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MONTHLY CURRENT AFFAIRS

October 2021

Prime Minister POSHAN Scheme

- Union Cabinet has approved the PM-POSHAN (PRANDHAN MANTRI POSHAN SHAKTI NIRMAN) for providing one hot cooked meal in Government and Government-aided schools.
- The scheme will replace the existing Mid-day Meal Scheme.
- It has been launched for an initial period of five years (2021-22 to 2025-26).
- The scheme covers about 11.80 crore children studying in 11.20 lakh schools across the country. During 2020-21, the Government of India invested more than ₹ 24,400 crores in the scheme, including a cost of about ₹ 11,500 crores on foodgrains.
- The government has planned to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the scheme.
- The scheme is proposed to be extended to students studying in pre-primary or Bal Vatikas of Government and Government-aided primary schools in addition to all the 11.80 crore children from elementary classes.
- Under the scheme, the concept of TithiBhojan will also be encouraged extensively. Tithi Bhojan is a community participation programme in which people provide special food to children on special occasions/festivals.

DigiSaksham: To Train Unemployed Youth

- In association with Microsoft, the Centre initially is to impart free training to 3 lakh youth in digital skills and advanced computing.
- The Union Labour Ministry and Microsoft India have jointly launched this digital skilled platform -- DigiSaksham -- to enhance youth employability. According to the Centre, the platform will impart digital skills to youth that are required in an increasingly technology-driven era.

Jal Jeevan Mission Completes 5 Crore Mark

- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will interact with Gram Panchayats and Pani Samitis/ Village Water and Sanitation Committees (VWSC) on Jal Jeevan Mission

- On 15th August 2019, Prime Minister announced the Jal Jeevan Mission to provide clean tap water to every household. At the time of launch of the mission, only 3.23 Crore (17%) rural households had tap water supply.
- Despite Covid-19 pandemic, in the last two years, more than 5 Crore households have been provided with tap water connections. As on date, about 8.26 Crore (43%) rural households have tap water supply in their homes.

One Sun, One World, One Grid (OSOWOG)

- India and the UK are likely to announce a joint declaration on “**one sun, one world, one grid**” - or OSOWOG at the upcoming Conference of Parties (COP26).
- The UN Climate Change Conference, or COP26, is scheduled to be held between 31st October and 12th November in Scotland.
- The concept of OSOWOG is what the British have called a green grid.
- The idea behind the concept is a trans-national electricity grid supplying solar power across the globe.



Pandora Papers Will Be Investigated: Centre

- The **Pandora Papers**, are based on documents leaked to the International Consortium of Investigative Journalism (ICIJ) and exposed the offshore dealings of kings, presidents and prime ministers.
- There are at least 380 persons of Indian nationality in the Pandora Papers.

- A multi-agency group headed by the chief of **Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)**, and representatives from the Enforcement Directorate, Reserve Bank of India and the Financial Intelligence Unit will monitor the reports and follow up relevant leads.

Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize 2021

- **Professor T Govindaraju** from Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research has received the prestigious **Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize for Science and Technology, 2021** for his ground-breaking concepts and discoveries, which have significant potential for diagnosis and treatment for Alzheimer's, lung cancer among other health problems.
- The Award given annually by the **Council of Scientific and Industrial Research** for notable and outstanding research, applied or fundamental, in biology, chemistry, environmental science, engineering, mathematics, medicine, and Physics.



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UNESCO: State of the Education Report for India 2021

- On the **World Teachers' Day** (5th October), the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) launched its 2021 State of the Education Report (SOER) for India: **"No Teacher, No Class"**.
- There are nearly 1.2 lakh single-teacher schools in the country of which an overwhelming 89% are in rural areas.
- The proportion of teachers employed in the private sector grew from 21% in 2013-14 to 35% in 2018-19.

- The overall availability of computing devices (desktops or laptops) in schools is 22% for all India, with rural areas seeing much lower provisioning (18%) than urban areas (43%).
- GER for elementary schools, has increased from 81.6 in 2001 to 93.03 in 2018-19 and stands at 102.1 in 2019-2020. Overall retention is 74.6% for elementary education and 59.6% for secondary education in 2019-20.

MOST TEACHER VACANCIES IN UP

- UP (3.3L), Bihar (2.2L) & Bengal (1.1L) have the most vacancies in teaching positions in schools
- Of the 11L vacant posts in the country, 69% are in rural areas, according to a Unesco study
- At 21k, MP has the highest number of single-teacher schools
- 7.7% pre-primary, 4.6% primary, 3.3% upper-primary & 0.8% secondary teachers in India are underqualified



“Pupil-teacher ratios are adverse in secondary schools. Also, there's no info on availability of special education, music, arts and physical education teachers. The need (for teachers) is likely to grow, given the shortages in certain education levels and subjects (and because) about 30% of the current workforce will need to be replaced
— Unesco state of education report

Henley Passport Index 2021

- India has been ranked **90th** in the most powerful passport report.
- The Henley Passport Index is the original ranking of all the world's passports according to the number of destinations their holders can access without a prior visa.
- Launched in 2006 the ranking is based on exclusive data from the **International Air Transport Association (IATA)**, which maintains the world's largest and most accurate database of travel information.

WHO Recommends First Anti-Malaria Vaccine

- In a historic move, the World Health Organization (WHO) has endorsed the first anti-malarial vaccine. WHO said it is recommending the widespread use of malaria vaccine among children in sub-Saharan Africa and in other regions with moderate to high *P. falciparum* malaria transmission.

- RTS,S/AS01, trade name Mosquirix, is an injectable vaccine targeting P. falciparum, the most prevalent malaria strain in Africa. It is the first and only vaccine to show partial protection in young children.



PM MITRA Parks

- The Union Cabinet approved the setting up of seven **Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel (PM MITRA) Parks** at an outlay of Rs. 4,445 crore.
- The MITRA park aims to integrate the entire textile value chain from spinning, weaving, processing/dyeing, printing to garment manufacturing at one location.
- PM MITRA Park will be developed by a **Special Purpose Vehicle** which will be owned by the Central and State Government and in a Public Private Partnership (PPP) Mode.

Air India Disinvestment Approved

- India's Tata Sons is buying the country's national carrier Air India, returning the airline to its founders and ending a decadelong struggle by the government to unload the money-losing venture.
- the government approved the highest price bid of Talace Pvt Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of Tata Sons Pvt. Ltd for sale (Disinvesting) of 100% equity shareholding of Government of India in Air India (AI).
- The Tatas will own 100% stake in AI, as also 100% in its international low-cost arm Air India Express and 50% in the ground handling joint venture, AI SATS.

GOVERNMENT APPROVES AIR INDIA DISINVESTMENT

TATA SONS' SPV – TALACE PVT LTD – WINS BID FOR AIR INDIA

The winning bid is for **₹18,000 crore** as Enterprise Value (EV) consideration for AI

Non-core assets including land and building, valued at **₹14,718 crores** to be transferred to GoI's AIAHL

Interest of the **employees and retired employees** would be taken care of

Disinvestment process carried out in **a transparent manner, with due regard to confidentiality of the bidders**, through multi-layered decision making

Next step: Issuance of the **Letter of Intent** and then signing of the **Share Purchase Agreement**

Transaction is expected to be **completed by December 2021**



“Indian Space Association” Launched

- ISpA is the Premier Industry Association of Space and Satellite companies, which aspires to be the collective voice of the Indian Space industry.
- It will undertake policy advocacy and engage with all stakeholders in the Indian Space domain, including the Government and its agencies.
- Echoing the Prime Minister's vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat, ISpA will help in making India self-reliant, technologically advanced and a leading player in the space arena.

