

MAY- 2021

CURRENT AFFAIRS



APPOINTMENTS

1. First woman to be appointed officer commanding in BRO?

Vaishali Hiwase

Explanation

Vaishali S Hiwase became the first woman officer to be appointed as officer commanding in the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) where she will be responsible for providing connectivity through an Indo-China border road. Vaishali is from Wardha, Maharashtra, and has completed a successful demanding tenure in Kargil.

2. Chairman and managing director of THDCIL?

Vijay Goel

Explanation

THDC India Ltd has announced that Vijay Goel assumed as chairman and managing director. His appointment will come into effect from May 1, 2021. He joined the company in 1990 as a senior personnel officer (SPO) from NHPC Ltd. He has more than 35 years of varied experience in the field of human resource management.

3. Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu?

Stalin

Explanation

Tamil Nadu governor Banwarilal Purohit has appointed Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) chief MK Stalin as the chief minister of Tamil Nadu. The 68-year-old is the son of the former five-term Tamil Nadu chief minister, the late M Karunanidhi. The DMK-led alliance won 159 seats, well ahead of the majority mark of 118 seats. The party alone won 133 seats in the election.

4. Chief Minister of Puducherry?

N Rangasamy

Explanation

The All India NR Congress (AINRC) founder leader N Rangasamy has been sworn in as the Chief Minister of the Union Territory of Puducherry, for a record fourth time, on May 07, 2021. N Rangasamy was administered the oath of office and secrecy by Lieutenant governor (additional charge) Tamilisai Soundararajan.

5. 38th National President FICCI FLO?

Ujjwala Singhania

Explanation

Ujjwala Singhania has been appointed as the National President of FICCI Ladies Organization (FLO), the oldest women-led & women-centric business chamber of Southeast Asia.

6. CEO of National Asset Reconstruction Company?

Padmakumar Nair

Explanation

Padmakumar M Nair has been appointed as the CEO of the proposed National Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd. Presently Padmakumar is the Chief General Manager of Stressed Assets Resolution Group at SBI.

7. Executive Director of RBI?

Jose J Kattoor

Explanation

The Reserve Bank of India has appointed Jose J Kattoor as Executive Director (ED). Prior to being promoted as ED, Mr Kattoor was heading Bengaluru Regional Office of the Reserve Bank as Regional Director for Karnataka. He will look after Human Resource Management Department, Corporate Strategy and Budget Department and Rajbhasha Department.

8. Who has been Re-appointed as Prime Minister of Nepal?

KP Sharma Oli

Explanation

In Nepal, KP Sharma Oli was re-appointed as the Prime Minister of the country by President Bidhya Devi Bhandari. Oli was administered the oath of office by the President on May 14, 2021. Now, he must prove that he has majority support in the House within 30 days. This will be his third stint as Prime Minister. He was first appointed as PM from 12 October 2015 to 4 August 2016, and then again from 15 February 2018 to 13 May 2021.

9. Times Group Chairperson Passes Away

Indu Jain

Explanation

Pioneering philanthropist and Times Group Chairperson, Indu Jain has passed away due to Covid-related complications. The prominent Indian media personality, Indu Jain was the chairperson of India's largest media group, Bennett, Coleman & Co. Ltd., which is popularly known as the Times Group, which owns the Times of India and other large newspapers.

10. Manisha Kapoor joins executive committee of

ICAS

Explanation

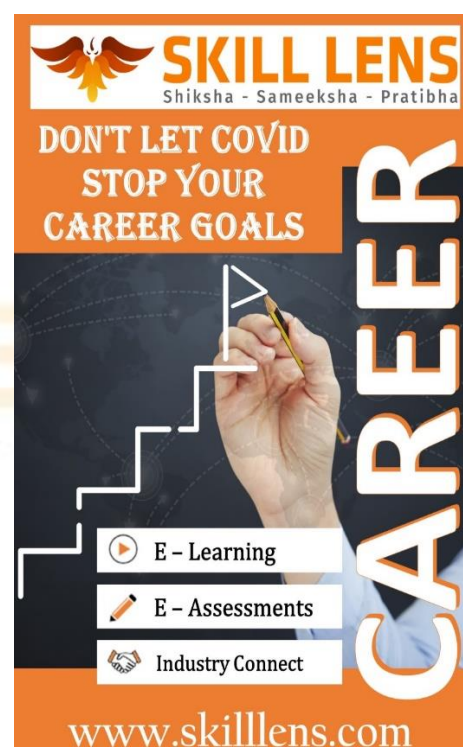
Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI) announced that its general secretary Manisha Kapoor has been appointed to the executive committee of the International Council for Advertising Self-Regulation (ICAS). Until April, ASCI served on the executive committee as a member for a two-year term. Now, Kapoor will play a leadership role on the committee till 2023. She will be one of the four global vice-presidents on the executive committee.

