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MONTHLY CURRENT AFFAIRS

DECEMBER 2021

25th Chief Naval Staff took Charge

- Admiral R. Hari Kumar today assumed charge as the 25th Chief of the Naval Staff. He succeeds Admiral Karambir Singh who superannuated.
- Admiral R. Hari Kumar was commissioned on 1st January 1983 into the Executive Branch of the Indian Navy. During his long and distinguished service spanning nearly 39 years, he has served in a variety of Command, Staff, and Instructional appointments. He has been decorated with the Param Vishist Seva Medal, Ati Vishist Seva Medal, and Vishist Seva Medal.



Barbados becomes World's Newest Republic

- Barbados has officially removed Queen Elizabeth II as its head of state and become the world's newest republic nearly 400 years after the country became a British colony.
- The Caribbean island nation, 55 years after its independence, got rid of the remnants of colonial rule by separating from Britain.

- Barbados, however, will continue to be one of the 54 Commonwealth nations. On November 30, 1966, Barbados gained its independence.



Assisted Reproductive Technology (Regulation) Bill, 2021

- The Lok Sabha has passed the Assisted Reproductive Technology (Regulation) Bill, 2021.
- The Government had been working on the bill to regulate the ART industry since 2008 when it was first drafted by the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR).
- The bill was first introduced in Lok Sabha in 2020 but the House had referred it to a standing committee.

Regulating ART

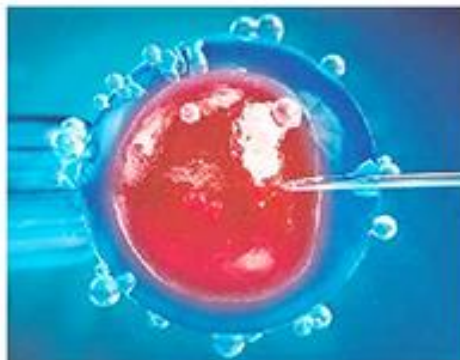


Illustration of in vitro fertilisation

- The Bill establishes the National Board, the State Boards, and the National Registry to

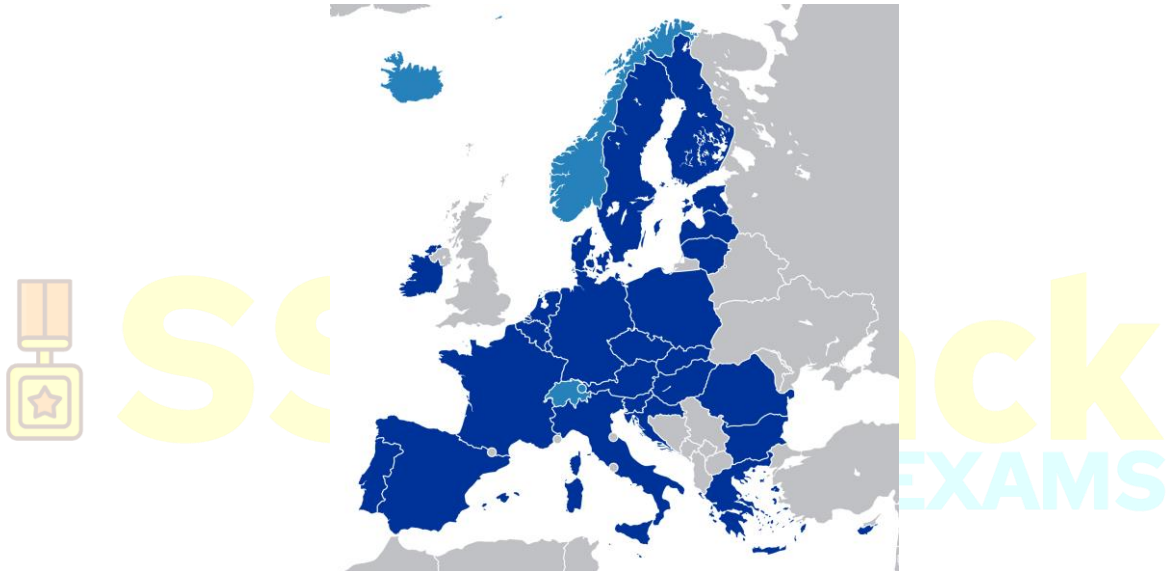
regulate and supervise Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART) clinics. It establishes ART banks to promote ethical practices

- It proposes stringent punishment for those who attempt to control the offspring's sex, sell embryos or gametes

▪ As of Feb. 20, there are 517 ART clinics under the National Registry of ART clinics and banks in India, according to the ICMR

Global Gateway Plan

- The European Commission has announced a plan, called Global Gateway, to mobilize EURO 300 billion by 2027 in public and private infrastructure investment around the world. Experts believe it to be a response to China's Belt and Road strategy.
- With Global Gateway, the EU, in a Team Europe approach, will offer its partners respond to the urgent needs such as:
- To develop sustainable and high-quality digital, climate and energy, and transport infrastructures.
- Strengthen health, education, and research systems across the world.



