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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

Human Development Index-2021	132 nd
Global Gender Gap Index 2022	135 th
World Competitiveness Index 2022	37 th
Environmental Performance Index	180 th
Travel & Tourism Development Index	54 th
World Press Freedom Index	150 th
The Wealth Report 2022	3 rd
Sustainable Development Report 2021 (SDR 2021)	120 th
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Democracy Index 2021	46 th
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NATIONAL NEWS

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INDIA WELCOMES BANGLADESH PRIME MINISTER



The Prime Minister of Bangladesh, Sheikh Hasina arrived in New Delhi on September 5, on a four-day official visit. During her visit, she held bilateral consultations with the Prime Minister and also called upon the President and Vice President of India. On the last day, she visited Ajmer to offer prayers at Khwaja Gharib Nawaz Dargah Sharif.

Both the leaders unveiled and inaugurated important development projects including Unit-I of the 1320 MW Maitree Super Thermal Power Project at Rampal, in Bangladesh and the 5.13 km Rupsha rail bridge over the river Rupsha in Khulna, Bangladesh. Seven MoUs, including on water resources, railways, science and technology, space technology were exchanged following the talks.

Sheikh Hasina has served as the Prime Minister of Bangladesh since January 2009. She is the daughter of the founding father and first President of Bangladesh, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Bangladesh and India share an over four-thousand-kilometre-long international border. The five states of Assam, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Tripura and West Bengal border Bangladesh. Bangladesh accounts for the largest share of foreign tourist arrivals in India. In the last five years, bilateral trade has grown from 9 billion to 18 billion dollars.

PM ATTENDS SCO SUMMIT IN SAMARKAND

Prime Minister Narendra Modi participated in the 22nd SCO Summit on 15-16 Sep at Samarkand in Uzbekistan. Other prominent participants included Russian President Vladimir Putin, Chinese President Xi Jinping, Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, and Uzbekistan President Shavkat Mirziyoyev.

The Prime Minister emphasized on the need for greater cooperation to tackle terrorism in the region. He drew attention for substantive cooperation in the field of trade and economy, humanitarian and development partnership among the members of SCO.

He met Russian President Vladimir Putin on the sidelines of the summit to discuss defence cooperation and military supplies. He also held bilateral meetings with President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev.

INDIA ASSUMES PRESIDENCY OF SCO



In a highly significant moment for India in the global arena, India took over the rotational Presidency of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation -SCO, for the first time, from Uzbekistan who was the host for this year's Samarkand Summit that ended on Sep 16. India's SCO Presidency will be from September 2022 to September 2023.

SCO region has historically been an extended neighbourhood to India with central Asian countries at its core. India has proposed many initiatives in the realm of culture for SCO including SCO Food Festival, SCO Film Festival. Varanasi will be the first city in the SCO region to be granted the rotating title of 'Cultural & Tourism capital of SCO'.

The Beijing based SCO is made up of China, Russia, India, Pakistan, as well as four Central Asian countries -- Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, and Tajikistan. SCO is known as the world's largest and most populous regional institution, covering approximately 60% of the area of Eurasia, 40% of the world population, and more than 30% of global GDP.

CHEETAHS ARE BACK IN INDIA

Creating a historical milestone in the wildlife scenario of India, eight Cheetahs were introduced in the Kuno National Park of Madhya Pradesh on Sep 17. It may be noted that Cheetah was declared extinct from India in 1952. The initiative has been taken under the Project Cheetah, which, the government has stressed, is the world's first inter-continental large wild carnivore translocation project.

A specially modified Boeing 747-400 aircraft brought them from Namibia to Gwalior airport, in the morning on Sep 17. From Gwalior, an Air Force helicopter took them to Kuno National Park, where they were formally released into the wild by the Prime Minister Sh. Modi. Five of the eight cheetahs are female, between 2 and 5 years of age, and three are males between 4.5 and 5.5 years of age.

These animals have been brought from Namibia under an MoU signed earlier this year. They will help in the restoration of open forest and grassland ecosystems in India. This will help conserve biodiversity and strengthen the ecosystem. Elaborate arrangements have been made to ensure their survival in the new habitat.

COMPETITIVENESS ROADMAP FOR INDIA@100

In pursuance of the Prime Minister's vow made on August 15, making India a developed nation in next 25 years, the Economic Advisory Council to Prime Minister (EAC-PM) on August 30 came out with a roadmap to realise that goal. Titled the "Competitiveness Roadmap for India@100", it is based on the competitiveness framework developed by Professor Michael E. Porter from Harvard Business School, USA.

The Roadmap is based on the principles of '4S' which state that the prosperity growth has to be matched by Social progress, must be Shared across all regions within India, should be environmentally Sustainable, and should be Solid in the face of external shocks.

Based on this approach, the India@100 roadmap guides the way for India to become a high-income country by 2047 through sector-specific and region-specific policies. The roadmap suggests essential areas of action, including improving labour productivity and enhancing labour mobilisation, boosting the creation of competitive job opportunities, and improving policy implementation through greater coordination across different ministries.

Dr Bibek Debroy is the current head of the EAC-PM.

INDIA HONoured FOR HYPERTENSION PROJ.

India won a United Nations award for its "India Hypertension Control Initiative (IHCI) under the National Health Mission at an UN General Assembly side event on September 21. The IHCI got the "2022 UN Interagency Task Force and WHO Special Programme on Primary Health Care Award" for its unique and extraordinary work within India's existing primary healthcare system.



'CHELLO SHOW' TO COMPETE IN OSCARS



The Gujarati film Chhello Show has been announced as India's official entry to the Oscars 2023. The film is titled as "Last Film Show" in English. The film shows how a little boy spends a summer watching films from the projection booth. The film is set to release in theatres on October 14 in India.

INDIA'S FIRST INTRA-NASAL COVID VACCINE

Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) approved India's first intranasal Covid vaccine - iNCOVACC for restricted use in emergency situations among people aged above 18 years. Manufactured by Bharat Biotech, Hyderabad, the company behind Covaxin, the new vaccine has been approved for primary immunisation, i.e. it can be administered only to the unimmunised. This will prove to be a big boost to India's fight against Covid-19.

The vaccine uses a modified chimpanzee adenovirus, which cannot replicate in the body, to carry the Covid spike protein to induce immunity. Delivered through a nasal drop, the vaccine will do away with the need for needles and syringes that are currently required for all available Covid vaccines.

INDIA SLIPS IN HDI RANKING

According to a report released by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) on Sep 8, India ranked 132nd out of 191 countries in the 2021 Human Development Index-2021. In India's case, the HDI score dropped from 0.645 in 2019 to 0.633 in 2021. This is in line with the global decline, indicating that human development across the world has stalled for the first time in 32 years, the report said. A large contributor to the HDI's recent decline is a global drop in life expectancy, down from 72.8 years in 2019 to 71.4 years in 2021.

Switzerland topped the index with a score of 0.962, followed by Norway-0.961 and Iceland- 0.959.

The HDI measures progress on three key dimensions of human development - a long and healthy life, access to education, and a decent standard of living. It is calculated using four indicators - life expectancy at birth, mean years of schooling, expected years of schooling, and the per capita Gross National Income.

AUGUST

SH. DHANKHAR BECOMES 14th VP 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 17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2023 will be held at Indore, Madhya Pradesh in January next year. Pravasi Bharatiya Divas is celebrated every year on 9th 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 9th 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 75th 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.

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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/m³, in Delhi followed by Kolkata at 84 µg/m³. 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 (NO₂).

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 NO₂, road traffic is among the primary outdoor contributors of NO₂, long exposure to which may prove fatal.

NEWS FROM STATES

SEPTEMBER

UP TOPS IN DEVELOPING AMRIT SAROVAR

With the construction of 8,462 Amrit Sarovars (local ponds), Uttar Pradesh has topped the states in the implementation of Prime Minister's ambitious Mission Amrit Sarovar. Uttar Pradesh constructed 8,462 Amrit Sarovars, while Madhya Pradesh is ranked second and Jammu and Kashmir third.



The Mission is aimed at developing and rejuvenating 75 water bodies in each district of the country as a part of celebration of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav. Large scale construction of Amrit Sarovars is also providing employment to a sizable section of the rural population. It has also increased their income by doing fish farming in Amrit Sarovar.

BENGAL WINS INT'L TOURISM AWARD

The Pacific Area Travel Writers Association (PATWA), an affiliate of the UN World Tourism Organisation, has decided to confer Indian state of West Bengal with the International Travel Award 2023 for 'Best Destination for Culture'. The award will be presented in Berlin at the World Tourism and Aviation Leaders' Summit on March 9, 2023. The award will boost tourism in West Bengal and will promote the state's image on the global platform.

INDIA'S 1st DUGONG CONSERVATION RESERVE



The Government of Tamil Nadu notified the country's first 'Dugong Conservation Reserve' on Sep 21. The reserve has been notified in Palk Bay, the water body lying between East of Rameswaram and Sri Lanka. It will help in conserving the endangered species as it would help protect and improve marine fauna. Dugongs are the largest herbivorous marine mammals which primarily thrive on seagrass beds.

INDIA'S LARGEST SEMICONDUCTOR FACILITY

A joint venture of India's multinational mining conglomerate Vedanta and Taiwanese electronics manufacturing giant Foxconn signed a MoU with the Gujarat government on Sep 13 to set up India's largest semiconductor and display manufacturing unit in the state. Vedanta-Foxconn would invest Rs 1,54,000 crore to set up the facility which would create over one lakh job opportunities. This is the biggest ever corporate investment in the history of independent India.

Gujarat is the only state to have a policy exclusively for the semiconductor industry. It offered several lucrative incentives and subsidies for land and power to the investors, to clinch the deal. The project will also get special incentives from the Centre under its India Semiconductor Mission, launched in December, 2021.

Semiconductor chips or microchips are vastly used in cars, mobile phones, laptops, debit/credit cards and many other electronic devices. These are not manufactured in India at present.

DASPARA - INDIA'S FIRST BIO-VILLAGE

Country's first modified bio-village has been developed in Tripura. Daspara village — a helmet of 64 families, solely dependent on agriculture and fishery, converted to a nature-based lifestyle and livelihood and minimised the use of chemical fertilisers.

The bio-village project largely aims to ensure holistic socio-economic development among the rural communities through the application of climate-friendly technologies like solar-powered agricultural equipment, energy-saving electrical devices, biogas and biofertilizers. Similarly, components like improved livestock breed and temperature tolerant mushroom cultivation are ensuring a better adaptation to the changing climate.

INDIA'S FIRST 'DARK SKY RESERVE'

India's first 'Dark Sky Reserve' or Night Sky Sanctuary is to be set up in the cold desert regions of Ladakh. The announcement was made on 3rd September by Dr Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State for Science and Technology.

The Reserve will be set up in Henley in the Changthang Wildlife Sanctuary. This site has been chosen because it's a cold desert located about 3,000 metres above sea level and is surrounded by mountains. The Reserve will be ready by December this year and will be used primarily to promote and boost Astro-Tourism in the UT. Indian Institute of Astrophysics plans to set up advanced telescopes there to facilitate stargazing.

A Dark Sky Reserve, is a place which is developed specially with a distinguished nocturnal environment and starry nights. The Sanctuary attempts to limit the light pollution so that it may not degrade the experience of Astro-Tourism.

WB APPROVES DEEP SEA PORT AT TAJPUR

The West Bengal government approved a proposal for issuing a Letter of Intent (LoI) to Adani Ports and SEZ for development of a greenfield deep sea port at Tajpur, about 170 km away from Kolkata. The port will be developed on 'Design, Build, Operate and Transfer Model'.

Overall, the project would involve an investment of Rs 25,000 crore. It would create around 25,000 jobs directly and more than one lakh jobs indirectly. The Greenfield port will provide quick access to the world markets to Bengal based industries, unlocking huge industrial and economic opportunities.

3 CITIES JOIN NETWORK OF LEARNING CITIES

Warangal from Telangana and two cities from Kerala, Thrissur and Nilambur, have joined the UNESCO's Global Network of Learning Cities in recognition of their outstanding efforts to make lifelong learning a reality for all at the local level. They are among the 77 cities from 44 countries which have joined this network this year.

UNESCO's GNLC is an international network consisting of cities that successfully promote lifelong learning across their communities. The network includes 294 cities from all around the world that share inspiration, know-how and best practices on learning, among each other.



\$150 MILLION WB LOAN FOR PUNJAB



The World Bank approved a loan of \$ 150 million on Sep 20 to the Punjab government for better management of its financial resources and improved access to public services. The state at present is grappling with a challenge to keep itself afloat with the new government splurging on freebies to keep its pre-poll promises. The current debt burden of Punjab at present is around Rs 2.63 lakh crore.

- ❖ **The World Bank** approved a \$ 350 million or over ₹2,832 crore loan to Gujarat for augmenting health services with a special focus on adolescent girls and disease surveillance in the state.
- ❖ **The Asian Development Bank (ADB)** approved a loan of Rs. 4,000 crore to Maharashtra government for setting up medical colleges in 12 districts of the state, which are without a single medical college.

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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 1ST 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 - 1ST 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.





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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.

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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.

5TH ELEPHANT RESERVE IN TAMIL NADU

Tamil Nadu Government notified its 5th 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.

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C'TEE TO REVIEW PHARMA MKTG. PRACTICES



The Centre formed a high-level committee on Sep 21 headed by Dr. VK Paul, member (health), NITI Aayog to review marketing practices of pharmaceutical companies. It will examine how all the codes, rules, and regulations pertaining to pharma malpractices can be harmonised as these are under different heads currently. The committee will also suggest legally enforceable measures against firms indulging in malpractices.

The government decided to form the committee after reports that some pharma companies were spending exorbitant amounts on promotion and publicity of drugs. The latest example of such overspending was that of anti-fever medicine Dolo 650mg that enjoyed record sales during the second wave of Covid-19 pandemic.

SCALE APP TO PROMOTE LEATHER INDUSTRY

Union Minister for education and skill development, Dharmendra Pradhan launched the Skill Certification Assessment for Leather Employees (SCALE) app on Sep 20 at the Central Leather Research Institute (CLRI), Chennai.

The app aims to provide a one-stop solution for the skilling, learning, assessment, and employment needs of the leather industry. The app allows people from all age groups interested in leather craft to access online live streamed classes from the state-of-the-art studio at CLRI.

INDIA'S FIRST MARITIME HERITAGE COMPLEX

The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways is building the National Maritime Heritage Complex at the historic Indus Valley civilisation region of Lothal in Gujarat. A first-of-its-kind complex in the country, this centre will showcase India's rich and diverse maritime heritage.

It is one of the major projects under the Sagarmala scheme of the Ministry. The maritime heritage will be presented in a consumer-friendly manner using the latest technology to create awareness among the people. The project is expected to cost Rs.3,500 crore.

Mr Sarbanand Sonowal is the current union minister of the Ports, Shipping and Waterways Ministry.

e-FAST TO PROMOTE ELECTRIC FREIGHT

NITI Aayog, in collaboration with World Resources Institute (WRI), India, launched on Sep 08 the country's first national electric freight platform – e-FAST India (Electric Freight Accelerator for Sustainable Transport – India). Supported by the World Economic Forum, CALSTART and RMI India, the platform brings different stakeholders together, from across the freight ecosystem.

The first-of-its-kind platform aims to raise awareness on freight electrification. Today, nearly 71% of all freight transported in the country is completed by road. Developing a unified e-freight platform will pave the way for a more efficient and sustainable transport sector in India with much less pollution.

PARIKH COMMITTEE TO REVIEW GAS PRICES

The government has set up a panel to review the formula that dictates the pricing of natural gas produced by companies like ONGC and Reliance. It aims to moderate the steep increase that producers would have otherwise got. The committee under former planning commission member Dr. Kirit S Parikh will suggest a "fair price to the end-consumer".

Gas is an input for making fertiliser as well as power. It is also converted into CNG and piped to household kitchens and a rise in its prices fuelled inflation.

'RAJPATH' IS NOW 'KARTAVYA PATH'

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Kartavya Path on Sep 08 in New Delhi. It is the new name for the revamped Rajpath, a three km stretch of the Central Vista from the Rashtrapati Bhavan to India Gate. It symbolises a shift from erstwhile Rajpath being an icon of power to Kartavya Path being an example of public ownership and empowerment.



Over the years, Rajpath and adjoining areas of the Central Vista Avenue had been witnessing pressure of increasing traffic of visitors, putting stress on its infrastructure. It lacked basic amenities like public toilets, drinking water, street furniture and adequate parking space. Kartavya Path will exhibit beautified landscapes, lawns with walkways, added green spaces, refurbished canals, new amenity blocks, improved signages and vending kiosks.

I-STEM LAUNCHES WEST FOR WOMEN

On the occasion of Teacher's Day on Sep 05, the Indian Science Technology and Engineering facilities Map (I-STEM), a Government of India's mission, launched an initiative to strengthen the efforts of scientifically inclined women.

It is a special drive for supporting Women in Engineering, Science & Technology (WEST) to widen their participation in the field of science and technology. The initiative aims to provide women more opportunities to enhance their skills so that more women can become consultants or even entrepreneurs. A dedicated team of women will ensure the successful implementation of the WEST initiative.

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 13 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.

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.



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.

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.

'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.

11th 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.



ECONOMY & INDUSTRY

SEPTEMBER

GDP GREW @ 13.5% IN THE FIRST QUARTER

According to the provisional estimates released by the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation on August 31 for the quarter ending June 30, 2022, the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the country grew at 13.5% in the first quarter of fiscal 2022-23, from the level of the same quarter last year.

The real GDP in Q1 of 2022-23 is estimated at Rs 36.85 lakh crore while it was Rs 32.46 lakh crore in Q1, last year. With 13.5 % growth, India remained the fastest-growing major economy whereas China registered a growth of 0.4 per cent in the April-June quarter.

The GDP segment of Trade, Hotels, Transport, Communication & Services related to Broadcasting, logged high growth of 25.7% while the Construction sector appreciated by 16.8%. Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing sector rose 4.5% and the manufacturing sector grew by 4.8%.

It may be noted that the GDP growth in this very quarter last year was 20.1%.

S&P RETAINS GROWTH OUTLOOK AT 7.3%

Global credit rating agency, S&P Global Ratings in its Economic Outlook for Asia Pacific released on Sep 26, projected India's economic growth at 7.3 per cent in the current fiscal 2022-23 with downside risks. It said that inflation is likely to remain above RBI's upper tolerance threshold of 6 per cent till the end of 2022. However, growth next year would get support from domestic demand recovery after the coronavirus pandemic.

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ADB PINCHES GDP GROWTH TO 7%



The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has slashed India's economic growth projection for 2022-23 to 7% from 7.2% quoted earlier, citing higher than expected inflation and monetary tightening. This was mentioned in a supplement to its flagship Asian Development Outlook (ADO) report released on Sep. 21.

MOODY'S SLASH GDP GROWTH RATE TO 7.7%

Global credit rating agency Moody's Investors Service, USA, slashed India's economic growth projection for 2022 to 7.7%, from an earlier projection of 8.8% made in May this year. It cited dampening of economic momentum in coming quarters on rising interest rates, uneven monsoon, and slowing global growth as the factors leading to slow growth.

In its update to Global Macro Outlook 2022-23 released on September 01, Moody's said India's central bank is likely to remain hawkish this year and maintain a reasonably tight policy stance in 2023 to prevent further rising of domestic inflationary pressures.

It may be recollected that the Indian economy grew 8.3% in 2021 after a 6.7% contraction in 2020, the year when the pandemic struck the country.

GDP GROWTH RATE SLASHED TO 7%: FITCH

Fitch Ratings, New York, slashed India's economic growth forecast for the current fiscal year (2022-23) to 7 percent from the previous estimate of 7.8 per cent.

Fitch said compared to its June forecast of 7.8 percent growth, it now expects the economy to grow at 7 percent in 2022-23, with next fiscal year also slowing to 6.7 per cent from the earlier estimate of 7.4 per cent.

IMF PUTS INDIA'S GROWTH AT 7%

According to GDP figures released by the International Monetary Fund on August 02, India, after steadily recovering from COVID pandemic, leaped past the United Kingdom to become the fifth-largest economy in the world. Britain dropped behind India to become the world's sixth largest economy. IMF said, the Indian economy is forecast to grow more than 7 per cent this year.

REC BECOMES 12th MAHARATNA COMPANY



The Ministry of Finance issued an order on Sep 22 to grant 'Maharatna' status to the public sector power financier Rural Electrification Corporation Ltd. (REC), New Delhi. Incorporated in 1969, REC is an NBFC focusing on power sector financing and development across India. The grant of Maharatna status will give the company's board greater powers in making financial decisions.

To be eligible for the grant of the Maharatna status, the company should have an average turnover of over Rs 25,000 crore, an average annual net worth of more than Rs 15,000 crore, and an average annual net profit of over Rs 5,000 crore, during the last three years.

THREE BULK DRUG PARKS TO BE SET UP

The Department of Pharmaceuticals in the Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilisers granted 'in-principle' approval to the three States viz, Himachal Pradesh, Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh for setting up of Bulk Drug Parks under the Scheme for "Promotion of Bulk Drug Parks".

The Scheme, with a financial outlay of Rs. 3,000 crores, aims to bring down the cost of manufacturing of bulk drugs by creation of world class common infrastructure facilities supported by the Central Government and thereby increase the competitiveness of the domestic bulk drug industry.

The Indian Pharmaceutical industry is the 3rd largest in the world, in terms of volume. India exported pharmaceuticals worth Rs. 1,75,040 crore in the financial year 2021-22.

LIMITS RAISED FOR SMALL COMPANIES

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs revised the threshold for paid up capital and turnover of small companies. The official Gazette Notification for the same was issued on Sep 15. As per the revised definition, a small company will be one whose paid up capital does not exceed Rs 4 crore (earlier 2 cr) and the turnover does not exceed Rs. 40 crore (earlier 20cr).

This latest revision will facilitate the Ease of Doing Business further and reduce the compliance burden on small companies as the raised limits will give them exemption from several mandatory compliances.

ADANI GROUP TOPS IN MARKET CAP

The Adani group of 9 companies overtook the Tata group's 23 companies to become India's most valuable conglomerate in terms of market capitalisation as on close of business on BSE on Sep 16. The market value of all listed stocks of Adani Group stood at Rs 22.27 trillion (about \$278 billion), higher than Tata Group's Rs 20.77 trillion (\$260 billion). Mukesh Ambani-led Reliance Group is in third position with a market cap of Rs 17.16 trillion (\$220 billion).

The meteoric rise in shares of Adani companies has been largely on account of valuation expansion and not so much on the back of earnings growth. The Adani Group, which consists of seven publicly listed companies in the infrastructure, mining, energy, and other industries, is led by 60-year-old Gautam Adani, a first-generation entrepreneur.

INDIA'S FIRST LITHIUM CELL PLANT

India's first lithium cell manufacturing facility was inaugurated on Sep 16 at Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh. The unit has been set up by Chennai-based Munoth Industries Limited with an outlay of Rs 165 crore. The installed capacity of the plant at present is 270 Mwh and can produce 20,000 cells of 10Ah capacity daily.

These cells are used in power banks and in other consumer electronics such as mobile phones and other wearable devices. At present, India imports 100% of its lithium-ion batteries, either as cells or as battery packs.

TCS BECOMES MOST VALUABLE INDIAN BRAND

According to the Kantar BrandZ Top 75 Most Valuable Indian Brands 2022 report released on Sep 14, India's top IT service provider Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) was ranked as the most valuable Indian brand in 2022. The TCS brand was valued as worth \$45.5 billion. It pushed HDFC Bank to second rank. At the Asia Pacific level, TCS ranked second, behind Samsung.



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.

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.



'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.

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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.



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UCO BANK FIRST TO SETTLE TRADE IN RUPEES

Kolkata based public sector lender UCO Bank became the first lender to get RBI's approval for rupee-based trade settlements. The UCO Bank will open a special Vostro account with Gazprom Bank of Russia for trade settlement in Indian rupees. Under the arrangement, Indian importers can make payments for imports from Russia in Indian rupees and the amount will be credited to the Vostro account. Similarly, exports to Russia will be paid in Indian rupees from the balance available in the vostro account.



Following the Russian invasion of Ukraine in February this year, India's trade with Russia has been rising. During the April-June quarter, India's imports from Russia were valued at \$9.27 billion, up 369 per cent on YoY basis. Crude oil comprised almost two-thirds of imports from the nation. Other major imports from the country included coal, soybean and sunflower crude oil, fertilisers, etc.

HDFC BANK FIRST TO ISSUE e-BG

Taking one big step in digital banking, HDFC bank became the first bank in India to issue an Electronic Bank Guarantee (e-BG) in partnership with National E-Governance Services Limited (NeSL). The e-BG will be issued through an API (Application Programming Interface) based digital workflow on the NeSL portal.

Issuance of paper-based bank guarantees involves a lot of documentation and takes 3-5 days to complete the process of physical pick up from the bank, courier to the beneficiary, stamp it and re-verify it. In contrast, e-BG eliminates the physical documentation associated with a bank guarantee, and becomes available immediately to the beneficiary, with enhanced security features.

A bank guarantee refers to an undertaking provided by a bank on behalf of its customer (applicant) to a third party (beneficiary), usually some govt office or big company, that if the applicant fails to fulfil the contractual obligations, then the bank will compensate the beneficiary to the extent of the amount of guarantee.

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.

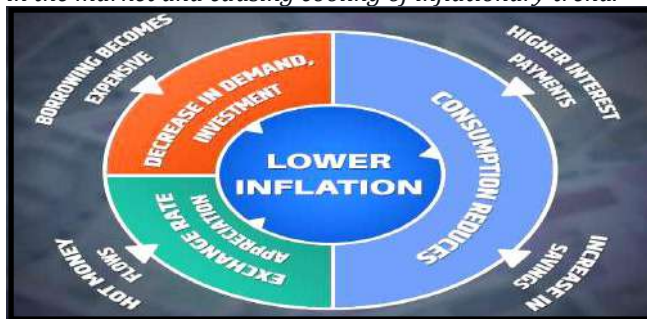
Further, digital loans must be credited directly to the bank accounts of borrowers and not through any third party. The processing fee, if any, should be borne by the digital lending entities and not the borrowers. Guidelines also prohibit automatic increase in credit limit without explicit consent of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

DEFENCE, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

INDIA'S FIRST DIVING SUPPORT VESSELS

The Hindustan Shipyard Limited at Visakhapatnam handed over to the Indian Navy two diving support vessels, Nistar and Nipun on September 22 in Visakhapatnam. These vessels have been built in India for the first time. The DSVs are designed to undertake submarine rescue operations.



ARMY SETS UP BROADBAND AT SIACHEN

The Indian Army activated satellite broadband-based internet service on the Siachen Glacier, the world's highest battlefield on September 18. The station was installed by the Indian Army's XIV Corps or Fire and Fury Corps' Siachen Signallers. The satellite internet service was provided by Bharat Broadband Network.

WORLD'S FIRST ALL FEMALE CAMEL SQUAD

BSF (Border Security Force) has become the world's first battle force to have an all-female camel riding squad. It will be deployed along the India-Pakistan border in Rajasthan and Gujarat. The squad will participate for the first time in the BSF Raising Day Parade on December 01 this year.

WARSHIP 'TARAGIRI' LAUNCHED

Public sector shipbuilder Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd. Mumbai, launched 'Taragiri', the third Nilgiri class Stealth Frigate of Project 17A on Sep 11 for water testing. The 149-metre-long warship has an approximate launch weight of 3510 Tons.

The ship is designed by the Indian Navy's in-house design organisation viz. Bureau of Naval Design. The ship is expected to be delivered by August 2025 after fitment and testing of various weapon systems.

QRSAM TESTED SUCCESSFULLY

The Indian Army and the DRDO successfully tested, for the sixth time, an indigenous quick reaction surface-to-air missile (QRSAM) system from the Integrated Test Range (ITR) in Chandipur off the Odisha coast. It can target incoming enemy targets such as missiles, drones, etc. It has a range of 30 km and can neutralise objects up to an altitude of 10 km. It is now ready for induction into the Army.

NAVY RECEIVES LOCAL AMMUNITION

For the first time in the history of Indian armed forces, the Indian Navy received its first consignment of complete gun ammunition manufactured by local industry. The 30 mm ammunition, to be used by the AK 630 guns fitted on its warships, has been manufactured by Economic Explosives Limited, Nagpur.

NEW ENSIGN FOR INDIAN NAVY

The Indian Navy received its new Naval Ensign (flag) on September 02 on the occasion of the commissioning of India's first indigenous aircraft carrier INS Vikrant at Cochin Shipyard. The new naval ensign replaced the present ensign that carries the Saint George's Cross in red with the Tricolour in the canton (top left corner of flag).

The new ensign has the national flag on the upper canton. A blue octagonal shape seal with twin golden borders occupies the right half of the flag. In this seal, an image of the national Lion emblem sits atop an anchor, with the navy's motto "Sam no Varunah" (सं नो वरुणः) inscribed at bottom.

The octagonal shape draws inspiration from the seal of the great Indian emperor, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, who established a strong naval fleet.



ARMY TO INDUCT LIGHT TANKS - ZORAWAR



The Indian Army is planning to induct Indigenous Indian Light Tank named 'Zorawar', designed specially to operate from High Altitude Area such as Ladakh and Arunachal. Zorawar will have niche technologies to include Artificial Intelligence, Drone integration, Active Protection System, High Degree of Situational Awareness and many others.

These tanks have been named after legendary Zorawar Singh, a military general who served under Raja Gulab Singh of Jammu in the early 19th century.

INS Ajay, the anti-submarine warfare corvette of the Indian Navy was decommissioned on September 19 at the Naval dockyard in Mumbai after rendering 32 years of glorious service. It served as an Abhay-class corvette in the Indian Navy's 23rd Patrol Vessel Squadron.

Coast Guard ships from India and America conducted joint exercise Abhyas 01/22 off the coast of Chennai, from Sep 16 to 19. The Midgett, largest and most technologically advanced of the US Coast Guard's newest ships, took part in the exercise.

Parvat Prahar Exercise: The Indian Army conducted this 20-day long routine exercise in eastern Ladakh in September. The exercise witnessed the deployment of all new major inductions of the Army. It was conducted by the One Strike Corps of the Indian Army which is the first to eliminate any danger that comes from any of the two countries - China or Pakistan.

Indian Navy's INS Tarkash participated in a Joint Maritime Exercise with Nigerian Navy Patrol Ships in the Gulf of Guinea in south of Nigeria on Sep 12-13. It was the first joint operation with Nigeria with focus on anti-piracy operations.

Ex Kakadu: INS Satpura and P-8I Maritime Patrol Aircraft participated in the Multinational Naval Ex Kakadu hosted by the Royal Australian Navy near Darwin in North Australia. Beginning on Sep 13, the two-week long Exercise, both in harbour and sea phase, involved ships and maritime aircraft from 14 Navies.

Maritime Exercise 2022 (JIMEX 22): The sixth edition of joint operation of India and Japan navies began on Sep 11 near Visakhapatnam in the Bay of Bengal. JIMEX 22 was conducted in two Phases; exercises at sea and a harbour phase at Visakhapatnam, ending on Sep 18.

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Ex Vostok 2022: The Indian Army contingent of the Gorkha Regiment troops took part in the Exercise Vostok - 2022 at the training grounds of the Eastern Military District of Russia, from 01 to 07 September.



Ex Gagan Strike: Army's Kharga Corps and the Air Force conducted joint exercise 'Gagan Strike' in Punjab in areas bordering Ambala, Haryana. The exercise, conducted over four days in first week of September, comprised the deployment of attack helicopters as the aerial arm in support of ground forces carrying out drills, practising annihilation of enemy defences and deep penetration.

