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FIGURES TO REMEMBER

REPO RATE	4.00%
REVERSE REPO RATE	3.35%
MARGINAL STANDING FACILITY RATE	4.25%
BANK RATE	4.25%
STATUTORY LIQUIDITY RATIO	18.00%
CASH RESERVE RATIO	3.00%
BASE RATE(s) (of various banks)	8.15 to 9.40%

India's RANK IN

Democracy Index 2021	46 th
Corruption Perceptions Index 2021	85 th
Hanley Passport Index – Jan 2022	83 rd
Global Unicorn Index – 2021	03 rd
Global Health Security Index – 2021	66 th
World Talent Ranking Report - 2021	56 th
Global Bribery Risk Rankings	82 nd
Global Drugs Policy Index	18 th
Climate Change Performance Index- 2022	10 th
Global Hunger Index – 2021	101 st
Global Food Security Index 2021	71 st
Rule of Law Index – 2021	79 th
Digital Quality of Life Index	59 th
Renewable Energy Country Attractiveness Index	03 rd
Global Innovation Index – 2021	46 th
Global Youth Development Index – 2020	122 nd
Global Cybersecurity Index – 2020	10 th
Global Peace Index	135 th
World Competitiveness Index	43 rd



NATIONAL NEWS

FEBRUARY

ANOTHER INDIAN VACCINE FOR COVID-19



Indian pharma giant Zydus Cadila started shipping supplies of its COVID-19 vaccine ZyCoV-D to the central government, on Feb 2. It was administered for the first time in Patna on February 05, 2022.

The supplies are being made from the company's newly commissioned state-of-the-art, Zydus Vaccine Technology Excellence Centre at the Zydus Biotech Park in Changodar, Ahmedabad.

The vaccine will be priced at Rs 265/dose and the applicator is being offered at Rs 93/dose excluding GST.

ZyCoV-D is the world's first DNA based vaccine for COVID-19 developed in India. It is a three-dose COVID-19 vaccine, administered intradermally using a painless needle-free system on day 0, day 28 and day 56. It got the DCGI approval for emergency use authorisation in August last year.

It is the second India-made vaccine to get emergency authorization in India after Bharat Biotech's Covaxin. The Drugs Controller General of India has given its permission for the vaccination to be given to children aged 12 to 17.

UP TABLEAU DECLARED BEST ON REPUBLIC DAY

Uttar Pradesh has been selected as the best state tableau among 12 States and UTs which participated in the Republic Day Parade 2022. The tableau of Uttar Pradesh was based on the theme 'One District One Product' and Kashi Vishwanath Dham.

Among the three services, the Indian Navy marching contingent was adjudged as the best marching contingent. Among the Central Armed Police Forces, the contingent of the Central Industrial Security Force was named the best marching contingent.



A NEW VACCINE FOR 12 TO 18 AGE GROUP



The Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation has granted emergency use authorisation to COVID-19 vaccine, CORBEVAX for 12–18-year age group. The vaccine is India's 1st indigenously developed Receptor Binding Domain Protein sub-unit vaccine against COVID-19. It has been produced by the Indian firm Biological E Ltd., Hyderabad. It is a two-dose COVID-19 vaccine, which will be administered through intramuscular injection in a gap of 28 days just like Covaxin.

HNIs JUMP BY 11% IN INDIA

According to the latest Hurun India Wealth Report 2021 released on Feb 18, the number of dollar-millionaire households (also called High Networth Individuals-HNIs) in India increased by 11 percent to 4,58,000 households in 2021, as compared to 2020. Their number is estimated to increase by 30% over the next five years to reach 6,00,000 households in 2026.

Household having a net worth of at least INR 7 crore (\$1 million), is referred to as a dollar-millionaire household. The Hurun Research Institute surveyed 350 Indian 'millionaires', individuals with a personal wealth of \$1 million (or about Rs 7 crore).

ANOTHER 54 CHINESE APPS BANNED



The Electronics and Information Technology Ministry informed that at the request of the Home Affairs Ministry, it has blocked 54

Chinese apps under the emergency provision envisaged in Section 69(A) of the IT Act.

As per the Ministry, these apps are either a cloned version or have similar functionality, privacy issues and security threats as the previously blocked 267 apps in 2020. They are hostile to the sovereignty and integrity of India and pose a threat to national security.

The new Chinese app ban in India list includes apps like Beauty Camera, Dual Space Lite, Viva Video, Garena Free Fire, Sweet Selfie HD, Tencent Xriver, Isoland 2: Ashes of Time Lite, Equalizer & Bass Booster and AppLock.

ATAL TUNNEL - LONGEST IN THE WORLD

India's Atal Tunnel in Himachal Pradesh has officially been certified by the World Book of Records as the 'World's Longest Highway Tunnel above 10,000 Feet'. This 9.02 km long outstanding engineering marvel connecting Manali to the Lahaul - Spiti Valley has been constructed by Border Roads Organisation.

Prior to the construction of the tunnel, the highway remained closed during the winter season for six months, isolating Lahaul and Spiti from the mainland. Construction of this tunnel has reduced the distance on Manali - Sarchu road by 46 km and travel time by four to five hours, providing all-weather connectivity on the Manali - Leh axis.

World Book of Records, UK, is an organisation that catalogues and verifies extraordinary records across the world with authentic certification.

MUMBAI 5TH MOST CONGESTED CITY IN WORLD

Mumbai has been ranked as the fifth most congested city in the world in 2021, with a congestion rate of 53%, as per TomTom's 2021 Traffic Index released



on February 9. Bengaluru has been ranked as the 10th most congested city in the world, while Delhi is ranked 11th, each having a congestion rate of 48%.

Istanbul, Turkey was ranked most congested city with a score of 62%, followed closely by Moscow at 61%. The Index covers 404 cities across 58 countries on six continents. It ranks urban congestion worldwide and provides free access to city-by-city information.

INDIA EXCELS IN EASE OF NEW BUSINESS

A global consortium of over 500 researchers placed India among the top five easiest places to start a new business. The report put India on the top amongst low-income economies (according to GDP per capita) on different Entrepreneurial Framework Conditions.

The Global Entrepreneurship Monitor (GEM) 2021/2022 report, unveiled at the Dubai Expo, gathered data via a survey of at least 2,000 respondents across each of 47 high, medium and low-income economies. GEM is a consortium of national country teams, primarily associated with top academic institutions that carry out survey-based research on entrepreneurship around the world.

WORLD BANK LOAN TO SUPPORT FARMERS

The World Bank approved a \$115 million (Rs 869 crore) loan to fund a programme in India that will help national and state institutions adopt improved watershed management practices to increase farmers' resilience to climate change, promote higher productivity and better incomes.

INDIA IMPROVES ITS SCORE IN DEMOCRACY



With the highest score of 9.75, Norway topped the Democracy Index 2021 released by the Economist Intelligence Unit, London on Feb 10. Norway is followed by New Zealand and Finland. India scored 6.91 to rank 46th on the list. It was marginally better than a score of 6.61 in 2020. The Indian government's failure to crack down on the persecution of religious and other minorities by Hindu nationalists continues to weigh on the country's democracy score. Afghanistan occupies the bottom place in the index of 165 countries followed by Myanmar and North Korea in 2nd and 3rd position from the bottom.

The EIU democracy index is based on five categories namely electoral process and pluralism, civil liberties, the functioning of government, political participation and political culture. The ranking is decided based on 60 indicators grouped into these five categories on a scale of 1-10.

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WORLD'S LARGEST NATIONAL FLAG

To mark the occasion of 74th Army Day on January 15, the world's largest national flag, the Indian Tricolor made from Khadi, was displayed in Rajasthan's Longewala, along the India-Pakistan border, on January 15. The flag is 225 feet long, 150 feet wide and weighs around 1 thousand 400 kilogram, while the Ashoka Chakra in the centre has a diameter of 30 feet.

Longewala, in Jaisalmer district was the site of the iconic Battle of Longewala in 1971 Indo Pak war.

FIRST INDIA-CENTRAL ASIA SUMMIT

Prime Minister Narendra Modi hosted the first-ever India-Central Asia Summit virtually on January 27. The summit was attended by the Presidents of five central Asian nations-Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.

This was the first such summit between the leaders of India and the central Asian nations.



INDIA -ISRAEL LAUNCH JOINT LOGO

India and Israel launched a commemorative logo on Jan 24 to mark the 30th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties between the two countries. The logo features the Star of David and the Ashoka Chakra- the two symbols that adorn the national flags of both countries- and forms the numeral 30 depicting the 30th anniversary of bilateral relations.

This special logo symbolises the strong friendship, love and admiration that exists between the people of the two nations. It also depicts the growing strategic partnership between the two sides. Israel and India established diplomatic relations on 29th of January, 1992.

AMAR JAWAN JYOTI SHIFTED TO WAR MEMORIAL



The Amar Jawan Jyoti flame at India Gate, New Delhi, was shifted on Jan 21 and merged with the flame at the National War Memorial, located just 400 metres away. The Amar Jawan Jyoti was set up after the 1971 Indo-Pak war. However, after completion of the National War Memorial in Feb 2019, it was considered appropriate to shift the Jyoti to the War Memorial, as a tribute to all the war heroes as the Memorial has name plates of all the martyrs, right from 1947 till date.

FORESTS AND TREES COVER 24.62% AREA

Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav released India State of Forest Report 2021 on January 13. In 2021, the total forest and tree cover in India was 80.9 million hectares, covering 24.62 percent of the geographical area of the country. There is an increase of 2,261 sq km in the total forest and tree cover of the country, from the year 2019. Other key findings of the report are:

- 17 states/UT's have above 33 percent of the geographical area under forest cover.
- Area-wise, Madhya Pradesh has the largest forest cover in the country followed by Arunachal Pradesh, Chhattisgarh.
- In terms of forest cover as percentage of total geographical area, Mizoram is at the top (84.53%), followed by Arunachal Pradesh (79.33%), Meghalaya (76.00%).
- Total mangrove cover in the country is 4,992 sq km, up 17 sq Km from 2019.

25th NATIONAL YOUTH FESTIVAL



The 25th National Youth Festival was held in virtual mode in the Union Territory of Puducherry on January 12-13 at the Pondicherry Central University campus. The Festival aims to shape the minds of India's youth and transform them into a united force for nation-building. Around 7000 youth from across the country and 500 youth from Puducherry aged between 18 and 22 participated in the festival. The 12th of January is the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda and is observed as National Youth Day every year.

WFP TO SUPPORT PM POSHAN SCHEME

The Akshaya Patra Foundation and the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) signed an agreement for enhancing the effectiveness of the Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman (PM POSHAN) scheme (earlier Mid-Day Meal Scheme). Both organisations will bring in financial resources as required to support the implementation of the activities.

Considering their collective experience and expertise in the fight against hunger and malnutrition, this partnership aims to bridge operational and execution gaps in food safety and hygiene projects, capacities of the cooks-cum-helpers, as well as the nutritional quality of the meals provided.

2 MORE VACCINES AND A DRUG FOR CORONA

Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation gave its approval to two more Covid vaccines, Corbevax and Covovax, and antiviral drug Molnupiravir for restricted use in emergency situations. Corbevax is India's first indigenously developed RBD protein sub-unit vaccine against Covid-19. It is made by Hyderabad-based firm Biological-E and is the third vaccine developed in India. The Nanoparticle protein based vaccine, Covovax, will be manufactured by Pune-based firm Serum Institute of India. It has been developed by Novovax of the USA.

The drug Molnupiravir has been developed by Merck and Ridgeback Biotherapeutics of the USA. It works by introducing errors into the SARS-CoV-2 virus' genetic code, which prevents the virus from further replicating. It is suitable for the treatment of mild-to-moderate coronavirus disease in adults who are at high risk for progression to severe Covid-19, including hospitalisation or death. This drug will now be manufactured in the country by 13 companies.

INNOVATION RANKINGS FOR INSTITUTES

The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras bagged the top position for the third successive year, among the centrally funded technical institutes in the Centre's Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements (ARIIA) 2021 released on Dec 29.

In the state and deemed to be universities category, Panjab University (Chandigarh) topped the ranking.

Among the private universities, Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology, Khordha (Odisha) secured the top spot.

For the first time, the ARIIA rankings included a new category – "non-technical institutions". Indira Gandhi National Open University (Delhi) topped the category among centrally funded institutions.

Total 1438 institutions (including all IITs, NITs, IISc, etc) participated in the rankings.

The ARIIA rankings is an initiative of the union education ministry to promote innovation, assess universities, institutes and colleges on parameters ranging from support for entrepreneurship development to innovative learning methods, intellectual property generation, technology transfer, and commercialisation among other aspects.

INDIA RANKS 83rd IN PASSPORT INDEX

The passport rankings released by the Henley Passport Index (HPI) for the first quarter of 2022 have been topped once again by Japan and Singapore. India improved its rank to 83rd position, climbing seven places from 90th rank last year. Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan have been ranked as the weakest passports in the world.

HPI is a global ranking of the countries based on the travel freedom of holders of their ordinary passport holders. It provides a ranking for 199 passports of the world according to the number of countries their holders can travel visa-free.

INDIA MAINTAINS SCORE IN CORRUPTION

Global corruption watchdog Transparency International, Berlin released on Jan 25 its annual Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) 2021 for 180 countries in which India has been ranked at 85th spot (Score of 40).

Last year also India scored 40 but was ranked a step below at 86th spot. Three countries – Denmark, Finland and New Zealand, were ranked joint first, each scoring 88 marks. South Sudan ended up at the bottom with a score of 11 marks.

The Index measures how corrupt each country's public sector is perceived to be. The results are given on a scale of zero (highly corrupt) to 100 (very clean). The Index uses data from 13 external sources, including the World Bank, World Economic Forum, private risk and consulting companies, think tanks and others.



NEWS FROM STATES

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ASIA'S LARGEST BIO-CNG PLANT



Asia's largest bio-CNG (Compressed Natural Gas) plant was inaugurated on Feb 19 in Indore, Madhya Pradesh. The plant has been set up by the Indore Municipal Corporation on a public-private partnership (PPP) model as per the Centre's 'wealth-to-waste' initiative. The plant has been set up with an initial investment of Rs 550 crore and is likely to generate 19,000 kg bio-CNG gas. A part of this gas will be used to run 400 CNG buses in the city.

COUNTRY'S FIRST WATER TAXI SERVICE

Country's first water taxi was launched in Mumbai on Feb 17 to provide faster connectivity between Mumbai and Navi Mumbai. This new service will drastically reduce the time taken to travel from South Mumbai to Navi Mumbai. This system would take 45 minutes to cover a route that takes double the time by local train, and nearly three hours by road during peak hours.

INDIA'S FIRST GEOLOGICAL PARK

The Geological Survey of India (GSI) has approved the setting up of the country's first geo park at Lamheta village on the banks of the Narmada River in Jabalpur district of Madhya Pradesh. In 1828, the first dinosaur fossil was collected from the Lamheta Bed. A geopark is a unified area that advances the protection and use of geological heritage in a sustainable way and promotes the economic well-being of the people who live there.



INDIA'S FIRST OEMC SITE DECLARED

The Aravalli Biodiversity Park in Gurugram, Haryana, has been declared as India's first "other effective area-based conservation measures" (OECM) site by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), Switzerland.

The announcement was made by the Union ministry of environment, forest and climate change on the occasion of World Wetlands Day on February 02. The tag is given to those areas that are not protected but support rich biodiversity.

The OECM tag does not bring any legal, financial or management implications, but designates the area as a biodiversity hotspot on the international map.

MEDARAM JATARA FAIR HELD IN TELANGANA

Medaram Jatara fair, the second-largest fair in India, after the Kumbh Mela was held in Medaram Village of Mulugu district in Telangana, from Feb 16 to 19. The four-day tribal festival is celebrated once in two years in the month of "Magha" (February) on the full moon day by the second-largest tribal community of Telangana, the Koya tribe, in collaboration with the Tribal Welfare Department, Government of Telangana.

MUNGER - GANGA BRIDGE INAUGURATED



The 14.5 km long approach road to the road portion of the Srikrishna Setu Munger-Ganga rail-cum-road bridge over the Ganga River was inaugurated on Feb 11 at Munger in Bihar. The rail portion was opened to traffic in March 2016. This bridge will reduce the distance from Munger to Khagaria by 100 km and the distance from Munger to Begusarai will be less by 20 km. The city of Munger is one of the major tourist and pilgrimage sites of Bihar and is known for its rich ancient history, culture, education and commerce.

'STATUE OF EQUALITY' UNVEILED

Prime Minister Modi dedicated the 216-feet tall 'Statue of Equality' to the nation on Feb 5 at Muchintal near Shamshabad in Hyderabad. The Statue is of 11th century Bhakti Saint Ramanujacharya, in a sitting posture, who promoted the idea of equality in all aspects of living including faith, caste and creed. It is made of 5 metals i.e. Gold, Silver, Copper, Brass and Zinc. This is one of the tallest metallic statues in sitting posture, in the world.

2 MORE RAMSAR SITES APPROVED IN INDIA



On the occasion of World Wetlands Day (Feb 2), Khijadiya Bird Sanctuary in Gujarat and Bakhira Wildlife Sanctuary in Uttar Pradesh have been included as Ramsar Sites from India. With this, India now has 49 Ramsar sites.

Khijadiya Bird Sanctuary is a freshwater wetland located near the coast of the Gulf of Kutch. It is now a part of Marine National Park, Jamnagar.

Bakhira Wildlife Sanctuary is the largest natural floodplain wetland of India located near Gorakhpur in Eastern Uttar Pradesh.

The Ramsar Convention is an intergovernmental treaty that provides the framework for the conservation and wise use of wetlands and their resources. The Convention was adopted in the Iranian city of Ramsar in 1971 and came into force in 1975.

- ❖ The world famous Khajuraho Dance Festival was held in Khajuraho in Chhatarpur district of Madhya Pradesh from Feb 20 to 26.

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TELANGANA TOPS IN RURAL CLUSTERS

Telangana stood first in the implementation of the Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission (SPMRM) for providing urban infrastructure in rural areas. Its two districts, Sangareddy and Kamareddy, secured the first two positions among the 300 clusters across the country where the programme was being implemented. The second and third place was secured by Tamil Nadu and Gujarat, respectively.

The programme was launched by the Ministry of Rural Development in Feb 2016 to stimulate local economic development, enhance basic services and create well-planned clusters of villages in rural areas. The programme aims to stimulate local economic development, enhance basic services, and create well planned Rurban clusters which in turn can discourage migration from rural areas to urban areas.



TELANGANA TOPS IN ODF VILLAGES LIST

As per the data released for the Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) Phase-II programme till December 31, 2021, Telangana stood first in the country in the list of the highest number of open defecation free (ODF Plus) villages. As many as 13,737 out of 14,200 villages in the State are on the ODF Plus list, which is 96.74% of all villages. Next to Telangana is Tamil Nadu with 4,432 villages (35.39%) and Karnataka with 1,511 villages (5.59%) in the ODF list. Out of 5,82,903 villages in the country, about 26,138 villages have been declared ODF.

KERALA REMAINS ON TOP IN HEALTH INDEX

The Niti Aayog released the fourth Health Index covering the period 2019-20 on Dec 27. Kerala emerged as the top-ranking state for the fourth time in a row in terms of overall health performance among larger states, while Uttar Pradesh ended up at the bottom. However, Uttar Pradesh registered the highest incremental change from the base year (2018-19) to the reference year (2019-20). Kerala was followed by Tamil Nadu and Telangana at second and third spot, respectively.



Among the smaller states, Mizoram emerged as the best performer in overall performance as well as incremental performance. Among UTs, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu scored the highest.

The index is a weighted composite score incorporating 24 indicators covering key aspects of health performance, largely in three domains: Health outcomes; governance and information; and key inputs and processes.

HP BECOMES FIRST SMOKE FREE STATE

Himachal Pradesh has become the first LPG enabled and smoke free state in the country by implementing the Ujjwala scheme of the Central Government and Grihini Suvidha Yojana of the State Government.

Under the Ujjwala scheme, 1.36 lakh free domestic LPG connections were given by the central government at a cost of Rs 21.81 crore, while the state government provided 3.23 lakh LPG connections under the Grihini Suvidha Yojana at a cost of Rs. 120 crore to housewives not covered under the Ujjwala Yojna.

INDIA'S FIRST GRAPHENE INNOVATION CENTRE



The Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology approved setting up of India's first Graphene Innovation Centre

in Digital University Kerala along with Centre for Materials for Electronics Technology, Thrissur. The centre will have an incubation centre and facilities to create new Graphene products. Tata Steel Limited is set to be the industrial partner of the upcoming Graphene Innovation Centre.

Graphene is a one-atom-thick sheet of carbon atoms arranged in a honeycomb-like pattern. Graphene is considered to be the world's thinnest, strongest and most conductive material – of both, electricity and heat. Harder than diamond yet more elastic than rubber; tougher than steel yet lighter than aluminium – graphene is the strongest known material. Surprisingly, graphene has the same carbon structure as the graphite in a pencil. There are about 3 million layers of graphene in a 1 mm thick sheet of graphite.

INDIA'S FIRST DGG INDEX LAUNCHED IN J&K

Country's first District Good Governance Index (DGGI) was released on Jan 21 in Jammu and Kashmir, making it the first Union Territory to have such an index. Prepared by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) in partnership with the UT's administration, it covers all the 20 districts of J&K.

Under the index, the policies, schemes and programs of the central as well as the state governments are monitored at the district level. The index covers 10 sectors with 58 indicators.



KOCHI TO RUN INDIA'S FIRST WATER METRO

Kochi in Kerala has become the first city of India with a water metro project as it launched the first in a series of battery-powered fully AC electric boats in the city. The 50-seater ferry was christened Muziris. The ₹747 cr Kochi Water Metro project will have 23 such boats that will run on 15 identified routes. It will connect 10 islands along a network of routes that span 76 km with a fleet of 78 fast, electrically propelled hybrid ferries plying to 38 jetties.

INDIA'S FIRST OPEN ROCK MUSEUM

India's first open rock museum displaying different types of rocks gathered from different states, was inaugurated in the campus of the CSIR-National Geophysical Research Institute in Hyderabad on Jan 06. About 46 rocks of different sizes and shapes have been elegantly displayed in a garden with focus lights and descriptions giving their economic and scientific importance. Displayed rocks have ages ranging from around 55 million years to up to 3.3 billion years. The rocks have been sourced from Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Uttarakhand, Jharkhand, Jammu & Kashmir and others.

HARYANA & HP TO BUILD ADI BADRI DAM



The governments of Haryana and Himachal Pradesh entered into an agreement on Jan 21 to build a dam at Adi Badri in Haryana's Yamunanagar district, which, among others, will rejuvenate the mythical Saraswati river. Adi Badri, situated in Haryana near the Himachal Pradesh border, is believed to be the river's origin point. The project will cost Rs 215.33 crore. The width of the dam will be 101.06 metres and height 20.5 metres.

LADAKH CELEBRATES LOSAR FESTIVAL

The Buddhist community of Ladakh commenced the new year celebrations on Jan 3 with the beginning of their most popular traditional religious festival of Losar. It is predominantly celebrated by the Tibetan Buddhists to mark the beginning of the Tibetan lunar calendar. The annual event is celebrated with performances of traditional songs and colourful folk dances of the region and chanting of prayers.

COMMITTEE FORMED TO REVIEW AFSPA



The ministry of home affairs has set up a high-level committee, headed by Vivek Joshi, a secretary-rank officer, to look into the possibility of withdrawing the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA) from Nagaland in the wake of rising tension in the state over the killing of 14 civilians on Dec 4-5.

The committee will look into the possibility of the withdrawal of the AFSPA in Nagaland, where it has been operational for decades, and a decision will be taken on the basis of its recommendations. The controversial Act gives sweeping powers to the armed forces to conduct operations and arrest anyone without any prior warrant.

- ❖ **The World Bank** sanctioned a loan worth \$125 million (about Rs. 1,000 crore) to the government of West Bengal to support its effort to help the poor and vulnerable groups access social protection services.

GOVT. INITIATIVES

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'MERI POLICY MERE HATH' SCHEME

The Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) successfully entered its 7th year of implementation with the upcoming Kharif 2022 season. It was launched on 18th February, 2016 in Sehore, Madhya Pradesh.

The Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare will launch a doorstep distribution drive to deliver crop insurance policies to the farmers under the 'Meri Policy Mere Hath' scheme in all implementing states.

The campaign aims to ensure that all farmers are well aware and equipped with all information on their policies, land records, the process of claim and grievance redressal under PMFBY.



NATIONAL DAM SAFETY AUTHORITY

The Central Government has established a National Dam Safety Authority, to discharge the powers and functions of the National Authority under the Dam Safety Act. The Authority came into force with effect from February 18, 2022.

The headquarters of the Authority will be located in the national capital region.

The Parliament of India had passed the Dam Safety Act 2021 on December 8, 2021, which seeks to provide an institutional architecture for dam safety in the country.

SEED SCHEME FOR WELFARE OF DNTs

The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment launched on Feb 16 a scheme named the Scheme for Economic Empowerment for DNTs, (SEED) for the welfare of Denotified, Nomadic and Semi Nomadic tribal Communities, which are the most neglected, marginalised and economically and socially deprived communities. *Historically, these communities never had access to private land or home ownership and used forests and grazing lands as the sole source for their livelihood and residential needs.*

PROJECT 'HEAL BY INDIA'



The government of India aims to promote the 'Heal by India' project for strengthening the country's educational institutions in the health sector and enhancing education to produce quality human resources for the health sector.

This initiative aims to generate overseas job opportunities for India's trained professionals in the health sector, making them eligible to work anywhere in the world.

'SMILE' FOR WELFARE OF TRANSGENDERS

The government launched the Central Sector Scheme "SMILE- Support for Marginalised Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise" in New Delhi on Feb 12. The umbrella scheme by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has been designed to provide welfare measures to the transgender community and people engaged in the act of begging.

It aims to provide social security to the targeted people by emphasising on providing medical care, education, occupational opportunities and shelter to them. There is also provision to provide scholarships to the transgender students.

NEW INDIA LITERACY PROGRAMME LAUNCHED



Government approved a new scheme 'New India Literacy Programme' for the period Financial Years 2022 to 2027 to cover all the aspects of Adult Education to align with National Education Policy 2020 and Budget Announcements 2021-22.

The National Education Policy 2020 has recommendations for Adult Education and Lifelong Learning.

The objective of the scheme is to impart not only foundational literacy and numeracy but also to cover other components which are necessary for a citizen of the 21st century. It includes critical life skills including financial literacy, digital literacy, commercial skills, health care and awareness, child care and education, and vocational skills development.

The scheme will cover non-literates of the age of 15 years and above in all states and UTs in the country. The target for Foundational Literacy and Numeracy for Financial Years 2022 to 2027 is five crore learners @ 1.00 crore per year by using Online Teaching, Learning and Assessment System – OTLAS.

GREEN HYDROGEN/AMMONIA POLICY NOTIFIED

The Ministry of Power has notified Green Hydrogen/Green Ammonia Policy for production of Green Hydrogen or Green Ammonia using renewable sources of energy. Hydrogen and Ammonia are envisaged to be the future fuels to replace fossil fuels. Production of these fuels by using power from renewable energy, termed as green hydrogen and green ammonia, is one of the major requirements towards environmentally sustainable energy security of the nation.

Implementation of this policy will provide clean fuel to the common people of the country and will reduce dependence on fossil fuel and also reduce crude oil imports. It will help in meeting the target of production of 5 million tonnes of green hydrogen by 2030 and the related development of renewable energy capacity.



RPF LAUNCHES 'OPERATION AAHT'

The Railway Protection Force has launched a nationwide "Operation AAHT" to curb human trafficking. Special teams will be deployed on all long-distance trains/routes with focus on rescuing victims, particularly women and children, from the clutches of traffickers.

The infrastructure and intelligence network of the RPF would be utilised to collect, collate and analyse clues on victims, source, route, destination, popular trains used by suspects, identity of carriers/agents, kingpins etc. and shared with other law-enforcing agencies.

According to the Walk Free Foundation Global Slavery Index 2018, India is home to an estimated 80 lakh victims of human trafficking, including victims of sex trafficking, bonded labour, child labour, domestic servitude and forced marriage.

NATIONAL LAND MONETISATION CORP.



The government plans to set up the National Land Monetisation Corporation (NLMC) to carry out the proposed monetization of the land and other non-core assets.

The initial authorised share capital of NLMC will be Rs 5000 crores, of which subscribed share capital will be Rs. 150 crores. So far, CPSEs (Central Public Sector Enterprises) have referred 3,400 acres of land and other non-core assets for monetization from CPSEs such as MTNL, BSNL, BPCL, B&R, BEML, HMT.

Asset monetisation, also referred to as asset or capital recycling, refers to limited period transfer of performing assets to unlock "idle" capital and reinvesting these funds in other assets or projects that deliver improved or additional benefits. It generally entails a limited period licence/ lease of an asset, owned by the government or a public authority, to a private sector entity for an upfront or periodic consideration (amount).

DIGITAL SANSAD APP LAUNCHED

To keep citizens updated on all Parliamentary proceedings and other activities, the government launched the Digital Sansad App on Jan 29.

The App will make it convenient for citizens to access general information about Members of Parliament, their participation in sessions, budget speeches since 1947 and proceedings from 12th Lok Sabha to 17th Lok Sabha.

The App will also contain the live telecast of Sansad proceedings. It will also provide a virtual tour of the Parliament.

JANUARY

'KOYLA DARPAN PORTAL' FOR COAL SECTOR



The Ministry of Coal launched the 'Koyla Darpan Portal' on Jan 21 to share Key Performance Indicators related to the Coal Sector. The portal will provide information on issues such as Coal Production, Status of Coal Stock in Thermal Power Plants, Allocation of Blocks, Monitoring of Major Coal Mines and Coal Price, etc. The portal is accessible through the website of the Ministry of Coal for maximum public outreach.

INDIA'S FIRST SPICE EXCHANGE LAUNCHED

India's first virtual platform for spice exports 'Spice Xchange India' was launched on Jan 20 in Kochi, Kerala. The spicexchangeindia.com, developed by the Spices Board, is a 3D virtual platform aimed at connecting India's spice exporters with buyers from around the world.

The portal uses AI-based technology to connect relevant spice buyers with Indian spice exporters. Buyers and sellers can access the database to find the potential customers on this platform.

'YOGYATA' APP TO UPSKILL RURAL YOUTH

Common Service Centres (CSC) launched an app on Jan 16 to provide vocational education and skill development to youths of rural areas. The app's name is 'Yogyata' (ability/aptitude). The app will provide access to courses that can enhance skills and educational qualifications of the rural youth. The courses will then help these youngsters in securing jobs in areas like cyber security, CAD, and 3D printing. The enrollment under the app will be done by village entrepreneurs managing Common Service Centres across the country.

The CSC programme is an initiative of the Ministry of Electronics & IT (MeitY) under the Digital India programme. CSCs are the access points for delivery of various digital services to villages in India. Further, they are positioned as change agents, promoting rural entrepreneurship and building rural capacities and livelihoods.



JAN 16 TO BE THE "NATIONAL START-UP DAY"



To make the culture of start-ups reach the far-flung parts of the country, it has been decided to celebrate January 16 as "National Start-up Day". This announcement was made by the Prime Minister on January 15 during his virtual interaction with startups of different sectors across the country. He said that Startup India and Standup India programmes will further our efforts in strengthening India's title of 'Techade'.

India has emerged as the 3rd largest ecosystem for startups globally with over 60,770 DPIIT-recognized startups across 636 districts of the country by end 2021. Of these, 81 were unicorns with a total valuation of \$ 274.17 billion. A unicorn is a privately held startup company with a value of over \$1 billion.

NATIONAL WATER AWARDS 2020 ANNOUNCED

The 3rd National Water Awards-2020 were announced by the Jal Shakti Ministry on January 7. Uttar Pradesh secured first position in the 'Best State Category', followed by Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu. National Water Awards recognize and encourage the exemplary work and the efforts made by the States, individuals, districts, etc. across the country in attaining the government's vision of 'Jal Samridh Bharat'.

They aim to create awareness among the people about the significance of water and attempt to motivate them to adopt better usage practices. They provide a good opportunity for the start-ups as well as the leading organizations to engage with the senior policymakers on adopting the best water resources management practices in India.





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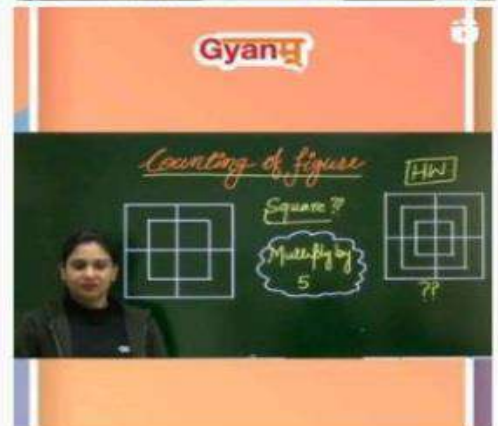
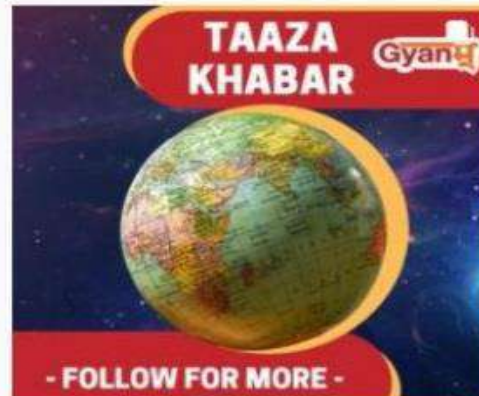
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EC RAISES POLL EXPENDITURE LIMITS



Keeping in view the rise in inflation, the Election Commission of India raised the existing election expenditure limit for candidates in Parliamentary and Assembly constituencies. The new limits will be applicable in all upcoming elections in the country. The last major revision in the election expenditure limit for candidates was carried out in 2014, which was further increased by 10 % in 2020.

Expenditure ceilings for Parliamentary constituencies:

- *Bigger states (Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and Karnataka)- Rs 95 lakh (from Rs. 70 lakh)*
- *Smaller states (Goa, Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh and UTs) – Rs. 75 lakh (from Rs 54 lakh)*
- *Expenditure limits for Assembly constituencies:*
- *Bigger states: Rs 40 lakh (from Rs 28 lakhs)*
- *Smaller states: Rs 28 lakhs (from Rs 20 lakhs)*

SMART CITIES MISSION LAUNCHES 'SAAR' PROG.

The Smart Cities Mission under the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, launched the "Smart cities and Academia Towards Action & Research (SAAR)" programme on Jan 5. It is a joint initiative of the Ministry, National Institute of Urban Affairs and leading Indian academic institutions of the country.

Under the programme, 15 premier architecture & planning institutes of the country will be working with Smart Cities to document landmark projects undertaken by the Smart Cities Mission. It will provide opportunities to students for engagement on urban development projects and enable real-time information flow between urban practitioners and academia.



NEAT 3.0 TO POLISH TECH EDUCATION

Union Minister for Education and Skill Development, Dharmendra Pradhan on Jan 3 launched NEAT 3.0 - a special online education initiative. NEAT (National Educational Alliance for Technology) aims to provide the best-developed technological solutions in the education sector to enhance the employability of the youth.

These solutions use Artificial Intelligence for a personalized and customized learning experience for better learning outcomes and skill development in the niche areas. 58 global and Indian start-up ed-tech companies are onboard NEAT for offering 100 courses and e-resources for improving learning outcomes and developing employable skills.

INDIA SEMICONDUCTOR MISSION LAUNCHED

Union Information Technology Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw launched the India Semiconductor Mission on December 29. Under the scheme, the companies that are interested in developing the semiconductors and display manufacturing ecosystem in India can start applying from January 1, 2022. The companies will have the benefit of availing incentives amounting to Rs. 76,000-crore.

India Semiconductor Mission is a specialised business division that has been created within the Digital India Corporation. The mission aims to build a vibrant semiconductor and display ecosystem to enable India's emergence as a global hub for electronics manufacturing and design.

A semiconductor is a material product that is usually made up of silicon, which conducts electricity more than an insulator, such as glass, but less than a pure conductor, such as metallic copper or aluminium. Silicon is the 14th element on the Periodic Table. It's a metalloid, meaning it has properties of both metals and nonmetals, and is the second most abundant element in the Earth's crust, after oxygen.

ECONOMY & INDUSTRY

FEBRUARY

GDP SHRINKAGE FOR 2020-21 REVISED TO 6.6%

The latest data released by the National Statistical Office on Jan 31 shows that the Indian economy contracted by only 6.6% percent in 2020-21 and not by 7.3% as estimated earlier, showing that the Covid-19 pandemic hit economy did not perform as badly as was initially worked out.

As per the provisional estimates released in May 2021, the GDP had contracted by 7.3 per cent during 2020-21 on account of the outbreak of Covid-19 and subsequent nationwide lockdown to contain the pandemic.

Real GDP or GDP at constant prices (2011-12) for the years 2020-21 and 2019-20 stood at Rs 135.58 lakh crore and Rs 145.16 lakh crore, respectively, showing a contraction of 6.6 per cent during 2020-21 as compared to growth of 3.7 per cent during 2019-20.

Per Capita Income i.e. Per Capita Net National Income at current prices has been estimated at Rs 1,26,855 for the year 2020-21 and Rs 1,32,115 for the year 2019-20.

RECORD FOODGRAINS PRODUCTION IN 2021-22



The Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Ministry released on Feb 16 the Second Advance Estimates of production of major crops for 2021-22. The record foodgrains production of over 316 million tonnes is estimated for 2021-22.

This is higher by 5.32 million tonnes than the production of foodgrains during 2020-21. It includes record production of 127.9 million tonnes of Rice and 111.3 million tonnes of Wheat.

VEDANTA TO MANUFACTURE SEMICONDUCTORS

The metals and minerals giant Vedanta and Hon Hai Technology Group (also known as Foxconn) of Taiwan formed a joint venture to manufacture semiconductors in India. This is the first JV in the electronics manufacturing space after the PLI policy. The Vedanta Group had in January shared its intent to invest \$15 billion for making displays and semiconductor chips in India over the coming five years.

In Dec. 2021, the Centre had cleared a Profit Linked Incentive scheme for semiconductor and display board production in the country targeting an investment of Rs. 76,000 crore over the next five to six years. India Semiconductor Mission was also announced recently with the aim to attract large investments for manufacturing facilities in the midst of a global chip crisis.

DABUR FIRST TO BECOME PLASTIC NEUTRAL

Dabur India, a noted Ayurvedic products company of India, has become the first Indian consumer goods company to become completely plastic waste neutral. It has done this by collecting, processing and recycling around 27,000 metric tonnes of post-consumer plastic waste during FY 21-22. Dabur has achieved the landmark of surpassing its plastic packaging usage with recycling.



USA BECOMES INDIA'S TOP TRADING PARTNER

The USA replaced China as India's top trading partner in the calendar year 2021 with a trade volume of \$112.3 billion. Very close to The USA was China at second spot with a trade volume of \$110.4 billion. New Delhi's strenuous ties with China have affected trade volumes as policymakers tried to cut Chinese imports.

TATASKY CHANGES NAME TO TATA PLAY

Tata Sky, the leading Direct to Home (DTH) platform, has dropped 'sky' brand name after 18 years and has rechristened itself as Tata Play on January 26. The new brand identity Tata Play aims to grow beyond offering just DTH service and offer television-cum-OTT (over-the-top) offerings in combined packages with Netflix.

JANUARY

INDIA'S GDP TO GROW BY 9.2% IN 2021-22



The National Statistical Office in the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation Ministry released its first Advance Estimates of National Income for the financial year 2021-22 on Jan 8. It estimated that India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) will rise 9.2 per cent in the current fiscal as compared to a contraction of 7.3 per cent in the financial year 2020-21. In actual numbers, the real GDP in 2021-22 is estimated at Rs 147.54 lakh crore against the provisional estimate of Rs 135.13 lakh crore.

IMF SLASHES INDIA'S GROWTH RATE TO 9%

In its latest update of World Economic Outlook released on Jan 25, the Washington-based International Monetary Fund (IMF) has cut India's economic growth forecast to 9% for the year 2021-22, on concerns over the impact of a spread of a new variant of coronavirus on business activity and mobility. In October last year, it had projected a 9.5% GDP growth for India.

UN PREDICTS INDIA'S GDP GROWTH AT 6.5%

As per the United Nations World Economic Situation and Prospects (WESP) 2022 report, India's GDP for the 2021-22 financial year is expected to grow at 6.5 percent. Earlier this was estimated at 8.4 percent. However, the report stated that "India's economic recovery is on a solid path, amid rapid vaccination progress, less stringent social restrictions and still supportive fiscal and monetary stances."

WB PUT INDIA'S GDP GROWTH AT 8.3%



The World Bank has said that the Indian economy is expected to grow at 8.3 percent in the current financial year (2021-22).

It has upgraded India's GDP growth for the next fiscal (2022-23) to 8.7 percent, reflecting higher investment from the private sector and in infrastructure, and dividends from ongoing reforms.

In its latest Global Economic Prospects, World Bank said, the growth outlook will also be supported by ongoing structural reforms, a better-than-expected financial sector recovery, and measures to resolve financial sector challenges despite ongoing risks.

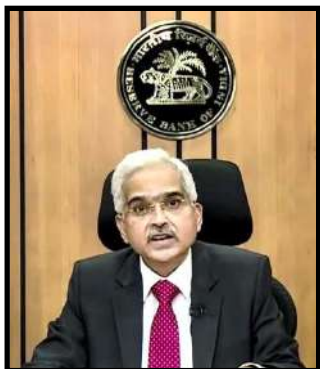
INDIA EXCELS IN EXPORT OF GHERKINS

India has emerged as the largest exporter of cucumber and gherkins in the world, exporting over 1.23 lakh metric tonnes of it with a value of \$114 million during April to October, 2021. In the full year 2020-21, India had shipped over 2.23 lakh metric tonnes of cucumber and gherkins with a value of \$223 million. Currently, gherkins is exported to more than 20 countries, with major destinations being North America, European countries and Oceania countries

BANKING & FINANCE

FEBRUARY

RBI KEEPS ALL KEY RATES UNCHANGED



Announcing RBI's bi-monthly monetary policy decisions on February 10, RBI has projected real GDP growth at 7.8 percent for the fiscal year 2022-23.

The Monetary Policy Committee voted by a majority of 5 to 1 to continue with its accommodative stance as long as necessary to revive

and sustain growth on a durable basis, while ensuring that inflation remains within target.

Accordingly, the repo rate was kept unchanged at 4 percent and the reverse repo rate unchanged at 3.35%.

RBI SECOND LARGEST BUYER OF GOLD

The Reserve Bank of India emerged as the second-largest buyer of yellow metal among the world's Central Banks in 2021. The largest buyer, the Central Bank of Thailand, bought 90 metric tonnes of gold while RBI bought 77.5 metric tonnes taking its total gold reserve to 754.1 tonnes at the end of December 2021. India's official gold reserves are ninth-largest in the world. This data has been released by Goldhub, the official website of the World Gold Council (WGC) that maintains all the data regarding precious metals.

FIRST ADB LOAN TO A PRIVATE COMPANY

IIFL Home Finance Ltd signed a \$68-million loan agreement with Asian Development Bank to improve financial access to affordable green housing for lower-income groups in India. The funding comprises a direct ADB loan of up to \$58 million and a \$10-million concessional loan by the Canadian Climate Fund for the Private Sector in Asia.



This is ADB's first such agreement with the private sector in the country. From ADB's loan, 80 percent will be earmarked for lending to women borrowers or co-borrowers and 20 per cent will be allocated to financing mortgages for green-certified homes.

