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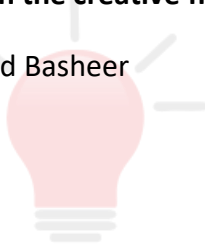
Directions: Study the following questions carefully and answers the questions given below:

1. Arun Chaudhary passed away recently, was former chief of which force?

- A. Sashastra Seema Bal
- B. Indo-Tibetan Border Police
- C. Central Reserve Police Force
- D. Central Industrial Security Force
- E. None of these

2. Who among the following has bagged the Thilakan memorial award named after the veteran actor for overall contribution in the creative field?

- A. Vaikom Muhammad Basheer
- B. Pramod Payyannur
- C. Sunil Sukhada
- D. Sashi Kumar
- E. None of these



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3. Over 14,400 ha area in _____ has become first large territory to get organic certification.

- A. Andaman and Nicobar
- B. Puducherry
- C. Jammu and Kashmir
- D. Daman and Diu
- E. None of these

4. Who among the following has been chosen for maiden Golden Lantern Award?

- A. Gabriel Gregorios
- B. Mathews Severios
- C. Geevarghese Mar Coorilos
- D. Zachariah Mar Anthonios
- E. None of these



5. Which armed force has signed an MoU with HPCL and NIEDO for Ladakh Ignited Minds project?

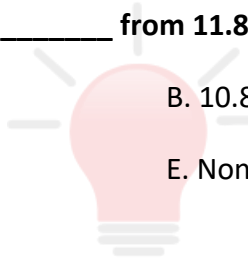
- A. Indian Army B. National Security Guard C. Indian Armed Forces
D. Indian Air Force E. None of these

6. Which Small Finance Bank has commenced operations as a small finance bank with effect from April 26?

- A. Shivalik Small Finance Bank
B. Utkarsh Small Finance Bank
C. Fincare Small Finance Bank
D. Ujala Small Finance Bank
E. None of these

7. Global forecasting firm Oxford Economics has revised downwards its India GDP growth forecast for 2021 to _____ from 11.8 per cent previously.

- A. 10.6 per cent B. 10.8 per cent C. 10.4 per cent
D. 10.2 per cent E. None of these



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8. World Day for Safety and Health at Work was observed on which of the following dates?

- A. 28 April B. 27 April C. 26 April
D. 29 April E. None of these

9. International Dance Day 2021 was observed on which date?

- A. 27 April B. 28 April C. 29 April
D. 26 April E. None of these

10. Who among the following is the author of the novel "Whereabouts"?

- A. Arundhati Roy B. Kiran Desai C. Jhumpa Lahiri
D. Sahira Nair E. None of these



11. Dadudan Pratapdan Gadhvi passed away recently, was poet of which language?

- A. Marathi B. Gujarati C. Hindi
D. Kannada E. None of these

12. Manoj Das passed away recently, was writer of which language?

- A. Hindi B. Odia C. English
D. A and B E. B and C

13. Which country has launched robot prototype capable of catching space debris with net?

- A. Japan B. South Korea C. North Korea
D. China E. None of these

14. Name the person who is set to be the next Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of BEML Limited, a Miniratna Defence PSU under the Ministry of Defence.

- A. Veer Pratap Singh B. Saurasish Lahiri C. Laxmi Ratan Shukla
D. Amit Banerjee E. None of these

15. Who among the following has been appointed as Chhattisgarh High Court judge?

- A. Justice Vimla Singh Kapoor
B. Justice Anjali Kumari Yadav
C. Justice Anupama Singh Rathor
D. Justice Neelam Shakya
E. None of these

16. Who among the following has been designated as the Finance Secretary?

- A. Aditya Bhattacharjea B. Pranab Bardhan C. T V Somanathan
D. Dilip Mookherjee E. None of these



17. IHS Markit has projected the GDP growth rate of the Indian economy to grow at what percent in FY 2021 -22?

- A. 9.2 per cent
- B. 9.3 per cent
- C. 9.5 per cent
- D. 9.6 per cent
- E. None of these

18. Government of India has left GPF and other non-government PF interest rate unchanged at _____ .

- A. 7.1 percent
- B. 7.2 percent
- C. 7.3 percent
- D. 7.4 percent
- E. None of these

19. India has been ranked _____ in the Chandler Good Government Index (CGGI) 2021 among 104 countries in terms of government capabilities and outcomes.