Centenary Celebrations of PACs

- The Public Accounts Committee of the Parliament is going to celebrate the 100th year of its establishment for the next two days.
- Public Accounts Committee was introduced in 1921 after its first mention in the Government of India Act, 1919 also called Montford Reforms.
- The financial committee has 22 members. All the members are taken from the Indian Parliament. Out of 22 members, 15 are elected from Lok Sabha (Lower House) and 7 members are elected from Rajya Sabha (Upper House.)

Navy Day Celebrated Across India

- Navy Day in India is celebrated on 4 December every year to recognize the achievements and role of the Indian Navy to the country. 4 December was chosen as on that day in 1971, during Operation Trident, the Indian Navy sank

four Pakistani vessels including PNS Khaibar, killing hundreds of Pakistani Navy personnel. On this day, those killed in the Indo-Pakistan War of 1971 are also remembered.

- Theme for 2021 is: Swarnim Vijay Varsh



Exercise EKUVERIN

- 11th Edition of Exercise EKUVERIN between India & Maldives will be conducted at Kadhdhoo Island, Maldives from 06 to 19 December 2021.
- The exercise will enhance synergy & interoperability between the Armed Forces of both the Nations in terms of understanding transnational terrorism both on land & at sea, conducting Counter Terrorism & Counter Insurgency Operations, and sharing best military practices and experiences.



21st India - Russia Annual Summit

- The two leaders expressed satisfaction at the sustained progress in the 'Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership' between both countries despite the challenges posed by the Covid pandemic. They welcomed the holding of the first meeting of the 2+2 Dialogue of Foreign and Defence Ministers and the meeting of the Inter-Governmental Commission on Military & Military-Technical Cooperation in New Delhi on 6 December 2021.
- The leaders underscored the need for greater economic cooperation and in this context, emphasized new drivers of growth for long-term predictable and sustained economic cooperation. They appreciated the success story of mutual investments and looked forward to greater investments in each other's countries.



50 Years of India-Bangladesh Friendship

- India and Bangladesh are jointly observing 'Maitri Diwas' to commemorate 50 years of the Bangladesh Liberation War 1971 and India's role in the neighboring nation's freedom struggle.
- The occasion will be observed in 18 countries across the world.



Narendra Modi 
@narendramodi



Today India and Bangladesh commemorate Maitri Diwas. We jointly recall and celebrate the foundations of our 50 years of friendship. I look forward to continue working with H.E. PM Sheikh Hasina to further expand and deepen our ties.

CDS Gen Bipin Rawat Passes Away

- Chief of Defence Staff Bipin Rawat has died in the air crash on Wednesday. Indian Air force has said, CDS Bipin Rawat, his wife Madhulika Rawat, and 11 other persons on board have died in the unfortunate accident.
- An Indian Airforce helicopter Mi 17 V-5 carrying the Chief of Defence Staff Bipin Rawat and thirteen others crashed in the forest area near Coonoor in the Nilgiris District of Tamil Nadu.



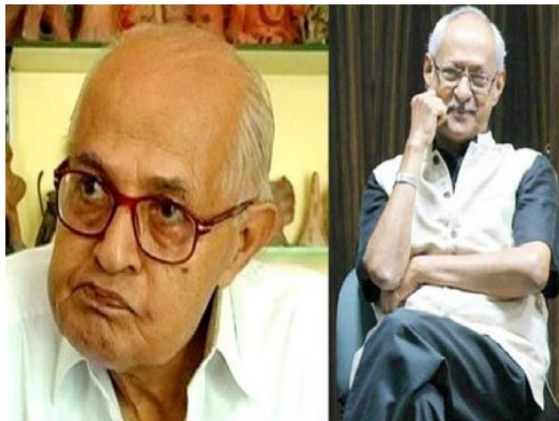
“President’s Standard” Presented to 22nd Missile Vessels Squadron of the Indian Navy

