



Corporation into chairman, ITDC, and Managing director (MD), ITDC. GKV Rao, IAS Officer will hold the post of managing director of ITDC.

39. Which city is set to host the 'Indian Ocean Conference' 2021?

- [A] New Delhi
- [B] Colombo
- [C] Abu Dhabi
- [D] Tokyo

**Answer:** Abu Dhabi

The fifth Indian Ocean Conference is set to be held in Abu Dhabi on December 4-5, 2021. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar will address the Conference. The theme of the Indian Ocean Conference 2021 is "Indian Ocean: Ecology, Economy, Epidemic". The inaugural address will be delivered by President of Sri Lanka Gotabaya Rajapaksa. The representatives of Maldives, Fiji and other countries will participate.

40. Xiomara Castro, has been elected as the first female President of which country?

- [A] Norway
- [B] Germany
- [C] Honduras
- [D] Barbados

**Answer:** Honduras

Central American country Honduras is set to elect its first female president, Xiomara Castro, after the ruling party conceded defeat. Ms Castro is the candidate for the left-wing Libre (Free) Party, and has a preliminary lead of almost 20 percentage points over her rival. The 12-year reign of the right-wing National Party was accused for scandals and corruptive practices.

41. Which association has launched a (\$340 billion) project named "Global Gateway"?

- [A] G-20
- [B] European Union
- [C] ASEAN
- [D] G-7

**Answer:** European Union

The European Union has recently launched a project called "Global Gateway" that is worth 300 billion euros (\$340 billion). The project is seen as a response to China's Belt and Road strategy. Under the project, the association will mobilise the financial aid in public and private infrastructure investment around the world.

42. Ministry of Rural Development has signed an MoU with which company, to empower local businesses and SHGs?

- [A] Amazon
- [B] Flipkart
- [C] Snapdeal
- [D] Jiomart

**Answer:** Flipkart

The Ministry of Rural Development has signed an MoU with Flipkart to help empower local businesses and self-help groups (SHGs) led by women. The MoU seeks to bring the small business units and SHGs into the e-commerce fold. The partnership is aligned with Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural