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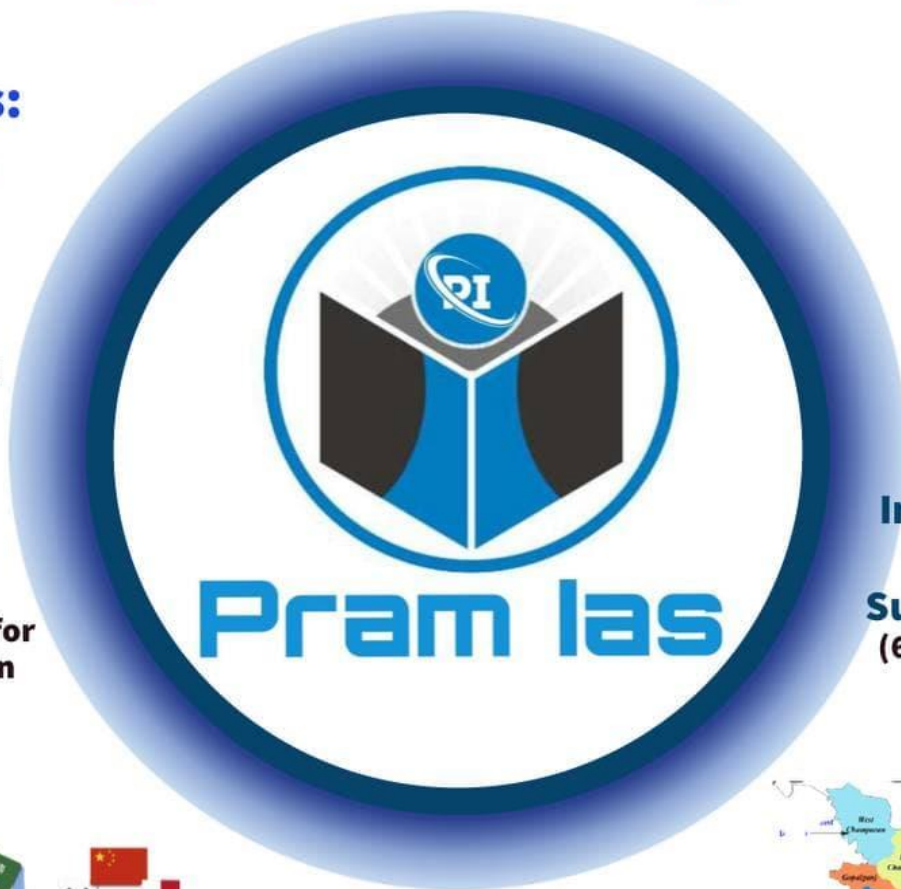
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Sunita Kumari
(64th BPSC, RO)**



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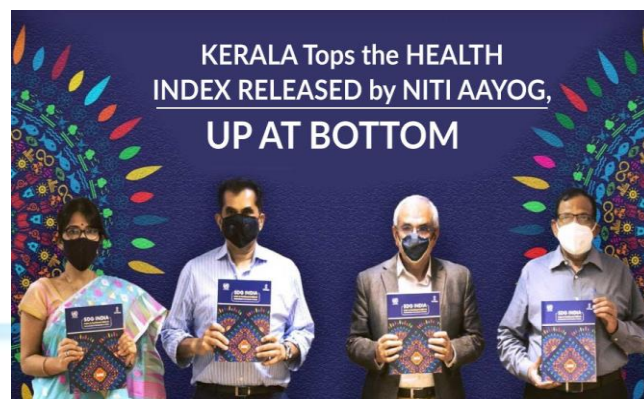


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1.National News

NITI Aayog released 4th State Health Index; Kerala topped

- **NITI Aayog** has released **fourth edition of the State Health Index for 2019–20** that provides incremental performance in health outcomes and status.
- Among the Larger States, **Kerala, Tamil Nadu** and **Telangana** emerged among the best three performers in terms of Overall Performance at 1st, 2nd and 3rd rank respectively. **Uttar Pradesh (UP)** ranked at the bottom i.e. 19th.



About NITI Aayog:

- **Formed:** 1 January 2015
- **Vice Chairperson:** Rajiv Kumar
- **Headquarters:** New Delhi
- **CEO:** Amitabh Kant
- **Chairperson:** Narendra Modi

Gujarat topped the Good Governance Index 2021

- **Good Governance Index 2021** was launched by **Union Minister of Home Affairs and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah** on the occasion of the **Good Governance Day on 25 December 2021**.
- **Gujarat has topped** the composite ranking in the **Good Governance Index (GGI)**, followed by **Maharashtra and Goa** while **Uttar Pradesh** showed an incremental growth of 8.9 percent in the indicators.
- **Delhi has topped the union territories category** composite ranking. **Rajasthan has topped the Other States (Group B) category** in Judiciary and Public Safety, Environment & Citizen Centric Governance.



About Gujarat:

- **Capital:** Gandhinagar
- **Governor:** Acharya Devvrat
- **Chief minister:** Bhupendra Patel

Nagaland created 3 new districts Chumukedima, Tsemiyu, and Nuland

- The State Government of Nagaland has created three new districts namely Tsemiyu, Nuland, and Chumukedima, reaching the total district tally of the state to 15.
- Tsemiyu became the 13th district followed by Nuland and Chumukedima as 14th and 15th Districts
- Nuland and Chumukedima have been formed out of Dimapur district, while Tsemiyu is the sub-division of the Kohima district.

UP government will launch 'Free Smartphone Yojna' on 25 December

- The Uttar Pradesh government is set to launch the ambitious '**Free Smartphone Yojana on December 25**, which is the birth anniversary of senior BJP leader and former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.
- Under the scheme, the state government will distribute smartphones and tablets to final year students of graduation and above

Centre extended Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana till March 2022

- Under **Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana**, the Centre is providing **five-kilogram food grains** per person per month free of cost to all beneficiaries covered under the **National Food Security Act**.
- The scheme is a **food security welfare scheme** that was envisaged by **PM Modi** to provide assistance and help mitigate the economic impact of COVID-19.
- The government will be incurring an expenditure of nearly two lakh **6000 crore rupees** on **Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana**.



PM Modi launched development projects worth Rs 2,095 crore in Varanasi, UP

- PM **Narendra Modi** has laid the foundation stones of **27 developmental projects worth Rs 2,095 crore** including laying of the foundation stone for **Banas Dairy** in his parliamentary constituency **Varanasi**.
- Banas Dairy Sankul** at UP State Industrial Development Authority Food Park, **Karkhiyaon, Varanasi** will be built at a cost of about **Rs 475 crore** and will have a facility for processing 5 lakh litre of milk per day.
- He also laid the foundation stone for **Biogas based Electricity generation plant** for the **Milk Producers Cooperative Union Plant at Ramnagar**.
- PM inaugurated the Union Education Ministry's **Inter-University Centre for Teachers Education**, built at a **cost of around Rs 107 crore**, and a teachers' education center at the **Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies, built at a cost of over Rs 7 crore**.



DPIIT launched Unified Logistics Interface Platform Hackathon "LogiXtics"

- The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has launched the Unified Logistics Interface Platform (ULIP) Hackathon – '**LogiXtics**' with an aim to crowdsource ideas to benefit the logistics industry in India.
- LogiXtics is organised by **NITI** (National Institution for Transforming India) Aayog and Atal Innovation Mission and supported by National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation (NICDC) and NICDC Logistics Data Bank Services Limited (NLDSL).
- Aim:** To promote the Startup community, individuals or anyone with the strategic skills and domain knowledge of the sector.




PM Modi laid foundation stone of Ganga Expressway in UP

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi** laid the foundation stone of the **longest highway** in India, the **Ganga Expressway** in **Shahjahanpur, Uttar Pradesh** to offer fast-paced connectivity in India.
- The **six-lane 594 km long expressway** will be built at a cost of about **Rs 36200 crore** will connect the western and eastern regions of UP.

- The highway will pass through different districts of UP such as Meerut, Hapur, Bulandshahr, Amroha, Sambhal, Budaun, Shahjahanpur, Hardoi, Unnao, Rae Bareli, Pratapgarh and Prayagraj.

- Capital: Lucknow

- Chief Justice of India (CJI) Justice NV Ramana, and Chief Minister of Telangana K Chandrasekhara Reddy has inaugurated **India's First** International Arbitration and Mediation Centre (IAMC) at Phoenix VK Tower at Nanakramguda, Hyderabad, Telangana.
- IAMC has been **established to quickly resolve the issues that arise due to the Lack of sufficient judges**. IAMC will settle commercial disputes and it will also look into the disputes of ordinary people.

- Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science and Technology Dr. Jitendra granted '**In-Principle**' approval for **setting up 6 Nuclear Reactors** at Jaitapur in Maharashtra.
 - The approval is for **setting up 6 nuclear power reactors of 1650 MW each**, making Jaitapur as **India's largest nuclear power generating site** with a **total capacity of 9900 MW**.
 - Technical cooperation is provided by the French Firm –**Électricité de France (EDF)**.
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Cabinet cleared proposal to raise women's marriage age from 18 to 21 years

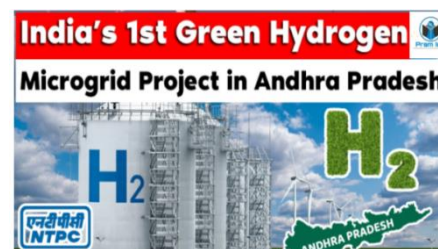


7th India International Science Festival 2021 held at Panaji, Goa



NTPC will set up India's 1st Green Hydrogen Microgrid Projects at Simhadri, AP

- **National Thermal Power Corporation Limited (NTPC)** has awarded a project of Standalone Fuel-Cell based Micro-grid with hydrogen production using electrolyzer in Simhadri, near Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh.
- It is **India's 1st** Green Hydrogen based Energy Storage Project and one of the largest in the world.
- *India targets to become carbon neutral by 2070.*



Durga Puja on UNESCO's 'Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity' list

- United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) has added **Kolkata's Durga Puja** festival to its 'Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity'.
- India now has 14 intangible cultural heritage elements on the UNESCO list. Other Indian entries that were previously inscribed include **Nowrouz (2016), Ramlila (2008), Yoga (2016), and Kumbh Mela (2017)**.
- UNESCO established its Lists of Intangible Cultural Heritage in 2008 with the aim of ensuring better protection of important intangible cultural heritages worldwide and the awareness of their significance.



First Drone Mela in the country was organised at Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh

- In **Madhya Pradesh**, the first drone fair in the country was organized at **Gwalior**.
- **Gwalior Drone Mela** was organized jointly by the Ministry of Civil Aviation, the Government of India, the Government of Madhya Pradesh, and the **Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI)**.
- Addressing the youths and farmers present at the "**Drone Mela**" in **Gwalior**, MP Chief Minister said that Madhya Pradesh will be made a leading state by using drone technology. Mr Scindia said that five Drone Schools will be opened in **Gwalior, Bhopal, Indore, Jabalpur, and Satna in Madhya Pradesh**.



Govt laid foundation stone for Maa Umiya Dham Development Project in Ahmedabad, Gujarat

- Union Home Minister **Amit Shah** laid the foundation stone of **Umiya Mata Dham temple** and temple premises under **Maa Umiya Dham Development Project** at **Umiya Campus** in **Sola** in **Ahmedabad, Gujarat** along with several developmental projects including a railway bridge.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has virtually attended and addressed the foundation stone laying of the project on **13th December 2021**. He stated the Project as an example of the notion of 'SabkaPrayas' (Efforts of everyone).
- Umiya Mata is located in the center of **Unjha** in the **Mehsana district** of **Gujarat** which celebrated its silver jubilee in **November 2009**. They will be developed at a cost of **Rs 1,500 crore** on **74,000 square yards** of land.



Askot Wildlife Sanctuary in Uttarakhand declared as Eco-Sensitive Zone

- According to the gazette of India issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), an area of 454.65 square kilometres around the boundary of **Askot Wildlife Sanctuary** in the Pithoragarh district of **Uttarakhand** has been declared as the **Askot Wildlife Sanctuary Eco-sensitive Zone (ESZ)**.
- The notified area extends from 0 to 22 km around the Askot Wildlife Sanctuary.
- The Askot Wildlife Sanctuary was established to protect the endangered flagship species Musk Deer and its habitat. The Askot Wildlife Sanctuary is also known as Musk Deer Park.

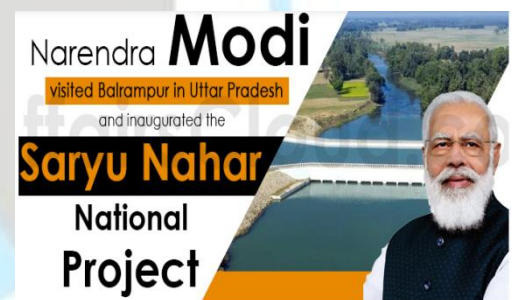


PM Modi inaugurated Kashi-Vishwanath Dham project in Varanasi

- PM Narendra Modi** inaugurated the first phase of the **Kashi Vishwanath Dham Corridor**. The project is spread over **5 lakh square feet** and connects the temple premises to the **River Ganga**.
- Project is constructed at a cost of ₹339 crore** and is done with a vision to create an easily accessible pathway connecting the temple to the banks of river Ganga. **A total of 23 buildings will be inaugurated in phase 1** of the project.

PM Narendra Modi inaugurated Saryu Nahar National Project in Balrampur, UP

- The 40-year long pending project, **Saryu Nahar National Project**, is **inaugurated by** Prime Minister of India **Narendra Modi** in **Balrampur, Uttar Pradesh (UP)** on December 11, 2021.
- The outlay of the project is over Rs 9,800 crore**, out of which more than Rs 4,600 crore was provisioned in the last four years.
- It will cater to the problem of water shortage mainly in eastern UP/ Purvanchal** with assured water for irrigation to over 14 lakh hectares of land and benefit about 29 lakh farmers.



Geographical Indications Registry accepted proposal to grant Mithila Makhana GI Tag

- The Geographical Indications Registry (GIR) under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry accepted the proposal to rename **Bihar Makhana** or **fox nut** as **Mithila Makhana** and retain its Geographical Identification (GI) tag.
- It also suggested amendments in the brand logo to highlight its origins and protect the product's Geographical Indications (GI) rights.
- The Sabour based Bihar Agriculture University (BAU) initiated an application on behalf of the Mithilanchal Makhana Utpadak Sangh (MMUS) to name their produce as Mithila Makhana for the welfare of fox nut growers in the Mithila region.

Some GI tags of Bihar:

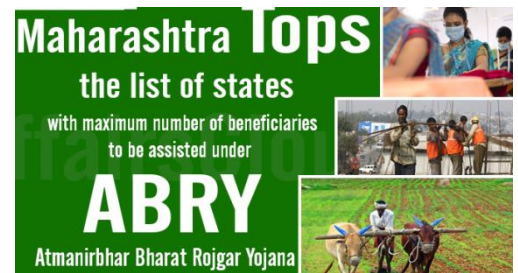
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| • Shahi Litchi | Bhagalpuri Zardalu | Katarni Rice | Magahi Paan |
| • Silao Khaja | Madhubani Paintings | Mithila Makhana | |

List of Some recent GI Tag

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| • Moira bananas, Harmal Chillies, Khaje- Goa | Tezpur Litchi: | Assam |
| • Sweet cucumber: Nagaland | Alibaugh white onion: | Maharashtra |
| • Wada Kolam Rice or Zhini: Palghar district, Maharashtra | | |
| • Karuppur kalamkari paintings and Kallakurichi wood carvings: Tamil Nadu | | |

Maharashtra topped the list of state with maximum of beneficiaries under Atmanirbhar Bharat Rojgar Yojana

- **Maharashtra** tops the list of states with maximum number of beneficiaries under **Atmanirbhar Bharat Rojgar Yojana (ABRY)**. It is followed by **Tamil Nadu** and **Gujarat**.
- The **government had launched ABRY to incentivize employment generation in Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO)** registered establishments during COVID-19 for a period from October 1, 2020 to March 31, 2022.
- Auto settlement of **Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) claims** was introduced by EPFO in **Jan, 2020**.



Cabinet approved Ken-Betwa River Interlinking Project

- Ken-Betwa inter-linking of rivers project has been approved by the Union Cabinet, which is chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.
- At 2020-21 price levels, the overall cost of the Ken-Betwa link project has been estimated at 44,605 crores. It will cover the states of UP and MP.
- The Union Cabinet has approved central support for the project in the amount of Rs. 39,317 crores, which includes a grant of Rs. 36,290 crores and a loan of Rs. 3,027 crores.
- The project will be implemented through a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) known as the Ken-Betwa Link Project Authority (KBLPA). The project will irrigate 62 lakh hectares annually, provide drinking water to a population of 62 lakhs, and generate 103 MW of hydropower and 27 MW of solar power.



Andhra Pradesh inked pact with UN-FAO & ICAR for sustainable agriculture

- An agreement on Technical Cooperation Project has been inked by Andhra Pradesh Government with the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (UN-FAO) and Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) to help the state farmers in adopting a sustainable agriculture food system.
- FAO will provide training to farmers, Rythu Bharosa Kendram (RBK) staff, officials, and scientists on new technologies in agricultural allied sectors and training to farmers on best cultivation management practices.
- In 2020, **Rythu Bharosa Kendram (RBK) or farmer support centres were set up in AP** as part of an effort to weed away fake seeds, pesticides and fertilisers from the markets.

Karnataka & UNDP signed LoU as a part of 'Code-Unnati' to improve entrepreneurship & youth employment

- Department of Youth Empowerment & Sports, **Government of Karnataka** has signed a **Letter of Understanding (LoU)** with the **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)** as a part of the State-level initiative '**Code-Unnati**' to improve the access to entrepreneurship and employment opportunities among the youths, including women.
- The initiative involves **United Nations Volunteers (UNV)** and is supported by **SAP India Lab's CSR Strategies** will be implemented in 4 districts of Bengaluru Rural, Ramanagara, Dakshina Kannada and Raichuru.

Uttar Pradesh holds the top spot in Total Registered EVs in India: Ministry of Road Transport & Highways

- During the Winter Session of the Parliament, Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister of Road Transport & Highways, informed the Rajya Sabha on the state of Electric Vehicles (EV) in India.
- As per the data release, India has a total of 870,141 registered EVs, with Uttar Pradesh (UP) holding the top spot with 255,700 registered EVs. UP is followed by Delhi (125,347), Karnataka (72,544), Bihar (58,014) and Maharashtra (52,506) in successive positions.
- No of ev (State wise) **UP>Delhi>Karnataka>Bihar>And Maharashtra**

NITI Aayog to establish 1,000 Atal Tinkering Labs in J&K

- The NITI Aayog has planned to establish 1000 Atal Tinkering Laboratories in Jammu and Kashmir. Out of 1000 Atal Tinkering Laboratories, 187 will be established by the end of the financial year 2021-22.
- Out of 187 ATLs, 31 are being established across government schools of J&k while 50 will be established in several educational institutions like KVs, JNVs, and Private schools.
- Atal Tinkering Labs (ATL) is a sub-mission under the Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) of the Central Government in India. It is the flagship initiative of AIM, that seeks to nurture an innovative mindset amongst high school students across India.

India Skills Report 2022: Maharashtra retained top position

- As per the 9th edition of India Skills Report (ISR) 2022, released by **Wheebox**, Maharashtra has retained the top position in the list of states with the highest pool of employable talent followed by Uttar Pradesh and Kerala.
- Pune** is the city with the most highly employable resources with 78% of the test takers scoring above 60 percent.
- As per the current edition, the overall employability in India has improved with 46.2% of the youth being found to be highly employable compared to last year's employability standing at 45.97%..



Haiderpur wetland in Uttar Pradesh recognized as India's 47th Ramsar Site

- The **Haiderpur Wetland** abutting the Madhya Ganga barrage, about 10 km from Bijnor in western Uttar Pradesh, has been recognized under the **1971 Ramsar Convention on Wetlands**.
- Uttar Pradesh** is now home to 9 Ramsar wetlands. The wetland, which is a part of Hastinapur Wildlife Sanctuary, has also been identified under Namami Gange, a central flagship, as a model wetland along the Ganga. With this, there are now a total of 47 such designated areas in the country.
- NITI Aayog launched "e-Sawaari India Electric Bus Coalition" with CESL & WRI India**
- NITI Aayog has launched e-Sawaari India Electric Bus Coalition in partnership with Convergence Energy Service Limited (CESL), World Resources Institute, India (WRI India), and with the support from Transformative Urban Mobility Initiative (TUMI).



- Aim: To share knowledge of various stakeholders – Central & State Govt. agencies, transit service providers, original equipment manufacturers (OEMs), on accelerating the process towards seamless adoption of e-bus services in India.

Fortune India's Most Powerful Women in India List 2021: Nirmala Sitharaman topped

Rank	Name	Position
1	Nirmala Sitharaman (62)	Union Minister, Ministry of Finance
2	Nita Ambani (58)	Reliance Foundation Chairperson and Goodwill Ambassador
3	Soumya Swaminathan (62)	Chief Scientist, World Health Organization (WHO)
4	Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw (68)	Executive Chairperson, Biocon
5	Suchitra Ella (58)	Co-founder and Joint MD, Bharat Biotech International Ltd



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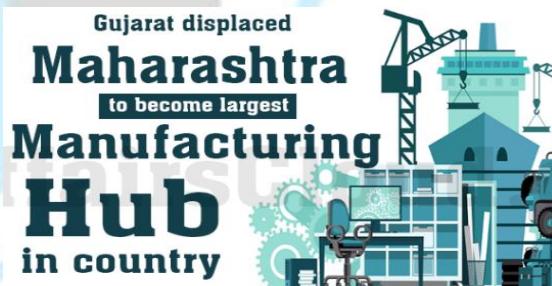
India released

the **list of most powerful women in India 2021** in which Union Minister, Ministry of Finance & Ministry of Corporate Affairs **Nirmala Sitharaman ranked 1st**.

She is **followed by** Reliance Foundation Chairperson and Goodwill Ambassador **Nita Ambani in 2nd position**, and **Soumya Swaminathan**, Chief Scientist, World Health Organization (WHO) **at 3rd**.

Gujarat became India's Largest Manufacturing Hub: RBI

- In accordance with the data by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), **Gujarat has surpassed Maharashtra to become India's leading manufacturing hub**. Its **Gross Value Addition (GVA)** in manufacturing grew **9%** annually between FY12 to FY20 to Rs 5.11 lakh crore.
- In terms of manufacturing, Maharashtra is followed by **Tamil Nadu** with a GVA of Rs 3.43 lakh crore **at 3rd spot**, **Karnataka (4th)** at Rs 2.1 lakh crore, and **Uttar Pradesh-UP (5th)** at Rs 1.87 lakh crore.
- **GVA** indicates economic growth in supply of goods and services. It is **GDP minus net product taxes**.



Govt will launch SRESHTA scheme for development of SC students

- The government will launch **Scheme for Residential Education for Students in High Schools in Targeted Areas (SRESHTA)** for socioeconomic upliftment and overall development of Scheduled Castes students.
- It will be launched on 6th December on **Mahaparinirvan Diwas of Dr B R Ambedkar**. It will enable bright SC students to have a better future by getting a high-quality education. It will also aid in controlling dropout rates of SC students from class 9th to 12th.



Earth Station of Doordarshan Kendra inaugurated in Gorakhpur, UP

- Union Minister of Information and Broadcasting **Anurag Singh Thakur** and UP Chief Minister **Yogi Adityanath** inaugurated **Earth Station of Doordarshan Kendra in Gorakhpur**.

- This will be the **second earth station** of Doordarshan in Uttar Pradesh and it is being built at a cost of Rs. 7 crores. Three FM stations of All India Radio were also inaugurated virtually on the occasion.

Smart Cities Mission's implementation timeline has been extended to June 2023

- Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) extended the timeline for the implementation of the Smart Cities Mission (SCM) for all 100 participating cities to **June 2023** due to the COVID-19 induced slowdown and other factors.
- The Mission was launched in the year **FY2015-16** & set a target of five years i.e., FY2019-20.
- This decision is also based upon the recommendations made by **NITI (National Institution for Transforming India) Aayog in August 2021**.
- The central government has released Rs 27,235 crores to states and union territories (UTs) for their smart cities.



Hornbill Festival celebrated in Naga Heritage village Kisama, Nagaland

- The biggest cultural extravaganza of **Nagaland**, the **Hornbill Festival** has kicked off with colorful renditions of traditional music, dances, and contemporary in one roof at **Naga Heritage village Kisama**.
- It is the **22nd edition of the Hornbill festival** and will be celebrated in **6 districts of Nagaland**. It was held for the first time in **1 December 2000**
- The opening ceremony culminated with the flight of the Hornbill- A musical presentation by Task Force for Music and Arts Nagaland



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Positive thinking, hard work, discipline and patience are the four pillars of my success."
..... Sunita (RO)

Sunita has earned a proud achievement by getting selected in the 64th BPSC as a "Revenue officer" for which She deserves praise and our heartfelt congratulations. Her interview with PRAM IAS is originally presented here.

PI-On behalf of the whole PRAM IAS Team a big Congratulation on your Success in 64th BPSC exam.

SUNITA- Dhanyawad sir.

PI-Wh

en you saw your result then how was your reaction and what u felt after that?

Ms Sunita- The day when results about to come, there was lot of excitement going on me and I was very positive about my result as I was confident that I will be selected.

PI- To whom you want to give credit for your success?

Ms.Sunita- I want to give credit for my success to my husband and children because the way they had confidence over my ability that I can clear this exam without any doubt was my source of motivation. They constantly used to keep me in a positive mindset ambience and that support, love and their energy made me to propel through the all phases of this long journey and at last I achieved success in this exam.

PI- How and when did you decide that you want to be a civil servant?

Ms.Sunita-Sir, since childhood I was kind of had mindset that I want to do something big, But the problem was I

Bio-Data

Name-Sunita kumari

Father's Name-Shio Pujan Ram

Mother's Name-Lt.Manorathi devi

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EDUCATION QUALIFICATION

- 10TH -1996-BHSS Bokaro (54%)
- 12TH -1998-BIC Patna (64%)
- B.A SOCIOLOGY (Hons)-2011-VBU Hazaribagh (63%)

was not clear what exactly I want to achieve and how to do it. But post marriage, I started feeling something missing in my life, I realised

and started asking myself "What happened about my dreams of doing something big or dream of helping the society? As I always said my family especially my husband really understand and support me, one day he talked about this and finally said that **you are born for doing something great**, and ignited that long dream of helping the society. He suggested me to prepare for civil service examination and thereafter my story of becoming officer begun.

PI- During the preparation what was the most challenging thing that you faced and how did you overcome it?

Ms.Sunita-During preparation the biggest problem that I faced was management of time since i was a housewife and there are lot of responsibilities such as household daily chores, looking after kids etc. As I belong to a normal middle class family so hiring someone for domestic work was not possible. I want to tell everyone that this exam demands time and we need to devote a decent time on subjects to make our preparation solid. So in order to overcome this time issue I started taking help from YouTube and used to listen subject lectures while working although only few things retained in memory but atleast I was learning something. In short, I can say that coming of Jio Net was a boon for me as it gave me flexibility of learning things in other way.

PI- Since BPSC exam process is a long journey, so how actually you kept yourself motivated in those days and what you want to suggest to others regarding motivation to maintain the positive mindset?

Ms.Sunita-There is no such thing as that I can share as a particular motivation factor, my preparation was



"Weaknesses are just strengths in the wrong environment."-----SUNITA

bit different as I prepared for one step at a time like when the prelims exam coming I focused on that and during mains I prepared for mains and likewise same for interview.

