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Q. India's first state-of-the-art, high-performance para-badminton academy with advanced equipment and facilities has been set up in _____.

(A) Indore

(B) Meerut

(C) Ranchi

(D) Lucknow

Answer:D

- **India's first state-of-the-art, high-performance para-badminton academy** with advanced equipment and facilities has been set up in **Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.**
- The set-up will improve **India's medal prospects** at the **2024 Paralympics** to be held in **Paris, France** at **Stade de France stadium.**
- The badminton centre has been **launched by the head national coach of the Indian para-badminton team, Gaurav Khanna,** in association with **Ageas Federal Life Insurance.** He also unveiled the **Ageas Federal 'Quest for Fearless Shuttler programme** to spot and nurture new talent for the **2028 and 2032 Paralympics.**

About Uttar Pradesh:

- **Capital:** Lucknow
- **Chief Minister**: Yogi Adityanath

- **Governor**: Anandiben Patel

INDIA'S FIRST IN NEWS 2021-22
• **India's 1st para-**badminton academy launched in Lucknow
• Kerala's Kumbalangi village became **India's 1st sanitary napkin-free village**
• **India's first coal to methanol** plant built by BHEL inaugurated in Hyderabad
• **India's 1st Heli-Hub** to be set up in Gurugram, Haryana
• KVIC Launched India's First "**Mobile Honey Processing Van**"
• Hyderabad Gets India's First Open Rock Museum
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• India's First **Fisheries Business Incubator** Launched In Gurugram
• India's First **Rooftop Drive-In Theatre** Launched In Mumbai
• India's first '**Grass Conservatory'** inaugurated in Uttarakhand's Ranikhet
• India's first National **Yogasana Sports** Championships organised in Bhubaneswar
• Tripura launches **India's first cricket bats** and stumps **made of Bamboo**
• India's 1st manned ocean mission **"Samudrayan"** launched at Chennai
• India's First **Radio Over Internet Protocol System** Inaugurated In Kolkata
• Telangana Develops India's First **Smartphone-Based EVoting Solution**
• Kiren Rijiju Inaugurates India's First Sports **Arbitration Centre In Gujarat**
• Tata Steel Commissions India's First Plant **To Capture CO2**
• India's First **Long-Range Nuclear Missile** Tracking Ship INS Dhruv Commissioned
• India's First **Dugong Conservation Reserve** To Come Up In Tamil Nadu
• India's first **smog tower inaugurated** in Connaught Place, Delhi
• Indore declared India's first '**Water Plus' certified city**
• India's first **Drone Forensic Lab** comes up in Kerala
• Delhi-Chandigarh Highway becomes India's first **e-vehicle friendly highway**
• **"IndiGau',** India's first Cattle Genomic Chip for the conservation of indigenous cattle

breeds
• IIT Madras develops '**NeoBolt'**- India's first indigenous motorised wheelchair vehicle
• Amitabh Bachchan Becomes India's **First Celebrity Voice For Amazon's Alexa**
• Kaziranga becomes India's first national park with satellite phones
• India's first heart failure biobank unveiled in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
• India's first 'Grain ATM' launched in Gurugram
• India's first Cryptogamic Garden Inaugurated in Dehradun, Uttarakhand
• Nitin Gadkari inaugurates India's first private LNG Facility plant at Nagpur, Maharashtra
• India's first maritime arbitration centre to be set up in Gandhinagar, Gujarat
• Grene Robotics develops India's first indigenous drone defence dome 'Indrajaal'
• India's first Indigenous Aircraft Carrier (IAC-I), is planned to be commissioned by 2022
• World's first-ever genetically modified **rubber planted in Guwahati, Assam**
• Uttarakhand unveils India's first earthquake early warning mobile app, named 'Uttarakhand
• Bhookamp Alert'
• Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) to set up first 'green hydrogen' plant at Mathura, Uttar Pradesh
• Maharashtra set to become first state to issue educational **documents using blockchain**
• Technology
• India's first **driverless pod taxis** will connect Jewar international airport with Greater Noida
• India's first international maritime services cluster to be set up at GIFT City, Gandhinagar Gujarat
• Puri city of Odisha becomes first in India to provide 24×7 'safe to drink' tap water facility
• India's First Agriculture Export Facilitation Centre Launched in Pune
• Andhra Pradesh to Launch India's first Govt-run Ambulance Network For Animals
• India's first centralised AC railway terminal in Bengaluru
• India's first digital university comes up in Kerala b
• India's first Labour Movement Museum to be set up in Kerala
• India's First **Amputee Clinic Launched** In Chandigarh