- President Shri Ramnath Kovind today presented the ‘President’s Standard’ to the 22nd Missile Vessels Squadron of the Indian Navy at a ceremonial event in Mumbai. The President’s Standard is the highest honor bestowed by the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces to a military unit in recognition of the service rendered to the nation.
- Speaking on the occasion, President Shri Kovind said, “the presentation of the Standard is a testimony to the exceptional service rendered by officers and sailors, past and present, of this squadron to our nation.” He recalled the role played by the 22nd Missile Squadron in sinking Pakistan Naval ships during the 1971 war fifty years ago.



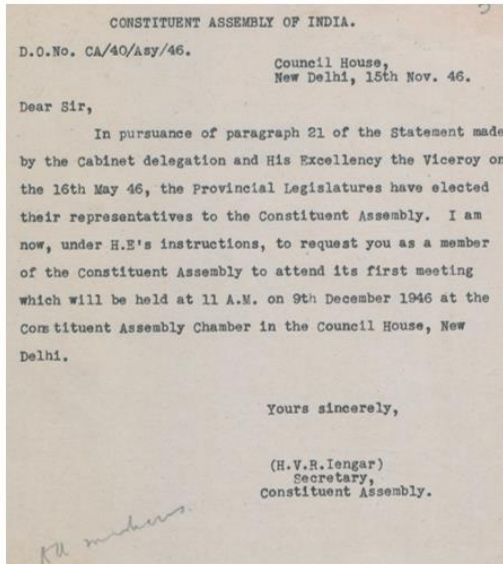
56th & 57th Jnanpith Award


- Renowned Konkani writer Damodar Mauzo has been conferred with the 57th Jnanpith Award for the year 2022. Noted Assamese poet Nilmani Phookan has bagged the 56th Jnanpith award for the year 2021.
- Mauzo is second Konkani writer to receive the highest literary award, earlier being given to Writer Ravindra Kelekar in 2006. Mauzo is a short story writer, novelist, and screenplay writer.
- His novel Karmelin had bagged the Sahitya Akademi award in 1983. His several short stories are translated into other languages and have appeared in various magazines. Stories of Mauzo depict the struggle of poor people, their agonies, and sorrows.




(Nilmani Phookan (left) and Damodar Mauzo)

75 years of Historic First Sitting of Constituent Assembly



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Today, 75 years ago our Constituent Assembly met for the first time. Distinguished people from different parts of India, different backgrounds and even differing ideologies came together with one aim- to give the people of India a worthy Constitution. Tributes to these greats.

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The first sitting of the Constituent Assembly was Presided over by Dr. Sachchidananda Sinha, who was the eldest member of the Assembly.

He was introduced and conducted to the Chair by Acharya Kripalani.

Olaf Scholz takes reins from Angela Merkel for new German era

- Olaf Scholz became Germany's next chancellor on Wednesday after 16 years with Angela Merkel at the helm, as a new center-left-led coalition took the wheel of Europe's top economy.
- Mr. Scholz, who won 395 of the 707 votes cast in the Bundestag lower house, has pledged broad "continuity" with the popular Ms. Merkel while making Germany greener and fairer.



Human Rights Day 2021

- Human Rights Day is celebrated annually around the world on 10 December every year.
- The date was chosen to honor the United Nations General Assembly's adoption and proclamation, on 10 December 1948, of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), the first global enunciation of human rights and one of the first major achievements of the new United Nations.
- This year's Human Rights Day theme is “Equality, Reducing inequalities, advancing human rights.”



Global Health Security Index 2021

- It is an assessment and benchmarking of health security and related capabilities across 195 countries. It has been developed in partnership with the Nuclear Threat Initiative (NTI) and the Johns Hopkins Center.
- The GHS Index assesses countries' health security and capabilities across six categories: Prevention, Detection, and Reporting, Rapid Response, Health System, Compliance with International Norms, Risk Environment.
- India, with a score of 42.8 (out of 100) has slipped by 0.8 points since 2019. In 2021, no country scored in the top tier of rankings, and no country scored above 75.9.

UK Royal Gold Medal 2022

- Ahmedabad-based Balkrishna Doshi will receive the Royal Gold Medal 2022 by the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA), the world's highest honor for architecture. At 94, Doshi is being recognized for his career spanning seven decades, with over 100 built projects, across India. The award will be presented to Doshi at a special ceremony in 2022.