So I can say that the biggest motivation was when my family gave me permission and support to start preparation then it was like opening the flood gate, the stored water will flow automatically.

The same way my dream of becoming officer pushed me to do as much hard work as possible. I believed that you don't need any such external reference for motivation as the internal wish to achieve something in life will keep you stand on your toe till you achieve your goal.

PI-Can you please share the strategy and booklist for prelims, mains and interview that you followed during your preparation?

Strategy

Keep syllabus with you all the time, Read Previous year question to understand the pattern of questions., Have command over Current Affairs, Read subjects from limited books.

For Preliminary

Ghatnachakara, Lucent or Crown (Objective) Book. You can rely on YouTube for Bihar Current Affairs., Edutaria Magazine

For Mains

History – CME Notes

For Current Affairs-

YouTube Videos, Magazine – Vision IAS, Drishti, Pratiyogita Darpan.

Data Interpretation –

Basic Math and S K Jha Sir Book

If Possible Join any Answer Writing group such as PRAM IAS Free Mains Answer Writing @ <https://t.me/pramias>

Telegram group.

PI-What was your optional Subject and can you tell in short the preparation process regarding your optional?

Ms.Sunita-I have kept sociology optional which I studied in my graduation degree. I studied D D Sharma and N L Gupta sir notes and book of S S Pandey sir. I will request you to please do solve the Previous year question as it will help you completing the syllabus.

I will suggest you to please incorporate social events in your answer as it will make your answers more attractive.

Personal qualities

My strength positive thinking in any adverse situation,.

Weakness is giving more importance to others sometimes harming me. I will suggest everyone to think about yourselves also (on priority basis) and grow in life as when you are capable then you can help lots of other people too.

Hobby My hobby is painting and sketching. Even in my interview I mentioned same thing. Apart from this, I also like gardening and plantation, especially herbal plants.

PI- Any suggestions for the future civil service aspirants regarding preparation approach?

Ms.Sunita -My suggestion to the future aspirants is to choose your sources wisely otherwise at the end your output will be zero . And it is very important to have grip over your strong subjects and at the same time try to improve the weak subjects. Learn the art of collecting data from magazine as this data will help you in making your answer better. At the end will like to say time is valuable please use it carefully as it can make or break your future.

PI—Thank you very much SUNITA and wishing you all the best for your Future endeavours

2. International News

India will become 3rd largest economy in 2031 as per CEBR's World Economic League Table 2022

- As per the **Centre for Economics and Business Research's (CEBR)** World Economic League Table 2022, India was predicted to become the **6th largest economy (by overtaking France) in 2022** and become the **3rd largest economy in 2031**.
- The annual league table also predicted that China will overtake the US to be the largest economy in 2030 (two years later than the forecast in 2021). The world economy is set to surpass \$100 trillion for the first time in 2022.



India and Maldives signed an MoU to launch pilot project on 'pre-arrival customs data exchange'

- India and Maldives** signed an **MoU between the customs** of two countries for the joint launch of a pilot project on '**pre-arrival customs data exchange**' in a virtual ceremony .
- It was **launched by Vivek Johri, Chairman Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC)**, and **Abdulla Shareef, Commissioner General, Maldives Customs Service**.
- This MoU **helps in faster Export-Import (EXIM) clearances**, fast-track customs payments, and help identify frauds.



About Maldives:

- Capital: Male Currency: Rufiyaa President: Ibrahim Mohamed Solih

"2019 Anti-Doping Rule Violations (ADRVs) Report: India ranked 3rd; Russia topped

- World Anti Doping Agency (WADA)** has published its latest report titled "**2019 Anti-Doping Rule Violations (ADRVs) Report**", compiled based on decisions received by WADA before 31 January 2021.
- India ranked 3rd** among dope violators in the world with **152 (17 percent of the world total) ADRVs**.
- Bodybuilding (57), Weightlifting (25), and Athletics (20)** have recorded more number of **dope offenders** in India. **Russia tops** the list with 167 ADRVs, followed by **Italy** with 157 ADRVs. **Brazil (78)** and **Iran (70)** have ranked 4th and 5th respectively.

List of India's Rank Different Index 2021

1. Global Drug Policy Index 2021:	18th
2. <i>Climate Change Performance Index 2022:</i>	10th
3. <i>2021 TRACE global Bribery Risk Rankings:</i>	82nd
4. <i>World Talent Ranking report 2021:</i>	56th
5. <i>Global Health Security Index 2021:</i>	66th
6. <i>Hurun's Global Unicorn Index 2021:</i>	3rd
7. <i>2021 Mercer CFS Global Pension Index (MCGPI) survey:</i>	40th
8. <i>World Justice Project's (WJP) Rule of Law Index 2021:</i>	79th
9. <i>Global Drug Policy Index 2021:</i>	18th

Hurun's Global Unicorn Index 2021: India ranked 3rd; US topped

- As per the **Global Unicorn Index 2021 report** released by the **Hurun Research Institute**, **India** ranked at **third (by adding 33 'unicorns')** in **2020** by displacing the **United Kingdom (UK)** to the 4th spot.
- The **United States** and **China** still continue to bag the top two ranks in the list by adding 254 and 74 unicorns, respectively. US, China comprise 74% of unicorns.
- Unicorns are privately held start-up companies having a valuation of more than \$1 billion.



NITI Aayog & UN-WFP signed Sol to mainstream millets in government programmes

- National Institution for Transforming India (**NITI Aayog**) has signed a Statement of Intent with the **United Nations World Food Program** for mainstreaming of millets and supporting India in taking lead globally in knowledge exchange using the opportunity of **2023 as International Year of Millets**.
- The Sol focuses on strategic and technical collaboration between NITI Aayog and WFP to strengthen climate-resilient agriculture for enhanced food and nutrition security in India.
- Aim:** To build resilient livelihoods for small-holder farmers and adopt the capacities to climate change and transforming food systems.



About NITI Aayog:

- Formed: 1 January 2015
- Chairperson: Narendra Modi
- CEO: Amitabh Kant.
- Headquarters: New Delhi
- Vice Chairperson: Rajiv Kumar

Karl Nehammer sworn in as Chancellor of Austria

- Karl Nehammer** was sworn in as **Austria's chancellor** by Alexander Van der Bellen, President of Austria in a ceremony in Hofburg Palace, Vienna, Austria.
- He is **succeeding** the career diplomat **Alexander Schallenberg** who took charge as chancellor in October 2021. He is the 3rd person to hold the role of Austria's Chancellor in the last two months.

World's Most Admired Men 2021: PM Modi secured 8th spot

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has **ranked 8th** on **Yougov's Annual list of the world's top 20 most admired men**.
- PM Modi is ahead of Shah Rukh Khan, Amitabh Bachchan and Virat Kohli. The list has been compiled taking feedback from 42,000 people in 38 countries.
- Apart from PM Modi, the other Indian men who, according to the survey, were the most admired in 2021 include **Sachin Tendulkar, Shah Rukh Khan, Amitabh Bachchan and Virat Kohli**.



Dubai became world's 1st 100% paperless government

- Dubai became the **world's first government** to turn **100% paperless**, the announcement was made by the **United Arab Emirate (UAE)** Crown Prince, Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum.
- It will save around **3 billion Dirham (USD 350 million)** and **14-million-man hours**. The digitization will provide all the govt. services to customers & **reduce paper consumption by more than 336 million papers**.
- All the exceptional digital services can be accessed by the Citizens through **"Dubai Now application"**.

India & Vietnam signed agreement to establish partnership in Digital Media and in the field of IT

- Government of **India** signed a **Letter of Intent (LoI)** with Government of **Vietnam**, to **enable collaboration in the field of digital media** and strengthen the partnership between India and Vietnam.



Global Health Security Index 2021: India ranked 66th; USA topped

Rank	Country	Score
1	USA	75.9
2	Australia	71.1
3	Finland	70.9
4	Canada	69.8
5	Thailand	68.2
66	India	42.8
193	North Korea	16.1
194	Yemen	16.1
195	Somalia	16.0

- As per the Global Health Security (GHS) Index 2021, the world's average overall GHS Index score was reduced to 38.9 (out of 100) in 2021, from a score of 40.2 in the GHS Index, 2019.
- India ranked 66 out of 195 countries with an overall Index score of 42.8 and along with a change of -0.8 from 2019. The United States of America (USA) ranked 1st on the index with a score of 75.9 followed by Australia and Finland.
- GHS Index is developed in partnership with **the Nuclear Threat Initiative (NTI)** and the **Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security** at the Bloomberg School of Public Health.

India re-elected to International Maritime Organisation Council for 2022-2023

- India has been **re-elected to International Maritime Organisation (IMO)** Council for the **2022-2023** biennium under category B states.

Candidates for IMO Council:

- Category (a) 10 States with the largest interest in providing international shipping services: China, Greece, Italy, Japan, Norway, Panama, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and United States.
- Category (b) 10 State with the largest interest in international seaborne trade: India, Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, France, Germany, Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, United Arab Emirates.



India assumed the chairmanship of Council of Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure of SCO

- India assumed the Chairmanship of Council of Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (RATS SCO) for 1 year from October 28, 2021.
- The National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS), Government of India, in association with Data Security Council of India (DSCI), as a Knowledge Partner, organized a 2-day Practical Seminar on 'Securing Cyberspace in the Contemporary Threat Environment' (on December 7 and 8, 2021) for delegates from SCO member States.
- The seminar is the **1st event** to be hosted by India during its Chairmanship of Council of RATS SCO.



World Talent Ranking report 2021: India ranked 56th; Switzerland retained top spot

- IMD World Competitive Centre published its "World Talent Ranking Report" on December 9, 2021. In the report, Europe has dominated the ranking in 2021. Global top 10 countries are from this region. **Switzerland has retained its top spot. India has been ranked at 56th position.**
- In the Middle East & North Africa, UAE maintained its second position, following Israel (first in this region). Israel has been ranked 22nd. In the Arab world, **UAE maintained its top position.** The UAE have improved its global talent ranking by one position to 23rd.
- Taiwan has been ranked at **third place in Asia** while at **16th place In Overall**, Taiwan has been ranked behind Hong Kong (11) and Singapore (12) but ahead of South Korea (34), China (36), and Japan (39).



UNGA granted observer status to International Solar Alliance (ISA)

- The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) granted Observer Status to International Solar Alliance (ISA) by adopting resolution 76/123.**
- This decision has been taken based on the UNGA's Sixth Committee report. In November 2015, ISA was jointly launched by India and France during the 21st session of the United Nations Climate Change COP-21 in Paris, France to promote solar energy among its Member Countries.



About International Solar Alliance (ISA):

- Founded: 30 November 2015
- Membership: 124 members of UN
- Headquarters: Gurugram
- Director-General: Ajay Mathur

World Inequality Report 2022: India among most unequal countries

- Paris-based **World Inequality Lab** has released **World Inequality Report 2022**, authored by **Lucas Chancel**, co-director of World Inequality Lab, and was coordinated by famed French economist **Thomas Piketty**.
- As per the report 2022, **India is now among the most unequal countries in the world** with an affluent elite.
- The **average national income of the Indian adult population** is **Rs 204,200**. While the **bottom half** of the Indian population **earns Rs 53,610**, the **top 10% earns** twenty times more (around **Rs 11,66,520**). **Top 10% and top 1%** hold respectively **57% and 22%** of total national income, while share of the **bottom 50%** has gone down to **13%**. The ratio in the richest nation that is the **US**, is **1 to 17**.



Asia Power Index 2021: India ranked as 4th most Powerful Country in Asia

- As per the **Lowy Institute Asia Power Index 2021**, **India Ranked 4th most powerful country in Asia** for comprehensive power out of 26 countries, with an overall score of 37.7 out of 100.
- The **top 10 countries for overall power in the Asia-Pacific region** are the **US, China, Japan, India, Russia, Australia, South Korea, Singapore, Indonesia, and Thailand**.

Rank	Country	Score out of 100
1	United States (US)	82.2
2	China	74.6
3	Japan	38.7
4	India	37.7
5	Russia	33.0

EAM S Jaishankar addressed 5th Indian Ocean Conference in Abu Dhabi

- The union minister **Subrahmanyam Jaishankar**, Ministry of External Affairs (EAM) visited Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (UAE) to attend the **5th Indian Ocean Conference on December 4-5, 2021**.
- The theme of the conference was '**Indian Ocean: Ecology, Economy, Epidemic**'.
- The Conference is **chaired by Sri Lankan President, Gotabaya Rajapaksa** & Vice Chairs are **S.Jaishankar, Vivian Balakrishnan, Sayyid Badr Bin Hamad Bin Hamoud Al Busaidi**.
- The conference is being **organised by India Foundation in collaboration with the RSIS Singapore, Institute of National Security Studies (INSS), Sri Lanka, and the Emirates Centre for Strategic Studies and Research (ECSSR), UAE**.



India and EU will set up Clean Energy and Climate Partnership

- India and European Union (EU) have agreed to step up Clean Energy and Climate Partnership at India-EU Energy Panel meet.
- They jointly agreed on a detailed work program until 2023 to implement the 2016 India-EU Clean Energy and Climate Partnership. They agreed on increased technical cooperation in energy efficiency, renewable energy, green hydrogen, etc.
- The meet was co-chaired by **Reenat Sandhu from India** and Mechthild Wörnsdörfer from European Commission.



World Cooperative Monitor report 2021: IFFCO ranked 1st among Top 300 cooperatives in the world

- The Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited (IFFCO) has been ranked '**number one Cooperative**' among the top 300 cooperatives in the world in the 2021 edition of the 10th Annual World Cooperative Monitor (WCM) report, withholding its position from 2020 edition.
- The **2021 WCM report** is published by the **International Cooperative Alliance (ICA)** and **European Research Institute on Cooperative and Social Enterprises (Euricse)**.
- WCM is a project designed to collect robust economic, organizational, and social data about cooperatives worldwide.



