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| 4 JANUARY | ✓ World Braille Day | | विश्व ब्रेल दिवस | |
| 9 JANUARY | ✓ PRAVASI BHARTIYA DIWAS(NRI DAY) | "Contributing to Aatmanirbhar Bharat" | ✓ भारतीय प्रवासी दिवस | "आत्मानिर्भर भारत में योगदान" |
| 12 JANUARY | ✓ NATIONAL YOUTH DAY | | राष्ट्रीय युवा दिवस | |

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| 14 JANUARY | ✓ Veteran's Day | | ✓ वेटरन डे | |
| 15 JANUARY | ✓ ARMY DAY | | ✓ सेना दिवस | |
| 19 JANUARY | ✓ NDRF RAISING DAY(16 TH) | | | |

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| 21 JANUARY | ✓ MEGHALAYA ✓ MANIPUR ✓ TRIPURA STATEHOOD DAY(1972) | | ✓ मेघालय ✓ मणिपुर ✓ त्रिपुरा राज्योत्सव दिवस | |
| 23 JANUARY | ✓ NETAJI SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSE JAYANTI | | ✓ नेताजी सुभाष चन्द्र बोस जयंती | |
| 24 JANUARY | ✓ NATIONAL GIRL CHILD DAY/UP STATEHOOD DAY | | ✓ राष्ट्रीय बालिका दिवस/उत्तर प्रदेश स्थापना दिवस | |

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| 25 JANUARY | ✓ NATIONAL VOTER'S DAY/NATIONAL TOURISM DAY | | ✓ राष्ट्रीय मतदाता दिवस/राष्ट्रीय पर्यटक दिवस | |
| 26 JANUARY | ✓ 72 ND REPUBLIC DAY ✓ INTERNATIONAL CUSTOMS DAY | | ✓ 72 गणतंत्र दिवस ✓ अन्तराष्ट्रीय सीमा शुल्क दिवस | |
| 28 JANUARY | ✓ Birth Anniversary of Lala Lajpat Rai | | ✓ लाला लाजपत राय की जयंती | |



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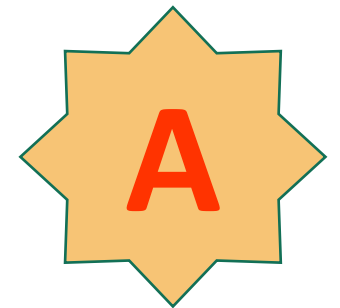
Brainstorming MCQ



Which state government launched the 'PANKH Abhiyan' under the 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' scheme in order to aid in empowerment and growth of the girl child?

किस राज्य सरकार ने? बेटी बचाओ बेटी पढ़ाओ 'योजना के तहत? PANKH ABHIYAAN योजना शुरू की, ताकि बालिकाओं के सशक्तिकरण और विकास में सहायता की जा सके?

- A) Madhya Pradesh**
- B) Uttarakhand**
- C) Jharkhand**
- D) Odisha**





P Protection-सुरक्षा



A Awareness-जागरुकता



N Nutrition-पोषण



K Knowledge-जानकारी



H Health & Hygiene-स्वास्थ्य एवं स्वच्छता



मुख्यमंत्री श्री शिवराज सिंह चौहान

24 जनवरी

"राष्ट्रीय बालिका दिवस"
पर बेटी बचाओ-बेटी पढ़ाओ

योजनांतर्गत

'पंच अभियान'

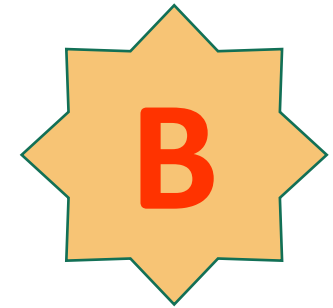
का शुभारंभ करेंगे।



Where is first of its kind children's library on a boat launched which will host sessions on book launches, music and more?

पहली बार लॉन्च की गई नाव पर अपनी तरह के बच्चों का पुस्तकालय कहां है जो पुस्तक लॉन्च, संगीत और बहुत कुछ पर सत्रों की मेजबानी करेगा?

- A) Pune**
- B) Kolkata**
- C) Hyderabad**
- D) Bengaluru**



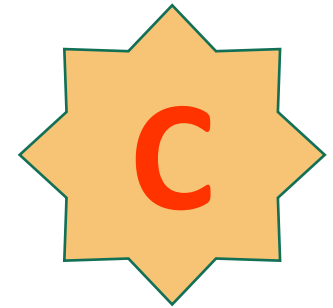


IN A FIRST, KOLKATA GETS BOAT LIBRARY

Where did Tamil Nadu's Chief Minister Edappadi Palanisamy inaugurate Jayalalithaa Memorial?

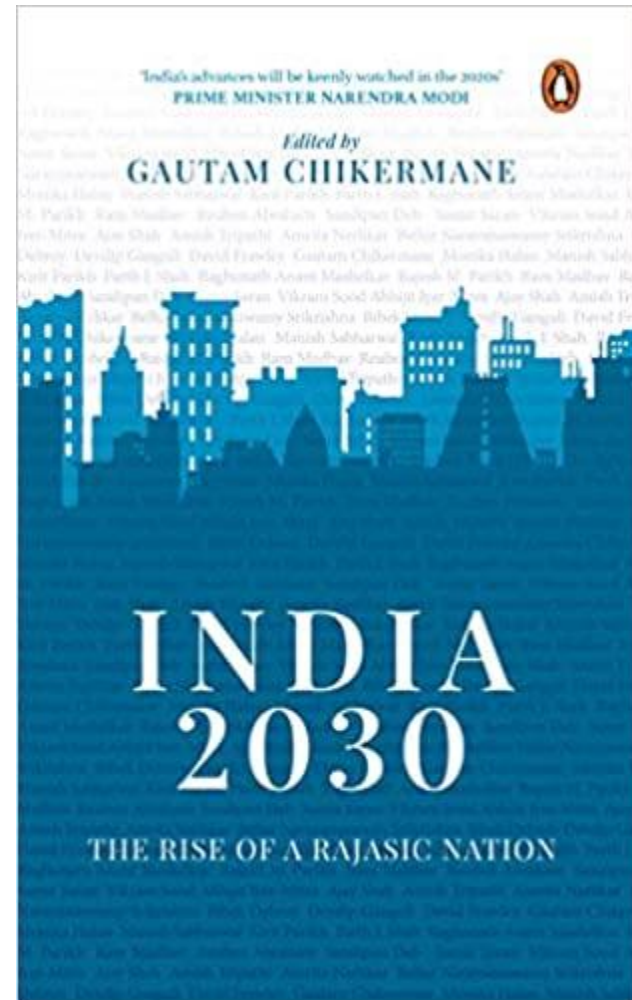
तमिलनाडु की मुख्यमंत्री एडप्पादी पलानीसामी ने जयललिता स्मारक का उद्घाटन कहाँ किया था?

- A) Coimbatore**
- B) Vellore**
- C) Chennai**
- D) Madurai**





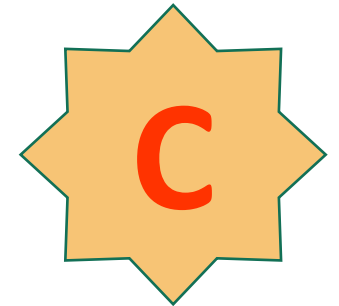
**RS. 80 CRORE WORTH MEMORIAL OF FORMER CM
J. JAYALALITHA WAS UNVEILED BY TN CM !!**



Who is the author of the book titled “India 2030: The Rise of a Rajasic Nation”?

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- A) Ramachandra Guha**
- B) Vikram Chandra**
- C) Gautam Chikermane**
- D) Upamanyu Chatterjee**

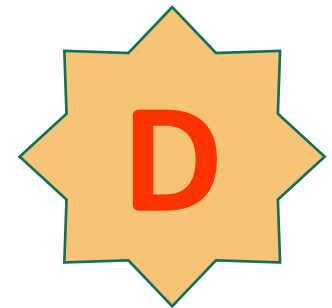




Where did Border Security Force (BSF) launch “Operation Sard Hawa” under which it aims to increase security?

सीमा सुरक्षा बल (BSF) ने “ऑपरेशन सरवा हवा” कहाँ से शुरू की, जिसके तहत सुरक्षा बढ़ाना उद्देश्य है?

- A) Bharatpur**
- B) Kota**
- C) Bhoder**
- D) Jaisalmer**



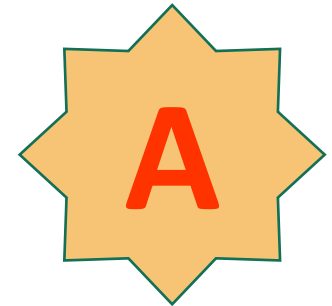
What is the theme of National Tourism Day 2021?
राष्ट्रीय पर्यटन दिवस 2021 का विषय क्या है?