- Many of his iconic buildings include Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore; Sangath, his studio in Ahmedabad; Ahmedabad School of Architecture - renamed CEPT University in 2002 - which promoted collaborative learning; and Aranya Low-Cost Housing (1989), Indore, which won the Aga Khan Award for Architecture in 1995.



UNGA Grants Observer Status to ISA

- The United Nations General Assembly has granted observer status to international organizations, entities, and non-member states, to enable them to participate in the work of the United Nations General Assembly, though with limitations.



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Historic decision by UN General Assembly today to grant Observer Status to International Solar Alliance

In 6 years, @isolaralliance has become example of positive global climate action through partnerships to benefit global energy growth & development

Thank all Member States 🙏

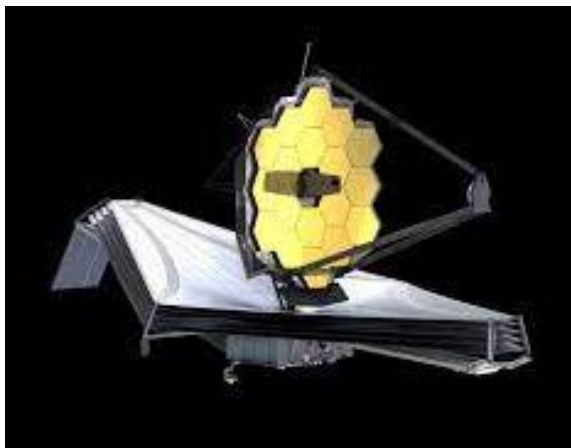


Ramanujan Prize 2021

- The Ramanujan Prize for Young Mathematicians from developing countries has been given to Professor Neena Gupta.
- She is a mathematician at the Indian Statistical Institute in Kolkata and has been awarded for her outstanding work in affine algebraic geometry and commutative algebra.
- The Ramanujan Prize for Young Mathematicians from developing countries has been awarded annually since 2005. It is administered by the Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP) jointly with the Department of Science and Technology (DST) Government of India and the International Mathematical Union (IMU).

James Webb Space Telescope

- The James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) is scheduled to be rocketed into orbit later this year (2021).
- It is the most powerful infrared telescope of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). It is also considered a successor of the Hubble Telescope and will extend and complement its discoveries.
- Launched into low Earth orbit in 1990, the Hubble Space Telescope has made more than 1.4 million observations, including tracking interstellar objects, capturing a comet colliding with Jupiter, and discovering moons around Pluto.



Harnaaz Sandhu Crowned Miss Universe

- Harnaaz Kaur Sandhu (born 3 March 2000) is an Indian model and beauty pageant titleholder who was crowned Miss Universe 2021.
- Sandhu had been previously crowned Miss Diva Universe 2021 and is the third entrant from India to win Miss Universe.

- Sandhu was additionally crowned as Femina Miss India Punjab in 2019 and placed as a semifinalist at Femina Miss India 2019.
- Sushmita Sen in 1994 and Lara Dutta in 2000 had earlier been Crowned as Miss Universe from India.



National Energy Conservation Day 2021

- National Energy Conservation Day is observed on December 14, every year. The day focuses on making people aware of global warming and climate change and promotes efforts towards saving energy resources. Energy conservation is the decision and practice of using less energy.
- Energy conservation means reducing the consumption of energy by producing or using less of it.
- Energy conservation is an effort made to reduce the consumption of fuel and use the least energy resources to save for the future.

Incentive scheme for promotion of RuPay Debit Cards and low-value BHIM-UPI transactions

- Cabinet approved an incentive scheme to promote RuPay Debit cards and low-value [up to Rs. 2,000) BHIM-UPI transactions (Person-to-Merchant (P2M)) in the country.
- Under the scheme, the acquiring banks will be incentivized by the Government, by way of paying a percentage of the value of transactions (P2M) done through

RuPay Debit cards and low-value BHIM-UPI modes of payments, at an estimated financial outlay of Rs.1,300 crore for a period of one-year w.e.f. April 01, 2021.

- This scheme will facilitate acquiring Banks in building a robust digital payment ecosystem and further deepening of digital payments in the country.