The 10th National Maritime Search and Rescue Exercise SAREX-22 was carried out by the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) on August 28, off the Chennai coast.

IIT MADRAS JOINS IBM QUANTUM NETWORK

US IT giant IBM, New York, announced on Sep 12 that Indian Institute of Technology, Madras (IIT-Madras) has become the first Indian institution to join the IBM Quantum Network to advance quantum computing skills development and research in India.

IIT Madras will have cloud-based access to IBM's most advanced quantum computing systems and IBM's quantum expertise to explore practical applications and harness the wide-ranging benefits of this technology for business and society.

Quantum computing is an area of study focused on the development of computer-based technologies centred around the principles of quantum theory. It works in a much faster manner than the fastest of the computers. Quantum theory explains the nature and behaviour of energy and matter on the quantum (atomic and subatomic) level.

ISRO SUCCESSFULLY TESTS IAD

ISRO has successfully demonstrated a new technology with Inflatable Aerodynamic Decelerator (IAD). It is a game-changer with multiple applications for future missions including to Mars and Venus.

Designed and developed by ISRO's Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre, the IAD was successfully test flown in a 'Rohini' sounding rocket from Thumba Equatorial Rocket Launching Station in Kerala.

The IAD was initially folded and kept inside the payload bay of the rocket. At around 84 km altitude, the IAD was inflated and it descended down to earth with the payload part of a sounding rocket.

THE LARGEST PLANET IN THE MILKY WAY

The world's most powerful telescope, James Webb Telescope, captured the first image of an Exoplanet, a planet-like body lying outside the realm of our Solar System. The Exoplanet dubbed HIP 65426 b is 12 times larger than Jupiter, and is the largest planet in the Milky Way. It is located 315 lightyears away and is orbiting at a significant distance from its Star. Further, the planet is believed to be a gas giant with no rocky surface, which makes it uninhabitable.

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.



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.

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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 Digantra, 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.

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.

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The good news is you're
the pilot."**

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

SEPTEMBER

IRAN TO JOIN SCO AS 9th MEMBER



Iran signed a MoU to become the ninth full member of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) during its two-day summit held in Samarkand, Uzbekistan, on September 15 and 16.

Iran had applied for full membership of the SCO in 2021 after remaining an observer since 2005. The formalities of full membership are expected to be completed by April 2023. Consent of all the existing permanent members is required to admit a new permanent member.

European country Belarus, which has the status of an observer in the organisation since 2015, also made its bid to join SCO as a full member. The bid received unanimous support from all the members.

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.

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PERSONS IN NEWS

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Gautam Adani: Business conglomerate Adani Group's chairman pushed Amazon Chief Jeff Bezos to fourth position to rank at third spot in the Forbes' Real-Time Billionaires List as on Sep 25. His reported net worth was \$143.1 billion, just behind Elon Musk (\$254.6 bn) and Bernard Arnault (\$144.0 bn). Bezos reported a net worth of \$ 137.2 bn. Mukesh Ambani was ranked 8th with a net worth of \$85.6 billion.

Miss Divita Rai: The 23-year-old beauty queen from Karnataka won the coveted "Miss Diva Universe 2022" title on August 28 in a star-studded ceremony in Mumbai. She will now represent India at the 71st Miss Universe pageant to be held in December 2022 in San Jose, Costa Rica.



At the same pageant, Pragnya Ayyagari of Telangana was declared Miss Diva Supranational 2022.

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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 3rd place, with a net worth of ₹29 cr.

APPOINTMENTS

SEPTEMBER

UK GETS 56th PRIME MINISTER

Conservative Party leader and former foreign secretary of the UK, Ms. Liz Truss was sworn-in as 56th prime minister of the United Kingdom on Sep 06. She succeeded Boris Johnson, who tendered his resignation to Queen Elizabeth II. 47-year-old Truss defeated rival Rishi Sunak securing 57 percent of the vote.

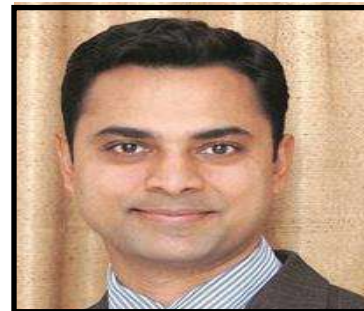
Truss takes over at a time when the UK is saddled with rising inflation and its worst energy crisis. Truss will now face the task of reshaping the economy, arresting surging inflation and tackling the energy crisis that is affecting the entire European continent.

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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.

AWARDS & HONOURS

SEPTEMBER

The 67th Filmfare Awards for 2022 for recognising the best in the Hindi cinema, were given out on August 30 in Mumbai. Regarded as the best in the film industry, these awards are given by the Times Media Group. The top awards included:



Best Film (Popular Category): Shershaah
 Best Director: Vishnuvardhan for Shershaah
 Best Actor: Ranveer Singh for 83
 Best Actress: Kriti Sanon for Mimi
 Filmfare Lifetime Achievement Award: Subhash Ghai, noted film producer

31st Vyas Samman: Awarded to noted Hindi writer Dr. Asghar Wajahat for his play Mahabali, published in 2019. In a career spanning several decades, Wajahat has penned literary work across genres, ranging from novels and plays to essays and travelogues.

The award is given by K K Birla Foundation for an outstanding literary work in Hindi authored by an Indian citizen published during the last 10 years. It carries a cash prize of four lakh rupees along with a citation and plaque.

Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur: The French government conferred the highest French civilian award (Knight of the Legion of Honour) on scientist-industrialist Dr Swati Piramal, Vice-Chairperson of the Piramal Group on Sep 16 in Mumbai.

The award was given on behalf of the French President Emmanuel Macron in recognition of "Dr Piramal's outstanding achievements and contributions in the fields of business and industry, science, medicine, arts and culture, both nationally and internationally".

Breakthrough Prizes -2023 announced

The Breakthrough Prize Foundation announced the winners of its 2023 prizes on Sep 22, recognizing scholars in three categories — fundamental physics, mathematics, and life sciences. At \$3 million each, the prizes are the world's most lucrative monetary awards for achievements in science.

Breakthrough Prize in Life Sciences: Awarded to Clifford P. Brangwynne and Anthony A. Hyman; Demis Hassabis and John Jumper; Emmanuel Mignot and Masashi Yanagisawa.

Breakthrough Prize in Mathematics: Awarded to Daniel A. Spielman.

Breakthrough Prize in Fundamental Physics: Awarded to Charles H. Bennett, Gilles Brassard, David Deutsch and Peter Shor.

Ramon Magsaysay Awards-2022: Awarded to four persons on August 31 to honour their path breaking contributions for the welfare of the society. Sotheara Chhim, a mental health advocate from Cambodia; Tadashi Hattori, a sight-saving humanitarian from Japan; Gary Benchehib, an anti-pollution (rivers) crusader from Indonesia and Bernadette J. Madrid, a child rights activist from the Philippines.

The Ramon Magsaysay Award, which is Asia's premier prize and highest honour, regarded as the Nobel Prize of Asia, celebrates the greatness of spirit and transformative leadership in Asia, since 1958. The awards have been instituted by the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, USA, in the honour of a former President of the Philippines, Ramon Magsaysay.

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 16th 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.



BOOKS & AUTHORS

SEPTEMBER

Will Power by Sjoerd Marijne, Former coach of Indian women Hockey team
On the Rooftop by Margaret Wilkerson Sexton
Drunk on Love by Jasmine Guillory
The American Roommate Experiment by Elena Armas
Spells for Forgetting by Adrienne Young
Free Fall: My Experiments with Living – Memoirs of noted classical dancer and activist Mallika Sarabhai
Fairy Tale by Stephen King
Crimson Spring by Navtej Sarna, former Indian Ambassador to the United States.
The Hero of Tiger Hill – Autobiography of Hon. Captain Yogendra Singh Yadav, youngest Param Vir Chakra awardee, hero of Kargil war.
Rajini's Mantras by P C Balasubramanian, (lessons from the life of superstar Rajinikanth)

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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

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OBITUARY

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Raju Srivastava:

Comedy King who made a mark as a stand-up comedian died on Sep 21 after spending more than 40 days in hospital. He was 58. A familiar face in the entertainment industry since the 1980s, the comedian tasted unparalleled success after participating in the first season of the reality stand-up comedy show 'The Great Indian Laughter Challenge' in 2005. He will always be remembered for portraying the iconic character of Gajodhar.



Swami Swaroopanand Saraswati: Dwarka-Sharda Peeth Shankaracharya passed away on Sep 11 at Shridham Jhoteswar Ashram in Narsinghpur in Madhya Pradesh. He was 99 years old. He became the Shankaracharya of Dwarka Sharada Peetham in Dwaraka, Gujarat and the Jyotir Matth in Badrinath in 1982. One of the most revered saints of Hindus, he was a prominent leader in the legal battle for the construction of Ram Mandir in Ayodhya.

Swaroopanand Saraswati was born as Pothiram Upadhyay in Dighori village in the Seoni district of Madhya Pradesh in 1924. He had left his home in pursuit of God at the age of 9.

Shankaracharya is a commonly used title of heads of monasteries called 'matth' in the Advaita Vedanta tradition of Hinduism. It is believed that Adi Shankaracharya had established four mathas at Badrikashram Jyotirpeeth in the north, Dwarka's Sharda Peeth in the west, Govardhan Peetha in Puri in the east, and Sringeri Sharada Peetham in Chikkamagalur district, Karnataka.

Prof. B B Lal: Veteran archaeologist and a former Director General of the Archaeological Survey of India, from 1968 to 1972, Professor Brij Basi Lal died at his Delhi residence on Sep 10 at the age of 101. He had reportedly found temple-like pillars during excavation at the Ayodhya site in the mid-70s, where the Ram temple is now being built.

He did extensive and deep research at sites connected with great Indian epics such as Hastinapura, Indraprastha, Ayodhya, Chitrakoot, Nandigram, Bharadwaja Ashrama and Sringeri. An author of about 50 books and over 150 research papers, he was honoured with Padma Vibhushan in 2021 and Padma Bhushan in 2000.

Cyrus Mistry: A publicly-shy business tycoon who once headed the Tata Group, died in a road accident on Sep 04, when he was returning to Mumbai from Ahmedabad. The car he was travelling in, apparently hit a culvert-cum-divider on a highway in Palghar district of Maharashtra, adjacent to Mumbai.

Cyrus, 54, lost his larger-than-life father Pallonji Shapoorji Mistry, one of the largest shareholders of Tata Group, on June 28, 2022.

Abhijit Sen: Veteran Economist, a former member of the Planning Commission (2004-14) and Professor at the JNU's Centre for Economics and Planning, passed away in New Delhi on August 29 at the age of 72. He is credited with the ground work upon which the Swaminathan Commission on minimum support prices was based.

He recommended the universal public distribution system as per which a third of the country's population gets wheat and rice at Rs 2 and Rs 3 per kg, respectively, under the National Food Security Act, 2013. He was awarded the Padma Bhushan in 2010 for meritorious public services.

Queen Elizabeth II: The longest-serving monarch of the United Kingdom, passed away at her Scottish estate Balmoral on Sep 8, after reigning for 70 years. She was 96. She was also the world's oldest and longest-serving head of state. Elizabeth ascended the throne on February 6, 1952, when her father, King George VI died. She also served as the head of the Commonwealth Nations and the head of state of 14 other realms, including Australia, Canada and New Zealand.

Her eldest son, 73-year-old Charles III will now be ordained as the King of the UK. His wife Camilla becomes Queen Consort.

The Queen was born Elizabeth Alexandra Mary Windsor, in Mayfair, London, on 21 April 1926. Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, was the husband of Queen Elizabeth II and served as the consort of the British monarch from her accession as queen on 6 February 1952 until his death in 2021.



Mikhail Gorbachev: Veteran Russian statesman who ended the Cold War without bloodshed but failed to prevent the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1990-91, died on August 30 at the age of 91 in Moscow. Gorbachev, the last Soviet president, forged arms reduction deals with the United States and partnerships with Western powers to remove the Iron Curtain that had divided Europe since World War II.

He also supported the re-unification of Germany in 1990. He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1990.

Gorbachev's policy of "Glasnost" (openness) allowed freedom of media, allowing previously unthinkable criticism of the party and the state. He was credited with "Perestroika", meaning a "restructuring," specifically of the Communist economy and political system.

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.

PLACES IN NEWS

SEPTEMBER

Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park: The zoo in Darjeeling, West Bengal, bagged the top position among the zoos in the country among about 150 zoos across the country. It was followed by Chennai Zoo and Mysore Zoo.

The rankings were released by the Central Zoo Authority on Sep 10 at a conference of the directors of all zoos and safari parks in the country, organised in Bhubaneswar, Odisha. The attractions of Padmaja Naidu Zoo are animals like Red Panda, Himalayan Black Bear, snow leopard, goral, Himalayan tar, blue deer, Tibetan wolf.

Astana: Name of the capital of Kazakhstan has been changed from Nur Sultan to Astana, its earlier name. President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev signed a decree to this effect on Sep 17. The capital's name was changed to Nur-Sultan in March 2019, in honour of outgoing President Nursultan Nazarbayev, who ruled the country for over 29 years (1990-2019).

Typhoon Nanmadol: At least four people were killed and more than 100 others were injured after one of the biggest storms in recent decades made landfall on the southern island of Kyushu, Japan on Sep 18. The super typhoon destroyed homes, and disrupted transport and businesses.



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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.

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Vinesh Phogat became the first Indian woman wrestler to win two medals at the World Championships after clinching a bronze in the 53-kilogram category on Sep 14 in Belgrade, Serbia. The 28-year-old Vinesh had earlier won a bronze in the 2019 edition in Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan.

On Sep 18, Bajrang Punia captured a bronze medal in the men's 65 kg category, becoming the only Indian to have won four medals in wrestling at the international level.

Neeraj Chopra, the Indian javelin ace, achieved yet another historic feat on Sep 08 becoming the first Indian to win the gold at the prestigious Zurich Diamond League Final 2022 in Switzerland. His second throw, measuring 88.44 metres, won him the Diamond League trophy.

Devendra Jhajharia, champion para javelin thrower clinched a silver medal in the World Para Athletics Grand Prix, in Morocco on Sep 17, throwing the javelin to a distance of 60.97 meter to capture the silver.

Pranav Anand and A R Ilamparathi won titles in the Open under-16 and under-14 categories, respectively, on Sep 16 in the World Youth Chess Championship held in Mamaia in Romania. With this win, Pranav became the 76th Grand Master from India.

Grandmaster Aravindh Chithambaram emerged champion in the 22nd Dubai Open chess tournament held in Dubai on September 04.

Grandmaster Arjun Erigaisi won the 28th Abu Dhabi Masters Chess Tournament on August 25 by defeating Spain's GM David Anton Guijarro with 7.5 points.

Duleep Trophy: The West Zone team led by Ajinkya Rahane defeated the South Zone on Sep 25 at SNR College Cricket Ground, Coimbatore to win the Duleep Trophy for a record 19th time.

131st Durand Cup: Bengaluru FC defeated Mumbai City FC 2-1 in the finals played at the Salt Lake Stadium in Kolkata on Sep 18 to win their first Durand Cup Trophy. *It is the oldest existing club football tournament in Asia and third oldest in the world. It started from Shimla in 1888. The tournament is named after its founder Sir Henry Mortimer Durand, the foreign secretary of India from 1884 to 1894. Unlike any other competition around the world, the winning team is presented with three trophies.*

India's first UCI MTB event in Leh

Leh, in UT of Ladakh, hosted the first-ever official UCI MTB (International Cyclist Union- Mountain Bike) event in India on Sep 04. It was the eighth competition round of the 2022 UCI MTB Cross-Country Eliminator World Cup. Overall, there were 82 riders from 16 countries, including India.

Star batter Virat Kohli, after playing the T20 match against Pakistan on August 28 at Dubai, became the first Indian (and second in world) to have played a hundred matches for India in all the three formats, T20, ODI and test, of the game. Virat is second only to Ross Taylor of New Zealand.

Jhulan Goswami: Legendary pacer (fast bowler) announced her retirement from the glorious career of cricket on Sep 24, after playing her last international match against England at Lords, London.

40-year-old Jhulan claimed the highest number of wickets in women's cricket, 355, in her career spanning 20 years. Of this, 255 were claimed in ODIs, again, highest tally in the world in women's cricket.

Hurling the ball at 115 to 120 kmph, Jhulan is the fastest woman bowler in the world, earning her the nickname "Chakdaha Express", after her native village near Kolkata.



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Cricketer Suresh Raina has announced his retirement on Sep 06 from all formats of cricket. The 35-year-old left-handed batsman represented India in 18 tests, 226 ODIs and 78 T20s in an international career spanning 13 years. He represented Uttar Pradesh in domestic cricket.

National Games mascot unveiled

The mascot and the anthem for the 36th National Games was unveiled on September 04 in Ahmedabad. The mascot is named 'Savaj' which means little lion in Gujarati. The anthem is based on the theme of "Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat". The theme of the games is 'Celebrating Unity Through Sports'.

The National Games will be organised between 29th of this month to 12th of next month at six cities in Gujarat, namely Ahmedabad, Gandhinagar, Surat, Vadodara, Rajkot and Bhavnagar. For the first time, indigenous sports like mallakhamb and yogasana will also feature in the Games.

Dilip Tirkey, a former India hockey captain and member of the gold medal-winning team at the 1998 Asian Games, was unanimously elected as President of Hockey India. Tirkey, 44, has a record 412 international matches as a defender in his career spanning more than 15 years.

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Eliud Kipchoge, two-time Olympics champion from Kenya, bettered his own world record in the Berlin Marathon on Sep 25. The 37-year-old runner clocked 2 hours, 1 minute, 9 seconds to shave 30 seconds off his previous best set on the same course in 2018, to finish the 42.2 km long race in the streets of Berlin, Germany.

Daihatu Yonex Japan Open Badminton Championship: Men's and women's singles titles won by Kenta Nishimoto and Akane Yamaguchi, respectively. Both are from Japan.

Red Bull's driver Max Verstappen (Netherland) won the Belgian Formula 1 Grand Prix on August 28 at the Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps in Stavelot, Belgium.

BWF World Championships concluded in Tokyo on August 28. Viktor Axelsen of Denmark won the men's singles title. Akane Yamaguchi of Japan won the women's singles title.

UEFA Player of the Year prizes-2022

Men's winner: Karim Benzema, French striker from FC Real Madrid

Women's winner: Alexia Putellas, Spanish midfielder from FC Barcelona

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Spanish teenager Carlos Alcaraz, 19, beat Casper Ruud of Norway on Sep 11 to win the Men's Singles title. This was his first Grand Slam and he became the youngest world number one.

Women's singles title was won by world no. one, Iga Swiatek of Poland by defeating Tunisia's Ons Jabeur.

15th Asia Cup (T20 cricket): Sri Lanka defeated Pakistan by 23 runs to lift their 6th Asia Cup title at the Dubai International Stadium on Sep 11. Sri Lankan all-rounder Wanindu Hasaranga was adjudged the Player of the Series.

SAFF Women's Football Championship: Bangladesh won a historic victory to lift their maiden title by defeating Nepal in the finals played on Sep 19 at Dashrath Rangasala Stadium in Kathmandu. SAFF: South Asian Football Federation, Dhaka, Bangladesh

SAFF under-17 Football Championship: India clinched the title for the fourth time, defeating Nepal 4-0 in the final played on Sep 14 in Colombo. Indian captain Vanlalpeka Guite was named the Most Valuable Player of the Tournament.

Federer announces his retirement

Roger Federer, veteran tennis icon from Switzerland, announced his retirement from professional tennis at the age of 41. He will play his last match in the Laver Cup (Sep 23-25) in London. He won 20 Grand Slam titles and held the record for most consecutive weeks-237-at No-1 in the ATP Rankings.

He was part of the troika of the golden era of men's tennis with rivals Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic. Switzerland's national mint, Swissmint issued commemorative gold coins and silver coins in 2020 in his honour.



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 Praggnanandhaa, 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 Limpedea 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.

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, Sathiyam 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.

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.

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DAYS & DATES

SEPTEMBER

September 2: World Coconut Day



The day aims to create awareness about the importance of the coconut and its benefits. The day is especially marked in countries under Asian and Pacific regions by the Asian and Pacific Coconut Community (APCC) as they house most of the world's coconut growing production centres.

One of nature's most versatile products, the coconut and its various parts can be used for food and drink, bakery, sweets, oil, cosmetic preparations, decorating and a variety of coir products.

The theme for this year's celebrations is 'Growing Coconut for a Better Future and Life'.

India is the largest producer of coconuts, producing over 20.3 billion nuts annually, roughly one third of global coconut production. Harvesting 9,687 nuts per hectare, our productivity is highest in the world.

Sep. (2): International Vulture Awareness Day

Celebrated annually on the first Saturday of September to encourage the initiatives to boost numbers and ensure conservation of common vultures. Regarded as nature's scavengers, vultures provide crucial ecosystem services by feeding on carcasses and keeping the environment clean and disease-free.

India's vulture populations crashed in the 1990s, losing over 90% of them, due to the use of Diclofenac, a pain reliever administered to cattle. Vultures feeding on cattle carcasses used to die extremely painful deaths as this drug entered their system and proved fatal. However, after ban of Diclofenac in 2008 and increase in conservation efforts, a sizable increase has been noticed in the vulture population.

September 5: Teachers' Day

The day marks the birth anniversary of Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan. He was the first Vice President of India (1952-1962) and second President of India (1962-1967). A Bharat Ratna awardee, he was a teacher who turned out to be a renowned philosopher, scholar and politician. The day honours the contribution of teachers

and educators for their significant role in shaping students' lives. The Ministry of Education presents the National Teachers Awards on this occasion every year.

Remember!! World Teachers' Day is observed on October 05.

September 5: International Day of Charity

The United Nations observes this day annually with the objective of sensitising and mobilising people, NGOs, all around the world to help others through voluntary philanthropic activities. The Day aims to alleviate the effects of humanitarian crises and to help in promoting education, housing, and child protection, and above all, removal of poverty. The date commemorates the death anniversary of Saint Mother Teresa, the Nobel Peace Prize awardee of 1979.

Sep 7: International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies

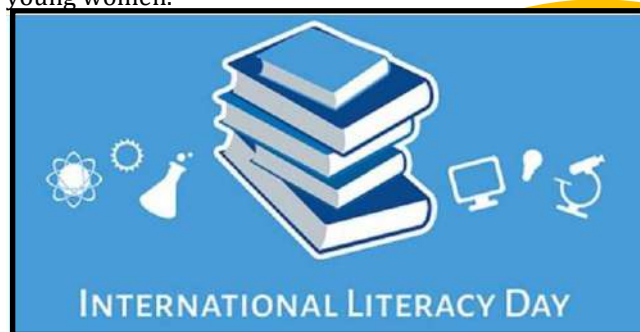
Supported by the UNO, the day aims to raise alarm against increasing air pollution. It is the single largest environmental risk to human health and one of the main avoidable causes of death and disease globally. Around seven million premature deaths across the world are attributed to indoor and outdoor air pollution. In India various activities are conducted under the National Clean Air Programme to improve the quality of air, particularly in urban areas.

The theme selected for this year is 'The Air We Share'. It focuses on the transboundary nature of air pollution highlighting the need for collective accountability and collective action. It aims to raise awareness about the health aspects of air pollution, especially considering the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sep. 08: International Literacy Day

Countries across the world celebrate this day to highlight the importance of literacy to individuals, communities and societies. The 8th of September was proclaimed International Literacy Day by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) in 1966.

The theme selected for this year is "Transforming Literacy Learning Spaces". It aims to ensure that no one is left behind, particularly underprivileged female learners. In the aftermath of the pandemic, nearly 24 million learners might never return to formal education, out of which, 11 million are projected to be girls and young women.



September 09: Himalaya Day



Observed every year to sensitise the people on the importance of this fragile ecosystem as also to highlight the various issues concerning it. The Day was first observed in Uttarakhand in 2010 as an initiative of a group of noted environmentalists.

Himalaya plays an important role to save and sustain nature and protect the country from adverse weather conditions. The Himalayan range is also responsible for rains in the Indian subcontinent, besides being a rich repository of floral and faunal biodiversity.

September 09: World EV Day 2022

It is observed all over the world to emphasise the importance of e-mobility. The day helps to spread awareness about sustainable transport facilities to the people. Conventional fossil fuel-based vehicles are the major factor causing dreaded air pollution whereas electric vehicles (EVs) are one of the major alternatives to decrease air pollution.

September 10: World Suicide Prevention Day

Supported by the WHO and International Association for Suicide Prevention, it is a day dedicated to raising awareness about the threatening risks of suicide and the challenges faced in trying to prevent suicide.

It is among the top 20 leading causes of death globally. It is responsible for over 800,000 deaths every year. The theme for this year is "Creating hope through action." The theme focuses on a collective initiative towards suicide prevention. This is the triennial theme for the Day, from 2021 to 2023.

September (10): World First Aid Day

Observed on the second Saturday of September every year to create awareness about the importance of first aid in attending injuries and saving lives. The day was started by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), Geneva in 2000 to promote awareness in the world about the benefits of first aid, need of first aid and the right way to do it.

With knowledge of first aid, one can easily prevent major happenings by providing immediate care while waiting for experts to attend. The theme for this year is 'Lifelong First Aid'. It aims to convey that irrespective of age, having first aid skills and knowledge helps create safer and healthier communities.

September 11: The National Forest Martyrs Day

Observed every year in India to remember the martyrs who laid their lives to protect nature in the remote corners of the country. On September 11, 1730, over 360 people of the Bishnoi community were massacred in Khejarli near Jodhpur (Rajasthan) because they objected to felling of Khejri trees by the king of Jodhpur.

The day is devoted to paying respects to hundreds of forest officials who sacrificed their lives while protecting the country's forest wealth and wildlife, fighting against poachers, smugglers, diseases and loneliness. Celebrations for the day are supported by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, currently headed by Sh. Bhupender Yadav.

September 14: Hindi Divas / Raj Bhasha Divas

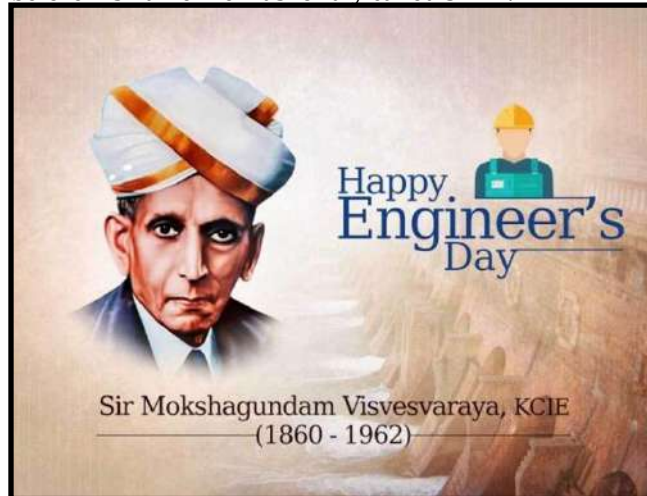
Hindi Divas commemorates the adoption of Hindi as the official language of India. On this day in 1949, Hindi written in Devanagari script was adopted as the official language of India by the Constituent Assembly of India. Hindi is one of the two official languages of the Union government — the other being English. The language was adopted under Article 343 of the Indian Constitution.

It may be noted that the World Hindi Day (Vishwa Hindi Diwas) is observed on January 10 to mark the anniversary of the first World Hindi Conference that took place in 1975 in Nagpur, Maharashtra.

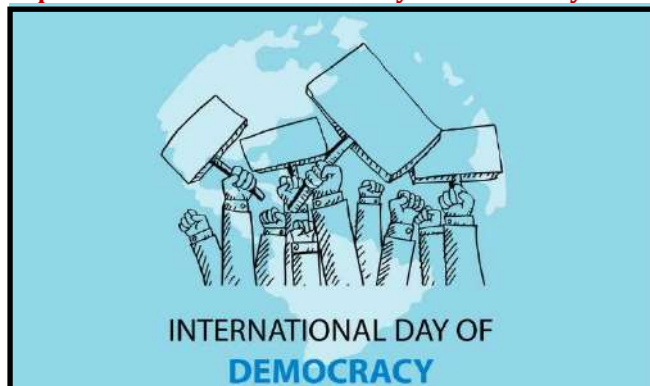
September 15: Engineer's Day

This day is observed to mark the birth anniversary of acclaimed civil engineer Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya. Decorated with Bharat Ratna in 1955, he had extraordinary skills for designing dams and several other hydro projects.

He patented and installed an irrigation system with water floodgates at the Khadakvasla reservoir near Pune to raise the food supply level and storage to the highest levels. He was also conferred the British Knighthood by the then King George V, which puts 'Sir' before his name. He was fondly called Sir MV.



September 15: International Day of Democracy



The United Nations (UN) General Assembly passed a resolution in 2007 that September 15 of each year would be observed as the International Day of Democracy. It also gives a chance to highlight the crucial role of parliaments and to celebrate their capability to deliver justice, development, human rights, and peace. It's an opportunity to recall that democracy is about people as it gives voice to the common man and ensures that all are equal before the rule of law.

This year, the day is focused on the "importance of media freedom to democracy, peace, and delivering on the Sustainable Development Goals".

September 16: World Ozone Day

Also known as the International Day for the preservation of the Ozone Layer, it is observed annually to spread awareness among people about the depletion of the Ozone Layer and search for possible solutions to preserve it.

The day commemorates the signing of the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, in 1987. Under the Montreal Protocol, nations worked together to cut out 99 percent of ozone-depleting substances. The Protocol was followed by the Kigali Amendment wef Jan, 2019 to reduce the projected production and consumption of hydro fluoro carbons (HFCs) by more than 80 per cent over the next 30 years. Kigali is the capital of Rwanda, a tiny landlocked country in Central Africa.

"Global Cooperation to Protect Life on Earth" has been chosen as this year's theme to encourage sustainable development.

The Ozone Layer is a fragile shield of gas that protects the Earth and its ecosystem from the harmful ultraviolet rays of the sun, thus helping preserve life on the planet. It is formed mainly in the lower portion of the Stratosphere, at approximately 15 to 35 kilometres above Earth.

September 17: The World Patient Safety Day

Supported by the WHO, the Day is observed to create a global awareness for patient safety. It calls for global solidarity and concerted action by all countries to improve patient safety during healthcare. Furthermore, the Day brings together patients, families, caregivers, communities, health workers, health care leaders and policy-makers to show their commitment to patient safety.

The theme selected for this year is 'Medication Safety' with the campaign slogan 'Medication Without Harm'. The theme builds on the ongoing efforts of the WHO Global Patient Safety Challenge: Medication Without Harm.

Sep. (17): The International Coastal Clean-up Day

This day is traditionally held on the third Saturday of September. It encourages people to come together and help clean up our beaches. It is also an occasion to spread awareness about preserving and protecting the world's oceans and waterways. The most common types of garbage found on the beaches include cigarette butts, food wrappers, plastic straws, plastic bottle caps, and plastic beverage bottles. The theme selected for this year is "Connecting people for a trash free coastline".