SOUTH INDIAN BANK "BEST IN TECHNOLOGY"

The 17th edition of the annual IBA Banking Technology Awards was held on Feb 16. This year's theme was "Next Gen Banking" for recognising technologies and practises in the banking industry that have demonstrated a high degree of innovation over the past year. Kerala based South Indian Bank secured 6 out of 7 coveted awards in the categories such as:

Best Technology Bank of the Year (Small Banks);
Best IT Risk Management and Cyber Security Initiatives (Small Banks);
Best Fintech Collaboration (Small Banks);
Joint winner - Best Use of AI/ML and Data Analytics (Small Banks)
Runner Up - Best Cloud Adoption (Small Banks)
Joint Runner Up - Best Payments Initiatives (among all private banks)
IBA, Indian Banks' Association represents 247 banking companies operating in India.

BIGGEST BANK LOAN FRAUD DISCOVERED



The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) registered an FIR against ABG Shipyard Ltd and its directors, including chairman and managing director Rishi Kamlesh Agarwal, in what could be the biggest bank fraud case in the banking history of India.

The company defaulted on ₹ 22,842 crore loans that it owed to 28 banks including State Bank of India, IDBI Bank, ICICI Bank. The company took loans from these banks and then diverted them. It allegedly made investments in overseas subsidiaries from the loan amounts, bought assets in the names of affiliated companies, and also transferred money to several related parties.

ABG Shipyard is the flagship company of the ABG Group which is engaged in shipbuilding and ship repair. Their shipyards are located in Dahej and Surat in Gujarat.

JANUARY

RBI SETS UP NEW FINTECH DEPARTMENT

With a view to focus more on the "dynamically" growing financial sector, RBI has set up a separate Fintech Department. The new department has been created with effect from January 04 by subsuming the FinTech Division of Department of Payment and Settlement Systems at Central Office.

The department will not only promote innovation in the sector, but also identify the challenges and opportunities associated with it and address them in a timely manner. It will also provide a framework for further research on the subject that can aid policy interventions by the Bank.



RBI ALLOWS OFFLINE DIGITAL PAYMENTS

To push digital transactions in rural and semi-urban areas, the RBI issued fresh guidelines on Jan 03 for allowing offline payments up to Rs 200 per transaction, subject to an overall limit of Rs 2,000. The new framework is applicable with immediate effect.

Under the offline mode, payments can be carried out face-to-face (proximity mode) using any channel or instrument like cards, wallets, and mobile devices. However, since the transactions are offline, alerts (by way of SMS and/or e-mail) will be received by the customer after a time lag.

An offline digital payment means a transaction that does not require internet or telecom connectivity.

SBI, ICICI & HDFC RETAINED AS D-SIBS

Reserve Bank of India has retained State Bank of India, ICICI Bank and HDFC Bank as Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs) for the year 2021, on the basis of their data as March 31, 2021. These three banks have continued to be on the D-SIBs list published by RBI, since Sep 04, 2017. D-SIBs are those banks which if fail would have a significant impact on the banking industry and economy as a whole. As such, they are required to maintain some extra tier-1 capital, as compared to other banks, as a precautionary measure.

LIC, GIC-Re, NIAC ARE SYSTEMICALLY IMP.

The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India has announced that LIC, GIC-Re and New India Assurance Company would continue to be identified as Domestic Systemically Important Insurers (D-SIIs) for the year 2022.

D-SIIs are perceived as insurance companies that are too big or too important to fail.



DEFENCE, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

FEBRUARY

COAST GUARD RECEIVES ICGS SAKSHAM

Public sector shipbuilder, Goa Shipyard Ltd delivered the 5th and final vessel of the 5 Coast Guard Offshore Patrol Vehicle (CGOPV) Project to the Indian Coast Guard, head of contractual schedule. The vessel was named ICGS 'Saksham'.

All these OPVs will form a formidable part of the Coast Guard Fleet for protection of the Exclusive Economic Zone of territorial waters of the nation.

TEJAS MK-I SHOWCASED IN SINGAPORE



A 44-member contingent of the Indian Air Force participated in the 'Singapore AirShow-2022' at the Changi International Airport, Singapore, from 15th to 18th of February. India's highlight was the indigenous Tejas MK-I fighter aircraft which enthralled the viewers with its low-level aerobatics and its superior handling characteristics and manoeuvrability.

Singapore Air Show is a biennial event which provides a platform for the Global Aviation Industry to showcase their products. India has set a target of clocking defence exports worth \$5 billion by 2024.

ARMY STARTS RFID TAGGING OF AMMUNITION

The Indian Army commenced implementing Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) tagging of its ammunition inventory. The first consignment of RFID tagged ammunition, comprising three lots of 5.56mm ammunition, was dispatched on Feb 09 from Ammunition Factory, Khadki (Pune) to Central Ammunition Depot, Pulgaon (Wardha) in Maharashtra. *Implementation of the RFID solution for ammunition asset visibility will transform the management of ammunition and bring in a quantum jump in ammunition lot management and tracking capability.*

INDIAN ARMY TO GET KONKURS-M MISSILE

The Indian Army signed a contract worth Rs 3,131.82 crore with Bharat Dynamics Limited, Hyderabad for the manufacture and supply of Konkurs-M anti-tank guided missiles.

Konkurs-M is a second generation, mechanised infantry anti-tank guided missile, to destroy armoured vehicles. It has a range between 75 to 4000 metres. The missile is being manufactured under technical support from Russia.

INDIAN NAVY TO GET INS VAGIR

The fifth submarine of Project 75, Yard 11879, under Indian Navy's Kalvari class, commenced her sea trials on 01 Feb. The submarine has been built by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited, Mumbai. The submarine would be named INS Vagir, after commissioning into the Indian Navy.

"Milan 2022": One of the biggest naval exercises started on Feb 25 in the Bay of Bengal. The exercise was held in two phases – first phase from Feb 25 to 28 and the sea phase from March 1 to 4. Quad members India, US, Australia and Japan were among 16 nations which sent their ships for the drill. In all, 40 nations joined the drill.

Eastern Bridge-VI: The Indian Air Force and Royal Air Force of Oman organised bilateral air exercise from Feb 21 to 25 at Air Force Station Jodhpur in Rajasthan.

ISRO LAUNCHED 3 SATELLITES SUCCESSFULLY

Marking the first launch mission of the year 2022, Indian Space Research Organisation-ISRO launched its PSLV-C52 rocket from Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh on Feb 14. It placed earth observation satellite EOS-04 and two small satellites – INSPIRESat-1 and INS-2TD successfully into the intended sun synchronous polar orbit at 529 km altitude.

EOS-04, weighing 1,710 kg, is a Radar Imaging Satellite designed to provide high quality images under all weather conditions for applications such as agriculture, forestry and plantations, soil moisture and hydrology and flood mapping.

INSPIRESat-1 is from Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology (IIST) in association with Laboratory of Atmospheric and Space Physics at University of Colorado Boulder, while INS-2TD is a technology demonstrator satellite from ISRO.

JANUARY

ARMY SETS UP QUANTUM COMPUTING LAB

The Indian Army has set up a quantum computing laboratory and a center for artificial intelligence (AI) at the Military College of Telecommunication Engineering in Mhow, Madhya Pradesh. The Quantum Lab has been set up with the support of the National Security Council.

The two centers will carry out extensive research in developing the transformative technologies for use by the armed forces. The Centre will also facilitate the research and training in the developing field of Quantum and artificial intelligence.

Quantum Technology is based on the principles of Quantum mechanics developed in the early 20th century to describe nature at the scale of atoms and elementary particles. Using quantum superposition, a set of unbreakable codes or super-speedy information processing, quantum computers are able to mimic several classical computers working in parallel, for achieving super high-speed computations.



ALH MK III EXPORTED TO MAURITIUS



In line with the Indian government's vision to boost defence exports to friendly countries, Hindustan Aeronautics Limited signed a contract with the Government of Mauritius for export of one Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH Mk III) for Mauritius Police Force.

FIRST EXPORT ORDER FOR BRAHMOS MISSILE

In a first export order for the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile from India, the Philippines confirmed a \$374.96 million contract for the purchase of a shore-based anti-ship variant of BrahMos. The missile is manufactured by BrahMos Aerospace Private Ltd. in India. It is a joint venture with Russia.

BRAHMOS SUPERSONIC MISSILE TESTED

The Indian Navy successfully test fired an extended range sea-to-sea variant of the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile from its newly commissioned INS Visakhapatnam on Jan 11. BrahMos missiles with cruise speed up to 2.8 mach, are designed and developed by BrahMos Aerospace, a joint venture company set up by DRDO and Mashinostroyeniya of Russia.

Indian Navy and Russian Navy undertook PASSEX exercises on Jan 14 at the port of Cochin, in the Arabian Sea. The exercise showcased cohesiveness and interoperability between the two navies.

India and Japan conducted a major naval exercise in the Bay of Bengal on Jan 13. Indian Naval ships Shivalik and Kadmat and Japan Maritime Self-Defence Force (JMSDF) ships Uraga and Hirado took part in the exercise.



Sea Dragon 22: India participated in the US-led annual multinational anti-submarine warfare training exercise held in Guam in the Western Pacific from Jan 5 for ten days. The exercise focused on honing anti-submarine warfare training.

CHINA'S ROVER DISCOVERS WATER ON MOON

In a far-reaching development, China's Chang'e 5 lunar lander has found the first-ever on-site evidence of water on the surface of the moon.

The study published on Jan 8 in the journal Science Advances revealed that the lunar soil at the landing site contains less than 120 parts-per-million (ppm) water or 120 grams water per ton, and a light, vesicular rock carries 180 ppm.

The presence of water had been confirmed till now by remote observation but the lander has now detected signs of water in rocks and soil.

CHINA CREATES ARTIFICIAL SUN FOR 20 MIN.

In a recent experiment with its 'artificial sun', China's fusion reactor ran successfully for almost 20 minutes at a stunning 70 million degrees Celsius, almost five times hotter than the real Sun. The Experimental Advanced Superconducting Tokamak (EAST), which is called the Chinese "Artificial Sun", is an experimental superconducting tokamak magnetic fusion energy reactor in Hefei, capital of east China's Anhui Province.

Aimed at achieving a cheap source of clean energy, the reactor strives at utilizing the power of nuclear fusion which is a less explored way of harnessing nuclear energy. In nuclear fusion, two or more atomic nuclei merge together to produce a single heavier nucleus, neutrons, and huge amounts of energy. Hence, fusion energy is considered the ideal "ultimate energy" for the future of humanity.



INTERNATIONAL NEWS

FEBRUARY

RUSSIA INVADES UKRAINE



Weeks of intense diplomacy and the imposition of Western sanctions on Russia failed to deter it from amassing between 150,000 and 200,000 troops along the borders of Ukraine. Russian President Vladimir Putin launched a military operation in Ukraine on Feb 24.

He said the attack was needed to protect civilians in eastern Ukraine—a claim the U.S. had predicted he would falsely make to justify an invasion. He claimed that rebels in eastern Ukraine asked Russia for military assistance to help fend off Ukrainian “aggression.”

JP MORGAN FIRST BANK TO ENTER METAVERSE

JPMorgan Chase & Co, one of the biggest banks of the USA, became the first bank to mark its entry in metaverse.

JPMorgan's blockchain unit -Onyx, formed in 2020, set up the lounge as it released a paper on how businesses can explore opportunities in the metaverse. The lounge is located at the Metajuku mall in Decentraland, a browser-based metaverse world.

A metaverse is a network of 3D virtual worlds focused on social connection and it can be defined as a simulated digital environment that uses augmented reality (AR), virtual reality (VR), and blockchain, along with concepts from social media, to create spaces for rich user interaction mimicking the real world.

GLOBAL TRADE UP BY WHOOPING 25%

The annual Global Trade Update 2022 released by the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) on 17 February shows that the value of global trade, both in goods and services, reached a record level of \$28.5 trillion in 2021.

This is an increase of 25% compared to 2020 and 13% higher compared to 2019.

The main factors behind the positive trend for trade in 2021 was increase in commodity prices, subsiding pandemic restrictions and a strong recovery in demand due to economic stimulus packages.

ISRAEL 1st TO PERMIT DRONES IN CIVIL SPACE

Israel became the first country to issue certification for unmanned aircraft vehicles (UAVs) to operate in civilian airspace.

The certification was issued on Feb 9 to the Hermes Starliner, a unit of Elbit Systems, an Israeli defence electronics company. The approval will allow Elbit's drones to fly in civilian airspace like any other civilian airliner, rather than being restricted to non-segregated airspace.

Most currently available UAVs lack the necessary sensors to operate in civilian airspace without interfering with other aircraft. As a result, many countries have laws forbidding powerful drones that reach high altitudes from flying in civilian airspace.

KOALA DECLARED ENDANGERED IN AUSTRALIA

The Australian Government has designated Koala as an endangered species across most of its east coast following rapid decline in its population following outbreak of wildfires, drought and disease.

Koalas, also known as Marsupials, were once thriving on the Eastern Coast of Australia. However, they have recently fallen victim to rash land clearing, catastrophic bushfires that led to shrinking its eucalyptus tree habitats across the country.

SAMSUNG BECOMES TOP CHIP MAKER

Samsung Electronics, a leading South Korean electronics manufacturing giant, surpassed US chipmaker Intel to become the world's leading chipmaker by revenue in 2021, according to a report released by research firm Counterpoint Technology Market Research.

Samsung recorded a 31.6% increase in revenue, overtaking Intel for the first time since 2018. In terms of market share, Samsung claimed 13% of market share, against 12.5% of Intel.

JANUARY

WORLD ECONOMY TO GROW BY 4.1%: WB

The latest Global Economic Prospects report released by the World Bank states that the global economy is on track to grow by 4.1 per cent in 2022. The semiannual report added that global recovery is set to decelerate markedly amid continued Covid-19 flare-ups, diminished policy support, and lingering supply bottlenecks.



APPLE MARKET CAP TOUCHES \$3 TRILLION



Global tech giant Apple Inc created history on January 3 by becoming the first company to hit a \$3 trillion stock market value, although for a short while as the value dipped a hair below later in the day. Its shares hit an intraday high of \$182.88, putting Apple's market value just above \$3 trillion on Jan 3. Market value of a company is arrived at by multiplying its share price with the total number of its shares in the market. It may be noted here that India's GDP is estimated at \$ 2.70 trillion.

Investors expect that the company will keep launching best-selling products as it explores new markets such as automated cars and virtual reality. The iPhone maker passed the \$2 trillion market cap in 2020 and \$1 trillion mark in 2018.

SHANGHAI HAS LONGEST DRIVERLESS METRO

Shanghai, the largest city of China, opened two new driverless metro lines, retaining its rank as the city with the largest Metro network in the world, extending to 831 km. The two new automatic lines bring the total number of fully automatic metro lines in Shanghai to five, with an operating length of 167 km, ranking first in the world for the first time.

EGYPT JOINS THE NEW DEVELOPMENT BANK

Egypt joined the New Development Bank (NDB) as its latest member (fourth), with an aim to support the government's efforts towards meeting its financing needs. Earlier in Sep 2021, three countries, Bangladesh, UAE and Uruguay were admitted as members. Membership expansion enables NDB to position itself as a premier development institution for emerging economies.

NDB was established in July, 2014 by the BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) as a multilateral development bank to promote funding of infrastructure projects in member countries. Its headquarters are in Shanghai, China and its current President is Marcos Troyjo.



PERSONS IN NEWS

FEBRUARY

Dr V. Anantha Nageswaran: Noted professor, writer, author, and consultant has been appointed Chief Economic Advisor to the Government of India. He has taught at several business schools and institutes of management in India and in Singapore.

Until recently, he was the Dean of the IFMR Graduate School of Business and a distinguished Visiting Professor of Economics at Krea University, Andhra Pradesh. He replaced K V Subramanian, who returned to academics.

JANUARY

Narendra Modi: The Indian Prime Minister emerged as the most popular leader worldwide, according to a US-based global leader approval tracker, Morning Consult Political Intelligence. Mr. Modi topped with 71 percent approval ratings among the 13 world leaders. The Mexican President secured 2nd rank with 68% approvals. The US President, Joe Biden was ranked at number six with a 43 percent rating.

Alia Bhatt: Popular Bollywood actress was named as 2021 Person of the Year by the US based animal welfare NGO PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) in recognition of her



work to support an animal-friendly fashion industry and for her advocacy for dogs and cats in need.

Captain Harpreet Chandi: A 32-year-old Indian-origin British Sikh Army officer and physiotherapist, also known as Polar Preet, created history on Jan 3 by becoming the first non-white woman to complete a solo unsupported trek to the South Pole. Chandi completed her trip in 40 days, pulling her sledge with all her kit for about 1127 km, braving temperatures of minus 50 degrees Celsius and wind speeds upto 100 kmph.

Maya Angelou: A new US quarter dollar coin featuring the legendary American poet, went into circulation on Jan 10 in the USA, making her the first Black woman ever to appear on the US coin. The new coin features George Washington's visage on the "heads" side, while the "tails" side honours Angelou by evoking one of her most famous works, the autobiography "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings." She passed "way i" May, 2014.



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APPOINTMENTS

FEBRUARY



Dr. Debashis Mitra, CA: Elected as the President of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) for the year 2022-23.

M Jagadesh Kumar: Appointed as the new Chairman of the University Grants Commission (UGC). Currently, he is the Vice Chancellor of the Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

N Chandrasekaran: Re-appointed as the Executive Chairman of the Tata Sons Pvt Ltd, the holding company of all Tata companies, for the second five years term, by the company board.

Frank-Walter Steinmeier: Re-elected as the President of Germany for a second term of five years by a special parliamentary assembly on Feb 13.

Anibal Torres: Appointed as the prime minister of Peru by the President Pedro Castillo. He is the fourth PM in the last six months.

Antonio Costo: Re-elected as the Prime Minister of Portugal.

Sergio Mattarella: Re-elected as the Italian President for a second seven-year term.

JANUARY



S Somanath: Eminent rocket scientist has been appointed the new chairman of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) as well as the Space Secretary, for a period of three years.

He will succeed K Sivan who completed his extended tenure on Jan 14. He is currently Director of Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC), Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.

Vinay Kumar Tripathi: Appointed as the new Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Railway Board by the Appointment Committee of the Cabinet.

Atul Kumar Goel: Appointed as the new MD & CEO of Punjab National Bank, the biggest nationalised bank of the country.

Soma Sankara Prasad: Appointed as the new MD & CEO of UCO Bank

Virender Singh Pathania: Took charge as the Director-General of the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) on December 31.

Denis Alipov: Appointed as the new Russian ambassador to India.

Zhang Ming: Veteran Chinese diplomat took over as the new Secretary-General of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) on 1st January. He replaced Vladimir Norov, a former diplomat from Uzbekistan, who completed his tenure on Dec 31, 2021.

Dimitar Kovacevski: Elected as the new prime minister of North Macedonia, a small landlocked country north of Greece.

Roberta Metsola: A Christian Democrat from Malta, was elected President of the European Union's parliament on Jan 18. At the age of 43, she is the European Parliament's youngest president.

Ali Khan Smailov: Appointed as the new Prime Minister of Kazakhstan by the President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev.

AWARDS & HONOURS

FEBRUARY

Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival Awards 2022 were conferred to the recipients in a ceremony held on February 20 in Mumbai.

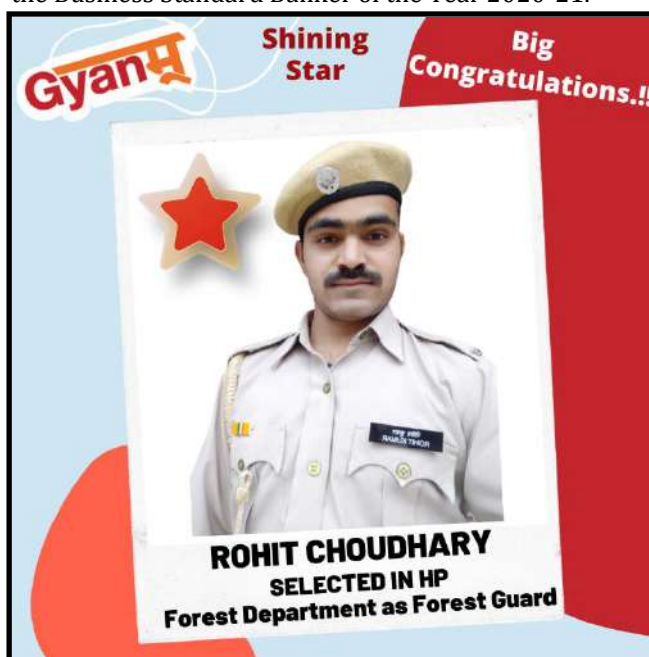
Best Actor: Ranveer Singh for '83'

Best Actress: Kriti Sanon for Mimi

Best Director: Ken Gosh for 'State of Siege: Temple Attack'

Best Film: 'Shershaah' by Vishnuvardhan

Sandeep Bakhshi: MD and CEO of ICICI Bank named as the Business Standard Banker of the Year 2020-21.



JANUARY

PADMA AWARDS 2022 ANNOUNCED



The Government announced the Padma Awards, country's highest civilian honours (after Bharat Ratna) on Jan 25. In total 128 awards were announced which include four Padma

Vibhushan, 17 Padma Bhushan, and 107 Padma Shri. Former Chief of Defence Staff General Bipin Rawat, former Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Kalyan Singh and former President of Gita Press, Radheshyam Khemka were honoured with Padma Vibhushan posthumously. The fourth Padma Vibhushan has been conferred upon Classical Vocalist Dr. Prabha Atre. 89 year old Dr. Atre is a renowned singer from the Kirana Gharana.

17 Padma Bhushan awardees include Krishna and Suchitra Ella of Bharat Biotech who brought Covaxin; Cyrus Poonawala of Serum Institute who brought Covishield; former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Ghulam Nabi Azad, former West Bengal Chief Minister Buddhadeb Bhattacharya (he refused to accept the award), former CAG Rajiv Mehrishi, Paralympic javelin thrower Devendra Jhajharia (two times paralympic gold medalist), Odia author Pratibha Ray, Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella and Google CEO Sundar Pichai.

Among 107 Padma Shri awardees are Olympic gold medallist Neeraj Chopra, Tokyo Paralympics gold Medalist Pramod Bhagat, Sumit Antil and Avani Lekhara, Hockey player Vandana Kataria, singer Sonu Nigam and a number of selfless social workers.

The Padma Awards are one of the highest civilian honours of India announced annually on the eve of Republic Day. Instituted in 1954, the Awards recognize achievements in all fields of activities or disciplines where an element of public service is involved.

They are conferred on the recommendations made by the Padma Awards Committee, constituted by the Prime Minister. The total number of awards to be given in a year is limited to 120, however, excluding posthumous awards and to NRI, foreigners and overseas citizens (OCI).

Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar 2022 (Disaster Management Awards) Awarded to Gujarat Institute of Disaster Management in the Institutional category and to Professor Vinod Sharma in the Individual category, for their excellent work in Disaster Management. Prof. Sharma is a senior professor at the Indian Institute of Public Administration and Vice-Chairman of the Sikkim State Disaster Management Authority.

This award is announced every year on 23rd Jan, the birth anniversary of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. The award carries a cash prize of Rs. 51 lakh and a certificate in case of an institution and 5 lakh rupees as well as a certificate in case of an individual.

79th Golden Globe awards

The winners for the prestigious film awards were announced on January 9 at Hotel Beverly Hilton in Beverly Hills, California.

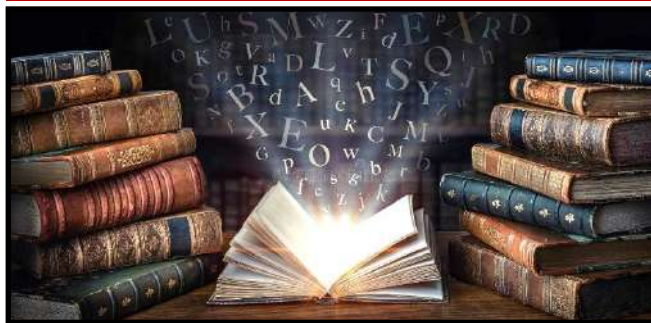
Best Motion Picture (Drama): The Power of The Dog by Jane Campion

Best Director: Jane Campion for The Power Of The Dog

Best Actress: Nicole Kidman for Being the Ricardos

Best Actor: Will Smith for King Richards

BOOKS & AUTHORS



FEBRUARY

The \$10 Trillion Dream by Subhash Chandra Garg, a former finance secretary of India

How to Prevent the Next Pandemic by Bill Gates

Rebels Against The Raj by Ramachandra Guha

Fearless Governance by Dr Kiran Bedi, former Lt Governor of Puducherry and IPS (retd).

Atal Bihari Vajpayee by Sagarika Ghose, noted journalist

The Founders by Jimmy Soni

Text for You by Sofie Cramer

Red Thread of Fate by Lyn Liao Butler

Black Cake by Charmaine Wilkerson

House of Sky and Breath by Sarah J. Maas

The Books of Jacob by Olga Tokarczuk, Nobel laureate

JANUARY

A Little Group of India by Ruskin Bond

The Turnover Wizard - Saviour of Thousands by Arup Roy Choudhury

Indomitable- Autobiography of Arundhati Bhattacharya, former chairman of SBI

Mamta: Beyond 2021 by Jayanta Ghosal

Ratan N Tata: The Authorised Biography by Dr. Thomas Mathew

The Muslim Vanishes by Saeed Naqvi

Reminders of Him by Colleen Hoover

Joan is Okay by Weike Wang

Anthem by Noah Hawley

Fiona and Jane by Jean Chen Ho

OBITUARY

FEBRUARY

Lata Mangeshkar: Bharat Ratna awardee cultural icon and legendary singer, finally lost her battle to Covid on Feb 06 at Mumbai's Breach Candy Hospital, drawing curtains on a long and illustrious life of 92 years. In her glorious career of 80 years, Lata ji sang over 25,000 songs in almost all leading Indian languages.

Born in 1929, Lata Mangeshkar was the eldest of five siblings, including Asha Bhosle and Usha Mangeshkar. She started formal singing from 1942 at the age of 13 years, but her break came in 1949 when she sang iconic song "Aayega Aane Wala", the haunting Khemchand Prakash composition from Mahal (1949), sealing her supremacy in the Indian film industry for decades to come, with no rival in sight.

She was awarded Bharat Ratna, Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan and Dada Saheb Phalke awards. She was lovingly referred to as the 'Nightingale of India' (Bharat Kokila), Queen of Melody and 'Swar Samragyi' (Empress of Melody). In 1991, The Guinness Book of Records listed Mangeshkar as the most recorded artist in the world with not less than "30,000 solo, duet and chorus-backed songs" recorded in 20 Indian languages between 1948 and 1987.



Bappi Lahiri: Renowned music composer and singer who popularised disco music in India in the 80s and 90s, died at Mumbai's CritiCare Hospital on Feb 16. He was 69. Bappi Da delivered popular songs in several films of the late 1970s-80s like 'Chalte Chalte', 'Disco Dancer', and 'Sharaabi'. His last Bollywood song titled Bhankas was for the 2020 film 'Baaghi 3'.

His real name was Alokesh Lahiri and he was known for his penchant for heavy gold ornaments.

Rahul Bajaj: Veteran industrialist and former chairman of Bajaj Group, passed away on Feb 12 in Pune, Maharashtra. He was 83. He acted as the chairman of the Bajaj Group for 50 years.

He would always be remembered for introducing the "Bajaj Chetak" scooter in early 70s that became a symbol of aspiration in pre-liberalisation India. He launched his company's all-time famous taglines, "Hamara Bajaj" and "You just can't beat a Bajaj". He was also a Rajya Sabha Member from 2006 to 2010. He was awarded the Padma Bhushan in 2001.

JANUARY

Birju Maharaj: Legendary Kathak dancer breathed his last on January 17 at his Delhi residence. He would have been 84 next month. He was also a renowned classical singer. He was honoured with several top awards, including India's second-highest civilian award, the Padma Vibhushan in 1986.

Major Hari Pal Singh Ahluwalia: Professional mountaineer and an author and social worker, passed away at the age of 85. He was honoured with the Padma Bhushan (2002), Padma Shri (1965), Arjuna Award (1965) and the Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award (2009).

Sidney Poitier: The actor who broke through racial barriers as the first Black winner of the best actor Oscar in 1963 for his role in Lilies of the Field, and inspired a generation during the civil rights movement, died on Jan 6 at age 94 at his residence in Los Angeles.

He has been known for his movies like *In the Heat of the Night*, *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner*, *Lilies in the Field* and many more. In 2009, Poitier was awarded the highest U.S. civilian honor, the Presidential Medal of Freedom, by President Barack Obama. He was knighted by Britain's Queen Elizabeth II in 1974.

PLACES IN NEWS

FEBRUARY

Tempest Eunice: Thirteen people were killed by falling trees, flying debris and high winds on Feb 18-19 in Britain, Ireland, the Netherlands, Belgium, Germany and Poland as Storm Eunice carved a deadly trail across Western Europe.

Over one million households were knocked off the grid. The fierce Atlantic storm brought record winds of up to 196 kmph to Britain, causing widespread disruption.

Petrópolis: At least 186 people died in landslides and flash flooding due to torrential rains on Feb 15-16 in the Brazilian city of Petrópolis. The city, once the summer residence of Brazilian emperors, is a popular tourist destination located in the mountains north of Rio de Janeiro.

JANUARY

Nusantara: The Parliament of Indonesia approved a bill to relocate the country's capital from Jakarta to Nusantara, a place in dense forests on Borneo Island, in the forested province of East Kalimantan. The bill provides the legal framework for the ambitious \$32 billion mega project. The city of Jakarta sits on the swampy ground near the sea, which not only makes it one of the fastest sinking cities on the Earth but also prone to flooding.

Tonga: On Jan 15, the underwater volcano Hunga Tonga-Hunga Ha'apai erupted in the island archipelago Tonga in the South Pacific ocean. The eruption sent out clouds of ash up to 20 km up in the sky. The eruption covered the islands in ash, cut power and severed communications. High waves crashed into the shores in the capital, Nuku'alofa, filling streets with knee-deep waters. The explosion was so powerful that it was recorded around the world and sent pressure shockwaves around the planet twice.

SPORTS WORLD

FEBRUARY

Indian batter Richa Ghosh registered the fastest fifty by an Indian batter in women's ODI cricket. She achieved the feat in just 26 balls playing against New Zealand in Queenstown, New Zealand.

Sakibul Gani from Bihar became the first batsman in the world to score a triple century in a debut match in first class cricket. He scored 341 runs on Feb 18 playing against Mizoram in the ongoing Ranji Trophy matches.

World Games Athlete of the Year-2021: Veteran Indian Hockey Goalkeeper P R Sreejesh won the prestigious award for his 2021 performances, becoming only the second Indian to receive the accolade.

He received 127647 votes against only 67428 received by second ranker Alberto Lopez, sports climber from Spain. In 2020, Indian Women's hockey captain Rani Rampal became the first Indian to win this award.

Second LG Cup Ice Hockey Championship-2022: Ladakh Scouts Regimental Centre won the cup by defeating ITBP in finals played in NDS Ice Hockey rink in Leh on Feb 23.

Senior National Volleyball Championship: Haryana defeated Railway to win Men's title and Kerala defeated Railway to win women's title at Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

ICC Under-19 Cricket World Cup: India lifted the prestigious ODI Cup for a record fifth time after beating England by four wickets on Feb 05 in the summit clash at Sir Vivian Richards Stadium in Antigua, a tiny island country in the Caribbean Sea.

The Indian team was led by Yash Dhull. Raj Angad Bawa was declared "Man of the Match" for scalping 5 wickets and also scoring 35 runs.



Odisha Open Badminton Tournament: Kiran George won the men's singles title in the finals played at Cuttack, Odisha. Women's singles was won by 14 year old Unnati Hooda. The 2022 Odisha Open is a BWF Super 100 tournament.

Railways to set up Wrestling Academy

The Ministry of Railways has approved setting up of a state-of-art wrestling academy in Indian Railways, at Kishanganj, Delhi. The wrestling academy will be the biggest in India, and equipped with advanced training facilities to promote wrestling in the country. The academy will offer the best training facilities to wrestlers and provide an opportunity to many budding wrestlers to become future champions.

India to boycott Beijing Winter Olympics

India announced diplomatic boycott of opening and closing of Winter Olympics 2022 beginning in Beijing from Feb 4 after China picked a Chinese soldier involved in the Galwan Valley clash with India, as an Olympic torchbearer. This means that no Indian official will attend the opening and closing ceremonies.

However, Indian sportspersons can participate in the games. India's sole participant in the Winter Olympics 2022 is skier Arif Khan. It may be noted that several other countries have also decided to go in for diplomatic boycott of the Beijing Games, over human rights violations on the Uighur Muslim community in Xinjiang.

INTERNATIONAL

Nadal reigns in Australian Open

Rafael Nadal (Spain) created history by becoming the only player to win the most grand slam titles – 21. He defeated World No. 2 Daniil Medvedev in a thrilling 5-set Australian Open men's singles final on Jan 30 at the Rod Laver Arena in Melbourne.

Among women, the singles title was won by world number one Ashleigh Barty, after defeating Danielle Collins of USA on Jan 29. She became the first Australian after 1978 to win a grand slam on home ground.

2021 FIFA Club World Cup: English club Chelsea defeated Brazilian club Palmeiras to win the final, held on February 12 in Abu Dhabi.

AFC Women's Asian (football) Cup India 2022: China defeated South Korea to win the final title at the D.Y. Patil Stadium in Navi Mumbai on February 06.

Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) football championship: Senegal became the champion by beating Egypt in the final played on Feb 6 in Yaoundé, capital of Cameroon. It is regarded as the most prestigious football championship of Africa.

Women's Asia Cup (Hockey): India beat China 2-0 to win a bronze medal in Muscat, Oman on Jan 28. The Cup was won by Japan by defeating South Korea.

The closing ceremony of the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympic Games was held on February 20 in Beijing. Norway topped the medal tally with 37 medals, including a record 16 golds.

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) has approved a proposal to include Surfing, Skateboarding and Sport Climbing for the 2028 Summer Olympics Games that will be organised in Los Angeles, United States.

JANUARY

PV Sindhu, two-time Olympic medallist won the Syed Modi International badminton tournament in Lucknow on Jan 23 by beating Malvika Bansod.

Lakshya Sen won the Men's Singles title in the India Open badminton championship in New Delhi on Jan 16 by defeating reigning World Champion Loh Kean Yew of Singapore. Earlier, the pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty won the men's doubles title.

Sanjeev Kumar, the wheelchair bound para-athlete from Telupura village in district Abohar, Punjab, won a gold medal at the National Para Badminton Championship in Bhubaneswar, becoming the national champion in the singles category for the 10th time.

Haryana's Nitesh Kumar won two gold medals, individual singles and in doubles, at the 4th Para-Badminton National Championship in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

Bharath Subramaniam, the 14 year old chess prodigy from Chennai became the 73rd Grandmaster of India. He completed his final GM Norm and crossed the requisite 2500 rating on Jan 9 at Vergani Cup Open in Cattolica, Italy.

9th National Women Ice Hockey Championship: The Ladakh team won the title in the finals played at Kaza in district Lahaul and Spiti, Himachal Pradesh, by defeating the Chandigarh team.

Smriti Mandhana, India's opening batter, has been named the ICC Women's Cricketer of the Year for 2021. She won the Rachael Heyhoe-Flint Trophy awarded to the ICC Women's Cricketer of the year.

Tasnim Mir, 16-year-old badminton player from Mehsana, Gujarat, became the first Indian to top the under-19 world rankings in girls' singles. The Badminton World Federation's (BWF) latest rankings released on Jan 12 showed Tasnim at the top with 10,810 points.

Rishabh Pant became the fastest Indian wicketkeeper on December 28 to reach 100 dismissals in 26 Test matches, breaking Dhoni's record of reaching 100 scalps in 36 matches. Pant achieved the feat during India's ongoing first test against South Africa at Centurion.

Goalkeeper Savita Punia selected as the captain of the Indian squad for the Women's Hockey Asia Cup 2022 to be held in Muscat, Oman from January 21-28.

Tata Group to sponsor IPL 2022

One of India's largest business conglomerates, the Tata Group, will replace Chinese mobile manufacturer Vivo as the Indian Premier League's title sponsor for the next two years. Reportedly, Tata will be paying around Rs 670 crore for two years, while Vivo will pay Rs 454 crore for termination of contract.

INTERNATIONAL

Sir Garfield Sobers Award for ICC Men's Cricketer of the Year for 2021: won by Pakistan's pacer Shaheen Shah Afridi. He took 78 wickets in 36 internationals at an average of 22.20 in 2021.

ICC T20 Player of the Year 2021 were declared in Dubai on Jan 23.

Men's: Pakistan wicketkeeper-batter Mohammad Rizwan

Women's: England's right handed batter Tammy Beaumont

The Best FIFA Football Awards 2021 ceremony was held virtually in Zurich on January 17.

Best FIFA Men's Player: Poland's Robert Lewandowski, plays for FC Bayern Munich

Best FIFA Women's Player: Alexia Putellas, Spain, plays for FC Barcelona

Nodirbek Abdusattorov, the 17-year-old chess GrandMaster from Uzbekistan, dethroned Magnus Carlsen as World Rapid Chess Champion in Warsaw on Dec 28 by beating Ian Nepomniachtchi of Russia in a tiebreaker. Abdusattorov won the title along with a prize of \$60,000.

Under-19 Asia Cup: India lifted the Cup by defeating Sri Lanka by nine wickets in a rain-interrupted One-Day International final played on Dec 31 in Dubai.



DAYS & DATES

FEBRUARY

February 2: World Wetlands Day



This day is observed to raise awareness about the importance of wetlands and the need to preserve them. This day also marks the date of the adoption of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands on this day in 1971, in the Iranian city of Ramsar, on the shores of the Caspian Sea.

For the first time, this day will be observed as a United Nations International Day. This year's theme is "Wetlands Action for People and Nature". It aims to highlight the importance of actions that ensure that wetlands are conserved and sustainably used.

Wetlands are land areas that are saturated or flooded with water either permanently or seasonally. Inland wetlands include marshes, ponds, lakes, fens, rivers, floodplains, and swamps. Coastal wetlands include saltwater marshes, estuaries, mangroves, lagoons and even coral reefs.

Some examples of human-made wetlands are fishponds, rice paddies, and salt pans. 40% of the world's species live or breed in wetlands, yet they are disappearing 3x faster than forests. India at present is home to 49 Ramsar Sites.

Feb 04: World Cancer Day

Observed to create awareness about cancer and to encourage its prevention, detection, and treatment. According to the World Health Organisation, cancer is the second leading cause of death worldwide, accounting for nearly one in six deaths.

The day is organised by the Union for International Cancer Control (UICC). The theme for the Day for next three years is "Close the Care Gap". It aims to increase awareness about the inequities in cancer care.

Cancer refers to a group of over 100 diseases characterised by the uncontrolled growth of a group of cells, usually forming a tumour. It may occur in any part of the body which if not detected at the right time and not treated, may spread and damage the tissues, increasing the risk of death.

Various types of cancer occur but the most common cancers that affect people of India are lung, breast, cervical, neck, brain, and colorectal cancer. According to the official figures, nearly 9.6 million people die in the world from cancer, every year.

February (8): Safer Internet Day

Observed every year on the second day of the second week of February with an aim to provide safer and better internet, where every user gets to use the internet responsibly and without getting their data leaked.

This year, the theme is "Together for a better internet". It reminds us that a lot of bad things can happen on the Internet if we don't take appropriate precautions.

February 10: The National Deworming Day

Organised by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, the objective of this day is to deworm children and adolescents to reduce the prevalence of parasitic worms in their intestine.

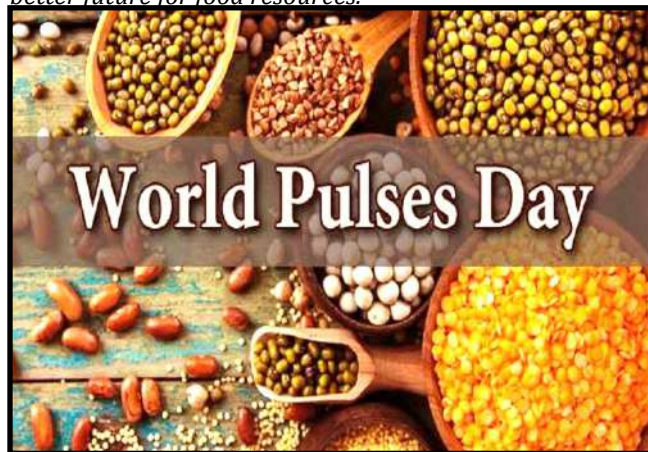
To achieve this aim, children and adolescents in the age group of 1-19 years are administered a single dose of a safe medicine Albendazole, in all states and Union Territories, on this day. Intestinal worm infection is the most common chronic infection in humans, affecting more than one in three of the world's population.

It may be noted that this day is observed on a half yearly basis, on Feb 10 and again on August 10.

February 10: World Pulses Day

The Day is a designated United Nations global event supported by the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) to recognize the importance of pulses (chickpeas, dry beans, lentils, dry peas and lupin beans among others) as a global food.

Pulses are the edible seeds of plants in the legume family. Pulses grow in pods and come in a variety of shapes, sizes and colours. They are healthy, nutritious and easy to cook with. The theme for this year is "Pulses to empower youth in achieving sustainable agrifood systems". It aims to focus on the key role young people can play in shaping a better future for food resources.



February 11: Unani Day



Celebrated every year to mark the birth anniversary of Hakim Ajmal Khan. He was an eminent Indian Unani physician who was a versatile genius, freedom fighter, educationist and founder of scientific research in Unani Medicine. In India, the Ministry of AYUSH is responsible for promotion and development of the Unani system of medicine.

It is based on the Greek philosophy of Hippocrates (460-377 BC). The term Unani is derived from the word 'Unaan', Arabic and Urdu name for the country 'Greece'.

February 11: International Day of Women and Girls in Science

The day recognises the critical role women and girls play in the development of science and technology. The Day is implemented by UNESCO and UN-Women in collaboration with institutions and civil society partners that aim to promote women and girls in science. The 2022 theme of the Day is: "Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion: Water Unites Us".

February 12: National Productivity Day

This day is observed to commemorate the establishment of the National Productivity Council-NPC on this day in 1958 by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. The main objective of the celebration is to encourage stakeholders in implementing productivity tools and techniques. The theme of this year's celebrations is "Self-Reliance Through Productivity".

NPC is an autonomous organisation under the Department for Promotion of Industry & Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India. Sh Piyush Goyal is our current Commerce and Industry Minister.



February 12: Darwin Day

This Day is celebrated to inspire people all over the world to reflect on the importance of scientific thinking, works, curiosity to find new things, hunger for truth, etc. of Charles Darwin, the legendary British naturalist (12 Feb 1809– 19 April, 1882).

He is best known for his Theory of Evolution which established the principle of "Survival of Fittest". It states that only those species of animal or plants survive which successfully adapted or evolved to meet the changing requirements of their natural habitat but those who failed to evolve and reproduce, died.

February 13: World Radio Day

Supported by UNESCO, this day is celebrated all over the world to highlight the unique power of radio which touches lives and brings people together from every corner of the globe. Even after decades, radio continues to be one of the oldest, most popular, and most widely consumed news mediums. It also plays an important role in delivering information during the time of natural disasters.

This year marks the 11th anniversary of the proclamation of the world radio day and more than 110 years of radio. This year's theme is "Radio and Trust". It has three sub-themes: Trust in radio journalism; Trust and accessibility; and Trust and viability of radio stations.

February 13: National Women's Day

Celebrated to commemorate the birthday of Sarojini Naidu, for the major role she played in India's struggle for freedom against British colonial rule. She was one of the top leaders who led the Civil Disobedience Movement and the Quit India Movement.