Nobel Prize Winners List 2021

- **Nobel Peace Prize 2021:**
- Maria Ressa and Dmitry Muratov “for their efforts to safeguard freedom of expression.”
- Maria Ressa continues to expose abuse of power, use of violence, and growing authoritarianism in her native country, the Philippines by using freedom of

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expression. On the other hand, for several decades, Dmitry Andreyevich Muratov has defended freedom of speech in Russia amid challenging conditions.

- **Nobel Prize in Literature 2021:**

- Abdulrazak Gurnah “for his uncompromising and compassionate penetration of the effects of colonialism and the fate of the refugee in the gulf between cultures and continents.”
- Gurnah is known for his novels and a number of short stories that are themed around the disruption of refugee’s

- **Nobel Prize in Physics 2021:**

- Syukuro Manabe, Klaus Hasselmann, Giorgio Parisi “for groundbreaking contributions to our understanding of complex systems.”
- Syukuro Manabe, the first person to explore the interaction between radiation balance and the vertical transport of air masses, discovered theories to help make climate models that assist in detecting weather patterns.
- Klaus Hasselmann's methods have proven that global warming is a result of human emissions of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere, and Giorgio Parisi's discoveries make many different and apparently entirely random phenomena understandable. Their application is not only limited to physics and extends to other fields including mathematics, biology, neuroscience, and machine learning.

- **Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2021:**

- Benjamin List and David MacMillan “for the development of asymmetric organocatalytic.”
- List and MacMillan have been recognised for their contribution in making molecular construction easier by inventing a tool that helps in catalysis for producing asymmetric molecules.

- **Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 2021:**

- David Julius and Ardem Patapoutian “for their discoveries of receptors for temperature and touch.”
- Julius and Patapoutian's breakthrough discoveries launched intense research activities leading to a rapid increase in the understanding of how the human nervous system senses heat, cold, and mechanical stimuli.

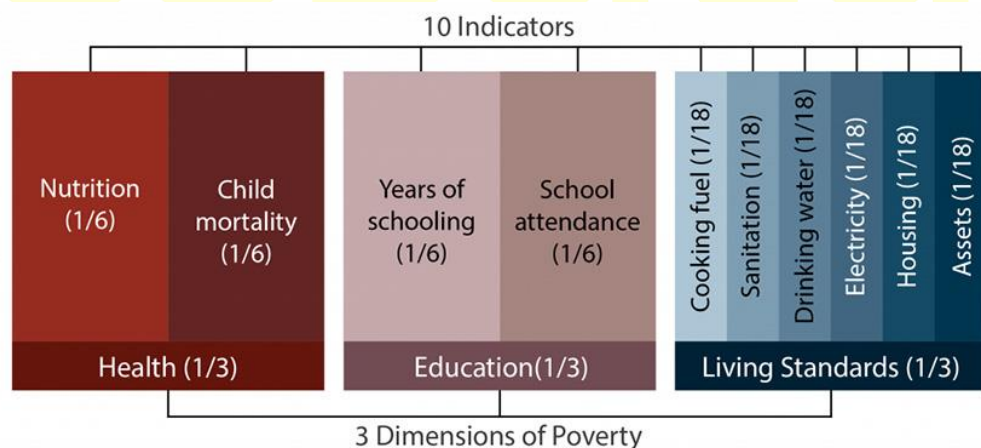
- **Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences:**

- David Card “for his empirical contributions to labour economics.”
- Joshua D. Angrist and Guido W. Imbens “for their methodological contributions to the analysis of causal relationships.”

- The three laureates have new insights about the labour market and have shown what conclusions about cause and effect can be drawn from natural experiments. Their approach has spread to other fields and has revolutionized empirical research.