India's First Largest Green Hydrogen Microgrid Projects

- In a first in India, NTPC Limited, formerly known as National Thermal Power Corporation Limited, has awarded the country's first green hydrogen microgrid project to the Simhadri plant in Andhra Pradesh.
- The project has been launched at a time when Prime Minister Narendra Modi pitched for becoming a carbon-neutral region by 2070.
- The energy storage project is expected to help with large-scale hydrogen storage and to deploy multiple microgrids in various off-grid and strategic locations across India.



Durga Puja on UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage

- Durga Puja in Kolkata has been inscribed on the UNESCO's Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) of Humanity.
- It is the first festival in Asia to achieve recognition as UNESCO ICH of Humanity.
- Durga Puja is a five-day festival that begins on the fifth night of the nine-day Navratri festival and ends on the tenth day, which is Dashami.
- During this time, people collectively worship and invoke Goddess Durga, who is regarded as the feminine energy of the cosmos, also known as 'Shakti'.



Vijay Diwas 2021

- This year marks the 50th anniversary of India's victory over Pakistan in the 1971 war, which saw the creation of Bangladesh. India declared victory over Pakistan on December 16, 1971, after the Pakistani armed forces surrendered. Since then, this day has been commemorated as Vijay Diwas to remember the sacrifices of defence forces.
- The 1971 war not only liberated Bangladesh but also dealt Pakistan a crushing blow. The signing of the 'Instrument Of Surrender' by Pakistan Army Major-General Amir Abdullah Khan Niazi to the Indian Army and Bangladesh's Mukti Bahini was a defining image that cemented India's leadership in the subcontinent.



Bhutan Announces highest Civilian Honour to PM Modi

- On the occasion of Bhutan's national day, Bhutan has decided to confer its highest civilian award Ngadag Pel gi Khorlo or The Order of The Druk Gyaplo to Prime Minister Narendra Modi. In a tweet today, Prime Minister of Bhutan Dr. Lotay Tshering said, his majesty has pronounced Prime Minister Narendra Modi's name for the highest civilian decoration Ngadag Pel gi Khorlo.
- In a Facebook message, Prime Minister Office of Bhutan said, his majesty highlighted all the unconditional friendship and support Narendra Modi has extended over the years and particularly during the Covid-19 pandemic. Congratulating Narendra Modi, Dr. Lotay Tshering said, in all interactions, seen Mr. Modi was a great, spiritual human being. He said, he is looking forward to celebrating the honour in person.



'Agni P' Successfully test-fired by DRDO

- DRDO successfully tested the new generation nuclear-capable ballistic missile 'Agni P' from Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam island off the coast of Odisha. The missile followed a textbook trajectory meeting all mission objectives with a high level of accuracy.
- The Agni P is a two-stage canisters solid-propellant ballistic missile with dual redundant navigation and guidance system. This second flight test has proven the reliable performance of all the advanced technologies integrated into the system.

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Goa Liberation Day Celebrated

- Goa Liberation Day is celebrated on December 19 every year to mark the success of 'Operation Vijay' undertaken by the Indian Armed Forces that liberated Goa from Portuguese rule.
- Perhaps the first tri-service operation of the Indian armed forces, Operation Vijay was about the liberation of the Portuguese territories of Goa, Daman, and Diu. While the Indian government was prepared to take military action since the beginning of December 1, it culminated into the 36-hour military operation that started on 18th December 1961 and concluded on December 19, 1961.

Srikanth Settles for Silver in BWF Championship

- Kidambi Srikanth clinched a historic silver medal in the World Badminton Championships after suffering a straight-game defeat to Loh Kean Yew of Singapore in the summit clash to notch up the best performance by an Indian in the men's singles.
- The 28-year-old Srikanth thus bettered the feats of legendary Prakash Padukone (bronze in 1983), B Sai Praneeth (bronze in 2019), and Lakshya Sen (bronze in this edition), whom he had beaten in the semifinals on Saturday.

- Sindhu had won the coveted gold in 2019, two silver and two bronze, while Saina claimed the silver at the 2015 Jakarta and a bronze at 2017 Glasgow. It is also the first time that India won two medals in men's singles at the World Championships.