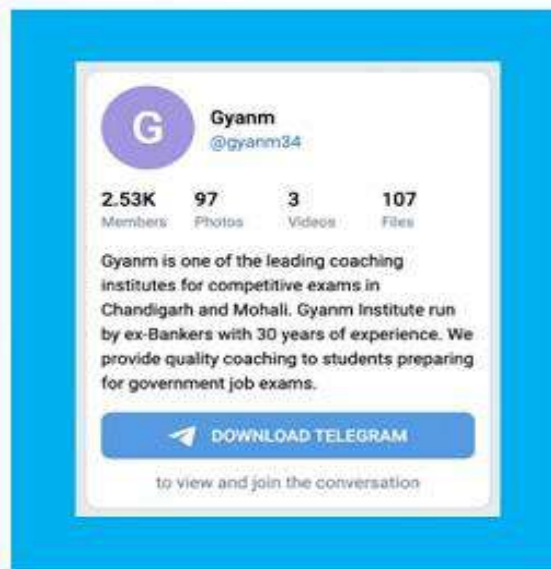
She became India's first woman governor (15 Aug, 1947 - 2 March, 1949) in Uttar Pradesh. She was famous as 'Bharat Kokila' or Nightingale of India for her excellence in poetry.





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February (14): International Epilepsy Day

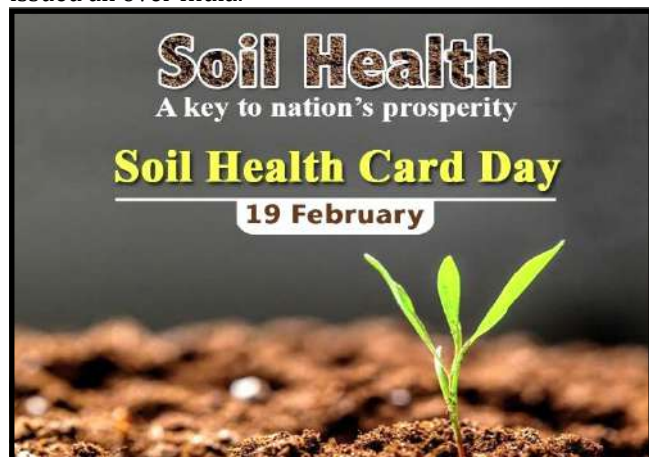


Observed on the second Monday of February every year across the world to raise awareness about epilepsy and highlight the kinds of problems faced by victims, their friends and family. The day is organised jointly by the International Bureau for Epilepsy and the International League Against Epilepsy.

Epilepsy is a neurological disorder in which brain activity becomes abnormal, causing seizures (convulsions) or periods of unusual behaviour, sensations and sometimes loss of awareness. According to WHO, around 50 million people worldwide have epilepsy, making it one of the most common neurological diseases globally. Around 50 million people worldwide have epilepsy, making it one of the most common neurological diseases globally.

February 19: Soil Health Card Day

Celebrated to commemorate the launch of the Soil Health Card Scheme from Rajasthan on this day in 2015. The card carries crop-wise recommendations and scientific advice on nutrients, fertilisers, water etc required by farmers to improve the quality of their crops and their production. The Scheme aims to help farmers across the nation in increasing the productivity and quality of their crops. Till date, around 23 crore soil cards have been issued all over India.



February (19) World Pangolin Day

It is celebrated on the third Saturday of February every year to raise awareness about these unique mammals and speed up their conservation efforts. Pangolins are one of the most heavily trafficked mammals in the illegal wildlife trade. Their number is rapidly declining in Asia and Africa.

The demand for pangolins comes mostly from China, where pangolin scales are unfortunately believed to be a cure-all of sorts and pangolin flesh is considered a delicacy. However, there is no evidence to support claims regarding medicinal properties of pangolin scales or any other part of the pangolin.

February 20: World Social Justice Day

The day is celebrated annually all over the world with support from the International Labour Organisation, Geneva to focus on the plight of social injustice throughout the world and to press for improvements and solutions.

We advance social justice when we remove barriers that people face because of gender, age, race, ethnicity, religion, culture or disability. This year's theme is - 'Achieving Social Justice through Formal Employment'.

February 21: International Mother Language Day

The Day is celebrated across the globe with support from UNESCO, Paris to celebrate the linguistic diversity that exists in the world.

In India, the HRD Ministry observes Matribhasha Divas on this day to highlight the linguistic diversity of our country. The



central theme for the day this year is 'Using technology for multilingual learning'.

February 22: World Thinking Day

Observed every year to help spread awareness and give voice to young women all over the world. It is celebrated by the girl guides and girl scouts in 150 countries. The Day celebrates sisterhood, friendship, and women empowerment. It also provides an opportunity to highlight the issues that affect women and girls globally. This year's theme for Day is 'Our World: Our Equal Future: The Environment and Gender Equality' which highlights the significance of the environment in the context of gender equality.

February 24: Central Excise Day

The Day is celebrated every year to commemorate the Central Excise and Salt Act, 1944 which was enacted on this day in 1944. The day aims to honour the contribution of the Central Board of Indirect taxes and Customs to India's economy. CBIC is a part of the Department of Revenue under the Union Ministry of Finance.

February 28: National Science Day



Celebrated every year to attract and motivate the students towards science and to make the public aware of science and scientific achievements.

On this day in 1928, Indian Scientist Sir Chandrasekhara Venkata Raman (Sir CV Raman) made the discovery of the Raman Effect for which he was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1930.

Raman Effect refers to the inelastic scattering of photons from the molecules such that they are excited to higher levels.

February 27: National Protein Day

Observed annually to raise awareness about the importance of consuming protein, which helps our body to function better and keeps us energised. Protein is known to be the "macronutrient" that our body requires in abundance. The human body requires protein for the growth and maintenance of tissues. The theme for this year is "Powering with plant protein".

February 28/29: World Rare Disease Day

Observed on the last day of February each year. It aims to raise awareness about rare diseases and their impacts. The day is coordinated by the European Organisation for Rare Diseases (EURORDIS), which promotes research on rare diseases and commercial development of orphan drugs.



JANUARY

January 4: World Braille Day

The day is celebrated to commemorate the birth anniversary of Louis Braille, the inventor of Braille. It is a language based on six convex dots that form all the letters and symbols, using which the people with visual disabilities are able to read various text content. They are able to read the text by moving their hands over the dots. Louis Braille was born on 4th January 1809 in the town of Coupvray in northern France. He lost his eyesight at the age of just three years.

January 6: World Day of War Orphans

The day aims to spread awareness and address the crises faced by war orphans or children in conflict. Youngsters who have confronted conflict, war or violence, have suffered injuries in clashes, or been isolated from their parents require special attention.

The Day was started by the French body, SOS Enfants enDétrese. According to UNICEF, an orphan is a "child under 18 years of age who has lost one or both parents to any cause of death".

January 9: Pravasi Bharatiya Divas



The day is celebrated once in every two years to strengthen the engagement of the overseas Indian community with the Government of India and reconnect them with their roots. Established in 2003, the celebratory event is organised by the Ministry of External Affairs. It commemorates the return of Mahatma Gandhi from South Africa to India on 9 January 1915.

January 10: World Hindi Day

Celebrated every year, to mark the anniversary of the first World Hindi Conference which was held in Nagpur, Maharashtra in 1975 on this day. It intends to promote Hindi language around the world. Hindi has evolved from Sanskrit and is written in Devanagari script. Spoken by over 300 million native speakers, Hindi is the fourth most-spoken first language in the world, after Chinese, Spanish and English.

Remember! National Hindi Diwas is observed on Sep 14.

Jan 11: National Human Trafficking Awareness Day



This day is specifically dedicated to awareness and prevention of illegal practice of human trafficking. The day aims at raising awareness of the plight of human trafficking victims, and promoting and protecting their rights.

Human trafficking is regarded as an illicit act that pertains to the use of fraud, force, or coercion to procure sex or labour from persons.

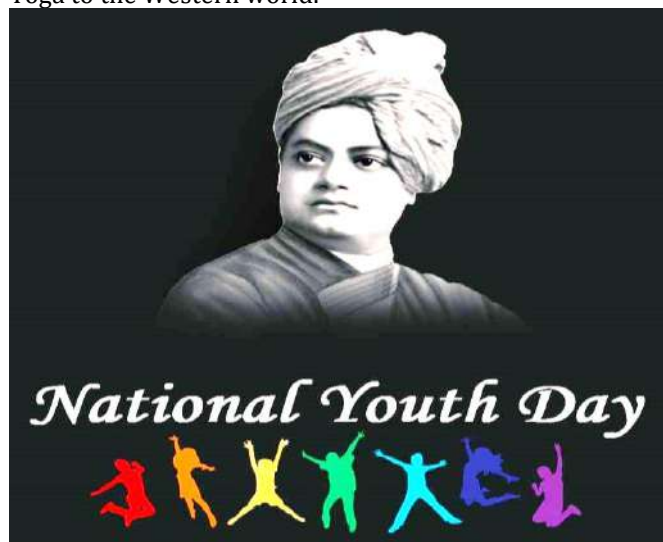
According to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, about 2.25 lakh people become victims of trafficking globally.

January 12: National Youth Day

Celebrated across the country to promote youth related activities to commemorate the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda.

The theme for this year is "It's all in the mind," a key teaching of Swami Vivekananda.

Swami ji, one of India's most revered spiritual leaders, was born in Kolkata on January 12, 1863, as Narendra Nath Datta. A prime disciple of 19th century Indian mystic Guru Ramakrishna Paramhansa, he effectively reintroduced the Indian philosophies of Vedanta and Yoga to the Western world.



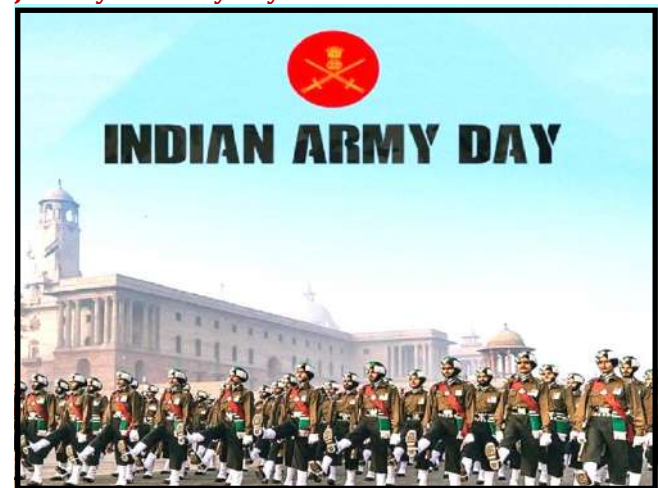
January 14: Makar Sankranti

This day marks the end of winter solstice as the Sun enters the Makar Raashi (Capricorn) on this day. Sankranti means transition. From this day onwards the Sun starts its northward movement. People worship the Sun as deity on this day. It is also celebrated as the festival of harvest.

In North India, it is popular as Maghi and Sankranti and the festival of Lohri is celebrated a night before Makar Sankranti.

In Assam, it is celebrated as Magh or Bhogali Bihu, in Tamil Nadu as Pongal, Pedda Panduga in Andhra Pradesh, and as Poush Parbo in West Bengal. In Gujarat, it is popularly known as 'Uttarayan' and the main attraction is the International Kite Festival celebrated all over the state but particularly at Sabarmati Riverfront in Ahmedabad.

January 15: Army Day



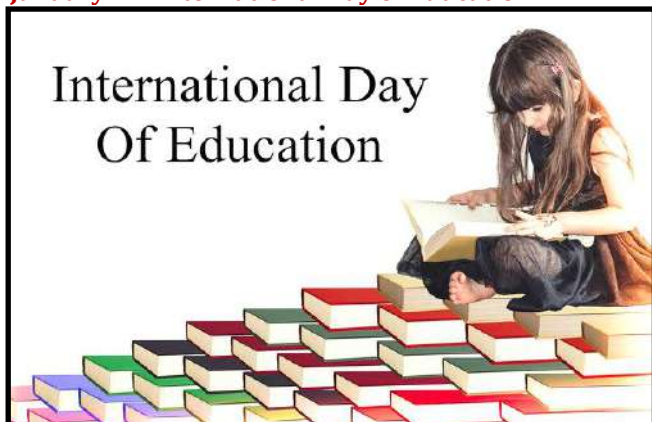
Celebrated every year to mark the taking over of command of the Indian Army by then Lt Gen K M Cariappa, the first Indian Commander-in-Chief, from General Francis Butcher, the last British Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Army in 1949. He later was made the Field Marshal of the Indian Army in 1986 by the Indian Government, though he retired in 1953. On this day tributes are paid to soldiers who sacrificed their lives in the line of duty.

January 24: National Girl Child Day

The day is celebrated every year to promote awareness on a range of issues related to girls, such as education, health, and nutrition. It was initiated in 2008 by the Ministry of Women and Child Development. The day aims to increase awareness among the people and ensure that every girl gets equal importance as their counterparts. On this day in 1966, Indira Gandhi became the first woman Prime Minister of India.

Remember! International Day of Girl Child is observed on October 11.

January 24: International Day of Education



The day is celebrated across the world with support from UNESCO to focus on improving the universal quality of education and its role in promoting peace and development. It aims to promote UNO's sustainable development goal no. 4 of 'Quality Education'. The theme for this year is "Changing Course, Transforming Education". It aims to strengthen and welcome the revival of education.

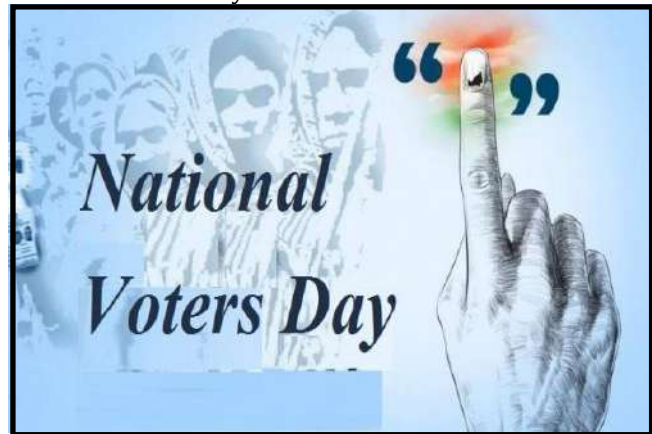
Remember! In India, National Education Day is celebrated on November 11.

January 25: National Tourism Day

The day aims to spread awareness of the importance of travelling and protecting nature. The day, established by the Government of India, also aims to highlight the role of the tourism sector in the country's overall economy. The theme for this year is Rural and Community Centric Tourism. The Ministry of Tourism is observing this day under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

January 25: National Voters Day

Celebrated every year to spread awareness about the necessity of voting and to encourage the young generation towards voting rights because each vote decides the fate of the new government and democracy. It was first celebrated on January 25, 2011. This year's theme for the Day is 'Making Elections Inclusive, Accessible and Participative'. This day is the foundation day of the Election Commission of India which came into existence on this day in 1950.



January 26: The International Customs Day

The day is celebrated to highlight the role of customs officials and agencies and to focus on the working conditions and challenges that customs officers face in their jobs. The day was instituted by the World Customs Organisation (WCO) to commemorate its inaugural session held on this day in 1953 in Brussels, Belgium. This year's theme for the day is "Scaling up Customs Digital Transformation by Embracing a Data Culture and Building a Data Ecosystem".

In India, the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs handles the administration of customs duty.

January 30: Martyrs Day/Anti Leprosy Day

This day is observed to commemorate the martyrdom of Mahatma Gandhi who was assassinated by Nathuram Godse at Gandhi Smriti in the Birla House, New Delhi during evening prayers on January 30, 1948. He was 78 at that time. Further, to honour Gandhi ji's selfless efforts and care for the people affected with Leprosy, the day is also celebrated as anti Leprosy Day.

January (30): World Leprosy Day

Observed on the last Sunday of January, the day focuses on the target of zero cases of leprosy-related disabilities in children. On an average, India has been reporting more than one lakh new leprosy cases annually since 2005. The focus this year is on the theme "United for Dignity".

Leprosy is an infectious disease that affects the skin and nerves. Also known as Hansen's disease, it is caused by the slow multiplying bacteria Mycobacterium leprae and mainly affects the skin, peripheral nerves, mucosa of the upper respiratory tract and eyes.



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NATIONAL NEWS

DECEMBER

- President Ram Nath Kovind attended the 50th Bijay Dibos celebrations on Dec 16 at Dhaka in Bangladesh.
- Russian President Vladimir Putin arrived in New Delhi on Dec 6 for the 21st India-Russia Annual Summit with Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- The first-ever India Russia 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue was held between defence minister and foreign ministers of India and Russia on Dec 5 in New Delhi.
- The Parliament passed the Election Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2021 on Dec 21. The main objective of the Bill is to pave the way for the linkage of electoral roll data with the Aadhaar ecosystem.
- The third meeting of the India-Central Asia Dialogue between the foreign ministers of India and Central Asian countries was hosted by Dr. S Jaishankar, External Affairs Minister on Dec 18-19.
- Following the formal repeal of three farm laws in the Parliament, the Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM) announced on Dec 9 the end of year-long farmers' agitation.
- India's first International Arbitration and Mediation Centre (IAMC) was inaugurated on Dec 18 in Hyderabad.
- The WHO issued an emergency use listing for Covovax (NVX-CoV2373) on Dec 17. It is being produced by the Pune-based Serum Institute of India (SII) under licence from Novavax of the USA.
- This is the ninth corona vaccine approved by WHO. SII earlier got WHO approval for its Covishield vaccine in Feb. 2021.
- Emergency Use Listing is assessing the suitability of novel health products during public health emergencies

- The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) granted Observer Status to the International Solar Alliance (ISA) in its meeting on Dec 9.
- IFFCO has been ranked 'number one Cooperative' among the top 300 cooperatives in the world, by the 10th Annual World Cooperative Monitor report published by the International Cooperative Alliance.
- According to Global Unicorn Index 2021 by the Hurun Research Institute, London, India displaced the UK to be third (after US and China) in the list of countries that are home to unicorns.
- Unicorns are enterprises which are valued at over \$ one billion each, and are not listed on a public exchange.
- The World Competitive Centre at the International Institute for Management Development, Lausanne, Switzerland, released its "World Talent Ranking Report" on Dec 09.
- Switzerland retained its top spot, followed by Sweden. India has been ranked at 56th position.
- According to the new 2021 Global Health Security Index released on December 8, USA topped with a score of 75.9. India was at 66th spot with a score of 38.9.
- Govt released an India Post special day cover and a commemorative stamp on Dec 16 marking the golden jubilee of India's victory in the 1971 Indo-Pak War.

NOVEMBER

- The Prime Minister inaugurated the Purvanchal Expressway on Nov 16 at Karwal Kheri in Sultanpur district of Uttar Pradesh. It is the longest (341 Km) expressway of India.
- Vice-president M Venkaiah Naidu virtually addressed the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) Summit held virtually on Nov 25-26 to strengthen multilateralism and post-pandemic economic recovery.

- The 20th Meeting of the SCO Council of Heads of Government was held on Nov 25 in Nur-Sultan in virtual format under the Chairmanship of Kazakhstan. External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar represented India in the meeting.
- The Heads of the National Security Councils of seven nations, met in Delhi on Nov 10 for the Regional Security Dialogue on Afghanistan.
- The participating countries included Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.
- In a big relief to the farmer community, prime minister Modi announced on Nov 19 that the government has decided to repeal the three farm laws, for which farmers were protesting for the last one year.
- The latest "Migration and Development Brief " released by the World Bank on Nov 17, ranked India as the world's largest recipient of remittances, receiving \$ 87 billion in 2021.
- The United States was its biggest source, accounting for over 20 percent of these funds. India is followed by China, Mexico.
- India successfully launched its 41st Scientific Expedition to Antarctica as the first batch of its contingent of 23 scientists and support staff reached the Indian Antarctic Station 'Maitri' in the first week of November.
- India has built three Permanent Research Base Stations in Antarctica, named Dakshin Gangotri, Maitri and Bharati.
- The 52nd edition of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) started in Goa on Nov 20. 'The King of all the World' directed by Carlos Saura was the Opening Film.
- Britain released a new 5-pound commemorative coin celebrating the life and legacy of Mahatma Gandhi to mark the festival of Diwali on Nov 4.
- WHO finally granted its Emergency Use Listing (EUL) to India's first indigenously developed COVID-19 vaccine, Covaxin on November 03.
- Covaxin, India's first indigenous COVID-19 vaccine has been developed by Bharat Biotech, Hyderabad in collaboration with National Institute of Virology of the Indian Council of Medical Research.
- The Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) 2022 released by Germanwatch at the COP-26 in Glasgow, placed India at 10th spot, among the 60 countries and the European Union covered by the Index.
- The Global Drug Policy Index by the Harm Reduction Consortium, ranked Norway at the top, on account of her humane and health-driven drug policies. India was placed at 18th spot in a list of 30 countries.
- India slipped five steps in the global bribery risk rankings settling at the 82nd spot among 194 nations analysed for compliance risks businesses face internationally.

- The countries with least risk of bribery demand are (in descending order), Denmark, Norway, Finland, Sweden and New Zealand.

OCTOBER

- PM Modi made a five-day visit to Italy and Britain to attend the 16th G-Summit in Rome and the World Leaders' Summit of COP-26 in Glasgow.
- The G-Summit focused on 3 broad, interconnected pillars of action: People, Planet and Prosperity.
- Prime Minister of Denmark Mette Frederiksen arrived in New Delhi on Oct 9 on a three-day visit to India.
- The 4th General Assembly of the International Solar Alliance was held virtually on Oct 18-21 to deliberate on key initiatives in solar energy including operationalization of India's One Sun One World One Grid (OSOWOG) initiative.
- The Office of the Prime Minister approved the reconstitution of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister. Noted economist Dr Bibek Debroy was selected as the Chairman of the 7-member Council.
- The world's largest Khadi national flag was installed in Leh, Ladakh, on the occasion of Mahatma Gandhi's 152nd birth anniversary.
- The tricolor, which is 225-feet long and 150-feet wide, weighs around 1,000 kg, has been made by Khadi and Village Industry Commission (KVIC).
- India was re-elected to the UN Human Rights Council for a record 6th term with an overwhelming majority.
- India officially joined the High Ambition Coalition for Nature and People on Oct 7. It is a group of more than 70 countries encouraging the adoption of the global goal to protect 30x30.
- India hosted the two-day Online Meeting of 30 CAF Range countries on Oct 6-7 with a resolve to strengthen the conservation actions for migratory birds and their habitats in the Central Asian Flyway (CAF).
- Ministry of Home Affairs increased the jurisdiction of the BSF upto 50 km from the borders, in the states of Punjab, West Bengal, Assam, and Tripura.
- The National Security Guard (NSG) launched an All India Car Rally 'Sudarshan Bharat Parikrama' on October 02, from Red Fort in Delhi, to celebrate 75 years of India's Independence.
- The 240-year-old Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) that supplies arms, ammunition, vehicles and other equipments to the Indian armed forces, has been dissolved with effect from October 1, 2021.
- OFB functions as a subordinate office under the Ministry of Defence. OFB's 41 factories have been split into seven new Defence Public Sector Undertakings.

- The Supreme Court has introduced the “Fast and Secured Transmission of Electronic Records” (FASTER) system.
- Now, SC’s orders on bail and stay of arrest, can be communicated electronically to prison authorities and investigating agencies directly online.
- Tamil film ‘Koozhangal’, directed by P.S. Vinothraj, selected as India’s official entry to the Oscars 2022.
- India handed over the 34.9 km long cross-border rail link connecting Jayanagar in Bihar to Kurtha in Nepal to the Nepal government on Oct 22.
- The 58th edition of EY’s Renewable Energy Country Attractiveness Index’ (RECAI) has placed India at the third spot. The United States has been ranked first, followed by China at second spot.
- The third annual edition of the Digital Quality of Life Index (DQL) ranked India 59th among 110 countries. Denmark ranked first for the second year in a row and was closely followed by South Korea.
- The Rule of Law Index, released by World Justice Project, ranked India 79th out of 139 countries. Denmark and Norway were joint first.
- The Henley Passport Index for 4th quarter of 2021 ranked India at 90th place, six spots down than its 84th spot last year.
- Japan and Singapore shared the top position, with their passport holders allowed to travel visa-free to 192 countries.
- India ranked pretty low at 71st spot in the Global Food Security Index of 113 countries. Ireland topped the Index, followed by Austria and UK.

SEPTEMBER

- Prime Minister Modi made a landmark visit to the US from Sep 23 to 25. He attended the first in-person Quad summit on Sep 24 in Washington DC.
- He addressed the 76th session of the UN General Assembly on Sep 25th in New York.
- As part of India’s ongoing chairship of BRICS in 2021, Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired the 13th BRICS Summit on Sep 09 in virtual mode.
- The theme that India has chosen for its leadership is – ‘BRICS at 15 – Intra-BRICS Cooperation for continuity, consolidation and consensus’.
- India became the first Asian country to launch a “Plastics Pact”. The India Plastics Pact visualises a world where plastic is valued and does not pollute the environment.
- IIT Madras topped the NIRF rankings for the third time in a row, in the overall category. IISc Bengaluru came second, followed by IIT Bombay at the third place.
- A commemorative coin of Rs 125 was released on Sep 01 to mark the 125th birth anniversary of Srila Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada.
- He was founder of ISKCON – International Society for Krishna Consciousness in New York in July 1966.

- India improved its ranking by two spots to 46th in the Global Innovation Index 2021 released by the World Intellectual Property Organization – WIPO.
- Switzerland was ranked as the most innovative country, followed by Sweden and USA.

NEWS FROM STATES

DECEMBER

- Govt released the Good Governance Index 2021 on the occasion of Good Governance Day, on December 25.
- Gujarat topped the composite ranking, followed by Maharashtra and Goa.
- Among northeastern and hill states, Himachal Pradesh secured first rank while Delhi topped among UTs.
- The Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister released on Dec 16 a report on the ‘Index on Foundational Literacy and Numeracy’.
- In the ‘large states category’, West Bengal topped the charts while Bihar was in the bottom.
- Kerala secured top spot in ‘small states category’.
- Immensely popular Durga Puja in Kolkata has been included in the UNESCO’s Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity during its 16th session held at Paris, France.
- The Union Ministry of Forest and Environment issued a notification on Dec 2 declaring Askot Wildlife Sanctuary in Uttarakhand as an eco-sensitive zone.
- The Union Cabinet approved on Dec 8 the funding and implementation of the project for the interlinking of Ken and Betwa rivers.
- It will transfer surplus water from Ken in MP to Betwa in UP to irrigate drought-prone Bundelkhand region. Both rivers are tributaries of Yamuna.
- The Hornbill Festival of Nagaland kicked off on Dec 1 with colourful renditions of traditional music, dances and contemporary, all at one place – Naga Heritage village Kisama, near the capital Kohima.
- Himachal Pradesh became the first state to achieve hundred per cent COVID vaccination of second dose for its entire eligible population

NOVEMBER

- Shimla topped the first Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) index released by NITI Aayog on Nov 23, while Coimbatore and Chandigarh secured the second and the third spot respectively.
- Karnataka topped the State Energy Efficiency Index (SEEI) 2020 released on Oct 27 by the Ministry of Power. Rajasthan secured second position.
- The 3rd edition of the Logistics Ease Across Different States (LEADS) report, 2021 adjudged Gujarat as the Best Performing State, followed by Haryana and Punjab at second and third rank, respectively.

- On the occasion of World Fisheries Day on November 21, Telangana was awarded best performer in Inland Fisheries while Andhra Pradesh was awarded best marine State.
- Among Hilly & North-eastern states, Tripura was declared the best. The award function was held in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.
- The Union Ministry of Home Affairs released the Annual Ranking of Police Stations (PS) for the year 2021.
- Sadar Bazar PS in North District of Delhi was adjudged the 'Best Police Station' in the country.
- India's first Food Museum was inaugurated at Thanjavur in Tamil Nadu. The museum has been set up by the Food Corporation of India (FCI) along with Visvesvaraya Industrial and Technological Museum, Bengaluru.
- India's first Grass Conservatory was inaugurated on Nov 14 in Ranikhet of Almora district, Uttarakhand. It houses around 90 different grass species.
- World's first and India's largest landfill gas-to-compressed biogas plant was inaugurated in Hyderabad. It converts landfill gas into biogas for use as automotive fuel leading to greening of climate.
- Country's largest aromatic garden was inaugurated in Lalkuan of Nainital district in Uttarakhand. Established in an area of over 3 acres, the garden has 140 different aromatic species from across India.
- The first ever Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) report by the Niti Aayog placed Bihar at the top as 51.91 per cent of the state's population were found to be multidimensionally poor.
- The state with the lowest poverty level was Kerala, having only 0.71 percent of the population in the multidimensionally poor category, followed by Goa (3.76) and Sikkim (3.82).

OCTOBER

- CSIR's Institute of Himalayan Bioresource Technology introduced the organised cultivation of Cinnamon on a pilot basis in Una, Himachal Pradesh.
- The National Tiger Conservation Authority approved the Chhattisgarh's proposal of declaring the combined areas of the Guru Ghasidas National Park and Tamor Pingla Wildlife Sanctuary as 4th Tiger Reserve in the state.

SEPTEMBER

- In a report by Forbes India, New Delhi and Chennai have ranked first and third respectively from India on the world's most surveilled cities.
- Haryana secured first position in installation of off-grid solar pumps under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthaan Mahabhiyaan (PM-KUSUM).

- Himachal Pradesh became the first state to achieve a unique distinction of achieving cent percent target of providing first dose of Covid-19 vaccination to all eligible persons of 18 years and above.
- The FSSAI released the third State Food Safety Index for evaluating food safety across all States/UTs in 2020-21.
- Index had 3 categories: large states, small states and union territories.
- The top three performers in the respective category were – Gujarat, Goa and J&K.
- From September 1, 2021, Goa became the first state in India to supply water free of cost to its citizens for consumption up to 16,000 liters per month under the 'Save Water to Get Free Water' scheme.
- Two high power transmitters were inaugurated at the world's highest radio station at Humbatingla in Kargil, at an altitude of 13,300 feet from mean sea level.
- The world's highest movie theatre was inaugurated in the Paldan area of Leh, at an altitude of 11,562 feet. It's a mobile digital movie theatre with an inflatable structure and can operate in -28 degree Celsius.
- Two more beaches in India have been awarded "Blue Flag" certification, taking the total number of such beaches in the country to 10.
- The 2 beaches to receive certification are Kovalam in Chennai, Tamil Nadu; and Eden in Puducherry.
- The 500 sq. km of the biodiversity-rich waters in the Palk Bay, on the southeast coast of Tamil Nadu, have been formed as India's 1st Dugong conservation reserve.
- Dugong is a sea cow, which is an endangered marine mammal that is facing extinction due to water pollution, habitat loss and loss of seagrass.
- India's largest open-air fernery was inaugurated on September 12 in Uttarakhand's Ranikhet.
- Ferns are non-flowering pteridophytes. They generally reproduce by producing spores.
- India's tallest air purification tower was inaugurated in Chandigarh on Sep 7. Standing 24 meter high, this is the highest air purifier of India.
- The Govt of India has signed a tripartite peace accord on Sep 04 with the govt of Assam and five insurgent groups from the Karbi Anglong region in Assam, to end decades of violence in the region.
- Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change notified the area around Deepor Beel Wildlife Sanctuary near Guwahati, Assam as an eco-sensitive zone.
- This means that only such restricted activities will now be allowed in the notified area which may not have any adverse effect on the ecology of the area.
- The world's highest electric vehicle charging station was inaugurated at 12,500 ft in Kaza village of Lahaul & Spiti district in Himachal on Sep. 23.

GOVT INITIATIVES

DECEMBER

- The government has given “in-principle” approval for setting up of six nuclear power reactors at Jaitapur in district Ratnagiri, Maharashtra.
- Each reactor will have a capacity of 1,650 MW each, making it the country's largest nuclear power generating site with a total capacity of 9,900 MW.
- The project is being set up with technical collaboration and support from French firm Electricite de France.
- The Cabinet approved implementation of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana for 2021-26. It will benefit about 22 lakh farmers, including 2.5 lakh SC farmers and two lakh Scheduled Tribe farmers.
- A National Helpline against Atrocities on SC/ST was launched on Dec. 13. The Helpline will be available round the clock on a toll-free number - 14566.
- Devised by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, it aims to ensure proper implementation of the SC & ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989.
- National Commission for Women launched a pan-India capacity building programme ‘She is a Changemaker’ on Dec 7. It aims to improve the leadership skills of grassroots women political leaders.
- The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment launched the “Residential Education for Students in High Schools in Targeted Areas” (SRESHTA) scheme on Dec 6.
- The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment formed a committee headed by Ajay Bhushan Pandey, former Finance Secretary to review the criteria for reservation for the Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) category.
- At present, the annual income limit for EWS for providing 10% quota in public jobs and educational institutions, is set at Rs. 8 lakh.

NOVEMBER

- Three oil PSU's, IOC, BPC and HPC launched Model Retail Outlets to enhance service standards and amenities, across their networks. They also launched: Customer Feedback Program (Darpan@petrolpump)
- Indian Railways launched a completely new segment of trains – ‘Bharat Gaurav’ trains on Nov 23 to boost theme-based tourism across India.
- This is the third segment of trains, the other two being passenger and freight segments.
- India's first virtual science lab for children, under the ‘CSIR Jigyasa’ programme was launched on Nov 22 in New Delhi.

- It will connect students with scientists across the country. The students will be allowed to choose any subject, ignoring the existing streams.
- Government launched “Nutrition Smart Village” programme on Nov 10 to reach out to 75 villages across India for promoting nutritional awareness, education and behavioural change in rural areas.
- India launched an electric vehicle awareness web portal called e-Amrit on Nov 12 at the COP26 Summit in Glasgow, UK. AMRIT: “Accelerated e-Mobility Revolution for India's Transportation”.
- Govt announced on Nov 10 restoration of the “Member of Parliament Local Area Development” (MPLAD) Scheme for the remaining part of the financial year 2021-22 and to continue the same till 2025-26.
- Govt launched Bhasha Sangam initiative for schools, Bhasha Sangam Mobile App and Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat Mobile Quiz on Nov 1.
- Bhasha Sangam aims to teach students some basic sentences of everyday usage in 22 Indian languages to sensitise them about the richness of country's culture, heritage and diversity.
- The Civil Aviation Ministry launched the Krishi Udan 2.0 scheme on Oct 27 to focus on incentivising air transportation of agricultural produce from hilly areas, northeastern states, and tribal regions across India.
- India's first manned Ocean Mission named “Samudrayan” was launched in Chennai on Oct 29.
- The ‘Matsya 6000’ initiative under Samudrayan mission can carry 3 persons in a titanium alloy sphere with an endurance of 12 hours and up to 96 hours.
- Indian Railways started India's first full Economy AC-3 tier super-fast train – Gati Shakti Express on Oct 29. The train will run between Delhi (Anand Vihar Terminal) and Patna.

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- The Ministry of Electronics and IT tied up with Google to launch Appscale Academy, a new growth and development programme for startups, aimed at building apps for a global audience.
- Green-Day-Ahead Market launched to strengthen the electricity trading in India. Now, any renewable energy generating company can set up and sell renewable energy on the exchange.
- In a first of its kind, a long-range marine communication system, which will remain effective during storms and inclement weather conditions, was launched at Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, the erstwhile Kolkata Port.
- The Election Commission launched the Garuda app to ensure faster, transparent, and timely completion of election work.

- Through this app, Booth Officers can upload photos and location information of the polling stations, and other data, from their registered mobile numbers.
- They can also add voter names, deletion of names or modification of addresses in the electoral roll through this app.
- A Geographic Information System (GIS)-based Geospatial Energy Map of India was launched by NITI Aayog in collaboration with ISRO.
- It will provide a spatial picture of all energy resources of the country, like power plants, petroleum refineries, oil wells, coal fields, etc., all at one place.
- Govt launched the PM Gati Shakti-National Master Plan on Oct 13 for promoting multi-modal connectivity to economic zones in the country.
- The Gati Shakti Plan with a layout of Rs. 100 lakh crore, aims to develop infrastructure to reduce logistic costs and boost the economy.
- Indian Space Association (IspA), a grouping of various stakeholders in the Indian space domain such as ISRO, Airtel, OneWeb, Tata Group's Nelco, L&T, MapMyIndia among others, was launched on Oct. 11.
- A mobile app called "MyPortApp" was launched on Oct 8. The App includes all relevant details of the ports and can monitor their operations virtually.
- Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) released the Multilingual Dementia Research and Assessment (MUDRA) Toolbox in five Indian languages – Hindi, Bengali, Telugu, Kannada and Malayalam.
- The Union Cabinet approved the setting up of 7 PM MITRA (Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel) parks with a total outlay of Rs 4,445 crore for five years to position India strongly on the global textiles map.
- The Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways launched a Scheme for grant of Award to the Good Samaritan who has saved the life of a victim of a fatal road accident. Amount of award will be Rs. 5,000 per incident, maximum five times in a year.
- A web portal 'Waste to Wealth' was launched on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti to bring together technology providers, govt stakeholders and urban local bodies to find solutions to India's waste problems, especially the plastic waste.
- Jal Jeevan Mission app launched on October 2 for improving awareness, transparency and accountability of the tap water schemes under the Mission.
- Government launched Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban (SBM-U) 2.0 and AMRUT 2.0 on October 1.
- The SBM-U 2.0 aims to make the cities garbage-free, focusing on removal of garbage mounds from the cities by processing the garbage.

- AMRUT 2.0 aims to promote sewage and safety management, making cities water-secure and ensuring that dirty nullahs don't merge into rivers.
- The iconic Indian superhero – Chacha Chaudhary has been declared as the mascot of the Namami Gange Programme.
- DigiSaksham – a digital skills programme launched in tie-up with Microsoft India to enhance the employability of youth by imparting them digital skills
- The Central Government has renamed the National Mid-Day Meal Scheme for students of class 1 to 8 in the government and aided schools as the PM-POSHAN Shakti Nirman Scheme to provide them one hot cooked meal every day.
- The Ministry of Tourism launched NIDHI 2.0 (National Integrated Database of Hospitality Industry) scheme on the occasion of World Tourism Day on Sep 27.
- The scheme aims to facilitate digitalization of the tourism sector and promote ease of doing business for the hospitality & tourism sector.
- "Amrit Grand Challenge Program" titled "जनCARE" launched to identify 75 Start-Up Innovations in Telemedicine, Digital Health, mHealth with Big Data, AI, Blockchain and other technologies.
- Country's first Pan-India toll-free helpline-14567-called 'Elder Line' was launched to address the challenges and problems the elderly population face.

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- The Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Piyush Goyal launched the National Single Window System for investors and businesses.
- It will provide a single point service for registrations and approvals from various govt departments.
- The Central Government submitted an affidavit in the Supreme Court on Sep 22 stating that the National Disaster Management Authority has recommended ex gratia Rs 50,000 to be given to kin of those who died due to Covid-19.
- The Ministry of Education has formed a 12-member National Steering Committee for the development of National Curriculum Frameworks.
- The committee will be chaired by former ISRO Chairman Dr K Kasturirangan.
- The Central govt constituted a group of ministers (GoM) headed by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh to look into better implementation of various welfare schemes meant for the SC/ST, OBCs, minorities and women.
- NITI Aayog tied up with BYJU's to offer free study material in virtual mode to govt school students from classes VI to XII across 112 aspirational districts.



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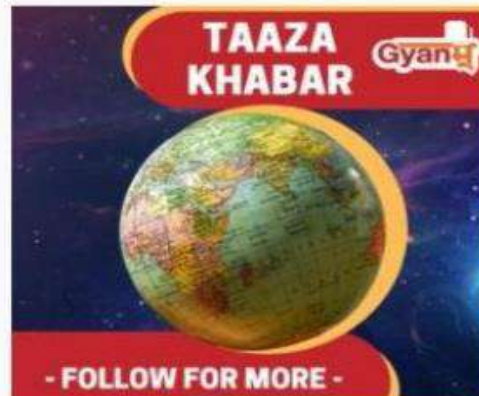
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- This initiative named “Education for All” will allow students of VI- XII access to top-notch educational content on the BYJU’S learning app for 3 years.
- The Union Minister of Railways, Ashwini Vaishnaw announced the “Rail Kaushal Vikas Yojana” on Sep 17 to train 50,000 youths in the age group of 18 to 35 years, over the next three years.
- NITI Aayog in collaboration with Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI) of USA, launched campaign ‘Shoonya’ to promote use of zero-pollution delivery vehicles by working with consumers and industry.
- PRANA portal launched for regulation of air pollution in 132 cities across the country under the National Clean Air Programme.
- PRANA (Portal for Regulation of Air-pollution in non-Attainment cities) would support tracking of the status of city air action plan implementation.
- Dr VG Somani to head committee for framing new laws for drugs, cosmetics and medical devices and replacing the existing Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940.
- ‘Main Bhi Digital 3.0’ – a special campaign launched for digital onboarding and training for street vendors under PM SVANidhi scheme across 223 cities in the country.
- Tribal Coop. Mktg. Dev. Federation of India to set up an Atmanirbhar Bharat corner in 100 Indian Missions/ Embassies across the world in the next 3 months.
- The Education Ministry launched the Vidyanjali portal to enable community/volunteers to contribute by connecting directly with the govt and government-aided schools of their choice.
- Ayush Ministry launched the campaign “AYUSH Aapke Dwar” on Sep 04 for distributing medicinal plants from more than 45 locations across the country.
- The union AYUSH minister Sarbananda Sonowal launched ‘Y Break’ (Yoga Break) mobile application in New Delhi on September 01.
- The app provides a five-minute Yoga protocol designed especially for working professionals to de-stress, refresh at their workplace.
- The Ministry of Textile in partnership with the National Institute of Fashion Technology, New Delhi, launched the project ‘INDIA size’.
- It aims to develop Indian size charts based on body measurements of the Indian population for better fitting of ready to wear garments.
- The NITI Aayog in collaboration with the US based global IT giant Cisco, launched the next phase of the Women Entrepreneurship Platform “WEP Nxt”.
- Govt notified Bharat Series (BH) registration for vehicles. A vehicle with BH mark will not require a new registration mark when the owner shifts from one State to another.

ECONOMY

DECEMBER

- India received the highest ever annual Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inflow of 81.97 billion dollar in 2020-21.
- NTPC Ltd started a project of ‘Standalone Fuel-Cell based Microgrid with hydrogen production using electrolyser’ at its Simhadri thermal power station near Visakhapatnam.
- This will be India’s first Green Hydrogen based Energy Storage Project and one of the world’s largest.
- The govt released a commemorative postage stamp on Dec 01 on the Mahindra group to mark completion of 75 years of the billion-dollar enterprise.
- Sony Pictures Networks India (SPN), a subsidiary of Sony Corp’s Sony Pictures Entertainment (SPE), signed definitive agreements to merge with Zee Entertainment Enterprises (ZEE).

NOVEMBER

- TVS Motor Company, leading two-wheeler manufacturer of India, became the first Indian company to join the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC).
- Company will now support the Ten Principles of the UNGC on human rights, labour, environment, and anti-corruption.

OCTOBER

- Govt accorded ‘Maharatna’ Status to state-owned Power Finance Corporation (PFC) on Oct 12. PFC is the largest infrastructure finance company which is dedicated to the power sector under the Ministry of Power.
- The Finance Ministry announced the formation of two Group of Ministers on Sep. 24 for improvement in the GST regime.
- First GoM led by Karnataka chief minister Basavaraj S. Bommai will look into rationalisation of tax rates and merger of different tax slabs.
- The second GoM constituted for GST System Reforms, will be headed by Ajit Pawar, Deputy Chief Minister, Maharashtra.
- In an historical development, Tata Sons group won the bid for acquiring national carrier Air India. It made a winning bid of 18,000 crore rupees for Air India.

SEPTEMBER

➤ MSP of major Rabi crops for the crop year 2022-23:

Crops	MSP in Rs./Qtl	Increase in MSP
Wheat	2015	40
Barley	1635	35
Gram	5230	130
Lentil (Masur)	5500	400
Rapeseed & Mustard	5050	400
Safflower	5441	114

- Amazon, in tie up with govt of India, launched “Kisan Store”, an online store with home delivery facility, meant exclusively for farmers.
- Farmers can buy seeds, fertilisers, pesticides, equipment, etc. by placing order in five languages – Hindi, Tamil, Malayalam, Telugu, and Kannada.
- Global car company Ford Motor Co of the USA decided to stop its manufacturing facilities in India, taking a hit of about \$2 billion.
- Ford India will shut down its plant in Sanand (Gujarat) by end 2021 and vehicle and engine manufacturing at its Chennai plant by 2022.