11. Who appointed as Suzuki Motorcycle India's new Company Head?

Satoshi Uchida

Explanation

Suzuki Motorcycle India has appointed Satoshi Uchida as the new Company Head. He has replaced Koichiro Hirao as part of Suzuki Motor Corporation's global revamp. Suzuki Motorcycle India registered its highest-ever monthly sales in April 2021, dispatching as many as 77,849 units during the month. Suzuki Motor Corporation is a Japanese multinational corporation based in Minami-Ku.



12. Prime Minister of Mali**Moctar Ouane**Explanation

Moctar Ouane is reappointed as Prime Minister of Mali. He was appointed as Prime Minister of the caretaker government in August 2020 after the removal of Ibrahim Boubacar Keita. Ouane will have to form a new government with room for the political class, under the instructions of President Bah N'Daw.

13. President of Tibetan exile government**Penpa Tsering**Explanation

The former speaker of Tibet's parliament-in-exile, Penpa Tsering, has been elected the new president of the exile government. Nearly 64,000 Tibetans living in exile in India, Nepal, North America, Europe, Australia and elsewhere voted in the election, which was held in two rounds in January and April. It was 3rd direct election of leadership after the withdrawal of Dalai lama from politics.

14. Who has been elected as Kerala Chief Minister?**Pinarayi Vijayan**Explanation

Pinarayi Vijayan was sworn as Kerala Chief Minister for the second time in the shadow of the Covid-19 crisis in the state. The oath ceremony took place with Covid protocols in place at the Central Stadium in Thiruvananthapuram. Governor Arif Mohammed Khan administered the oath of office to 76-year-old Vijayan. It is the second stint of the Marxist veteran in the top office.

15. Who has been appointed as CEO of Reserve Bank Innovation Hub?**Rajesh Bansal**Explanation

The Board of Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH) has appointed Rajesh Bansal as the chief executive officer (CEO) of the RBIH with effect from May 17, 2021, the RBIH said in a statement. The Reserve Bank Innovation Hub would develop internal infrastructure to promote fintech research and facilitate engagement with innovators and start-ups.

15. Who has been re-elected as FIH President?**Narinder Batra**Explanation

Narinder Batra has been re-elected as the President of the International Hockey Federation (FIH) for the second consecutive term. He was elected during the virtual 47th Congress of FIH, where he beat Marc Coudron, Chief of Belgium Hockey Federation, by just two votes. He will hold the office until 2024 because the FIH has reduced the term from four to three years.

15. Who appointed as Israel's Next Mossad Chief?**David Barnea**Explanation

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu appointed David Barnea as the new head of the country's spy agency, the Mossad. Barnea, a former longtime Mossad operative, will succeed Yossi Cohen as head of Israel's intelligence agency on June 1. Cohen has served as Israel's spymaster since taking office in 2016.

15. Who appointed as Republic of Congo's new Prime Minister?

Collinet Makosso

Explanation

The President of the Republic of Congo, Denis Sassou Nguesso has appointed Anatole Collinet Makosso as the country's Prime Minister. He replaced Clement Mouamba, in-office since 2016. Before this appointment, Makosso was the education minister of the Central African country. He was also minister of youth and civic instruction from 2011 to 2016.

15. Who appointed as appointed new CBI director?

IPS Subodh Kumar Jaiswal

Explanation

IPS officer, Subodh Jaiswal has been appointed Director of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI). He was the most senior officer among the three shortlisted for the post of CBI Director. Jaiswal, along with KR Chandra and VS Kaumudi, was short-listed out of 109 officers for the top post by the high-powered committee led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

16. Who has been appointed as President of Louvre Museum?

Laurence des Cars

Explanation

Art historian and curator Laurence des Cars has become the first woman to be appointed as the President of Louvre in its 228-year history.

17. Who has been elected as president of Vienna based INCB?

Jagjit Pavadia

Explanation

Jagjit Pavadia, the former Narcotics Commissioner of India and a retired officer of the Indian Revenue Service (Customs), has been elected president of the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB). She is the first Indian to be heading the Vienna-based organization and the second woman to hold this office.