Global Multidimensional Poverty Index 2021

- **Global Multidimensional Poverty Index 2021** was released by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Oxford Poverty & Human Development Initiative (OPHI).
- The Index considers data from 109 countries and 5.9 billion people.
- 1.3 billion people are multidimensionally poor.
- About half (644 million) are children under age 18.
- Nearly 85% live in Sub-Saharan Africa (556 million) or South Asia (532 million).
- More than 67% live in middle-income countries.
- The Multidimensional Poverty Index was launched by the UNDP and the Oxford Poverty & Human Development Initiative OPHI in 2010.
- MPI is based on the idea that poverty is not unidimensional (not just depends on income and one individual may lack several basic needs like education, health etc.), rather it is multidimensional.



60th Anniversary of NAM

- As the Special Envoy of Prime Minister, Minister of State for External Affairs Meenakshi Lekhi addressed the High-Level Meeting to mark the 60th Anniversary of Non-Aligned Movement NAM in **Belgrade, Serbia**.
- The basic concept for the group originated in 1955 during discussions that took place at the **Asia-Africa Bandung Conference** held in Indonesia.

- It has 120 members as of April 2018 comprising 53 countries from Africa, 39 from Asia, 26 from Latin America and the Caribbean and 2 from Europe (Belarus, Azerbaijan). There are 17 countries and 10 international organizations that are Observers at NAM.

Prime Minister launched PM Gatishakti

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched PM Gatishakti National Master Plan' for providing multimodal connectivity infrastructure to various economic zones.
- The project is the brainchild of the Prime Minister who has been a strong advocate of ending silos in government functioning and bringing more inter-departmental and ministerial synergies.
- There will be a conceptual change in the functions of government. With this application, a holistic, integrated approach will be followed and there will be real-time coordination among various departments.
- The government of India has launched the ambitious Gati Shakti scheme or National Master Plan for multi-modal connectivity plan, with the aim of coordinated planning and execution of infrastructure projects to bring down logistics costs.
- Aim: To ensure integrated planning and implementation of infrastructure projects in the next four years, with focus on expediting works on the ground, saving costs and creating jobs.
- The Gati Shakti scheme will subsume the Rs 110 lakh crore National Infrastructure Pipeline that was launched in 2019.
- Besides cutting logistics costs, the scheme is also aimed at increasing cargo handling capacity and reducing the turnaround time at ports to boost trade.
- It also aims to have 11 industrial corridors and two new defence corridors - one in Tamil Nadu and other in Uttar Pradesh. Extending 4G connectivity to all villages is another aim. Adding 17,000 kms to the gas pipeline network is being planned.
- It will help in fulfilling the ambitious targets set by the government for 2024-25, including expanding the length of the national highway network to 2 lakh kms, creation of more than 200 new airports, heliports, and water aerodromes.

Global Girlhood Report 2021

- Save the Children (Global NGO) released the Global Girlhood Report 2021: Girls Right in Crisis.
- Child marriage kills more than 60 girls a day globally, 26 girls a day in West and Central Africa and six girls a day in South Asia. The deaths are majorly caused from pregnancy and childbirth resulting from child marriage.
- A further 10 million girls are now expected to marry by 2030, leaving more girls at risk of dying.

Global Hunger Index 2021

- It is jointly published by Concern Worldwide and Welthungerhilfe.
- It was first produced in 2006. It is published every October. The 2021 edition marks the 16th edition of the GHI.
- It is calculated based on four indicators: Undernourishment, Child Wasting, Child Stunting, Child Mortality.
- India has slipped to 101st position in the Global Hunger Index (GHI) 2021 of 116 countries, from its 2020 position of 94th.