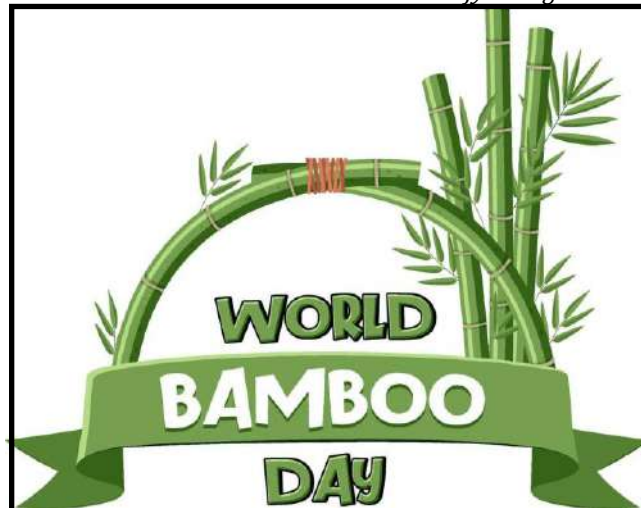
September 18: International Equal Pay Day

Under an initiative of the United Nations, this day was observed for the first time in 2020, to highlight the importance of ending sexual discrimination in relation to gender pay gap in earnings/salaries between men and women. Paying women less than men in similar positions is strongly unacceptable in the modern world. Bridging the pay gap contributes toward creating a fairer society where everyone has equal opportunities. Currently, on a global average, women earn 20% less than men for work of the same value.

September 18: World Bamboo Day

It is observed every year by the World Bamboo Organisation to generate awareness about conserving and promoting the bamboo industry. Also known as poor man's timber, bamboo is omnipresent in tribal cultures and community living.

Bamboo is a tall, tree-like grass of the genre Bambusa in the family Poaceae. It comprises more than 115 genera and 1,400 species. After China, India is the world's second-largest cultivator of bamboo. To boost bamboo production and exploitation in the country, the Government amended the century old Indian Forest Act in 2018 to delist bamboo as a tree and classify it as grass.



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September 21: International Day of Peace

Also called World Peace Day, it is observed around the world with UN support to strengthen the ideals of peace and harmony by observing 24 hours of non-violence and cease-fire.

The theme for this year is "End racism. Build peace". It focuses on how we can work towards a world free of racism and racial discrimination, transforming our world into a place that is more equal, more just, equitable, inclusive, sustainable, and healthier.

September 21: The World Alzheimer's Day

Observed globally to raise awareness about the stigma that runs around Alzheimer disease and related dementia. The disease is named after a German psychiatrist, Alois Alzheimer, who first diagnosed the disease in 1901 in a 50-year-old woman. The theme for this year is "Know Dementia, Know Alzheimer's".

Alzheimer's disease is a progressive neurologic disorder that causes the brain to shrink (atrophy) and brain cells to die. It is the most common cause of dementia — a continuous decline in thinking, behavioural and social skills that affects a person's ability to function independently.

September 22: World Rose Day

This day is celebrated to spread awareness about cancer which starts when cells grow out of control and push out normal cells. On this day, hand-made roses, cards, and gifts are offered to cancer patients.

The day is observed in the memory of a 12-year old girl, Melinda Rose, a cancer patient from Canada. After the diagnosis, the doctors had given her just weeks but due to her willpower and never giving hope of defeating cancer, she went on to live for six months.

September 22: World Rhino Day

This day provides an opportunity to work towards saving the Rhinos, as they have been the target of poachers for decades. Rhino horns are in great demand in many southeast Asian countries for their aphrodisiac and medicinal value. The theme for this year's day is 'Five Rhino Species Forever'. The five species are -- Greater one-horned, Sumatran, Black, White, and Javan Rhinos.

India is home to the largest number of Greater one-horned Rhinos in the world with its population in the range of 3000 animals. Assam is home to the largest population of greater-one horned rhinos, with more than 90% in Kaziranga National Park.

September 23: International Day of Sign Languages

The day is observed to raise awareness of the importance of sign language in the full realization of the human rights of people who are deaf or dumb. This day presents the opportunity to 'support and protect the linguistic identity and cultural diversity of all deaf people and other sign language users'. In India, the Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre, New Delhi, an autonomous body within the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, celebrates it every year.

The theme for this day for the year 2022 is "Sign Languages Unite Us!" highlighting how each of us – deaf and hearing people around the world – can work together to promote the use of sign languages in all areas of life.

September 25: World Pharmacist Day

This day is celebrated to create awareness about the role of a pharmacist in improving health. It is an initiative of the International Pharmaceutical Federation, The Hague (Netherlands). This year's theme, developed by the FIP, is "Pharmacy united in action for a healthier world".

The theme aims to showcase pharmacy's positive impact on health around the world and to further strengthen solidarity among the profession.

World Pharmacists Day
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September 25: Antyodaya Diwas

Observed across the country to mark the birth anniversary of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya, a noted philosopher, political activist and strong advocate of the concept of Antyodaya. He was a veteran leader of Jan Sangh, from which the present BJP (Bharatiya Janata Party) emerged. He was the source of ideological guidance and moral inspiration for the BJP since its inception.

Antyodaya means uplifting the poorest of the poor and, hence, the day is observed with the aim to reach out to the last person of the society.

September (25): Happy Daughters' Day

It is celebrated globally on the fourth Sunday of September every year. On this day, parents celebrate and appreciate their daughters by making special gestures to cherish their children. The day was conceptualised to fight against the stigma around having a girl child and honouring daughters. The best possible gift that can be given to them, is their empowerment.

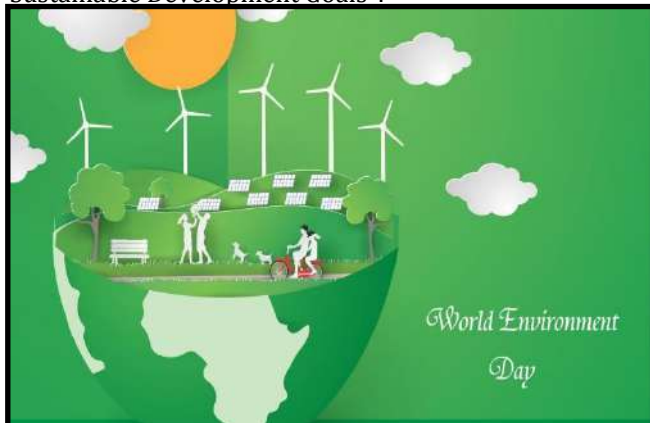
September (25) World Rivers Day

It is celebrated on the last Sunday of September to highlight the importance of waterways in our life. This day encourages people to conserve and save water and rivers around the world. Rivers in virtually every country face an array of threats, and only through our active involvement can we ensure their contribution to a sustainable ecosystem and green environment.

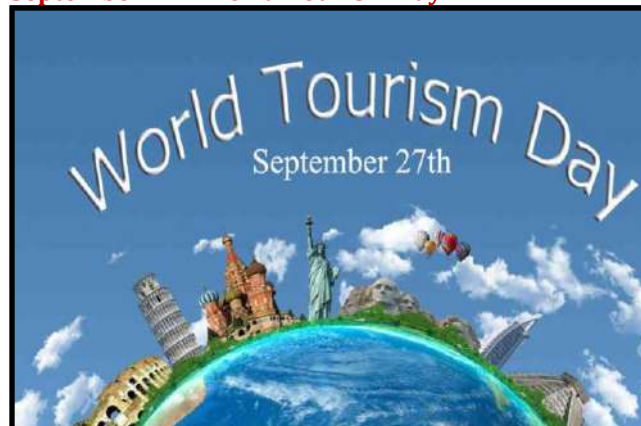
Sep. 26: World Environmental Health Day

Observed annually with the support of International Federation of Environmental Health, London, to spread awareness about the pressing need for a healthier environment. It aims to highlight the fact that the health of the human race is irrevocably intertwined with the health of the environment.

Therefore, in order to protect and improve human health, preserving and enhancing the planet's health is not a matter of choice, but a matter of concern. The theme for this year is "Strengthening Environmental Health Systems for the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals".



September 27 - World Tourism Day



Observed with the support of a UN special World Tourism Organisation to highlight the importance of tourism which helps in generating employment and building the future for millions of people around the world.

In the aftermath of COVID pandemic, restart of tourism can help kickstart recovery and growth that will benefit all. The official celebrations for the Day will be held in Bali, Indonesia, on 27 September, highlighting the shift towards tourism being recognized as a crucial pillar of development. This year the theme is "Rethinking Tourism".

September 28: World Rabies Day

The day is celebrated annually to raise awareness about rabies prevention and to highlight progress in defeating this horrifying disease. The day marks the anniversary of Louis Pasteur's death, the French chemist and microbiologist, who developed the first Rabies vaccine. This year's theme 'Rabies: One Health, Zero Deaths' will highlight the connection of the environment with both people and animals.

Rabies is a deadly virus spread to people from the saliva of infected animals. Rabies is usually transmitted through an animal bite, for example, from stray dogs or monkeys.

September 29: World Heart Day

Observed to spread awareness about heart disease and stroke which is the world's leading cause of death. The day promotes preventative measures to reduce the risk of cardiovascular diseases (CVDs). The theme chosen for this year is "Use Heart for Every Heart. It is about using your heart for beating CVDs as that matters to every beating heart.

September (29): World Maritime Day

It is observed on the last Thursday of September to celebrate the maritime industry's contribution in supporting and promoting the global economy. It emphasises the importance of maritime security, marine environment and shipping safety. The day also marks the day of adaptation of the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) convention in 1958.

It is a special UN agency, based in London. The theme chosen by the IMO for this year is 'New technologies for greener shipping'. It reflects the need to support a green transition of the maritime sector into a sustainable future, while leaving no one behind.

September 30: International Translation Day

The day is supported by the UNO to pay tribute to the work of language professionals, which plays an important role in bringing nations together, facilitating dialogue for development and strengthening world peace.

The day marks the feast day of St. Jerome, who translated the Bible, and is regarded as the patron saint of translators. The theme chosen for this year's celebrations is "A World Without Barriers".

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.

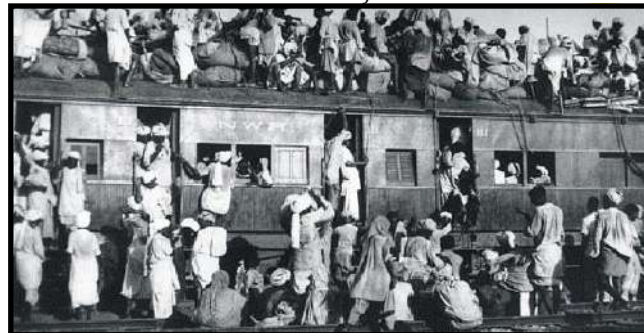
There is a large number of people who die due to organ failure. As per the National Health Portal, around 500,000 people die every year due to non-availability of required organs. This Day attempts to eliminate the myths and fears people have in their mind about organ donation.

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.

August 30: International Whale Shark Day

It is observed to raise awareness about the value of whale sharks and the need for their conservation. The whale shark (*Rhincodon typus*) is the largest fish on Earth. It can grow to a length of approximately 18 metres and weigh as much as 21 tonnes. They can live up to 150 years provided they survive to that age as more than 90% of all whale sharks are killed before they reach the 150-year mark.

Found widely across tropical and warm temperate seas, they are distributed all along the Indian coast, particularly along the Gujarat coast.

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NATIONAL NEWS

JULY

- Honourable Madam Droupadi Murmu was elected as the 15th President of India on July 21. Smt. Murmu is the first scheduled tribe (Santhal tribe) person and the youngest (64) to become the President of India.
- Country's largest statue of the National Emblem was unveiled on July 11 on the roof of the new Parliament building in New Delhi.
 - ✓ *The emblem has been installed 33 meter above ground level. Cast in high purity bronze, it stands 6.5 meter tall and weighs around 9500 kg.*
 - ✓ *National Emblem of India is an adaptation from the Sarnath Lion Capital of Emperor Ashoka which is preserved in the Sarnath Museum at Varanasi.*
 - ✓ *It became emblem of dominion of India in December 1947 and emblem of Republic of India on January 26, 1950.*
- 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 National Institutional Ranking Framework, NIRF ranked IIT Madras, Chennai-4th time in row, as the Overall Best Institute in education. Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru, was ranked as Best University.
- The first India Animal Health Summit 2022 was held 06th July in New Delhi to highlight the importance of animal health to the country's food and nutrition security, rural income and prosperity.
- The Union Home Ministry amended the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) to allow relatives abroad to send up to 10 lakh rupees without informing the government.

- 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.*
- 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.

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 15th 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 5th 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 25th 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 400th anniversary of Guru Tegh Bahadur, the ninth Sikh Guru.

NEWS FROM STATES

JULY

- Karnataka secured top rank; Manipur topped amongst northeast and hill states and Chandigarh stood first among UTs in the Innovation Index 2022 released by NITI Aayog on July 21.
- The 'State Ranking Index for National Food Security Act' ranked Odisha at the top rank followed by Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh.
- The "States' Startup Ranking 2021" released by the ministry of Commerce, ranked Gujarat as the 'Best Performer' while Kerala was ranked 'Top Performer'.
- HP became India's first state to connect all the commercial vehicles registered in the state with Vehicle Location Tracking Device and with the Emergency Response Support System, number 112.
- Kerala has now become the first and the only state in the country to have its own internet service through the Kerala Fibre Optic Network Ltd, – KFON.
- 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 kilometers.
- Uttar Pradesh became the first state to link its One District One Product scheme to Commerce Ministry's Open Network for Digital Commerce platform.
- The NHAI and Nagpur Metro achieved the world record for constructing the longest double-decker viaduct, a flyover highway and metro rail above it, all supported on a single-column pier, running for 3.14 km.
- Tata Power Solar Systems, a subsidiary of Tata Power, commissioned India's largest floating solar power project of 101.6 MW peak capacity in backwaters of Kayamkulam, Kerala.

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 4th 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.

GOVT INITIATIVES

JULY

- The Women and Child Development Ministry launched the Mission Shakti on July 14 for the safety, security and empowerment of women.
- The Women and Child Dev. Ministry issued fresh guidelines for the Mission Vatsalya (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.*
- Government has formulated a "National Action Plan for Mechanised Sanitation Ecosystem"-NAMASTE scheme for cleaning of sewers and septic tanks.
 - ✓ *It aims that no sanitation workers should come in direct contact with human faecal matter and all sewer and septic tank sanitation workers have access to alternative livelihoods.*

- Government plans to launch the 'DIGI YATRA' scheme to achieve contactless, seamless processing of passengers at Airports, based on Facial Recognition Technology.
- The Dept. of Consumer Affairs launched "Jagriti", a mascot in the form of a young lady, for empowering consumers and generating awareness of their rights.
- The UIDAI has launched a new mobile app named "AadhaarFaceRd" to perform face authentication through mobile app from anywhere and at any time.

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.*

ECONOMY

JULY

- Jawaharlal Nehru Port, Mumbai has become the first 100% Landlord Major Port of India, where all berths are being operated on PPP (public-private partnership) model. Here public means government ownership.

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.*

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.*

BANKING & FINANCE

JULY

- Government has decided to transform the Banks Board Bureau into Financial Services Institutions Bureau.
 - ✓ *It will make recommendations for appointments of whole-time directors and non-executive chairman of public sector banks and financial institutions, including insurance companies.*
- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved the computerization of all Primary Agriculture Credit Societies - PACS in the country.

- State Bank of India launched its WhatsApp Banking services to make banking easier for its customers. This service can be activated by sending 'Hi' on the number 90226-90226.
- The Union Bank of India became first Indian bank to launch the Metaverse Virtual Lounge and Open Banking Sandbox environment techno features for its customers.
- State Bank of India received in-principle approval from the RBI for setting up its "operations support subsidiary" aimed at improving the cost-to-income ratio.

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:*

<i>Exposure above ₹25 crore:</i>	<i>By April 30, 2023</i>
<i>Above ₹10 cr, up to ₹25 cr:</i>	<i>By April 30, 2024</i>
<i>₹5 cr and above, up to ₹10 cr:</i>	<i>By April 30, 2025</i>

- 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.*

DEFENCE, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

JULY

- India's first human carrying platform — a pilot-less drone, 'Varun' made its debut on July 19 in New Delhi. It has a range of 25 kms with a payload of 130 kgs; and around 25-33 minutes of flight time.
- The DRDO & Indian Army successfully flight-tested indigenously developed High-speed Expendable Aerial Target (HEAT) named 'Abhyas', off the Odisha coast.
 - ✓ *ABHYAS is a drone that will be used as a test target for various missile systems.*
- The submarine, INS Sindhudhvaj was decommissioned on July 16 after serving Indian Navy for a period of 35 years.
- 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 Indian Navy commissioned Indian Naval Air Squadron 324 at INS Dega, Visakhapatnam, with MK III Dhruv helicopters. The squadron has been named as 'Kestrels', after a bird species.
- The DRDO successfully flight tested India's first UAV fighter aircraft, "Autonomous Flying Wing Technology Demonstrator" from the Aeronautical Test Range at Chitradurga in Karnataka.
- 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, USA.
- ISRO launched 3 Singaporean satellites on June 30 from Sriharikota, onboard rocket PSLV-C53.
- Indian space tech startup Agnikul Cosmos launched on July 13 India's first rocket factory to make 3D-printed rocket engines end-to-end.

- 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 galaxy cluster named SMACS 0723 till date, going back 13 billion years.*
- On June 29, NASA launched microwave oven-sized CubeSat to test *elliptical* lunar orbit as part of CAPSTONE. It weighs just 25 kg.
 - ✓ *CAPSTONE: Cislunar Autonomous Positioning System Technology Operations and Navigation Experiment*
 - ✓ *CubeSats are a class of research spacecraft called nanosatellites*

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 38th 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 10¹⁸)*

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 Kamladevi 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.

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- 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 spacetechnology 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.*

INTERNATIONAL

JULY

- The Henley Passport Index released the list of the World's Most Powerful Passports 2022. Japan's passport was ranked as the most powerful among 199 countries. India was ranked 87th.
- 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.
- Kenya and Portugal, co-hosted the 2022 UN Ocean Conference from 27 June to 1 July in Lisbon, Portugal.
 - ✓ *The theme of the Conference was: "Scaling up ocean action based on science and innovation for the implementation of Goal 14: stocktaking, partnerships and solutions."*
- Quacquarelli Symonds (QS), London ranked London at the top city for students looking to study abroad, in the list of Best Student Cities for 2023.
- The Global Liveability Index 2022 released by the EIU, London has ranked Vienna (Austria) at first spot. New Delhi was ranked at 112th position while Mumbai was ranked at 117th position.

JUNE

- The 48th 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 12th 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 23rd 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".

PERSONS IN NEWS

JULY

- **Boris Johnson:** British prime minister announced his resignation on July 7 as Conservative Party leader.

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 26th 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).

APPOINTMENTS

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: Appointed by the World Bank as its Chief Economist and Senior Vice President for Development Economics, from September 1, 2022.

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.

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 14th Prime Minister of Israel.

Ferdinand Marcos Jr: Sworn in as the 17th President of the Philippines in Manila on June 30.

T Raja Kumar: A senior Indian origin diplomat from Singapore took over as President of Financial Action Task Force (FATF), Paris.

JUNE

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

Tapen 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.

Zulfikar 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.

AWARDS & HONOURS

JULY

68th National Film Awards

Overall Best Feature Film: Soorarai Pottru, (Tamil) by Sudha Kongara (*Soorarai Pottru 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 Soorarai Pottru and Ajay Devgn for Tanhaji

Best Actress: Aparna Balamurali for Soorarai Pottru

Most Film Friendly State: Madhya Pradesh

Ms. Sini Shetty from Karnataka was crowned Femina Miss India 2022 winner on July 03 at the Jio Convention Centre in Mumbai.

Pallavi Singh: The beauty queen from Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh won the Mrs Universe Divine Title at the finals held at Yeosu City, South Korea.

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: Vishnuvaradhan (Shershaah)

Best Film: Shershaah (Vishnuvaradhan)

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.

It will be given annually to a person who has made outstanding, spectacular, and exceptional achievements to the country, its people, and society.

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

OBITUARY

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.

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.

Shinzo Abe: Former prime minister of Japan, was shot dead on July 8 in the city of Nara in western Japan where 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.

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.

PLACES IN NEWS

JULY

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.

Varanasi: The holy city will be declared the first "Cultural and Tourism Capital" of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation.

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.

SPORTS WORLD

JULY

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

He also clinched his first-ever Silver medal at the Diamond League meet in Stockholm, Sweden.

PV Sindhu, ace Indian shuttler clinched Women's Single title of Singapore Open on July 16.

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

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

Harshada Garud, just 18 years old, clinched the gold 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.

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.

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.

The International Cricket Council announced that India will host the 2025 ICC Women's ODI World Cup.

Gujarat has been declared as the host for the 36th National Games which will be held from September 27 to October 10 for the first time ever.

Tour de France: Jonas Vingegaard (of Denmark) claimed his maiden title on July 24 after finishing the 3,328km cross country marathon race at the Champs Elysees, Paris.

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

Curtains down for Wimbledon on July 10

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 were held at US city Eugene from July 15 to 24. 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 2028 Summer Olympics and Paralympic Games will be hosted in July, 2028 in Los Angeles, United States.

The Olympic Council of Asia announced that China will host the postponed 19th edition of the Asian Games in September 2023 in Hangzhou.

The World Athletics Council decided to award hosting rights for the 2025 World Athletics Championships to Tokyo, the capital city of Japan.

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 15th 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 12th. 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 4th 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 10th

national title beating G Sathyan 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.

12th 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.

71st 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 7th 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



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SEPTEMBER GK TEST - 01

1. **Public sector shipbuilder company Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd. is located at which place?**
a. Mormugao b. Kochi
c. Paradip d. Visakhapatnam
e. Mumbai
2. **The Union Government has awarded the Geographical Indication (GI) tag to Bihar's Mithila _____:**
a. Guava b. Banana
c. Paintings d. Makhana
e. Chirwa
3. **Vikram Doraiswami, senior diplomat, has been appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to which country?**
a. Nepal b. Maldives
c. Canada d. Britain
e. Bangladesh
4. **The Indian Railways gave what name to its heaviest and longest (3.5 km long) freight train, tested on August 15?**
a. Sheshnag b. Super Vasuki
c. King Cobra d. Korba Special
e. Super Coal Queen
5. **Which state government has signed an agreement with Digantara, a space sector start-up, to set-up India's first commercial "Space Situational Awareness Observatory?"**
a. Uttarakhand
b. Karnataka
c. Meghalaya
d. Arunachal Pradesh
e. Rajasthan
6. **Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)?**
a. Dr. Samir V Kamat
b. Dr V K Subramanian
c. Dr P V Rangaswamy
d. T Krishnamurthy
e. B Ramana Reddy
7. **India's first Composite Indoor Shooting Range was inaugurated at INS Karna on August 18. It is at which place?**
a. Kochi b. Panaji
c. Visakhapatnam
d. Sriharikota e. Bhavnagar
8. **Who has been declared as the winner of the UNESCO Peace Prize 2022?**
a. Michelle Obama
b. Melinda Gates
c. Angela Merkel
d. Boris Johnson
e. None of these
9. **Atal Pension Yojana or APY is open to all saving bank/post office saving bank account holders in the age group of _____ years.**
a. 18 to 70 years
b. 18 to 50 years
c. 18 to 40 years
d. 18 to 60 years
e. 18 years onward
10. **Credit/Debit card payment made without actually swiping the card but by using details on the card, is known as _____**
a. Over the counter transaction
b. Physical/cash transaction
c. Cardless ATM transaction
d. Card Not Present transaction
e. PoS transaction
11. **The book titled "Bibi: My Story" is the autobiography of which popular statesman of the world?**
a. Benjamin Netanyahu
b. Barack Obama
c. Angela Merkel
d. Nelson Mandela
e. Jacinda Ardern
12. **Linthoi Chanambam, 15 year old girl from Manipur, claimed a historic gold on August 26 in the 57 kg category at the World Cadet _____ Championship in Sarajevo:**
a. Fencing b. Boxing
c. Mix Wrestling d. Judo
e. Kickboxing
13. **Which country recently announced the launch of the world's first-ever hydrogen-powered passenger train fleet?**
a. Japan b. China
c. Germany d. Britain
e. France
14. **The Central Government has ordered that under the "One Nation, One Fertiliser" scheme, all fertilisers will have only one brand name - '_____':**
a. Kissan b. Mridaa
c. Dharti d. Urvera
e. Bharat
15. **The Indian Army is planning to induct Indigenous Indian Light Tank named _____, designed specially to operate from High Altitude Area such as Ladakh and Arunachal:**
a. Ghatak b. Zorawar
c. New Arjun d. MBT major
e. LBT-22
16. **For the first time in the history of Indian armed forces, which force received its first consignment of complete gun ammunition manufactured by local industry?**
a. Mountain Battalion
b. Artillery Regiment
c. Indian Air Force
d. Indian Navy
e. Indian Coast Guard
17. **Onam, celebrated with fervour from August 30 onwards, for ten days, is a popular festival of which state?**
a. Tamil Nadu
b. Kerala
c. Karnataka
d. Andhra Pradesh
e. Telangana

18. Reserve Bank of India has revised Priority Sector Lending guidelines. Under the new guidelines bank finance to start-ups up to ___ crore rupees will be eligible under Priority Sector.
a. 30 b. 40
c. 50 d. 60
e. 70
19. Mikhail Gorbachev, veteran Russian statesman who died on August 30, was known for 'Glasnost' and 'Perestroika'. What do these two terms mean in simple English?
a. Revolution and Prosperity
b. Freedom and Sacrifice
c. Struggle and Revolution
d. Openness and Restructuring
e. Freedom and Revolution
20. The Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM) presented on August 30 the "Competitiveness Roadmap for India@100". Who is the current head of the EAC-PM?
a. Dr P C Roy b. Amitabh Kant
c. Dr Bibek Debroy
d. Sanjeev Sanyal
e. Dr Amit Kapoor
21. Which cinema veteran was honoured with the Filmfare Lifetime Achievement Award on August 30?
a. Subhash Ghai
b. Dharmendra
c. Sanjay Leela Bhansali
d. Jitendra
e. Shatrughan Sinha
22. According to the provisional estimates released by the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation on August 31 for the quarter ending June 30, which sector of the economy registered the highest growth of 25.7%?
a. Manufacturing
b. Agriculture c. Services
d. Construction
e. Mining, Oil & Gas
23. Who is the current Registrar General & Census Commissioner of India?
a. Ajay Kumar Bhalla
b. Dr. Vivek Joshi
c. Nityanad Rai
d. Sailesh e. Rajiv Kumar
24. Which of the following type of accounts is known as Demat Account?
a. Accounts which are Zero Balance Accounts
b. Accounts opened for repayment of a loan
c. Accounts to hold shares etc. in digital form
d. Accounts opened for salary transactions
e. Accounts opened for defence personnel
25. The Indian Navy received its new Naval Ensign (flag) on September 02. A blue octagonal shape seal occupying the right half of the flag is inspired from which of the following?
a. Naval seal of Cholas
b. Royal seal of Chalukyas
c. Royal seal of Trivandrum
d. Naval seal of Marathas
e. Royal insignia of Kathiawad
26. 'Savaj', the mascot for the 36th National Games has been designed after which animal?
a. Lion b. Elephant
c. Tiger d. Bear
e. Deer
27. India's vulture populations crashed in the 1990s, losing over 90% of them, due to the use of _____, a pain reliever administered to cattle:
a. Opioid b. Oxycodone
c. Morphine d. Codeine
e. Diclofenac
28. Ms. Liz Truss was sworn-in as 56th prime minister of the United Kingdom on Sep 06. She hails from which political party?
a. Labour Party
b. Conservative Party
c. National Democratic Party
d. Liberal Party
e. Republican Party
29. Which city from Telangana is among three cities that have joined the UNESCO's Global Network of Learning Cities from India?
a. Hyderabad b. Karimnagar
c. Nalgonda d. Warangal
e. Nizamabad
30. India's first 'Dark Sky Reserve' or Night Sky Sanctuary is to be set up in the cold desert regions of _____:
a. Arravalis b. Lahaul Spiti
c. Ladakh d. Arunachal
e. Uttarakhand
31. Country's first modified bio-village, Daspura, has been developed in which state?
a. Tripura b. Manipur
c. Mizoram d. Nagaland
e. Meghalaya
32. Which of the following is a popular channel of providing credit to the farmer community?
a. Kisan Credit Card
b. Kisan Mitra Card
c. Farmer Easy Loan Scheme
d. Kisan Loan Scheme
e. Farmers Finance Scheme
33. Which of the following account can be opened with partial fulfilment of 'KYC' norms?
a. Fixed Deposit Account
b. Current Account
c. Savings Bank Account
d. Small Savings Bank Account
e. Cash Credit Account
34. The instances of violations of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act in banking are to be reported to which of the following?
a. FIU – IND (Financial Intelligence Unit – India)
b. SFIO (Serious Frauds Investigation Office)
c. ED (Enforcement Directorate)
d. Vigilance Department of the RBI
e. Central Vigilance Commission
35. The theme selected for this year's International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies observed on Sep 07?
a. Air is Pure
b. The Air we Share
c. Care for Air
d. Let's Breathe Pure
e. Pure Life, Pure Air
36. What is the name of India's first intranasal Covid vaccine recently approved by the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation?
a. Nosovac b. Norbovax
c. Cincomax d. iNcovacc
e. Neu-biotrans
37. Both men's and women's singles titles in the recently concluded Japan Open Badminton Championship were won by the players from the same country. Which was this country?
a. China b. Taiwan
c. Japan d. S. Korea
e. Philippines
38. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Kartavya Path on Sep 08 in New Delhi. It stretches from Rashtrapati Bhawan to _____:
a. Vijay Chowk
b. Central Vista
c. India Gate
d. Raj Bhawan
e. National War Memorial
39. I-STEM, a Government of India's mission, launched initiative WEST on Sep 05 to strengthen the

efforts of scientifically inclined women. What does letter 'E' stand for in I-STEM?

- Emerging
- Enterprising
- Entrepreneurs
- Engineering
- Electronics

40. Who among the following was the first Labour Minister of independent India?

- N V Gadgil
- K C Neogy
- Syama Prasad Mukherjee
- Jagjivan Ram
- C D Deshmukh

41. The proportion of urban population is lowest in which of the following states in India?

- Odisha
- Himachal Pradesh
- Bihar
- Assam
- Arunachal Pradesh

42. Which amongst the following is an opposite activity of 'Speculation'?

- Arbitrage
- Long deal
- Short deal
- Hedging
- Spread

43. The Prime Minister of Bangladesh, Sheikh Hasina arrived in New Delhi on September 5, on a four-day official visit. Which of the following states does NOT share a border with Bangladesh?

- Assam
- Meghalaya
- Mizoram
- Tripura
- Manipur

44. The Pacific Area Travel Writers Association has selected which Indian state for the International Travel Award 2023 for 'Best Destination for Culture'?

- Kerala
- West Bengal
- Assam
- Manipur
- Rajasthan

45. Himalaya Day is observed on Sep 09. Which of the following is NOT a range of Himalayas?

- Karakoram
- Pir Panjal
- Shiwaliks
- Satpuras
- Zaskar

46. According to a report released by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) on Sep 8, _____ topped the Human Development Index-2021:

- Norway
- Denmark
- New Zealand
- Switzerland
- Sweden

47. The government has set up a panel headed by Dr. Kirit Parikh to review the formula for _____:

- Differential pricing of diesel for farm and industrial sector
- Allocation of Aviation Turbine Fuel to airlines
- Pricing formula for locally produced natural gas
- Fixing prices for petro products in domestic market
- Deciding formula for sharing of profits of oil marketing companies

48. Which of the following schemes is NOT associated with development of urban areas in India?

- AMRUT
- HRIDAY
- PRASAD
- UDAN
- PMAY (U)

49. The issue of fresh shares by an unlisted company, for the first time, is called

- First Issue Option
- Initial Public Offering
- Rights issue
- Follow-on Public Offering
- New Share Issue

50. 31st Vyas Samman has been awarded to noted writer Dr. Asghar Wajahat. He is a renowned author of which language?

- Brij Bhasha
- Maithilee
- Bhojpuri
- Hindi
- Awadhee

SEPTEMBER GK TEST - 02

1. September 09 is celebrated as World EV Day 2022. Which of the following is the World's largest seller of electric cars?

- BYD
- Toyota
- Tesla
- MG Motors
- Kia

2. NITI Aayog, in collaboration with World Resources Institute, India, launched on Sep 08 the country's first national electric freight platform - e-FAST India. What does the letter 'A' represent in e-FAST?

- Automation
- Augmented
- Accelerator
- Aggregator
- Automotive

3. The National Forest Martyrs Day on Sep 11 marks the martyrdom of over 360 people on this day in 1730 for opposing felling of trees. This incident took place in which state?

- Haryana
- Marwar (Rajasthan)
- Madhya Pradesh
- Jharkhand
- Bundelkhand

4. Who is the current head of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change at the Centre?

- Bhupender Yadav
- Arjun Munda
- Dharmendra Pradhan
- Pralhad Joshi
- Parshottam Rupala

5. When was Smart Cities Mission launched in India?

- December, 2014
- June, 2015
- October, 2015
- March, 2016
- June, 2016

6. Consider the following statements:

- The Reserve Bank of India manages and services securities issued by Central and State Governments
- Treasury bills are issued by the Government of India and there are no treasury bills issued by the State Governments.
- Treasury bills offers are issued at a discount from the par value.
- Maturity period of Treasury bills can be up to three years.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- 1 and 2 only
- 3 and 4 only
- 2 and 3 only.
- 1,2 and 3
- All are correct

7. What is the name of the stealth warship launched by the public sector shipbuilder Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd. on Sep 11?

- Dunagiri
- Nilgiri
- Taragiri
- Vindhayagiri
- Kirigiri

8. Swami Swaroopanand Saraswati, Dwarka - Sharda Peeth Shankaracharya passed away on Sep 11. Which of the following is NOT one of the four Matthas set up by the Adi Guru Shankaracharya?

- Badrinath
- Dwarka
- Rameshwaram
- Puri
- Sringeri

9. Carlos Alcaraz won his maiden US Open Grand Slam, becoming the youngest number one in tennis, at the age of 19. He is from which country?

- Poland
- Serbia
- Austria
- Spain
- Sweden

10. UAE hosted the 15th Asia Cup (T20 cricket) at Dubai. Which

- country was the original host for this tournament?
a. Pakistan b. Sri Lanka
c. Bangladesh d. Pakistan
e. Afghanistan
11. In which state Army's Kharga Corps and the Air Force conducted joint exercise 'Gagan Strike' in the first week of September?
a. Rajasthan
b. Himachal Pradesh
c. Uttarakhand
d. Haryana e. Punjab
12. Prof. B B Lal, a veteran _____, passed away on Sep 10 at the age of 101 in Delhi:
a. Astronomer
b. Archaeologist
c. Historian
d. Nuclear Scientist
e. Educationist
13. What is the title of the recently announced second book authored by Michelle Obama?
a. On the Other Side
b. Certainly Not
c. The Light We Carry
d. The Darker Side
e. Nightfall
14. The sixth edition of joint operation of India and Japan navies - JIMEX-22 began on Sep 11 at which place?
a. Off the Mumbai coast
b. Off the Chennai coast
c. Off the Visakhapatnam coast
d. Sea of Japan
e. Off the Honshu coast
15. The first-ever official UCI MTB (International Cyclist Union-Mountain Bike) event in India was held on Sep 04 in which place?
a. Kargil b. Pauri
c. Rohtang d. Manali
e. Leh
16. Hindi Diwas on Sep 14 commemorates the adoption of Hindi as the official language of India. It was adopted in which year?
a. 1947 b. 1948
c. 1949 d. 1950
e. 1951
17. A joint venture of India's multinational mining conglomerate Vedanta and Taiwanese electronics manufacturing giant Foxconn signed a MoU on Sep 13 with which Indian state to set up India's largest semiconductor and display manufacturing unit?
a. Maharashtra b. Gujarat
c. Karnataka d. West Bengal
e. Uttar Pradesh
18. The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways is building the National Maritime Heritage Complex at the historic Indus Valley civilisation region of Lothal. It is in which state?
a. Maharashtra b. Haryana
c. Rajasthan d. Gujarat
e. Karnataka
19. _____ became the first bank in India to issue an Electronic Bank Guarantee (e-BG) in India:
a. SBI b. ICICI Bank
c. PNB d. HDFC Bank
e. Axis Bank
20. The PM Jan Dhan Yojana does NOT offer which of the following?
a) Debit Card
b) Credit Card
c) Interest on deposits
d) Accident insurance cover
e) Overdraft
21. Who among the following is NOT a noted name among Indian Architects?
a. Fali Nariman b. Charles Correa
c. B V Doshi
d. Hafeez Contractor
e. Laurie Baker
22. Which of the following rivers does not make a delta in Bay of Bengal?
a. Godavari b. Krishna
c. Narmada d. Cauvery
e. Mahanadi
23. US IT giant IBM, New York, announced on Sep 12 that Indian Institute of Technology, _____, became the first Indian institution to join the IBM Quantum Network:
a. Delhi b. Kharagpur
c. Madras d. Bombay
e. Bengaluru
24. September 15 is celebrated as International Day of Democracy. Who said the famous quote "Democracy is a government of the people, by the people and for the people".
a. King George V
b. Queen Elizabeth
c. Dwight D. Eisenhower
d. Winston Churchill
e. Abraham Lincoln
25. Which country won the SAFF under-17 Football Championship finals played in Colombo on Sep 14?
a. Sri Lanka b. Bangladesh
c. India d. Nepal
e. Maldives
26. Which state topped in India in the implementation of Prime Minister's ambitious Mission Amrit Sarovar?
a. Gujarat
b. Uttar Pradesh
c. Tamil Nadu
d. Assam
e. Madhya Pradesh
27. Who became the first Indian woman wrestler to win a second medal at the World Championships?
a. Anshu Malik
b. Vinesh Phogat
c. Divya Kakran
d. Sarita Mor
e. Pooja Dhanda
28. The Kigali Amendment 2019 seeks to reduce the projected production and consumption of hydro fluoro carbons (HFCs) by more than 80 per cent over the next 30 years. Kigali is the capital of which country?
a. Kenya b. Peru
c. Guatemala d. Rwanda
e. Hungary
29. Which member country of the SCO was handed over its Presidentship for 2022-23 after the conclusion of the SCO Summit on Sep 16?
a. China b. Russia
c. India d. Kazakhstan
e. Tajikistan
30. Which of the following storms usually does NOT originate from an Ocean?
a. Cyclone b. Hurricane
c. Tornado d. Typhoon
e. Chakravaat
31. Vidarbha region is a part of which of the following states?
a. Maharashtra
b. Madhya Pradesh
c. Gujarat d. Chhattisgarh
e. Rajasthan
32. Roger Federer, a veteran tennis icon, announced his retirement from professional tennis at the age of 41. Which country issued commemorative gold coins and silver coins in 2020 in his honour?
a. Sweden b. France
c. Britain d. Spain
e. Switzerland
33. Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park recently was ranked first among the zoos in the country. It is located in which city?
a. Nainital b. Darjeeling
c. Gangtok d. Itanagar
e. Munsiyari

34. Prime Minister Narendra Modi participated in the 22nd SCO Summit on 15-16 Sep at which city?
a. Ashgabat b. Tashkent
c. Nur Sultan d. Samarkand
e. Bishkek
35. Creating a historical milestone in the wildlife scenario of India, eight Cheetahs were introduced in the Kuno National Park on Sep 17. It is located in which state?
a. Uttarakhand
b. Uttar Pradesh
c. Madhya Pradesh
d. Rajasthan
e. Chhattisgarh
36. Who was recently honoured with France's highest civilian honour "Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur" in Mumbai on Sep 16?
a. Dr Mallika Sarabhai
b. Falguni Nayar
c. Salil Parekh
d. Anand Mahindra
e. Dr Swati Piramal
37. Indian Navy's INS Tarkash participated in a Joint Maritime Exercise with _____ Navy Patrol Ships in the Gulf of Guinea on Sep 12-13:
a. Ghana b. Liberia
c. Guinea d. Nigeria
e. Cameroon
38. Who became the only Indian on Sep 17 to have won four medals in wrestling at the international level?
a. Ravi Dahiya b. Pankaj Malik
c. Bajrang Punia d. Naveen Malik
e. Deepak Punia
39. Western Disturbances are low-pressure depressions which occur during winters, particularly in the northern states of India. They originate from which of the following?
a. Arabian Sea b. Red Sea
c. Mediterranean Sea
d. Persian Gulf e. Caspian Sea
40. Which of the following Hindu calendar months is supposed to be the peak of summer- hottest month?
a. Vaisakh b. Shravan
c. Jaishtha d. Aashadh
e. Bhado
- 41) Networking of ATMs in India is done by ____:
a. Indian Bank's Association
b. National Securities Depository Ltd.
c. National Payments Corporation of India

- d. Reserve Bank of India
e. National Financial Switch

42. Government of India is making all efforts to promote digital payments. Which of the following is NOT a digital payment platform?
a. UPI b. AEPS
c. BHIM d. UDSS
e. USSD
43. Bengaluru FC defeated which team in the finals played at the Salt Lake Stadium in Kolkata on Sep 18 to win their maiden Durand Cup?
a. Mohammedan FC
b. Kerala Blasters
c. Mumbai City FC
d. Chennaiyin FC
e. Odisha
44. Which country signed a MoU to become the ninth full member of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) during its two day summit held on Sep 15-16?
a. Iraq b. Iran
c. Jordan d. Belarus
e. Turkmenistan
45. September 18 is observed as the International Equal Pay Day. Which UN agency supports this event?
a. UN Women b. UNESCO
c. UNICEF d. ILO
e. FAO
46. _____ has become the world's first battle force to have an all-female camel riding squad:
a. Rajasthan Armed Constabulary
b. Rann of Kutch Police Battalion
c. ITBP
d. BSF
e. Haryana Armed Police
47. Which among the following top MOOCs (massive open online course) is supposed to be the largest in the world in terms of number of its learners and the courses offered?
a. Udacity b. Coursera
c. EdX d. Udemy
e. Tedex
48. What does the letter M depict in the term SME as used in the financial world?
a. Maximum b. Medium
c. Mercantile d. Mutual
e. Micro
49. What was the name of the anti-submarine warfare corvette of the Indian Navy that was decommissioned on September

19 at the Naval dockyard in Mumbai?

- a. INS Kiltan b. INS Kirpan
c. INS Ajay d. INS Vijay
e. INS Tir

50. The Indian Army activated satellite broadband-based internet service on the _____, the world's highest battlefield, on September 18:
a. Kargil Top b. Siachen
c. Khardungla s d. Nubra
e. Leh

ANSWER KEY | SEPTEMBER | GK TEST | I

Q.	A.	Q.	A.	Q.	A.	Q.	A.	Q.	A.
1	E	2	D	3	D	4	B	5	A
6	A	7	C	8	C	9	C	10	D
11	A	12	D	13	C	14	E	15	B
16	D	17	B	18	C	19	D	20	C
21	A	22	C	23	B	24	C	25	D
26	A	27	E	28	B	29	D	30	C
31	A	32	A	33	D	34	A	35	B
36	D	37	C	38	C	39	D	40	D
41	B	42	D	43	E	44	B	45	D
46	D	47	C	48	D	49	B	50	D

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Q.	A.	Q.	A.	Q.	A.	Q.	A.	Q.	A.
1	A	2	C	3	B	4	A	5	B
6	D	7	C	8	C	9	D	10	B
11	E	12	B	13	C	14	C	15	E
16	C	17	B	18	D	19	D	20	B
21	A	22	C	23	C	24	E	25	C
26	B	27	B	28	D	29	C	30	C
31	A	32	E	33	B	34	D	35	C
36	E	37	D	38	C	39	C	40	C
41	E	42	D	43	C	44	B	45	D
46	D	47	B	48	B	49	C	50	B

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QUANTITATIVE APTITUDE

Directions (1-5): What will come in place of question mark (?) in the following questions?

- 1) $92 \times 576 \div (2 \sqrt{1296}) = (?)^3 + \sqrt{49}$
 (a.) 3 (b.) $(9)^2$
 (c.) 9 (d.) 27
 (e.) None of these
- 2) $1/6 \text{ of } 92\% \text{ of } 1 \frac{1}{23} \text{ of } (650) = 85 + ?$
 (a.) 18 (b.) 21
 (c.) 19 (d.) 28
 (e.) None of these
- 3) $(15 \times 0.40)^4 \div (1080 \div 30)^4 \times (27 \times 8)^4 = (3 \times 2)^{?+5}$
 (a.) 8 (b.) 3
 (c.) 12 (d.) 16
 (e.) None of these
- 4) $3 \frac{1}{4} + 2 \frac{1}{2} - 1 \frac{5}{6} = \frac{(?)^2}{10} + 1 \frac{5}{12}$
 (a.) 25 (b.) $\sqrt{5}$
 (c.) 625 (d.) 15
 (e.) 5
- 5) $(\sqrt{8} \times \sqrt{8})^{1/2} + (9)^{1/2} = (?)^3 + \sqrt{8} - 340$
 (a.) 7 (b.) 19
 (c.) 18 (d.) 9
 (e.) None of these

Directions (Q. 6- 10): What approximate value will come in place of ? in the following questions?

- 6) $-(4.99)^3 + (29.98)^2 - (3.01)^4 = ?$
 (a.) 550 (b.) 590
 (c.) 620 (d.) 650
 (e.) 690
- 7) $466.97 - 3245.01 + 1122.99 = ? + 2309.99$
 (a.) -8965 (b.) -2965
 (c.) -7965 (d.) -3965
 (e.) -965
- 8) $5998 \div 9.98 + 670.99 - 139.99 = ?$

- (a.) 1080 (b.) 1280
 (c.) 1180 (d.) 1130
 (e.) 1230

- 9) $67.99\% \text{ of } 1401 - 13.99\% \text{ of } 1299 = ?$
 (a.) 700 (b.) 720
 (c.) 770 (d.) 800
 (e.) 740

- 10) $\left(\frac{24}{9}\right)^2 \times \frac{399}{39} \div \frac{41}{899} = ?$
 (a.) 1600 (b.) 1650
 (c.) 1700 (d.) 1550
 (e.) 1750

Directions (11- 15): Find the number that will come in place of question mark (?) in the following number series:

- 11) 3 7 15 27 63 127 255
 a) 7 b) 15
 c) 27 d) 63
 e) 127
- 12) 19 26 33 46 59 74 91
 a) 26 b) 33
 c) 46 d) 59
 e) 74
- 13) 445 221 109 46 25 11 4
 a) 221 b) 109
 c) 46 d) 25
 e) 11
- 14) 3 7 15 39 63 127 255 511
 a) 7 b) 15
 c) 39 d) 63
 e) 127
- 15) 1 3 10 21 64 129 356 777
 a) 10 b) 21
 c) 64 d) 129
 e) 356

Directions (16-20): In the following questions two equations numbered I and II are given. You have to solve both the equation and

Give answer if

- a) $x > y$
 b) $x \geq y$
 c) $x < y$
 d) $x \leq y$
 e) $x = y$ or the relationship can't be determined

- 16) I. $(x^{7/5} \div 9) = 169 \div x^{3/5}$
 II. $y^{1/4} \times y^{1/4} \times 7 = 273 \div y^{1/2}$
 (a.) $x > y$ (b.) $x \geq y$
 (c.) $x < y$ (d.) $x \leq y$
 (e.) $x = y$ or the relationship can't be determined
- 17) I. $\frac{(2)^5 + (11)^3}{6} = x^3$
 II. $4y^3 = - (589 \div 4) + 5y^3$
 (a.) $x > y$ (b.) $x \geq y$
 (c.) $x < y$ (d.) $x \leq y$
 (e.) $x = y$ or the relationship can't be determined
- 18) I. $\sqrt{1225}x + \sqrt{4900} = 0$
 II. $(81)^{1/4}Y + (343)^{1/3} = 0$
 (a.) $x > y$ (b.) $x \geq y$
 (c.) $x < y$ (d.) $x \leq y$
 (e.) $x = y$ or the relationship can't be determined
- 19) I. $\frac{18}{x^2} + \frac{6}{x} - \frac{12}{x^2} = \frac{8}{x^2}$
 II. $y^2 + 9.68 + 5.64 = 16.95$
 (a.) $x > y$ (b.) $x \geq y$
 (c.) $x < y$ (d.) $x \leq y$
 (e.) $x = y$ or the relationship can't be determined
- 20) I. $12x^2 + 11x + 12 = 10x^2 + 22x$
 II. $13y^2 - 18y + 3 = 9y^2 - 10y$
 (a.) $x > y$ (b.) $x \geq y$
 (c.) $x < y$ (d.) $x \leq y$
 (e.) $x = y$ or the relationship can't be determined
- 21) The respective ratio between the present ages of Ram, Rohan and Raj is 3 : 4 : 5. If the average of their present ages is 28 years then what would be the sum of the ages of Ram and Rohan together after 5 years?
 (a.) 45 years (b.) 55 years
 (c.) 52 years (d.) 59 years
 (e.) None of these
- 22) Raman scored 456 marks in an exam and Sita got 54 percent marks in the same exam which is 24 marks less than Raman. If the minimum passing marks in the exam is 34%, then how much more marks did

Raman scored than the minimum passing marks?

- (a.) 184 (b.) 196
 (c.) 190 (d.) 180
 (e.) None of these

- 23) The cost of five chairs and three tables is Rs. 3,110/-. Cost of one chair is Rs. 210/- less than cost of one table. What is the cost of two tables and two chairs?
 (a.) Rs. 1,660/- (b.) Rs. 1860/-
 (c.) Rs. 2,600/-
 (d.) Cannot be determined (e.) None of these
- 24) The total area of a circle and a rectangle is equal to 1166 sq. cm. The diameter of the circle is 28 cm. What is the sum of the circumference of the circle and the perimeter of the rectangle if the length of the rectangular is 25 cm?
 (a.) 186 cm (b.) 182 cm
 (c.) 184 cm
 (d.) Cannot be determined
 (e.) None of these
- 25) A 320 meter long train moving with an average speed of 120 km/hr crosses a platform in 24 seconds. A man crosses the same platform in 4 minutes. What is the speed of man in meter/second?
 (a.) 2.4 (b.) 1.5
 (c.) 1.6 (d.) 2.0
 (e.) None of these
- 26) Smallest angle of a triangle is equal to two-third the smallest angle of a quadrilateral. The ratio between the angles of the quadrilateral is 3 : 4 : 5 : 6. Largest angle of the triangle is twice its smallest angle. What is the sum of second largest angle of the triangle and largest angle of the quadrilateral?
 (a.) 160° (b.) 180°
 (c.) 190° (d.) 170°
 (e.) None of these
- 27) Seema purchased an item for Rs. 9,600/- and sold it for loss of 5 percent. From that money she purchased another item and sold it for gain of 5 percent. What is her overall gain/loss?
 (a.) Loss of Rs. 36/- (b.) Profit of Rs. 24/-
 (c.) Loss of Rs. 54/- (d.) Profit of Rs. 36/-
 (e.) None of these
- 28) The sum of 8 consecutive odd numbers is 656. Also average of four consecutive even number is 87. What is the sum of the

smallest odd number and second largest even number?

- (a.) 165 (b.) 175
(c.) 163
(d.) Cannot be determined
(e.) None of these

29) The simple interest accrued on a sum of certain principal is Rs. 7,200/- in six years at the rate of 12 p.c.p.a what would be the compound interest accrued on that principal at the rate of 5 p.c.p.a. in 2 years.

- (a.) Rs. 1020/- (b.) Rs.1055/-
(c.) Rs.1050/- (d.) Rs.1025/-
(e.) None of these

30) Sum of square of first number and cube of second number together is 568. Also square of the second number is 15 less than square of 8. What is the value of three-fifth of the first number? (Assuming both the numbers are positive)

- (a.) 18 (b.) 8
(c.) 9 (d.) 16
(e.) None of these

Directions (31-35): 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

31) 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

32) 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

33) Whose earning increased consistently from the year 2005 to the year 2010?

- (a.) A (b.) B
(c.) C (d.) D
(e.) E

34) 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

35) 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

REASONING ABILITY

36) **Statements:** Some tasks are hurdles. All hurdles are jobs. Some jobs are works.

Conclusion I: All works being hurdles is a possibility.

Conclusion II: At least some works are tasks.

- a) Either conclusion I or II is true
b) Neither conclusion I nor II is true
c) Both conclusion I and II are true
d) Only conclusion I is true
e) Only conclusion II is true

37) **Statements:** Some tasks are hurdles. All hurdles are jobs. Some jobs are works.

Conclusion I: Some jobs are tasks.

Conclusion II: All jobs are tasks.

- a) Either conclusion I or II is true
b) Neither conclusion I nor II is true
c) Both conclusion I and II are true
d) Only conclusion I is true
e) Only conclusion II is true

38) **Statements:** Some problems are solutions. No solution is a trick. All rules are tricks.

Conclusion I: No rule is a solution.

Conclusion II: Some problems are definitely not tricks.

- a) Either conclusion I or II is true
b) Neither conclusion I nor II is true
c) Both conclusion I and II are true
d) Only conclusion I is true
e) Only conclusion II is true

39) **Statements:** All ministers are deans. Some deans are heads. Some heads are principals.

Conclusion I: No principal is a minister.

Conclusion II: All heads being ministers is a possibility.

- a) Either conclusion I or II is true
b) Neither conclusion I nor II is true
c) Both conclusion I and II are true
d) Only conclusion I is true
e) Only conclusion II is true



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- 40) **Statements:** No queue is a line. Some queues are rows.
Conclusion I: No row is a line.
Conclusion II: All rows are lines.
a) Either conclusion I or II is true
b) Neither conclusion I nor II is true
c) Both conclusion I and II are true
d) Only conclusion I is true
e) Only conclusion II is true

Directions (Q. 41 - 42): Study the following information and answer the given question.

D is the father of A. D is married to P. P is the mother of J. P has only one daughter. J is married to U. U is the son of L.

- 41) **How is J related to L?**
a) Daughter
b) Granddaughter
c) Cannot be determined
d) Niece
e) Daughter-in-law
- 42) **How is A related to U?**
a) Cannot be determined
b) Brother-in-law
c) Brother
d) Sister
e) Sister-in-law

Directions (Qs. 43-47): Study the given information carefully and answer the given question.

Ten people are sitting in two parallel rows containing five people each, in such a way that there is equal distance between adjacent persons. In row 1-J, K, L, M and N are seated (not necessarily in the same order) and all of them are facing north. In row-2 R, S, T, U and V are seated (not necessarily in the same order) and all of them are facing south. Therefore in the given seating arrangement each member seated in a row faces another member of the other row.

V sit one of the extreme ends of the line. Only two people sit between V and R. The one who faces R sits to the immediate left of L. Only one person sits between L and K. The one who faces K sits to the immediate left of S. N sits second to the right of J. Neither K nor L face U.

- 43) **Who amongst the following is facing M?**
a) U
b) R
c) T
d) V
e) S
- 44) **Four of the following five are alike in a certain way based on the given arrangement and hence form a group.**
a) NK
b) JL
c) ML
d) RU
e) ST

- 45) **What is the position of U with respect to S?**
a) Third to the right
b) Immediate left
c) Second to the left
d) Second to the right
e) Immediate right
- 46) **Which of the following statements is true regarding N?**
a) Only two persons sit between N and M.
b) N sits at an extreme end of the row.
c) N faces one of the immediate neighbours of R.
d) None of the given statements is true.
e) L sits to the immediate right of N.
- 47) **Who amongst the following is facing T?**
a) N
b) M
c) K
d) J
e) L

Directions (Qs. 48-52): In this question, relationship between different elements is shown in the statements. The statements are followed by conclusions. Study the conclusions based on the given statement and select the appropriate answer

- 48) **Statements** $C \geq O = M < U \leq N < D$
Conclusions
I. $O < D$ II. $C > N$
a) Both conclusions I and II are true
b) Only conclusion I is true
c) Neither conclusion I nor II is true
d) Either conclusion I or II is true
e) Only conclusions II is true
- 49) **Statements** $P > L = A \geq C = E$
Conclusions
I. $E \leq L$ II. $P > C$
a) Either conclusion I or II is true
b) Only conclusion II is true
c) Both conclusions I and II are true
d) Only conclusion I is true
e) Neither conclusion I nor II is true
- 50) **Statements** $S > T \leq A = I; L \geq A$
Conclusions
I. $L \geq T$ II. $A > S$
a) Only conclusion II is true
b) Neither conclusion I nor II is true
c) Only conclusion I is true
d) Either Conclusion I or II is true
e) Both conclusions I and II are true
- 51) **Statements** $S > T \leq A = I; L \geq A$
Conclusion
I. $S > L$ II. $I \leq L$
a) Neither conclusion I nor II is true
b) Only conclusion I is true
c) Both Conclusions I and II are true
d) Either Conclusion I or II is true
e) Only conclusion II is true

- 52) **Statements** $N \leq U < M = B \geq E > R$
Conclusions
 I. $N \leq R$ II. $E \leq U$
 a) Either Conclusion I or II is true
 b) Both Conclusion I and II are true
 c) Only conclusion II is true
 d) Only conclusion I is true
 e) Neither conclusion I nor II is true

Directions (Qs. 53-57): Study the given information carefully to answer the given question.

In certain code language

'committee to review papers' is written as 'es fr re pt'
 'review meeting in morning' is written as 'ch ba mo fr'
 'meeting to appoint members' is written as 're dv ch gi'
 'appoint chairman in review' is written as 'mo gi fr yu'
 (All the codes are two letter codes only)

- 53) **What is the code for 'morning' in the given code language?**
 a) mo b) yu
 c) ch
 d) other than those given as options
 e) ba
- 54) **In the given code language, what does the code 'pt' stands for?**
 a) appoint
 b) either 'papers' or 'committee'
 c) morning d) review
 e) either 'for' or 'members'
- 55) **What is the code for 'review call' in the given code language?**
 a) dv lq b) lg gi
 c) lq fr d) gi es
 e) fr dv
- 56) **What is the code for 'to' in the given code language?**
 a) mo b) fr
 c) gi d) dv
 e) re
- 57) **If 'appoint new members' is coded as 'dv wz gi' in the given code language, then what is the code for 'new chairman meeting'?**
 a) wz ch es b) ch wz yu
 c) yu mo wz d) fr es wz
 e) ch yu fr

Directions (Qs. 58-62): Study the given information carefully to answer the given question.

C, D, E, F, P, Q, R and S are sitting around a circular table facing the centre with equal distance between each

other (but not necessarily in the same order). Each one of them is also related to D in some way or the other. P sits third to the right of E. D sits to the immediate left of E. Only one person sits between P and D's son. R sits to the immediate right of D's son. Only three people sit between D's husband and R. Only one person sits between D's husband and C.

F sits to the immediate right of Q. D's father sits second to the right of F. Only three people sit between D's father and D's brother.

D's daughter sits second to the right of S. D's sister sits third to the right of D's mother.

- 58) **Which of the following statements is TRUE with respect to the given information?**
 a) S is the brother of R.
 b) Only three people sit between Q and S.
 c) E sits third to the right of D's daughter.
 d) All the given options are true
 e) R is an immediate neighbour of D.
- 59) **Who among the following is the brother of D?**
 a) Q b) E
 c) F d) C
 e) R
- 60) **As per the given seating arrangement, Q : P in the same way as R: E. Then following the same pattern D: ?**
 a) R b) S
 c) Q d) C
 e) F
- 61) **Who sits to the immediate left of D's son?**
 a) D's father b) R
 c) Q d) S
 e) D's mother
- 62) **How is Q related to P?**
 a) Sister
 b) Sister-in-law
 c) Niece
 d) Brother-in-law
 e) Aunt

Directions (Qs. 63-65): Read the given information carefully and answer the given question.

Each of the six buses R, S, T, U, V and W has different number of occupants. T has more number of participants than R and S but less than V. U has less number of occupants than only W. S does not have the lowest number of occupants. The bus having second lowest number of occupants has 20 occupants and the bus having second highest number of occupants has 64 occupants. T has 21 less number of occupants than U.

- 63) Which of the following buses has third lowest number of occupants?
a) S b) T
c) R d) U
e) V
- 64) If the number of occupants of bus R is more than 7 and is an odd number which is divisible by 3 but not 5, how many occupants are there in bus R?
a) 9 b) 21
c) 15 d) 27
e) 19
- 65) How many occupants does bus V possibly have?
a) 43 b) 72
c) 20 d) 36
e) 56

Directions (Qs. 66-70): Study the following information and answer the question.

Seven people namely M, N, O, P, Q, R and S have an anniversary but not necessarily in the same order, in seven different months (of the same year) namely February, March, April, June, September, October and November. Each of them also likes a different flower namely Rose, Jasmine, Lily, Marigold, Daffodil, Sunflower and Orchid but not necessarily in the same order.

R has an anniversary in the month which has more than 30 days. Only one person has an anniversary between R and the one who likes Rose. Both S and O have an anniversary in one of the months after the one likes Rose. S has an anniversary immediately before O. The one who likes Lily has an anniversary in the month which has less than 30 days. Only three people have an anniversary between the one who likes Lily and the one who likes Orchid. Only two people have an anniversary between S and the one who likes Marigold. P has an anniversary immediately after the one who likes Marigold. Only two people have an anniversary between P and Q. M has an anniversary immediately before the one who likes Jasmine. O does not like Sunflower.

- 66) Which of the following represents the month in which S has an anniversary?
- a) Cannot be determined
b) October
c) March
d) April
e) September
- 67) Which of the following does O like?
- a) Rose
b) Jasmine
c) Marigold
d) Daffodil
e) Orchid

- 68) As per the given arrangement, Lily is related to April and Marigold is related to September following a certain pattern, which of the following is Orchid related to following the same pattern?
- a) February
c) October
e) March
- b) June
d) November
- 69) Which of the following represents the people who have an anniversary in April and November respectively?
- a) N, M
c) Q, O
e) N, S
- b) Q, M
d) N, O
- 70) How many people have an anniversary between the months in which Q and M have an anniversary?
- a) None
c) Three
e) More than three
- b) One
d) Two

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 71-78): Read the following passage and answer the questions given below it. Certain words/phrases are given in bold to help you to locate them while answering some of the questions.

We have inherited the tradition of secrecy about the budget from Britain where also the system has been strongly attacked by eminent economists and political scientists including Peter Jay. Sir Richard Clarke, who was the originating genius of nearly every important development in the British budgeting techniques during the last two decades, has spoken out about the abuse of budget secrecy: "The problems of long-term tax policy should surely be **debated** openly with the facts on the table. In my opinion, all governments should have just the same duty to publish their expenditure policy. Indeed, this obligation to publish taxation policy is really essential for the control of public expenditure in order to get realistic taxation implications." Realising that democracy **flourishes** best on the principles of open government, more and more democracies are having an open public debate on budget proposals before introducing the appropriate Bill in the legislature. In the United States the budget is conveyed in a message by the President to the Congress, which comes well in advance of the date when the Bill is introduced in the Congress. In Finland the Parliament and the people are already discussing in June the tentative budget proposals which are to be introduced in the Finnish Parliament in September. Every budget contains a cartload of figures in black and white - but the dark figures represent the **myriad** lights and shades

of India's life, the contrasting tones of poverty and wealth, and of bread so dear and flesh and blood so cheap, the deep tints of adventure and enterprise and man's ageless struggle for a brighter morning. The Union budget should not be an annual **scourge** but a part of presentation of annual accounts of a partnership between the Government and the people. That partnership would work much better when the nonsensical secrecy is replaced by openness and public consultations, resulting in fair laws and the people's acceptance of their moral duty to pay.

71. **How do the British economists and political scientists react to budget secrecy? They are**
 (a) in favour of having a mix of secrecy and openness.
 (b) indifferent to the budgeting techniques and taxation policies.
 (c) very critical about maintenance of budget secrecy.
 (d) advocates of not disclosing in advance the budget contents.
 (e) None of these
72. **The author thinks that openness in budget is essential as it leads to**
 (a) prevention of tax implications
 (b) people's reluctance to accept their moral duties
 (c) exaggerated revelation of the strengths and weaknesses of economy
 (d) making our country on par with Finland
 (e) None of these
73. **The author seems to be in favour of**
 (a) maintaining secrecy of budget
 (b) judicious blend of secrecy and openness
 (c) transparency in budget proposals
 (d) replacement of public constitution by secrecy
 (e) None of these
74. **The secrecy of the budget is maintained by all of the following countries except**
 A. Finland B. India
 C. United States
 (a) Only A (b) Only B
 (c) Only C (d) A and C
 (e) B and C
75. **Which of the following statements is definitely TRUE in the context of the passage?**
 (a) The British Government has been religiously maintaining budget secrecy.
 (b) Budget secrecy is likely to lead to corrupt practices.

- (c) Consulting unjustifiable taxes with public helps make them accept those taxes.
 (d) There should be no control on public expenditure in democratic condition.
 (e) None of these

76. **Sir Richard Clarke seems to deserve the credit for**
 (a) transformation in the British budgetary techniques.
 (b) maintenance of secrecy of the British budget.
 (c) detection of abuse of transparency in budget.
 (d) bringing down the tax load on British people.
 (e) None of these
77. **From the contents of the passage, it can be inferred that the author is**
 (a) authoritarian in his approach.
 (b) a democratic person.
 (c) unaware of India's recent economic developments.
 (d) a conservative person.
 (e) None of these
78. **For making the budget realistic, the Government should**
 (a) refrain from making public the proposed provisions before finalisation.
 (b) discuss it secretly within themselves.
 (c) encourage the public to send in their suggestions.
 (d) consult the public, defend their own plans and accept public suggestions.
 (e) None of these

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 79-80) : Choose the word which is most nearly the SAME in meaning to the word printed in bold as used in the passage.

79. **SCOURGE**
 (a) ritual (b) presentation
 (c) whip (d) compromise
 (e) remedy
80. **MYRIAD**
 (a) adequate (b) functional
 (c) incompatible (d) abundant
 (e) excellent

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 81-82) : Choose the word which is most OPPOSITE in meaning to the word printed in bold as used in the passage.

81. **FLOURISHES**
 (a) disappears (b) degenerates
 (c) vanishes (d) blooms
 (e) opens

82. **DEBATED**
(a) questioned severely
(b) opposed strongly
(c) accepted unconditionally
(d) discussed frankly
(e) implemented forcibly

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 83-87): Rearrange the following six sentences (A), (B), (C), (D) and (E) in the proper sequence to form a meaningful paragraph, then answer the questions given below them.

A. The British government plans to insist that spouses should have to learn English before they are allowed into Britain to join their husbands or wives have run into a barrage of opposition and warnings that the idea could breach human rights laws.

B. The responses to an official consultation on the proposal published on Thursday was more than two to one against the proposal, with many warning it could break up marriages because many cannot afford or access English lessons.

C. Immigration lawyers have told ministers that spouses and fiancés should not be barred from joining a partner in the U.K. for language reasons and that the plan could breach the human rights convention's guarantees to the right to marry and have a family life.

D. The anonymised responses were 68 to 31 against the pre-try English test for spouses.

E. Other immigration organizations said the measure would discriminate against those from rural areas in South Asia, where the opportunities to learn English are limited.

83. Which of the following should be the FIRST sentence?

(a) A (b) B
(c) C (d) D
(e) E

84. Which of the following should be the SECOND sentence?

(a) A (b) B
(c) C (d) D
(e) E

85. Which of the following should be the THIRD sentence?

(a) A (b) B
(c) C (d) D
(e) E

86. Which of the following should be the FOURTH sentence?

(a) A (b) B
(c) C (d) D
(e) E

87. Which of the following should be the FIFTH (LAST) sentence?

(a) A (b) B
(c) C (d) D
(e) E

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 88-92): In each of these questions, each sentence has four underlined words or phrases marked (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e). Choose one word or phrase that must be changed for the sentence to be correct.

88. It's (a) imperative that a management student maintains (b) a grade point of (c) "B" in his (d) major field. No errors (e).

89. Regardless of (a) your teaching method, the objective of any conversation class should be (b) for the students to practice (c) speaking words. (d). No errors (e)

90. When they have been (a) frightened, (b) as for example, by (c) an electrical storm, dairy cows may refuse giving (d) milk. No errors (e)

91. If the ozone gases of the atmosphere did not filter out (a) the ultraviolet rays of the sun, life as (b) we know it (c) would not have evolved on earth (d). No errors (e)

92. The pleura that cover (a) the exterior (b) of the lungs (c) and the inner walls of the chest cavity is (d) a thin elastic membrane. No errors (e)

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 93-100) : 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 fills the blank appropriately. Find out the appropriate word in each case.

Fourteen centuries ago when the world was much younger, the ruler of all India, Rajah Balhait, was(93).... about his people. A new game of dice, called hard, had ...(94).... the imagination of his subjects, teaching them that chance alone-a roll of the dice guided the ...(95).... of men. All who played this game of fortune lost their ...(96).... in the virtues of courage, prudence, wisdom and hope. It bred a fatalism that was(97).... the spirit of the kingdom. Raja Balhait commissioned Sissa, an intelligent courtier at his court to find an answer to this ...(98).... After much ...(99).... the clever Sissa invented another game. Chaturanga, the exact ...(100).... of hard, in which the four elements of the Indian army were the key pieces. In the game these pieces-chariots, horses, elephants and foot soldiers-joined with a royal counselor to defend their king and defeat the enemy.

93. (a) concerned (b) confident
(c) ignorant (d) indifferent
(e) partisan
94. (a) propelled (b) enshrined
(c) captured (d) activated
(e) enhanced

95. (a) communities (b) ways
(c) abnormalities (d) destiny
(e) groups
96. (a) bravado (b) interest
(c) peace (d) wealth (e) faith
97. (a) appalling (b) crushing
(c) moistening (d) promoting
(e) overwhelming
98. (a) apprehension (b) risk
(c) problem (d) game
(e) destiny
99. (a) deliberation (b) absorption
(c) insight (d) hesitation
(e) reluctance
100. (a) nature (b) equivalent
(c) picture (d) opposite
(e) replica

ANSWER KEY

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

SOLUTIONS

- 1) c) $92 \times 576 \div 2 \times 36 = x^3 + 7$
 $736 - 7 = x^3$
 $x^3 = 729$ So, $x = 9$
- 2) c) $\frac{1}{6} \times \frac{92}{100} \times \frac{24}{23} \times 650 - 85$
 $= 104 - 85 = 19$
- 3) b) $\left(\frac{15 \times 0.4 \times 30 \times 27 \times 8}{1080} \right)^4 = 6^{x+5}$
 $36^4 = 6^{x+5}$
 $x = 3$
- 4) e) $3 + 2 - 1 - 1 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{5}{6} - \frac{5}{12} = \frac{x^2}{10}$
 $3 + \frac{3+6-5-10}{12} = \frac{x^2}{10}$

$$3 - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{x^2}{10} \quad \frac{5}{2} = \frac{x^2}{10}$$

$$x^2 = 25$$

$$\text{So } x = 5$$

5) a) $\sqrt{8} + 3 = x^3 + \sqrt{8} - 340$

$$x^3 = 343 \quad \text{So } x = 7$$

6) e) $-5^3 + 30^2 - 3^4$

$$= -125 + 900 - 81 = 694$$

7) d) $467 - 3245 + 1123 - 2310 = x$

8) d) $\frac{5998}{10} + 670 - 140$

$$600 + 670 - 140 = 1130$$

9) c) $68\% \text{ of } 1400 - 14\% \text{ of } 1300$
 $= 952 - 182 = 770$

10) a) $\frac{576}{81} \times \frac{399}{39} \times \frac{899}{41}$
 $= 7.1 \times 10.2 \times 21.9$
 So, 1600 (approx)

(11-15):

11) c) $3 \times 2 + 1 = 7, 7 \times 2 = 1 + 15, 15 \times 2 + 1 = 31, 31 \times 2 + 1 = 63$ (c) 27

12) b) $19 + 7 = 26, 26 + 9 = 35, 35 + 11 = 46, 46 + 13 = 59$ (b) 33

13) c) $445 - 3 \div 2 = 221, 221 - 3 \div 2 = 109, 109 - 3 \div 2 = 53$ (c) 46

14) c) $3 \times 2 + 1 = 7, 7 \times 2 + 1 = 15, 15 \times 2 + 1 = 31$ (c) 39

15) e) $1 \times 2 + 1 = 3, 3 \times 3 + 1 = 10, 10 \times 2 + 1 = 21, 21 \times 3 + 1 = 64, 64 \times 2 + 1 = 129,$
 $129 \times 3 + 1 = 388$ (e) 356

16) d) $x^{\frac{7}{5}} \times x^{\frac{3}{5}} = 169 \times 9$ $y = \frac{273}{7} = 39$

$$x = \pm 13 \times 3$$

$$\begin{array}{c|c} x & y \\ \hline 39 & 39 \\ -39 & \end{array}$$

$$\text{So, } x \leq y$$

17) a) $x^3 = \frac{1363}{6}$

$$y^2 = \frac{589}{4}$$

18) a) $x > y$
 $35x = -70$
 $x = -2$
 $3y = -7$

$$y = -\frac{7}{3}$$

$$x > y$$

19) e) $\frac{2}{x^2} = \frac{6}{x}$

$$3x^2 = x$$

$$x = 3, 0$$

$$y^2 = 16.95 - 9.68 - 5.64$$

$$y^2 = 1.63 = 1.69 \text{ (approx)}$$

$$\text{So, } y = \pm 1.3$$

x	y
0	1.3
3	-1.3

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20) b): $2x^2 - 11x + 12 = 0$ $4y^2 - 8y + 3 = 0$

$$\begin{array}{cc} -8 & -3 \\ \hline 8 & 3 \\ \hline 2 & 2 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{cc} -6 & -2 \\ \hline 6 & 2 \\ \hline 4 & 4 \end{array}$$

x	y
4	1.5
1.5	0.5

$$x \geq y$$

21) d) $3 : 4 : 5 \rightarrow 28 \times 3 = 84$

21, 28, 35

After 5 years, $26 + 33 = 59$ yrs

22) a) Rama = 456

Sita = 54%

$$54\% \equiv 432$$

$$1\% \equiv \frac{432}{54}$$

$$100\% \equiv \frac{432}{54} \times 100 = 800$$

Pass %age = 34% of 800 = 272

Raman = 184 marks more than pass marks

23) a) $5C + 3T = 3110$

$$1C = T - 210$$

$$\text{So, } 2T + 2CH = 1660$$

24) b) $\pi r^2 + L \times B = 1166$

$$196\pi + L \times B = 1166$$

$$196\pi + 25 \times B = 1166$$

$$25B = 550$$

$$B = 22$$

$$\text{Now, } 2 \times \frac{22}{7} \times 14 + 2(25 + 22)$$

$$= 88 + 94 = 182$$

25) d) $\frac{320 + P}{24} = 120 \times \frac{5}{18}$

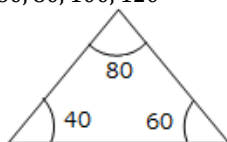
$$P = 480m$$

$$\text{Speed of man} = \frac{480}{240} = 2m/s$$

26) b)

$$3 : 4 : 5 : 6 \rightarrow 360$$

$$60, 80, 100, 120$$



$$\text{So, } 60 + 120 = 180$$

27) b) C.P = 9600

$$S.P = 9600 - 480 = 9120$$

$$C.P = 9120 + 456 = 9576$$

$$\text{So, Loss} = 9600 - 9576$$

$$= 24$$

28) c)

75	77	79	81	83	85	87	89
84	86	88	90				

$$\text{So, } 75 + 88 = 163$$

29) d) $72\% \equiv 7200$

$$1\% \equiv 100$$

$$100\% \equiv 10,000$$

$$\text{So, C.I} = 2(500) + 1(25)$$

$$= 1025$$

30) c) $x^2 + y^3 = 568$

$$y^2 = 64 - 15$$

$$y^2 = 49$$

$$\text{So, } y = 7$$

$$\text{So, } x = \sqrt{568 - 343}$$

$$x = \sqrt{225} \quad x = 15$$

31) c) $\frac{A(2006) + C(2010)}{E(2009)} \times 100$

$$= \frac{1.44 + 7.84}{5.53} \times 100$$

$$= 165\% \text{ approx.}$$

32) e) D (2010) \rightarrow 9.45

$$D (2009) \rightarrow 8.42$$

So, percentage increase =

$$\frac{1.03}{8.42} \times 100 = 12\% \text{ approx}$$

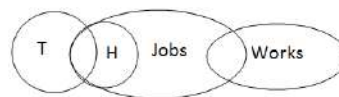
33) Observation from Graph

34) b) $\frac{B(2007)}{D(2010)} = \frac{2.79}{9.45}$

35) a) $\frac{B(2006) + C(2008) + E(2005)}{3}$

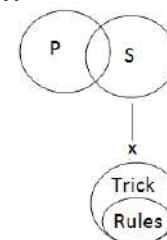
$$= \frac{3.34 + 5.83 + 1.69}{3} = 3.62$$

36) (d) (i) \checkmark (ii) x

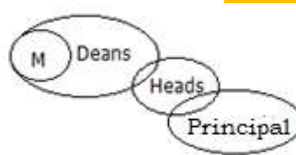


37) (d) (i) \checkmark (ii) x

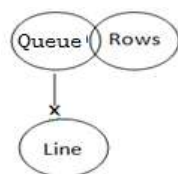
38) (c) (i) \checkmark (ii) \checkmark



39) (e) (i) x (ii) \checkmark



40) (b)



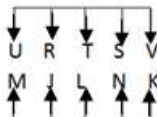
(i) x

(ii) x

(41-42)

$$\begin{array}{ccc} D^+ & = & P^- & L \\ | & & | & | \\ A^+ & & J^- & U^+ \end{array}$$

(43-47):



(48-52):

48) (b): $C \geq O = M < U \leq N < D$

$O < D$ ✓

$C > N$ X

49) (c): $P > L = A \geq C = E$

$E \leq L$ ✓

$P > C$ ✓

50) (c): $S > T \leq I = A \leq L$

$L \geq T$ ✓

$A > S$ X

51) (e): $S > T \leq I = A \leq L$

$S > L$ X

$I \leq L$ ✓

52) (e): $N \leq U < M = B \geq E > R$

$N \leq R$ X

$E \leq U$ X

(53-57):

Committee to Review papers
Review meeting in morning
Meeting to appoint members
Appoint chairman in review
Review - fr
Meeting - ch
Appoint - gi
Members - dv
Chairman - yu
in - mo
morning - ba
to - re
papers/committee - pt/es

es fr re pt
ch ba mo fr
re dv ch gi
mo gi fr yu

53) (e): Morning = ba

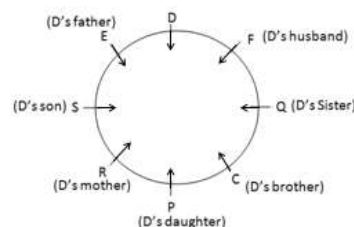
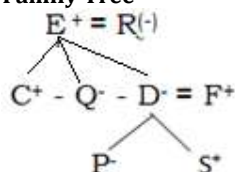
54) (b): pt = either papers or committee

55) (c): Review call = fr lq

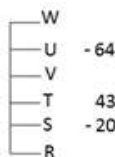
56) (e): to = re

57) (b): new chairman meeting = ch wz yu

(58-62): Family Tree



(63-65):



(66-70):

Person	Flower	Month
Q	Lily	February
R	Sunflower	March
N	Marigold	April
P	Rose	June
M	Orchid	September
S	Jasmine	October
O	Daffodil	November

71. (c) Eminent British economists and political scientists have strongly attacked the tradition of budget secrecy.

72. (e) It leads to the control of public expenditure in order to set realistic taxation implications.

73. (b) He has presented the example of both the open budget system and the secret budget system, practised by various countries and has looked into all their aspects.

76. (a) Sir Richard Clarke was the originating genius of nearly every important development in the British budgeting techniques during the last two decades.

78. (d) An open public debate on budget proposals should be held before introducing the appropriate bill.

(Q.83-87): The required arrangement is ABDCE.

A is the opening sentence as is clear from the given options.

A is followed by B as 'the proposal' mentioned in B is referring to whatever has been talked in A. B is followed by D as D continues to talk about the response mentioned in B.

Also note that B mentions a 2 : 1 response against the proposal which is also clear by the 68 : 31 mentioned in D. D is followed by C and C is followed by E. The 'other immigration organizations' mentioned in E clearly states that the previous sentence must have a statement from some other organization, which is the immigration lawyers as mentioned in C.

88. (c) 'Of' is unnecessary. The right use is grade point 'B'.

89. (c) There are two usage of practice-practice which is a noun and practise, which is verb. to + verb is the correct use so the right answer should be 'to practise'.

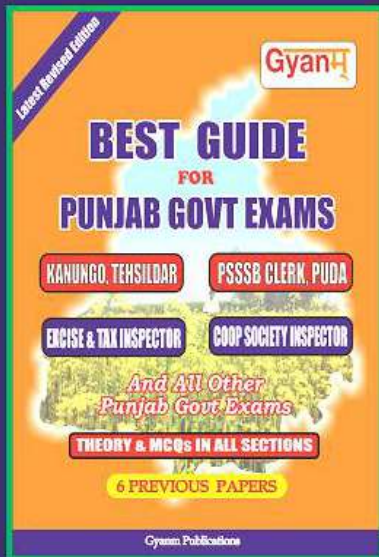
90. (d) Replace "refuse giving" by "refuse to give"

91. (a) The last part of the sentence refers to the work completed in the past. In the format of, if and then, the tenses of two verbs in both parts should be same so it should have been 'had not filtered out'.

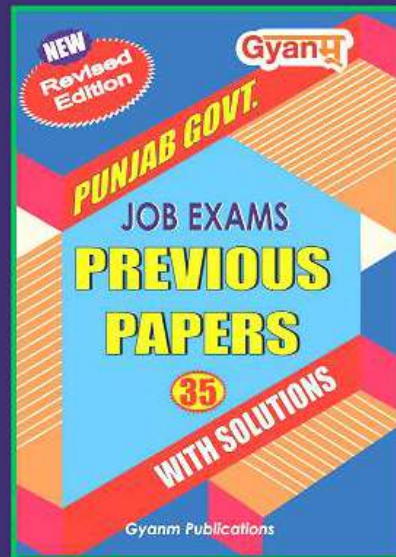
92. (a) For singular subject the verb in the simple present tense is plural so 'covers' not 'cover'.



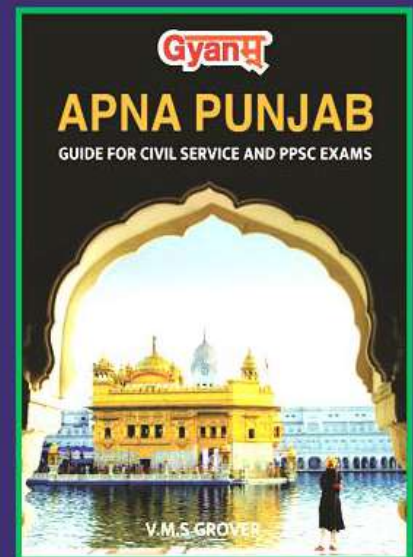
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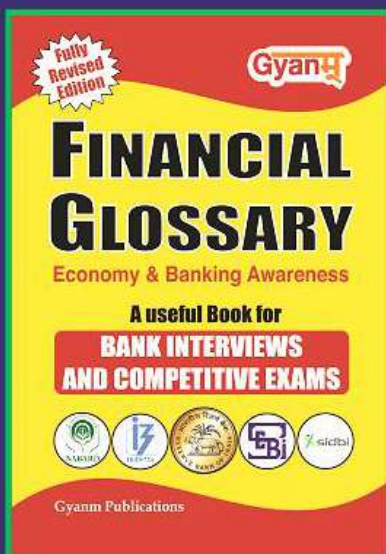
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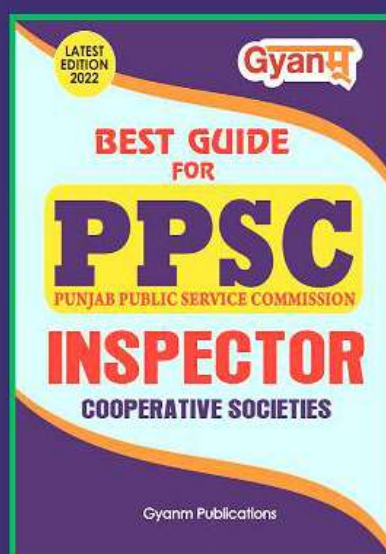
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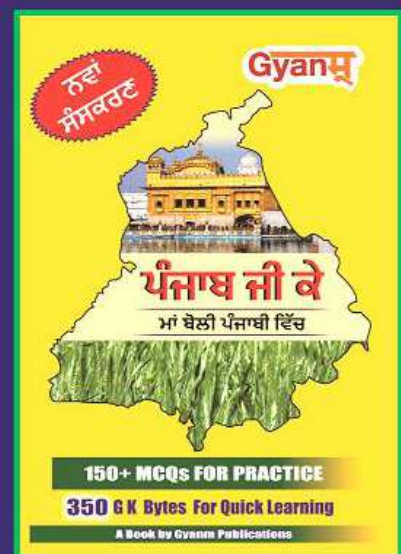
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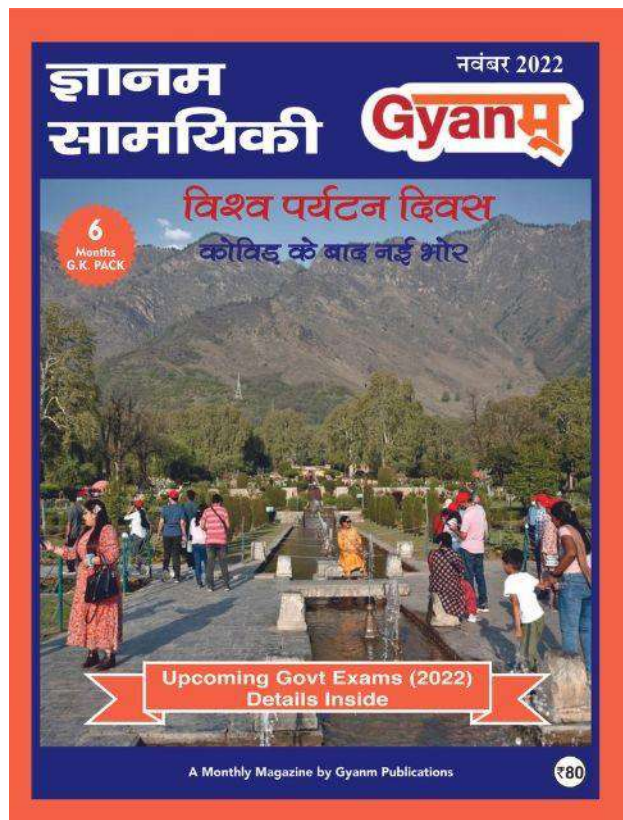


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- September 30 is observed as the International Translation Day. Who is regarded as the patron saint of translators? **St. Jerome**
- Which International organisation supports the celebrations of the World Maritime Day on Last Thursday of September? **International Maritime Organisation**
- Headquarters of International Maritime Organisation are situated in which city? **London**
- What is the theme of this year's World Heart Day celebrated on Sep 29? **Use Heart for Every Heart**
- _____ became the first lender to get RBI's approval for rupee based trade settlements: **UCO Bank**
- The UCO Bank will open a special Vostro account with which Russian bank for trade settlement in Indian rupees? **Gazprom Bank**

- Headquarters of UCO Bank are situated in which city? **Kolkata**
- World Rabies Day is observed on which day of September? **28th**
- The official celebrations for this year's World Tourism Day on Sep 27 will be held in which city? **Bali, Indonesia**
- The World Bank approved a \$ 350 million loan to which state for augmenting health services? **Gujarat**
- Which global rating agency issued the Economic Outlook for Asia Pacific report on Sep 26? **S&P Global Ratings**
- Duleep trophy is associated with which sport? **Cricket**
- Which team won the Duleep Trophy for 2022 on Sep 25? **West Zone**

14.	Name the two-time Olympics champion who created a new world record in the Berlin Marathon on Sep 25: Eliud Kipchoge
15.	Eliud Kipchoge hails from which country? Kenya
16.	Which legendary pacer (fast bowler) announced her retirement from the glorious career of cricket on Sep 24? Jhulan Goswami
17.	What is the nickname given to Jhulan Goswami, complimenting her high bowling speed? Chakdaha Express
18.	Recently, which public sector company was granted the status of 'Maharatna' on Sep 22? Rural Electrification Corporation Ltd.
19.	Registered office of the Rural Electrification Corporation Ltd. Is located in which city? New Delhi
20.	As on date, there are how many Maharatna enterprises in India? 12
21.	The Breakthrough Prizes are the world's most lucrative monetary awards for achievements in science. What is the amount of a single Breakthrough Prize? US Dollar Three million
22.	Breakthrough Prizes are awarded in three fields - - fundamental physics, mathematics, and _____.: Life sciences
23.	They are awarded by which organisation? Breakthrough Prize in Life Sciences Board
24.	Who has been elected as the President of Hockey India, governing body of Hockey in India? Dilip Tirkey
25.	World Rivers Day is observed on _____ Sunday of September: Last
26.	Which Sunday of September is observed as the Happy Daughters' Day? Fourth
27.	Antyodaya Diwas on Sep 25 marks the birth anniversary of which prominent national leader? Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya
28.	What is the theme of this year's International Day of Sign Languages? Sign Languages Unite Us!
29.	The Hindustan Shipyard Limited handed over to the Indian Navy two _____ vessels, Nistar and Nipun on September 22: Diving support
30.	The Hindustan Shipyard Limited is located at which place? Visakhapatnam
31.	Which Indian state is home to largest number of Greater one-horned Rhinos? Assam
32.	Which National Park is home to largest number of Greater one-horned Rhinos? Kaziranga National Park, Assam
33.	Celebration of World Rose Day on Sep 22 is associated with which dreaded disease? Cancer
34.	Which project of National Health Mission won an award at an UN General Assembly side event on September 21? India Hypertension Control Initiative

35.	What is the theme selected for this year's International Day of Peace or World Peace Day observed on Sep 21? End racism. Build peace
36.	The World Alzheimer's Day is observed on Sep 21. Alzheimer is associated with which ailment? Gradual loss of memory
37.	Which state notified the country's first 'Dugong Conservation Reserve' on Sep 21? Tamil Nadu
38.	Country's first 'Dugong Conservation Reserve' has been opened in which area? Palk Bay near Rameswaram
39.	The Centre formed a high-level committee on Sep 21 headed by Dr. VK Paul, for what purpose? To review marketing practices of pharmaceutical companies
40.	Name the Comedy King who made a mark as a stand-up comedian, died on Sep 21: Raju Srivastav
41.	Which state allowed Adani Ports to develop a mega greenfield deep-sea port at Tajpur? West Bengal
42.	The Skill Certification Assessment for Leather Employees (SCALE) app was launched on Sep 20 at the Central Leather Research Institute in _____.: Chennai
43.	The World Bank approved a loan of \$ 150 million on Sep 20 to which Indian state for better management of its financial resources and improved access to public services? Punjab
44.	What type of warship was INS Ajay that was decommissioned on September 19? Anti-submarine warfare corvette
45.	What is a corvette in context of Navy: Small warship
46.	Which team won the SAFF Women's Football Championship? Bangladesh
47.	Which country hosted the SAFF Women's Football Championship? Nepal
48.	Which Indian film has been announced as India's official entry to the Oscars 2023? Chhello Show
49.	Chhello Show is a film made in which language? Gujarati
50.	What is the English title of the film Chhello Show? Last Film Show
51.	Name of the capital of Kazakhstan has been changed from Nur Sultan to _____.: Astana
52.	Coast Guard ships from India and America conducted joint exercise _____ from Sep 16 to 19: Abhyas 01/22
53.	Abhyas 01/22 was conducted at which place? Off the Chennai coast
54.	On Sep 18, The Indian Army activated satellite broadband-based internet service on the_____, the world's highest battlefield: Siachen Glacier

55.	India is the world's _____ largest cultivator of bamboo: Second
56.	Which UN Agency supports the celebration of the International Equal Pay Day on Sep 18? ILO - International Labour Organisation
57.	Typhoon Nanmadol devastated Kyushu Island on Sep 18 in which country? Japan
58.	Name the Indian male wrestler who was the sole medal winner among men at the World Wrestling Championships held at Belgrade, Serbia: Bajrang Punia
59.	Durand Cup is associated with which sport? Football
60.	Which city hosted the finals of the Durand Cup on Sep 18? Kolkata
61.	Which team won the 2022 Durand Cup? Bengaluru FC
62.	Creating a historical milestone in the wildlife scenario of India, how many Cheetahs were introduced in the Kuno National Park on Sep 17? Eight
63.	Kuno National Park is situated in which Indian State? Madhya Pradesh
64.	The Cheetahs introduced in the Kuno National Park were brought from which country? Namibia
65.	The Ministry of _____ revised the threshold for paid up capital and turnover of small companies: Corporate Affairs
66.	Which champion para javelin thrower secured a silver medal in the World Para Athletics Grand Prix, in Morocco on Sep 17? Devendra Jhajharia
67.	The International Coastal Clean-up Day is observed on which Saturday of September? Third
68.	What was the theme selected for this year's World Patient Safety Day on Sep 17? Medication Safety
69.	Which Indian industrialist was honoured with Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur on Sep 16? Dr Swati Piramal
70.	Dr Swati Piramal is the vice chairperson of which corporate group? Piramal Group
71.	India's first lithium cell manufacturing facility was inaugurated on Sep 16 at which place in Andhra Pradesh? Tirupati
72.	Which corporate group became largest in India in terms of market capitalisation as on close of business on BSE on Sep 16? Adani Group
73.	World Ozone Day is observed on which date? Sep 16
74.	The Indian Army conducted this 20-day long routine exercise in eastern Ladakh in September? Parvat Prahar Exercise
75.	Ozone Layer is formed mainly in the lower portion of the _____, at approximately 15 to 35 kilometres above Earth: Stratosphere

76.	Which country signed a MoU on Sep 16 to become the ninth full member of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)? Iran
77.	Prime Minister Narendra Modi participated in the 22 nd SCO Summit on 15-16 Sep at _____ in Uzbekistan: Samarkand
78.	Which country has taken over the rotational Presidency of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation -SCO for 2022-23? India
79.	Which day of September is denoted for celebrating International Day of Democracy? 15th
80.	India celebrates the Engineer's Day on Sep 15 to mark the birth anniversary of which acclaimed civil engineer? M. Visvesvaraya
81.	Bharat Ratna M Visvesvaraya excelled in which field of civil engineering? Dams and hydro projects
82.	Which company topped in the Kantar BrandZ Top 75 Most Valuable Indian Brands 2022 report released on Sep 14? TCS - Tata Consultancy Services
83.	Who became the first Indian woman wrestler to win two medals at the World Championships after clinching a bronze in the 53 kilogram category on Sep 14? Vinesh Phogat
84.	Final match of SAFF under-17 Football Championship (men's) was played on Sep 14 in which city? Colombo
85.	India defeated which team to win the SAFF under-17 Football Championship? Nepal
86.	Hindi Diwas on Sep 14 commemorates the adoption of Hindi as the official language of India on this day in which year? 1949
87.	Which two companies have joined hands to set up India's largest semiconductor and display manufacturing unit? Vedanta and Foxconn
88.	Foxconn Company is registered in which country? Taiwan
89.	This mega plant is being set up in which Indian state? Gujarat
90.	What was the name of the two week long multi nation maritime exercise hosted by Australia, beginning Sep 13? Ex Kakadu
91.	Which Armed Force recently launched its all-female camel riding squad? BSF
92.	Indian Navy's INS Tarkash participated in a Joint Maritime Exercise with Nigerian Navy Patrol Ships on Sep 12-13 in which area? Gulf of Guinea
93.	Gulf of Guinea is located in which part of the world? South of Nigeria, in Atlantic Ocean south west of Africa
94.	_____ became the first bank in India to issue an Electronic Bank Guarantee (e-BG): HDFC Bank
95.	The person at whose request the bank issues a BG, is known as: Applicant

96.	Who is the 'beneficiary' in the process of issuance of BG? Govt Deptt/Company in whose favour the BG is issued
97.	_____ has become the first Indian institution to join the IBM Quantum Network in USA: IIT Madras
98.	India's first National Maritime Heritage Complex is coming up at the historic Indus Valley civilisation region of Lothal in which state? Gujarat
99.	_____ topped the states in the implementation of Prime Minister's ambitious Mission Amrit Sarovar: Uttar Pradesh
100.	Public sector shipbuilder Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd. Mumbai, launched 'Taragiri', the third Nilgiri class _____ of Project 17A on Sep 11: Stealth Frigate
101.	15 th Asia Cup (Men's T20 cricket) was hosted by which country? UAE
102.	Sri Lanka defeated which country to lift their 6th Asia Cup title? Pakistan
103.	Finals of the 15 th Asia Cup were played in which place? Dubai
104.	What was the name of the joint operation of India and Japan navies that began on Sep 11? JIMEX 22
105.	JIMEX 22 was held at which place? In Bay of Bengal, near Visakhapatnam
106.	The National Forest Martyrs Day on Sep 11 marks the massacre of over 360 people for opposing felling of Khejri trees in which state? Rajasthan
107.	Last Grand Slam of Tennis, US Open concluded on Sep 11 in which city? New York
108.	Who won men's Singles title at the US Open? Carlos Alcaraz
109.	Carlos Alcaraz hails from which country? Spain
110.	After the end of US Open, who became the youngest world number one in men's tennis? Carlos Alcaraz
111.	Name the women's number one tennis player who won the single's title at the US Open: Iga Swiatek
112.	Iga Swiatek hails from which country? Poland
113.	Name the Shankaracharya of the Dwarka-Sharda Peeth who passed away on Sep 11: Swami Swaroopanand Saraswati
114.	World First Aid Day is observed annually on second _____ of September: Saturday
115.	What was the theme of the World First Aid Day observed on September 10? Lifelong First Aid
116.	Which day of September is observed as the World Suicide Prevention Day? 10th
117.	Name the veteran archaeologist who died at his Delhi residence on Sep 10 at the age of 101: Prof B B Lal

118.	Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park secured first rank among 150 zoos of India. It is located in which place? Darjeeling
119.	Which veteran tennis icon from Switzerland, announced his retirement from professional tennis at the age of 41? Roger Federer
120.	September 09 is observed as World EV Day. Which company is the largest electric car seller in the world? BYD Co. Ltd., China
121.	Which multi-nation organisation released the Human Development Index-2021 on Sep 08? UNDP - United Nations Development Programme
122.	Which country topped the Human Development Index-2021? Switzerland
123.	India was placed at which spot in the HDI 2021? 132nd
124.	Celebration of the International Literacy Day on Sep 8 is supported by which UN agency? UNESCO
125.	Who became the first Indian to win a gold at the Diamond League Final 2022 in Switzerland? Neeraj Chopra
126.	Which Indian state won the International Travel Award 2023 for 'Best Destination for Culture'? West Bengal
127.	The Indian Army and the DRDO successfully tested the quick reaction surface-to-air missile. What is its strike range? 30 km
128.	Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Kartavya Path on Sep 08 in New Delhi. What is its approximate length? Three km
129.	What is the name of the country's first national electric freight platform launched on Sep 8 by NITI Aayog, in collaboration with World Resources Institute? E-FAST
130.	What is the full expansion of e-FAST? Electric Freight Accelerator for Sustainable Transport
131.	International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies is celebrated on which day of September? Seventh
132.	Karim Benzema, winner of UEFA Player of the Year prize, Men's, is from which country? France
133.	Alexia Putellas, winner of UEFA Player of the Year prize, women's, plays for which Football Club? FC Barcelona
134.	The government has set up a panel headed by _____ to review the formula that dictates the pricing of natural gas: Dr. Kirit S Parikh
135.	What is the theme of this year's International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies? The Air We Share
136.	Name the 35 year old left handed Indian batsman who announced his retirement on Sep 06 from all formats of cricket: Suresh Raina
137.	Ms. Liz Truss was sworn-in as _____ prime minister of the United Kingdom on Sep 06: 56th
138.	Ms. Liz Truss held which post before becoming prime minister? Foreign Secretary

139. The Indian Science Technology and Engineering facilities Map (I-STEM) launched WEST mission on Sep 5. Expand WEST: Women in Engineering, Science & Technology
140. Daihatsu Yonex Japan Open Badminton Championship was hosted by which city in first week of September? Osaka
141. What is the name of the India's first intranasal Covid vaccine approved by CDSCO on Sep 05? iNCOVACC
142. iNCOVACC has been manufactured by which pharma company? Bharat Biotech, Hyderabad
143. What is the full form of CDSCO? Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation
144. Name the Prime Minister of Bangladesh who arrived in New Delhi on September 5, on a four-day official visit: Sheikh Hasina
145. The 5.13 km Rupsha rail bridge over the river Rupsha has been inaugurated in which country? Bangladesh
146. International Day of Charity on Sep 05 marks the death anniversary of which revered saint? Saint Mother Teresa
147. Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan was the first _____ of India: Vice President
148. On which date we observe World Teachers' Day? October 05
149. Country's first modified bio-village, Daspara, has been developed in which state? Tripura
150. Grandmaster Aravindh Chithambaram emerged champion in the 22nd _____ Open chess tournament held in Dubai on Sep 04: Dubai
151. India hosted the first-ever official UCI MTB (International Cyclist Union- Mountain Bike) event on Sep 04 in which place? Leh, Ladakh
152. What is the name of the mascot for the 36th National Games that was unveiled on Sep 04? Savaj
153. Savaj has been modelled after which animal? Small lion
154. Name the business tycoon who once headed the Tata Group, died in a road accident on Sep 04: Cyrus Mistry
155. ISRO successfully demonstrated a new technology with IAD. What is IAD? Inflatable Aerodynamic Decelerator
156. The IAD was launched overboard which sounding rocket? Rohini
157. The IAD was launched from _____ Equatorial Rocket Launching Station in Kerala: Thumba
158. Army's Kharga Corps and the Air Force conducted joint exercise 'Gagan Strike' in first week of September in which state? Punjab
159. Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilisers granted 'in-principle' approval to the three States viz,

Himachal Pradesh, _____ and Andhra Pradesh for setting up of Bulk Drug Parks: Gujarat
160. India's first 'Dark Sky Reserve' or Night Sky Sanctuary is to be set up in which place? In Henley in the Changthang Wildlife Sanctuary
161. The Changthang Wildlife Sanctuary is located in which state/UT? Ladakh
162. How many Indian cities joined the UNESCO's Global Network of Learning Cities recently? Three
163. Of these three cities, which one is from Telangana? Warangal
164. International Culture Awareness Day is observed on first _____ of September? Saturday
165. Presence of residuals of which medicine in cattle carcasses caused en-masse death of vultures in India in 1990s? Diclofenac
166. World Coconut Day is observed on Sep 02. India is _____ largest producer of coconuts, producing over 20.3 billion nuts annually: The (top)
167. The Indian Navy received its new Naval Ensign (flag) on September 02. What is the shape of the seal that occupies the right half of the flag? Octagonal
168. The octagonal seal is inspired from the seal of which great Indian Emperor? Shivaji Maharaj
169. What is the motto of the Indian Navy? "Sam no Varunah" (सं नो वरुणः)
170. The Indian Army contingent of the Gorkha Regiment troops took part in the Exercise Vostok - 2022 in which country? Russia
171. According to the provisional estimates released by the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation on August 31 for the quarter ending June 30, 2022, GDP in this Qr grew by _____ percent: 13.5
172. Which major sector of economy registered highest growth of 25.7% in Qr. ending June 30? Services
173. Which space telescope captured the first image of an Exoplanet, a planet-like body lying outside the realm of our Solar System? James Webb Telescope
174. The ADB approved a loan of Rs. 4,000 crore to which state for setting up medical colleges? Maharashtra
175. As per IMF data, India leaped past which country to become the fifth-largest economy in the world? United Kingdom
176. Which film won the Filmfare award for the Best Film? Shershaah
177. Who was honoured with this year's Filmfare Lifetime Achievement Award: Subhash Ghai, noted film producer

178. Which apex agency released the “Competitiveness Roadmap for India@100” on August 30? Economic Advisory Council to Prime Minister
179. Who is the current head of the Economic Advisory Council to Prime Minister? Dr Bibek Debroy
180. Miss Divita Rai, the 23-year-old beauty queen from _____ won the coveted “Miss Diva Universe 2022” title: Karnataka
181. Ramon Magsaysay Awards are given in which country? Philippines
182. Which organisation sponsors the Ramon Magsaysay Awards? Rockefeller Brothers Fund, USA
183. How many Ramon Magsaysay Awards were given this year? Four
184. The Indian Coast Guard carried out its 10th National Maritime Search and Rescue Exercise SAREX-22 at which place? Off the Chennai coast
185. Name the veteran Russian statesman who ended the Cold War without bloodshed in 1990s, who died on August 30: Mikhail Gorbachev
186. Gorbachev was famous for which two terms coined by him? Glasnost and Perestroika
187. What did the terms Glasnost and Perestroika represented? Openness and Restructuring, respectively
188. According to Bloomberg Billionaires Index, _____ is now the world's third-richest person on August 30: Gautam Adani
189. Abhijit Sen, veteran Economist, a former member of the Planning Commission (2004-14) and Professor at the JNU's Centre for Economics and Planning, was in news recently, for what reason? He passed away
190. For the first time in the history of Indian armed forces, the _____ received its first consignment of complete gun ammunition manufactured by local industry: Indian Navy
191. Whale Sharks are found in large numbers near the coast of which Indian state? Gujarat
192. Who became the first Indian (and second in world) to have played a hundred matches for India in all the three formats, T20, ODI and test? Virat Kohli
193. The Indian Army is planning to induct Indigenous Indian Light Tank named _____, designed specially to operate from High Altitude Area: Zorawar
194. BWF World Championships concluded in _____ on August 28: Tokyo
195. Grandmaster Arjun Erigaisi of India won the 28th _____ Masters Chess Tournament on August 25: Abu Dhabi
196. Who was awarded this year's Vyas Samman? Dr Asghar Wajahat

197. What is the cash prize given in the Vyas Samman? Rs. Four lakh
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198. National Sports Day on August 29 marks the birthday of which great sportsperson? Major Dhyan Chand, Wizard of Hockey
199. The International Day against Nuclear Tests is observed on which day of August? 29th
200. Neeraj Chopra won the javelin throw competition on August 26 at the Lausanne Diamond League in which country? Switzerland
201. 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
202. Sarajevo is the capital of which country? Bosnia and Herzegovina
203. Women's Equality Day on August 26 commemorates the granting of voting rights to women in which country? USA
204. 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
205. The NITI Aayog has declared district _____ in Uttarakhand as India's Best Aspirational District: Haridwar
206. What is the new common brand name for the fertilisers under the Central Government's 'One Nation, One Fertiliser' scheme? Bharat
207. Which country recently launched of the world's first-ever hydrogen-powered passenger train fleet? Germany
208. 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
209. India's first commercial "Space Situational Awareness Observatory " is being set up in which state? Uttarakhand
210. Which Indian chess master, defeated world champion Magnus Carlsen on August 22 in the last round of the FTX Crypto Cup in Miami, USA? R Praggnanandhaa
211. Vikram Doraiswami, senior diplomat has been appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to which country? United Kingdom
212. The Union Government has awarded the Geographical Indication (GI) tag to which agro product of Bihar? Mithila Makhana
213. The Asian Development Bank granted a 96.3 million dollar loan to which state to improve water supply and sanitation services? Himachal Pradesh
214. Who is the winner of this year's UNESCO Peace Prize? Angela Merkel
215. India's first indigenously developed Hydrogen Fuel Cell Bus was launched on 21st August in which city? Pune

216.	Who became the new world heavyweight boxing champion on August 21 in rematch held in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia? Oleksandr Usyk
217.	Who has been appointed as the Secretary to President Droupadi Murmu, by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet? Rajesh Verma
218.	What was the name of the three-week-long 17 nation military exercise held in the Northern Territory of Australia? Exercise Pitch Black 2022
219.	Which day of August is observed as World Senior Citizens Day? 21st
220.	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? Para Badminton
221.	Which international day commemorates the discovery made by British doctor Sir Ronald Ross in 1897 that female mosquitoes transmit malaria between humans? World Mosquito Day, August 20
222.	According to the National Health Portal of India, Aedes, Anopheles, and Culex mosquitoes act as _____ and spread many diseases: Vectors
223.	The External Affairs Ministry has announced that the 17th Pravasi Bhartiya Divas 2023 will be held in _____, Madhya Pradesh: Indore
224.	India observes August 20 as Akshay Urja Diwas. Who is current minister for New & Renewable Energy? Sh. Raj Kumar Singh
225.	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? Antim Panghal
226.	_____ has become the first 'Har Ghar Jal' certified State in the country where every household has been provided water tap connection: Goa
227.	Among UTs, _____ has become first 'Har Ghar Jal' certified UT of the country? Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu
228.	Sadbhavna Diwas on August 20 commemorates birthday of which statesman? Sh. Rajiv Gandhi
229.	Sh. Rajiv Gandhi was India's Prime Minister during which years? 1984 -89
230.	The Central Government launched which app and campaign to promote and support early childhood development? Paalan 1000
231.	The 131st edition of Asia's oldest football tournament, Durand Cup, started on August 16 in which city? Kolkata
232.	What is the name of the Indian Railway's heaviest and longest freight train, test operated on August 15? Super Vasuki
233.	Which zone of Indian Railway recently operated its heaviest and longest freight train, measuring 3.5 km? South East Central Railway
234.	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: Perth
235.	Which day of August is observed as World Photography Day? 19th

236.	Madhya Pradesh's tribal-dominated _____ district has become the country's first fully "functionally literate" district: Mandla
237.	Which UN Office supports celebration of the World Humanitarian Day on August 19? UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs
238.	Government has launched Aqua Bazar app on August 18 for what purpose? To promote logistics support for fish farmers
239.	Which Malaysian city will host the prestigious Sultan Azlan Shah Cup 2022? Ipoh
240.	Sultan Azlan Shah Cup is associated with which sports? Hockey
241.	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: 315
242.	A team of scientists and researchers in _____ developed India's first 3D-printed Cornea: Hyderabad
243.	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? New Delhi and Kolkata
244.	A sister agency of the advertising giant Rediffusion, launched India's own font. What is its name? Bharat
245.	India's first electric double decker AC bus has been launched for public transport in which city? Mumbai
246.	_____ has become the first state in the country to deploy a production-grade blockchain-based seed distribution programme: Jharkhand
247.	The Union Cabinet approved interest subvention of 1.5% on Short Term Agriculture Loans upto Rs. _____ lakh: Three
248.	Name the veteran stock market investor, popular as the "Big Bull of Dalal Street", who passed away on August 14 in Mumbai: Rakesh Jhunjhunwala
249.	Asia's largest Compressed Biogas (CBG) plant began its commercial operations on August 13 at village Bhuttal Kalan in _____, Punjab: Sangrur
250.	What is the main raw material consumed by the CBG plant in Bhuttal Kalan? Paddy straw and stubble
251.	Indian Air Force conducted Ex Udarshakti with which country, beginning on August 13? Malaysia
252.	World Sanskrit Day is observed annually on the Purnima of which month of the Hindu calendar? Shravana (Sawan)
253.	India added 11 more wetlands to the list of Ramsar sites on August 13, to make a total _____ Ramsar sites in India: 75
254.	Government has launched National Integrated Database on Arrested Narco-offenders. What is its short name? NIDAAN
255.	World Organ Donation Day is observed on which day of August? 13th
256.	India celebrates its own National Organ Donation Day on which date? November 27

257.	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment launched the project “SMILE” on August 12 for what purpose? To make cities and towns free from beggars
258.	What is the full expansion of the acronym SMILE? Support for Marginalised Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise
259.	International Youth Day is observed on which date? August 12
260.	India celebrates her own National Youth Day on which Date? January 12
261.	Which species of Elephants is regarded as the largest land animal? African Elephant
262.	Which Indian state has the largest number of Elephants? Karnataka
263.	Which country has the largest number of elephants? Botswana
264.	Which university has been ranked first among Indian Universities in the latest Nature Index 2022 ranking? University of Hyderabad
265.	The French government selected which senior Congress leader for conferring France’s highest civilian award Chevalier de la Legion d’Honneur? Shashi Tharor
266.	Dr Kalaiselvi N has been appointed as the first woman Director-General of which apex research organisation? Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)
267.	CSIR is based at which place? New Delhi
268.	William Ruto won the Presidential election in which African country? Kenya
269.	RBI released on August 10 detailed guidelines for which lending entities? Digital
270.	Which tennis legend, announced her retirement from professional tennis, after playing the forthcoming US Open, starting on August 29? Serena Williams
271.	What is the name of the 3D virtual space tech park launched by the ISRO on August 10? SPARK
272.	August 10 is observed as World Biofuel Day. Name the three most popular bio fuels: Ethanol, Biodiesel and Biogas
273.	August 10 is devoted to raise awareness for the protection and conservation of which wild animal? Lion
274.	Which Indian state has largest population of Lions? Gujarat
275.	Apart from August 10, which other date is observed as National Deworming Day? February 10
276.	Which anti worm tablet is administered orally to children on National Deworming Day? Albendazole
277.	Assam government signed a joint statement on August 9 with which state to resolve boundary dispute with that state? Mizoram
278.	Singapore government declared on August 9, the iconic green site _____, as its 75th national monument: Padang

279.	International Day of the World’s Indigenous Peoples observed on August 09 is popularly also known as World _____ Day: Tribal
280.	The 44th FIDE Chess Olympiad hosted by Chennai, concluded on August 9. Which nation won the gold in the open section? Uzbekistan
281.	India won which medal in the open section of 44th FIDE Chess Olympiad? Bronze
282.	Which team won the gold in women’s section in the 44th FIDE Chess Olympiad? Ukraine
283.	The International Chess Federation granted hosting rights for the 2026 Chess Olympiad to which country? Uzbekistan
284.	The Union Cabinet approved the continuation of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U) up to which date? December 31, 2024
285.	PMAY-U is the flagship programme of which union ministry? Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
286.	Who is the current head of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs? Sh. Hardeep Singh Puri
287.	Which state notified its 5th Elephant Reserve at Agasthyamalai in Tirunelveli district? Tamil Nadu
288.	What is the name of the India’s first Saline Water Lantern which uses the sea water to power the specially designed LED lamps? Roshni
289.	Gustavo Petro has been sworn in as the President of which country? Colombia
290.	What was the name of the 13th edition of the Indo-US Joint Special Forces exercise that started on August 8? Ex Vajra Prahar 2022
291.	Who became the first cricketer on August 8 to play 600 matches in T20 cricket? Kieron Pollard
292.	India won how many gold medals in the Commonwealth Games concluded on August 8? 22
293.	Lovely Choubey, Pinki, Nayanmoni Saikia, Rupa Rani Tirkey, all four won India’s first gold in which event at the Commonwealth Games? Women’s Lawn Bowls
294.	In which sports Indian players won highest number – 7 gold medals, in the Commonwealth Games? Wrestling
295.	Which state hosted the Ex Vajra Prahar 2022? Himachal Pradesh
296.	Which city hosted the SAFF U20 Football Championship: Bhubaneswar, Odisha
297.	India trounced which country to win the SAFF U20 Football Championship: Bangladesh
298.	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? Aurangabad
299.	Under which exercise the Indian Army tested the operational readiness of its satellite-based systems deployed across the country? Skylight
300.	Name the 16 year old chess prodigy from Chennai who became India’s 75th Grand Master on August 07: V Pranav

301.	Viswanathan Anand, Indian chess legend was elected as the _____ of FIDE: Deputy President
302.	Headquarters of the world chess body FIDE are located in which place? Lausanne, Switzerland
303.	Who has been re-elected as the President of FIDE? Arkady Dvorkovich (Russia)
304.	For the first time, a US Navy Ship arrived at L&T's Shipyard on August 07 for what purpose? For undertaking necessary repairs and allied services
305.	This shipyard of L&T is located at which place? Kattupalli, Chennai
306.	August Kranti Diwas on August 8 marks which historical event? Launch of Quit India Movement by Mahatma Gandhi in 1942
307.	Quit India Movement was launched at which session of All-India Congress Committee? Bombay
308.	Celebration of the National Handloom Day on August 07 marks which historical event? Launch of Swadeshi Movement in 1905
309.	Swadeshi Movement was launched from which city? Kolkata
310.	Which national awards are given to honour artisans and weavers on the National Handloom Day? Sant Kabir Awards
311.	NDA candidate Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar was elected as the _____ Vice-President of India on August 6: 14th
312.	Sh. Dhankhar was administered the oath of office by constitutional authority? Hon'ble President, Ms. Draupadi Murmu
313.	Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar hails from which place in Rajasthan? Jhunjhunu
314.	Before becoming Vice President, sh. Dhankhar was the Governor of which state? West Bengal
315.	Election of the Vice President of India is conducted under which article of the Indian Constitution? Article 66
316.	Who has been appointed as the next Chief Justice of India? Justice Uday Umesh Lalit
317.	Justice Uday Umesh Lalit is the _____ Chief Justice of India? 49th
318.	Who was declared as the AIFF Men's Footballer of the Year, 2021-22 for the seventh time? Sunil Chhetri
319.	Who won her maiden title as the AIFF Women's Footballer of the Year, 2021-22? Manisha Kalyan
320.	What was the main aim of hiking of Repo rate by RBI on August 5? To tame the rising inflation
321.	What was the nickname of the Atom bomb dropped on Hiroshima in 1945? Little Boy
322.	Dropping of nuclear bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki is associated with which landmark historical event? End of World War II
323.	Who made history on August 05 by winning India's first ever medal in canoeing at the 2022 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships? Pooja Ojha
324.	Which Indian corporate got highest rank, 98 th , in the latest 2022 Fortune Global 500 list? LIC of India

325.	Which global company secured the top spot for the ninth consecutive year, in the latest 2022 Fortune Global 500 list? Walmart Inc., USA
326.	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? Indian Navy
327.	President of _____ Ibrahim Mohamed Solih arrived in New Delhi on August 1 on a four day official visit: Maldives
328.	PM Modi announced a Line of Credit of \$_____ million for Maldives, for the completion of development projects in a time-bound manner: 100
329.	The Union Cabinet has approved India's updated Nationally Determined _____, NDC to be communicated to the UNFCCC: Contribution
330.	What is the full form of UNFCCC? United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
331.	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: State University Research Excellence
332.	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? Fair and Remunerative Price
333.	Who has been sworn in as the Central Vigilance Commissioner on August 03? Suresh N Patel
334.	The UN General Assembly adopted a resolution on July 28 that declares access to a "_____ environment" a universal human right: Clean, healthy and sustainable
335.	On July 23, the WHO Director-General declared the escalating global monkeypox outbreak as a "Public Health _____ of International Concern": Emergency
336.	As per the WHO reports, _____ is the current epicenter of the outbreak of monkeypox: Europe
337.	The Agricultural Census (2021-22) was launched in the country on July 28. It was which number in series? Eleventh
338.	Muslim Women's Rights Day on August 01 marks which historical event in India? Enactment of the law against Triple Talaq on this day in 2019
339.	World Lung Cancer Day is observed on which date? August 01
340.	The Parliament passed the Indian Antarctic Bill, 2022 on August 1. What are the names of India's two research centres in Antarctica? Bharti and Maitree
341.	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? Twenty, in equated annual installments
342.	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? At GIFT City near Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
343. India's first international bullion exchange was inaugurated on July 29 at which place? GIFT City near Gandhinagar, Gujarat
344. What was the name of the joint military exercise between Indian Army and the Royal Army of Oman, held from August 01 to 13? Exercise AL NAJAH -IV
345. Exercise AL NAJAH -IV was held at which place? Mahajan Field Firing Range in Bikaner, Rajasthan
346. With which country India hosted the bilateral army exercise "Ex VINBAX 2022" from August 01 to 20? Vietnam
347. Ex-VINBAX 2022 was hosted by India at which place? Chandimandir cantonment, near Panchkula, Haryana
348. As per recent rankings released by Kantar India on July 28 for FMCG brands, which was the most chosen brand? Parle biscuits
349. What is the full form of FMCG? Fast Moving Consumer Goods
350. As per the Kotak Private Banking-Hurun's Leading Wealthy Women list released on July 27, who is the richest woman in India? Roshni Nadar Malhotra
351. Roshni Nadar Malhotra is the CEO of which corporate group? HCL Technologies
352. Which company delivered the first lot of the indigenously developed Quick Reaction Fighting Vehicles (QRFVs) to the Indian Army? Tata Advanced Systems
353. 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? MH-60 R (Romeo)
354. Which US company manufactures the MH-60 R (Romeo) helicopters? Lockheed Martin Corp., USA
355. Which shipyard handed over India's first indigenously built aircraft carrier Vikrant, to the Indian Navy on July 28? Cochin Shipyard, Kerala
356. What is the official slogan for the 2024 Paris Olympics? Games wide open
357. 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? Suraj Vashishth
358. A Maritime Partnership Exercise (MPX) was conducted between Japan Maritime Self Defence Force and Indian Navy on July 23 in which area? The Andaman Sea
359. In which neighbouring country of India, for the first time, women outnumbered men in its total population? Bangladesh
360. Of the five partners jointly running the International Space Station- ISS, which country has announced to quit the project after 2024? Russia
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361. The World Ranger Day is observed on which day of July? 31st

362. Which UN agency supports the celebration of World Day Against Trafficking in Persons on July 30? UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)
363. Which city hosted the 44 th FIDE Chess Olympiad that started on July 28? Chennai
364. Recently, how many Indian wetlands were accorded Ramsar recognition as wetlands of international importance? Five
365. City of Ramsar is located in which country? Iran
366. For which state the Asian Development Bank approved a \$96.3 million loan for funding of safe drinking water and sanitation projects? Himachal Pradesh.
367. Indian Olympics Association approved which state as the host for the 36 th National Games to be held between Sep 27 and Oct 10 this year? Gujarat
368. Hepatitis affects which part of the body? Liver
369. What is the theme of this year's World Hepatitis Day? Hepatitis can't wait
370. Success of which military operation on July 26 in 1999 sealed Indian victory over Pakistan in Kargil war? Operation Vijay
371. The Kargil War Memorial is located at which place in Ladakh? Drass
372. The International Cricket Council (ICC) announced that ____ will host the 2025 ICC Women's ODI World Cup: India
373. Which Indian national has been appointed by the World Bank as its Chief Economist and Senior Vice President for Development Economics? Indermit Gill
374. Which Indian State has largest number of Tigers? Madhya Pradesh
375. Income Tax Day on July 24 marks which event in the history? Introduction of Income tax in 1860
376. National Broadcasting Day on July 23 marks which event in broadcasting history of India? First ever radio broadcast in 1927
377. The first ever radio broadcast in India was made from which radio station in 1927? Bombay station
378. All India Radio functions under which apex organisation? Prasaar Bharti
379. Which US city hosted the World Athletics Championships from July 15 to 24? Eugene
380. Who won this year's Tour de France cycling marathon? Jonas Vingegaard
381. Jonas Vingegaard hails from which country? Denmark
382. The 68 th National Film Awards were announced on July 22. These are administered by which organisation? Directorate of Film Festivals
383. Name the noted film producer who headed the jury for the 68 th National Film Awards: Vipul Shah
384. Which film won the National Award for Best Feature Film? Soorarai Pottru
385. Film Soorarai Pottru has been made in which language? Tamil

386.	Film Toolsidas Junior was in news recently for which reason? It won the National Award for the Best Hindi Film
387.	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? Burhanpur
388.	Which two European countries were in news recently for being ravaged by devastating wildfires? Greece and Turkey
389.	Neeraj Chopra won which medal in World Athletics Championships? Silver
390.	Which US state was devastated by widespread severe wildfires in third week of July? California
391.	Which Indian state has largest area under Mangrove forests? West Bengal
392.	The central government amended the Flag Code of India on July 20 for what purpose? To allow the hoisting of national flag during night also
393.	What is the theme of this year's World Brain Day observed on July 22? Brain Health for all
394.	Which exquisite mango breed costs nearly Rs. 2.5 to 3 lakh per kg in Japan? Miyazaki
395.	_____ Gunawardena was appointed Sri Lanka's new Prime Minister on July 22: Dinesh
396.	Madam Droupadi Murmu was elected as the ____ President of India on July 21: 15th
397.	Madam Murmu is the first tribal President of India. She hails from which tribe? Santhal
398.	Which state topped among major states in the India Innovation Index 2022 released by the NITI Aayog on July 21? Karnataka
399.	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? Gautam Adani
400.	Which country's passport is most powerful as per the World's Most Powerful Passports 2022 list released by the Henley Passport Index on July 20? Japan
401.	What is the rank of India's passport in the Henley Passport Index? 87th
402.	Ranil Wickremesinghe was elected as the new Sri Lankan President on July 20. What is his party's name? United National Party
403.	July 20 is observed as Space Exploration Day to commemorate which landmark event? First human landing on Moon in 1969
404.	Who was the first human being to step on moon's surface? Neil Armstrong of USA
405.	July 20 is observed as World Chess Day. What was the ancient name of Chess in India? Chaturanga
406.	The International Chess Federation (FIDE) is based in which city? Lausanne, Switzerland
407.	_____ has become the first 100 per cent Landlord Major Port of India: Jawaharlal Nehru Port, Mumbai

408.	What is meant by Landlord Port? All its berths are operated on PPP mode
409.	What is the other popular name for the Jawaharlal Nehru Port? Nhava Sheva Port
410.	The postponed 19th edition of the Asian Games will be held now in September 2023 in which city? Hangzhou, China
411.	Arjun Babuta, Mehuli Ghosh, Shahu Tushar Mane and Paarth Makjija, all won gold in their respective categories, at an international event in which sports? Shooting
412.	Who created history by becoming the first Indian shooter to win the gold medal in the men's skeet event at international level? Mairaj Ahmad Khan
413.	Which large public sector bank recently launched its WhatsApp banking service? State Bank of India
414.	_____ has become India's first state to connect all the commercial vehicles registered in the state with Vehicle Location Tracking Device: Himachal Pradesh
415.	India's first human carrying platform — a pilot-less drone made its debut on July 19 in New Delhi. What is its name? Varuna
416.	The current Flag Code of India was implemented in which year? 2002
417.	The 2028 Summer Olympics and Paralympic Games will be hosted in July, 2028 in which city? Los Angeles, USA
418.	Harshada Garud, 18 year old girl, clinched the gold on July 18 in an international event in which sports? Weightlifting
419.	Name the England all-rounder and captain of the test team, who announced retirement from ODI Cricket on July 18: Ben Stokes
420.	The World Bank has approved a loan of one billion dollars to provide support to India's flagship PM _____ Health Infrastructure Mission: Ayushman Bharat
421.	Name the 82 year old veteran ghazal singer who passed away in Mumbai on July 18: Bhupinder Singh
422.	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? Varanasi
423.	Government plans to launch the _____ scheme to achieve contactless, seamless processing of passengers at Airports, based on Facial Recognition Technology: DIGI YATRA
424.	Government has formulated a "National Action Plan for Mechanised Sanitation Ecosystem" scheme for cleaning of sewers and septic tanks. What is its short name? NAMASTE
425.	July 18 is observed as International Nelson Mandela Day. He was the first black president of which country? South Africa
426.	P V Sindhu clinched Women's Single title of _____ Open on July 16: Singapore

427.	Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa won the Paracin Open 'A' chess tournament 2022 on July 16 in which country? Serbia
428.	What was the name of the submarine that was decommissioned by the Indian Navy on July 16? INS Sindhudhvaj
429.	What is the name of the mascot launched recently by the Department of Consumer Affairs? Jagriti
430.	What is the tagline of the consumer awareness campaign of the Department of Consumer Affairs? Jago Grahak Jago
431.	Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar, vice presidential candidate of NDA, hails from which state? Rajasthan
432.	What is the name of the fourth and latest ship of the Indian Navy's 17A Frigates, launched on July 15? Dunagiri
433.	_____ became the first and the only state in the country to have its own internet service: Kerala
434.	Which ministry's website was ranked first among all the Central Ministries Portal in a National e-Governance Service Delivery Assessment? Home Affairs
435.	The UIDAI has launched a new mobile app named _____ to perform face authentication through mobile app: AadhaarFaceRd
436.	The 2025 World Athletics Championships will be hosted by which city? Tokyo
437.	_____ has become the first state in the country to have 13 expressways, having a total length of 3,200 kilometres: Uttar Pradesh
438.	What is the name of the 296-km-long Expressway inaugurated on July 16 in Uttar Pradesh? Bundelkhand Expressway
439.	Which Institute / University secured first position as the "overall best" institute in the NIRF 2022 ranking? IIT Madras
440.	The Women and Child Development Ministry issued fresh guidelines for the Mission Vatsalya Scheme. It is associated with which field? Children's welfare
441.	Name the beauty queen from Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh, who won the Mrs Universe Divine Title: Pallavi Singh
442.	The Women and Child Development Ministry launched the Mission _____ on July 14 for the safety, security and empowerment of women: Shakti
443.	Which country hosted the first I2U2 summit in virtual mode: USA
444.	What is the full form of the abbreviation I2U2? India-Israel; USA-UAE
445.	Which global organisation released the Global Gender Gap Index for 2022 on July 10? WEF – World Economic Forum
446.	Which country secured first rank in the Global Gender Gap Index for 2022? Iceland
447.	What was India's rank in the recently released Global Gender Gap Index for 2022? 135th

448.	Which Indian space tech startup on July 13, launched India's first rocket factory to make 3D-printed engines end-to-end? Agnikul Cosmos
449.	Who created a new record by becoming the fastest Indian bowler to take 150 ODI wickets? Mohammed Shami
450.	July 14 is observed as Shark Awareness Day. Sharks do not have _____ in their body? Bones
451.	NHAI achieved the world record for constructing the longest double-decker viaduct with a length of 3.14 km in _____, Maharashtra: Nagpur
452.	Which telescope was in news for sending the deepest and sharpest infrared image of the universe till date? James Webb Space Telescope
453.	Who won the men's singles title in the Malaysia Open Badminton Tournament 2022? Viktor Axelsen (Denmark)
454.	_____ has been declared as the host for the 36 th National Games to be held from Sep 27 to Oct 10: Gujarat
455.	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? Sarnath Museum, Varanasi
456.	How many Dharm Chakras are there at the base of the National Emblem? Four
457.	World Malala Day is observed on July 12. What is the name of the NGO run by Malala? Malala Fund
458.	Malala Fund organisation works in which field? Girls' education
459.	Which UN agency is associated with celebration of World Population Day on July 11? UN Fund for Population Activities
460.	_____ became India's first bank to launch the Metaverse Virtual Lounge and Open Banking Sandbox environment techno features for its customers: Union Bank of India
461.	Charles Leclerc from _____ won the Austrian Grand Prix for the team Ferrari on July 10 at Spielberg, Austria: Monaco
462.	Wimbledon is the only grand slam to be played on _____ court: Grass
463.	Serbian star Novak Djokovic won the men's singles at Wimbledon after beating _____: Nick Kyrgios
464.	Who won the women's singles at Wimbledon? Elena Rybakina
465.	Elena Rybakina hails from which country? Kazakhstan
466.	Nick Kyrgios hails from which country? Australia
467.	Shinzo Abe, former prime minister of Japan, was shot dead on July 8 in which city of Japan? Nara
468.	Which union ministry is associated with celebration of National Fish Farmers' Day on July 10? Union Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying
469.	Who is the current head of the Union Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying? Parshottam Rupala

470.	The first India Animal Health Summit 2022 was held 06th July in which city? New Delhi
471.	Who scripted a new world record by becoming the first captain in the history of cricket to win 14 successive T20 Internationals? Rohit Sharma
472.	Rohit Sharma achieved the above record feat by winning match against which team? England
473.	At which place Rohit Sharma won his 14 th successive T20 match? Birmingham, England
474.	Boris Johnson, British prime minister announced his resignation on July 7. He heads which political party? Conservative Party
475.	Uttar Pradesh became the first state to link its ambitious scheme ODOP to the ONDC platform. Mention full form of ODOP and ONDC: One District One Product; Open Network for Digital Commerce
476.	Which union ministry has launched the ONDC platform? Union Commerce Ministry
477.	President of India nominated how many new members to the Rajya Sabha on July 6? Four
478.	Under which article of the Indian Constitution President can nominate 12 members to the Rajya Sabha? Article 80(a)
479.	Portugal co-hosted the 2022 UN Ocean Conference along with which other country, from 27 June to 1 July? Kenya
480.	UN Ocean Conference 2022 was held in which city? Lisbon, Portugal
481.	Which two countries signed the Accession Protocols at the NATO Headquarters in Brussels on July 5? Sweden and Finland
482.	How many countries are member of NATO Group? 30
483.	Headquarters of NATO are in which city? Brussels
484.	Which union ministry released the first edition of 'State Ranking Index for National Food Security Act on July 5? Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
485.	National Food Security Act was passed in which year? 2013
486.	The eligible persons under the National Food Security Act are entitled to receive ____ Kg of foodgrains per person per month at subsidised prices: Five
487.	Which state secured the top rank in the 'State Ranking Index for National Food Security Act'? Odisha
488.	World Zoonoses Day is observed on July 6 to raise awareness for the risk of _____ diseases: Zoonotic
489.	Alfiya Pathan and Gitika, are India's champion girls in which sports? Boxing
490.	The inaugural edition of the Elorda Boxing Cup was held in Nur-Sultan. It is the capital of which country? Kazakhstan
491.	The Indian Navy commissioned Indian Naval Air Squadron 324 at INS Dega at which place? Visakhapatnam

492.	Which type of aircrafts have been inducted in the Naval Air Squadron 324? ALH MK III (MR) helicopters
493.	The Ministry of Commerce and Industry released the "States' Startup Ranking 2021" on July 4. Which state topped the Ranking as best performer? Gujarat
494.	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? Odisha
495.	The Department of Investment and Public Asset Management is part of which union ministry? Ministry of Finance
496.	Which private sector steel company acquired the Nilachal Ispat Nigam Limited for Rs. 12,100 crore? Tata Steel Long Products Limited
497.	Government has decided to transform the Banks Board Bureau into which new institution? Financial Services Institutions Bureau, FSIB
498.	Who has been appointed as the first head of the FSIB? Bhanu Pratap Sharma
499.	Name the 21 year old beauty queen from Karnataka who won the Femina Miss India 2022 crown on July 3: Sini Shetty
500.	Femina Miss India Beauty Contest is run by which corporate group? The Times media group
501.	The amended FCRA rules now allow relatives abroad to send ____ lakh rupees without informing the government: Ten
502.	What is the full form of FCRA? Foreign Contribution Regulation Act
503.	"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: London
504.	On June 29, NASA launched CAPSTONE, a microwave oven-sized CubeSat weighing just 55 pounds (25 kg) from a spaceport outside USA, in which country? New Zealand
505.	____ has been elected as the 14th Prime Minister of Israel: Mr. Yair Lapid
506.	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? Coal
507.	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? Telangana
508.	T Raja Kumar, a senior Indian origin diplomat took over as President of Financial Action Task Force (FATF), Paris. He hails from which country? Singapore
509.	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? Karnataka

510.	The International Day of Cooperatives is celebrated across the world on the first _____ of July: Saturday
511.	Who is the current head of the Ministry of Cooperation? Sh. Amit Shah
512.	July 01 is observed as the Chartered Accountants Day. The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) is based in which city? New Delhi
513.	The National Doctor's Day on July 01 marks the birth and death anniversary of which great Indian doctor? Dr Bidhan Chandra Roy, Bharat Ratna
514.	The Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) exercise was held at Pearl Harbour in which place? Near Hawaii Islands, USA
515.	Which day of June is observed as the World Social Media Day? 30th
516.	Ferdinand Marcos Jr. was sworn in as the 17th President of which Southeast Asian country? Philippines
517.	The DRDO along with Indian Army successfully flight-tested on June 30 the indigenously developed High-speed Expendable Aerial Target (HEAT) named _____: Abhyas
518.	The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs CCEA has approved the computerization of all PACS in the country. What is PACS? Primary Agriculture Credit Societies
519.	Indian Space Research Organisation, successfully launched three satellites of which country on June 30? Singapore
520.	Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)? Nitin Gupta
521.	Pallonji Mistry, doyen of construction industry, passed away on June 28. He was head of which business group? Shapoorji Pallonji Group
522.	Tata Power Solar Systems commissioned India's largest floating solar power project of 101.6 Megawatt Peak (MWp) capacity in which state? Kerala
523.	Samant Kumar Goel has been re-appointed as the Chief of which foreign intelligence agency of India? Research and Analysis Wing (RAW)
524.	Who has been appointed as the new Chief of National Investigation Agency-NIA? Dinkar Gupta
525.	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: Ronaldo Singh
526.	Who has become the first tennis player to win 80 matches at each of the four Grand Slam tennis tournaments? Novak Djokovic
527.	Which city topped the Global Liveability Index 2022? Vienna
528.	Vienna is the capital of which country? Austria
529.	Among Indian cities, which city earned the highest ranking of 112 th rank in the Global Liveability Index 2022? New Delhi
530.	The Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) gave its approval for India's first mRNA vaccine named on June 28: Gemcovac-19

531.	Gemcovac-19 is being manufactured by which pharma company? Gennova Biopharmaceuticals, Pune
532.	What is the full form of mRNA? messenger Ribonucleic Acid
533.	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? State Bank of India
534.	The World Bank approved a \$250 million loan to support the Government of India's _____ programme for seven States: Road safety
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535.	Which day of June is celebrated as the International Asteroid Day? June 30
536.	The so called 'Asteroid Belt' is located between which two planets? Mars and Jupiter
537.	International Day of Parliamentarism on June 30 is associated with SDG number _____, Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions: 16
538.	Researchers from Forest Department of which state discovered a rare carnivorous plant named 'Utricularia Furcellata'? Uttarakhand
539.	National Statistics Day is observed on June 29 to mark the birth anniversary of which legendary statistician of India? Prof. P C Mahalanobis
540.	The United Nations celebrates which Day on June 27 to raise public awareness of the contribution of MSMEs to the global economy? Micro-, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSMEs) Day
541.	The 48 th G-7 Summit was held in Bavarian Alps on June 26-28. It is in which country? Germany
542.	G7 members decided to ban imports of gold from which country? Russia
543.	Who holds the Presidency of G7 Group for the year 2022? Germany
544.	Who is the present Chancellor of Germany? Olaf Scholz
545.	From which city Prime Minister Mody started his two nation visit on June 26? Munich, Germany
546.	Name the veteran technocrat, popularly known as "Father of Indian PSUs", who passed away on June 26: V Krishnamurthy
547.	June 26 is observed as the International Day against _____ and Illicit Trafficking: Drug Abuse
548.	Name the team which won Cricket's national level Ranji Trophy: Madhya Pradesh
549.	Madhya Pradesh won the Ranji Trophy by defeating which team? Mumbai
550.	Who was declared 'Player of the Series' in the Ranji Trophy? Sarfaraz Khan
551.	Jyothi Surekha Vennu and Abhishek Verma won the gold medal on June 25 in an international event in which sports? Archery
552.	Navjeet Dhillon, Indian women's _____ won the gold medal on June 25 at the Qosanov Memorial 2022 athletics meet in Almaty, Kazakhstan: Discus Thrower

553.	The International Maritime Organisation celebrates June 25 as the Day of the Seafarer. Headquarters of IMO are in which city? London
554.	The 26 th Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) was hosted by which country on June 24-25? Rwanda
555.	At present how many countries are members of Commonwealth Group? 54
556.	June 25 is observed as the World Vitiligo Day. Vitiligo is associated which body part? Skin
557.	Deficiency or absence of _____ causes vitiligo: Melanin
558.	Tapan Kumar Deka, senior IPS officer has been appointed Director of which apex agency? Intelligence Bureau
559.	Who has been appointed as the next CEO of Niti Aayog? Parameswaran Iyer
560.	Scientists have discovered the world's largest known single cell bacteria, first to be visible with the naked eye. What is its name? Thiomargarita Magnifica
561.	Who has been named as the captain of India's women Hockey team? Savita Punia
562.	Which is the first Indian airport to run entirely on hydro and solar power as it switched to renewable sources for its energy needs? Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport
563.	Who has been selected as the Presidential candidate by the National Democratic Alliance? Ms Draupadi Murmu
564.	Ms Draupadi Murmu hails from which state? Odisha
565.	The country's first-ever, 'Balika Panchayat', started in five villages of which state? Gujarat
566.	Indian wrestling team secured which position at the Under-17 Asian Championship at Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan? First
567.	The ISRO successfully launched communication satellite GSAT-24 from which place on June 23? Kourou in French Guiana
568.	French Guiana is located in which part of the world? Latin America
569.	Which country hosted the 14th BRICS Summit in virtual mode on 23rd of June? China
570.	UN celebrates which day on June 23 to raise awareness of the violation of human rights that widows suffer in many countries? International Widows Day
571.	United Nations Public Service Day is observed on which date? June 23
572.	World Olympic Day on June 23 marks which event associated with Olympics? Foundation of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) on this day in 1894
573.	Headquarters of IOC are situated in which place? Lausanne, Switzerland
574.	A devastating 6.1 magnitude earthquake struck which part of Afghanistan on June 22, claiming more than 1,000 lives? South Eastern

575.	June 22 is observed as World Rainforest Day. Which is the largest rain forest in the world? Amazon Rain Forest
576.	Which Indian pace all-rounder announced her retirement from all formats of Cricket on June 22? Rumeli Dhar
577.	What was the theme for this year's International Yoga Day celebrated on June 21? Yoga for Humanity
578.	World Hydrography Day is observed on June 21 to mark the foundation of International Hydrographic Organisation. It is based in which place? Monte Carlo, Monaco
579.	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? TikTok
580.	MSME department of which state won the first prize in the category "National MSME Award 2022 for States/UTs? Odisha
581.	Name the senior diplomat who has been appointed as the next Ambassador and Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations: Ms. Ruchira Kamboj
582.	_____ became the 36 th State to implement One Nation One Ration Card-ONORC scheme on June 20: Assam
583.	The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs launched NIPUN scheme on June 20 for benefit of which category of workers? Construction workers
584.	What is the full form of NIPUN? National Initiative for Promoting Upskilling of Nirman workers
585.	June 19 is observed as the National Reading Day to mark the anniversary of which famous book man of Kerala? P N Panicker
586.	Which documentary won the prestigious award for the Best Documentary Film at MIFF 2022? What is the name of the award for the Best Documentary Film at MIFF 2022? Golden Conch
587.	The Union Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY) has declared IT resources of which 3 FIs as 'Critical Information Infrastructure'? ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank and NPCI
588.	Which small town in Meghalaya, set a new record on June 17, of highest single-day rainfall? Mawsynram
589.	Gustavo Petro, a former guerilla commando won Presidential elections in which country? Colombia
590.	Which three countries have been granted the hosting rights for the FIFA World Cup 2026? USA, Canada and Mexico
591.	Country's first of its kind and the largest desalination plant was inaugurated at which place in Gujarat? Dahej
592.	What is the function of desalination plant? To process sea water to convert it to normal water
593.	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: Saanapathi Gurunaidu

594.	World champion Max Verstappen won the Canadian Grand Prix in which city? Montreal
595.	What is the name of the most advanced, indigenously built aircraft carrier launched recently by China? Fujian
596.	With which country India launched the joint logo for the celebration of 50 Years of its Diplomatic Relations, on June 18? Vietnam
597.	What is the theme of this year's World Refugee Day? Right to Seek Safety
598.	President of which country signed a declaration in 1972 to celebrate every third Sunday of June as Father's Day? USA
599.	June 18 is celebrated as the Sustainable Gastronomy Day. Gastronomy is associated with which field? Art of food / cooking
600.	June 18 is celebrated as _____ Pride Day to respect the rights of persons with autism: Autistic
601.	Which Indian airport launched India's first Vertical Axis Wind Turbine along with a solar panel? Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport, Mumbai
602.	Prof. Thalappil Pradeep of the IIT _____ won the Prince Sultan Bin Abdulaziz International Prize for Water: Madras
603.	Who has been appointed as the first woman chairperson of the Press Council of India? Justice (ret'd.) Ranjana Prakash Desai
604.	Hamza Abdi Barre has been appointed as the Prime Minister of which African country? Somalia
605.	The annual World Competitiveness Index 2022 released on June 15 placed India at which rank? 37th
606.	Which country secured the top rank in the World Competitiveness Index 2022? Denmark
607.	On June 16, RBI raised the Additional Factor of Authentication (AFA) limit from Rs 5,000 to Rs _____ per transaction on cards, PPIs and UPI for recurring transactions, with immediate effect: 15,000
608.	What is the full form of PPI? Prepaid Payment Instruments
609.	Supported by the UNO, June 17 is observed as World Day to Combat _____ and Drought: Desertification
610.	_____ has been appointed as the new Director General of the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB): Sujoy Lal Thakosen
611.	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? Omnicard
612.	Europe's biggest start-up conference - Vivattech 2020 selected India as the "country of the year" for what reason? To honour the contribution of the Indian start-ups to the world
613.	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: Sainagar Shirdi

614.	One of the most respected Urdu critics, theorists and linguists, passed away on June 15. Who was he? Prof. Gopi Chand Narang
615.	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? Bengaluru
616.	Govt launched Agnipath scheme to recruit _____ for the Indian Armed forces: Agniveers
617.	The Agniveers will be recruited for a period of _____ years: Four
618.	Neeraj Chopra, Tokyo Olympics gold medalist ace Javelin thrower was in news recently for what reasons? He improved his Tokyo Olympic record by 1.72 metres
619.	Global/World Wind Day is observed on which day of June? 15th
620.	June 15 is celebrated as World _____ Awareness Day: Elder Abuse
621.	What is the theme of this year's World Elder Abuse Awareness Day? Digital Equity for All Ages
622.	India's first display fabrication facility, Generation 6 AMOLED Display FAB, is being set up in which city? Hyderabad
623.	What is the expansion of the abbreviation AMOLED? Active-Matrix Organic Light-Emitting Diodes
624.	Name the Hungarian diplomat who has been elected the President of the upcoming 77th session of the UN General Assembly: Csaba Korosi
625.	Celebration of World Blood Donor Day is supported by WHO and which other global organisation? Red Cross
626.	Sriharsha Devaraddi , Manish Narwal, Rubina Francis and Rahul Jakhar, all won gold at an international _____ event: Shooting
627.	Max Verstappen of the team Red Bull won the Azerbaijan Formula One Grand Prix on June 12 in which circuit? Baku City Circuit
628.	The 4th edition of Khelo India Youth Games 2021 concluded in which city on June 13? Panchkula, Haryana
629.	Which state team secured top position in the medal tally at the 4th edition of Khelo India Youth Games 2021? Haryana
630.	The 38th India-Indonesia Coordinated Patrol (Corpat) was held from June 13 to 24 in which area? Andaman sea and Strait of Malacca
631.	Government plans to set up how many PM Shri Schools in the country? 15,000
632.	As part of the National Education Policy, what is the four stage 15 year model of school education? 5+3+3+4
633.	What are the names given to the four stages of school education? Foundation, Preparatory, Middle and Secondary
634.	Which city hosted the 12th World Trade Organisation, WTO Ministerial Conference? Geneva

635.	World Trade Organisation is based in which city? Geneva
636.	Who is the current Director General of WTO? Ngozi Okonjo Iweala
637.	Ngozi Okonjo Iweala hails from which country? Nigeria
638.	The WTO came in existence on January 1, 1995 based on which agreement? Marrakesh Agreement
639.	Marrakesh is a prominent city of which country? Morocco
640.	Which day of June is celebrated as the World Day Against Child Labour? 12th
641.	Recently, how many new non-permanent members were elected for the UN Security Council? Five
642.	Out of Ecuador, Japan, Germany, Malta, Mozambique and Switzerland, which one has NOT been selected as a new member of UNSC? Germany
643.	New non-permanent members are elected for what period? Two years
644.	Which forum elects the non-permanent members of the UNSC? UN General Assembly
645.	The new 5 members of the UN Security Council will join from which date? January 01, 2023
646.	The Government launched Rashtriya _____ Portal to invite nominations for various awards from the various ministries, departments, and agencies? Puraskar
647.	Who can nominate individuals/organisations for award of Padma awards? Any Indian citizen
648.	_____ became the first state to approve a 'Drone Policy 2022' to enable the use of drones and similar technology for different public services: Himachal Pradesh
649.	For the first time in the world, _____ passed the law for digital electronics, the "Right to repair" bill: New York state, USA
650.	Which India Grand Master won the Norway Chess Group 'A' event with 7.5 points from nine rounds? R. Praggnanandha
651.	Name the music maestro who has been named as the ambassador of the British Council's 'India-UK Together Season of Culture': A R Rahman
652.	Ramkrishna Mukkavilli became the first Indian to be recognised as the Global SDG Pioneer for water stewardship by UNGC. What is SDG? Sustainable Development Goal
653.	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? Anocovax
654.	Among Indian private universities, which university was ranked at the top by the QS World University Rankings, 2023? OP Jindal Global University, Sonapat, Haryana
655.	What is the theme of this year's World Brain Tumour Day observed on June 8? Together We Are Stronger

656.	The 4th State Food Safety Index prepared by the FSSAI, placed which state at number one among large states? Tamil Nadu
657.	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? Rs. 100
658.	Which among Urad, Groundnut, Mustard and Sunflower is NOT a Kharif crop? Mustard
659.	The Reserve Bank allowed on June 8 credit cards to be linked with which popular digital payment platform? UPI
660.	What is the full form of UPI? Unified Payments Interface
661.	Name the Indian icon of women's cricket who announced her retirement from all forms of international cricket: Mithali Raj
662.	NHAI entered Guinness World Records for laying 75 km long continuous Bituminous Concrete Road in less than five days at which place? On NH-53, section between Amravati to Akola in Maharashtra
663.	The RBI did not change which key rate among the changes announced on June 8? Fixed Reverse Repo
664.	The recent hike in Repo rate will lead to a _____ in amount of EMI for various personal loans: Rise
665.	June 8 is observed as World _____ Day: Oceans
666.	Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu embarked on a three-nation tour to Gabon, _____ and Qatar on May 30: Senegal
667.	What is the location of Senegal on the world map? West coast of Western Africa
668.	World's first population estimation of the fishing cat, conducted outside the protected area network, was done in which part of India? Chilika Lake, Odisha
669.	Which international day is observed on June 6 to spread awareness about pest management and its benefits for plants and people around us? World Pest Day
670.	Major General Bajram Begaj has been elected as the President of Albania. It is located in which part of the world? Southeastern Europe
671.	The 22nd edition of the International Indian Film Academy (IIFA) Awards was held in _____ on 4th June: Abu Dhabi
672.	For which film Vicky Kaushal won the IIFA Best Actor Award? Sardar Udham
673.	Who won the IIFA Award for Best Director for the film Shershaah? Vishnuvardhan
674.	India was placed at which rank in the 2022 edition of the Environmental Performance Index prepared for 180 countries? 180th
675.	Which country displayed the best performance in the Environmental Performance Index-2022? Denmark
676.	Ex Khaan Quest 2022, a multinational peacekeeping military exercise, was hosted by which country? Mongolia

677.	Name the union minister who announced the first-ever National Air Sports Policy-2022 on June 7 in New Delhi: Jyotiraditya Scindia, Civil Aviation Minister
678.	Out of Aerobatics, Ballooning, Rafting and Gliding, which one is NOT a air sport? Rafting
679.	At which place the Ministry of Tribal Affairs inaugurated the National Tribal Research Institute on June 7? New Delhi
680.	Which UN agency supports the celebration of World Food Safety Day on June 7? WHO – World Health Organisation
681.	For what purpose government launched Jan Samarth Portal on June 6? To bring all credit-linked government schemes on a single platform
682.	What was the name of the joint military training exercise held between India and Bangladesh from June 5 to 16? Ex Sampriti-X
683.	Ex Sampriti-X was held at which place? Jessore military station in Bangladesh
684.	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? Single use Plastics
685.	Famous Tennis Grand Slam, French Open was held at which place? Roland Garros, Paris
686.	Who holds the record to win 14 singles titles of French Open, including this year's title? Rafael Nadal
687.	Who holds the record to win 22 men's singles titles in Grand Slams? Rafael Nadal
688.	Name the World number one women's tennis player who also won this year's Women's Singles Title in French Open: Iga Swiatek
689.	Iga Swiatek hails from which country? Poland
690.	Which country won the inaugural edition of FIH Hockey 5s championship in Lausanne, Switzerland? India
691.	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? Lifestyle for the Environment
692.	Which last village of the remote Miyar Valley in Lahaul and Spiti, Himachal Pradesh, was connected with a road on June 3? Khanjar
693.	Which Covid vaccine has become India's first vaccine to get DCGI approval as a heterogeneous COVID-19 booster dose? Corbevax
694.	Corbevax is manufactured by which vaccine making company? Biological E, Hyderabad
695.	Which is the host country for this year's celebrations for the World Environment Day? Sweden
696.	What is the theme selected for this year's World Environment Day observed on June 5? Only One Earth
697.	Who has been appointed as the MD & CEO of the Punjab & Sind Bank? Swarup Kumar Saha

698.	Ajay Kumar Srivastava has recently been appointed MD & CEO of which public sector bank? Indian Overseas Bank
699.	A unique Liquid-Mirror Telescope has been commissioned in India at Devasthal Observatory Campus. It is situated at which place? Nainital, Uttarakhand
700.	Which company has been selected to carry out the construction of the Noida International Airport at Jewar, in Uttar Pradesh? Tata Projects
701.	Government launched which scheme to provide free education to the meritorious SC boys and girls in the best private residential schools? SRESHTA
702.	What is the expansion of the acronym SRESHTA? Scheme for Residential Education for Students in High Schools in Targeted Area
703.	Sakshi Malik, Mansi Ahlawat, Divya Kakran, Sarita Mor and Manisha, all five won individual gold medals in an international event in which sport? Wrestling
704.	What type of ships were INS Nishank and INS Akshay which were decommissioned on June 3 after rendering 32 years of glorious service? Missile corvette and patrol warship, respectively
705.	HM Queen Elizabeth II, Britain's Queen became the first royal in Britain to celebrate ____ years of her reign on June 2: 70
706.	Harini Logan, the 13-year-old eighth-grader Indian-American from San Antonio, Texas, was in news for what reasons? She won the Scripps National Spelling Bee 2022 contest in USA
707.	Turkey has announced that his country's name has been changed to ____ as it is spelled and pronounced in Turkish: Türkiye (tur-key-YAY)
708.	United Nations approved which day of June in 2018 as World Bicycle Day to encourage the use of the bicycle as a means of fostering sustainable development? 3rd
709.	The Defence Ministry selected which local company for supply of the Astra Mk-I Beyond Visual Range (BVR) air to air missiles? Bharat Dynamics Limited, Hyderabad
710.	What is the effective strike range of Astra Mk-I missile? 75 km
711.	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)? Frontier
712.	The Frontier supercomputer has been installed at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory at Oak Ridge in which country? USA
713.	An Exaflops represents capacity to process how many transactions per second? A quintillion (10¹⁸ i.e. 1 followed by 18 zeros)
714.	Indian Hockey team won which medal at the Hero Asia Cup-2022 in Jakarta? Bronze
715.	Jakarta is the capital of which country? Indonesia

716.	The world-famous Valley of Flowers, located in _____, Uttarakhand was opened for tourists from 1st of June: Chamoli
717.	For the first time in the country, Indian Posts delivered mail using a drone as part of a pilot project in which state? Gujarat
718.	Popularly known as KK, noted Bollywood singer passed away after a live performance in Kolkata on May 31. What was his full name? Krishnakumar Kunnath
719.	The Global Day of Parents is observed on which date? June 01
720.	Which UN Agency supports the celebration of World Milk Day on June 01? FAO - Food and Agriculture Organisation
721.	Which Indian state has been selected for World No Tobacco Day Award-2022 by WHO? Jharkhand
722.	Which corporate house commissioned a first of its kind, 390 MW wind-solar hybrid power plant in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan? Adani group
723.	According to the data released by the National Statistical Office on May 31, the Indian economy is likely to grow by _____% in 2021-22: 8.7
724.	Elavenil Valarivan, Shreya Agarwal and Ramita, all three are part of which Indian team that won gold at an international event? Shooting
725.	The government has revised the premium for the Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana, PMJJBY to what amount? Rs. 436
726.	The enhanced premium for the Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana is _____: Rs. 20
727.	What is the amount of insurance cover available under the Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana? Rs. 2 lakh
728.	Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana provides a cover of Rs. _____ lakh, in case of death due to any reason: Two
729.	Which film won the Palme d'Or- Golden Ball Award for the 'Best Film' at the Cannes Film Festival? Triangle of Sadness
730.	India's first Lavender Festival was held in Bhaderwah in which place? J&K
731.	Which franchisee team won the 15 th season of IPL? Gujarat Titans
732.	According to the data released by the commerce ministry, in 2021-22, which country had the highest amount of bilateral trade with India? USA
733.	Which FC won the Champions League, biggest Football League of Europe, for a record-extending 14th time? Real Madrid
734.	Which was the "Country of focus" in this year's Mumbai International Film Festival? Bangladesh
735.	Name the Godavari class guided-missile frigate, one of the oldest warriors of the Western Fleet, which was decommissioned on May 28: INS Gomati
736.	L'OEil d'Or is the name of the award for the 'Best _____' at the Cannes Film Festival: Documentary

