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Important days

1. International Day for the Eradication of Poverty: 17 October

International Day for the Eradication of Poverty : 17 October

BY: UN

First observed: 1993

Theme: Building Forward Together: Ending Persistent Poverty, Respecting all People and our Planet”

Highlights :

- The **International Day for the Eradication of Poverty** is observed every year on **17 October** across the globe.
- The day aims to raise awareness of the need to eradicate poverty and destitution around the world, particularly in developing countries.



**INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR
THE ERADICATION OF
POVERTY**

#EndPoverty



EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

When? October 17

UN

HQ: New York, US

Sec-gen : António Guterres

Recent News:

- World Food Day: 16 October
- International Day of Rural Women: 15 October

Obituaries

2. Former hockey international Saranjeet Singh passes away

Passed Away : Saranjeet Singh

Field: former hockey player



Highlights :

- Former hockey international **Saranjeet Singh** has passed away in Hyderabad. He was 59.
- Santu, as he is more affectionately called in hockey circles, was not well for the last three months.
- The **former State Bank of India hockey player**, who played for Coronation Club in local league, represented Hyderabad juniors and seniors for many years in the **late 70s and 80s** and also played for India, which toured Germany in 1983.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

Who? Saranjeet Singh
Field ? former hockey player

Recent News

- IFFCO chairman Sardar Balvinder Singh Nakai passes away

Appointments

3.Amitabh Chaudhry Re-Appointed As MD,CEO Of Axis Bank

Appointed : amitabh chaudhry

as: MD&CEO of axis bank

Tenure: 3 years



Highlights:

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** approved the re-appointment of **Amitabh Chaudhry** as **Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO)** of leading private lender - Axis Bank for a period of **three years**.
- The extended three-year term will be effective from January 1, 2022

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? MD&CEO of axis bank

who? Amitabh chaudhry

Axis bank

CEO: Amitabh Chaudhry

Headquarters: Mumbai

Recent News

- RBI approves appointment of Pradeep Kumar Panja as Chairman of Karnataka Bank

4. Jonas Gahr Stoere becomes new Prime Minister of Norway

Appointed : Jonas Gahr Stoere

as: PM of norway

Replaces: erna solberg

Party: centre-left Labor Party of Norway

Highlights:

- **Jonas Gahr Store**, the Leader of the **Labour Party in Norway**, has assumed the charge of the **Prime Minister of Norway** with effect.
- In September 2021, Store's Labour Party won the parliamentary elections, following which incumbent Prime Minister **Erna Solberg** and her government stepped down.



EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? PM of norway

who? Jonas Gahr Stoere

Norway

Capital: Oslo

Curr: Norwegian krone

PM: jonas gahr stoere

Recent News

- Najla Bouden Romdhane appointed as first woman PM of Tunisia

5. Alexander Schellenberg appointed Austria's new Chancellor

Appointed : Alexander Schellenberg

as: chancellor of austria

party:

Replaces: Sebastian Kurz



Highlights:

- **Alexander Schellenberg** was elected as **Austrian Chancellor** after the resignation of **Sebastian Kurz**.
- Sebastian Kurz resigned because of his involvement in a corruption scandal.
- Apart from Alexander, Michael Linhardt joined in for the role of foreign minister. He was the former ambassador to France.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? chancellor of austria
who? Alexander Schellenberg

Austria

Capital: Vienna

Curr: euro

PM: Alexander Van der Bellen

Recent News

- Ethiopian PM Abiy Ahmed takes oath for second term

MOU & partnership

6. RailTel signs MoU with C-DOT to boost expansion of telecom services



Highlights:

- RailTel Corporation signed a MOU with the **Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT)** to work together in diverse areas of telecom with a key focus on boosting modernisation and expansion of communication networks in the country.
- The MoU has been signed with "the objective of working together in the diverse areas of telecom with key focus on the modernisation and expansion of communication Networks across the country."

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? MOU with C-DOT
By ? Railtel

railtel

CMD : **Puneet Chawla**

Hq: new delhi

C-DOT

Dir: **Rajkumar Upadhyay**

Hq: new delhi

RECENT NEWS

- Dr MG Ramachandran Central (DRM) or Chennai Central railway station will get 100 per cent of energy through Solar Energy.