India joined the G20 'Troika' with Indonesia and Italy

- **India** has joined '**G20 Troika**' and will work closely with **Indonesia** and **Italy** to ensure consistency and continuity of G20's agenda.
- Apart from India, **Troika consists of Indonesia and Italy. India will assume G20 Presidency in December 2022** from Indonesia and will convene the G20 Leaders' Summit for the first time in 2023.
- **Troika** refers to the **top grouping within G20 that consists of the current, previous, and incoming presidencies** – Italy (December 2020-2021); Indonesia (December 2021-2022); India (December 2022-2023).
- **The theme for G20 Leaders' Summit 2022:** "Recover Together, Recover Stronger".



About Group of Twenty (G20):

- Established: 1999
- Members: 20 (19 countries + European Union)

Barbados the World's newest republic,

- **Barbados** has become the **World's newest republic**, around 400 years **after it became a British colony**. Barbados is said to have been made a '**slave society**' by the British. It first became an English colony in 1625. It gained its independence in 1966. Barbados, the Caribbean Island nation, removed **Queen Elizabeth II** as the head of the state



Aung San Suu Kyi was sentenced to four years imprisonment

- Myanmar's ousted civilian leader, **Aung San Suu Kyi** was sentenced to **four years imprisonment** after being found guilty on two charges, the first verdicts in a raft of criminal cases that the country's military has brought against her since seizing power 10 months ago. Ms Suu Kyi was convicted of charges of incitement and violating pandemic rules. The 76-year-old Nobel Peace Prize laureate is facing a total of 11 charges which can bring in a maximum imprisonment of 102 years

EIU's Worldwide Cost of Living Index 2021: Tel Aviv, Israel ranked 1st

- According to the **Economist Intelligence Unit's (EIU) Worldwide Cost of Living Index 2021**, Tel Aviv, Israel has become the **most expensive city** in the world to live in 2021,



pushing **Paris, France**, and **Singapore** jointly to occupy the **second spot** with **Zurich** and **Hong Kong** at the **fourth** and **fifth** spots respectively.

- **Syria's Damascus** was ranked as the **world's cheapest city**. The Worldwide Cost of Living Index examines the cost of living in 173 cities and measures impactful global events that are conducted twice a year.

Rank	City
1	Tel Aviv, Israel
2	Paris, France
2	Singapore, Singapore
4	Zurich, Switzerland
5	Hong Kong, Hong Kong
6	New York, United States
7	Geneva, Switzerland
8	Copenhagen, Denmark
9	Los Angeles, United States
10	Osaka, Japan

US will not attend the 2022 Winter Olympics held in Beijing

- The Biden administration has announced that **US officials will not attend the 2022 Winter Olympics in Beijing** after China pledged unspecified "countermeasures" against any such diplomatic boycott. The US cited that "China's human rights ATROCITIES" is the main reason for its boycott. The US has named the boycott as "**Diplomatic Boycott**".
- **Canada** will also join the **United States, the United Kingdom and Australia** diplomatic boycott of the Beijing Winter Olympics over human rights concerns. The announcement came after the White House, the Australian government and the UK government confirmed diplomatic boycotts of the Winter Games in February to protest Chinese human rights abuses. China has vowed to react with "firm countermeasures."

3.Award and honour

1. **Bihar** - Gold Medal Award at 40th edition of **India International Trade Fair (IITF) 2021**
2. **V Praveen Rao** - 7th **Dr. M S Swaminathan Award** for 2017-19
3. **IGI Airport, Delhi** - 'Best Airport in India and Central Asia' in 2021 by Skytrax
4. **Anju Bobby George** - Woman of Year Award at **World Athletics Awards 2021**
5. **Nilmani Phookan Jr & Damodar Mauzo** - **Jnanpith Award**
6. **Neena Gupta** - **Ramanujan Prize** for Young Mathematicians
7. **Harnaaz Sandhu** - **Miss Universe 2021**
8. **Elon Musk** - TIME Magazine's '**Person of the Year**' for 2021
9. **Simone Biles** - Time Magazine's 2021 **Athlete of the Year**
10. **PM Modi** - **Bhutan's highest civilian award**
11. **Avani Lekhara** - '**Best Female Debut**' honour at 2021 **Paralympic Sport Awards**
12. **SAIL** - **Golden Peacock Environment Management Award 2021**
13. **Divya Hegde**- **UN Women's Award for Leadership Commitment 2021**
14. **P. Jindal Global University** - "Digital Innovation of the Year"
15. **Anil Prakash Joshi, Vidyut Mohan and Ridhima Pandey** - **Mother Teresa Memorial Award**
16. **Viral Desai** - **Global Environment and Climate Action Citizen Award 2021**
17. **Anukruti Upadhyay** - **Sushila Devi Award 2021** for her novel, *Kintsugi*
18. **Alia Bhatt** named PETA India's 2021 '**Person of the Year**'
19. **Sahitya Akademi Award 2021**
 - **Namita Gokhale** won in English for her novel '**Things to Leave Behind**'
 - **Daya Prakash Sinha** (Hindi) won *Sahitya Akademi Award 2021*
20. **Bal Sahitya Puraskar 2021**: The Bal Sahitya Puraskar 2021 was given in 22 Indian languages, no Bal Sahitya Puraskar was given in **Gujarati and Punjabi** languages this year.
 - **Anita Vaccharajani** (English) for the biography "**Amrita Sher-Gil: Rebel with a Paintbrush**"
 - Hindi writer **Devendra Mewari** won the award for his play titled "**Natak Natak me Vigyan**".

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4. Defence News

Rajnath Singh laid foundation stone for Technology & Test Centre and BRAHMOS Manufacturing Centre of DRDO in Lucknow

- Minister **Rajnath Singh** has laid the foundation stone for **Technology and Test Centre (DTTC)** and **BRAHMOS Manufacturing Centre**, established by Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) in **Lucknow**.
- BRAHMOS** supersonic cruise missile system is to act as a deterrent and reflects the technical cooperation between India and Russia, but also the long-standing cultural, political and diplomatic ties.
- The first of its kind DTTC will be spread over 22 acres area. It aims to accelerate the growth of and aerospace manufacturing in the **Uttar Pradesh Industrial Corridor (UP DIC)**.



Indian Army launched in-house messaging app ASIGMA

- The Indian Army launched a contemporary messaging application named '**ASIGMA**' (**Army Secure IndiGenious Messaging Application**).
- It is a new generation web-based application developed entirely in-house by a team of officers of the Corps of Signals of the Army.
- It works as an alternative to **Army Wide Area Network (AWAN)** messaging application which has been in service for the past 15 years.



About Indian Army:

- Founded: 1 April 1895
- Chief of the Army Staff: Manoj Mukund Naravane

DRDO conducted flight tests of indigenously developed surface-to-surface missile 'Pralay'

- DRDO** successfully test-fired short-range, **surface to surface-guided ballistic missile 'Pralay'** from **APJ Abdul Kalam Island**, off the coast of Odisha.
- Pralay** is the **solid-fuel**, battlefield missile based on **Prithvi Vehicle** from the Indian ballistic missile program, developed by **Research Development Organisation (DRDO)**.
- Pralay** is a **150-500 km** short-range, **surface-to-surface missile** with a payload capacity of 500-1,000 kg.



Launch Missile with range by DRDO IN NEWS

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| "Prithvi II"-350 Km | "Brahmos"-400Km | "Shaurya"-1000Km |
| "Pranash"-200Km | "K-4 nuclear"-3500Km | "Nirbhay": 1500Km |
| 'Akash-NG': 60 KM | Agni-5: 5000 KM | Pinaka ER: 70 Km |
| Stand-off Anti-tank (SANT) Missile: 10 KM | | |
| Agni P Ballistic Missile: 1000 to 2000KM | | |

Indian Navy's 2nd indigenous stealth destroyer 'Mormugao' sailed for maiden sea trials

- Indian Navy's indigenous stealth guided-missile destroyer 'Mormugao' went for her maiden sea trials. This second indigenous stealth destroyer of the Project 15 B (P15B) class, is planning to be commissioned in mid-2022.
- Mormugao is being built at Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd as part of Project 15B destroyers and incorporates several indigenous technologies.

DRDO successfully test-fired new generation ballistic missile 'Agni P'

- Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully test-fired its new generation **Agni Prime (Agni-P)** missile from a base at Dr APJ Abdul Kalam island off the Odisha coast in Balasore.
- The Agni-P is a new generation advanced variant of the Agni class of missiles. The surface nuclear capable ballistic missile with a range of 1000 to 2000 km.
- The missile was designed and developed completely by the DRDO.



HAL signed Rs 2,400 crores contract with BEL for 83 LCA Tejas Mk1A fighters

- Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) signed a Rs 2,400 crores contract with Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) for development and supply of 20 types of systems for 83 LCA (Light Combat Aircraft) Tejas Mk1A fighter aircraft programme.
- The duration of the contract is 5 years i.e., from 2023 to 2028. Notably, this is HAL's biggest order on any Indian company thus boosting the 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' campaign.
- The order for supply of these systems will be executed by two units of BEL at Bengaluru (Karnataka), and Panchkula (Haryana).



IIT-Delhi signed MoU with IAF to improve indigenisation efforts

- IIT-Delhi signed an MoU with Indian Air Force (IAF) to support requirements towards indigenous solutions in various weapon systems.
- Under the MoU, The IAF has identified key focus areas involving development of technology and finding indigenous solutions towards sustenance of various weapon systems.
- The partnership between IIT Delhi and IAF will also boost the efforts by Base Repair Depots (BRDs) of Maintenance Command IAF.

DRDO successfully test-fired Supersonic Missile Assisted Release of Torpedo System (SMART)

- DRDO has successfully launched a long-range **Supersonic Missile Assisted Release of Torpedo (SMART) System** from Abdul Kalam Island, off the Odisha coast.
- **SMART** has been designed to enhance anti-submarine warfare capability far beyond the conventional range of torpedo.
- The weapon system is a **next-generation missile-based standoff torpedo delivery system**, it is being developed by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) for the Indian Navy.



Recent Tests by DRDO:

- Indigenously developed helicopter-launched **stand-off anti-tank (SANT)** missile
- Extended Range **Pinaka rocket system (Pinaka-ER)**
- **Area Denial Munitions (ADM)** and indigenously developed **fuzes**
- **Air version of the BrahMos** supersonic cruise missile from Sukhoi 30 MK-I aircraft
- Indigenously-developed **Smart Anti-Airfield Weapon (SAAW)**
- Indigenously-designed **Abhyas** – High-speed Expendable Aerial Target (HEAT)

IAF-DRDO flight-tested Helicopter-launched SANT Missile from Pokhran Range, Rajasthan

- Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and Indian Air Force (IAF) successfully flight-tested the indigenously designed and developed Helicopter launched (air-launched) **Stand-off Anti-tank (SANT)** Missile from the Pokhran range in Rajasthan.
- It should be noted that it is for **the first time** that this was launched from a Russian origin Mi-35 helicopter gunship.
- It is equipped with state-of-the-art Millimetre Wave Seeker which provides high precision strike capability from safe distance.
- It can neutralise targets in a range up to 10 km. SANT missile has been designed and developed by Research Centre Imarat, Hyderabad.



DRDO successfully test-fired Pinaka-ER, ADM & indigenous Fuzes

- Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has successfully test-fired Pinaka Extended Range (**Pinaka-ER**), **Area Denial Munitions (ADM)**, and indigenously developed **fuzes**.
- Pinaka-ER is the upgraded version of the earlier version of Pinaka which has been in service with Indian Army. It has been designed in the light of emerging requirements with advanced technologies.
- ARDE, Pune has developed different fuzes for Pinaka rocket for different types of applications



India inked deal with Russia for procurement of AK-203 assault rifles

- India has signed a contract with Indo-Russia Rifles Pvt. Ltd., a Joint Venture between India and Russia for the indigenous production of over 6 Lakh AK-203 Assault Rifles at **Korwa, UP**.
- It envisages the complete transfer of technology to IRRPL by **Kalashnikov** in the manufacturing of the first 70,000 weapons.
- Rest of the 5.31 lakh weapons will be completely indigenous realizing Govt's vision of Make in India and expanding exports. The whole order will be produced in 10 years

India Russia AK-203 Assault Rifle Deal



DRDO test-fired air version of the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile from Sukhoi 30 MK-I aircraft

- India successfully test-fired the **air version** of the **BrahMos supersonic cruise missile** from the integrated test range of **Chandipur**, off the coast of Odisha. The air version of the missile was test-fired from supersonic fighter aircraft **Sukhoi 30 MK-I**.
- BrahMos is a **joint venture** between **DRDO (India)** and **NPO Mashinostroyeniya (Russia)** for the development, production, and marketing of the supersonic cruise missile which has been inducted into the Indian **Armed Forces**.
- The missile derives its name from the rivers of **Brahmaputra** in India and **Moskva** in Russia.



Sandhayak, 1st of the 4 ships under Survey Vessel (Large) project for Indian Navy, launched at GRSE, Kolkata

- Sandhayak**, the first of the four Survey Vessels (Large) Project being built for the Indian Navy (IN) was launched in Hooghly River of Kolkata, West Bengal (WB) in the presence of Minister of State (MoS) Ajay Bhatt, Ministry of (MoD).
- These Vessels have been designed and developed by Public Sector Undertaking (DPSU), **Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE)**.
- The contract for building four survey ships is priced at Rs 2435 Crores. It was signed between MoD and GRSE on Oct 30, 2018.

A joint military exercise PANEX-21 with BIMSTEC countries will be held in Pune

- The **Indian Army** is organising a multi-nation **Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief Exercise** with a special focus on relief in the backdrop of the **Covid-19 pandemic**.
- The exercise has been called **PANEX 21** and will involve **Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Thailand, and India—BIMSTEC countries**.
- The aim of the exercise is to foster joint planning and build regional cooperation for responding to natural disasters. **PANEX 21** is planned to be conducted at Pune from **Dec 20-22**.