Banking Awareness

1. Which bank signs MoU with BSNL?

Indian Bank

Explanation

Indian Bank signed an MoU with Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited to provide seamless telecom services to the Indian Bank at competitive market rates. This means the telco might be availing its services to the bank for a lower market rate than usual.

2. MD & CEO of Axis Bank

Amitabh Chaudhury

Explanation

Amitabh Chaudhury has been re-appointed as the Managing Director and CEO of the private sector lender Axis Bank for three more years by the bank board. His second 3 years term will begin with effect from January 1, 2022, up to December 31, 2024

3. RBI Governor announces _____ program for small finance banks

SLTRO

Explanation

RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das has announced a special long-term repo operation (SLTRO) for small nance banks, amid the second wave of COVID-19 in India.

4. S&P Revises India's GDP Growth Forecast to _____ for FY22

9.80%

Explanation

The US-based S&P Global Ratings has lowered the GDP growth forecast of the Indian economy to 9.8 per cent for the financial year 2021-22 (FY22). The US-based rating agency in March had an 11 per cent GDP growth forecast for India for April 2021-March 2022 fiscal. On account of a fast economic reopening and fiscal stimulus.

5. Fitch Solution Projects India's GDP Growth Rate for FY22 to

9.50%

Explanation

Fitch Solution has estimated the GDP of the Indian economy to grow 9.5 per cent in 2021-22 (April 2021 to March 2022). The cut in the real GDP is due to the economic damage caused as a result of state-level lockdowns imposed because of the sudden and steep surge in the number of coronavirus cases.

6. Moody's Projects India's GDP Forecast for FY22 to

9.30%

Explanation

The rating agency Moody's has cut the gross domestic product (GDP) forecast of India for FY22 (01 April 2021-31 March 2022) to 9.3 per cent. Earlier this rate was projected at 13.7 per cent. The downward revision in GDP estimates is due to the second wave of Covid infections across the country, which have triggered localised lockdowns and mobility curbs.

7. HDFC Bank and Common Services Centres (CSCs) launched chatbot

Eva

Explanation

HDFC Bank and Common Services Centres (CSCs) launched chatbot 'Eva' on CSCs Digital Seva Portal to support the Village Level Entrepreneurs (VLEs) in providing banking services for the last mile rural consumers. This initiative will bridge the gap between India and Bharat. Urban India has been quick to learn and adapt to the digital world. Rural India has faced challenges as it has lower Internet penetration.

8. Barclays pegs India's FY22 GDP growth at

7.70%



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Explanation

Barclays has pegged India's economic growth for fiscal 2021-22 (FY22), as measured by gross domestic product (GDP) at 7.7 per cent in the bear-case scenario if the country is hit by the third wave of the Covid pandemic going ahead. The economic cost, it believes, could rise by at least a further \$42.6 billion, assuming another round of similar stringent lockdowns is imposed across the country for eight weeks later this year.

Defence News

1. DRDO develops Covid-19 antibody detection kit

DIPCOVAN

Explanation

India's Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has developed a Covid-19 antibody detection kit. The DIPCOVAN kit can detect both spikes as well as nucleocapsid proteins of Coronavirus with a high sensitivity of 97%. It has been approved by the Indian Council of Medical Research and has been developed by the Defence Institute of Physiology and Allied Sciences lab of DRDO in association with Delhi's Vanguard Diagnostics Pvt Ltd.

2. Who was India's 1st woman flight test engineer?

Aashritha V Olety

Explanation

Squadron Leader, Aashritha V Olety is the first and only woman in the IAF qualified for the role, and as a flight test engineer, she will be responsible for evaluating aircraft and airborne systems before their induction into the armed forces. Aashritha V Olety, a native of Karnataka, has graduated as part of the 43rd Flight Test Course.

Important Days

1. World Press Freedom Day

03-May

Explanation

World Press Freedom Day is observed globally on 3 May every year. It is also known as World Press Day.

2. World Tuna Day

02-May

Explanation

World Tuna Day is observed globally on 2nd May every year. This day is established by the United Nations (UN) to raise awareness about the importance of tuna fish. It is observed for the first time in 2017. According to the UN, an outsized number of nations worldwide depend upon tuna for both food security and nutrition. At the same time, more than 96 countries have tuna fisheries, and their capacity is constantly growing.