A) Dekho Apna Desh

B) Tourism and Jobs: A Better Future for All

C) Tourism and Rural Development

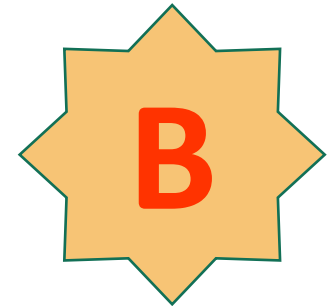
D) Tourism and the Digital Transformation





Which aerospace company created a new record by launching 143 satellites into space in January 2021?
जनवरी 2021 में 143 उपग्रहों को अंतरिक्ष में लॉन्च करके किस एयरोस्पेस कंपनी ने एक नया रिकॉर्ड बनाया?

- A) NASA**
- B) SpaceX**
- C) Indian Space Research Organisation**
- D) Roscosmos**

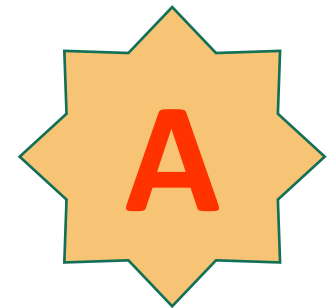




Defence Research Development Organisation (DRDO) has conducted the successful maiden launch of Akash-NG Missile from Integrated Test Range off the coast of Odisha. What does G stand for in NG?

रक्षा अनुसंधान विकास संगठन (DRDO) ने ओडिशा के तट से इंटीग्रेटेड टेस्ट रेंज से आकाश-एनजी मिसाइल का सफल पहला प्रक्षेपण किया है। G, NG में क्या है?

- A) Generation**
- B) Great**
- C) Giant**
- D) Global**





Who is the director of the film 'Into the Darkness' which won the Golden Peacock Award at the 51st edition of International Film Festival of India?

इंटरनेशनल फिल्म फेस्टिवल ऑफ़ इंडिया के 51 वें संस्करण में गोल्डन पीकॉक अवार्ड जीतने वाली फिल्म 'इन द डार्कनेस' के निर्देशक कौन हैं?

- A) Kasper Winding
- B) Anders Refn
- C) Morten Arnfred
- D) Ole Ernst

B

The winners of the IFFI awards are listed below

Golden Peacock Award for Best Film– Into the Darkness

Silver Peacock Award for Best Actor – Male – Tzu-Chuan Liu, The Silent Forest

Silver Peacock Award for Best Actor – Female – Zofia Stafiej, I Never Cry

Silver Peacock Award for Best Director – Chen-Nien Ko, The Silent Forest

Best Debut Director Award – Cássio Pereira dos Santos, Valentina

Special Mention Award – Kripal Kalita, Bridge

Special Jury Award – Kamin Kalev, February

ICFT UNESCO Gandhi Award – Ameen Nayfeh's 200 Meters

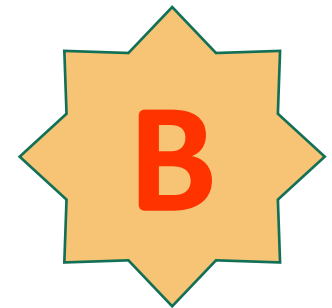
Indian Personality of the Year Award – Biswajit Chatterjee

Lifetime Achievement – Vittorio Storaro (Italian cinematographer)

**Which of the following's university has released report titled
'Ageing water infrastructure: An emerging global risk'?**

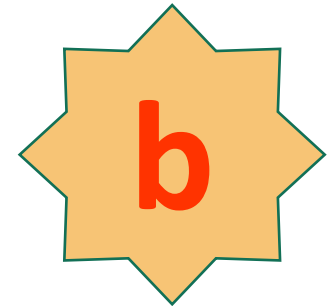
**निम्नलिखित में से किस विश्वविद्यालय ने 'एजिंग वॉटर इन्फ्रास्ट्रक्चर: एक
उभरता वैश्विक जोखिम' शीर्षक से रिपोर्ट जारी की है?**

- A) NATO**
- B) United Nations**
- C) World Trade Organization**
- D) Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development**



Recently there was a minor face-off between India and China at Naku La. Naku La is a mountain pass in the Himalayas in –
हाल ही में भारत और चीन के बीच नकु ला में एक मामूली आमना-सामना हुआ था।
नैकु ला हिमालय में एक पहाड़ी दर्रा है –

- a) Ladakh**
- b) Sikkim**
- c) Arunachal Pradesh**
- d) Bhutan**





In one of his speeches, Subhash Chandra Bose gave the slogan ‘You give me blood and I will give you freedom’.

Where did he give this speech?

अपने एक भाषण में, सुभाष चंद्र बोस ने नारा दिया ‘ तुम मुझे खून दो और मैं तुम्हें आजादी दूंगा ’। उन्होंने यह भाषण कहाँ दिया?

- a) Japan**
- b) Calcutta**
- c) Singapore**
- d) Burma**



तुम मुझे खून दो, मैं तुम्हें आजादी दूंगा

"स्वतंत्रता संग्राम के मेरे साथियों! स्वतंत्रता बलिदान चाहती है। आपने आजादी के लिए बहुत त्याग किया है, किन्तु अभी प्राणों की आहुति देना शेष है। आजादी को आज अपने शीश फूल की तरह चढ़ा देने वाले पुजारियों की आवश्यकता है। ऐसे नौजवानों की आवश्यकता है, जो अपना सिर काट कर स्वाधीनता की देवी को भेंट चढ़ा सकें। तुम मुझे खून दो, मैं तुम्हें आजादी दूंगा। खून भी एक दो बूंद नहीं इतना कि खून का एक महासागर तैयार हो जाये और उसमें मैं ब्रिटिश साम्राज्य को डूबो दूँ।"

नेताजी सुभाष चंद्र बोस का जन्म 23 जनवरी 1897 को ओडिशा (तब के उड़ीसा) के कटक में हुआ था। महात्मा गांधी के अहिंसा के विचारों से सुभाष चंद्र बोस सहमत नहीं थे। 'नेताजी' के नाम से मशहूर सुभाष चंद्र बोस ने भारत को आजादी दिलाने के मकसद से 21 अक्टूबर 1943 को 'आजाद हिंद सरकार' की स्थापना की और 'आजाद हिंद फौज' का गठन किया। नेताजी अपनी आजाद हिंद फौज के साथ 4 जुलाई 1944 को बर्मा पहुंचे। यहीं पर उन्होंने अपना प्रसिद्ध नारा, 'तुम मुझे खून दो, मैं तुम्हें आजादी दूंगा' दिया। सुभाष चंद्र बोस के विचार बहुत क्रांतिकारी थे और उनकी बातें आज भी किसी के भी तन-मन में जोश भर सकती हैं।

Recently which one among the following countries hosted the Climate Adaptation Summit 2021 (“CAS Online”) which set out clear commitments to deliver concrete new endeavours and partnerships to make our world more resilient to the effects of climate change?

हाल ही में निम्नलिखित देशों में से किसने जलवायु अनुकूलन शिखर सम्मेलन 2021 ("सीएस ऑनलाइन") की मेजबानी की, जिसने जलवायु परिवर्तन के प्रभावों के लिए हमारी दुनिया को अधिक लचीला बनाने के लिए ठोस नए प्रयासों और साझेदारी को पूरा करने के लिए स्पष्ट प्रतिबद्धताएं स्थापित कीं?

- a) Norway
- b) Belgium
- c) United Kingdom
- d) Netherlands





IB ACIO EXAM 2021



9:00 AM Pooja Mahendras
GA



10:30 AM Abhishek Mahendras
Maths



11:30 AM Kuldeep Mahendras
Reasoning



3:00 PM Nitin Mahendras
English

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- **Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman Inaugurates NCLAT Chennai bench**
- वित्त मंत्री निर्मला सीतारमण ने एनसीएलएटी चेन्नई पीठ का उद्घाटन किया

Union Minister for Finance Nirmala Sitharaman has inaugurated the new Bench of National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) at Chennai through virtual mode.

The newly constituted Chennai Bench of the NCLAT is first such bench to be launched outside New Delhi. The New Delhi Bench of NCLAT is the Principal Bench of the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal established in 2016.

The Chennai benches of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) will have jurisdiction over NCLT of Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Lakshwadeep and Puducherry.

The Principal bench at the NCLAT New Delhi will hear appeals other than those in the jurisdiction of Chennai bench of the NCLAT, including cases from the Andaman and Nicobar, which is considered to be part of South.

Two Members of NCLAT, New Delhi, namely Balvinder Singh, Member (Technical), and Justice Venugopal M have been appointed as the incharge of the newly constituted Chennai Bench of the NCLAT. The new bench would be helpful for southern states, which need an accessible appellate body for company related matter, but face great difficulty in travelling to Delhi for work pertaining to filing and arguing of appeals in the NCLAT.

