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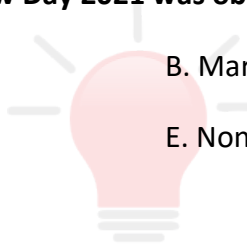
Directions: Study the following questions carefully and answers the questions given below:

1. Which UN Agency has launched 'Sahi Disha' campaign to celebrate women's livelihoods and entrepreneurship in rural India?

- A. United Nations Development Programme
- B. United Nations Environment Programme
- C. United Nations Capital Development Fund
- D. United Nations Population Fund
- E. None of these

2. World Sparrow Day 2021 was observed on which of the following dates?

- A. March 21
- B. March 22
- C. March 20
- D. March 23
- E. None of these



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3. Which team has won the 2021's Vijay Hazare Trophy?

- A. Karnataka cricket team
- B. Delhi cricket team
- C. Mumbai cricket team
- D. Maharashtra cricket team
- E. None of these

4. Gary Wilson retired from professional cricket, was former captain of which country?

- A. Ireland
- B. South Africa
- C. West Indies
- D. New Zealand
- E. None of these

5. The Defence Ministry has sealed a deal with which firm to acquire 4,960 anti-tank guided missiles at a cost of ₹ 1,188 crore for the Indian Army?

- A. BEML Limited
- B. Bharat Electronics
- C. Bharat Dynamics Limited
- D. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
- E. None of these



6. Government of India has focused to develop and strengthen India's first own Mobile Appstore. What will be the name of that Appstore?

- A. Mobile Seva Appstore B. Mobile Live Appstore C. Mobile Play Appstore
D. Mobile Own Appstore E. None of these

7. Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved acquisition of what percent of equity share of North Eastern Electricity Supply Company of Odisha (NESCO Utility) by Tata Power Company Limited (TPCL) from Grid Corporation of Odisha Limited (GRIDCO)?

- A. 49 percent B. 50 percent C. 51 percent
D. 61 percent E. None of these

8. Who among the following has become first serving MP to be appointed captain in Territorial Army?

- A. Anurag Thakur B. Prem Kumar Dhumal C. Jai Ram Thakur
D. Om Birla E. None of these

9. The government has constituted an experts advisory committee which will be responsible for the overall execution and monitoring of the Startup India Seed Fund Scheme. Who among the following will be the head of the committee?

- A. H K Mittal B. A K Mathur C. N K Sharma
D. L K Rawat E. None of these

10. Who among the following has been honoured with the 2021 FIAF Award?

- A. Amitabh Bachchan B. Shahrukh Khan C. Dharmendra
D. Salman Khan E. None of these

11. Moody's Analytics has predicted India's GDP to grow by what percent in 2021?

- A. 11 percent B. 10 percent C. 12 percent
D. 13 percent E. None of these



12. Prime Minister Sri Narendra Modi has addressed which edition of the Annual Conference of International Conference on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (ICDRI) 2021?

- A. 2nd B. 4th C. 5th
D. 3rd E. None of these

13. The Airports Authority of India (AAI) has agreed to assist the _____ aviation regulator in enhancing its capacity in terms of infrastructure and skilled manpower.

- A. Bhutan B. Nepal C. Bangladesh
D. Vietnam E. None of these

14. Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh has received an interim dividend cheque of what amount for Financial Year (FY) 2020-21 from Defence Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) in New Delhi?

- A. Rs 90.56 crore B. Rs 92.56 crore C. Rs 93.56 crore
D. Rs 91.56 crore E. None of these

15. Who among the following has inaugurated the 11th edition of India Chem-2021?

- A. Dattya Sadananda B. Jagadish Shettar C. Mansukh L. Mandaviya
D. D. V. Sadananda Gowda E. None of these

16. Which Indian firm in association with British High Commission has prepared a handbook on ethics for insolvency professionals?

- A. Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India
B. National Company Law Appellate Tribunal
C. National Company Law Tribunal
D. Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority
E. None of these



17. The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has addressed which edition the Global Ayurveda Festival, via Video Conferencing?