• India's first Pollinator Park inaugurated in Haldwani, Uttarakhand
• India's first Lithium refinery to be set up in Gujarat
• Uttar Pradesh govt is set to establish India's first mega leather park in Kanpur

Q. Which UT has become the first Union Territory in the country to have "District Good Governance Index"?

(A) Chandigarh

(B) Ladakh

(C) Jammu and Kashmir

(D) Puducherry

Answer:C

- *Union Home Minister* ***Amit Shah*** *has released India's First* ***District Good Governance Index for 20 Districts of UT of Jammu and Kashmir.***
- *The top 5 districts in the District Good Governance Index" are* ***Jammu, Doda, Samba, Pulwama and Srinagar.*** *J&K will become the first Union Territory in the country to have a Good Governance Index.*
- ***The index was prepared by*** *the* ***Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances (DARPG)*** *and* ***Jammu & Kashmir Institute of Management, Public Administration & Rural Development*** *in association with* ***the Centre for Good Governance, Hyderabad.***

Q. Which organization, in collaboration with Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI), and RMI India released a report titled 'Banking on Electric Vehicles in India- A Blueprint for Inclusion of EVs in Priority Sector Lending Guidelines'?

(A) National Development Council

(B) NITI Aayog

(C) Invest India

(D) Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)

Answer:B

- **NITI Aayog** in collaboration with **Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI), and RMI India** released a report titled **'Banking on Electric Vehicles in India- A Blueprint for Inclusion of EVs in Priority Sector Lending Guidelines'**.
- It has proposed the government **to include Electric Vehicle (EVs) in the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) priority-sector lending (PSL) guidelines** to boost retail lending for EVs and to support the decarbonization of road transport.
- This report said, banks and non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) in India have the potential to **achieve an electric vehicle (EV) financing market size of Rs 40,000 crore by 2025** and **Rs 3.7 lakh crore by 2030.**
- **Cumulative investment in India's electric vehicle (EV)** transition could be as large as **INR 19.7 lakh crore ($US266 billion)** between **2020 and 2030.**

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• NITI Aayog & RMI India released a report 'Banking on Electric Vehicles in India'
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• NITI Aayog Launches "**Innovations For You" Digi-Book**
• NITI Aayog joins hand with ISRO to launch **Geospatial Energy Map of India**
• NITI Aayog Partners Byju's to educate children in 112 aspirational districts
• Niti Aayog launches '**Shoonya'** programme to promote zero-pollution delivery vehicles
• NITI Aayog and Cisco launches Women Entrepreneurship Platform named "**WEP Nxt"**
• 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 '**Surakshit Hum Surakshit 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
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• Gujarat Tops NITI Aayog's inaugural **Export Preparedness Index 2020**

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. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate 216-foot statue of Ramanujacharya in a sitting position in which city on February 5, 2022 to celebrate 1,000th birth anniversary?

(A) Hyderabad

(B) Mumbai

(C) New Delhi

(D) Bengaluru

Answer:A

Q. With which country, India has recently extended existing Science & Technology cooperation for 3 more years?

(A) Bhutan

(B) Bangladesh

(C) China

(D) Sri Lanka

Answer:D

Q. Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) has committed USD _____ to invest in the development of data centres that mostly serve emerging Asia through the Keppel Data Centre Fund II (KDCF II).