3. World Laughter Day 2021

02-May

Explanation

World Laughter Day is celebrated on the first Sunday of May every year. It is a day to raise awareness about laughter and its many healing benefits. In 2021, the day falls on 02 May 2021. World Laughter Day was first celebrated on May 10, 1998, in Mumbai upon the initiation of Dr Madan Kataria, founder of the worldwide Laughter Yoga movement.

4. World Hand Hygiene Day

05-May

Explanation

Every year, the World Hand Hygiene Day is observed on May 5. The day is organised by the World Health Organization (WHO) to raise awareness among people across the globe about the importance of hand hygiene in warding off many serious infections.

5. Coal Miners' Day

04-May

Explanation

Coal Miners' Day is celebrated on May 4 to recognize the hard work of some of the great unsung heroes of the Industrial Revolution. The day is celebrated to show appreciation for the coal miners and honour their accomplishments. Coal miners spend most of the days digging, tunnelling and extracting coal from the mines. They dig deep into the Earth to bring out the riches that help to sustain our life. Coal mining is one of the toughest professions

6. International No Diet Day

06-May

Explanation

International No Diet Day is observed on May 6, and its symbol is a light blue ribbon. It is an annual celebration of body acceptance, including fat acceptance and body shape diversity. It means recognising that your body is beautiful exactly as it is and worry less about your weight, body shape and more about being healthy and active.

7. World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day

08-May

Explanation

The World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day is observed every year on 8 May. The day aims to celebrate the principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, to reduce the suffering of people and enabling them to lead a dignified life with independence, humanity, impartiality, universality, unity and neutrality.

Theme 2021 World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day: 'Unstoppable'

8. World Migratory Bird Day

08-May

Explanation

"Sing, Fly, Soar – Like a Bird!" is the theme of this year's World Migratory Bird Day.

9. National Technology Day

11th May

Explanation

National Technology Day is celebrated on 11 May across India. This day marks the successfully tested Shakti-I nuclear missile at the Indian Army's Pokhran Test Range in Rajasthan. This day will be focusing on rebooting the economy through Science and Technology. It also highlights the achievements of our scientists and engineers in the field of science and technology and encourages students to embrace Science as a career option.

10. International Day of Families

15-May

Explanation

The International Day of Families is observed every year on 15 May to reflect the importance that the international community attaches to families. This day provides an opportunity to promote awareness of issues relating to families and to increase the knowledge of the social, economic and demographic processes affecting families. The theme of 2021 is "Families and New Technologies".

11. International Day of Light

16-May

Explanation

The International Day of Light (IDL) is celebrated on 16 May each year to mark the anniversary of the first successful operation of the laser in 1960 by physicist and engineer, Theodore Maiman. The day celebrates the role that light plays in science, culture and art, education, and sustainable development, and in fields as diverse as medicine, communications, and energy to help achieve the goals of UNESCO – 'education, equality, and peace. The message of 2021 International Day of Light is "Trust Science".

12. World Voice Day

16-April

Explanation

The World Voice Day (WVD) is celebrated globally on April 16 every year to demonstrate the enormous importance of the voice in the daily lives of all people. The Day is a global annual event dedicated to recognizing the boundless limits of the human voice. The mission is to share the excitement of the voice phenomenon with people, scientists, and other funding bodies. The theme of 2021 is ONE WORLD|MANY VOICES.

13. International Museum Day

18-May

Explanation

The International Museum Day is celebrated on 18 May, since 1977, to raise awareness about the fact that "Museums are an important means of cultural exchange, enrichment of cultures and development of mutual understanding, cooperation and peace among peoples". The theme of International Museum Day 2021: "The Future of Museums: Recover and Reimagine". It is coordinated by the International Council of Museums (ICOM).

14. World AIDS Vaccine Day

18-May

Explanation

World AIDS Vaccine Day, (also known as HIV Vaccine Awareness Day), is observed annually on May 18 to promote the continued urgent need for a vaccine to prevent HIV infection and AIDS. The first World AIDS Vaccine Day was thus observed on May 18, 1998, to commemorate the anniversary of Clinton's speech.

15. World Bee Day

20th May

Explanation

World Bee Day is observed globally on 20th May every year. On this date, 20 May, the pioneer of beekeeping Anton Janša was born in 1734 in Slovenia. The purpose of the bee day is to acknowledge the role of bees and other pollinators in the ecosystem.

