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| KEY RATE                   | RATE  | FROM    |
|----------------------------|-------|---------|
| SLR                        | 18%   | 4-5-22  |
| CRR                        | 4.5%  | 21-5-22 |
| Repo Rate                  | 4.90% | 8-6-22  |
| Fixed Reverse Repo         | 3.35% | 8-6-22  |
| Standing Deposit Facility  | 4.65% | 8-6-22  |
| Marginal Standing Facility | 5.15% | 8-6-22  |
| Bank Rate                  | 5.15% | 8-6-22  |

## India's Rank in

|   |                   |
|---|-------------------|
| Global Gender Gap Index 2022                        | 135 <sup>th</sup> |
| World Competitiveness Index 2022                    | 37 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Environmental Performance Index                     | 180 <sup>th</sup> |
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# NATIONAL NEWS

AUGUST

## SH. DHANKHAR BECOMES 14<sup>th</sup> VICE PRESIDENT OF INDIA



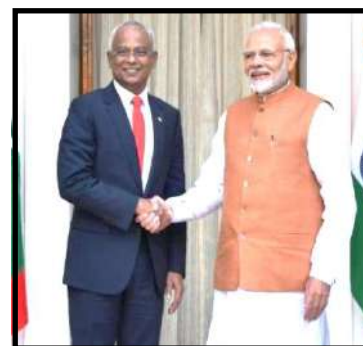
NDA candidate Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar was elected as the 14th Vice-President of India on August 6 as he defeated joint opposition candidate Ms. Margaret Alva. 71-year-old Dhankhar, a former Governor of West Bengal (2019-22), secured 528 votes while Alva got 182. He was administered the oath of office on August 11 by the Hon'ble President, Ms. Draupadi Murmu.

All MPs, including nominated ones, are entitled to vote in the vice-presidential election. A man of many interests, his long legal career at the Rajasthan High Court and the Supreme Court and a brief stint as the junior parliamentary affairs minister at the Centre will help him in performing effectively his role of Chairman of Rajya Sabha. A farmer's son, he has been a Member of Rajasthan Assembly from Kishangarh, from 1993-98. Hailing from Jhunjhunu, Rajasthan, he represented this constituency in Lok Sabha in 1989-91. Election of Vice President is done as per Article 66 of the constitution.

## MALDIVIAN PRESIDENT VISITS INDIA

President of Maldives Ibrahim Mohamed Solih arrived in New Delhi on August 1 on a four day official visit. Mr Solih met the President, Ms. Draupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan. Ms Murmu said Maldives has a special place in India's 'neighbourhood first policy'. Six agreements were exchanged following the delegation level talks, in areas including cyber security, disaster management, and infrastructure.

PM Modi announced a Line of Credit of \$100 million for Maldives, for the completion of development projects in a time-bound manner. Mr. Solih reached Mumbai on August 3 on a two-day visit. He paid a visit to Bombay Stock Exchange and to Jawaharlal Nehru Port, before returning to Maldives.



## INDORE TO HOST PRAVASI BHARTIYA DIVAS



The External Affairs Ministry has announced that the 17<sup>th</sup> Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2023 will be held at Indore, Madhya Pradesh in January next year. Pravasi Bharatiya Divas is celebrated every year on 9<sup>th</sup> January to mark the contribution of the overseas Indian community in the development of India. It also commemorates the return of Mahatma Gandhi from South Africa to India on 9<sup>th</sup> January, 1915.

## INDIA TO HAVE ITS OWN FONT - BHARAT

Everest, a sister agency of the advertising giant Rediffusion, launched India's first own font "Bharat" on Independence Day. The font is rooted in Indian-ness and projects to the world the essence of Indian-ness. India would be the only country to get its own national font after Sweden which has a font of its own, called Sweden Sans.

The Bharat font integrates elements from 12 scheduled Indian languages. The font includes alphabets that are rooted in the letter's phonetic sound in the parent Indian language, including Telugu, Devanagari, Odia, Tamil, Gurmukhi, and Kannada among others.

For readability, the Bharat font has been tested with consumer groups. After initial exposure, no reading or usage issues were reported. In the near future, it can be used comfortably on both computers and mobiles, without any difficulty.

## INDIA ADDS 11 MORE RAMSAR SITES

The Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change added 11 more wetlands to the list of Ramsar sites on August 13, to make a total 75 Ramsar sites covering an area of 13.27 lakh hectare in the country, coinciding with the 75<sup>th</sup> year of Independence. The 11 new sites include, four in Tamil Nadu, three in Odisha, two in Jammu and Kashmir and one each in Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra. Designation of these sites would help in conservation and management of wetlands and wise use of their resources.

Tamil Nadu now has the maximum number of Ramsar sites at 14, followed by Uttar Pradesh at 10.

India is one of the Contracting Parties to Ramsar Convention, signed in Ramsar, Iran in 1971.

## INDIA UPDATES NDC FOR UNFCCC

The Union Cabinet approved India's updated Nationally Determined Contribution, NDC to be communicated to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). As per the updated NDC, India now stands committed to reducing emissions intensity of its GDP by 45 per cent by 2030. It also commits to achieve about 50 percent of cumulative electric power installed capacity from non-fossil fuel-based energy resources, by 2030.

The update aims at achieving India's long-term goal of reaching net zero emissions by 2070. It seeks to enhance India's contributions towards the achievement of the strengthening of the global response to the threat of climate change, as agreed under the Paris Agreement.

*NDCs means national plans and pledges made by a country to meet the goal of maintaining global temperature increases to well below 2 degree Celsius above pre-industrial levels, while aiming for 1.5 degree Celsius to avoid the worst impacts of climate change.*

## INDIAN ANTARCTIC BILL, 2022 PASSED

The Parliament passed the Indian Antarctic Bill, 2022 on August 1. The bill aims to bring Indian research stations in the Antarctic region under domestic laws of the country. The Bill seeks to protect the Antarctic environment and regulate activities in the region. It will apply to every person, vessel or aircraft that is a part of an Indian expedition to Antarctica.

The bill prohibits discharge of plastic, waste, garbage or other substances into the sea that are harmful to the marine environment. It also strictly prohibits any nuclear explosion or disposal of radioactive wastes in the area.

*Antarctica is the continent surrounding the South Pole. It is Earth's fifth largest continent and is permanently covered with ice. India has two active research stations in the Antarctic region - Bharti and Maitri. The research stations are bases for scientists doing research in the region.*





## 5G AUCTION FETCHES 1.5 LAKH CRORE



The auction for the 5G spectrum of radio waves concluded on July 29 after four days of bidding by four players – Reliance Jio, Bharti Airtel, Vodafone Idea and Adani Data Networks. The government received bids worth Rs 1,49,855 crore after 23 rounds of bidding. Reliance Jio acquired the largest share of spectrum by bidding for ₹88,078 crore. The spectrum payments have to be made over 20 equated annual instalments, with interest computed at 7.2% per annum. 5G services are expected to be launched by October, 2022.

*The 5G spectrum refers to the 5th Generation of range of radio frequencies in the sub-6 GHz range and the millimeter wave frequency range that is 24.25 GHz and above. It is one of the fastest, most robust technologies the world has ever seen. It will enable quicker downloads, much lower lag time, making a significant impact on how we live, work and play. Connected cars, smart education platforms, advanced gaming and advanced entertainment channels, they all will rely on 5G networks.*

## NEW DELHI, KOLKATA : MOST POLLUTED

In a recent report published by the State of Global Air on air quality and health in cities, New Delhi and Kolkata have ranked first and second, respectively, in the world. As per the report, the highest population-weighted annual average PM2.5 exposure in 2019 was at 110 µg/m<sup>3</sup>, in Delhi followed by Kolkata at 84 µg/m<sup>3</sup>. Next in the ranking were Kano, Nigeria (83.6), Lima, Peru (73.2) and Dhaka, Bangladesh (71.4)

The Air Quality and Health in Cities report, is a collaboration between the US-based Health Effects Institute (HEI) and the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation's Global Burden of Disease Project. The study ranked cities on the basis of levels of two major air pollutants — fine particulate matter (PM2.5) and nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>).

*PM2.5 is an atmospheric particulate matter of diameter of lower than 2.5 micrometres, which is around 3 per cent the diameter of a human hair. It causes respiratory problems and also reduces visibility. As regards NO<sub>2</sub>, road traffic is among the primary outdoor contributors of NO<sub>2</sub>, long exposure to which may prove fatal.*

JULY

## INDIA ELECTS FIRST TRIBAL PRESIDENT

Honourable Madam Droupadi Murmu was elected as the 15th President of India on July 21. She secured 64 percent of the votes in the poll and opposition Candidate Yashwant Sinha got 36 percent.

Madam Murmu is the first scheduled tribe (Santhal tribe) person and the second woman to hold the position of President of India. At 64, she also happens to be the youngest President till date.

*The low-profile politician is deeply spiritual and a keen practitioner of the meditation techniques of the Brahma Kumaris, a movement she embraced after she lost her husband, two sons, mother and brother in the just six years between 2009-2015.*

*She is a grassroot tribal leader from Odisha and worked as teacher before joining politics. After holding several important positions in the Odisha government, she was elevated to Governor's post in Jharkhand in 2015, where she served till July 12, 2021. Chief Justice of India, Justice N V Ramana administered the oath of office to Ms Murmu on July 25 at the Central Hall of Parliament.*

## INDIA'S BIGGEST NATIONAL EMBLEM

Prime Minister Narendra Modi formally unveiled the National Emblem cast on the roof of the new Parliament building on July 11 in New Delhi. The Emblem Has been installed 33 metre above ground level. Cast in high purity bronze, it stands 6.5 metre tall and weighs around 9500 kg.

A supporting structure of steel weighing around 6,500 kg has been constructed to support it. There is no other similar depiction of the emblem, from the perspective of material and craftsmanship, anywhere else in India. Over 100 artisans and craftsmen from various parts of the country worked for over nine months to create the massive national emblem.

*State Emblem of India is an adaptation from the Sarnath Lion Capital of Emperor Ashoka which is preserved in the Sarnath Museum at Varanasi. The Lion Capital has four lions mounted back to back on a circular abacus. The frieze of the abacus is adorned with sculptures in high relief of an elephant, a galloping horse, a bull and a lion, separated by four intervening Dharma Chakras, each comprising 24 spokes.*



## INDIA GETS FIVE MORE RAMSAR SITES



Five more Indian wetlands have got Ramsar recognition as wetlands of international importance. These include three wetlands in Tamil Nadu - Karikili Bird Sanctuary, Pallikaralai Marsh Reserve Forest and Pichavaram Mangrove, Pala wetland in Mizoram and Sakhya Sagar in Madhya Pradesh. There are now a total of 54 Ramsar sites in the country.

*The Ramsar recognition aims to develop and maintain an international network of wetlands that are important for the conservation of global biological diversity. The Ramsar Convention is an international treaty for the conservation and rational use of wetlands. It is named after the Iranian city of Ramsar, where this treaty was signed on February 2, 1971.*

## FOUR NOMINATED TO RAJYA SABHA

Music maestro Ilaiyaraaja, sports icon P T Usha, acclaimed screenwriter V Vijayendra Prasad and philanthropist and spiritual leader Veerendra Heggade were nominated to the Rajya Sabha by the President of India on July 06.

*Out of the 245 members of Rajya Sabha, 12 are nominated by the President on the recommendation of the Government. They are nominated under Article 80(a) of the Constitution, according to which they should have special knowledge or practical experience in matters like literature, science, art and social service.*

## HOME MINISTRY'S WEBSITE RANKED FIRST

The website of the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) was ranked first among all the Central Ministries Portal in a National e-Governance Service Delivery Assessment. The Digital Police Portal secured second spot.

The ranking exercise was carried out by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) in association with its knowledge partners NASSCOM and KPMG in 2021.

It is a periodic assessment intended to improve the effectiveness of States/UTs and the Central Government in the delivery of their online services to citizens. The assessment was based on four parameters viz. i. Accessibility; ii. Content availability; iii. Ease of Use and Information Security and iv. Privacy for Central Ministry Portals.

## IIT MADRAS REMAINS AT THE TOP

Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan released the India Rankings-2022 for the best educational institutes in India, on July 15 in New Delhi. The rankings are part of the National Institutional Ranking Framework, NIRF. Top institutes in various categories are as under:

**Overall Best Institute:** IIT Madras, Chennai - 4th time in row

**Best University:** Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru, 7th time in row

**Best Management institute:** IIM, Ahmedabad, 3rd time in row

**Best Medical college:** AIIMS, New Delhi, 5th time in row

**Best Engineering college:** IIT, Madras, Chennai, 7th time in row

**Best Dental college:** Savitha Instt of Medi. & Tech. Scs., Chennai

**Best Pharmacy institute:** Jamia Hamdard, Delhi

**Best Architectural institute:** IIT, Roorkee

**Best Law Institute:** National Law School, Bengaluru

**Best College:** Miranda House College, New Delhi

## INDIA'S FIRST ANIMAL HEALTH SUMMIT

The first India Animal Health Summit 2022 was held 06th July in New Delhi. Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairying, Parshottam Rupala inaugurated the Summit. It focused on highlighting the importance of animal health to the country's food and nutrition security, rural income and prosperity, and overall economic development.

Given the resurgence of old diseases as well as the emergence of new ones, a call for a comprehensive national animal health strategy is critical. India has the most cattle and produces the most milk in the world, but per-animal productivity remains low. Low productivity can be caused by a variety of factors, the most important of which is animal health, which has a significant impact on productivity.





## FCRA RULES AMENDED



The Union Home Ministry has amended the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) giving certain relaxations such as allowing relatives to send more money to India freely. The amended rule now allows relatives abroad to send 10 lakh rupees without informing the government. In case the amount exceeds 10 lakh, the individuals will now have three months to inform the government against 30-days earlier.

## LARGEST FLOATING SOLAR POWER PROJECT

India's largest floating solar power project, 100 MW Ramagundam Floating Solar PV Project at Ramagundam, Telangana, became fully operational on July 01. Developed by NTPC at its Ramagundam Super Thermal Power plant, it is endowed with advanced technology as well as environment-friendly features. The project, spread over 500 acres of the plant's reservoir; will save nearly 32.5 lakh cubic metres of water per year from evaporation, besides improving the efficiency of solar panels by keeping them cool.

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## DCGI APPROVES INDIA'S FIRST MRNA VACCINE

The Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) gave its approval for India's first mRNA vaccine GEMCOVAC-19 on June 28. A two dose vaccine, it has been allowed for restricted use in emergency situations for all adults aged above 18 years. Most mRNA (messenger RiboNucleic Acid) vaccines have to be stored at sub-zero temperatures whereas this one can be stored between 2 and 8 degree celsius. This feature makes it the most viable vaccine. The vaccine has been developed by Pune-based Gennova Biopharmaceuticals.

## INDIA FARES POORLY IN GENDER GAP INDEX

The World Economic Forum (WEF) released the Global Gender Gap Index for 2022 on July 10. It ranked India at 135 out of 146 countries covered. India was the worst performer in the "health and survival" sub-index where it ranked 146th.

Although no country achieved full gender parity, the top 10 economies closed at least 80% of their gender gaps, with Iceland (90.8%) leading the global ranking.

*The Global Gender Gap Index benchmarks gender parity across four key dimensions or sub-indices — economic participation and opportunity, educational attainment, health and survival, and political empowerment. It awards scores on a 0 to 100 scale, which can be interpreted as the distance covered towards parity or the percentage of the gender gap that has been closed.*

**The World Bank** has approved a loan of one billion dollars to provide support to India's flagship PM Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission.

**The World Bank** approved a \$250 million loan to support the Government of India's road safety programme for seven States under which a single accident reporting number will be set up to better manage post-crash events.

## NEWS FROM STATES

AUGUST

### JHARKHAND FIRST TO USE BLOCKCHAIN TECHNOLOGY FOR SEED DISTRIBUTION

Jharkhand has become the first state in the country to deploy a production-grade blockchain-based seed distribution programme developed by the global blockchain technology company, SettleMint.

The move to implement blockchain is intended to increase the transparency and authenticity of seeds received by farmers through the seed exchange scheme and other schemes.

*It will also ensure timely availability of seeds to distributors, retailers, and, most importantly, farmers. Each farmer's Aadhar card number and mobile number are entered into the blockchain system to ensure the supply of seeds to genuine farmers only.*

### **HARIDWAR - BEST ASPIRATIONAL DISTRICT**



The NITI Aayog has declared district Haridwar in Uttarakhand as India's Best Aspirational District under the Aspirational Districts Programme. The first rank has been given on the basis of the achievements of Haridwar district in development of basic infrastructure.

*Launched in 2018, NITI Aayog's Aspirational Districts Programme is aimed at identifying potential districts that can develop into model blocks through socio-economic development. The programme covering 117 districts, enables the local administration to leverage technology and innovation for better governance and service delivery.*

### **J&K FIRST TO SHARE COST OF ATL**

The Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir has become the first amongst States/UTs to establish an Atal Tinkering Lab (ATL) in partnership with the government think tank NITI Aayog. NITI Aayog is keen to replicate the J&K model of ATL to the rest of the country on a 50:50 cost sharing basis. Until now, funding of the ATL was done solely by the NITI Aayog. A regular ATL costs about Rs. 20 lakh to establish.

*NITI Aayog launched Atal Innovation Mission in 2016 to promote entrepreneurship and innovation among young minds. An Atal Tinkering Lab provides a space where students between Grade VI to Grade XII can give shape to their ideas through hands-on do-it-yourself mode and learn innovation skills. has established over 10000 ATLs across the country so far enabling over three million students to acquire a problem solving, tinkering and innovative mindset.*

### **GOA 1<sup>ST</sup> TO GET TAP WATER IN EVERY HOUSE**

Goa has become the first 'Har Ghar Jal' certified State and Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu the first such UT in the country. In this State and UT, people from all the villages have declared their village as Har Ghar Jal through a resolution passed by the Gram Sabha.

All two lakh 63 thousand rural households of Goa and over 85 thousand of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu now have access to safe drinking water through tap connection.

All schools, Anganwadi centres, public institutions including Gram Panchayat buildings, healthcare centres and community centres and other government offices have now access to potable water through tap connection.

### **MANDLA - 1<sup>ST</sup> FULLY LITERATE DISTRICT**

Madhya Pradesh's tribal-dominated Mandla region has become the country's first fully "functionally literate" district. This means that all adults in the Mandla district can now perform basic tasks like write their names, count and read and write in Hindi. The announcement to this effect was made by the Mandla Collector on this Independence Day.

### **FIRST ELECTRIC DOUBLE DECKER AC BUS**

The Brihanmumbai Electric Supply and Transport (BEST) in Mumbai has become the first transport corporation in India to operate India's first electric double decker AC bus. Made by Switch Mobility, the first two new electric buses, including the first air-conditioned double-decker bus in the country, are ready to join the fleet of BEST. These buses will offer app-based seat booking, live tracking and payment on the BEST Chalo App.

### **ASIA'S LARGEST CBG PLANT IN PUNJAB**

Asia's largest Compressed Biogas (CBG) plant began its commercial operations on August 13 at village Bhuttal Kalan in Sangrur, Punjab. The plant uses paddy straw and other agriculture wastes and converts them into usable biogas.

Thus, it will help in curbing air pollution caused due to burning of paddy straw and its stubble (parali). In addition to this, the by-product created by the plant is used as organic manure or fertiliser which will further aid the rural agrarian economy and its production.

The plant will also boost the local rural economy by creating employment for over 8000 skilled and unskilled workers and also attract investment worth Rs 1200 crores. The plant has a total operational capacity of 33.23-tonne CBG per day. The CBG produced by the plant is now being supplied to the local Indian Oil Corporation Ltd's outlet.





## ASSAM, MIZORAM SOLVE BOUNDARY DISPUTE



The Assam and Mizoram governments signed a joint statement on August 9, after a ministerial-level discussion in Aizawl, Mizoram to resolve the boundary dispute between the two states. Both states agreed to promote and maintain peace to prevent any untoward incident along the borders. Assam shares a 164.6 km long boundary with Mizoram and many conflicts have taken place in the last few years.

## GI TAG FOR BIHAR'S MITHILA MAKHANA

The Union Government has awarded the Geographical Indication (GI) tag to Bihar's Mithila Makhana (fox nuts). As per the GI Registry certificate, Mithila Makhana has been registered in the name of Mithilanchal Makhana Utpadak Sangh.

Bihar's Darbhanga, Muzaffarpur, Champaran, Begusarai, Madhubani and Katihar among other districts have been defined as the geographic location for the production of Mithila Makhana. Granting of GI tag will help in boosting farmers' incomes.

*A GI tag is a name, sign or tag which is given to certain products that are found in a specific region or location.*

## 5<sup>TH</sup> ELEPHANT RESERVE IN TAMIL NADU

Tamil Nadu Government notified its 5<sup>th</sup> Elephant Reserve in the state at Agasthyamalai in Tirunelveli district. The Reserve will be spread across 1,197.48 sq.km. of land and will cover Kanyakumari and Tirunelveli areas.

## ADB LOAN FOR HP WATER SUPPLY PROJECT

The Asian Development Bank granted a 96.3 million dollar loan to provide safe drinking water and improve water supply and sanitation services in Himachal Pradesh. The project will connect more than 75,000 households to provide uninterrupted water supply to about 3.70 lakh residents across 10 districts.



JULY

## KARNATAKA, MANIPUR TOP IN INNOVATION

The NITI Aayog released the third-edition of India Innovation Index 2022 on July 21. Among major states, Karnataka secured top rank; Manipur topped amongst northeast and hill states and Chandigarh stood first among UTs. Innovation is the key to sustainable and inclusive growth. It can help us solve some of the biggest challenges of our times such as bringing millions out of poverty, generating livelihood opportunities and achieving higher levels of development.

*The Index is a comprehensive tool for evaluation and development of the country's innovation ecosystem. It ranks states and UTs on their innovation performance and encourages healthy competition between them. The ranking is done on the basis of performance across 66 indicators, distributed across 16 sub-pillars and 7 key pillars.*

## ODISHA TOPS IN NFS ACT RANKINGS

The Union Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution released the first edition of 'State Ranking Index for National Food Security Act' on July 5. The rankings aim to encourage more competition to improve systems. In the ranking, Odisha is placed at top rank followed by Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh.

*This is the first time that states have been ranked for food distribution under the National Food Security Act, 2013. The Act provides for coverage of upto 75% of the rural population and upto 50% of the urban population for receiving subsidised foodgrains under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS), thus covering about two-thirds of the total population. The eligible persons are entitled to receive 5 Kgs of foodgrains per person per month at subsidised prices of Rs. 3/2/1 per Kg for rice/wheat/coarse grains, respectively.*

## GUJARAT BEST IN PROMOTING STARTUPS

The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry released the "States' Startup Ranking 2021" on July 4 based on the initiatives taken by states and UTs to develop the start-up ecosystem for promoting budding entrepreneurs.

The states were ranked under five categories -- best performers, top performers, leaders, aspiring leaders and emerging start-up ecosystems. The exercise aimed at supporting states and UTs in developing their startup ecosystem and learning from each other's best practices. Gujarat, Meghalaya and Karnataka emerged as the best performing states in developing start-up ecosystems for budding entrepreneurs. Kerala, Maharashtra, Odisha and Telangana were categorised as top performers.

*Today, India has become the third largest start-up ecosystem in the world, with over 72,000 recognized start-ups and over 105 unicorns. Recognizing the contribution of startups to the economy, the government has selected January 16 to be observed as National Startup Day.*



## HP FIRST TO INTRODUCE VLTD & ERSS



Himachal Pradesh has become India's first state to connect all the commercial vehicles registered in the state with Vehicle Location Tracking Device (VLTD) and with the Emergency Response Support System (ERSS), number 112. Through this mechanism, the vehicles can be tracked anywhere in India, round the clock. Over 9,423 vehicles have been registered so far and connected with ERSS. Now, both the Police and transport department can monitor the vehicles for detecting the theft of vehicles and vehicle accidents.

## KERALA FIRST TO START ITS OWN INTERNET

Kerala has now become the first and the only state in the country to have its own internet service. The Kerala Fibre Optic Network Ltd, – KFON received the Internet Service Provider (ISP) licence from the Central Government's Department of Telecommunications (DoT). KFON aims to provide the internet as a basic right to all the people. It will provide free internet to BPL families and 30,000 government offices.

## UP FIRST STATE TO HAVE 13 EXPRESSWAYS

With the inauguration of the 296-km-long Bundelkhand Expressway on July 16, Uttar Pradesh has become the first state in the country to have 13 expressways, having a total length of 3,200 kilometres. Of these, six expressways are operational while work is going on seven.

*The Bundelkhand Expressway starts near Bharatkoop in Chitrakoot district and merges with the Agra-Lucknow expressway near Kudrail village in Etawah district. This brings the Bundelkhand region within six hours of the national capital region.*

*It will give a big boost to development in the otherwise backward Bundelkhand region. Built at a cost of Rs 14,850 crore, the four-lane expressway will also have industrial townships in Banda and Jalaun districts.*

## UP FIRST TO LINK ODOP WITH ONDC

Uttar Pradesh became the first state to link its ambitious scheme One District One Product - ODOP to the Union Commerce Ministry's Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC). As a result of this integration, all ODOP products will start appearing on all the e-commerce portals and apps that are associated with ONDC.

*This will result in the facility of a large digital marketing ecosystem for ODOP artisans and entrepreneurs on the e-Commerce portal. The artisans will be able to sell their products online themselves at their fixed price through ONDC and ODOP Mart.*

## WORLD'S LONGEST DOUBLE DECKER VIADUCT

The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) and Nagpur Metro achieved the world record for constructing the longest double-decker viaduct with a length of 3.14 km in Nagpur, Maharashtra.

The viaduct has a three-layered transport corridor with the first layer occupied by a pre-existing highway, a two way flyover highway at second layer and Nagpur metro rail at the top, all supported on a single-column pier.

The flyover highway is built at the height of nine metres, and the metro at 20 metres. It also created a record for the maximum - three, metro stations constructed on a double-decker viaduct.

## ODISHA'S NILACHAL ISPAT BOUGHT BY TATA

The Department of Investment and Public Asset Management, DIPAM, (under the Ministry of Finance) completed the strategic disinvestment process of the Nilachal Ispat Nigam Limited, NINL in Odisha. 93.7 per cent shares of the joint venture were transferred to Tata Steel Long Products Limited on July 04 at an enterprise value of 12100 crore rupees.

NINL, whose net worth was in the negative to the tune of more than 3,500 crore rupees, was non-functional for over two years. NINL is a Joint Venture of six partners, namely, MMTC, NMDC, BHEL, MECON and two Odisha state enterprises, OMC and IPICOL.

**The Asian Development Bank** approved a \$96.3 million loan for safe drinking water and sanitation projects in Himachal Pradesh. The loan has been provided under the HP Rural Drinking Water Improvement and Livelihood Project.

## INDIA'S LARGEST FLOATING SOLAR PROJECT

Tata Power Solar Systems, a subsidiary of Tata Power, commissioned India's largest floating solar power project of 101.6 Megawatt Peak (MWp) capacity in Kerala backwaters. The solar plant has been installed on a 350-acre water body in Kayamkulam, Kerala. A power purchase agreement has been signed with a PSU client, wherein the entire power generated from this plant will be used by Kerala State Electricity Board.



# GOVT. INITIATIVES

AUGUST

## AQUA BAZAR APP TO PROMOTE FISH MARKET



Minister of Fisheries, Parshottam Rupala launched an online marketplace feature - 'Aqua Bazar' in the "Matsya Setu" mobile app on 18 August. It will assist fish farmers and stakeholders in locating inputs such as fish seed, feed, and medicines, as well as services required for fish culture. Farmers will also be able to list table-size fish for sale. It is a platform that connects various stakeholders in the aquaculture industry.

## NIDAAN TO TACKLE NARCOTICS OFFENDERS

A first-of-its kind database of arrested narcotics offenders has been made operational for use by various central and state prosecution agencies tasked to enforce anti-drugs laws in the country.

The portal--NIDAAN or the National Integrated Database on Arrested Narco-offenders--has been developed by the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB). NIDAAN is a one-stop solution for all narcotics offenders' related data and will help investigative agencies as an effective tool to connect all the links while probing narcotics cases.

## PAALAN 1000 FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT

The Central Government launched "Paalan 1000 - Journey of First 1000 Days for a Child" campaign and "Paalan 1000" parenting app on August 16 to promote early childhood development. The early childhood development that the baby undergoes during his first 1000 days defines how it grows, develops and learns in the coming years.

The campaign will focus on the cognitive developments of children in the first 2 years of their life. The campaign will also assist parents, families and caregivers to meet the basic needs of a child during its early developmental phases.

The Paalan 1000 app will offer practical advice and help parents and families to build a routine for the child that can help develop his cognitive abilities. The app will provide caregivers with practical advice on what they can do in their everyday routine to ensure the holistic development of the child.

## 1.5% SUBVENTION ON FARM LOANS

The Union Cabinet approved interest subvention of 1.5 per cent on Short Term Agriculture Loans upto Rs. 3 lakh to ensure adequate credit flow in the agriculture sector. The interest subvention will be provided for a period of two financial years, i.e. 2022-23 to 2024-25.

Under the existing scheme, short-term agriculture loan upto Rs 3 lakh is available to farmers engaged in agriculture and other allied activities including animal husbandry, dairying, poultry, fisheries etc. at the rate of 7 per cent per annum.

On this they are further eligible for additional 3 percent subvention (Prompt Repayment Incentive - PRI) for prompt and timely repayment of loans, thereby reducing the effective interest rate to 4 percent. After application of subvention of 1.5 percent, the effective rate will come down to 2.5 percent for those who make timely repayment.

## PMAY-U TO CONTINUE TILL DEC 2024

The Union Cabinet approved the continuation of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U) up to December 31, 2024. The continuation of the scheme will help in completion of already sanctioned 122.69 lakh houses.

PMAY-U is a flagship Mission of Government of India being implemented by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs. The mission was launched on June 25, 2015, to ensure a pucca house to all eligible urban households by the year 2022.

## CRF LAUNCHED FOR RATION CARDS

Government launched a 'Common Registration Facility' for ration cards on a trial basis for 11 states/UTs, including Assam, Goa, Lakshadweep, Maharashtra, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Punjab, Tripura, and Uttarakhand. This Web-based facility will allow these 11 States/UTs to collect data on people who want to register for NFSA inclusion, including migrants living in other states.

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## 'SMILE' TO DO AWAY WITH ACT OF BEGGING



Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment Dr. Virendra Kumar launched the project "SMILE: Support for Marginalised Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise" on August 12 in New Delhi.

The Initiative aims to make cities, towns and municipal areas begging-free and make a strategy for comprehensive rehabilitation of the persons engaged in the act of begging through the coordinated action of various stakeholders.

The project aims at developing a support mechanism for holistic rehabilitation of those who are engaged in the act of begging. It envisions building an India where no person is forced to beg in order to survive and fulfil his basic needs.

To ensure the success of the project SMILE, selected Municipal Corporations will also focus on rehabilitation, provision of medical facilities, counselling, awareness, education, skill development, economic linkages and convergence with other Government welfare programmes.

## 'SURE' TO PROMOTE LOCAL RESEARCH

The government launched the "State University Research Excellence" (SURE) scheme on August 03 to augment the research capabilities in state and private universities and colleges in a structured way to create a robust Research and Development ecosystem.

The scheme has been developed by the Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB), a statutory body of the Department of Science and Technology, to foster collaboration for high-end research at state and private universities and colleges.

*The new scheme will help bring the university system into mainstream research and enable the young faculty to participate in cutting-edge research. It would also support data-driven social science research to explore the latent potential that lies in our universities.*

*Since a large number of the state universities are in rural areas, grassroot level research by them would benefit the local industry and local farmers and focus on finding innovative solutions for local problems.*

## 11<sup>th</sup> AGRICULTURAL CENSUS LAUNCHED

The Eleventh Agricultural Census (2021-22) was launched in the country on July 28 by the Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar. Agriculture Census is conducted every 5 years. The field work of the agricultural census will start in August 2022. It is the main source of information on a variety of agricultural parameters at the micro level, such as the number and area of operational holdings, their size, class-wise distribution, land use, tenancy and cropping pattern, etc.

*This is the first time that data collection for agricultural census will be conducted on smartphones and tablets, so that final data is available in time.*

## JULY

## TIRANGA CAN BE HOISTED 'DAY AND NIGHT'

The central government amended the Flag Code of India on July 20 to allow the national flag to be flown during the day and night. Earlier, the tricolour could only be hoisted between sunrise and sunset.

This has been done to give further impetus to the centre's "Har Ghar Tiranga" campaign, under which all citizens have been urged to hoist the tricolour at their homes from August 13 to 15.

## MISSION SHAKTI SCHEME LAUNCHED

The Women and Child Development Ministry launched the Mission Shakti on July 14 for the safety, security and empowerment of women. It aims to realise the government's commitment to women-led development by making them equal partners in nation-building.

The key objectives of the mission are to provide care, support and assistance to women who are victims of crime and violence. It will put in place quality mechanisms for their rescue, protection and rehabilitation and facilitate easy access to various government services available for women.

Mission Shakti has two sub-schemes - Sambal and Samarthya. While the Sambal stresses on safety and security of women, the Samarthya focuses on the empowerment of women.

*The components of the Sambal sub-scheme consist of schemes including One Stop Centre, Women Helpline, Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao and Nari Adalats. The components of the Samarthya sub-scheme consist of schemes of Ujjwala, Swadhar Greh and Working Women Hostel.*





## 'NAMASTE' FOR SANITATION WORKERS



Government has formulated a "National Action Plan for Mechanised Sanitation Ecosystem"- NAMASTE scheme for cleaning of sewers and septic tanks. The scheme is a joint venture of the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.

It aims to achieve outcomes like zero fatalities in sanitation work in India. It will ensure that no sanitation workers come in direct contact with human faecal matter. It also envisages that all sewer and septic tank sanitation workers have access to alternative livelihoods.

## MISSION VATSALYA SCHEME LAUNCHED

The Women and Child Development Ministry issued fresh guidelines for the Mission Vatsalya Scheme (formerly known as Child Protection Services Scheme). The Mission aims to secure a healthy and happy childhood for each and every child in the country, focusing on children in distress. It also has the objective to ensure opportunities to enable them to discover their full potential and assist them in flourishing in all respects, in a sustained manner.

*The Mission will assist States and UTs in delivering the mandate of the Juvenile Justice Act, 2015 and achieve the SDG goals. Mission will promote family-based non-institutional care of children in difficult circumstances. Objectives of the Mission Vatsalya include, improve functioning of statutory bodies; strengthen service delivery structures; upscale institutional care and services; encourage non-institutional community-based care; emergency outreach services; training and capacity building.*

## AIRPORT CHECK-INS TO GO CONTACTLESS

Government plans to launch the 'DIGI YATRA' scheme to achieve contactless, seamless processing of passengers at Airports, based on Facial Recognition Technology. The project basically envisages that any traveller may pass through various checkpoints at the airport through a paperless and contactless processing, using facial features to establish the identity which would be linked to the boarding pass.

*In the first phase, Digi Yatra is proposed to be rolled out at two Airports - Varanasi and Bengaluru - in August this year. It will be rolled out at five Airports - Pune, Vijayawada, Kolkata, Delhi and Hyderabad - by March next year.*

## 'JAGRITI' TO PROTECT CONSUMER INTERESTS

The Department of Consumer Affairs under the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, launched "Jagruti", a mascot in the form of a young lady, for empowering consumers and generating awareness towards their rights.

She will be projected as an empowered consumer who is spreading awareness about consumer rights and addressing solutions to the problems faced by the consumers. Jariti mascot shall be shown along with tagline "Jago Grahak Jago" in all its media campaigns.

## AADHAAR TO HAVE FACE AUTHENTICATION

The UIDAI has launched a new mobile app named "AadhaarFaceRd" to perform face authentication through mobile app from anywhere and at any time. Now, Aadhaar holders no longer need to carry physical identification by using iris and fingerprint scans by physically visiting their local Aadhaar enrollment centre. Through this verification, an Aadhaar holder's real identity is validated and recorded in the databases of UIDAI which was captured at the time of Aadhaar enrolment.

# ECONOMY & INDUSTRY

AUGUST

## FOODGRAINS PRODUCTION TO CROSS 315 MT

The Agriculture Ministry released the fourth advance estimates of production of major agricultural crops for the year 2021-22 on August 17. The production is estimated at over 315 million tonnes (MT). It is 4.98 MT more than previous year and 25 MT more than the previous five years average production.

*Record production is estimated of rice, maize, gram, pulses, rapeseed and mustard, oilseeds and sugarcane. The total production of Rice during 2021-22 is estimated at a record around 131 MT, 13.85 MT higher than the last five years' average production. The production of Wheat is estimated at over 106 MT, 2.96 MT higher than the last five years' average.*



## RAILWAYS RUN LONGEST FREIGHT TRAIN



The Indian Railways tested its heaviest and longest freight train, Super Vasuki, on August 15. The train combined five rakes of regular trains to form a 3.5-km-long freight train with 295 loaded wagons carrying over 27,000 tonnes of coal. It ran from Korba in Chhattisgarh to Rajnandgaon in Nagpur. The train run by the South East Central Railway covered a distance of 267 km.

## FERTILISERS TO HAVE ONLY ONE BRAND

The Central Government has ordered the implementation of the 'One Nation, One Fertiliser' scheme. The new scheme is aimed at bringing about uniformity in naming of fertiliser brands across the country under the single brand name of 'Bharat'. The scheme mandates all manufacturers and businesses to sell fertiliser products under a single brand name of 'Bharat'.

## FRP FOR SUGARCANE HIKED TO RS. 305/QTL

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved the highest ever Fair and Remunerative Price (FRP) of sugarcane at Rs. 305 per quintal for sugar season 2022-23 (October - September). New FRP is 2.6 percent higher than the current sugar season 2021-22. FRP of sugarcane is fixed to ensure a guaranteed price to sugarcane growers. New FRP will benefit five crore sugarcane farmers and their dependents, as well as five lakh workers employed in the sugar mills and related ancillary activities.

## INDIA'S FIRST IIBX LAUNCHED IN GUJARAT

India's first international bullion exchange, the 'India International Bullion Exchange (IIBX)', was inaugurated on July 29 at the Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City) near Gandhinagar, Gujarat. IIBX will facilitate trading in physical gold and silver. It is expected to help establish India's position as a dominant trading hub in the world. IIBX is only the third such exchange in the world.

The exchange will bring transparency in the price-setting mechanism; provide standardisation to the financialisation of the bullion in India; and work as a standard-setting tool for the quality of the bullion. (Bullion refers to physical gold and silver of high purity, which is often stored as coins, biscuits, bars, bricks or ingots)

The exchange will be open only for jewellers with a net worth of Rs 25 crore and above to participate. So far about 60 qualified jewellers have signed up for IIBX and more are expected to on-board soon. In the initial stage, gold 1 kg with 995 purity and gold 100 grams with 999 purity will be traded with a settlement period of T+0. Further, the exchange is expected to extend the settlement period to T+2 days, where 'T' refers to the transaction date.

## NOW ACCESS SINGAPORE EX. FROM INDIA

The National Stock Exchange's (NSE) flagship index, the Nifty futures contracts on Singapore Exchange (SGX) was launched on July 29 for trading at the International Financial Service Centre (IFSC) in GIFT City near Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

Mainly FPIs and foreigners who traded in dollar-denominated SGX Nifty futures contracts at SGX, can now continue to do so on a lower tax scale, in India. Only foreign portfolio investors and other overseas investors will be permitted to trade in SGX Nifty.

## LIC TOP INDIAN IN FORTUNE 500 LIST

Nine Indian public and private companies have made it to the prestigious 2022 Fortune Global 500 list. Insurance giant LIC of India ranked 98th, highest by any Indian company, on the list with revenue worth \$97.3 billion. Reliance Industries Ltd. jumped 51 places, with a revenue of \$93.9, to be ranked at 104th position.

The list is topped by the U.S. retail behemoth Walmart Inc., for the ninth consecutive year, with revenue touching \$572.7 billion, followed by Amazon (\$469.8 bn) at second spot.

Fortune, a top business magazine of the USA, ranks companies by total revenues for their respective fiscal years ending on or before March 31, 2022.

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## 'PARLE' REMAINS POPULAR FMCG BRAND



Homegrown biscuit brand Parle remained the most chosen brand among fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG) segments in India in 2021, topping the rankings for the tenth year in a row. The rankings were released by Kantar India on July 28 in its annual Brand Footprint report. Amul, Britannia, and Clinic Plus are the other top brands on the list after Parle.

*The report ranked the most chosen FMCG brands of 2021 based on Consumer Reach Points (CRP's). CRP is measured based on the actual purchase made by consumers and the frequency at which these purchases are made in a calendar year.*

## JULY

### IMF SLASHES GDP GROWTH RATE TO 7.4%

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has lowered India's growth forecast for the current fiscal (2022-23) to 7.4 percent from 8.2 percent projected earlier. In its World Economic Outlook for July, the IMF said for India, the downward revision by 0.8 per cent reflects mainly less favourable external conditions and more rapid policy tightening.

### ADB LOWERS GDP GROWTH RATE TO 7.2%

Asian Development Bank (ADB) lowered the economic growth forecast for India for the current- 2022-23 year to 7.2% from its earlier estimate of 7.5% due to the impact of Covid and the Russia-Ukraine war on the economy.

*ADB in its supplement to the Asian Development Outlook (ADO) for 2022 mentioned that ".....India's GDP growth moderated to 4.1% in Q4 of the fiscal year ended March 2022 on disappointing growth in private consumption and a contraction in manufacturing."*

### JNP BECOMES FIRST 100% PPP PORT

Jawaharlal Nehru Port (JNP), Mumbai has become the first 100 per cent Landlord Major Port of India having all berths being operated on PPP (public-private partnership) model. Here public means government ownership. JNP is one of the leading container ports of the country and is ranked 26th among the top 100 global ports as per Lloyd's List Top 100 Ports 2021 Report.

## RAILWAY ACHIEVES BEST MONTHLY LOADING

Indian Railways achieved the best-ever monthly freight loading of over 125 million tonnes in June this year, recording a growth of 11.28 per cent over the same period in 2021. The growth was fuelled by incremental loading of over 13 million tonnes in Coal, followed by Cement and Food grains.

## BANKING & FINANCE

### AUGUST

### RBI ISSUES GUIDELINES ON DIGITAL LENDING

Based on the recommendations of the Working Group on 'digital lending including lending through online platforms and mobile apps', RBI released on August 10 detailed guidelines for the digital lending entities.

As per the guidelines, digital lending business can be carried out only by entities that are either regulated by the Reserve Bank or entities permitted to do so under any other law.

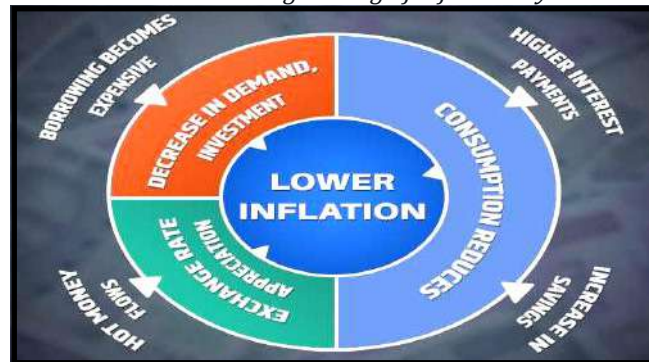
Further, digital loans must be credited directly to the bank accounts of borrowers and not through any third party. The processing fee, if any, should be borne by the digital lending entities and not the borrowers. Guidelines also prohibit automatic increase in credit limit without explicit consent of the borrower.

The guidelines covered issues related to unbridled engagement of third parties, mis-selling, breach of data privacy, unfair business conduct, charging of exorbitant interest rates, and unethical recovery practices.

### REPO RATE HIKED TO CURB INFLATION

With a view to restrain prevailing high inflation, the Reserve Bank of India increased the Repo Rate by 50 basis points to 5.40 percent on August 5. The Monetary Policy Committee unanimously decided to increase the Repo Rate. Accordingly, the Standing Deposit Facility Rate was adjusted to 5.15 percent from 4.65 percent. Marginal Standing Facility Rate and Bank Rate revised to 5.65 percent from 5.15 percent.

*The move will result in raising the cost of funds for banks, forcing them to hike interest rate on loans, leading to lower demand for loans; resulting in lower money supply in the market and causing cooling of inflationary trend.*



## DIGITAL PAYMENTS ARE SURGING



The Reserve Bank of India's digital payments index rose to 349.30 in March 2022, compared to 304.46 for September 2021, indicating digital payments are on the rise in the country led by Unified Payments Interface (UPI). The index stood at 270.59 in March 2021.

The index was developed by the RBI in March 2018 with a base level of 100 to assess the extent of digitisation of payments in the country.

## JULY

### FINANCIAL SERVICES INSTITUTIONS BUREAU

Government has decided to transform the Banks Board Bureau into Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB), as a single entity for making recommendations for appointments of whole time directors and non-executive chairman of public sector banks and financial institutions, including insurance companies.

FSIB will replace BBB as a professional body with autonomy in its affairs and shall have its own secretariat. Mr Bhanu Pratap Sharma has been designated as the first head of FSIB.

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has asked the Department of Financial Services to carry out necessary modifications in the Nationalised Banks (Management and Miscellaneous Provisions) Scheme of 1970/1980 for this purpose.

*The FSIB will advise the government on a suitable performance appraisal system for whole-time directors and non-executive chairmen of the state-run financial services institutions. It will also develop a code of conduct and ethics for whole-time directors. It will even help these state-run banks, FIs and insurers in developing business strategies and capital raising plans, etc.*

*These functions will be in addition to its role as head-hunter for top executives of public-sector banks, financial institutions and insurers.*



## ALL 63,000 PACS TO BE COMPUTERISED

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs CCEA has approved the computerization of Primary Agriculture Credit Societies - PACS in the country. The decision will enhance accuracy and transparency and lead to better service delivery. Roughly 63,000 functional PACS will be computerised with an overall budget outlay of 2516 crore rupees. The move is expected to benefit 13 crore farmers.

*The PACS constitute the lowest of the three-tier\* Short-term cooperative credit in the country comprising approximately 13 crore farmers as its members. PACS accounts for 41 per cent of the total KCC (Kisan Credit Card) loans and 95 per cent of these are to the Small and Marginal farmers.*

*\*The other two tiers, State Cooperative Banks and District Central Cooperative Banks have already been automated by the NABARD and brought on Common Banking Software.*

## SBI STARTS WHATSAPP BANKING

India's largest public sector lender, State Bank of India has launched its WhatsApp Banking services to make banking easier for its customers. Now, SBI customers can avail certain banking services using WhatsApp, which may come in handy for many as they do not have to download the app or go to the ATM anymore.



SBI customers can get their Account Balance and view Mini Statement on WhatsApp. SBI WhatsApp Banking services will be available to customers when they send a message saying 'Hi' on the number 919022690226.

## UBI ENTERS METAVERSE AND SANDBOX

The Union Bank of India launched the Metaverse Virtual Lounge and Open Banking Sandbox environment techno features for its customers. The UBI is the first Indian bank to launch this high-tech initiative in partnership with Tech Mahindra.

Uni-verse, the Metaverse Virtual Lounge of the Bank will deliver a unique experience of banking to the customers who can roam around the lounge, get information about bank deposits, loans, Government welfare schemes and digital initiatives etc. as if they are experiencing in the real world.

*Open Banking Sandbox will enable the bank to collaborate with Fintechs and start-up partners for developing and launching innovative banking products. Sandbox will allow the bank to operate in an Open Banking environment which will not only turn Third Party innovative ideas into reality but will also open the path for new avenues.*



## SBI TO SET UP OPERATIONS SUBSIDIARY

Country's largest lender, the State Bank of India received in-principle approval from the Reserve Bank of India for setting up its proposed "operations support subsidiary" aimed at reducing the cost-to-income ratio. The subsidiary would focus on providing support services mainly for agriculture, micro, small and medium enterprises, other micro loans, data entry operations, activities that can be undertaken as allowed for Business Correspondents, among others. It will handle routine jobs with more technology and some people. Core functions such as the loan sanctioning process will remain within the bank as they cannot be outsourced, as per RBI directions.

## DEFENCE, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

AUGUST

### NAVY GETS ITS SECOND AIRCRAFT CARRIER

In a milestone event, the Cochin Shipyard handed over India's first indigenously built aircraft carrier Vikrant, to the Indian Navy on July 28. It has been designed by the Navy's in-house Directorate of Naval Design. It was formally commissioned on September 02.

*The 262-meter-long carrier has a full displacement of close to 45,000 tonnes. It has been built at an overall cost of Rs 20,000 crore. It is named after India's first aircraft carrier, the INS Vikrant, which was decommissioned in 1997 after 36 years of glorious service to the Navy.*

### VERTICAL LAUNCH MISSILE TESTED

DRDO and the Indian Navy successfully flight tested indigenously designed and developed Vertical Launch Short Range Surface to Air Missile (VL-SRSAM) on August 23 at the Integrated Test Range at Chandipur, off the coast of Odisha.

The flight test was carried out from an Indian Naval ship against a high-speed unmanned aerial target for demonstration of vertical launch capability.



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### INDIA'S FIRST INDOOR SHOOTING RANGE

India's first Composite Indoor Shooting Range was inaugurated on August 18 at INS Karna. It is the first in the Navy and the only military unit in the country to develop and operationalize an indoor shooting range. The shooting range is equipped with advanced target systems with associated control software to help commandos improve their firing skills. INS Karna is the training base for the elite Marine Commandos (MARCOS) at the Indian Navy's Eastern Command base in Visakhapatnam.

### NAVY GETS MH-60 R HELICOPTERS

The Indian Navy received the first lot of two MH-60 R (Romeo) multirole helicopters from the United States at Cochin International Airport on July 28. The delivery of all 24 MH 60R helicopters will be completed by 2025. The MH-60R is the most advanced marine multi-mission helicopter currently in use. Built by Lockheed Martin Corp. of USA, it is an all-weather helicopter designed to support multiple missions with state-of-the-art avionics and sensors.

*The helicopters will improve Indian Navy's capability to perform anti-surface and anti-submarine warfare missions along with the ability to perform secondary missions, including vertical replenishment, search and rescue, and communications relay. The deal for 24 helicopters is valued at Rs. 15, 000 crore, approximately.*

### TATA DELIVERS ARMoured VEHICLES

Tata Advanced Systems delivered the first lot of the indigenously developed Quick Reaction Fighting Vehicles (QRFVs) to the Indian Army. These armoured vehicles would provide "protected mobility" to soldiers in various terrain and when exposed to chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear threats.

Later, Tata will also provide 24x7 support to maintain the vehicles at the deployment locations.

## INDIA TO REPAIR US NAVY SHIP



Adding a new dimension to the maturing Indo-US strategic partnership, for the first time, a US Navy Ship (USNS) Charles Drew arrived at L&T's Shipyard at Kattupalli, Chennai on August 07 for undertaking necessary repairs and allied services.

The event signifies the capabilities of Indian shipyards in the global ship repairing market. Indian shipyards offer wide ranging and cost-effective ship repair and maintenance services, using advanced maritime technology platforms.

## NAVY'S WOMEN OFFICERS CREATE HISTORY

Indian Navy's women officers created history after they completed the first-ever all-women independent maritime reconnaissance and surveillance mission in the North Arabian Sea onboard a Dornier 228 aircraft. The mission was carried out by five officers of the Indian Navy Air Squadron (INAS) 314 based at Naval Air Enclave at Gujarat's Porbandar.

## ARMY TESTS SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS

The Indian Army tested the operational readiness of its satellite-based systems deployed across the country. The entire range of the army's satellite communication assets were activated from July 25 to July 29 during the exercise codenamed Skylight. It aimed at validating and showcasing the army's communication capabilities, in case terrestrial connectivity is disrupted in future conflicts.

*The Indian army uses links with several Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) satellites and hundreds of communication terminals of different types are connected to them, including static, vehicle-mounted and man-portable terminals.*

**Exercise Pitch Black 2022:** India participated in a three-week-long 17 nation military exercise held in the Northern Territory of Australia. Named "Pitch Black 2022", the exercise was held from August 19 to Sep. 8. Over 100 aircraft and 2,500 military personnel took part in the drill. Participants included the USA, UK, France, Germany, Australia and several others.

**A Maritime Partnership Exercise (MPX)** was held by the Navies of India and Australia from August 15 to 20 in the Indian Ocean near Perth, Australia. During the exercise, the two forces conducted cross-deck helicopter landing and tactical manoeuvres.

**Ex Udarshakti:** A contingent of the Indian Air Force took part in its first ever bilateral exercise with the Royal Malaysian Air Force. The four-day exercise named Udarshakti started on August 13 at Kuantan air base of Malaysia.

**Ex Vajra Prahar 2022:** The 13th edition of the Indo-US Joint Special Forces exercise was held at the Special Forces Training School at Bakloh, distt Chamba, Himachal Pradesh. Starting on August 8, the 21 days exercise concluded on 29th August.

**Ex VINBAX 2022:** The 3rd Edition of Vietnam-India Bilateral Army Exercise was held at Chandimandir army cantonment, Haryana from August 01 to 20. The theme of Ex VINBAX - 2022 was employment and deployment of an Engineer Company and a Medical Team as part of United Nations Contingent for Peacekeeping Operations.

**Exercise AL NAJAH -IV:** The joint military exercise between contingents of Indian Army and the Royal Army of Oman was held from August 01 to 13 at the Mahajan Field Firing Range in Bikaner, Rajasthan. The exercise focused on Counter Terrorism Operations, Regional Security Operations and Peace Keeping Operations under United Nations charter.

**A Maritime Partnership Exercise (MPX)** was conducted between Japan Maritime Self Defence Force and Indian Navy on July 23 in the Andaman Sea. The exercise aimed at enhancing interoperability and streamlining seamanship and communication procedures.