- A. 48th
- B. 46th
- C. 49th
- D. 47th
- E. None of these

20. Karnal District Administration in which state has started a unique 'Oxygen on Wheels' initiative to ensure incessant supply of Medical Oxygen to both Government & Private Hospitals?

- A. Haryana
- B. Punjab
- C. Rajasthan
- D. Gujarat
- E. None of these



Correct answer:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
A	B	A	C	A	A	D	A	C	C	B	E	D	D	A	C	D	A	C	A

Explanation:

1. Hints to Remember

Who: Ex-chief of SSB Arun Chaudhary

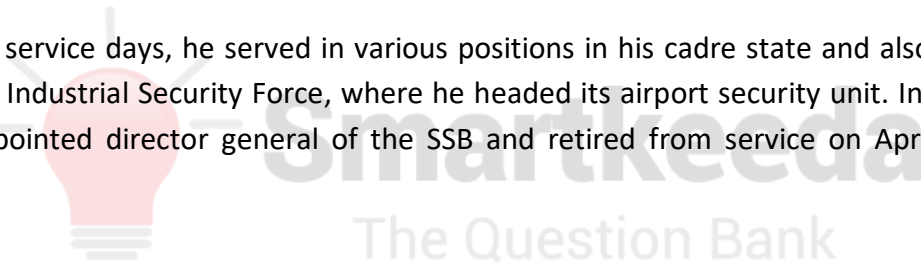
What: dies of Covid

When: published on 26th April 2021

Former Sahasthra Seema Bal chief Arun Chaudhary died of Covid on Sunday. He was 66.

A 1977-batch IPS officer of the Bihar cadre, Chaudhary served for nearly two decades in the Intelligence Bureau (IB) where he headed the Jammu and Kashmir desk. Given his long stint in the region during the peak of Valley militancy he was once also tipped to become the chief of the Intelligence Bureau.

In his early service days, he served in various positions in his cadre state and also had a stint with the Central Industrial Security Force, where he headed its airport security unit. In December 2012, he was appointed director general of the SSB and retired from service on April 30, 2014. ([Read more](#))



2. Hints to Remember

Who: Thilakan memorial award

What: for director Pramod Payyannur

When: published on 25th April 2021

Theatre and film director Pramod Payyannur bagged the Thilakan memorial award named after the veteran actor for overall contribution in the creative field. The award is constituted by Thilakan Smarakavedi.

A jury panel including Ibrahim Vengara, Dr Thottam Bhavanachandran, Sreeja Arangottukkara and Adv Manilal selected Pramod Payyannur for the award. The award comprises a cash prize of Rs 31,000, citation and memento.

Thilakan Smarakavedi secretary Kodumon Gopalakrishnan and president Babda Kiliroor informed that the award ceremony will be held in the first week of July. ([Read more](#))



3. Hints to Remember

Who: Over 14,400 ha area in Andaman & Nicobar

What: becomes first large territory to get organic certification

When: published on 27th April 2021

About 14,491 hectare (ha) area in Andaman and Nicobar has been certified as organic, the first large contiguous territory to be done under a government scheme, Agriculture Ministry said on Tuesday. After Andaman and Nicobar (A&N) Islands, Lakshadweep and Ladakh are proactively taking steps for the transformation of their traditional organic areas to certified organic, it said.

There are traditional areas in Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, north-eastern states and tribal belts of Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh and desert districts of Rajasthan which can be transformed to certified organic, it said. [\(Read more\)](#)

4. Hints to Remember

Who: Mar Coorilos

What: chosen for maiden Golden Lantern Award

When: published on 22nd April 2021

WHI, an organisation having special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, UN, has chosen Geevarghese Mar Coorilos Metropolitan, Diocese of Mumbai, for its maiden Golden Lantern Award.