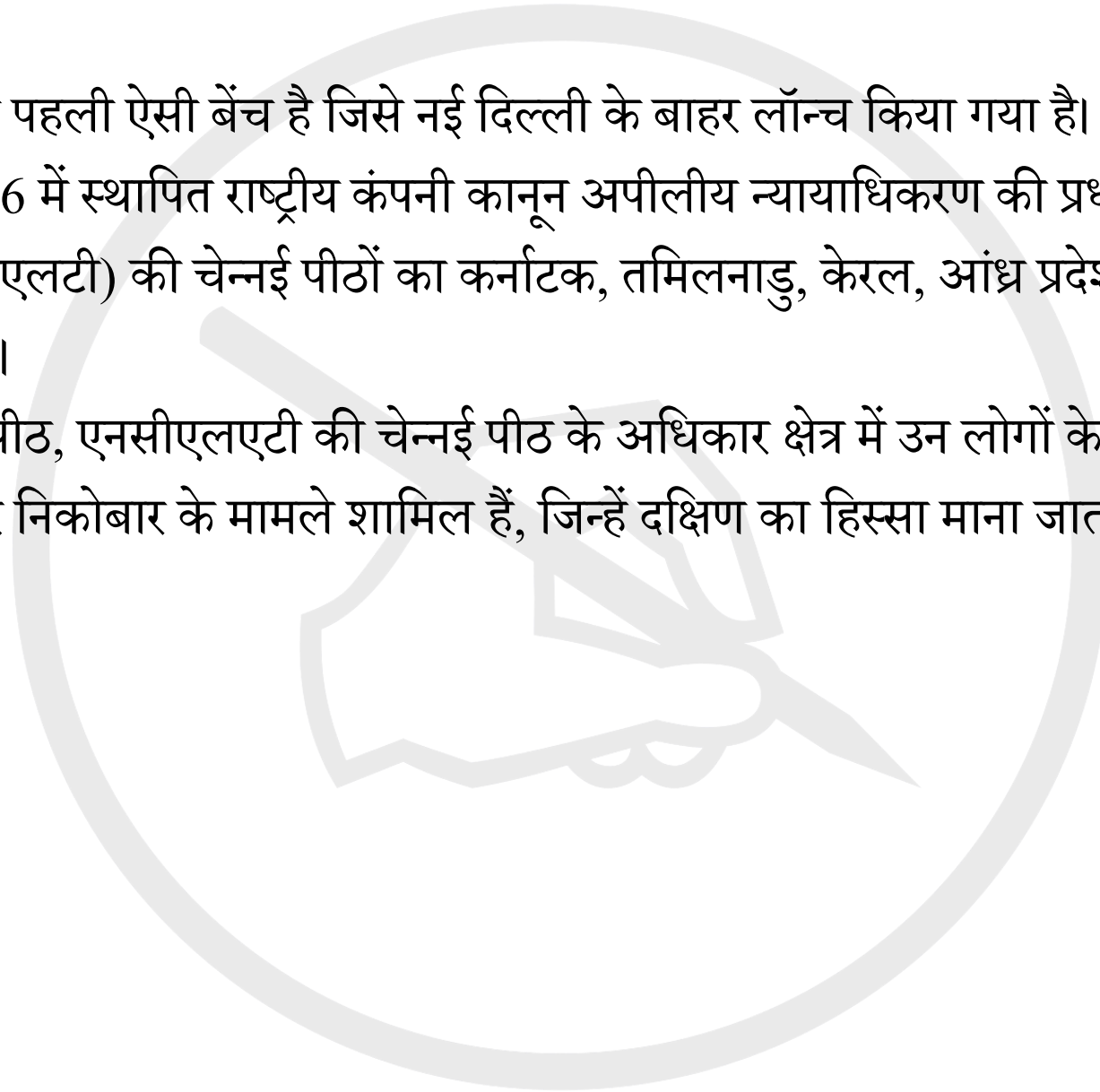
केंद्रीय वित्त मंत्री निर्मला सीतारमण ने वर्चुअल मोड के माध्यम से चेन्नई में नेशनल कंपनी लॉ अपीलेट ट्रिब्यूनल (NCLAT) की नई बेंच का उद्घाटन किया है।

NCLAT की नई गठित चेन्नई बेंच पहली ऐसी बेंच है जिसे नई दिल्ली के बाहर लॉन्च किया गया है।

NCLAT की नई दिल्ली बेंच 2016 में स्थापित राष्ट्रीय कंपनी कानून अपीलीय न्यायाधिकरण की प्रधान पीठ है।

नेशनल कंपनी लॉ ट्रिब्यूनल (एनसीएलटी) की चेन्नई पीठों का कर्नाटक, तमिलनाडु, केरल, आंध्र प्रदेश, लक्षदीप और पुदुचेरी के एनसीएलटी पर अधिकार क्षेत्र होगा।

एनसीएलटी नई दिल्ली में प्रधान पीठ, एनसीएलटी की चेन्नई पीठ के अधिकार क्षेत्र में उन लोगों के अलावा अन्य अपीलों पर सुनवाई करेगी, जिनमें अंडमान और निकोबार के मामले शामिल हैं, जिन्हें दक्षिण का हिस्सा माना जाता है।





35th PRAGATI Interaction

- PM Modi Chairs 35th PRAGATI Meet
- PM मोदी अध्यक्षों की 35 वीं PRAGATI बैठक



- ❖ Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi chaired the 35th PRAGATI meeting on 27 January 2021 to review multiple projects, grievances and programmes.
- ❖ **PRAGATI stands for Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation.**
- ❖ In the meeting ten agenda items were taken for review worth Rs. 54,675 crore, related to 15 states. These included nine projects and one programme.
- ❖ Of the total 9 projects, 3 projects were from the Ministry of Railways, 3 from Ministry of Road Transport and Highways and 1 project each from Department of Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Power Ministry and Ministry of External Affairs.
- ❖ The States are Odisha, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Punjab, Jharkhand, Bihar, Telangana, Rajasthan, Gujarat, West Bengal, Haryana, Uttarakhand, and Uttar Pradesh.
- ❖ **Prime Minister also reviewed the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Aushadhi Pariyojana.**

- ❖ प्रधान मंत्री श्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने कई परियोजनाओं, शिकायतों और कार्यक्रमों की समीक्षा करने के लिए 27 जनवरी 2021 को 35 वीं PRAGATI बैठक की अध्यक्षता की।
- ❖ PRAGATI का मतलब प्रो-एक्टिव गवर्नेंस और टाइमली इम्प्लीमेंटेशन है।
- ❖ बैठक में समीक्षा के लिए दस एजेंडा आइटम लिए गए। 15 राज्यों से संबंधित 54,675 करोड़। इनमें नौ परियोजनाएं और एक कार्यक्रम शामिल था।
- ❖ कुल 9 परियोजनाओं में से 3 परियोजनाएँ रेल मंत्रालय की, 3 सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्रालय की और 1 परियोजना उद्योग और आंतरिक व्यापार, ऊर्जा मंत्रालय और विदेश मंत्रालय के प्रचार विभाग की हैं।
- ❖ राज्य ओडिशा, कर्नाटक, आंध्र प्रदेश, महाराष्ट्र, छत्तीसगढ़, पंजाब, झारखंड, बिहार, तेलंगाना, राजस्थान, गुजरात, पश्चिम बंगाल, हरियाणा, उत्तराखंड, और उत्तर प्रदेश हैं।
- ❖ प्रधान मंत्री ने प्रधान मंत्री भारतीय जन औषधि योजना की भी समीक्षा की।

- ❖ PRAGATI is an ICT-based multi-purpose and multi-modal platform launched in 2015.
- ❖ The platform is aimed at addressing common man's grievances, and simultaneously monitoring and reviewing important programmes and projects of the Government of India as well as projects flagged by State Governments.
- ❖ It is a three-tier system consisting of PMO, Union Government Secretaries, and Chief Secretaries of the States;
- ❖ The Prime Minister interact with the Government of India Secretaries, and Chief Secretaries through Video-conferencing enabled by data and geo-informatics visuals to sort out any Centre-state issues holding up any infrastructure projects.
- ❖ In the previous 33 meetings, a total of 283 projects worth Rs 13.14 lakh crore have been reviewed.