16. International Tea Day**21st-May**Explanation

International Tea Day is observed globally on May 21 on the recommendation of India. The purpose of International Tea Day is to try to improve the condition of tea producers and tea workers. The United Nations recognised International Tea Day by the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) to raise awareness of the deep cultural and economic significance of tea around the world and promote its importance in fighting hunger and poverty

17. International Day for Biological Diversity

22-May

Explanation

The United Nations celebrates International Day for Biological Diversity on 22 May every year to raise awareness about the issue of a significant reduction in biological diversity due to certain human activities. Biological Diversity comprises a wide variety of plants, animals and microorganisms including genetic differences within each species, for example, between varieties of crops and breeds of livestock.

18. World Thyroid Day celebrated on

25-May

World Thyroid Day is observed globally on 25 May every year. The main purpose of the WTD is to aware of the importance of Thyroid and the prevention and treatment of thyroid diseases.

19. Indian Commonwealth Day**24th May**

Commonwealth Day is celebrated on the second Monday in the month of March every year. However, in India, another Commonwealth Day is also celebrated on May 24. Also known as Empire Day, Commonwealth Day commemorates the formation of the British Empire in India and other colonies of Britain.

20. World Hunger Day observed on**28-May**

World Hunger Day is observed globally on 28 May every year. The objective of this day is to raise awareness about more than 820 million people living in chronic hunger worldwide. It is observed since 2011 to not only spread awareness about the malaise of chronic hunger but also to solve hunger and poverty through sustainable undertakings.

21. International Day of Action for Women's Health**28-May**

The International Day of Action for Women's Health (International Women's Health Day) is observed every year on May 28 since 1987 to raise awareness on the issues related to women's health and

well being. Latin American and Caribbean Women's Health Network (LACWHN) and Women's Global Network for Reproductive Rights (WGNRR) launched the day.

22. World Digestive Health Day

29-May

Every year, World Digestive Health Day (WDHD) is observed on 29 May. It is organised by the World Gastroenterology Organisation (WGO) in collaboration with the WGO Foundation (WGOF). Each year the day focuses upon a particular digestive disease and/or disorder in order to increase general public awareness of prevention, prevalence, diagnosis, management and treatment of the disease and/or disorder. The theme of WDHD 2021 is "Obesity: An Ongoing Pandemic."

23. World No-Tobacco Day

31-May

Every year, on 31st May, the World Health Organization (WHO) and global partners celebrate World No Tobacco Day (WNTD). The annual campaign is an opportunity to raise awareness on the harmful and deadly effects of tobacco use and second-hand smoke exposure, and to discourage the use of tobacco in any form.

International News

1. First country to allow Driverless cars on roads

United Kingdom

Explanation

The United Kingdom has become the first country to announce regulation for the use of self-driving vehicles at low speeds. The UK wants to be at the forefront in rolling out autonomous driving technology. The Government of the UK forecasts that around 40% of UK cars will have self-driving capabilities by 2035.

2. Indian Insurance company in Top Ten Most-Valuable Insurance Brand Globally

Life Insurance Corporation

Explanation

The state-owned insurance behemoth 'Life Insurance Corporation (LIC)' has emerged as the third strongest and the tenth most valuable insurance brand globally, in Brand Finance Insurance 100 report for 2021. The annual report is released by London-based brand valuation consultancy firm Brand Finance, to identify the most valuable and strongest insurance brands globally.

3. 2021 Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize

Maria Ressa

Explanation

Investigative journalist and media executive, Maria Ressa (57 years) of the Philippines has been named as the winner of 2021 UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize

4. The World's Longest Pedestrian Bridge Opens in

Portugal

Explanation

The world's longest pedestrian suspension bridge named "Arouca" was opened in Portugal, according to a press release by UNESCO's Arouca World Geopark. The Arouca Bridge offers a half-kilometre (almost 1,700-foot) walk across its span, along a metal walkway suspended from cables. Some 175 meters (574 feet) below, the Paiva River flows through a waterfall.

5. SpaceX is set to launch the _____ Mission to the Moon

DOGE-1

Explanation

Elon Musk-owned SpaceX is set to launch the "DOGE-1 Mission to the Moon", the first-ever commercial lunar payload, paid entirely in the cryptocurrency Dogecoin. The satellite is scheduled to be launched in the first quarter of 2022 onboard the Falcon 9 rocket. The dogecoin-funded mission is led by the Canadian company Geometric Energy Corporation (GEC).

6. New Delhi ranks in Global Prime Residential Index by Knight Frank?

32nd

Explanation

London-based property consultant Knight Frank has ranked New Delhi and Mumbai in 32nd and 36th positions respectively in the Global Prime Residential Index. While Bengaluru moved down by four places in Q1 2021 and is ranked 40; Delhi and Mumbai dipped one place each in the same period.