### FIRST HYDROGEN FUEL CELL BUS LAUNCHED



India's first indigenously developed Hydrogen Fuel Cell Bus was launched on 21st August. The Bus has been developed by the international mobility expert KPIT and CSIR in Pune. Unlike the traditional heavy vehicles like buses and trucks, the Hydrogen Fuel Cell Bus uses Hydrogen and Air to produce electricity to power itself. Unlike traditional electrical vehicles, these buses need no charging, saving a lot of time and can run for much longer range, so far hydrogen is available. Water is the only effluent they produce, making them the most environment friendly vehicles.

### INDIA'S FIRST SSA OBSERVATORY

Uttarakhand government has signed an agreement with Digantara, a space sector start-up of India, to set-up India's first commercial "Space Situational Awareness Observatory" in the Garhwal region of the state. It will be able to track objects as small as 10 cm in size, orbiting the earth.

It will assist in tracking any activity in space including that of space debris and military satellites hovering over the region.

The observatory will also help in avoiding great losses since there is an increasing need for efficient collision avoidance systems in highly congested orbital regions like low earth orbit and geosynchronous earth orbit.

### FIRST 3D-PRINTED CORNEA DEVELOPED

A team of scientists and researchers in Hyderabad developed India's first 3D-printed Cornea. It was transplanted successfully into a rabbit's eye. The initial results produced during the animal testing have proven that the 3D printed Artificial Cornea is optically and physically suitable for transplantation.

However, it will have to undergo further clinical testing and development to make them suitable for use in human patients.

This indigenous product could offer an alternative solution to corneal blindness. It has been developed by researchers from L V Prasad Eye Institute, Hyderabad, IIT Hyderabad and the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology, Hyderabad.

### SALINE WATER TO POWER LED LANTERN

India's first Saline Water Lantern which uses the sea water to power the specially designed LED lamps, was unveiled at Chennai harbour on August 13. Named 'Roshni', this unique application of technology uses the sea water as the electrolyte between specially designed electrodes to power the LED lamps. The Lantern will bring "Ease of Living" to the fishing community living along the 7500 Kilometres long coastal line of India.

This technology can also be used in the hinterland, where sea water is not available, as any saline water or normal water mixed with the common salt can be used to power the lantern, which is not only cost-effective, but very easy to operate.

### SPARK-3D VIRTUAL SPACE TECH PARK

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) launched a 3D virtual space tech park called SPARK on August 10. The platform hosts several documents, images, and videos related to ISRO launch vehicles, satellites, and scientific missions.

SPARK is ISRO's first-ever 3D virtual space tech park which includes a museum, a theatre, an observatory, a garden with life-sized rockets, a lakeside cafe area and a children's play area along with several other interactions. The visitors also get access to the documents about all the top scientists who contributed to success story of ISRO.

### FIRST HYDROGEN RUN TRAIN STARTS

German officials have confirmed the launch of the world's first-ever hydrogen-powered passenger train fleet. It will replace 15 diesel trains, which were previously being operated on tracks that lacked electric supply in Lower Saxony, Germany. The fleet comprises 14 trains, which use fuel cells to generate power, making it the cleanest-greenest train fleet ever.

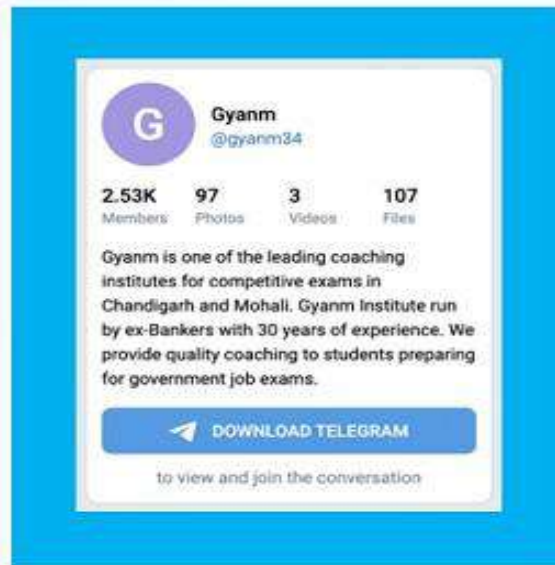
The trains manufactured by French company Alstom are being operated by regional rail company LNVG. Named Coradia iLint, these trains have a running range of up to 1,000 kilometres and a maximum speed of up to 140 kmph. By using hydrogen produced with renewable energy, the trains will save 1.6 million litres of diesel fuel every year.





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## RUSSIA TO EXIT INT'NAL SPACE STATION



Russia has decided to quit the International Space Station (ISS) after 2024. Moscow's space agency Roscosmos's newly-appointed chief Yuri Borisov announced the decision to quit.

The announcement comes as tensions rage between Russia and USA over Russia's military operation in Ukraine and several rounds of unprecedented sanctions against Russia. Russia plans to put together its own orbital station before 2024.

*Russia and the United States have worked side by side on the space station which has been in orbit since 1998. The ISS is the largest modular space station currently in low Earth orbit.*

*It is a multinational collaborative project involving five participating space agencies: NASA (United States), Roscosmos (Russia), JAXA (Japan), ESA (Europe), and CSA (Canada). The station has been continuously inhabited for nearly 22 years.*

## JULY

### INDIA'S FIRST HUMAN CARRYING DRONE

India's first human carrying platform — a pilot-less drone made its debut on July 19 in New Delhi in the presence of the Prime Minister. This 'Varuna' drone has been designed and developed by a startup and has the capacity to carry one person inside.

This drone has been made specifically for the use by the Indian Navy. 30 such drones have already been delivered to the Navy. It has a range of 25 kms with a payload of 130 kgs; and around 25-33 mts of flight time.

### HEAT ABHYAS TESTED BY DRDO

The DRDO alongwith Indian Army successfully flight-tested on June 30 the indigenously developed High-speed Expendable Aerial Target (HEAT) named Abhyas, from the Integrated Test Range (ITR) in Chandipur off the Odisha coast. Abhyas can simulate a variety of aircrafts for anti-aircraft warfare practices and testing of surface-to-air missile (SAM) systems. It can fly at a speed of 180 meter per second and cover 5 km altitude.

**THE SUBMARINE, INS SINDHUDHVAJ** bid adieu to the Indian Navy on July 16, after serving for a glorious period of 35 years. It was part of ten Sindhughosh Kilo-class diesel-electric submarines that were commissioned in the Indian Navy from 1986 to 2000. They were all built by Russian firm Sevmash in Severodvinsk city in Northwest Russia.

### FRIGATE DUNAGIRI LAUNCHED FOR TESTING

The fourth and latest ship of the Indian Navy's 17A Frigates, the Dunagiri, was launched on July 15 into the Hooghly River at the yard of Kolkata's Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited.

The ship will be formally commissioned into the Indian navy after completion of rigorous testing of various systems of the ship.

### NAVAL AIR SQUADRON 324 FORMED

The Indian Navy commissioned Indian Naval Air Squadron 324 at INS Dega, Visakhapatnam, on July 04. The squadron has been formed with indigenously designed and built Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) MK III (MR) helicopters. The squadron has been named as 'Kestrels', after a bird species that has good sensory capabilities, symbolising the role envisaged of the aircraft and the air squadron.

### AUTONOMOUS UAV TESTED BY DRDO

The DRDO successfully carried out the maiden flight of India's first UAV (unmanned aerial vehicle) fighter aircraft, the "Autonomous Flying Wing Technology Demonstrator" on July 01 from Aeronautical Test Range at Chitradurga in Karnataka. The aircraft was powered by a small turbofan engine.

This flight marks a major milestone in terms of proving critical technologies towards the development of future unmanned aircraft. The programme is linked to the development of India's fifth-generation stealth fighter advanced medium combat aircraft.

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## RIM OF THE PACIFIC (RIMPAC) EXERCISE



Indian multi-role stealth frigate INS Satpura and a P-8I long-range maritime patrol aircraft took part in the Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) exercise held at Pearl Harbour in Hawaii.

Led by the US Navy, 27 countries are participating in the current edition of the multidimensional exercise, starting from June 29 to August 4. It is the world's largest naval wargames including the four 'Quad' countries and the nations around the South China Sea. 25,000 personnel including ground troops, along with 38 warships, four submarines and 170 aircrafts took part in the exercise.

## ISRO LAUNCHED SINGAPOREAN SATELLITES

Indian Space Research Organisation, successfully launched three Singaporean satellites on June 30 from the spaceport at Sriharikota. The commercial launch was performed using the workhorse rocket PSLV-C53. With this, the recently formed commercial arm of the Department of Space known as the New Space India Limited has successfully completed two launches, the first being the launch of the GSAT-24 communication satellite onboard the Ariane-V rocket from French Guiana, for Tata Play, on June 23.

## INDIA'S FIRST 3D PRINTED ROCKET ENGINE

Indian space tech startup Agnikul Cosmos launched on July 13 India's first rocket factory to make 3D-printed engines end-to-end. Based out of the IIT Madras, Agnikul is the first company to have designed a semi-cryo rocket that could be built as a single of 3D-printed hardware.

Agnikul had test-fired a fully 3D-printed rocket engine, Agnilet in early 2021. The startup is currently building the country's first private small satellite rocket, Agnibaan, with a capacity to carry up to 100 kg of payload to low Earth orbits up to 700 km.

*A rocket engine has thousands of parts that have to be independently made, verified, qualified and finally welded together. Agnikul team uses 3D printing technology to push the engine as a single component. There are no assemblies, no conventional process of integration. It comes out of the printer as a fully made rocket engine.*

## FIRST IMAGE FROM JAMES WEBB TELESCOPE

NASA released one of the first images of the early universe taken from the James Webb Space Telescope, on July 12. It is the deepest and sharpest infrared image of the universe till date going back 13 billion years. Known as Webb's First Deep Field, the image shows a galaxy cluster named SMACS 0723.

It is overflowing with detail, as it revealed thousands of galaxies, including the faintest objects ever observed in the infrared. It contains the light from galaxies that has taken many billions of years to reach us.

*The James Webb Space Telescope, the most powerful satellite based infrared telescope till date, was launched on December 25, 2021 beginning a one-million-mile journey. It has been developed by NASA in partnership with ESA (European Space Agency) and CSA (Canadian Space Agency).*

## NASA LAUNCHED CAPSTONE CUBESAT

On June 29, NASA launched CAPSTONE, a microwave oven-sized CubeSat weighing just 55 pounds (25 kg). CAPSTONE, short for "Cislunar Autonomous Positioning System Technology Operations and Navigation Experiment", is designed to test the elliptical lunar orbit. CAPSTONE aims to help reduce risk for future spacecrafts by validating innovative navigation technologies, and by verifying the dynamics of the halo-shaped orbit. The satellite was launched onboard an Electron rocket of the US firm Rocket Lab, from Mahia, New Zealand.

# INTERNATIONAL NEWS

## AUGUST

## BANGLADESH: WOMEN OUTNUMBER MEN

For the first time in the history of Bangladesh, women outnumber men in its total population. The preliminary result of the 6th population census of Bangladesh recorded 8.33 crore women, 8.17 crore men, and 12,629 hijras in the total population.

Releasing the summary data of the 6th Population and Housing Census 2022 conducted last month, the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics (BBS) revealed that the total population of the country increased from 14.4 crore in 2011 to 16.51 crore in 2022.





## CLEAN ENVIRONMENT IS A HUMAN RIGHT



The UN General Assembly adopted a resolution on July 28 that declares access to a “Clean, healthy and sustainable environment” a universal human right. The decision is expected to be a catalyst for Climate Action and help States accelerate the implementation of their environmental and human rights obligations and commitments.

*The resolution comes at a time when the world is facing the triple planetary crisis of climate change, nature and biodiversity loss, and pollution and waste. Left unchecked, the new resolution said, these problems could have disastrous consequences for people around the world, especially the poor, and women and girls. This resolution sends a message that nobody can take nature, clean air and water, or a stable climate away from us – at least, not without a fight.*

## WHO DECLARES MONKEYPOX AS PHEIC

On July 23, the WHO Director-General declared the escalating global monkeypox outbreak as a “Public Health Emergency of International Concern”.

The rare designation means the WHO now views the outbreak as a significant enough threat to global health that a coordinated international response is needed. More than 16,000 cases of monkeypox have been reported across more than 70 countries so far this year. Europe is the current epicentre of the outbreak.

*Monkeypox is in the same virus family as smallpox, though it causes milder disease. The virus causes rashes that can spread over the body. The rashes, which look like pimples or blisters, can be very painful.*

*In contrast to Covid-19, monkeypox is not a new virus. Scientists first discovered monkeypox in 1958 in captive monkeys used for research in Denmark, and confirmed the first case of a human infected with the virus in 1970 in the nation of Zaire, now called the Democratic Republic of the Congo.*

**JULY**

## JAPAN'S PASSPORT IS THE MOST POWERFUL

The Henley Passport Index released the list of the World's Most Powerful Passports 2022 on July 20. It ranks the world's 199 passports according to the number of visa free access allowed on a particular passport.

*Japan's passport is the most powerful in the world, followed by Singapore and South Korea. The holder of a Japanese passport can get visa-free access to 193 countries. India has slipped from 85<sup>th</sup> place to the 87<sup>th</sup> with visa-free access to only 60 countries. Afghanistan is ranked at the bottom with visa-free access to just 27 countries.*

## WICKREMESINGHE: PRESIDENT OF SRI LANKA

Ranil Wickremesinghe, the six-time Sri Lanka Prime Minister and leader of the main opposition party, United National Party was elected as the new Sri Lankan President on July 20. He secured 134 votes in the 225-member house, while his main rival, ruling party lawmaker Dulas Alahapperuma, got only 82 votes.

*Earlier, he was sworn in as the interim President of Sri Lanka on July 15, following the resignation of then president Rajapaksa Gotabaya. The 73-year-old Wickremesinghe surpassed the other two candidates in the race comfortably as he received indirect support from the party of outgoing president Gotabaya.*

## FIRST I2U2 SUMMIT HELD VIRTUALLY

The first virtual summit of the four-nation grouping 'I2U2' (India-Israel; USA-UAE) was hosted by the US President Joe Biden on July 14, during his visit to Israel.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually joined the US President, Israeli PM Yair Lapid and UAE President Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan.

The summit focussed on the food security crisis and clean energy. The leaders discussed innovative ways to ensure longer-term, more diversified food production and food delivery systems that can better manage global food shocks. They agreed on increasing the joint investment in 6 important areas of water, energy, transport, space, health & food security.

UAE agreed to invest \$ 2 billion to develop food parks in India with expertise from the US and Israel to maximise crop yields to support food security in South Asia and the Middle East.

*The I2U2 Grouping was conceptualised during the meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the four countries held on 18<sup>th</sup> October last year. It intends to mobilise private sector capital and expertise to help modernise the infrastructure, low carbon development pathways for the industries, improve public health and promote the development of critical emerging and green technologies.*



## SWEDEN AND FINLAND MOVE TOWARDS NATO



Sweden and Finland signed the Accession Protocols at the NATO Headquarters in Brussels on July 5.

The development is significant coming in the backdrop of the Ukraine conflict as Russia strongly opposes the eastward expansion of NATO and Finland shares a 1340 km long border with Western Russia. This means that NATO forces will pose a serious threat to Russia on the 1340 km long border.

*NATO stands for North Atlantic Treaty Organisation. The 30-member NATO group seeks to promote collective security among its members. The NATO charter states that an armed attack against any of its members is considered an attack against all of them.*

## CIVIL UPRISING IN SRI LANKA

The cash-starved island nation witnessed a tumultuous day on July 9 when thousands of protesters stormed President Gotabaya Rajapaksa's official residence in central Colombo's high-security Fort area after breaking the barricades. Protesters did not spare Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe despite his offer to resign and set on fire his private residence in an affluent neighbourhood in the capital.

*Gotabaya resigned on July 13 and fled to the Maldives, on his way to Singapore. Wickremesinghe was declared as the interim president till the formal installation of a new president. He declared a state of emergency in the country.*

*Lanka is suffering rampant inflation and is struggling to import food, fuel and medicine as it faces its worst economic crisis in 70 years. The country has also run out of foreign currency and has had to impose a ban on sales of petrol and diesel for private vehicles. All this happened due to alleged financial mismanagement of the government led by the Rajpaksa family, leading to unprecedented widespread civilian protests.*

## UN OCEAN CONFERENCE HELD IN LISBON

Governments of Kenya and Portugal, co-hosted the 2022 UN Ocean Conference from 27 June to 1 July in Lisbon, Portugal. The overall theme of the Conference was: "Scaling up ocean action based on science and innovation for the implementation of Goal 14: stocktaking, partnerships and solutions."

More than 6,000 participants, including 24 Heads of State and over 2,000 representatives of civil society attended the Conference, advocating for urgent and concrete actions to tackle the ocean crisis.

Among the challenges the Ocean faces are coastal erosion, rising sea levels, warmer and more acidic waters, marine pollution, overexploitation of fish stocks and decrease of marine biodiversity.

*Acknowledging that climate change is "one of the greatest challenges of our time", leaders stressed the need to address the cumulative impacts of a warming planet, on the ocean, including ecosystem degradation and extinction of species.*

## LONDON RANKED BEST CITY FOR STUDENTS

Quacquarelli Symonds (QS), London released the list of Best Student Cities for 2023 on June 30. London continues its top rank since 2018 for students looking to study abroad.

Munich and Seoul share the second position this year, followed by Zurich in the fourth spot. Four Indian cities also feature on the list. With an overall score of 48.5, Mumbai is placed in the 103<sup>rd</sup> spot. Bangalore followed it at 114<sup>th</sup>, Chennai in 125<sup>th</sup> and Delhi at 129<sup>th</sup> positions.

*The rankings are based on six key categories: University Rankings, Student Mix, Desirability, Employer Activity, Affordability, and Student Voice. All the indicators are given equal weightage when calculating the overall scores. The list covered around 140 cities this year.*

## VIENNA RANKED AS "MOST LIVEABLE CITY"

The Global Liveability Index 2022 released by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU), London has ranked 173 cities around the world, based on a range of criteria, including the availability of green space, infrastructure, crime rates, political stability, and health care. Most of the top 10 world's most liveable cities continue to be in Western Europe.

*Vienna (Austria) was placed at first spot, followed by Copenhagen (Denmark) in second place and Zurich (Switzerland) in third place. The National capital of India New Delhi was ranked at 112<sup>th</sup> position while the country's financial capital Mumbai was ranked at 117<sup>th</sup> position. At the bottom of the index were cities such as Damascus, Lagos, Tripoli, Karachi.*

## PERSONS IN NEWS

### AUGUST

**Roshni Nadar Malhotra:** As per the Kotak Private Banking-Hurun's Leading Wealthy Women list released on July 27, the chairperson of HCL Technologies, has been crowned as the wealthiest woman in India with a fortune of ₹84.3 crore in 2021.

Falguni Nayar (founder and CEO of Nykaa) ranked second with a net worth of ₹57.5 crore, followed by Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw (founder and CEO of Biocon) at 3<sup>rd</sup> place, with a net worth of ₹29 cr.



## JULY

**Jagdeep Dhankhar:** Current West Bengal Governor has been announced as the Vice Presidential candidate by the BJP led NDA. Dhankhar hails from Jhunjhunu, Rajasthan and has been elected as MP and MLA earlier. He had been practising as an advocate before joining politics. Since July 2019, he has been serving as the Governor of West Bengal. He resigned as Governor before filing nomination for the Vice Presidentship. The voting for electing the vice president is done only by the members of the Parliament, and not by state MLAs.

**Gautam Adani:** According to Forbes' Real-Time Billionaires List as of July 21, Adani Group chief became the world's 4<sup>th</sup> richest person with a net worth of \$116.4 billion, surpassing Microsoft cofounder Bill Gates. As per Forbes data, Adani's fortune surged by over 3 billion, thanks to sharp run-up in Adani Group stocks. Adani Group's interests span infrastructure, commodities, power generation and transmission and real estate.

Mukesh Ambani, with a fortune of \$ 90.1 billion, was placed at 10<sup>th</sup> spot. Elon Musk continues to be at number one with \$235.8 billion net worth, followed by Bernard Arnault of Louis Vuitton and Amazon's Jeff Bezos at second and third place, respectively.

**Boris Johnson:** British prime minister announced his resignation on July 7 as Conservative Party leader. The scandal-hit leader was left isolated as more than 40 ministers and aides, including three cabinet members, quit the government in the last 2-3 days demanding his resignation. 58-year Johnson said he will continue to serve as Prime Minister of the UK until the Conservative Party chooses his successor.



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## APPOINTMENTS

### AUGUST

**Dr Krishnamurthy Subramanian:** A former Chief Economic Advisor to the government of India, has been appointed to the post of Executive Director (India) at the International Monetary Fund by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet.

**Dr. Samir V Kamat:** Distinguished materials scientist was appointed Secretary of the Department of Defence Research and Development and Chairman of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO). He will serve till he attains the age of 60 years.

**Justice Uday Umesh Lalit:** Appointed as the 49th Chief Justice of India (CJI). He will be taking over from incumbent CJI N V Ramana, wef August 27, 2022.

**Vikram Doraiswami:** Senior diplomat has been appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to the United Kingdom. He is the current High Commissioner of India to Bangladesh.

**Rajesh Verma:** Odisha cadre IAS officer has been appointed as the Secretary to President Droupadi Murmu, by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet.

**Dr Kalaiselvi N:** Appointed as the first woman Director-General of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), New Delhi, India's top organisation in scientific research.

As the Director-General of CSIR, she will lead the network of 38 top laboratories across India and nearly 4,500 scientists for a period of two years. She is an electrochemical scientist with specialisation in lithium-ion batteries.

**Suresh N. Patel:** Sworn in as the Central Vigilance Commissioner on August 03. He is chief of the Central Vigilance Commission. He was already working as the acting CVC since June, 2021.

**William Ruto:** Won the Presidential election in Kenya, though with a narrow margin of 1.64% votes. He has been the Vice President of the country for last 10 years.

**Gustavo Petro:** A former member of Colombia's M-19 guerrilla group, was sworn in as the President of Colombia. He won Presidential election in June, 2022.

### JULY

**Eknath Shinde:** Elected as the new Chief Minister of Maharashtra on June 30 after Uddhav Thakrey submitted his resignation on June 29.

**Samant Kumar Goel:** Re-appointed as the Chief of the Research and Analysis Wing (RAW), foreign intelligence agency of India, for another year from June 24.

**Dinkar Gupta:** Former Punjab DGP was appointed as the new Chief of National Investigation Agency-NIA.

**Nitin Gupta:** Senior Indian Revenue Service (IRS) officer has been appointed as the new Chairman of Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT).

**Indermit Gill:** The World Bank has appointed an Indian national as its Chief Economist and Senior Vice President for Development Economics, from September 1, 2022. Mr Gill is currently Vice President for Equitable Growth, Finance, and Institutions.

**Dinesh Gunawardena:** Took the oath as Sri Lanka's new Prime Minister on July 22. He has been appointed by the newly elected President Ranil Wickremesinghe.

**Yair Lapid:** Elected as the 14<sup>th</sup> Prime Minister of Israel. Lapid's term could be the short one as the general elections in Israel are scheduled to take place on November 1, 2022.

**Ferdinand Marcos Jr:** Sworn in as the 17<sup>th</sup> President of the Philippines in Manila on June 30. He succeeded the outgoing President Rodrigo Duterte.

**T Raja Kumar:** A senior Indian origin diplomat from Singapore took over as President of Financial Action Task Force (FATF), Paris, the world's anti-terrorism financing agency.

## AWARDS & HONOURS

### AUGUST

**Shashi Tharoor:** The French government has selected senior Congress leader for conferring France's highest civilian award Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur upon him for his writings and speeches.



**The University of Hyderabad** has been ranked first among Indian Universities in the latest Nature Index 2022 ranking. It has been ranked 16<sup>th</sup> among all institutions in the academic sector. The Nature Index is an indicator of high quality research in the Natural and Physical Sciences.

**UNESCO Peace Prize:** Formally known as "Félix Houphouët-Boigny-UNESCO Peace Prize", conferred upon former German Chancellor Angela Merkel for her "courageous decision in 2015 to welcome more than 1.2 million refugees, notably from Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan and Eritrea".

The prize includes a gold medal and a cheque of \$150,000 along with a peace diploma.

### Sini Shetty crowned Femina Miss India



Sini Shetty from Karnataka was crowned Femina Miss India 2022 winner on July 03 at the Jio Convention Centre in Mumbai. The 21-year old Sini has done graduation and is a trained Bharatanatyam Dancer. Besides Sini, Rubal Shekhawat from Rajasthan was selected as Femina Miss India 2022 1st runner up and Shinata Chauhan from Uttar Pradesh as 2nd Runner up, Femina Miss India 2022.

*Femina Miss India Beauty Contest run by the The Times media group, is India's national beauty contest to select the contestants for representing India at various international beauty pageants. Femina is a leading popular women's magazine in India.*

### 68th National Film Awards

The 68th National Film Awards were announced by the Information and Broadcasting Ministry on July 22. Noted film producer Vipul Shah was the chairperson of the ten member jury. Mr Anurag Thakur is the current minister for Information and Broadcasting Ministry. The prestigious National Film Awards were established in 1954 and are administered by the Government of India's Directorate of Film Festivals.

Some of the main awards are as under:

**Overall Best Feature Film:** Soorai Potru, (Tamil) by Sudha Kongara (*Soorai Potru means Praise the Brave*)

**Best Hindi Film:** Toolsidas Junior by Mridul Mahendra

**Best Director:** Sachy for Ayyappanum Koshiyum (Malayalam)

**Best Popular Film:** Tanhaji (Hindi) by Om Raut

**Best Actor:** Suriya for Soorai Potru and Ajay Devgn for Tanhaji

**Best Actress:** Aparna Balamurali for Soorai Potru

**Most Film Friendly State:** Madhya Pradesh

**Pallavi Singh:** The beauty queen from Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh won the Mrs Universe Divine Title at the finals held at Yeosu City, South Korea. The contest saw participation from 110 countries. Earlier, she won the title of Mrs India held in Jaipur in 2020. She then won the title of Mrs Indo-Asia Universe in the Asia-level competition held in Delhi in October 2021.



## BOOKS & AUTHORS

### AUGUST

**Love on the Brain** by Ali Hazelwood  
**Bibi: My Story** Autobiography of Benjamin Netanyahu, former prime minister of Israel  
**75 Years of Indian Economy** by Sanjaya Baru  
**The Light We Carry** by Michelle Obama  
**Dangerous Earth** by Ellen Prager  
**The Dolphin and the Shark** by Namita Thapar  
**Do Different: The Untold Dhoni** by Joy Bhattacharjya and Amit Sinha  
**Putin: His Life and Times** by Philip Short, noted journalist  
**Mika in Real Life** by Emiko Jean  
**How to Kill Your Family** by Bella Mackie  
**The Last White Man** by Mohsin Hamid  
**Acceptance** by Emi Nietfeld  
**Kismet** by Amina Akhtar

### JULY

**Honey & Spice** by Bolu Babalola  
**The It Girl** by Ruth Ware  
**The Bodyguard** by Katherine Center  
**Fellowship Point** by Alice Elliott Dark  
**Death by Bubble Tea** by Jeniffer J Chow  
**Below Zero** by Ali Hazelwood  
**Very thin font** by Oswald light  
**In Her Boots** by K J Dell'Antonia

## OBITUARY

### AUGUST

**Rakesh Jhunjhunwala:** Veteran stock market investor, popular as the "Big Bull of Dalal Street", passed away on August 14 in Mumbai. He was 62. Known as India's Warren Buffett, his wealth was pegged at 5.8 billion dollars. His latest business venture, Akasa Air - India's newest budget carrier, began commercial operations this month with a maiden flight from Mumbai to Ahmedabad.



### JULY

**Bhupinder Singh:** Veteran ghazal singer passed away in Mumbai on July 18. 82-year old Singh sang scores of Bollywood numbers in his heavy bass voice. He is remembered for his memorable songs like Dil Dhoondhta Hai; Do Diwane Shehar Mein; Naam Gum Jayega; and many more.

**Pallonji Mistry:** Head of the Shapoorji Pallonji Group, died on June 28 at the age of 93 at his residence in Mumbai. Mistry was the largest individual shareholder in the Tata Group with a 18.4 percent holding in the conglomerate. He received the Padma Bhushan in 2016 for his contribution in the field of industry and trade.

The Mumbai-based 156-year-old Shapoorji Pallonji Group now operates in the construction business in Africa, India, the Middle East and South Asia. It has constructed some of Mumbai's iconic buildings such as the Reserve Bank of India building, the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) building, Brabourne Stadium, iconic Taj Hotel, among others.

**Shinzo Abe:** Former prime minister of Japan, was shot dead on July 8 at around 11.30 am in the city of Nara in western Japan while he was delivering a speech. He served as prime minister of Japan and President of the Liberal Democratic Party from 2006 to 2007 and again from 2012 to 2020, becoming the longest-serving prime minister in Japan's history.

He was shot by 41-year-old Yamagami Tetsuya, who was arrested from the spot. Abe, 67, stepped down from the position of prime minister in 2020 due to ill health. He was one of the key supporters of strong India-Japan ties and took several initiatives for promoting many mega projects in India.

## PLACES IN NEWS

### AUGUST

**Aurangabad:** City in Maharashtra has become the first in the country to witness the official release of the Environmental Insights Explorer (EIE) data from Google. EIE helps cities measure the carbon emission sources, conduct analysis and identify strategies to reduce emissions that help counter air pollution.

**Padang:** Singapore government declared the iconic green site Padang, as its 75th national monument on August 09. Padang is the largest open field site in Singapore, from where Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose gave the slogan of 'Delhi Chalo' in July 1943.

**Burhanpur:** This district of Madhya Pradesh became the first district in the country where all people from each of 254 villages have access to safe drinking water through taps.



At the time of the launch of Jal Jeevan Mission on 15th August 2019, only 36.54 percent of over one lakh households in Burhanpur had potable drinking water through tap connections. In addition to the households, all 640 schools, 547 Anganwadi centers and 440 other public institutions now also have tap connections.

**Varanasi:** The holy city known for showcasing India's culture and traditions over the ages, will be declared the first "Cultural and Tourism Capital" of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation.

Varanasi will become the "Cultural and Tourism Capital" of the SCO for 2022-23 under a new rotating initiative by the eight-member organisation to promote people-to-people contacts and tourism among the member states.

**California Fires:** A rapidly growing wildfire in California (USA) near Yosemite National Park, more than tripled in size since July 22, burning more than 15,600 acres by July 24. The blaze, called the Oak Fire, threatened thousands of structures and forced the evacuations of 3,800 residents. The California Fire Department reported that a large number of vast wildfires in nearby areas have burnt forest in over 35,000 acres.

*Wildfires are increasing in size and intensity in the Western United States, and wildfire seasons are growing longer. Recent research has suggested that heat and dryness associated with global warming are major reasons for the increase in bigger and stronger fires.*

**Greece and Turkey:** The two countries are presently being ravaged by hundreds of blazes reducing once green forests to ashes. Both are suffering a second consecutive summer of wildfires this year. The flames, estimated to have been fuelled by a southern European heatwave fed by hot air from North Africa, have destroyed farms, homes and forests leaving people in need of dire relief assistance.

**Neeraj Chopra**, Tokyo Olympics gold medallist, won the javelin throw competition on August 26 at the Lausanne Diamond League in Switzerland with a best throw of 89.08 metre. Neeraj became the first Indian to clinch the prestigious Diamond League Meet title.

**Linthoi Chanambam**, 15 year old girl from Manipur, claimed a historic gold on August 26 in the 57 kg category at the World Cadet Judo Championship in Sarajevo, capital of Bosnia and Herzegovina, becoming the first from the country to win a medal in the tournament across any age group.

**R Praggananandhaa**, Indian chess master, defeated world champion Magnus Carlsen on August 22 in the last round of the FTX Crypto Cup in Miami, USA. However, despite the win, the 17-year-old Grand Master bagged the second position since Carlsen was two points ahead, based on the score of previous games. Thus, Magnus Carlsen was declared the winner.

**Para shuttlers** Mandeep Kaur, Manisha Ramadass and Nithya Sre, all three won individual gold in their respective categories on August 20 at the Thailand Para Badminton International Tournament in Pattaya. Pramod Bhagat and Sukant Kadam clinched the Gold in men's doubles event.

**Antim Panghal**, 17-year-old Haryana wrestler scripted history on August 19 by becoming the first ever Indian woman wrestler to win a Gold medal in 53 kg category at Under-20 World Wrestling Championship, held in Sofia, Bulgaria. Antim belongs to Haryana's Bhagana village in the Hisar district.

Sonam Malik and Priyanka won silver medals in 62 kg and 65 kg respectively.

**Para athlete** javelin thrower Sumit Antil and discus thrower Yogesh Kathuniya created new World Records on August 19 at the 4th Indian Open National Para-Athletics Championships 2022 in Bengaluru.

**V Pranav**, the 16 year old chess prodigy from Chennai became India's 75th Grand Master on August 07 by winning the Limpede Open in Baia Mare, Romania.



**Pooja Ojha, the para-canoeing athlete** made history on August 05 by winning India's first ever medal in canoeing at the 2022 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships in Dartmouth, Canada. Pooja won the silver medal in VL1 Women's 200m final with a timing of 1:34.18 minutes.



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**Suraj Vashishth**, 16 year old wrestler from Rohtak, Haryana created history on July 27 by becoming the first ever Indian to win Gold in the Greco-Roman U-17 World Wrestling Championship in Rome, Italy.

### India secures 22 gold in C'wealth Games

The 22nd edition of the Commonwealth Games kicked off with a glitzy opening ceremony on July 28 at the Alexander Stadium in Birmingham, UK. Prince Charles declares open 22nd Commonwealth Games in Birmingham. PV Sindhu and Manpreet Singh were India's flag-bearers at the parade of the opening ceremony. A 215-member Indian contingent, competed in 15 sporting events.

More than 5,000 athletes from 72 nations and territories competed for 280 medals. The event concluded on 8th of August. Australia topped the final standings with 178 medals including 67 gold, 57 silver, 54 bronze.

India finished fourth in the medals tally with 61 medals comprising 22 gold, 16 silver and 23 bronze. Following are the 22 gold winners of India:

1. PV Sindhu - Badminton Women's Singles
2. Lakshya Sen - Badminton Men's Singles
3. Nikhat Zareen - Boxing Women's Light Flyweight
4. Vinesh Phogat - Wrestling Women's Freestyle 53kg
5. Ravi Kumar Dahiya - Wrestling Men's Freestyle 57kg
6. Naveen - Wrestling Men's Freestyle 74kg
7. Sharath Kamal - Table Tennis men's singles
8. Nitu Ghanghas - Boxing Minimumweight
9. Amit Panghal - Boxing Flyweight
10. Bajrang Punia - Wrestling Men's Freestyle 65kg
11. Sakshi Malik - Wrestling Women's Freestyle 62kg
12. Deepak Punia - Wrestling Men's Freestyle 86kg
13. Mirabai Chanu - Weightlifting Women's 49kg
14. Jeremy Lalrinnunga - Weightlifting Men's 67kg

15. Achinta Sheuli - Weightlifting Men's 73kg
16. Lovely Choubey, Pinki, Nayanmoni Saikia, Rupa Rani Tirkey - Lawn Bowls Women's Fours
17. Sharath Kamal, Sathiyar Gnanasekaran, Harmeet Desai, Sanil Shetty - Table Tennis Men's Team
18. Sudhir - Para Powerlifting Men's Heavyweight
19. Bhavina Patel - Table Tennis Women's Singles Classes 3-5
20. Eldhose Paul - Men's Triple Jump
21. Sharath Kamal, Sreeja Akula - Table Tennis Mixed Team
22. Satwik Sairaj Rankireddi and Chirag Shetty - Badminton men's doubles

### Uzbekistan, Ukraine win Chess Olympiad

The 44th FIDE Chess Olympiad hosted by Chennai, concluded on August 9. The Uzbekistan team won the gold medal in the open section while Armenia and India-2 team won the silver and bronze, respectively.

In the women's section, Ukraine won the gold, Georgia the silver, while the top seed India-1 had to remain content with the bronze. It was for the first time that the Chess Olympiad was held in India, the place where the game began.

**SAFF U20 Football Championship:** India trounced Bangladesh 5-2 in the finals played at Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

**SAFF:** South Asian Football Federation.

**Durand Cup:** The 131st edition of Asia's oldest football tournament, started on August 16 in Kolkata. For the first time ever, Durand Cup will be held in multiple cities-format across the host states of West Bengal, Assam and Manipur. 20 teams participated in the tournament. The final match will be played in the Salt Lake stadium in Kolkata on September 18.

**AIFF - All India Football Federation** declared National captain Sunil Chhetri as AIFF Men's Footballer of the Year, 2021-22 for the seventh time while Manisha Kalyan was picked for her maiden title as the AIFF Women's Footballer of the Year. Manisha, an aggressive midfielder, plays for India's national team and also for international clubs.





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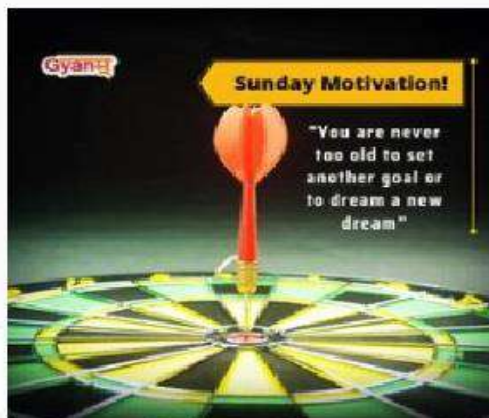
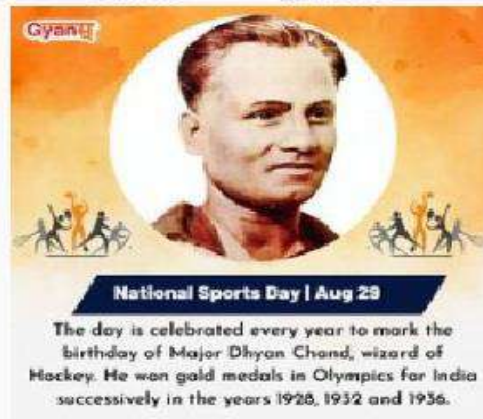
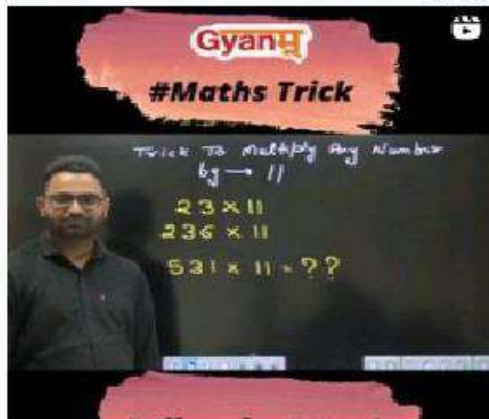
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**Viswanathan Anand**, Indian chess legend was elected as the Deputy President of FIDE, the world governing body of Chess, on August 07. India's first ever Grandmaster, he has won five world titles with the last being the world rapid title in 2017. The incumbent president Arkady Dvorkovich (Russia) was re-elected for a second term.



### INTERNATIONAL

**Oleksandr Usyk**, 35 year old former world heavyweight boxing champion from Ukraine beat the current world champion, Britain's Anthony Joshua in a rematch held in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia on August 21 to retain his WBA, WBO, IBF and IBO world heavyweight boxing belts.

**Max Verstappen** from Team Red Bull won the Hungarian Grand Prix on July 31, securing his 8th victory in 2022.

**Kieron Pollard**, former West Indies captain became the first cricketer on August 8 to play 600 matches in T20 cricket. The 35 year old allrounder achieved this landmark during his side's London Spirit's match against Manchester Originals in London.

**Serena Williams**, American tennis legend, announced her retirement from professional tennis, after playing the forthcoming US Open, starting on August 29. 41 year old Serena has won 23 Grand Slam singles titles, the most by any player in the open era. She had been ranked world number one by the Women's Tennis Association (WTA) for 319 weeks, consecutively.

**FIDE** - The International Chess Federation, has announced that the 2026 Chess Olympiad shall be hosted by Uzbekistan.

**Sultan Azlan Shah Cup 2022**: The prestigious Hockey tournament will be held from November 16 to 25 this year in Ipoh, Malaysia.

**Organisers of the Paris Olympics 2024** unveiled "Games Wide Open" as the official slogan for the upcoming games. This is the 33rd edition of the Olympics, scheduled to take place from 26 July to 11 August 2024.

**Neeraj Chopra**, Tokyo Olympic gold medallist, created history by becoming first Indian to win a Silver medal on July 24 in men's javelin throw event at World Athletics Championships.

In the prestigious competition held at Eugene in Oregon, USA, the champ grabbed second position with his best throw of 88.13 metres, 55 cm more than his Olympic throw of 87.58 meters. Anderson Peters from Grenada won the gold with a throw of 90.54 metres.

**PV Sindhu**, ace Indian shuttler clinched Women's Single title of Singapore Open on July 16. The two-time Olympic medalist defeated Wang Zhi Yi of China, to claim her maiden title in Singapore Open and third title this year after registering wins in Korea Open and Swiss Open.

**Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa** won the Paracin Open 'A' chess tournament 2022 on July 16 in Serbia.

**Grandmaster Aravindh Chithambaram** emerged winner in the 41<sup>st</sup> Villa De Benasque International Chess Open in Spain, on July 16.

**Harshada Garud**, just 18 years old, clinched the gold with an aggregate lift of 157kg (69kg+88kg), in the women's 45kg category on July 18 at the Asian Youth and Junior Weightlifting Championship in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

**Alfiya Pathan and Gitika**, India's champion girl boxers won gold medals at the inaugural edition of the Elorda Boxing Cup in Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan. Two other girls, Kalaivani Srinivasan and Jamuna Boro won silver medals.

The 33-member Indian contingent concluded its campaign with an overall tally of 14 medals, including 2 gold, 2 silver and 10 bronze medals.

**Neeraj Chopra**, Olympic champion javelin thrower clinched his first-ever Silver medal at the prestigious Diamond League meet in Stockholm, Sweden as he broke his own national record of 89.30m by securing a throw of 89.94 m.

**Bhagwani Devi**, a 94-year-old sprinter from India, won the gold medal in the 100 m sprint at the World Masters Athletics Championships held in Tampere, Finland, with a timing of 24.74 seconds.

**Ronaldo Singh**, the 20 year old Cycling Champion from Manipur scripted history on June 22 by becoming first Indian to win Silver in the sprint event at the Asian Cycling Championships 2022, held in New Delhi.

**Mohammed Shami** created a new record by becoming the fastest Indian bowler to take 150 ODI wickets. He achieved the feat on July 12 during his 80<sup>th</sup> ODI, playing against England at Kennington Oval, London.

**Indian skipper Rohit Sharma** scripted a new world record by becoming the first captain in the history of cricket to win 14 successive T20 Internationals. He achieved the feat after India beat England by 49 runs in the T20I in Birmingham, England on July 9.

#### **India tops at ISSF World Cup, Changwon**

- Arjun Babuta won his first gold medal in 10m Air Rifle on July 11 at the ISSF World Cup stage at Changwon in South Korea.
- The duo of Mehuli Ghosh and Shahu Tushar Mane bagged the gold medal in the 10m Air Rifle Mixed Team event.
- Arjun, Shahu and Paarth Makhija bagged the country's third gold medal, winning the men's 10m air rifle team event.
- Aishwary Tomar won gold medal in the Men's 50m Rifle 3 Positions (3P) event.
- Two-time Olympian Mairaj Ahmad Khan created history by becoming the first Indian shooter to win the gold medal in the men's skeet event.

India finished at the top of the medal tally with five golds, six silver and four bronze medals.

**The 44<sup>th</sup> Chess Olympiad** started in Chennai on July 28. It will continue till August 10. The prestigious competition, which has been organised since 1927, is being hosted in India for the first time and after 30 years in Asia.

**The international Cricket Council (ICC)** announced that India will host the 2025 ICC Women's ODI World Cup.

#### **Gujarat to host 36<sup>th</sup> National Games**

Gujarat has been declared as the host for the 36<sup>th</sup> National Games which will be held from September 27 to October 10 for the first time ever. Due to a number of factors, including the coronavirus pandemic since 2020, the prestigious event is being hosted after a seven-year hiatus; the previous one was in Kerala in 2015.

### **INTERNATIONAL**

**Tour de France:** Jonas Vingegaard (of Denmark) claimed his maiden title on July 24 after finishing the race at the Champs Elysees, Paris. The 3,328km cross country marathon with over 21 stages, started on July 01 and Jonas completed it in 79 hrs, 33 min and 20 sec. The Tour de France is one of the hardest sporting events in the world.

**Charles Leclerc** from Monaco won the Austrian Grand Prix for the team Ferrari on July 10 at Spielberg, Austria.

**Ferrari driver Carlos Sainz** (of Spain) won his maiden Formula One British Grand Prix 2022 on July 3 at Silverstone circuit in Northamptonshire, England.

**Novak Djokovic** became the first tennis player to win 80 matches at each of the four Grand Slam tennis tournaments with a 1<sup>st</sup> round win at Wimbledon in London, UK.



#### **Curtains down for Wimbledon**

The only Grand Slam to be played on grass court, completed its 135<sup>th</sup> edition on July 10 at London. The oldest tennis tournament, Wimbledon traditions include a strict all-white dress code for competitors.

**Men's Singles title:** Won by Serbian star Novak Djokovic after beating Australia's Nick Kyrgios

**Women's Singles title:** Won by Elena Rybakina of Kazakhstan by defeating Ons Jabeur of Tunisia.

**The World Athletics Championships** began on July 15 in Eugene in the state of Oregon, USA. The tournament concluded on 24<sup>th</sup> of July. This year was the 18<sup>th</sup> edition of the Championship and the USA is hosting the most prestigious event for the first time. The 10-day grand sporting event hosted over 2,000 athletes representing more than 200 nations. USA topped the medal tally with 33 medals, including 13 gold medals.

**Malaysia Open Badminton Tournament 2022** concluded on July 3 at the Axiata Arena, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Viktor Axelsen (Denmark) won the men's singles title while Ratchanok Intanon (Thailand) won the women's singles title.

**Ben Stokes**, England all-rounder and captain of the test team, announced retirement from ODI (One Day International) Cricket on July 18, 2022.

**Eoin Morgan**, England's 2019 ICC World Cup Winning Captain, announced his retirement on June 28 from international cricket. The 35-year-old Morgan captained England Men's team to their first-ever ICC World Cup victory at Lord's in 2019.

With 17 sixes against Afghanistan at the 2019 Cricket World Cup, he also holds the record for the most 6s in an ODI innings ever

**The 2028 Summer Olympics** and Paralympic Games will be hosted in July, 2028 in Los Angeles, United States. The city has previously hosted the Olympics in 1984 and 1932.

**The Olympic Council** of Asia announced on July 19 that China will host the postponed 19<sup>th</sup> edition of the Asian Games in September 2023 in Hangzhou.

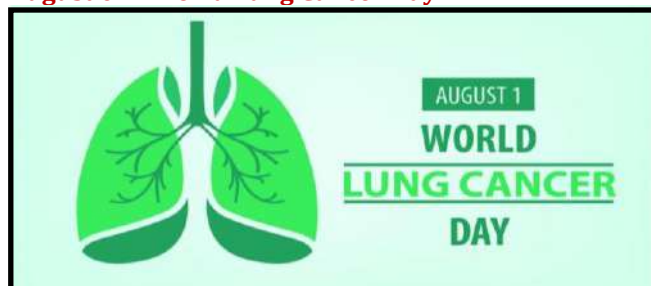
**The World Athletics Council** during its meeting in Oregon, United States on July 14, decided to award hosting rights for the 2025 World Athletics Championships to Tokyo, the capital city of Japan.



# DAYS & DATES

## AUGUST

### August 01: World Lung Cancer Day



Observed to raise awareness about the causes and treatment of lung cancer and highlight the issues of lack of sufficient research funding for the ailment. It aims to inform people about the leading causes of lung cancer, such as, smoking, air pollution and exposure to asbestos, arsenic, uranium, etc.

The day was first observed in 2012 by the Forum of International Respiratory Societies, the International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer (IASLC), and the American College of Chest Physicians.

This year, the theme for the Day is “close the care gap”, which aims at recognising the barriers faced by cancer patients and providing them ease of care that they require.

### August 01: Muslim Women's Rights Day

Supported by the union ministry of minority affairs, it is observed across the country to celebrate the enactment of the law against Triple Talaq on this day in 2019. The law made the social malpractice of Triple Talaq a criminal offence. The legislation, which outlaws instant triple talaq, sets forth three years jail for violations and also makes the violator liable to pay a fine.

### August 6: Hiroshima Day

The day highlights the horrific effects of nuclear wars, pays respect to those who got killed, discourages nuclear proliferation and promotes world peace. In 1945, the United States detonated two nuclear bombs, nick named “Little Boy” and “Fat Man” over the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki on August 6 and 9, respectively, killing lakhs of people instantly and paralysing several lakhs for times to come.

Japan surrendered two weeks later, ending World War II, though at a terrible cost. These are the only two nuclear bombs ever to have been used till date.

### August 7: National Handloom Day

Celebrated to honour the handloom weavers in the country and to highlight their outstanding skills and craftsmanship. Supported by the union Textiles Ministry, the day aims to generate awareness about the handloom industry among the public and its contribution to socio-economic development.

On this day in 1905, the Swadeshi Movement was launched from Town Hall in Kolkata to promote indigenous craftsmen and to protest partition of Bengal announced by then Viceroy Lord Curzon. On this occasion, artisans and weavers are honoured with ‘Sant Kabir’ awards for excellence in handicrafts and handloom products.

### August 8: August Kranti Diwas

On this date in 1942, Mahatma Gandhi gave a clarion call of “Do or Die” at the Bombay session of the All-India Congress Committee to end the British rule and launched the Quit India Movement against Britishers. It was a civil disobedience movement. The day is regarded as one of the most important milestones in the history of the freedom struggle of our country.

### August 9: International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples

Also called the World Tribal Day, it is observed every year with UN support to promote and protect the rights of the world's indigenous population and acknowledge their achievements and contributions. The date recognizes the first meeting of the United Nations Working Group on Indigenous Populations held in Geneva on this date in 1982.

The day is aimed at promoting and protecting the rights of the world's indigenous population. The theme for 2022 is “The Role of Indigenous Women in the Preservation and Transmission of Traditional Knowledge”. There are more than 476 million indigenous people spread across 90 countries, accounting for 6.2 percent of the global population.

### August 10: National Deworming Day

This day is observed twice every year, on August 10 and on February 10. The event is organised by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare through the National Health Mission across the country to tackle worm infections, targeting more than 11 crore children in the age group of 1 to 19 years. The children are orally administered anti worm tablets Albendazole, free of cost.

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### August 10: World Lion Day



This day is observed to raise awareness about lions and to mobilise support for their protection and conservation. Lion is known as the "King of beasts" or "King of the jungle". They are the second largest cats in the world after tigers. In 2020, the population of Asiatic lions increased by almost 29% to 674 in Gujarat's Gir forests. Lions are designated as a vulnerable species on the Red List of Threatened Species by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

### August 10: World Biofuel Day

Observed every year to create awareness about the importance of non-fossil fuels as an alternative to conventional fossil fuels. Three major types of Biofuels are -- Ethanol, Biodiesel and Biogas.

On this day in 1893, Sir Rudolph Diesel, inventor of the diesel engine, for the first time successfully ran a mechanical engine with Peanut Oil, marking the beginning of biofuels.

In India, the Day is observed by the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas since 2015.

### August 12: World Elephant Day

The day focuses on bringing the world together to help elephants and also inform people and organisations about the threat that elephants face. The day is dedicated to the preservation and protection of elephants. Although elephants are loved all around the world, yet they are also on the verge of extinction due to their illegal poaching for their tusks (ivory). The African elephant weighs over 9,900 kg, making it the planet's largest land animal.

*In the IUCN Red List of threatened species, African elephants are listed Vulnerable and Asian elephants as Endangered. Currently, Botswana has the largest number of elephants, over 1,34,000 and India has an elephant population of over 28,000. Among states, Karnataka has the largest number of Elephants, followed by Assam.*

### August 12: International Youth Day

Observed across the world to recognize the role of young people in bringing about change and to raise awareness regarding the problems and challenges faced by them. It is an occasion to highlight the efforts put in by the youth for the betterment of the society.

In 1999, the United Nations General Assembly endorsed the recommendation made by the World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth that 12th August be declared International Youth Day. The theme of this year is - Intergenerational solidarity: creating a world for all ages.

*The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports confers the National Youth Awards on this occasion on individuals aged between 15 to 29 years and organisations for excellent work and contribution in different fields of social service.*

*Remember!! India celebrates National Youth Day on January 12.*

### August (12): World Sanskrit Day

This day is observed annually on the Poornima of the Shravana (Sawan) month, as per the Hindu calendar. Sanskrit is one of the earliest written languages in the world. It was used to compose the Vedas and other Hindu religious texts. Many Indian languages have their roots in Sanskrit. It is also one of the most computer-friendly languages.

### August 13: World Organ Donation Day

This day strives to motivate people to donate their healthy and precious organs after death to save other lives. Organ donation refers to retrieving a donor's organs like heart, liver, kidneys, eyes, intestines, lungs, pancreas, etc. after his death and then transplanting into another person who is in need of an organ.

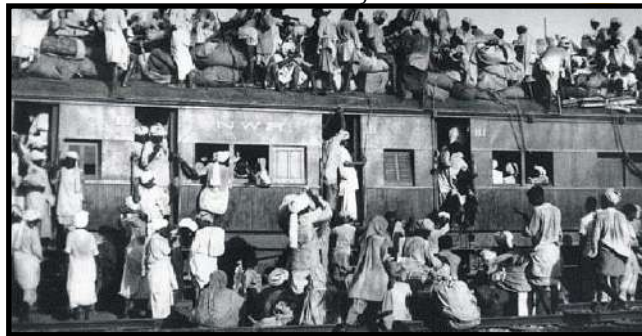
*There is a large number of people who die due to organ failure. As per the National Health Portal, around 500,000 people die every year due to non-availability of required organs. This Day attempts to eliminate the myths and fears people have in their mind about organ donation.*

*India has its own National Organ Donation Day that is observed on November 27 each year.*

### August 14: "Partition Horrors Remembrance Day"

The Government of India on August 15, 2021 declared August 14 to be observed as Partition Horrors Remembrance Day (विभाजन विभीषिका स्मृति दिवस), to remind the present and future generations of Indians of the pain and suffering faced by the people of India during the partition.

*Pakistan was carved out as a separate country after the Partition in 1947 on August 14-15. The partition caused one of the largest migrations in human history, affecting about 20 million people. Millions of families from both the countries had to abandon their ancestral villages/towns/cities and were forced to find a new life as refugees. Lakhs of them lost their lives in the communal violence that followed.*





### August 19: World Humanitarian Day



Observed across the world with UN support to pay tribute to workers who risk their lives in humanitarian services and to gather support for people affected by crises around the world. This is a day to say 'thank you' to those humanitarian workers who gave their lives or were injured while providing life-saving support and protection to people in need.

The celebrations are supported by the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs - OCHA, a part of the UN Secretariat. This year's theme for the Day is "It Takes A Village" (*to support a person*). It highlights how aid workers come together in a collective endeavour to fulfil critical needs."

### August 19: World Photography Day

The day is dedicated to the art, craft, science and history of photography. It aims to inspire photographers across the planet to share their photos with a simple purpose of sharing their world with the world. The day encourages enthusiasts to express their feelings, emotions, and social thinking through their photography skills.

A photograph has the power to capture a place or an area, an experience, an emotion, a flash in time. That is why it is said that "a picture is worth a thousand words".

### August 20: Sadbhavna Diwas (Harmony day)

Observed across India to promote national integration and communal harmony among people of all religions and languages. It commemorates the birthday of Shri Rajiv Gandhi who served as Prime Minister from 1984 - 89. Becoming the Prime Minister of India at the age of 40, he was the youngest incumbent of this office. He was a very ardent advocate of communal harmony, peace, and national integrity in India and was known as a goodwill ambassador to the world.

### August 20: Akshay Urja Diwas

The day is devoted to raising awareness about the developments of renewable energy in India.

It has been observed since 2004, supported by the Ministry for New & Renewable Energy. Renewable energy is the energy that is generated from renewable resources, which are naturally replenished on a regular basis, such as water, sunlight, wind, tides, waves, and geothermal heat.

Interestingly, India is the only country in the entire world to have a separate ministry for the development of renewable energy resources. Currently it is headed by Sh. Raj Kumar Singh.

### August 20: World Mosquito Day

Observed annually to raise awareness about the causes of malaria and how it can be prevented. The day commemorates the discovery made by British doctor Sir Ronald Ross in 1897 that female mosquitoes transmit malaria between humans. He received the Nobel Prize for Medicine in 1902.

According to the National Health Portal of India, Aedes, Anopheles, and Culex mosquitoes act as vectors (living organisms that can transmit infectious diseases among humans or from animals to humans) and spread many diseases.

### August 21: World Senior Citizens Day

Supported by the UNO, it is observed to raise awareness about the condition of older people and to support them throughout the ageing process. It is an occasion to remind the society of its commitment to work for the welfare of older people of all ages and to help them end hunger and poverty.

It's a day to remember and celebrate the elderly persons and thank them for their contributions to enhance their inclusiveness in the society.

### August 26: Women's Equality Day

Observed every year to celebrate the passage of the 19th Amendment in the United States of America in 1878 that provided voting rights to women. The Day celebrates the achievements of women's rights activists and reminds us of the unique daily struggles that women face across the globe.

**Remember!!** International Women's Day is celebrated on March 8.

### August 29: National Sports Day

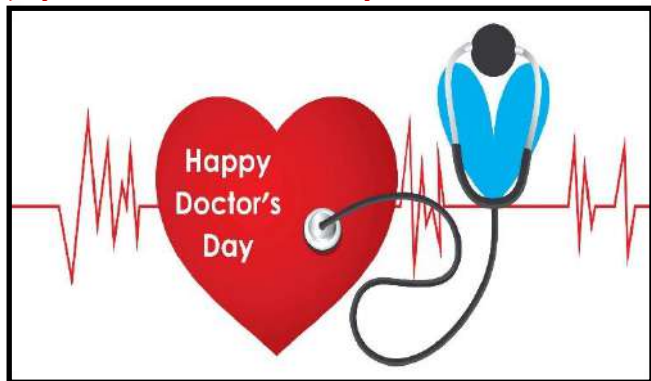
The day is celebrated every year to mark the birthday of Major Dhyan Chand, wizard of Hockey. He won gold medals in Olympics for India successively in the years 1928, 1932 and 1936. On this day, the National Sports Awards are announced by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports.

He is the only Hockey player to be honoured with Padma Bhushan (1956). In 2021, the highest national sports award, Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award, was renamed in his honour as the "Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award".

### August 29: International Day against Nuclear Tests

Supported by the UNO, the Day raises public awareness and education about the ill effects of global nuclear weapon tests. The day aims to end nuclear testing and tends to promote peace and security.

The history of nuclear testing began on July 16, 1945, when an atomic bomb was tested by the USA at a desert test site in Alamogordo, New Mexico, USA.

**July 01: National Doctor's Day**

This day is celebrated to thank the doctors and physicians for their relentless service to humanity. The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted their role and the sacrifices and contributions made by them all over the world.

This day gives a perfect opportunity to salute their work. The theme for the Day for the year 2022 is 'Family Doctors on the Front Line'. It highlights the contribution of the doctors for their service and dedication to humanity.

*The day also marks the birthday (July 01, 1882) of renowned Physician and former Chief Minister of West Bengal, Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy (Bharat Ratna). Incidentally, he died on the same date in 1962, aged 80 years.*

**July 01: Chartered Accountants Day**

The Day is celebrated to commemorate the founding of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) on this day in 1949 by an Act of the Parliament. ICAI is the second largest accounting body in the world, after the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). Notably, ICAI is the only licensing and regulatory body for the financial audit and accounting profession in the country. Its headquarters are in New Delhi.

**July 1: National Postal Worker Day**

This day is celebrated to the recognition of postal workers across the world as a unique way to say 'thanks' to the postmen and all delivery personnel, as online shopping has become a lifeline for many of us. During the pandemic, postal workers also emerged as frontline workers who even risked their lives to work tirelessly to ensure connectivity and communication by delivering mail and packages at every doorstep.

**July 2: World Sports Journalists Day**

It is observed globally every year to acknowledge the work of sports journalists and to encourage them to do better at their work. They are a vital link between sports persons and their fans. Because of their hard work, we are able to enjoy various sports events sitting

in our homes. The day was established in 1994 to mark the 70th anniversary of the International Sports Press Association, based in Lausanne, Switzerland.

**July (2): The International Day of Cooperatives**

Celebrated across the world every year on the first Saturday of July, to increase awareness about cooperatives and to promote ideas of international solidarity, economic efficiency, equality and world peace. This year it is the 100th edition of International Day of Cooperatives. The theme for 2022 is "Cooperatives Build a Better World".

*A cooperative is defined as a business setup that is owned and operated by all those who work for it and share the profit/loss. In India, a separate Ministry of Cooperation has been set up at the Centre to promote cooperatives. It is headed by Sh. Amit Shah.*

**July 6: World Zoonoses Day**

Celebrated every year to raise awareness for the risk of zoonotic diseases. Zoonoses are infectious diseases (virus, bacteria, fungi and parasites) that can spread from animals to humans, and vice versa, either with direct contact with animals or indirectly, vector-borne or food-borne.

It was on this day in 1885, when Louis Pasteur, renowned French microbiologist and chemist successfully administered the first vaccine against Rabies virus, which is a zoonotic disease.

**July 10: National Fish Farmers' Day**

The Day is celebrated with support from the Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying in association with the National Fisheries Development Board to honour fishermen, aqua preneurs in appreciation of their achievements in the field of fisheries. It was on this day in 1957 that Dr. Hiralal Chaudhury and Dr. Alikunhi achieved the successful induced breeding of major carps at Angul in Odisha for the first time in the country.

At present, the Union Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying is headed by union minister Sh. Parshottam Rupala.





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### July 11: World Population Day



Supported by the UNO, the day seeks to bring attention to the urgency and importance of population related issues around the world. The day aims to highlight the difficulties created by overpopulation and raise awareness about how overpopulation may harm the ecosystem and progress of humanity.

According to the United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA), the theme for this year is "A world of 8 billion: Towards a resilient future for all – Harnessing opportunities and ensuring rights and choices for all".

According to the UNO, in 2011, the global population reached the 7 billion mark, it stands at almost 7.9 billion in 2021, and it's expected to grow to around 8.5 billion in 2030, 9.7 billion in 2050.

### July 12: World Malala Day

Designated by the United Nations, this day commemorates the birthday of the young Pakistani human rights activist, Malala Yousafzai, who became the youngest Nobel Prize laureate in October 2014, at the young age of 17 years. The day aims to honour the young woman who has been a prominent activist for female education since her early teens.

She founded the Malala Fund, a non-profit organisation in 2013 along with her father to ensure free, safe, quality school education for girls around the world.

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### July 14: Shark Awareness Day

Celebrated worldwide to promote awareness about the need to conserve Shark fish. The worldwide demand for shark-fin soup, shark-tooth medallions, and a false sense of security on beaches everywhere, all combine to leave sharks persecuted and endangered, with millions of them being killed each year. Overfishing is the biggest threat. An estimated 100 million sharks are killed each year, mostly to meet demand for an expensive Chinese dish called shark fin soup.

*Sharks are the most popular predator fish found in deep and shallow waters throughout the world's oceans. They come in a wide variety of shapes and sizes. Most sharks eat smaller fish and invertebrates, but some of the larger species prey on other sea animals. Sharks do not have bones—they are made up of cartilage. They are called Elasmobranchs, which translates into fish made of cartilaginous tissues.*

### July 15: World Youth Skills Day

Observed with the support of UNESCO to achieve better socio-economic conditions for today's youth by providing them with appropriate skills as a means to meet the challenges of unemployment.

The day celebrates the strategic importance of equipping young people with skills for employment, decent work, and entrepreneurship. The theme for the day this year is "Transforming youth skills for the future".

### July 17: World Day for International Justice

Observed all around the world to promote international criminal justice and as a way of supporting the work of the ICC - International Criminal Court based at the Hague, Netherlands. It is also known as International Criminal Justice Day or International Justice Day.

The day marks the anniversary of the adoption of the Rome Statute on July 17, 1998, the treaty that created the International Criminal Court.

The day unites all those who wish to support justice, promote the rights of the victims, and also help in preventing crime that threatens the peace, security, and well-being of the world.

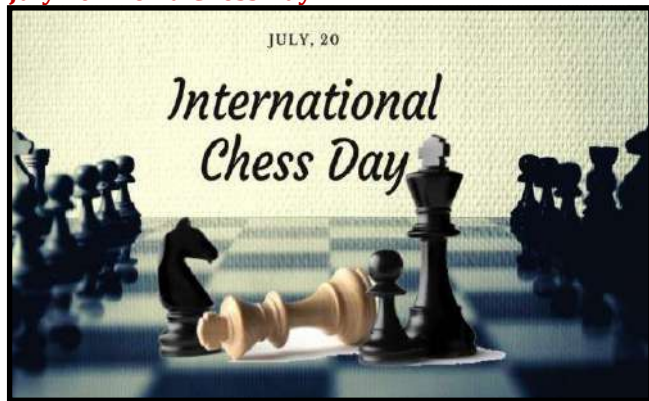
### July 18: International Nelson Mandela Day

Observed every year with UN support in recognition of Nelson Mandela's contribution in promoting the culture of peace and freedom. The day commemorates the birthday of the great African leader. Like Gandhi Ji, he was the man who dethroned white Europeans from South Africa and became first Black President of South Africa in 1994. He was honoured with the Nobel Peace Prize in 1993 and Bharat Ratna in 1990.

The theme selected for 2022 is "Do what you can, with what you have, where you are." It focuses on the plight of food security and climate change.



### July 20: World Chess Day



The United Nations celebrates this day to mark the establishment of the International Chess Federation (FIDE) on this day in Paris in 1924. It also provides an important platform to foster dialogue, solidarity and culture of peace along with recognizing the instrumental role played by the FIDE in supporting international cooperation for chess activity.

*Invented in India in the fifth century, this board game was originally named "Chaturanga".*

*FIDE is based in Lausanne, Switzerland.*

### July 20: National Moon Day (USA)

Also called "Space Exploration Day", it commemorates the day man first walked on the moon in 1969. NASA reported the moon landing as being "...the single greatest technological achievement of all time."

*On July 20, 1969, Apollo 11 carried the first two humans to the moon. Six hours after landing the lunar module Eagle on the moon, Neil Armstrong stepped onto the lunar surface, becoming the first human to step on the moon surface. He spent nearly two and a half hours outside the spacecraft. His fellow astronaut, Buzz Aldrin soon followed, stepping onto the lunar surface. The third astronaut Michael Collins remained alone in orbit for more than 21 hours, piloting the command module.*

### July 22: National Mango Day

The day is celebrated to honour the 'National Fruit' of India, also known as 'King of Fruits'. Mango, besides being very delicious, is also rich in vitamin A and C, Potassium, fibre and Vitamin B-6, making it a very important superfood for our body. It is one of the most popular and widely cultivated fruits of the tropical world.

*The scientific name of Mango is Mangifera Indica and is a member of the cashew family (Anacardiaceae). India is the largest producer of mangoes, followed by China and Thailand. In India alone, mangoes come in more than a hundred different varieties with unique colours, shapes and sizes. Some of the most popular varieties include Alphonso, Dushehri, Langdaa, Chousaa, Mallika, Malda, Balia, Amrapali, and many more. An exquisite mango breed called the Miyazaki mango, a native to Miyazaki city of Japan, costs nearly Rs. 2.5 to 3 lakh per kg.*

### July 22: World Brain Day

The day is dedicated to raising awareness and promoting advocacy related to brain health. This year, the World Federation of Neurology (WFN) and MS International Federation (MSIF) are at the forefront, leading the campaign to spread awareness about multiple sclerosis (MS), a neurological disease whose effects range from cognitive impairment to significant physical disability.

The theme of this year's celebrations is "Brain Health for all" as our brains continue to be challenged by pandemics, wars, climate change and the myriad of disorders impacting human existence globally.

### July 22: National Flag Day

It was on this day that the tricolour was adopted as the national flag of India in 1947. The adoption of the national flag of India was the first thing that was discussed when the members of the Indian Constituent Assembly convened in the Constitution Hall in Delhi on July 22, 1947. The National Flag of India was designed by Indian freedom fighter Pingali Venkayya.

The Indian government modified the Flag Code of India on January 26, 2002, allowing people to hoist the national flag over their homes and offices. The Code was later amended on December 30, 2021, to allow for the National Flag made of polyester or machine made flags.

### July 23: National Broadcasting Day

The day is observed to commemorate the first ever radio broadcast in the country that went on the air on this day in 1927, from the Bombay Station under a private company, the Indian Broadcasting Company. The company failed in 1930 and the government took it over and named it Indian State Broadcasting Service.

Later, on June 8, 1936, the Indian State Broadcasting Service became All India Radio - AIR, the official radio broadcaster of India. Since 1956, AIR has been officially called 'Akashvani' and is owned by Prasar Bharati, the nation's official broadcaster.

*Today, AIR is the largest radio network in the world with 479 stations across India, covering over 92 per cent of the area and accessible to 99.19 percent of the population of the country. It broadcasts programmes in 23 languages and 179 dialects.*



### July 24: Income Tax Day



The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) celebrates this day to commemorate the introduction of income tax for the first time in India on this day in 1860 by Sir James Wilson. The tax was levied to compensate for the losses incurred by the British regime during the first war of independence in 1857.

First Income Tax Day was celebrated in 2010. Several outreach programmes are organised across the country to celebrate the Day to promote payment of taxes as a value norm and for sensitising potential tax payers that payment of taxes was an ethical duty of all citizens.

### July 26: Kargil Vijay Diwas

This year is the 23rd anniversary of Kargil Vijay. The day is named after the successful 'Operation Vijay' on July 26 in 1999, when India regained control of the high mountain outposts at Tiger Hill which had been stealthily taken over by Pakistan.

In the history of independent India, the Kargil War will be remembered as the fiercest and the most valiant operations conducted by the Indian Army. It is estimated that as many as 527 Indian soldiers sacrificed their lives while more than 1,300 were injured. The main function to pay tributes to the martyrs is held at the Kargil War Memorial in the Drass area of Ladakh.



### July 26: World Mangrove Day

Each year the day is celebrated to raise awareness of the importance of mangrove ecosystems as a unique, special and vulnerable ecosystem and to promote solutions for their sustainable management, conservation and uses.

Also known as the International Day for the Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystem, it was adopted by the General Conference of UNESCO in 2015.

*Mangroves are extraordinary ecosystems, located at the interface of land and sea in tropical regions, which offer a considerable array of ecosystem goods and services. They not only provide sustainable livelihoods to millions of people but also function as a protective barrier for its inhabitants from natural calamities by taking the lashes on itself.*

*The Sundarbans, one of the largest mangrove forests in the world (1,40,000 hectares), is spread over the delta of the Ganges, Brahmaputra and Meghna rivers in West Bengal and adjoining areas of Bangladesh.*

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### July 28: World Hepatitis Day

The day provides an opportunity to step up national and international efforts to counter Hepatitis and highlight the need for a greater global response to fight against Hepatitis. The day commemorates the birthday of Nobel-prize winning scientist Dr Baruch Blumberg, who discovered Hepatitis B virus and developed a diagnostic test and vaccine for it.

*Supported by the WHO, this year's theme is "Hepatitis can't wait". With a person dying every 30 seconds from a hepatitis related illness – even in the current COVID-19 crisis – we can't wait to act on viral hepatitis. Hepatitis refers to an inflammatory condition of the liver, usually caused by a viral infection. It has several variants such as Hepatitis A, B, C, D, and E.*



### July 28: World Nature Conservation Day



This Day is observed to increase awareness about the best practices to protect our natural resources. It aims to create and increase awareness about the importance of natural resources and how one can live sustainably. The day encourages people to save and protect Earth's natural resources that are fast-depleting owing to over-exploitation and even disuse.

We can promote conservation and sustainability of nature by adopting measures like planting more trees, conserving energy, using green fuels, saving water and avoiding use of single-use plastics.

### July 29: Global Tiger Day

Also known as the International Tiger Day, it is observed every year to create awareness about tiger conservation and protection of their natural habitat. At Saint Petersburg Tiger Summit in Russia in 2010, Governments of tiger populated countries had vowed to double tiger population by 2022. India has achieved this target as the Tiger Estimation Report 2018 says that India now has 2967 tigers. MP has the highest numbers - 526, closely followed by Karnataka at 524. India has the largest number of tigers in the world. There are 53 Tiger reserves in India.



### JULY 30: WORLD DAY AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS

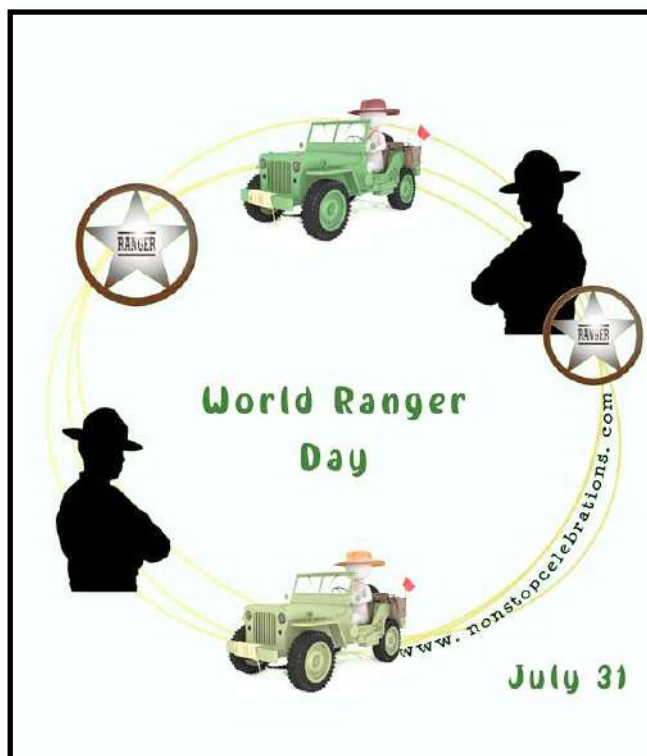
Observed with support from UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) to raise awareness about the situation of victims of human trafficking and for the promotion and protection of their rights.

This year's theme is "Use and abuse of technology". This year's theme focuses on the role of technology as a tool that can both enable and impede human trafficking.

*Human trafficking refers to the crimes that exploit women, children and men for numerous purposes including forced labour and sex. Since 2003 UNODC has collected information on about 225,000 victims of trafficking detected worldwide and many more are reported by countries across the globe.*

### JULY 31: THE WORLD RANGER DAY

The day aims to commemorate the Rangers who lost their lives or got wounded while on duty and to celebrate the work that Rangers do to protect the world's natural and cultural heritage. It was on this day in 1992 that the International Ranger Federation (IRF) was founded in Britain.



*A Ranger typically refers to a forest ranger in protected forest and forest reserves or a park ranger in National Parks and Sanctuaries. They provide recreational opportunities and interpretation of sites while providing links between local communities, protected areas and local administration.*

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## NATIONAL NEWS

### JUNE

- PM Modi visited Germany on June 26 to attend G-7 Summit under the German Presidency, at Schloss Elmau, Germany.
- Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu embarked on a three-nation tour to Gabon, Senegal and Qatar on May 30. In all the three countries, he attended a business round table and addressed the Indian community.
- Europe's biggest start-up conference – Vivattech 2020 selected India as the "country of the year" to honour the contribution of the Indian start-ups to the world.
- India and Vietnam launched the joint logo for the celebration of 50 Years of India-Vietnam Diplomatic Relations on June 18.
- *The logo represents sketch of a peacock, India's national bird and that of a Chim Lac, a legendary ancient crane from Vietnam.*
- PM Modi virtually launched a global initiative "Lifestyle for the Environment (LiFE) Movement", on the occasion of World Environment Day on June 5.
- *The vision of LiFE is to live a lifestyle that is in tune with our planet and does not harm it and those who live such a lifestyle are called Pro-Planet People.*
- NHAI entered Guinness World Records for laying 75 Km long Bituminous Concrete Road in less than five days.
- *The NH-53 section between Amravati and Akola in Maharashtra was built in a record time of 4 days, 9 hours and 33 minutes.*
- Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport has become the first airport in India to run entirely on hydro and solar power as it switched to renewable sources for its energy needs.

- India launched its first educational metaverse, Bharat Blockchain Network (Academic Blockchain Consortium) & Polyversity (Educational Metaverse) on June 6.
- World's first population estimation of the fishing cat, conducted outside the protected area network, was done in the Chilika Lake, Odisha.
- *Fishing Cat is about twice the size of a typical house cat and is an adept swimmer and enters water frequently to prey on fish as its name suggests.*
- CORBEVAX, the Covid vaccine manufactured by Hyderabad-based Biological E', became India's first vaccine to get DCGI approval as a heterogeneous COVID-19 booster dose.
- The Mumbai International Film Festival 2022 started in Mumbai on May 29. It is the oldest and largest festivals of non-feature films in South Asia.

### MAY

- President Ram Nath Kovind made a one week visit to Jamaica and St. Vincent & Grenadines, two tiny island nations in the Caribbean Sea, from May 14 to 21.
- Prime Minister Modi visited Japan for two days, 23 and 24 May, at the invitation of his Japanese counterpart Mr. Fumio Kishida to attend Quad (Quadrilateral Security Dialogue) Leaders' Summit.
- Prime Minister Modi visited Lumbini, Nepal on May 16 on the occasion of Vaishakha Buddha Purnima. He offered prayers at the sacred Mayadevi temple in Lumbini.
- The 15<sup>th</sup> session of the Conference of the Parties (COP-15) of the UNCCD (United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification) was held from May 9 to 20 at Abidjan in Cote d'Ivoire. India is currently the President of UNCCD- COP-14.
- The World Economic Forum (WEF) at its annual summit in Davos, Switzerland, launched the India chapter of the Alliance of CEO Climate Action Leaders to supercharge India's climate action and decarbonization efforts.

- India and the USA signed an Investment Incentive Agreement on May 23 in Tokyo, Japan. The agreement is expected to enhance investment support provided by US Development Finance Corporation in India.
- The Supreme Court ordered on May 11 that the 152-year-old sedition law under Section 124A of the Indian Penal Code should be effectively kept in abeyance till the Union Government reconsiders the provision.
  - ✓ *Section 124A says a person commits the crime of sedition, if he/she creates hatred or contempt, or excites or attempts to excite disaffection towards the government established by law in India.*
- Govt released the Civil Registration System Report 2020, based on actual births and deaths reported at around 3.2 lakh registration units across the country.
  - ✓ *Number of registered births has decreased from 2.48 crore in 2019 to 2.42 crore in the year 2020 showing a decrease of about 2.40 percent.*
  - ✓ *Registered deaths increased by 4.74 lakh from 76.4 lakh in 2019 to 81.2 lakh in 2020, representing a rise of 6.28 per cent.*
- India's biggest Drone Festival- "Bharat Drone Mahotsav 2022" was held at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi on May 27-28.
- India was selected to be the 'country of honour' at the Marché Du Film, organised alongside the Cannes Film Festival this year.
- The World Bank report titled "Migration and Development Brief" released on May 11, revealed that India was the top recipient of remittances in 2021.
  - ✓ *It received remittances worth over \$89 billion in 2021 which was a healthy 8 per cent higher than the \$82.73 billion in 2020.*
- The World Bank approved \$47 million financial support to the Government of India for the Mission Karmayogi, a national program to build civil service capacity.

## APRIL

- British Prime Minister Boris Johnson landed in Gandhinagar, Gujarat on April 21 on his two-day visit to India.
  - ✓ *Modi and Johnson expressed zero tolerance for terrorism and agreed on a new and expanded bilateral defence and security partnership.*
- President of India Ram Nath Kovind embarked on a 7-day two-nation tour on April 1 to Turkmenistan and the Netherlands.
  - ✓ *To commemorate the 75 years of diplomatic relations with Netherlands, a yellow colour newly bred double Tulip flower was named as 'Maitri'.*
- Mauritius Prime Minister Pravind Kumar Jugnauth arrived in Mumbai on April 17 on a 8 day official visit

to India to strengthen ties between the two countries.

- Prime Minister Modi and US President Joe Biden held a one to one virtual meeting on April 11.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually attended the 5<sup>th</sup> BIMSTEC Summit on March 30. The summit was hosted by Sri Lanka.
  - ✓ *The Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) is a regional organisation, established in 1997.*
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the seventh edition of Raisina Dialogue on 25<sup>th</sup> of April. President of the European commission Ursula von der Leyen was the chief guest at the Dialogue.
- Nepalese Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba arrived in New Delhi on April 01 for a three day official visit. Mr Deuba concluded his tour by visiting Varanasi.
- The foundation stone of WHO Global Centre for Traditional Medicine (GCTM) was laid on April 19 in Jamnagar, Gujarat.
  - ✓ *The GCTM is the first and only global outpost centre for traditional medicine across the world*
- Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) broke all previous records to create the highest ever employment under Prime Minister's Employment Generation Program (PMEGP) in 2021-22.
  - ✓ *KVIC created 1,03,219 new manufacturing and service units at a total capital outlay of over Rs. 12,000 crore, leading to creation of over 8.25 lakh jobs.*
- Prime Minister Modi inaugurated the Pradhan Mantri Sangrahalaya at Teen Murti Estate in New Delhi on April 14. The museum pays rich tributes to the lives and contributions of all the 14 former PMs of the country.
- First flight of 'Made in India' HAL (Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd.) Dornier Do-228 aircraft took place on April 12 from Dibrugarh in Assam to Pasighat in Arunachal Pradesh.
- Chief Justice of India, N V Ramana launched FASTER (Fast and Secured Transmission of Electronic Records) system on March 31.
  - ✓ *It will communicate interim orders, stay orders, bail orders, etc. of the Court to concerned authorities through a secured electronic communication channel.*
- Microsoft launched a digital platform named "Microsoft for Startups Founders Hub", in India on March 31.
  - ✓ *It offers over \$300,000 worth of benefits to startups, free access to the technology, tools, and resources they need to build and run their business.*
- The Stockholm International Peace Research Institute stated that USA, China and India were the largest military spenders in the world in 2021.



- ✓ *US expenditure reached \$801 billion while China spent \$293 billion. India's military spending was recorded to be at \$76.6 billion in 2021.*
- UGC has decided to allow students to pursue two UG or PG degrees simultaneously, either offline or online, wef the current academic year (2022-23).
- A special commemorative coin of Rs. 400 and a postage stamp were released on April 21 at Red Fort, Delhi to mark the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Guru Tegh Bahadur, the ninth Sikh Guru.

## MARCH

- Japanese PM Fumio Kishida arrived in New Delhi on March 19 to attend the two-day 14<sup>th</sup> India-Japan Annual Summit.
  - ✓ *Japan assured to raise its investment target in India to 5 trillion Yen or 3.2 lakh crore rupees over the next five years.*
- PM Narendra Modi and Australian PM Scott Morrison held the second India-Australia virtual summit on 21<sup>st</sup> March.
- Govt launched 'Operation Ganga' to ensure repatriation of every stranded Indian from Ukraine, free of cost. In all, over 22,500 persons were repatriated under the mission.
- The maternal mortality ratio (MMR) in India showed significant improvement at 103 for the period 2017-19.
  - ✓ *Kerala achieved the lowest MMR of 30, followed by Maharashtra @ 38. Worst was Assam @ 205, followed by Uttar Pradesh @ 167.*
  - ✓ *MMR is defined as the no. of maternal deaths per 1,00,000 live births during a given period.*
  - ✓ *Maternal death is defined as death during pregnancy and childbirth or within 42 days of termination of pregnancy.*
- The DCGI gave permission for restricted use in an emergency situation for Covovax for immunisation to prevent Covid-19 in individuals aged 12-18.
  - ✓ *Covovax, also known as NVX-CoV2373, is manufactured and marketed in India by the Serum Institute of India, Pune under licence from the US biotech company Novavax.*
- In a historic development, India has decided to establish its premier technology school – IIT or Indian Institute of Technology in Dubai.
- The Government of India unveiled a special logo on Feb 25 to commemorate 75 years of diplomatic relations between India and Belgium.
- India and the Netherlands unveiled a special logo to commemorate 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their diplomatic relations.
  - ✓ *The logo features a flower of Lotus and Tulip, national flowers of India and Netherlands, respectively.*

- WHO has approved the setting up of its first Global Centre for Traditional Medicine – GCTM in Gujarat's Jamnagar, under the Ministry of AYUSH.
  - ✓ *It will help position the AYUSH systems across the globe and provide leadership on matters pertaining to traditional medicines.*

## NEWS FROM STATES

### JUNE

- The country's first-ever, 'Balika Panchayat', started in five villages of Gujarat's Kutch district. It is managed by girls in the 11-21 age group and aims at promoting social and political development of the girl child.
- Himachal Pradesh became the first state to approve 'Himachal Pradesh Drone Policy 2022' to enable the use of drones and similar technology for different public services in the hill state.
- The Fortune-500 company Rajesh Exports entered into an agreement with the Telangana government to set up India's first display fabrication facility in Hyderabad by making investments worth Rs 24,000 crore.
- In a first of its kind attempt to utilize wind energy at the airport, the Mumbai International Airport launched a Vertical Axis Wind Turbine along with a solar panel.
- Country's first of its kind and the largest desalination plant with 100 MLD (million litres per day) capacity was inaugurated at Dahej in Gujarat.
- In a first, India Post delivered mail using a drone as part of a pilot project in Gujarat's Kutch district. It took 25 minutes to deliver the parcel over a distance of 46 km.
- Adani Hybrid Energy Jaisalmer One Limited, commissioned India's first wind-solar hybrid power plant (390 MW) in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan.
- India's first Lavender Festival was held in Bhaderwah in district Doda of J&K. Lavender cultivation in J&K started under the government initiative of 'Aroma Mission or Purple Revolution'.
- FSSAI released the 4th State Food Safety Index on the occasion of World Food Safety Day on June 7.
- *Among the larger states, Tamil Nadu stood first. Among the smaller states, Goa stood first while among UTs, J&K was at top.*
- Jharkhand has been selected for 'World No Tobacco Day Award-2022' by the World Health Organisation for achieving considerable reduction in tobacco consumption in the state.
- The world-famous Valley of Flowers, a World Heritage Site located in Chamoli, Uttarakhand was opened for tourists from 1st of June.

- Declared as a National Park, more than 500 species of colourful flowers bloom here during the season.
- Assam became the 36th State to implement One Nation One Ration Card-ONORC scheme on June 20, making the scheme operational in all over India.
- Beneficiaries under National Food Security Act get subsidised foodgrains under ONORC and those under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyana Anna Yojna get free foodgrains under this scheme.

## MAY

- Odisha became the first state in India to launch on May 24 a pilot project on Olympic Values Education Programme (OVEP).
- India's first and the only observatory that will establish a repository on the health of the tribal population in the state, is about to be set up in Odisha.
- The Maharashtra Cabinet approved the country's first-of-its-kind gene bank programme aimed at conserving native biodiversity to ensure that natural resources are passed onto the next generation.
- The country's first "Amrit Sarovar" was inaugurated on May 13 at village Patwai in district Rampur, Uttar Pradesh.
  - ✓ *The Amrit Sarovar is an initiative to develop and beautify selected village ponds as attractive tourist spots for the overall development of the area.*
- Rajasthan became the first state in India to surpass 10 GW of cumulative large-scale solar installations, as per Mercom's India Solar Project Tracker. The state has over 16 GW of solar projects under development.
- The 4<sup>th</sup> edition of state-level popular Shirui Lily Festival 2022 was hosted by the Manipur government from May 25 to 29

## APRIL

- The NITI Aayog released its State Energy and Climate Index, SECI on April 11. Gujarat topped the index, followed by Kerala and Punjab. The top three performers among smaller states were Goa, Tripura and Manipur.
- India's first 99.999% pure Green Hydrogen pilot plant was commissioned by the public sector oil company, Oil India Limited (OIL) at its Jorhat Pump Station in Assam on April 20.
- India's first-of-its-kind road made out of steel waste has come up at the Hazira Industrial Area in Surat, Gujarat, built by Arcelor Mittal Nippon Steel India.
- The famous living root (of trees) bridges found in Meghalaya, have been included on the tentative list of UNESCO's World Heritage Sites as 'Jingkieng Jri: Living Root Bridge Cultural Landscapes of Meghalaya'.

- The Assam and Meghalaya governments signed an agreement on March 29 in New Delhi to resolve the interstate boundary disputes.

## MARCH

- The solar tree at the CSIR-CMERI Centre of Excellence for Farm Machinery in Ludhiana has been officially certified by the Guinness World Records as the largest solar tree.
  - ✓ *The total surface area is 309.83 sq mt with installed capacity of 53.6 kWp.*
- The country has crossed a milestone of 50 thousand open defecation-free (ODF) Plus villages. Telangana topped with 13,960 such villages.
- The Export Preparedness Index 2021 released by the NITI Aayog on March 25, has placed Gujarat on top for the second consecutive time.
- As per National Family Health Survey-5, Odisha topped the list in full immunisation, covering 12 vaccines, of 90.5% of the targeted women and children, under Mission Indradhanush 4.0.
- Tamil Nadu stood first in overall installed renewable energy capacity in the country with total installed capacity of 15,914 MW, as of January 31, 2022.
- The country's first Digital Water Bank 'Aqverium' was launched on March 14 in Bengaluru with focus on providing clean drinking water and sanitation.
  - ✓ *The Bank will compile a list of water related data from all the local sources that will help in the better management of water resources.*
- Country's first medical city named as 'Indrayani Medicity' is coming up near Pune, Maharashtra. It will provide all kinds of specialised treatment under one roof.
- Country's first Gati Shakti Multi-Modal Cargo Terminal of Indian Railways was commissioned on March 10 in the Asansol Division of Eastern Railway at Thaparnagar, Jharkhand.
- India's first-ever National Centre of Excellence to provide training facilities for Mountain Terrain Biking (MTB) and Bicycle Motocross (BMX) is being set up in Shimla in Himachal Pradesh.
- Nagaland has become the first State Assembly in the country to implement the National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA) programme to become completely paperless.
- The Delhi govt plans to build India's first electronic waste eco-park in Narela ind. Area in North Delhi.
  - ✓ *The park will provide facilities for dismantling, segregating, recycling plastic and precious metal extraction, etc. in a scientific and environmentally safe manner.*
- Following state legislature elections in February and March, 4 CMs were re-elected while Punjab got a new Chief Minister as under:  
 Uttar Pradesh: Yogi Adityanath – BJP  
 Uttarakhand: Pushkar Singh Dhami – BJP



Manipur: N Biren Singh – BJP  
Goa: Promod Sawant – BJP  
Punjab: Bhagwant Mann – AAP

- The world famous Surajkund International Crafts Mela started on March 19 at Surajkund in Faridabad district of Haryana. This year's 'Theme State' is J & K and 'Partner Country' is Uzbekistan.

## GOVT INITIATIVES

### JUNE

- The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs launched National Initiative for Promoting Upskilling of Nirman workers (NIPUN) on June 20 in New Delhi.
- *The initiative aims at creating a future labour force for the construction industry which will propel innovation and large-scale development.*
- India's first private train service, under the Bharat Gaurav Scheme, started on June 14 from Coimbatore in Tamil Nadu for Sainagar Shirdi of Maharashtra.
- Govt plans to set up 15,000 PM Shri Schools to prepare students for the future. These schools will function as the laboratory of NEP 2020 and will follow the 5+3+3+4 model of education as prescribed in the NEP.
- Govt launched Rashtriya Puraskar Portal to invite nominations for various awards instituted by various ministries, departments, and agencies.
- *Some of the main awards on the portal include Padma Awards, Sardar Patel National Unity Award, and Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award.*
- The Ministry of Tribal Affairs inaugurated the National Tribal Research Institute on June 7 in New Delhi.
- *It will be a premier national level institute for all tribal concerns, issues and matters in academic, executive and legislative fields.*
- Jan Samarth Portal launched on June 6 for bringing all credit-linked govt schemes on a single platform. It will directly connect the loan seekers/beneficiaries to the lenders (generally banks).
- *Some major schemes on the portal include Education loans, Farmer loans and loans for business and self-employment.*
- Govt has asked all the states and UTs to phase out single-use plastic (SUP) and appealed to them to contribute to improve the environment for achieving a "Clean and Green" India.
- The Ministry of social justice and empowerment launched "Scheme for Residential Education for Students in High Schools in Targeted Areas" (SRESHTA) on June 3.
- *It aims to provide quality education in the best private residential schools, free, to the poor SC students,*

*whose parental annual income is not more than Rs 2.5 lakh.*

- Premium rates revised for Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana, PMJJBY and Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana, PMSBY. PMJJBY: Rs 436; PMSBY: Rs 20

### MAY

- The Department of School Education and Literacy under the Ministry of Education, released on May 25 the National Achievement Survey 2021 report.
  - ✓ *The Survey assessed the health of the school education system at classes 3, 5, 8 and 10th with a cycle period of three years.*
- National Health Authority has launched revamped Ayushman Bharat Health Account, 'ABHA' mobile application on May 24 to manage health records under Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission.
- The Union Government announced the formation of the Cotton Council of India under the Chairmanship of renowned 'Cotton Man' Suresh Bhai Kotak.
  - ✓ *The Council aims to bring a tangible improvement in protecting the interests of cotton farmers, traders, spinners, weavers and textile mills.*
- NITI Aayog launched the National Data and Analytics Platform - NDAP on May 13. NDAP aims to improve access and use of published Indian government data.
- RailTel, a Mini Ratna PSU, launched on May 9 Prime Minister Wi-Fi Access Network Interface (PM-WANI) scheme to provide access to its Public WiFi services across 100 railway stations across the country.
- The pilot phase of Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) was launched on April 29 in Bengaluru. It aims to onboard 30 million sellers and 10 million merchants online. The plan is to cover at least 100 cities and towns by August this year.

### APRIL

- The Ministry of Roads, Transport and Highways launched a portal named 'e-DAR' (e-Detailed Accident Report). It will be linked to the Integrated Road Accident Database.
- The government plans to train around 2.71 lakh persons over the next five years under Pradhan Mantri Dakshta Aur Kushalta Sampann Hitgrahi (PM-DAKSH) Yojana.
  - ✓ *Candidates in the age group 18 to 45 years belonging to SC/ OBC, EBC, Transgender community, Safai Karamcharis can apply for the training programme under PM-DAKSH.*
- The Airport Authority of India launched "AVSAR" project to support the talent of local women, artisans and craftsmen and provide them with the right opportunities.

- ✓ *AVSAR stands for 'Airport as Venue for Skilled Artisans of the Region'. Every AAI operated airport will allocate a space of 100-200 square feet for artisans for selling/showcasing their products.*
- The centre is planning to launch "Agnipath Scheme" to recruit young people for the Indian Army for three year short terms. The young recruits will be called Agniveers.
- The Ministry of Culture launched a website 'Temple 360' on April 02 where anyone can visit a temple of their choice, anytime and from anywhere.
  - ✓ *It will facilitate darshan of 12 Jyotirlinga and Char Dham, realising dreams of millions of devotees.*

## MARCH

- The union cabinet decided on March 26 to continue the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana, PM-GKAY by another six months till September 2022.
- Asia's largest civil aviation event, 'Wings India 2022' started on March 24 at Begumpet airport in Hyderabad. The theme for the event was "India@75: New Horizon for Aviation Industry".
- Sujalam 2.0 campaign launched on March 22 for greywater management by mobilising Schools, Panchayats and Anganwadis for this purpose.
- The Union Cabinet approved setting up of the National Land Monetization Corporation – NLMC.
  - ✓ *It will undertake monetization of the surplus land of the identified public sector undertakings and other govt agencies.*
  - ✓ *NLMC has authorised share capital of Rs. 5,000 cr. and paid-up share capital of Rs. 150 cr.*
- The MSME Ministry launched a Special Entrepreneurship Promotion Drive for Women - "SAMARTH" on March 7 at New Delhi.
  - ✓ *Under SAMARTH, 20% seats in free Skill Development Programs organised by the Ministry will be allocated for women.*
- 'Sagar Parikrama' mission launched on 5th March at Mandvi, Gujarat to know the problems of coastal fisher folk.
- The Ministry of Rural Development has developed an Ombudsperson App for smooth reporting and categorization of grievances related to the implementation of the MNREGA Scheme.
- The central government has announced that villages on the northern border of the country will be covered under the new Vibrant Villages Programme.
  - ✓ *The programme aims to enhance infrastructure in villages along India's border with China in states like HP, Uttarakhand and Arun. Pradesh.*

# ECONOMY

## JUNE

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, CCEA approved on June 8 an increase in Minimum Support Price for all intended Kharif crops for Marketing Season 2022-23. Some major crops rates are as under:

| Crop name       | Rate in Rs/Quintal |      |
|-----------------|--------------------|------|
|                 | Old                | New  |
| Paddy (Common)  | 1940               | 2040 |
| Maize           | 1870               | 1962 |
| Tur (Arhar) Dal | 6300               | 6600 |
| Moong Dal       | 7275               | 7755 |
| Groundnut       | 5550               | 5850 |
| Cotton (Medium) | 5726               | 6080 |

## MAY

- India recorded the highest ever annual FDI inflow of \$ 83.57 billion in 2021-22. Computer software and hardware received highest share of 25%, followed by Services Sector and Automobile Industry.
  - ✓ *Karnataka was the top recipient state with 38 per cent share of the total FDI inflow followed by Maharashtra and Delhi.*
- The Agriculture Ministry released on May 19 the third advance estimate of production of major agricultural crops for 2021-22.
  - ✓ *Total production was estimated at a record 314.51 million tonnes (mt) which is higher by 3.77 mt than the production during 2020-21.*
- Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), for the first time, attained turnover of 1.15 lakh crore rupees, more than that of any FMCG company in India
  - ✓ *The biggest surge came from the Khadi sector which registered a growth of 43.20% from ₹3528 crore in 2020-21 to ₹5052 crore in 2021-22.*
- Billionaire Gautam Adani acquired the Swiss cement major Holcim's stake in Ambuja Cements and its subsidiary ACC for \$10.5 billion.
- Reliance Industries reported a net profit of Rs 60,705 crore in the year ended March 31, 2022, on a revenue of Rs 7.92 lakh crore (\$102 billion), becoming the first Indian company to have crossed \$100 billion revenue.
- Kerala fintech company "Open Financial Technologies Pvt Ltd" became India's 100th unicorn having valuation of \$1 billion and above.
  - ✓ *Open offers a neo-banking platform that integrates all the tools used by small businesses and integrates it with the business's current account.*





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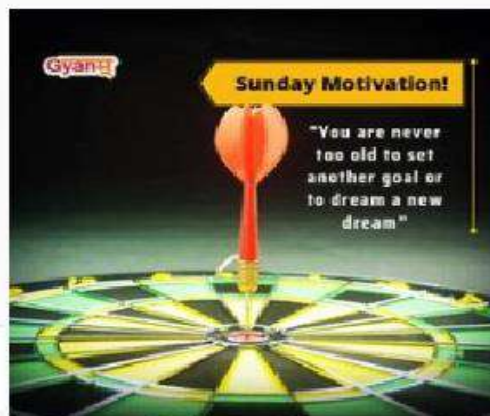
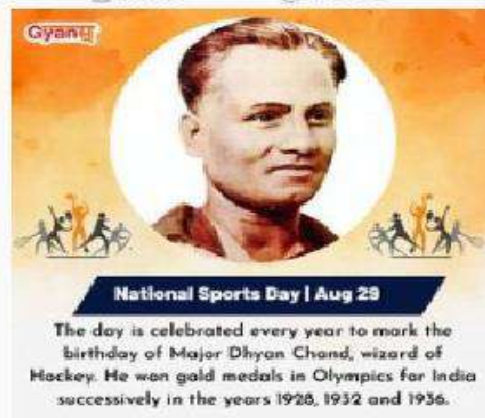
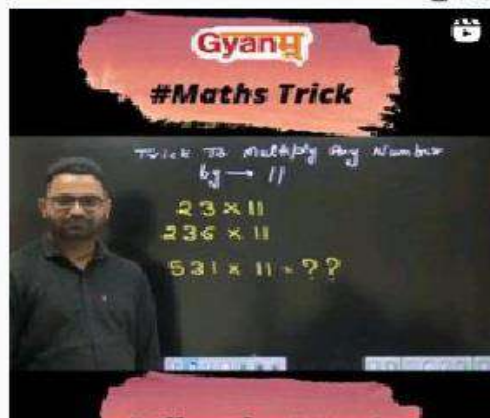
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## APRIL

- India achieved its highest ever merchandise exports of 417.8 billion dollars in the FY ending March 31, 2022. In terms of months, March saw the highest monthly value of merchandise export at 40.38 billion dollars.
- Uttar Pradesh was the leading producer of vegetables, 29.58 million tonnes (MT) in the 2021-22 crop year (July-June), followed by West Bengal (28.23 MT).
  - ✓ *Andhra Pradesh topped in fruit production @ 18.01 MT in 2021-22, followed by Maharashtra @12.30 MT.*
- India's largest single-axis solar tracker system has been commissioned by the Tata Power Renewables Energy Ltd in Dholera, an industrial hub near Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
  - ✓ *The 300 MW plant will generate 774 million units of power annually and reduce carbon emission by approximately 7 lakh metric tonnes per year.*

## MARCH

- The second advance estimates of national accounts released by the National Statistical Office, showed that the country's economic growth slowed to 5.4% in 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter (Oct-Dec) of 2021-22.
  - ✓ *The growth in GDP during 2021-22 is estimated at 8.9% as against a contraction of 6.6% in 2020-21.*
- The IFFCO Paradeep Plant in Odisha has achieved a rare feat of highest ever annual production in the world by any single plant.
  - ✓ *It produced 805,000 tonnes of P2O5 (Phosphorus Pentoxide) in the financial year 2021-22.*
- Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Custom (CBIC) lowered the threshold for mandatory issuance of e-invoice (electronic invoice) under GST to Rs. 20 cr from the earlier Rs. 50 cr, wef April 01, 2022.

# BANKING & FINANCE

## JUNE

- RBI raised the Additional Factor of Authentication limit on June 16 from Rs 5,000 to Rs 15,000 per transaction on cards, Prepaid Payment Instruments (PPIs) and UPI for recurring transactions, with immediate effect.
- On June 8, RBI allowed credit cards to be linked with the UPI, so that more and more people can make payments using the popular platform.
- The Union Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY) has declared IT resources of ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank and UPI managing entity NPCI as 'Critical Information Infrastructure' (CII).

- ✓ *IT resources under CII include Core Banking Solution, RTGS and NEFT and Financial Messaging Server.*

## MAY

- RBI announced to set up a committee to evaluate the efficacy, adequacy and quality of customer service in banks, NBFCs and all other entities regulated by it.
- RBI approved the transfer of 30,307 crore rupees as surplus to the Central Government for the accounting year ending March 31, 2022.
- RBI asked banks on May 19 to provide the option of "Interoperable Card-less Cash Withdrawal" at their ATMs, also including white label ATMs.
- The government has made it mandatory to quote either PAN or Aadhaar for depositing/withdrawing over Rs 20 lakh in a financial year or opening of a current account.

## APRIL

- RBI decided to extend the guidelines on LEI (Legal Entity Identifier) to Primary UCBs and NBFCs.
- *The non-individual borrowers with loans of ₹5 crore and above, shall obtain LEI codes as under:*
  - Exposure above ₹25 crore: By April 30, 2023*
  - Above ₹10 cr, up to ₹25 cr: By April 30, 2024*
  - ₹5 cr and above, up to ₹10 cr: By April 30, 2025*
- RBI released the guidelines on April 7 for establishment of Digital Banking Units (DBUs) towards fulfilment of budget announcement for setting up of 75 DBUs in 75 districts to commemorate 75 years of independence.
  - ✓ *DBU is a specialised fixed point business unit or hub for delivering digital banking products and services online in self-service mode, 24X7@365.*
- HDFC Ltd., a leading housing finance company and the parent company of the HDFC Bank, announced on April 4 its decision to merge with the latter.
  - ✓ *The merger is set to make the HDFC Bank the second most valuable company in the country, with a market cap of over Rs.14 trillion.*

## MARCH

- RBI inaugurated its national level innovation hub on March 24 in Bengaluru to promote advanced technology in banking. Former Infosys chief Kris Gopalakrishnan will be its Chairman.
- RBI issued fresh guidelines for loans to Microfinance bodies by the banks, NBFCs, etc. regulated by RBI.
- ✓ *A microfinance loan has been defined as a collateral-free loan given to a household having an annual income of not more than Rs. 3 lakh.*
  - ✓ *Interest rates and other charges/fees on microfinance loans will be subject to supervisory scrutiny by RBI.*



- ✓ *Repayment by the borrowers has been capped at maximum 50% of income.*
- RBI has announced that the National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development-NaBFID, shall be regulated and supervised as an All-India Financial Institution (AIFI).
  - ✓ *NaBFID was set up as a Development Financial Institution under NaBFID Act, 2021 to support the development of long-term infrastructure financing in India. It is based in Mumbai.*
- RBI launched UPI for feature phones called UPI123pay on March 8. A 24x7 helpline 'DigiSaathi' was also launched for digital payments.
- RBI has directed that specified NBFCs shall be required to implement 'Core Financial Services Solution (CFSS)' by September 30, 2025 in order to provide seamless customer interface as well as have a centralised database.
- Axis Bank kicked off a new initiative, the 'HouseWorksWork', offering opportunities to those women who want to rejoin the professional space, especially in urban areas.

## DEFENCE, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

### JUNE

- The Cabinet Committee on Security approved the Agnipath Scheme on June 14 to recruit 'Agniveers' for the Indian Armed Forces, for a fixed period of four years. Over 46,000 of them will be recruited in 2022.
- Naval warships INS Nishank and INS Akshay were decommissioned on June 3 after rendering 32 years of glorious service to the nation.
- The Defence Ministry placed order with Bharat Dynamics Limited, Hyderabad for supply of the indigenously developed Astra Mk-I Beyond Visual Range (BVR) air to air missiles.
- **INS Gomati:** The Godavari class guided-missile frigate, one of the oldest warships, was decommissioned on May 28 at the Naval Dockyard in Mumbai.
- **EX KHAAN QUEST 2022:** A multinational military exercise, with participants from 16 countries including India, was hosted by Mongolia from June 6 to 19.
- **'EX SAMPRITI-X':** A joint military training exercise between India and Bangladesh commenced on June 5 at Jessore military station in Bangladesh.
- **The 38<sup>th</sup> India-Indonesia Coordinated Patrol (Corpat)** between the Indian and Indonesian Navy was held from June 13 to 24, first in the Andaman Sea and later in the Strait of Malacca in Indonesia.