- ❖ PRAGATI एक आईसीटी-आधारित बहुउद्देश्यीय और बहु-मॉडल प्लेटफॉर्म है जिसे 2015 में लॉन्च किया गया था।
- ❖ मंच का उद्देश्य आम आदमी की शिकायतों को दूर करना है, और साथ ही साथ भारत सरकार के महत्वपूर्ण कार्यक्रमों और परियोजनाओं की निगरानी और समीक्षा करना है और साथ ही राज्य सरकारों द्वारा हरी झंडी दिखाई गई परियोजनाएँ भी शामिल हैं।
- ❖ यह तीन स्तरीय प्रणाली है जिसमें पीएमओ, केंद्र सरकार के सचिव और राज्यों के मुख्य सचिव शामिल हैं;
- ❖ प्रधान मंत्री भारत सरकार के सचिवों और मुख्य सचिवों के साथ वीडियो-कॉन्फ्रेंसिंग के माध्यम से बातचीत करते हैं, जो किसी भी बुनियादी ढांचा परियोजनाओं को पकड़कर केंद्र-राज्य के मुद्दों को हल करने के लिए डेटा और भू-सूचना विज्ञान दृश्यों द्वारा सक्षम होते हैं।
- ❖ पिछली 33 बैठकों में, 13.14 लाख करोड़ रुपये की कुल 283 परियोजनाओं की समीक्षा की गई है।

Gout notifies PPF NSC SSY and Other Small Savings Scheme Interest Rates for Q4 2020-21

- Interest Rates on Small Savings Schemes for Q4 of FY 2020-21 (Jan-March)
- वित्त वर्ष 2020-21 के Q4 के लिए लघु बचत योजनाओं पर ब्याज दरें (जनवरी-मार्च)



| Instrument | Interest rate (%) for January 1, 2021 to March 31, 2021 | Compounding frequency |
|--------------------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| Savings Account | 4 | Annually |
| 1 year Time Deposit | 5.5 | Quarterly |
| 2 year Time Deposit | 5.5 | Quarterly |
| 3 year Time Deposit | 5.5 | Quarterly |
| 5 year Time Deposit | 6.7 | Quarterly |
| 5-year Recurring Deposit | 5.8 | Quarterly |
| 5-year Senior Citizen Savings Scheme | 7.4 | Quarterly and Paid |
| 5-year Monthly Income Account | 6.6 | Quarterly and Paid |
| 5-year National Savings Certificate | 6.8 | Annually |
| Public Provident Fund | 7.1 | Annually |
| Kisan Vikas Patra | 6.9 (will mature in 124 months) | Annually |
| Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana | 7.6 | Annually |




















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IT Services 25



THE MOST VALUABLE IT SERVICES BRANDS 2020

| | | | | | |
|--|--------------|---|---|----------------|---|
|  accenture | 1 ← 1 |  |  Capgemini | 6 ← 6 |  |
| \$25,294m | -3.8% | | \$6,630m | +12.0% | |
|  IBM | 2 ← 2 |  |  DXC.technology | 7 ← 7 |  |
| \$21,188m | +4.0% | | \$5,830m | +5.5% | |
|  TATA TATA CONSULTANCY SERVICES | 3 ← 3 |  |  NTT Data | 8 ↑ 9 |  |
| \$13,499m | +5.3% | | \$5,058m | +18.6% | |
|  Cognizant | 4 ← 4 |  |  HCL | 9 ↓ 8 |  |
| \$8,573m | -1.5% | | \$4,889m | +5.2% | |
|  Infosys | 5 ← 5 |  |  wipro | 10 ← 10 |  |
| \$7,087m | +9.0% | | \$4,324m | +8.0% | |

Source: Brand Finance IT Services 25 2020

brandirectory.com/it-services

- TCS ranks third most valued IT services brand globally; IBM leads: Brand Finance

- ❖ India's Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) has been ranked third most-valued IT services brand globally, according to a report by Brand Finance. The brand value of HDFC Bank is recorded at USD 15 billion.
- ❖ Four Indian IT services companies have secured spots in the top-10 globally, namely, TCS (3), Infosys (4), HCL (7) and Wipro (9).
- ❖ Accenture has retained the title of world's most valuable and strongest IT services brand with brand value of \$26 billion.
- ❖ IBM is at the second place with brand value of \$16.1 billion
- ❖ What is Brand Value? The present value of earnings, specifically related to brand reputation.

- ❖ ब्रांड फाइनेंस की एक रिपोर्ट के अनुसार, भारत की टाटा कंसल्टेंसी सर्विसेज (TCS) को वैश्विक स्तर पर तीसरे सबसे मूल्यवान आईटी सेवा ब्रांड का दर्जा दिया गया है। एचडीएफसी बैंक का ब्रांड मूल्य 15 बिलियन अमरीकी डालर दर्ज किया गया है।
- ❖ चार भारतीय आईटी सेवा कंपनियों ने विश्व स्तर पर शीर्ष -10 में स्थान हासिल किया है, जिनके नाम TCS (3), इंफोसिस (4), HCL (7) और विप्रो (9) हैं।
- ❖ एक्सेंचर ने 26 बिलियन डॉलर के ब्रांड मूल्य के साथ दुनिया की सबसे मूल्यवान और सबसे मजबूत आईटी सेवा ब्रांड का खिताब बरकरार रखा है।
- ❖ 16.1 बिलियन डॉलर के ब्रांड मूल्य के साथ आईबीएम दूसरे स्थान पर है
- ❖ ब्रांड वैल्यू क्या है? कमाई का वर्तमान मूल्य, विशेष रूप से ब्रांड प्रतिष्ठा से संबंधित है।



United Nations
Peacebuilding

- **India pledges \$150,000 for UN Peacebuilding Fund for 2021**
- भारत ने 2021 के लिए संयुक्त राष्ट्र शांति निर्माण कोष के लिए 150,000 डॉलर की प्रतिज्ञा की



Credit:ap/pti

- ❖ India has announced a pledge of USD 150,000 to the United Nations Peacebuilding Fund (PBF) for the year 2021 to support the activities and programs this year..
- ❖ The Peacebuilding Fund has put forth its five year strategy, which requires 1.5 billion dollars for 2020-2024.
- ❖ Permanent representative of India to the United Nations – TS Tirumurti



- ❖ भारत ने इस वर्ष की गतिविधियों और कार्यक्रमों का समर्थन करने के लिए वर्ष 2021 के लिए संयुक्त राष्ट्र शांति निर्माण कोष (पीबीएफ) के लिए 150,000 डालर की प्रतिज्ञा की घोषणा की है।
- ❖ पीसबिल्डिंग फंड ने अपनी पांच साल की रणनीति को आगे बढ़ाया है, जिसके लिए 2020-2024 के लिए 1.5 बिलियन डॉलर की आवश्यकता है।
- ❖ संयुक्त राष्ट्र में भारत के स्थायी प्रतिनिधि - टीएस तिरुमूर्ति





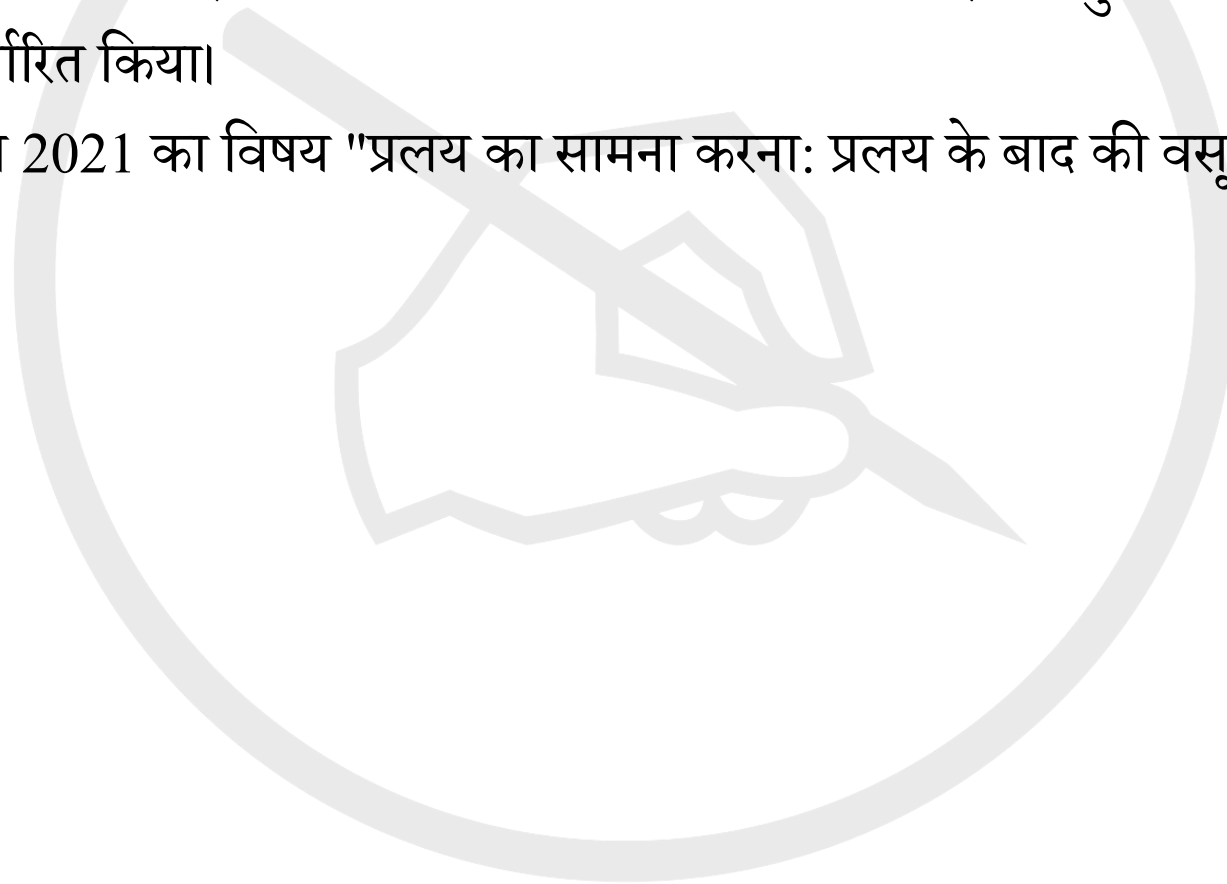
HOLOCAUST
REMEMBRANCE DAY
January 27, 2020