BANKING & FINANCE

DECEMBER

- RBI has asked e-commerce companies that from January 1, 2022, they will not be allowed to save card information on their websites.
- RBI has thrown open the government agency business like tax collection to scheduled payment banks and scheduled small finance banks.
- RBI made Legal Entity Identifier (LEI) mandatory for cross-border transactions for capital or current account transactions of Rs 50 crore and above, from October 1, 2022.
- LEI is a 20-digit international number used for uniquely identifying parties to financial transactions worldwide, to improve the quality and accuracy of financial data systems.

NOVEMBER

- The RBI released on Nov 26 new rules for ownership and corporate structure of private banks in India.
- Among the biggest changes brought about is increasing the long-term promoter stake cap in banks to 26 percent from 15 percent currently.
- The minimum initial capital requirement for licensing new banks has been hiked to Rs 1000 crores for Universal Banks, from Rs 500 crores earlier.

- RBI directed Non-Banking Finance Companies (NBFCs) to appoint an Internal Ombudsman within 6 months.
- Deposit-taking NBFCs with more than 10 branches and non-deposit-taking NBFCs with an asset size of Rs 5,000 crore and above, will have to appoint an internal ombudsman within 6 months.
- The RBI launched two new innovative customer centric schemes on Nov 12 for the benefit of the common man.
- RBI Retail Direct Scheme is aimed at enhancing the participation of common man in the sale and purchase of government securities.
- RBI Integrated Ombudsman Scheme aims to create one portal, one email, and one address for the customers to lodge their complaints, track the status and provide feedback.
- The Reserve Bank announced on Nov 02 a revised Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) framework for banks, wef January 1, 2022.
- Under the revised framework, capital, asset quality and leverage will be the key areas for monitoring.
- Now, “return on assets” will no more be a parameter which may trigger action under the PCA framework.
- Payments banks and small finance banks (SFBs) have also been removed from the list of lenders where prompt corrective action can be initiated.

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- The RBI released a draft framework on Oct 22 on master directions to implement the Basel III Capital Framework for All India Financial Institutions (AIFIs) including EXIM Bank, NABARD, NHB, and SIDBI.
- Basel norms are international banking norms prescribed by the Bank for International Settlements, based at Basel, Switzerland.
- RBI announced the theme for 4th Cohort under Regulatory Sandbox as “Prevention and Mitigation of Financial Frauds”.
- It will focus on using technology to reduce the lag between the occurrence and detection of frauds, strengthening the fraud governance structure, and minimising response time to frauds.
- With a view to help banks get rid of their fraudulent NPAs (bad loans), RBI has allowed loan exposures classified as fraud to be transferred to Asset Reconstruction Companies (ARCs).
- NPCI launched the NPCI Tokenization System (NTS) to support tokenization of RuPay cards as an alternative to storing card details with merchants.
- As per Asiamoney’s “Asia’s Outstanding Companies Poll, HDFC Bank was voted as the best among the listed companies in India, leading to the bank being awarded the ‘Overall Most Outstanding Company in India’.

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- The nine public sector banks set up an asset management company named India Debt Resolution Company with a paid-up capital of Rs. 80.5 lakh and an authorized capital of Rs 50 crore.
- The company will be responsible for the resolution and restructuring of bad loans bought by the National Asset Reconstruction Company, set up earlier.
- RBI announced the opening of the third cohort of regulatory sandbox on Sep 13 with its theme as MSME lending.
- A cohort is a group of people who share some common goal, or a group of people who share a common background or business.
- The RBI and the Monetary Authority of Singapore have announced a project to link their respective fast payment systems, Unified Payments Interface (UPI) of India and PayNow of Singapore.
- RBI set up a committee headed by P Vasudevan to review applications and give recommendations on new umbrella entity (NUE) licences.
- The NUE will set up their own payment infrastructure to compete with the NPCI.
- PFRDA has increased the entry age for the National Pension System (NPS) from 65 years to 70 years. People joining at the age of 70 years, can continue up to the age of 75 years.
- RBI increased the limit of fund transfer under the Indo-Nepal Remittance Facility Scheme to Rs 2 lakh per transaction, from Rs 50,000 at present.
- RBI extended the scope of permitted devices for tokenised card transactions to include consumer devices such as laptops, desktops, wearables (wrist watches, bands, etc.), and Internet of Things (IoT) devices.
- 4th edition of EASE (Enhanced Access & Service Excellence), launched for the public sector bank reforms with a focus on deepening the customer-centric digital transformation.
- There are six key initiatives under EASE 4.0:
 - Smart Lending for Aspiring India
 - New Age 24x7 banking with resilient technology
 - Collaborative banking for synergistic outcomes
 - Tech-enabled Ease of Banking
 - Institutionalizing Prudent Banking
 - Governor and Outcome Centric HR

DEFENCE, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

DECEMBER

- Pune based Bharat Forge launched one of its kind indigenous Multi-terrain Artillery Gun (MAR-G) 155 – BR on Dec 21. It is the only 155mm 39 caliber gun system mounted on 4x4 HMT in the world.
- The Indian Army launched a contemporary messaging application named, ASIGMA (Army Secure IndiGeneous Messaging Application).
- The first set of indigenously developed next-generation Armoured Engineer Reconnaissance Vehicle (AERV) was inducted into the Corps of Engineers of Indian Army on Dec 21 at Pune.
- The DRDO successfully test-fired on Dec 22 the short-range, surface to surface ballistic missile 'Pralay' off the Odisha coast. Pralay has a strike range of 350-500 km and a payload capacity of 500-1,000 kg.
- The Indian Navy conducted the maiden sea trials for its new stealth destroyer (warship) Mormugao.
- Indian Air Force started deploying the first squadron of Russia made S-400 Triumph air defence missile system in the Punjab sector.
- The DRDO successfully tested on Dec 18 the new-generation nuclear-capable ballistic missile 'Agni P' from Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the Odisha coast.
- Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Ltd, Kolkata launched its first call survey vessel (large) named 'Sandhayak', for the Indian Navy.
- Govt approved the plan for production of over five lakh AK-203 assault rifles at Korwa in Amethi district of Uttar Pradesh. The 7.62 x 39 mm caliber AK-203 Rifles will replace in-service INSAS Rifles.
- The Indian Army received advanced Heron Mark-II drones from Israel. The drones will be deployed along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern Ladakh.
- The DRDO successfully tested a long-range Supersonic Missile Assisted Torpedo (SMART) on Dec 13 from the APJ Abdul Kalam Island in Odisha.
- DRDO and IAF tested indigenously developed Helicopter-launched Stand-off Anti-Tank (SANT) Missile from Pokhran range in Rajasthan. The missile can neutralise targets in a range of up to 10 kilometres.
- EXERCISE EKVVERIN: The 11th edition of military exercise between India and Maldives was conducted at Kadhdhoo Island, Maldives from Dec 6 to 19.

- The Indian Air Force signed an MoU with Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi to support its efforts towards indigenous solutions in various weapon systems, for achieving enhanced self-reliance.
- INS Khukri, the first of the indigenously built missile corvettes, was decommissioned on Dec 24, after 32 years of service.
- General MM Naravane, Chief of the Indian Army, was made the Chairman of the Chiefs of Staff Committee comprising the three service chiefs.
- The President of India awarded the "President's Standard" to the 22nd Missile Vessel Squadron of the Indian Navy, also known as the Killer Squadron at a ceremonial parade held at Naval Dockyard in Mumbai.
- NASA launched successfully into orbit the world's largest and most powerful space telescope, "James Webb Space Telescope" on Dec 25.
- Designed as the observatory of the next decade, it was launched in an Ariane rocket from the European Space Agency's base in French Guiana.
- For the first time in history, a spacecraft has almost touched the Sun. NASA's Parker Solar Probe has now flown through the Sun's upper atmosphere – the Corona – and sampled particles and magnetic fields there.

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- Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders delivered the First Ship of Project 15B Class Destroyer named INS Visakhapatnam to the Indian Navy at Visakhapatnam naval base.
- The fourth Scorpene class indigenously built submarine 'Vela' was delivered to the Indian Navy on Nov 09 by the Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders, Mumbai.
- The DRDO and Indian Air Force jointly flight-tested indigenously developed long-range bomb (LRB) from a fighter jet over Balasore in Odisha. The bomb can be programmed to hit targets between 50 and 150 km.
- INS Tushil, first of two frigates being built by Russia, was launched into waters on Oct 28 at the Yantar Shipyard in Russia. India is purchasing these two ships directly from Russia.
- The Indian Coast Guard received an indigenously built offshore patrol vessel -OPV, ICGS Sarthak, at Goa on October 28.
- The Government has appointed Vice Admiral R. Hari Kumar as the next Chief of the Naval Staff, in the rank of Admiral.
- The 37th edition of India-Indonesia Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT) was held in the Indian Ocean region on November 23-24.
- Indo-Thai CORPAT: The 32nd edition of the India-Thailand Coordinated Patrol between the Indian Navy and the Royal Thai Navy was held on Nov 12-14 in the Andaman Sea.

- Dosti: The 15th edition of biennial Trilateral Exercise 'Dosti' between India, the Maldives and Sri Lanka was held in the Maldives from November 20-24.
- SITMEX-21: 3rd edition of India, Singapore and Thailand Trilateral two-day Maritime Exercise was held on Nov 15-16 in Andaman Sea.
- EX SHAKTI 2021: The 6th Edition of Indo French Joint Military Exercise- was held at the Military School of Draguignan, France from 15 to 26 November.
- Desert Warrior: A team of the Indian Air Force participated in a two-day exercise with the Air Force of Egypt at El Beringat airbase in Egypt on Oct 30-31.
- Indian Air Force's Mirage-2000 fighter jets participated in the "Blue Flag-21" exercise hosted by the Israeli Air Force from Oct 17 to 28 at Ovda Airbase near Eilat in Israel.
- The Russian military successfully test-fired the 'Zircon' Hypersonic Cruise Missile from warship Admiral Gorshkov.
- Zircon has a strike range of 1,000 km and can fly with speed of around 10,000 km/hr, roughly 8 times the speed of sound.
- Space scientists at the Physical Research Laboratory (PRL) in Ahmedabad have discovered a new exoplanet "TOI 1789b".
- It is a planet outside the solar system- orbiting too close to an aging star with a mass of 1.5 times that of the Sun and located 725 light years away.
- US space agency NASA launched the first of its kind DART Mission (Double Asteroid Redirection Test) spacecraft on November 24, world's first mission to test asteroid-deflection technology.
- The spacecraft is expected to crash head-on into the moonlet Dimorphos at a speed of over 24,000 km/hr at about 11 million km away from earth, to deflect the asteroid by a fraction.

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- Surface to surface ballistic missile, Agni-5 was successfully launched from APJ Abdul Kalam Island in Odisha. It has a range of 5,000 km.
- The DRDO successfully flight tested the High-speed Expendable Aerial Target (HEAT), named 'Abhyas' from the Integrated Test Range, Chandipur.
- A new version of the Akash Missile, Akash Prime was successfully flight tested on Sep 27 by DRDO from Integrated Test Range at Chandipur in Odisha.
- The Defence Accounts Department developed an IT-enabled payment and accounting system called PRABAL to ensure that the domestic defence suppliers get payments without any delay.
- **Konkan Shakti-2021:** Tri-service exercise between the UK and Indian Armed Forces was held off the Konkan coast in the Arabian Sea, from Oct 24 to 27.

- **Ex-Yudh Abhyas 2021:** Indo-US Joint Military Exercise held at Elmendorf – Richardson base in Alaska, USA, from 15-29 October.
- **Malabar Exercise:** Joint naval exercise held with Japan and USA in the Bay of Bengal from 12 to 15 October.
- **Exercise Ajeya Warrior:** India-UK joint military training held at Chaubatia, Uttarakhand, Oct 7 to 20.
- **JIMEX:** India – Japan Maritime Exercise held in Arabian Sea from Oct 6 to 8.
- **Mitra Shakti:** India – Sri Lanka Joint Military Exercise held at Combat Training School, Ampara in Sri Lanka from 4th to 15th of October.
- **AUSINDEX:** Indian and Australian naval exercise held on Sep 30 in the North Australian Exercise Area.
- China launched its first solar observation satellite 'Xihe' on Oct 14 into a 571-km altitude orbit. The 550-kg satellite will monitor the Sun for three years.
- NASA launched Lucy spacecraft on Oct 16, the first space mission to study the Trojan Asteroids. It will journey for 12 years, observing one main belt asteroid and seven Trojan asteroids.

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- The Ministry of Defence placed an order for supply of 118 Arjun Mk-1A tanks for the Indian Army. The tanks will be made by the Heavy Vehicles Factory, Avadi, Chennai.
- Govt placed orders for building 6 AEW&C (Airborne Early Warning and Control) aircraft to bolster the surveillance capability of the Indian Air Force.
- The Union Cabinet approved the procurement of 56 C-295MW transport aircraft for the Indian Air Force from Airbus Defence and Space S.A., Spain.
- The Indian Army to procure 100 'SkyStrikers' drones, capable of carrying ammunition and conduct strikes at targets up to 20 km.
- The National Aerospace Laboratories, Bengaluru successfully designed and built its two-seater trainer aircraft, Hansa NG (New Generation).
- **An Off-shore Patrol Vessel 'Vigraha'**, built by L&T Ship Building Ltd, Chennai, was inducted in Indian Coast Guard on August 28 at Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
- **Air Marshal V R Chaudhari:** The current Vice Chief of Air Staff selected as the next Chief of the Indian Air Force.
- **Surya Kiran:** The 15th edition of Indo-Nepal Joint Military Training Exercise was held from September 20 to Oct 03 at Pithoragarh in Uttarakhand.
- **'Samudra Shakti':** Naval Exercise between India and Indonesia took place from Sep 20 to 22 near Sunda Strait between islands of Java and Sumatra, Indonesia.
- **Exercise Peaceful Mission-2021:** An Indian military contingent participated in a Joint Counter Terrorism Exercise between SCO member states, hosted by Russia from September 13 to 25.

- **AUSINDEX:** The bilateral exercise between the Indian Navy and Royal Australian Navy was held in the Indian Ocean near Australia from Sep 6 to 10.
- **SIMBEX-2021:** The 28th edition of Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise SIMBEX was held from Sep 2 to 4 in the southern fringes of the South China Sea.
- **Exercise ZAPAD 2021:** Indian Army participated in the multinational exercise held at Nizhny in Russia from 3-16 September.
- **INS Savitri,** the offshore patrol vessel of the Indian Navy participated in the Passage Exercise with Bangladesh in the Bay of Bengal on September 3.
- **The Indian Navy** and the German Navy carried out a exercise in the Gulf of Aden on Aug. 26 as part of the Indian Ocean leg of Indo-Pacific Deployment 2021.
- President Ram Nath Kovind awarded the President's Colour to Indian Naval Aviation at the ceremonial parade held on 6th September at INS Hansa in Goa.
- Government launched a first-of-its-kind indigenously developed Quantum Computing Simulation toolkit named Qsim on August 26.
- Qsim is a vital tool of learning for understanding the practical aspects of programming with the help of Quantum Computers.
- IIT, Bombay launched on Sep 14 'Project Udaan', an artificial intelligence (AI)-based software ecosystem that translates scientific and technical content from English to Hindi and several other Indian languages.
- In a breakthrough invention, scientists at IIT, Ropar, IIT Kanpur and Delhi University, jointly launched world's first living-plant based air purifier named "Ubreathe Life".
- In a historical first, the world's first all-civilian space crew was launched into Earth's orbit onboard a Falcon 9 rocket under the mission 'Inspiration-4'.
- It was launched from NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida, USA on September 16 by Elon Musk's private space company SpaceX.

INTERNATIONAL

DECEMBER

- President Joe Biden of the USA convened a virtual "Summit for Democracy" on Dec 9-10 which hosted more than 100 participants representing governments, civil society and private-sector leaders.
- The United Arab Emirates became the first country in the world to change its existing five-day workweek to a four-and-a-half day, starting 1 January, 2022.
- The new working regime will be from 7:30 am to 3:30 pm, on Monday to Thursday and on Fridays, it's from 7:30 am to 12:30 pm.

- Dubai in UAE has become the world's first government to turn 100 per cent paperless. The Crown Prince of Dubai announced that this will lead to savings of 1.3 billion Dirham (\$350 million) and 14-million-man hours.
- The Worldwide Cost of Living Index 2021 released by the Economist Intelligence Unit, declared Tel Aviv, capital of Israel, as the world's most expensive city to live in.
- Barbados, a micro island country in eastern Caribbean Sea, became a new republic at the stroke of midnight of Nov 30.
- December 01 saw the dawn of a new independent Barbados, free from the clutches of Queen Elizabeth as head of state, ending 400-year-old colonial bond.

NOVEMBER

- The WHO's technical advisory group classified on Nov 26 the newly detected variant of Coronavirus in South Africa and Botswana as B.1.1529.
- It has been named 'Omicron'. It is the fifth variant named by WHO, the other four being Alpha, Beta, Gamma and Delta.
- US based dictionary Merriam-Webster has declared 'vaccine' as its 2021 word of the year. Lookups for the word "vaccine" in 2021 increased 601% over 2020.
- Collins Dictionary has named the term 'NFT' as the Word of the Year 2021. NFT stands for "non-fungible token".
- 'Vax' has been chosen as the word of the year by the Oxford English Dictionary (OED), for the year 2021.
- Britain approved the world's first pill to treat cases of symptomatic COVID-19. The antiviral medicine Molnupiravir has been developed by Merck.
- Facebook Inc. changed its name to 'Meta', on October 28. The overall Facebook company will now be called 'Metaverse' or simply 'Meta'. It has a new logo as well, which is somewhat like the symbol for infinity.

OCTOBER

- The 38th and 39th summit of ASEAN nations was hosted by Brunei in the virtual mode on Oct 26 to 28. The 16th East Asia Summit was also held alongside.
- German rail operator Deutsche Bahn and German engineering company Siemens jointly launched on Oct 11 the world's first automated, driverless train in Hamburg city, Germany.
- In a historic move, the WHO endorsed the first antimalarial vaccine, named RTS,S or Mosquirix. The vaccine was developed by British drugmaker GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) in 1987.
- Venezuela introduced a new currency on October 1 with six fewer zeros. The highest denomination of the new currency will be 100 Bolivars, as compared

to the earlier higher denomination of 1 million Bolivar.

SEPTEMBER

- WHO revised and tightened the air quality guidelines for six pollutants for the first time since 2005.
- According to the new limits, average annual PM2.5 concentrations should be no higher than five micrograms per cubic meter.
- SCO in its 21st summit in Dushanbe, Tajikistan held on Sep 17 decided to admit Iran as a full member. Till now, Iran had an observer country status.
- The 21st meeting of the SCO Council of Heads of State was held on Sep 17 in Dushanbe, Tajikistan, in a hybrid format, under the Chairmanship of President of Tajikistan, Emomali Rahmon.
- Cuba has become the first country in the world to begin the mass vaccination of children as young as 2 years old against COVID-19 with its homegrown vaccines.
- The US, UK and Australia announced on Sep 16 the formation of AUKUS – a new trilateral security partnership for the Indo-Pacific region.
- The world's largest plant designed to suck carbon dioxide out of the air and turn it into solid rock, began operations on Sep 8 in Iceland.
- The UNEP formally announced on Sep 1 that now there is no country in the world that uses leaded petrol for cars and lorries. India stopped using leaded petrol by 2,000.
- The New Development Bank established by the BRICS countries in 2015 approved Bangladesh, UAE and Uruguay as its new member.

PERSONS IN NEWS

DECEMBER

Nirmala Sitharaman: In the list of "50 most powerful women in India" released by Fortune India, the current Finance Minister of India was placed on top.

Mackenzie Scott: Forbes World's 100 Most Powerful Women list was topped by a newcomer, philanthropist and novelist, Mackenzie Scott of the USA. She is the ex-wife of billionaire Jeff Bezos (of Amazon).

Elon Musk: Time magazine announced Tesla and SpaceX CEO as their "Person of the Year" for 2021.

NOVEMBER

Falguni Nayar: Founder and CEO of cosmetics online retailer Nykaa became India's 7th woman billionaire and the wealthiest self-made billionaire on November 10 as her net worth rocketed to \$6.5 billion due to the grand listing of Nykaa's shares on NSE.



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Azim Premji: The EdelGive Hurun India Philanthropy ranked Wipro's founder as the most generous philanthropist for the 2nd consecutive year, with massive donation of Rs. 9,713 cr in 2020-21.

OCTOBER

Elon Musk: Tesla CEO, emerged as the richest person in the world, adding \$36 billion to his fortune on October 25, reaching a net worth of \$287 billion.

SEPTEMBER

Kailash Satyarthi : The United Nations Chief Antonio Guterres appointed the Nobel Laureate from India as the new Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Advocate on Sep 17.

Dorje Angchuk: An engineer at the Indian Astronomical Observatory of the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA) at Hanle in Ladakh region, has been admitted as an Honorary Member of the International Astronomical Union, Paris.

APPOINTMENTS

DECEMBER

Pradeep Kumar Rawat: An Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer of 1990 batch, appointed India's next Ambassador to China.

Sanjiv Mehta: Chairman and Managing Director of Hindustan Unilever Ltd. elected as the President of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), for 2022.

Gita Gopinath: The Chief Economist of IMF, selected as the First Deputy Managing Director (DyMD) of IMF, the senior most among the four DyMDs at IMF.

Parag Agrawal: Indian tech wizard took over as CEO of the Twitter. Parag was working as chief technical officer at Twitter.

Catherine Russell: A senior aide of President Biden was appointed as the Executive Director of the UNICEF-United Nations Children's Fund, New York by the UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres.

Gabriel Boric: 35 years old former student leader was elected as the youngest President of Chile.

Magdalena Andersson: Elected as the first female Prime Minister of Sweden by its parliament Riksdag in capital city Stockholm.

Adama Barrow: Re-elected as the President of the Gambia, a small west African country, for the second term.

Karl Nehammer: Sworn in as the new Chancellor (prime minister) of Austria by President Alexander.

NOVEMBER

Vivek Johri: Appointed as the chairman of the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs, CBIC.

Sheel Vardhan Singh: Appointed as the new Director General of the central para military force, CISF.

Shaktikanta Das: Re-appointed as Governor of the Reserve Bank of India for a period of three years, wef December 10, 2021.

Ahmed Nasser Al Raisi: A general from the United Arab Emirates was elected as the President of the INTERPOL by its General Assembly in France.

Petr Fiala: Appointed as the new Prime Minister of the Czech Republic.

Nicolae Ciuca: Appointed as the Prime Minister of Romania by the President.

Daniel Ortega: Re-elected for the fourth time as the President of Nicaragua, a small country in Central America.

Rumen Radev: President of Bulgaria won a second 5-year presidential term.

Sheikh Sabah Al Khaled Al Sabah: Appointed as the new Prime Minister of Kuwait.

Olaf Scholz: Chief of the Social Democrats party of Germany headed a three-party coalition to become the Chancellor (prime minister) of Germany, bringing the curtain down on the Angela Merkel era.

OCTOBER

KV Kamath: Veteran banker appointed as the chairperson of the newly set up Rs 20,000 crore National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID).

Pradeep Kumar Panja: RBI approved his appointment as part-time Chairman of Karnataka Bank, wef November 14, 2021, for a period of three years.

Amitabh Chaudhry: The RBI approved the re-appointment of Amitabh Chaudhry as MD & CEO of Axis Bank for a period of three years, wef January 1, 2022.

A K Goel: Selected as the chairman of Indian Banks' Association for 2021-22. He is MD & CEO of UCO Bank.

B C Patnaik: Took charge as the managing director of the LIC of India. Currently, LIC has one chairman and four managing directors.

E.R. Sheikh: Appointed as the first Director-General of the Ordnance Directorate (Coordination and Services).

Lt. Gen. Gurbirpal Singh: Appointed as the 34th Director General of National Cadet Corps (NCC).

Shavkat Mirziyoyev: The President of Uzbekistan has been re-elected for a second five-year term.

Jonas Gahr Store: Appointed as the new Prime Minister of Norway by King Harald V.

Alexander Schallenberg: Appointed as the new Chancellor (prime minister) of Austria.

Fumio Kishida: A former Foreign Minister of Japan elected as the 100th Prime Minister of the country.

Raoudha Boudent Ramadhane: Named as the woman Prime Minister of Tunisia by the President.

Dame Sandra Mason: Elected as the first ever president of Barbados, a micro island country in the Caribbean Sea.

SEPTEMBER

Three Governors appointed

Lt. Gen. Gurmit Singh	Uttarakhand
Banwarilal Purohit	Punjab
R N Ravi	Tamil Nadu

Charanjit Singh Channi: Elected as the new Chief Minister of Punjab by the Congress party.

Bhupendra Patel: BJP MLA from Ghatlodia was sworn-in as new Chief Minister of Gujarat on Sep 13.

Shri Girish Chandra Murmu: The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India, was elected as the chairman of the assembly of the Asian Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (ASOSAI), Beijing for 2024-27.

Iqbal Singh Lalpura: Retired IPS officer of Punjab cadre, appointed as the Chairperson, National Commission for Minorities

Ms. Harsha Bhupendra Bangari: Appointed as the new Managing Director of Export-Import Bank of India (EXIM Bank), Mumbai.

J B Mohapatra: A senior Indian Revenue Service (Income Tax) officer has been appointed the Chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), New Delhi

Najib Mikati: Lebanon's richest man – became Prime Minister of the country for the third time.

Aziz Akhannouch: Appointed as the Prime Minister of Morocco by King Mohammed VI.

Alar Karis: Elected as the new President of Estonia by its parliament. It is a tiny country in northern Europe, bordering Baltic Sea.

AWARDS & HONOURS

DECEMBER

Ngadag Pel gi Khorlo: Highest civilian decoration of Bhutan conferred upon Prime Minister Narendra Modi by the King of Bhutan, His Majesty Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck on Dec 17, National Day of Bhutan.

Miss Universe 2021: India's Harnaaz Sandhu was crowned 70th Miss Universe in a colourful pageant held in Eilat, Israel on Dec 12.

56th Jnanpith Award 2020: Eminent Assamese poet Nilmani Phookan Jr. selected for this prestigious award for his lifelong devotion to literature.

57th Jnanpith Award 2021: Won by veteran Konkani novelist Damodar Mauzo from Goa.

Royal Gold Medal 2022: Conferred on acclaimed Indian architect Balkrishna Doshi.

Regarded as one of the world's highest honours for architecture, it is given by the Royal Institute of British Architects and is approved by Queen Elizabeth II.

NOVEMBER

AWARDS AT THE 52nd IFFI, GOA

Golden Peacock for the Best Film: Won by the movie Ring Wandering directed by Masakazu Kanyeko. The prize also carries a cash award of Rs. 40 lakh.

Silver Peacock for the best actor-male: Jitendra Joshi for the film Godavari.

Silver Peacock for the best actor-Female: Angela Molina for the film Charlotte.

Indira Gandhi Peace Prize, 2021: Pratham, a Mumbai-based NGO was awarded this prestigious prize by the Indira Gandhi Memorial Trust. It carries a cash award of Rs. 25 lakh.

2021 Booker Prize for Fiction: Awarded to the South African author Damon Galgut for his novel The Promise. It carries a cash award of Pound 50,000 and is open to all novels in English published in the U.K.

JCB Prize for Literature: Won by Malayalam author M. Mukundan for his novel "Delhi: A Soliloquy", translated from Malayalam by Fathima E.V. and Nandakumar K. The award carries a cash prize of Rs. 25 lakh.

17th KidsRights International Children's Peace Prize: Won by two Delhi-based teenage brothers Vihaan (17) and Nav Agarwal (14) for tackling pollution in their home city by recycling household waste.

OCTOBER

Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement Award: Conferred on two renowned film directors, Martin Scorsese of USA and Istvan Szabo of Hungary, at the 52nd International Film Festival of India (IFFI) at Goa.

Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought: European Union's highest award for human rights awarded to imprisoned Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny for his determined and persistent fight against the corruption in Russia.

Earthshot Prize: 'Takachar', an agriculture waste recycling project of a Delhi-based entrepreneur Vidyut Mohan, is among the five winners of Prince William's inaugural Earthshot Prize, also dubbed the 'Eco Oscars'. Each prize is for one million pounds.

Yidan Prize for Education Development-2021: Awarded to Dr Rukmini Banerji, CEO of Pratham Education Foundation, for her work in understanding why some children are leaving school without picking essential reading and writing skills

Yidan Prize for Education Research-2021: Awarded to Professor Eric A. Hanushek, Stanford University, USA, for his research showing that above all it is the quality of education that underpins the economic health of their nations.

The Yidan Prize founded by Chinese business tycoon Dr Chen Yidan, comprises of HK\$30 million (Rs. 28.83 crore).

SEPTEMBER

Dr Basant Kumar Misra: Odisha-born neurosurgeon has been conferred the prestigious American Association of Neurological Surgeons' 'International Lifetime Achievement Award in Neurosurgery'.

The Ramon Magsaysay Award-2021: Also known as Asia's Nobel Prize, conferred upon five persons/organisations from Asia who have made selfless and extraordinary contributions to the eradication of poverty and the development of the society in Asia. The five winners are:

Dr. Ms. Firdausi Qadri, Muhammad Amjad Saqib, Roberto Ballon, Steven Muncy, and Watchdoc- Indonesian torch bearer for investigative journalism.

Bird Photographer of the Year, 2021: Mexican photographer Alejandro Prieto emerged as the winner from among 22,000 entries from 73 countries.

OBITUARY

DECEMBER

General Bipin Rawat: India's first Chief of Defence Staff died in an unfortunate air crash on Dec 8 in the forest area near Coonoor in the Nilgiris District of Tamil Nadu.

Justice G T Nanavati: Former Supreme Court judge, who investigated the 1984 anti-Sikh riots and the 2002 Godhra riots (in Gujarat), died of a cardiac failure. He was 86.

Vinod Dua: Veteran TV journalist passed away on Dec 4 in a New Delhi hospital, losing his battle to Corona. He was 67.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu: The Nobel Peace Prize (1984) laureate who helped end apartheid in South Africa, passed away aged 90.

Stephen Sondheim: Veteran American songwriter and composer, who redefined the American musical theatre, passed away on Nov 26 in Connecticut, USA.

NOVEMBER

Mannu Bhandari: Eminent Hindi writer passed away in Gurugram on Nov 15. She was 90. She was considered to be one of the pioneers of the 'Nayi Kahani' movement of the 50's and 60's.

Balwant Moreshwar Purandare: Noted historian and Padma Vibhushan awardee, popularly known as Babasaheb Purandare, died in Pune Nov 15.

✓ Known by his moniker 'Shiv Shahir' (Shivaji's bard), Purandare (99) was among the pre-eminent authorities on Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj.

OCTOBER

Arvind Trivedi: Veteran actor best known for playing Raavan in the popular 1986 mythological TV serial "Ramayan", left for heavenly abode on Oct 05, following a heart attack at his residence in Mumbai. He was 82.

SEPTEMBER

Mahant Narendra Giri: President of Akhil Bhartiya Akhada Parishad (largest grouping of Indian Sadhus) and Mahant of Bade Hanuman temple, Prayagraj, UP, was found dead in at Baghambhari math in Prayagraj on Sep 20, apparently by attempting suicide.

PLACES IN NEWS

DECEMBER

Haiderpur wetland: Located about 10 km from Bijnor in western Uttar Pradesh, this wetland has been recognized as a Ramsar site under the 1971 Ramsar Convention on Wetlands.

Kazhuveli: The wetland located near Villupuram in Tamil Nadu has been declared a bird sanctuary and will henceforth be called the 'Kazhuveli Bird Sanctuary'.

Nagaland: At least 14 civilians were killed in separate incidents of firing in Mon district in northern Nagaland on Dec 4 and 5 in the violent clashes between local tribals and jawans of 21st Para Special Force of the Army.

Cyclone Jawad: Coastal regions of Andhra Pradesh and Odisha were smashed by cyclone Jawad on Dec 5.

Super Typhoon Rai: One of the strongest typhoons to hit the Philippines this year, it battered the southern Philippines on Dec 16, claiming over 200 lives and forcing lakhs of people to take shelter amid widespread flooding and destruction.

Mount Semeru: The tallest mountain on Java Island in Indonesia, suddenly erupted on Dec 4, throwing up towers of ash and hot clouds several km up in the sky which blanketed surrounding villages with a 3 to 4 feet thick layer of ash.

NOVEMBER

Indore: City in Madhya Pradesh was adjudged India's cleanest city for the fifth time in a row in the Central government's annual cleanliness survey.

Tirupati: In Andhra Pradesh, the Temple Town Tirupati suffered vast devastation due to incessant rains on Nov 17-18 owing to the depression in the Bay of Bengal.

Pochampally: Village in Telangana's Yadadri Bhuvanagiri dist., famous for its Ikkat or Pochampally sarees, was selected as one of the best tourism villages in the world by the UN World Tourism Organisation.

Rani Kamalapati Railway Station: Country's first ISO certified, first PPP model-based ultra-modern Rani Kamalapati Railway Station in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh was dedicated to the nation on Nov 14.

Srinagar: The city in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir was included in craft and folk arts category by UNESCO in its coveted list of Creative Cities Network (UCCN).

Faizabad: The Uttar Pradesh government renamed the 19th century railway station as "Ayodhya Cantt", three years after Faizabad district was rechristened to Ayodhya.

OCTOBER

Varanasi: Ancient city in Uttar Pradesh is set to become the first city in India to use ropeway services for public transportation. Only two other cities in the world, El Alto-LaPaz in Bolivia and Mexico City, use the ropeway in public transportation.

Mount Aso: A volcano erupted in Japan on Oct 20, blasting ash several kms into the sky.

La Palma Island, Spain: It witnessed huge volcanic eruptions since Sep 19, spewing streams of red-hot molten rock into the woods and farmland, engulfing everything on the way.

The lava finally met the Atlantic Ocean on September 29 at a point known as Los Guirres, setting off huge plumes of steam and toxic gases.

SEPTEMBER

Cyclone 'Gulab': The cyclonic storm formed in the Bay of Bengal made a landfall on Sep 26 between North Andhra Pradesh and South Odisha, causing heavy rains with high-speed winds.

Hurricane Ida: The powerful cyclonic storm destroyed buildings and left more than a million homes without power in the southern state of Louisiana, USA on September 1-2.

SPORTS WORLD

DECEMBER

Aanchal Thakur, ace Indian skier, won the Bronze medal at the FIS Alpine Skiing Competition on Dec 23 in Montenegro, a tiny country west of Italy.

Pankaj Advani won his 11th National Billiards title in the 88th National Billiards and Snookers Championship held in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.

Kidambi Srikanth bagged a historic silver medal in the Men's singles final of BWF World Championships on Dec 19 at Huelva in Spain.

Saurav Ghosal scripted history by becoming the first Indian squash player to win the Malaysian Open Championships held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

64th National Shooting Championship, New Delhi. Haryana's Manu Bhaker was crowned the women's 10m air pistol national champion for the second successive time. Rahi Sarnobat won the national title in women's 25m pistol for the third year in a row. Divyansh Singh Panwar, 19-year-old shooter from Rajasthan won two national titles by securing gold, in both, the senior and junior air rifle event.

Commonwealth Weightlifting Championships 2021

in Tashkent, Uzbekistan:

Sanket Mahadev Sargar won the gold medal in the Men's 55kg snatch category

Jhilli Dalabehera won the gold medal in the women's 49kg category

Ajay Singh clinched India's third gold medal by winning the men's 81kg category.

Jeremy Lalrinnunga, 19-year-old weightlifter from Mizoram, won the gold medal in the men's 67kg category. India ended the championships with 16 medals - four gold, seven silver, and five bronze.

Avani Lekhara, the first woman to win a gold medal in rifle shooting at the Tokyo Paralympic Games, won the "Best Female Debut" award in the 2021 Paralympic Sports Awards.

Woman of the year Award: World governing body for athletics, World Athletics selected India's long jump champion Ms. Anju Bobby George for this top award for her outstanding contribution in promoting sports.

11th Junior National Men's Hockey Championship: Uttar Pradesh were crowned the winners following their victory over Chandigarh in the final at Kovilpatti, Tamil Nadu on Dec 25.

Vijay Hazare Trophy: One-day (50 overs) format national championship won by Himachal Pradesh, thumping Tamil Nadu at Jaipur on Dec 26.

India wins 6 medals in Asian Rowing

Arjun Lal Jat and Ravi won the gold medal in the men's double sculls event on Dec 11 in the Asian Rowing Championship in Thailand.

Arvind Singh also bagged a gold in the lightweight Men's single sculls event. The Indian team finished with a total of six medals, including two gold and 4 silver medals.

Indian para-athletes won a whopping 41 medals in their best-ever show at the Asian Youth Para Games held in Riffa city, Bahrain from Dec 2 to 6. The Indian contingent won 12 gold, 15 silver, and 14 bronze.

Harbhajan Singh, veteran Indian off-spinner announced on Dec 24 his retirement from cricket.

Harjinder Singh, General Secretary of Indian Ice Hockey Association, appointed by Indian Olympic Association as India's Chef de Mission for Beijing 2022 Winter Olympics, to be held in Feb 2022.

INTERNATIONAL

Carlsen remains "King of Chess"

Reigning king of chess, 31-year-old Magnus Carlsen from Norway defended his World Chess Championship crown for the fifth successive time (since 2013 when he defeated Vishwanathan Anand) after defeating Russian Grandmaster Ian Nepomniachtchi on Dec 10 in Dubai.

Max Verstappen (Netherlands) of team Red Bull won the Abu Dhabi Grand Prix, F1 race on Dec 12, the last race of the season, making him the world champion for 2021, winning 8 races, against 7 by his arch rival British Lewis Hamilton of team Mercedes.

Emma Raducanu: The 19-year-old Britain's number one tennis player and US Open champion-2021, was voted the **BBC's Sports Personality of the Year**.

Cristiano Ronaldo, Portuguese superstar, and forward player of Manchester FC, became the first player in football history to achieve 800 career goals - a feat that has not been matched by anyone past or present.

Lewis Hamilton, the 36-year-old seven-time F1 British champion was formally knighted by Prince Charles, making him Sir Lewis Hamilton. He is the first and only black F1 driver.

Ballon d'Or-Men's: (Golden Ball) won by Lionel Messi for the record seventh time. Star player of Argentina, plays for FC Paris Saint Germain

Ballon d'Or-Women's: Won by Alexia Putellas of Spain. She also plays for FC Barcelona.

World Athletics Awards 2021 were declared on December 01 at London in virtual format.

World Athlete of the Year-Women: Ms. Elaine Thompson-Herah, Olympic champion sprinter from Jamaica

World Athlete of the Year-Men: Karsten Warholm, Olympic champion sprinter from Norway

Badminton World Federation (BWF), Badminton's global governing body, selected Viktor Axelsen of Denmark and China's Tai Tzu-ying as "Player of the Year", men and women, respectively.

Junior Men's Hockey World Cup: Argentina lifted the coveted trophy after defeating Germany, 4-2 in the Summit Clash played on Dec 5 in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

Davis Cup 2021: Won by the Russian Tennis Federation by a 2-0 lead over Croatia in the final played in Madrid, Spain.

New Zealand's Ajaz Patel, became the third bowler in Test cricket history, after England's Jim Laker (1956) and Anil Kumble (1999) of India, to take 10 wickets in an innings. He achieved the feat playing against India in Mumbai, the place of his birth.

The USA announced a diplomatic boycott of the 2022 Winter Olympics to be held in February 2022 in Beijing, China, to protest China's adverse human rights record with regard to Uighur Muslims.

On Dec 8, Australia, Canada and Britain also declared their decision for a diplomatic boycott of the Games.

NOVEMBER

Ramkumar Ramanathan won his maiden Challenger level singles title in the summit clash of the ATP 80 Manama Tennis event, in Manama, Bahrain.

P Iniyan, Indian Grandmaster won the 5th Rujna Zora chess tournament held in Serbia.

Sukant Kadam claimed gold at the Uganda Para Badminton International held on Nov 21 at Kampala, Uganda.

Akash Kumar won a bronze medal in the 54-kg category at the 2021 AIBA men's World Boxing Championships in Belgrade.

Jyothi Surekha Vennam won gold in the women's compound individual event at the Asian Archery Championships on Nov 18 at Dhaka.

G Sathiyam and Harmeet Desai won their first international pro tour Table Tennis title on Oct 30 in the men's double summit clash at the WTT Contender Tunis in Tunisia.

Sankalp Gupta: Nagpur teenager became India's 71st Grandmaster by earning his third GM norm in the GM Ask 3 round-robin event in Arandjelovac, Serbia.

Mitrabha Guha of Kolkata became the country's 72nd Grandmaster (GM) at the GM Third Saturday Mix 220 tournament in Novi Sad, Serbia on Nov 8.

Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy: Tamil Nadu lifted the T20 format national cricket trophy by defeating Karnataka in the finals played on Nov 22 in Delhi.

Sourav Ganguly, BCCI president has been appointed the Chairman of the ICC men's Cricket Committee.

Rohit Sharma: India's limited-overs vice-captain has been officially announced as Team India's T20 International captain, replacing Virat Kohli.

Prakash Padukone: Selected for the Lifetime Achievement Award for 2021 by the Badminton World Federation (BWF) Council, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Rahul Dravid: BCCI appointed the former Indian captain as the new head coach of the Indian men's cricket team.

NATIONAL SPORTS AWARDS - 2021

The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports announced the National Sports Awards for the year 2021 on Nov 2. The awardees were honoured by the President at a special function at Rashtrapati Bhavan on the 13th November.

Major Dhyam Chand Khel Ratna Award--12

Neeraj Chopra	Athletics
Ravi Kumar	Wrestling
Lovlina Borgohain	Boxing
Manpreet Singh	Hockey

Sreejesh P.R
Mithali Raj
Sunil Chhetri
Avani Lekhara
Manish Narwal
Sumit Antil
Pramod Bhagat
Krishna Nagar

Hockey
Cricket
Football
Para Shooting
Para Shooting
Para Athletics
Para-Badminton
Para-Badminton

Arjuna Awards for outstanding performance -35 sportsmen

Dronacharya Award for outstanding coaches (Life-Time) - 5 coaches

Dronacharya Award for outstanding coaches (Regular) - 5 coaches

Dhyam Chand Award for Lifetime Achievement -5 sportspersons

Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award - 7 ?

Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar

Identification and Nurturing of Budding and Young Talent: Manav Rachna Educational Institutions, Faridabad, Haryana

Encouragement to sports through CSR: Indian Oil Corporation Limited

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Trophy (MAKA Trophy) for best all round performance in sports: Panjab University, Chandigarh

INTERNATIONAL

ICC T-20 World Cup: Australia lifted their maiden title as they defeated New Zealand in the final by 8 wickets at Dubai International Stadium on Nov 14. David Warner of Australia was declared Player of the Series.

Geoff Allardice, veteran Australian cricketer was appointed as the permanent CEO of the International Cricket Council (ICC) at Dubai on November 21.

AB de Villiers, one of contemporary cricket's greatest batters, former South African captain announced his retirement on Nov 19 from all forms of the game.

Ranjan Madugalle: Former Sri Lankan cricketer became the first match referee to officiate in 200 Test matches. He reached the landmark on Nov 21 in the Test between Sri Lanka and the West Indies in Galle, Sri Lanka.

OCTOBER

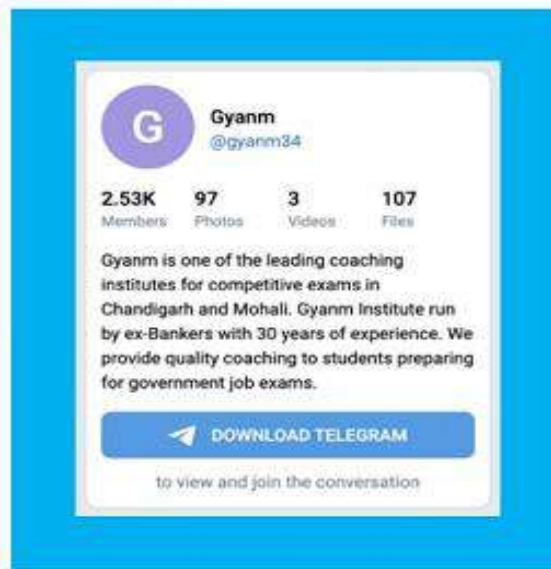
Anshu Malik, 20 years old wrestler from Jind, Haryana scripted history by becoming the first Indian woman to win a silver medal in the World Wrestling Championships.