- China launched its third and most advanced, indigenously built aircraft carrier named 'Fujian' on June 17.
- The ISRO successfully launched satellite GSAT-24 from Kourou in French Guiana on June 23. It is a 24-Ku band communication satellite weighing 4180 kg with pan-India coverage for meeting DTH application needs.
- The Uttarakhand Forest Department discovered a rare carnivorous plant - 'Utricularia Furcellata', commonly known as bladderworts, in Mandal valley of Chamoli.
- Scientists have discovered the world's largest known single cell bacteria, first to be visible with the naked eye. Named Thiomargarita Magnifica, it is in the form of white filaments, almost the size of human eyelashes.
- The ICAR-National Research Centre on Equines, in Hisar, Haryana has developed India's first COVID-19 vaccine for animals, named "Anocovax".
- A Liquid-Mirror Telescope has been commissioned in India at Devasthal Observatory Campus, Nainital in Uttarakhand. It is the only liquid mirror telescope that is operational anywhere in the world.
- A US-built supercomputer named 'Frontier' dethroned Japan's 'Fugaku' on May 30 as the world's fastest computer that achieved a computing speed of 1.1 Exaflops (EXA Floating point Operations per Second).
- *As per the TOP500 list published by an international conference of computer experts, Frontier has more than double the speed of Fugaku that had achieved a speed of 0.442 Exaflops. (exaflop is 10<sup>18</sup>)*

### MAY

- The Indian Navy received the second survey vessel at sea in Chennai on May 26. Named 'Nirdeshak', the ship has been built jointly by Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers and L&T Shipbuilding.
- Two frontline warships of the Indian Navy were launched at Mazgaon Docks in Mumbai on May 17. The two ships are INS Surat, a Project 15B Destroyer and INS Udaygiri, a Project 17A Frigate.
- The Indian Coast Guard commissioned its second Air Squadron, 845 Squadron on May 04 at Kochi, Kerala. The new Air Squadron is equipped with the Advanced Mark III (ALH Mark III) helicopters.
- ICGS Kamla Devi: Fast patrol vessel, named after social reformer and freedom activist Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay was inducted in the Indian Coast Guard on May 2 in Kolkata.
- India's first simulation-based war training centre, which will use artificial intelligence (AI) to create virtual reality wargames, will soon be set up in New Delhi.

- ✓ *The project named "Wargame Research and Development Centre"- dubbed as WARDEC will be set up jointly by the Army Training Command, Delhi and Rashtriya Raksha University, Gandhinagar.*
- The first ever launch of the Extended Range (ER) Version of BrahMos Air Launched supersonic cruise missile was successfully conducted on May 12 from a Su-30 MKI fighter aircraft in Bay of Bengal.
- Bongosagar: The third edition of Indian Navy and Bangladesh Navy Bilateral exercise Bongosagar commenced on 24 May at Port Mongla, in Southwestern Bangladesh.
- The fourth edition of the Indian Navy-Bangladesh Navy Coordinated Patrol CORPAT was held in the Northern Bay of Bengal on May 22-23.
- India's first Flow Chemistry Technology Hub was set up at Dr Reddy's Institute of Life Sciences in Hyderabad with support from the government of Telangana.

## APRIL

- Indian Coast Guard inducted an Auxiliary Barge, Urja Pravaha, at Bharuch in Gujarat on April 23. It has been designed to carry cargo ship fuel, aviation fuel and freshwater for ships deployed at far-flung areas.
- INS Vagsheer, the sixth and the last of the Scorpene-class submarines of Project-75, was launched on April 20 in Mumbai.
  - ✓ *The Vagsheer has been named after the Sand Fish, a deadly deep sea predator of the Indian Ocean.*
- The Indian Coast Guard commissioned the first advanced light helicopter (ALH) MK III Squadron in Bhubaneswar on 10 April to bolster maritime security.
- India successfully flight-tested Anti-Tank Guided Missile Helina on April 11. The Helina is the helicopter-launched versions Nag missiles, with a range of 7-8 km.
- DRDO successfully flight tested the Solid Fuel Ducted Ramjet (SFDR) booster on April 8 at the Integrated Test Range, Chandipur, off the coast of Odisha.
- The Indian Navy commissioned the second Naval Air Squadron-316, named 'Condors' into service at INS Hansa at Dabolim, Goa on March 29, comprising of 4 Boeing P-8I multi-role anti-submarine aircrafts.
- **Exercise Varuna:** held by the Indian and French navies in the Arabian Sea from March 30 to April 3.
- **Khanjar 2022:** The 9th edition of the India-Kyrgyzstan Joint Special Forces Exercise was held from 25 March to 6 April Special Forces Training School, Bakloh (HP).
- Lieutenant General Manoj Pande was appointed as the next Chief of the Indian Army. The 29th Army Chief will be the first officer from the Corps of Engineers to become the Chief of Army Staff.

- Israel successfully tested 'Iron Beam', world's first energy-based weapons system that uses a laser beam to shoot down incoming UAVs, rockets, mortars, long range missiles, anti-tank missiles etc.
- Bengaluru based Indian spacetechn startup, Pixxel launched on April 1 its first commercial satellite called 'Shakuntala', onboard a Falcon-9 rocket of SpaceX.
  - ✓ *It hosts one of the highest resolution hyperspectral commercial cameras that have ever sent in space.*
- Researchers at IIT Madras have launched the country's first polycentric prosthetic knee, named 'Kadam'.
  - ✓ *It provides stability, reduces the risk of stumbling and its patented geometry is specifically optimised for use on uneven terrains.*
- The Yangtze River Three Gorges 1, world's largest electricity-run cruise ship, made its maiden voyage on April 5 in Yichang, Hubei in China.
- NASA and the European Space Agency's Hubble Space Telescope established an extraordinary new benchmark by detecting the farthest individual star ever seen.
  - ✓ *The star named Earendel, which means "morning star" in Old English, is estimated to be 12.9 billion light years away from the Earth.*

## MARCH

- As per the recent SIPRI report, India emerged as the world's largest importer of weapons and military equipment, accounting for 11% total military imports during 2017-2021.
  - ✓ *At the global level, the USA was the biggest arms exporter, having 39 percent share, followed by Russia, having 19 percent share.*
- President Ram Nath Kovind awarded the prestigious 'President's Colour' to INS Valsura in Jamnagar-Gujarat on March 25.
- **ICGS Saksham**, the fifth in the series of 105-metre Offshore Patrol Vessels (OPVs) class, was commissioned in the Indian Coast Guard on March 16 at Goa.
- The country's first indigenous Flying Trainer HANSA-NG, successfully completed the sea level trials at Puducherry.
- Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, Bengaluru launched a 19-seater aircraft, Hindustan 228, as its first small civil transport aircraft. It can be used as an ambulance, cargo, and paratropping, among others.
- **Ex-Dustlik:** Training exercise between Indian and Uzbekistan armies, was held in Yangiariq, Uzbekistan from March 22 to 31.
- **LAMITIYE-2022:** Military exercise between the Indian and Seychelles army was held from March 22 to 31 in Seychelles.



- **SLINEX-2022:** Sri Lanka-India Naval Exercise was held in Visakhapatnam on March 7-8, followed by the sea phase on March 9-10 in the Bay of Bengal.
- **Dharma Guardian 2022:** India and Japan conducted the annual joint military exercise in Belgaum, Karnataka, from Feb 27 to March 10.
- The Indian Railways successfully tested the deployment of its Automatic Train Protection system, 'Kavach'.
- *It is the world's cheapest automatic train collision protection system designed to achieve the goal of "zero accidents".*
- One of the millions of asteroids in our solar system has now got the recognition of being the first ever asteroid with three very own satellites. The asteroid is named 130 Elektra or just Elektra.

## INTERNATIONAL

### JUNE

- The 48<sup>th</sup> G-7 annual Summit was held on June 26-28 at Schloss Elmau, in Germany's Bavarian Alps, under the Presidency of Germany.
- The 26th Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) was hosted by Rwanda on June 24-25 at its capital city, Kigali with the theme 'Delivering a common future: Connecting, innovating, transforming'.
- Chinese President Xi Jinping hosted the 14th BRICS Summit in Beijing on June 23-24, under the theme of 'Foster High-quality BRICS Partnership, Usher in a New Era for Global Development'.
- The 12<sup>th</sup> World Trade Organisation, WTO Ministerial Conference was held in Geneva, Switzerland, from June 12 to 15.
- The five countries - Ecuador, Japan, Malta, Mozambique and Switzerland, were elected to the UN Security Council as non-permanent members for the 2023-2024 two year term.
- The New York state legislature, for the first time in the world, passed the law for digital electronics, the "Right to repair" bill.
- *It requires digital electronics product makers to make parts, tools, information, and software available to customers and repair businesses.*
- President Recep Tayyip Erdogan of Turkey announced that his country's name has been changed to "Türkiye", the way it is spelled and pronounced in Turkish.

### MAY

- The Saudi Arabian oil company Saudi Aramco achieved a market capitalization \$2.426 trillion on May 11, exceeding Apple's \$2.415 trillion by just over \$11 billion, becoming largest market cap company.

- India joined the First Movers Coalition, a global initiative aimed at decarbonising the heavy industry and long-distance transport sectors.
  - ✓ *The Coalition targets sectors such as aluminium, aviation, chemicals, concrete, shipping, steel and trucking, which generate 30% of global emissions.*
- US President Joe Biden launched the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF) on May 23 in Tokyo with a dozen initial partners.
  - ✓ *IPEF is aimed at strengthening ties in the Indo-Pacific region to define the coming decades for technological innovation and the global economy.*
- A team of experts from the National Geographic Society, USA installed the "world's highest weather station" on Mount Everest at an altitude of 8,830 metres, to automatically measure various meteorological phenomena near the peak.
- Aviation and aerospace manufacturing company Urban-Air Port has designed Air One, world's first airport for electric flying cars and large drones in Coventry, near Birmingham in England.
- The 2022 edition of "The State of the World's Forests" released by the FAO, Rome, says that forests cover 31 percent of the Earth's land surface.
- Denmark has become the first country in the world to suspend the COVID-19 vaccination programme as the epidemic has been brought under control.

### APRIL

- In a historic development, Twitter announced to sell its company to world's richest man Elon Musk, in a \$44 billion deal.
- The World Bank slashed its forecast for global economic growth in 2022 to 3.2%, citing the war in Ukraine, inflation and the lingering effects of the pandemic.
- IMF in its latest World Economic Outlook report released on April 20, slashed its global growth outlook for 2022 to 3.6% from earlier 4.4%.
  - ✓ *IMF said "global economic prospects have worsened significantly due to commodity price volatility and disruption of supply chains caused by Ukraine war."*
- The World Trade Organisation (WTO) has revised down its projection for global trade growth (in volume) for 2022 to 3% from earlier 4.7%.
  - ✓ *The reduction is due to the Russia-Ukraine conflict that has impacted commodity prices, disrupted supplies and intensified economic uncertainty.*
- In Pakistan, Shehbaz Sharif, Chief of the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N), was elected as the 23<sup>rd</sup> prime minister of the country after taking oath on April 11.

- Ecuador, in South America, has made history by becoming the first country to recognise the legal rights of individual wild animals.
- The Court observed that wild animals have the right “not to be hunted, fished, captured, collected, kept, retained, trafficked, marketed or exchanged”.

## MARCH

- The World Bank issued the Wildlife Conservation Bond (WCB) to support South Africa's efforts to conserve endangered species of Black Rhino.
- The World Air Quality Report has ranked Bangladesh as the most polluted country in the world in 2021.
  - ✓ *Among the capital cities, New Delhi was the most polluted city in the world with a PM 2.5 level of 85.1 in 2021.*

## PERSONS IN NEWS

### JUNE

**Ramkrishna Mukkavilli:** Founder MD of Maithri Aquatech, Hyderabad has become the first Indian to be recognised as the Global Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Pioneer for water stewardship by the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC).

**A R Rahman:** Music maestro has been named the ambassador of the British Council's 'India-UK Together Season of Culture'.

**Harini Logan:** The 13-year-old eighth-grader Indian-American from San Antonio, Texas won the Scripps National Spelling Bee 2022 contest in a historic tie-breaker, carrying home prizes and gifts worth more than \$ 50,000.

**HM Queen Elizabeth II:** Britain's Queen became the first royal in Britain to celebrate 70 years, Platinum Jubilee of her reign on June 2.

**Khaby Lame:** The 22-year-old video creator from Senegal has become the most followed person on TikTok, with a whopping 142.4 million followers.

### MAY

**Captain Abhilasha Barak:** The 26 year old army officer from Haryana became the first woman officer to join the Army Aviation Corps as a combat aviator.

**Priyanka Mohite:** Bengaluru based woman climber from Maharashtra, became the first Indian woman to scale five peaks above 8,000 metres, including Mt. Everest. She achieved the feat after scaling Mount Kanchenjunga on May 5.

**Lionel Messi:** Captain of Argentina's Football team topped the Forbes' list of World's highest paid athletes, with a reported income of \$130 million in 2021.

**Lhakpa Sherpa:** The steely Nepali woman climber created a new world record on May 12 by conquering the highest peak, Mt. Everest – for the 10th time – the most times any woman has climbed Everest.

**Kami Rita Sherpa:** Nepal's legendary climber scaled Mt Everest for the 26<sup>th</sup> time on May 7, breaking his own previous world record, to set a new world record.

### APRIL

**Gautam Adani:** Billionaire industrialist from Gujarat edged past veteran investor Warren Buffett to become the world's fifth-richest person. According to Forbes' Real-Time Billionaires List, Adani's wealth stood at \$123.7 billion as of the closing of 22 April, racing past Warren Buffett's \$121.7 billion.

**Deepika Padukone:** Popular Bollywood actress has been named as one of the judges on the world famous prestigious Cannes Film Festival in France.

**Falguni Nayar:** Founder and CEO of the beauty and lifestyle retail company Nykaa has been ranked as the richest Indian self-made woman in the “World's self-made women billionaires list” released by the Hurun Research Institute.

**Virat Kohli:** Retained his position as the most valued celebrity in India in 2021, even though his brand value has plunged by around 22 per cent to \$185.7 million (close to Rs 1,400 crore), according to Celebrity Brand Valuation Report 2021 released by Duff & Phelps.

**Jiya Rai:** A 13-year-old autistic swimmer from Mumbai, successfully swam across the Palk Strait in 13 hours on March 20, becoming the world's youngest and fastest female swimmer to swim the 29-kilometre Palk Strait in 13 hours and 10 minutes.

**Aung San Suu Kyi:** A court in military-ruled Myanmar convicted the country's former leader of corruption and sentenced her to five years in prison on April 26.

**Mark Vande Hei:** A NASA astronaut returned to Earth on March 30, after spending a record-breaking 355 days in the International Space Station. This is a new NASA record of maximum spaceflight time.

**Elon Musk:** The Forbes Billionaires List 2022 released on April 5 has placed Tesla and SpaceX Chief Elon Musk at the top with his total net worth estimated at \$219 billion, followed by Amazon chief Jeff Bezos (\$171 bn).

### MARCH

**Gautam Adani:** As per the M3M Hurun Global Rich List released on March 16, Gautam Adani was the biggest gainer in 2022 adding \$49 billion to his wealth last year. *The jump came after the listing of renewable energy company Adani Green, after which his wealth increased nearly five times to \$81 billion from \$17 billion in 2020.*



# APPOINTMENTS

## JUNE

**Parameswaran Iyer:** Retired IAS officer has been appointed as the new CEO of Niti Aayog.

**Tapan Kumar Deka:** Senior IPS officer has been appointed Director of Intelligence Bureau, India's domestic internal security and counter-intelligence agency under the Ministry of Home Affairs.

**Zulfiqar Hasan:** Senior IPS officer has been appointed as the new Director General of the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS).

**Sujoy Lal Thaosen:** A 1988 batch IPS officer of the Madhya Pradesh cadre, was appointed as the new Director General of the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB).

**Ms. Ruchira Kamboj:** Senior Diplomat has been appointed as the next Ambassador and Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations.

**Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai:** Retired judge of the Supreme Court, has been appointed as the chairperson of the Press Council of India.

**Gustavo Petro:** A former guerilla commando won Colombia's Presidential elections.

**Hamza Abdi Barre:** A former chairman of the Jubbaland state election commission, was appointed as the Prime Minister of Somalia.

**Maj Gen Bajram Begaj:** Albania's Chief of Armed Forces was elected as the President of the country, by its Parliament.

**Csaba Korosi:** Hungarian diplomat has been elected the President of the upcoming 77th session of the UN General Assembly.

## MAY

**Vinai Kumar Saxena:** Appointed as the new Lieutenant Governor of Delhi by a Presidential notification.

**Manik Saha:** BJP state president of Tripura was sworn in as the Chief Minister of Tripura on May 15.

**Rajiv Kumar:** Appointed as the next Chief Election Commissioner, wef May 15, 2022.

**Vivek Kumar:** 2004 batch IFS officer was appointed as the Personal Secretary (PS) to Prime Minister at the Joint Secretary level on May 21.

**Tarun Kapoor:** Retd IAS officer, former petroleum secretary, appointed Advisor to Prime Minister in his office – PMO.

**Krishnan Ramanujam:** Selected as the Chairperson of the national IT industry body NASSCOM for 2022-23.

**Nidhi Chibber:** Senior IAS officer has been appointed as the chairperson of the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), Delhi.

**Vijay Shekhar Sharma:** Re-appointed as the MD & CEO of Paytm for another 5 years term, from December 19, 2022, to December 18, 2027.

**Salil S. Parekh:** Board of Directors of Infosys re-appointed Mr Parekh as the MD & CEO of the Company for a period of five years till March 31, 2027.

**Sanjiv Bajaj:** Chairman and Managing Director of Bajaj Finserv Ltd., elected as the President of Confederation of Indian Industry, CII for the year 2022-23.

**Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus:** The World Health Assembly Member states of WHO re-elected Dr Tedros to serve a second five-year term as Director-General of the WHO.

**Anthony Albanese:** Labour Party leader was sworn in as Australia's new Prime Minister after securing mandate in the recently held general elections.

**John Lee:** Appointed as the next Chief Executive of Hong Kong by the China's State Council, which is equal to the country's cabinet. Hong Kong is a special administrative region of China.

**Ms. Elisabeth Borne:** French President Emmanuel Macron named the former Minister of transport, ecology and labour as the country's new Prime Minister.

**Hassan Sheikh Mohamud:** Elected as the new President of Somalia, Africa.

**Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan:** Elected as President of the United Arab Emirates.

**Yoon Suk-Yeol:** Sworn in as the new President of South Korea on May 10 in the capital Seoul.

## APRIL

**Dr. Suman K Bery:** Appointed as the new Vice Chairperson of NITI Aayog.

**Dr. Ajay Sood:** Appointed as the new Principal Scientific Adviser to the Prime Minister.

**Dr Manoj Soni:** Appointed as the chairman of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC).

**Vinay Mohan Kwatra:** Senior IFS officer of 1988 batch has been appointed as the new Foreign Secretary.

**Iqbal Singh Lalpura:** Re-appointed as the Chairperson of the National Commission for Minorities.

**Raj Subramaniam:** Indian-American technocrat has been appointed as the new CEO of FedEx, the US multinational courier delivery giant.

**Gilbert F. Houngbo:** A former prime minister of Togo has been elected as the next Director-General of the International Labour Organisation (ILO).

**Emmanuel Macron:** Won a second term in France's presidential election with 58.2 percent of the vote. \

**Aleksandar Vucic:** Re-elected as the President of Serbia, a landlocked country in Southeast Europe.

**Viktor Orban:** Re-elected as the Prime Minister of Hungary for a fourth term.

**Robert Abela:** Sworn in for a second term as the Prime Minister of Malta, a tiny island country, south of Italy.

## MARCH

**Debasish Panda:** Appointed as the Chairman of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI).

**Madhabi Puri Buch:** Appointed as the new Chairperson of market regulator SEBI-Securities and Exchange Board of India.

**Rakesh Sharma:** RBI approved his re-appointment as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of IDBI Bank.

**The Banks Board Bureau** approved MD & CEO in three public sector banks as under:

A Manimekhalai: Union Bank of India

Ajay Kumar Srivastava: Indian Overseas Bank

Swaroop Kumar Saha: Punjab & Sind Bank

**Hisashi Takeuchi:** Appointed as the MD and CEO of country's largest carmaker Maruti Suzuki India Ltd. For three years with effect from April 1.

**Serdar Berdimuhamedow:** Sworn in as the President of Turkmenistan on March 19.

**Katalin Eva Novak:** Elected by the Parliament to be the first female President of Hungary.

**Yoon Suk Yeol:** Elected as the new President of South Korea

## AWARDS & HONOURS

### JUNE

**Golden Conch Award:** The Dutch documentary film "Turn Your Body to the Sun", won the award for the Best Documentary Film at MIFF 2022 (Mumbai International Film Festival for Documentary, Short Fiction and Animation Films).

**Prime Minister's award for outstanding contribution for promotion of Yoga:** Awarded to two individuals, Bhikkhu Sanghasena from Ladakh and Marcus Vinicius Rojo Rodrigues from Brazil.

**Prince Sultan Bin Abdulaziz International Prize for Water:** Prof. Thalappil Pradeep of the Indian Institute of Technology, Madras has been named the 10th laureate of this coveted prize.

### IIFA Awards announced in Abu Dhabi on June 4

Best Actor (Male): Vicky Kaushal (Sardar Udham)

Best Actor (Female): Kriti Sanon (Mimi)

Best Director: Vishnuvardhan (Shershaah)

Best Film: Shershaah (Vishnuvardhan)

**Palme d'Or:** Golden Ball Award for the 'Best Film' at the Cannes Film Festival was won by 'Triangle of Sadness' directed by Ruben Ostlund of Sweden.

**2022 L'OEil d'Or:** 'Best Documentary Award' at the Cannes Film Festival won by Filmmaker Shaunak Sen's documentary, "All That Breathes".

## MAY

### ASHA workers honoured by WHO

India's one million all-women ASHA workers were awarded and honoured by WHO for their 'outstanding' contribution to advancing global health, demonstrated leadership and commitment to regional health issues.

**International Booker Prize:** 64 year old Delhi based Hindi author Geetanjali Shree's novel "Ret Samadhi" (Tomb of Sand) won the prestigious Booker Prize for a book translated in English.

**Order of the British Empire:** Conferred upon Kishore Jayaraman, President, India and South Asia for Rolls-Royce, by Her Majesty The Queen.

**2022 Templeton Prize:** Dr. Frank Wilczek, a Nobel Prize-winning theoretical physicist and author, was honoured with the prestigious Templeton Prize for his achievements in physics.

**Royal Gold Medal 2022:** Regarded as one of the world's highest honours for architecture, given by the Royal Institute of British Architects, London, this medal was conferred upon the Ahmedabad based 94 year old acclaimed Indian architect Balkrishna Doshi.

**World Food Prize:** Won by Dr. Cynthia Rosenzweig, NASA climate research scientist, for her research to understand the relationship between climate and food systems and forecast how both will change in the future.

**Whitley Gold Award:** Won by noted snow leopard expert and wildlife conservationist Charudutt Mishra for his contribution to involving indigenous communities in the conservation of Leopards in Himalayan ecosystems.

## APRIL

**Lata Deenanath Mangeshkar Award:** Conferred upon Prime Minister Narendra Modi on April 24 in Mumbai. This is the first edition of the award instituted in the memory of the melody queen late Lata Mangeshkar who passed away in February this year.

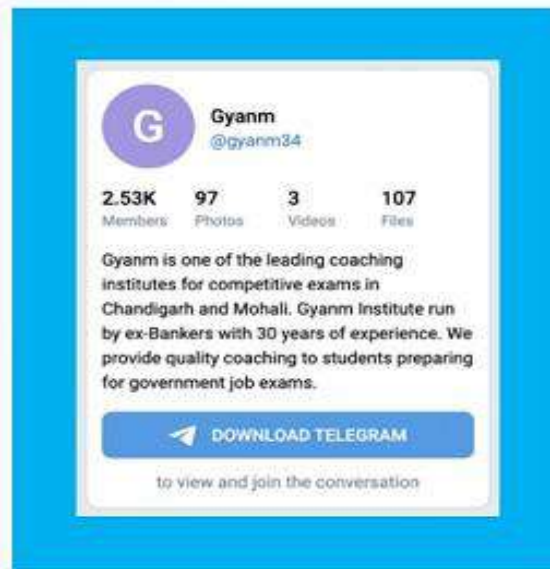
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**EY Entrepreneur of the Year – 2021:** Won by Nykaa Founder and CEO Falguni Nayar. She will now represent India at the EY World Entrepreneur of the Year Award (WEYO) on June 9, 2022.

**Saraswati Samman, 2021:** Awarded to noted Hindi poet and litterateur Prof Ramdarash Mishra for his Hindi poetry collection 'Mein to Yahan Hun' (मैं तो यहाँ हूँ) published in 2015.

**International Gandhi Award for Leprosy, 2021:** Awarded to Dr. Bhushan Kumar of Chandigarh and to Sahyog Kushtha Yagna Trust, Gujarat.

**Champions of the Earth: (Lifetime Achievement Award)** The UNEP selected Sir David Attenborough for this award for his dedication to research and advocacy for the protection of nature and its restoration.

#### **Grammy Awards 2022**

The highest honours in the music industry, Grammy Awards were announced in Las Vegas, USA on April 03.

**Record of the Year:** Leave the Door Open by Silk Sonic

**Album of the Year:** We Are by Jon Batiste

**Song of the Year:** Leave the Door Open from Silk Sonic

**Best Pop Vocal Album:** Sour by Olivia Rodrigo

**Best Pop Solo:** Driver's License by Olivia Rodrigo

**Best New Artist:** Olivia Rodrigo

### MARCH

**Best Picture:** CODA by Sian Heder (Child of Deaf Adults)  
**Best Director:** Ms. Jane Campion for the Power of the Dog.

**Best Actor:** Will Smith for King Richard

**Best Actress:** Jessica Chastain for the Eyes of Tammy Faye

**Stockholm Water Prize 2022:** Professor Emeritus Wilfried Brutsaert, Professor at Cornell University, USA won this prestigious prize for his ground-breaking work to quantify environmental evaporation.

**The Abel prize, 2022:** Awarded to American Mathematician Dennis Parnell Sullivan "For his ground-breaking contributions to topology in its broadest sense.

**Pritzker Prize:** Burkina Faso-born architect Diebedo Francis Kere has become the first African to be awarded architecture's most prestigious honour for his "pioneering" designs.

**Miss World 2021:** Karolina Bielawaska from Poland won the crown of at the 70<sup>th</sup> edition of the beauty pageant on Mar 16 at San Juan, Puerto Rico.

## OBITUARY

### JUNE

**V Krishnamurthy:** Leading technocrat, popularly known as "Father of Indian PSUs", passed away on June 26 at his Chennai home. He was 97.

*He headed three major PSUs: BHEL, Maruti Udyog and SAIL and was conferred Padma Shri, Padma Bhushan and Padma Vibhushan for his meritorious services.*

**Prof. Gopi Chand Narang:** One of the most respected Urdu critics, theorists and linguists, passed away on June 15. He was 91.

**KK - Krishnakumar Kunnath:** Popularly known as KK, noted Bollywood singer passed away after a live performance in Kolkata on May 31.

### MAY

**Pandit Shiv Kumar Sharma:** Legendary Santoor player who gave the little-known instrument an exalted status with his art, died of a heart attack on May 10 in Mumbai. The Jammu-born maestro was 84.

### APRIL

**K. Sankaranarayanan:** Veteran Congress leader and former Governor of Maharashtra, Nagaland, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Goa and Jharkhand, passed away on April 24 at his residence in Palakkad, Kerala.

### MARCH

**Shane Warne:** Australian cricket legend died at the age of 52 after a suspected heart attack in Koh Samui, Thailand. He took 708 wickets in 145 Test matches, second in the world only after Muttiah Muralitharan.

## PLACES IN NEWS

### JUNE

**Mawsynram:** A small town in the East Khasi Hills district of Meghalaya, set a new rainfall record of highest single-day rainfall 1003.6 mm, since 1966, breaking Cherrapunji's record as the wettest place on earth.

**Sir M Visvesvaraya Railway Terminal:** Built on the scale of international airports, the ultra-luxurious railway station in Bengaluru became operational on June 13 with Ernakulam Tri-Weekly Express chugging through the station.

### MAY

**Kolkata:** Became the first metro city in the country to prepare a detailed register of biodiversity.

#### **Ramgarh Vishdhari Wildlife Sanctuary**

The wildlife sanctuary in Bundi district of Rajasthan has been upgraded to a tiger reserve, as per a notification issued on May 16 by the union ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.



**Rakhigarhi:** Latest excavations by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) at Rakhigarhi in Hisar district of Haryana have shown remains of wide roads, a drainage network, multi-tier houses and possibly a jewellery-making unit; enough evidence to suggest that a meticulously planned Harappan city thrived there.

**Agra:** The city of Taj Mahal has become the first city in the country to have vacuum-based sewers. These vacuums will be used in public places.

**Jamtara:** This district in Jharkhand has become the only district in the country where all gram panchayats have community libraries.

**World's longest suspension footbridge,** named 'Sky Bridge', was thrown open to the public on May 13 in Dolni Morava in Czech Republic. The 721 metres, or 2,365 feet, long bridge connects two mountain ridges and hangs 95 metres (312 feet) above a valley.

**Vietnam's Bach Long** glass pedestrian bridge was opened to the public. The 632m (2,073ft) long bridge is supposed to be the world's longest glass bridge

✓ *Made from French clear tempered glass, it is strong enough to support up to 450 people at a time.*

## APRIL

**Hyderabad:** For a second consecutive year, Hyderabad has been recognised as a 'Tree City of the World' by the Arbor Day Foundation, Nebraska (USA) and the FAO. 500 volunteers planted over 3.50 crore trees in Hyderabad in a year.

**Mumbai** has also been selected as the second 'Tree City of the World' from India.

**KwaZulu-Natal:** Gushing floods caused by heavy rains killed more than 400 people and caused damage to properties worth at least \$684.58 million at KwaZulu-Natal (KZN) province on eastern coast of South Africa.

**Storm Megi:** Also known locally as Tropical Storm Agaton, Megi caused havoc in the Philippines' central regions in April's second week, claiming over 250 lives.

**Bucha:** A small town on the outskirts of Kiev, Ukraine was in the news because of the brutal massacre committed there allegedly by the Russian forces. More than 300 dead bodies were found scattered across the streets, with their hands tied behind.

## MARCH

**DHAKA:** The 'Annual Frontiers Report, 2022' published by the UNEP for assessing noise pollution levels in cities, placed Dhaka, at the top with highest noise levels of 119 decibels (noise level of a jet taking off) in the peak hours.

# SPORTS WORLD

## JUNE

**Navjeet Dhillon,** Indian women's discus thrower, won the gold medal on June 25 with a throw of 56.24 m. at the Qosanov Memorial 2022 athletics meet in Almaty, Kazakhstan.

**Archers Jyothi Surekha Vennu** and Abhishek Verma won the gold medal in compound mixed team event at the World Cup Stage- 3 in Paris on June 25.

**Saanapathi Gurunaidu,** 16 year old boy from Andhra became the first Indian to win a Gold medal at the IWF Youth World Championships in Leon, Mexico.

**Neeraj Chopra,** Tokyo Olympics gold medalist ace Javelin thrower set a new national record of 89.30 metres at Paavo Nurmi Games in Finland.

**R. Praggnanandhaa,** top-seeded Grand Master won the Norway Chess Group 'A' event on June 10.

**Ranji Trophy:** Madhya Pradesh defeated 41 times champions Mumbai by six wickets to win their first-ever Ranji Trophy title in the finals played at M. Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru on June 25.

**In Hero Asia Cup-2022,** (men's hockey), team India secured the bronze medal on June 01 by routing Japan 1-0 in Jakarta, capital of Indonesia.

**FIH Hockey 5s championship:** India beat Poland 6-4 in the final on June 5 to clinch the inaugural edition of 5s championship in Lausanne, Switzerland.

**Gujarat Titans** led by Hardik Pandya won the IPL Trophy in its 15<sup>th</sup> season on May 29 after a seven-wicket victory over Rajasthan Royals in the final played in Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad.

**The 4th edition of Khelo India Youth Games 2021** concluded on June 13. The medal tally was topped by host state Haryana by securing 137 medals that included 52 gold, 39 silver and 46 bronze medals.

**Mithali Raj,** Indian icon of women's cricket, 39 year old veteran cricketer from Hyderabad, announced her retirement from all forms of international cricket.

**Rumeli Dhar,** India's pace allrounder announced her retirement from all formats of Cricket on June 22.

**First-ever National Air Sports Policy-2022** was announced on June 7 in New Delhi. Eleven air sports including Aerobatics, Ballooning, and Gliding, Parachuting, Powered aircraft and Rotorcraft will be promoted through this policy.

## INTERNATIONAL

**French Open concludes at Roland Garros, Paris**  
**Rafael Nadal of Spain** won his 14th singles title at French Open

**Iga Swiatek of Poland**, World no.1 won the Women's Singles Title by beating US teenager Coco Gauf.

**Champions League:** Real Madrid won the biggest Football League of Europe for a record-extending 14th time in the final played on May 28 at the Stade de France, near Paris.

**23rd FIFA World Cup 2026:** FIFA, the world governing body for Football, announced on June 16 that the 23rd edition of its World Cup will be hosted in 2026 jointly by three countries – United States, Mexico and Canada.

## MAY

**Murali Sreeshankar**, National champion long jumper from Kerala won the gold medal on May 26 at the 12th International Jumping Meeting in Kallithea, Greece.

**Indian boxer Nikhat Zareen** (from Telangana) clinched the gold medal in 52 kg category on May 19 to get the crown of "World Champion" at the IBA Women's World Boxing Championships in Istanbul, Turkey.

**Ms. Jyothi Yarraji**, the 22-year-old Andhra athlete won the gold in the 100 mt hurdles race at the Cyprus International Meet on May 10 at Limassol, Cyprus. She scored a timing of 13.23 seconds, breaking the 20 year old national record of 13.38 seconds, made by Anuradha Biswal in 2002.

**Armyman Avinash Sable** from Beed, Maharashtra clocked 13 minutes and 25.65 seconds in the 5,000 mt race on May 6 in San Juan Capistrano, USA, finishing 12<sup>th</sup>. However, he broke the 30 year old National Record of 13:29:70, set by Bahadur Prasad in 1992.

**Harshada Sharad Garud** scripted history by becoming the first Indian to win a gold medal on May 02 at the IWF Junior World Weightlifting Championships at Heraklion in Greece.

**Thomas Cup:** Indian Men's Badminton team scripted history by winning the Thomas Cup for the first time ever in its 73 years history, dethroning 14 time champions Indonesia on May 15 in Bangkok. The victory was led by the team of Lakshya Sen and Kidambi Srikanth and supported by the doubles duo of Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy.

**12th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship:** Odisha were crowned as the Champions of the 2022 with a thrilling 2-0 victory over Karnataka in the final played on May 17 in Bhopal.

**The 24th Summer Deaflympics** were held in Brazil's Caxias Du Sul from 1st to 15th of May. India won 16 medals that included 8 gold, 1 silver and 7 bronze.

## Khelo India University Games 2021

Hosts local Jain University (Deemed-to-be University), won the overall champion title with an impressive tally of 20 gold, 7 silver, and 5 bronze medals.

**Santosh Trophy:** Hosts Kerala defeated West Bengal 5-4 in a penalty shootout in the finals played at the Payyanad Stadium in Malappuram to win the National Football Tournament for the seventh time.

**The 4<sup>th</sup> Khelo India Youth Games:** Jaya the blackbuck, Vijay the tiger and Dhakad the bull were unveiled as the three mascots for the biggest sports event in the U-18 age category, to be held in Haryana from 4-13 June.

**Ronnie O'Sullivan** of England claimed his seventh World Snooker Championship title on May 02 with an 18-13 win over his fellow countryman Judd Trump in Sheffield, England. O'Sullivan, 46, has become the oldest world champion in Snooker.

## APRIL

**India's Dipika Pallikal and Saurav Ghosal** created history by winning the mixed doubles finals to secure India's first ever gold medal at WSF World Doubles Squash championship at Glasgow, England.

**Ravi Dahiya** won gold, Bajrang Punia and Gourav Baliyan took silver while Naveen and Satywart clinched bronze medals at the Asian Wrestling Championships in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

**Grandmaster, R Praggnanandhaa** won the prestigious Reykjavik Open chess tournament on April 12 in Reykjavik, Iceland by defeating GM D Gukesh.

**D Gukesh** became the first Indian player in 48 years to win the La Roda International Open, held at La Caja Blanca in La Roda, Albacete in Spain from April 13-17.

**Top Indian swimmer** Sajan Prakash won the men's 200 m butterfly gold and Vedaant Madhavan bagged silver medal in the men's 1500m freestyle event at the Danish Open swimming meet in Copenhagen, Denmark.

**83rd Senior National and Inter-State Table Tennis Championships:** **A Sharath Kamal** secured his 10<sup>th</sup> national title beating G Sathiyam in the men's singles summit clash at Shillong on April 25.

In the women's singles final, **Sreeja Akula** beat Mouma Das to win her maiden national crown.

**India defeated France** in the compound men's team final on April 23 to win the gold medal in the Archery World Cup Stage-1 at Antalya, Turkey. The recurve mixed team of



Tarundeep Rai and Ridhi Phor also bagged the gold medal.

**BBC Indian Sportswoman of the Year 2021:** Awarded to S. Mirabai Chanu, noted Indian weightlifter. Chanu created history in 2021 becoming the first Indian weightlifter to clinch a silver at the Tokyo Olympics.

**12<sup>th</sup> Senior Men's National Hockey Championship:** Haryana were crowned as the National Champions on April 17 in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh with a thrilling victory over Tamil Nadu in the finals.

**71<sup>st</sup> Senior National Basketball Championship:** Tamil Nadu beat Punjab to win the men's title. Women's title was won by the Indian Railways team after defeating Telangana.

### INTERNATIONAL SPORTS WORLD

**Max Verstappen** (Red Bull – Netherlands) won the Formula-1 Saudi Arabian Grand Prix on March 27 at Jeddah. He also won the Emilia Romagna Grand Prix on April 24 at Imola, Italy.

**4th FIH Junior Women's Hockey World Cup:** The Netherlands lifted their fourth title after beating Germany 3-1 in the final at Potchefstroom, South Africa on April 12.

**ICC Women's Cricket World Cup:** Australian team lifted the Cup for a record 7<sup>th</sup> time by defeating England in the final by 71 runs at Hagley Oval in Christchurch, New Zealand. **Alyssa Healy** of Australia was declared Player of the Match and also the Player of the tournament.

**Laureus World Sports Awards 2022** winners were announced in a virtual event screened live from Seville, Spain, on April 24.

Laureus World Sportsman of the Year: Max Verstappen, the 2021 F1 World champion from The Netherlands  
Laureus World Sportswoman of the Year: Jamaican athlete Elaine Thompson-Herah

Laureus World Team of the Year: Italy's Men's Football Team

#### Wisden Cricketers of the year

The 2022 edition of Wisden Cricketers' Almanack, published on April 21 named two Indians - Jasprit Bumrah and Rohit Sharma - in the top 5 Wisden Cricketers of the Year list.

**Joe Root**, England's outgoing Test captain, has been named as the "Leading Man Cricketer in the World". A right hand batsman, he scored 1,708 Test runs in 2021.

**Lizelle Lee**, South African opener was named the "Leading Woman Cricketer" as she scored 632 ODI runs in 2021 at an average of 90.28.

**2026 Commonwealth Games:** The Australian state of Victoria has been officially announced as the host for the 2026 Commonwealth Games. The 2022 Commonwealth Games are being hosted by Birmingham, UK from July 28 to August 8, 2022.

#### 'La'eeb' - mascot for FIFA 2022 unveiled

FIFA unveiled 'La'eeb' on April 1 as the official mascot for this year's FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022. La'eeb is an Arabic word meaning super-skilled player.

#### "Al Rihla" – the Official FIFA Match Ball

The German sports goods multinational company Adidas unveiled "Al Rihla" – the Official Match Ball for the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022.

*It is Adidas' 14th World Cup ball, and it is designed to accommodate the fastest game speeds possible, since it flies quicker in flight than any other World Cup ball.*

## MARCH

**P. V. Sindhu** won the Women's Singles title in the Swiss Open Badminton Championships at Basel, Switzerland. Men's singles title was won by Jonatan Christie of Indonesia by defeating India's H S Prannoy.

**Long jumper Someswara Rao Ramudri** and javelin thrower Mohit bagged Gold medals in their individual events at the Dubai 2022 World Para Athletics Grand Prix. Sprinter Pranav Prashant Desai won India's first gold medal in 200 m race.

**Nikhat Zareen (52kg) and Nitu (48kg)**, each won a gold medal on Feb 27 at the 73rd Strandja Memorial Boxing Tournament, held in Sofia, Bulgaria.

**Lakshya Sen** secured second position in the men's singles final of the prestigious All England Open Badminton Championship in Birmingham, UK.

**Lakshya Sen** became the first Indian to clinch Silver medal at the BWF Superseries 300 German Open 2022 in Mulheim, Germany.

**Pankaj Advani** lifted his eighth title at the 19<sup>th</sup> Asian Billiards Championship on March 19 in Doha, Qatar after beating compatriot Dhruv Sitwala.

**Mirabai Chanu** secured a gold medal in the 55 kilogram category by lifting a total of 191 kilograms in the Singapore Weightlifting International on Feb 25.

**Sadia Tariq**, 15 year old girl from J&K won a gold medal in the Moscow Wushu Stars Championship held in Moscow from February 22 to 28.

#### **Sportstar Aces Awards-2022:**

**Sportstar of the Year (Male):** Neeraj Chopra, javelin thrower

**Sportstar of the Year (Female):** Mirabai Chanu, weightlifter

**Five Indian women boxers**, Nivedita, Tamanna, Shaheen Gill, Ravina and Muskan grabbed gold medals on March 14 in the Asian Youth and Junior Boxing Championships in Amman, Jordan.

**SAFF U-18 Women's Football Championship:** India won by defeating Bangladesh in the finals played on March 25 at Jamshedpur in Jharkhand.

**Indian para badminton** contingent won 6 gold, 7 silver and 8 bronze medals in the Spanish Para-Badminton International 2022 in Cartagena, Spain.

**Indian Super League Football Championship:** Hyderabad FC won by defeating Kerala Blasters on March 20 at Nehru stadium, Goa.

**Jhulan Goswami**, the 39-year-old right-arm fast bowler became the first-ever woman bowler to breach the 250 mark in wicket taking in ODIs.

**Mithali Raj**, India's ODI skipper broke the record for most matches captained in the ICC Women's World Cup. She led India in 24 World Cup games.

**Priyanka Nutakki** became India's 23rd newest Woman Grandmaster at MPL's National Women Chess Championship at Bhubaneswar, Odisha. Divya Deshmukh, 16-year-old Chess player from Nagpur won the National Champion title.

**Mithali Raj, 39**, became the third cricketer and the first woman to appear in six World Cups, joining the iconic Sachin Tendulkar and Pakistani great Javed Miandad.

**Indian EdTech Company, BYJU'S** has become the first Indian firm to be an official sponsor of the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022.

#### **INTERNATIONAL SPORTS WORLD**

**Yulimar Rojas** of Venezuela improved her own women's triple jump world record with a leap of 15.74 metres to

win gold at the World Indoor Athletics Championships on March 20 in Serbia.

**Steve Smith of Australia** has become the fastest to score 8000 runs in Test cricket by reaching the milestone in his 151st innings, playing against Pakistan in Lahore.

**Ashleigh Barty:** World number one Tennis player shocked the world on March 23 by announcing early retirement from tennis at the age of 25 years.

**Cristiano Ronaldo**, Forward player of Manchester United from Portugal, created a world record as professional football's all-time leading scorer with 807 goals after a brilliant hat-trick against Premier League rivals Tottenham Hotspur on March 12 at Manchester, England.

**The 31st Southeast Asian Games** will be held in Hanoi, Vietnam from May 12 to 23, 2022.



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# Model Test For General / Economy / Banking Awareness



## AUGUST GK TEST - 01

- Film Soorarai Pottru won the national award for the Overall Best Feature Film. It is in which language?**  
a. Tamil                      b. Malayalam  
c. Tulu                        d. Kannada  
e. Telugu
- Which country topped the list of the World's Most Powerful Passports 2022 released by the Henley Passport Index on July 20?**  
a. Singapore                b. Austria  
c. Switzerland              d. Japan  
e. South Korea
- India finished \_\_\_\_\_ in the medals tally with 61 medals in the recently concluded 22nd edition of the Commonwealth Games:**  
a. First                        b. Second  
c. Third                        d. Fourth  
e. Fifth
- The Shanghai Cooperation Organisation has decided to select which Indian city as the "Cultural and Tourism Capital" for 2022-23?**  
a. Varanasi                  b. Jaipur  
c. Amritsar                  d. Goa  
e. Tirupati
- \_\_\_\_\_ has become India's first state to connect all the commercial vehicles registered in the state with Vehicle Location Tracking Device (VLTD) and with the Emergency Response Support System (ERSS), number 112:**  
a. Andhra Pradesh  
b. Madhya Pradesh  
c. Tamil Nadu  
d. Sikkim  
e. Himachal Pradesh
- Madam Draupadi Murmu is the first scheduled tribe person to hold the position of President of India. She hails from which tribe?**  
a. Gond                        b. Bhil  
c. Santhal                      d. Muria  
e. Khond
- India's first human carrying platform — a pilot-less drone made its debut on July 19 in New Delhi in the presence of the Prime Minister. What is its name?**  
a. Aruna                        b. Garuda  
c. Pushpak                      d. Varuna  
e. Pawanrath
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi represents which Lok Sabha constituency in India?**  
a. Vidisha                      b. Varanasi  
c. Gandhinagar                d. Ahmedabad  
e. Vadodra
- The advances taken as loan by the exporters is/ are called**  
a. Pre-shipment loans  
b. Packing credit  
c. Letter of Credit  
d. Letter of Intent  
e. Both a and b
- Which district in Madhya Pradesh became the first district in the country where all people from each of 254 villages have access to safe drinking water through taps?**  
a. Guna                        b. Betul  
c. Burhanpur                  d. Neemuch  
e. Jhabua
- Which film won the national award for the Best Hindi Film?**  
a. Bhavai                        b. Thalaivi  
c. Kagaz                        d. Toolsidas Junior  
e. Satyamev Jayate-2
- The Sundarbans, one of the largest mangrove forests in the world, are associated with which state of India?**  
a. Tamil Nadu                b. West Bengal  
c. Odisha                      d. Maharashtra  
e. Kerala
- Which state of the USA grabbed the news headlines for being devastated by unprecedented wildfires in the 3rd-4th week of July?**  
a. Arizona                      b. Nevada  
c. California                  d. Oregon  
e. Los Angeles
- The 44th Chess Olympiad started in India at which place on July 28?**  
a. Pune                        b. Thrissur  
c. Trichy                        d. Chennai  
e. Tirupati
- Russia has decided to quit the International Space Station (ISS) after 2024. Which of the following is NOT a partner in the ISS project?**  
a. NASA (USA)  
b. Roscosmos (Russia)  
c. JAXA (Japan)  
d. ASA (Australia)  
e. CSA (Canada)
- In which of the following neighbours of India, women have outnumbered men in a recent national census?**  
a. Pakistan                      b. Nepal  
c. Bangladesh                d. Nepal  
e. Myanmar
- Suraj Vashisht created history on July 27 by becoming the first ever Indian to win Gold in the Greco-Roman U-17 World**

- Wrestling Championship in Rome, Italy. He hails from which state?**  
a. Karnataka    b. Bihar  
c. Maharashtra    d. Haryana  
e. Punjab
- 18. Kanyakumari was formerly known as**  
a. Cape Canaveral  
b. Sagar Sundri  
c. Cape Comorin  
d. Vivekanand Point  
e. None of these
- 19. The deliberate reduction in the value of a country's currency with respect to a foreign currency due to government action is known as:**  
a. Currency Depreciation  
b. Currency Revaluation  
c. Currency Depression  
d. Currency devaluation  
e. Currency Deflation
- 20. Which of the following has been selected as the official slogan for the 2024 Paris Olympics?**  
a. Games for All  
b. Games Wide Open  
c. We Love Games  
d. Paris Calling  
e. Love the Games
- 21. India's first indigenously built aircraft carrier Vikrant was delivered to the Indian Navy on July 28. It has been built by which public sector shipyard?**  
a. Cochin Shipyard Limited, Kochi  
b. Mazagon Dock Limited, Mumbai  
c. Hindustan Shipyard Limited, Visakhapatnam  
d. Goa Shipyard Ltd. Goa  
e. Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers, Kolkata
- 22. Which Indian company delivered the first lot of the indigenously developed Quick Reaction Fighting Vehicles (QRFVs) to the Indian Army?**  
a. Bharat Dynamics Ltd  
b. Heavy Vehicles Factory, Avadi  
c. Reliance Engineering Ltd  
d. L & T Defence Ltd  
e. Tata Advanced Systems
- 23. As per the Kotak Private Banking-Hurun's Leading Wealthy Women list released on July 27, who has been crowned as the wealthiest woman in India with a fortune of ₹84.3 crore in 2021?**  
a. Falguni Nayar  
b. Savitry Jindal  
c. Roshni Nadar Malhotra  
d. Nilima Motaparti  
e. Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw
- 24. RBI's digital payments index rose to 349.30 in March 2022, compared to 304.46 for September 2021, indicating digital payments are on the rise in the country. Which of the following is NOT a mode of digital payment?**  
a. BHIM                      b. AEPS  
c. IMPS                      d. UPI  
e. ASBA
- 25. Which among the following remained the most chosen brand among fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG) segments in India in 2021, topping the rankings for the tenth year in a row?**  
a. Colgate                      b. Britannia  
c. Parle                      d. Amul  
e. Patanjali
- 26. India's first international bullion exchange, the 'India International Bullion Exchange (IIBX)', was inaugurated on July 29 in which city?**  
a. Surat                      b. Mumbai  
c. GIFT city, Gujarat  
d. Pune                      e. Ahmedabad
- 27. The MacMohan line divides which two countries?**  
a. India and China  
b. Pakistan and China  
c. India and Afghanistan  
d. India and Nepal  
e. India and Bangladesh
- 28. BBPS is an integrated bill payment system which offers interoperable bill payment service to customers online as well as through a network of agents on the ground. BBPS stands for-**  
a. Bharat Balance Payment System  
b. Bank Bill Processing System  
c. Bharat Bill Procuring Service  
d. Bharat Bill Payment Service  
e. Bharat Bill Payment System
- 29. The auction for the 5G spectrum of radio waves concluded on July 29. Which of the following was NOT a participant in the auction?**  
a. Reliance Jio    b. Bharti Airtel  
c. Tata Communications  
d. Vodafone Idea  
e. Adani Data Networks
- 30. The Parliament passed the Indian Antarctic Bill, 2022 on August 1. Which of the following are India's research stations in Antarctica?**  
a. Himadri and Gangotri  
b. Bharti and Himadri  
c. Maitri and Utkarsh  
d. Bharti and Maitri  
e. Gangotri and Utkarsh
- 31. The \_\_\_\_\_ Agricultural Census (2021-22) was launched in the country on July 28:**  
a. 5th                      b. 7th  
c. 9th                      d. 11th  
e. 15th
- 32. Mr. Suresh N. Patel was sworn in as the Chief of which apex national organisation on August 03?**  
a. Chairman, CBDT  
b. Chairman, CBIC  
c. Chief Information Commissioner  
d. Central Vigilance Commissioner  
e. Chief Election Commissioner
- 33. Which central government authority approved the highest ever Fair and Remunerative Price (FRP) of sugarcane at Rs. 305 per quintal for sugar season 2022-23?**  
a. Ministry of Agriculture  
b. Cabinet Committee on Farmers Welfare  
c. Agricultural Product Price Committee  
d. Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs  
e. Central Farm Produce Price Commission
- 34. Women officers of which force created history by conducting the first-ever all-women independent maritime reconnaissance and surveillance mission in the North Arabian Sea onboard a Dornier 228 aircraft?**  
a. Indian Air Force  
b. Air Paratroopers Corp  
c. Indian Navy

- d. NSG Commandos  
e. Naval Flying Corp
35. **World Sanskrit Day is observed annually on the Purnima of which month of the Hindu calendar?**  
a. Shravan      b. Bhadra  
c. Aashadh      d. Paush  
e. Jayeshtha
36. **Which of the following emerged as the top Indian company with highest revenue of \$ 97.3 billion in 2021-22, in the prestigious Fortune 500 list 2022?**  
a. SBI      b. IOC  
c. LIC      d. RIL  
e. Adani Energy
37. **The PM Jan Dhan Yojana offers the account holders a free accident insurance cover of**  
a. Rs. 30,000  
b. Rs. 50,000  
c. Rs. 1, 00,000  
d. Rs. 2, 00,000  
e. As per the account holder's choice
38. **The RTGS system is primarily meant for large value transactions. The minimum amount to be remitted through RTGS is-**  
A. Rs 1 lakh      B. Rs 2 lakh  
C. Rs 3 lakh      D. Rs 4 lakh  
E. Rs 5 lakh
39. **RBI hiked the policy repo rate by 50 basis points to 5.40%. Consequently, which of the following rates have NOT been changed?**  
a. Standing Deposit Facility Rate  
b. Marginal Standing Facility Rate  
c. Bank Rate  
d. Fixed Reverse Repo Rate  
e. All rates have changed
40. **For the first time, a US Navy Ship (USNS) Charles Drew arrived at L&T's Shipyard on August 07 for undertaking necessary repairs and allied services. Where is this shipyard?**  
a. Alang      b. Mumbai  
c. Goa      d. Kolkata  
e. Chennai
41. **Viswanathan Anand, Indian chess legend was elected as the \_\_\_\_\_ of FIDE, the world governing body of Chess, on August 07.**  
a. Director      b. Secretary  
c. Deputy President  
d. President      e. Secretary General
42. **The Indian Army tested the operational readiness of its satellite-based systems deployed across the country from July 25 to**