- **International Day of Commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust: 27 January**
- **होलोकास्ट के पीड़ितों की याद में अंतर्राष्ट्रीय दिवस: 27 जनवरी**



- ❖ International Day of Commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust (International Holocaust Remembrance Day) is observed on 27 January every year since 2006 to commemorate the anniversary of the tragedy of the Holocaust that occurred during the Second World War.
- ❖ A genocide occurred during World War II in which Nazi Germany, aided by its collaborators, systematically murdered some six million European Jews, around two-thirds of the Jewish population of Europe, between 1941 and 1945.
- ❖ Purpose: United Nations designated the day in 2005 to serve as a date for official commemoration of the victims of the Nazi regime and to promote Holocaust education throughout the world.
- ❖ The theme of the International Holocaust Remembrance Day 2021 is “Facing the Aftermath: Recovery and Reconstitution after the Holocaust”

- ❖ द्वितीय विश्व युद्ध के दौरान हुई प्रलय की त्रासदी की वर्षगांठ मनाने के लिए 2006 से हर साल 27 जनवरी को होलोकॉस्ट (अंतर्राष्ट्रीय प्रलय स्मरण दिवस) के पीड़ितों की याद में अंतर्राष्ट्रीय दिवस मनाया जाता है।
- ❖ द्वितीय विश्व युद्ध के दौरान एक नरसंहार हुआ था जिसमें नाजी जर्मनी ने अपने सहयोगियों के साथ मिलकर 1941 और 1945 के बीच यूरोप की यहूदी आबादी के दो तिहाई के आसपास लगभग छह मिलियन यूरोपीय यहूदियों की व्यवस्थित हत्या कर दी थी।
- ❖ उद्देश्य: संयुक्त राष्ट्र ने नाजी शासन के पीड़ितों के आधिकारिक स्मरणोत्सव के लिए और दुनिया भर में प्रलय शिक्षा को बढ़ावा देने के लिए 2005 में दिन निर्धारित किया।
- ❖ अंतर्राष्ट्रीय प्रलय स्मरण दिवस 2021 का विषय "प्रलय का सामना करना: प्रलय के बाद की वसूली और पुनर्निर्माण" है



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'Veda Nilayam' is now a memorial

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Edappadi K. Palaniswami on Thursday inaugurated the memorial established by the government at former Chief

Minister Jayalalithaa's residence 'Veda Nilayam' at Poes Garden. He also unveiled a life-size bronze statue of Jayalalithaa on the campus of the Tamil Nadu State Council for Higher Education, and said

her birth anniversary would henceforth be observed by the government.

The inauguration was a low-key event, in view of the Madras HC's order restraining the entry of the public.



The house under construction in Poes Garden (left); Veda Nilayam (right)



Uttar Pradesh wins best tableau award

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Uttar Pradesh was adjudged the best tableau among the 32 tableaux, 17 from States and Union Territories (UTs), nine from various Ministries, departments and paramilitary forces and six from Defence Ministry, that participated in the Republic Day parade, the Defence Ministry said.

The tableau of Uttar Pradesh was based on the theme Ayodhya: Cultural Heritage of Uttar Pradesh. Minister of State for Youth Affairs & Sports and MoS, Minority Affairs Kiren Rijiju gave away the awards to the participants on Thursday. Tableau of Tripura and Uttarakhand were adjudged the second and third best respectively.







Chief Justice Bobde recalls the first sitting of SC in 1950

Then Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru was present

KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL
NEW DELHI

Seventy-one years ago, the Supreme Court of India took its seat for the first time under a new Constitution in the Court Chamber in Parliament House on January 28.

Chief Justice of India Sharad A. Bobde remembered the occasion of the inaugural sitting of the court with Attorney-General K.K. Venugopal and Solicitor General Tushar Mehta as soon as his Bench assembled on Thursday for hearing disputes through a virtual court system chiselled out of a necessity to render justice during the pandemic.

"Today is the day when the first sitting of the Supreme Court took place in 1950. In attendance was the Chief Justices of 13 High



CJI Sharad Bobde

Courts. A six-judge Bench sat that day. The Prime Minister [Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru] and Ministers were there. It should be celebrated. This occasion must be marked in future," Chief Justice Bobde said.

The January 29, 1950 edition of *The Hindu* carried a three-column, black-and-white photograph of the six-

judge Bench with the first Chief Justice of India, Justice Sir Harilal Jekisundas Kania. Below the dais and facing the assembled guests sat the 13 Chief Justices of the High Courts. Beneath the banner headline that said 'Supreme Court Inaugurated', were the words "Guardian of Liberty".

On the occasion, 71 years ago, the first Attorney General M.C. Setalvad, in his speech, as reported in *The Hindu*, said "in building a nation, alive to its national and international duties", the Supreme Court "will play a great and singular role and establish itself in the consciousness of the Indian people. Like all human institutions, the Supreme Court, we hope, will earn reverence through truth".

New Zealand tops COVID-19 performance ranking

India ranked 86 out of 98 countries by Australian think tank; Sri Lanka best faring nation in South Asia

ANANTH KRISHNAN

New Zealand and Vietnam were ranked the best performing countries in their response to the pandemic, according to a COVID-19 "performance index" put together by the Lowy Institute, an Australian think tank, which sought to assess the impact of geography, political systems and economic development in assessing outcomes.

The index, which was based on six different indicators, including confirmed cases and deaths per million

people and the scale of testing, sought "to gauge the relative performance of countries", assessing 98 countries in the 36 weeks that followed their hundredth case.

"Fewer reported cases and deaths, both in aggregate and per capita terms, point towards a better response to the virus," the Sydney-based think tank said. "More tests conducted on a per capita basis reveal a more accurate picture of the extent of the pandemic at the national level. Lower rates of positive tests, meanwhile, indicate greater degrees of

control over the transmission of COVID-19."

U.S., Brazil worst

India ranked 86 out of 98 countries, while the U.S. stood at 94 and Brazil at the bottom of the index. Taiwan, Thailand and Cyprus were in the top five. Sri Lanka was the best faring nation in South Asia, ranking 10, while the Maldives was at 25, Pakistan at 69, Nepal at 70, and Bangladesh at 84.

The think tank said China was not included "due to a lack of publicly available data on testing".

Assessing regional responses, the institute found that although the outbreak began in China, the Asia-Pacific region fared the best, while Europe and the U.S. were initially overwhelmed. Europe, however, "registered the greatest improvement over time of any region" before succumbing to a second wave, which it attributed to more open borders.

Population size was one factor. Smaller countries with fewer than 10 million people "consistently outperformed their larger counterparts throughout 2020".

The level of economic development and regime-type were less significant than expected, which it attributed to "the relatively 'low-tech' nature of the health measures used to mitigate the spread of the virus" which "may have created a more level playing field between developed and developing countries". "In general, countries with smaller populations, cohesive societies, and capable institutions have a comparative advantage in dealing with a global crisis such as a pandemic," the think tank concluded.

Rajapaksa thanks India as + vaccines arrive in Sri Lanka

Inoculation will
commence today
at six hospitals

MEERA SRINIVASAN
COLOMBO

Sri Lanka on Thursday received 5,00,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccine gifted by India, the country's first consignment as the island nation prepares to begin its roll-out.

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, who received the vaccines from the Indian High Commissioner at the Bandaranaike International Airport in the morning, tweeted: "Received 500,000 #COVID19 vaccines provided by #peopleofindia at #BIA today(28). Thank you! PM Shri @narendramodi & #peopleofindia for the generosity shown towards #PeopleofSriLanka at this time in need."

Vaccination will commence on Friday at six main hospitals in Western Province, a statement from Mr. Rajapaksa's office said. "Around 1,50,000 health workers, 1,20,000 members of the tri-forces, police and security forces who are at the frontline of COVID prevention operations will be given first priority," it said.

Sri Lanka's public health



Helping hand: President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, left, receiving the consignment from Indian High Commissioner Gopal Baglay. • AFP

sector, along with the military, has been leading the country's response to the pandemic, since it struck the island in March 2020. Sri Lanka, which controlled the first wave effectively, is currently witnessing a surge in coronavirus cases, with the number of positive patients and deaths going up from 3,300 and 13 respectively in early October to 60,694 infections and 290 deaths as of Thursday. In addition to reporting the U.K.-variant of the virus, scientists earlier this week identified another new strain, reported in countries such as Switzerland, Denmark, Iceland, and Germany.