Election Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2021 Passed

- **Salient Features:**
- The bill seeks to link electoral roll data and voter ID cards with the Aadhaar ecosystem.
- De-Duplication of Electoral Roll: It provides for amendment of section 23 of the Representation of People's Act, 1950, enabling the linking of electoral roll data with the Aadhaar ecosystem.
- This aims to curb the menace of multiple enrolments of the same person in different places. This will help in stopping bogus voting and fraudulent votes.
- **Concerns Raised:**
- Aadhar is itself not Mandatory: In 2015, then move to link voter ID to Aadhaar was put on the backburner after the Supreme Court Judgement.
- Fears of Mass Disenfranchisement: The Bill allows electoral registration officers to ask for Aadhaar numbers of applicants wanting to register as voters to establish the identity of the applicant.
- No Data Protection Law & Privacy Concerns have also been highlighted.



DRDO Conducts Maiden Flight Test of “Pralay”

- DRDO successfully conducted a maiden flight test of indigenously developed surface-to-surface missile - Pralay, from Dr. A P J Abdul Kalam Island off the coast of Odisha.
- The Missile is powered by a solid-propellant rocket motor and many new technologies. The missile has a range of 150 to 500 kilometers and can be launched from a mobile launcher.

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has congratulated DRDO and associated teams for this maiden development flight trial. He complimented DRDO for the fast-track development and successful launch of the modern surface-to-surface missiles.



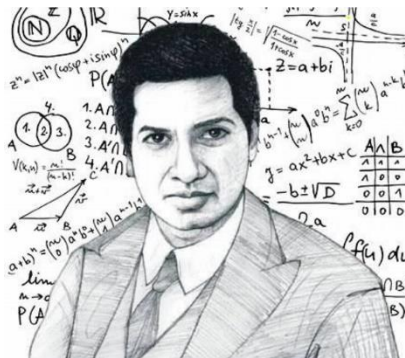
Armoured Engineer Reconnaissance Vehicle Inducted

- The first set of indigenously developed next-generation Armoured Engineer Reconnaissance Vehicle was inducted into the Corps of Engineers of the Indian Army.
- The AERV has been designed by DRDO and manufactured by Ordnance Factory Medak & Bharat Electronics Limited, Pune. The vehicle can carry out reconnaissance of water obstacles and boggy patches for the execution of engineer tasks with capabilities to carry out reconnaissance and provide real-time to force commanders.



National Mathematics Day

- The 2012 Indian stamp featured Srinivasa Ramanujan. The Indian government declared 22 December to be National Mathematics Day.
- It was introduced by Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on 26 February 2012 at Madras University, to mark the 125th birth anniversary of the Indian mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan.
- On this occasion Prime minister Manmohan Singh also announced that 2012 would be celebrated as the National Mathematics Year.



INS KHUKRI DECOMMISSIONED

- INS Khukri, the first of the indigenously built Missile Corvettes, was decommissioned after 32 years of glorious service at Visakhapatnam.
- The corvette was built by the Mazagaon Dock Shipbuilders in 1989. During her service, the ship was commanded by 28 Commanding Officers and traversed over 6,44,897 nautical miles, which is equivalent to navigating around the world 30 times or 3 times the distance between the Earth and the Moon.



National Consumer Rights Day 2021

- Although World Consumer Day is celebrated on March 15, India observes it on December 24 because it was on December 24, 1986, that the Consumer Protection Act 1986 received the approval of the President of India and came into force.
- Ever since, National Consumer Day is observed every year on December 24 to spread awareness about consumer importance, their rights, and responsibilities.
- Theme of Consumer Rights Day 2021: 'Tackling Plastic Pollution.'



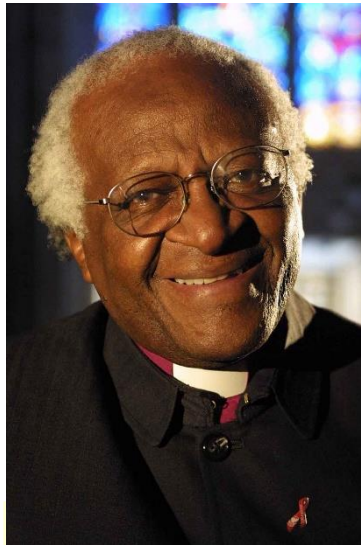
Good Governance Index 2021

- Good Governance Index 2021 launched on Good Governance Day, December 25, 2021, by Union Minister of Home Affairs and Minister of Cooperation Shri Amit Shah.
- 20 States have improved their composite GGI scores in 2021.
- Gujarat tops the composite ranking in the 58-indicator index followed by Maharashtra and Goa. Uttar Pradesh registers an 8.9 percent improvement in GGI indicators in the period 2019 to 2021. Jammu and Kashmir registered a 3.7 percent improvement in GGI indicators in the period 2019 to 2021. Delhi tops the Union Territories category composite ranking.

