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# DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

## 21 January 2022

### SaaRthi Mobile App

- Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has launched **SaaRthi** – a mobile app on investor education. ('R' represents '₹') which aims to create awareness among investors about the basic concepts of the securities market.
- The app will also explain about KYC process, trading, and settlement, Mutual Funds (MF), recent market developments, investor grievances redressal mechanism, etc.
- A recent surge is seen in individual investors entering the market, and more importantly a large proportion of trading being mobile phone-based.
- According to NSE (National Stock Exchange) data, the share of Individual investors increased to 45% in 2021 from 39% in 2020.



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EXAMS

### National Commission for Safai Karamcharis

- The Union Cabinet has approved the extension of the tenure of the National Commission for Safai Karamcharis (NCSK) for three years beyond 31st March 2022.
- The major beneficiaries would be the Safai Karamcharis and identified manual scavengers in the country.
- Manual scavenging is defined as “the removal of human excrement from public streets and dry latrines, cleaning septic tanks, gutters and sewers”.
- The NCSK was established in the year 1993 as per the provisions of the NCSK Act 1993 to give its recommendations to the Government regarding specific programs for the welfare of Safai Karamcharis.

- The NCSK Act ceased to have effect from 29th February 2004. After that, the tenure of the NCSK has been extended as a non-statutory body from time to time through resolutions.



## New Circuit House at Somnath

- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will inaugurate the new Circuit House at Somnath on 21st January 2022 at 11 AM via video conferencing. The inauguration will be followed by the Prime Minister's address on the occasion.
- Somnath Temple is visited by lakhs of devotees from India and abroad every year. The need for the new Circuit House was felt as the existing government facility was located far off from the temple. The new Circuit House has been built at a cost of over Rs 30 crore and is located near the Somnath Temple. It is equipped with top-class facilities including suites, VIP and deluxe rooms, conference room, auditorium hall, etc. The landscaping has been done in such a manner that a sea view is available from every room.



## **Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav se Swarnim Bharat ke Ore**

- PM Modi addresses the national launch ceremony of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav se Swarnim Bharat Ke Ore on 20th January via video conferencing.
- The program unveiled the year-long initiatives dedicated to Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav of Culture Ministry in partnership with Brahma Kumaris, under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav se Swarnim Bharat ke Ore and includes more than 30 campaigns and over 15000 programs and events that will be organized across the globe.
- The Union Minister Shri G Kishan Reddy lauded the efforts of the organization and said, "Brahma Kumari organization has done commendable work in the field of religion, culture, and spirituality in 140 countries in the last 88 years. They have shown the path of peace and spirituality to crores of people and there is no area of society where they are not serving the people and the country. Programs being organized by the Brahmakumaris under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav se Swarnim Bharat ke Ore will showcase India's rich culture, heritage, and glorious past at a global stage across the world".