PANEX-21 with BIMSTEC Countries

India-Maldives joint military Exercise Ekuverin conducted in Maldives

- The 11th edition of Exercise **EKUVERIN-21** between **India** and **Maldives** will be conducted at **Kadhdhoo Island, Maldives**.
- The exercise will enhance synergy and inter-operability between the Armed Forces of both the nations conducting **Counter-Terrorism** and **Counter-Insurgency Operations**



Exercise	Country
'Khanjar	India and Kyrgyzstan
"VARUNA	India and France
(PASSEX)	India and Indonesia;
Ekuverin	India-Maldives
Hand-in-Hand	India-China
Kurukshetra	India-Singapore
Nomadic Elephant	India -Mongolia
Shakti	India- France
Surya Kiran	India- Nepal
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yudh Abhyas Red Flag "Tiger Triumph" Yudh Abhyas Vajra Prahar 	India- USA
Maitree	India- Thailand
Nomadic Elephant	INDIA - Mongolia
DEFENDER Europe 2	launched by North Atlantic Treaty Organisation in Albania
Steadfast Defender 21 war games	By North Atlantic Treaty Organisation in Europe
Exercise Kavach	Indian Army, Indian Navy and Indian Air

	Force
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Desert Knight-21 and Garuda (Air exercise) • Varuna (Naval exercise) • Shakti (Army exercise) 	Indo-French
AMPHEX – 2	Indian Army, Indian Navy and Indian Air Force
SLINEX, Mitra Shakti	India-Sri Lanka
Indra	India-rusia
Za'ir-Al-Bahr	India –Qatar
JIMEX, Dharma Guardian, and Malabar-	India-japan
Samudra Shakti-	India- Indonesia
SIMBEX	India—Singapore

Bangladesh, US conducted bilateral exercise CARAT



- US military personnel and Bangladesh Navy began the 27th annual **Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT)** maritime exercise virtually and also in the Bay of Bengal.






- The nine-day exercise focuses on a wide range of naval capabilities and includes cooperative actions that demonstrate the US

and Bangladesh's capacity to work together to ensure a free and open Indo-Pacific.

- Since 2011, the Bangladesh Navy has been participating in the CARAT exercise, which is celebrating its 27th anniversary this year

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6. Appointment and Resignation

person	Appointment	Person	appointment
Gen MM Naravane appointed as Chairman of Chiefs of Staff Committee		Sanjiv Mehta Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) President	
Rishabh Pant 'State Brand Ambassador OF Uttarakhand appointed'		Sambit Patra New Chairman of India Tourism Development Corporation	
Pradeep Kumar Rawat India's next Ambassador to China		Olaf Scholz Germany's new chancellor	
Eva Magdalena Andersson 1st female Prime Minister (PM) of Sweden		Vivek Johri new Chairman of the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC).	
Catherine Russell appointed as the new head of UNICEF		Parag Agrawal has been appointed as the new CEO of Twitter	
Gita Gopinath New First Deputy Managing Director of IMF		Alka Upadhyaya chairperson of the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)	
Naomi Kawase named as UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador for Cultural and Creative Industries		Anupam Ray India's next permanent representative to the UN Conference on Disarmament in Geneva.	

7.Important day

- **1 December:-** World AIDS Day (Theme 2021: End inequalities. End AIDS and End Pandemics.)
- **2 December:-** International Day for the Abolition of Slavery
 - **(Theme 2021: “Ending Slavery’s Legacy of Racism: A Global Imperative for Justice”)**
- **2 December:-** World Computer Literacy Day
- **3 December:-** International Day of Persons with Disabilities
- **4 December:-** Indian Navy Day
- **5 December:-** World Soil Day
 - **(Theme 2021: “Halt soil salinization, boost soil productivity”)**
- **5 December:-** International Volunteer Day
 - **(Theme 2021: “Volunteer now for our common future”.)**
- **6 December:-** India, Bangladesh celebrated Maitiri Diwas
- **7 December:-** International Civil Aviation Day
 - **(Theme 2021-23: “Advancing Innovation for Global Aviation Development”)**
- **9 December:-** International Anti-Corruption Day
 - **(Theme 2021: “Your right, your role: say no to corruption”)**
- **10 December:-** International Human Rights Day
 - **(Theme 2021: “Equality – Reducing inequalities, advancing human rights.”)**
- **11 December:-** International Mountain Day
 - **(Theme 2021: “Sustainable Mountain Tourism.”)**
- **16 December 2021:** 50th Vijay Diwas observed
- **17 December:-** International Day to End Violence Against Sex Workers
- **18 December:-** Minorities Rights Day
- **18 December:-** International Migrants Day
 - **(Theme 2021: Harnessing the potential of human mobility)**
- **19 December:-** Goa Liberation Day
- **22 December:-** National Mathematics Day
- **20-25 December:-** Good Governance Week 2021
 - **(Theme: “Prashasan Gaon Ki Aur” A film on “Prashasan Gaon Ki Aur” will also be screened.)**
- **23 December:-** National Farmer’s Day

8.The hindu summary

1. **The Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited (IFFCO)** has been **ranked 'number one Cooperative'** among the top 300 cooperatives in the world. The ranking is based on the ratio of turnover over the gross domestic product (GDP) per capit
2. **According to Lowy Institute Asia Power Index 2021, India** has ranked **4th** most powerful country in the Asia-Pacific region for comprehensive power out of 26 countries, with an overall score of 37.7 out of 100. India's overall score declined by 2 points compared to 2020. India again falls short of the major power threshold in 2021. India is one of 18 countries in Asia to trend downward in its overall score in 2021.
3. **International Institute for Management Development (IMD)** World Competitive Centre published its **"World Talent Ranking Report"**. In the report, Europe has dominated the ranking in 2021. Global top 10 countries are from this region. **Switzerland has retained its top spot. India has been ranked at 56th position.** In the Middle East & North Africa, UAE maintained its second position, following Israel (first in this region). Israel has been ranked 22nd.
4. As per the **Global Health Security (GHS) Index 2021**, the world's average overall GHS Index score was reduced to 38.9 (out of 100) in 2021, from a score of 40.2 in the GHS Index, 2019. **India ranked 66 out of 195 countries** with an overall Index score of 42.8 and along with a change of -0.8 from 2019. **The United States of America (USA) ranked 1st** on the index with a score of 75.9 followed by Australia and Finland.
5. **Maharashtra has topped** the list of states with **the maximum number of beneficiaries** under the **Atmanirbhar Bharat Rojgar Yojana (ABRY)**, followed by Tamil Nadu and Gujarat.
6. **Spam call rates** in India have spiked again, with the country moving up in global rankings from **9th position to 4th position** owing to a significant in sales and telemarketing calls in 2021, according to the latest insights by callerID, spam detection and blocking company, **Truecaller**. The top three countries in the world with maximum spam based calls were **Brazil, Peru and Ukraine.**
7. **Reliance Industries Ltd, India's largest corporate by revenues**, profits and market value, On the global rankings chart for top Multinational Corporations(MNC), **Facebook tops the index**, followed by **Google's Alphabet Inc.** Notably, **Reliance** is ranked **eighth on global rankings for top MNCs.**
8. **Telangana** has secured 1st place among the 34 states and Union Territories that implement the **Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission (SPMRM).**
9. **Varanasi**, a city in Uttar Pradesh is all set to become the **first Indian city** to start ropeway service as a mode of public transport in order to ease the traffic congestion. The proposed ropeway will be constructed between Cantt Railway Station (Varanasi Junction) to Church Square (Godauliya) covering an aerial distance of 3.45 km.

10. **Kerala** Tourism launched the '**STREET**' project to promote and take tourism deep into the interiors and rural hinterland of Kerala.
11. **Nagaland** is celebrating its 59th **Statehood Day on 1 December 2021**. Nagaland was granted statehood on December 1, 1963, with Kohima being declared as its capital.
12. The **Arunachal Pradesh (AP) Government** has signed Bollywood actor **Sanjay Dutt** as the brand ambassador
13. **Jharkhand Chief Minister, Hemant Soren** has launched a web portal named '**Hamar Apan Budget**'. Through this portal, the general public of the state can share their suggestions for the 2022-23 budget.
14. **Gujarat** has left behind **Maharashtra** to become the country's **leading manufacturing hub**,
15. The biggest cultural extravaganza of Nagaland, the **Hornbill Festival** has kicked off with colorful renditions of traditional music, dances, and contemporary in one roof at Naga Heritage **village Kisama**.
16. The **Kazhuveli wetland** situated in Villupuram district **of Tamil Nadu** has been declared as the **16th Bird Sanctuary**
17. **Uttar Pradesh** Cabinet has approved the **Atma Nirbhar Krishak development scheme** for boosting the **agriculture sector**
18. Chief Minister of **Uttarakhand, Pushkar Singh Dhami** has launched the '**Milk Price Incentive Scheme**'. It is a **Direct Bank Transfer (DBT)** scheme, the amount under the scheme would go directly into the accounts of the beneficiaries through their linked bank accounts.
19. The **Haiderpur Wetland** abutting the Madhya Ganga barrage, about 10 km from Bijnor in western **Uttar Pradesh**, has been recognised under the 1971 Ramsar Convention on Wetlands. Uttar Pradesh is now home to 9 **Ramsar wetlands**.
20. In Madhya Pradesh, the first drone fair in the country was organised at Gwalior. Gwalior Drone Mela
21. **Askot Wildlife Sanctuary** in the Pithoragarh district of **Uttarakhand** has been declared as the Askot Wildlife Sanctuary Eco-sensitive Zone (ESZ).
22. The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** has approved a \$112 million loan to strengthen **skills education and training** through the establishment of the **Assam Skill University (ASU)**.
23. **Hemant Soren** has launched a **Sports Action toward Harnessing Aspiration of Youth (SAHAY)** scheme aimed at nurturing young sporting talents in **Maoist-hit districts** of the state. This scheme has been launched to curb the Left Wing Extremism (LWE) which affected 19 of the state's 24 districts. Boys and girls in the **14-19 age group** from villages to ward level will be registered under the scheme and will be given opportunities to display their skills in basketball, **volleyball, hockey and athletics**
24. Goa Liberation Day is observed on 19 December every year in India and it marks the day Indian armed forces freed Goa in 1961 following 450 years of Portuguese rule.
25. **Haryana's** Minister of State for Sports and Youth Affairs, Sandeep Singh launched 'Khel Nursery Scheme

2022-23' to promote sports in the state. T

26. The Chief Minister of Punjab, **Charanjit Singh Channi** has **declared Lord Krishna Balram Jagannath Rath Yatra as an annual state festival**. The announcement for the same was made during flagging off the **25th Shri Lord Krishna Balram Jagannath Rath Yatra**
27. **Chief Minister of Odisha, Naveen Patnaik** has inaugurated the **state's longest bridge, 'T-Setu'**, built over the **Mahanadi River** in Cuttack District, Odisha.
28. • Maharashtra Tourism and Environment Minister, Aaditya Thackeray has launched the Chalo mobile application (app) and Chalo smart cards to facilitate digital and advance purchase of Brihanmumbai Electric Supply and Transport (BEST) bus tickets.

9.Important Schemes and Programmes

Scheme	Purpose
Ghar Tak Fibre Scheme-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On 21 September 2020, Prime Minister Modi inaugurated Ghar Tak Fibre scheme in Bihar to connect all the villages with FTTH connections by March 31, 2021. The scheme aims at connecting all 45,945 villages of Bihar with high-speed optical fibre internet by March 31, 2021.
Atmanirbhar Bharat Scheme-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On 12 May 2020, Prime Minister Modi announced a relief package of Rs 20 lakh crore to ease the coronavirus distress. It will help India in reviving the economy focus on land, labour, liquidity and laws and will benefit farmers, workers, taxpayers, MSMEs and cottage industry
Kisan Suryodaya Yojana-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On 24 October 2020, Prime Minister Modi launched Kisan Suryodaya Yojana to provide day-time power supply for irrigation to the farmers of Gujarat. Under the scheme, farmers of 1055 villages from the 3 districts will have access to electricity from 5 am to 9 pm for irrigation. The Gujarat State Government has allocated Rs. 3,500 crores for installing the transmission infrastructure by the year 2023.
Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY)-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On 10 September 2020, Prime Minister Modi launched Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) to focus on the sustainable development of the fisheries sector in India. The scheme will be implemented at an estimated cost of Rs. 20,050 crores for 5 years, starting from FY 2020-21 till FY 2024-25 in all the Indian States and Union Territories. It aims to enhance fish production in India by an additional 70 lakh tons and increase fisheries export earnings to Rs.1,00,000 crore by FY 2024-25
National Digital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On the occasion of 74th Independence Day (15th August), Prime Minister Modi launched the National Digital Health Mission from the ramparts of Red

Health Mission	<p>Fort to create a national digital health ecosystem, providing affordable and safe healthcare to the citizens of the country.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The mission is purely technology-based and will play a major role in bringing a new revolution in the health sector in the country. Technology will also be roped in to reduce the challenges faced in the treatment. For this, a Health ID card will be issued to every Indian.
Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On 26 March 2020, Prime Minister Modi launched Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana as part of Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojna to feed the poorest citizens of the nation. It aims to feed the poorest citizens of India by providing grains through the Public Distribution System to all the ration cardholders and those identified by the Antyodaya Anna Yojana scheme. Under the scheme, 5 kg of rice or wheat (as per regional dietary preferences) per person and 1 kg of dal to each family holding a ration card will be provided.
PM-CARES for Children' scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Launched on 29th May 2021. All children who have lost both parents or surviving parent or legal guardian/adoptive parents due to Covid 19 will be supported under 'PM-CARES for Children' scheme. It enable their well being through health insurance, empower them through education and equip them for self-sufficient existence with financial support on reaching 23 years of age. PM CARES will contribute through a specially designed scheme to create a corpus of Rs 10 lakh for each child when he or she reaches 18 years of age. This corpus: All children will be enrolled as a beneficiary under <u>Ayushman Bharat Scheme</u> (PM-JAY) with a health insurance cover of Rs. 5 lakhs..The premium amount for these children till the age of 18 years will be paid by PM CARES
Sukanya Samriddhi Scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 'Sukanya Samriddhi Yojna' is a small deposit scheme for girl child, launched as a part of the 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' campaign, Interest rate on deposits : 8.40% Compounded annually Parents or legal guardians can open deposits on behalf of a girl children (including adopted girl child) for up to 2 daughters aged below 10. Three girl children, in case of twin girls as second birth or the first birth itself results in three girl children. Minimum of Rs 250 of initial deposit with multiple of Rs 150 thereafter with annual ceiling of Rs.150000 in a financial year. Maximum period upto which deposits can be made 15 years from the date of opening of the account. The account shall mature on completion of 21 years from the date of opening of account or on the marriage of Account holder whichever is earlier.
Atal Pension Yojana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Atal Pension Yojana (APY), a pension scheme launched by Government of India is focused on the unorganized sector workers. Under the APY, minimum guaranteed pension of Rs. 1,000/- or 2,000/- or 3,000/- or 4,000 or 5,000/- per month will start after attaining the age of 60 years