Desmond Tutu: South Africa anti-apartheid hero dies

- Archbishop Desmond Tutu, the Nobel Peace Prize laureate who helped end apartheid in South Africa, has died aged 90.

- A contemporary anti-apartheid icon Nelson Mandela was one of the driving forces behind the movement to end the policy of racial segregation and discrimination enforced by the white minority government against the black majority in South Africa from 1948 until 1991.
- He was awarded the Nobel prize in 1984 for his role in the struggle to abolish the apartheid system.



PM-YUVA Mentorship Scheme

- National Book Trust announced the results of the all-India contest organized on the theme 'National Movement of India' under the PM-YUVA Mentorship Scheme. As per the Scheme, 75 Authors were to be selected through this contest for a Scholarship-cum-Mentorship Scheme for young authors below the age of 30 years.
- The selected authors will undergo six months of Mentorship in which they would be provided research and editorial support under the guidance of eminent authors and the Editorial Team of National Book Trust. Their published books will be later translated into other Indian languages as well.

Fourth Edition of State Health Index

- NITI Aayog has released the fourth edition of the State Health Index for 2019–20.
- The report, titled "The Healthy States, Progressive India", ranks states and Union Territories on their year-on-year incremental performance in health outcomes as well as their overall status.

- The State Health Index is an annual tool to assess the performance of states and UTs, which has been compiled and published since 2017.
- It is a weighted composite index based on 24 indicators grouped under the domains of 'Health Outcomes', 'Governance and Information', and 'Key Inputs/Processes'.
- **Larger States:** In terms of annual incremental performance, Uttar Pradesh, Assam, and Telangana are the top three ranking states.
- **Smaller States:** Mizoram and Meghalaya registered the maximum annual incremental progress.
- **Union Territories:** Delhi, followed by Jammu and Kashmir, showed the best incremental performance.
- **Overall:** The top-ranking states were Kerala and Tamil Nadu among the 'Larger States', Mizoram and Tripura among the 'Smaller States', and Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu (DH&DD) and Chandigarh among the UTs.

Egypt: 4th Member of BRICS New Development Bank

- India has welcomed Egypt as the fourth new member of BRICS New Development Bank. The External Affairs Ministry Spokesman Arindam Bagchi said Bangladesh, UAE, and Uruguay joined in September this year. Mr. Bagchi said membership expansion enables New Development Bank to position itself as a premier development institution for emerging economies.
- The New Development Bank aims to mobilize resources for development projects in BRICS, emerging economies, and developing countries.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Which of the following is a multi-barrel rocket system developed by DRDO?
 - A. Dhanush
 - B. Trishul
 - C. Pinaka

D. Prithvi

ANSWER: C

2. "Sarda Act" is associated with

- A. Defence Cooperation
- B. Child Marriage
- C. Diplomatic Immunity
- D. Covid Relief Measures

ANSWER: B

3. The Hindu Marriage Act was passed in

- A. 1955
- B. 1965
- C. 1975
- D. 1985

ANSWER: A

4. Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana (PMKSY) is implemented by

- A. Jal shakti Mantralaya
- B. Ministry of Rural development
- C. Ministry of Agriculture
- D. All the Above

ANSWER: A

5. 1932 Poona Pact on Behalf of Gandhiji was signed by

- A. Dr. B R Ambedkar
- B. Madan Mohan Malaviya
- C. Pandit Nehru
- D. Babu Jagjivan Ram

ANSWER: B

6. "Brahma Vaivarta Purana" is associated with

- A. Indra
- B. Krishan
- C. Brahma
- D. Shiva

ANSWER: B

7. The Bureau of Energy Efficiency works under

- A. The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
- B. Ministry of Power
- C. Ministry of Home Affairs
- D. Ministry of Energy and Petroleum

ANSWER: B

8. James Webb Space Telescope will be launched on an

- A. GSLV Mark III
- B. PSLV C-47
- C. Ariane 5 ECA rocket
- D. Falcon X

ANSWER: C

9. Concerning DRDO, what is 'Rakshita', which was making news recently?

- A. Unmanned Aerial Vehicle
- B. Bike-based Ambulance
- C. Air Ambulance
- D. Water Ambulance