**29. What was the codename of this exercise?**

- a. Satark      b. Navshakti  
c. Communit      d. Skylight  
e. Nabhnetra

43. **The 13th Edition of the Indo-US Joint Special Forces exercise, Ex Vajra Prahar 2022 was held at the Special Forces Training School at Bakloh, in which state?**

- a. Mizoram      b. Manipur  
c. Himachal Pradesh  
d. Rajasthan      e. Uttarakhand

44. **Dr Kalaiselvi N has been appointed as the first woman Director-General of which apex research organisation of India?**

- a. ISRO      b. CDRI  
c. ICAR      d. CDSCO  
e. CSIR

45. **The 44th FIDE Chess Olympiad hosted by Chennai, concluded on August 9. Which country's team won the gold medal in the men's section of the Olympiad?**

- a. Hungary      b. Russia  
c. Poland      d. Uzbekistan  
e. Romania

46. **The International Labour Organization is headquartered in**

- A. Geneva      B. New York  
C. Washington      D. Montreal  
E. Vienna

47. **Which of the following is NOT an objective of IMPS?**

- a. To facilitate mobile payment systems operating in India  
b. To facilitate 24x7 electronic funds transfer through mobile phones  
c. Making payment simpler just without the mobile number of the beneficiary  
d. To enable bank customers to use mobile phones as a channel for accessing their bank accounts and remit funds  
e. To build the foundation for a full range of mobile based Banking services

48. **Serena Williams, American tennis legend, was in the news recently for what reason?**

- a. She suffered a massive knee injury  
b. She was honoured with the highest civil award of USA  
c. She announced her retirement from the professional Tennis  
d. She met with a serious road accident  
e. She won the 24th grand slam, highest by any tennis player

49. **Which African country is home to the largest population of**

**Elephants, numbering around 1,34,000?**

- a. Nigeria      b. South Africa  
c. Uganda      d. Kenya  
e. Botswana

50. **The Union Cabinet has approved the continuation of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U) up to what date?**

- a. December 31, 2022  
b. March 31, 2023  
c. September 30, 2023  
d. June 30, 2024  
e. December 31, 2024

#### AUGUST GK TEST - 02

1. **Which country has been awarded hosting rights for the 2026 Chess Olympiad by the FIDE - The International Chess Federation?**

- a. Bulgaria      b. Spain  
c. Finland      d. Uzbekistan  
e. Romania

2. **Which country declared its iconic green site Padang, as its 75th national monument on August 09 in the honour of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose?**

- a. Hong Kong      b. Malaysia  
c. Thailand      d. Singapore  
e. Japan

3. **Justice Uday Umesh Lalit has been appointed as the \_\_\_\_\_ Chief Justice of India:**

- a. 45th      b. 46th  
c. 47th      d. 48th  
e. 49th

4. **India is a mixed economy due to the co-existence of**

1. Public sector    2. Private sector  
3. Joint sector  
4. Cooperative sector  
a. Only 1      b. Both 1 and 2  
c. Only 3      d. Both 2 and 3  
e. All of them

5. **The MCLR regime of the Reserve Bank of India is related to**

- a. Interest rates on bank loans  
b. Liquidity norms followed by the banks  
c. Capital adequacy norms  
d. Cash Reserve Ratio  
e. Interest rates on bank deposits

6. **India celebrates Akshay Urja Diwas on August 20. Who is the current union minister for the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy?**

- a. Giriraj Singh  
b. Dr. Jitendra Singh  
c. Raj Kumar Singh  
d. Kiren Rijiju



- e. Bhupender Yadav
7. **Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar was elected the 14th Vice-President of India on August 6. He was governor of which state immediately before becoming the Vice President?**
    - a. Rajasthan b. Karnataka
    - c. West Bengal d. Manipur
    - e. Odisha
  8. **Which two north-eastern states signed a joint statement on August 9, to resolve the boundary dispute between them?**
    - a. Assam and Meghalaya
    - b. Assam and Tripura
    - c. Manipur and Mizoram
    - d. Mizoram and Assam
    - e. Nagaland and Assam
  9. **The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) launched a 3D virtual space tech park called SPARK at which place on August 10?**
    - a. Bengaluru b. Sriharikota
    - c. Mysuru d. Kottayam
    - e. None of these
  10. **Who became the world's first cricketer on August 8 to have played in 600 T20 matches?**
    - a. Joe Root b. Babar Azam
    - c. Chris Gayle d. Keiron Pollard
    - e. Aaron Finch
  11. **India added 11 more wetlands as Ramsar sites on August 13, taking the number of such sites to 75. Now which state has the highest number - 14 of Ramsar sites?**
    - a. Uttar Pradesh b. Madhya Pradesh
    - c. Odisha d. Tamil Nadu
    - e. Karnataka
  12. **Government launched the project "SMILE: Support for Marginalised Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise" on August 12. What is its main objective?**
    - a. To provide nutritional food to children
    - b. To make cities, towns free from beggars
    - c. To work for upliftment of widows in Mathura
    - d. To provide shelter to orphan children
    - e. To help victims of domestic violence
  13. **A contingent of the Indian Air Force took part in the Exercise Udarshakti with the Air Force of which other country?**
    - a. Malaysia b. Israel
    - c. Italy d. Japan
    - e. France
  14. **RBI released on August 10 detailed guidelines for the \_\_\_\_\_ lending entities:**
    - a. Domestic b. Industrial
    - c. Corporate d. Digital
    - e. Offline
  15. **Which of these countries does NOT have dollar as its currency?**
    - a. Sweden b. Australia
    - c. Canada d. Singapore
    - e. Zimbabwe
  16. **The KYC process is designed to establish the prospective customer's \_\_\_\_\_?**
    - a. Net worth b. Identity
    - c. Address
    - d. Social background
    - e. Only b and c
  17. **Which senior Congress leader has been selected for France's highest civilian award Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur for his writings and speeches?**
    - a. Jairam Ramesh
    - b. Shashi Tharoor
    - c. Kapil Sibal
    - d. Anand Sharma
    - e. Manish Tiwari
  18. **Which university has been ranked first among Indian Universities in the latest Nature Index 2022 ranking?**
    - a. University of Hyderabad
    - b. JLN University
    - c. Bombay University
    - d. Allahabad University
    - e. Banaras Hindu University
  19. **The 22nd edition of the Commonwealth Games was hosted by England in which city?**
    - a. London b. Manchester
    - c. Bristol d. Birmingham
    - e. Liverpool
  20. **Rakesh Jhunjhunwala, veteran stock market investor, passed away on August 14. Which of the following statements about him is NOT true?**
    - a. He was popular as "Big Bull of Dalal Street"
    - b. He hailed from Jhunjhunu, Rajasthan
    - c. He started the low budget airline 'Akasa Air'
    - d. He was known for his grand and lavish lifestyle
    - e. He was often referred to as Warren Buffet of India
  21. **Pooja Ojha, the para athlete, made history on August 05 by winning India's first ever medal in \_\_\_\_\_ at the 2022 World Championships of this sport, held in Canada:**
    - a. Fencing b. Lawn Bowling
    - c. Canoeing d. Kayaking
    - e. Rafting
  22. **Asia's largest Compressed Biogas (CBG) plant began its commercial operations on August 13 at village Bhuttal Kalan in which state?**
    - a. Punjab b. Haryana
    - c. Uttar Pradesh d. Rajasthan
    - e. Madhya Pradesh
  23. **The Union Cabinet approved interest subvention of \_\_\_\_\_ percent on Short Term Agriculture Loans upto Rs. 3 lakh:**
    - a. 1 b. 1.5
    - c. 2 d. 2.5
    - e. 3
  24. **The prestigious Hockey tournament, Sultan Azlan Shah Cup 2022 will be hosted by which country?**
    - a. Brunei b. Indonesia
    - c. Malaysia d. UAE
    - e. Saudi Arabia
  25. **Where are the headquarters of SIDBI located?**
    - a. Bengaluru b. Lucknow
    - c. Mumbai d. New Delhi
    - e. Kolkata
  26. **\_\_\_\_\_ is the process of stopping the movement of the physical cheque issued by a drawer at some point by the presenting bank en-route to the paying bank branch.**
    - a. Truncation b. Countermanding
    - c. Bouncing d. Stop Transit
    - e. None of the given options is true
  27. **Which of these activities/ bodies is NOT regulated by the SEBI?**
    - a. Futures trading in commodities
    - b. Mutual Funds
    - c. Debt markets
    - d. Listing of companies
    - e. None of these
  28. **A team of scientists and researchers in \_\_\_\_\_ developed India's first 3D-printed Cornea:**
    - a. Hyderabad b. Bengaluru
    - c. Kharagpur d. Cuttack
    - e. Chennai
  29. **In which state tribal-dominated Mandla region has become the country's first fully "functionally literate" district?**
    - a. Odisha b. Chhattisgarh
    - c. Madhya Pradesh
    - d. Jharkhand e. West Bengal
  30. **In a recent report published by the State of Global Air on air quality and health in cities, which two Indian cities have been ranked top two most polluted cities in the world?**

- a. Ludhiana and Kanpur  
b. Kolhapur and Bhiwani  
c. New Delhi and Kolkata  
d. Patna and Firozabad  
e. Agra and Ludhiana
31. **The advertising giant Rediffusion, launched India's own font on Independence Day. What is its name?**  
a. Indus                      b. Bharat  
c. Hindus                    d. Indlipi  
e. Indulekha
32. **The External Affairs Ministry has selected which city to host 17th Pravasi Bhartiya Divas 2023?**  
a. Pune                      b. Gwalior  
c. Puri                        d. Indore  
e. Jaipur
33. **\_\_\_\_\_ has become the first 'Har Ghar Jal' certified State where every household has been provided a tap connection for drinking water:**  
a. Kerala                    b. Sikkim  
c. Goa                        d. Odisha  
e. Meghalaya
34. **Country's first electric double decker AC bus has been introduced in which city?**  
a. Bengaluru              b. Mumbai  
c. Hyderabad              d. Chennai  
e. Kolkata
35. **Who gave the call for "Evergreen Revolution" in India in 2017?**  
a. M. S. Swaminathan  
b. Verghese Kurien  
c. Tribhuvandas Patel  
d. H. M. Dalaya  
e. M S Randhawa
36. **In terms of length of railways, Indian Railway Network ranks \_\_\_\_\_ in the world:**  
a. First                      b. Second  
c. Third                      d. Fourth  
e. Fifth
37. **Which of the following are NOT included in the Priority Sector categories for loans?**  
a. Transport                      b. Housing  
c. Roadways                      d. MSMEs  
e. Export Credit
38. **What is the name of the first-of-its-kind database of arrested narcotics offenders that has been made operational for use by various central and state prosecution agencies tasked to enforce anti-drugs laws in the country?**  
a. NIVARAN                      b. NASHA  
c. NIDAAN                        d. NARCOEND  
e. NISHAANT
39. **Sadbhavna Diwas (Harmony day), observed on August 20, marks the**

**birthday of which noted statesman?**

- a. Sarojini Naidu    b. Sardar Patel  
c. Rajiv Gandhi    d. Indira Gandhi  
e. Vinoba Bhave
40. **\_\_\_\_\_ has become the first state in the country to deploy a production grade blockchain-based seed distribution programme:**  
a. Jharkhand              b. Odisha  
c. Haryana                d. Sikkim  
e. Manipur
41. **Which of the following is NOT a part of the bullion market?**  
a. Biscuits                      b. Bars  
c. Coins                        d. Bricks  
e. None of these
42. **MS-Word is an example of which of the following?**  
a. An operating system  
b. A processing device  
c. Application software  
d. An input device  
e. A typing software
43. **Which organisation prepares National Income estimates in India?**  
a. NITI Aayog  
b. Reserve Bank of India  
c. Central Statistical Organisation  
d. Indian Statistical Institute  
e. Central Statistical Office
44. **The Tropic of Cancer does NOT pass through which of the following Indian states?**  
a. Madhya Pradesh  
b. West Bengal  
c. Rajasthan                      d. Chhattisgarh  
e. None of these
45. **What is the maximum limit for education loans for individuals under priority sector for studies in India?**  
a. Rs. 4 lakh                      b. Rs. 6 lakh  
c. Rs. 10 lakh                      d. Rs. 12 lakh  
e. No limit, need based
46. **A 'micro' enterprise in manufacturing is an enterprise where investment in plant and machinery does not exceed Rs. \_\_\_\_\_ lakh.**  
a. Rs. 20 lakh                      b. Rs. 25 lakh  
c. Rs. 50 lakh                      d. Rs. 100 lakh  
e. No such limit
47. **"We Understand Your World" is the tagline of which bank?**  
a. HDFC Bank                      b. Bank of India

- c. ICICI Bank  
d. Punjab National Bank  
e. State Bank of India

48. **The Indian Navy received the first lot of two MH-60 R (Romeo) multirole helicopters from the United States. Which US company makes these helicopters?**  
a. General Dynamics  
b. Northrop Grumman  
c. Lockheed Martin Corp.  
d. Boeing Corp.    e. Honeywell Inc.
49. **Your friends are planning a trip to popular Bhindawas Bird Sanctuary. It is located in which state?**  
a. Madhya Pradesh  
b. Bihar                        c. Haryana  
d. Odisha                      e. Rajasthan
50. **Who is the author of the best-selling book 'Freedom Behind Bars'?**  
a. Kiran Bedi                      b. Jawaharlal Nehru  
c. Nelson Mandela  
d. M J Akbar                      e. KPS Gill

#### ANSWER KEY | AUGUST | GK TEST | I

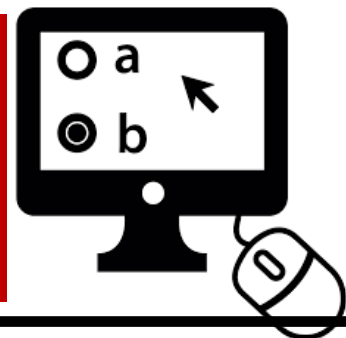
| Q. | A. | Q. | A. | Q. | A. | Q. | A. | Q. | A. |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| 1  | A  | 2  | D  | 3  | D  | 4  | A  | 5  | E  |
| 6  | C  | 7  | D  | 8  | B  | 9  | E  | 10 | C  |
| 11 | D  | 12 | B  | 13 | C  | 14 | D  | 15 | D  |
| 16 | C  | 17 | D  | 18 | C  | 19 | D  | 20 | B  |
| 21 | A  | 22 | E  | 23 | C  | 24 | E  | 25 | C  |
| 26 | C  | 27 | A  | 28 | E  | 29 | C  | 30 | D  |
| 31 | D  | 32 | D  | 33 | D  | 34 | C  | 35 | A  |
| 36 | C  | 37 | D  | 38 | B  | 39 | D  | 40 | E  |
| 41 | C  | 42 | D  | 43 | C  | 44 | E  | 45 | D  |
| 46 | A  | 47 | C  | 48 | C  | 49 | E  | 50 | E  |

#### ANSWER KEY | AUGUST | GK TEST | 2

| Q. | A. | Q. | A. | Q. | A. | Q. | A. | Q. | A. |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| 1  | D  | 2  | D  | 3  | E  | 4  | B  | 5  | A  |
| 6  | C  | 7  | C  | 8  | D  | 9  | E  | 10 | D  |
| 11 | D  | 12 | B  | 13 | A  | 14 | D  | 15 | A  |
| 16 | E  | 17 | B  | 18 | A  | 19 | D  | 20 | D  |
| 21 | C  | 22 | A  | 23 | B  | 24 | C  | 25 | B  |
| 26 | A  | 27 | E  | 28 | A  | 29 | C  | 30 | C  |
| 31 | B  | 32 | D  | 33 | C  | 34 | B  | 35 | A  |
| 36 | D  | 37 | C  | 38 | C  | 39 | C  | 40 | A  |
| 41 | E  | 42 | C  | 43 | E  | 44 | E  | 45 | C  |
| 46 | D  | 47 | A  | 48 | C  | 49 | C  | 50 | A  |

# IBPS PO - PRE

## (MODEL TEST PAPER)



### REASONING ABILITY

**Directions (Qs. 1 to 5): Study the following information to answer the given questions.**

Twelve cars viz Mercedes, Swift, Santro, Accord, Innova, Polo, Punto, Figo, Civic, City, Ferrari and Landrover are parked in two parallel rows containing six cars each, in such a way that there is an equal distance between adjacent cars. The cars parked in row – 1 are parked in such a manner that the driver seated in the cars would face the South. In row – 2, cars are parked in such a manner that the drivers seated in these cars would face the North. Therefore, in the given parking arrangement each car parked in a row faces another car of the other row.

(i) Mercedes being a big car must be parked at one of the extreme ends. Mercedes is parked second to the left of Santro. Santro faces Figo.

(ii) Punto and Innova are parked immediately next to each other. Neither is parked next to Figo or Santro.

(iii) Civic is parked in such a manner that its driver when seated in the parked car would face South. Civic is parked third to the left of Polo.

(iv) City is parked in such a manner that it faces Ferrari. Ferrari is parked second to the left of Landrover. Landrover faces North and is not parked next to Figo.

(v) Swift is parked third to the right of Ferrari and faces Innova.

**(Note)** Left and right parking directions are with reference to the driver as if the driver is seated in the car.)

**1) How many cars are parked between Santro and Civic?**

- a) One
- b) Two
- c) Three
- d) Four
- e) Both cars are parked in different rows

**2) Polo is related to Ferrari in the same way as Innova is related to Accord. To which of the following is City related to, following the same pattern?**

- a) Mercedes
- b) Innova
- c) Santro
- d) Punto
- e) Landrover

**3) Which of the following cars are parked at extreme ends of the rows?**

- a) Landrover, Punto
- b) Innova, Polo
- c) Polo, Accord
- d) Landrover, Innova
- e) Ferrari, Swift

**4) Which of the following cars faces Polo?**

- a) Mercedes
- b) Civic
- c) Landrover
- d) Punto
- e) Accord

**5) Which of the following is true regarding Figo?**

- a) A driver seated in the parked Figo would face North
- b) Swift is parked second to the right of the car facing Figo.
- c) Punto and Ferrari are parked immediately next to Figo
- d) Mercedes and Accord are parked at the extreme ends of the row in which Figo is parked
- e) None is true

**Directions (Qs. 6 to 10): Study the following information carefully to answer the given questions.**

Eight players of different games are sponsored by different companies. Sachin who plays cricket is not sponsored by Pepsi or Britannia. The player who is sponsored by Adidas plays badminton. The player of billiards is sponsored by Reebok. Mahesh is sponsored by MRF. He does not play Table Tennis or Chess. Singers sponsored players plays football. Dinko does not play hockey. The volleyball player is sponsored by Pepsi. Laxman and Ramesh play Volleyball and Badminton, though not necessarily respectively. Rahul plays Billiards. Dhanraj who is sponsored by Ispat International does not play chess. Mukesh is not sponsored by Britannia. Manikchand sponsored player does not play table tennis or hockey.

**6) Who is sponsored by Singers?**

- a) Dinko
- b) Mukesh
- c) Sachin
- d) Can't be determined
- e) None of these



- 7) **Dinko plays which game?**  
 a) Football                      b) Table Tennis  
 c) Chess                         d) Hockey  
 e) Can't be determined
- 8) **Who plays Table tennis?**  
 a) Dhanraj                      b) Dinko  
 c) Mukesh                      d) Sachin  
 e) Can't be determined
- 9) **The player sponsored by MRF plays which game?**  
 a) Cricket                      b) Hockey  
 c) Chess  
 d) Can't be determined  
 e) None of these
- 10) **Which of the following combination is definitely false?**  
 a) Laxman - Volleyball - Pepsi  
 b) Ramesh - Badminton - Adidas  
 c) Rahul- Billiards - Reebok  
 d) Mahesh - Football - MRF  
 e) None of these

**Directions (Qs. 11-15):** In each of the questions below are given four statements, followed by four conclusions: I, II, III, IV. You have to take the given statements to be true even if they seem to be at variance from commonly known facts. Read the conclusions and then decide which of the given conclusions logically follows from the given statements disregarding commonly known facts.

- 11) **Statements:**  
 Some carpets are books.  
 All books are pens  
 Some pens are cartons.  
 All cartons are notebooks.  
**Conclusions:**  
 I. Some cartons are carpets  
 II. Some cartons are books  
 III. Some pens are carpets.  
 IV. Some notebooks are pens.  
 a) Only I and II follow  
 b) Only II and III follow  
 c) Only III and IV follow  
 d) Only I and III follow  
 e) None of these
- 12) **Statements:**  
 Some paints are bottles  
 Some bottles are brands  
 Some brands are colours  
 All colours are erasers.  
**Conclusions:**  
 I. Some paints are brands  
 II. Some erasers are bottles  
 III. Some erasers are brands  
 IV. Some bottles are colours  
 a) None follows                      b) Only III follows  
 c) Only II and IV follow              d) Only IV follows  
 e) Only I, II and III follow

- 13) **Statements:**  
 Some boxes are triangles  
 All spheres are triangles  
 All Circles are boxes.  
 All triangles are quadrilaterals.  
**Conclusions:**  
 I. Some quadrilaterals are boxes.  
 II. Some quadrilaterals are triangles  
 III. Some triangles are spheres.  
 IV. No Circle is quadrilateral.  
 a) Only I follows                      b) Only II follows  
 c) Only I, II and III follow              d) Only III follows  
 e) All follow

- 14) **Statements:**  
 All plastics are trees.  
 Some trees are buildings  
 Some buildings are windows  
 Some windows are papers.  
**Conclusions:**  
 I. Some papers are plastics  
 II. Some buildings are papers  
 III. No paper is tree  
 IV. Some trees are windows.  
 a) Only I follows                      b) Only II follows  
 c) Only I and IV follow              d) Only III follows  
 e) None follows

- 15) **Statements:**  
 All rings are phones.  
 All phones are spoons.  
 Some phones are files  
 All files are covers  
**Conclusions:**  
 I. Some files are rings  
 II. Some covers are spoons.  
 III. Some spoons are phones  
 IV. Some rings are covers  
 a) Only II and IV follow  
 b) Only I, II and III follow  
 c) Only I and II follow  
 d) Only II and III follow  
 e) None follows

**Directions (16-20): Study the information and answer the given question.**

In a certain code language 'prepare for your exams' is written as 'xn nt oz wl'  
 'hard work for prepare' is written as 'nt ml oz tk'  
 'prepare your studies well' is written as 'sd jk nt xn'  
 'work well best results' is written as 'ds lu jk ml'

- 16) **What is the code for 'best' in the given code language?**  
 a) lu                                      b) ml  
 c) sd                                      d) ds  
 e) Either ds or lu
- 17) **In the given code language 'nt' is the code of which word?**  
 a) prepare                                      b) your  
 c) hard                                      d) work                      e) exam

- 18) What may be the code for 'exams are hard' in the given code language?  
 a) wl ml tk                      b) zr tk ko  
 c) wl xn tk                      d) tk zr wl  
 e) ke wl xn
- 19) What is the code for 'studies for' in the given code language?  
 a) ds sd                      b) jk sd  
 c) jk xn                      d) oz jc  
 e) oz sd
- 20) What is the code for 'well' in the given code language?  
 a) xn                      b) nt  
 c) wl                      d) jk  
 e) ml

**Directions (21-25): Study the following information carefully and answer the question given below-**

A, B, C, D, E, F, G and H are eight persons sitting around a rectangular table. Four of them sit middle side of table and facing away from the center and other four of them sit at the corner of table and they are facing towards the center of the table. They all have different age. The age of all the four persons who sit at the corner of table is multiple of 3 and the age of all four persons who sit at the middle of table is multiple of 2.

E sits third to left of A. A faces outside. Two persons sit between E and the one whose age is 54. H sits second to right of one whose age is 54 year. Three persons sit between H and B, whose age is 76 year. One of immediate neighbor of H is 69 year old person. C sits second to right of one whose age is 69 year. Only one person sits between C and F. The age of one who sits second to left of F is one year less than B. The age of one who is immediate neighbor of one whose age is 75 year is equal to difference between the age of B and A. D is not immediate neighbor of E. The age of one of them is 27 year but he is not immediate neighbor of B. The age of H is perfect square and his age lies between the age of B and A. The age of D is 1 year less than age of H.

- 21) What is the age of D?  
 a) 64 year                      b) 81 year  
 c) 36 year                      d) 16 year  
 e) None of these.
- 22) Which one of the following sits immediate left of G?  
 a) F                      b) G  
 c) E                      d) D  
 e) None of these
- 23) How many persons are there between A and D, when counted from left of A?  
 a) Four                      b) Two  
 c) Three                      d) No one.  
 e) One

- 24) Who sits opposite to A?  
 a) F                      b) G  
 c) E                      d) D  
 e) None of these
- 25) The difference of age between F and C is?  
 a) 69 year                      b) 51 year  
 c) 27 year                      d) 42 year  
 e) None of these

**Directions (26-30): Study the following information carefully and answer the questions given below:**

Six persons D, E, F, G, H and I belong to different cities, viz Patna, Pune, Ranchi, Delhi, Gurgaon and Noida but not necessarily in the same order. Each of them likes a different colours, viz Black, White, Pink, Purple, Grey and Brown. They use different types of laptops, viz HP, Dell and Sony but not necessarily in the same order. At least two persons use the same type of laptop.

The one who belongs to Gurgaon uses Sony. I uses Sony and likes White, but belongs neither to Patna nor to Ranchi. The one who belongs to Delhi uses HP. E uses the same type of laptop as the one who likes Black, but he does not belong to Pune. The one who belongs to Patna uses HP. G belongs to Gurgaon and likes neither Pink nor Brown.

The one who belongs to Pune uses Dell. H belongs to Delhi and likes Purple, but he does not use the same laptop as F. D does not like Grey or Brown. The one who uses Sony belongs neither to Delhi nor to Ranchi. Those who like Purple and Pink use the same type of laptop.

- 26) Which of the following combinations is true?  
 a) H – Delhi – Purple – Sony  
 b) D – Patna – Pink – HP  
 c) E – Pune – Black – Dell  
 d) H – Patna – Grey – HP  
 e) G – Noida – White – Sony
- 27) Who among the following use the same type of laptop?  
 a) G, H                      b) E, I  
 c) D, H                      d) F, G  
 e) I, D
- 28) Who among the following likes Purple?  
 a) The one who belongs to Delhi and uses Dell  
 b) The one who belongs to Pune and uses Sony  
 c) The one who uses Dell  
 d) The one who belongs to Noida  
 e) None of these
- 29) Which of the following statements is not true?  
 a) D belongs to Patna and uses HP.  
 b) G likes Grey colour and uses Sony.  
 c) I belongs to Noida and likes White  
 d) Those who like Pink and Brown use the same type of laptop.  
 e) All are true.

30) Who among the following belongs to Noida?

- a) The one who likes Pink
- b) The one who uses HP
- c) I, who likes White
- d) F, who uses Dell
- e) None of these

31) In which of the following expressions will the expressions  $R < P$  as well as  $S > Q$  be definitely true?

- a)  $P > Q = R \leq T < S$
- b)  $S > T \geq R > Q < P$
- c)  $Q > R \leq T > P \geq S$
- d)  $S > T \geq R > Q > P$
- e) None of these

**Directions (Q. 32-33):** Study the following questions carefully and answer the questions given below. (Each question has one statement followed by three conclusions).

You have to assume that the given conclusions are true and according fill the blanks in the statements.

32) **Statements:**  $C \geq D = F ? J ? R = H ? T$

**Conclusions:**

I.  $H = J$       II.  $D \geq H$       III.  $D > T$

If all the given conclusion are definitely true, then fill in the blanks.

- a)  $=, \geq, \geq$       b)  $=, =, >$
- c)  $\geq, =, >$       d)  $\geq, \geq, \geq$
- e) None of these

33) **Statements:**  $A \geq B ? C > D = F ? G \geq L$

**Conclusions:**

I.  $D < G$       II.  $A > C$       III.  $D < A$

If all the given conclusion are definitely true, then fill in the blanks.

- a)  $>, =$       b)  $>, >$
- c)  $>, <$       d)  $=, <$
- e)  $\geq, \leq$

**Directions (34-35):** Study the following information to answer the given questions.

Point P is 9m towards the East of Point Q. Point R is 5m towards the South of Point P. Point S is 3m towards the West of Point R. Point T is 5m towards the North of Point S. Point V is 7m towards the South of Point S.

34) If a person walks in a straight line for 8 m towards West from Point R, which of the following points would he cross the first?

- a) V      b) Q
- c) T      d) S
- e) Cannot be determined

35) Which of the following points are in a straight line?

- a) P, R, V      b) S, T, Q
- c) P, T, V      d) V, T, R
- e) S, V, T

## QUANTITATIVE APTITUDE

**Directions (1-5):** In the following question, two equations numbered I and II are given. You have to solve both the equations and answer the question.

- 1) I.  $9p^2 - 21p + 12 = 0$   
II.  $18q^2 - 50q + 32 = 0$ 
  - a)  $p > q$       b)  $p < q$
  - c)  $p \geq q$       d)  $p \leq q$
  - e)  $p = q$  or no relation can be established between 'p' and 'q'.
- 2) I.  $3p^2 - 8p - 60 = 0$   
II.  $20q^2 - 288q + 1036 = 0$ 
  - a)  $p > q$       b)  $p < q$
  - c)  $p \geq q$       d)  $p \leq q$
  - e)  $p = q$  or no relation can be established between 'p' and 'q'.
- 3) I.  $5p^2 - 65p + 180 = 0$   
II.  $3q^2 - 90q + 483 = 0$ 
  - a)  $p > q$       b)  $p < q$
  - c)  $p \geq q$       d)  $p \leq q$
  - e)  $p = q$  or no relation can be established between 'p' and 'q'.
- 4) I)  $12m^2 - 126m + 294 = 0$   
II)  $7n^2 + 123n - 504 = 0$ 
  - a) If  $m \geq n$       b) If  $m < n$
  - c) If  $m > n$       d) If  $m = n$
  - e) If  $m \leq n$
- 5) I.  $x^2 - 30x + 216 = 0$   
II.  $y^2 - 39y + 360 = 0$ 
  - a)  $x > y$       b)  $x \geq y$
  - c)  $x < y$       d)  $x \leq y$
  - e)  $x = y$  or the relationship cannot be established

**Directions (6- 10):** Which of the following does not fit in the series?

- 6) 824, 408, 396, 96, 44, 18, 5
  - a) 824      b) 408      c) 396
  - d) 18      e) 44
- 7) 5, 7, 13, 25, 45, 87, 117
  - a) 7      b) 87      c) 45
  - d) 117      e) None
- 8) 2185, 727, 241, 79, 30, 7, 1
  - a) 2185      b) 727      c) 79
  - d) 30      e) 214
- 9) 2, 3, 10, 15, 25, 35, 50, 63
  - a) 25      b) 10      c) 35
  - d) 63      e) 50
- 10) 2, 7, 10, 15, 25, 35, 50, 63
  - a) 2      b) 10      c) 25
  - d) 60      e) 15



**Directions (11-15):** What will come in place of question mark (?) in the following questions?

- 11)  $92 \times 576 \div (2 \sqrt{1296}) = (?)^3 + \sqrt{49}$   
 a) 3 b)  $(9)^2$   
 c) 9 d) 27  
 e) None of these
- 12)  $1/6$  of 92% of  $1\frac{1}{23}$  of (650) = 85 + ?  
 a) 18 b) 21  
 c) 19 d) 28  
 e) None of these
- 13)  $(15 \times 0.40)^4 \div (1080 \div 30)^4 \times (27 \times 8)^4 = (3 \times 2)^{?+5}$   
 a) 8 b) 3  
 c) 12 d) 16  
 e) None of these
- 14)  $3\frac{1}{4} + 2\frac{1}{2} - 1\frac{5}{6} = \frac{(? )^2}{10} + 1\frac{5}{12}$   
 a) 25 b)  $\sqrt{5}$   
 c) 625 d) 15  
 e) 5
- 15)  $(\sqrt{8} \times \sqrt{8})^{1/2} + (9)^{1/2} = (?)^3 + \sqrt{8} - 340$   
 a) 7 b) 19  
 c) 18 d) 9  
 e) None of these

**Directions (16-20):** Study the following table carefully to answer the questions that follow.

**AMOUNT EARNED (IN LACS) BY FIVE PERSONS IN SIX DIFFERENT YEARS**

| Year | Person |      |      |      |      |
|------|--------|------|------|------|------|
|      | A      | B    | C    | D    | E    |
| 2005 | 2.24   | 4.33 | 5.64 | 3.73 | 1.69 |
| 2006 | 1.44   | 3.34 | 6.93 | 5.52 | 5.52 |
| 2007 | 4.63   | 2.79 | 7.52 | 5.68 | 4.28 |
| 2008 | 6.65   | 6.63 | 5.83 | 6.74 | 6.83 |
| 2009 | 5.34   | 4.50 | 5.94 | 8.42 | 5.53 |
| 2010 | 7.38   | 5.36 | 7.84 | 9.45 | 9.94 |

- 16) Total amount earned by Person -A in the year 2006 and person C in the year 2010 together was approximately what percent of the amount earned by Person - E in the year 2009?  
 a) 151 b) 155  
 c) 168 d) 174  
 e) 162
- 17) What is the approximate percent increase in the amount earned by Person-D in the year 2010 as compared to the previous year?  
 a) 7 b) 21  
 c) 18 d) 15  
 e) 12

- 18) Whose earning increased consistently from the year 2005 to the year 2010?  
 a) A b) B  
 c) C d) D  
 e) E
- 19) What was the respective ratio between the amount earned by person - B in the year 2007 and person - D in the year 2010?  
 a) 32 : 107 b) 31 : 105  
 c) 29 : 107 d) 32 : 105  
 e) None of these
- 20) What was the average of the earning of person-B in the year 2006, C in the year 2008 and E in the year 2005 together?  
 a) Rs. 3.62 lacs b) Rs. 2.64 lacs  
 c) Rs. 3.64 lacs d) Rs. 10.86 lacs  
 e) None of these
- 21) Three taps A, B and C can fill a tank in 12, 15 and 20 hours respectively. If A is open all the time and B and C are open for one hour each alternately, in what time will the tank be full?  
 a) 9 hours b) 7 hours  
 c) 8 hours d) 10 hours  
 e) 11 hours
- 22) A and B started a business in partnership investing Rs. 20,000 and Rs. 15,000 respectively. After six months, C joined them with Rs. 20,000. What will be B's share in total profit of Rs. 25,000 earned at the end of 2 years from the starting of the business?  
 a) Rs. 8,000 b) Rs. 8,500  
 c) Rs. 9,000 d) Rs. 7,500  
 e) Rs. 9,500
- 23) A boatman goes 2 km against the current of the stream in 1 hour and goes 1 km along the current in 10 minutes. How long will it take to go 5 km in stationary water?  
 a) 80 minutes b) 75 minutes  
 c) 70 minutes d) 72 minutes  
 e) 84 minutes
- 24) In a lottery, there are 15 boys and 10 girls. Three students are selected at random. What is the probability that 1 girl and 2 boys are selected?  
 a)  $\frac{31}{47}$  b)  $\frac{21}{46}$   
 c)  $\frac{22}{47}$  d)  $\frac{31}{46}$  e)  $\frac{21}{47}$
- 25) Two stations A and B are 110 km apart on a straight line. One train starts from A at 7 am and travels towards B at 20 kmph. Another train starts from B at 8 am and travels towards A at a speed of 25 kmph. At what time will they meet?  
 a) 9 am b) 11 am

- c) 11:30 am                      d) 10 am  
e) 12:30 pm

- 26) The difference between a two-digit number and the number obtained by interchanging the digits is 36. What is the difference between the sum and the difference of the digits of the number if the ratio between the digits of the number is 1 : 2?  
a) 10                                  b) 9  
c) 11                                  d) 8  
e) 7
- 27) Mr. Sinha invests 12% of his monthly salary, i.e. Rs. 3,660 in insurance Policies. Later he invests 16% of his monthly salary on Family Medclaim Policies; also he invests another 3% of his salary on NSCs. What is the total annual amount invested by Mr. Sinha?  
a) Rs. 1,13,460    b) Rs. 1,22,440  
c) Rs. 1,06,540  
d) Cannot be determined  
e) Rs. 2,01,342
- 28) In how many different ways can the letters of the word "GAMBLE" arranged?  
a) 720                                  b) 840  
c) 360                                  d) 420  
e) None of these

**Directions (Q. 29 - 33): Study the following information carefully to answer the questions that follow:**

There are two trains, Train A and Train B. Both trains have four different types of coaches, viz General, Sleeper, First class and AC. In Train A, there are total 700 passengers. Train B has thirty percent more passengers than Train A. Twenty per cent of the passengers of Trains A are in General Coach. One fourth of the total number of passengers of Train A are in AC coach. Twenty three percent of the passengers of Train A are in sleeper Coach. Remaining passengers of Train A are in First Class Coach. The total number of passengers in AC Coach in both the trains together is 480. Thirty percent of the number of passengers of Train B are in Sleeper Coach. Ten percent of the total passengers of Train B are in First Class Coach. The remaining passengers of Train B are in General Coach.

- 29) What is the ratio of the number of passengers in First Class Coach of Train A to the number of passengers in Sleeper Coach of Train B?  
a) 13 : 7                                  b) 7 : 13  
c) 32 : 39                                  d) Data inadequate  
e) None of these
- 30) What is the total number of passengers in the General Coach of Train A and AC coach of Train B together?  
a) 449                                  b) 459  
c) 435                                  d) 445  
e) None of these

- 31) What is the difference between the number of passengers in the AC Coach of Train A and the total number of passengers in Sleeper and First Class Coach together of Train B?  
a) 199                                  b) 178  
c) 187                                  d) 179  
e) None of these
- 32) The total number of passengers in General Coaches of both the trains together is approximately what percentage of the total number of passengers in Train B?  
a) 35                                  b) 42  
c) 46                                  d) 38  
e) 31
- 33) If the cost per ticket of First Class Coach is Rs. 450, what will be the total amount generated from First Class Coach of train A?  
a) Rs. 1,00,080    b) Rs. 1,08,000  
c) Rs. 1,00,800    d) Rs. 10,800  
e) None of these
- 34) Pratibha covers a distance of 24 km at the speed of 8km/hr and a distance of 18km at the speed of 9 km/hr. Further, she covers a distance of 12 km at the speed of 3 km/hr. What is her average speed in covering the whole distance?  
a) 8km/hr                                  b) 5.5 km/hr  
c) 3 km/hr                                  d) 6km/hr  
e) None of these
- 35) The mean of the marks obtained by 100 students is 60. If the marks obtained by one, of the students was incorrectly calculated 75; where as the actual marks obtained by him was 65 what is the correct mean of the marks obtained by the students?  
a) 59                                  b) 5850  
c) 50  
d) Cannot be determined  
e) None of these

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE

**Directions (1-10): Read the following paragraph. Some of the words have been highlighted in bold. Answer the questions based on this paragraph.**

The internet has become the integral part of today's generation of people; from communicating through instant messages and emails to banking, travelling, studying and shopping, internet has touched every aspect of life. With the growing use of the internet by people, protecting important information has become a necessity. A computer that is not having appropriate security controls can be infected with malicious logic and thus any type of information can be accessed in moments. Number of infected Web Pages and malicious websites can be seen every day that infects the computer and allow hackers to gain illegal

access to other computer systems. Hacking of important data, network outages, computer viruses and other cyber related threats affect our lives that range from minor inconvenience to serious incidents. Cyber threats can be caused due to negligence and vulnerabilities, or unintentional accidents. The main objectives of such type of system attackers or hackers are to steal confidential information, to make illegal monetary transactions, to destroy or to change data and the like. System attackers can be terrorists, crackers or recreational hackers. They have a variety of tools that can harm or infect the computer; usually they use malicious logic or virus to gain unauthorized access to a computer. Opening email attachments that carry the virus, clicking malicious links or websites or unintentionally downloading a dangerous program are common ways through which a computer can be infected and data can be stolen. As the number of data networks, digital applications, as well as internet and mobile users are growing, so do the chances of cyber exploitation and cyber crimes. Even a small mistake in securing data or bad social networking can prove to be extremely dangerous. If accounts are not properly secured, it makes easier for hackers or unauthorized users to spread viruses or social engineered attacks that are designed to steal data and even money. Such types of issues highlight the need for cyber security as an essential approach in protecting and preventing data from being used in appropriately. In simple language, Cyber Security or Information technology security means protecting data, networks, programs and other information from unauthorized or unintended access, destruction or change. It encompasses all the mechanisms and processes that protect digital equipment, information and records from illegal or unintended access, manipulation or destruction. In today's dynamic environment, cyber security has become vital for individuals and families, as well as organizations (such as military, government, business houses, educational and financial institutions, corporations and others) that collect and store a wide range of confidential data on computers and transmit that to other computers across different networks. For families, protection of children and family members from cybercrime has become substantially important. For an individual, protecting information that could impact social life as well as personal finance is essential. The internet has provided a wide array of learning opportunities, but there are risks too. Photos, videos and other personal information shared by an individual on social networking sites such as Facebook, Twitter can be inappropriately used by others may lead to serious and even life-threatening incidents. Social networking sites have become the most popular medium for sharing information and connecting with other people. But these sites have created varied opportunities for cybercrimes, compromised personal identities and information leakage. Therefore, it is

important for individuals to understand how to protect against cyber threats, and must also comprehend the difference between virtual and real world. One should learn how to protect computers and personal information from being hacked and should engage in appropriate online behaviour in order to eliminate changes of cyber threats and thereby creating a safer online environment.

**1) According to the author what does the cyber security means?**

- a) Cyber Security means the dispersion of important data and devise a structural engineering that allow easy flow of information
- b) Cyber Security means protecting data, networks, programs and other information from unauthorized or unintended access, destruction or change.
- c) Cyber Security means the blocking of all the websites that are available in free domain
- d) Cyber Security means the Hacking of important data, network outages, computer viruses and other cyber related threats affect our lives that range from minor inconvenience to serious incidents.
- e) None of the above

**2) According to the author, what is the main reason behind cyber threats?**

- a) the unknown person with malice
- b) due to intelligence, veneration and intentional threats.
- c) due to negligence and vulnerabilities, or unintentional accidents.
- d) by communicating through instant messages and emails to banking, travelling, studying and shopping on internet
- e) None of the above

**3) What is the downside of Social media, according to the author?**

- a) the long hours usage of social media could affect an individual mentally and become the victim of depression
- b) by sharing sensitive information, one can be vulnerable to sudden outburst of emotions
- c) information shared by an individual for socializing purposes can be distorted and can be used for malignant purpose.
- d) the social media owners can steal the information and sell this information for monetary purposes
- e) None of the above

**4) According to this passage, how the virus gets into the computers?**

- a) by saving data and clicking on the desktop
- b) by opening a document file in the search History
- c) by texting online and receiving files on social media platforms



d) Opening email attachments that carry the virus, clicking malicious links or websites or unintentionally downloading a dangerous program

e) None of the above

5) **What will be the apt title for this passage?**

a) life hacks

b) Cybercrime and hacking

c) technology and its advantages

d) technological advances

e) The impact of social media

6) **In the following question, find the word that is most similar in the meaning to the word 'malicious'?**

a) benefactor

b) benign

c) benevolent

d) vitriolic

e) vituperate

7) **In the following question, find the word that is most similar in the meaning to the word "illegal"?**

a) symposium

b) chagrin

c) chauvinistic

d) Felonious

e) charlatan

8) **In the following question, find the word that is opposite in the meaning to the word "unauthorized"?**

a) accredit

b) unaccredited

c) inadmissible

d) increment

e) liaison

9) **In the following question, find the word that is opposite in the meaning to the word "appropriate"?**

a) malapropos

b) opportunely

c) sequester

d) usurp

e) commandeer

10) **In the following question, find the word that is most similar in the meaning to the word "unintentional"?**

a) despotic

b) harbinger

c) fortuitously

d) immaculate

e) innocuous

**Directions (Q. 11-15): Select the phrase/connector from the given three options which can be used in the beginning (to start the sentence) to form a single sentence from the two sentences given below, implying the same meaning as expressed in the statement sentences.**

11) **What Doklam standoff aims to gain out of this crisis has been subject to much speculation. It hopes to peel Bhutan away from India's orbit.**

i. It is speculated that.....

ii. Being the subject of speculation .....

iii. In accordance to.....

a) All except ii

b) All except iii

c) Only I

d) Both i and iii

e) None of these

12) **Both the Central government and many state governments have appointed advisers and consultants on an ad-hoc basis. Some of them, recruited into the Finance Ministry, and more recently into public enterprises, have distinguished themselves.**

i. After the recruitment into.....

ii. Being appointed as .....

iii. In view of distinguishing.....

a) Only i

b) Only ii

c) Only iii

d) All of the above

e) None of these

13) **The quiet railway station in the heart of Karmatar draws its name from one of the country's greatest social reformers. Today hardly anyone seems to be aware of the connection of this place to Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar.**

i. Having drawn its name from one of the .....

ii. Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar railway .....

iii. In view of its connection .....

a) Only i

b) Only ii

c) Both i and ii

d) Both i and iii

e) None of these

14) **The Niti Aayog released the draft National Energy Policy. It invited comments from the public to help strengthen its perspectives on some of the complex issues.**

i. The Niti Aayog invited comments from the.....

ii. The Niti Aayog released the draft .....

iii. Being invited .....

a) Only i

b) Both i and iii

c) Both ii and iii

d) Both i and ii

e) All of these

15) **A nation's energy policy can have a huge bearing on society and health. It is thus important to ensure that policies are compatible with public health goals.**

i. Although it has a bearing.....

ii. Because it has a huge bearing.....

iii. Having a bearing on society.....

a) All except i

b) Both i and ii

c) All of these

d) None of these

e) Only ii

**Directions (Q. 16-20): Read each sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical error or idiomatic error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The letter of that part is the answer. If there is no error; the answer is e). (Ignore errors of punctuation, if any.)**

16) (a) It is time we design / (b) intelligent question papers / (c) that respect competence / (d) rather than just memory. / e) No error

17) (a) With India's urban population expected to grow / (b) exponentially over the next couple of decades / (c) urban housing will be a central issue / (d) to the government. / e) No error



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- 18) (a) With the crisis of depleting clean water sources / (b) looming over us, / (c) considerable alternative sources/ (d) is imperative. /e) No error
- 19) (a) The Bengaluru Police are proposing to use electronic tags / (b) on habitual offenders to monitor their movements, / (c) after an analysis revealed that they were involved / (d) in more than forty percent crimes reported in the city. / e) No error
- 20) (a) Having a visionary and motivating leader, / (b) she thinks out of the box and / (c) has her own style of doing things, one of which / (d) is treating and respecting her employees as assets, /e) No error

**Directions (21-30): In the following passage, there are blanks, each of which has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each, five words are suggested, one of which fits the blank appropriately. Find out the appropriate word in each case.**

The frail nature of rural India's health systems and the.....(21).....patient load on a few.....(22).....hospitals have become even more evident from the crisis at the Baba Raghav Das Medical College in Gorakhpur. The institution has come under the spotlight after reports emerged of the death of several children over a short period, although epidemics and a high mortality level are chronic features here. Medical infrastructure in several surrounding districts and even neighbouring states is so weak that a large number of very sick patients are sent to such apex hospitals as the last resort. The.....(23).....aspects of the system are.....(24).....from the Comptroller and Auditor General's report on reproductive and child health under the National Rural Health Mission for the year ended March 2016. Even if the audit objections on financial administration were to be ignored, the picture that emerges in several States is one of inability to.....(25).....the funds allocated, shortage of staff at primary health centres (PHCs), community health centres (CHCs) and district hospitals, lack of essential medicines, broken down equipment and unfilled doctor vacancies. In the case of Uttar Pradesh, the CAG found that about 50% of the PHCs it.....(26).....did not have a doctor, while 13 States had significant levels of vacancies. Basic facilities in the form of health sub-centres, PHCs and CHCs met only half the need in Bihar, Jharkhand, Sikkim, Uttarakhand and West Bengal, putting pressure on a .....(27).....of referral institutions such as the Gorakhpur hospital. Templates for an upgraded rural health system have long been finalised and the Indian Public Health Standards were issued in 2007 and 2012, covering facilities from health sub-centres upwards. The Centre has set.....(28).....health goals for 2020 and is in the process of deciding the

financial.....(29).....for various targets under the National Health Mission, including reduction of the infant mortality rate to 30 per 1,000 live births, from the recent.....(30).....of 40.