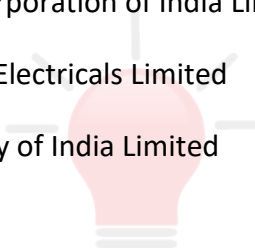
- A. 4th B. 3rd C. 2nd
D. 1st E. None of these

18. Shri R K Singh has launched the GRAM UJALA programme in which state?

- A. Jharkhand B. Chhattisgarh C. Bihar
D. Odisha E. None of these

19. The Labour Bureau has signed an agreement with which firm for providing technical and manpower support to the bureau in the conduct of All India Surveys on Migrant Workers & All India Quarterly Establishment-based Employment Survey (AQEES)?

- A. Broadcast Engineering Consultants India Limited
B. Electronics Corporation of India Limited
C. Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited
D. Steel Authority of India Limited
E. None of these



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20. The 2021 World Down Syndrome Day was observed on which of the following dates?

- A. March 20 B. March 21 C. March 22
D. March 23 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	C	C	A	C	A	C	A	A	A	C	D	C	B	D	A	B	C	A	B

Explanation:

1. Hints to remember

Who: UNDP

What: launches 'Sahi Disha' campaign to celebrate women's livelihoods in rural India

When: published on 18th March 2021

The UNDP has launched 'Sahi Disha' campaign to celebrate women's livelihoods and entrepreneurship in rural India.

The campaign highlights issues and hurdles that impact the opportunities for women in rural India to access jobs and livelihoods and establish enterprises that can help them become more self-reliant, the UNDP said in a statement.

The Disha initiative, a five-year collaboration between UNDP and the IKEA Foundation, enabled one million women through skilling and counselling services to access job and livelihood opportunities across five states -- Delhi NCR, Haryana, Karnataka, Maharashtra and Telangana. ([Read more](#))

2. Hints to Remember

Who: World Sparrow Day 2021

What: was observed on March 20

World Sparrow Day is being celebrated all over the world on March 20 in order to increase awareness and put the spotlight on the conservation of little adorable house sparrows and other birds. Sparrows were once among the most spotted birds in our childhood but now a continuous decline in their numbers can be seen. The decline of house sparrows are mainly because of deforestation and increasing noise pollution. Sparrows need to be protected as they are very important for the ecological balance, pollination in many plants and many more. ([Read more](#))

3. Hints to Remember

Who: Vijay Hazare Trophy Final: Prithvi Shaw

What: Becomes First Player To Register More Than 800 Runs In Single Edition



When: published on 14th March 2021

Mumbai skipper and opening batsman Prithvi Shaw on Sunday became the first player to register more than 800 runs in a single edition of the Vijay Hazare Trophy. Shaw achieved the feat in the ongoing final between Mumbai and Uttar Pradesh, at the Arun Jaitley Stadium. In the final, Shaw's side has been set a target of 313 and if Mumbai manages to chase this down, the side will win their fourth Vijay Hazare title. Earlier, Madhav Kaushik and Akshdeep Nath played knocks of 158 and 55 respectively as Uttar Pradesh registered 312/4 in the allotted fifty overs. Kaushik's unbeaten 158-run knock is the most number of runs scored by a batsman in the finals of the Vijay Hazare Trophy.

The 21-year-old Shaw on Thursday broke Mayank Agarwal's record of scoring most runs in a single Vijay Hazare Trophy edition. Agarwal had registered 723 runs in the 2017-18 edition. ([Read more](#))

4. Hints to Remember

Who: Former Ireland captain Gary Wilson

What: retires from professional cricket

When: published on 19th March 2021

Former Ireland captain Gary Wilson has brought curtains down on his 16-year career by announcing his retirement from professional cricket. He will take up the new full-time role as head coach and pathway manager for North West Warriors, Cricket Ireland informed on Friday.

The 35-year-old made his international debut for Ireland in June 2005 against the MCC and appeared 292 times for the senior side -- the third most capped Irish international in history.

