Risk Index 2021**: 2\(^{nd}\)
- **Global Innovation Index (GII) 2021**: 46\(^{th}\)

Q. Which country has topped the list of being the world’s most travel-friendly passports for the year 2021, according to Henley Passport Index?

A) Singapore  
B) Japan  
C) China  
D) Both a & b

**Answer - D**

Q. Fitch Ratings has projected India’s economic growth at __________ for FY22.

A) 7.4%  
B) 7.5%  
C) 8.6%  
D) 8.7%

**Answer - D**

Q. Which company has launched the ‘Buy Now Pay Later’ (BNPL) platform ‘postpe’?
BharatPe in NEWS 2021

- BharatPe Launches ‘Buy Now, Pay Later’ Platform, Postpe
- Axis Bank Ties Up With BharatPe For PoS Business
- BharatPe Launches P2P Lending App ‘12% Club’
- BharatPe Acquires Loyalty Platform PAYBACK India
- BharatPe Becomes ICC’s Official Partner Till 2023

About BharatPe:

- Resilient Innovations Private Limited (“BharatPe”) is a private company limited engaged in the business of facilitating a suite of financial services to merchants through its digital platform, on software as a service model, and providing other value-added services to such merchants.
- BharatPe is solving for ease of doing business.
- Payments are their first product and the plan is to be the utility app for 10 Mn+ offline retailers in India for all their business needs.
- Co – Founded in 2018 by CEO Ashneer Grover and COO Shashvat Nakrani, BharatPe has its head office in Delhi.

Q. Who among the following has won the 2021 Nobel prize for literature?

A) Nasrin Sotoudeh  C) Abdulrazak Gurnah
B) Bryan Stevenson  D) Ales Bialiatski

Answer- C

➢ “For his uncompromising and compassionate penetration of the effects of colonialism and the fate of the refugee in the gulf between cultures and continents.”
Nobel Prize in Literature

- First awarded: 1901
- Reward: 10 million
- Presented by: Swedish Academy
- First Nobel Prize in Literature was awarded in 1901 to Sully Prudhomme of France
- First Indian Rabindranath Tagore won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1913 for his collection "Gitanjali"

Famous Awards & Established Year

- 1901 = Nobel Prize
- 1917 = Pulitzer Prize
- 1929 = Oscar Award
- 1952 = Kalinga Award
- 1954 = Bharat Ratna
- 1954 = National Film Award
- 1955 = Sahitya Akademy Award
- 1957 = Ramon Magsaysay award
- 1958 = Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar
- 1961 = Jnanpith Award
- 1961 = Arjun Award
- 1969 = Dadasaheb Phalke Award
- 1969 = Man Booker Prize
- 1980 = Alternate Nobel Award Known as Right Livelihood Award
- 1985 = Dronacharya Award
- 1991 = Saraswati Samman
- 1992 = Vyas Samman
- 1992 = Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna
- 1995 = Gandhi Peace Prize
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Q. In which state is the Keoladeo National Park located?
A) Maharashtra
B) Gujarat
C) Assam
D) Rajasthan

Answer - D

Q. Where is the headquarter of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)?
A) London
B) Gland
C) Vienna
D) Rome

Answer - B

Q. Nanda Devi is the second highest mountain in India. In which state is the peak based?
A) Jammu & Kashmir
B) Himachal Pradesh
C) Uttarakhand
D) Sikkim

**Answer - C**

Q. The Nilgiri Mountain Railway was inscribed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1999. Where is the facility located?
A) Tamil Nadu
B) Rajasthan
C) West Bengal
D) Himachal Pradesh

**Answer - A**

Q. Jhansi is a historic city in Uttar Pradesh. The city lies along the banks of which river?
A) Kosi
B) Ganga
C) Hindon
D) Pahuj

**Answer - D**

Q. The Ezra Cup is associated with which sports?
A) Golf
B) Polo
C) Football
D) Chess

**Answer - B**

Q. Zagreb is the capital of which country?
A) Guinea
B) Ecuador
C) Croatia
D) Kuwait

**Answer - C**

Q. Which state is known for the Namgen dance?
A) Goa
B) Andhra Pradesh
C) Assam
D) Himachal Pradesh

**Answer - D**

Q. World Malaria Day is observed every year on which day?
A) November 30
B) April 25
The term Yellow cards or red cards are usually used in which sports event?

A) Football
B) Billiards
C) Tennis
D) Cricket

Answer - A
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