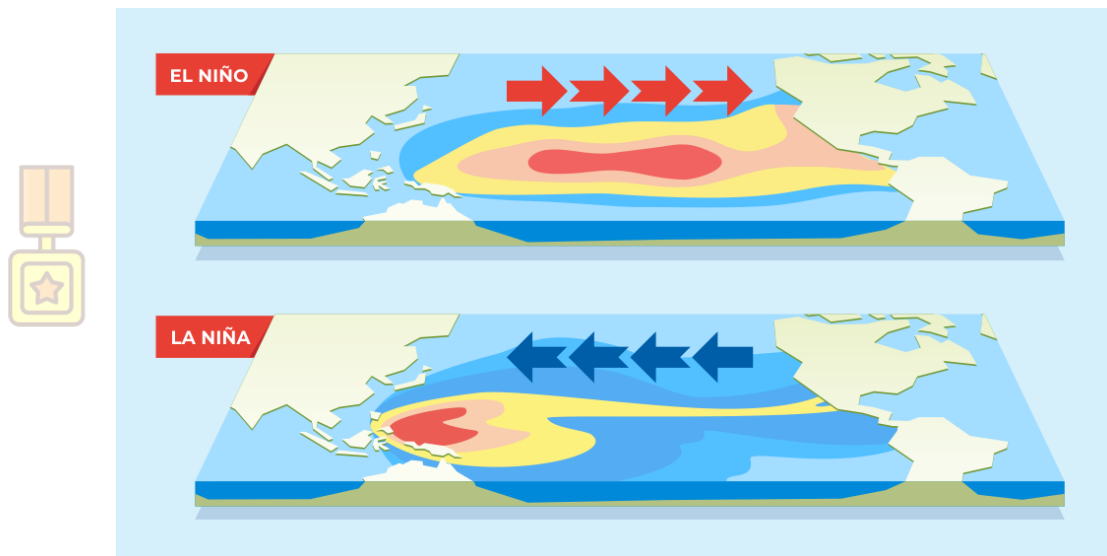


## **2021 Among Seven Hottest Years on Record: UN**

- The past seven years have been the hottest on record, the United Nations confirmed Wednesday, adding that 2021 temperatures remained high despite the cooling effect of the La Nina weather phenomenon.
- The warmest seven years have all been since 2015, the UN's World Meteorological Organization said in a statement. And even though two consecutive La Nina events captured global attention for large portions of the

year, 2021 still ranked among the seven warmest years on record, the WMO said.

- WMO reached its conclusions by consolidating six leading international datasets, including the European Union's Copernicus climate monitor (C3S) and the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), which announced similar findings last week.
- The datasets showed that the average global temperature in 2021 was around 1.11 degrees Celsius above the pre-industrial levels measured between 1850 and 1900.
- The WMO stressed the unbroken warm streak over the past seven years is part of a longer-term trend towards higher global temperatures. Since the 1980s, each decade has been warmer than the previous one is expected to continue, it said.



## ₹1500 Crore to be Infused in IREDA

- The Union Cabinet today approved infusion of ₹1500 Crore in Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited, IREDA.
- Anurag Thakur said it will enable IREDA to lend ₹ 12,000 Crore to the renewable energy sector.
- This will enhance its net worth which will help it in additional Renewable Energy financing, it will also improve the capital-to-risk weighted assets ratio to facilitate its lending and borrowing operations and generate employment over ten thousand jobs every year.





## India assisted Housing Project In Mauritius

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Mauritius counterpart Pravind Kumar Jugnauth today jointly inaugurated the India-assisted Social Housing Units project in Mauritius in a virtual ceremony.
- They also launched the Civil Service College and 8MW Solar PV Farm projects in Mauritius that are being undertaken under India's development support
- An Agreement on extending a 190-million-dollar Line of Credit from India to Mauritius for the Metro Express Project and other infrastructure projects was also exchanged. An MoU on the implementation of Small Development Projects was also exchanged.
- Speaking at the event, Mauritius Prime Minister said the projects launched today will contribute significantly to the development of his country. He said India's Mauritius partnership has grown to new heights in recent years.



## REVIEW QUESTIONS

**1. Full form of SEBI?**

- A. Stock and Exchange Board of India
- B. Securities and Economic Board of India
- C. Sensex and Economic Board of India
- D. Securities and Exchange Board of India

**ANSWER: D**

**2. The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) was established in**

- A. 1986
- B. 1988
- C. 1991
- D. 1992

**ANSWER: B**

**3. HQ of SEBI**

- A. New Delhi
- B. Kolkata
- C. Mumbai
- D. Pune

**ANSWER: C**

**4. The National Commission for Safai Karamcharis (NCSK) was constituted in**

- A. 1994
- B. 1995
- C. 1996
- D. 1997

**ANSWER: A**

**5. Pick The Odd One Out**

- A. National Commission for Scheduled Castes - Article 338
- B. National Commission for Scheduled tribes - Article 338A
- C. National Commission for Backward Classes - Article 338B
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: D**

**6. Deo Patan Temple is in**

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. Gujarat
- C. Karnataka
- D. Odisha

**ANSWER: B**

**7. The Somnath Temple is a sacred pilgrimage site dedicated to**

- A. Vishnu
- B. Shiva
- C. Durga
- D. Veraval

**ANSWER: B**

**8. During British rule, the area of Somnath was part of the princely state of \_\_\_\_\_**

- A. Hyderabad
- B. Junagarh
- C. Punjab
- D. Kashmir

**ANSWER: B**

**9. Founder of the Brahma Kumaris a spiritual movement is**

- A. Lekhraj Kripalani
- B. BK Shivani
- C. Swami Gyanvatsal
- D. Sadhvi Ritambhara

**ANSWER: A**

**10. Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited (IREDA) is a**













- A. Maha Ratna
- B. Nava Ratna
- C. Mini Ratna (Category – I)
- D. Mini Ratna (Category – II)

**ANSWER: C**



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