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Important days

1.International Artists' Day 2021: oct 25

**International Artists' Day 2021 : 25
October**

First observed: 2014



Highlights :

- **International Artists' Day** is celebrated on **October 25** every year.
- This is a day that celebrates the beauty of art and the way it captures human expression.
- Art is indeed a very valuable skill as it records history and culture and also provides an escape. There are different kinds of art, be it painting, photography, sculpture, architecture, etc.
- This day was founded by Canadian artist **Chris MacClure** in 2014. This is also a day that **marks the birthday** of one of the most popular and celebrated artists, **Pablo Picasso**.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? International Artists' Day 2021

When? october 25

Recent News:

- International Chef's Day: 20 October
- World Statistics Day: 20 October

2. United Nations Day: 24 October

United Nations Day : 24 October

BY: UN

First observed: 1948



Highlights :

- Every year **24 October** is celebrated as United Nations Day since **1948**. It was on this day in **1945** that the Charter of the United Nations came into force.
- With the ratification of the UN Charter by the majority of its signatories, including the five permanent members of the Security Council, the United Nations officially came into being.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? United Nations Day
When? october 24

UN

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

Recent News:

- The World Development Information Day on october 24 was established by the UN General Assembly in 1972, to coincide with the United Nations Day.

Appointments

3. Ramnath Krishnan appointed as MD and Group CEO of ICRA

Appointed : ramnath krishnan

as: MD&CEO of ICRA

replaces: N siva raman



Highlights:

- **Ramnath Krishnan** has been appointed as the new **Managing Director and Group Chief Executive Officer (CEO)** of rating agency **ICRA**.
- He replaces **N Sivaraman**, who resigned with immediate effect citing personal reasons.
- Gurgaon based ICRA is a unit owned by global rating agency **Moody's Corporation**.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? MD&CEO of ICRA
who? Ramnath krishnan

ICRA

CEO: ramnath krishnan
Hq: Gurgaon , haryana

Recent News

- SAI appoints Commodore PK Garg as new CEO of TOPS

4.SUNIL PALIWAL, IAS, ASSUMES CHARGE AS CHAIRPERSON, CHENNAI PORT TRUST

Appointed : sunil paliwal

as: chairperson of chennai port trust

Replaces: P Raveendran



Highlights:

- Sunil Paliwal** has assumed charge as **Chairperson of the Chennai Port Trust (ChPT)**.
- He is holding the post of Chairman cum Managing Director of the Kamarajar Port Ltd.
- Paliwal succeeds **P Raveendran**, who has reverted to his parent organisation – the Indian Railways.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? chairperson of chennai port trust
who? Sunil paliwal

ChPT

HQ: chennai

Chairman : sunil paliwal

Recent News

- Alok Mishra becomes new MD of India Ports Global Limited

5.K Madhavan re-elected as president of IBDF

Appointed : K madhavan

as: president of IBDF



Highlights:

- **Indian Broadcasting and Digital Foundation (IBDF)**, the apex body of television broadcasters and digital streaming platforms in the country, has re-elected **K Madhavan**, as its **president for the second term** after the 22 Annual General Meeting of the company held
- He is also the country manager and president – The Walt Disney Company India and Star India

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? President of IBDF

who? K madhavan

IBDF

HQ: new delhi

president: K .madhavan

Recent News

- A Balasubramanian becomes new Chairman of AMFI

Banking

6. ITILITE Partnered with ICICI Bank



Highlights:

- **ITILITE and ICICI bank** have partnered to issue **commercial credit cards** to businesses in India.
- Due to this partnership, the companies can avail '**ICICI Bank Central Travel Account Card (CTA card)**'.

The ITILITE is the all-in-one business travel and expense management platform. They can make travel bookings for their employees at a discount rate using the ITILITE platform.

Under the partnership, the ICICI bank will issue the CTA card to businesses and will provide them a credit period of upto 50 days.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? Partnered with ITILITE

By ? ICICI bank

ICICI bank

CEO : Sandeep Bakhshi

Hq:mumbai

ITILITE

CEO:Mayank Kukreja

HQ: bengaluru

RECENT NEWS

- HPCL partners with ICICI Bank for fuel payments through FASTags

7. AU Small Finance Bank launches QR Sound Box to boost digital payments



Highlights:

- **AU Small Finance Bank (AU SFB)** announced the the launch of a **QR Code Sound Box** With an aim to enhance its reach in digital payments, leading small finance bank.
- The Jaipur-headquartered SFB said that the QR Sound Box will help small merchants to run their operations smoothly without the hassle of reading SMS every time when a customer makes a payment.
- the QR code sound box is a small and portable speaker which comes with a dedicated SIM slot for data connectivity which gives voice notification.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? QR Sound Box
By ? AU SFB