Divya Deshmukh, 15-year-old chess prodigy from Nagpur, became India's 21st Woman Grandmaster on October 13 after achieving her 2nd International Master at Grand Master in Budapest, Hungary.



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South Asian Football Federation Championship: India clinched the title for the eighth time defeating Nepal 3-0 in the finals played in Male, capital of Maldives.

Durand Cup (130th edition): FC Goa claimed their maiden football title after a 1-0 win over Mohammedan Sporting in the final played on Oct 03 at the Vivekananda Yubabharati Krirangan in Kolkata.

Chennai Super Kings beat Kolkata Knight Riders by 27 runs to win its fourth IPL (Indian Premier League) title in Dubai on October 15.

Indians sweep FIH awards

The International Hockey Federation's (FIH) announced the annual awards on Oct 6 at Lausanne, Switzerland.

Player of the Year - men: Harmanpreet Singh

Player of the Year - women: Gurjit Kaur

Best goalkeeper - men: PR Sreejesh

Best goalkeeper - women: Savita Punia

The Indian men's table tennis team claimed the bronze medal in the ITTF-ATTU Asian Table Tennis Championships in Doha, Qatar on October 01, after losing to South Korea in the semi-finals.

Virat Kohli became the first Indian to cross the 10,000 runs mark in the T20 format. Kohli achieved this feat while batting for Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) in the IPL 2021 against Mumbai Indians (MI) at the Dubai International Stadium.

Two more teams join IPL bandwagon

The most popular Indian cricket tournament, Indian Premier League (IPL) got two new teams from the 2022 season, taking the total number of teams in the competition to ten. RP-Sanjiv Goenka Group (RPSG) secured the bid for the Lucknow team for Rs. 7090 crore while CVC Capital Partners paid Rs. 5625 crore to win the ownership of the Ahmedabad team.

INTERNATIONAL

The Victor Denmark Open 2021 badminton tournament was held in Odense, Denmark, from 19 to 24 October.

Men's singles title – Viktor Axelsen (Denmark);

Women's singles title – Akane Yamaguchi (Japan)

Cameron Norrie became the first British to win the Indian Wells final on Oct 17 at Indian Wells Lawn Tennis Garden in Indian Wells, California, United States. Paula Badosa of Spain won the women's singles title.

Thomas Cup (Men's badminton): Indonesia defeated reigning champions China 3-0 to win the title for the first time since 2002.

Uber Cup (Women's badminton) China beat defending champions Japan 3-1 in the final.

Mascot for FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup

FIFA unveiled the official mascot of the 7th U-17 Women's World Cup to be hosted by India in October 2022. The mascot named "IBHA" is an Asiatic lioness representing women power.

SEPTEMBER

D Gukesh, Indian GrandMaster won the Norway Chess Open 2021 Masters section, held in Stavanger, Norway.

Pankaj Advani won the Asian Snooker Championship 2021 by defeating Amir Sarkhosh held on Sep 16 in Doha, Qatar.

Harmilan Bains created a new national record in the 1500 m run at the National Open athletics championships in Warangal, Telangana.

S P Sethuraman, Grandmaster from Chennai won the Barcelona Open Chess title on Aug 26 in Spain.

P Inian, Indian Grandmaster won the Noisiel International Open Chess Tournament in France.

R Raja Rithvik, a 17-year-old prodigy from Warangal, Telangana, became India's 70th Grand Master on Sep 20 when he achieved the Elo rating of more than 2500 in Vezzerkepzo Grandmaster Chess Tournament at Budapest, Hungary.

G Sathiyam, India's top paddler from Chennai won the ITTF Czech International table tennis tournament at Olomouc in Czech Republic on Aug 25.

INDIANS SHINE IN TOKYO PARALYMPICS

Sr. No.	Name	From	Sports	Medal
1.	Avani Lekhara#	Rajasthan	Women's 10 metre Air Rifle – SH1	Gold
2.	Avani Lekhara	Rajasthan	50m Rifle 3 Position SH1	Bronze
3.	Bhavinaben Patel	Gujarat	Table Tennis Class 4	Silver
4.	Nishad Kumar	Himachal	Men's High Jump T47	Silver
5.	Yogesh Kathuniya	Haryana	Discus Throw, F56	Silver
6.	Devendra Jhajharia	Rajasthan	Javelin throw – F46	Silver
7.	Sundar Singh Gurjar	Rajasthan	Javelin throw – F46	Bronze
8.	Sumit Antil##	Haryana	Javelin throw, F64	Gold
9.	Singhraj Adhana	Haryana	P4 Mixed 50 metre Pistol-SH1	Silver

10.	Singhraj Adhana	Haryana	P1 Men's 10m Air Pistol SH1	Bronze
11.	Praveen Kumar**	Uttar Pradesh	Men's High Jump T64	Silver
12.	Mariyappan Thangavelu	Tamil Nadu	high jump in T63	Silver
13.	Sharad Kumar	Bihar	high jump in T63	Bronze
14.	Harvinder Singh^^	Haryana	Archery, recurve open	Bronze
15.	Manish Narwal @	Haryana	P4-Mixed 50 metre Pistol- SH1	Gold
16.	Pramod Bhagat	Odisha	Badminton, Men's Singles -SL3	Gold
17.	Manoj Sarkar	Uttarakhand	Badminton, Men's Singles- SL3	Bronze
18.	Krishna Nagar	Rajasthan	Badminton, Men's Singles- SH6	Gold
19.	Suhas L Yathiraj \$	Karnataka	badminton in- SL4	Silver

#-- First Indian woman to win a gold in Paralympics and to win two individual medals (gold and bronze)

##-- Created a new World Record

**-- Youngest Indian (18 years) to win a Paralympic medal

^^--First ever Paralympic medal in archery

@-- Created new Paralympic record

\$-- First IAS officer to win a Paralympic medal. He is serving as District Magistrate in Noida, UP.

The Indian contingent finished their campaign at the Paralympic Games at an all-time high by securing a total of 19 medals which includes 5 gold, 8 silver, and 6 bronze medals, finishing 24th in the medals tally.

Ms. Avani Lekhara led India's contingent at the Closing Ceremony of Tokyo Paralympics as the flag-bearer on Sep 05.

Team China topped the final medal tally winning a total of 207 medals (96 gold, 60 silver and 51 bronze).

Indian puglists won eight gold medals at the Asian Junior Boxing Championships held in Dubai from August 20 to 30.

MS Dhoni: BCCI has announced that the former India captain will mentor the Indian team for the forthcoming T20 World Cup tournament, to be played in UAE and Oman in October and November this year.

The Uttar Pradesh government has adopted wrestling with assurance to pump in Rs 170 crore in infrastructure and support to the wrestlers till the 2032 Olympics.

INTERNATIONAL

Ukraine's Oleksandr Usyk dethroned world heavyweight champion Anthony Joshua (Britain) in a thrilling bout held at the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium, London on Sep 25.

US Open Finals conclude in New York

Last Grand Slam of tennis concluded on Sep 12 in Arthur Ashe Stadium in New York.

Men's Singles: Daniil Medvedev of Russia lifted his first Grand Slam trophy

Women's Singles: won by 18 years old British sensation Emma Raducanu

Cristiano Ronaldo, became the highest goal scorer in international football scoring 111th international goal on Sep 01. The Manchester United forward player broke the record of 109 goals previously held by Iran's Ali Daei.

Mascot for Beijing's Winter Olympics - 2022

Beijing's Winter Olympics - 2022 unveiled their mascot, Bing Dwen, a panda that wears a shell made out of ice. The word Bing meaning ice, and "Dwen" means robust and lively and represents children.

The games will run from February 4 to 20, 2022. The official motto for the games is "Together for a Shared Future".

Harshit Raja, 20-year-old chess player from Pune became the 69th Grand Master from India.

Komalika Bari, 19-year-old Indian girl became the new under-21 recurve world champion at the Youth World Archery Championships held in Wroclaw, Poland.

Vantika Agarwal from Delhi won the inaugural National women's online chess championship title.



Model Test For General / Economy / Banking Awareness



FEBRUARY GK TEST - 01

- Alexia Putellas, winner of the "Best FIFA Women's Player" award for 2021, hails from which country?**
 - Portugal
 - Spain
 - Germany
 - Argentina
 - Brazil
- The Parliament of which country approved a bill to relocate the country's capital as the present capital is facing the threat of sinking?**
 - Malaysia
 - Brunei
 - Indonesia
 - Philippines
 - Japan
- Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar carries a cash prize of Rs. ____ lakh for winners in institutional category:**
 - 10
 - 25
 - 51
 - 75
 - 100
- India has emerged as the largest exporter of which of the following in the world?**
 - Pumpkins
 - Okra (Bhindi)
 - Gherkins
 - Pineapple
 - Ginger
- What is the name of the mobile app launched by the Common Service Centres (CSC) to provide vocational education and skill development to youths of rural areas?**
 - Dakshata
 - Niyojan
 - Gram Shiksha
 - Yogyta
 - Gram Utthan
- The government of Haryana entered into an agreement on Jan 21 with which state to build a dam at Adi Badri, aimed at reviving the holy Saraswati River?**
 - Rajasthan
 - Punjab
 - Himachal Pradesh
 - Uttarakhand
 - Uttar Pradesh
- India's first virtual platform for spice exports 'Spice Xchange India' was launched on Jan 20 in which city?**
 - Vellore
 - Nilgiri
 - Ooty
 - Kochi
 - Kollam
- Which Govt. programme aims at involving higher educational institutions like IITs / IIMs / NITs to work with the people of rural India in identifying development challenges and evolving appropriate solutions for accelerating sustainable growth?**
 - Unnat Gram Abhiyan
 - PM Kaushal Vikas Yojana
 - Pradhan Mantri Gram Vigyaan Yojana
 - Unnat Gram Sansthan Abhiyan
 - Unnat Bharat Abhiyan
- One rupee currency notes bear the signature of _____?**
 - Finance Minister
 - RBI Governor
 - Revenue Secretary
 - Finance Secretary
 - Chief Economic Advisor
- India and _____ launched a commemorative logo on Jan 24 to mark the 30th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties between the two countries:**
 - Israel
 - Nigeria
 - Egypt
 - Saudi Arabia
 - Italy
- Who has been named the ICC Women's Cricketer of the Year for 2021, winner of the Rachael Heyhoe-Flint Trophy?**
 - Tammy Beaumont
 - Smriti Mandhana
 - Lizelle Lee
 - Gaby Lewis
 - Mithali Raj
- This year only 4 persons have been conferred Padma Vibhushan. Which one of the following is NOT one of them?**
 - General Bipin Rawat
 - Kalyan Singh
 - Cyrus Poonawala
 - Radheshyam Khemka
 - Dr. Prabha Atre
- Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) 2021 for 180 countries released on Jan 25 has placed India at which spot?**
 - 67th
 - 73rd
 - 85th
 - 91st
 - 98th
- Dr V. Anantha Nageswaran, noted professor, writer, author, and consultant has been appointed to which important position in Indian Government?**
 - Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission
 - CEO, NITI Aayog
 - Vice Chairman, ISRO
 - Chief Economic Advisor, Govt of India
 - Scientific Advisor, Govt of India
- The government launched which app on Jan 29 to keep citizens updated on all Parliamentary proceedings and other activities of the Parliament?**
 - Lok Sabha App
 - Sansad Gyan App

- c. Sansad Darshan App
d. Digital Sansad App
e. Parliament View App
16. **The Padma Awards namely, Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri are announced by Govt. of India on which of the following dates?**
a. On the eve of Republic Day
b. On Republic Day
c. On the eve of Independence Day
d. On the Independence Day
e. On Good Governance Day
17. **In the context of economy, the 'Trade Gap' means?**
a. Gap between total imports and total exports
b. Gap between total GDP and total consumption
c. Gap between available liquidity and expected demand
d. Gap between budgeted revenue collection and actual collection of the same
e. None of these
18. **India defeated which country in the 10th Women's Asia Cup - Hockey to win the bronze medal?**
a. Japan b. Thailand
c. China d. Pakistan
e. Bangladesh
19. **Rafael Nadal (Spain) created history by becoming the only player to win the most grand slam titles. How many grand slams has he won till date?**
a. 19 b. 20
c. 21 d. 22
e. 23
20. **Name the Indian sportsperson who was declared the winner of the World Games Athlete of the Year-2021:**
a. Savita Punia b. Smriti Mandhana
c. Neeraj Chopra
d. P R Sreejesh e. Deepak Poonia
21. **Tata Sky, the leading Direct to Home (DTH) platform, has dropped 'sky' brand name and now it will be known as _____ :**
a. Tata View b. Tata Play
c. Tata Net d. Tata Flix
e. Tata Star
22. **The Geological Survey of India (GSI) has approved the setting up of the country's first geological park at Lamheta village on the banks of the Narmada River in which state?**
a. Rajasthan b. Chhattisgarh
c. Jharkhand d. Madhya Pradesh
e. Gujarat
23. **Which global electronics manufacturing giant, surpassed US chipmaker Intel to become the world's leading chipmaker by revenue in 2021?**
a. Sony b. LG
c. Samsung d. Mitsubishi
e. Nvidia
24. **What are the fees/charges that need to be paid for lodging the complaint with the Ombudsman?**
a. A fee of Rs 500 needs to be paid
b. A fee of Rs 100/- needs to be paid
c. 20% of the relief sought must be paid as fee
d. 10% of the relief sought must be paid as fee
e. No fee or charges need to be paid
25. **Government of India, for the first time nationalized 14 large commercial banks in which year?**
a. 1956 b. 1959
c. 1969 d. 1971
e. 1975
26. **Indian pharma giant Zydus Cadila started shipping supplies of its COVID-19 vaccine to the central government, on Feb 2. What is its name?**
a. ZyCoVax b. ZyCoV-D
c. ZyduCov d. ZyCad -19
e. ZyCosil
27. **The Aravalli Biodiversity Park has been declared as India's first "other effective area-based conservation measures" (OECM) site by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), Switzerland. It is in which state?**
a. Haryana b. Madhya Pradesh
c. Rajasthan d. Gujarat
e. Jharkhand
28. **Which country won the AFC Women's Asian (football) Cup India 2022 finals played at Mumbai on Feb 06?**
a. Vietnam b. Malaysia
c. Thailand d. China
e. Singapore
29. **The Indian Army signed a contract worth Rs 3,131.82 crore with Bharat Dynamics Limited, Hyderabad for the manufacture and supply of Konkurs-M missiles. What type of missile are they?**
a. Anti-aircraft ground missile
b. Air to air aircraft missile
c. Anti-tank guided missile
d. Anti-submarine torpedo
e. Surface to air ballistic missile
30. **Which state's tableau was selected as the best state tableau among 12 States and UTs which participated in the Republic Day Parade 2022?**
a. Karnataka b. Meghalaya
c. Uttar Pradesh d. Maharashtra
e. Gujarat
31. **If the price increase is slow but persists over a long period of time, it is known as:**
a. Creeping inflation
b. Walking inflation
c. Sluggish inflation
d. Cost-push inflation
e. Crawling inflation
32. **In India, the NABARD does NOT provide refinance to:**
a. Scheduled Commercial Banks
b. Regional Rural Banks
c. State Land Development Banks
d. Primary Agricultural Credit Societies
e. State Cooperative Banks
33. **Which Central Armed Police Forces marching contingent was named the "Best Marching Contingent" in the Republic Day Parade 2022?**
a. BSF b. CISF
c. CRPF d. ITBP
e. SSB
34. **How many Indian sportspersons participated in the Beijing Winter Olympics?**
a. 01 b. 05
c. 09 d. 13
e. Nil
35. **Prof. M Jagadesh Kumar has been appointed as the new Chairman of which apex organisation?**
a. NHRC b. NCERT
c. UGC d. AICTE

- e. IMA
36. Prime Minister Modi dedicated the 216-feet tall 'Statue of Equality' to the nation on Feb 5 in which city?
a. Pune b. Mysore
c. Hubli d. Hyderabad
e. Vijayawada
37. Which country won the Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) football championship?
a. Kenya b. Senegal
c. Egypt d. South Africa
e. Uganda
38. India lifted the prestigious ICC Under-19 Cricket World Cup for a record fifth time. The Indian Team was led by _____?
a. Raj Angad Bawa
b. Dinesh Bana
c. Yash Dhull d. Nishant Sindhu
e. Ravi Kumar
39. _____ became the first country in the world to administer a DNA vaccine against COVID-19.
a. Russia b. England
c. India d. USA
e. China
40. Which of the following is the longest railway route of the world?
a. Trans-Siberian Railway
b. Canadian Pacific Railway
c. Trans Australia Railway
d. Orient Express Railway
e. Trans Caucasian Railway
41. Which of the following correctly describes the full form of online payment platform BHIM?
a. Bharatiya Interface for Money
b. Bharat Household Interface for Money
c. Bharat Intra-country Money
d. Bharat Interface for Money
e. Bharat Intermediary for Money
42. February 10 is observed as the National Deworming Day. Which medicine is administered free to the children in the age group of 1 to 19 on this day?
a. Vermox b. Pyrantel
c. Albenza d. Albendazole
e. Mebendazole
43. What is the name of the nationwide operation launched by the Railway Protection Force to curb human trafficking?
a. Operation Rudr
b. Operation Rahat
c. Operation Aahat
d. Operation Search
e. Operation Khoj
44. As per TomTom's 2021 Traffic Index released on February 09,

which was the most congested city in India, ranked 5th in the world?

- a. Bengaluru b. Delhi
c. Kolkata d. Mumbai
e. Surat
45. The Reserve Bank of India emerged as the _____ largest buyer of yellow metal among the world's Central Banks in 2021:
a. First b. Second
c. Third d. Fourth
e. Fifth
46. The Indian Army commenced implementing Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) tagging of its _____ inventory from Feb 09:
a. Missiles b. Ammunition
c. Vehicles d. Armoured Tanks
e. Artillery Guns
47. India secured which spot in the 165 nation Democracy Index 2021 released on Feb 10?
a. 39th b. 46th
c. 53rd d. 68th
e. 75th
48. Promoters of a company are required to register their company under which Act?
a) Companies Act 2013
b) Registration Act
c) Indian Partnership Act
d) Indian Contract Act
e) Both a and b
49. What does letter 'A' denote in the term LAF?
a. Adequacy b. Addition
c. Adjustment d. Advance
e. Accreditation
50. NASDAQ is a popular and major stock exchange in which of the following countries?
a. Canada b. USA
c. France d. Germany
e. Japan

FEBRUARY GK TEST - 02

1. The Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology has approved setting up of India's first Graphene Innovation Centre in which state?
a. Tamil Nadu b. Telangana
c. Maharashtra d. Kerala
e. Gujarat
2. BIMSTEC, Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation is a 7-nation group. Its headquarters are in which city?
a. Dhaka b. New Delhi
c. Kathmandu d. Thimpu
e. Bangkok

3. Which of the following statements is TRUE about International Monetary Fund (IMF)?
a. It provides Ways and Means Funds to member countries.
b. It is an agency of the World Bank situated in New York
c. It makes rules and regulations for trade between the nations.
d. It provides loan to member countries to meet temporary balance - of - payment needs.
e. It provides funds for development of large infra projects
4. In India, the Ministry of AYUSH is responsible for promotion and development of the Unani system of medicine. Who is the current head of Ayush ministry?
a. Arjun Munda
b. Pralhad Joshi
c. Giriraj Singh
d. Sarbananda Sonowal
e. Kiren Rijiju
5. Who are the targeted beneficiaries of the Central Sector Scheme "SMILE- Support for Marginalised Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise" launched in New Delhi on Feb 12?
a. Street beggars
b. Street vendors
c. Village artisans
d. Transgenders
e. Both, transgenders and beggars
6. Which country recently declared Koala as an endangered species?
a. Philippines b. Australia
c. New Zealand d. Japan
e. Taiwan
7. N Chandrasekaran has been re-appointed as the Executive Chairman of which big corporate group?
a. Reliance Petroleum
b. Bajaj Auto c. Tata Sons
d. L & T e. Adani Power
8. The Global Entrepreneurship Monitor 2021/2022 report has placed which country at top among low-income economies as the easiest places to start a new business?
a. Philippines b. India
c. Bangladesh d. Taiwan
e. Indonesia
9. What is the theme of this year's World Radio Day, observed on Feb 13?
a. Push the Radio
b. Radio for Life
c. Radio and Trust
d. We Love Radio
e. Let's Listen Radio

10. The Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana has three main loan schemes. Which of the following are these three schemes?
1) Baal 2) Shishu
3) Kishore 4) Yuva
5) Tarun
a. 2, 3 and 5 b. 1, 3 and 5
c. 1, 4 and 5 d. 2, 4 and 5
e. 3, 4 and 5
11. Name the veteran industrialist and former chairman of Bajaj Group, who passed away on Feb 12 in Pune, Maharashtra:
a. Praveen Bajaj b. Neeraj Bajaj
c. Rajiv Bajaj d. Sanjiv Bajaj
e. Rahul Bajaj
12. ISRO placed its earth observation satellite EOS-04 in sun synchronous polar orbit on Feb 14. What type of satellite is it?
a. Radar Imaging Satellite
b. Navigation satellite
c. Infrared imaging Satellite
d. Radio Surveillance Satellite
e. Telecommunication Satellite
13. The Electronics and Information Technology Ministry has banned 54 Chinese apps under which section of the IT Act?
a. 13 b. 23
c. 39-A d. 69-A
e. 96-C
14. _____ became the first country to issue certification for unmanned aircraft vehicles (UAVs) to operate in civilian airspace:
a. Israel b. Sweden
c. France d. Norway
e. Britain
15. February 12 is observed as Darwin Day to mark the birthday of great British naturalist Charles Darwin. He is best known for which theory?
a. Theory of Productivity
b. Theory of Survival
c. Theory of Evolution
d. Theory of Continuity
e. Theory of Origin
16. Goa Shipyard Ltd delivered the 5th and final vessel of the 5 Coast Guard Offshore Patrol Vehicle to the Indian Coast Guard on Feb 9. What is its formal name?
a. ICGS Sanjay b. ICGS Samarth
c. ICGS Shoor d. ICGS Saksham
e. ICGS Shaurya
17. Which of the following is the longest river of the world?
a. Yangtze b. Brahmaputra
c. Amazon d. Nile
e. Mississippi
18. Which of the following is the fastest missile of India?
a. BrahMos b. Dhanush
c. Akash-P d. Prithivi II
e. Agni-5
19. _____ is the India's Union Minister of Defence?
a. Nitin Gadkari
b. Nirmala Sitharaman
c. Amit Shah
d. Ravi Shankar Prasad
e. Rajnath Singh
20. Which of the following is NOT the part of the scheduled banking structure in India?
a. Micro Finance Institutions
b. Public Sector Banks
c. Private Sector Banks
d. Regional Rural Banks
e. State Co-operative Banks
21. The Ministry of Railways has approved setting up of a state-of-art _____ academy in Indian Railways, at Kishanganj, Delhi.
a. Badminton b. Hockey
c. Wrestling d. Boxing
e. Tennis
22. Medaram Jatara fair, the second-largest fair in India, after the Kumbh Mela, is held in which state?
a. Andhra Pradesh
b. Telangana c. Odisha
d. Jharkhand e. Chhattisgarh
23. Which Indian company has become the first Indian consumer goods company to become completely plastic waste neutral?
a. Hindlevar b. Patanjali
c. Dabur India d. Godrej Soaps
e. Emami
24. Vedanta group and Hon Hai Technology Group (also known as Foxconn) formed a joint venture to manufacture semiconductors in India. Foxconn is from which country?
a. Hong Kong b. Singapore
c. Vietnam d. Taiwan
e. South Korea
25. Who is the current Lt. Governor of the National Capital Territory of Delhi?
a) R K Mathur b) Praful Patel
c) Kiran Bedi d) Anil Baijal
e) Dineshwar Sharma
26. Justice Pinaki Chandra Ghose holds which of the following national level high office post?
a. Solicitor General of India
b. Lokpal of India
c. Chairman, 21st Law Commission
d. Chairman, NGT
e. Attorney General of India
27. As per the Consumer Protection Act, 2019, only such cases where amount involved is more than Rs. _____ can be admitted by National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission?
a. 10 lakh b. 1 crore
c. 50 lakh d. 5 crore
e. 10 crore
28. At least 186 people died in landslides and flash flooding due to torrential rains on Feb 15-16 in the city of Petrópolis. It is in which country?
a. Brazil b. Mexico
c. Guatemala d. Peru
e. Colombia
29. Government approved a new scheme New India Literacy Programme for the period Financial Years 2022 to 2027 for which target group?
a. School Going Children
b. Non-school Going Children
c. Adult Education
d. Women Literacy
e. Rural Unschooled Children
30. The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment launched on Feb 16 a scheme named the Scheme for Economic Empowerment for DNTs, (SEED) for the welfare of which of the following?
A. De-notified Tribes
B. Nomadic Tribals
C. Semi Nomadic Tribes
Select the correct option:
a. Only A b. Only B and C
c. Only B d. All A, B and C
e. Only A and B
31. Which one of the following institutions is related to export financing and insurance?
a. ECGC b. GAIL
c. CBDT d. IDBI e. AEPC
32. The bank rate means
a. Rate of interest charged by commercial banks from borrowers
b. Rate of interest at which commercial banks discount bill of their borrowers
c. Rate of interest allowed by commercial banks on their deposits
d. Rate at which RBI purchases or rediscounts bills of exchange of commercial banks
e. None of these
33. Which of the following bank was the first one to introduce India's first ATM?
a. ICICI Bank b. HDFC Bank
c. SBI d. HSBC
e. PNB

34. **Green Banking means:**
 a. Development of forestry by banks
 b. Financing of environmental-friendly projects
 c. Financing of irrigation projects by banks
 d. Financing of plantation crops
 e. Promoting paperless banking
35. **Which bank secured 6 out of 7 coveted awards at the 17th edition of the annual IBA Banking Technology Awards held on Feb 16?**
 a. Karur Vysya Bank
 b. Bank of Maharashtra
 c. Bank of Baroda
 d. South Indian Bank
 e. Yes Bank
36. **The UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) released its annual Global Trade Update 2022 on 17 February. Where are its headquarters?**
 a. Paris
 b. Geneva
 c. New York
 d. Rome
 e. Helsinki
37. **Bhakra Nangal Project has been constructed on which river of Punjab?**
 a. Ravi
 b. Beas
 c. Satluj
 d. Chenab
 e. Yamuna
38. **World Pulses Day is observed on Feb 10 to recognize the importance of pulses. Which of the following food items is NOT a pulse?**
 a. Chickpeas
 b. Dry beans
 c. Lentils
 d. Dry peas
 e. Oats
39. **Which of the following project is located on River Ganga?**
 a. Thein Project
 b. Idukki Project
 c. Kundah Project
 d. Farakka Barrage
 e. Mayurkashi Dam
40. **Which of the following is NOT a Zaid crop?**
 a. Melon
 b. Watermelon
 c. Cucumber
 d. Pumpkin
 e. Potato
41. **As per the Gram Nyayalayas Act, 2008, states are required to establish village level courts. What is the formal name of these courts?**
 a. Gram Nyayalaya
 b. Gramin Court
 c. Panchayti Court
 d. Gram Kachehari
 e. Lower court
42. **The Manas Sanctuary in Assam is famous for which of the following animals?**

- a. One Horn Rhino
 b. Wild Buffalo
 c. Bengal Tiger
 d. Leopards
 e. Wild Bear
43. **Who is designated as the Ex-officio Chairperson of the Financial Stability & Development Council?**
 a. Union Revenue Secretary
 b. Union Finance Secretary
 c. Finance Minister
 d. Governor, RBI
 e. CEO, NITI Aayog
44. **World Pangolin Day is observed on the third _____ of February to raise awareness about these unique mammals and speed up their conservation efforts:**
 a. Monday
 b. Wednesday
 c. Thursday
 d. Friday
 e. Saturday
45. **The maximum amount that a company can raise for its business capital is known as**
 a. Paid up Capital
 b. Issued Capital
 c. Subscribed Capital
 d. Authorised Capital
 e. No such limit
46. **In the abbreviation NDRF, what is the meaning of letter 'R'?**
 a. Relief
 b. Rescue
 c. Rapid
 d. Response
 e. Regiment
47. **'The Merchant of Venice' is a popular novel written by which legendary author?**
 a. William Shakespeare
 b. Charles Dickens
 c. Victor Hugo
 d. Lewis Carrol
 e. Ernest Hemingway
48. **The "Yellow Revolution" in India is associated with development and promotion of which of the following products?**
 a. Oil Seeds
 b. Banana
 c. Orange
 d. Kinnu
 e. Mustard
49. **All companies registered under Companies Act are required to use the word "Limited" in their name. What is the meaning of word Limited in the context of Companies Act?**
 a. The company can raise "Limited" capital for its business
 b. The company can undertake only "Limited" activities mentioned in the Companies Act
 c. The liability of the shareholder is "Limited" to the extent of his investment
 d. The promoters have a "Limited" interest in the running of the business
 e. None of these

50. **Invisible exports mean export of _____:**
 a. Services
 b. Prohibited goods
 c. Unrecorded goods
 d. Goods through smuggling
 e. Exports without documents

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6	C	7	D	8	E	9	D	10	A
11	B	12	C	13	C	14	D	15	D
16	A	17	A	18	C	19	C	20	D
21	B	22	D	23	C	24	E	25	C
26	B	27	A	28	D	29	C	30	C
31	A	32	D	33	B	34	A	35	B
36	D	37	B	38	C	39	C	40	A
41	D	42	D	43	C	44	D	45	B
46	B	47	B	48	A	49	C	50	B

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6	B	7	C	8	B	9	C	10	A
11	E	12	A	13	D	14	A	15	C
16	D	17	D	18	A	19	E	20	A
21	C	22	B	23	C	24	D	25	D
26	B	27	E	28	A	29	C	30	D
31	A	32	D	33	D	34	B	35	D
36	B	37	C	38	E	39	D	40	E
41	A	42	A	43	C	44	E	45	D
46	D	47	A	48	A	49	C	50	A



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1. **SASTRA Ramanujan Prize is given for outstanding excellence in which field?**
a) Physics b) Chemistry
c) Life Sciences d) Mathematics
2. **Global Handwashing Day is observed on which day of October?**
a) 3rd b) 8th
c) 15th d) 21st
3. **Which university has emerged as the top university in India by filing the highest number of patents in a year - 336?**
a) Punjab University b) Delhi University
c) Chandigarh University d) Bombay University
4. **For the first time in India, cultivation of Heeng (Ferula assa-foetida) has been started in which area?**
a) Lahaul and Spiti b) Leh
c) Ladakh d) Kargil
5. **The new series of Consumer Price Index for industrial workers (CPI-IW) has been released with ____ as the new Base Year**
a) 2011 b) 2013
c) 2016 d) 2019
6. **Which state has emerged as the top destination for attracting the highest number of domestic tourists visiting the state in 2019 as per the Indian Tourism Statistics, 2020, released by the Ministry of Tourism?**
a) Maharashtra b) Gujarat
c) Rajasthan d) Uttar Pradesh
7. **Yashvardhan Kumar Sinha, a former Foreign Service officer has been appointed to head which apex statutory body?**
a) Election Commission of India
b) Central Vigilance Commission
c) Central Information Commission
d) University Grants Commission
8. **Recently launched the 'e-Dharti Geo Portal' will have a digital record of which type of properties?**
a) Commercial b) Residential
c) Industrial d) All of these
9. **International Snow Leopard Day is observed on October 23. It is the state animal of which Indian state?**
a) Uttarakhand b) Himachal Pradesh
c) Meghalaya d) Arunachal
10. **India's first sand dune park is expected soon to come up in which state?**
a) Goa b) Maharashtra
c) West Bengal d) Andhra Pradesh
11. **Which Maharatna company topped the list of Indian PSUs under 'World's Best Employer 2020', published by Forbes?**
a) BHEL b) GAIL
c) NTPC d) ONGC
12. **Railways has launched an initiative for focused action on security of women passengers across all zones. What is its name?**
a) Sachhi Saheli b) Mahila Mitra
c) Meri Saheli d) Nari Shakti
13. **Who was the immediate successor of Maharaj Ranjit Singh?**
a) Prince Kharak Singh b) Prince Sher Singh
c) Maharani Jindan d) Prince Dalip Singh
14. **Which was the first battle of Guru Gobind Singh ji?**
a) Battle of Bhangani b) Battle of Anandpur
c) Battle of Nadaun d) Battle of Jajion
15. **Which of the following was not a mountain pass in the west of Punjab?**
a) Khyber Pass b) Zozila Pass
c) Bolan Pass d) Gomal Pass
16. **Which of the following mountains is located in North-West Punjab border?**
a) Himalyan Mountains b) Suleman Mountains
c) Nilgiri Mountains d) Shivalik mountains

17. **Nanak Singh was**
a) Novelist b) Atranslator
c) Story writer d) Dramatist
 18. **Sirhind Canal is connected with river**
a) Beas b) Satluj
c) Ravi d) Ghaggar
 19. **Where is Guru Nanak Dev Thermal Power Plant is located at?**
a) Ropar b) Bathinda
c) Nabha d) Joginder Nagar
 20. **Over the last decade, Punjab has achieved least growth in employment generation in**
a) Primary Sector b) Secondary Sector
c) Tertiary Sector d) No growth
 21. **Who was the Chief Minister of Punjab when Punjab (state) language Act. 1967 was passed to make Gurmukhi script the sole official language of the Punjab state**
a) Giani Gurmukh Singh Mussafir
b) Justice Gurnam Singh
c) Lachman Singh Gill
d) President Rule
 22. **Sluggish growth in the agriculture sector in Punjab is dueto**
a) Per acre yield of crops has peaked
b) Decrease in average land holding of farmers
c) Increased dependence on groundwater
d) All of the above
 23. **The spreading out and mixing of a substance with another substance due to motion of its particles is called**
a) Diffusion b) Vaporisation
c) Condensation d) Heating
 24. **Which of the following gas is directly respondent for the acid rain in the atmosphere?**
a) CFC b) CH₄
c) Ozone d) SO₂
 25. **Quartz is composed of:**
a) Calcium sulphate b) Calcium silicate
c) Sodium sulphate d) Sodium silicate
 26. **Which of the following is the striking contribution in Physics of Scientist Fahrenheit?**
a) Fountain Pen b) Gas Engine
c) Clinical Thermometer
d) Thermionic Emission
 27. **Who among the following Scientist is associated with discovery of electron?**
a) Galileo b) Einstein
 28. **The largest satellite of the planet Jupiter is:**
a) Ganymede b) Uropa
c) Calisto d) None of these
 29. **Brain and the spinal cord are invested by membranes called**
a) Arachnoids b) Pleural membrane
c) Meninges d) None of these
 30. **Name the NASA's first exploration mission beyond earth?**
a) Pioneer 2 b) Pioneer 3
c) Pioneer 4 d) Pioneer P-1
 31. **Which of the following statements is/are true about Plasma?**
a) The liquid part of the blood is plasma
b) It is made up of only protein
c) It consists of antibodies
d) Only A and C are correct
 32. **Where is Thumba Equatorial Rocket Launching Station (TERLS) situated?**
a) Andhra Pradesh b) Kerala
c) Odisha d) Karnataka
 33. **Natural rubber is a _____ which is having high elasticity**
a) Substance b) Material
c) Elastomer
d) Chemical using carbon as main compound
 34. **Detergent is defined as.....**
a) A liquid surfactant b) A liquid soluble
c) A liquid sovent d) A liquid solution
 35. **Which of the following is not associated with fiscal policy?**
a) Inflation b) Taxation
c) Consumption d) Money supply
 36. **Fiscal Policy in India is formulated by ?**
a) The Reserve Bank of India
b) The Planning Commission
c) The Finance Ministry
d) The Securities and Exchange Board of India
 37. **Which of the following regulates the credit rating agencies in India?**
a) RBI b) SBI
c) SIDBI d) SEBI
 38. **The World Bank helps countries with loans for the purpose of**
a) Reconstruction and development
b) Stimulating private investment
c) Tackling foreign exchange crises
d) Meeting deficits in government budget

39. **In the context of International Monetary Fund (IMF), which statement is correct?**
 a) It can grant loans to any country
 b) It can grant loans to only development countries
 c) It grants loans to only member countries
 d) It can grant loans to the Central Bank of a country
40. **In which year was the World Bank formed?**
 a) 1945
 b) 1956
 c) 1960
 d) 1988
41. **Which institution is known as 'soft loan window' of World Bank?**
 a) IFC
 b) IDA
 c) IMF
 d) IBRD
42. **The head office of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) is in**
 a) Manila
 b) Jakarta
 c) Honolulu
 d) Tokyo
43. **'The Ease of Doing Business Report' is prepared by which of the following organizations every year?**
 a) World Bank
 b) Asian Development Bank (ADB)
 c) International Monetary Fund (IMF)
 d) World Trade Organization (WTO)
44. **Which of the following class will not be negatively affected by the higher inflation?**
 a) The consumer class
 b) The debtor class
 c) Pensioner class
 d) Business class
45. **Nine Degree Channel separates**
 a) Car Nicobar and Great Nicobar
 b) Lakshadweep and Minicoy
 c) Little Andaman and Car Nicobar
 d) North Andaman and South Andaman
46. **Molten rock below the surface of the earth is called**
 a) Basalt
 b) Laccolith
 c) Lava
 d) Magma
47. **Which one of the following plate movements is responsible for the formation of mid-ocean ridge?**
 a) Divergent movement
 b) Convergent movement
 c) Transform fault movement
 d) Parallel movement
48. **A valley with steep, parallel walls along the faultlines, formed by the subsidence of a part of earth's crust is known as**
 a) Hanging Valley
 b) Gorge
 c) Canyon
 d) Rift Valley
49. **The theory of continental drift is supported by:**
 I. similarities between the coastline of South America and Africa
 II. The similarity of rocks of Central Africa, southern India, Brazil and Australia
 III. Evidence of fossils
 IV. Survival of marsupials in Australia
 a) I and II
 b) I, II and III
 c) II, III and IV
 d) I, II, III and IV
50. **The 'ring of fire'**
 1. is associated with earthquakes
 2. is associated with volcanoes
 3. goes round the Pacific Ocean
 4. is associated with forest fires
 a) 1, 2 and 3
 b) 2 and 3
 c) 2 and 4
 d) 1, 2, 3 and 4
51. **The main occupation of the people of the Indus Valley Civilization was**
 a) Agriculture
 b) cattle rearing
 c) Hunting
 d) Trade
52. **The Fourth Buddhist Council was held by**
 a) Ashoka
 b) Kanishka
 c) Chandragupta
 d) Bindusara
53. **Which one of the following was not an Indus Valley Civilization site?**
 a) Lothal
 b) Patliputra
 c) Rangpur
 d) Suktagendor
54. **Who among the following popularised the theory of 'Arctic Region' as the original home of Aryans?**
 a) Macdonell
 b) Max Muller
 c) B.G. Tilak
 d) Keith
55. **The ninth mandala of the Rigveda samhita is devoted wholly to**
 a) Urvasi and the Heaven
 b) Soma' and the god who is named after the drink
 c) Indra and his elephant
 d) Gods related to plants and drugs
56. **Consider the following events during India's freedom struggle:**
 1. Chauri-Chaura Outrage
 2. Minto-Morley Reforms
 3. Dandi March
 4. Montagu-Chelmsford Reforms
 Which one of the following is the correct chronological order of the events given above?
 a) 1, 3, 2, 4
 b) 2, 4, 1, 3

- c) 1, 4, 2, 3 d) 2, 3, 1, 4

57. **The name of the famous person of India who returned the Knighthood conferred on him by the British Government as a token of protest against the atrocities in Punjab in 1919 was**
 a) Tej Bahadur Sapru
 b) Ashutosh Mukherjee
 c) Rabindra Nath Tagore
 d) Syed Ahmed Khan
58. **M.C. Setalvad, B.N. Rao and Alladi Krishnaswamy Iyer were distinguished members of the**
 a) Swaraj Party
 b) All India National Liberal Federation
 c) Madras Labour Union
 d) Servants of India Society
59. **The immediate successors of Shivajai's descendants, who came to power in the Maratha kingdom, were the**
 a) Bhonsles b) Peshwas
 c) Holkars d) Gaekwads
60. **'Black Hole Episode' was the main cause of**
 a) Battle of Buxar b) Battle of Plassey
 c) Battle of Wandiwash d) Battle of Haldighati
61. **The leader of the Young Bengal Movement was**
 a) Dwarkanath Tagore
 b) Chandrashekar Deb
 c) Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar
 d) Henry Vivian Derozio
62. **Who is known as the 'Grand Old Man of India'?**
 a) Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan
 b) C. Rajagopalachari
 c) Lala Lajpat Rai
 d) Dadabhai Naoroji
63. **Which of the following is/are the principal feature(s) of the Government of India Act, 1919?**
 1. Introduction of Dyarchy in the executive government of the provinces.
 2. Introduction of separate communal electorates for Muslims.
 3. Devolution of legislative authority by the Centre to the provinces
 Select the correct answer using the codes given below
 a) Only 1 b) 2 and 3
 c) 1 and 3 d) 1, 2 and 3

64. **Match List I with List II and select the correct answer by using the codes given below the lists**

List I	List II
A. Indian Councils Act of 1861	1. Introduced Dyarchy
B. Government of India Act of 1919	2. Placed Indian affairs under the direct control of the British Government
C. Indian Council Act of 1892	3. Introduced representative institutions
D. Pitts India Act of 1784	4. Introduced the principle of election

Below the options are given in the A B C D order

- a) 1 2 3 4 b) 2 1 4 3
 c) 3 2 4 1 d) 3 1 4 2

65. **Which of the following are among the provisions of the Act of 1858?**
 1. The administration of India and the Indian Territories was transferred to the Crown.
 2. The rule of East India Company was abolished.
 3. The Governor-General of India was to be known as the Viceroy of India and a Secretary of State for India was also appointed.
 4. The administrative power of India was to be shared between the East India Company and the Crown of England
 a) 1, 3 and 4 b) 1, 2 and 3
 c) 2, 3 and 4 d) All of the above



66. Which Constitution has inspired the Indian concepts of rule of law, parliamentary system and law-making procedure?
 a) U.S. Constitution b) British Constitution
 c) Canadian Constitution d) All the above
67. Indian citizenship of a person can be terminated if:
 I. a person voluntarily acquires the citizenship of some other country
 II. A person who has become a citizen through registration is sentenced to imprisonment for not less than 10 years within five years of his registration
 III. the Government of India is satisfied that citizenship was obtained by fraud
 IV. a person who is a citizen by birth indulges in trade with an enemy country during war
 a) I and III b) I, II and III
 c) I, III and IV d) I, II, III and IV
68. Protection against double jeopardy is found mentioned in which Article of the Constitution of India?
 a) Article 19 (e) b) Article 20 (2)
 c) Article 21 d) Article 22 (3)
69. Who can initiate impeachment proceedings against the President of India?
 a) Only Lok Sabha b) Rajya Sabha
 c) Any Vidhan Sabha
 d) Either House of Parliament
70. The Chairman of Public Accounts Committee is:
 a) Elected by Union Cabinet
 b) Appointed by Speaker
 c) Appointed by President
 d) Elected by members of PAC
71. Which of the following Parliamentary Committee in India acts as 'watch-dog' on departmental expenditure and irregularities?
 a) Estimates Committee
 b) Committee on Public Undertakings
 c) Public Accounts Committee
 d) Committee of Public Assurance
72. Which one of the following pairs is not correctly matches with respect to its chairman?
 a) Public Accounts Committee - Member of opposition
 b) Committee on Public Undertakings - Lok Sabha member
 c) Committee on Private Member's Bill and Resolutions of Lok Sabha - Deputy Speaker
 d) Bill and Resolutions of Lok Sabha
73. The Annual financial Statement is caused to be laid before both Houses of Parliament by the
 a) President b) Speaker
 c) Vice-President d) Finance Minister
74. By 'charged' expenditure is meant:
 a) Expenditure from the consolidated fund of India which is non-votable
 b) Expenditure incurred for which payment is pending
 c) Expenditure that the President can incur without Parliament's approval
 d) The sum required to meet all expenditure proposed to be made from the Consolidated fund of India
75. If - mean x , x means $+$, $+$ means \div and \div means $-$, then :
 $40 \times 12 + 3 - 6 \div 60 = ?$
 a) 7.95 b) 16
 c) 44 d) 4
76. CE, GI, KM, OQ, ?
 a) TW b) TV
 c) SU d) RT
77. BD, GI, LN, QS, ?
 a) TV b) UW
 c) WX d) VX
78. Sanjeev walks 10 metres towards the South. Turning to the left, he walks 20 metres and then moves to his right. After moving a distance of 20 metres, he turns to the right and walks 20 metres. Finally, he turns to the right and moves a distance of 10 metres. How far and in which direction is he from the starting point?
 a) 10 metres North b) 20 metres South
 c) 20 metres North d) 10 metres South
79. Kashish goes 30 metres North, then turns right and walks 40 metres, then again turns right and walks 20 metres, then again turns right and walks 40 metres. How many metres is he from his original position?
 a) 0 b) 10
 c) 20 d) 40

Directions (80-81): Read the following information to answer the given questions.