7. First country to ban synthetic cannabinoids

China

Explanation

China will become the world's first country to ban all synthetic cannabinoid substances. The ban is likely to come into effect on July 1. The move comes as China tries to curb the manufacturing & trafficking of the drug. The synthetic cannabinoids are highly camouflaged, as some are found in e-cigarette oil, and some are found in cut tobacco made from various flower petals, or plant stems and leaves. In Xinjiang, it has a commonly known nickname of "Natasha."

8. 69th Miss Universe 2020

Andrea Meza

Explanation

Miss Mexico Andrea Meza has been crowned as the 69th Miss Universe 2020. On the other hand, Miss India's Adline Quadros Castelino made it to the Top 4. Brazil's Julia Gama is the first runner-up, Peru's Janick Maceta is the second runner-up while India's Adline Castelino and Dominican Republic's Kimberly Perez are third runner-up and fourth runner-up, respectively.

9. Iran Develops Its Most Powerful Supercomputer

Simorgh

Explanation

Iran has unveiled a new supercomputer named 'Simorgh', which is 100 times more powerful than the previous supercomputer of the country to date. The supercomputer has been developed indigenously by Tehran's Amirkabir University of Technology (AUT). It has been named after a mythical Phoenix-like bird 'Simurgh'.

10. Who won 2020 Millennium Technology Prize

Shankar Balasubramanian

Explanation

Cambridge University chemists Shankar Balasubramanian and David Klenerman were on Tuesday declared the winners of the 2020 Millennium Technology Prize, a prestigious global science and technology prize awarded for their development of revolutionary sequencing techniques which means DNA can now be read in super-fast times.

11. India's rank in EY's Renewable Energy Index

3rd

Explanation

India has moved up to third spot in the 57th Renewable Energy Country Attractiveness Index (RECAI) released by EY (Ernst & Young).

12. Which is building largest international submarine cable system?

Reliance Jio

Reliance Jio will be constructing the largest international submarine cable system centred on India. Under this, Jio will be deploying 2 next-generation cables to support data demand across Asia and Europe

13. First Indian to win annual 'World Choreography Award 2020'

Suresh Mukund

The Emmy Award-nominated Indian choreographer Suresh Mukund, has won the 10th Annual 'World Choreography Award 2020', (also known as Choreo Awards), becoming the first Indian to win the prestigious honour. He won the award in the 'TV REALITY SHOW/COMPETITION' category, for his work on the hit American TV reality show 'World of Dance'.

14. Samoa's first female Prime Minister

Fiaame Naomi Mata'afa

Fiaame Naomi Mata'afa (64 years) has been sworn-in as first female Prime Minister of Samoa at an extraordinary ceremony in a tent outside parliament after country's long-serving ruler refused to cede power and ordered the doors of Parliament to be locked.

15. Who becomes World's richest person?

Bernard Arnault

French fashion tycoon Bernard Arnault has become the world's richest person with an estimated net worth of \$186.3 billion

National News

1. Assam's first female IAS officer passes away

Parul Debi Das

Explanation

Parul Debi Das, the first female IAS officer from Assam, passed away. She was an Assam-Meghalaya cadre IAS officer. She was the daughter of the former cabinet minister of undivided Assam – Ramnath Das. She was the sister of former Assam Chief Secretary Naba Kumar Das.

2. Indian Army Launches First Solar Plant

North Sikkim

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Explanation

The Indian Army recently launched the first Green Solar Energy harnessing plant in Sikkim. It was launched to benefit the troops of the Indian army. The plant uses Vanadium based battery technology. It was built at an altitude of 16,000 feet. The capacity of the plant is 56 KVA. It was completed in collaboration with IIT Mumbai.

3. Which state announced Gopabandhu Sambadika Swasthya Bima Yojana

Odisha

Explanation

Odisha government has announced Gopabandhu Sambadika Swasthya Bima Yojana for journalists. Odisha has declared the journalists as frontline Covid warriors. It will benefit more than 6500 journalists of the state.

4. Director of Indian Institute of Rice Research

RM Sundaram

Explanation

Raman Meenakshi Sundaram has been appointed as Director of the Indian Institute of Rice Research (IIRR), an arm of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research. Prior to this elevation, he was working as Principal Scientist (Biotechnology) at the institute crop Improvement Section.