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any Citizen of India can join APY scheme. The following are the eligibility criteria: - The age of the subscriber should be between 18 and 40 years
Ayushman Bharat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ayushman Bharat, a flagship scheme of Government of India, to achieve the vision of Universal Health Coverage (UHC). This initiative has been designed to meet Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and its underlining commitment, which is to "leave no one behind." It covers all hospitalisation expenses with cashless transactions to beneficiaries. Accommodation during hospitalisation, Pre and post-hospitalisation costs. Any complications arising during the treatment. Can be used by all family members. No cap on family size, age or gender.
Mission Karmayogi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It aims to establish the new national architecture for civil services capacity building at individual, institutional and process levels It will cover around 46 lakh central employees between 2020-2
Senior Citizen Saving Scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior Citizen Saving Scheme is an ideal scheme for senior citizens Current Rate of Interest Payable ie. 7.4 % Pa An individual who has attained the age of 60 year or above on the date of opening of an account or an individual who has attained the age of 55 years or more but less than 60 years and has retired under superannuation or otherwise. A retired Personnel of Defence Services (Excluding Civilian Defence Employees), who has attained the age of 50 years can also subscribe to the scheme subject to fulfilment of other specified conditions. A depositor may open an account individually or jointly with spouse. The deposit in the account shall be in the multiples of 1000/- and not exceeding Rs. 15 lakh. The account can be closed after expiry of 5 year from the date of opening of account. The depositor may extend the account for further period of 3 years. Premature closure is permissible after expiry of one year
Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan (meaning self-reliant India scheme) was announced in four tranches by the Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in May 2020. The economic stimulus relief package announced by the government is touted to be worth Rs.20 Lakh crores. This includes the already announced Rs 1.70 lakh crore relief package, as the PMGKY, for the poor to overcome difficulties caused by the coronavirus pandemic and the lockdown imposed to check its spread. The 20 lakh crore worth package is almost 10% of the GDP of the country. The package emphasizes on land, labour, liquidity, and laws. The package includes measures across many sectors such as MSME, cottage industries, middle class, migrants, industry, etc. Five pillars of Aatma Nirbhar Bharat were outlined – Economy, Infrastructure, System, Vibrant Demography and Demand.

10.States and their Chief Ministers & Governors

State	Chief Minister	Governor
1. Andhra Pradesh	YS Jagan Mohan Reddy	Biswa Bhushan Harichandan
2. Arunachal Pradesh	Pema Khandu Brig.	(Dr.) B. D. Mishra
3. Assam	Himanta Biswa Sarma	Prof. Jagdish Mukhi
4. Bihar	Nitish Kumar	Phagu Chauhan
5. Chhattisgarh	Bhupesh Baghel	Sushri Anusuiya Uikey
6. Goa	Pramod Sawant	P.S. Sreedharan Pillai
7. Gujarat	Bhupendra Patel	Acharya Dev Vrat
8. Haryana	Manohar Lal Khattar	Bandaru Dattatraya
9. Himachal	Pradesh Jairam Thakur	Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar
10. Jharkhand	Hemant Soren	Ramesh Bais
11. Karnataka	Basavaraj S Bommai	Thaawarchand Gehlot
12. Kerala	Pinarayi Vijayan	Arif Mohammed Khan
13. Madhya Pradesh	Shivraj Singh Chouhan	Mangubhai Chhaganbhai Patel
14. Maharashtra	Uddhav Thackeray	Bhagat Singh Koshyari
15. Manipur	N. Biren Singh	La. Ganesan
16. Meghalaya	Conrad Kongkal Sangma	Satya Pal Malik
17. Mizoram	Pu Zoramthanga	Dr. Kambhampati Haribabu
18. Nagaland	Neiphiu Rio	Jagdish Mukhi
19. Odisha	Naveen Patnaik	Prof. Ganeshi Lal
20. Punjab	Charanjit Singh	Channi Banwarilal Purohit
21. Rajasthan	Ashok Gehlot	Kalraj Mishra
22. Sikkim	PS Golay	Ganga Prasad
23. Tamil Nadu	MK Stalin	R. N. Ravi
24. Telangana	K Chandrasekhar Rao	Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan
25. Tripura	Biplab Kumar Deb	Satyadeo Narain Arya
26. Uttar Pradesh	Yogi Aditya Nath	Smt. Anandiben Patel
27. Uttarakhand	Pushkar Singh Dhami	Lt. Gen. Gurmit Singh
28. West Bengal	Mamata Banerjee	Jagdeep Dhankhar

11. Summit and Conference

Summit/Conference	Location	About
G7 Foreign Ministers' Summit	London, UK	External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar was on a four-day visit to London from 3rd May primarily to attend a meeting of foreign ministers of Group of Seven (G7) rich nations. India has been invited to the meeting as a guest country.
India-European Union Leaders' meeting	Portugal	The Prime Minister Narendra Modi is to take part in the European Council on May 8, 2021. the IndiaEuropean Union Leaders' Meeting is to be hosted by Portugal. Portugal currently holds the chair of the grouping
Summit on Financing of African Economies 2021	Paris, France	Minister of State for External Affairs V Muraleedharan reiterated India's commitment to build a more resilient and stronger Africa. He was delivering India's message at the Summit on Financing African Economies hosted by French President Emmanuel Macron.
Global G 20 Summit	Italy	The Global G20 Health Summit was co-hosted by European Commission along with Italy as part of its G20 presidency amid the surge and spread of the coronavirus cases. Summit noted, risk of more transmissible variants has increased with nine people losing their lives to Covid-19 per minute.
74th World Health Assembly		Minister of Health & Family Welfare and Chairman of WHO Executive Board, Dr Harsh Vardhan , chaired 74th World Health Assembly in virtual mode on March 24, 2021. According to Dr Harsh Vardhan, executive board has asked for further efforts which can ensure fair and equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines under COVAX Facility. Director-General of World Health Organisation, Dr Tedros, also participated in the event.
6th Edition of Raisina Dialogue		The Raisina Dialogue was recently organised by the Ministry of External Affairs and Observer Research Foundation. It is an annual Geo-political event. It is named after Raisina Hill where the seat of Government of India is located. It is a conference on geoeconomics and Geopolitics. It was structured on the lines of Shangri-La-Dialogue. It was held for the first time in 2016.
First Meeting of BRICS Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors		India hosted a Meeting of BRICS Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors virtually on April 6, 2021. The meeting was jointly Chaired by Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman and Governor, Reserve Bank of India, Shri. Shaktikanta

		Das. Participants included Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors of the BRICS countries. As 2021 BRICS Chair, India's approach is focused on strengthening intra-BRICS cooperation based on Continuity, Consolidation and Consensus.
'2+2 ministerial dialogue' between foreign, defence ministers		India and Russia announced the establishment of a new 2+2 dialogue at the foreign and defence minister level between the two countries. Russia is the 4th country and 1st Non-Quad member country with which India has established the '2+2 Ministerial dialogue' mechanism. India has such a mechanism with the US, Japan and Australia. It is expected to boost the bilateral strategic partnership between India & Russia.
Leaders' Summit on Climate	Hosted by U.S.A. (Virtual mode)	PM Shri Narendra Modi participated in the "Leaders' Summit on Climate", hosted by the President of the U.S.A. Joe Biden. The two-day conference has been organized virtually on 22-23 April 2021, which coincides with the fifth anniversary of the opening of the Paris Agreement on climate change for signature. The theme of the summit: Our Collective Sprint to 2030
9th Ministerial Conference of Heart of Asia	Dushanbe, Tajikistan	External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar reached Dushanbe on a three-day visit to Tajikistan. He attended the 9th Ministerial Conference of Heart of Asia – Istanbul Process on Afghanistan on March 30, 2021.
1st Quad Leaders' Summit	Virtual mode	The First Quad Leaders' Summit was held virtually on March 12, 2021. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of Australia, Scott Morrison, Japanese Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga and US President Joseph R. Biden participated in the Summit. The four countries plan to establish a series of working groups that will focus on climate change; critical and emerging technologies, including working to set technology standards and norms and jointly developing some of the critical technologies of the future.
G20 Central Bank Governors' meeting	held under the Italian Presidency	The Finance Minister of India, Nirmala Sitharaman, attended the G20 Central Bank Governors' meeting on February 26, 2021. This was the first ever G20 Central Bank Governors' meeting that was held under the Italian Presidency.
World Sustainable Development Summit 2021	through video conferencing	The Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi , inaugurated the Summit on 10th of February. It was held between 10th to 12th February 2021. This summit was organised by the Energy and Resources Institute's

		(TERI). The World sustainable development summit will be organised under the theme- 'Redefining Our Common Future: Safe and Secure Environment for All' .
Climate Adaptation Summit 2021	hosted by the Netherlands	Prime Minister Narendra Modi on January 25, 2021 addressed the Climate Adaptation Summit 2021 and said that India is targeting 450 gigawatt of renewable energy capacity by the year 2030.

12. Financial news

Scheme / programme	Starting date	Objective of Scheme
1. Jan Dhan Yojna	28 August, 2014	To connect more and more peoples from the banking services
2. Skill India Mission	28 August, 2014	Skill Development in Youth
3. Make in India	28 September, 2014	Promoting manufacturing Sector in the country
4. Swachh Bharat Mission	2 October, 2014	Making India a clean country till October 2, 2019
5. Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana	11 October, 2014	Development in the villages which includes social development, cultural development.
6. Shramew Jayate Yojana	16 October, 2014	Plan dedicated to labour development
7. Beti Bachao Beti Padhao	22 January, 2015	The goal of this scheme is to make girls socially and financially self-reliant through education .
8. Hridaya Plan	21 January, 2015	To take care of world heritage sites and to make these sites economically viable.
9. PM Mudra Yojna	8 April , 2015	Loan to small businessmen from 50 thousand to 10 lakh
10. Ujala Yojana	1 May, 2015	Distribution of LED bulbs at a low price to reduce electricity consumption
11. Atal Pension Yojna	9 May, 2015	Monthly pension for people from the unorganized sector b/w age of 18 to 40 years
12. Prime Minister Jyoti Bima Yojana	9 May, 2015	Life Insurance of Rs. 2 lakh for people b/w 18 to 50 years (@Premium of Rs. 330 per annum)
13. Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana	9 May, 2015	General insurance/accident insurance for people between 18 and 70 years of 2 lakh (at a premium of 12 Rs. / year)
14. Smart city scheme	25 June, 2015	Developing 100 selected cities of the country as

		smart cities from 2015 to 2020
15. AMRUT Plan	25 June, 2015	Developing all the basic amenities in more than 500 cities which have more than one lakh population
16. Digital India Mission	2 July, 2015	Making all government services electronically available to the public
17. Gold Monetization Scheme	5 November, 2015	Putting inoperative gold (lying at home and lockers) in productive works.
18. Sovereign Gold Bond Scheme	5 November, 2015	To check the real demand of Gold; government introduced the Sovereign Gold Bond Scheme.
19. UDAY	20th November, 2015	Financial turnaround of Power Distribution Companies of Public Sector
20. Start-up India	16 January, 2016	To Promote new enterprises
21. Setu Bhartam Yojna	4 March, 2016	Construction of Over and Under Bridge to make National Highways Railway Crossing free
22. Stand Up India	5 April, 2016	Loans up to 10 lacs to 1 crore for establishment of new companies to Scheduled Castes / Tribes and Women Entrepreneurs
23. Gramoday Se Bharat Uday	14-24 April 2016	Emphasizing the development of villages for proper development of the country
24. Prime Minister Ujjwala Plan	1 May, 2016	Providing the LPG connection to BPL families at subsidized rates
25. Namami Gange Yojana	7 July, 2016	Cleanliness of river Ganga

13. PRAM Booster Dose for Quick Revision:

Index/Report

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- **Good Governance Index 2021** – **Gujarat topped**.
- **Atmanirbhar Bharat Rojgar Yojana (ABRY)** – **Maharashtra has maximum beneficiaries**.
- **Electrical Vehicle in States** – **Uttar Pradesh has maximum EV's**.
- **India Skill Report** by Wheebox – **Maharashtra tops** position among state.
 - Pune secured top position among cities.
- **Fortune List of India's Most Powerful Women** in India: - From India, **Nirmala Sitharaman topped** the list.
- **India's largest Manufacturing Hub** report by RBI – **Gujarat** now surpassed Maharashtra as Manufacturing Hub.
- **"2019 Anti-Doping Rule Violations (ADRVs) Report**: India ranked **3rd**; Russia topped.
- **Hurun's Global Unicorn Index 2021**: India ranked **3rd**; US topped.
- **World's Most Admired Men 2021** by Yougov's Annual list: **PM Modi secured 8th spot**.
- **Global Health Security Index 2021**: India ranked **66th**; USA topped.
- **World Talent Ranking report 2021**: India ranked **56th**; Switzerland retained top spot.
- **World Inequality Report 2022**, India is now among the most unequal countries in the world.
- **Asia Power Index 2021**: India ranked as **4th most Powerful Country in Asia**.
- **(IFFCO)** has been ranked '**number one Cooperative**' in the 2021 Annual World Cooperative Monitor (WCM) report.
- **Economist Intelligence Unit's (EIU) Worldwide Cost of Living Index 2021**, **Tel Aviv, Israel** has become the **most expensive city** in the world.