- i) $X - Z$ means X is mother of Z
- ii) $X \times Z$ means X is father of Z
- iii) $X + Z$ means X is daughter of Z

- 80. If $M - N \times T + Q$ is definitely true, then which of the following is not True?**
- a) M is the mother-in-law of Q
 - b) Q is wife of N
 - c) T is the grand-daughter of M
 - d) N is wife of Q
- 81. Which of the following would definitely indicate that N is the daughter of M?**
- a) $M + N + P$
 - b) $M \times N - P$
 - c) $P \times M + N$
 - d) None of these

Directions (82-84): Read the following information carefully and answer the questions:-

Six girls A, B, K, D, E and P are standing in a row. B is between D and P, A does not stand next to either P or D. K does not stand next to D. E stands between A and K.

- 82. P stands between**
- a) B and K
 - b) E and A
 - c) D and B
 - d) A and K
- 83. Who occupy the extreme ends of the row?**
- a) D and E
 - b) D and A
 - c) A and P
 - d) B and E
- 84. K stands between?**
- a) P and B
 - b) P and D
 - c) P and E
 - d) E and A
- 85. In a row of girls facing North, Reena is 10th to the left of Pallavi who is 21st from the right end. If Malini who is 17th from the left end, is fourth to the right of Reena. How many girls are there in the row?**
- a) 37
 - b) 43
 - c) 44
 - d) Data inadequate
- 86. Mahendra correctly remember that he visited Bokaro before twelfth of July but after eighth of July. His friend correctly remembers that Mahendra visited Bokaro after tenth of July but before fourteenth of July. On which day of July did Mahendra visit Bokaro?**
- a) Twelfth
 - b) Eleventh
 - c) Tenth
 - d) Either tenth or eleventh
- 87. In the given question there are three statements followed by three or more**

conclusions. You have to take the given statements to be true even if they seem to be at variance with the commonly known facts.

Statements:

Some dogs are bags.

No bag is lion.

All rooms are lions.

Conclusions:

I. Some rooms are bags.

II. Some dogs are lions.

III. All rooms are dogs.

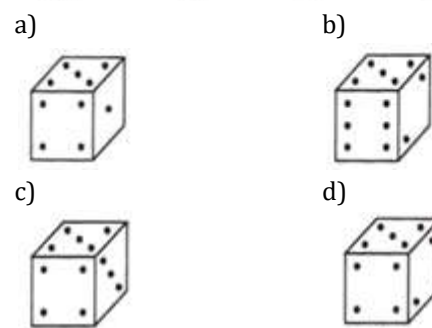
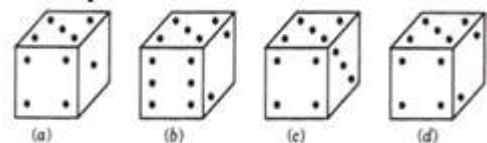
IV. No dog is room

- a) All follows
- b) Only I follows
- c) Only II follows
- d) None follows

- 88. A man has Rs. 480 in the denominations of one-rupee notes, five-rupee notes and ten-rupee notes. The number of notes of each denomination is equal. What is the total number of notes that he has?**

- a) 45
- b) 60
- c) 75
- d) 90

- 89. Amongst the following figures, find the correct one, if it is known that the total number of dots on opposite faces of the cube shown is always 7.**



Directions (90-91): In each question below is given a statement followed by two courses of action numbered I and II. A course of action is a step or administrative decision to be taken for improvement, follow up, or further action in regard to the problem, policy etc. On the basis of the information given in the statement. You have to assume everything in the statement to be true, then

decide which of the two given suggested courses of action logically follows for pursuing. Give answer

90. Statement: A shop - keeper was reported to be selling adulterated grains

Courses of Action:

I) He should be fined and shop sealed.

II) He should be asked to leave the town and open a shop elsewhere

- a) if only I follows b) if only II follows
- c) if both I and II follow
- d) if neither I nor II follows

91. Statement: A train has derailed near a station while moving over a bridge and fell into the river.

Courses of Action:

I) The Railway Authorities should clarify the reason of the accident to the Government.

II) The Government should allocate funds to compensate the destruction caused

- a) if only I follows
- b) if only II follows
- c) if both I and II follow
- d) if neither I nor II follows

Directions (92-93): In each question below is given a statement followed by two assumptions numbered I and II. An assumption is something supposed or taken for granted. You have to consider the statement and the following assumptions and decide which of the assumptions is implicit in the statement

92. Statement: Money is the root cause of all the problems in a family.

Assumptions: I. Every problem is caused by something. II. There are always some problems in a family.

- a) if only assumption I is implicit;
- b) if only assumption II is implicit;
- c) if both I and II are implicit
- d) if neither I nor II is implicit and

93. Statement: It is not the quality of the product but good advertisement that boosts up your sale.

Assumptions: I. Consumers can be influenced by good advertisements.

II. Consumers desire catching advertisements

- a) if only assumption I is implicit;
- b) if only assumption II is implicit;

c) if both I and II are implicit

d) if neither I nor II is implicit and

94. Which is the number that comes next in the sequence?

3, 7, 15, 31, 63, ?

- a) 92 b) 115
- c) 127 d) 131

95. $\frac{x+1}{8} = \frac{y+3}{5} = \frac{x-y}{4}$. Find x and y

- a) 7, 14 b) 21, 15
- c) 6, 14 d) 15, 7

96. Solve $3m^2 - 4m - 2 = 0$

- a) $2 \pm \frac{\sqrt{10}}{3}$ Ans. b) $4 \pm \sqrt{\frac{10}{3}}$
- c) $2 \pm \sqrt{\frac{8}{3}}$ d) $4 \pm \sqrt{\frac{8}{3}}$

97. The G.C.D. of 1.08, 0.36 and 0.9 is

- a) 0.03 b) 0.09
- c) 0.18 d) 0.108

98. The smallest whole number which is divisible by 3 and also by the next two greater prime number is

- a) 15 b) 25
- c) 33 d) 105

99. The value of $\frac{2}{\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{3}}$ up to three places of decimals is:

- a) 1.732 b) 1.414
- c) 3.798 d) 3.968

100. The average of 7 consecutive odd numbers if the smallest of those numbers is denoted by k:

- a) $k + 4$ b) $k + 7$
- c) $k + 6$ d) $7k$

101. A container contains 60 ltrs of milk from this container 6 ltrs of milk was taken out and replaced by water. This process was repeated further two more times. The amount of milk left in the container is:

- a) 50.45 b) 60.65
- c) 43.74 d) 47.78

102. In 10 years, A will be twice as old as B was 10 years ago. If A is now 9 years older than B, the present age of B is

- a) 19 yrs b) 29 yrs
- c) 39 yrs d) 49 yrs

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- Following canal gets water from rivers in India?**
- a) Indira Canal
b) Nagarjuna Sagar Canal
c) Krishna Delta Canal
- Dam in India is located in:**
- a) Kolkatta
b) Bangalore
c) Chennai
d) Hyderabad
-
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ANSWER KEY AND SOLUTIONS

Q.	A.	Q.	A.	Q.	A.	Q.	A.	Q.	A.
1	D	2	C	3	C	4	A	5	C
6	D	7	C	8	D	9	B	10	A
11	C	12	C	13	A	14	A	15	B
16	B	17	A	18	B	19	B	20	B
21	C	22	D	23	A	24	D	25	B
26	C	27	C	28	A	29	C	30	C
31	D	32	B	33	C	34	A	35	C
36	C	37	D	38	A	39	C	40	A
41	B	42	A	43	A	44	D	45	B
46	D	47	A	48	D	49	D	50	A
51	A	52	B	53	B	54	C	55	B
56	B	57	C	58	D	59	B	60	D
61	D	62	D	63	C	64	D	65	B
66	B	67	C	68	B	69	D	70	B
71	C	72	E	73	A	74	A	75	D
76	C	77	D	78	B	79	B	80	D
81	B	82	A	83	B	84	C	85	B
86	B	87	D	88	D	89	A	90	A
91	D	92	C	93	C	94	C	95	D
96	A	97	B	98	D	99	D	100	C
101	C	102	C	103	D	104	C	105	B
106	B	107	A	108	D	109	D	110	B
111	D	112	D	113	C	114	A	115	B
116	C	117	A	118	D	119	B	120	A

75. (d) $40 \times 12 + 3 - 6 \div 60$
 After interchange the signs
 $40 + 12 \div 3 \times 6 - 60$
 Using BODMAS
 $40 + 4 \times 6 - 60$
 $40 + 24 - 60 = 4$ Ans.

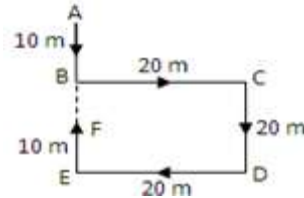
76. (c)

	+4		+4		+4		+4
C E,		G I,		K M,		O Q,	S U
3 5		7 9		11 13		15 17	19 21
	+4		+4		+4		+4

77. (d)

	+5		+5		+5		+5
B D,		G I,		L N,		Q S	V X
2 4		7 9		12 14		17 19	22 24
	+5		+5		+5		+5

78. (b)



The movements of Sanjeev from A to F are as shown in Fig.

Clearly, Sanjeev's distance from starting point A

$$= AF = (AB + BF)$$

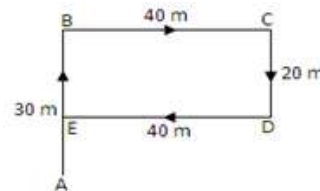
$$= AB + (BE - EF) = AB + (CD - EF)$$

$$= [10 + (20 - 10)] \text{ m} = (10 + 10) \text{ m} = 20 \text{ m}.$$

Also, F lies to the South of A.

So, Sanjeev is 20 metres to the south of his starting point

79. (b)



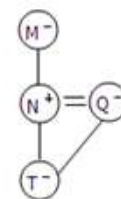
The movements of Kashish are as shown in Fig. (A to B, B to C, C to D, D to E).

\therefore Kashish's distance from his original position A

$$= AE = (AB - BE) = (AB - CD)$$

$$= (30 - 20) \text{ m} = 10 \text{ m}$$

80. (d)



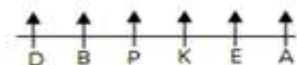
= N is not a wife of Q

81. (b)

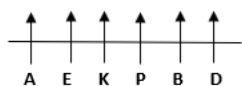


= N is daughter of M

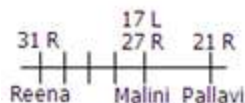
82-84)



or



82. (a) 83. (b) 84. (c) 85. (b)



= Malini's Rank from Right Hand Side (R.H.S) = 31
- 4 = 27 R.H.S
= Total No. of Students = 17 + 27 - 1 = 43
students

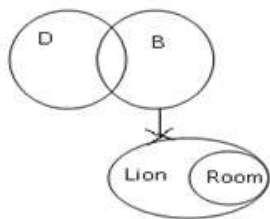
86. (b)

Mahender = 9th, 10th, 11th July

Friend = 11th, 12th, 13th July

Common date = 11th July

87. (d)



88. (d) Let number of notes of each denomination be x.

Then, $x + 5x + 10x = 480 \Leftrightarrow 16x = 480 \Leftrightarrow x = 30$.
Hence, total number of notes = $3x = 90$

89. (a)

90. (a) Clearly if allowed to continue without being punished, the shopkeeper would create the problem elsewhere. So course I shall follow.

91. (d) What is necessary is the preventive measures to protect the passengers and pay them adequate compensation. So, none of the courses follow

92. (c) Money is said to be the main cause of all the problem in a family. This implies that there are always some problems in a family. It also implies that there is a cause for every problem.

93. (c) Both assumptions I and II are implicit in the given statement

94. (c) Each number in the series is the preceding number multiplied by 2 and then increased by 1.

Thus, $(3 \times 2) + 1 = 7$, $(7 \times 2) + 1 = 15$, $(15 \times 2) + 1 = 31$ and so on

Missing number = $(63 \times 2) + 1 = 127$

Hence the answer is (c)

95.

(d)

$$\frac{x+1}{8} = \frac{y+3}{5} \quad \frac{y+3}{5} = \frac{x-y}{4}$$

$$5x + 5 = 8y + 24 \quad 4y + 12 = 5x - 5y$$

$$5x - 8y = 19 \text{ ---- I} \quad -5x + 9y = -12$$

$$5x - 9y = 12 \text{ --- II}$$

From the I and II

$$x = 15$$

$$y = 7$$

96.

$$(a) 3m^2 - 4m - 2 = 0$$

$$\frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{16 - 24}}{6}$$

97.

(d) G.C.D of 1.08, 0.36 and 0.9

$$\frac{108}{100}, \frac{36}{100}, \frac{9}{10}$$

GCD of 108, 36, 9

$$= 9 \times 12, 9 \times 4, 9$$

$$= 9$$

LCM of 100, 100, 10 = 100

$$\text{Ans is } \frac{9}{100} = .09$$

98.

(d) Using options, we can see that 105 is divisible by 3, 5 and 7

99.

$$(d) \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}-\sqrt{3}} \times \frac{\sqrt{5}+\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{5}+\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2(\sqrt{5}+\sqrt{3})}{5-3} \Rightarrow \sqrt{5}+\sqrt{3}. \Rightarrow 2.236+1.732$$

$$= 3.968$$

100.

(c) 7 Consecutive odd no's are

$$K, K+2, K+4, K+6, K+8, K+10, K+12$$

$$\text{Average} = \frac{7K+42}{7} = K+6$$

101.

$$(c) 60 \times 60 \times \left(1 - \frac{6}{60}\right)^3$$

$$60 \times \frac{9}{10} \times \frac{9}{10} \times \frac{9}{10} = 43.74$$

102.

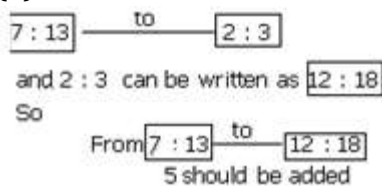
(c) Let B's present age = X years

Then A's present age = (X+9) years

$$(X+9)+10 = 2(X-10) = X+19 = 2X-20$$

$$= X = 39$$

103. (d)



104. (c)

Kanti : Sudhakar
9000 x 12 : 8000 x 7
So Ratio = 27 : 14
41 = 6970
1 = 170
14 = 2380

105. (b) 96% = 23040

$$1\% = \frac{23040}{96}$$

$$100\% = \frac{23040}{96} \times 100 = 24000$$

106. (b) Bought → 8 for a Rupee

Sold → x for a Rupee

To gain 60% → $\frac{8-x}{x}$ should be $\frac{3}{5}$ So x = 5

107. (a) C.I = $4(2000) + 6(400) + 4(80) + 1(16)$
= 10736

108. (d)

	A	B	C
S	6	3	1
D	-	-	-
T	1	2	6

7 min 14 min 42 min

A : B 2 : 1

B : C 3 : 1

A : B : C

6 : 3 : 1

109. (d) $48 = \frac{\text{Length of Train}}{(40 - 25) \times \frac{5}{18}}$

$$48 \times \frac{5}{18} \times 15 = \text{Length of train}$$

200 m = Length of train

110. (b) B = 5 km/hr.

B - W = 15 - 1.5 km/hr.

i.e. W = 1.5 km/hr.

(D.S) B + W = 5 + 1.5 km/hr

111. (d) 12 M = 18 w

$$2 M = 3 w$$

$$M = \frac{3}{2} w$$

$$18 \times 14 = \left(8 \times \frac{3}{2} + 16 \right) \times x \text{ 9 days}$$

112. (d) $\frac{x \times x \times x}{x} = \frac{y \times y \times y}{z}$

$$x^2 = \frac{y^3}{z}$$

$$z = \frac{y^3}{x^2}$$

113. (c)

Suppose P's capacity is = $\frac{1}{3x}$

Q's capacity is = $\frac{1}{180}$

Total time by (P + Q) = $\frac{1}{60} + \frac{1}{180} = 45 \text{ min}$


114. (a)

No. of diagonals = ${}^nC_2 - n$ (where n is of sides)

No. of diagonals of n hexagon = ${}^6C_2 - 6$

$$= 15 - 6 = 9$$

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1. World Rare Disease Day is observed on last ____ of February: **Day**
2. National Science Day on Feb 28 marks the discovery of which event on this day in 1928? **Raman effect**
3. Sir C V Raman was awarded Nobel Prize in 1930 in which field? **Physics**
4. India celebrates National Protein Day on which date? **Feb 27**
5. Name one of the biggest banks of the USA, which became the first bank to mark its entry in metaverse: **JPMorgan Chase & Co**
6. Asian Development Bank, for the first time, gave loan to a private company in India. Which is this company? **IIFL Home Finance Ltd**
7. The world famous Khajuraho Dance Festival was held in which state from Feb 20 to 26? **Madhya Pradesh**
8. Which country topped the medal tally in the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympic Games? **Norway**
9. One of the biggest naval exercises started on Feb 25 in the Bay of Bengal. What was its name? **Milan 2022**
10. The Indian Air Force and Royal Air Force of Oman organised which bilateral air exercise from Feb 21 to 25? **Eastern Bridge-VI**
11. Bilateral air exercise Eastern Bridge-VI was held at which place? **Air Force Station Jodhpur in Rajasthan**
12. Which team won the Second LG Cup Ice Hockey Championship-2022? **Ladakh Scouts Regimental Centre**
13. The Second LG Cup Ice Hockey Championship-2022 was held at which place? **Leh, Ladakh**
14. ____ registered the fastest fifty by an Indian batter in women's ODI cricket: **Richa Ghosh**
15. The Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation has granted emergency use

authorisation to which COVID-19 vaccine, for 12-18 year age group? **CORBEVAX**

16. Which Indian company manufactures the Corbevax vaccine? **Biological E Ltd.**
17. Vaccine maker company Biological E Ltd. Is located in which city? **Hyderabad**
18. Which group of people celebrate the World Thinking Day on Feb 22? **Girl guides and girl scouts**
19. Asia's largest bio-CNG (Compressed Natural Gas) plant was inaugurated on Feb 19 in ____, Madhya Pradesh: **Indore**
20. Sakibul Gani from ____ became the first batsman in the world to score a triple century in a debut match in first class cricket: **Bihar**
21. Who is the author of the book "The \$10 Trillion Dream": **Subhash Chandra Garg**
22. Which body has been set up by the Central Government to discharge the powers and functions of the National Authority under the Dam Safety Act? **National Dam Safety Authority**
23. The government of India aims to promote the '____ India' project for strengthening the country's educational institutions in the health sector: **Heal by**
24. The Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) successfully entered its ____ year of implementation with the upcoming Kharif 2022 season: **7th**
25. 'Meri Policy Mere Hath' scheme is associated with which type of insurance? **Crop insurance**
26. Which film won the Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival Award for the "Best Film"? **Shershaah**
27. Which country was worst affected by the Tempest Eunice on Feb 18-19? **Britain**
28. Which UN agency supports the celebration of the International Mother Language Day on Feb 21? **UNESCO**

29.	International Labour Organisation supports celebration of World Social Justice Day on Feb 20. It is based in which city? Geneva
30.	What is the title of the latest book by Bill Gates? How to Prevent the Next Pandemic
31.	Name the Nobel laureate who authored the book The Books of Jacob: Olga Tokarczuk
32.	Name the noted professor, writer, author, and consultant who has been appointed Chief Economic Advisor to the Government of India: Dr V. Anantha Nageswaran
33.	To keep citizens updated on all Parliamentary proceedings and other activities, the government launched which app on Jan 29? Digital Sansad App
34.	Which team won the Women's Asia Cup (Hockey) in Muscat, Oman on Jan 28? Japan
35.	Who won the men's singles title in the Australian Open tournament? Rafael Nadal
36.	Which city hosted the finals of the Australian Open tournament? Melbourne
37.	Name the women tennis player who won the women's singles title in the Australian Open tournament? Ashleigh Barty
38.	Ashleigh Barty hails from which country? Australia
39.	Men's singles title in the Odisha Open Badminton Tournament was won by which player? Kiran George
40.	Who won women's singles title in the Odisha Open Badminton Tournament in Cuttack? Unnati Hooda
41.	Who was declared "World Games Athlete of the Year-2021"? P R Sreejesh
42.	The latest data released by the National Statistical Office on Jan 31 showed that the Indian economy contracted by ____ per cent in 2020-21 as against the earlier estimate of 7.3 per cent: 6.6
43.	February 2 is observed as the World Wetlands Day. India is home to how many Ramsar Wetland sites? 49
44.	Antonio Costo has been re-elected as the Prime Minister of which European country? Portugal
45.	Sergio Mattarella has been re-elected as the Italian _____ for a second seven-year term: President

46.	Tata Sky, the leading Direct to Home (DTH) platform, has changed its name to ____: Tata Play
47.	The Geological Survey of India has approved the setting up of the country's first geo park at Lamheta village in which state? Madhya Pradesh
48.	Which company surpassed US chipmaker Intel to become the world's leading chipmaker by revenue in 2021? Samsung Electronics, S Korea
49.	Government on Feb 2 purchased which new Indian Covid vaccine for use in India? ZyCoV-D
50.	Which company is producing ZyCoV-D vaccine in India? Zydus Cadila
51.	ZyCoV-D is the world's first ____ based vaccine for COVID-19 developed in India: DNA
52.	On the occasion of World Wetlands Day (Feb 2), how many wetlands of India have been added to list of Ramsar Sites? Two
53.	Which two wetlands have been recently added to Ramsar sites list? Khijadiya Bird Sanctuary and Bakhira Wildlife Sanctuary
54.	Khijadiya Bird Sanctuary is located in which state? Gujarat
55.	Bakhira Wildlife Sanctuary, the largest natural floodplain wetland of India, is located in which state? Uttar Pradesh
56.	The Aravalli Biodiversity Park has been declared as India's first "other effective area-based conservation measures" (OECM) site by IUCN, Switzerland. It is in which place? Gurugram, Haryana
57.	Which country was India's top trading partner in 2021? USA
58.	The Indian Army signed a contract with Bharat Dynamics Limited, Hyderabad for supply of which missile? Konkurs-M anti-tank guided missile
59.	Konkurs-M missiles are being manufactured in India in collaboration with which country? Russia
60.	The fifth submarine of Project 75, Yard 11879, commenced her sea trials on 01 Feb. It has been made by which company? Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited, Mumbai

61.	Which state's tableau was elected as the best state tableau in the Republic Day Parade 2022? Uttar Pradesh
62.	Among the three services, which marching contingent was adjudged as the best marching contingent? Indian Navy
63.	Among the Central Armed Police Forces, the contingent of which force was named the best marching contingent? CISF - Central Industrial Security Force
64.	The government plans to set up the National Land Monetisation Corporation to carry out the proposed _____ of the land and other non-core assets: Monetization
65.	Why India announced diplomatic boycott of Winter Olympics 2022 beginning in Beijing from Feb 4? To protest picking of a Chinese soldier involved in the Galwan Valley clash with India, as an Olympic torchbearer
66.	Who is India's sole participant in the Winter Olympics 2022? Arif Khan, skiing
67.	Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of the University Grants Commission (UGC)? Prof M Jagadeesh Kumar
68.	Prime Minister Modi dedicated the 216-foot tall 'Statue of Equality' to the nation on Feb 5 in which city? Hyderabad
69.	'Statue of Equality' is the statue of which great saint? Bhakti Saint Ramanujacharya
70.	Which country won the Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) football championship? Senegal
71.	India lifted the prestigious ICC Under-19 Cricket World Cup by defeating which country? England
72.	Who captained the Indian team in the ICC Under-19 Cricket World Cup? Yash Dhull
73.	Which Indian player was declared "Man of the Match" for scalping 5 wickets and also scoring 35 runs? Raj Angad Bawa
74.	Which country won the AFC Women's Asian (football) Cup India 2022? China
75.	Which city hosted the AFC Women's Asian (football) Cup India 2022? Navi Mumbai
76.	Safer Internet Day is observed every year on the second day of the _____ week of February: Second
77.	What is the theme of this year's Safer Internet Day? Together for a better Internet

78.	Which city will be the main host of 2024 summer Olympics? Paris, France
79.	The National Deworming Day is observed on which day of February? 10th
80.	Which common safe medicine is given free to children on Feb 10 for preventing stomach worms? Albendazole
81.	Which UN agency supports the celebration of World Pulses Day on Feb 10? FAO - Food and Agriculture Organisation
82.	Headquarters of Food and Agriculture Organisation are in which city? Rome, Italy
83.	India's Atal Tunnel has officially been certified by the World Book of Records as the 'World's Longest Highway Tunnel above _____ Feet': 10,000
84.	Atal Tunnel is located in which state? Himachal Pradesh
85.	The Atal Tunnel has been made under which mountain pass? Rohtang Pass
86.	Which government agency constricted the Atal Tunnel? Border Roads Organisation
87.	What is the name of the nationwide operation launched by the Railway Protection Force to curb human trafficking? Operation Aaht
88.	As per TomTom's 2021 Traffic Index released on February 09, which was the most congested city in India, ranked 5th in the world? Mumbai
89.	The RBI emerged as the _____ largest buyer of gold among the world's Central Banks in 2021: Second
90.	In its last monetary policy review of 2021-22, RBI decreased which policy rate? No change
91.	Which city has been ranked as most congested city in the world as per TomTom's 2021 Traffic Index released on February 9? Istanbul, Turkey
92.	Anibal Torres has been appointed as the prime minister of which country in South America? Peru
93.	The Indian Army commenced implementing Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) tagging of which of its inventory? Ammunition inventory.
94.	Which country topped the Democracy Index 2021 released by the Economist Intelligence Unit, London on Feb 10? Norway

95.	India was placed at which spot in the Democracy Index 2021? 46th
96.	February 11 is celebrated as the Unani Day to mark the birth anniversary of which great medical practitioner? Hakim Ajmal Khan
97.	Which UN agency supports celebration of International Day of Women and Girls in Science on Feb 11? UNESCO
98.	India celebrates National Productivity Day on Feb 12 to mark the foundation of _____ Council on this day in 1958: National Productivity
99.	Celebration of National Productivity Day on Feb 12 is supported by which union ministry? Ministry of Commerce and Industry
100.	Who is the current Commerce and Industry minister? Sh. Piyush Goyal
101.	In which state the 14.5 km long approach road to the road portion of the Srikrishna Setu Munger-Ganga rail-cum-road bridge was inaugurated on Feb 11? Bihar
102.	The government launched the "SMILE- Support for Marginalised Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise" scheme for which target group? Transgenders and beggars
103.	Which union ministry launched the SMILE scheme? Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
104.	Which country designated Koala as an endangered species across most of its east coast? Australia
105.	N Chandrasekaran has been re-appointed as the Executive Chairman of which corporate house? Tata Sons Pvt Ltd
106.	A global consortium of over 500 researchers placed India among the top _____ easiest places to start a new business: Five
107.	What is the theme of this year's World Radio Day? Radio and Trust
108.	National Women's Day on Feb 13 marks the birthday of which great Indian woman? Sarojini Naidu
109.	Sarojini Naidu became India's first woman governor (15 Aug, 1947 - 2 March, 1949) in which state? Uttar Pradesh
110.	What is the popular nick name of Sarojini Naidu? Bharat Kokila

111.	International Epilepsy Day is observed on the second _____ of February every year across the world: Monday
112.	Indian Air force showcased which fighter jet in the 'Singapore AirShow-2022'? Tejas MK-I
113.	Name the veteran industrialist and former chairman of Bajaj Group, who passed away on Feb 12 in Pune: Rahul Bajaj
114.	Rahul Bajaj was associated with the launch of which very popular two-wheeler? Bajaj Chetak
115.	ISRO placed in orbit its earth observation satellite EOS-04 on Feb 14. What type of satellite it is? Radar Imaging Satellite
116.	Frank-Walter Steinmeier has been re-elected as the President of which major European country? Germany
117.	Which union ministry banned another 54 Chinese apps recently? Electronics and Information Technology Ministry
118.	The recent ban on Chinese apps has been imposed under which section of IT Act? 69(A)
119.	Which Indian shipbuilder supplied ICGS Saksham to Indian Coast Guard? Goa Shipyard Ltd, Goa
120.	_____ became the first country to issue certification for drones to operate in civilian airspace: Israel
121.	Which British naturalist established the principle of "Survival of Fittest"? Charles Darwin
122.	The Ministry of Railways has approved setting up of a state-of-art _____ academy at Kishanganj, Delhi: Wrestling
123.	Medaram Jatara fair, the second-largest fair in India, after the Kumbh Mela is held in which state? Telangana
124.	Who has been named as the "Business Standard Banker of the Year 2020-21"? Sandeep Bakhshi, MD and CEO of ICICI Bank
125.	_____ has become the first Indian consumer goods company to become completely plastic waste neutral: Dabur India
126.	CBI registered an FIR against which company which could be the biggest bank fraud case in the banking history of India? ABG Shipyard Ltd

127.	What is the actual name of renowned music composer and singer Bappi Lahiri, who expired recently? Alokesh Lahiri
128.	Which Indian company has joined hands with Foxconn to manufacture semiconductors in India? Vedanta Ltd.
129.	Foxconn, one of the largest electronics companies, is based in which country? Taiwan
130.	Govt announced recently which mission to attract large investments for manufacturing semiconductors in India? India Semiconductor Mission
131.	Which ministry has notified Green Hydrogen/Green Ammonia Policy for production of Green Hydrogen/Ammonia? Ministry of Power
132.	As per the Second Advance Estimates, the foodgrain production of major crops for 2021-22 is estimated to be: 316 million tonnes
133.	Government approved a new scheme New India Literacy Programme to cover all the aspects of ____ Education: Adult
134.	At least 100 people died in landslides and flash flooding due to torrential rains on Feb 15-16 in which city of Brazil? Petrópolis
135.	Government launched on Feb 16 a scheme named the Scheme for Economic Empowerment for DNTs. Expand DNTs: Denotified, Nomadic and Semi Nomadic tribal Communities
136.	Which team won the Senior National Volleyball Championship in men's category? Haryana
137.	Which team won the 2021 FIFA Club World Cup held on Feb 12 in Abu Dhabi? FC Chelsea
138.	Which bank secured six awards at the IBA Banking Technology Awards on Feb 16? South Indian Bank
139.	Which day is observed on Feb 19 to commemorate the launch of the Soil Health Card Scheme on this day in 2015? Soil Health Card Day
140.	World Pangolin Day is observed on the third ____ of February to raise awareness about these unique mammals: Saturday
141.	Country's first water taxi service was launched in which city on Feb 17? Mumbai

JANUARY 2022	
142.	India celebrates the Anti Leprosy Day on which date? January 30
143.	World Leprosy Day is observed on last ____ of January: Sunday
144.	How many Central Asian countries attended the first-ever India-Central Asia Summit held virtually on January 27? Five
145.	Total how many Padma Awards were announced this year on Jan 25? 128
146.	Name the former Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister who has been conferred Padma Vibhushan this year: Kalyan Singh
147.	89 year old Dr. Prabha Aatre is one of the four persons honoured with Padma Vibhushan this year. She is veteran ____: Classical vocalist
148.	The Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) 2021 released on Jan 25, placed India at which spot? 85th
149.	The Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology approved setting up of India's first Graphene Innovation Centre in which state? Kerala
150.	Sir Garfield Sobers Award is given to which person for outstanding achievement? ICC Men's Cricketer of the Year
151.	Who is the 2021 ICC Men's Cricketer of the Year? Shaheen Afridi
152.	Which trophy is given to the winner of ICC Women's Cricketer of the Year? Rachael Heyhoe-Flint Trophy
153.	Who won Rachael Heyhoe-Flint Trophy for 2021? Smriti Mandhana
154.	Ministry of Tourism celebrates Jan 25 as the National Tourism Day. Who is the current Minister of Tourism? G Kishan Reddy
155.	Why Jan 25 has been selected for celebrating the National Voters Day? The Election Commission of India was created on this day in 1950
156.	India launched a joint commemorative logo on Jan 24 with which country to mark the 30th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties with that country? Israel
157.	Which is the capital of Israel? Jerusalem
158.	Who is the current Election Commissioner of India? Sushil Chandra

159.	India celebrates the National Girl Child Day on which day of January? 24th
160.	Which union ministry supports the celebration of the National Girl Child Day? Ministry of Women and Child Development
161.	Who is the current Women and Child Development Minister? Smt. Smriti Irani
162.	Which UN agency supports the celebration of the International Day of Education on Jan 24? UNESCO
163.	Who won the women's singles title in the Syed Modi International badminton tournament in Lucknow on Jan 23? P V Sindhu
164.	What is the name of the mobile app launched by the Common Service Centre to provide vocational education and skill development to youths of rural areas? Yogyata
165.	The Common Service Centre Scheme is an initiative of which ministry? Ministry of Electronics & IT
166.	The Ministry of Coal launched which portal on Jan 21 to share Key Performance Indicators related to the Coal Sector? Koyla Darpan
167.	Country's first District Good Governance Index (DGGI) was released on Jan 21 in which UT? Jammu & Kashmir
168.	India's first virtual platform for spice exports 'Spice Xchange India' was launched on Jan 20 in which city? Kochi, Kerala
169.	The governments of Haryana entered into an agreement with which state on Jan 21 to build the Adi Badri Dam? Himachal Pradesh
170.	One of the main objectives of the construction of Adi Badri Dam is the revival of ancient _____ River: Saraswati
171.	The _____ sanctioned a \$ 125 million loan to the government of West Bengal to support its effort to help the poor: World Bank
172.	As per recent data released by the ministry of commerce & industry, India has emerged as the largest exporter of _____ in the world: Cucumber and gherkins
173.	Aapda Prabandhan Puraskars (Disaster Management Awards) are named after which great Indian leader? Subhash Chandra Bose
174.	What is the amount of cash award of Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar in institutional category? Rs. 51 lakh

175.	Which state secured first position in the fourth Health Index released by the Niti Aayog on Dec 27? Kerala
176.	Among the smaller states, _____ emerged as the best performer in overall performance in the 4 th Health Index: Mizoram
177.	The ministry of home affairs has set up a high-level committee, headed by _____ to look into the possibility of withdrawing the AFSPA from Nagaland: Vivek Joshi
178.	The Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation gave its approval to which two more Covid vaccines? Corbevax and Covovax
179.	Which company is manufacturing the Corbevax vaccine in India? Biological E, Hyderabad
180.	Which Indian company is producing the nanoparticle protein-based vaccine Covovax? Serum Institute of India, Pune
181.	The Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation gave its approval to which antiviral drug for treatment of Corona cases? Molnupiravir
182.	Haryana's Nitesh Kumar won two gold medals, individual singles and in doubles, at which national championship? Para badminton
183.	Who has been named as "2021 Person of the Year" by the US based animal welfare NGO PETA? Alia Bhatt
184.	Who became the fastest Indian wicketkeeper to reach 100 dismissals in 26 Test matches? Rishabh Pant
185.	Who has been appointed as the new MD & CEO of Punjab National Bank, the biggest nationalised bank of the country? Atul Kumar Goel
186.	Mr. Soma Sankara Prasad has been appointed as the new MD & CEO of which bank? UCO Bank
187.	_____ stood first in the implementation of the Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission (SPMRM) for providing urban infrastructure in rural areas: Telangana
188.	The Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission has been launched by which union ministry? Ministry of Rural Development
189.	Which country has been admitted as the fourth new member of the New Development Bank? Egypt

190.	Headquarters of the New Development Bank are in which city? Shanghai
191.	Who is the current President of New Development Bank? Marcos Troyjo
192.	The Indian Army has set up a quantum computing laboratory and a centre for artificial intelligence (AI) at which place? Mhow, MP
193.	Sanjeev Kumar, the wheelchair bound para-athlete became the national champion for the 10 th time in which sports? Para badminton
194.	Among the centrally funded technical institutes, _____ was ranked first in the Centre's Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements (ARIIA) 2021? IIT Madras
195.	In the state and deemed to be universities category, which university topped the ARIIA rankings? Panjab University, Chandigarh
196.	Who has been appointed as the new Chairman and CEO of the Railway Board? Vinay Kumar Tripathi
197.	Which country lifted the Under-19 Asia Cup (cricket)? India
198.	India defeated which country to win the Under-19 Asia Cup? Sri Lanka
199.	Virender Singh Pathania took charge as the Director-General of which paramilitary force? Indian Coast Guard
200.	The IRDAI has declared which life insurance company as Domestic Systemically Important Insurers (D-SIIs) for the year 2022? LIC of India
201.	World Braille Day on Jan 4 commemorates the birthday of which great inventor? Louis Braille
202.	Braille language is based on ____convex dots that form all the letters and symbols: Six
203.	Which city in the world has largest network of automatic driverless metro lines? Shanghai
204.	RBI has issued new guidelines allowing offline payments up to Rs ____ per transaction: 200
205.	Captain Harpreet Chandi, a 32-year-old Indian-origin British Sikh Army officer, was in news recently for what reason? She completed a solo unsupported trek to the South Pole
206.	Which MNC created history on January 3 by becoming the first company to hit a \$3 trillion stock market value? Apple Inc.
207.	On Jan 3 government launched NEAT 3.0 - a special online education initiative. What is full

	form of NEAT? National Educational Alliance for Technology
208.	RBI has retained State Bank of India, ICICI Bank and _____as Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs) for the year 2021: HDFC Bank
209.	Government launched the India Semiconductor Mission on December 29. Generally, semiconductors are made from which material? Silicon
210.	Government of which state declared that it has become the first LPG enabled and smoke free state in the country? Himachal Pradesh
211.	World Day of War Orphans is observed on which date? January 06
212.	Which union ministry launched the "Smart cities and Academia Towards Action & Research (SAAR)" programme on Jan 5? Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
213.	In which country the scientists succeeded in running a fusion reactor for almost 20 minutes at a stunning temperature of 70 million degrees Celsius, almost five times hotter than the real Sun? China
214.	Which UN agency signed an agreement with the Akshaya Patra Foundation for enhancing the effectiveness of the Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman (PM POSHAN) scheme? World Food Programme
215.	Zhang Ming, veteran Chinese diplomat took over as the new Secretary-General of which Asian alliance? Shanghai Cooperation Organisation
216.	India's first open rock museum displaying different types of rocks gathered from different states, was inaugurated in which city? Hyderabad
217.	Which place in India celebrates Losar festival to mark its new year? Ladakh
218.	Which state recorded the highest number of open defecation free (ODF Plus) villages in the Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) Phase-II programme? Telangana
219.	The National Statistical Office projected India's economy to grow by ____ % in the year 2021-22: 9.2
220.	The 3rd National Water Awards-2020 were announced on Jan 7 by which union ministry? Jal Shakti Ministry

221.	Which state secured first position in the 'Best State Category' in the 3rd National Water Awards-2020? Uttar Pradesh
222.	The Election Commission of India raised the existing election expenditure limit to Rs. ____ lakh for candidates in bigger states Parliamentary constituencies: 95
223.	The election expenditure limit for assembly elections in the bigger states has been raised to Rs. ____ lakh: 40
224.	Which country hosted its annual multinational anti-submarine warfare training exercise Sea Dragon 22? USA
225.	Nodirbek Abdusattorov, the 17 year old chess GrandMaster from ____ became the new Rapid Chess World Champion on Dec 28: Uzbekistan
226.	Government declared to observe Dec 26 as the "Veer Bal Divas" to honour the sacrifice of which two Sahibzadas of Sri Guru Gobind Singh? Sahibzada Zorawar Singh and Sahibzada Fateh Singh
227.	Sahibzada Zorawar Singh and Sahibzada Fateh Singh were bricked alive at which place in Punjab? Sirhind
228.	Pravasi Bharatiya Divas is observed on which day of January? 9th
229.	Pravasi Bharatiya Divas marks the return of which great leader to India from abroad? Mahatma Gandhi
230.	World Hindi Day on Jan 10 marks the anniversary of the first World Hindi Conference which was held in ____, Maharashtra in 1975 on this day: Nagpur
231.	Bharath Subramaniam, the 14 year old chess prodigy from ____ became the 73rd Grandmaster of India: Chennai
232.	Golden Globe awards are given for recognising best in which field? Cinema
233.	Who won the Golden Globe 2022 for the best actress in a drama film? Nicole Kidman
234.	Which 2021 film grabbed the Golden Globe for the Best Film – Drama? The Power of the Dog
235.	Sidney Poitier, who passed away on Jan 6, was a great personality associated with which field? Cinema
236.	____ in Kerala has become the first city of India with a water metro project? Kochi

237.	With a view to focus more on the "dynamically" growing financial sector, RBI has set up a separate ____ Department: Fintech
238.	What is the name of China's lunar rover which discovered moisture on moon's surface? Chang'e 5
239.	National Youth Day on Jan 12 marks the birthday of which great Indian personality? Swami Vivekananda
240.	Which city hosted the 25 th National Youth Festival on Jan 12-13? Puducherry
241.	National Human Trafficking Awareness Day is observed on which date? January 11
242.	Which World Bank report says that the Indian economy is expected to grow at 8.3 percent in 2021-22? Global Economic Prospects
243.	The passport rankings released by the Henley Passport Index (HPI) for the first quarter of 2022 have placed India at which spot? 83rd
244.	Which corporate group has replaced Vivo as the official sponsors of the IPL 2022? Tata Group
245.	Alikhan Smailov has been appointed as the new ____ of Kazakhstan: Prime Minister
246.	The Indian Navy successfully test fired an extended range sea-to-sea variant of which missile from INS Visakhapatnam on Jan 11? BrahMos
247.	Name the eminent rocket scientist who has been appointed the new chairman of ISRO? S Somnath
248.	What is another popular name for the Makar Sankranti in North India? Maghi
249.	Which Indian state celebrates Makar Sankranti as Bihu? Assam
250.	Pongal is the popular festival of which state? Tamil Nadu
251.	What is the popular name of Makar Sankranti festival in Gujarat? Uttarayan
252.	As per the India State of Forest Report 2021, forests and trees cover how much percent of India's total area? 24.62%
253.	Which state has the largest area under forests and trees? Madhya Pradesh
254.	In terms of percentage of area under forests and trees, ____ is at the top: Mizoram
255.	Who has been selected as the captain of the Indian squad for the Women's Hockey Asia Cup 2022? Savita Punia