(A) $100 million

(B) $150 million

(C) $200 million

(D) $300 million

Answer:B

- **Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB),** a multilateral development bank has committed **USD 150 million** to invest in the **development of data centres** that mostly **serve emerging Asia** through the **Keppel Data Centre Fund II (KDCF II),** a closed-end private equity vehicle managed by **Alpha Investment Partners Limited**.
- This project is being **AIIB's 1st data centre project**. India is a key founding member of AIIB.

- AIIB invested **USD 100 million** through a **parallel fund structure** and **USD 50 million** through **co-investments in KDCF II.** AIIB will invest in the fund as a Limited Partner.

List of Loan approved by AIIB in 2020-21

- **$750 million** -Help the government strengthen its battle against Covid-19
- **$500 million**-COVID-19 Emergency Response and Health Systems Preparedness Project"
- **$145 million**-Improve irrigation services in West Bengal
- **$500 Million**: Improve the network capacity, service quality and safety of the suburban railway system in Mumbai.
- **$67 million**: For the expansion of the Chennai Metro Rail System
- **USD 150 Million:** for the implementation of the Sustainable Urban Services Program (SUSP) for the Chennai Metropolitan Area.

Q. Which Small Finance Bank has launched 'Platina Fixed Deposit', offering interest of 15 basis points (bps) higher than the regular term deposit rates?

(A) Jana Small Finance Bank

(B) Suryoday Small Finance Bank

(C) Ujjivan Small Finance Bank

(D) Equitas Small Finance Bank

Answer:C

- ***Ujjivan Small Finance Bank (SFB)*** *launched* ***'Platina Fixed Deposit'****, offering* ***interest of 15 basis points (bps) higher*** *than the regular term deposit rates provided by Ujjivan SFB.*
- *The* ***Platina FD is a non-callable deposit,*** *where partial & premature withdrawal is not applicable. While the interest amount can be received on monthly, quarterly or at the end of the maturity period.*

- *The **general FD for 990 days tenure gives 6.75% interest** for general citizens and 7.50% for senior citizens, while **Platina FD offers 6.90% & 7.65% interest rates***
- ***FD limit** – the minimum amount is ₹20 lakh and the maximum amount is ₹2 crores, with tenure ranging from 1 year to 5 years.*

About Ujjivan Small Finance Bank:

- **Founded:** 2017
- **Headquarters:** Bengaluru
- **MD & CEO:** Ittira Davis

Q. Who has been appointed as the chairperson of the PMLA (Prevention of Money Laundering Act) Adjudicating Authority located in New Delhi?

(A) Alka Upadhyaya

(B) Vinodanand Jha

(C) Juthika Patankar

(D) Amit Yadav

Answer:B

Q. Who has been selected for the Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar in the Individual category for his excellent work in Disaster Management for the year 2022?

(A) Anukrti Upadhyay

(B) Harish Meenakshi

(C) Anil Prakash Joshi

(D) Vinod Sharma

Answer:D

Q. Who among the following has been conferred with Netaji Award 2022 by Netaji Research Bureau, based in Kolkata.?

(A) Satoshi Suzuki

(B) Vinod Sharma

(C) Rajendra Kumar Bhandari

(D) Shinzo Abe

Answer:D

- Former Prime Minister of Japan **Shinzo Abe** has been conferred with **Netaji Award 2022 by Netaji Research Bureau**, based in Kolkata.
- The award was accepted by the **Consul General of Japan in Kolkata, Nakamura Yutaka** on behalf of Shinzo Abe. **Satoshi Suzuki, the Japanese Ambassador to India,** addressed the program remotely from New Delhi.
- Netaji award was presented on **January 23, 2022,** to commemorate the **125th birth anniversary celebration of legendary freedom fighter, Subhas Chandra Bose** at his Elgin Road residence in Kolkata.