"To step away from international cricket after 16 years is something I will miss dearly -- I will miss the guys probably more than anything, but pulling on the shirt and playing for Ireland was the only thing I ever dreamed of growing up. To have played for Ireland 292 times is something I am very proud of -- if I had thought I'd have made it 10 times growing up I would have snapped your hand off, so 292 times is something I'm very proud of," Wilson said in a statement. ([Read more](#))

5. Hints to Remember

Who: Defence Ministry

What: seals deal with BDL to acquire 4,690 anti-tank guided missiles

When: published on 19th March 2021

The Defence Ministry on Friday sealed a deal with state-run Bharat Dynamics Ltd (BDL) to acquire 4,960 anti-tank guided missiles at a cost of ₹ 1,188 crore for the Indian Army.

The missiles, having a range of 1,850 metres, can be fired from ground as well as vehicle-based launchers and their induction is planned to be completed in three years, the ministry said.



In the last few months, the ministry finalised a range of procurement projects for the three forces to enhance their overall combat capabilities. ([Read more](#))

6. Hints to Remember

Who: Govt

What: focused to Develop & Strengthen India's First own Mobile Appstore – “Mobile Seva Appstore”:
Ravi Shankar Prasad

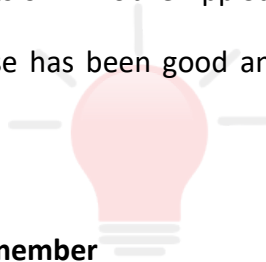
When: published on 18th March 2021

The government while encouraging private players to host apps, is equally keen to develop and strengthen its own mobile app store, Parliament was informed on Thursday.

India's first indigenously developed Appstore, 'Mobile Seva Appstore' hosts more than 965 live apps from various domains and categories of public services, Minister for Electronics and IT Ravi Shankar Prasad said in a written reply in the Rajya Sabha.

"While the government encourages private players to host apps, it is equally keen to develop and encourage its own mobile App Store," Prasad said.

The response has been good and the government wishes to strengthen it further, he added. ([Read more](#))



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7. Hints to Remember

Who: CCI

What: approves Tata Power's 51% stake buy in NESCO utility-Business Journal

When: published on 22nd March 2021

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved acquisition of 51 per cent equity share of North Eastern Electricity Supply Company of Odisha (NESCO Utility) by Tata Power Company Limited (TPCL) from Grid Corporation of Odisha Limited (GRIDCO).

The proposed combination relates to the acquisition of 51 per cent of equity share capital of NESCO Utility by the TPCL from GRIDCO pursuant to the competitive bidding process initiated by the Odisha Electricity Regulatory Commission (OERC) under Section 20 of the Electricity Act, 2003, an official release said.

TPCL, incorporated on September 18, 1919, is a public listed company and is primarily engaged in the business of power generation, transmission and distribution. It is a part of the Tata group. ([Read more](#))



8. Hints to Remember

Who: Anurag Thakur

What: becomes first serving MP to be appointed captain in Territorial Army

When: published on 11th March 2021

Union Minister Anurag Thakur on Wednesday became the first serving MP to be appointed as Captain in the Territorial Army.

The four-time BJP MP from Himachal Pradesh's Hamirpur was commissioned into the Territorial Army as a Lieutenant by then Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Dalbir S Suhag TA in July 2016, according to a statement.

Thakur was promoted as Captain in the 124 Sikh regiment, it said.

"I am extremely honoured to have been promoted to the rank of Captain. I would like to reaffirm my commitment for serving the people and the call of duty towards mother India," the minister said. ([Read more](#))

9. Hints to Remember

Who: Govt

What: Forms Experts Committee For Startup India Seed Fund Scheme

When: published on 17th March 2021

The government has constituted an experts advisory committee which will be responsible for the overall execution and monitoring of the Startup India Seed Fund Scheme.

According to an office memorandum of the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), the committee will evaluate and select incubators for allotment of funds under the scheme, monitor progress and take all necessary measures for efficient utilisation of funds towards fulfilment of objectives of the scheme.

DPIIT had in February notified the operational guidelines to provide financial assistance to startups for proof of concept, prototype development, product trials, market entry and commercialisation.