256.	Who has been appointed as the Russia's new ambassador to India? Denis Alipov
257.	As per the U N World Economic Situation and Prospects-2022 report, India's GDP for the 2021-22 may grow by ____ percent: 6.5
258.	India celebrates Army Day on which date? January 15
259.	Army Day commemorates anniversary of which event in the history of the Indian Army? Handing over of command of Indian Army by the British to an Indian general in 1949
260.	Who was the first Indian Chief of the Indian Army? Lt Gen K M Cariappa
261.	Who became the first Indian to top the under-19 world rankings in girls' singles given by the Badminton World Federation? Tasnim Mir
262.	Government has decided to celebrate which day as the "National Start-up Day"? January 16
263.	A privately held startup company with a valuation of over \$1 billion is known as: Unicorn
264.	In a first export order for the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile, which country has become its first buyer from India? Philippines
265.	BrahMos is being produced in India in collaboration with which country? Russia
266.	The world's largest national flag, the Indian Tricolor made from Khadi, was displayed on Jan 15 at which place? In Rajasthan's Longewala
267.	Who won the Men's Singles title in the India Open badminton championship in New Delhi on Jan 16? Lakshya Sen
268.	Name the legendary Kathak dancer who breathed his last on January 17 at his Delhi residence? Birju Maharaj
269.	In which island archipelago a massive volcano erupted on Jan 15, covering adjoining islands with thick ash cover? Tonga
270.	What is an Archipelago? A group of islands
271.	Tonga Archipelago is located in which part of world? South Pacific Ocean
272.	Indian Navy and Russian Navy undertook PASSEX exercises on Jan 14 at which place? Near Kochi port in Arabian Sea
273.	India and ____ conducted a major naval exercise in the Bay of Bengal on Jan 13: Japan
274.	Name the christian democrat from Malta, who was elected President of the European Union's

	parliament on Jan 18: Ms. Roberta Metsola
275.	Who won the Best FIFA Men's Player 2021 award? Robert Lewandowski
276.	Alexia Putellas, winner of the Best FIFA Women's Player 2021 award, hails from which country? Spain
277.	According to a US-based global leader approval tracker, Morning Consult Political Intelligence, which statesman secured the highest ranking? India's prime minister Narendra Modi
278.	The Amar Jawan Jyoti flame at India Gate, New Delhi, was shifted on Jan 21 and merged with the flame at which place? The National War Memorial
279.	Which team won the 9th National Women Ice Hockey Championship held at Kaza? Ladakh
280.	The Parliament of which country approved a bill to relocate the country's capital as it was located on a swampy ground and was sinking? Indonesia
281.	Major Hari Pal Singh Ahluwalia, a professional _____ and an author and social worker, passed away at the age of 85: Mountaineer
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282.	Name the Nobel Peace Prize (1984) laureate who helped end apartheid in South Africa, who passed away on Dec 26, aged 90: Archbishop Desmond Tutu
283.	Which state won the Vijay Hazare Trophy in Jaipur on Dec 26? Himachal Pradesh
284.	Vijay Hazare Trophy is the national level trophy of which sports? Cricket
285.	Vijay Hazare Trophy is played in which format of cricket? One Day – 50 overs
286.	Which major state topped the Good Governance Index 2021, released on December 25? Gujarat
287.	Among hill states, _____ secured first rank in the Good Governance Index 2021: Himachal Pradesh
288.	What is the name of the world's largest and most powerful space telescope launched by NASA on Dec 25? James Webb Space Telescope
289.	Which team won the 11th Junior National Men's Hockey Championship on Dec 25? Uttar Pradesh

290.	Who won his 11th National Billiards title on Dec 20 in the 88th National Billiards and Snookers Championship? Pankaj Advani
291.	What was the name of the indigenously built missile corvette that was decommissioned on Dec 24? INS Khukri
292.	Who has been appointed as India's Chef de Mission for Beijing 2022 Winter Olympics? Harjinder Singh
293.	Which is the current office held by Harjinder Singh? General Secretary of Indian Ice Hockey Association
294.	India secured which rank in the Global Unicorn Index 2021 released by the Hurun Research Institute, London? 3rd
295.	India pushed which country to 4 th place in the Global Unicorn Index 2021? United Kingdom
296.	Which country topped the Global Unicorn Index 2021? USA
297.	The International Day of Epidemic Preparedness is observed on which day of December? 27th
298.	What is the name of the contemporary messaging application recently launched by the Indian Army? ASIGMA
299.	What is the full form of ASIGMA? Army Secure IndiGeneous Messaging Application
300.	Which Indian multinational company launched one of its kind indigenous Multi-terrain Artillery Gun (MARG) 155 – BR on Dec 21 for Indian Army? Bharat Forge Ltd
301.	Which two major Indian TV channels announced their merger plans? Sony and Zee TV
302.	Name the veteran Indian off-spinner who announced on Dec 24 his retirement from cricket: Harbhajan Singh
303.	Name the ace Indian skier who won the Bronze medal at the FIS Alpine Skiing Competition on Dec 23 in Montenegro? Aanchal Thakur
304.	Which multi-national bank approved a loan of Euro 250 million for the funding of Agra Metro Rail Project in Uttar Pradesh? The European Investment Bank, Luxembourg
305.	What is the title of the recent book by Dr. Shashi Tharoor? Pride, Prejudice, and Punditry
306.	Who is the author of the recent novel "The Nutmeg's Curse"? Amitav Ghosh

307.	"The Judge's List" is a popular novel authored by ____: John Grisham
308.	Fill in the blank: "Indian Innings: The Journey of Indian ____ from 1947" by Ayaz Memon: Cricketer
309.	Which National Day is celebrated on Dec 25 to mark the birthday of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee? Good Governance Day
310.	The National Consumer Day is observed on which date? December 24
311.	The current Consumer Protection Act was enacted in which year? 2019
312.	World Consumer Day is celebrated on which date? 15th March
313.	RBI has told e-commerce companies that from January 1, 2022, they will not be allowed to save ____ information on their websites: Card
314.	Who won the Asian Champions Trophy Hockey Tournament on Dec 22? South Korea
315.	Which country hosted the Asian Champions Trophy Hockey tournament? Bangladesh
316.	India won which medal at the Asian Champions Trophy Hockey tournament? Bronze
317.	Who won the SAFF U-19 Women's Football Championship? Bangladesh
318.	Which country hosted the SAFF U-19 Women's Football Championship? Bangladesh
319.	National Farmers' Day (Kisan Diwas) on Dec 23 marks the birthday of which veteran farmer leader? Chaudhary Charan Singh
320.	The DRDO successfully test-fired on Dec 22 the short-range, surface to surface-guided ballistic missile 'Pralay'. What is its strike range? 350 to 500 km
321.	The first set of indigenously developed next-gen AERV was inducted into Indian Army on Dec 21 at Pune. What is AERV? Armoured Engineer Reconnaissance Vehicle
322.	National Mathematics Day on Dec 22 marks the birthday of which great mathematician? Srinivasa Ramanujan
323.	The Parliament passed the Election Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2021 on Dec 21. It aims to link voter card with ____: Aadhaar number
324.	As per the Election Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2021, new voters upon attaining 18 years of age, can now enroll ____ times in a year? Four

325.	Indian tech wizard took over as CEO of the social media platform Twitter? Parag Agrawal
326.	Ballon d'Or awards are given for outstanding performance in which sports? Football
327.	Who won the Ballon d'Or-Men for the year 2021? Lionel Messi
328.	Ms. Alexia Putellas, winner of 2021 Ballon d'Or award for women, plays for which country? Spain
329.	What is the literal meaning of the term Ballon d'Or? Golden Ball
330.	Saurav Ghosal scripted history by becoming the first Indian _____ player to win the Malaysian Open Championships held in Kualalumpur: Squash
331.	According to the recent data by the National Statistics Office, GDP of the country grew by _____percent in quarter ending 30 th Sep: 8.4
332.	Barbados, a micro island country in eastern _____, became a new republic at the strike of midnight of Nov 30: Caribbean Sea
333.	Barbados became free on Dec 01 from the colonial rule of which country? Britain
334.	The Indian Army received advanced Heron Mark-II drones from which country? Israel
335.	Which virus causes the dreaded AIDS disease? HIV
336.	What is the full form of HIV? Human Immunodeficiency Virus
337.	Which union ministry has formed a three-member committee to review the criteria for reservation for the EWS category? Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
338.	Who has been selected to head this committee? Ajay Bhushan Pandey
339.	What is the current annual income limit to identify EWS for providing 10% quota in public jobs and educational institutions? Rs. 8 lakh
340.	The 10% EWS quota was introduced under the which number Constitution (Amendment) Act, 2019? 103rd
341.	Name the veteran American songwriter and composer, who passed away on Nov 26 in Connecticut, USA? Stephen Sondheim
342.	The ADB approved a \$125 million loan to improve access to quality water supply and sanitation services in _____: Dehradun

343.	Magdalena Andersson was elected as the first female Prime Minister of which country? Sweden
344.	What is the name of the parliament of Sweden? Riksdag
345.	The ten day long Hornbill Festival is the biggest cultural extravaganza of which state? Nagaland
346.	What type of animal is Hornbill? Large bird
347.	The Worldwide Cost of Living Index 2021 has declared _____ as the world's most expensive city to live in: Tel Aviv, Israel
348.	The Worldwide Cost of Living Index 2021 has been released by which organisation? Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU), London
349.	The National Pollution Control Day on December 2 marks occurrence of which industrial disaster? Bhopal Gas Tragedy
350.	Bhopal Gas Tragedy occurred in which year? 1984
351.	Leakage of which gas led to Bhopal Gas Tragedy? Methyl Isocyanate – MIC
352.	World Computer Literacy Day is observed on which date? Dec 02
353.	Which International Day is observed on December 02 to spread awareness about ending human trafficking and the exploitation of humans? International Day for Abolition of Slavery
354.	Celebration of International Day for Abolition of Slavery is supported by which UN Agency? International Labour Organisation
355.	World Athletics Awards are given by which organisation? World Athletics
356.	Who is the winner of this year's World Athlete of the Year-Women award? Elaine Thompson-Herah
357.	Elaine Thompson-Herah excels in which discipline of athletics? 100m & 200 meter Sprint (five time Olympic Champion)
358.	Elain hails from which country? Jamaica
359.	Karsten Warholm, winner of this year's World Athlete of the Year-Men award, hails from which country? Norway
360.	Karsten is a Olympic champion of which athletic event? 400-meter hurdle, Sprint; broke the 29-year-old world record

361.	World Athletics selected which Indian for the Woman of the year Award-2021? Anju Bobby George
362.	Anju is the veteran champion of which event in athletics? Long jump
363.	Who topped the list of "50 most powerful women in India" released by Fortune India? Ms. Nirmala Sitharaman, Finance Minister
364.	Which India cooperative has been ranked at 'number one' among the top 300 cooperatives in the world? IFFCO - Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited
365.	According to the World Migration Report 2022, which factor is responsible for causing highest number of human displacements? Natural disasters
366.	Which country experienced the highest absolute numbers of new disaster displacements in 2020? Philippines
367.	The World Bank approved a \$135 million loan to improve electricity distribution and grid modernisation infrastructure in which state? West Bengal
368.	Which global rating agency has kept the economic growth forecast for India unchanged at 9.5 percent for the current financial year (2021-22)? S&P - Standard and Poor's
369.	Which day of December is observed as the International Day of Persons with Disabilities? Third
370.	Indian Navy Day on Dec 4 commemorates victory of Indian Navy in which operation? Operation Trident in Karachi harbour
371.	Which world body supports the celebration of International Day of Banks on Dec 04? UNO
372.	A plant to produce over five lakh AK-203 assault rifles will be set up at which place? At Korwa, Distt. Amethi, U.P.
373.	Which country has provided technical support for production of AK-203 assault rifles in India? Russia
374.	Who has been selected as the First Deputy Managing Director of IMF? Gita Gopinath
375.	The government released a commemorative postage stamp on Dec 01 to mark completion of 75 years of which industrial group? Mahindra & Mahindra

376.	The ADB approved a \$500-million loan to India to help improve the quality of ____: School Education
377.	Theme for this year's World Soil Day on Dec 5 is associated with which aspect of soil? Salinization
378.	International Volunteer Day is observed on which date? December 5
379.	The first-ever India Russia 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue was held in ____ on Dec 6: New Delhi
380.	Which two ministers took part in 2+2 Indo-Russia Ministerial Dialogue? Defence minister and Foreign minister
381.	Russian President Vladimir Putin arrived in New Delhi on Dec 6 to attend which summit? 21st India-Russia Annual Summit
382.	With which country India participated in bilateral military exercise EKVURIN? Maldives
383.	Name the veteran TV journalist who passed away on Dec 4 in a New Delhi hospital, losing his battle to Corona: Vinod Dua
384.	Which volcano in Indonesia, suddenly erupted on Dec 4, throwing up towers of ash and hot clouds several km up in the sky? Mount Semeru
385.	____ became the first state to achieve hundred percent COVID vaccination of second dose for its entire eligible population: Himachal Pradesh
386.	Which cyclone caused heavy rains across the coastal regions of Andhra Pradesh and Odisha on Dec 5? Cyclone Jawad
387.	Which country lifted the Junior Men's Hockey World Cup? Argentina
388.	Junior Men's Hockey World Cup final was played in which city? Bhubaneswar
389.	In which state 14 locals were killed in the violent clashes with the jawans of 21st Para Special Force of the Army? Nagaland
390.	Who became the women's 10m air pistol national champion for the second successive time, in the 64th National Shooting Championship? Manu Bhaker
391.	Which Indian player won the silver medal in the BWF World Tour Finals (badminton-Women) at Bali, Indonesia on Dec 5? P V Sindhu

392.	New Zealand's _____ became the third bowler in Test cricket history to take 10 wickets in an innings: Ajaz Patel
393.	Badminton World Federation (BWF) selected _____ as "Player of the Year-Men": Viktor Axelsen
394.	Viktor Axelsen hails from which country? Denmark
395.	Who won the BWF's "Player of the Year-Women" award for 2021? Tai Tzu-ying
396.	Tai Tzu-ying plays for which country? China
397.	_____ won the national title in women's 25m pistol for the third year in a row: Rahi Sarnobat
398.	Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Ltd, Kolkata launched its first call survey vessel (large) named _____, for the Indian Navy: 'Sandhayak'
399.	The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment launched the "Residential Education for Students in High Schools in Targeted Areas" (SRESHTA) scheme for SC students of which class? 9th to 12th
400.	India observes Armed Forces Flag Day on which day of December? 7th
401.	International Civil Aviation Day on December 7 highlights the role of which global body associated with civil aviation? International Civil Aviation Organisation
402.	Adama Barrow was re-elected as the President of the _____, a small west African country: Gambia
403.	For which Indian state ADB sanctioned a \$150 million dollar loan to provide affordable housing for urban poor? Tamil Nadu
404.	The President of India awarded the "President's Standard" to the 22nd _____ Squadron of the Indian Navy: Missile Vessel
405.	In its bi-monthly policy review meeting held on Dec 8, RBI hiked which policy rate? None
406.	The USA announced a diplomatic boycott of the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympics for what reasons? China's dissatisfactory human rights record with regard to Uighur Muslims
407.	Sanket Mahadev Sargar won the gold medal in the Commonwealth _____ Championships 2021 in Tashkent, Uzbekistan: Weightlifting
408.	Which eminent poet won the 56th Jnanpith Award 2020? Nilmani Phookan Jr

409.	Nilmani Phookan Jr is an eminent poet of which language? Assamese
410.	Veteran novelist Damodar Mauzo from Goa won which top literary award recently? 57th Jnanpith Award 2021
411.	Veteran novelist Damodar Mauzo writes in which language? Konkani
412.	What is the amount of cash award given with the Jnanpith Award? Rs. 11 lakh
413.	Kazhuveli, the wetland located near Villupuram in _____ has been declared a bird sanctuary: Tamil Nadu
414.	Jhilli Dalabehera is a prominent sportsperson from which field? Weightlifting
415.	The unfortunate air crash of Gen. Rawat's helicopter took place in the forest area near _____ in the Nilgiri Hills: Coonoor
416.	Which type of helicopter was involved in the air crash that killed Gen Rawat and 12 other persons? Mi 17 V-5
417.	The Union Cabinet approved on Dec 8 the funding and implementation of the project for interlinking of which two rivers? Ken and Betwa rivers
418.	Ken and Betwa rivers lie in ____ and _____, respectively: MP and UP
419.	Bot, Ken and Betwa rivers, are tributaries of which river? Yamuna
420.	Which global rating agency cut India's economic growth forecast to 8.4% for FY 2021-22? Fitch Ratings
421.	Fitch Ratings is based in which city? New York
422.	National Submarine Day on Dec 09 marks which event in the history of Indian Navy? Induction of its first submarine, INS Kalvari in 1967
423.	International Anti-Corruption Day is observed on which date? Dec 09
424.	Who topped the Forbes World's 100 Most Powerful Women list released on Dec 8? Mackenzie Scott, philanthropist and novelist from USA
425.	Who secured the highest rank (37 th) among Indian women listed in the Forbes World's 100 Most Powerful Women list? Union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman
426.	The International Solar Alliance (ISA) was granted 'Observer Status' recently by which

	global organisation? United Nations General Assembly
427.	Headquarters of International Solar Alliance are located in which city? Gurugram, Haryana
428.	President of which country convened a virtual "Summit for Democracy" on Dec 9-10, attended by more than 100 countries? USA
429.	Which farmers' organisation announced on Dec 9 the end of year long farmers' agitation? Samyukt Kisan Morcha
430.	Which Indian was honoured with the prestigious Royal Gold Medal 2022 recently? Balkrishna Doshi
431.	Balkrishna Doshi is a veteran prominent ____ from India: Architect
432.	Royal Gold Medal is conferred by which organisation? Royal Institute of British Architects, London
433.	Who has been elected as the President of FICCI for 2022? Sanjiv Mehta
434.	What is the expansion of the acronym FICCI? Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry
435.	Which team won the Davis Cup 2021? Russia
436.	Finals of the Davis Cup 2021 were played in which city? Madrid, Spain
437.	Which national body launched the pan-India capacity building programme for women, by the name 'She is a Changemaker' on Dec 7? National Commission for Women
438.	What is the target group for the programme 'She is a Changemaker'? Women politicians
439.	Who is the chairperson of the National Commission for Women? Rekha Sharma
440.	Which International Day marks the anniversary of adoption by the UNO in 1948, the "Universal Declaration of Human Rights"? Human Rights Day, Dec 10
441.	Which country hosted the Asian Youth Para Games in Riffa city? Bahrain
442.	The theme for this year's International Mountain Day observed on Dec 11, is associated with: Tourism
443.	December 11 is observed as UNICEF Day. Where are its headquarters? New York
444.	What is the full form of UNICEF? United Nations Children's Fund

445.	Which UN organisation supports the celebration of International Universal Health Coverage Day on Dec 12? WHO
446.	19-year-old Jeremy Lalrinnunga, who won the gold medal in Commonwealth weightlifting Championships, is from which state? Mizoram
447.	Name the 19 year old shooter from Rajasthan who won both, junior and senior national titles in air rifle event: Divyansh Singh Panwar
448.	Haiderpur wetland, which has recently been recognized under the 1971 Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, is in which state? Uttar Pradesh
449.	India's Harnaaz Kaur Sandhu recently won which international beauty pageant? Miss Universe
450.	What is the toll-free number of the National Helpline against Atrocities on SC/ST launched on Dec. 13? 14566
451.	DRDO and Indian Air Force successfully flight-tested on Dec 11 the indigenously developed Helicopter-launched SANT Missile. What is full form of SANT? Stand-off Anti-Tank
452.	Which US state suffered widespread devastation due to severe tornado attack on Dec 10? Kentucky
453.	Who became the World Champion of F1 car racing for 2021? Max Verstappen
454.	Max Verstappen drives for which F1 team? Red Bull
455.	Which country hosted the Asian Rowing Championship in second week of December? Thailand
456.	Which emirate in UAE became the world's first government to turn 100 per cent paperless? Dubai
457.	Who has been appointed as the Executive Director of the UNICEF- United Nations Children's Fund, New York? Catherine Russell
458.	Which country topped the 2021 Global Health Security (GHS) Index? USA
459.	What was India's rank in the 2021 Global Health Security (GHS) Index? 66th
460.	Who won the World Chess Championship crown for the fifth successive time? Magnus Carlsen
461.	Magnus Carlsen hails from which country? Norway

462.	Which apex organisation supports the celebration of the National Energy Conservation Day on December 14? Bureau of Energy Efficiency
463.	World Energy Conservation Day is observed on which date? Dec. 14
464.	Who is the presiding deity in the prestigious Sri Kashi Vishwanath Dham in Varanasi? Lord Shiva
465.	Asian Development Bank approved a \$350 million loan for India to help improve which type of its urban services? Piped water supply and sanitation
466.	World Talent Ranking Report placed which country at the top spot for best handling of its human resources? Switzerland
467.	India secured which rank in the World Talent Ranking Report? 56th
468.	The DRDO successfully tested a long-range SMART weapon on Dec 13. What is full form of SMART? Supersonic Missile Assisted Torpedo
469.	India and several tea producing countries celebrate which day as the International Tea Day? Dec 15
470.	Which date has been fixed by the UNO to observe International Tea Day? May 21
471.	RBI made use of LEI mandatory for cross-border transactions for capital or current account transactions of Rs 50 crore and above, from October 1, 2022. What is LEI? Legal Entity Identifier
472.	Legal Entity Identifier number comprise of how many digits? 20
473.	Who has been announced as the "Person of the Year" for 2021 by the TIME magazine? Elon Musk
474.	RBI issued revised guidelines on Dec 14 for a Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) framework for which type of companies? NBFCs
475.	For the first time in history, a spacecraft has almost touched the Sun. What is its name? Parker Solar Probe
476.	Which space agency launched the Parker Solar Probe? NASA
477.	_____became the first country in the world to change its existing five-day workweek to a four-and-a-half day, wef Jan 1, 2022? UAE

478.	The Union Ministry of Forest and Environment declared Askot Wildlife Sanctuary as an eco-sensitive zone. It is in which state? Uttarakhand
479.	Celebration of Vijay Diwas on Dec 16 marks anniversary of which event? Indian armed forces victory over Pakistan in the 1971 war
480.	UNESCO has added which popular cultural event of India in its Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity? Durga puja of Kolkata
481.	The Cabinet approved on Dec 15 implementation of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana for which five-year span? 2021-26
482.	President Ram Nath Kovind visited Dhaka in Bangladesh on Dec 16 to attend which historical event? 50th Bijay Dibos celebrations
483.	Who has been made the Chairman of Chiefs of Staff Committee? General MM Naravane
484.	NTPS has set up India's first Green Hydrogen based Energy Storage Project at which place? Simhadri near Visakhapatnam
485.	Green hydrogen is produced by splitting _____into hydrogen and oxygen using an electrolyzer powered by renewable energy sources such as wind and solar: Water
486.	The Asian Development Bank has approved a \$112 million loan for the establishment of a Skill University in which state? Assam
487.	Ngadag Pel gi Khorlo is the highest civilian decoration of which country? Bhutan
488.	Recently, which prominent Indian dignitary was honoured with Ngadag Pel gi Khorlo? Prime Minister Narendra Modi
489.	Who is the current King of Bhutan? His Majesty Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck
490.	Government released an India Post special day cover and a commemorative stamp on Dec 16 to mark the golden jubilee of which event? India's victory during the 1971 Indo-Pak War.
491.	From which country India received the highest ever annual Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inflow in 2020-21? Singapore
492.	Which sector of economy received the highest FDI in 2020-21? Computer software and hardware sector

493.	Which apex body supports the celebration of Minorities Rights Day on Dec 18? National Commission for Minorities
494.	Who is the current chairman of the National Commission for Minorities? Sardar Iqbal Singh Lalpura
495.	Who is the current union minister of minority affaires? Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi
496.	Which UN agency looks after the interests of migrants, all over the world? International Organisation for Migrants, Geneva
497.	The third meeting of the two-day India-Central Asia Dialogue between the foreign ministers of India and Central Asian countries was held at which place? New Delhi
498.	Which India made Covid vaccine was provided an emergency use listing (EUL) by WHO? Covovax
499.	Which Indian company manufactures the Covovax, the protein based anti-Covid vaccine? Serum Institute of India, Pune
500.	The WHO has granted emergency use listing to how many Covid vaccines till December, 2021? Nine
501.	Which country suffered widespread devastation due to Super Typhoon Rai? Philippines
502.	The DRDO successfully tested on Dec 18 the new-generation nuclear-capable ballistic missile 'Agni P'. What is its strike range? 1000 to 2000 km
503.	The Indian Air Force signed an MoU with which IIT to support its efforts towards indigenous solutions in various weapon systems? IIT Delhi
504.	The government has given "in-principle" approval for setting up of India's largest nuclear power plant at which place? Jaitapur, Maharashtra
505.	The nuclear power plant at Jaitapur is being set up with technical collaboration and support from which country? France
506.	The RBI has thrown open the government agency business like tax collection, etc. to which type of scheduled banks? Payment Banks and Small Finance Banks

507.	Avani Lekhara, who won the "Best Female Debut" award in the 2021 Paralympic Sports Awards, plays which sports? Rifle shooting
508.	Which F1 racing champion was formally knighted by Prince Charles on Dec 15 in London? Lewis Hamilton
509.	Who became first Indian to win a silver medal in the Men's singles final of BWF World Championships on Dec 19? Kidambi Srikanth
510.	Who has been designated as the Chief Guest for the forthcoming Republic Day Parade on January 26, 2022? Presidents of five Central Asian countries - Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan
511.	Justice G T Nanavati, who died recently, was associated with probe of which two major riots? 1984 anti-Sikh riots and the 2002 Godhra riots (in Gujarat)
512.	Who has been voted the BBC's Sports Personality of the Year, 2021? Emma Raducanu
513.	Emma Raducanu is an emerging star of which sports? Tennis
514.	Who became the first player in football history to achieve 800 career goals? Cristiano Ronaldo
515.	Ronaldo plays for which Football Club? Manchester FC
516.	Which organisation released on Dec 16 a report on the 'Index on Foundational Literacy and Numeracy'? Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister
517.	Which state topped the Index on Foundational Literacy and Numeracy among the large state category? West Bengal
518.	Which UT secured first position in the Index on Foundational Literacy and Numeracy? Lakshadweep
519.	The International Human Solidarity Day is observed on which date? Dec 20
520.	India's first International Arbitration and Mediation Centre (IAMC) was inaugurated on Dec 18 in which city? Hyderabad
521.	Karl Nehammer has been sworn in as the new _____ of Austria: Chancellor
522.	Pradeep Kumar Rawat, has been appointed India's next Ambassador to which country? China

523.	Which South American country elected 35 years old former student leader as its youngest President? Chile
524.	In which country heavy downpours in the third week of December caused widespread devastating floods in its urban areas? Malaysia
525.	The Indian Navy conducted the maiden sea trials for which new stealth destroyer (warship)? Mormugao
526.	The Indian Air Force started deploying the first squadron of the S-400 Triumf air defence missile system in which sector? Punjab
527.	Which country has supplied S-400 Triumf air defence missile system to India? Russia
NOVEMBER 2021	
528.	Which film won the Golden Peacock for the Best Film at the 52 nd IFFI in Goa? Ring Wandering
529.	What is the amount of cash award for the Golden Peacock? Rs. 40 lakh
530.	For which film Jitendra Joshi won the Silver Peacock for the best actor-male? Godavari
531.	Who won the Silver Peacock for the best actor-Female for the film Charlotte? Angela Molina
532.	Who won his maiden Challenger level singles title in the summit clash of the ATP 80 Manama Tennis event? Ramkumar Ramanathan
533.	US based dictionary Merriam-Webster has declared _____ as its 2021 word of the year: 'Vaccine'
534.	Which three oil PSU's have joined hands to launch Model Retail Outlets to enhance service standards and amenities, across their networks? India Oil Corporation Ltd, Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd. and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd.
535.	NCC Day is observed on the fourth ____ of November: Sunday
536.	What is the full form of the NCC? National Cadet Corps
537.	As per the new RBI guidelines, the long-term promoter stake cap in banks has been increased to ____ percent from 15 percent currently: 26
538.	RBI has hiked the initial capital requirement for setting up a universal bank to Rs. ____ : 1,000 crore
539.	What is the revised minimum capital requirement for setting up a new small finance bank? Rs. 500 crore

540.	Ahmed Nasser Al Raisi, a general from ____ has been elected as the President of the INTERPOL: UAE
541.	Collins Dictionary has named the term ____ as the Word of the Year 2021: NFT
542.	WHO has given what name to the newly found highly infectious variant of Corona found in South Africa? Omicron
543.	The Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) report prepared by the Niti Aayog has ranked which state as the poorest in the country? Bihar
544.	As per the Multidimensional Poverty Index, Which Indian state has the lowest poverty levels? Kerala
545.	Rumen Radev has been elected as the President of which European country for a second 5 year term? Bulgaria
546.	Which global rating agency projected that India's economic growth in 2021-22 will be 9.3%? Moody's Investors Service
547.	Sheikh Sabah Al Khaled Al Sabah has been appointed as the new Prime Minister of which West Asian country? Kuwait
548.	Indian Organ Donation Day is observed on Nov 27. When do we observe World Organ Donation Day? August 13
549.	What is the name of the world's first mission to test asteroid-deflection technology? DART Mission
550.	Which space agency launched the DART Mission on Nov 24? NASA
551.	Milk coop society named Kamdhenu Hitkari Manch was declared best in the country. It won which national award for this achievement? Gopal Ratna
552.	Milk coop society named Kamdhenu Hitkari Manch is in which state? Himachal Pradesh
553.	Vice-president M Venkaiah Naidu addressed virtually the ASEM Summit on Nov 25-26. What is ASEM? Asia-Europe Meeting
554.	Which country hosted the ASEM summit on Nov 25-26? Cambodia
555.	Who has been selected as the new Chancellor of Germany? Olaf Scholz
556.	The ADB granted a \$300 million loan to India for strengthening and improving access to comprehensive _____ in urban areas of 13 states: Primary health care

557.	The Constitution Day on Nov 26 marks which event? Adoption of India's constitution by the constituent assembly
558.	Who was the first Law Minister of independent India? Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar
559.	Who is known as the "Father of White Revolution" in India? Dr. Verghese Kurien
560.	Dr. Kurien is credited with the promotion of the AMUL dairy. What is the full form of AMUL? Anand Milk Union Ltd
561.	The 20th Meeting of the SCO Council of Heads of Government was held on Nov 25 in which city? Nur-Sultan
562.	Nur-Sultan is the capital of which country? Kazakhstan
563.	Nicolae Ciuca has been appointed as the Prime Minister of which European country? Romania
564.	Indira Gandhi Peace Prize is awarded by which authority? Indira Gandhi Memorial Trust
565.	What is the amount of cash award in the Indira Gandhi Peace Prize? Rs. 25 lakh
566.	The 37th edition of India-Indonesia Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT) was held on Nov 23-24 in which region? Indian Ocean
567.	The World Bank approved a loan of \$250 million for supporting Learning Transformation Project in which state? Andhra Pradesh
568.	Dosti, the 15th edition of biennial Trilateral Exercise was held between India, _____ and Sri Lanka: The Maldives
569.	As per the 2020 World Air Quality Report, _____ was the most polluted city in India? Ghaziabad
570.	The 2020 World Air Quality Report surveyed 106 cities for air pollution levels. _____ accounted for 46 of the world's 100 most polluted cities: India
571.	Air pollution is measured in terms of the level of PM2.5 present per cubic meter of air. What is PM? Particulate Matter
572.	Indian Railways launched the third new segment of trains on Nov 23 by which name? 'Bharat Gaurav'
573.	What are the existing two segments of the trains in Indian Railway? Passenger and freight
574.	What is the objective of the 'Bharat Gaurav' trains? Boost tourism

575.	Give two examples of theme based trains in India? Guru Kripa and Ramayan Express
576.	Which city topped the first Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) index released by NITI Aayog on Nov 23? Shimla
577.	Which country successfully test-fired the 'Zircon' Hypersonic Cruise Missile? Russia
578.	Name the former Sri Lankan cricketer who became the first match referee to officiate in 200 Test matches? Ranjan Madugalle
579.	Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, awarded _____ as the best performing State in inland fisheries: Telangana
580.	Which state won the award for the best marine state? Andhra Pradesh
581.	Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy is associated with which sport? Cricket
582.	Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy tournament is played in which format of cricket? T20
583.	Which team lifted the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy? Tamil Nadu
584.	India's first virtual science lab for children was launched on Nov 22 under which programme? 'CSIR Jigyasa' programme
585.	The virtual science lab under 'CSIR Jigyasa' programme targets students of which class? 6 to 12
586.	What is the title of a recent book by Ms. Sudha Murty? The Sage with Two Horns
587.	Who is the author of the book "Lal Salaam"? Smriti Irani, Union Minister for Women and Child Development
588.	The title of the latest book by the Nobel laureate Abhijit Banerjee is "_____ to Save Your Life": Cooking
589.	What is the title of the controversial book authored by Salman Khurshid, former union minister? Sunrise over Ayodhya - Nationhood in our Times
590.	Geoff Allardice, who has been recently appointed as the permanent CEO of the International Cricket Council (ICC), is a veteran cricketer of which country? Australia
591.	Sukant Kadam claimed gold at the Uganda Para _____ International held on Nov 21? Badminton
592.	Which Indian has been selected for the Lifetime Achievement Award for 2021 by the Badminton

	World Federation (BWF) Council? Prakash Padukone
593.	AB de Villiers, one of contemporary cricket's greatest batters, announced his retirement from all forms of the game. He hails from which country? South Africa
594.	Which city topped in the 'cleanest city' category of the 'Swachh Survekshan Awards, 2021'? Indore, MP
595.	Which state was adjudged India's cleanest state in the 'Swachh Survekshan Awards, 2021'? Chhattisgarh
596.	Which temple town suffered vast devastation due to incessant rains on Nov 17-18? Tirupati
597.	Which edition of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) started in Goa on Nov 20? 52nd
598.	Which was the opening film at the IFFI, Goa? The King of all the World
599.	Which police station was declared 'Best Police Station' in the Annual Ranking of Police Stations (PS) for the year 2021? Sadar Bazar PS in North District of Delhi
600.	November 21 is observed as World Television Day. Who invented the television? John Logie Baird of Britain
601.	November 20 is observed as Awaas Diwas to mark the launching of which housing scheme? Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana – Gramin
602.	World / Universal Children's Day is observed on which date? Nov 20
603.	Which day of November is celebrated as the World Fisheries Day? 21st
604.	What is the name of India's first manned ocean mission launched in Chennai on Oct 29? Samudrayan
605.	What is the name of India's first full Economy AC-3 tier super-fast train launched on - on Oct 29? Gati Shakti Express
606.	The Gati Shakti Express will run between Delhi and which other station? Patna
607.	Shaktikanta Das has been re-appointed as Governor of the Reserve Bank of India for a period of ____ years, wef December 10, 2021: Three
608.	The DRDO and Indian Air Force recently flight-tested indigenously developed LRB. What is LRB? Long-Range Bomb

609.	Which company become the world's most valuable public limited company, with a market cap of \$2.49 trillion as on Oct 29? Microsoft
610.	World Psoriasis Day is observed on Oct 29. Psoriasis affects which part of body? Skin
611.	Social media conglomerate Facebook Inc. changed its name to ____ : Meta
612.	What is the name of the indigenously built offshore patrol vessel received by the Indian Coast Guard at Goa on October 28? ICGS Sarthak
613.	The Civil Aviation Ministry launched the Krishi Udan 2.0 scheme on Oct 27 with what objective? To expedite air transportation of agricultural produce
614.	INS Tushil, first of two frigates being built by _____, was launched into waters on Oct 28: Russia
615.	Which union ministry released the State Energy Efficiency Index (SEEI) 2020 on Oct 27? Ministry of Power
616.	Which state topped the State Energy Efficiency Index (SEEI) 2020? Karnataka
617.	World Stroke Day is observed on which date? Oct 29
618.	Which Indian shipbuilder handed over INS Visakhapatnam to Indian Navy on Oct 28 at Visakhapatnam naval base? Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited, Mumbai
619.	At which place in the country's largest aromatic garden was inaugurated ? Lalkuan in Nainital, Uttarakhand
620.	_____ approved a \$250 million loan on Oct 29 to offer support to India's National Industrial Corridor Development Program: Asian Development Bank
621.	Indian Air Force's Mirage-2000 fighter jets participated in the "Blue Flag-21" exercise. It was hosted by which country? Israel
622.	The EdelGive Hurun India Philanthropy list of top philanthropists was topped by which Indian? Azim Premji
623.	Azim Premji is the founder of which corporate group? Wipro
624.	World's first and India's largest landfill gas-to-compressed biogas plant was inaugurated on Oct 27 in which city? Hyderabad

625.	November 1 is observed as World ____ Day to promote the concept of pure vegetarianism: Vegan
626.	The Bhasha Sangam app aims to teach school students some basic sentences of everyday usage in ____ Indian languages: 22
627.	Which state received \$40 million support from the World Bank for improving quality of health services? Meghalaya
628.	The Oxford English Dictionary (OED) selected ____ as the word of the year 2021: Vax
629.	National Ayurveda Day on Nov 03 commemorates the birth anniversary of which sage? Lord Dhanwantri
630.	Which union ministry promotes the system of Ayurveda? Ministry of Ayush
631.	Who is the current Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports? Anurag Thakur
632.	How many sportspersons have been honoured with the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award in 2021? 12
633.	Which corporate won the Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar 2021? Indian Oil Corporation Ltd.
634.	G.Sathiyan and Harmeet Desai are the top-ranking players of which sports? Table Tennis
635.	World Tsunami Awareness Day is observed on Nov 5. The word Tsunami has been taken from which language? Japanese
636.	Health regulators in which country have approved the world's first pill to treat cases of symptomatic COVID-19? Britain
637.	What is the name of the antiviral medicine developed by Merck to treat Corona cases? Molnupiravir
638.	Who won the 2021 Booker Prize for Fiction? Damon Galgut
639.	Damon Galgut hails from which country? South Africa
640.	Damon Galgut won the 2021 Booker Prize for Fiction for which of his novels? The Promise
641.	What is the amount of cash award in the 2021 Booker Prize for Fiction? Pound 50,000
642.	Who has been appointed as the new head coach of the Indian men's cricket team? Rahul Dravid

643.	P. Iniyan, Indian Grandmaster won the 5th Rujna Zora chess tournament in which country? Serbia
644.	The WHO granted its Emergency Use Listing (EUL) to which of India's indigenously developed COVID-19 vaccine? Covaxin
645.	Who won a bronze medal at the 2021 AIBA men's World Boxing Championships held in Belgrade? Akash Kumar
646.	A team of the Indian Air Force participated in a two-day exercise Desert Warrior. It was hosted by which country? Egypt
647.	The RBI announced on Nov 02 a revised Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) framework for banks. Which earlier parameter has been dropped now? Return on assets
648.	The Asian Development Bank approved a \$61 million (Rs 458 Crore) loan to improve overall development of which capital city in north east? Agartala
649.	National Cancer Awareness Day on Nov 7 marks the birth anniversary of which great scientist? Marie Curie
650.	What is Marie Curie's contribution in treatment of cancer? Her deep research in Radium led to one of the most effective ways to treat cancer
651.	How many persons have been selected for the Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award 2021? Seven
652.	Which Indian city has been included by UNESCO in its coveted list of Creative Cities Network (UCCN)? Srinagar, UT of J&K
653.	Which state topped the Logistics State Energy Efficiency Index (SEEI) 2020 released by the Ministry of power? Gujarat
654.	Sankalp Gupta became India's 71st Grandmaster in Chess. He hails from which state? Maharashtra
655.	National Legal Services Day on Nov 9 marks which event? The Legal Services Authorities Act 1987 came into effect on this day in 1995
656.	Which country secured first rank in the 30 country Global Drug Policy Index, released on Nov 7 by the Harm Reduction Consortium? Norway
657.	What was India's rank in the Global Drug Policy Index? 18th

658.	Who has been appointed as the next Chief of the Naval Staff, in the rank of Admiral? Vice Admiral R. Hari Kumar
659.	Who has been officially announced as Team India's T20 International captain, replacing Virat Kohli? Rohit Sharma
660.	What is the name of the fourth Scorpene class indigenously built submarine delivered to the Indian Navy on Nov 09? Vela
661.	Which Indian shipyard built the submarine Vela? Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders, Mumbai
662.	Mitrabha Guha of _____ became the country's 72nd Grandmaster (GM): Kolkata
663.	Which UN agency supports the celebration of World Science Day for Peace and Development on Nov 11? UNESCO
664.	National Education Day on November 11 marks the birth anniversary of which great leader? Maulana Abul Kalam Azad
665.	How many Heads of the National Security Councils met in Delhi on Nov 10 for the Regional Security Dialogue on Afghanistan? Seven
666.	Who is the National Security Advisor of India? Ajit Doval
667.	Govt announced restoration of the "Member of Parliament Local Area Development" (MPLAD) Scheme. How much amount is allocated per MP/per year under this scheme? Rs. 5 crore
668.	MPLADS was launched in which year? 1993
669.	Why Falguni Nayar, founder and CEO of cosmetics online retailer Nykaa, was in news recently? She became India's wealthiest self-made billionaire on November 10
670.	For what purpose India launched the web portal called e-Amrit on Nov 12 at the COP26 Summit in Glasgow, UK? To promote awareness about electric vehicles
671.	The govt decided to celebrate "Janjatiya Gaurav Divas" every year on Nov ____ to highlight the cultural heritage and glorious history of tribal communities: 15
672.	Janjatiya Gaurav Divas on Nov 15 commemorates the birthday of which great tribal leader? Birsa Munda
673.	Which organisation released the Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) 2022 at Glasgow? Germanwatch

674.	India was placed at which rank in the the Climate Change Performance Index, 2022? 10th
675.	India secured five medals, including 2 Gold, 2 Silver and one Bronze in the ISSF President's Cup held in _____: Wroclaw, Poland
676.	The RBI launched two new innovative customer centric schemes on Nov 12. What is their name? RBI Retail Direct Scheme and RBI Integrated Ombudsman Scheme
677.	Indian wrestlers secured five medals at the U23 World Wrestling Championships 2021 in Belgrade. It is in which country? Serbia
678.	Sheel Vardhan Singh has been appointed as the new Director General of which central para military force? CISF - Central Industrial Security Force
679.	Public Service Broadcasting Day on Nov 12 marks the sole visit of which great leader to the studio of All India Radio, Delhi in 1947? Mahatma Gandhi
680.	Government launched a programme "Nutrition Smart Village" on Nov 10 to reach out to _____ villages across India: 75
681.	_____ became the first Indian company to join the United Nations Global Compact: TVS Motor Company
682.	Daniel Ortega was re-elected for the fourth time as the President of Nicaragua. It is in which part of the world? Central America
683.	India celebrates Nov 14 as Children's Day. On what date World Children's Day is observed? Nov 20
684.	What was the theme of this year's World Diabetes Day on Nov 14? Access to Diabetes Care
685.	Which team lifted the ICC T-20 World Cup? Australia
686.	The finals of ICC T-20 World Cup were played in which city? Dubai
687.	As per recently passed ordinances, tenure of Directors of probe agencies Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and Enforcement Directorate (ED) has been extended to how many years? Five
688.	Balwant Moreshwar Purandare, who passed away on Nov 15, was a noted _____: Historian