About Japan:

- **Capital**: Tokyo
- **Currency**: Japanese Yen
- **Emperor:** Naruhito
- **Prime minister:** Fumio Kishida

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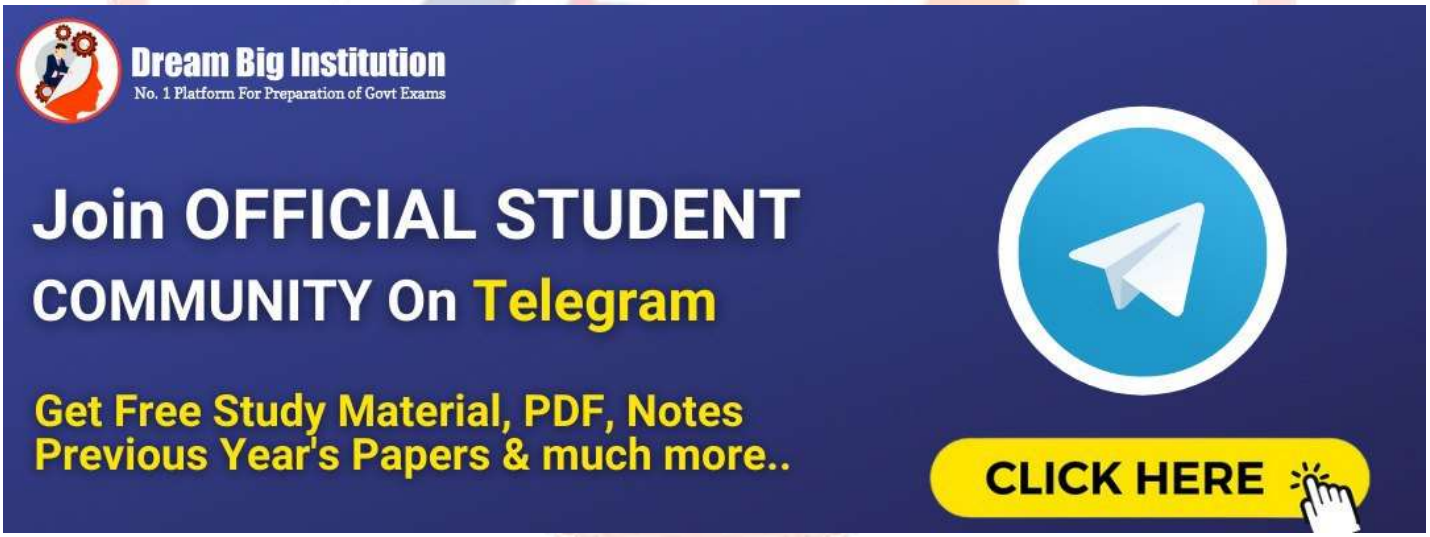

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Q.Copenhagen is the capital of which country?

A) Moldova

B) Liberia

C) Denmark

D) Guyana

Answer - C

Q.The military exercise KAZIND is held between India with which country?

A) Australia

B) New Zealand

C) Kazakhstan

D) Israel

Answer - C

Q.When is the International Olympic Day observed?

A) August 5

B) June 23

C) March 31

D) August 15

Answer - B

Q.Where is "Kumbakonam Temples" located?

A) Odisha

B) Rajasthan

C) Tamil Nadu

D) Kerala

Answer - C

Q.Kawas Thermal Power Station is based in which state?

A) Gujarat

B) Maharashtra

C) Chhattisgarh

D) Haryana

Answer - A

Q.The HQ of International Weightlifting Federation is located at_____?

A) Budapest, Hungary

B) Zurich, Switzerland

C) London, England

D) Munich, Germany

Answer - A

Q.Madhavrao Scindia Cricket Ground is based in which state?

A) Rajasthan

B) Gujarat

C) Punjab

D) Haryana

Answer - B

Q.What is the capital of Honduras?

A) San Jose

B) Tegucigalpa

C) Belmopan

D) Bridgetown

Answer - B

Q.Which among these awards is given to recognize the contribution of the coaches in sports?

A) Arjuna Award

B) Dronacharya Award

C) Dhyanchand Award

D) All the above

Answer - B

Q.Hastinapur Wild Life Sanctuary is located in which state?

A) Maharashtra

B) Rajasthan

C) Bihar

D) Uttar Pradesh

Answe - D

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