AU SFB

MD & CEO: **Sanjay Agarwal**
Hq: jaipur, rajasthan

RECENT NEWS

- AU Small Finance Bank signs pact with NABARD to boost rural development projects in Rajasthan

8. Union Bank of India signs MoU with CDAC



Highlights:

- **Union Bank of India** entered into partnership with **CDAC (Centre for Development of Advanced Computing) Hyderabad**.
- under Bank's Cyber Security Centre of Excellence (CCoE) initiative, according to which CDAC will assist the Bank to impart Cyber Security Awareness and Education to its stakeholders.
- This collaboration is a first of its kind initiative on Cyber Security and will benefit Bank's Staff and Customers and different user groups, people at large to improve their security awareness levels and guide them to protect themselves from cyber threats in this digital era.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? MOU with CDAC
By ? Union bank of india

UBI

Headquarters: Mumbai
CEO: Rajkiran Rai G.

RECENT NEWS

- IndiaFirst Life a joint venture of Bank of Baroda and Union Bank of India Introduces 'Sara Bachat Bima' Insurance Plan

Ranking

9.FIFA Rankings: India rise one spot to 106th



Highlights:

- A few days after emerging victorious in the SAFF Championship, the Indian football vertical witnessed the promotion of the Indian football team from the 107th spot to the **106th** spot of the **FIFA rankings**.
- The ranking was topped by **belgium**

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? FIFA ranking 2021
Top? Belgium
India? 106

FIFA

President: Gianni Infantino
Hq: Zürich, Switzerland

RECENT NEWS

- FIFA unveils “Ibha” mascot of India’s 2022 U-17 Women’s World Cup

Meeting

10.4th General Assembly of International Solar Alliance begins



Highlights

- The **Fourth General Assembly** of the **International Solar Alliance (ISA)** has been organised virtually.
- The Assembly will be presided over by President of the ISA Assembly **RK Singh**, who is also the Union Minister for New and Renewable Energy.
- The initiatives are Operationalisation of the OSOWOG (One Sun One World One Grid) initiative, the \$1-trillion Solar Investment Roadmap for 2030.
- Approval for a Blended Financial Risk Mitigation Facility.
- Strategic Plan of the ISA for the next five years.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? 4th General Assembly of ISA

Presided by? RK Singh

New & renewable energy minister

RK Singh

Cons : arrah, bihar

RECENT NEWS

- IFSCA launches Global FinTech Hackathon Series 'I-Sprint'21'

11.PM Modi to visit Italy, UK for G-20 Summit, COP-26



Highlights

•Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** will be travelling to **Rome, Italy** and Glasgow, the United Kingdom from October 29 to November 2 to attend the **16th G-20 Summit and the World Leaders' Summit of COP-26** respectively.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? 16th G-20 Summit and the World Leaders' Summit of COP-26
by? modi

RECENT NEWS

•PM Modi addresses 76th UNGA in New York

12. Minister of State Devusinh Chauhan chairs 7th Meeting of BRICS Communications Ministers



Highlights

- **India** as the current **BRICS Chair** convened the **7th Meeting of BRICS Communications Ministers**.
- Minister of State for Communications of Republic of India, **Devusinh Chauhan**, chaired the 7th meeting of BRICS Communications Ministers through video conferencing.
- The Ministers discussed the need to work together to develop multi-pronged approaches and reference models for affordable access to communications services and digital technologies for benefitting people, achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? 7th Meeting of BRICS Communications Ministers by? devusinh chauhan

MoS of communication

Devusinh chauhan
Cons: Kheda (Gujarat)

RECENT NEWS

- PM Narendra Modi chaired 13th BRICS Summit

Award

13. Parambikulam Tiger Conservation Foundation wins Earth Heroes Awards 2021



Highlights

- The **Parambikulam Tiger Conservation Foundation** has bagged the **Earth Guardian Award** instituted by the **NatWest Group**.
- These awards were part of an initiative which recognises the efforts of individuals and institutions that are working to subvert climate change by conserving & preserving biodiversity in India.
- Parambikulam Tiger Reserve also includes erstwhile Parambikulam Wildlife Sanctuary, which is spread across **391 square kilometres**.
- It is a protected area in **Palakkad district of Kerala**. It was established in 1973

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? Earth Guardian Award
Won by? Parambikulam Tiger Conservation Foundation

Natwest group india
Head:Punit Sood
HQ: new delhi

RECENT NEWS

- Alexei Navalny Wins European Union's Sakharov Prize.