Inauguration/foundation stone laid of any Projects: -

- **Maa Umiya Dham Development Project** at Umiya Campus in Sola in **Ahmedabad, Gujarat**.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** laid the foundation stone of **the longest highway** (6 lane) in India, the **Ganga Expressway** in Shahjahanpur, Uttar Pradesh.
- **Saryu Nahar National Project**, is inaugurated by Prime Minister of India **Narendra Modi** in **Balrampur, Uttar Pradesh**.
- **Inauguration of Earth Station of Doordarshan Kendra** in **Gorakhpur**.
- **Rajnath Singh** has laid the **foundation stone** for **Technology and Test Centre (DTTC)** and **BRAHMOS Manufacturing Centre**, established by (DRDO) in **Lucknow**.

New Initiatives/schemes/establishment created or launched:

- **Nagaland** created **3 new districts** - Tseminyu, Nuiland, and Chumukedima.
- **UP** government will launch '**Free Smartphone Yojna**' on 25 December.

- **Centre extended Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana till March 2022.**
- PM Modi launched development projects in Varanasi, UP.
- (DPIIT) has launched the **Unified Logistics Interface Platform (ULIP) Hackathon – ‘LogiXtics’** - aim to crowdsource ideas to benefit the logistics industry – by **NITI and Atal Innovation Mission.**
- **India’s First International Arbitration and Mediation Centre (IAMC) at Phoenix VK Tower at Nanakramguda, Hyderabad, Telangana.**
- **6 nuclear power reactors of 1650 MW each, making Jaitapur as India’s largest nuclear power with French technical assistance – Total 9900 Mw capacity.**
- **Cabinet cleared proposal to raise women’s marriage age from 18 to 21 years.**
- **India International Science festival, IISF at Panaji, Goa.**
- **India’s 1st Green Hydrogen based Energy Storage Project at Simhadri, near Vishakapatnam.**
- (UNESCO) has added **Kolkata’s Durga Puja festival** to its ‘**Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity**’.
 - India has now total 14 intangible culture items in the list.
- The **first drone fair** in the country was organized at **Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh.**
- Centre accepts plea, grants **Mithila Makhana GI tag**
- **Cabinet approved Ken-Betwa River Interlinking Project.** It will cover states of **UP and MP.**
- NITI Aayog to establish **1,000 Atal Tinkering Labs in J&K.**
- Government will launch **Scheme for Residential Education for Students in High Schools in Targeted Areas (SRESHTA)** for development of **Scheduled Castes students.**
- The timeline for the implementation of the **Smart Cities Mission (SCM)** for all 100 participating cities **extended to June 2023.**

Environment initiatives:

- **Askot Wildlife Sanctuary** in Uttarakhand declared as **Eco-Sensitive Zone.**
- The **Haiderpur Wetland** in western Uttar Pradesh, has been recognized under the 1971 Ramsar Convention on Wetlands.
 - **UP now has 9 Ramsar Wetlands.**

Defense Exercises:

- The Exercise **EKUBERIN21** between **India and Maldives.**
- **US Bangladesh Navy** began **Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT)** maritime exercise in the Bay of Bengal.
- The **Indian Army** is organising a **multi-nation Exercise** with a special **focus on relief** in the backdrop of the **Covid-19 pandemic.**
 - The exercise has been called **PANEX 21** and will involve **Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Thailand, and India—BIMSTEC** countries.

MoU/Agreement:

- **India and Maldives** - launch pilot project on 'pre-arrival customs data exchange'.
 - This MoU helps in faster Export-Import (EXIM) clearances.
- **NITI Aayog & UN-WFP** signed agreement to mainstream millets in government programmes.
- **India & Vietnam** signed agreement to establish **partnership in Digital Media** and in the field of IT.
- **India-EU Clean Energy and Climate Partnership**.
 - The meet was co-chaired by **Reenat Sandhu** from India.

International related news:

- **Dubai** became world's **1st 100% paperless government**.
- **India re-elected** to **International Maritime Organisation Council** for **2022-2023**.
- India assumed the Chairmanship of Council of **Regional AntiTerrorist Structure of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (RATS SCO)** for 1 year from October 28, 2021.
- **(UNGA)** granted **Observer Status** to **International Solar Alliance (ISA)** by adopting resolution 76/123.
- **Barbados** has become the **World's newest republic**.
- The union minister **Subrahmanyam Jaishankar**, Ministry of External Affairs (EAM) visited Abu Dhabi, UAE to **attend the 5th Indian Ocean Conference** on December 4-5, 2021.
- **India** joined the **G20 'Troika'** with **Indonesia and Italy**.
 - Troika consists of Indonesia and Italy. India will assume G20 Presidency in December 2022.
- **US** will not attend the **2022 Winter Olympics** held in Beijing.

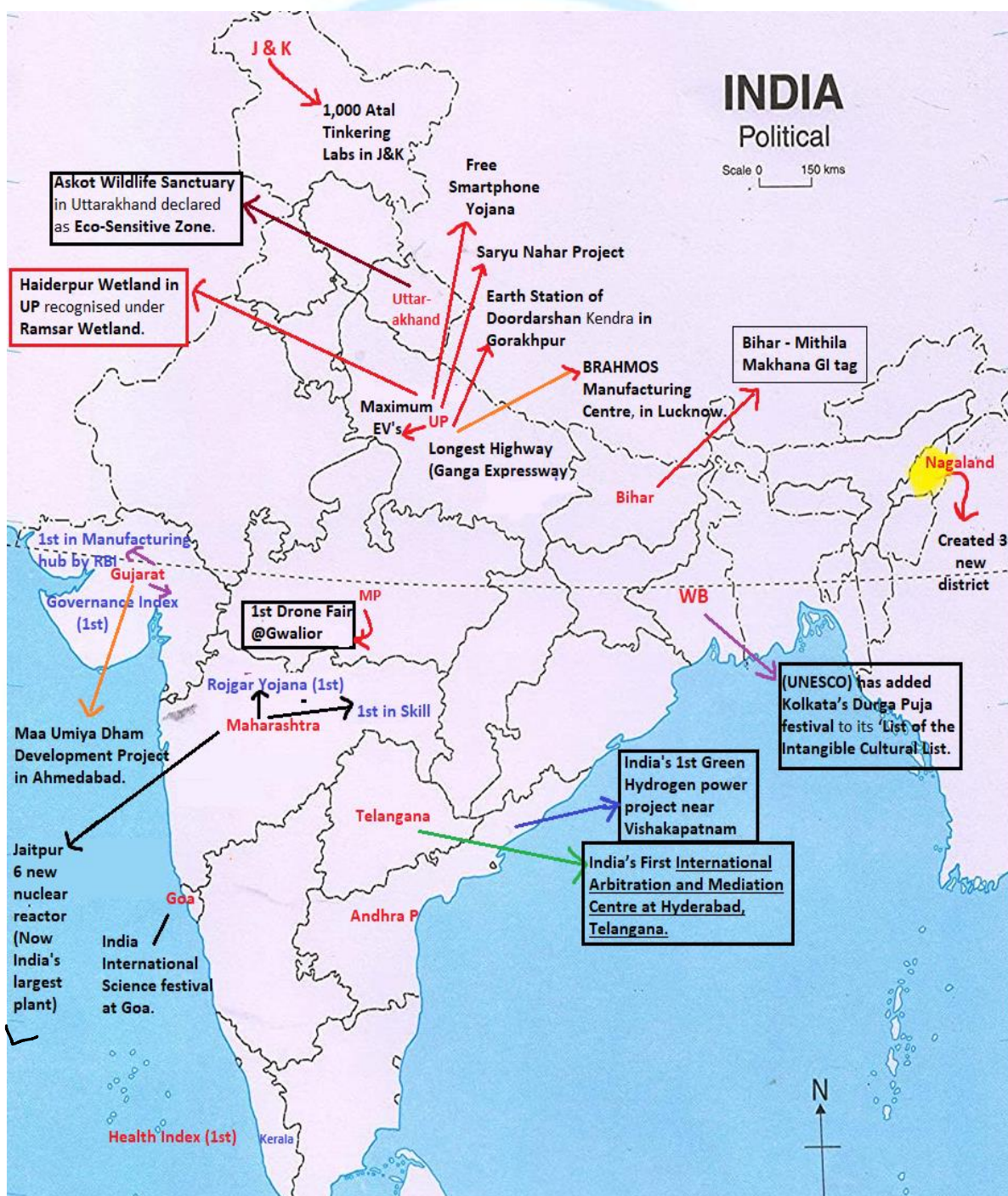
Defence New Equipment and Technology:

- **India** inked deal with **Russia** for production of **AK-203 assault rifles** at **Korwa, UP**.
- **Indian Army** launched **in-house messaging app ASIGMA**
- **Sandhayak**, the **Survey Vessels (Large)** for **Indian Navy** launched.
 - It was built by **Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers**.

Missiles/Defence new vessels/Equipments Tested/launched:

- **DRDO** successfully test-fired short-range, **surface to surface-guided ballistic missile 'Pralay'**.
 - **Pralay** is **India's 1st Quasi ballistic missile** of India.
 - **Solid fuel based**.
- **Indian Navy's** indigenous **stealth guided-missile destroyer 'Mormugao'**.
 - **It is part of Project 15B**.
- **(DRDO)** successfully **test-fired** its new generation **Agni Prime (Agni-P)** missile.

- It is Nuclear ballistic missiles with range of 1000 – 2000 Km.
 - DRDO has successfully launched a long-range **Supersonic Missile Assisted Release of Torpedo (SMART)**.
 - It is anti submarine missile.
 - (DRDO) and Indian Air Force (IAF) successfully flight-tested the **Helicopter launched** (air-launched) **Stand-off Anti-tank (SANT)** Missile.
 - (DRDO) has successfully test-fired **Pinaka Extended Range (Pinaka-ER)** missile.
 - India successfully test-fired **the air version** of the **BrahMos** supersonic cruise missile.
- Mapping of all news for Quick revision and memorisation**



14.MCQ

Q1. "HAECHI-II", which was seen in the news recently, is an operation undertaken by which institution?

- a. Central bureau of investigation
- b. INTERPOL
- c. Federal bureau of investigation
- d. International monetary fund

ANS:--B

Q2. Al Raisi, has been elected as the president of which International organization?

- A. United nations
- B. IMF
- C. INTERPOL
- D. UNICEF

ANS:--C

Q3. Chief minister Nitish kumar has started a tour of different areas of Bihar from 22 December, 2021 on the campaign being run by the name of

- A. Vikas Abhiyan
- B. Samaj Sudhar Abhiyan
- C. Jan Bhagidari Abhiyan
- D. Janshakti Kalyan Abhiyan

ANS:--B

Q4. Which city has got the status of first garbage free city of Bihar?

- A. Supaul
- B. Rajgir
- C. Saharsa
- D. Darbhanga

ANS:--A

Q5. 'Bela Industrial Area' which is in the news recently, is located in which district of Bihar?

- A. Madhubani
- B. Samastipur
- C. Muzaffarpur
- D. West Champaran

ANS:--C

Q6. Which association has launched a (\$340 billion) project named "GLOBAL GATEWAY"?

- A. G-20
- B. European Union
- C. ASEAN
- D. G-7

ANS:--B

Q7. On 8th December 2021, "General Bipin Rawat" has accidentally died in a chopper crash. In which state this accident took place?

- A. Karnataka
- B. Tamil Nadu
- C. Odisha
- D. Madhya Pradesh

ANS:--B

Q8. Who has been awarded the "Ramanujan Prize for young mathematicians"?

- A. Rajni Bala
- B. Surbhi Sinha
- C. Mohit Bansal
- D. Neena Gupta

ANS:--D

Q9. When will the ban on single-use plastic in Bihar starts, which was earlier scheduled from 15th December, 2021?

- A. 1 January 2022
- B. 1 April 2022
- C. 1 July 2022
- D. 2 October 2022

ANS:--C

Q10. Which of the following bill has not been passed in the winter session

2021 of the Bihar legislature?

- A. The Mutation (Amendment) Bill, 2021
- B. Bihar Civil Court (Amendment) Bill, 2021
- C. The Bihar Private Universities (Amendment) Bill, 2021
- D. Bihar Technical Service Commission (Amendment) Bill, 2021

ANS:--B

Q11. Which Indian Cricketer has become India's third-highest wicket-taker in International Test Cricket?

- A. Umesh Yadav
- B. Bhuvneshwar Kumar
- C. Ravichandran Ashwin
- D. Ishant Sharma
- E. None/more than one

ANS:--C

Q12. In which of the following states social security scheme for newspaper hawkers has been announced?

- A. Telangana
- B. Andhra Pradesh
- C. Odisha
- D. Tamil Nadu
- E. None/more than one

Q13. Hanukkah, Festival of Lights is celebrated every year in which of the following countries?

- A. Israel
- B. Vietnam
- C. Japan
- D. Bangladesh

E. None/more than one

ANS:--A

Q14. Recently, Askot Wildlife Sanctuary has been declared as an Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ) by the Union Environment Ministry. It is situated in which of the following states?

- A. Karnataka
- B. Kerala
- C. Uttarakhand
- D. Gujarat

ANS:--C

Q15.What is the rank of India in the World Talent Ranking Report 2021?

- A.56 th B.29 th
C.12 th D.7 th

ANS:--A

Q16.India has successfully testfired the nuclear-capable strategic Agni Prime missile (Agni P) off the coast of Odisha in Balasore in December 2021. It can hit targets between how many kilometers?

- A.700 to 1000 B.1000 to 2000
C.2500 to 4000 D.3000 to 5000

ANS:--B

Q17.When is the Minorities Rights Day is observed every year?