7. ICC & UNICEF to Partner for Mental Wellbeing of Children & Adolescents



Highlights:

- the **2021 men's T20 World Cup** in the **UAE and Oman**, the **International Cricket Council (ICC)** and **UNICEF** have that they would partner to help break the stigma around mental health by raising awareness about the issue amongst children and adolescents.
- The ICC and UNICEF are aiming to raise awareness of mental health and wellbeing amongst children and adolescents and encourage greater conversation and understanding of it throughout the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2021 beginning.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? Partnered with UNICEF
By ? ICC

ICC

Headquarters: Dubai, UAE
Chairman: Greg Barclay;

UNICEF

Director: Henrietta H. Fore
HQ: newyork,US

RECENT NEWS

- UNICEF India, Facebook collaborate to make a safer online world for children

Committee

8. Sebi forms 4-member high powered advisory committee on settlement orders



Highlights:

- **Sebi** has constituted a four-member high powered **advisory committee** on settlement orders and compounding of offences.
- The committee will be chaired by **Vijay C Daga**, retired judge of High Court of Bombay
- The panel will work as per the Settlement Proceedings Regulations, 2018 specified by the regulator.
- Under the settlement mechanism, an alleged wrongdoer can settle a pending case with the regulator without admission or denial of guilt by paying a settlement fee.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? Vijay C Daga
committee on settlement
orders

By ? SEBI

SEBI

Chairperson : **ajay tyagi**

Hq:mumbai

RECENT NEWS

- IFSCA Constitutes an
Expert panel on Sustainable
Finance

Banking

9.RBI withdraws all restrictions on Hindu Cooperative Bank



Highlights:

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) withdrew all restrictions imposed on **Hindu Cooperative Bank Limited, Pathankot**.
- The Reserve Bank had issued directions stipulating certain restrictions on the bank in **March 2019**. The directions were modified from time to time and were last extended up to October 24, 2021.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? Hindu Cooperative Bank is out of restriction
By ? RBI

RBI

Gov : **shaktikanta das**
Hq:mumbai

RECENT NEWS

- RBI grants banking licence to Unity Small Finance Bank

Ranking

10. Reliance Industries tops in Forbes World's Best Employer 2021 Ranking



Highlights:

- Mukesh Ambani-led **Reliance Industries** has topped the Indian corporates in the **World's Best Employers 2021 rankings** published by **Forbes**.
- Globally, Reliance is placed at **52nd** position among 750 global corporates. **South Korean** giant **Samsung Electronics** has topped the overall ranking as World's Best Employers 2021, followed by US giants IBM, Microsoft, Amazon, Apple, Alphabet and Dell Technologies.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? World's Best Employers 2021 rankings
By ? Forbes
Top? samsung

Forbes

CEO: Mike Federle
Hq: new york, US

RECENT NEWS

- Mukesh Ambani tops Forbes India Rich List 2021

Meeting

11. Naval Commanders' Conference to be held



Highlights

- the **second edition** of this year's **Naval Commanders' Conference** will take place between **October 18 and October 22**.
- The conference serves as a platform for Naval Commanders to discuss important maritime matters at the military-strategic level as well as interact with Senior Government Officials through an institutionalised forum.
- The Navy's top commanders will hold their biannual meeting to discuss the force's operational, logistical and material preparedness and future plans.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? Naval Commanders' Conference

Indian navy

Chief: Admiral Karambir Singh
HQ: new delhi

RECENT NEWS

- 3-day Indian Army Chief's Conclave in Delhi begins

12. Defence Minister addresses 'SCO seminar on Role of Women in Armed Forces



Highlights

- **Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)** seminar on '**Role of Women in Armed Forces**' was organised in virtual mode.
- This seminar was hosted by India, highlighting the role of India's women military officers in UN peacekeeping missions at global level.
- During the seminar, defence minister highlighted that government has taken several steps to strengthen the role of women in the security setup in general and armed forces in particular.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? SCO meeting of 'Role of Women in Armed Forces' by defence minister