The award is being conferred on the metropolitan for his outstanding efforts in social, educational and charitable spheres. He was chosen for the award for his free education initiatives for slum children, health and treatment schemes designed for TB patients, exemplary contributions to the education sector and opening up of theology learning for women in the upcoming Theo University. Governor Arif Mohammed Khan will give away the award in Thiruvananthapuram in mid-July. [\(Read more\)](#)

5. Hints to Remember

Who: Indian Army

What: signs MoU with HPCL & NIEDO for Ladakh Ignited Minds project

When: published on 26th April 2021

As part of the Indian Army's initiative to secure a better future for Ladakhi youth, the Indian Army, under the aegis of Fire and Fury Corps, signed MoUs with corporate partner Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) and executing agency National Integrity and Educational Development Organisation, (NIEDO) today at HQ 14 Corps, Leh in the presence of Tashi Gyalsen, Chief Executive



Councillor, Leh; Jamyang Tsering Namgyal, MP, Ladakh; Advisor Ladakh, Umang Narula; Ravinder Kumar, Administrative Secretary, Lt Gen PGK Menon, AVSM, GOC 14 Corps along with Prince Singh, Chief Regional Manager, Retail J&K, HPCL, Dr Rohit Srivastav, Managing Trustee and CEO, NIEDO and various other senior Army officials and civil dignitaries.

The project, Ladakh Ignited Minds: A Centre of Excellence and Wellness, has been conceptualised to secure a better future for the youth of UT of Ladakh. It is a full-time residential programme to mentor and to guide Ladakhi youth for twelve months for various Medical and Engineering Colleges entrance examinations in India. The programme under the aegis of Fire and Fury Corps of the Indian Army would be executed by National Integrity & Educational Development Organisation (NIEDO), a Kanpur-based NGO. The Army would oversee the overall operations to include administration and logistics with requisite funding support through Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL).[\(Read more\)](#)

6. Hints to Remember

Who: Shivalik Small Finance Bank

What: commences operations

When: published on 26th April 2021

Shivalik Small Finance Bank Ltd. has commenced operations as a small finance bank with effect from April 26. The Reserve Bank had issued a licence to the bank under Section 22 (1) of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 to carry on the business of small finance bank in India, the RBI said on Monday.

Shivalik Mercantile Co-operative Bank Ltd. was granted an in-principle approval for transition into a small finance bank, as announced in the press release on January 6, 2020, under the "Scheme on voluntary transition of Urban Co-operative Bank into a Small Finance Bank" issued on September 27, 2018.[\(Read more\)](#)

7. Hints to Remember

Who: Oxford Economics

What: lowers India's 2021 GDP growth forecast to 10.2 pc

What: published on 27th April 2021

Global forecasting firm Oxford Economics on Monday revised downwards its India GDP growth forecast for 2021 to 10.2 per cent from 11.8 per cent previously, citing the country's escalating health burden, faltering vaccination rate and lack of a convincing government strategy to contain the pandemic.



Oxford Economics also said that notwithstanding the likelihood of further mobility restrictions, it expects India's targeted lockdown approach, less stringent restrictions, and resilient consumer and business behaviour to mitigate the economic impact of the second wave.

"India's escalating health burden, faltering vaccination rate, and lack of a convincing government strategy to contain the pandemic have prompted us to downgrade our 2021 GDP growth forecast to 10.2 per cent from 11.8 per cent previously," it said.

The global forecasting firm added it expects GDP to contract sequentially in the second quarter. ([Read more](#))

8. Hints to Remember

Who: World Day for Safety and Health at Work

What: was observed on 28th April 2021

Since emerging as a global crisis in early 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic has had profound impacts everywhere. The pandemic has touched nearly every aspect of the world of work, from the risk of transmission of the virus in workplaces, to occupational safety and health (OSH) risks that have emerged as a result of measures to mitigate the spread of the virus. Shifts to new forms of working arrangements, such as the widespread reliance on teleworking, have, for example, presented many opportunities for workers but also posed potential OSH risks, including psychosocial risks and violence in particular.

The World Day for Safety and Health at Work 2021 focuses on leveraging the elements of an OSH system as set out in the Promotional Framework for Occupational Safety and Health Convention, 2006 (No. 187). The world day report examines how the current crisis demonstrates the importance of strengthening these OSH systems, including occupational health services, at both the national and undertaking level.