14. Drama film Koozhangal is India's official entry for Oscars 2022



EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? 94th Academy Awards (Oscars 2022).
Selected ? koozhangal

Academy of motion pictures and arts

President: John Bailey

Headquarters: California, US

RECENT NEWS

•Martin Scorsese, Szabo to get Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement award at IFFI

Highlights

- The Tamil-language drama film **Koozhangal (internationally translated as Pebbles)**, has been selected as India's official entry for the **94th Academy Awards (Oscars 2022)**.
- The film has been directed by filmmaker **Vinothraj PS** and produced by **Vignesh Shivan and Nayanthara**.
- The 94th Academy Awards are scheduled to take place in Los Angeles, on March 27, 2022.

Defence

15.DRDO Successfully flight-tests Expendable Aerial Target 'ABHYAS'



Highlights:

•The **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** successfully flight-tested the High-speed Expendable Aerial Target (HEAT)- **ABHYAS**, from the Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur off the coast of Bay of Bengal in **Odisha**.

The air vehicle ABHYAS can be used as an aerial target for the evaluation of various missile systems.

The vehicle is programmed for fully autonomous flight. The check-out of air vehicles is done using a laptop-based Ground Control Station (GCS).

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? ABHYAS

By? DRDO

DRDO

President: G. Satheesh Reddy;

Hq: new delhi

Recent News

•DRDO conducts successful maiden flight test of Akash Prime Missile

International

16.China launches satellite 'Shijian-21'



Highlights:

- China** successfully launched a new satellite named **Shijian-21**.
- The satellite will be used to test and verify space debris mitigation technologies. Shijian-21 was launched from the **Xichang Satellite Launch Centre** in southwest China's Sichuan Province on a Long March-3B carrier rocket.
- The satellite will be mainly used to test and verify space debris mitigation technologies.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? Shijian-21 satellite
By? china

China

Capital: Beijing;
Currency: Renminbi;
President: Xi Jinping

Recent News

- China launched 1st Solar Exploration Satellite

National

17. Indian Railways to dissolve IRSDC after Centre's recommendation



Highlights:

- The **Indian Railways** has ordered to dissolve **Indian Railway Stations Development Corporation (IRSDC)**.
- This is in line with recommendation from the cabinet secretariat to integrate, and undertake structural reforms in various bodies under Railways Ministry.
- It had also suggested merger of various railway's institutions.
- The stations managed by IRSDC shall be handed over to respective Zonal Railways and all the projects related documents shall be handed over to respective Zonal Railways by IRSDC.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? IRSDC dissolved
by? Indian railways

Indian railways

CEO: Suneet Sharma;
HQ: new delhi

Recent News

- Railways launch two long haul freight trains 'Trishul', 'Garuda'

18.PMASBY: PM Modi will launch self-reliant healthy India scheme



Highlights:

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** will make a one-day visit to Uttar Pradesh will launch the **Prime Minister Atmanirbhar Swasth Bharat Yojana** worth Rs 64,000 crore.
- the objective of Aatmanirbhar Swasth Bharat Yojana is to bridge the existing gap in facilities for primary and critical health conditions in urban and rural areas. Under this scheme, 17,788 rural and urban health and health centers will be supported in 10 states. In addition, 11,024 urban health and treatment centers will be set up in all the states.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? Prime Minister
Atmanirbhar Swasth
Bharat Yojana
by?modi

Recent News

- PM Modi inaugurates
Kushinagar International
Airport in UP

19. Kishan Reddy launches bipolar air disinfectant & purifier in Hyderabad



Highlights:

- An air disinfection and purifying device called “**Bipolar Air Disinfectant and Purifier**”, made by Hyderabad-based **Jaitra Devices and Systems LLP**, was launched by **Union Minister of Tourism and Culture Kishan Reddy** at an event held in the city.
- The device can inactivate pathogens like SARS-COV-2, Influenza, Legionella virus, Rhinovirus, Varicella-zoster virus, TB bacteria, Staphylococcus bacteria, E Coli bacteria, Pseudomonas bacteria, Bacillus cereus bacteria, fungi and molds.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? “Bipolar Air Disinfectant and Purifier”
by? Tourism minister

Tourism minister

Kishan Reddy

Cons : Secunderabad
(Telangana)

Recent News

- PM Narendra Modi dedicates 7 new Defence PSUs to the nation

State

20. Tamil Nadu CM M K Stalin launches 'e-munnnetram' to monitor projects



Highlights

- **Chief minister M K Stalin** unveiled two initiatives by the Information Technology (IT) department to strengthen governance and help the economy grow.
- He launched '**e-munnnetram**' (e-progress) to monitor progress of various projects undertaken by the Tamil Nadu government .
- '**IT Nanban**' (IT-friend), an interactive platform for IT/ITeS industry in the state to be aware of various government tenders that are floated for procuring services of the industry.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? 'E-munnnetram'
by? TN

TN

Capital: chennai

CM: MK stalin

Gov: RN ravi.