- 21) a) shatterable b) brittle  
c) extraordinary d) crisp  
e) shivery
- 22) a) referral b) elementary  
c) facile d) lucid  
e) walkover
- 23) a) dysfunctional b) intact  
c) harmed d) instability  
e) disequilibrium
- 24) a) unscathed b) disequilibration  
c) evident d) assets  
e) receipts
- 25) a) disputable b) vague  
c) harvest d) absorb  
e) drawings
- 26) a) audited b) obscure  
c) proceeds d) payoff  
e) revenue
- 27) a) astasia b) gravity  
c) compensation d) handful  
e) commission
- 28) a) honorarium b) ambitious  
c) content d) avails  
e) withdraw
- 29) a) deduct b) fulfilled  
c) withhold d) detract  
e) outlay
- 30) a) unassuming b) estimate  
c) satisfied d) diminish  
e) decrease

## ANSWER KEY

### Reasoning Ability

| Q. | A. | Q. | A. | Q. | A. | Q. | A. | Q. | A. |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| 1  | E  | 2  | C  | 3  | C  | 4  | A  | 5  | B  |
| 6  | B  | 7  | C  | 8  | A  | 9  | B  | 10 | D  |
| 11 | C  | 12 | B  | 13 | C  | 14 | E  | 15 | D  |
| 16 | E  | 17 | A  | 18 | D  | 19 | E  | 20 | D  |
| 21 | E  | 22 | A  | 23 | D  | 24 | B  | 25 | D  |
| 26 | B  | 27 | C  | 28 | E  | 29 | D  | 30 | C  |
| 31 | A  | 32 | C  | 33 | C  | 34 | D  | 35 | E  |

### Quantitative Aptitude

| Q. | A. | Q. | A. | Q. | A. | Q. | A. | Q. | A. |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| 1  | B  | 2  | B  | 3  | E  | 4  | C  | 5  | E  |
| 6  | C  | 7  | B  | 8  | D  | 9  | A  | 10 | D  |
| 11 | C  | 12 | C  | 13 | B  | 14 | E  | 15 | A  |
| 16 | C  | 17 | E  | 18 | D  | 19 | B  | 20 | A  |
| 21 | B  | 22 | D  | 23 | B  | 24 | B  | 25 | D  |
| 26 | D  | 27 | A  | 28 | A  | 29 | C  | 30 | D  |
| 31 | E  | 32 | B  | 33 | C  | 34 | D  | 35 | E  |



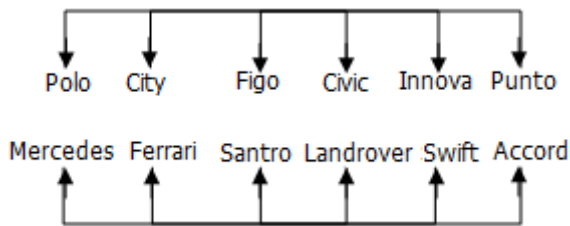
## English Language

| Q. | A. | Q. | A. | Q. | A. | Q. | A. | Q. | A. |
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| 6  | D  | 7  | D  | 8  | A  | 9  | A  | 10 | C  |
| 11 | B  | 12 | E  | 13 | C  | 14 | D  | 15 | A  |
| 16 | A  | 17 | D  | 18 | C  | 19 | E  | 20 | A  |
| 21 | C  | 22 | A  | 23 | A  | 24 | C  | 25 | D  |
| 26 | A  | 27 | D  | 28 | B  | 29 | E  | 30 | B  |

## SOLUTIONS

### Reasoning Ability

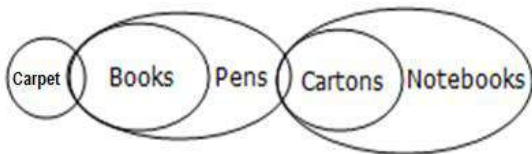
(01- 05):



(06- 10):

| Players         | Game         | Sponsorship |
|-----------------|--------------|-------------|
| Sachin          | Cricket      | Manik Chand |
| Rahul           | Billiards    | Reebok      |
| Mukesh          | Football     | Singer      |
| Ramesh / Laxman | Volleyball   | Pepsi       |
| Dhanraj         | Table Tennis | Ispat       |
| Dinko           | Chess        | Britannia   |
| Laxman / Ramesh | Badminton    | Adidas      |
| Mahesh          | Hockey       | MRF         |

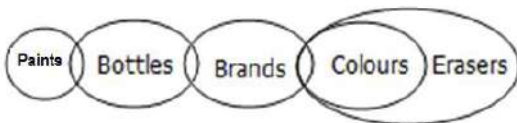
11) c):



1) x  
3) ✓

2) x  
4) ✓

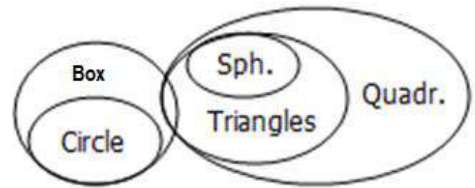
12) b):



1) x  
3) ✓

2) x  
4) x

13) c):



1) ✓  
3) ✓

2) ✓  
4) X

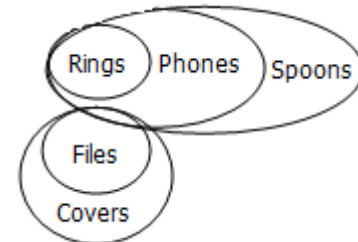
14) e):



1) x  
3) x

2) x  
4) x

15) d):



1) x  
3) ✓

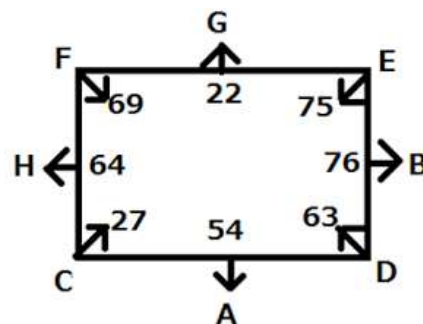
2) ✓  
4) x

(16- 20):

Prpare for your exam  
Hard work for prepare  
Prepare your studies well  
Work well best results  
Well - jk  
Work - ml  
Best/results = Either ds or lu  
Prepare = nt  
For = oz  
Your = xn  
Exam = wl  
Studies = sd  
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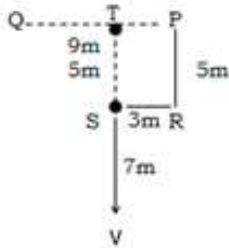
Solution (21-25):



(26-30):

| Person | City    | Colour | Laptop |
|--------|---------|--------|--------|
| D      | Patna   | Pink   | HP     |
| E      | Ranchi  | Brown  | Dell   |
| F      | Pune    | Black  | Dell   |
| G      | Gurgaon | Grey   | Sony   |
| H      | Delhi   | Purple | HP     |
| I      | Noida   | White  | Sony   |

(34-35):



### Quantitative Aptitude

1) (b)

$$I. 9p^2 - (9+12)p + 12 = 0$$

$$9p^2 - 9p - 12p + 12 = 0$$

$$9p(p-1) - 12(p-1) = 0$$

$$(9p-12)(p-1) = 0$$

$$\therefore p = \frac{4}{3}, 1$$

$$II. 18q^2 - 50q + 32 = 0$$

$$9q^2 - 25q + 16 = 0$$

$$9q^2 - 9q - 16q + 16 = 0$$

$$9q(q-1) - 16(q-1) = 0$$

$$(q-1)(9q-16) = 0$$

$$\therefore q = \frac{16}{9}, 1$$

We cannot determine the exact relation.

since in case :  $p = \frac{4}{3}$  and  $q = 1$  then  $p > q$

but if :  $p = 1$  and  $q = \frac{16}{9}$  ., then  $q > p$

2) (b)

$$I. 3p^2 - (18-10)p - 60 = 0$$

$$3p^2 - 18p + 10p - 60 = 0$$

$$3p(p-6) + 10(p-6) = 0$$

$$(p-6)(3p+10) = 0$$

$$\therefore p = 6, -\frac{10}{3}$$

$$II. 20q^2 - 288q + 1036 = 0$$

$$5q^2 - 72q + 259 = 0$$

$$5q^2 - 35q - 37q + 259 = 0$$

$$5q(q-7) - 37(q-7) = 0$$

$$(q-7)(5q-37) = 0$$

$$\therefore q = 7, \frac{37}{5}$$

Hence,  $p < q$

3) (e)

$$I. p^2 - 13p + 36 = 0$$

$$p^2 - 9p - 4p + 36 = 0$$

$$p(p-9) - 4(p-9) = 0$$

$$(p-4)(p-9) = 0$$

$$\therefore p = 4, 9$$

$$II. 3q^2 - 90q + 483 = 0$$

$$q^2 - 30q + 161 = 0$$

$$q^2 - 23q - 7q + 161 = 0$$

$$q(q-23) - 7(q-23) = 0$$

$$(q-23)(q-7) = 0$$

$$q = 23, 7$$

Relationship can't be established

4) (c)

$$12m^2 - 126m + 294 = 0$$

$$12m^2 - (84+42)m + 294 = 0$$

$$12m^2 - 84m - 42m + 294 = 0$$

$$12m(m-7) - 42(m-7) = 0$$

$$(m-7)(12m-42) = 0$$

$$m_1 = 7$$

$$m_2 = \frac{7}{2}$$

$$7n^2 + 123n - 504 = 0$$

$$7n^2 + (147-24)n - 504 = 0$$

$$7n^2 + 147n - 24n - 504 = 0$$

$$7n(n+21) - 24(n+21) = 0$$

$$(n+21)(7n-24) = 0$$

$$n_1 = -21$$

$$n_2 = \frac{24}{7}$$

$m > n$

5) (e)

$$I. x^2 - 30x + 216$$

$$\begin{array}{cc} & \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ -18 & \quad -12 \end{array}$$

Now after changing the sign we get

$$x = 18, 12$$

$$II. y^2 - 39y + 360$$

$$\begin{array}{cc} & \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ -15 & \quad -24 \end{array}$$

Now after changing the sign we get

$$y = 15, 24$$

$$x > y, y < x$$

The relationship cannot be established

- 6) (c)**  $396; [(824-8) \div 2 = 408; (408-8) \div 2 = 200; (200-8) \div 2 = 96; \underline{\hspace{1cm}}]$
- 7) (b)** 87; (Add 2, 6, 12, 20, 30 and 42 to the successive numbers)
- 8) (d)**  $30; [(2185 - 4) \div 3 = 727; (727-4) \div 3 = 241; (241-4) \div 3 = 79; \underline{\hspace{1cm}}]$
- 9) (a)**  $25; [1^2+1=2; 2^2-1=3; 3^2+1=10; 4^2-1=15; 5^2+1=26; \underline{\hspace{1cm}}]$
- 10) (d)**  $60; [13+1=2; 23-1=7; 33+1=28; 43-1=63; \underline{\hspace{1cm}}]$
- 11) (c)**  $92 \times 576 \div 2 \times 36 = x^3 + 7$   
 $736 - 7 = x^3$   
 $x^3 = 729$  So,  $x = 9$
- 12) (c)**  $\frac{1}{6} \times \frac{92}{100} \times \frac{24}{23} \times 650 - 85$   
 $= 104 - 85 = 19$
- 13) (b)**  $\left( \frac{15 \times 0.4 \times 30 \times 27 \times 8}{1080} \right)^4 = 6^{x+5}$   
 $36^4 = 6^{x+5}$   
 $x = 3$
- 14) (e)**  $3 + 2 - 1 - 1 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{5}{6} - \frac{5}{12} = \frac{x^2}{10}$   
 $3 + \frac{3+6-5-10}{12} = \frac{x^2}{10}$   
 $3 - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{x^2}{10}$   
 $\frac{5}{2} = \frac{x^2}{10}$   
 $x^2 = 25$   
So  $x = 5$
- 15) (a)**  $\sqrt{8} + 3 = x^3 + \sqrt{8} - 340$   
 $x^3 = 343$   
So  $x = 7$
- 16) (c)**  $\frac{A(2006) + C(2010)}{E(2009)} \times 100$   
 $= \frac{1.44 + 7.84}{5.53} \times 100$   
 $= 165\% \text{ approx.}$
- 17) (e)**  $D(2010) \rightarrow 9.45$   
 $D(2009) \rightarrow 8.42$   
So, percentage increase =  $\frac{1.03}{8.42} \times 100 = 12\% \text{ approx}$

**18)** Observation from Graph

**19) (b)**  $\frac{B(2007)}{D(2010)} = \frac{2.79}{9.45}$

**20) (a)**  $\frac{B(2006) + C(2008) + E(2005)}{3}$   
 $= \frac{3.34 + 5.83 + 1.69}{3} = 3.62$

**21) (b)**

|   |   |                                |                      |
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| A | – | 12 hrs                         | 51                   |
| B | – | 15 hrs                         | 41                   |
|   |   | 60 l                           |                      |
| C | – | 20 hrs                         | 31                   |
|   |   | A + B,                         | A + C                |
|   |   | 1 <sup>st</sup> hour           | 2 <sup>nd</sup> hour |
|   |   | 5 + 4 = 9l                     | 4 + 3 = 8l           |
|   |   | In 2 hours tanker filled = 17l |                      |
|   |   | 51l +                          | 9l = 60l             |
|   |   | 6hrs                           | next hour 7 hrs      |

**22) (d)**

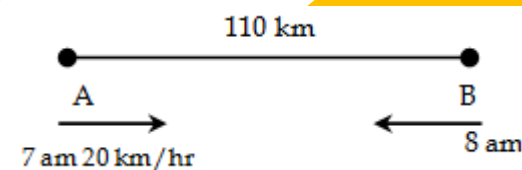
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| A                  | B                  | C                  |
| $20,000 \times 24$ | $15,000 \times 24$ | $20,000 \times 18$ |
| 4                  | : 3                | : 3                |

B's share =  $2500 \times 3$   
 $10 = 25,000$   
 $= 7500/-$                        $1 = 2500$

**23) (b)** Upstream ( $U_s$ ) = 2 km/hr  
Downstream = ( $D_s$ ) = 1 km per 10 mins or 6 km/hr  
 $S \text{ of man} = \frac{D_s + U_s}{2} + \frac{2+6}{2} = 4 \text{ km/hr}$   
Time taken by him for 5 km in stationary water =  $\frac{D}{S}$   
 $= \frac{5}{4} \text{ hr} = \frac{5}{4} \times 60 = 75 \text{ minutes}$

**24) (b)**  $\frac{{}^{10}C_1 \times {}^{15}C_2}{{}^{25}C_3} \times \frac{10 \times \frac{15 \times 14}{2 \times 1}}{25 \times 24 \times 23} = \frac{10 \times 15 \times 7}{25 \times 24 \times 23} = \frac{21}{46}$   
 $\frac{10 \times 15 \times 14}{3 \times 2 \times 1}$

**25) (d)**



After one hour one train covered distance = 20 km



Remaining Distance =  $110 - 20 = 90$  km

Relative speed =  $20 + 25 = 45$  km/hr

They will meet After =  $\frac{90}{45} = 2$  hrs

**26) (d)** Always divided by 9,  $\frac{36}{9} = 4$

$\therefore$  Difference between two digits = 4

Difference between their ratio = 1

$\therefore 1 = 4$

$\therefore$  No is 48

$(4 + 8) - (8 - 4) = 8$

**27) (a)** 12% of monthly salary – Rs. 3660

$\therefore (12\% + 16\% + 3\%)$  of monthly salary

$\frac{31\% \text{ of } \times 3660}{12} = \text{Rs. } 9455$

Annual =  $12 \times 9455 = \text{Rs. } 1,13,460$

**28) (a)**  $6! = 6 \times 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 = 720$

**29-33):** Train A (700) Train B (910)

|                 |     |     |
|-----------------|-----|-----|
| Gen coaches     | 140 | 241 |
| Sleeper coaches | 161 | 273 |
| First class     | 224 | 91  |
| AC coaches      | 175 | 305 |

**29) c 30) d 31) e 32) b 33) c**

**34) (d)**  $\frac{24+18+12}{3+2+4} = 6 \text{ km/hr}$

**35) (e)**  $75 \rightarrow 65$        $100 \rightarrow 10$

Incorrect correct actual  $1 \rightarrow \frac{10}{100} = 0.1$

= 59.9

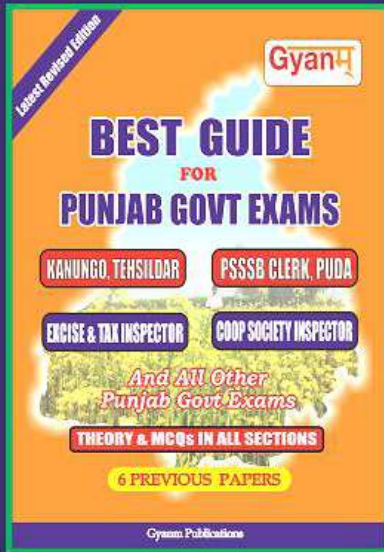
### English Language

- 1) b):** It is mentioned in the passage that Cyber Security means protecting data, networks, programs and other information from unauthorized or unintended access, destruction or change.
- 2) c):** The reason mentioned in the paragraph for cyber threats is "due to negligence and vulnerabilities, or unintentional accidents."
- 3) c):** information shared by an individual for socializing purposes can be distorted and can be used for malignant purpose.
- 4) d):** Opening email attachments that carry the virus, clicking malicious links or websites or unintentionally downloading a dangerous program
- 5) b):** The appropriate title for the given passage would be 'Cybercrime and hacking'.
- 6) d):** malicious- characterized by malice; intending or intended to do harm. vitriolic-filled with bitter criticism or malice. Hence, these two words are synonyms to each other.

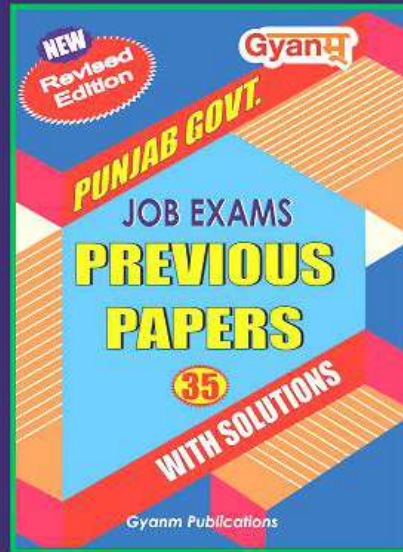
- 7) d):** Felonious-relating to or involved in crime. hence illegal and Felonious are synonyms to each other.
- 8) a):** accredit-(of an official body) give authority or sanction to (someone or something) when recognized standards have been met. hence, accredit and unauthorized are antonyms to each other.
- 9) a):** malapropos-in an inopportune or inappropriate way. hence, malapropos and appropriate are antonyms.
- 10) c):** fortuitously- Happening by accident or chance. Hence, fortuitously and unintentional are synonyms to each other.
- 11) b):** It is speculated that Doklam standoff aim is to peel Bhutan away from India's Orbit. Being the subject of speculation, Doklam standoff aims to peel Bhutan away from India's orbit.
- 12) e):**
- 13) c):** Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar railway station, being quiet railway station in the heart of Karmatar, hardly have connection with anyone.  
Having drawn its name from one of the country's greatest social reformers, Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar railway station hardly have connection with anyone.
- 14) d):** The Niti Aayog released the draft National Energy Policy and it invited comments from the public to help strengthen its perspectives on some of the complex issues.  
The Niti Aayog invited comments from the public to help strengthen its perspectives on some of the complex issues after it released the draft National Energy Policy.
- 15) a):** Because it has a huge bearing on society and health, a nation's energy policy ensures to be compatible with public health goals.  
Having a bearing on society and health, a nation's energy policy ensures to be compatible with public health goals.
- 16) a):** Replace "design" with "designed"
- 17) d):** Replace "to" with "for"
- 18) c):** Replace "considerable" with "considering"
- 19) e):** No error
- 20) a):** Replace "Having" with "Being"
- 21) c):** very unusual or remarkable.
- 22) a):** an act of referring someone or something for consultation, review, or further action.
- 23) a):** dysfunctional – not operating normally or properly.
- 24) c):** evident – clearly seen or understood; obvious.
- 25) d):** absorb – take in or soak up (energy or a liquid or other substance) by chemical or physical action.
- 26) a):** audited – conduct an official financial inspection of (a company or its accounts).
- 27) d):** handful – a quantity that fills the hand.
- 28) b):** ambitious – having or showing a strong desire and determination to succeed.
- 29) e):** outlay – an amount of money spent on something.
- 30) b):** estimate – roughly calculate or judge the value, number, quantity, or extent of.



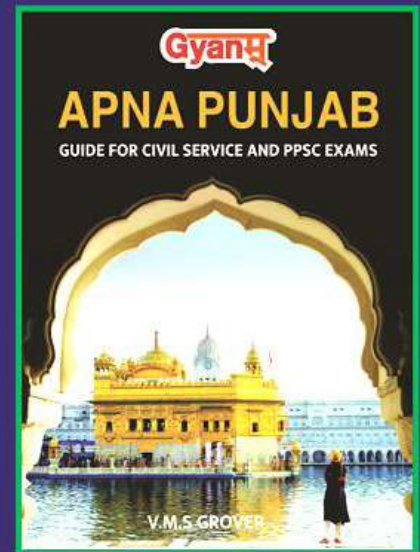
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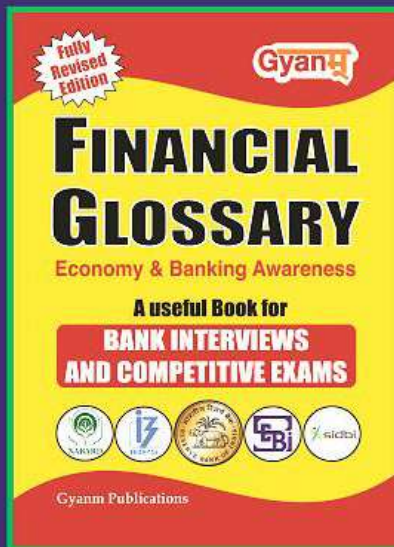
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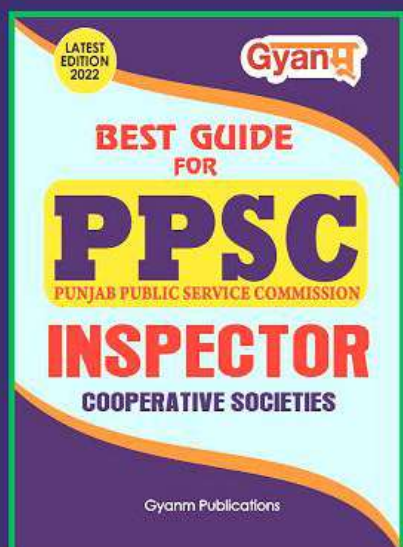
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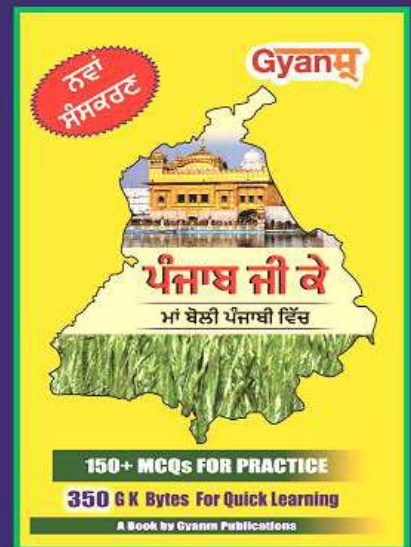
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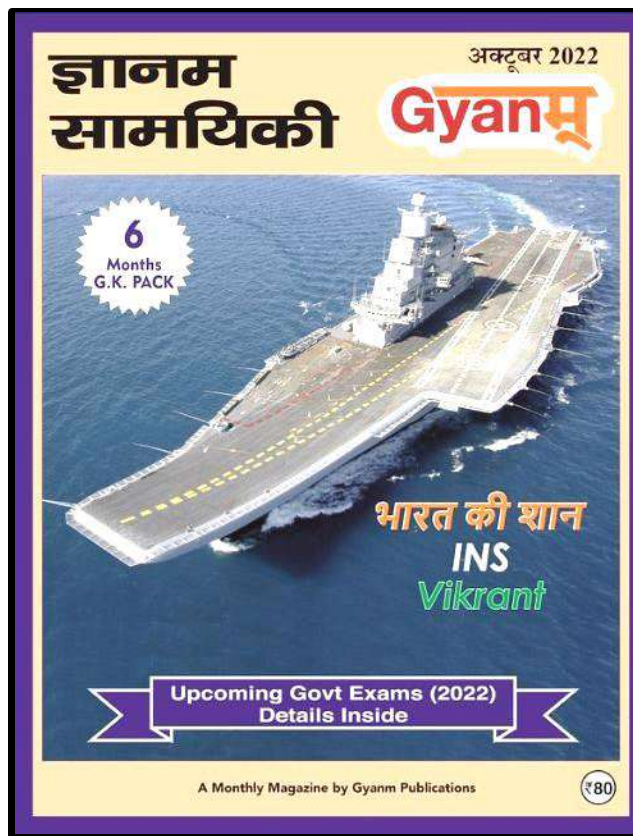
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#### **AUGUST 2022**

1. National Sports Day on August 29 marks the birthday of which great sportsperson? **Major Dhyan Chand, Wizard of Hockey**
2. The International Day against Nuclear Tests is observed on which day of August? **29th**
3. Neeraj Chopra won the javelin throw competition on August 26 at the Lausanne Diamond League in which country? **Switzerland**
4. Linthoi Chanambam, 15 year old girl from \_\_\_\_\_, claimed a historic gold on August 26 in the 57 kg category at the World Cadet Judo Championship in Sarajevo: **Manipur**
5. Sarajevo is the capital of which country? **Bosnia and Herzegovina**
6. Women's Equality Day on August 26 commemorates the granting of voting rights to women in which country? **USA**
7. Which UT/State has become the first to establish an Atal Tinkering Lab (ATL) in partnership with the

government think tank NITI Aayog? **Jammu and Kashmir**

8. The NITI Aayog has declared district \_\_\_\_\_ in Uttarakhand as India's Best Aspirational District: **Haridwar**
9. What is the new common brand name for the fertilisers under the Central Government's 'One Nation, One Fertiliser' scheme? **Bharat**
10. Which country recently launched of the world's first-ever hydrogen-powered passenger train fleet? **Germany**
11. DRDO and the \_\_\_\_\_ successfully flight tested indigenously designed and developed Vertical Launch Short Range Surface to Air Missile (VL-SRSAM) on August 23: **Indian Navy**
12. India's first commercial "Space Situational Awareness Observatory " is being set up in which state? **Uttarakhand**
13. Which Indian chess master, defeated world champion Magnus Carlsen on August 22 in the last



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|     | round of the FTX Crypto Cup in Miami, USA? <b>R Praggnanandhaa</b>   |
| 14. | Vikram Doraiswami, senior diplomat has been appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to which country? <b>United Kingdom</b>   |
| 15. | The Union Government has awarded the Geographical Indication (GI) tag to which agro product of Bihar? <b>Mithila Makhana</b>   |
| 16. | The Asian Development Bank granted a 96.3 million dollar loan to which state to improve water supply and sanitation services? <b>Himachal Pradesh</b>  |
| 17. | Who is the winner of this year's UNESCO Peace Prize? <b>Angela Merkel</b>  |
| 18. | India's first indigenously developed Hydrogen Fuel Cell Bus was launched on 21st August in which city? <b>Pune</b>   |
| 19. | Who became the new world heavyweight boxing champion on August 21 in rematch held in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia? <b>Oleksandr Usyk</b>   |
| 20. | Who has been appointed as the Secretary to President Droupadi Murmu, by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet? <b>Rajesh Verma</b>   |
| 21. | What was the name of the three-week-long 17 nation military exercise held in the Northern Territory of Australia? <b>Exercise Pitch Black 2022</b>   |
| 22. | Which day of August is observed as World Senior Citizens Day? <b>21<sup>st</sup></b>   |
| 23. | Mandeep Kaur, Manisha Ramadass and Nithya Sre, all three won individual gold in their respective categories on August 20 at an international event in which sports? <b>Para Badminton</b>      |
| 24. | Which international day commemorates the discovery made by British doctor Sir Ronald Ross in 1897 that female mosquitoes transmit malaria between humans? <b>World Mosquito Day, August 20</b> |
| 25. | According to the National Health Portal of India, Aedes, Anopheles, and Culex mosquitoes act as _____ and spread many diseases: <b>Vectors</b>   |
| 26. | The External Affairs Ministry has announced that the 17th Pravasi Bhartiya Divas 2023 will be held in _____, Madhya Pradesh: <b>Indore</b>   |
| 27. | India observes August 20 as Akshay Urja Diwas. Who is current minister for New & Renewable Energy? <b>Sh. Raj Kumar Singh</b>  |
| 28. | Who scripted history on August 19 by becoming the first ever Indian woman wrestler to win a Gold medal in 53 kg category at Under-20 World Wrestling Championship? <b>Antim Panghal</b>        |
| 29. | _____ has become the first 'Har Ghar Jal' certified State in the country where every household has been provided water tap connection: <b>Goa</b>  |
| 30. | Among UTs, _____ has become first 'Har Ghar Jal' certified UT of the country? <b>Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu</b>  |
| 31. | Sadbhavna Diwas on August 20 commemorates birthday of which statesman? <b>Sh. Rajiv Gandhi</b>   |
| 32. | Sh. Rajiv Gandhi was India's Prime Minister during which years? <b>1984 -89</b>  |

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| 33. | The Central Government launched which app and campaign to promote and support early childhood development? <b>Paalan 1000</b>  |
| 34. | The 131st edition of Asia's oldest football tournament, Durand Cup, started on August 16 in which city? <b>Kolkata</b>   |
| 35. | What is the name of the Indian Railway's heaviest and longest freight train, test operated on August 15? <b>Super Vasuki</b>   |
| 36. | Which zone of Indian Railway recently operated its heaviest and longest freight train, measuring 3.5 km? <b>South East Central Railway</b>   |
| 37. | A Maritime Partnership Exercise (MPX) was held by the Navies of India and Australia from August 15 to 20 in the Indian Ocean near _____, Australia: <b>Perth</b>                                     |
| 38. | Which day of August is observed as World Photography Day? <b>19<sup>th</sup></b>   |
| 39. | Madhya Pradesh's tribal-dominated _____ district has become the country's first fully "functionally literate" district: <b>Mandla</b>  |
| 40. | Which UN Office supports celebration of the World Humanitarian Day on August 19? <b>UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs</b>   |
| 41. | Government has launched Aqua Bazar app on August 18 for what purpose? <b>To promote logistics support for fish farmers</b>   |
| 42. | Which Malaysian city will host the prestigious Sultan Azlan Shah Cup 2022? <b>Ipoh</b>   |
| 43. | Sultan Azlan Shah Cup is associated with which sports? <b>Hockey</b>   |
| 44. | As per the fourth advance estimate of production of foodgrains for the year 2021-22, released on August 17, total production is estimated at over _____ million tonnes: <b>315</b>                   |
| 45. | A team of scientists and researchers in _____ developed India's first 3D-printed Cornea: <b>Hyderabad</b>  |
| 46. | In a recent report published by the State of Global Air on air quality and health in cities, which two cities have ranked first and second, respectively, in the world? <b>New Delhi and Kolkata</b> |
| 47. | A sister agency of the advertising giant Rediffusion, launched India's own font. What is its name? <b>Bharat</b>   |
| 48. | India's first electric double decker AC bus has been launched for public transport in which city? <b>Mumbai</b>  |
| 49. | _____ has become the first state in the country to deploy a production-grade blockchain-based seed distribution programme: <b>Jharkhand</b>  |
| 50. | The Union Cabinet approved interest subvention of 1.5% on Short Term Agriculture Loans upto Rs. _____ lakh: <b>Three</b>   |
| 51. | Name the veteran stock market investor, popular as the "Big Bull of Dalal Street", who passed away on August 14 in Mumbai: <b>Rakesh Jhunjhunwala</b>  |
| 52. | Asia's largest Compressed Biogas (CBG) plant began its commercial operations on August 13 at village Bhuttal Kalan in _____, Punjab: <b>Sangrur</b>  |

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| 53. | What is the main raw material consumed by the CBG plant in Bhuttal Kalan? <b>Paddy straw and stubble</b>  |
| 54. | Indian Air Force conducted Ex Udarshakti with which country, beginning on August 13? <b>Malaysia</b>  |
| 55. | World Sanskrit Day is observed annually on the Purnima of which month of the Hindu calendar? <b>Shravana (Sawan)</b>  |
| 56. | India added 11 more wetlands to the list of Ramsar sites on August 13, to make a total ____ Ramsar sites in India: <b>75</b>  |
| 57. | Government has launched National Integrated Database on Arrested Narco-offenders. What is its short name? <b>NIDAAN</b>   |
| 58. | World Organ Donation Day is observed on which day of August? <b>13<sup>th</sup></b>   |
| 59. | India celebrates its own National Organ Donation Day on which date? <b>November 27</b>  |
| 60. | Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment launched the project "SMILE" on August 12 for what purpose? <b>To make cities and towns free from beggars</b>                |
| 61. | What is the full expansion of the acronym SMILE? <b>Support for Marginalised Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise</b>  |
| 62. | International Youth Day is observed on which date? <b>August 12</b>   |
| 63. | India celebrates her own National Youth Day on which Date? <b>January 12</b>  |
| 64. | Which species of Elephants is regarded as the largest land animal? <b>African Elephant</b>  |
| 65. | Which Indian state has the largest number of Elephants? <b>Karnataka</b>  |
| 66. | Which country has the largest number of elephants? <b>Botswana</b>  |
| 67. | Which university has been ranked first among Indian Universities in the latest Nature Index 2022 ranking? <b>University of Hyderabad</b>                                |
| 68. | The French government selected which senior Congress leader for conferring France's highest civilian award Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur? <b>Shashi Thoror</b>       |
| 69. | Dr Kalaiselvi N has been appointed as the first woman Director-General of which apex research organisation? <b>Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)</b> |
| 70. | CSIR is based at which place? <b>New Delhi</b>  |
| 71. | William Ruto won the Presidential election in which African country? <b>Kenya</b>   |
| 72. | RBI released on August 10 detailed guidelines for which lending entities? <b>Digital</b>  |
| 73. | Which tennis legend, announced her retirement from professional tennis, after playing the forthcoming US Open, starting on August 29? <b>Serena Williams</b>            |
| 74. | What is the name of the 3D virtual space tech park launched by the ISRO on August 10? <b>SPARK</b>  |

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| 75. | August 10 is observed as World Biofuel Day. Name the three most popular bio fuels: <b>Ethanol, Biodiesel and Biogas</b>  |
| 76. | August 10 is devoted to raise awareness for the protection and conservation of which wild animal? <b>Lion</b>  |
| 77. | Which Indian state has largest population of Lions? <b>Gujarat</b>   |
| 78. | Apart from August 10, which other date is observed as National Deworming Day? <b>February 10</b>   |
| 79. | Which anti worm tablet is administered orally to children on National Deworming Day? <b>Albendazole</b>  |
| 80. | Assam government signed a joint statement on August 9 with which state to resolve boundary dispute with that state? <b>Mizoram</b>                             |
| 81. | Singapore government declared on August 9, the iconic green site _____, as its 75th national monument: <b>Padang</b>   |
| 82. | International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples observed on August 09 is popularly also known as World _____ Day: <b>Tribal</b>                            |
| 83. | The 44th FIDE Chess Olympiad hosted by Chennai, concluded on August 9. Which nation won the gold in the open section? <b>Uzbekistan</b>                        |
| 84. | India won which medal in the open section of 44th FIDE Chess Olympiad? <b>Bronze</b>   |
| 85. | Which team won the gold in women's section in the 44th FIDE Chess Olympiad? <b>Ukraine</b>   |
| 86. | The International Chess Federation granted hosting rights for the 2026 Chess Olympiad to which country? <b>Uzbekistan</b>                                      |
| 87. | The Union Cabinet approved the continuation of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U) up to which date? <b>December 31, 2024</b>                            |
| 88. | PMAY-U is the flagship programme of which union ministry? <b>Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs</b>   |
| 89. | Who is the current head of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs? <b>Sh. Hardeep Singh Puri</b>  |
| 90. | Which state notified its 5th Elephant Reserve at Agasthyamalai in Tirunelveli district? <b>Tamil Nadu</b>  |
| 91. | What is the name of the India's first Saline Water Lantern which uses the sea water to power the specially designed LED lamps? <b>Roshni</b>                   |
| 92. | Gustavo Petro has been sworn in as the President of which country? <b>Colombia</b>   |
| 93. | What was the name of the 13th edition of the Indo-US Joint Special Forces exercise that started on August 8? <b>Ex Vajra Prahar 2022</b>                       |
| 94. | Who became the first cricketer on August 8 to play 600 matches in T20 cricket? <b>Kieron Pollard</b>   |
| 95. | India won how many gold medals in the Commonwealth Games concluded on August 8? <b>22</b>  |
| 96. | Lovely Choubey, Pinki, Nayanmoni Saikia, Rupa Rani Tirkey, all four won India's first gold in which event at the Commonwealth Games? <b>Women's Lawn Bowls</b> |

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| 97.  | In which sports Indian players won highest number – 7 gold medals, in the Commonwealth Games? <b>Wrestling</b>   |
| 98.  | Which state hosted the Ex Vajra Prahar 2022? <b>Himachal Pradesh</b>   |
| 99.  | Which city hosted the SAFF U20 Football Championship: <b>Bhubaneswar, Odisha</b>   |
| 100. | India trounced which country to win the SAFF U20 Football Championship: <b>Bangladesh</b>  |
| 101. | Which city in Maharashtra has become the first in the country to witness the official release of the Environmental Insights Explorer (EIE) data from Google? <b>Aurangabad</b> |
| 102. | Under which exercise the Indian Army tested the operational readiness of its satellite-based systems deployed across the country? <b>Skylight</b>                              |
| 103. | Name the 16 year old chess prodigy from Chennai who became India's 75th Grand Master on August 07: <b>V Pranav</b>   |
| 104. | Viswanathan Anand, Indian chess legend was elected as the _____ of FIDE: <b>Deputy President</b>   |
| 105. | Headquarters of the world chess body FIDE are located in which place? <b>Lausanne, Switzerland</b>   |
| 106. | Who has been re-elected as the President of FIDE? <b>Arkady Dvorkovich (Russia)</b>  |
| 107. | For the first time, a US Navy Ship arrived at L&T's Shipyard on August 07 for what purpose? <b>For undertaking necessary repairs and allied services</b>                       |
| 108. | This shipyard of L&T is located at which place? <b>Kattupalli, Chennai</b>   |
| 109. | August Kranti Diwas on August 8 marks which historical event? <b>Launch of Quit India Movement by Mahatma Gandhi in 1942</b>   |
| 110. | Quit India Movement was launched at which session of All-India Congress Committee? <b>Bombay</b>   |
| 111. | Celebration of the National Handloom Day on August 07 marks which historical event? <b>Launch of Swadeshi Movement in 1905</b>   |
| 112. | Swadeshi Movement was launched from which city? <b>Kolkata</b>   |
| 113. | Which national awards are given to honour artisans and weavers on the National Handloom Day? <b>Sant Kabir Awards</b>  |
| 114. | NDA candidate Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar was elected as the _____ Vice-President of India on August 6: <b>14<sup>th</sup></b>   |
| 115. | Sh. Dhankhar was administered the oath of office by constitutional authority? <b>Hon'ble President, Ms. Draupadi Murmu</b>   |
| 116. | Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar hails from which place in Rajasthan? <b>Jhunjhunu</b>  |
| 117. | Before becoming Vice President, sh. Dhankhar was the Governor of which state? <b>West Bengal</b>   |
| 118. | Election of the Vice President of India is conducted under which article of the Indian Constitution? <b>Article 66</b>   |
| 119. | Who has been appointed as the next Chief Justice of India? <b>Justice Uday Umesh Lalit</b>   |

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| 120. | Justice Uday Umesh Lalit is the ____ Chief Justice of India? <b>49<sup>th</sup></b>   |
| 121. | Who was declared as the AIFF Men's Footballer of the Year, 2021-22 for the seventh time? <b>Sunil Chhetri</b>   |
| 122. | Who won her maiden title as the AIFF Women's Footballer of the Year, 2021-22? <b>Manisha Kalyan</b>   |
| 123. | What was the main aim of hiking of Repo rate by RBI on August 5? <b>To tame the rising inflation</b>  |
| 124. | What was the nickname of the Atom bomb dropped on Hiroshima in 1945? <b>Little Boy</b>  |
| 125. | Dropping of nuclear bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki is associated with which landmark historical event? <b>End of World War II</b>  |
| 126. | Who made history on August 05 by winning India's first ever medal in canoeing at the 2022 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships? <b>Pooja Ojha</b>   |
| 127. | Which Indian corporate got highest rank, 98 <sup>th</sup> , in the latest 2022 Fortune Global 500 list? <b>LIC of India</b>   |
| 128. | Which global company secured the top spot for the ninth consecutive year, in the latest 2022 Fortune Global 500 list? <b>Walmart Inc., USA</b>  |
| 129. | Women officers of which force created history by completing the first-ever all-women independent maritime reconnaissance and surveillance mission in the North Arabian Sea onboard a Dornier 228 aircraft? <b>Indian Navy</b> |
| 130. | President of _____ Ibrahim Mohamed Solih arrived in New Delhi on August 1 on a four day official visit: <b>Maldives</b>   |
| 131. | PM Modi announced a Line of Credit of \$_____ million for Maldives, for the completion of development projects in a time-bound manner: <b>100</b>   |
| 132. | The Union Cabinet has approved India's updated Nationally Determined _____, NDC to be communicated to the UNFCCC: <b>Contribution</b>   |
| 133. | What is the full form of UNFCCC? <b>United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change</b>   |
| 134. | The government launched the SURE scheme on August 03 to augment the research capabilities in state and private universities and colleges. Write full form of SURE: <b>State University Research Excellence</b>                |
| 135. | The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved the highest ever FRP of sugarcane at Rs. 305 per quintal for sugar season 2022-23. What is FRP? <b>Fair and Remunerative Price</b>                                  |
| 136. | Who has been sworn in as the Central Vigilance Commissioner on August 03? <b>Suresh N Patel</b>   |
| 137. | The UN General Assembly adopted a resolution on July 28 that declares access to a "_____ environment" a universal human right: <b>Clean, healthy and sustainable</b>  |
| 138. | On July 23, the WHO Director-General declared the escalating global monkeypox outbreak as a "Public Health _____ of International Concern": <b>Emergency</b>  |
| 139. | As per the WHO reports, _____ is the current epicenter of the outbreak of monkeypox: <b>Europe</b>  |



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| <b>140.</b> | The Agricultural Census (2021-22) was launched in the country on July 28. It was which number in series? <b>Eleventh</b>   |
| <b>141.</b> | Muslim Women's Rights Day on August 01 marks which historical event in India? <b>Enactment of the law against Triple Talaq on this day in 2019</b>   |
| <b>142.</b> | World Lung Cancer Day is observed on which date? <b>August 01</b>  |
| <b>143.</b> | The Parliament passed the Indian Antarctic Bill, 2022 on August 1. What are the names of India's two research centres in Antarctica? <b>Bharti and Maitree</b>   |
| <b>144.</b> | The government received bids worth Rs 1,49,855 crore after 23 rounds of bidding for 5G spectrum. This amount has to be paid over a period of how many years? <b>Twenty, in equated annual installments</b>               |
| <b>145.</b> | The Nifty futures contracts on Singapore Exchange (SGX) was launched on July 29 for trading at the International Financial Service Centre (IFSC) in which place in India? <b>At GIFT City near Gandhinagar, Gujarat.</b> |
| <b>146.</b> | India's first international bullion exchange was inaugurated on July 29 at which place? <b>GIFT City near Gandhinagar, Gujarat</b>   |
| <b>147.</b> | What was the name of the joint military exercise between Indian Army and the Royal Army of Oman, held from August 01 to 13? <b>Exercise AL NAJAH -IV</b>   |
| <b>148.</b> | Exercise AL NAJAH -IV was held at which place? <b>Mahajan Field Firing Range in Bikaner, Rajasthan</b>   |
| <b>149.</b> | With which country India hosted the bilateral army exercise "Ex VINBAX 2022" from August 01 to 20? <b>Vietnam</b>  |
| <b>150.</b> | Ex-VINBAX 2022 was hosted by India at which place? <b>Chandimandir cantonment, near Panchkula, Haryana</b>   |
| <b>151.</b> | As per recent rankings released by Kantar India on July 28 for FMCG brands, which was the most chosen brand? <b>Parle biscuits</b>   |
| <b>152.</b> | What is the full form of FMCG? <b>Fast Moving Consumer Goods</b>   |
| <b>153.</b> | As per the Kotak Private Banking-Hurun's Leading Wealthy Women list released on July 27, who is the richest woman in India? <b>Roshni Nadar Malhotra</b>   |
| <b>154.</b> | Roshni Nadar Malhotra is the CEO of which corporate group? <b>HCL Technologies</b>   |
| <b>155.</b> | Which company delivered the first lot of the indigenously developed Quick Reaction Fighting Vehicles (QRFVs) to the Indian Army? <b>Tata Advanced Systems</b>  |
| <b>156.</b> | What is the name of the first two helicopters of a lot of 24 helicopters received by the Indian Navy from USA on July 28? <b>MH-60 R (Romeo)</b>   |
| <b>157.</b> | Which US company manufactures the MH-60 R (Romeo) helicopters? <b>Lockheed Martin Corp., USA</b>   |
| <b>158.</b> | Which shipyard handed over India's first indigenously built aircraft carrier Vikrant, to the Indian Navy on July 28? <b>Cochin Shipyard, Kerala</b>  |

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| <b>159.</b>      | What is the official slogan for the 2024 Paris Olympics? <b>Games wide open</b>  |
| <b>160.</b>      | Who created history on July 27 by becoming the first ever Indian to win Gold in the Greco-Roman U-17 World Wrestling Championship in Rome, Italy? <b>Suraj Vashishth</b> |
| <b>161.</b>      | A Maritime Partnership Exercise (MPX) was conducted between Japan Maritime Self Defence Force and Indian Navy on July 23 in which area? <b>The Andaman Sea</b>           |
| <b>162.</b>      | In which neighbouring country of India, for the first time, women outnumbered men in its total population? <b>Bangladesh</b>   |
| <b>163.</b>      | Of the five partners jointly running the International Space Station- ISS, which country has announced to quit the project after 2024? <b>Russia</b>                     |
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| <b>164.</b>      | The World Ranger Day is observed on which day of July? <b>31<sup>st</sup></b>  |
| <b>165.</b>      | Which UN agency supports the celebration of World Day Against Trafficking in Persons on July 30? <b>UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)</b>                             |
| <b>166.</b>      | Which city hosted the 44 <sup>th</sup> FIDE Chess Olympiad that started on July 28? <b>Chennai</b>   |
| <b>167.</b>      | Recently, how many Indian wetlands were accorded Ramsar recognition as wetlands of international importance? <b>Five</b>   |
| <b>168.</b>      | City of Ramsar is located in which country? <b>Iran</b>  |
| <b>169.</b>      | For which state the Asian Development Bank approved a \$96.3 million loan for funding of safe drinking water and sanitation projects? <b>Himachal Pradesh.</b>           |
| <b>170.</b>      | Indian Olympics Association approved which state as the host for the 36 <sup>th</sup> National Games to be held between Sep 27 and Oct 10 this year? <b>Gujarat</b>      |
| <b>171.</b>      | Hepatitis affects which part of the body? <b>Liver</b>   |
| <b>172.</b>      | What is the theme of this year's World Hepatitis Day? <b>Hepatitis can't wait</b>  |
| <b>173.</b>      | Success of which military operation on July 26 in 1999 sealed Indian victory over Pakistan in Kargil war? <b>Operation Vijay</b>   |
| <b>174.</b>      | The Kargil War Memorial is located at which place in Ladakh? <b>Drass</b>  |
| <b>175.</b>      | The International Cricket Council (ICC) announced that _____ will host the 2025 ICC Women's ODI World Cup: <b>India</b>  |
| <b>176.</b>      | Which Indian national has been appointed by the World Bank as its Chief Economist and Senior Vice President for Development Economics? <b>Indermit Gill</b>              |
| <b>177.</b>      | Which Indian State has largest number of Tigers? <b>Madhya Pradesh</b>   |
| <b>178.</b>      | Income Tax Day on July 24 marks which event in the history? <b>Introduction of Income tax in 1860</b>  |
| <b>179.</b>      | National Broadcasting Day on July 23 marks which event in broadcasting history of India? <b>First ever radio broadcast in 1927</b>                                       |

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| <b>180.</b> | The first ever radio broadcast in India was made from which radio station in 1927? <b>Bombay station</b>  |
| <b>181.</b> | All India Radio functions under which apex organisation? <b>Prasaar Bharti</b>  |
| <b>182.</b> | Which US city hosted the World Athletics Championships from July 15 to 24? <b>Eugene</b>  |
| <b>183.</b> | Who won this year's Tour de France cycling marathon? <b>Jonas Vingegaard</b>  |
| <b>184.</b> | Jonas Vingegaard hails from which country? <b>Denmark</b>   |
| <b>185.</b> | The 68 <sup>th</sup> National Film Awards were announced on July 22. These are administered by which organisation? <b>Directorate of Film Festivals</b>                               |
| <b>186.</b> | Name the noted film producer who headed the jury for the 68 <sup>th</sup> National Film Awards: <b>Vipul Shah</b>   |
| <b>187.</b> | Which film won the National Award for Best Feature Film? <b>Soorai Pottru</b>   |
| <b>188.</b> | Film Soorai Pottru has been made in which language? <b>Tamil</b>  |
| <b>189.</b> | Film Toolsidas Junior was in news recently for which reason? <b>It won the National Award for the Best Hindi Film</b>   |
| <b>190.</b> | Which district of Madhya Pradesh became the first district in the country where all people from each of 254 villages have access to safe drinking water through tap? <b>Burhanpur</b> |
| <b>191.</b> | Which two European countries were in news recently for being ravaged by devastating wildfires? <b>Greece and Turkey</b>   |
| <b>192.</b> | Neeraj Chopra won which medal in World Athletics Championships? <b>Silver</b>   |
| <b>193.</b> | Which US state was devastated by widespread severe wildfires in third week of July? <b>California</b>   |
| <b>194.</b> | Which Indian state has largest area under Mangrove forests? <b>West Bengal</b>  |
| <b>195.</b> | The central government amended the Flag Code of India on July 20 for what purpose? <b>To allow the hoisting of national flag during night also</b>                                    |
| <b>196.</b> | What is the theme of this year's World Brain Day observed on July 22? <b>Brain Health for all</b>   |
| <b>197.</b> | Which exquisite mango breed costs nearly Rs. 2.5 to 3 lakh per kg in Japan? <b>Miyazaki</b>   |
| <b>198.</b> | _____ Gunawardena was appointed Sri Lanka's new Prime Minister on July 22: <b>Dinesh</b>  |
| <b>199.</b> | Madam Droupadi Murmu was elected as the _____ President of India on July 21: <b>15<sup>th</sup></b>   |
| <b>200.</b> | Madam Murmu is the first tribal President of India. She hails from which tribe? <b>Santhal</b>  |
| <b>201.</b> | Which state topped among major states in the India Innovation Index 2022 released by the NITI Aayog on July 21? <b>Karnataka</b>  |
| <b>202.</b> | According to Forbes' Real-Time Billionaires List as of July 21, for the first time, an Indian business tycoon was ranked fourth richest in world. Who is he? <b>Gautam Adani</b>      |
| <b>203.</b> | Which country's passport is most powerful as per the World's Most Powerful Passports 2022 list  |

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|             | released by the Henley Passport Index on July 20? <b>Japan</b>  |
| <b>204.</b> | What is the rank of India's passport in the Henley Passport Index? <b>87<sup>th</sup></b>   |
| <b>205.</b> | Ranil Wickremesinghe was elected as the new Sri Lankan President on July 20. What is his party's name? <b>United National Party</b>                                       |
| <b>206.</b> | July 20 is observed as Space Exploration Day to commemorate which landmark event? <b>First human landing on Moon in 1969</b>  |
| <b>207.</b> | Who was the first human being to step on moon's surface? <b>Neil Armstrong of USA</b>   |
| <b>208.</b> | July 20 is observed as World Chess Day. What was the ancient name of Chess in India? <b>Chaturanga</b>  |
| <b>209.</b> | The International Chess Federation (FIDE) is based in which city? <b>Lausanne, Switzerland</b>  |
| <b>210.</b> | _____ has become the first 100 per cent Landlord Major Port of India: <b>Jawaharlal Nehru Port, Mumbai</b>  |
| <b>211.</b> | What is meant by Landlord Port? <b>All its berths are operated on PPP mode</b>  |
| <b>212.</b> | What is the other popular name for the Jawaharlal Nehru Port? <b>Nhava Sheva Port</b>   |
| <b>213.</b> | The postponed 19th edition of the Asian Games will be held now in September 2023 in which city? <b>Hangzhou, China</b>  |
| <b>214.</b> | Arjun Babuta, Mehuli Ghosh, Shahu Tushar Mane and Paarth Makjija, all won gold in their respective categories, at an international event in which sports? <b>Shooting</b> |
| <b>215.</b> | Who created history by becoming the first Indian shooter to win the gold medal in the men's skeet event at international level? <b>Mairaj Ahmad Khan</b>                  |
| <b>216.</b> | Which large public sector bank recently launched its WhatsApp banking service? <b>State Bank of India</b>   |
| <b>217.</b> | _____ has become India's first state to connect all the commercial vehicles registered in the state with Vehicle Location Tracking Device: <b>Himachal Pradesh</b>        |
| <b>218.</b> | India's first human carrying platform — a pilot-less drone made its debut on July 19 in New Delhi. What is its name? <b>Varuna</b>  |
| <b>219.</b> | The current Flag Code of India was implemented in which year? <b>2002</b>   |
| <b>220.</b> | The 2028 Summer Olympics and Paralympic Games will be hosted in July, 2028 in which city? <b>Los Angeles, USA</b>   |
| <b>221.</b> | Harshada Garud, 18 year old girl, clinched the gold on July 18 in an international event in which sports? <b>Weightlifting</b>  |
| <b>222.</b> | Name the England all-rounder and captain of the test team, who announced retirement from ODI Cricket on July 18: <b>Ben Stokes</b>  |
| <b>223.</b> | The World Bank has approved a loan of one billion dollars to provide support to India's flagship PM _____ Health Infrastructure Mission: <b>Ayushman Bharat</b>           |

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| 224. | Name the 82 year old veteran ghazal singer who passed away in Mumbai on July 18: <b>Bhupinder Singh</b>  |
| 225. | Which holy city known for showcasing India's culture and traditions over the ages, will be declared the first "Cultural and Tourism Capital" of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation for 2022-23? <b>Varanasi</b> |
| 226. | Government plans to launch the _____ scheme to achieve contactless, seamless processing of passengers at Airports, based on Facial Recognition Technology: <b>DIGI YATRA</b>                                       |
| 227. | Government has formulated a "National Action Plan for Mechanised Sanitation Ecosystem" scheme for cleaning of sewers and septic tanks. What is its short name? <b>NAMASTE</b>                                      |
| 228. | July 18 is observed as International Nelson Mandela Day. He was the first black president of which country? <b>South Africa</b>  |
| 229. | P V Sindhu clinched Women's Single title of _____ Open on July 16: <b>Singapore</b>  |
| 230. | Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa won the Paracin Open 'A' chess tournament 2022 on July 16 in which country? <b>Serbia</b>   |
| 231. | What was the name of the submarine that was decommissioned by the Indian Navy on July 16? <b>INS Sindhudhvaj</b>   |
| 232. | What is the name of the mascot launched recently by the Department of Consumer Affairs? <b>Jagriti</b>   |
| 233. | What is the tagline of the consumer awareness campaign of the Department of Consumer Affairs? <b>Jago Grahak Jago</b>  |
| 234. | Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar, vice presidential candidate of NDA, hails from which state? <b>Rajasthan</b>  |
| 235. | What is the name of the fourth and latest ship of the Indian Navy's 17A Frigates, launched on July 15? <b>Dunagiri</b>   |
| 236. | _____ became the first and the only state in the country to have its own internet service: <b>Kerala</b>   |
| 237. | Which ministry's website was ranked first among all the Central Ministries Portal in a National e-Governance Service Delivery Assessment? <b>Home Affairs</b>  |
| 238. | The UIDAI has launched a new mobile app named _____ to perform face authentication through mobile app: <b>AadhaarFaceRd</b>  |
| 239. | The 2025 World Athletics Championships will be hosted by which city? <b>Tokyo</b>  |
| 240. | _____ has become the first state in the country to have 13 expressways, having a total length of 3,200 kilometres: <b>Uttar Pradesh</b>  |
| 241. | What is the name of the 296-km-long Expressway inaugurated on July 16 in Uttar Pradesh? <b>Bundelkhand Expressway</b>  |
| 242. | Which Institute / University secured first position as the "overall best" institute in the NIRF 2022 ranking? <b>IIT Madras</b>  |

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| 243. | The Women and Child Development Ministry issued fresh guidelines for the Mission Vatsalya Scheme. It is associated with which field? <b>Children's welfare</b>                       |
| 244. | Name the beauty queen from Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh, who won the Mrs Universe Divine Title: <b>Pallavi Singh</b>  |
| 245. | The Women and Child Development Ministry launched the Mission _____ on July 14 for the safety, security and empowerment of women: <b>Shakti</b>                                      |
| 246. | Which country hosted the first I2U2 summit in virtual mode: <b>USA</b>   |
| 247. | What is the full form of the abbreviation I2U2? <b>India-Israel; USA-UAE</b>   |
| 248. | Which global organisation released the Global Gender Gap Index for 2022 on July 10? <b>WEF - World Economic Forum</b>  |
| 249. | Which country secured first rank in the Global Gender Gap Index for 2022? <b>Iceland</b>   |
| 250. | What was India's rank in the recently released Global Gender Gap Index for 2022? <b>135<sup>th</sup></b>   |
| 251. | Which Indian space tech startup on July 13, launched India's first rocket factory to make 3D-printed engines end-to-end? <b>Agnikul Cosmos</b>                                       |
| 252. | Who created a new record by becoming the fastest Indian bowler to take 150 ODI wickets? <b>Mohammed Shami</b>  |
| 253. | July 14 is observed as Shark Awareness Day. Sharks do not have _____ in their body? <b>Bones</b>   |
| 254. | NHAI achieved the world record for constructing the longest double-decker viaduct with a length of 3.14 km in _____, Maharashtra: <b>Nagpur</b>                                      |
| 255. | Which telescope was in news for sending the deepest and sharpest infrared image of the universe till date? <b>James Webb Space Telescope</b>   |
| 256. | Who won the men's singles title in the Malaysia Open Badminton Tournament 2022? <b>Viktor Axelsen (Denmark)</b>  |
| 257. | _____ has been declared as the host for the 36 <sup>th</sup> National Games to be held from Sep 27 to Oct 10: <b>Gujarat</b>   |
| 258. | India's biggest National Emblem was unveiled on the roof of the new Parliament building on July 11. Its original statue is preserved at which place? <b>Sarnath Museum, Varanasi</b> |
| 259. | How many Dharm Chakras are there at the base of the National Emblem? <b>Four</b>   |
| 260. | World Malala Day is observed on July 12. What is the name of the NGO run by Malala? <b>Malala Fund</b>   |
| 261. | Malala Fund organisation works in which field? <b>Girls' education</b>   |
| 262. | Which UN agency is associated with celebration of World Population Day on July 11? <b>UN Fund for Population Activities</b>  |
| 263. | _____ became India's first bank to launch the Metaverse Virtual Lounge and Open Banking Sandbox environment techno features for its customers: <b>Union Bank of India</b>            |