ANSWER: B

10. Which organization is to supply the Super Rapid Gun Mounts (SRGM) for the Indian Navy?

- A. HAL
- B. DRDO
- C. BHEL
- D. OFB

ANSWER: C

11. The Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) was founded in

- A. 1834
- B. 1835
- C. 1836
- D. 1837

ANSWER: A

12. President's Medals, Royal Gold Medal, and the Stirling Prize seen in the news are associated with

- A. Mathematics
- B. Physics
- C. Architecture
- D. Literature

ANSWER: C

13. Who among the following was the chairperson of the Provincial Constitution Committee of the Constituent Assembly?

- A. Jawaharlal Nehru
- B. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel
- C. Dr. B.R. Ambedkar
- D. J.B. Kripalani

ANSWER: B

14. In context with the Constituent Assembly, which among the following observations is/are not correct?

- A. The members of the Constituent Assembly were elected directly
- B. The basis of seat allocation was a population
- C. Composition of the Constituent Assembly was roughly in line with the suggestions of the Cabinet Mission plan
- D. None

ANSWER: A

15. The "liberty, equality and fraternity" enshrined in the Preamble of Constitution of India, is inspired by which revolution?

- A. Russian
- B. French
- C. Irish
- D. American

ANSWER: B

16. In the Indian constitution the section on Citizenship draws inspiration from which country's constitution?

- A. France
- B. THE USA
- C. Australia
- D. THE UK

ANSWER: D

17. Which of the following countries is not an Observer of SAARC?

- A. Iran
- B. Iraq
- C. China
- D. Mauritius

ANSWER: B

18. Which of the following statements are true for the Jnanpith Award?

- A. Presented annually by the Bharatiya Jnanpith
- B. Awarded to Indian writers writing in Indian languages mentioned in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution
- C. Both
- D. None of them

ANSWER: C

19. Who was the first recipient of the Jnanpith Award?

- A. Sumitra Nandan Pant
- B. G. Sankara Kurup
- C. Uma Shankar Joshi
- D. Firaq Gorakhpuri

ANSWER: B

20. Who was the first female writer to win the Jnanpith Award?

- A. Mahasweta Devi
- B. Amrita Pritam
- C. Ashapoorna Devi
- D. None of the above

ANSWER: C

21.HQ of International Civil Aviation Organization

- A. Montreal
- B. Paris
- C. Vienna
- D. Geneva

ANSWER: A

22.Which of the following statement is wrong about the Parliamentary Committee?

- A. Parliamentary Committee is appointed/elected by the speaker/chairman
- B. Works under the guidance of speaker/chairman
- C. Has a secretariat provided by the president of India
- D. Submits its reports to house or speaker/chairman

ANSWER: C

23.Which of the following statement is not correct?

- A. Mainly Parliamentary Committees are of two types
- B. Ad hoc committees are of permanent nature
- C. Parliamentary Committees are mentioned in the Indian constitution
- D. Indian Constitution does not mention any period for the Parliamentary Committees

ANSWER: B

24.What is the expansion for MTP?

- A. Medical Termination of Parturition
- B. Mechanical Transfer of Pollen
- C. Medical Termination of Pregnancy
- D. Maternally Transmitted Pathogens

ANSWER: C

25.Amniocentesis is a process used to

- A. Growing cells on culture media
- B. Know about brain disease
- C. Determine mutations
- D. Determine a disease of the embryo

ANSWER: D

26. Which part of the female reproductive system remains blocked after tubectomy?

- A. Fallopian tube
- B. Cervix
- C. Uterine cavity
- D. None

ANSWER: A

27. From which of the following countries has India purchased the Pilatus PC-7 trainer aircraft

- A. Germany
- B. Switzerland
- C. The United States of America
- D. France

ANSWER: B

28. What was the name given to the operation conducted by National Security Guard in 2008 against a terrorist attack in Taj hotel, Mumbai?

- A. Operation Vijay
- B. Operation Black Thunder
- C. Operation Black Tornado
- D. Operation Safed Sagar

ANSWER: C

29. Which social media platform has launched two cyber safety campaigns named 'Safe Stree' and 'My Kanoon'?

- A. Snap Chat
- B. Instagram
- C. Facebook
- D. Twitter

ANSWER: B













30. “Super Follows” feature has been introduced by which social media giant?

- A. Twitter
- B. Facebook
- C. Google
- D. WhatsApp

ANSWER: A

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