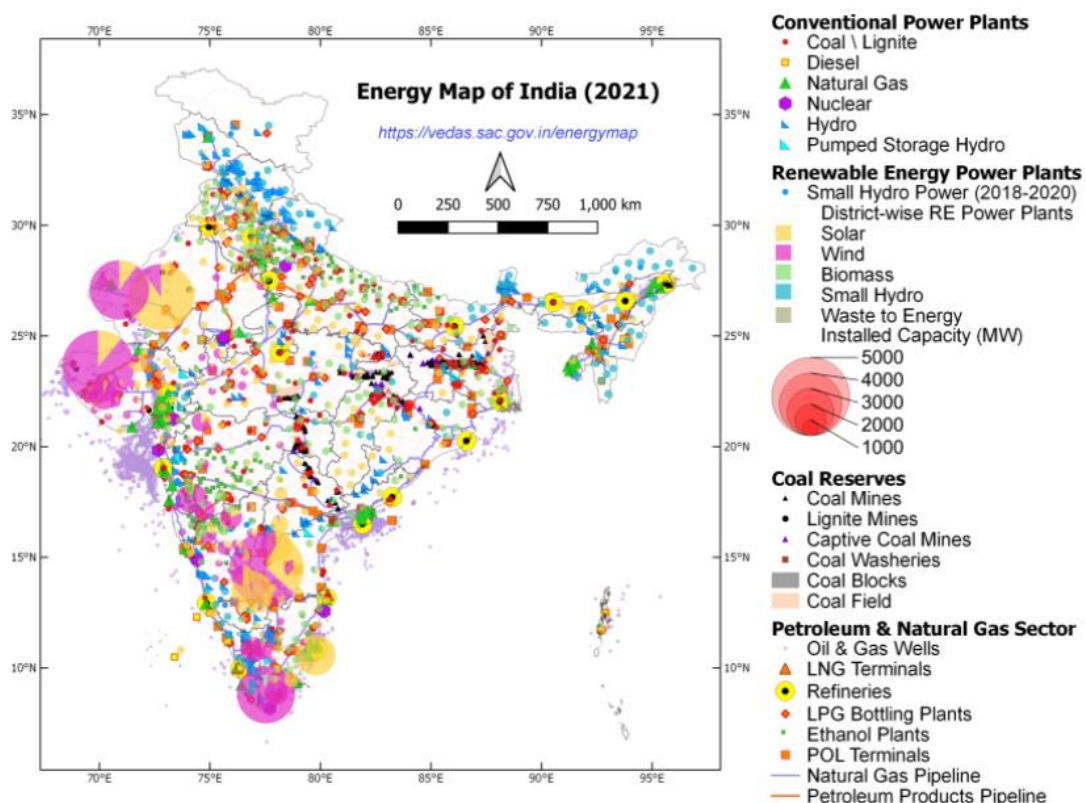


Kunming Declaration on Biodiversity

- Kunming Declaration was adopted by over 100 countries at the ongoing 15th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity in China.
- The adoption of the declaration will create momentum for a new global biodiversity pact.
- In a previous agreement, Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, signed in Aichi, Japan, in 2010, governments agreed on 20 targets to try to slow biodiversity loss and protect habitats by 2020.

NITI Aayog Launches Geospatial Energy Map of India

- NITI Aayog in collaboration with Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has developed a comprehensive Geographic Information System (GIS) Energy Map of India with the support of Energy Ministries of Government of India.
- The GIS map provides a holistic picture of all energy resources of the country which enables visualization of energy installations such as conventional power plants, oil and gas wells, petroleum refineries, coal fields and coal blocks, district-wise data on renewable energy power plants and renewable energy resource potential, etc through 27 thematic layers.



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4th International Solar Alliance General Assembly

- It is to be held virtually between October 18th and October 21st, 2021, and will be presided over by Shri R.K. Singh, Minister for Power, New and Renewable Energy.
- Key initiatives around the operationalization of the OSOWOG initiative, the \$1 trillion Solar Investment Roadmap for 2030, and approval of a Blended Financial Risk Mitigation Facility.
- World leaders of ISA member countries will also discuss the strategic plan of the ISA for the next five years encompassing a Country Partnership Framework, Strategy for Private Sector Engagement, and initiatives such as Viability Gap Financing scheme to facilitate affordable finance for solar energy projects across ISA's membership.