689.	The 32 nd edition of the India-Thailand Coordinated Patrol was held on Nov 12-14 in which area? Andaman Sea
690.	The World Bank approved a Rs 770 crore loan to the Inland Water Transport department of _____ to improve river transportation in the state: Assam
691.	The World Quality Day is observed on second _____ of November: Thursday
692.	India recently launched its _____ Scientific Expedition to Antarctica, in first week of November? 41st
693.	India's 41 st Scientific Expedition to Antarctica reached which base station in Antarctica? Maitree
694.	Country's first ISO certified, first PPP model-based ultra-modern Rani Kamalapati Railway Station is in which city? Bhopal
695.	What was the name of the 6th Edition of Indo French Joint Military Exercise held in Frejus, France from 15 to 26 November? EX SHAKTI 2021
696.	Name the eminent Hindi writer who passed away at the age of 90 in Gurugram on Nov 15: Maanu Bhandari
697.	Nov 16 has been selected as the first Audit Diwas. It is associated with which national office? CAG - Comptroller & Auditor General
698.	Who is the appointing authority for the CAG? President
699.	CAG is an autonomous body constituted under Article _____ of the Constitution of India: 148
700.	Which countries took part in the Maritime Exercise SITMEX-21 on Nov 15-16 in Andaman Sea? India, Singapore and Thailand
701.	RBI asked _____ to appoint an Internal Ombudsman within 6 months: NBFCs
702.	National Press Day on Nov 16 marks the establishment of which Apex organisation? Press Council of India
703.	International Day for Tolerance on Nov 16 marks the anniversary of Declaration of Principles on Tolerance on this day in 1995 in Paris, by which UN Agency? UNESCO
704.	India's first Grass Conservatory was inaugurated on Nov 14 in _____ of Almora district, Uttarakhand: Ranikhet

705.	As per a recent report by McKinsey & Co, which country topped in wealth creation in last two decades? China
706.	Pair of brothers Vihaan and Nav Agarwal won the 17th KidsRights International Children's Peace Prize. They are from which city? Delhi
707.	M. Mukundan won the JCB Prize for Literature for his novel "Delhi: A Soliloquy". He writes in which language? Malayalam
708.	What is the amount of cash award in the JCB Prize for Literature? Rs. 25 lakh
709.	Who has been appointed as the Chairman of the ICC men's Cricket Committee? Sourav Ganguly
710.	The Prime Minister inaugurated the Purvanchal Expressway on Nov 16 at Karwal Kheri in U P. It links _____ with _____ : Lucknow with Ghazipur
711.	The Prime Minister used which military cargo plane to land on the airstrip of Purvanchal Expressway? C130 Hercules
712.	The All India Presiding Officers' Conference, AIPOC, celebrated its hundred years this year. Its Centennial Year Conference was held on Nov 17-18 at which place? Shimla
713.	India's first Food Museum was inaugurated at _____ in Tamil Nadu: Thanjavur
714.	India's first Food Museum in Thanjavur has been established by which organisation? FCI - Food Corporation of India
715.	National Epilepsy Day is observed on Nov 17. Epilepsy is associated with which human organ? Brain
716.	The third Wednesday of November is observed as World COPD Day. What is COPD? Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
717.	Which are two main causes for COPD? Smoking and air pollution
718.	Which organisation released the latest "Migration and Development Brief" on Nov 17? World Bank
719.	Which country is the biggest contributor of inward remittances in India? USA
720.	India slipped five steps in the global bribery risk rankings settling at the _____ spot among 194 nations: 82nd
721.	In which country risk of bribery demand is the least? Denmark

722.	Celebration of Naturopathy Day is supported by Ministry of AYUSH. What does letter 'S' denote in AYUSH? Siddha
723.	Who is the current union minister of AYUSH? Sarbananda Sonowal
724.	National Institute of Naturopathy is situated in which city? Pune
725.	International Students Day is observed on which day of November? 17th
726.	Which Indian village has been selected as one of the best tourism villages in the world by the United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO)? Pochampally
727.	Village Pochampally is famous for which type of sarees? Ikkat
728.	Village Pochampally is located in which state? Telangana
729.	Jyothi Surekha Vennam won gold in the women's compound individual event at the Asian _____ Championships? Archery
730.	World Toilet Day on Nov 19 supports which number SDG of UNO? 6th
731.	Which union ministry supports celebration of Women's Entrepreneurship Day on Nov 19? Ministry of MSMEs
732.	Which Bank approved a \$150 million loan for the implementation of the sustainable urban services program for Chennai Metropolitan Area Project? Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
733.	Space scientists at the Physical Research Laboratory (PRL) in _____ have discovered a new exoplanet "TOI 1789b": Ahmedabad
OCTOBER 2021	
734.	Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended World Leader's Summit (Nov 1-2) of the 26 th Conference of Parties (COP-26) in which city? Glasgow, UK
735.	Which country co-hosted the World Leader's Summit (Nov 1-2) of the 26th Conference of Parties (COP-26)? Italy
736.	Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the G-20 summit of heads of nations on Oct 30-31 in which city? Rome
737.	What were the three pillars of action in the G-20 summit? People, Planet and Prosperity

738.	Which UN agency supports the celebration of the World Cities Day on October 31? UN habitat
739.	Which country co-hosted the celebration of World Cities Day this year? Egypt
740.	Rashtriya Ekta Diwas on October 31 marks the birth anniversary of which great leader? Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel
741.	India celebrates World Savings Day on which date? October 30
742.	The Asian Development Bank sanctioned a \$ 100 million loan to promote an agribusiness network to boost farm incomes in which state? Maharashtra
743.	The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) tied up with which global tech giant to launch Appscale Academy, a new growth and development programme for startups? Google
744.	Which business tycoon emerged as the richest person in the world, adding \$36 billion to his fortune on October 25, reaching a networth of \$287 billion? Elon Musk
745.	Elon Musk is the CEO and co-founder of which company? Tesla Inc.
746.	The 38th and 39th summit of ASEAN nations was hosted by which country on Oct 26 to 28? Brunei
747.	How many countries are the member of the ASEAN group? Ten
748.	Asian Development Bank approved a 4.5 million dollar loan to improve urban mobility in which city in Mizoram? Aizawl
749.	Which is the first Indian major port to get the Radio over Internet Protocol communication facility? Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata
750.	Name the veteran banker appointed as the chairperson of the newly set up Rs 20,000 crore National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development: K V Kamat
751.	Who has been appointed as Chairman of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister? Dr Bibek Debroy
752.	DRDO tested which inter-continental ballistic missile successfully on Oct 27? Agni-5
753.	What is the effective strike range of the ICBM Agni-5? 5,000 km

754.	What is the theme for this year's World Occupational Therapy Day? Belong. Be You
755.	Who is the author of the recent book titled "Kamala Harris: Phenomenal Woman"? Chidanand Rajghatta
756.	International Internet Day on October 29 marks the anniversary of which important event? first internet transmission
757.	The most popular Indian cricket tournament, Indian Premier League (IPL) got which two new teams from the 2022 season? Lucknow and Ahmedabad
758.	What is the total number of the teams in IPL, after induction of two new teams? Ten
759.	Shavkat Mirziyoyev has been re-elected as the President of which country? Uzbekistan
760.	Government launched the Green-Day-Ahead Market to further strengthen the _____ trade in India: Electricity
761.	In which African country, the apex military junta executed a coup on October 25? Sudan
762.	Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari launched a knowledge app and platform named _____ on Oct 25: CUNSLT
763.	What was the name of the maiden bilateral tri-service exercise held between UK and Indian Forces in the Arabian Sea, from Oct 24 to 27? Konkan Shakti-2021
764.	The RBI released a draft framework on Oct 22 on master directions to implement the Basel III Capital Framework for which organizations? All India Financial Institutions (AIFIs)
765.	The Victor Denmark Open 2021 badminton tournament was held in _____, Denmark, from 19 to 24 October: Odence
766.	The Election Commission of India launched the _____ app to ensure faster, transparent and timely completion of election work: Garuda
767.	Tamil film _____, has been announced as India's official entry to the Oscars 2022: 'Koozhangal'
768.	What is the theme of this year's World Day for Audiovisual Heritage observed on October 27? Your window to the World
769.	Infantry Day on October 27 marks the victory of Indian forces in which battle? 1947 attack by Pakistan in Kashmir

770.	As of August 2021, Afghanistan and _____ are the only two nations which remain with the continued transmission of wild polio virus: Pakistan
771.	October 24 is observed as the United Nations Day. How many countries are member of UNO? 193
772.	Two renowned film directors, Martin Scorsese of USA and Istvan Szabo of Hungary, will be honoured with the _____ Lifetime Achievement Award at the 52nd International Film Festival of India: Satyajit Ray
773.	India was placed at which rank in the Rule of Law Index? 79th
774.	Which country topped the Rule of Law Index? Denmark and Norway
775.	Dame Sandra Mason was elected as the first ever president of Barbados, a micro island country in the _____ Sea: Caribbean
776.	Which India place is called the Snow Leopard capital of the world? Ladakh
777.	The Mole Day, popular amongst chemistry enthusiasts, marks the discovery of which number? Avogadro's number
778.	The Indian government handed over the 34.9 km long cross-border rail link connecting Jayanagar in Bihar to _____ in Nepal: Kurtha
779.	The DRDO successfully flight tested the High-speed Expendable Aerial Target (HEAT), named _____: 'Abhyas'
780.	International Stuttering Awareness Day is observed on which date? October 22
781.	Which organization launched the tokenization system for all RuPay cards? NPCI
782.	Who has been appointed as the new Prime Minister of Norway by King Harald V? Jonas Gahr Store
783.	Which organization awards Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought? European Union
784.	Who has been honoured with this year's Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought? Alexei Navalny
785.	Alexei Navalny is an anti-corruption activist from which country? Russia
786.	Which country hosted the 4 th General Assembly of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) virtually from October 18 to 21? India

787.	Who presided over the 4 th General Assembly of the ISA? R K Singh, Union Minister for Power, New and Renewable Energy
788.	Which volcano erupted in Japan on Oct 20, blasting ash several kms into the sky? Mount Aso
789.	India celebrates Police Commemoration Day on Oct 21. It is associated with which battle? 1959 battle with Chinese army
790.	Police Commemoration Day is associated with the sacrifices of which para military personnel? CRPF
791.	India participated in Exercise Ajeya Warrior with which other country? UK
792.	Exercise Ajeya Warrior was held at which place? Chaubatia, Uttarakhand
793.	India was ranked pretty low in the Global Food Security (GFS) Index 2021 at ____ rank: 71st
794.	Which country topped the Global Food Security (GFS) Index 2021? Ireland
795.	World Osteoporosis Day is observed on Oct 20. What is the literal meaning of osteoporosis? Porous bones
796.	The International Chefs Day is observed on which date? October 20
797.	National Solidarity Day on Oct 20 marks the beginning of which important battle? 1962 Indo China war
798.	Pradeep Kumar Panja has been appointed as part-time Chairman of which bank? Karnataka Bank
799.	Which apex organization launched a Geographic Information System (GIS)-based Geospatial Energy Map of India? NITI Aayog
800.	Which Indian agriculture waste recycling project won the Earthshot Prize? Takachar
801.	What is the cash award in the Earthshot Prize? Pounds one million
802.	Divya Deshmukh, 15-year-old chess prodigy from _____, Maharashtra became India's 21st Woman GrandMaster on October 13: Nagpur
803.	Cameron Norrie, winner of the Indian Wells tennis tournament final, hails from which country? Britain
804.	Indian Wells tennis tournament is held in which state of USA? California

805.	Amitabh Chaudhry has been re-appointed as MD & CEO of ____ Bank for a period of three years: Axis Bank
806.	Which country launched its first solar observation satellite 'Xihe' on Oct 14 into a 571-km altitude orbit? China
807.	Thomas Cup (men) is associated with which sports? Badminton
808.	What is the name of the women's equivalent of Thomas Cup badminton tournament? Uber Cup
809.	Finals of the South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) Championship was held at which place? Male, Maldives
810.	Which team won the South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) Championship? India
811.	Who led the Indian team in SAFF tournament? Sunil Chhetri
812.	NASA launched which spacecraft on Oct 16, the first space mission to study the Trojan Asteroids? Lucy
813.	Trojan asteroids are associated with which planet? Jupiter
814.	Who is the author of the recently published popular novel titled "Billy Summers"? Stephen King
815.	"Actually... I Met Them: A Memoir" is the collection of experiences of which famous Bollywood personality? Gulzar, famous lyricist
816.	What is the title of the recent anthology of works of noted author Ruskin Bond? Writing for My Life
817.	A new version of the Akash Missile was successfully flight tested on Sep 27 by DRDO. What is its name? Akash Prime
818.	Which apex national institution has introduced the "Fast and Secured Transmission of Electronic Records" (FASTER) system? Supreme Court of India
819.	As per latest RBI guidelines, banks can now sell their fraudulent NPAs to _____ companies: Asset Reconstruction Companies
820.	As per the latest Asiamoney's "Asia's Outstanding Companies Poll, 2021 Poll", which bank was voted as the best among the listed companies in India? HDFC Bank

821.	Lewis Hamilton (Team Mercedes-Great Britain), won the F1 Russian Grand Prix 2021 held at _____. Sochi
822.	World Environmental Health Day is observed on which date? Sep 26
823.	Who became the first Indian to cross the 10,000 runs mark in the T20 format? Virat Kohli
824.	Who has been appointed as the 34th Director General of National Cadet Corps (NCC)? Lt. Gen. Gurbirpal Singh
825.	What is the name of the country's first Pan-India toll-free helpline – 14567 launched for the senior citizens? Elder Line
826.	The “Amrit Grand Challenge Program” titled “जनCARE” was launched on Sep 28 to identify 75 Start-Up Innovations in which field? Healthcare
827.	Sojat Mehndi which got the GI tag recently, is from which state? Rajasthan
828.	What is the name of the local home-made rice wine from Assam that secured a GI tag recently? Judima
829.	The Group of Ministers tasked to propose rationalisation of tax rates and considering the merger of different tax slabs, is headed by whom? Basavaraj S. Bommai, CM of Karnataka
830.	Who will head the GoM constituted for GST System Reforms? Ajit Pawar, Deputy Chief Minister, Maharashtra
831.	La Palma Island, the most north-westerly island of the Canary Islands, witnessed huge volcanic eruptions since Sep 19. It is in which country? Spain
832.	The Central Government has renamed the National Mid-Day Meal Scheme as what? PM-POSHAN Shakti Nirman Scheme
833.	National Mid-Day Meal Scheme was launched in which year? 1995
834.	The Ministry of Tourism launched NIDHI 2.0 scheme on the occasion of World Tourism Day on Sep 27. What is its full form? National Integrated Database of Hospitality Industry
835.	Ordnance Factory Board has been split into seven groups. It was established in 1775 in which place? Kolkata

836.	A month-long Clean India Programme was launched from which place on Oct 1 as part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav? Pryagraj
837.	Government launched DigiSaksham - a digital skills programme in tie-up with which IT company? Microsoft India
838.	What is the main aim of the recently launched DigiSaksham programme? Enhancing employability of youth by imparting them digital skills
839.	The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) has approved a \$ 356.67 million loan for funding the expansion of which metro rail system of India? Chennai Metro
840.	Raoudha Boudent Ramadhane has become the first woman prime minister of which African country? Tunisia
841.	The 4th edition of the biennial maritime series AUSINDEX was held on Sep 30 in which area? North Australian Exercise Area
842.	International Coffee Day is celebrated on which day? October 1st
843.	India celebrates the National Voluntary Blood Donation Day on which date? Oct 01
844.	The World Vegetarian Day is observed on ____ day of October: First
845.	Which country introduced a new currency on October 1 with six fewer zeros? Venezuela
846.	The world's largest Khadi national flag was installed at which place in Ladakh? Leh
847.	Which iconic Indian cartoon superhero has been declared as the mascot of the Namami Gange Programme? Chacha Chaudhary
848.	The famed white onion of Alibag earned itself a 'Geographical Indication' recently. It is from which state? Maharashtra
849.	What is the focus area of the recently launched Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban (SBM-U) 2.0? Removal of garbage mounds from the cities
850.	Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban was launched in which year? 2014
851.	Which international day is observed on Oct 2 to commemorate Mahatma Gandhi's philosophy of nonviolence or Ahimsa? International Day of Non-violence
852.	AMRUT programme was launched in June 2015 to ensure adequate robust sewage networks and improve water supply in urban areas. What

	is its full form? Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation
853.	The Prime Minister launched the Jal Jeevan Mission App on October 2. What is the main aim of the mission? Providing clean tap water to every household in rural areas
854.	Which para military force launched an All-India Car Rally 'Sudarshan Bharat Parikrama' on October 02, from the historic Red Fort in Delhi? National Security Guard (NSG)
855.	The National Security Guard functions under which union ministry? Ministry of Home affairs
856.	Bangladesh Naval Ship BNS Somudra Avijan visited Eastern Naval Command base at _____ on Oct 03 on a five-day visit: Visakhapatnam
857.	Which Football Club lifted the prestigious Durand Cup? FC Goa
858.	Finals of the Durand Cup were played in which place? Kolkata
859.	B C Patnaik took charge as the managing director of which apex national financial organization? LIC of India
860.	There are how many managing directors in the LIC of India? Four
861.	The World Animal Day on Oct 4 commemorates the feast day of the patron saint of animals. What is his name? St Francis of Assisi
862.	Which government department launched a web portal 'Waste to Wealth' to find solutions to India's waste handling problems? Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser
863.	The Indian men's table tennis team claimed the bronze medal in the ITTF-ATTU Asian Table Tennis Championships held in _____ : Doha, Qatar
864.	World Habitat Day is observed on the _____ Monday of every October: First
865.	Scientists who discovered how our bodies feel the warmth of the sun or the hug of a loved one, have won the Nobel Prize in which field? Medicine
866.	David Julius and Ardem Patapoutian, from the United States, jointly won the Nobel Prize in which field? Medicine
867.	The Nobel Prize amount for 2021 is set at Swedish kronor (SEK) _____ million: 10

868.	Who has been elected as the 100th prime minister of Japan? Fumio Kishida
869.	Who became India's youngest shooter to win an international medal in shooting? Naamya Kapoor -14 years
870.	World Teachers' Day is observed on which day of October? 5th
871.	Which is the National Aquatic Animal of India? Ganga Dolphin
872.	Ganga River Dolphin Day is observed on which date? Oct 05
873.	Which state has largest population of Gangetic Dolphins? Bihar
874.	The third annual edition of the Digital Quality of Life Index (DQL) ranked India _____ among 110 countries: 59th
875.	Which country topped the Digital Quality of Life Index? Denmark
876.	Government has decided to grant a award of Rs. _____ to the Good Samaritan who saves the life of a road accident victim: 5,000
877.	The fifth edition of India - Japan Maritime Bilateral Exercise _____ was held from Oct 6 to 8: JIMEX
878.	Bilateral exercise JIMEX 2021 was held in which area? Arabian Sea
879.	The Nobel Prize for Physics has been awarded jointly to how many scientists? Three
880.	Out of three winners of Nobel for Physics-- Syukuro Manabe, Klaus Hasselmann and Giorgio Parisi, who will get the one half of the prize money? Giorgio Parisi
881.	Name the veteran actor best known for playing Raavan in the popular 1986 TV serial "Ramayan", who left for heavenly abode on Oct 05: Arvind Trivedi
882.	Which state has initiated for the first time, organized planting of Cinnamon? Himachal Pradesh
883.	Which organization decided to observe 1st October 2021 as NPS Diwas? Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)
884.	Where are the headquarters of the PFRDA? New Delhi
885.	The Union Cabinet approved the setting up of 7 PM MITRA parks for the focused development of which sector? Textiles

886.	What is the full form of the acronym MITRA? Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel
887.	Indian Council of Medical Research released the MUDRA Toolbox in how many Indian languages? Five
888.	What is the expansion of the term MUDRA? Multilingual Dementia Research and Assessment
889.	Dementia is associated with which ailment? Loss of memory
890.	Indian Council of Medical Research is based in which city? New Delhi
891.	India hosted the two day Online Meeting of 30 CAF Range countries on Oct 6-7. It is associated with which issue? Conservation of Migratory birds
892.	What is the full form of CAF? Central Asian Flyway
893.	What is the name of the first anti Malaria vaccine approved by WHO? Mosquirix
894.	Who is the Director General of WHO? Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus
895.	Who was declared as the "Player of the year-Men" by the International Hockey Federation? Harmanpreet Singh
896.	Amongst the international women hockey players, who was voted as the "Player of the year-Women"? Gurjit Kaur
897.	Headquarters of the International Hockey Federation are located in _____, Switzerland? Lausanne
898.	Name the Indian woman educationist who won the Yidan Prize for Education Development-2021: Dr. Rukmini Banerji
899.	Who won the Yidan Prize for Education Research-2021? Prof. Eric A. Hanushek
900.	Yidan Prize carries a gold medal and a cash award of HK \$_____ million: Thirty
901.	Which UN agency supports the celebration of the World Cotton Day on Oct 07? World Trade Organisation
902.	What is the theme of this year's World Cotton Day? Cotton for Good
903.	The combined areas of the Guru Ghasidas National Park and Tamor Pingla Wildlife Sanctuary has been approved as 4th Tiger Reserve in which state? Chhattisgarh

904.	The Defence Accounts Department has developed an IT-enabled payment and accounting system named _____: PRABAL
905.	India officially joined the High Ambition Coalition for Nature and People on Oct 7. What is its purpose? Conservation of nature
906.	Who are the proposed beneficiaries of the PM Cares For Children Scheme: Children who lost their parents due to Corona
907.	Who won this year's Nobel Prize for literature? Abdulrazak Gurnah
908.	Abdulrazak Gurnah hails from which country? Tanzania
909.	Abdulrazak Gurnah writes in which language? English
910.	Who is the first Indian woman to win a silver medal in the World Wrestling Championships? Anshu Malik
911.	Which of the policy rates was increased by the RBI in its Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meeting held on Oct 8? No rate was changed
912.	RBI proposed to increase the per transaction limit through Immediate Payment Service (IMPS) to Rs ____ lakh, from Rs 2 lakh at present: Five
913.	IMPS transactions are conducted by which apex organization? NPCI - National Payments Corporation of India
914.	As per World Bank's latest South Asia economic focus report released on Oct 6, India's real GDP in the 2021-22 is estimated to grow by at which rate? 8.3%
915.	October 8 is observed as the Air Force Day to commemorate its raising on this day in the year____: 1932
916.	What is the rank of the current chief of the Indian Air Force? Air Chief Marshal
917.	Who has been appointed the new Air Chief Marshal? Vivek Ram Chaudhari
918.	The World Egg Day is celebrated on the second ____ of October: Friday
919.	Eggs are a great source of _____, a nutrient which can help in memory and brain development: Choline
920.	What is the name of the mobile app that provides all relevant details of the ports and can monitor their operations virtually? MyPortApp

921.	What do we call the receipt issued by a shipping company for having received the goods for shipping? Bill of Lading
922.	Nobel Peace Prize was conferred jointly upon Maria Ressa of Phillipines and Dmitry Muratov of Russia. They are associated with which field? Journalism
923.	The Henley Passport Index for 4th quarter of 2021 ranked India at which spot? 90th
924.	Which country topped the recent Henley Passport Index? Japan and Singapore shared the top position
925.	Which international day is celebrated on Oct 9 to mark the anniversary of the establishment of the Universal Postal Union on this day in 1874? World Post Day
926.	What is the theme chosen for this year's World Post Day? Innovate to recover
927.	Which UN agency supports the celebration of the World Mental Health Day on Oct 10? WHO – World Health Organisation, Geneva
928.	Prime Minister of _____ Mette Frederiksen arrived in New Delhi on Oct 9 on a three-day visit to India: Denmark
929.	Which business group won the bid for acquiring national carrier Air India? Tata Sons
930.	Who has been appointed as the first Director-General of the Ordnance Directorate? E R Sheikh
931.	What is the theme for this year's International Day of the Girl Child? Digital generation. Our generation
932.	The Prime Minister formally launched the Indian Space Association (ISpA) on Oct 11. What is its focus area? Satellite communication
933.	Valtteri Bottas won the Turkish Grand Prix for team Mercedes. He hails from which country? Finland
934.	David Card, Joshua D. Angrist and Guido W. Imbens jointly won the Nobel Prize for Economics. Who out of the three will get one half of the prize money? David Card
935.	What is the theme of the Fourth Cohort launched under Regulatory Sandbox by RBI? Prevention and Mitigation of Financial Frauds

936.	Alexander Schallenberg has been appointed as the new _____ of Austria: Chancellor
937.	What is the name of the mascot of the 7th U-17 Women's FIFA World Cup? Ibha
938.	Mascot Ibha has been designed after which animal? A lioness
939.	Which country will host the 7th U-17 Women's FIFA World Cup in 2022? India
940.	India celebrates the National Philately Day on which day of October? 13th
941.	Which global organisation releases the World Economic Outlook report? IMF – International Monetary Fund
942.	Which Central Public Sector Enterprise was granted 'Maharatna' status on Oct 12? Power Finance Corporation
943.	How many Central Public Sector Enterprises enjoy the 'Maharatna' status in India? Eleven
944.	Which union ministry decides the granting of 'Maharatna' status to a Central Public Sector Enterprise? Ministry of Finance
945.	Which country launched on Oct 11 the world's first automated, driverless train? Germany
946.	October 14 is observed as World Standards Day. Which is the National Standards Body in India? Bureau of Indian Standards
947.	Celebration of International E-Waste Day on Oct 14 is supported by which international organization? WEEE: Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment
948.	What is the theme of this year's World Sight Day? Love Your Eyes
949.	What is the name of the Rs 100 lakh crore plan launched by the prime minister to promote the multi-modal connectivity to economic zones in the country? PM Gati Shakti-National Master Plan
950.	Government has extended the jurisdiction of the Border Security Force (BSF) up to ____ km from the international border: 50
951.	The BSF is responsible for guarding which part of India's international border? Portion shared with Pakistan and Bangladesh
952.	The 58th edition of EY's Renewable Energy Country Attractiveness Index' (RECAI) has placed India at which spot? Third
953.	Which country topped the 58th edition of EY's RECAI? USA

954.	Celebration of Rashtriya Mahila Kisan Diwas on Oct 15 is supported by which union ministry? Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Ministry
955.	World Students' Day on Oct 15 commemorates the birthday of which great statesman of India? Dr APJ Abdul Kalam
956.	Global Handwashing Day is observed on which day of October? 15th
957.	India was re-elected to the UN Human Rights Council for a record 6th term. UNHRC is based in which country? Switzerland
958.	India slipped by seven spots to which rank in the Global Hunger Index (GHI) of 116 countries? 101st
959.	With which country the Indian Navy participated in the second phase of Multilateral Maritime Exercise 'Malabar'? Japan
960.	Malabar exercise was held in which area? Bay of Bengal
961.	What was the name of the 8th Edition of India – Sri Lanka Joint Military Exercise held from Oct 4 to 15? Mitra Shakti
962.	Military Exercise Mitra Shakti was held at which place? Ampara, Sri Lanka
963.	What was the name of the 17th Edition of Indo-US Joint Military Exercise held from Oct 15 to 29? Exercise -Yudh Abhyas 2021
964.	Which US state hosted the Exercise-Yudh Abhyas 2021? Alaska
965.	_____ is set to become the first city in India to use ropeway services for public transportation: Varanasi
966.	Which team won the finals of the IPL 2021 in Dubai on Oct 15? Chennai Super Kings
967.	The IPL champion team Chennai Super Kings was led by which player? M S Dhoni
968.	World Food Day on Oct 16 commemorates the founding of Food and Agriculture Organization on this day in _____, Canada in 1945: Quebec City
969.	Headquarters of the FAO are located in which city? Rome
970.	Which number UN Sustainable Development Goal is associated with eradication of poverty? First
971.	Who has been selected as the Chairman of Indian Banks' Association (IBA) for 2021-22? A K Goel

972.	A K Goel is the MD and CEO of which public sector bank? UCO Bank
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973.	World Maritime Day is observed on the last _____ of September: Thursday (Sep 30)
974.	What was the theme of this year's World Heart Day observed on Sep 29? Use Heart to Connect
975.	Happy Daughters' Day is celebrated globally on the _____ Sunday of September every year: Fourth (Sep 26)
976.	The world's highest electric vehicle charging station was inaugurated at an altitude of 12,500 ft in Kaza village in which state? Himachal Pradesh
977.	The juicy, soft and sweet cucumbers from which state were granted coveted GI Tag? Nagaland
978.	Who dethroned world heavyweight boxing champion Anthony Joshua (Britain)? Oleksandr Usyk, Ukraine
979.	Which UN agency supports the celebration of World Tourism Day on Sep 27? World Tourism Organisation
980.	Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the _____ session of the UN General Assembly on Sep 25th in New York: 76th
981.	Which cyclonic storm formed in the Bay of Bengal made a landfall on Sep 26 between North Andhra Pradesh and South Odisha? Gulab
982.	What is the name of the new asset management company set up by the nine public sector banks (PSBs) for NPA management? India Debt Resolution Company
983.	The Ministry of Defence placed an order worth Rs 7,523 crore for supply of 118 _____ tanks for the Indian Army: Arjun Mk-1A
984.	Which Ordnance factory will make these Arjun Mk-1A tanks? Heavy Vehicles Factory (HVF), Avadi, Chennai
985.	Which UN agency has revised and tightened the air quality guidelines for the first time since 2005? WHO
986.	According to the new limits, average annual PM2.5 concentrations should be no higher than _____ micrograms per cubic meter: Five

987.	The world's highest radio station is at Humbatingla, at an altitude of 13,300 feet, in which area? Kargil, Ladakh
988.	Antyodaya Diwas observed on Sep 25 marks the birth anniversary of which great leader? Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya
989.	Which global body supports the celebration of World Pharmacist Day on Sep 25? International Pharmaceutical Federation, The Hague (Netherlands)
990.	What is the name of the mascot for the Beijing's Winter Olympics – 2022? Bing Dwen Dwen
991.	Bing Dwen Dwen has been modelled after which animal? Panda
992.	What is the official motto for the Beijing's Winter Olympics – 2022 games? Together for a Shared Future
993.	Which union ministry launched the National Single Window System (NSWS) on September 22 for investors and businesses? Ministry of Commerce and Industry
994.	Which Indian Grand Master won the Norway Chess Open 2021 Masters section, held in Stavanger, Norway? D Gukesh
995.	The National Disaster Management Authority has recommended ex gratia Rs _____ to be given to kin of those who died due to Covid-19: 50,000/-
996.	International Day of Sign Languages is observed on which day of September? 23rd
997.	What was the name of the 3rd edition of Bilateral Naval Exercise between India and Indonesia that took place from Sep 20 to 22? Samudra Shakti
998.	Bilateral exercise Samudra Shakti was held in which area? Near Sunda Strait, Indonesia
999.	Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) in its 21st summit decided to admit which country as a full member? Iran
1000.	R Raja Rithvik, a 17-year-old prodigy became India's 70 th Grand Master on Sep 20. He hails from which state? Telangana
1001.	What is the theme for this year's World Rhino Day? Keep The Five Alive
1002.	India is home to which type of Rhino species? Greater one-horned Rhinos
1003.	Which India state has largest number of Greater one-horned Rhinos? Assam

1004.	World Rose Day observed on Sep 22 is associated with which serious ailment? Cancer
1005.	Alzheimer disease is associated with which part of human body? Brain cells
1006.	Name the President of Akhil Bhartiya Akhada Parishad (largest grouping of Indian Sadhus) who was found dead in his math on Sep 20: Mahant Narendra Giri
1007.	FSSAI released which Index on Sep 20 for evaluating food safety across all States/UTs in 2020-21? State Food Safety Index – SFSI
1008.	SFSI ranked which state at number one in the large state category? Gujarat
1009.	India improved its ranking by two spots to _____ in the Global Innovation Index 2021: 46th
1010.	The Global Innovation Index is released by which global organisation? World Intellectual Property Organization
1011.	Headquarters of World Intellectual Property Organization are in which place? Geneva, Switzerland
1012.	Which two beaches from India got the coveted Blue Flag certification? Kovalam in Chennai, Tamil Nadu and Eden in Puducherry
1013.	What is the total number of Blue Flag certified beaches in India? Ten
1014.	The Ministry of Education has formed a 12 member National Steering Committee headed by _____ for the development of National Curriculum Frameworks: Dr K Kasturirangan
1015.	Who has been made the new Chief of the Indian Air Force? Air Marshal V R Chaudhari
1016.	The Reserve Bank of India has extended the scope of permitted devices for undertaking tokenised _____ transactions to include consumer devices such as laptops, desktops, wearables (wrist watches, bands, etc.): Card, both debit and credit
1017.	Which state has adopted sport of wrestling till the 2032 Olympics? Uttar Pradesh
1018.	In a report by Forbes India, which Indian city is the world's most surveilled city, having highest number of CCTV cameras per sq km? New Delhi
1019.	Finance Minister unveiled on Aug 25 the fourth edition of EASE (Enhanced Access & Service Excellence), for _____ : Public sector bank reforms

1020.	_____ won the ITTF Czech International table tennis tournament at Olomouc in Czech Republic on Aug 25: G. Sathiyan
1021.	Government has introduced Bharat Series (BH) for vehicles for what purpose? To facilitate inter state transfer of vehicles without change of registration number
1022.	Which Bank was declared as the 'Overall Winner' of the EASE 3.0 Awards for best performance? State Bank of India
1023.	The NITI Aayog tied up with which global IT giant to launch the next phase of the Women Entrepreneurship Platform "WEP Nxt"? CISCO, USA
1024.	Government launched the project 'INDIAsize' to develop Indian size charts for which product? Readymade Garments
1025.	The Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D) joined hands with the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) to launch a unique national Hackathon named _____ on August 26: 'MANTHAN 2021'
1026.	SP Sethuraman, Indian Grandmaster from _____ won the Barcelona Open Chess Tournament title on Aug 26 in Spain: Chennai
1027.	Who won the first gold for India in the Tokyo Paralympics? Avani Lekhara
1028.	Avani Lekhara won Gold in which event? Women's 10 meter Air Rifle Shooting
1029.	P Iniyan, Indian Grandmaster won the Noisiel International Open Chess Tournament in which country? France
1030.	Indian pugilists won eight Gold medals at the Asian Junior Boxing Championships held in _____ from August 20 to 30: Dubai
1031.	The Indian Navy and the German Navy carried out a joint exercise on August 26 in which area? Gulf of Aden
1032.	What was the name of OPV inducted in Indian Coast Guard on August 28 at Chennai? Vigraha
1033.	RBI increased the limit of fund transfer under the Indo-Nepal Remittance Facility Scheme to Rs _____ per transaction, from Rs 50,000 at present: 2 lakh
1034.	The world's highest movie theatre was inaugurated in the _____ area of Leh, at an altitude of 11,562 feet: Paldan

1035.	Government launched a first-of-its-kind indigenously developed Quantum Computing Simulation toolkit named _____ on August 26: QSim
1036.	The Ministry of Environment notified the area around Deepor Beel Wildlife Sanctuary as an eco-sensitive zone. It is in which state? Assam
1037.	Sumit Antil (from Haryana) set a new world record to win the gold medal in which event in Tokyo Paralympic? Javelin Throw
1038.	PFRDA has increased the entry age for the National Pension System (NPS) from 65 years to _____ years: 70
1039.	September 2 is observed as the World Coconut Day. Which country is the largest producer of coconuts? Indonesia
1040.	Which is the first state to provide 100% first dose of Covid-19 vaccination to all eligible persons of 18 years and above? Himachal Pradesh
1041.	The New Development Bank has admitted which three countries as members other than 5 BRICS nations? UAE, Uruguay and Bangladesh
1042.	For the first time in the history of Indian judiciary, _____ new judges, including three women judges, took oath in one go as Supreme Court judges on August 31: Nine
1043.	What is the sanctioned strength of judges in the Supreme Court, excluding CJI? 33
1044.	Who is the appointing authority for the Supreme Court Judge? President of India
1045.	A Collegium headed by the CJI and comprising _____ other senior SC judges recommends the names of senior judges or advocates to the President of India for appointment of Supreme Court judges: Four
1046.	The union AYUSH minister Sarbananda Sonowal launched which yoga based mobile app on September 01? 'Y Break' (Yoga Break)
1047.	What is the name of the plant based bio-filter developed by IIT Ropar and Kanpur in collaboration with Delhi University? Ubreathe Life
1048.	A special commemorative coin of Rs 125 was released on September 01 to mark the 125th birth anniversary of which great saint? Srila Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada

1049.	Swami Prabhupada founded which popular spiritual organization? ISKCON - International Society for Krishna Consciousness
1050.	Who has been appointed the Chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), New Delhi? J B Mohapatra
1051.	Alejandro Prieto, winner of the Bird Photographer of the Year, 2021, hails from which country? Mexico
1052.	Which is the first Indian state to launch 'Save Water to Get Free Water' scheme? Goa
1053.	The Ramon Magsaysay Awards, also known as Asia's Nobel Prize, are given in which country? Philippines
1054.	RBI has set up a committee headed by P Vasudevan to review applications and give recommendations on NUE licences. What is NUE? New Umbrella Entity
1055.	What will be the main function of proposed NUEs? To set up digital payment infrastructure to boost retail payment system in the country
1056.	Who became the highest goalscorer in international football scoring his 111th international goal on Sep 01? Cristiano Ronaldo
1057.	Cristiano Ronaldo plays for which football club? Manchester United
1058.	Hurricane Ida, the powerful cyclonic storm destroyed hundreds of buildings and left more than a million homes without power in which country on Sep 1-2? USA, Eastern
1059.	IMF allocated 12.57 billion Special Drawing Rights (SDR) to India. What is SDR? Special Drawing Rights
1060.	Which university topped the Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings 2022 for the sixth year in a row? The University of Oxford, UK
1061.	Who became the first Indian to win a Paralympic medal in archery? Harvinder Singh
1062.	Teachers' Day on Sep 5 marks the birth anniversary of Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan. He was the first _____ of India: Vice President

1063.	Which international day is observed on Sep 5 to commemorate the death anniversary of Saint Mother Teresa? International Day of Charity
1064.	The National Aerospace Laboratories, Bengaluru successfully designed and built its two-seater _____ aircraft, Hansa NG: Trainer
1065.	Ayush Ministry launched the campaign "AYUSH Aapke Dwar" on Sep 04 for what purpose? For distributing medicinal plants from more than 45 locations across the country
1066.	The Indian Army signed a contract worth Rs 100 crore with a Bengaluru-based company on September 1 to procure 100 'SkyStrikers'. What is it? Armed drone
1067.	Which is the last country to stop usage of leaded petrol? Algeria
1068.	Who became the first IAS officer to win a silver medal in Paralympics? Suhas L Yathiraj
1069.	Which is the only sports event in which India won two gold medals in Tokyo Paralympics? Badminton
1070.	In total, India won how many medals in Tokyo Paralympics? 19
1071.	What was the name of the 28th edition of Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise held from Sep 2 to 4 in South China Sea? SIMBEX-2021
1072.	President Ram Nath Kovind awarded the President's Colour to outfit of Indian Navy: Indian Naval Aviation
1073.	_____ became the first Asian country to launch on Sep 03 a "Plastics Pact": India
1074.	The Plastics Pact targets the businesses to move towards a circular economy for plastics by which year? 2030
1075.	Center signed a tripartite peace accord on Sep 04 with the State government of Assam and five insurgent groups from _____ region: Karbi Anglong
1076.	What was the name of the bilateral exercise held between the Indian Navy and Royal Australian Navy, near Australia from Sep 6 to 10? AUSINDEX
1077.	For which state Asian Development Bank approved a \$150 million loan for a sustainable housing project for the urban poor? Tamil Nadu

1078.	What is the theme for this year's International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies observed on Sep 7? Healthy Air, Healthy Planet
1079.	India's first Dugong conservation reserve is proposed to be built in which area? Palk Bay, near Tamil Nadu
1080.	What type of animal is Dugong? A marine mammal, popularly known as 'sea cow'
1081.	What is the name of the portal launched to enable volunteers to contribute to govt schools of their choice? Vidyanjali
1082.	International Literacy Day is observed on which date? Sep 08
1083.	Which UN agency supports the celebration of International Literacy Day? UNESCO
1084.	Who has been appointed as the new Managing Director of Export-Import Bank of India (EXIM Bank), Mumbai? Ms. Harsha Bhupendra Bangari
1085.	TRIFED under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs has joined hands with the Ministry of External Affairs, to set up an Atmanirbhar Bharat corner in which 75 locations? Indian missions/embassies abroad
1086.	Himalaya Day observed on Sep 9, was first celebrated in 2010 by which state? Uttarakhand
1087.	Which institute topped the NIRF rankings for the third time in a row, in the overall category? IIT Madras
1088.	Among Management institutes, IIM _____ topped the NIRF rankings: Ahmedabad
1089.	Which medical institute secured first rank in the recent NIRF rankings? AIIMS, Delhi
1090.	Miranda College, topper of Colleges category in NIRF rankings, is located in which place? New Delhi
1091.	ADB granted a \$ 300 million loan as additional financing to scale up improvement of rural connectivity in which state? Maharashtra
1092.	The Union Cabinet approved the procurement of 56 C-295MW _____ aircraft for the Indian Air Force: Transport
1093.	Which global company will supply these C-295 MW aircrafts? Airbus Defence and Space S.A., Spain
1094.	Why the Satta-Gandharv stretch of National Highway 925 in Barmer, Rajasthan was in news

	recently? A Hercules C-130 J cargo plane of Indian Air Force made a mock landing there
1095.	Government launched 'Main Bhi Digital 3.0' campaign for digital onboarding and training of which segment of people? Street vendors
1096.	Which country hosted the 13th BRICS Summit on Sep 09 in virtual mode? India
1097.	The world's largest plant designed to suck carbon dioxide out of the air and turn it into solid rock, began operations on Sep 8 in which country? Iceland
1098.	The CCEA approved on Sep 08 hike in the MSP of major _____ crops for the crop year 2022-23? Rabi
1099.	Which rabi crop enjoys the highest MSP of Rs. 5,500 per quintal? Masur Dal
1100.	Which global car company has decided to stop its manufacturing facilities in India? Ford Motor Co
1101.	India's tallest air purification tower was inaugurated in _____ on Sep 7: Chandigarh
1102.	President Ram Nath Kovind appointed former Lt. Gen. Gurmit Singh as the new Governor of which state? Uttarakhand
1103.	Banwarilal Purohit, new Governor of Punjab, has been shifted from which state? Tamil Nadu
1104.	Who has been appointed as the new Governor of Tamil Nadu? R N Ravi
1105.	The Government approved purchase of 6 AEW&C aircrafts for the India Air Force. What is full form of AEW&C? Airborne Early Warning and Control
1106.	AEW&C aircrafts are used for what purpose? Surveillance
1107.	Which ministry has constituted a committee for framing new laws for drugs, cosmetics and medical devices and replacing the existing Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940? Ministry of health and family welfare
1108.	Who has been appointed as the head of this committee? Dr VG Somani
1109.	Iqbal Singh Lalpura, retired IPS officer of Punjab cadre, has been appointed as the Chairperson of which apex national body? National Commission for Minorities
1110.	Name the CAG of India who has been elected as the chairman of the assembly of the Asian

	Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (ASOSAI), Beijing? G C Murmu
1111.	Govt launch PRANA portal for regulation of air pollution in 132 cities across the country. What is full form of PRANA? Portal for Regulation of Air-pollution in Non-Attainment
1112.	World First Aid Day is observed on which Saturday of September every year? Second
1113.	Najib Mikati has been elected as the Prime Minister of which country? Lebanon
1114.	Who has been appointed as the Prime Minister of Morocco? Aziz Akhannouch
1115.	Who has been appointed as the new Chief Minister of Gujarat? Bhupendra Patel
1116.	Who won Men's singles title at the US Open in New York? Daniil Medvedev
1117.	Daniil Medvedev hails from which country? Russia
1118.	Name the 18 year old British sensation who won the US Open women's singles title? Emma Raducanu
1119.	Daniel Ricciardo of Australia won the Italian Grand Prix at Monza, Italy for which team? McLaren
1120.	India's largest open-air fernery was inaugurated on Sep 12 at which place in Uttarakhand? Ranikhet
1121.	India's largest fernery, Jawaharlal Nehru Tropical Botanical Garden and Research Institute, is located at which place? Thiruvananthapuram
1122.	India has adopted Hindi as the Official language of the country, as per _____ of the Indian Constitution: Article 343
1123.	Which state secured first position in installation of off-grid solar pumps under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthaan Mahabhiyaan (PM-KUSUM)? Haryana
1124.	Engineer's Day on Sep 15 marks the birth day of which great engineer? M Visvesvaraya
1125.	What was the field of specialization of the Bharat Ratna M Visvesvaraya? Designing dams and hydro projects
1126.	International Day of Democracy is observed on which day of September? 15th

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