India donated the vaccines to Sri Lanka following a request Mr. Rajapaksa made to Prime Minister Na-

rendra Modi. External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, who was in Colombo earlier this month, had assured Sri Lanka that India would give it "top priority" while dispatching vaccines in the region.

Over the past few weeks, the Maldives, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Nepal and Myanmar received vaccines from India, in addition to Mauritius, Seychelles, and Brazil and Morocco, which received them on a commercial arrangement.

The Indian High Commission in Colombo, on the eve of the arrival of the vaccines, said the consignment of Covishield vaccine was arriving on the "auspicious Duruthu Poya Day" [full moon], in what it called "a remarkable coincidence".

Economic Survey to be tabled today

'Budget may factor in wider deficit'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Parliament's Budget session kicks off on Friday, beginning with the tabling of the Economic Survey for this year. The Union Budget, which Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has said will be 'one like never before' in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, will be presented on Monday.

Rating agencies expect the government to factor in a wider deficit for the coming year in order to give the economy a fiscal stimulus to emerge faster from the pandemic's effects.

A key factor in the fiscal calculations for 2021-22 will also be the government's stance on the recommendations of the Fifteenth Finance Commission (FFC).

The FFC's report on devolution of finances between the Centre and States for the coming 5 years is expected to be tabled, along with the Centre's Action Taken Report on its recommendations. Led by N.K. Singh, the FFC had submitted its report to the President on November 9.

Reducing States' share
In its interim report for FY21



Nrmala Sitharaman

port for 2020-21, the Commission had stated it intends to give sectoral and performance-linked grants," Brickwork Ratings had said in a note on Tuesday.

"It appears that the health sector may get some additional grants. Sectoral and performance-linked grants may not help achieve the intended objectives if the grants are small; if they are substantial, whether the transfer from the Centre will increase or will the same be done by reducing tax devolution remains to be seen."

Most rating agencies expect a significant increase in fiscal support for the economy, to be funded by an aggressive privatisation programme. The Cabinet this week cleared a new policy that will determine strategic disinvestment plans for the

MCQ:STATIC + CURRENT



By which year, India is targeting 450 gigawatt of renewable energy capacity?

किस वर्ष तक, भारत 450 गीगावाट नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा क्षमता को लक्षित कर रहा है?

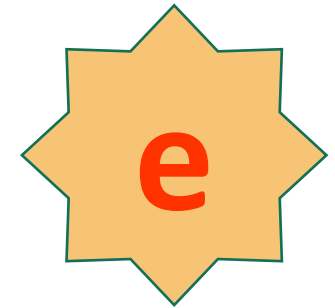
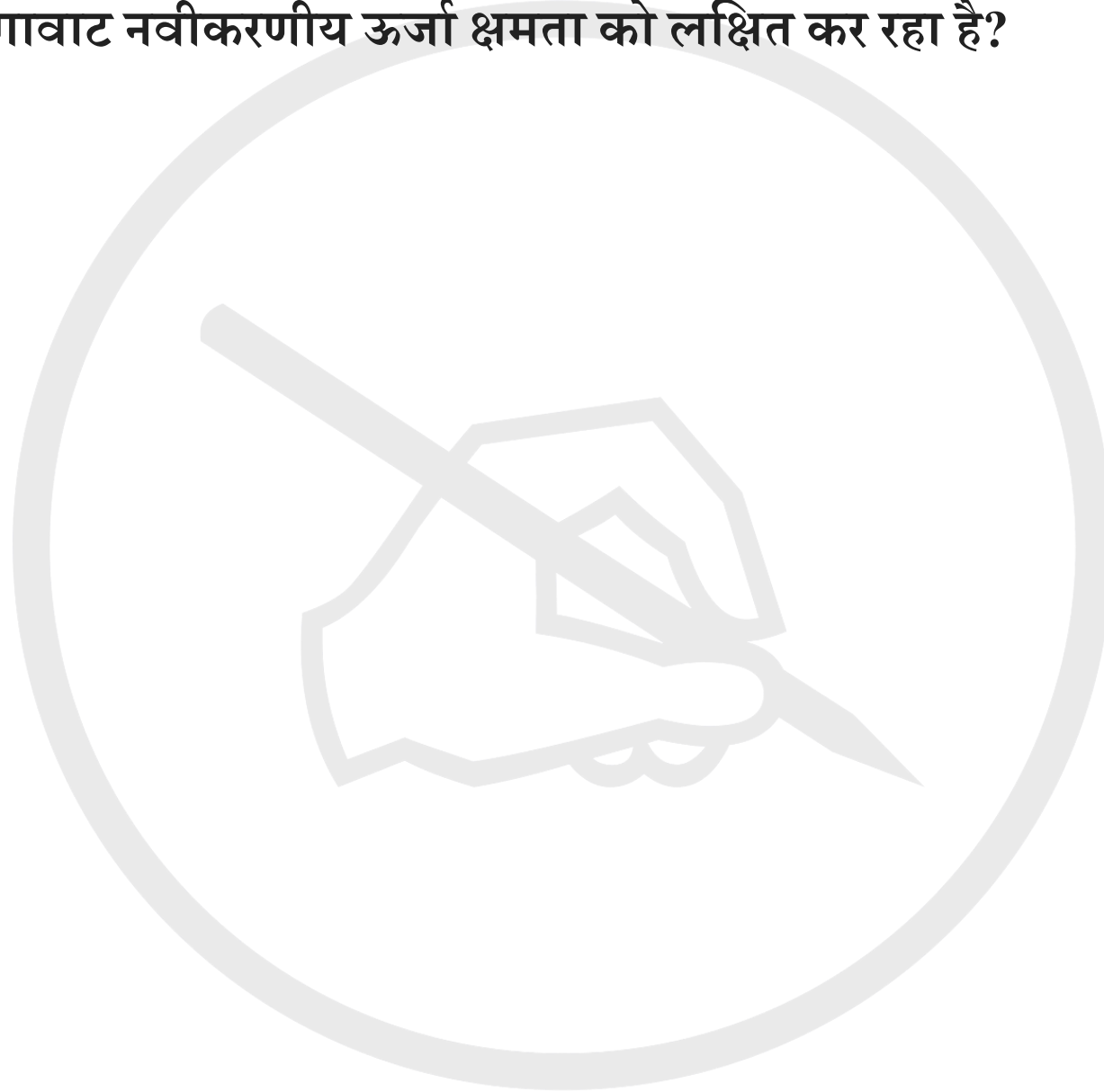
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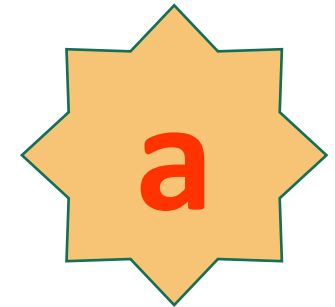
(a)Ministry of Finance

(b)RBI

(c)CSO

(d)Parliament

(e)None of the above



Textiles Ministry has signed an MoU with which country's Nissenken Quality Evaluation Centre?