RECENT NEWS

- Tamil Nadu FibreNet Corp signs agreement for BharatNet project implementation

21. Goa signs MoU with tech firms for skill training



Highlights

- the **state government of goa** signed a memorandum of understanding with **Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)** To provide essential skills like **computational thinking, coding and communication to children.**
- It Providing skills to school and college students to empower and prepare them for the future is one of the recommendations of the new National Education Policy (NEP).

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? 'MOU with TCS
by? goa

Goa

Capital: Panaji

Gov: P.S. Sreedharan Pillai

Chief minister: Pramod Sawan

RECENT NEWS

- FC Goa lift maiden Durand Cup football trophy

Sports

22. Max Verstappen holds off Lewis Hamilton to win United States Grand Prix



Highlights:

- **Max Verstappen (red bull)** held off Lewis Hamilton for the final five laps of the 56-lap race to win his first **United States Grand Prix** and extend his points lead from six to 12 with five races to go in 2021.
- Max Verstappen doubled his points lead in Austin.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? United States Grand Prix
won? Max Verstappen

Recent News

- Valtteri Bottas Wins Turkish Grand Prix 2021

Ambassador

23. Adidas ropes in Deepika Padukone as Global brand ambassador



Highlights:

- German sportswear brand **Adidas** has roped in Bollywood actress **Deepika Padukone** as global ambassador for women sports.
- She will represent Adidas women globally.

EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? Adidas ambassador
Who? Deepika padukone

Adidas

CEO: Kasper Rørsted
Hq: Herzogenaurach,
Germany

Recent News

- Ranveer Singh Named
India's NBA Brand
Ambassador

Organisation / Bank:

UN

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

ICRA

CEO: ramnath krishnan
Hq: Gurgaon , haryana

ChPT

HQ: chennai
Chairman : sunil paliwal

IBDF

HQ:new delhi
president: K .madhavan

ICICI bank

CEO : Sandeep Bakhshi
Hq:mumbai

ITILITE

CEO:Mayank Kukreja
HQ: bengaluru

AU SFB

MD & CEO: **Sanjay Agarwal**
Hq:jaipur, rajasthan

UBI

Headquarters: Mumbai
CEO: Rajkiran Rai G.

FIFA

Pres: Gianni Infantino
Hq: Zürich, Switzerland

Natwest group india

Head:Punit Sood
HQ: new delhi

Academy of motion pictures and arts

President: John Bailey
Headquarters: California, US

DRDO

President: G. Satheesh Reddy;
Hq: new delhi

Adidas

CEO: Kasper Rørsted
Hq: Herzogenaurach,
Germany

Indian railways

CEO: Suneet Sharma;
HQ: new delhi

MINIS/CONS

New & renewable energy minister

RK Singh
Cons : arrah,bihar

MoS of communication

Devusinh chauhan
Cons: Kheda (Gujarat)

Tourism minister

Kishan reddy
Cons : Secunderabad
(Telangana)

Country/cap:

China

Capital: Beijing;
Currency: Renminbi;
President: Xi Jinping

TN

Capital: chennai
CM: MK stalin
Gov: RN ravi.

Goa

Capital: Panaji
Gov: P.S. Sreedharan Pillai
Chief minister: Pramod Sawan

1. _____ Gets Reserve Bank's Approval To Finance InVITs

IIFCL

2. India ranks 79th in World Justice Project's Rule of Law Index 2021: top???

Denmark

3. A book titled “The Origin Story of India’s States” by _____

VS Srinivasan

4. Who is going to build India's largest green hydrogen plant??

GAIL

5. Who announced Implementation of “Mukhyamantri Ration Aapke Dwar Yojana”???

Madhya Pradesh Govt

Oct 24& 25

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oct 25

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CHENNAI PORT TRUST

SUNIL PALIWAL, IAS

3. _____ launches QR Sound Box to boost digital payments

AU Small Finance Bank

4. Indian Railways to dissolve _____ after Centre's recommendation

IRSDC

**5. Minister of State _____ chairs 7th Meeting of
BRICS Communications Ministers**

Devusinh Chauhan