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| 264. | Charles Leclerc from _____ won the Austrian Grand Prix for the team Ferrari on July 10 at Spielberg, Austria: <b>Monaco</b>   |
| 265. | Wimbledon is the only grand slam to be played on _____ court: <b>Grass</b>  |
| 266. | Serbian star Novak Djokovic won the men's singles at Wimbledon after beating _____: <b>Nick Kyrgios</b>   |
| 267. | Who won the women's singles at Wimbledon? <b>Elena Rybakina</b>   |
| 268. | Elena Rybakina hails from which country? <b>Kazakhstan</b>  |
| 269. | Nick Kyrgios hails from which country? <b>Australia</b>   |
| 270. | Shinzo Abe, former prime minister of Japan, was shot dead on July 8 in which city of Japan? <b>Nara</b>   |
| 271. | Which union ministry is associated with celebration of National Fish Farmers' Day on July 10? <b>Union Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying</b>                                     |
| 272. | Who is the current head of the Union Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying? <b>Parshottam Rupala</b>   |
| 273. | The first India Animal Health Summit 2022 was held 06th July in which city? <b>New Delhi</b>  |
| 274. | Who scripted a new world record by becoming the first captain in the history of cricket to win 14 successive T20 Internationals? <b>Rohit Sharma</b>  |
| 275. | Rohit Sharma achieved the above record feat by winning match against which team? <b>England</b>   |
| 276. | At which place Rohit Sharma won his 14 <sup>th</sup> successive T20 match? <b>Birmingham, England</b>   |
| 277. | Boris Johnson, British prime minister announced his resignation on July 7. He heads which political party? <b>Conservative Party</b>  |
| 278. | Uttar Pradesh became the first state to link its ambitious scheme ODOP to the ONDC platform. Mention full form of ODOP and ONDC: <b>One District One Product; Open Network for Digital Commerce</b> |
| 279. | Which union ministry has launched the ONDC platform? <b>Union Commerce Ministry</b>   |
| 280. | President of India nominated how many new members to the Rajya Sabha on July 6? <b>Four</b>   |
| 281. | Under which article of the Indian Constitution President can nominate 12 members to the Rajya Sabha? <b>Article 80(a)</b>   |
| 282. | Portugal co-hosted the 2022 UN Ocean Conference along with which other country, from 27 June to 1 July? <b>Kenya</b>  |
| 283. | UN Ocean Conference 2022 was held in which city? <b>Lisbon, Portugal</b>  |
| 284. | Which two countries signed the Accession Protocols at the NATO Headquarters in Brussels on July 5? <b>Sweden and Finland</b>  |
| 285. | How many countries are member of NATO Group? <b>30</b>  |
| 286. | Headquarters of NATO are in which city? <b>Brussels</b>   |
| 287. | Which union ministry released the first edition of 'State Ranking Index for National Food Security Act  |

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|      | on July 5? <b>Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution</b>   |
| 288. | National Food Security Act was passed in which year? <b>2013</b>   |
| 289. | The eligible persons under the National Food Security Act are entitled to receive _____ Kg of foodgrains per person per month at subsidised prices: <b>Five</b>                      |
| 290. | Which state secured the top rank in the 'State Ranking Index for National Food Security Act'? <b>Odisha</b>  |
| 291. | World Zoonoses Day is observed on July 6 to raise awareness for the risk of _____ diseases: <b>Zoonotic</b>  |
| 292. | Alfiya Pathan and Gitika, are India's champion girls in which sports? <b>Boxing</b>  |
| 293. | The inaugural edition of the Elorda Boxing Cup was held in Nur-Sultan. It is the capital of which country? <b>Kazakhstan</b>   |
| 294. | The Indian Navy commissioned Indian Naval Air Squadron 324 at INS Dega at which place? <b>Visakhapatnam</b>  |
| 295. | Which type of aircrafts have been inducted in the Naval Air Squadron 324? <b>ALH MK III (MR) helicopters</b>   |
| 296. | The Ministry of Commerce and Industry released the "States' Startup Ranking 2021" on July 4. Which state topped the Ranking as best performer? <b>Gujarat</b>                        |
| 297. | The Department of Investment and Public Asset Management completed the disinvestment process of the Nilachal Ispat Nigam Limited on July 4. It is in which state? <b>Odisha</b>      |
| 298. | The Department of Investment and Public Asset Management is part of which union ministry? <b>Ministry of Finance</b>   |
| 299. | Which private sector steel company acquired the Nilachal Ispat Nigam Limited for Rs. 12,100 crore? <b>Tata Steel Long Products Limited</b>   |
| 300. | Government has decided to transform the Banks Board Bureau into which new institution? <b>Financial Services Institutions Bureau, FSIB</b>   |
| 301. | Who has been appointed as the first head of the FSIB? <b>Bhanu Pratap Sharma</b>   |
| 302. | Name the 21 year old beauty queen from Karnataka who won the Femina Miss India 2022 crown on July 3: <b>Sini Shetty</b>  |
| 303. | Femina Miss India Beauty Contest is run by which corporate group? <b>The Times media group</b>   |
| 304. | The amended FCRA rules now allow relatives abroad to send _____ lakh rupees without informing the government: <b>Ten</b>   |
| 305. | What is the full form of FCRA? <b>Foreign Contribution Regulation Act</b>  |
| 306. | "List of Best Student Cities for 2023" released on June 30 by the Quacquarelli Symonds (QS), London, selected _____ as best city for students looking to study abroad: <b>London</b> |
| 307. | On June 29, NASA launched CAPSTONE, a microwave oven-sized CubeSat weighing just 55 pounds (25 kg)   |

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|      | from a spaceport outside USA, in which country?<br><b>New Zealand</b>   |
| 308. | _____ has been elected as the 14th Prime Minister of Israel: <b>Mr. Yair Lapid</b>  |
| 309. | Indian Railways achieved the best-ever monthly freight loading of over 125 million tonnes in June this year. Which was the main item carried by Railway? <b>Coal</b>                          |
| 310. | India's largest floating solar power project, 100 MW Ramagundam Floating Solar PV Project became fully operational on July 01. It is in which state? <b>Telangana</b>                         |
| 311. | T Raja Kumar, a senior Indian origin diplomat took over as President of Financial Action Task Force (FATF), Paris. He hails from which country? <b>Singapore</b>                              |
| 312. | The DRDO successfully carried out the maiden flight of India's first unmanned fighter aircraft on July 01 from Aeronautical Test Range at Chitradurga. It is in which state? <b>Karnataka</b> |
| 313. | The International Day of Cooperatives is celebrated across the world on the first _____ of July: <b>Saturday</b>  |
| 314. | Who is the current head of the Ministry of Cooperation? <b>Sh. Amit Shah</b>  |
| 315. | July 01 is observed as the Chartered Accountants Day. The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) is based in which city? <b>New Delhi</b>   |
| 316. | The National Doctor's Day on July 01 marks the birth and death anniversary of which great Indian doctor? <b>Dr Bidhan Chandra Roy, Bharat Ratna</b>   |
| 317. | The Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) exercise was held at Pearl Harbour in which place? <b>Near Hawaii Islands, USA</b>  |
| 318. | Which day of June is observed as the World Social Media Day? <b>30<sup>th</sup></b>   |
| 319. | Ferdinand Marcos Jr. was sworn in as the 17th President of which Southeast Asian country? <b>Philippines</b>  |
| 320. | The DRDO along with Indian Army successfully flight-tested on June 30 the indigenously developed High-speed Expendable Aerial Target (HEAT) named ____ : <b>Abhyas</b>                        |
| 321. | The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs CCEA has approved the computerization of all PACS in the country. What is PACS? <b>Primary Agriculture Credit Societies</b>                         |
| 322. | Indian Space Research Organisation, successfully launched three satellites of which country on June 30? <b>Singapore</b>  |
| 323. | Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)? <b>Nitin Gupta</b>  |
| 324. | Pallonji Mistry, doyen of construction industry, passed away on June 28. He was head of which business group? <b>Shapoorji Pallonji Group</b>   |
| 325. | Tata Power Solar Systems commissioned India's largest floating solar power project of 101.6 Megawatt Peak (MWp) capacity in which state? <b>Kerala</b>  |

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| 326.             | Samant Kumar Goel has been re-appointed as the Chief of which foreign intelligence agency of India? <b>Research and Analysis Wing (RAW)</b>  |
| 327.             | Who has been appointed as the new Chief of National Investigation Agency-NIA? <b>Dinkar Gupta</b>  |
| 328.             | the 20 year old Cycling Champion from Manipur who scripted history by becoming first cyclist to win Silver in the sprint event at the Asian Cycling Championships 2022: <b>Ronaldo Singh</b>   |
| 329.             | Who has become the first tennis player to win 80 matches at each of the four Grand Slam tennis tournaments? <b>Novak Djokovic</b>  |
| 330.             | Which city topped the Global Liveability Index 2022? <b>Vienna</b>   |
| 331.             | Vienna is the capital of which country? <b>Austria</b>   |
| 332.             | Among Indian cities, which city earned the highest ranking of 112 <sup>th</sup> rank in the Global Liveability Index 2022? <b>New Delhi</b>  |
| 333.             | The Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) gave its approval for India's first mRNA vaccine named on June 28: <b>Gemcovac-19</b>   |
| 334.             | Gemcovac-19 is being manufactured by which pharma company? <b>Gennova Biopharmaceuticals, Pune</b>   |
| 335.             | What is the full form of mRNA? <b>messenger Ribonucleic Acid</b>   |
| 336.             | The RBI granted approval to which big bank for setting up its proposed "operations support subsidiary" aimed at bringing down the cost-to-income ratio? <b>State Bank of India</b>             |
| 337.             | The World Bank approved a \$250 million loan to support the Government of India's _____ programme for seven States: <b>Road safety</b>   |
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| 338.             | Which day of June is celebrated as the International Asteroid Day? <b>June 30</b>  |
| 339.             | The so called 'Asteroid Belt' is located between which two planets? <b>Mars and Jupiter</b>  |
| 340.             | International Day of Parliamentarism on June 30 is associated with SDG number ____, Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions: <b>16</b>  |
| 341.             | Researchers from Forest Department of which state discovered a rare carnivorous plant named 'Utricularia Furcellata'? <b>Uttarakhand</b>   |
| 342.             | National Statistics Day is observed on June 29 to mark the birth anniversary of which legendary statistician of India? <b>Prof. P C Mahalanobis</b>  |
| 343.             | The United Nations celebrates which Day on June 27 to raise public awareness of the contribution of MSMEs to the global economy? <b>Micro-, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSMEs) Day</b> |
| 344.             | The 48 <sup>th</sup> G-7 Summit was held in Bavarian Alps on June 26-28. It is in which country? <b>Germany</b>  |
| 345.             | G7 members decided to ban imports of gold from which country? <b>Russia</b>  |
| 346.             | Who holds the Presidency of G7 Group for the year 2022? <b>Germany</b>   |

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| 347. | Who is the present Chancellor of Germany? <b>Olaf Scholz</b>  |
| 348. | From which city Prime Minister Mody started his two nation visit on June 26? <b>Munich, Germany</b>   |
| 349. | Name the veteran technocrat, popularly known as "Father of Indian PSUs", who passed away on June 26: <b>V Krishnamurthy</b>   |
| 350. | June 26 is observed as the International Day against _____ and Illicit Trafficking: <b>Drug Abuse</b>   |
| 351. | Name the team which won Cricket's national level Ranji Trophy: <b>Madhya Pradesh</b>  |
| 352. | Madhya Pradesh won the Ranji Trophy by defeating which team? <b>Mumbai</b>  |
| 353. | Who was declared 'Player of the Series' in the Ranji Trophy? <b>Sarfaraz Khan</b>   |
| 354. | Jyothi Surekha Vennum and Abhishek Verma won the gold medal on June 25 in an international event in which sports? <b>Archery</b>  |
| 355. | Navjeet Dhillon, Indian women's _____ won the gold medal on June 25 at the Qosanov Memorial 2022 athletics meet in Almaty, Kazakhstan: <b>Discus Thrower</b>                            |
| 356. | The International Maritime Organisation celebrates June 25 as the Day of the Seafarer. Headquarters of IMO are in which city? <b>London</b>   |
| 357. | The 26 <sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) was hosted by which country on June 24-25? <b>Rwanda</b>  |
| 358. | At present how many countries are members of Commonwealth Group? <b>54</b>  |
| 359. | June 25 is observed as the World Vitiligo Day. Vitiligo is associated which body part? <b>Skin</b>  |
| 360. | Deficiency or absence of _____ causes vitiligo: <b>Melanin</b>  |
| 361. | Tapan Kumar Deka, senior IPS officer has been appointed Director of which apex agency? <b>Intelligence Bureau</b>   |
| 362. | Who has been appointed as the next CEO of Niti Aayog? <b>Parameswaran Iyer</b>  |
| 363. | Scientists have discovered the world's largest known single cell bacteria, first to be visible with the naked eye. What is its name? <b>Thiomargarita Magnifica</b>                     |
| 364. | Who has been named as the captain of India's women Hockey team? <b>Savita Punia</b>   |
| 365. | Which is the first Indian airport to run entirely on hydro and solar power as it switched to renewable sources for its energy needs? <b>Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport</b> |
| 366. | Who has been selected as the Presidential candidate by the National Democratic Alliance? <b>Ms Draupadi Murmu</b>   |
| 367. | Ms Draupadi Murmu hails from which state? <b>Odisha</b>   |
| 368. | The country's first-ever, 'Balika Panchayat', started in five villages of which state? <b>Gujarat</b>   |
| 369. | Indian wrestling team secured which position at the Under-17 Asian Championship at Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan? <b>First</b>  |

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| 370. | The ISRO successfully launched communication satellite GSAT-24 from which place on June 23? <b>Kourou in French Guiana</b>   |
| 371. | French Guiana is located in which part of the world? <b>Latin America</b>  |
| 372. | Which country hosted the 14th BRICS Summit in virtual mode on 23rd of June? <b>China</b>   |
| 373. | UN celebrates which day on June 23 to raise awareness of the violation of human rights that widows suffer in many countries? <b>International Widows Day</b>           |
| 374. | United Nations Public Service Day is observed on which date? <b>June 23</b>  |
| 375. | World Olympic Day on June 23 marks which event associated with Olympics? <b>Foundation of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) on this day in 1894</b>            |
| 376. | Headquarters of IOC are situated in which place? <b>Lausanne, Switzerland</b>  |
| 377. | A devastating 6.1 magnitude earthquake struck which part of Afghanistan on June 22, claiming more than 1,000 lives? <b>South Eastern</b>                               |
| 378. | June 22 is observed as World Rainforest Day. Which is the largest rain forest in the world? <b>Amazon Rain Forest</b>  |
| 379. | Which Indian pace all-rounder announced her retirement from all formats of Cricket on June 22? <b>Rumeli Dhar</b>  |
| 380. | What was the theme for this year's International Yoga Day celebrated on June 21? <b>Yoga for Humanity</b>  |
| 381. | World Hydrography Day is observed on June 21 to mark the foundation of International Hydrographic Organisation. It is based in which place? <b>Monte Carlo, Monaco</b> |
| 382. | Khaby Lame, the 22-year-old video creator from Senegal has become the most followed person, with 14.2 crore followers on which social media platform? <b>TikTok</b>    |
| 383. | MSME department of which state won the first prize in the category "National MSME Award 2022 for States/UTs? <b>Odisha</b>   |
| 384. | Name the senior diplomat who has been appointed as the next Ambassador and Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations: <b>Ms. Ruchira Kamboj</b>          |
| 385. | _____ became the 36 <sup>th</sup> State to implement One Nation One Ration Card-ONORC scheme on June 20: <b>Assam</b>  |
| 386. | The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs launched NIPUN scheme on June 20 for benefit of which category of workers? <b>Construction workers</b>                       |
| 387. | What is the full form of NIPUN? <b>National Initiative for Promoting Upskilling of Nirman workers</b>  |
| 388. | June 19 is observed as the National Reading Day to mark the anniversary of which famous book man of Kerala? <b>P N Panicker</b>  |
| 389. | Which documentary won the prestigious award for the Best Documentary Film at MIFF 2022? What is  |



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| the name of the award for the Best Documentary Film at MIFF 2022? <b>Golden Conch</b>   |
| 390. The Union Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY) has declared IT resources of which 3 FIs as 'Critical Information Infrastructure'? <b>ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank and NPCI</b>        |
| 391. Which small town in Meghalaya, set a new record on June 17, of highest single-day rainfall? <b>Mawsynram</b>   |
| 392. Gustavo Petro, a former guerilla commando won Presidential elections in which country? <b>Colombia</b>   |
| 393. Which three countries have been granted the hosting rights for the FIFA World Cup 2026? <b>USA, Canada and Mexico</b>  |
| 394. Country's first of its kind and the largest desalination plant was inaugurated at which place in Gujarat? <b>Dahej</b>   |
| 395. What is the function of desalination plant? <b>To process sea water to convert it to normal water</b>  |
| 396. Name the 16 year old promising boy from Andhra who became the first Indian to win a Gold medal at the IWF Youth World Championships in Leon, Mexico: <b>Saanapathi Gurunaidu</b> |
| 397. World champion Max Verstappen won the Canadian Grand Prix in which city? <b>Montreal</b>   |
| 398. What is the name of the most advanced, indigenously built aircraft carrier launched recently by China? <b>Fujian</b>   |
| 399. With which country India launched the joint logo for the celebration of 50 Years of its Diplomatic Relations, on June 18? <b>Vietnam</b>   |
| 400. What is the theme of this year's World Refugee Day? <b>Right to Seek Safety</b>  |
| 401. President of which country signed a declaration in 1972 to celebrate every third Sunday of June as Father's Day? <b>USA</b>  |
| 402. June 18 is celebrated as the Sustainable Gastronomy Day. Gastronomy is associated with which field? <b>Art of food / cooking</b>   |
| 403. June 18 is celebrated as _____ Pride Day to respect the rights of persons with autism: <b>Autistic</b>   |
| 404. Which Indian airport launched India's first Vertical Axis Wind Turbine along with a solar panel? <b>Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport, Mumbai</b>                |
| 405. Prof. Thalappil Pradeep of the IIT _____ won the Prince Sultan Bin Abdulaziz International Prize for Water: <b>Madras</b>  |
| 406. Who has been appointed as the first woman chairperson of the Press Council of India? <b>Justice (retd.) Ranjana Prakash Desai</b>  |
| 407. Hamza Abdi Barre has been appointed as the Prime Minister of which African country? <b>Somalia</b>   |
| 408. The annual World Competitiveness Index 2022 released on June 15 placed India at which rank? <b>37<sup>th</sup></b>   |
| 409. Which country secured the top rank in the World Competitiveness Index 2022? <b>Denmark</b>   |
| 410. On June 16, RBI raised the Additional Factor of Authentication (AFA) limit from Rs 5,000 to Rs   |

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| _____ per transaction on cards, PPIs and UPI for recurring transactions, with immediate effect: <b>15,000</b>   |
| 411. What is the full form of PPI? <b>Prepaid Payment Instruments</b>   |
| 412. Supported by the UNO, June 17 is observed as World Day to Combat _____ and Drought: <b>Desertification</b>   |
| 413. _____ has been appointed as the new Director General of the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB): <b>Sujoy Lal Thaoson</b>  |
| 414. Which company has become the first RBI-licensed PPI (prepaid instruments) company to offer cash withdrawal using a RuPay-powered card from any ATMs across the country? <b>Omnocard</b>  |
| 415. Europe's biggest start-up conference - Vivatech 2020 selected India as the "country of the year" for what reason? <b>To honour the contribution of the Indian start-ups to the world</b> |
| 416. India's first private train service, under the Bharat Gaurav Scheme, started its journey on June 14 from Coimbatore in Tamil Nadu for _____ of Maharashtra: <b>Sainagar Shirdi</b>       |
| 417. One of the most respected Urdu critics, theorists and linguists, passed away on June 15. Who was he? <b>Prof. Gopi Chand Narang</b>  |
| 418. Built on the scale of international airports, the ultra-luxurious Sir M Visvesvaraya Railway Station became operational on June 13. It is in which city? <b>Bengaluru</b>                |
| 419. Govt launched Agnipath scheme to recruit _____ for the Indian Armed forces: <b>Agniveers</b>   |
| 420. The Agniveers will be recruited for a period of _____ years: <b>Four</b>   |
| 421. Neeraj Chopra, Tokyo Olympics gold medalist ace Javelin thrower was in news recently for what reasons? <b>He improved his Tokyo Olympic record by 1.72 metres</b>                        |
| 422. Global/World Wind Day is observed on which day of June? <b>15<sup>th</sup></b>   |
| 423. June 15 is celebrated as World _____ Awareness Day: <b>Elder Abuse</b>   |
| 424. What is the theme of this year's World Elder Abuse Awareness Day? <b>Digital Equity for All Ages</b>   |
| 425. India's first display fabrication facility, Generation 6 AMOLED Display FAB, is being set up in which city? <b>Hyderabad</b>   |
| 426. What is the expansion of the abbreviation AMOLED? <b>Active-Matrix Organic Light-Emitting Diodes</b>   |
| 427. Name the Hungarian diplomat who has been elected the President of the upcoming 77th session of the UN General Assembly: <b>Csaba Korosi</b>  |
| 428. Celebration of World Blood Donor Day is supported by WHO and which other global organisation? <b>Red Cross</b>   |
| 429. Sriharsha Devaraddi , Manish Narwal, Rubina Francis and Rahul Jakhar, all won gold at an international _____ event: <b>Shooting</b>  |

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| 430. | Max Verstappen of the team Red Bull won the Azerbaijan Formula One Grand Prix on June 12 in which circuit? <b>Baku City Circuit</b>                                     |
| 431. | The 4th edition of Khelo India Youth Games 2021 concluded in which city on June 13? <b>Panchkula, Haryana</b>   |
| 432. | Which state team secured top position in the medal tally at the 4th edition of Khelo India Youth Games 2021? <b>Haryana</b>   |
| 433. | The 38th India-Indonesia Coordinated Patrol (Corpat) was held from June 13 to 24 in which area? <b>Andaman sea and Strait of Malacca</b>                                |
| 434. | Government plans to set up how many PM Shri Schools in the country? <b>15,000</b>   |
| 435. | As part of the National Education Policy, what is the four stage 15 year model of school education? <b>5+3+3+4</b>  |
| 436. | What are the names given to the four stages of school education? <b>Foundation, Preparatory, Middle and Secondary</b>   |
| 437. | Which city hosted the 12th World Trade Organisation, WTO Ministerial Conference? <b>Geneva</b>  |
| 438. | World Trade Organisation is based in which city? <b>Geneva</b>  |
| 439. | Who is the current Director General of WTO? <b>Ngozi Okonjo Iweala</b>  |
| 440. | Ngozi Okonjo Iweala hails from which country? <b>Nigeria</b>  |
| 441. | The WTO came in existence on January 1, 1995 based on which agreement? <b>Marrakesh Agreement</b>   |
| 442. | Marrakesh is a prominent city of which country? <b>Morocco</b>  |
| 443. | Which day of June is celebrated as the World Day Against Child Labour? <b>12<sup>th</sup></b>   |
| 444. | Recently, how many new non-permanent members were elected for the UN Security Council? <b>Five</b>  |
| 445. | Out of Ecuador, Japan, Germany, Malta, Mozambique and Switzerland, which one has NOT been selected as a new member of UNSC? <b>Germany</b>                              |
| 446. | New non-permanent members are elected for what period? <b>Two years</b>   |
| 447. | Which forum elects the non-permanent members of the UNSC? <b>UN General Assembly</b>  |
| 448. | The new 5 members of the UN Security Council will join from which date? <b>January 01, 2023</b>   |
| 449. | The Government launched Rashtriya _____ Portal to invite nominations for various awards from the various ministries, departments, and agencies? <b>Puraskar</b>         |
| 450. | Who can nominate individuals/organisations for award of Padma awards? <b>Any Indian citizen</b>   |
| 451. | _____ became the first state to approve a 'Drone Policy 2022' to enable the use of drones and similar technology for different public services: <b>Himachal Pradesh</b> |
| 452. | For the first time in the world, _____ passed the law for digital electronics, the "Right to repair" bill: <b>New York state, USA</b>                                   |

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| 453. | Which India Grand Master won the Norway Chess Group 'A' event with 7.5 points from nine rounds? <b>R. Praggnanandha</b>  |
| 454. | Name the music maestro who has been named as the ambassador of the British Council's 'India-UK Together Season of Culture': <b>A R Rahman</b>  |
| 455. | Ramkrishna Mukkavilli became the first Indian to be recognised as the Global SDG Pioneer for water stewardship by UNGC. What is SDG? <b>Sustainable Development Goal</b>                               |
| 456. | What is the name of the India's first COVID-19 vaccine for animals, developed by ICAR-National Research Centre on Equines, in Hisar, Haryana? <b>Anocovax</b>  |
| 457. | Among Indian private universities, which university was ranked at the top by the QS World University Rankings, 2023? <b>OP Jindal Global University, Sonapat, Haryana</b>                              |
| 458. | What is the theme of this year's World Brain Tumour Day observed on June 8? <b>Together We Are Stronger</b>  |
| 459. | The 4th State Food Safety Index prepared by the FSSAI, placed which state at number one among large states? <b>Tamil Nadu</b>  |
| 460. | The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, CCEA approved on June 8 an increase in Minimum Support Price for Kharif crops. MSP for Paddy was increased by how much amount? <b>Rs. 100</b>               |
| 461. | Which among Urad, Groundnut, Mustard and Sunflower is NOT a Kharif crop? <b>Mustard</b>  |
| 462. | The Reserve Bank allowed on June 8 credit cards to be linked with which popular digital payment platform? <b>UPI</b>   |
| 463. | What is the full form of UPI? <b>Unified Payments Interface</b>  |
| 464. | Name the Indian icon of women's cricket who announced her retirement from all forms of international cricket: <b>Mithali Raj</b>   |
| 465. | NHAI entered Guinness World Records for laying 75 km long continuous Bituminous Concrete Road in less than five days at which place? <b>On NH-53, section between Amravati to Akola in Maharashtra</b> |
| 466. | The RBI did not change which key rate among the changes announced on June 8? <b>Fixed Reverse Repo</b>   |
| 467. | The recent hike in Repo rate will lead to a _____ in amount of EMI for various personal loans: <b>Rise</b>   |
| 468. | June 8 is observed as World _____ Day: <b>Oceans</b>   |
| 469. | Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu embarked on a three-nation tour to Gabon, _____ and Qatar on May 30: <b>Senegal</b>   |
| 470. | What is the location of Senegal on the world map? <b>West coast of Western Africa</b>  |
| 471. | World's first population estimation of the fishing cat, conducted outside the protected area network, was done in which part of India? <b>Chilika Lake, Odisha</b>                                     |
| 472. | Which international day is observed on June 6 to spread awareness about pest management and its  |

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| benefits for plants and people around us? <b>World Pest Day</b>   |
| 473. Major General Bajram Begaj has been elected as the President of Albania. It is located in which part of the world? <b>Southeastern Europe</b>                                    |
| 474. The 22nd edition of the International Indian Film Academy (IIFA) Awards was held in _____ on 4th June: <b>Abu Dhabi</b>  |
| 475. For which film Vicky Kaushal won the IIFA Best Actor Award? <b>Sardar Udham</b>  |
| 476. Who won the IIFA Award for Best Director for the film Shershaah? <b>Vishnuvardhan</b>  |
| 477. India was placed at which rank in the 2022 edition of the Environmental Performance Index prepared for 180 countries? <b>180<sup>th</sup></b>                                    |
| 478. Which country displayed the best performance in the Environmental Performance Index-2022? <b>Denmark</b>   |
| 479. Ex Khaan Quest 2022, a multinational peacekeeping military exercise, was hosted by which country? <b>Mongolia</b>  |
| 480. Name the union minister who announced the first-ever National Air Sports Policy-2022 on June 7 in New Delhi: <b>Jyotiraditya Scindia, Civil Aviation Minister</b>                |
| 481. Out of Aerobatics, Ballooning, Rafting and Gliding, which one is NOT a air sport? <b>Rafting</b>   |
| 482. At which place the Ministry of Tribal Affairs inaugurated the National Tribal Research Institute on June 7? <b>New Delhi</b>   |
| 483. Which UN agency supports the celebration of World Food Safety Day on June 7? <b>WHO – World Health Organisation</b>  |
| 484. For what purpose government launched Jan Samarth Portal on June 6? <b>To bring all credit-linked government schemes on a single platform</b>                                     |
| 485. What was the name of the joint military training exercise held between India and Bangladesh from June 5 to 16? <b>Ex Sampriti-X</b>  |
| 486. Ex Sampriti-X was held at which place? <b>Jessore military station in Bangladesh</b>   |
| 487. The Central Government asked all the states and UTs to phase out SUP to improve the environment for achieving a "Clean and Green" India. What is SUP? <b>Single use Plastics</b> |
| 488. Famous Tennis Grand Slam, French Open was held at which place? <b>Roland Garros, Paris</b>   |
| 489. Who holds the record to win 14 singles titles of French Open, including this year's title? <b>Rafael Nadal</b>   |
| 490. Who holds the record to win 22 men's singles titles in Grand Slams? <b>Rafael Nadal</b>  |
| 491. Name the World number one women's tennis player who also won this year's Women's Singles Title in French Open: <b>Iga Swiatek</b>  |
| 492. Iga Swiatek hails from which country? <b>Poland</b>  |

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| 493. Which country won the inaugural edition of FIH Hockey 5s championship in Lausanne, Switzerland? <b>India</b>  |
| 494. Prime Minister Modi virtually launched a global initiative "LiFE Movement", on the occasion of World Environment Day on June 5. What is full form of LiFE? <b>Lifestyle for the Environment</b> |
| 495. Which last village of the remote Miyar Valley in Lahaul and Spiti, Himachal Pradesh, was connected with a road on June 3? <b>Khanjar</b>  |
| 496. Which Covid vaccine has become India's first vaccine to get DCGI approval as a heterogeneous COVID-19 booster dose? <b>Corbevax</b>   |
| 497. Corbevax is manufactured by which vaccine making company? <b>Biological E', Hyderabad</b>   |
| 498. Which is the host country for this year's celebrations for the World Environment Day? <b>Sweden</b>   |
| 499. What is the theme selected for this year's World Environment Day observed on June 5? <b>Only One Earth</b>  |
| 500. Who has been appointed as the MD & CEO of the Punjab & Sind Bank? <b>Swarup Kumar Saha</b>  |
| 501. Ajay Kumar Srivastava has recently been appointed MD & CEO of which public sector bank? <b>Indian Overseas Bank</b>   |
| 502. A unique Liquid-Mirror Telescope has been commissioned in India at Devasthal Observatory Campus. It is situated at which place? <b>Nainital, Uttarakhand</b>                                    |
| 503. Which company has been selected to carry out the construction of the Noida International Airport at Jewar, in Uttar Pradesh? <b>Tata Projects</b>   |
| 504. Government launched which scheme to provide free education to the meritorious SC boys and girls in the best private residential schools? <b>SRESHTA</b>   |
| 505. What is the expansion of the acronym SRESHTA? <b>Scheme for Residential Education for Students in High Schools in Targeted Area</b>   |
| 506. Sakshi Malik, Mansi Ahlawat, Divya Kakran, Sarita Mor and Manisha, all five won individual gold medals in an international event in which sport? <b>Wrestling</b>                               |
| 507. What type of ships were INS Nishank and INS Akshay which were decommissioned on June 3 after rendering 32 years of glorious service? <b>Missile corvette and patrol warship, respectively</b>   |
| 508. HM Queen Elizabeth II, Britain's Queen became the first royal in Britain to celebrate ____ years of her reign on June 2: <b>70</b>  |
| 509. Harini Logan, the 13-year-old eighth-grader Indian-American from San Antonio, Texas, was in news for what reasons? <b>She won the Scripps National Spelling Bee 2022 contest in USA</b>         |
| 510. Turkey has announced that his country's name has been changed to _____ as it is spelled and pronounced in Turkish: <b>Türkiye (tur-key-YAY)</b>   |
| 511. United Nations approved which day of June in 2018 as World Bicycle Day to encourage the use of the  |



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| bicycle as a means of fostering sustainable development? <b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>  |
| <b>512.</b> The Defence Ministry selected which local company for supply of the Astra Mk-I Beyond Visual Range (BVR) air to air missiles? <b>Bharat Dynamics Limited, Hyderabad</b> |
| <b>513.</b> What is the effective strike range of Astra Mk-I missile? <b>75 km</b>  |
| <b>514.</b> What is the name of the world's fastest computer that achieved a computing speed of 1.1 exaFLOPS (exa FLoating point OPerations per Second)? <b>Frontier</b>            |
| <b>515.</b> The Frontier supercomputer has been installed at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory at Oak Ridge in which country? <b>USA</b>  |
| <b>516.</b> An Exaflops represents capacity to process how many transactions per second? <b>A quintillion (10<sup>18</sup> i.e. 1 followed by 18 zeros)</b>                         |
| <b>517.</b> Indian Hockey team won which medal at the Hero Asia Cup-2022 in Jakarta? <b>Bronze</b>  |
| <b>518.</b> Jakarta is the capital of which country? <b>Indonesia</b>   |
| <b>519.</b> The world-famous Valley of Flowers, located in _____, Uttarakhand was opened for tourists from 1st of June: <b>Chamoli</b>  |
| <b>520.</b> For the first time in the country, Indian Posts delivered mail using a drone as part of a pilot project in which state? <b>Gujarat</b>                                  |
| <b>521.</b> Popularly known as KK, noted Bollywood singer passed away after a live performance in Kolkata on May 31. What was his full name? <b>Krishnakumar Kunnath</b>            |
| <b>522.</b> The Global Day of Parents is observed on which date? <b>June 01</b>   |
| <b>523.</b> Which UN Agency supports the celebration of World Milk Day on June 01? <b>FAO - Food and Agriculture Organisation</b>   |
| <b>524.</b> Which Indian state has been selected for World No Tobacco Day Award-2022 by WHO? <b>Jharkhand</b>   |
| <b>525.</b> Which corporate house commissioned a first of its kind, 390 MW wind-solar hybrid power plant in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan? <b>Adani group</b>                                |
| <b>526.</b> According to the data released by the National Statistical Office on May 31, the Indian economy is likely to grow by ____ % in 2021-22: <b>8.7</b>                      |
| <b>527.</b> Elavenil Valarivan, Shreya Agarwal and Ramita, all three are part of which Indian team that won gold at an international event? <b>Shooting</b>                         |
| <b>528.</b> The government has revised the premium for the Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana, PMJJBY to what amount? <b>Rs. 436</b>   |
| <b>529.</b> The enhanced premium for the Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana is ____: <b>Rs. 20</b>   |
| <b>530.</b> What is the amount of insurance cover available under the Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana? <b>Rs. 2 lakh</b>  |
| <b>531.</b> Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana provides a cover of Rs. ____ lakh, in case of death due to any reason: <b>Two</b>   |

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| <b>532.</b> Which film won the Palme d'Or- Golden Ball Award for the 'Best Film' at the Cannes Film Festival? <b>Triangle of Sadness</b>                           |
| <b>533.</b> India's first Lavender Festival was held in Bhaderwah in which place? <b>J&amp;K</b>   |
| <b>534.</b> Which franchisee team won the 15 <sup>th</sup> season of IPL? <b>Gujarat Titans</b>  |
| <b>535.</b> According to the data released by the commerce ministry, in 2021-22, which country had the highest amount of bilateral trade with India? <b>USA</b>    |
| <b>536.</b> Which FC won the Champions League, biggest Football League of Europe, for a record-extending 14th time? <b>Real Madrid</b>                             |
| <b>537.</b> Which was the "Country of focus" in this year's Mumbai International Film Festival? <b>Bangladesh</b>  |
| <b>538.</b> Name the Godavari class guided-missile frigate, one of the oldest warriors of the Western Fleet, which was decommissioned on May 28: <b>INS Gomati</b> |
| <b>539.</b> L'OEil d'Or is the name of the award for the 'Best _____' at the Cannes Film Festival: <b>Documentary</b>  |
| <b>MAY 2022</b>  |
| <b>540.</b> Which global body supports the celebration of No Tobacco Day on May 31? <b>World Health Organisation</b>   |
| <b>541.</b> International Everest Day is observed on which date? <b>May 29</b>   |
| <b>542.</b> Why May 29 has been selected as the International Everest Day? <b>It marks the first conquering of Everest in 1953</b>                                 |
| <b>543.</b> What is the theme for this year's World Menstrual Hygiene Day observed on May 28? <b>We are committed</b>  |
| <b>544.</b> Headquarters of the global NGO Amnesty International are located in which city? <b>London</b>  |
| <b>545.</b> India's biggest Drone Festival- "Bharat Drone Mahotsav 2022" was held in which city on May 27-28? <b>New Delhi</b>                                     |
| <b>546.</b> Name the 64 year old Delhi based Hindi author who won the International Booker Prize: <b>Geetanjali Shree</b>  |
| <b>547.</b> Geetanjali Shree won the Booker Prize for which of her novel? <b>"Ret Samadhi" (Tomb of Sand)</b>  |
| <b>548.</b> Who translated the Hindi novel "Ret Samadhi" into English? <b>Ms. Daisy Rockwell</b>   |
| <b>549.</b> What is the amount of cash award in the International Booker Prize? <b>British Pound 50,000/-</b>  |
| <b>550.</b> What is the name of the second survey ship inducted in Indian Navy on May 26? <b>Nirdeshak</b>   |
| <b>551.</b> Which city became the first metro city in the country to prepare a detailed register of biodiversity? <b>Kolkata</b>                                   |
| <b>552.</b> Supercomputer 'PARAM PORUL' has been established in which educational institution? <b>NIT Tiruchirappalli</b>  |

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| 553. | Murali Sreeshankar, from Kerala won the gold medal on May 26 at the 12th International _____ Meeting in Kallithea, Greece: <b>Jumping</b>   |
| 554. | _____ became the first state in India to launch a pilot project on Olympic Values Education Programme: <b>Odisha</b>  |
| 555. | The Ministry of Education, released on May 25 which report that assessed the health of the school education system in the country? <b>The National Achievement Survey (NAS) 2021 report</b> |
| 556. | The 4th edition of state-level popular Shirui Lily Festival 2022 was hosted by the _____ government from May 25 to 29: <b>Manipur</b>   |
| 557. | Name the Army lady officer who became the first combat aviator in the Army Aviation Corps: <b>Captain Abhilasha Barak</b>   |
| 558. | What is the name of the Indian Navy and Bangladesh Navy Bilateral exercise that commenced on 24 May at Port Mongla, in Southwestern Bangladesh? <b>Bongosagar</b>                           |
| 559. | India recently joined which international forum that aims at decarbonising the heavy industry and long-distance transport sectors? <b>First Movers Coalition</b>                            |
| 560. | The First Movers Coalition is an initiative launched by the _____ government and WEF: <b>United States</b>  |
| 561. | The Travel and Tourism Development Index released on May 24, ranked India at which place? <b>54<sup>th</sup></b>  |
| 562. | Which country topped the Travel and Tourism Development Index? <b>Japan</b>   |
| 563. | India and the USA signed an Investment Incentive Agreement on May 23 in which city? <b>Tokyo, Japan</b>   |
| 564. | National Health Authority has launched revamped Ayushman Bharat Health Account mobile application. What is its name? <b>ABHA</b>  |
| 565. | Who has been appointed as the new Lieutenant Governor of Delhi by a Presidential notification? <b>Vinai Kumar Saxena</b>  |
| 566. | Jose Ramos-Horta was sworn in as president of East Timor. It is in which part of the world? <b>Southeast Asia</b>   |
| 567. | Which company has overtaken Apple as the world's most valuable company in terms of its market capitalisation? <b>Saudi Aramco</b>   |
| 568. | Saudi Aramco is associated with which field? <b>Petroleum refining</b>  |
| 569. | Dr Tedros has been elected to serve a second _____ year term as Director-General of the WHO: <b>Five</b>  |
| 570. | Dr tedros hails from which country? <b>Ethiopia</b>   |
| 571. | The first commercial drone flight in the country's healthcare sector was undertaken recently in which state? <b>Uttarakhand</b>   |
| 572. | Vivek Kumar, 2004 batch IFS officer was appointed as the _____ to Prime Minister: <b>Personal Secretary (PS)</b>  |
| 573. | Salil S. Parekh has been re-appointed as the MD & CEO of which major Indian IT company? <b>Infosys</b>  |

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| 574. | Vijay Shekhar Sharma was re-appointed as the MD & CEO of which major Fintech Company of India? <b>Paytm</b>  |
| 575. | US President Joe Biden launched the IPEF for prosperity with a dozen initial partners. Expand IPEF: <b>Indo-Pacific Economic Framework</b>   |
| 576. | Prime Minister Modi visited Japan for two days, 23 and 24 May, to attend which global summit? <b>QUAD Leaders' Summit</b>  |
| 577. | What is the full form of QUAD? <b>Quadrilateral Security Dialogue</b>  |
| 578. | What is the theme of this year's World Turtle Day held on May 23? <b>Shellebrate</b>   |
| 579. | The fourth edition of the Indian Navy-Bangladesh Navy Coordinated Patrol CORPAT was held on May 22-23 in which area? <b>In the Northern Bay of Bengal</b>                                    |
| 580. | Who became the first Indian on May 22 to scale four 8,000-metre and above peaks, back-to-back in less than a month? <b>Baljeet Kaur</b>  |
| 581. | Which team won the Hockey India sub-junior women's national championship 2022 on May 22? <b>Haryana</b>  |
| 582. | The Indian men's compound team won the gold medal on May 21 in the Hyundai _____ World Cup 2022: <b>Archery</b>  |
| 583. | Who has been elected as the new Prime Minister of Australia? <b>Anthony Albanese</b>   |
| 584. | Which UN agency recently honoured India's one million all-women ASHA workers for their 'outstanding' contribution to health sector? <b>WHO - World Health Organisation</b>                   |
| 585. | India's first simulation-based war training centre, named Wargame Research and Development Centre, is being set up at which place? <b>New Delhi</b>  |
| 586. | RBI announced on May 23 to set up a committee to evaluate the efficacy, adequacy and quality of customer service in which sector? <b>Banks, NBFCs and all other entities regulated by it</b> |
| 587. | Who will be the head of this committee? <b>B P Kanungo</b>   |
| 588. | Order of the British Empire has recently been conferred upon Kishore Jayaraman. He is President, India and South Asia for which company? <b>Rolls-Royce</b>                                  |
| 589. | The Indian Air Force (IAF) has been placed at which rank in the World Air Power Index? <b>Third</b>  |
| 590. | Who is the author of the book "A Place Called Home"? <b>Preeti Shenoy</b>  |
| 591. | Rasheed Kidwai, noted journalist, has authored which book recently? <b>Leaders, Politicians, Citizens</b>  |
| 592. | Which UN Report slashed India's growth rate for 2022 to 6.4 %? <b>World Economic Situation and Prospects" (WESP) report.</b>   |
| 593. | A team of experts from the _____ Society, USA installed the "world's highest weather station" on Mount Everest at an altitude of 8,830 metres: <b>National Geographic</b>                    |

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| 594. | Who has been appointed as the next Chief Executive of Hong Kong by the China's State Council? <b>John Lee</b>  |
| 595. | The Reserve Bank of India approved the transfer of _____ crore as surplus to the Central Government for the accounting year ending March 31, 2022: <b>Rs.30,307</b>                  |
| 596. | The UNO has designated which day of May to be observed as International Day for Biodiversity? <b>22<sup>nd</sup></b>   |
| 597. | Martyrdom day of which Indian statesman is observed as Anti-Terrorism Day on May 21? <b>Rajiv Gandhi</b>   |
| 598. | What is the name of the Rajiv Gandhi's shrine located in New Delhi? <b>Veer Bhumi</b>  |
| 599. | Which sector of economy emerged as the top recipient sector of FDI inflow with 25 per cent share in 2021-22? <b>Computer software and hardware</b>                                   |
| 600. | Which state received the highest amount of FDI in 2021-22, accounting for 38% share? <b>Karnataka</b>  |
| 601. | World's first airport for electric flying cars and large drones has been built in Coventry, in which country? <b>England</b>   |
| 602. | Which country topped the medal tally at the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) Junior World Cup in Suhl, Germany? <b>India</b>   |
| 603. | Which woman boxer from Telangana became the world champion in 52 kg category? <b>Nikhat Zareen</b>   |
| 604. | RBI asked banks on May 19 to provide the option of ICCW at their ATMs, and also at white label ATMs. Expand ICCW: <b>Interoperable Card-less Cash Withdrawal</b>                     |
| 605. | The ICCW facility will be provided by using which digital payment platform? <b>UPI - Unified Payments Interface</b>  |
| 606. | At the global level, which organisation maintains the most comprehensive "Red List of Threatened Species"? <b>International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), Switzerland</b> |
| 607. | World Bee Day is observed on which date? <b>May 20</b>   |
| 608. | What was the theme for this year's World Metrology Day? <b>Metrology in the Digital Era</b>  |
| 609. | Which Indian corporate clinched the deal to acquire Swiss cement major Holcim's stake in Ambuja Cements and its subsidiary ACC? <b>Adani group</b>                                   |
| 610. | Indian Navy in association with the DRDO successfully carried out maiden test-firing of the first indigenously developed _____ missile on May 18: <b>Naval anti-ship</b>             |
| 611. | What was the theme for this year's International Museum Day observed on May 18? <b>The Power of Museums</b>  |
| 612. | The 24th Summer Deaflympics were held in Caxias Du Sul from 1st to 15th of May. It is in which country? <b>Brazil</b>  |
| 613. | Which team won the 12th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship? <b>Odisha</b>   |
| 614. | The Union Government announced the formation of the Cotton Council of India under the Chairmanship of renowned 'Cotton Man', _____ Kotak: <b>Suresh Bhai</b>                         |

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| 615. | Vesak Day is observed every year in May on the first Full Moon Day. It is associated with which religion? <b>Buddhism</b>                                       |
| 616. | The Forbes' list of World's highest paid athletes released on May 11, placed which player at the top? <b>Lionel Messi</b>                                       |
| 617. | Lionel Messi plays for which Football Club? <b>FC Paris Saint-Germain</b>   |
| 618. | Nidhi Chibber, senior IAS officer has been appointed as the chairperson of which apex national body? <b>Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), Delhi.</b> |
| 619. | Ms. Elisabeth Borne has been named as the Prime Minister of _____ by its President: <b>France</b>   |
| 620. | Two frontline warships of the Indian Navy were launched at Mazgaon Docks Limited in _____ on May 17: <b>Mumbai</b>  |
| 621. | What are the names of these two warships launched recently? <b>Surat and Udaigiri</b>   |
| 622. | Surat and Udaigiri are which category of ships? <b>Destroyer and Frigate, respectively</b>  |
| 623. | Between Destroyer and Frigate, usually _____ is larger and more powerful: <b>Destroyer</b>  |
| 624. | Ramgarh Vishdhari Wildlife Sanctuary in _____ has been upgraded to a Tiger Reserve: <b>Rajasthan</b>  |
| 625. | World Telecommunication and _____ Society Day is observed annually on May 17: <b>Information</b>  |
| 626. | World Hypertension Day is observed on which day of May? <b>17<sup>th</sup></b>  |
| 627. | Blood pressure is measured by two numbers to convey upper and lower blood pressure levels. Name these two indicators: <b>Systolic and Diastolic</b>             |
| 628. | World's longest suspension footbridge, named 'Sky Bridge', was thrown open to the public on May 13 in which country? <b>Czech Republic</b>                      |
| 629. | Hassan Sheikh Mohamud has been elected as the new President of which East African country? <b>Somalia</b>   |
| 630. | Who has been elected as the new Chief Minister of Tripura? <b>Manik Saha</b>  |
| 631. | Which city is the capital of Tripura? <b>Agartala</b>   |
| 632. | Thomas Cup is associated with which sports? <b>Men's Badminton</b>  |
| 633. | Indian team defeated which country to win its first ever Thomas Cup in its 73 year history? <b>Indonesia</b>  |
| 634. | Uber Cup is associated with which sports? <b>Women's Badminton</b>  |
| 635. | Team of which country won the Uber Cup 2022? <b>South Korea</b>   |
| 636. | Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan has been elected as the President of which West Asian country? <b>UAE-United Arab Emirates</b>                               |
| 637. | Prime Minister Narendra Modi made an official visit to which place in Nepal on May 16 on the occasion of Vaishakha Buddha Purnima? <b>Lumbini</b>               |
| 638. | How Lumbini is associated with Lord Buddha? <b>It is his birth place</b>  |



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| 639. | Which place in Bihar is associated with attainment of enlightenment by Lord Buddha? <b>Bodhgaya</b>   |
| 640. | In which way Kushinagar in Uttar Pradesh is associated with Lord Buddha? <b>He attained Nirvana at this place</b>   |
| 641. | May 16 is observed as National Dengue Day with support from which ministry? <b>Ministry of Health and Family Welfare</b>  |
| 642. | Who is the current Health and Family Welfare Minister of India? <b>Dr Mansukh Mandaviya</b>   |
| 643. | What is the theme of this year's International Family Day that was observed on May 15? <b>Families and Urbanisation</b>   |
| 644. | The country's first "Amrit Sarovar" was inaugurated on May 13 at village Patwai in district Rampur in which state? <b>Uttar Pradesh</b>                                       |
| 645. | Prime Minister Narendra Modi has appealed to develop ____ Amrit Sarovars in every district, during the 75 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of India's independence: <b>75</b>        |
| 646. | The World Bank report titled "Migration and Development Brief" released on May 11, revealed that ____ was the top recipient of remittances in the year 2021: <b>India</b>     |
| 647. | From which country India received highest amount of inward remittances in 2021? <b>USA</b>  |
| 648. | Which apex national authority launched the National Data and Analytics Platform - NDAP on May 13? <b>NITI Aayog</b>   |
| 649. | What is the objective of launching NDAP? <b>To improve access and use of published Indian government data</b>   |
| 650. | President Ram Nath Kovind made a one week visit to which two tiny island nations in the Caribbean Sea, from May 14 to 21? <b>Jamaica and St. Vincent &amp; Grenadines</b>     |
| 651. | The first ever launch of the ER Version of BrahMos Air Launched supersonic cruise missile was successfully conducted on May 12. What does ER stand for? <b>Extended Range</b> |
| 652. | What is the approximate Extended Range of BrahMos missile? <b>350 km</b>  |
| 653. | Which fighter jet was employed to conduct test launch of ER version of BrahMos air launched supersonic cruise missile? <b>Sukhoi Su-30 MKI</b>                                |
| 654. | ____ became first country in the world to suspend vaccination against COVID-19: <b>Denmark</b>  |
| 655. | Jamtara district in ____ has become the only district in the country where all gram panchayats have community libraries: <b>Jharkhand</b>                                     |
| 656. | Jamtara has been the work place of which great social reformer: <b>Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar</b>  |
| 657. | Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of the national level IT industry body NASSCOM for 2022-23? <b>Krishnan Ramanujam</b>   |
| 658. | ____ has become the first city in the country to have vacuum-based sewers: <b>Agra</b>  |
| 659. | The World Bank has approved a \$ 47 million financial support for India's national program to   |

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|      | build civil service capacity. What is its name? <b>Mission Karmyogi</b>   |
| 660. | Which state approved the country's first-of-its-kind gene bank programme aimed at conserving native biodiversity? <b>Maharashtra</b>  |
| 661. | Who is the current Governor of Maharashtra? <b>H'ble Bhagat Singh Koshiyari</b>   |
| 662. | What is another popular name for the International Workers' Day or Labour Day? <b>May Day</b>   |
| 663. | The May Day commemorates the tragic incident of May 4, 1886, the Haymarket massacre that took place in ____ : <b>Chicago, USA</b>   |
| 664. | World Laughter Day is celebrated on the first ____ of May every year: <b>Sunday</b>   |
| 665. | May 2 is observed worldwide as World ____ Day to raise awareness about more sustainable fishing practices to conserve this species: <b>Tuna</b>                                       |
| 666. | Whitley Gold Award is presented for outstanding contribution in which field? <b>Nature's conservation</b>   |
| 667. | Who is the winner of this year's Whitley Gold Award? <b>Charudutt Mishra</b>  |
| 668. | What is the amount of cash reward in the Whitley Gold Award? <b>One lakh British Pounds</b>   |
| 669. | Which organisation under the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, achieved a turnover of Rs. 1.15 lakh crore in 2021-22, leaving behind all FMCG companies? <b>KVIC</b>   |
| 670. | What is the full form of KVIC? <b>Khadi and Village Industries Commission</b>   |
| 671. | The abbreviation FMCG stands for what? <b>Fast Moving Consumer Goods</b>  |
| 672. | Tarun Kapoor, retd IAS officer, former petroleum secretary, has been appointed Advisor to which apex authority? <b>Prime Minister</b>   |
| 673. | The pilot phase of ONDC was launched on April 29 to pave the way for democratising and decentralising digital commerce. What is ONDC? <b>Open Network for Digital Commerce</b>        |
| 674. | Which government department is associated with promotion of ONDC? <b>Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade</b>  |
| 675. | What is special about a company incorporated under section 8 of Companies Act, 2013? <b>It's a 'not for profit' company</b>   |
| 676. | World Press Freedom Day on May 3 commemorates the anniversary of the Declaration of Windhoek for press freedom principles, made in 1991. Windhoek is in which country? <b>Namibia</b> |
| 677. | Freedom of the press is implicit under which Article of the Indian Constitution? <b>19(1)(a)</b>  |
| 678. | World Asthma Day is observed on ____ Tuesday of May: <b>First</b>   |
| 679. | Harshada Sharad Garud scripted history by becoming the first Indian to win a gold medal at the world level in which field? <b>Weightlifting</b>                                       |
| 680. | Santosh Trophy is associated with which sports? <b>Football</b>   |