The committee, it said, would be chaired by H K Mittal from the Department of Science and Technology. ([Read more](#))

10. Hints to Remember

Who: Amitabh Bachchan

What: honoured with 2021 FIAF Award, says 'Connected virtually to rest of the World'



When: published on 19th March 2021

Bollywood actor Amitabh Bachchan has been honoured with the 2021 FIAF Award. Taking to Twitter, the actor shared a couple of pictures receiving the honour and said expressed his gratitude. He tweeted, "Deeply honoured to have been conferred the 2021 FIAF Award. Thank you FIAF, Martin Scorsese , Christopher Nolan for bestowing the award on me in the ceremony today. Modern technology be praised. Connected virtually to rest of the World simultaneously "

He added, "Our commitment to the cause of saving India's film heritage is unshakeable and Film Heritage Foundation will continue its efforts to build a nationwide movement to save our films." ([Read more](#))

11. Hints to Remember

Who: Moody's Analytics

What: sees India's GDP growth at 12% in 2021

When: published on 19th March 2021

India's economy is likely to grow by 12 per cent in 2021 following a 7.1 per cent contraction last year, as near-term prospects have turned more favourable, Moody's Analytics said.

A stronger than expected December quarter GDP growth of 0.4 per cent following a 7.5 per cent contraction in the previous three months has turned India's near-term prospects more favourable, it said. ([Read more](#))

12. Hints to Remember

Who: PM

What: Addresses 3rd Edition of Annual Conference of ICDRI 2021

When: published on 20th March 2021

Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi addressed the 3rd Edition of the Annual Conference of International Conference on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure 2021 (ICDRI 2021). The Conference took place virtually from March 17-19, 2021 and was hosted by Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI).

ICDRI is an International Workshop hosted annually by CDRI.

Objective – To strengthen the global discourses on disaster and climate resilient infrastructure.

The conference was addressed by PM Modi;UK PM Boris Johnson;PM of Italy Mario Draghi OMRI;Josaia Voreqq Bainimarama, PM of Fiji. ([Read more](#))



13. Hints to Remember

Who: AAI

What: to assist in enhancing Bangladesh aviation infra

When: published on 15th March 2021

The Airports Authority of India (AAI) has agreed to assist the Bangladesh aviation regulator in enhancing its capacity in terms of infrastructure and skilled manpower, according to a statement on Monday.

A high-level delegation of the Civil Aviation Authority of Bangladesh (CAAB) visited the AAI from March 7-11 to "explore possible cooperation avenues", the AAI said.

India is currently celebrating "Swarnim Vijay Varsh", the golden jubilee year marking the 1971 war victory over Pakistan that led to the creation of Bangladesh.

AAI chairperson Anuj Aggarwal has assured the CAAB delegation that all possible assistance would be extended to strengthen the aviation sector in Bangladesh, the statement said.

The AAI has agreed to assist the CAAB in enhancing its capacity in terms of aviation infrastructure and skilled manpower resources, and sustaining the post-COVID growth in aviation in the country, it said. ([Read more](#))

14. Hints to Remember

Who: MDL

What: pays interim dividend of Rs 92.56 crore for FY 2020-21

When: published on 3rd March 2021

Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh received an interim dividend cheque of Rs 92.56 crore for Financial Year (FY) 2020-21 from Defence Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) in New Delhi on March 03, 2021. Chairman & Managing Director (CMD), MDL Vice Admiral Narayan Prasad (Retd) handed over the cheque to the Raksha Mantri in the presence of Secretary (Defence Production) Shri Raj Kumar.

With this, MDL has paid a total dividend of Rs 138.73 crore to the Government of India during FY 2020-21 including final dividend of Rs 46.17 crore for FY 2019-20. The company has declared interim dividend of Rs 109.11 crore @ 54.10 per cent of equity capital for FY 2020-21, Government share being 84.83 per cent. ([Read more](#))



15. Hints to Remember

Who: Sadananda Gowda

What: to inaugurate 11th edition of India Chem-2021 on Wednesday

When: published on 16th March 2021

Union Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers, D.V. Sadananda Gowda, will on Wednesday, inaugurate the 11th edition of India Chem-2021.

"India Chem is one of the largest composite events of the chemical and petrochemical sector in the Asia-Pacific Region. Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals, in association with FICCI, is organising the 11th edition of India Chem- 2021 during March 17-19th in New Delhi," read a release by the ministry.