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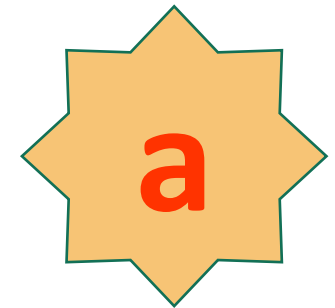
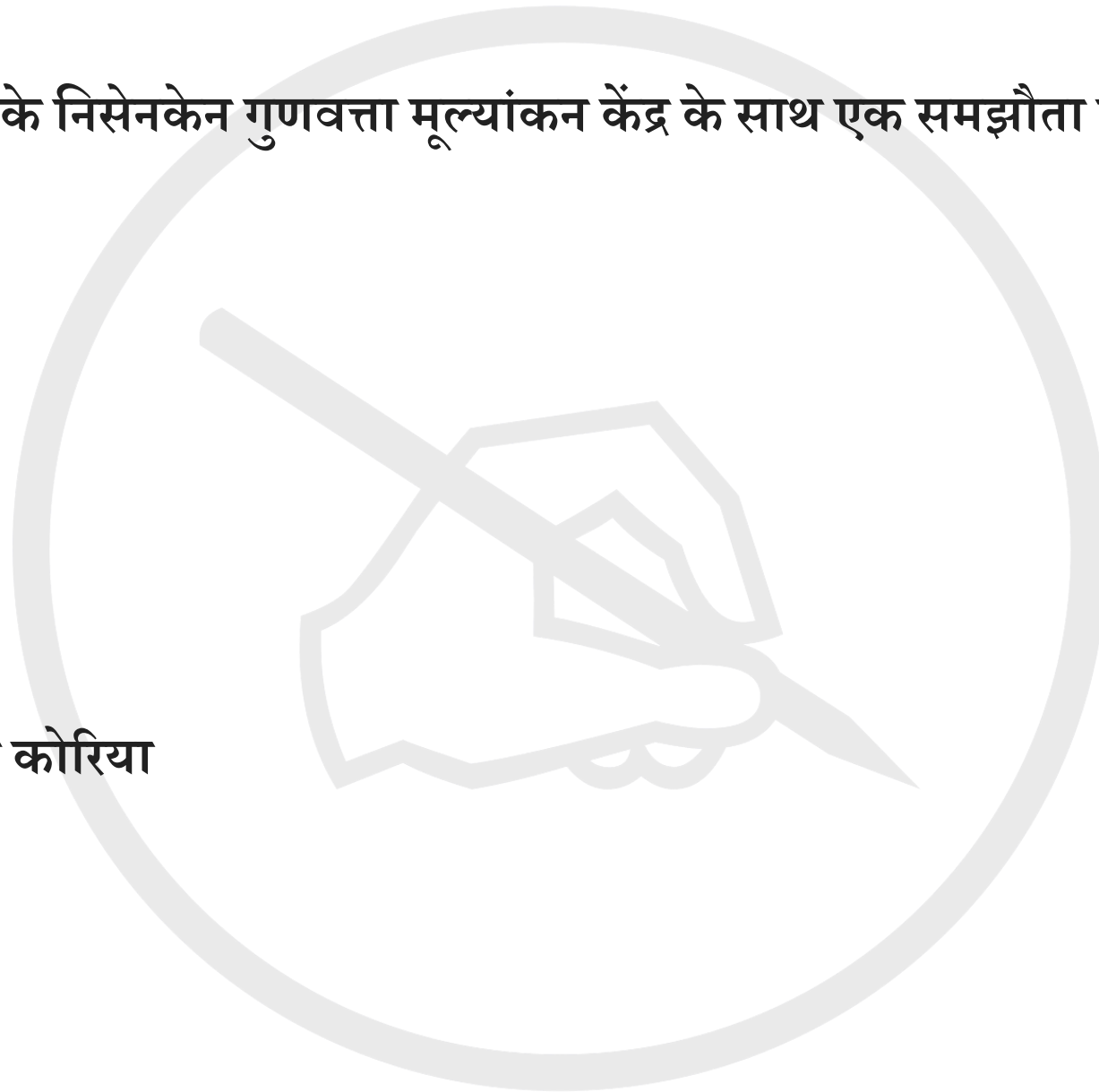
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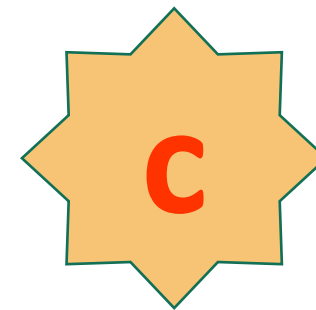
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- (a) RBI Governor**
- (b) Minister of Finance**
- (c) Chief Economic Advisor**
- (d) President**
- (e) Vice-President**



The first Economic Survey was presented in which year?

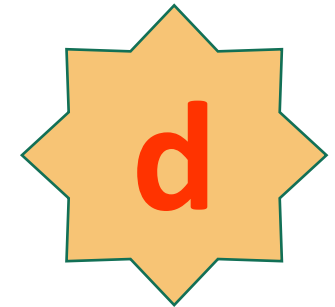
(a)1946-47

(b)1948-49

(c)1949-50

(d)1950-51

(e)1952-53



Which state has won a Special Award for Information Technology applications in Elections in the National Best Electoral Practices Award 2020?

किस राज्य ने राष्ट्रीय सर्वश्रेष्ठ चुनावी आचरण पुरस्कार 2020 में चुनाव में सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी अनुप्रयोगों के लिए विशेष पुरस्कार जीता है?

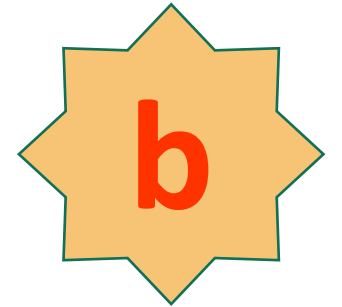
(a) Andhra Pradesh / आंध्र प्रदेश

(b) Meghalaya / मेघालय

(c) Mizoram / मिजोरम

(d) Assam / असम

(e) Haryana / हरियाणा



What is the rank of India in Asia-Pacific Personalised Health Index by Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU)?

इकोनॉमिस्ट इंटेलिजेंस यूनिट (EIU) द्वारा एशिया-प्रशांत व्यक्तिगत स्वास्थ्य सूचकांक में भारत का रैंक क्या है?

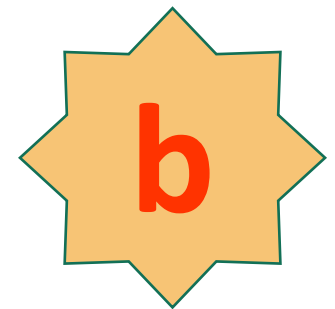
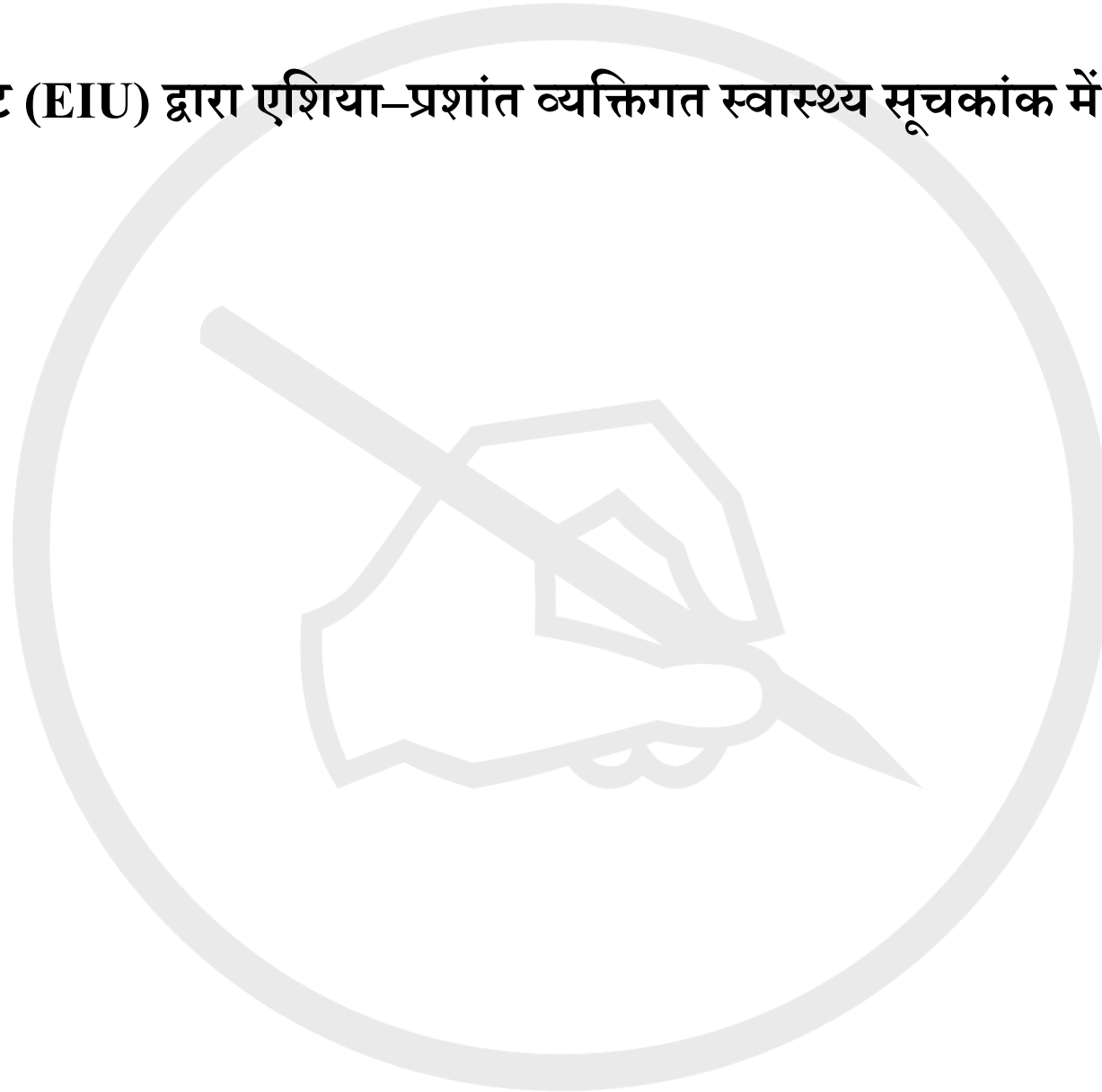
(a) 5th / 5 वाँ

(b) 10th / 10 वाँ

(c) 51th / 51 वाँ

(d) 73th / 73 वाँ

(e) 81th / 81 वाँ



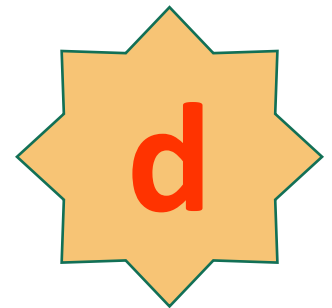
Consider the following statements with reference to Padma Vibhushan:

It is the third-highest civilian award of the Republic of India, preceded by the Bharat Ratna and the Padma Shri and followed by the Padma Bhushan.

