

1. Which is the highest ranked Indian city in Global Startup Ecosystem Index - 2021?

- A) New Delhi  
B) Bengaluru   
C) Pune  
D) Noida



- ✓ Bengaluru is the highest ranked Indian city in Global Startup Ecosystem Index 2021, released by StartupBlink. It is on the 10<sup>th</sup> position worldwide and on 1<sup>st</sup> position in India. India was placed at 20<sup>th</sup> place. New Delhi and Mumbai were at 14<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> position (worldwide).
- ✓ 43 Indian cities got placed in the list of 100 countries. The top five countries are USA, UK, Israel, Canada and Germany. The top five cities in the Index are San Francisco, New York, Beijing, Los Angeles and London.

2. Who has been named the flag bearer of the Indian contingent in Tokyo Paralympics 2021?

- A) Mariyappan Thangavelu   
B) Sundar Singh Gurjar  
C) Varun Singh Bhati  
D) Devendra Jhajharia



- ✓ Mariyappan Thangavelu is announced as the flag bearer of the Indian contingent in Tokyo Paralympics 2021. Mariyappan Thangavelu is India's first Paralympian gold medallist since 2004.
- ✓ He won gold medal in the 2016 Summer Paralympic games in High jump. He was awarded Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna award for Para-Atheletics, Arjuna Award for Para-Atheletics and Padma Shri.

3. Who won the Goldmoney Asian Rapid online chess title 2021?

- A) Vladimir Artemiev  
B) Magnus Carlsen  
C) Ding Liren  
D) Levon Aronian



- ✓ Levon Aronian won the Goldmoney Asian Rapid online chess title 2021. Levon Grigori Aronian is an Armenian-American chess grandmaster.
- ✓ He won the title after defeating Vladimir Artemiev. Magnus Carlsen, the current world champion was on the 3<sup>rd</sup> position. The Goldmoney Asian Rapid is the seventh tournament of the Champions Chess Tour 2021 or Meltwater Champions Tour.

4. Which sports federation has been granted recognition as the National Sports Federation by the Sports Ministry recently?

- A) WAKO India Kickboxing Federation   
B) Taekwondo India Federation  
C) Freestyle Boxing Federation  
D) None of the above



- ✓ WAKO India Kickboxing Federation has been granted recognition as the National Sports Federation by the Sports Ministry recently.
- ✓ Popularly known as "WAKO India", it was formed in 1993 and its Headquarter is in Faridabad. It is affiliated to World Association of Kickboxing Organization (WAKO).

5. Which state recently became the 5<sup>th</sup> Indian state and 125<sup>th</sup> global state to join the "Under2 Coalition"?

- A) Haryana  
B) Goa  
C) Bihar  
D) Maharashtra



- ✓ Maharashtra has become the 5<sup>th</sup> state in India and 125<sup>th</sup> global state to join the "Under2 Coalition" to fight the climate change.
- ✓ The other four states are: Chhattisgarh, Jammu & Kashmir, Telangana and West Bengal. The Under2 Coalition is a global community of state and regional governments committed to ambitious climate action in line with the Paris Agreement. It started as a MoU which was signed by 12 founding jurisdictions in 2015 in Sacramento, California.

6. Which racing driver won the Austrian Grand Prix 2021?

- A) Valtteri Bottas  
B) Lewis Hamilton  
C) Max Verstappen   
D) Lando Norris



- ✓ Max Verstappen won the Austrian Grand Prix 2021. Max Verstappen is a Belgian-Dutch racing driver currently competing in Formula One, under the Dutch flag, with Red Bull Racing. The race was the ninth round of the 2021 Formula One World Championship.
- ✓ Mercedes' Valtteri Bottas was the runner-up. McLaren's Lando Norris and Mercedes' Lewis Hamilton were on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> positions respectively.

7. In which city, India's first Agriculture Export Facilitation Centre has been established?

- A) Pune   
B) Chennai  
C) Mumbai  
D) Thiruvananthapuram



- ✓ India's first Agriculture Export Facilitation Centre has been established in Pune. It will work as a one-stop centre for the exporters in agricultural sector.
- ✓ The centre was established by the Mahratta Chamber of Commerce Industries and Agriculture (MCCIA) in association with the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD).

8. In which city, new centre of National Horticulture Board has been recently inaugurated?

- A) Gwalior   
B) Bhopal  
C) Kolkata  
D) Lucknow



- ✓ A new centre of National Horticulture Board (NHB) has been inaugurated in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh by Narendra Singh Tomar, Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers welfare. National Horticulture Board (NHB) was set up by Government of India in April 1984 on the basis of recommendations of the "Group on Perishable Agricultural Commodities", headed by Dr M. S. Swaminathan.

9. Which country hosted the BRICS Education Ministers 2021?

- A) India   
B) Russia  
C) China  
D) Brazil



- ✓ India hosted the BRICS Education Ministers 2021. This meeting is being held as part of the 13<sup>th</sup> BRICS Summit being hosted by India this year. Sanjay Dhotre, Minister of State for Education, chaired the meeting of the 8<sup>th</sup> BRICS Education Ministers in virtual mode.

- ✓ Education Ministers from the five BRICS member states resolved to enhance academic collaboration in higher education.
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10. Stan Swamy, the tribal rights activist, who passed away recently, was booked under which act?

- A) Unlawful Activities Prevention Act
- B) Prevention of Terrorism Act
- C) Terrorist and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act
- D) None of the above



- ✓ Stan Swamy, the Jesuit priest and tribal rights activist spent nine months in custody after being booked under the UAPA, Unlawful Activities Prevention Act. UAPA is the primary counter-terror law in India. Though it was originally enacted in 1967, the law has undergone over 6 amendments, the last one in 2019.
  - ✓ Stan Swamy was among the 16 activists, academics, and lawyers booked and arrested for their alleged links to Maoists in connection with the Bhima Koregaon violence.
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