World Energy Outlook Report 2021: IEA

- International Energy Agency (IEA) released the World Energy Outlook (WEO) Report 2021.
- Published every year, the WEO provides critical analysis and insights on trends in energy demand and supply.
- The 2021 report signaled pressure on governments to push for greater climate action at the Conference of Parties (COP26) summit (in Glasgow, UK).
- Earlier, IEA also released its Net Zero Emissions (NZE) Roadmap - named 'Net Zero by 2050'.
- Renewable energy sources, such as solar, wind, hydropower and bioenergy, need to form a far bigger share in the rebound in energy investment after the coronavirus pandemic.
- Demand for renewables continues to grow. However, this clean energy progress is still far too slow to put global emissions into sustained decline towards net zero by 2050, which the IEA believes will help limit the increase in global temperatures to 1.5 degrees Celsius.

NASA launches Lucy spacecraft, first space mission to study Trojans Asteroids

- Nasa launched Lucy spacecraft, the first space mission to study the Trojans Asteroids. Lucy will journey for 12 years, observing one main belt asteroid and seven Trojan asteroids.

- These primitive bodies hold vital clues to deciphering the history of the solar system.
- The Jupiter Trojan asteroids are leftover raw materials from the formation of our Solar System's giant planets (Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune) over 4.5 billion years ago .



Global Food Security Index 2021

- India is ranked at 71st position in the Global Food Security (GFS) Index 2021 of 113 countries.
- The GFS Index was designed and constructed by London-based Economist Impact and is sponsored by Corteva Agriscience.
- The 2021 GFSI is the tenth edition of the index. It is published every year.
- It measures the underlying drivers of food security based on the following factors: Affordability, Availability, Quality and Safety, Natural Resources and Resilience etc.

Police Commemoration Day 2021

- 21 October is Police Martyrs' Day (or Police Commemoration Day), observed by police departments nationwide.
- On this date in 1959, a Central Reserve Police Force patrol at the Indo-Tibetan border in Ladakh was ambushed by Chinese forces, as part of the ongoing Sino-Indian border dispute.
- Since independence, more than 34,000 police personnel have lost their lives while protecting the country.

ABHYAS Successfully flight-tested by DRDO

- ABHYAS - the High-speed Expendable Aerial Target (HEAT) was successfully flight-tested today by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) from the Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur off the coast of Bay of Bengal in Odisha.
- The vehicle can be used as an aerial target for evaluation of various missile systems. The performance of the target aircraft was monitored through telemetry and various tracking sensors including Radars and Electro Optical Tracking System (EOTS).



Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award

- Martin Scorsese and Istevan Szabo to be honoured with Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award
- Union Minister Shri Anurag Singh Thakur makes Major Announcements for 52nd International Film Festival of India to be held in Goa
- BRICS Film Festival to be held alongside IFFI. '75 Creative Minds of Tomorrow' Competition to mark Azaadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav; Winners to attend Festival at Goa in November.

India's First Banni Buffalo IVF Calf Born

- With the birth of first IVF calf of a Buffalo breed namely Banni in the country, India's OPU - IVF work has reached to next level. This first IVF Banni calf is born out of 6 Banni IVF pregnancies established in Gujarat.

- In vitro fertilization is a process of fertilization where an egg is combined with sperm in vitro. The process involves monitoring and stimulating a woman's ovulatory process, removing an ovum or ova from her ovaries, and letting sperm fertilize them in a culture medium in a laboratory.