It is awarded to Indian citizens and naturalized Indian citizen only.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 only**
- b) 2 only**
- c) Both 1 and 2**
- d) Neither 1 nor 2**



Birth Anniversary of Lala Lajpat Rai is observed in India every year on _____.

लाला लाजपत राय की जयंती भारत में हर साल _____ को मनाई जाती है।

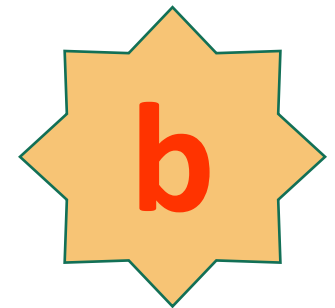
(a) 27 January / 27 जनवरी

(b) 28 January / 28 जनवरी

(c) 29 January / 29 जनवरी

(d) 30 January / 30 जनवरी

(e) 31 January / 31 जनवरी



Lala Lajpat Rai was born on 28 January, 1865 in Punjab. He was a prominent nationalist leader who played an important role in India's struggle for freedom. He also earned the title of 'Punjab Kesari' or 'the Lion of the Punjab'.

He initiated the foundation of Punjab National Bank. He died on 17 November, 1928, due to serious injuries. The University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences in Hisar, Haryana is named after Lala Lajpat Rai.

TRIBUTE TO LALA LAJPAT RAI / PUNJAB KESARI

(28 Jan, 1865 - 17 Nov, 1928)



QUICK FACTS:

- Played a pivotal role in the Indian **Independence movement**
- One-third of the **Lal Bal Pal** triumvirate
- Established the **Punjab National Bank** along with Dyal Singh Majithia
- One of the Chief architects of the **Swadeshi movement**
- **Martyrs' Day** is celebrated in India in Rai's honor



LALA LAJPAT RAI

(Sher-e-Punjab)

Fought against
Untouchability

Founded Hindu Orphan
Relief Movement in 1897

Popularly known as
Punjab Kesari

Established Punjab
National Bank

Was part of the Lal-Bal-Pal trio.

Who is the present Chief Minister of Meghalaya?

मेघालय के वर्तमान मुख्यमंत्री कौन हैं?

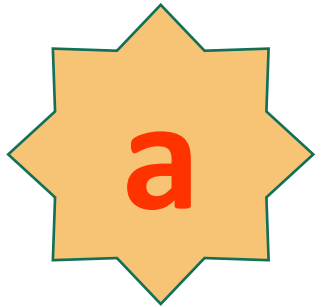
(a) Conrad Sangma / कॉनराड संगमा

(b) Neiphiu Rio / नीफिउ रियो

(c) P. Zoramthanga / पी ज़ोरमथांगा

(d) Naveen Patnaik / नवीन पटनायक

(e) N. Biren Singh / एन बिरेन सिंह



What was the average daily intake of salt, as per the findings of 1st National Non-Communicable Disease (NCD) Monitoring Survey (NNMS)?

1 राष्ट्रीय गैर-संचारी के निष्कर्षों के अनुसार, नमक का औसत दैनिक सेवन क्या था रोग (एनसीडी) निगरानी सर्वेक्षण (एनएनएमएस)?

- 1) 10 gm**
- 2) 12 gm**
- 3) 15 gm**
- 4) 8 gm**
- 5) 5 gm**



4

Which company was India's biggest Overseas investor, as per RBI's data (as of Jan 2021)?

RBI के डेटा के अनुसार (जनवरी 2021 तक) भारत की सबसे बड़ी विदेशी निवेशक कौन सी कंपनी थी?

- 1) ONGC Videsh Ltd**
- 2) Tata Consultancy Services**
- 3) Coal India Ltd**
- 4) Reliance Industries**
- 5) Steel Authority of India Ltd**



Which Insurance company launched the ‘Krishi Sakha App’, that provides Farming related information’s?

किस बीमा कंपनी ने ‘कृषि सखा ऐप’ लॉन्च किया, जो खेती संबंधी जानकारी प्रदान करता है

- 1) New India Assurance**
- 2) HDFC Life Insurance**
- 3) Bharti AXA General Insurance**
- 4) Life Insurance Corporation of India**
- 5) The Oriental Insurance Company**

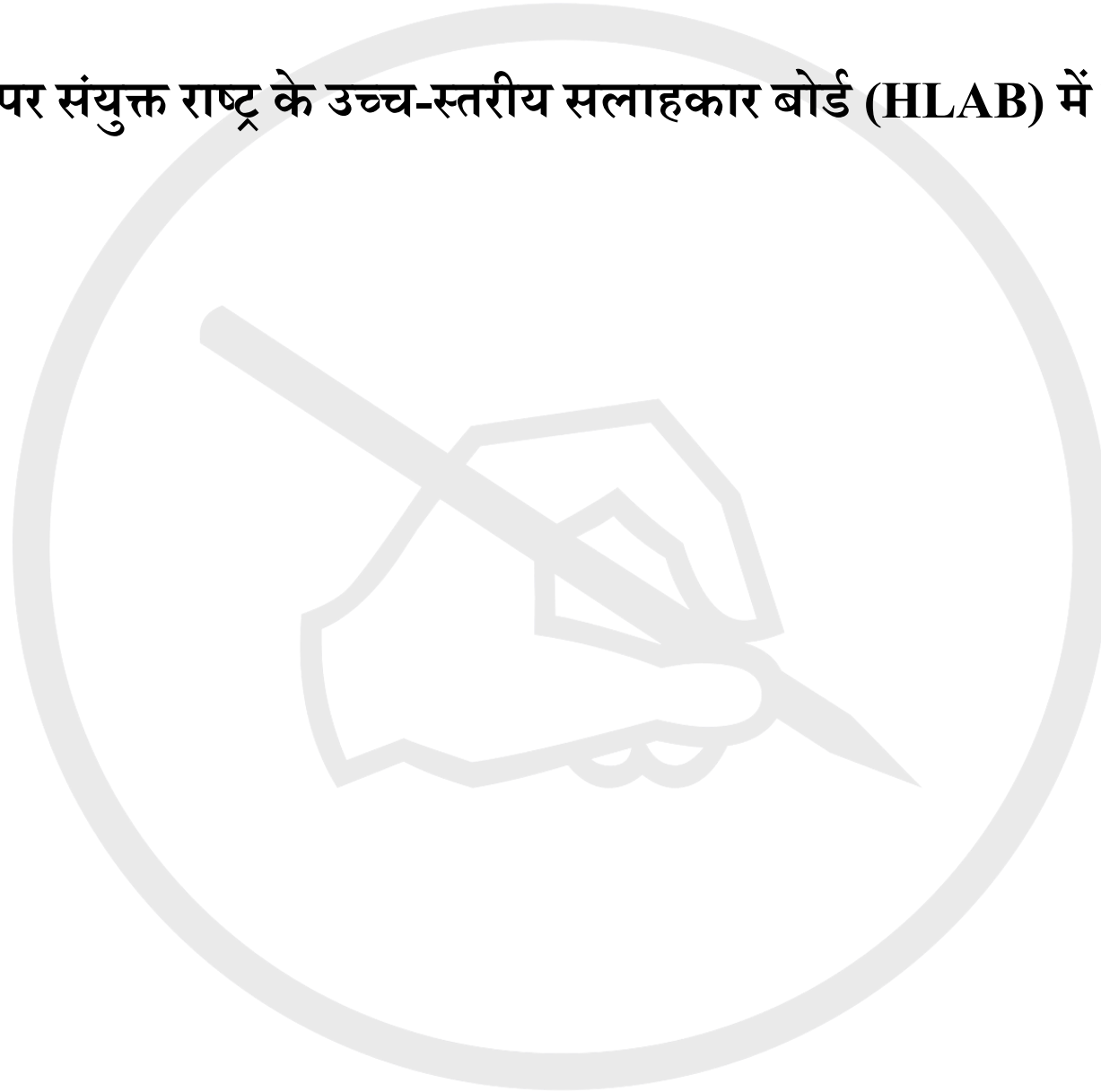


3

Who was appointed to the UN's High-level Advisory Board (HLAB) on Economic and Social Affairs, in January 2021?

जिसे आर्थिक और सामाजिक पर संयुक्त राष्ट्र के उच्च-स्तरीय सलाहकार बोर्ड (HLAB) में नियुक्त किया गया था जनवरी 2021 में मामले?

- 1) Abhijit Sen**
- 2) Jayati Ghosh**
- 3) Utsa Patnaik**
- 4) Raguram Rajan**
- 5) Gita Gopinath**



How many women were awarded during the Padma Awards 2021?

1) 10

2) 29

3) 54

4) 33

5) 14





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