- A.December 20 B.December 16
C.December 18 D.December 15

ANS:--C

Q18."The State of Climate Ambition" is a report released by which organization?

- A.UNDP B.IMD
C.WHO D.UNGA

ANS:--A

Q19.Bhutan has conferred the country's highest civilian award Ngadag Pel gi Khorlo upon which of the following?

- A.Rajnath Singh B.M. Venkaiah Naidu
C.Ram Nath Kovind D.Narendra Modi

ANS:--D

Q20.Who has been awarded the 2021 Ramanujan Prize for Young Mathematicians?

- A.Neena Gupta B.Manisha Singh
C.Nitu Sinha D.Reena Agarwal

ANS:--A

Q21.Who has been appointed as the new chief secretary of Bihar ?

- A.Kumar Ravi B.Atul Prasad
C.S.K. Singhal D.Aamir Subhani

ANS:--D

Q22.Which district has got the first position in Bihar under the Prime Minister's Rural digital literacy campaign ?

- A.Madhubani B.Samastipur

C.East Champaran

D.West Champaran

ANS:--A

Q23.Which country's team has won the title of Davis cup 2021 ?

- A.India B.England
C.Russia D.America

ANS:--C

Q24.Which state government has launched a web portal named 'HAMAR APAN BUDGET' ?

- A.Jharkhand B.Haryana
C.Bihar D.Odisha

ANS:--A

Q25.Who has released the 'World Inequality Report 2022' ?

- A.United Nations (UN)
B.World Bank (WB)
C.International Monetary Fund (IMF)
D.World Inequality Lab (WEL)

ANS:--D

Q26.Where did Prime minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 'SARYU NAHAR NATIONAL PROJECT' ?

- A.Lucknow (UTTAR PRADESH)
B.Pathankot (PUNJAB)
C.Balrampur (UTTAR PRADESH)
D.Bhopal (MADHYA PRADESH)

ANS:--C

Q27.Who has won the 70th Miss Universe 2021 Title ?

- A.Nadia Ferreira B.Lalela Maswane
C.Manushi Chhillar D.Harnaaz Kaur Sandhu

ANS:--D

Q28.According to the recently released ranking by JAL JEEVAN HARIYALI mission of Bihar , which district has secured first place in the state in terms of increasing greenery ?

- A.Gaya B.Munger
C.Saharsa D.Supaul

ANS:--A

Q29.Which party's Rajya Sabha MP and famous Industrialist 'Mahendra Prasad' aka 'King Mahendra' has passed away recently ?

- A.RJD B.JDU
C.BJP D.CONGRESS

ANS:--B

Q30. Which famous Doctor of Bihar has been elected as the new national president of Indian medical association (IMA) ?

- A. Dr A.P. Shukla
- B. Dr. Kalyan Hazari
- C. Dr. Ram Janma Singh
- D. Dr. Sahajanand Prasad Singh

ANS:--DS

Q31. Which state has adopted a resolution demanding repeal of AFSPA?

- a) Nagaland
- b) Manipur
- c) Tripura
- d) Arunachal Pradesh

Ans:--a

Q32. Which state will get its first Teachers University?

- a) Delhi
- b) Rajasthan
- c) Madhya Pradesh
- d) Uttar Pradesh

Ans:--a

Q33. Which state has passed the controversial anti-conversion bill?

- a) Kerala
- b) Punjab
- c) Karnataka
- d) Telangana

Ans:--c

Q34. Which country has decided to close all of its nuclear power plants by 2025?

- a) France
- b) Germany
- c) Russia
- d) Belgium

Ans:--d

Q35. Gabriel Boric, a former student activist, has been elected as which nation's youngest president?

- a) Chile
- b) Mexico
- c) Argentina
- d) Brazil

Ans:--a

Q36. Who has become the first Indian male shuttler to win silver at BWF World Championships?

- a) Kidambi Srikanth
- b) Lakshya Sen
- c) HS Prannoy
- d) Sai Praneeth

Ans:--a

Q37. When is International Human Solidarity Day observed?

- a) December 20th
- b) December 21st
- c) December 22nd
- d) December 23rd

Ans:--a

Q38. When is Good Governance Day observed?

- a) December 24th
- b) December 25th
- c) December 26th
- d) December 27th

Ans:--B

Q39. Who has been crowned Miss Universe 2021?

- a) Harnaaz Sandhu
- b) Lalela Lali Mswane
- c) Nadia Ferreira
- d) Valeria Maria

ANS:--A

Q40. Who has assumed charge as Chairman of the Chiefs of Staff Committee?

- a) Admiral R. Hari Kumar
- b) Army Chief General MM Naravane
- c) Air Chief Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari
- d) Air Chief Marshal Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria

ANS:--B

Q41. When is Vijay Diwas observed?

- a) December 14th
- b) December 15th
- c) December 16th
- d) December 17th

ANS:--C

Q42. Which among the following has been inscribed in the UNESCO list of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity?

- a) Durga Puja in Kolkata
- b) Onam in Kerala
- c) Chhath Puja in Bihar
- d) Baisakhi in Punjab

ANS:--A

Q43. Union Cabinet has approved a proposal to raise the legal marriage age of women from 18 to how many years?

- a) 21 years
- b) 25 years
- c) 23 years
- d) 19 years

ANS:--A

Q44. Which state has topped Foundational Literacy Index 2021 in the larger states category?

- a) West Bengal
- b) Gujarat
- c) Karnataka
- d) Telangana

ANS:--A

Q45. Which nation has honoured Prime Minister Narendra Modi its highest civilian award - Ngadag Pel gi Khorlo?

- a) Bhutan
- b) Malaysia
- c) Indonesia
- d) Sri Lanka

ANS:--A

Q46. Which nation has banned laughing, drinking and shopping for 11 days?

- a) Ireland b) Iceland
c) North Korea d) South Korea

ANS:--C

Q47. Which cricketer has replaced injured Rohit Sharma in India's test squad for South Africa tour?

- a) Ravindra Jadeja b) Ruturaj Gaikwad
c) Devdutt Padikkal d) Priyank Panchal

ANS:--D

Q48. Who was crowned the Formula One World Champion 2021?

- a) C. Sainz Jr. b) Fernando Alonso
c) Max Verstappen d) Lewis Hamilton

ANS:--C

Q49. Who was honoured with the 56th Jnanpith Award?

- a) Nilmani Phookan b) Damodar Mauzo
c) Amitav Ghosh d) Krishna Sobti

Ans:--a

Q50. Which nation hosted the 4th Asia Youth Para Games?

- a) Oman b) Bahrain
c) China d) Japan

Ans:--b

[Bihar Economic Survey 2020-21]

Q1. What was the growth rate of the economy of Bihar at constant price in the year 2019-20?

- (A) 11.5 (B) 10.5%
(C) 2.2% (D) 5. 6%
(E)

Ans:- B

According to the new series of data on Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP), the growth rate of Bihar's economy at constant prices was 10.5% in 2019-20,

which was higher than the growth rate of the Indian economy.

Q2. How many cities of Bihar have been selected under Smart City Mission?

- (A) 2 (B) 3
(C) 4 (D) 5
(E)

Ans:- C

Four cities of Bihar have been selected under Smart City Mission – Patna, Bhagalpur, Biharsharif and Muzaffarpur.

Q3. The Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) of Bihar at current prices in 2019-20 is-

- (A) Rs 6,11,804 crore (B) Rs 7,12,405 crore
(C) Rs.8,10,122 crore (D) Rs 9,12,554 crore
(E)

Ans:- A

Q4. What is the per capita income of Bihar at present price in the year 2019-20?

- (A) Rs 34,235 (B) Rs 21,256
(C) Rs 50,735 (D) Rs 55,564
(E)

Ans:- C

In 2019-20, the per capita income at the current price was Rs 50,735, and in the year 2019-20, the per capita net state household product of Bihar was Rs 31,287.

Q5. The total consumption of fertilizers in Bihar in 2019-20 was-

- (A) 14.32 lakh tonnes (B) 19.50 lakh tonnes
(C) 36.24 lakh tonnes (D) 55.32 lakh tonnes
(E)

Ans:- C

The consumption of fertilizers in Bihar was 36.24 lakh in 2019-20, in which among all types of fertilizers in 2019-20, 62.63% consumption was urea, and 19.68% di-ammonium phosphate.

Q6. Which of the following important scheme is being run in Bihar to improve the cleanliness in rural areas?

- (A) Lohia Scheme (B) MGNREGA Scheme
(C) Sampla Scheme (D) Jeevika Yojana
(E)

Ans:- A

Lohia Swachh Bihar Abhiyan is a part of the Central Government's Swachh Bharat Mission, in which the expenditure is shared 60:40 between the Center and the State. Its goal is to ensure universal goodness of

sanitation in Bihar. And in which there is a determination to make open defecation free.

Q7. Bihar recorded the production of how many lakh tonnes of food grains in 2019-20?

- (A) 125.25 lakh tonnes (B) 163.80 lakh tonnes
(C) 234.45 lakh tonnes (D) 456.20 lakh tonnes
(E)

Ans:- B

Q8. The three poorest districts on per capita Gross District Domestic Product data are-

- (A) Gaya, Sheohar, Munger
(B) Kaimur, Supaul, Purnia
(C) Madhubani, Jamui, Katihar
(D) Kishanganj, Araria, Sheohar
(E)

Ans:- D

Q9. The most prosperous district of Bihar in the ranking of all 38 districts on per capita Gross District Domestic Product data is-

- (A) Rohtas, Patna, Siwan
(B) Patna, Begusarai and Munger
(C) Bhagalpur, Muzaffarpur, Purnia
(D) Siwan, Buxar, Aurangabad
(E)

Ans:- B

- It is worth mentioning here that all the prosperous districts are from South Bihar, and all the poor districts are from North Bihar.

Q10. What percentage of the total revenue receipts has been spent by the Bihar government on the salary of the employees and pension of the retired employees in 2019-20?

- (A) 30.2% (B) 18.5%
(C) 16.4% (D) 23.5%
(E)

Ans:- A

Q11. How many regional rural banks are there in Bihar?

- (A) 7 (B) 5
(C) 4 (D) 2
(E)

Ans:- D

There are two regional rural banks in Bihar – South Bihar Gramin Bank and North Bihar Gramin Bank. Before this the number of Gramin Bank was 3. After the figures of September 2020, it is now 2.

Q12. Which bank has maximum number of branches in Bihar?

- (A) Punjab National Bank (B) Bank of India
(C) ICICI (D) State Bank of India
(E)

Ans:- D

Q13. The share of which of the major sectors of state income has shown a steady decline?

- (A) Primary Sector (B) Second Sector
(C) Third Sector (D) Fourth Sector
(E)

Ans:- A

In the year 2019-20, the highest decline was recorded in the primary sector and the highest growth was seen in the third sector, the growth rate of the third sector was 8.5% in the gross state domestic product, while the second sector was 8.2 and the primary sector was 3.6%.

Q14. How many cities of Bihar have been selected under Smart City Mission?

- (A) 2 (B) 4
(C) 6 (D) 8
(E)

Ans:- B

Patna, Bhagalpur, Biharsharif, Muzaffarpur

Q15. The gross fiscal deficit as a percentage of gross state domestic product in the year 2019-20 was-

- (A) 2.0% (B) 5.5%
(C) 4.6% (D) 8.5%
(E)

Ans:- A

Q16. Which component is not included under “Clean Gaon Samridhi Gaon” program in Saat Nischay Yojana-2?

- (A) Installing solar street lights
(B) solid and liquid waste management
(C) Development of Animal and Fishery Resources
(D) Internet under every household fiber

Ans:- D

Q17. From which state did the maximum number of migrants come from 20 lakh migrants who returned to Bihar during the lockdown in May 2020?

- (A) Punjab (B) Delhi
(C) Gujarat (D) Maharashtra

(E)

Ans:- C

Most migrants had returned from Gujarat, 3.7 lakh, 2.9 lakh from Maharashtra and 2.3 lakh from Punjab.

Q18. The total consumption of electricity in Bihar in 2019-20 was-

(A) 1235.5 crore units (B) 2898.8 crore units

(C) 3345.5 crore units (D) 5454.6 crore units

(E)

Ans:- B

Q19. What percentage of labor force in Bihar is dependent on agriculture and allied activities for its livelihood?

(A) 55%

(B) 65%

(C) 74%

(D) 82%

(E)

Ans:- C

Q20. Which of the following is the major district in rice production in Bihar in 2019-20?

(A) Rohtas

(B) Madhubani

(C) Sheohar

(D) Patna

(E)

Ans:- A

Three major districts in rice production – Rohtas (9.2 lakh tonnes), Aurangabad (5.5 lakh tonnes) and Kaimur (4.2 lakh tonnes) are the least producing Madhubani 1.95 lakh tonnes.

Q21. Patna's per capita GDP is how many times more than that of the poorest district, Sheohar?

(A) more than six times (B) more than five times

(C) more than twice (D) more than ten times

(E)

Ans:- A

The GDP per capita of Patna is Rs 1,12,604.

The per capita GDP of Sheohar is Rs 17,569.

Q22. The per capita energy consumption in the state of Bihar is-

(A) 132 kWh

(B) 232 kWh

(C) 332 kWh

(D) 432 kWh

(E)

Ans:- C

Q23. The share of agriculture and allied sector in the Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) in the year 2019-20 was-

(A) 11.5%

(B) 18.7%

(C) 21.4%

(D) 32.3%

(E)

Ans:- B

Q24. During the Kovid-19 pandemic, the Bihar state government had announced to give how much rupees to each construction worker in 2020?

(A) 500

(B) 1000

(C) 1500

(D) 2000

(E)

Ans:- D

Q25. On which of the following was the maximum expenditure from the Consolidated Fund of the Government of Bihar in the year 2020-21?

(A) on normal service (B) on social service

(C) on economic service (D) on support service

(E)

Ans:- B

In the main work categories, in the year 2020-21, the maximum expenditure of 79187 crores was spent on social services, 51954 crores on general services, and 33604 crores on economic services in the year 2020-21