5. Assam's new chief minister

Himanta Biswa Sarma

Explanation

Himanta Biswa Sarma has been named as the 15th Chief Minister of Assam on May 08, 2021. He will replace incumbent Sarbananda Sonowal. He will take the charge of the office with effect from May 10, 2021.

6. A book titled 'Life in the Clock Tower Valley' author by

Shakoor Rather

Explanation

"Life in the Clock Tower Valley" is the debut book of Press Trust of India (PTI) journalist Shakoor Rather. The book is published by Speaking Tiger, it talks about Kashmir's pristine past, its grievous present and always-uncertain future. It also includes historical and political information about Kashmir as well as environmental issues that are seldom talked about.

7. 'COVI Van' for senior citizens vehicle launched by

Delhi Police

Explanation

Delhi Police has launched a helpline number for senior citizens who are struggling with their essential needs amid Covid-19. South District Police of the national capital has launched a COVI Van Helpline (012- 26241077) for senior citizens in the neighbourhood amid the coronavirus situation here.

8. PESB appoints Arun Kumar Singh as next CMD of

BPCL

Explanation

The Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB), the government's head-hunter, has picked Arun Kumar Singh as the chairman and managing director of state-run oil refining and marketing firm Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL).

9. Jana Small Finance Bank launches _____ feature

I choose my number

Explanation

Jana Small Finance Bank has announced the launch of the “I choose my number” feature for all its customers across India. This new feature gives the bank’s existing and new customers the option to select their favourite numbers as their savings or current account number.

10. 23rd District of Punjab

Malerkotla

Explanation

Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh has declared Malerkotla as the 23rd district of the state on May 14, 2021, on the occasion of Eid-ul-Fitr. Malerkotla is a Muslim-dominated area and has been carved out of the Sangrur district of the state. The government had promised that Malerkotla will be declared a district soon in 2017.

11. International Invincible Gold Medal of this year was recived by

Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank

Explanation

International Invincible Gold Medal of this year has been conferred on Union Education Minister Dr Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank. He has been recognised for his extraordinary commitment and outstanding service to humanity through his writings, social and illustrious public life.

12. Ayush Ghar-Dwar’ program was launched by which state govt

Himachal

Explanation

Himachal Government has launched the ‘Ayush Ghar-Dwar’ program to keep the home isolated Covid-19 positive patients healthy by practising Yoga. This program has been started by the Department of AYUSH in collaboration with the Art of Living organisation. Yoga Bharti’s instructors would provide their services in the program.

13. Former President of Indian Medical Association Passes Away

Dr. KK Aggarwal

Explanation

Renowned cardiologist and former national president of the Indian Medical Association (IMA), Dr KK Aggarwal, has passed away battling with Covid. He was an eminent physician and cardiologist, who also has served as the head of the Heart Care Foundation of India. He was honoured with the Dr BC Roy Award in 2005 and the Padma Shri in 2010, India’s fourth-highest civilian award, for his contributions to the field of medicine.

14. India’s First Agriculture Export Facilitation Centre Launched in

Pune

Explanation

The Maharashtra Chamber of Commerce, Industry, and Agriculture (MCCIA) has launched India’s first agro-export facilitation centre in Pune, in collaboration with National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD). The new Facilitation Centre will work as a one-stop-centre for the exporters in the agricultural sector as well as boost agricultural exports from the region, as per global standards.

15. 'MOMA Market' for vegetable was launched by

Manipur

Explanation

Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh has launched a smartphone application "Manipur Organic Mission Agency (MOMA) Market" for home delivery of fresh vegetables to ensure that people get fresh vegetables at their doorsteps during the COVID-19 induced curfew.

16. Which state govt launched "Mission Oxygen Self-Reliance"

Maharashtra

Explanation

Maharashtra government has launched the "Mission Oxygen Self-Reliance" scheme to meet the state's oxygen needs. Special incentives will be given to oxygen-producing industries under this scheme.

17. Mohali International Hockey Stadium renamed as?

Olympian Balbir Singh Senior International Hockey Stadium

Explanation

The Punjab Government finally announced to rename the Mohali International Hockey Stadium, after triple Olympian and Padma Shri Balbir Singh Sr. The stadium will now be known as Olympian Balbir Singh Senior International Hockey Stadium. The government also announced to start a scholarship scheme in the legend's name for meritorious hockey players of the state.

18. Gold Stevie Award 2021 won by

SpiceHealth

Explanation

Healthcare company by SpiceJet, SpiceHealth has won Gold Award at the 2021 Asia-Pacific Stevie Awards for 'Most Valuable Medical Innovation' under Covid19.