During the India Chem-2021, events such as Global CEOs Round Table, Conclave on Global Chemical Industry: Special focus on Specialty Chemicals, Conclave on Global Petrochemical Industry in collaboration with GCC, Conclave on Global Agrochemical Industry, Capital Goods, Plant Machinery, Pumps and Valves and Processes Roundtable will be organised. ([Read more](#))

16. Hints to Remember

Who: IBBI, British High Commission

What: release ethics handbook for insolvency professionals

When: published on 19th March 2021

The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) in association with British High Commission has prepared a handbook on ethics for insolvency professionals.

The "Handbook on Ethics for Insolvency Professionals: Ethical and Regulatory Framework" was released during a webinar on Friday.

A release said the handbook is based on inputs on the best practices followed by the insolvency practitioners in the UK and aims to stimulate the highest standards of ethics and professionalism among the insolvency professionals (IPs). ([Read more](#))

17. Hints to Remember

Who: PM Narendra Modi

What: addresses the 4th Global Ayurveda Festival 2021

When: published on 12th March 2021



The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi today addressed the fourth Global Ayurveda Festival, via Video Conferencing.

Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister noted the growing global interest in Ayurveda and appreciated the efforts of all those working on Ayurveda across the world. He said “Ayurveda could rightly be described as a holistic human science. From the plants to your plate, from matters of physical strength to mental well-being, the impact and influence of Ayurveda and traditional medicine is immense.”

In the context of COVID-19 pandemic, the Prime Minister said that the demand for ayurvedic products is steadily rising. “The current situation presents a right time for Ayurveda and traditional medicines to become even more popular globally. There is growing interest towards them. The world is seeing how modern and traditional medicines both are important to further wellness. People are realising the benefits of Ayurveda and its role in boosting immunity,” said the Prime Minister. ([Read more](#))

18. Hints to Remember

Who: Power Minister Shri R K Singh

What: launches GRAM UJALA in Bihar

When: published on 19th March 2021

Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Ministry of Power and Ministry of New and Renewable Energy and Minister of State, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Shri R K Singh launched the GRAM UJALA programme in Arrah, Bihar through a virtual event today .

While speaking at the event the Power Minister said that our rural population was still unable to afford discounted LEDs. This is why we have now created GRAM UJALA – a customized program for rural India, based uniquely and innovatively on carbon finance. LEDs will be available for only Rs 10 each for each household, in exchange for working condition old incandescent lamps. Each household will get up to 5 LEDs. ([Read more](#))

19. Hints to Remember

Who: Labour Bureau

What: signs pact with consultant for survey on migrant workers, job scene

When: published on 19th March 2021

The Labour Bureau on Friday signed an agreement with Broadcast Engineering Consultants India Ltd (BECIL) for providing technical and manpower support to the bureau in the conduct of All India Surveys on Migrant Workers & All India Quarterly Establishment-based Employment Survey (AQEES).

The surveys to be undertaken by the bureau will be integrated with the technology provided by BECIL, which will substantially reduce the time taken for completion of surveys by at least 30-40 per cent. The



Labour Ministry has decided that the manpower engaged through the IT partner for supporting these surveys will be offered fixed term employment. It is a historic provision in the recent labour codes which will bestow various benefits on the workers engaged for a fixed term by treating them at par with permanent workers. ([Read more](#))

20. Hints to Remember

Who: World Down Syndrome Day

What: was observed on 21st March 2021

World Down Syndrome Day is observed on March 21 every year, with an aim to spread awareness about the Down syndrome which has always been a part of the human condition. Down syndrome is a condition in which a human has, partially or wholly, an extra copy of chromosome 21. Usually, humans have two copies of this chromosome, but those with Down syndrome have three, and so the syndrome is also called 'Trisomy 21'. It is to signify this triplication of chromosome 21 that the 21st was chosen as the date and March, or the third month, was chosen as the month for this observance. However, researchers have not yet been able to figure out why this syndrome occurs, even as it occurs in all regions of the world. ([Read more](#))



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