Pradhan Mantri Atmanirbhar Swasth Bharat Yojana (PMASBY) to be launched

- In the Budget speech of FY 21-22, 'Prime Minister Atmanirbhar Swasth Bharat Yojana' (PMASBY) scheme has been announced on 1st February 2021, with an outlay of about Rs.64,180 Cr over six years (till FY 25-26). This will be in addition to the National Health Mission.
- The main interventions under the scheme to be achieved by FY 25-26 are:
 - Support for 17,788 rural Health and Wellness Centres in 10 High Focus States.
- Establishing 11,024 urban Health and Wellness Centres in all the States.
- Setting up of Integrated Public Health Labs in all districts and 3382 Block Public Health Units in 11 High Focus states.
- Establishing Critical Care Hospital Blocks in 602 districts and 12 Central Institutions etc.
- Expansion of the Integrated Health Information Portal to all States/UTs to connect all public health labs.
- Setting up of 15 Health Emergency Operation Centres and 2 mobile hospitals etc.

67th National Film Awards

- Vice President Shri M Venkaiah Naidu confers 67th National Film Awards.
- Shri Rajnikant honoured with Dada Saheb Phalke Award.
- The award for best non-feature film for the year 2019 has been given to AN ENGINEERED DREAM (Hindi) produced and directed by Shri Hemant Gaba.
- Shri Dhanush and Shri Manoj Bajpayee have both been conferred Best Actor award while Ms Kangana Ranaut has been awarded Best Actress for her role in Manikarnika-The Queen of Jhansi (Hindi) and Panga (Hindi).

Surface to Surface Ballistic Missile, Agni-5

- Agni-5 capable of striking targets at ranges up to 5,000 kilometres with very high degree of accuracy. It uses a three-stage solid fuelled engine.
- Successful launch in line with India's policy to have 'credible minimum deterrence' that underpins the commitment to 'No First Use'
- The successful test of Agni-5 is in line with India's stated policy to have 'credible minimum deterrence' that underpins the commitment to 'No First Use'.



Indian Coast Guard Ship 'Sarthak' dedicated to the Nation

- In a significant boost to the maritime safety and security of the nation, the indigenously built Indian Coast Guard Ship 'Sarthak' was commissioned and dedicated to the nation.
- ICGS Sarthak will be based at Porbandar in Gujarat and operate on India's Western Seaboard under the Operational and Administrative Control of the Commander, Coast Guard Region (Northwest).

- The ship is fitted with state-of-the-art equipment, machinery, sensors and weapons which enables it to function as a command platform and undertake mandated Coast Guard charter of duties including search & rescue, combating maritime crimes and preserving & protecting the marine environment.
- Indian Coast Guard is a pioneer in inducting indigenous platforms and ICGS Sarthak is a glowing example of 'Atmanirbhar Bharat'.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. The _____ was the first prominent kingdom based in Kerala.
A. Chera Dynasty
B. Chola Dynasty
C. Pandya Dynasty
D. Pallava Dynasty

ANSWER: A

2. World Development Information Day is celebrated on
A. October 22
B. October 23
C. October 24
D. October 25

ANSWER: C

3. National Film Awards are presented by
A. Directorate of Film Festivals

- B. Indian Academy of Motion Arts & Picture
- C. Indian Flimfare
- D. Film and Television Institute of India (FTII)

ANSWER: A

4. Satyajit Ray's first film _____ won eleven international prizes.

- A. Pather Panchali
- B. Aparajito
- C. Apur Sansar (The World of Apu)
- D. Bahubali

ANSWER: A

5. The Fourth Buddhist Council was held under the patronage of _____

- A. Ashoka
- B. Kalashoka
- C. Kanishka
- D. Ajatashatru

ANSWER: C

6. To which religion is the 'Tripitaka' scripture related?

- A. Vedic religion
- B. Buddhism
- C. Jainism
- D. None of these

ANSWER: B

7. "Kayar hunu bhanda marnu ramro" is motto of

- A. Rajput Regiment
- B. Gorkha Rifles
- C. Sikh Regiment
- D. Jat Regiment

ANSWER: B

8. UIDAI works under

- A. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- B. Ministry of Home Affairs

