

1. Recently, the Taxation Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2021 was passed in Lok Sabha to remove the contentious retrospective tax provision in Income Tax Act. Who was finance minister when retrospective tax provision was included in 2012?

- A) P Chidambaram
 B) Pranab Mukherjee
 C) Arun Jaitley
 D) Jaswant Singh



- ✓ The Taxation Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2021 was passed in the Lok Sabha on 6th August, 2021. The bill seeks to do away with the contentious retrospective tax provision.
- ✓ The Taxation Laws (Amendment) Bill proposes to amend the Income Tax Act, 1961 to provide that no tax demand shall be raised in the future on the basis of the retrospective amendment for any indirect transfer of Indian assets if the transaction was undertaken before May 28, 2012. Pranab Mukherjee was the finance minister when retrospective tax provision was included in 2012.

2. Who is the current chairperson of National Commission for Women, who recently got three-year extension?

- A) Ajay Tyagi
 B) M R Kumar
 C) Rekha Sharma
 D) Dr Dhriti Banerjee



- ✓ On 7th August, 2021 Rekha Sharma was reappointed as the Chairperson of the National Commission for Women for another 3-year term w.e.f. 07.08.2021, or till the age of 65 years or until further orders, whichever is the earliest.

3. Ganga Pathway, which is said to be a version of Mumbai's famous Marine Drive, is being opened in which Indian city?

- A) Kolkata
 B) Varanasi
 C) Patna
 D) Kanpur



- ✓ Bihar's capital city Patna is all set to get its own version of Mumbai's famous Marine Drive. The 5.50km-long Digha-AN Sinha Institute stretch of the ambitious Ganga Pathway is all set to be opened next year. The 'Ganga pathway' is part of Rs 3,390 crore project which is coming up on the southern bank of river Ganga to minimise traffic on the congested Ashok Rajpath. The total length of project is 20.50km

4. Recently, which bank has been empanelled by RBI to act as an Agency Bank?

- A) HDFC Bank
 B) ICICI Bank
 C) Canara Bank
 D) Karnataka Bank



- ✓ Recently, Karnataka Bank has been empanelled by RBI to act as an 'Agency Bank' to facilitate transactions related to government businesses. As an empanelled Agency Bank, it is authorised to undertake government businesses such as revenue receipts and payments on behalf of the Centre and States, pension payments in respect of the same, collection of stamp duty charges and also any other item of work specifically advised by the RBI.

5. Which country is host to the International Army Games – 2021?

- A) Russia
 B) India
 C) France
 D) USA



- ✓ A 101-member contingent of the Indian Army will proceed to Russia to participate in International Army Games – 2021 from 22 August to 04 September 2021.
- ✓ The contingent will participate in Army Scout Masters Competition (ASMC), Elbrus Ring, Polar Star, Sniper Frontier and Safe Route games showcasing various drills in High Altitude Area terrain, operations in snow, sniper actions, combat engineering skills in obstacle ridden terrain in the various competitions. The contingent will also contribute two observers (one each) for the Open Water and Falcon Hunting games.

6. Which country won gold medal in men's football in Tokyo Olympics, 2021?

- A) Argentina
 B) Australia
 C) Brazil
 D) Egypt



- ✓ On 7th August, 2021 Brazil won the gold medal in men's football at the Tokyo Olympics by beating Spain 2-1 in the final played. Malcolm and Matheus Cunha scored for Brazil while Mikel Oyarzabal scored for Spain. Mexico won the bronze medal by beating Japan with a score of 3-1. Canada defeated Sweden 3-2 on penalties after the match was tied 1-1 to win the gold medal in women's football. Bronze medal was won by United States which beat Australia 4-3.

7. Chief Election Commissioner of India has inaugurated the 11th Annual Meeting of FEMBoSA. Who is the current Chief Election Commissioner of India?

- A) Achal Kumar Jyoti
 B) Sunil Arora
 C) Rajeev Kumar
 D) Sushil Chandra



- ✓ Chief Election Commissioner of India and current Chairman, FEMBoSA Sushil Chandra accompanied by Election Commissioners Rajeev Kumar and A.C. Pandey, on 11th August, 2021 inaugurated the 11th Annual meeting of the Forum of the Election Management Bodies of South Asia (FEMBoSA) for the year 2021. The meeting in Virtual mode was hosted by the Election Commission of Bhutan.

8. Which Indian city has been declared as the first 'water plus' city of India?

- A) Kolkata
 B) Bengaluru
 C) Indore
 D) Hyderabad



- ✓ Indore, the country's cleanest city, has now been declared as the first 'water plus' city of India under the Swachh Survekshan 2021, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said. Indore City received the certification from the centre.

9. Which ministry has inaugurated an exhibition on Quit India Movement?

- A) Ministry of Culture
- B) Ministry of Tourism
- C) Ministry of Education
- D) Ministry of Commerce and Industry



- ✓ On 8 August, 2021 Culture Minister G. Kishan Reddy has inaugurated an Exhibition on 'Quit India Movement' in New Delhi.
- ✓ As part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav being celebrated to mark 75th years of Independence, National Archives of India has organised the exhibition that will continue till November 8.

10. Navies of which two countries have conducted exercise Zayed Talwar 2021?

- A) India and Russia
- B) India and UAE
- C) India and Australia
- D) India and United States of America



- ✓ On 7th August, 2021 navies of India and UAE conducted exercise 'Zayed Talwar 2021' off the coast of Abu Dhabi. INS Kochi, with two integral Sea King MK 42B helicopters, deployed in the Persian Gulf, participated in the exercise.
- ✓ UAE participated with UAES AL - Dhafra, a Baynunah class guided missile corvette and one AS - 565B Panther helicopter. As part of the exercise, the ships undertook tactical manoeuvres, Over the Horizon Targeting, Search and Rescue and Electronic Warfare exercises to enhance interoperability and synergy between the two navies. Helicopters were extensively used all through the exercise ranging from Search and Rescue serial to passing of targeting data to ships for simulated missile engagement drills.