The ILO will take this opportunity to raise awareness and stimulate dialogue on the importance of creating and investing in resilient OSH systems, drawing on both regional and country examples in mitigating and preventing the Spread of COVID-19 at the workplace. ([Read more](#))

9. Hints to Remember

Who: International Dance Day

What: was observed on 29 April

International Dance Day amid the Covid-19 pandemic can give people a window of cheer and hope. Taking a little time out to dance your blues away to some peppy music at home, on International Dance Day, would be a positive step in the right direction. Experts suggest, music and dance does help to counter the emotional impact of the gloom and doom of the pandemic around us. Dance is a creative expression, dance helps counter anxiety, depression and post traumatic stress. Netizens,



on International Dance Day, seem to be shaking a leg, virtually. Let's take a look at a few cool and catchy posts on Twitter.

Who would not be interested in a Wand Dance - the Harry Potter way. It's based on - Harry Potter and the Cursed Child. Make sure you have a wand when you watch this![\(Read more\)](#)

10. Hints to Remember

Who: Jhumpa Lahiri

What: on Her New Novel Whereabouts and the Power of Translation

When: published on 27th April 2021

In 2012, Pulitzer Prize-winning author Jhumpa Lahiri and her family moved to Rome, where they lived for several years as the novelist dedicated herself to intimately understanding the Italian language. Lahiri had loved Italian for decades, ever since taking a trip to Florence in her 20s. Now, she's releasing the English version of her new novel *Whereabouts*, which she first wrote and published in Italian, in 2018, as *Dove Mi Trovo*. The novel is centered on a woman and her observations about an unnamed European city. While Lahiri has worked in Italian for years now (she recently edited *The Penguin Book of Italian Short Stories*), this is the first book she wrote in Italian and translated to English herself.

Lahiri, the author of *The Namesake* and *Unaccustomed Earth*, began *Whereabouts* in 2015 before returning to the United States, and would work on the book during the frequent trips she made back to Rome. "Speaking in a large array of contexts throughout the day, day in and day out, that was feeding the writing," Lahiri says in a recent phone call. The author, who is also the director of the creative writing program at Princeton University, spoke to TIME about the novel, her experience translating her own work and more.[\(Read more\)](#)

11. Hints to Remember

Who: Noted Gujarati poet and folk singer Dadudan Gadhvi

What: Died at 80

When: published on 28th April 2021

The famous and noted Gujarati poet and folk singer Dadudan Pratapdan Gadhvi has taken his last breath at the age of 80. he was also known as Kavi Dad.

He wrote songs for 15 Gujarati films.

In 2021, he was honored with Padma Shri for his contribution to literature and education.

12. Hints to remember



Who: Odia and English author Manoj Das

What: dies at 87; PM Modi mourns

When: published on 28th April 2021

Manoj Das, an eminent Indian author who wrote in Odia and English, passed away at the age of 87 on Tuesday, April 27, 2021.

On his demise, Prime Minister Narendra Modi took to social media to speak about his contributions. "Shri Manoj Das distinguished himself as a noted educationist, popular columnist and prolific writer. He made rich contributions to English and Odia literature. He was a leading exponent of Sri Aurobindo's philosophy. Pained by his demise. Condolences to his family. Om Shanti," he tweeted. ([Read more](#))

13. Hints to Remember

Who: China

What: launches robot prototype capable of catching space debris with net

When: published on 27th April 2021

A Chinese space mining start-up launched into low Earth orbit on Tuesday (Apr 27) a robot prototype that can scoop up debris left behind by other spacecraft with a big net.

The NEO-01, which will also peer into deep space to observe small celestial bodies, was launched on the government's Long March 6 rocket along with a handful of satellites, state-run Xinhua news agency reported.

The 30kg robot developed by Shenzhen-based Origin Space will pave the way for future technologies capable of mining on asteroids, according to the company. ([Read more](#))

14. Hints to Remember

Who: PESB

What: appoints Amit Banerjee for the post of CMD of BEML Limited

When: published on 27th April 2021

Amit Banerjee is set to be the next Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of BEML Limited, a Miniratna Defence PSU under the Ministry of Defence. The Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB), the organisation responsible for making top-level appointments in PSUs, has picked Banerjee for the post of CMD of BEML Limited on April 26.