Minister of defence

Rajnath Singh

Cons: Lucknow

RECENT NEWS

- PM Narendra Modi virtually addresses 21st SCO Meeting of Council of Heads of State

Award

13. INDIAN ARMY TEAM WINS GOLD MEDAL IN EXERCISE CAMBRIAN PATROL



Highlights

- A team from 4/5 **Gorkha Rifles (Frontier Force)** which represented the Indian Army at the **prestigious Cambrian Patrol Exercise** at Brecon, Wales, UK from 13th to 15th October 2021 has been awarded **Gold medal**.
- Ex Cambrian Patrol organised by the UK Army is considered the ultimate test of human endurance, team spirit and is sometimes referred as the **Olympics of Military Patrolling** among militaries in the world.
- The Indian Army team participated in the event and competed against a total of 96 teams which included 17 international teams representing Special Forces and prestigious Regiments from around the world.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? Gold medal at Cambrian Patrol Exercise
Won by? Gorkha rifles

RECENT NEWS

- India-UK Joint Company Level Military Exercise 'Ajeya Warrior' begins

14.WHO Director-General Bestows Posthumous Award on the Late Henrietta Lacks



Highlights

- Dr **Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus** honoured the **late Henrietta Lacks** with a **WHO Director-General's award**, recognizing the world-changing legacy of this Black American woman who died of cervical cancer, 70 years ago, on 4 October, 1951.
- In honouring Henrietta Lacks, WHO acknowledges the importance of reckoning with past scientific injustices, and advancing racial equity in health and science

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? WHO Director-General's award
Won by? Henrietta lacks

WHO

HQ: Geneva, Switzerland
DG: Tedros Ghebreyesus

RECENT NEWS

- Microsoft team wins 2021 C.K. Prahalad Award

International

15. India re-elected to UN Human Rights Council



Highlights:

- **India** has been re-elected to the **United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC)** for a sixth term, with an overwhelming majority.
- The new three-year term of India will be effective from **January 2022 to December 2024**.
- India received **184 votes** of the 193 votes cast in the election.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? India elected to UNHRC

UNHRC

President: Nazhat Shameem;
Hq: Geneva, Switzerland;

Recent News

- International Energy Agency (IEA) has invited India to become its full-time member.

16. India-Russia sign MoU for supply of DAP fertilizers



Highlights:

- **India** has signed a long-term MoU with **Russia** for DAP (Di-Ammonium Phosphate) fertilizer supply.
- This MoU has been signed to ensure the supply of DAP Fertilizer at stable prices. Also, the dependence on countries like Jordan, Morocco, and China can be reduced.
- It is the effort of the government that DAP and other phosphatic fertilizers should be available to the farmers at a cheaper rate during the current Rabi season.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? MOU with Russia by? India

Russia

Capital: Moscow

President: Vladimir Putin

Currency: Russian ruble

Recent News

- Indian Army is participating in Zapad 2021, a multi-nation military exercise in Russia where China and Pakistan are taking part as observers.

National

17. BPCL launches automated fuelling technology UFill



Highlights:

- The **Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL)** has launched an automated fuelling technology called **“UFill”**, to provide a swift, secure and smart experience to its customers at outlets by providing them with control of fuelling.
- The UFill functionality can be used with any payment app like **GPay, PayTM, PhonePe** etc as well as offers real-time QR and voucher codes through SMS.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? Ufill tech
by? BPCL

BPCL

Sec: Arun Kumar Singh;
HQ: mumbai

Recent News

- BPCL, SBI Card launch co-branded RuPay contactless credit card

18.govt fixes subsidy for potash derived from molasses



Highlights:

- The Centre has fixed **subsidy on potash derived from molasses (PDM)** for the first time under the Nutrient Based Subsidy, a move expected to reduce the country's dependence on mineral-based potash.
- The government will offer a subsidy of **Rs 73 per 50 kg bag of PDM** sold at Rs 600-800 by fertiliser companies to farmers.
- This will give a push to sugar mills to manufacture the byproduct 'molasses', from which potash can be derived. This will boost the revenue of mills and income of sugarcane growers

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? Subsidy for potash by? GOI

Recent News

- Centre inaugurates Rs 100 lakh crore PM Gati Shakti-National Master Plan

19. India needs 5630 GW installed solar capacity to become net-zero nation by 2070



Highlights:

- **India** should increase its **solar power capacity to 5630 gigawatt** in order to become **a net-zero emissions nation by 2070**,
- At present, India has 100 GW of installed renewable energy capacity, of which solar comprises 40 GW, the study released by the **Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW)**.
- The government has set an ambitious target to scale up its total renewable energy capacity to 450 GW by 2030.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? Report for net zero emission nation by 2070
by? CEEW

CEEW

Hq: New Delhi

Chairman : Jamshyd Godrej

Recent News

- India's largest Floating Solar PV Project commissioned in Andhra Pradesh

State

20.Kerala Rail signs MoU with IISc for rail safety tech



Highlights

- The **Kerala Rail** has signed MoU with **IISc Bangalore, IISc** incubated startup L2MRail and the Society for Innovation and Development (SID).
- The IISc Bangalore and L2MRail have the fiber Bragg grating sensing technology.
- The SHMS will help to monitor the civil engineering structures of Kerala Rail projects.
- The experts will connect sensors in the rail structures which will generate warning alerts in case of damages.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? 'MOU with IISc banglore
by? kerala

kerala

Gov: arif mohammad khan
Capital: thiruvananthapuram
Cm: pinaryi vijayan

RECENT NEWS

- Kerala CM inaugurates Digital Hub; aims to have 15K start-ups in next 5 yrs

Sports

21.Rahul Dravid appointed as Team India head coach



Highlights:

•Former Indian batter, **Rahul Dravid** has been appointed as **Team India's head coach** on a two-year contract and he will be succeeding **Ravi Shastri**, whose tenure at the helm ends after the **2021 edition of the T20 World Cup in the UAE.**

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What headcoach of india who? dravid

Recent News

- IPL 2021 won by Chennai Super Kings

22. India beat Nepal 3-0 to win 2021 SAFF Championship



Highlights:

- **India beat Nepal, 3-0, to win the 2021 SAFF Championship final title, held at the National Football Stadium in Male, Maldives.**
- This is the eighth SAFF Championship title claimed by the Indian men's national football team.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? 2021 SAFF
championship
won? india

South asian football federation

Hq: Dhaka, Bangladesh
President: Kazi Salahuddin

Recent News

- FIFA unveils "Ibha" mascot of India's 2022 U-17 Women's World Cup

Organisation / Bank:

UN

HQ: new york,US
Sec-gen : António Guterres

Axis bank

CEO: Amitabh Chaudhry
Headquarters: Mumbai

railtel

CMD : **Puneet Chawla**
Hq:new delhi

C-DOT

Dir: Rajkumar Upadhyay
Hq:new delhi

SEBI

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Hq:mumbai

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RBI

Gov : **shaktikanta das**
Hq:mumbai

Forbes

CEO: Mike Federle
Hq:new york,US

Indian navy

Chief: Admiral Karambir Singh
HQ: new delhi

UNHRC

President: Nazhat Shameem;
Hq: Geneva, Switzerland;

WHO

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South asian football

federation

Headquarters: Dhaka,
Bangladesh
President: Kazi Salahuddin

BPCL

Sec: Arun Kumar Singh;
HQ: mumbai

CEEW

Hq: New Delhi
Chairman : Jamshyd Godrej

MINIS/CONS

Minister of defence
Rajnath singh
Cons: lucknow

Country/cap:

Norway

Capital: Oslo
Curr: Norwegian krone
PM: jonas gahr stoere

Austria

Capital: Vienna
Curr: euro
PM: Alexander Van der Bellen

Russia

Capital: Moscow
President: Vladimir Putin
Currency: Russian ruble

kerala

Gov: arif mohammad khan
Capital: thiruvananthapuram
Cm: pinaryi vijayan

1. World Food Day: 16 October theme??

“Safe food now for a healthy tomorrow”.

2. Actor Farrukh Jaffer passes away at 88: born??

Jaunpur ,UP

3. _____ gets additional charge as IBBI Chairperson

Navrang Saini

4. _____ is affiliated with SBM Bank for Forex Transfers

Vested Finance

5. _____ named brand ambassador of Infinity

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