- C. Ministry of Law
- D. It is an Autonomous Body

ANSWER: A

9. HQ of The International Energy Agency (IEA) is at

- A. Paris
- B. Oslo
- C. Rome
- D. Geneva

ANSWER: A

10. United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization was founded in

- A. 1945
- B. 1948
- C. 1952
- D. 1955

ANSWER: A

11. The first NAM Summit Conference took place in

- A. Belgrade
- B. Singapore
- C. Serbia
- D. New Delhi

ANSWER: A

12. Which of the following is mismatched

- A. Josip Broz Tito of Yugoslavia
- B. Gamal Abdel Nasser of Egypt
- C. Kwame Nkrumah of Sudan
- D. Sukarno of Indonesia

ANSWER: C

13. Child Development Index is released by

- A. Save the Children
- B. UNICEF
- C. UNESCO

D. NGO Pratham

ANSWER: A

14. Corruption Perceptions Index is released by

- A. Oxfam
- B. Transparency International
- C. Reporters without Borders
- D. United Nations Convention against Corruption

ANSWER: B

15. Democracy Index is released by

- A. Economist Intelligence Unit
- B. World Economic Forum
- C. UNDP
- D. Cornell University

ANSWER: A

16. The Universal Postal Union established by the _____ of 1874

- A. Treaty of Bern
- B. Treaty of Denmark
- C. Treaty of Sevres
- D. Treaty of Westphalia

ANSWER: A

17. The armed action with code named 'Operation Vijay' is associated with

- A. Liberation of Goa
- B. Liberation of Pondicherry
- C. Liberation of Bangladesh
- D. Liberation of Korea

ANSWER: A

18. _____ has won Noble peace prize three times (1917, 1944, and 1963)

- A. International Committee of the Red Cross
- B. Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
- C. International Labour Organization
- D. UN World Food Programme

ANSWER: A

19.The motto “Touch the sky with Glory” is taken from

- A. Mundaka Upanishad
- B. Ramayana
- C. Bhagvad Gita
- D. Rig Veda

ANSWER: C

20._____ stood at the top of Henley Passport Index 2021.

- A. Japan
- B. South Korea
- C. UK
- D. France

ANSWER: A

21.Dengue is a mosquito-borne viral disease transmitted by

- A. Aedes aegypti
- B. Anopheles
- C. Culex
- D. None

ANSWER: A

22.In 2016, It became the first state to give legal protection to good Samaritans in India

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Andhra Pradesh
- C. Karnataka
- D. Telangana

ANSWER: C

23.SIMBEX is a Bilateral Military Exercise between India and _____

- A. India & Mongolia
- B. India & Thailand
- C. India & France
- D. India & Singapore

ANSWER: D

24. _____ is serving as President for COP 26

- A. Boris Johnson
- B. Alok Sharma
- C. Antonio Guterres
- D. Michel Barnier

ANSWER: B

25. 2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference will be held at

- A. Scotland
- B. Ireland
- C. Poland
- D. Spain

ANSWER: A

26. Which of the following major movement by Gandhiji recently completed 91 Years

- A. Dandi March
- B. Quit India Movement
- C. Non-Cooperation Movement
- D. Champaran Movement

ANSWER: A

27. The Cartoon 'Chacha Chaudhary' was created by

- A. R K Laxman
- B. Pran Kumar Sharma
- C. O V Vijayan
- D. Sudhir Dhar

ANSWER: B

28. The International Day of Older Persons is observed on

- A. 1st October
- B. 2nd October
- C. 3rd October
- D. 4th October

ANSWER: A

29. Theme for International Day of Older Persons 2021

- A. Pandemics: Do They Change How We Address Age and Ageing?
- B. The Journey to Age Equality
- C. Take A Stand Against Ageism
- D. Digital Equity for All Ages

ANSWER: D

30. Global Nutrition Report is released by

- A. World Bank
- B. UNICEF
- C. WHO
- D. IMF

ANSWER: C

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