19. IBF to be renamed as?

Indian Broadcasting and Digital Foundation

Explanation

Indian Broadcasting Foundation (IBF) will be renamed Indian Broadcasting and Digital Foundation (IBDF) and will expand its purview to cover digital streaming platforms

Sports News

1. World Snooker Champion 2021

Mark Selby

Explanation

In Snooker, English professional player Mark Selby has become the World Snooker Champion for the fourth time. He won the Championship title after defeating fellow mate Shaun Murphy by 18-15 victory at a professional snooker tournament, that took place from 17 April to 3 May 2021 at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield, England. Prior to this, Selby won the Championship title in 2014, 2016, 2017 and 2021.

2. Who won 2021 Portuguese Grand Prix

Lewis Hamilton

Explanation

Mercedes racer Lewis Hamilton (Great Britain) won the 2021 Portuguese Grand Prix, which was held at the Algarve International Circuit in Portugal.

3. Who won 2021 Spanish Grand Prix

Lewis Hamilton

Explanation

Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes-Great Britain) won the 2021 Spanish Grand Prix, held on 09 May 2021. This win is the fifth successive Spanish Grand Prix title of Lewis Hamilton and the third win of this season. Max Verstappen (Red Bull Racing-Netherlands) came second followed by Valtteri Bottas (Mercedes-Finland) at third position. The race was the fourth round of the 2021 Formula One World Championship.

4. Who wins top title at 2021 Laureus World Sports Awards?

Naomi Osaka

Explanation

World number two tennis player Naomi Osaka of Japan has been named "Sportswoman of the Year" at the 2021 Laureus World Sports Awards. This is Osaka's second Laureus Sports Awards. In 2019, she won the "Breakthrough of the Year" award.

5. ICC Players of the Month for April 2021

Babar Azam

Explanation

Pakistani skipper Babar Azam has been named the ICC Men's Player of the Month for April 2021 for his consistent and stellar performances across all formats in the recently concluded series against South Africa. The ICC Player of the Month Awards recognise and celebrate the best performances from both male and female cricketers across all forms of international cricket throughout the year.

6. Head Coach of Indian Women's Cricket team

Ramesh Powar

Explanation

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has announced the appointment of Ramesh Powar as the Head Coach of Team India (Senior Women). The three-member Cricket Advisory Committee comprising Sulakshana Naik, Madan Lal and Rudra Pratap Singh interviewed the applicants and unanimously agreed on Powar's candidature. A former international, Powar played 2 Tests and 31 ODIs for India.

7. Italian Open title won by

Rafael Nadal

Explanation

Rafael Nadal beat world number one Novak Djokovic to win a 10th Italian Open title. Second seed Nadal won through 7-5, 1-6, 6-3 in 2hr 49min against the defending champion in the 57th career showdown between the pair. The victory also earned Nadal a 36th ATP Masters 1000 crown, equalling Djokovic's record since the series was established in 1990.

8. Monaco Grand Prix 2021 won by?

Max Verstappen

Explanation

Red Bull's Max Verstappen has won the Monaco Grand Prix for the first time to take the Formula One championship lead from Lewis Hamilton. Ferrari's Carlos Sainz Jr. finished second, while McLaren, L. Norris came in a disappointing third place.

9. Who won Men's Singles title at Geneva Open tennis

Casper Ruud

Explanation

Norway's Casper Ruud has won the ATP Geneva Open final with a 7-6 (8/6), 6-4 victory over Denis Shapovalov. Victory in Geneva means the Norwegian world number 21 is going to be among the top 16 seeds in Paris. A second career title lifted Ruud's record to 2-2 in finals, all at clay-court events. The 22-year-old Norwegian's previous title was at Buenos Aires last year.

10. Who won 2021 PGA Championship?

Phil Mickelson

Explanation

American professional golfer, Phil Mickelson has created history by winning the 2021 PGA Championship, at the age of 50. With this victory, Mickelson became the oldest player to win a major title in the history of the PGA Tour. This is his sixth major title.

11. Who won 2020-21 UEFA Champions League Final

Chelsea

Explanation

Chelsea defeated Manchester City 1-0 in the final, to lift the 2020-21 UEFA Champions League title, on May 29, 2021, played at the Estádio do Dragão in Porto, Portugal. German forward Kai Havertz scored the only goal of the football match. This is the second Champions League title for Chelsea, after winning the first won in 2012.



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