Banerjee is currently serving as Director (Rail & Metro Business) in the same organisation. Since the superannuation of former BEML CMD DK Hota on January 31, BEML Limited's Director (Mining & Construction) MV Rajasekhar has been holding the additional charge of the CMD's post. ([Read more](#))



15. Hints to Remember

Who: Justice Vimla Singh Kapoor

What: appointed as Chhattisgarh High Court judge

When: published on 28th April 2021

President Ram Nath Kovind has appointed Justice Vimla Singh Kapoor, an additional Judge of the Chhattisgarh High Court to be a Judge of the High Court in the state.

A notification in this regard was issued by the Department of Justice, Ministry of Law and Justice on Wednesday.

Vimla Singh Kapoor has joined the Judicial Service as Civil Judge Class II on September 3, 1987. She was appointed as an Additional Judge of Chhattisgarh High Court on June 18, in 2018 for a period of two years, which was further extended for one year. [\(Read more\)](#)

16. Hints to Remember

Who: Secretary, DoE in Finance Ministry T V Somanathan

What: designated as new Finance Secretary

When: published on 28th April 2021

IAS Officer T V Somanathan who is serving as Secretary, Department of Expenditure in the Finance Ministry has been designated as the Finance Secretary.

He is a 1987 batch IAS Officer of Tamil Nadu Cadre. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet approved it today. [\(Read more\)](#)

17. Hints to Remember

Who: IHS Markit

What: has projected the GDP growth rate of the Indian economy to grow at 9.6 per cent in FY22

When: published on 28th April 2021

On-going lockdown and mobility curbs coupled with fears of an extension – time wise and across more Indian cities – have led to economists tweak their gross domestic growth (GDP) projections for fiscal 2021-22 (FY22).

In a recent note, those at IHS Markit suggest that they expect the Indian economy (as measured by GDP) to grow at 9.6 per cent in FY22. Maharashtra's lockdown, it said, represents a significant dampener on growth, as the state accounts for 16 per cent of national GDP. [\(Read more\)](#)



18. Hints to Remember

Who: Government

What: has left GPF and other non-government PF interest rate unchanged at 7.1 percent

When: published on 29th April 2021

Government has left GPF and other non-government PF interest rate unchanged at 7.1 percent. Department of Economic Affairs said that GPF and other Special Deposit Scheme interest rate of 7.1 percent will be applicable for April to June quarter of the current financial year. The government has decided to maintain status quo on General Provident Fund (GPF) and other non-government PF, gratuity funds interest rate at 7.1 percent. The deposits made under the Special Deposit Scheme for Non-Government Provident, Superannuation and Gratuity Funds will also bear interest at 7.1 percent with effect from April 1, 2021. The decision is in-line with its earlier decision to keep interest rate on small savings schemes such as Public Provident Fund (PPF), NSC, etc unchanged for the current quarter.

19. Hints to Remember

Who: India

What: ranked 49th in Chandler Good Government Index (CGGI)

When: published on 29th April 2021

India has been ranked 49th in the Chandler Good Government Index (CGGI) 2021 among 104 countries in terms of government capabilities and outcomes. India's index score stood at 0.516.

Reuben Abraham, CEO of IDFC Foundation and IDFC Institute, and CGGI Advisory Panel Member pointed out that civil service innovation and capacity building is a key focus for the Indian government.

"The Chandler Good Government Index shows the importance of measuring and investing in governance capabilities that matter. It highlights a key need for 'pracademics' in government – people who combine a rigorous understanding of research and data with a practical and grounded sense of what governments need to do to succeed," he added. ([Read more](#))

20. Hints to Remember

Who: Karnal District Administration

What: starts 'Oxygen on Wheels' initiative to ensure incessant supply of Medical Oxygen to hospitals

When: published on 28th April 2021



Karnal District Administration in Haryana has started a unique 'Oxygen on Wheels' initiative to ensure incessant supply of Medical Oxygen to both Government & Private Hospitals.

Under this initiative a carrier vehicle called as Mobile oxygen bank loaded with 100 Oxygen Cylinders reaches out to any district hospital which requisitions its urgent supply. This Round the clock service has been able to cater to the demands of various hospitals in the area.

Speaking to AIR News, Deputy Commissioner of Karnal District Nishant Yadav informed that the hospitals reach out to the Oxygen bank service when they are left with nearly 2 hour of Oxygen and are provided with requisite number of cylinders to ensure complete care of patients. He said the Karnal model of Oxygen on Wheels will soon be replicated in other districts of the State as well. [\(Read more\)](#)





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