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| 681. | Which state lifted the Santosh Trophy to become the National Football Champion? <b>Kerala</b>   |
| 682. | Which global organisation releases the World Press Freedom Index? <b>Reporters Without Borders, Paris</b>   |
| 683. | India's ranking in the World Press Freedom Index slipped to ____ spot, from 142 <sup>nd</sup> last year: <b>150<sup>th</sup></b>                                      |
| 684. | Which country topped the World Press Freedom Index in 2022? <b>Norway</b>   |
| 685. | Which international day you will select to show your support and appreciation for the fire-fighters? <b>International Fire fighters' Day, May 4</b>                   |
| 686. | People show gratitude to the firefighters by proudly wearing and displaying ____ and ____ ribbons pinned together: <b>Blue and Red</b>                                |
| 687. | Which apex government body released India's Civil Registration System (CRS) Report 2020? <b>Registrar General of India</b>  |
| 688. | Who is the current Registrar General of India? <b>Dr. Vivek Joshi</b>   |
| 689. | Registration of births and deaths in India is done under which law? <b>Registration of Birth and Death Act, 1969</b>  |
| 690. | What is the name of the national competitive event organised annually to promote sports talent in India? <b>Khelo India University Games</b>                          |
| 691. | Which university hosted the Khelo India University Games 2021? <b>Jain University (Deemed-to-be University), Bengaluru</b>  |
| 692. | Which university won the overall champion title in the Khelo India University Games 2021? <b>Jain University, Bengaluru</b>   |
| 693. | The 2022 edition of "The State of the World's Forests" was released by which global organisation? <b>FAO - Food and Agricultural Organisation</b>                     |
| 694. | As per the State of the World's Forests report, forests cover ____ percent of the Earth's land surface: <b>31</b>   |
| 695. | The 2022 edition of "The State of the World's Forests" report lists which option as the most cost-effective ways to slow climate change? <b>Halting Deforestation</b> |
| 696. | What type of vessel is ICGS Kamla Devi, recently inducted in the Indian Coast Guard? <b>Fat Patrol Vessel</b>   |
| 697. | Name the ace cueist who won his seventh World Snooker Championship title on May 02 in England: <b>Ronnie O'Sullivan</b>   |
| 698. | Snooker Champion Ronnie O'Sullivan hails from which country? <b>England</b>   |
| 699. | Which UN agency supports the celebration of the Hand Hygiene Day on May 5? <b>WHO - World Health Organisation</b>   |
| 700. | Who is the Director General of WHO? <b>Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus</b>   |
| 701. | Which global sports body celebrates the World Athletics Day on May 7? <b>World Athletics</b>  |
| 702. | Headquarters of World Athletics are in which city? <b>Port Hercules, Monaco</b>   |

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| 703. | The Reserve Bank of India hiked the repo rate on May 4 by 40 basis points, taking it to ____ per cent with immediate effect: <b>4.40</b>  |
| 704. | What was the main factor for prompting recent hike in the Repo Rate? <b>Continuing of high consumer inflation</b>   |
| 705. | To ease the inflationary tendencies, the RBI hiked the CRR by 50 basis points to ____ percent: <b>4.50</b>  |
| 706. | The US Federal Reserve hiked its benchmark interest rate on May 04 by a rare half-percentage-point. Who is the counterpart of Governor, RBI in USA? <b>Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System</b> |
| 707. | The Federal Reserve System of USA is world's most powerful central bank. Who is its current chairman? <b>Jerome Powell</b>  |
| 708. | The Indian Coast Guard commissioned its second Air Squadron, 845 Squadron on May 04 at which place? <b>Kochi, Kerala.</b>   |
| 709. | The 845 Squadron of the Indian Coast Guard is equipped with which aircraft? <b>ALH Mark III helicopters</b>   |
| 710. | What is the full form of ALH? <b>Advanced Light Helicopter</b>  |
| 711. | Prime Minister Narendra Modi made a three-nation Europe trip from May 2 to 4. He visited which three countries? <b>Germany, Denmark and France</b>  |
| 712. | On 4th of May, Mr Modi participated in the 2nd India-Nordic Summit at Copenhagen. How many countries are popularly known as Nordic Nations? <b>Five</b>   |
| 713. | Copenhagen is the capital of which country? <b>Denmark</b>  |
| 714. | Which country among Denmark, Iceland, Netherlands, Finland, Sweden and Norway, is NOT a Nordic Country? <b>Netherlands</b>  |
| 715. | The Elysee Palace is the official residence of the President of which country? <b>France</b>  |
| 716. | Why Kerala fintech company "Open Financial Technologies Pvt Ltd" was in news recently? <b>It has become India's 100th unicorn company</b>   |
| 717. | What is a unicorn company? <b>A startup having valuation of \$1 billion and above</b>   |
| 718. | What do we call a bank that operates exclusively online without traditional physical branch networks? <b>Neobank</b>  |
| 719. | India has been selected to be the 'Country of Honour' at the Marché Du Film, the business section of the ____ Film Festival: <b>Cannes</b>  |
| 720. | India's first Flow Chemistry Technology Hub (FCT Hub) has been set up at Dr Reddy's Institute of Life Sciences in which city? <b>Hyderabad</b>  |
| 721. | The FCT Hub will promote transition to more modern approaches to manufacturing APIs. What is API? <b>Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients</b>  |
| 722. | Which state plans to set up India's first and the only observatory that will establish a repository on the health of the tribal population? <b>Odisha</b>   |

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| 723. | If you intend to honour the accomplishments and sacrifices made by coal mine workers, which international day will you select for this purpose?<br><b>Coal Miners Day, May 04</b> |
| 724. | In India, the coal mining began in 1774 when the East India Company exploited the Raniganj coalfield. It is in which state? <b>West Bengal</b>                                    |
| 725. | World Migratory Bird Day is observed twice in a year, on second Saturday of _____ and _____ : <b>May and October</b>  |
| 726. | What is the theme for this year's World Migratory Bird Day? <b>Light Pollution</b>  |
| 727. | World Red Cross Day on May 8 marks the birth anniversary of _____, founder of the Red Cross Movement: <b>Henri Dunant</b>   |
| 728. | The International Committee of the Red Cross is based in which city? <b>Geneva, Switzerland</b>   |
| 729. | World Thalassaemia Day is observed on which day of May? <b>8<sup>th</sup></b>   |
| 730. | Thalassaemia is associated with which type of disorder in human body? <b>Decay of red blood cells</b>   |
| 731. | In many a countries, including India, Mothers' Day is celebrated on the second _____ of May: <b>Sunday</b>  |
| 732. | Latest excavations by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) at Rakhigarhi, revealed vital remains of which civilisation? <b>Harappa</b>  |
| 733. | Rakhigarhi, a world famous site for vast remains of Harappa civilisation is located at which place? <b>District Hissar, Haryana</b>   |
| 734. | Kami Rita Sherpa, Nepal's legendary climber was in news recently for which of his achievement? <b>He climbed Mt Everest for the record 26<sup>th</sup> time</b>                   |
| 735. | Which state is hosting the 4th Khelo India Youth Games? <b>Haryana</b>  |
| 736. | If you plan to participate in the 4th Khelo India Youth Games, your age should be below _____ years: <b>18</b>  |
| 737. | How Jay, Vijay and Dhakad are associated with the 4th Khelo India Youth Games? <b>They are the game mascots</b>   |
| 738. | Which Indian corporate became the first one to cross annual revenue of \$ 100 billion? <b>Reliance Industries Ltd.</b>  |
| 739. | World Food Prize is conferred by which global NGO? <b>World Food Prize Foundation, USA</b>  |
| 740. | Who is the winner of this year's World Food Prize? <b>Dr. Cynthia Rosenzweig</b>  |
| 741. | Dr. Cynthia is a prominent climate research scientist in which organisation? <b>NASA, USA</b>   |
| 742. | What is the amount of cash reward given with the World Food Prize? <b>\$ 2,50,000/-</b>   |
| 743. | RailTel, a Mini Ratna PSU, launched on May 9 "PM-WANI" scheme. Expand PM-WANI: <b>Prime Minister Wi-Fi Access Network Interface</b>   |
| 744. | Name the legendary Santoor player who died of a heart attack on May 10 in Mumbai: <b>Pandit Shiv Kumar Sharma</b>   |
| 745. | Santoor is a popular local musical instrument of which area? <b>Jammu &amp; Kashmir</b>   |

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| 746. | Yoon Suk-Yeol was sworn in as the new President of South Korea on May 10. Which is the capital of S Korea? <b>Seoul</b>   |
| 747. | India's first semi-high speed Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) is to be made operational on which route? <b>New Delhi-Meerut Corridor</b>                         |
| 748. | Which company has built in India, the special coaches for RRTS, capable of running at speeds of 180 kmph? <b>Alstom of France</b>                                     |
| 749. | As per Mercom's India Solar Project Tracker, _____ became the first state in India to surpass 10 GW of cumulative large-scale solar installations: <b>Rajasthan</b>   |
| 750. | Rodrigo Chaves was sworn in as the new President of Costa Rica. It is in which area? <b>Central America, south of Mexico</b>  |
| 751. | The 15th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP-15) of the UNCCD was held from May 9 to 20 at which place? <b>Abidjan in Cote d'Ivoire</b>                     |
| 752. | What is the full form of UNCCD? <b>United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification</b>  |
| 753. | Who represented India at the recent Conference of the Parties (COP-15) of the UNCCD? <b>Bhupender Yadav, Environment, Forest and Climate Change Minister</b>          |
| 754. | Red Bull's reigning champion Max Verstappen won the first-ever Miami Grand Prix on May 8 in which country? <b>USA</b>   |
| 755. | Ms. Jyothi Yarraji, the 22-year-old Andhra athlete won the gold in the _____ mt hurdles race at the Cyprus International Meet on May 10: <b>100</b>                   |
| 756. | Avinash Sable from Beed, Maharashtra broke the 30 year old national record on May 6 in which athletic event? <b>5,000 metre race</b>                                  |
| 757. | Which national day is celebrated on May 11 to mark testing of India's first nuclear bombs in 1998 under "Operation Shakti" in Pokhran? <b>National Technology Day</b> |
| 758. | Bach Long- world's longest glass pedestrian bridge, spanning 632 mts, has been opened in which country? <b>Vietnam</b>  |
| 759. | International Nurses Day on May 12 marks the birthday of which great legendary nursing icon? <b>Florence Nightingale</b>  |
| 760. | Florence Nightingale hailed from which country? <b>England</b>  |
| 761. | The Supreme Court ordered on May 11 that Section _____ of the Indian Penal Code should be put on hold till further orders: <b>124A</b>                                |
| 762. | Name the 1984 batch retired IAS officer who has been appointed as the next Chief Election Commissioner of India: <b>Rajiv Kumar</b>                                   |
| 763. | The government has made it mandatory to quote either PAN or Aadhaar for depositing or withdrawing over Rs _____ lakh in a financial year: <b>20</b>                   |
| 764. | What is the name of the one of the world's highest honours for architecture, conferred by the Royal Institute of British Architects, London? <b>Royal Gold Medal</b>  |



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| 765.              | Name the veteran Indian architect who has been honoured with the Royal Gold Medal 2022: <b>Balkrishna Doshi</b>  |
| 766.              | World renowned architect, Balkrishna Doshi is based in which city? <b>Ahmedabad</b>  |
| 767.              | Sanjiv Bajaj, Chairman and Managing Director of Bajaj Finserv Ltd., has been elected as the President of which apex industries body? <b>CII - Confederation of Indian Industry</b> |
| 768.              | Lhakpa Sherpa, he steely Nepali woman climber created which new world record on May 12? <b>She became first woman to scale Mt Everest for 10<sup>th</sup> time</b>                 |
| 769.              | The 2022 Templeton Prize has been won by Dr. Frank Wilczek. He is a renowned professor of which subject? <b>Physics</b>  |
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| 770.              | World Veterinary Day is observed on the last ____ of April: <b>Saturday</b>  |
| 771.              | April 30 is observed all over India as the Ayushman ____ Diwas: <b>Bharat</b>  |
| 772.              | Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana provides a health insurance cover of ____ lakh rupees per family per year: <b>Five</b>  |
| 773.              | Which day of April is celebrated as the International Dance Day? <b>29<sup>th</sup></b>  |
| 774.              | Which UN agency supports the celebration of World Day for Safety and Health at Work on April 28? <b>ILO-International Labour Organisation</b>                                      |
| 775.              | Headquarters of ILO are located in which city? <b>Geneva</b>   |
| 776.              | World Intellectual Property Day celebrations are supported by which special UN agency? <b>World Intellectual Property Office (WIPO)</b>  |
| 777.              | Headquarters of WIPO are in which place? <b>Geneva, Switzerland</b>  |
| 778.              | The 7 <sup>th</sup> Raisina Dialogue was inaugurated in which city on 25 <sup>th</sup> of April? <b>New Delhi</b>  |
| 779.              | Who was the Chief Guest at the 7 <sup>th</sup> Raisina Dialogue? <b>Ms. Ursula Von Der Leyen</b>   |
| 780.              | Ms. Leyen holds which important apex office? <b>Presidency of European Union</b>   |
| 781.              | Headquarters of European Union are located in which city? <b>Brussels, capital of Belgium</b>  |
| 782.              | Who became the national champion on April 25 at the 83 <sup>rd</sup> Senior National and Inter-State Table Tennis Championships in Shillong? <b>A Sharath Kamal</b>                |
| 783.              | Malaria is a life-threatening disease which is caused by ____ Parasites: <b>Plasmodium</b>   |
| 784.              | Malaria spreads to humans through the bites of infected female ____ mosquitoes: <b>Anopheles</b>   |
| 785.              | Max Verstappen led the team Red Bull to victory in the Emilia Romagna Grand Prix on April 24 in which country? <b>Italy</b>  |
| 786.              | Who was the first recipient of the Lata Deenanath Mangeshkar Award in Mumbai on April 24? <b>Prime Minister Narendra Modi</b>  |

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| 787. | Who has been named Laureus World Sportsman of the Year? <b>Max Verstappen</b>  |
| 788. | Elaine Thompson-Herah has been named Laureus World Sportswoman of the Year. She hails from which country? <b>Jamaica</b>   |
| 789. | The Khelo India University Games were declared open in ____ on April 24: <b>Bengaluru</b>  |
| 790. | The Panchayati Raj Act came into existence in which year? <b>1993</b>  |
| 791. | The Panchayati Raj Act was enacted by which amendment of the Indian Constitution? <b>73<sup>rd</sup></b>   |
| 792. | K. Sankaranarayanan, veteran Congress leader and former Governor of Maharashtra, Nagaland, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Goa and Jharkhand, passed away on April 24. He hailed from which state? <b>Kerala</b> |
| 793. | Which popular Bollywood actress has been named as one of the judges on the world famous prestigious Cannes Film Festival? <b>Deepika Padukone</b>  |
| 794. | Which Indian billionaire industrialist has become the world's fifth-richest person according to Forbes' Real-Time Billionaires List? <b>Gautam Adani</b>   |
| 795. | Emmanuel Macron won a second term in presidential election of ____ with 58.2 % of the vote: <b>France</b>  |
| 796. | Indian Coast Guard inducted an Auxiliary Barge, named ____, at Bharuch in Gujarat on April 23: <b>Urja Pravaha</b>   |
| 797. | Indian compound men's team won the gold medal on April 23 in the ____ World Cup Stage-1 at Antalya, Turkey: <b>Archery</b>   |
| 798. | The Champions of the Earth (Lifetime Achievement) Award is conferred by which UN Agency? <b>The UN Environment Programme (UNEP)</b>  |
| 799. | Who is the winner of this year's Champions of the Earth (Lifetime Achievement) Award? <b>Sir David Attenborough</b>  |
| 800. | A commemorative coin of Rs. 400 and a postage stamp was released on April 21 at Red Fort, Delhi to mark the 400 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of which Sikh Guru? <b>Guru Tegh Bahadur</b>                     |
| 801. | The RBI has decided to extend the guidelines on LEI to Primary UCBs and NBFCs also. What is LEI? <b>Legal Entity Identifier</b>  |
| 802. | As per a latest report by SIPRI, ____ topped in the military expenditure in 2021: <b>USA</b>   |
| 803. | India was placed at ____ spot in the world, in terms of its military expenditure in 2021: <b>Third</b>   |
| 804. | SIPRI is noted think tank in military domain, based at ____ in Sweden: <b>Stockholm</b>  |
| 805. | Ravi Dahiya, Bajrang Punia and Gourav Baliyan, all three are top ____ of India: <b>Wrestlers</b>   |
| 806. | Appointed as the new Vice Chairperson of NITI Aayog? <b>Dr. Suman K Bery</b>   |
| 807. | British Prime Minister Boris Johnson landed in ____, Gujarat on April 21 on his two day visit to India: <b>Gandhinagar</b>   |

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| <b>808.</b> | Britain and India agreed to conclude the negotiations for a Free Trade Agreement by _____ this year: <b>Diwali</b>   |
| <b>809.</b> | Who are the two cricketers included in this year's top 5 Wisden Cricketers of the Year list? <b>Jaspri Bumrah and Rohit Sharma</b>                                     |
| <b>810.</b> | Who has been named as the "Leading Man Cricketer in the World" by the Wisden? <b>Joe Root</b>  |
| <b>811.</b> | Name the Mauritius Prime Minister who arrived in Mumbai on April 17 on an eight-day official visit to India? <b>Pravind Kumar Jugnauth</b>                             |
| <b>812.</b> | Which international Day is observed globally every year to mark the birthday and date of death of legendary writer William Shakespeare? <b>English Language Day</b>    |
| <b>813.</b> | This year, the city of Guadalajara in _____ has been selected as the World Book Capital for 2022: <b>Mexico</b>  |
| <b>814.</b> | Which UN agency promotes the celebration of World Book and Copyright Day on April 23? <b>UNESCO</b>  |
| <b>815.</b> | The Earth day observed on April 22, was renamed officially by the UN in 2009 as International _____ Earth Day: <b>Mother</b>   |
| <b>816.</b> | What is the theme of this year's International Mother Earth Day? <b>Invest in our Planet</b>   |
| <b>817.</b> | India's first 99.999% pure Green Hydrogen pilot plant has been commissioned by which public sector oil company? <b>Oil India Limited</b>                               |
| <b>818.</b> | India's first 99.999% pure Green Hydrogen pilot plant has been commissioned at which place? <b>Jorhat, Assam</b>   |
| <b>819.</b> | Dr. Ajay Sood has been appointed as the new Principal _____ Adviser to the Prime Minister: <b>Scientific</b>   |
| <b>820.</b> | What is the name of the sixth and the last of the Scorpene-class submarines of Project-75, launched on April 20 in Mumbai? <b>INS Vagsheer</b>                         |
| <b>821.</b> | The Vagsheer has been named after which deadly deep sea predator of the Indian Ocean? <b>Sand Fish</b>   |
| <b>822.</b> | What is the theme of this year's World Creativity and Innovation Day observed on April 21? <b>Collaboration</b>  |
| <b>823.</b> | April 21 is observed as Civil Services Day in India. Who referred to civil servants as the 'steel frame of India'? <b>Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel</b>                     |
| <b>824.</b> | The World Bank and the IMF held their summer meetings April 18-19 in which city? <b>Washington DC, USA.</b>  |
| <b>825.</b> | The World Bank slashed its forecast for global economic growth to _____ % for this year: <b>3.2%.</b>  |
| <b>826.</b> | What is the full form of KVIC? <b>Khadi and Village Industries Commission</b>  |
| <b>827.</b> | KVIC broke all previous records to create the highest ever employment under the PMEGP in 2021-22. What is PMEGP? <b>Prime Minister's Employment Generation Program</b> |
| <b>828.</b> | Which global organisation brings out the World Economic Outlook Report? <b>International Monetary Fund (IMF)</b>   |

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| <b>829.</b> | The foundation stone of WHO Global Centre for Traditional Medicine (GCTM) was laid on April 19 in which city? <b>Jamnagar, Gujarat</b>                                     |
| <b>830.</b> | Which Indian GM became the first Indian player to win the La Roda International Open in Spain in 48 years? <b>D Gukesh</b>   |
| <b>831.</b> | Export of which food item witnessed an astounding growth of 291 percent in 2021-22, from 2013-14, reaching \$4,600 million? <b>Sugar</b>                                   |
| <b>832.</b> | World Liver Day is observed on April 19. Which is the most common infection of liver? <b>Hepatitis A, B, C</b>   |
| <b>833.</b> | Who has been appointed as the new Chief of the Indian Army? <b>Lt. Gen. Manoj Pande</b>  |
| <b>834.</b> | National Fire Service Day is observed on which day of April? <b>14<sup>th</sup></b>  |
| <b>835.</b> | The Ministry of Roads, Transport and Highways has developed a portal named 'e-DAR' for what purpose? <b>To accelerate settlement of accident claims</b>                    |
| <b>836.</b> | What is the full form of e-DAR? <b>electronic-Detailed Accident Report</b>   |
| <b>837.</b> | Which team won the men's title in 71st Senior National Basketball Championship? <b>Tamil Nadu</b>  |
| <b>838.</b> | _____ was crowned as the National Champion in the 12th Senior Men's National Hockey Championship: <b>Haryana</b>   |
| <b>839.</b> | Who won the gold in the Danish Open swimming meet in Copenhagen, Denmark? <b>Sajan Prakash</b>   |
| <b>840.</b> | In which country gushing floods caused by heavy rains killed more than 400 people in its KwaZulu-Natal province? <b>South Africa</b>                                       |
| <b>841.</b> | International Day for Monuments and Sites on April 18 is also known by which popular name? <b>World Heritage Day</b>   |
| <b>842.</b> | World Haemophilia Day is observed globally on April 17. It is associated with which disorder? <b>Bleeding</b>  |
| <b>843.</b> | Which international day is observed on April 16 to raise awareness about the threats faced by elephants? <b>Save the Elephant Day</b>                                      |
| <b>844.</b> | Which country successfully tested 'Iron Beam', world's first energy-based weapons system that uses a laser beam to shoot down incoming enemy flying objects? <b>Israel</b> |
| <b>845.</b> | Tropical storm Megi brought torrential downpours to the central regions of _____ in April's second week: <b>Philippines</b>  |
| <b>846.</b> | Dr Manoj Soni has been appointed as the chairman of the Union _____ Commission: <b>Public Service</b>  |
| <b>847.</b> | The Australian state of _____ has been officially announced as the host for the 2026 Commonwealth Games: <b>Victoria</b>   |
| <b>848.</b> | The 2022 Commonwealth Games are being hosted by _____, UK from July 28 to August 8, 2022: <b>Birmingham</b>  |
| <b>849.</b> | World Art Day is celebrated globally every year on _____ April to promote the development and enjoyment of art: <b>15<sup>th</sup></b>                                     |

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| 850. | Iqbal Singh _____ has been re-appointed as the Chairperson of the National Commission for Minorities: <b>Lalpura</b>                                      |
| 851. | Which global organisation brings out the bi-annual report "South Asia Economic Focus"? <b>World Bank</b>  |
| 852. | What is another popular name for the Ambedkar Jayanti observed on April 14? <b>Bhim Jayanti</b>   |
| 853. | Who has been selected as the EY Entrepreneur of the Year - 2021: <b>Ms. Falguni Nayar</b>   |
| 854. | Ms. Falguni Nayar is the founder and CEO of which company? <b>Nykaa</b>   |
| 855. | The Indian Coast Guard commissioned the first advanced light helicopter (ALH) MK III Squadron on April 10 in which place? <b>Bhubaneswar</b>              |
| 856. | Which city has been recognised as a 'Tree City of the World' by the Arbor Day Foundation, USA, for a second consecutive year? <b>Hyderabad</b>            |
| 857. | Which is the second city from India to be recognised as a 'Tree City of the World'? <b>Mumbai</b>   |
| 858. | Indian Grandmaster, _____ won the prestigious Reykjavik Open chess tournament on April 12: <b>R Praggnanandhaa</b>  |
| 859. | 4th FIH Junior Women's Hockey World Cup was won by which team? <b>The Netherlands</b>   |
| 860. | Finals of 4 <sup>th</sup> FIH Junior Women's Hockey World Cup were played in which city of South Africa? <b>Potchefstroom</b>                             |
| 861. | Prime Minister Modi and US President Joe Biden held a one to one meeting on April 11 at which place? <b>NIL, it was a virtual meeting</b>                 |
| 862. | The Asian Development Bank granted a two million dollar Project Readiness Financing Loan for which state? <b>Nagaland</b>                                 |
| 863. | Whom is the current chairman of the University Grant Commission (UGC)? <b>Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar</b>   |
| 864. | International Gandhi Award for Leprosy, 2021 has been awarded to Dr. Bhushan Kumar of _____ and to Sahyog Kushtha Yagna Trust, Gujarat: <b>Chandigarh</b> |
| 865. | April 13 is celebrated as the Siachen Day. What type of geographical entity is Siachen? <b>Glacier</b>  |
| 866. | People of Assam celebrate Baisakhi as _____ Bihu: <b>Rongali</b>  |
| 867. | In which state festival of Baisakhi is observed as Vishu? <b>Kerala</b>   |
| 868. | Tamil Nadu celebrates festival of Baisakhi by the name of ____? <b>Puthandu</b>   |
| 869. | Prime Minister Modi inaugurated the Pradhanmantri Sangrahalaya on April 14 in which city? <b>New Delhi</b>  |
| 870. | Pradhanmantri Sangrahalaya has been developed on which erstwhile monument? <b>Teen Murti Estate</b>   |
| 871. | Who has been appointed as coordinator for the G20 summit, to be hosted by India in 2023? <b>Harsh Vardhan Shringla</b>                                    |

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| 872. | Who is the India's 'Sherpa' for the forthcoming G20 summit in 2023? <b>Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal</b>   |
| 873. | Which country in South America, has made history by becoming the first country to recognise the legal rights of individual wild animals? <b>Ecuador</b>               |
| 874. | Who has been elected as the new Prime Minister in Pakistan? <b>Shehbaz Sharif</b>   |
| 875. | Shehbaz Sharif is the country chief of which political party? <b>Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N)</b>   |
| 876. | Which UN supported Day is observed on April 12 to mark the beginning of the space era for mankind? <b>International Day of Human Space Flight</b>                     |
| 877. | The first human space flight was carried out by _____, a Russian astronaut: <b>Yuri Gagarin</b>   |
| 878. | India successfully flight-tested ATGM Helina on April 11. What is expansion of ATGM? <b>Anti-Tank Guided Missile</b>  |
| 879. | What is the effective strike range of Helina? <b>7-8 km</b>   |
| 880. | Which apex organisation released its State Energy and Climate Index, SECI on April 11? <b>NITI Aayog</b>  |
| 881. | Which state secured first position in the SECI? <b>Gujarat</b>  |
| 882. | Among smaller states, _____ topped the SECI: <b>Goa</b>   |
| 883. | Which 'Made in India' aircraft made its first commercial flight on April 12? <b>Dornier Do-228</b>  |
| 884. | Which Indian company manufactured the Dornier Do-228 aircraft? <b>HAL - Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd., Bengaluru</b>   |
| 885. | Researchers at IIT _____ have launched the country's first polycentric prosthetic knee, named Kadam: <b>Madras</b>  |
| 886. | What was the theme of this year's World Parkinson's Day celebrated on April 11? <b>Integrated Health Care</b>   |
| 887. | National _____ Motherhood Day is observed on April 11: <b>Safe</b>  |
| 888. | World Homoeopathy Day on April 10 marks the birth anniversary of which great Homoeopath? <b>Dr. Samuel Hahnemann.</b>   |
| 889. | Dipika Pallikal and Saurav Ghosal created history by winning India's first ever gold medal at WSF World Doubles _____ championship at Glasgow, England: <b>Squash</b> |
| 890. | The govt aims to provide skill training to over 2.71 lakh youth under PM-DAKSH Yojana. What is expansion of DAKSH? <b>Dakshta Aur Kushalta Sampann Hitgrahi</b>       |
| 891. | Targeted candidates in the age group 18 to _____ years can apply for the training programme under PM-DAKSH: <b>45</b>   |
| 892. | Which paramilitary force observes April 09 as its "Shaurya Diwas"? <b>CRPF</b>  |
| 893. | The Airport Authority of India has launched an initiative "AVSAR" to encourage and support the talent of _____: <b>Local artisans &amp; craftsmen</b>                 |
| 894. | What is the full form of AVSAR? <b>Airport as Venue for Skilled Artisans of the Region</b>  |



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| 895. | DRDO successfully flight tested the Solid _____ Ducted Ramjet (SFDR) booster on April 8 at the Integrated Test Range, Chandipur: <b>Fuel</b>                                  |
| 896. | The SFDR is associated with which weapon system? <b>Missiles</b>  |
| 897. | The World Bank and the Asian _____ Bank granted a loan of Rs. 75,00 crore for the Gujarat government's Mission School of Excellence project: <b>Infrastructure Investment</b> |
| 898. | What was the name of the India-Kyrgyzstan Joint Special Forces Exercise held from 25 March to 6 April? <b>Khanjar 2022</b>  |
| 899. | Khanjar 2022 was held at which place? <b>Bakloh, HP</b>   |
| 900. | Saraswati Samman, a prestigious national level award, is given for outstanding achievement in which field? <b>Literature</b>  |
| 901. | Who is the winner of the 2021 Saraswati Samman? <b>Ramdarash Mishra</b>   |
| 902. | Prof Ramdarash Mishra won the Saraswati Samman for which of his works? <b>For his Hindi poetry collection 'Mein to Yahan Hun' (मैं तो यहाँ हूँ)</b>                           |
| 903. | What is the amount of cash award given with the Saraswati Samman? <b>Rs.15 lakh</b>   |
| 904. | The RBI released the guidelines on establishment of DBUs on April 7. What is a DBU? <b>Digital Banking Units</b>  |
| 905. | In its first Monetary Policy Committee meeting on April 8, the RBI kept the benchmark interest Repo rate unchanged at _____ percent: <b>4</b>                                 |
| 906. | RBI introduced SDF in its April monetary policy meet. What is the full form of SDF: <b>Standing Deposit Facility</b>  |
| 907. | President of India Ram Nath Kovind embarked on a 7-day tour on April 1 to which two nations? <b>Turkmenistan and the Netherlands</b>  |
| 908. | Which is the capital of Turkmenistan and The Netherlands? <b>Ashgabat and Amsterdam</b>   |
| 909. | India achieved its highest ever merchandise exports of \$417.8 billion in 2021-22. Which month's contribution was highest? <b>March</b>                                       |
| 910. | What is the name of the official mascot for this year's FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022? <b>La'eeb</b>  |
| 911. | The La'eeb has been designed after what? <b>A free flowing Keffiyeh</b>   |
| 912. | What is a Keffiyeh? <b>A traditional Arabian headdress</b>  |
| 913. | The Yangtze River Three Gorges 1, world's largest electricity-run cruise ship, made its maiden voyage on April 5 in which country? <b>China</b>                               |
| 914. | Which small town on the outskirts of Kiev, Ukraine was in the news because of the brutal massacre committed there allegedly by the Russian forces? <b>Bucha</b>               |
| 915. | What is the name of the scheme to be launched by the Central Government for recruitment of young people in the Indian Army for three year short term? <b>Agnipath Scheme</b>  |

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| 916. | What is the name of the Official Match Ball for the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022? <b>Al Rihla</b>   |
| 917. | Which sports goods company has produced the football Al Rihla? <b>Adidas</b>   |
| 918. | India's largest single-axis solar tracker system has been commissioned by the Tata Power Renewables Energy Ltd in _____, an industrial hub near Ahmedabad, Gujarat: <b>Dholera</b> |
| 919. | What is the name of the India's first private commercial satellite launched by Bengaluru based spacetechn startup, Pixxel? <b>Shakuntala</b>                                       |
| 920. | Which big housing finance company announced its merger with the HDFC Bank? <b>HDFC Ltd</b>   |
| 921. | Who is the MD & CEO of HDFC Bank? <b>Sashidhar Jagadishan</b>  |
| 922. | Name the senior IFS officer of 1988 batch who has been appointed as the new Foreign Secretary: <b>Vinay Mohan Kwatra</b>   |
| 923. | Which national day associated with the shipping industry is observed on April 5? <b>National Maritime Day</b>  |
| 924. | Founder and CEO of the Nykaa has been ranked as the richest Indian self-made woman in the World. Who is she? <b>Falguni Nayar</b>  |
| 925. | The Ministry of Culture launched a website 'named _____' on April 02 where anyone can virtually visit a temple of their choice, anytime and from anywhere: <b>Temple 360</b>       |
| 926. | Which musical album won the Grammy for the "Album of the Year" for 2022? <b>'We Are' by Jon Batiste</b>  |
| 927. | Who won the Grammy for the "Best New Artist"? <b>Olivia Rodrigo</b>  |
| 928. | Viktor Orban has been re-elected as the Prime Minister of _____ for a fourth term: <b>Hungary</b>  |
| 929. | Which team won the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2022? <b>Australia</b>  |
| 930. | Finals of the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2022 were played at which place? <b>Christchurch, New Zealand</b>  |
| 931. | Which apex national institution launched FASTER (Fast and Secured Transmission of Electronic Records) system on March 31? <b>Supreme Court</b>                                     |
| 932. | The famous living root bridges, Jingkieng Jri, found in _____, have been included on the tentative list of UNESCO's World Heritage Sites: <b>Meghalaya</b>                         |
| 933. | Nepalese Prime Minister who arrived in New Delhi on April 01 for a three day official visit: <b>Sher Bahadur Deuba</b>   |
| 934. | The first day of the first month of the Hindu calendar, marks the beginning of which Hindu calendar? <b>Vikram Samvat, 2079 this year</b>  |
| 935. | Vikram Samvat starts on the first day of which month of Hindu calendar? <b>Chaitra</b>   |
| 936. | World Autism Awareness Day is observed on which day of April? <b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>  |

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| 937. | The recent data released by the Ministry of Agriculture shows that _____ is the top producer of vegetables: <b>Uttar Pradesh</b>   |
| 938. | Which state is the largest producer of fruits in India? <b>Andhra Pradesh</b>  |
| 939. | Indian and French navies conducted exercise 'Varuna-2022' in the _____ from March 30 to April 3: <b>Arabian Sea</b>  |
| 940. | NASA and the European Space Agency's Hubble Space Telescope discovered the farthest individual star ever seen to date. What is its name? <b>Earendel</b>                             |
| 941. | The Ministry of Home Affairs has announced partial withdrawal of which act from the state of Nagaland, Manipur and Assam? <b>AFSPA (Armed Forces Special Powers Act), 1958</b>       |
| 942. | Name the NASA astronaut who returned to Earth on March 30, after spending a record-breaking 355 days in the International Space Station? <b>Mark Vande Hei</b>                       |
| 943. | Who has been named BBC Indian Sportswoman of the Year 2021? <b>S. Mirabai Chanu</b>  |
| 944. | S. Mirabai Chanu is the outstanding sportsperson from which sports? <b>Weightlifting</b>   |
| 945. | Celebrity Brand Valuation Report 2021 released by Duff & Phelps, placed which Indian celebrity at top? <b>Virat Kohli</b>  |
| 946. | Raj Subramaniam, Indo-American technocrat has been appointed as the new CEO of which US multinational courier delivery giant? <b>FedEx</b>   |
| 947. | Which country hosted virtually the 5th BIMSTEC Summit on March 30? <b>Sri Lanka</b>  |
| 948. | What is the full form of BIMSTEC? <b>Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation</b>  |
| 949. | How many countries are member of BIMSTEC? <b>Seven</b>   |
| 950. | Which two north-eastern states signed an agreement on March 29 in New Delhi to resolve their interstate boundary disputes? <b>Assam and Meghalaya</b>                                |
| 951. | Who is the Chief Minister of Meghalaya? <b>Conrad Sangma</b>   |
| 952. | The Indian Navy commissioned the second Indian Naval Air Squadron-316 into service at INS Hansa at which place? <b>Dabolim, Goa</b>  |
| 953. | What is name of the second Indian Naval Air Squadron-316? <b>The Condors'</b>  |
| 954. | Jiya Rai, a 13-year-old autistic swimmer from Mumbai, successfully swam across the Palk Strait in 13 hours on March 20. It is in which area? <b>Between Rameswaram and Sri Lanka</b> |
| 955. | Gilbert F. Houngbo, a former prime minister of Togo has been elected as the next Director-General of which UN agency? <b>International Labour Organisation (ILO)</b>                 |
| 956. | Where are the headquarters of ILO? <b>Geneva, Switzerland</b>  |

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| 957.              | India's first-of-its kind road made out of steel waste has come up in the Hazira Industrial Area in which city? <b>Surat, Gujarat</b>                                     |
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| 958.              | Which International Day is observed on March 31 to create awareness about the safer use of drugs and their effects? <b>International Day of Drug Checking</b>             |
| 959.              | World Theatre Day is celebrated on which day of March month? <b>27<sup>th</sup></b>   |
| 960.              | The 94th Academy Awards (Oscars) were held on March 27 in which city? <b>Hollywood, Los Angeles, California</b>   |
| 961.              | Which film won the Oscar for the best film? <b>CODA</b>   |
| 962.              | The Oscar for the Best Director was lifted by _____ : <b>Ms. Jane Campion for The Power of the Dog.</b>   |
| 963.              | Actor Will Smith won the Oscar for the Best Actor for which film? <b>King Richards</b>  |
| 964.              | Name the heroine who won the Oscar for the Best Actress? <b>Jessica Chastain</b>  |
| 965.              | Every year, the Earth Hour is celebrated worldwide on the last _____ of March: <b>Saturday</b>  |
| 966.              | Who won the Women's Singles title on March 27 at the Swiss Open Badminton Championships at Basel, Switzerland? <b>P V Sindhu</b>  |
| 967.              | The union cabinet decided on March 26 to continue the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana, PM-GKAY by another six months till what time? <b>September 2022</b>        |
| 968.              | Which state topped the number of ODF Plus villages at 13,960 under the Swachh Bharat Mission Grameen Phase-II? <b>Telangana</b>   |
| 969.              | What is the full form of ODF? <b>Open Defecation Free</b>   |
| 970.              | Who is the winner of this year's Stockholm Water Prize 2022: <b>Prof. Wilfried Brutsaert, USA</b>   |
| 971.              | What is the name of the 19-seater aircraft developed recently by the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, Bengaluru? <b>Hindustan 228</b>                                       |
| 972.              | Which state topped the Export Preparedness Index (EPI) 2021 released by the NITI Aayog on March 25? <b>Gujarat</b>  |
| 973.              | Which team won the SAFF U-18 Women's Football Championship on March 25? <b>India</b>  |
| 974.              | President Ram Nath Kovind awarded the prestigious 'President's Colour' to INS _____ in Jamnagar- Gujarat on March 25: <b>Valsura</b>                                      |
| 975.              | The Reserve Bank inaugurated its national level innovation hub on March 24 in _____ to promote advanced technology in banking: <b>Bengaluru</b>                           |
| 976.              | Long jumper Someswara Rao Ramudri and javelin thrower Mohit won gold medal on March 24 in which world event? <b>Dubai 2022 World Para Athletics Grand Prix</b>            |
| 977.              | Asia's largest civil aviation event, 'Wings India 2022' started on March 24 in which city? <b>Hyderabad</b>   |
| 978.              | The UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) report released on March 24 downgraded its global economic growth projection for 2022 to _____ from 3.6%: <b>2.6%</b> |

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| 979. | What is the theme of this year's World Tuberculosis Day observed on March 24? <b>Invest to End TB; Save Lives</b>   |
| 980. | Shaheed Diwas or Martyr's Day is observed on March 23. The National Martyrs Memorial is located at which place? <b>Hussainiwala, in district Ferozepur.</b>   |
| 981. | Shaheede Aazam Bhagat Singh, Rajguru and Sukhdev were awarded death sentence for which offence? <b>For fatally shooting Assistant Police Superintendent John P. Saunders</b>  |
| 982. | Name the world number one Tennis player who shocked the world on March 23 by announcing early retirement from tennis at the age of 25 years: <b>Ashleigh Barty</b>  |
| 983. | March 23 is observed as World Meteorological Day. World Meteorological Organisation is based in which city? <b>Geneva</b>   |
| 984. | What was the name of the 3rd edition of joint training exercise between Indian and Uzbekistan armies held from March 22 to 31? <b>Ex-Dustlik</b>  |
| 985. | Military exercise Ex-Dustlik was held in which place? <b>Yangiariq, Uzbekistan</b>  |
| 986. | What is the name of the fourth Covid vaccine approved by the DCGI for children in 12 to 18 age group? <b>Covovax</b>  |
| 987. | India scripted history by achieving an ambitious target of export of goods worth \$ ____ billion within a single year (2021-22): <b>400</b>   |
| 988. | The World Bank issued the Wildlife Conservation Bonds to support South Africa's efforts to conserve endangered species of which animal? <b>Black Rhino</b>  |
| 989. | The IFFCO Paradeep Plant achieved a rare feat of highest ever annual production of Phosphates in the world. It is in which state? <b>Odisha</b>   |
| 990. | India's first-ever National Centre of Excellence to provide world-class training facilities to sportspersons in Mountain Terrain Biking (MTB) and Bicycle Motocross (BMX) is being set up in which place? <b>Shimla, HP</b> |
| 991. | The Central Government has set a target of about Rs ____ for the National Bank for Financial Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID) for sanctioning loans to the infrastructure sector in 2022-23: <b>One trillion</b>     |
| 992. | Which global award is known as "Nobel of Mathematics"? <b>Abel Prize</b>  |
| 993. | Abel Prize is awarded in which country? <b>Norway</b>   |
| 994. | Dennis Parnell Sullivan, winner of this year's Abel Prize, hails from which country? <b>USA</b>   |
| 995. | What is the amount of cash given with the Abel Prize? <b>7.5 million Norwegian Kroners</b>  |
| 996. | _____ has become the first State Assembly in the country to implement the National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA) programme to become completely paperless. <b>Nagaland</b>  |
| 997. | Which union ministry launched the Sujalam 2.0 campaign on March 22 for greywater management? <b>Jal Shakti</b>  |

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| 998.  | The World Air Quality Report released on March 22 has ranked which country as most polluted? <b>Bangladesh</b>  |
| 999.  | What was the theme of this year's World Water Day on March 22? <b>Groundwater- Making the Invisible Visible</b>   |
| 1000. | Yulimar Rojas of _____ improved her own women's triple jump world record with a leap of 15.74 metres: <b>Venezuela</b>  |
| 1001. | Which Indian company has become the first Indian firm to be an official sponsor of the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022? <b>Byju's</b>   |
| 1002. | With which country India hosted the joint military exercise LAMITIYE-2022 from March 22 to 31? <b>Seychelles</b>  |
| 1003. | Steve Smith of _____ has become the fastest to score 8000 runs in Test cricket: <b>Australia</b>  |
| 1004. | Who has been appointed as the MD and CEO of country's largest carmaker Maruti Suzuki India Ltd? <b>Hisashi Takeuchi</b>   |
| 1005. | In which country a passenger plane with 132 persons on board crashed in the hills, without any apparent reason? <b>China</b>  |
| 1006. | In which state a leader who lost recent MLA elections, has been sworn in as the Chief Minister? <b>Uttarakhand</b>  |
| 1007. | As per the 'Annual Frontier Report, 2022' published by the UNEP, for assessing noise pollution levels in cities, which city has been ranked as the noisiest city in the world? <b>Dhaka, Bangladesh</b> |
| 1008. | Which American credit rating agency has raised India's growth forecast for 2022 to 9.5 percent from 7 percent announced earlier? <b>Moody's Investors Service</b>                                       |
| 1009. | The central government has announced the new Vibrant Villages Programme for which type of villages? <b>For villages on the northern border of the country</b>   |
| 1010. | What is the objective of the Vibrant Villages Programme launched recently? <b>To upgrade and improve the overall infra facilities in the border villages</b>  |
| 1011. | RBI issued instructions on Feb 23 that specified NBFCs shall be mandatorily required to implement CFSS by September 30, 2025. Expand CFSS: <b>Core Financial Services Solution</b>                      |
| 1012. | RBI approved whose name for re-appointment as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of IDBI Bank? <b>Rakesh Sharma</b>  |
| 1013. | India and Japan conducted the annual joint military exercise named _____ from February 27 to March 10: <b>Dharma Guardian 2022</b>  |
| 1014. | Bilateral India - Japan military exercise Dharma Guardian 2022 was conducted at which place? <b>Belgaum, Karnataka</b>  |
| 1015. | Which UN agency supports the celebration of the World Hearing Day on March 03? <b>WHO</b>   |



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| <b>1016.</b> Which International Day is observed on March 3 for raising awareness for the conservation of the world's wild fauna and flora? <b>World Wildlife Day</b>  |
| <b>1017.</b> Which country is going to host the 31st Southeast Asian Games from May 12 to 23? <b>Vietnam</b>   |
| <b>1018.</b> What is the name of the first ever asteroid discovered with three very own satellites? <b>Elektra</b>   |
| <b>1019.</b> The Zero Discrimination Day is observed on which date? <b>March 01</b>  |
| <b>1020.</b> Which national day on March 01 marks the creation of the Indian Civil Accounts Service on this day in 1976? <b>Civil Accounts Day</b>   |
| <b>1021.</b> The second advance estimates of national accounts released by the National Statistical Office (NSO) showed that India's GDP is estimated to grow by ____ percent in year ending March 31, 2022: <b>8.9%</b> |
| <b>1022.</b> Who has been appointed as the new Chairperson of market regulator SEBI? <b>Ms. Madhabi Puri Buch</b>  |
| <b>1023.</b> The Government of India unveiled a special logo on Feb 25 to commemorate 75 years of diplomatic relations between India and ____: <b>Belgium</b>  |
| <b>1024.</b> India has decided to establish an IIT or Indian Institute of Technology, for the first time in a foreign country. Which is this country? <b>UAE</b>   |
| <b>1025.</b> According to the data released by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, ____ achieved the Number One position in overall installed renewable energy capacity: <b>Tamil Nadu</b>                         |
| <b>1026.</b> CBIC has lowered the threshold for mandatory issuance of e- invoice under GST to Rs. __ crores from the earlier prescribed limit of Rs. 50 crores: <b>20</b>  |
| <b>1027.</b> Sadia Tariq, 15 year old girl from J&K won a gold medal in the Moscow ____ Stars Championship: <b>Wushu</b>   |
| <b>1028.</b> What is the name of the rescue mission launched by the Indian government to evacuate its nationals from Ukraine? <b>Operation Ganga</b>   |
| <b>1029.</b> India's first electronic waste eco-park is expected to come at which place? <b>Narela in North Delhi</b>  |
| <b>1030.</b> The Ministry of Rural Development has developed an Ombudsperson App for online resolution of grievances in which scheme? <b>Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme</b>                   |
| <b>1031.</b> Which country topped the International Intellectual property (IP) Index 2022? <b>USA</b>  |
| <b>1032.</b> What was India's rank in the International IP Index 2022? <b>43<sup>rd</sup></b>  |
| <b>1033.</b> According to Knight Frank's latest edition of The Wealth Report 2022, what is India's rank in terms of number of billionaires? <b>Third</b>   |
| <b>1034.</b> National Safety Day on March 4 marks the establishment of which body on this day in 1965? <b>National Safety Council</b>  |
| <b>1035.</b> India celebrates National Security Day on March 4. Who is our National Security Advisor? <b>Ajit Doval</b>  |
| <b>1036.</b> What was India's rank in the 6th Edition of 'Sustainable Development Report 2021 (SDR 2021)' released by Sustainable Development Solutions Network? <b>120<sup>th</sup></b>                                 |

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| <b>1037.</b> What was this year's theme for the World Obesity Day observed on March 4? <b>Everybody Needs to Act</b>   |
| <b>1038.</b> Shane Warne, Australian cricket legend died at the age of 52 after a suspected heart attack. He was an outstanding ____ bowler: <b>Leg Spinner</b>  |
| <b>1039.</b> What is the name of the country's first indigenous Flying Trainer designed and developed by CSIR-National Aerospace Laboratories, Bangalore? <b>Hansa - NG</b>                                |
| <b>1040.</b> The ninth edition of Sri Lanka-India Naval Exercise SLINEX was held in ____ on March 7 and 8: <b>Visakhapatnam</b>  |
| <b>1041.</b> Who became the third cricketer and the first woman to appear in six World Cups? <b>Mithali Raj</b>  |
| <b>1042.</b> Government launched the 'Sagar Parikrama' mission on 5th March at Mandvi, Gujarat for what purpose? <b>To know the problems of coastal fisher folk</b>  |
| <b>1043.</b> What is the name of the indigenously developed Automatic Train Protection (ATP) system, successfully tested on March 4 by Indian Railways? <b>Kavach</b>                                      |
| <b>1044.</b> Which union ministry supports the celebration of Janaushdhi Diwas on March 7? <b>Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers</b>  |
| <b>1045.</b> The Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, MSME Ministry launched a Special Entrepreneurship Promotion Drive for Women named "____" on March 7: <b>SAMARTH</b>                                  |
| <b>1046.</b> Which country topped the medal tally in the ISSF World Cup in Cairo, Egypt? <b>India</b>  |
| <b>1047.</b> Internationally, which day of March is observed as No Smoking Day? <b>9<sup>th</sup></b>  |
| <b>1048.</b> What is the name of the UPI facility for feature phones launched by RBI on March 8? <b>UPI123Pay</b>  |
| <b>1049.</b> What is the full form of UPI? Unified Payments <b>Interface</b>   |
| <b>1050.</b> Which organisation manages operation of UPI? <b>NPCI</b>  |
| <b>1051.</b> The report on global political rights and liberties - titled "Freedom in the World 2022 - The Global Expansion of Authoritarian Rule", has placed India in which category? <b>Partly Free</b> |
| <b>1052.</b> With a view to increase urban educated women's participation in the workforce, which Bank kicked off a new initiative, the 'HouseWorksWork'? <b>Axis bank</b>                                 |
| <b>1053.</b> Headquarters of Axis Bank are located in which city? <b>Mumbai</b>  |
| <b>1054.</b> World Kidney Day is observed globally on the second ____ of March every year: <b>Thursday</b>   |
| <b>1055.</b> Yoon Suk Yeol has been elected as the new President of which country? <b>South Korea</b>  |
| <b>1056.</b> Government has set up National Land Monetization Corporation under administrative control of which union ministry? <b>Finance Ministry</b>  |
| <b>1057.</b> What is the objective of setting up of the National Land Monetization Corporation? <b>To manage</b>   |

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| <b>monetization of the surplus land of public sector undertakings</b>   |
| <b>1058.</b> Priyanka Nutakki who became India's 23 <sup>rd</sup> newest Woman Grandmaster, hails from which state? <b>Andhra Pradesh</b>   |
| <b>1059.</b> Who won the National Champion title at MPL's National Women Chess Championship at Bhubaneswar, Odisha? <b>Divya Deshmukh</b>   |
| <b>1060.</b> The World Bank approved a \$125 million loan to the _____ government to support social protection services to poor and vulnerable groups in the state: <b>West Bengal</b>                    |
| <b>1061.</b> RBI has announced that the NaBFID shall be regulated and supervised as an All-India Financial Institution. What is NaBFID? <b>National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development</b> |
| <b>1062.</b> Headquarters of NaBFID are located in which city? <b>Mumbai</b>  |
| <b>1063.</b> What is the authorised capital of NabFID: <b>One Lakh crore</b>  |
| <b>1064.</b> International Day of Women Judges was observed for the first time this year, on which date? <b>March 10</b>  |
| <b>1065.</b> As per the reports of the National Family Health Survey (NFHS)-5, which state topped the list with full immunisation coverage of 90.5% of the targeted women and children? <b>Odisha</b>     |
| <b>1066.</b> Who created a world record as professional football's all-time leading scorer with 807 goals? <b>Cristiano Ronaldo</b>   |
| <b>1067.</b> C. Ronaldo hails from which country? <b>Portugal</b>   |
| <b>1068.</b> C. Ronaldo plays for which popular football club? <b>Manchester United</b>   |
| <b>1069.</b> Who became the all-time highest wicket-taker in the history of the Women's World Cup? <b>Jhulan Goswami</b>  |
| <b>1070.</b> _____ broke the record for most matches captained in the ICC Women's World Cup: <b>Mithali Raj</b>   |
| <b>1071.</b> WHO has approved the setting up of its first Global Centre for Traditional Medicine - GCTM in _____, Gujarat: <b>Jamnagar</b>  |
| <b>1072.</b> In the Acronym AYUSH, what does letter 'U' stand for? <b>Unani</b>   |
| <b>1073.</b> Who is the current union minister for Ayush ministry? <b>Sarbananda Sonowal</b>  |
| <b>1074.</b> Debasish Panda has been appointed as the Chairman of which apex regulatory body in financial sector? <b>Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)</b>                  |
| <b>1075.</b> Country's first medical city named as 'Indrayani Medicity' is coming up near _____, Maharashtra: <b>Pune</b>   |
| <b>1076.</b> Country's first Gati Shakti Multi-Modal Cargo Terminal of Indian Railways was commissioned on March 10 in which state? <b>Jharkhand</b>  |
| <b>1077.</b> What is the theme for this year's World Consumer Rights Day, celebrated on March 15? <b>Fair Digital Finance</b>   |

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