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737.	Which global body supports the celebration of No Tobacco Day on May 31? World Health Organisation
738.	International Everest Day is observed on which date? May 29
739.	Why May 29 has been selected as the International Everest Day? It marks the first conquering of Everest in 1953
740.	What is the theme for this year's World Menstrual Hygiene Day observed on May 28? We are committed
741.	Headquarters of the global NGO Amnesty International are located in which city? London
742.	India's biggest Drone Festival- "Bharat Drone Mahotsav 2022" was held in which city on May 27-28? New Delhi
743.	Name the 64 year old Delhi based Hindi author who won the International Booker Prize: Geetanjali Shree
744.	Geetanjali Shree won the Booker Prize for which of her novel? "Ret Samadhi" (Tomb of Sand)
745.	Who translated the Hindi novel "Ret Samadhi" into English? Ms. Daisy Rockwell
746.	What is the amount of cash award in the International Booker Prize? British Pound 50,000/-
747.	What is the name of the second survey ship inducted in Indian Navy on May 26? Nirdeshak
748.	Which city became the first metro city in the country to prepare a detailed register of biodiversity? Kolkata
749.	Supercomputer 'PARAM PORUL' has been established in which educational institution? NIT Tiruchirappalli
750.	Murali Sreeshankar, from Kerala won the gold medal on May 26 at the 12th International _____ Meeting in Kallithea, Greece: Jumping
751.	_____ became the first state in India to launch a pilot project on Olympic Values Education Programme: Odisha
752.	The Ministry of Education, released on May 25 which report that assessed the health of the school education system in the country? The National Achievement Survey (NAS) 2021 report
753.	The 4th edition of state-level popular Shirui Lily Festival 2022 was hosted by the _____ government from May 25 to 29: Manipur
754.	Name the Army lady officer who became the first combat aviator in the Army Aviation Corps: Captain Abhilasha Barak
755.	What is the name of the Indian Navy and Bangladesh Navy Bilateral exercise that commenced on 24 May at Port Mongla, in Southwestern Bangladesh? Bongosagar
756.	India recently joined which international forum that aims at decarbonising the heavy industry and long-distance transport sectors? First Movers Coalition

757.	The First Movers Coalition is an initiative launched by the _____ government and WEF: United States
758.	The Travel and Tourism Development Index released on May 24, ranked India at which place? 54th
759.	Which country topped the Travel and Tourism Development Index? Japan
760.	India and the USA signed an Investment Incentive Agreement on May 23 in which city? Tokyo, Japan
761.	National Health Authority has launched revamped Ayushman Bharat Health Account mobile application. What is its name? ABHA
762.	Who has been appointed as the new Lieutenant Governor of Delhi by a Presidential notification? Vinai Kumar Saxena
763.	Jose Ramos-Horta was sworn in as president of East Timor. It is in which part of the world? Southeast Asia
764.	Which company has overtaken Apple as the world's most valuable company in terms of its market capitalisation? Saudi Aramco
765.	Saudi Aramco is associated with which field? Petroleum refining
766.	Dr Tedros has been elected to serve a second ____ year term as Director-General of the WHO: Five
767.	Dr tedros hails from which country? Ethiopia
768.	The first commercial drone flight in the country's healthcare sector was undertaken recently in which state? Uttarakhand
769.	Vivek Kumar, 2004 batch IFS officer was appointed as the _____ to Prime Minister: Personal Secretary (PS)
770.	Salil S. Parekh has been re-appointed as the MD & CEO of which major Indian IT company? Infosys
771.	Vijay Shekhar Sharma was re-appointed as the MD & CEO of which major Fintech Company of India? Paytm
772.	US President Joe Biden launched the IPEF for prosperity with a dozen initial partners. Expand IPEF: Indo-Pacific Economic Framework
773.	Prime Minister Modi visited Japan for two days, 23 and 24 May, to attend which global summit? QUAD Leaders' Summit
774.	What is the full form of QUAD? Quadrilateral Security Dialogue)
775.	What is the theme of this year's World Turtle Day held on May 23? Shellebrate
776.	The fourth edition of the Indian Navy-Bangladesh Navy Coordinated Patrol CORPAT was held on May 22-23 in which area? In the Northern Bay of Bengal
777.	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? Baljeet Kaur
778.	Which team won the Hockey India sub-junior women's national championship 2022 on May 22? Haryana

779.	The Indian men's compound team won the gold medal on May 21 in the Hyundai _____ World Cup 2022: Archery
780.	Who has been elected as the new Prime Minister of Australia? Anthony Albanese
781.	Which UN agency recently honoured India's one million all-women ASHA workers for their 'outstanding' contribution to health sector? WHO – World Health Organisation
782.	India's first simulation-based war training centre, named Wargame Research and Development Centre, is being set up at which place? New Delhi
783.	RBI announced on May 23 to set up a committee to evaluate the efficacy, adequacy and quality of customer service in which sector? Banks, NBFCs and all other entities regulated by it
784.	Who will be the head of this committee? B P Kanungo
785.	Order of the British Empire has recently been conferred upon Kishore Jayaraman. He is President, India and South Asia for which company? Rolls-Royce
786.	The Indian Air Force (IAF) has been placed at which rank in the World Air Power Index? Third
787.	Who is the author of the book "A Place Called Home"? Preeti Shenoy
788.	Rasheed Kidwai, noted journalist, has authored which book recently? Leaders, Politicians, Citizens
789.	Which UN Report slashed India's growth rate for 2022 to 6.4 %? World Economic Situation and Prospects" (WESP) report.
790.	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: National Geographic
791.	Who has been appointed as the next Chief Executive of Hong Kong by the China's State Council? John Lee
792.	The Reserve Bank of India approved the transfer of _____ crore as surplus to the Central Government for the accounting year ending March 31, 2022: Rs.30,307
793.	The UNO has designated which day of May to be observed as International Day for Biodiversity? 22nd
794.	Martyrdom day of which Indian statesman is observed as Anti-Terrorism Day on May 21? Rajiv Gandhi
795.	What is the name of the Rajiv Gandhi's shrine located in New Delhi? Veer Bhumi
796.	Which sector of economy emerged as the top recipient sector of FDI inflow with 25 per cent share in 2021-22? Computer software and hardware
797.	Which state received the highest amount of FDI in 2021-22, accounting for 38% share? Karnataka
798.	World's first airport for electric flying cars and large drones has been built in Coventry, in which country? England
799.	Which country topped the medal tally at the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) Junior World Cup in Suhl, Germany? India

800.	Which woman boxer from Telangana became the world champion in 52 kg category? Nikhat Zareen
801.	RBI asked banks on May 19 to provide the option of ICCW at their ATMs, and also at white label ATMs. Expand ICCW: Interoperable Card-less Cash Withdrawal
802.	The ICCW facility will be provided by using which digital payment platform? UPI - Unified Payments Interface
803.	At the global level, which organisation maintains the most comprehensive "Red List of Threatened Species"? International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), Switzerland
804.	World Bee Day is observed on which date? May 20
805.	What was the theme for this year's World Metrology Day? Metrology in the Digital Era
806.	Which Indian corporate clinched the deal to acquire Swiss cement major Holcim's stake in Ambuja Cements and its subsidiary ACC? Adani group
807.	Indian Navy in association with the DRDO successfully carried out maiden test-firing of the first indigenously developed _____ missile on May 18: Naval anti-ship
808.	What was the theme for this year's International Museum Day observed on May 18? The Power of Museums
809.	The 24th Summer Deaflympics were held in Caxias Du Sul from 1st to 15th of May. It is in which country? Brazil
810.	Which team won the 12th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship? Odisha
811.	The Union Government announced the formation of the Cotton Council of India under the Chairmanship of renowned 'Cotton Man', _____ Kotak: Suresh Bhai
812.	Vesak Day is observed every year in May on the first Full Moon Day. It is associated with which religion? Buddhism
813.	The Forbes' list of World's highest paid athletes released on May 11, placed which player at the top? Lionel Messi
814.	Lionel Messi plays for which Football Club? FC Paris Saint-Germain
815.	Nidhi Chibber, senior IAS officer has been appointed as the chairperson of which apex national body? Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), Delhi.
816.	Ms. Elisabeth Borne has been named as the Prime Minister of _____ by its President: France
817.	Two frontline warships of the Indian Navy were launched at Mazgaon Docks Limited in _____ on May 17: Mumbai
818.	What are the names of these two warships launched recently? Surat and Udaigiri
819.	Surat and Udaigiri are which category of ships? Destroyer and Frigate, respectively
820.	Between Destroyer and Frigate, usually _____ is larger and more powerful: Destroyer

821.	Ramgarh Vishdhari Wildlife Sanctuary in _____ has been upgraded to a Tiger Reserve: Rajasthan
822.	World Telecommunication and _____ Society Day is observed annually on May 17: Information
823.	World Hypertension Day is observed on which day of May? 17th
824.	Blood pressure is measured by two numbers to convey upper and lower blood pressure levels. Name these two indicators: Systolic and Diastolic
825.	World's longest suspension footbridge, named 'Sky Bridge', was thrown open to the public on May 13 in which country? Czech Republic
826.	Hassan Sheikh Mohamud has been elected as the new President of which East African country? Somalia
827.	Who has been elected as the new Chief Minister of Tripura? Manik Saha
828.	Which city is the capital of Tripura? Agartala
829.	Thomas Cup is associated with which sports? Men's Badminton
830.	Indian team defeated which country to win its first ever Thomas Cup in its 73 year history? Indonesia
831.	Uber Cup is associated with which sports? Women's Badminton
832.	Team of which country won the Uber Cup 2022? South Korea
833.	Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan has been elected as the President of which West Asian country? UAE-United Arab Emirates
834.	Prime Minister Narendra Modi made an official visit to which place in Nepal on May 16 on the occasion of Vaishakha Buddha Purnima? Lumbini
835.	How Lumbini is associated with Lord Buddha? It is his birth place
836.	Which place in Bihar is associated with attainment of enlightenment by Lord Buddha? Bodhgaya
837.	In which way Kushinagar in Uttar Pradesh is associated with Lord Buddha? He attained Nirvana at this place
838.	May 16 is observed as National Dengue Day with support from which ministry? Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
839.	Who is the current Health and Family Welfare Minister of India? Dr Mansukh Mandaviya
840.	What is the theme of this year's International Family Day that was observed on May 15? Families and Urbanisation
841.	The country's first "Amrit Sarovar " was inaugurated on May 13 at village Patwai in district Rampur in which state? Uttar Pradesh
842.	Prime Minister Narendra Modi has appealed to develop ____ Amrit Sarovars in every district, during the 75 th anniversary of India's independence: 75
843.	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: India

844.	From which country India received highest amount of inward remittances in 2021? USA
845.	Which apex national authority launched the National Data and Analytics Platform - NDAP on May 13? NITI Aayog
846.	What is the objective of launching NDAP? To improve access and use of published Indian government data
847.	President Ram Nath Kovind made a one week visit to which two tiny island nations in the Caribbean Sea, from May 14 to 21? Jamaica and St. Vincent & Grenadines
848.	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? Extended Range
849.	What is the approximate Extended Range of BrahMos missile? 350 km
850.	Which fighter jet was employed to conduct test launch of ER version of BrahMos air launched supersonic cruise missile? Sukhoi Su-30 MKI
851.	_____ became first country in the world to suspend vaccination against COVID-19: Denmark
852.	Jamtara district in _____ has become the only district in the country where all gram panchayats have community libraries: Jharkhand
853.	Jamtara has been the work place of which great social reformer: Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar
854.	Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of the national level IT industry body NASSCOM for 2022-23? Krishnan Ramanujam
855.	_____ has become the first city in the country to have vacuum-based sewers: Agra
856.	The World Bank has approved a \$ 47 million financial support for India's national program to build civil service capacity. What is its name? Mission Karmyogi
857.	Which state approved the country's first-of-its-kind gene bank programme aimed at conserving native biodiversity? Maharashtra
858.	Who is the current Governor of Maharashtra? H'ble Bhagat Singh Koshiyari
859.	What is another popular name for the International Workers' Day or Labour Day? May Day
860.	The May Day commemorates the tragic incident of May 4, 1886, the Haymarket massacre that took place in _____: Chicago, USA
861.	World Laughter Day is celebrated on the first _____ of May every year: Sunday
862.	May 2 is observed worldwide as World _____ Day to raise awareness about more sustainable fishing practices to conserve this species: Tuna
863.	Whitley Gold Award is presented for outstanding contribution in which field? Nature's conservation
864.	Who is the winner of this year's Whitley Gold Award? Charudutt Mishra
865.	What is the amount of cash reward in the Whitley Gold Award? One lakh British Pounds

866.	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? KVIC
867.	What is the full form of KVIC? Khadi and Village Industries Commission
868.	The abbreviation FMCG stands for what? Fast Moving Consumer Goods
869.	Tarun Kapoor, ret'd IAS officer, former petroleum secretary, has been appointed Advisor to which apex authority? Prime Minister
870.	The pilot phase of ONDC was launched on April 29 to pave the way for democratising and decentralising digital commerce. What is ONDC? Open Network for Digital Commerce
871.	Which government department is associated with promotion of ONDC? Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade
872.	What is special about a company incorporated under section 8 of Companies Act, 2013? It's a 'not for profit' company
873.	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? Namibia
874.	Freedom of the press is implicit under which Article of the Indian Constitution? 19(1)(a)
875.	World Asthma Day is observed on _____ Tuesday of May: First
876.	Harshada Sharad Garud scripted history by becoming the first Indian to win a gold medal at the world level in which field? Weightlifting
877.	Santosh Trophy is associated with which sports? Football
878.	Which state lifted the Santosh Trophy to become the National Football Champion? Kerala
879.	Which global organisation releases the World Press Freedom Index? Reporters Without Borders, Paris
880.	India's ranking in the World Press Freedom Index slipped to _____ spot, from 142 nd last year: 150th
881.	Which country topped the World Press Freedom Index in 2022? Norway
882.	Which international day you will select to show your support and appreciation for the fire-fighters? International Fire fighters' Day, May 4
883.	People show gratitude to the firefighters by proudly wearing and displaying _____ and _____ ribbons pinned together: Blue and Red
884.	Which apex government body released India's Civil Registration System (CRS) Report 2020? Registrar General of India
885.	Who is the current Registrar General of India? Dr. Vivek Joshi
886.	Registration of births and deaths in India is done under which law? Registration of Birth and Death Act, 1969

887.	What is the name of the national competitive event organised annually to promote sports talent in India? Khelo India University Games
888.	Which university hosted the Khelo India University Games 2021? Jain University (Deemed-to-be University), Bengaluru
889.	Which university won the overall champion title in the Khelo India University Games 2021? Jain University, Bengaluru
890.	The 2022 edition of "The State of the World's Forests" was released by which global organisation? FAO - Food and Agricultural Organisation
891.	As per the State of the World's Forests report, forests cover ____ percent of the Earth's land surface: 31
892.	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? Halting Deforestation
893.	What type of vessel is ICGS Kamla Devi, recently inducted in the Indian Coast Guard? Fat Patrol Vessel
894.	Name the ace cueist who won his seventh World Snooker Championship title on May 02 in England: Ronnie O'Sullivan
895.	Snooker Champion Ronnie O'Sullivan hails from which country? England
896.	Which UN agency supports the celebration of the Hand Hygiene Day on May 5? WHO - World Health Organisation
897.	Who is the Director General of WHO? Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus
898.	Which global sports body celebrates the World Athletics Day on May 7? World Athletics
899.	Headquarters of World Athletics are in which city? Port Hercules, Monaco
900.	The Reserve Bank of India hiked the repo rate on May 4 by 40 basis points, taking it to ____ per cent with immediate effect: 4.40
901.	What was the main factor for prompting recent hike in the Repo Rate? Continuing of high consumer inflation
902.	To ease the inflationary tendencies, the RBI hiked the CRR by 50 basis points to ____ percent: 4.50
903.	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? Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System
904.	The Federal Reserve System of USA is world's most powerful central bank. Who is its current chairman? Jerome Powell
905.	The Indian Coast Guard commissioned its second Air Squadron, 845 Squadron on May 04 at which place? Kochi, Kerala.
906.	The 845 Squadron of the Indian Coast Guard is equipped with which aircraft? ALH Mark III helicopters
907.	What is the full form of ALH? Advanced Light Helicopter

908.	Prime Minister Narendra Modi made a three-nation Europe trip from May 2 to 4. He visited which three countries? Germany, Denmark and France
909.	On 4th of May, Mr Modi participated in the 2nd India-Nordic Summit at Copenhagen. How many countries are popularly known as Nordic Nations? Five
910.	Copenhagen is the capital of which country? Denmark
911.	Which country among Denmark, Iceland, Netherlands, Finland, Sweden and Norway, is NOT a Nordic Country? Netherlands
912.	The Elysee Palace is the official residence of the President of which country? France
913.	Why Kerala fintech company "Open Financial Technologies Pvt Ltd" was in news recently? It has become India's 100th unicorn company
914.	What is a unicorn company? A startup having valuation of \$1 billion and above
915.	What do we call a bank that operates exclusively online without traditional physical branch networks? Neobank
916.	India has been selected to be the 'Country of Honour' at the Marché Du Film, the business section of the ____ Film Festival: Cannes
917.	India's first Flow Chemistry Technology Hub (FCT Hub) has been set up at Dr Reddy's Institute of Life Sciences in which city? Hyderabad
918.	The FCT Hub will promote transition to more modern approaches to manufacturing APIs. What is API? Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients
919.	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? Odisha
920.	If you intend to honour the accomplishments and sacrifices made by coal mine workers, which international day will you select for this purpose? Coal Miners Day, May 04
921.	In India, the coal mining began in 1774 when the East India Company exploited the Raniganj coalfield. It is in which state? West Bengal
922.	World Migratory Bird Day is observed twice in a year, on second Saturday of ____ and ____ : May and October
923.	What is the theme for this year's World Migratory Bird Day? Light Pollution
924.	World Red Cross Day on May 8 marks the birth anniversary of ____, founder of the Red Cross Movement: Henri Dunant
925.	The International Committee of the Red Cross is based in which city? Geneva, Switzerland
926.	World Thalassaemia Day is observed on which day of May? 8th
927.	Thalassaemia is associated with which type of disorder in human body? Decay of red blood cells
928.	In many a countries, including India, Mothers' Day is celebrated on the second ____ of May: Sunday

929.	Latest excavations by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) at Rakhigarhi, revealed vital remains of which civilisation? Harappa
930.	Rakhigarhi, a world famous site for vast remains of Harappa civilisation is located at which place? District Hissar, Haryana
931.	Kami Rita Sherpa, Nepal's legendary climber was in news recently for which of his achievement? He climbed Mt Everest for the record 26th time
932.	Which state is hosting the 4th Khelo India Youth Games? Haryana
933.	If you plan to participate in the 4th Khelo India Youth Games, your age should be below _____ years: 18
934.	How Jay, Vijay and Dhakad are associated with the 4th Khelo India Youth Games? They are the game mascots
935.	Which Indian corporate became the first one to cross annual revenue of \$ 100 billion? Reliance Industries Ltd.
936.	World Food Prize is conferred by which global NGO? World Food Prize Foundation, USA
937.	Who is the winner of this year's World Food Prize? Dr. Cynthia Rosenzweig
938.	Dr. Cynthia is a prominent climate research scientist in which organisation? NASA, USA
939.	What is the amount of cash reward given with the World Food Prize? \$ 2,50,000/-
940.	RailTel, a Mini Ratna PSU, launched on May 9 "PM-WANI" scheme. Expand PM-WANI: Prime Minister Wi-Fi Access Network Interface
941.	Name the legendary Santoor player who died of a heart attack on May 10 in Mumbai: Pandit Shiv Kumar Sharma
942.	Santoor is a popular local musical instrument of which area? Jammu & Kashmir
943.	Yoon Suk-Yeol was sworn in as the new President of South Korea on May 10. Which is the capital of S Korea? Seoul
944.	India's first semi-high speed Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) is to be made operational on which route? New Delhi-Meerut Corridor
945.	Which company has built in India, the special coaches for RRTS, capable of running at speeds of 180 kmph? Alstom of France
946.	As per Mercom's India Solar Project Tracker, _____ became the first state in India to surpass 10 GW of cumulative large-scale solar installations: Rajasthan
947.	Rodrigo Chaves was sworn in as the new President of Costa Rica. It is in which area? Central America, south of Mexico
948.	The 15th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP-15) of the UNCCD was held from May 9 to 20 at which place? Abidjan in Cote d'Ivoire
949.	What is the full form of UNCCD? United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
950.	Who represented India at the recent Conference of the Parties (COP-15) of the UNCCD? Bhupender

Yadav, Environment, Forest and Climate Change Minister	
951.	Red Bull's reigning champion Max Verstappen won the first-ever Miami Grand Prix on May 8 in which country? USA
952.	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: 100
953.	Avinash Sable from Beed, Maharashtra broke the 30 year old national record on May 6 in which athletic event? 5,000 metre race
954.	Which national day is celebrated on May 11 to mark testing of India's first nuclear bombs in 1998 under "Operation Shakti" in Pokhran? National Technology Day
955.	Bach Long- world's longest glass pedestrian bridge, spanning 632 mts, has been opened in which country? Vietnam
956.	International Nurses Day on May 12 marks the birthday of which great legendary nursing icon? Florence Nightingale
957.	Florence Nightingale hailed from which country? England
958.	The Supreme Court ordered on May 11 that Section ____ of the Indian Penal Code should be put on hold till further orders: 124A
959.	Name the 1984 batch retired IAS officer who has been appointed as the next Chief Election Commissioner of India: Rajiv Kumar
960.	The government has made it mandatory to quote either PAN or Aadhaar for depositing or withdrawing over Rs ____ lakh in a financial year: 20
961.	What is the name of the one of the world's highest honours for architecture, conferred by the Royal Institute of British Architects, London? Royal Gold Medal
962.	Name the veteran Indian architect who has been honoured with the Royal Gold Medal 2022: Balkrishna Doshi
963.	World renowned architect, Balkrishna Doshi is based in which city? Ahmedabad
964.	Sanjiv Bajaj, Chairman and Managing Director of Bajaj Finserv Ltd., has been elected as the President of which apex industries body? CII - Confederation of Indian Industry
965.	Lhakpa Sherpa, he steely Nepali woman climber created which new world record on May 12? She became first woman to scale Mt Everest for 10th time
966.	The 2022 Templeton Prize has been won by Dr. Frank Wilczek. He is a renowned professor of which subject? Physics
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967.	World Veterinary Day is observed on the last ____ of April: Saturday
968.	April 30 is observed all over India as the Ayushman ____ Diwas: Bharat

969.	Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana provides a health insurance cover of ____ lakh rupees per family per year: Five
970.	Which day of April is celebrated as the International Dance Day? 29th
971.	Which UN agency supports the celebration of World Day for Safety and Health at Work on April 28? ILO-International Labour Organisation
972.	Headquarters of ILO are located in which city? Geneva
973.	World Intellectual Property Day celebrations are supported by which special UN agency? World Intellectual Property Office (WIPO)
974.	Headquarters of WIPO are in which place? Geneva, Switzerland
975.	The 7 th Raisina Dialogue was inaugurated in which city on 25 th of April? New Delhi
976.	Who was the Chief Guest at the 7 th Raisina Dialogue? Ms. Ursula Von Der Leyen
977.	Ms. Leyen holds which important apex office? Presidency of European Union
978.	Headquarters of European Union are located in which city? Brussels, capital of Belgium
979.	Who became the national champion on April 25 at the 83 rd Senior National and Inter-State Table Tennis Championships in Shillong? A Sharath Kamal
980.	Malaria is a life-threatening disease which is caused by ____ Parasites: Plasmodium
981.	Malaria spreads to humans through the bites of infected female ____ mosquitoes: Anopheles
982.	Max Verstappen led the team Red Bull to victory in the Emilia Romagna Grand Prix on April 24 in which country? Italy
983.	Who was the first recipient of the Lata Deenanath Mangeshkar Award in Mumbai on April 24? Prime Minister Narendra Modi
984.	Who has been named Laureus World Sportsman of the Year? Max Verstappen
985.	Elaine Thompson-Herah has been named Laureus World Sportswoman of the Year. She hails from which country? Jamaica
986.	The Khelo India University Games were declared open in ____ on April 24: Bengaluru
987.	The Panchayati Raj Act came into existence in which year? 1993
988.	The Panchayati Raj Act was enacted by which amendment of the Indian Constitution? 73rd
989.	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? Kerala
990.	Which popular Bollywood actress has been named as one of the judges on the world famous prestigious Cannes Film Festival? Deepika Padukone
991.	Which Indian billionaire industrialist has become the world's fifth-richest person according to Forbes' Real-Time Billionaires List? Gautam Adani

992.	Emmanuel Macron won a second term in presidential election of ____ with 58.2 % of the vote: France
993.	Indian Coast Guard inducted an Auxiliary Barge, named ____, at Bharuch in Gujarat on April 23: Urja Pravaha
994.	Indian compound men's team won the gold medal on April 23 in the ____ World Cup Stage-1 at Antalya, Turkey: Archery
995.	The Champions of the Earth (Lifetime Achievement) Award is conferred by which UN Agency? The UN Environment Programme (UNEP)
996.	Who is the winner of this year's Champions of the Earth (Lifetime Achievement) Award? Sir David Attenborough
997.	A commemorative coin of Rs. 400 and a postage stamp was released on April 21 at Red Fort, Delhi to mark the 400 th anniversary of which Sikh Guru? Guru Tegh Bahadur
998.	The RBI has decided to extend the guidelines on LEI to Primary UCBs and NBFCs also. What is LEI? Legal Entity Identifier
999.	As per a latest report by SIPRI, ____ topped in the military expenditure in 2021: USA
1000.	India was placed at ____ spot in the world, in terms of its military expenditure in 2021: Third
1001.	SIPRI is noted think tank in military domain, based at ____ in Sweden: Stockholm
1002.	Ravi Dahiya, Bajrang Punia and Gourav Baliyan, all three are top ____ of India: Wrestlers
1003.	Appointed as the new Vice Chairperson of NITI Aayog? Dr. Suman K Bery
1004.	British Prime Minister Boris Johnson landed in ____, Gujarat on April 21 on his two day visit to India: Gandhinagar
1005.	Britain and India agreed to conclude the negotiations for a Free Trade Agreement by ____ this year: Diwali
1006.	Who are the two cricketers included in this year's top 5 Wisden Cricketers of the Year list? Jasprit Bumrah and Rohit Sharma
1007.	Who has been named as the "Leading Man Cricketer in the World" by the Wisden? Joe Root
1008.	Name the Mauritius Prime Minister who arrived in Mumbai on April 17 on an eight-day official visit to India? Pravind Kumar Jugnauth
1009.	Which international Day is observed globally every year to mark the birthday and date of death of legendary writer William Shakespeare? English Language Day
1010.	This year, the city of Guadalajara in ____ has been selected as the World Book Capital for 2022: Mexico
1011.	Which UN agency promotes the celebration of World Book and Copyright Day on April 23? UNESCO
1012.	The Earth day observed on April 22, was renamed officially by the UN in 2009 as International ____ Earth Day: Mother

1013. What is the theme of this year's International Mother Earth Day? Invest in our Planet
1014. India's first 99.999% pure Green Hydrogen pilot plant has been commissioned by which public sector oil company? Oil India Limited
1015. India's first 99.999% pure Green Hydrogen pilot plant has been commissioned at which place? Jorhat, Assam
1016. Dr. Ajay Sood has been appointed as the new Principal _____ Adviser to the Prime Minister: Scientific
1017. What is the name of the sixth and the last of the Scorpene-class submarines of Project-75, launched on April 20 in Mumbai? INS Vagsheer
1018. The Vagsheer has been named after which deadly deep sea predator of the Indian Ocean? Sand Fish
1019. What is the theme of this year's World Creativity and Innovation Day observed on April 21? Collaboration
1020. April 21 is observed as Civil Services Day in India. Who referred to civil servants as the 'steel frame of India'? Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel
1021. The World Bank and the IMF held their summer meetings April 18-19 in which city? Washington DC, USA.
1022. The World Bank slashed its forecast for global economic growth to ____% for this year: 3.2%.
1023. What is the full form of KVIC? Khadi and Village Industries Commission
1024. KVIC broke all previous records to create the highest ever employment under the PMEGP in 2021-22. What is PMEGP? Prime Minister's Employment Generation Program
1025. Which global organisation brings out the World Economic Outlook Report? International Monetary Fund (IMF)
1026. The foundation stone of WHO Global Centre for Traditional Medicine (GCTM) was laid on April 19 in which city? Jamnagar, Gujarat
1027. Which Indian GM became the first Indian player to win the La Roda International Open in Spain in 48 years? D Gukesh
1028. Export of which food item witnessed an astounding growth of 291 percent in 2021-22, from 2013-14, reaching \$4,600 million? Sugar
1029. World Liver Day is observed on April 19. Which is the most common infection of liver? Hepatitis A, B, C
1030. Who has been appointed as the new Chief of the Indian Army? Lt. Gen. Manoj Pande
1031. National Fire Service Day is observed on which day of April? 14th
1032. The Ministry of Roads, Transport and Highways has developed a portal named 'e-DAR' for what purpose? To accelerate settlement of accident claims
1033. What is the full form of e-DAR? electronic-Detailed Accident Report

1034. Which team won the men's title in 71st Senior National Basketball Championship? Tamil Nadu
1035. _____ was crowned as the National Champion in the 12th Senior Men's National Hockey Championship: Haryana
1036. Who won the gold in the Danish Open swimming meet in Copenhagen, Denmark? Sajan Prakash
1037. In which country gushing floods caused by heavy rains killed more than 400 people in its KwaZulu-Natal province? South Africa
1038. International Day for Monuments and Sites on April 18 is also known by which popular name? World Heritage Day
1039. World Haemophilia Day is observed globally on April 17. It is associated with which disorder? Bleeding
1040. Which international day is observed on April 16 to raise awareness about the threats faced by elephants? Save the Elephant Day
1041. 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? Israel
1042. Tropical storm Megi brought torrential downpours to the central regions of _____ in April's second week: Philippines
1043. Dr Manoj Soni has been appointed as the chairman of the Union _____ Commission: Public Service
1044. The Australian state of _____ has been officially announced as the host for the 2026 Commonwealth Games: Victoria
1045. The 2022 Commonwealth Games are being hosted by _____, UK from July 28 to August 8, 2022: Birmingham
1046. World Art Day is celebrated globally every year on ____ April to promote the development and enjoyment of art: 15th
1047. Iqbal Singh _____ has been re-appointed as the Chairperson of the National Commission for Minorities: Lalpura
1048. Which global organisation brings out the bi-annual report "South Asia Economic Focus"? World Bank
1049. What is another popular name for the Ambedkar Jayanti observed on April 14? Bhim Jayanti
1050. Who has been selected as the EY Entrepreneur of the Year - 2021: Ms. Falguni Nayar
1051. Ms. Falguni Nayar is the founder and CEO of which company? Nykaa
1052. The Indian Coast Guard commissioned the first advanced light helicopter (ALH) MK III Squadron on April 10 in which place? Bhubaneswar
1053. Which city has been recognised as a 'Tree City of the World' by the Arbor Day Foundation, USA, for a second consecutive year? Hyderabad
1054. Which is the second city from India to be recognised as a 'Tree City of the World'? Mumbai

1055. Indian Grandmaster, _____ won the prestigious Reykjavik Open chess tournament on April 12: R Pragganandhaa
1056. 4th FIH Junior Women's Hockey World Cup was won by which team? The Netherlands
1057. Finals of 4th FIH Junior Women's Hockey World Cup were played in which city of South Africa? Potchefstroom
1058. Prime Minister Modi and US President Joe Biden held a one to one meeting on April 11 at which place? NIL, it was a virtual meeting
1059. The Asian Development Bank granted a two million dollar Project Readiness Financing Loan for which state? Nagaland
1060. Whom is the current chairman of the University Grant Commission (UGC)? Prof. M. Jagadesh Kumar
1061. International Gandhi Award for Leprosy, 2021 has been awarded to Dr. Bhushan Kumar of _____ and to Sahyog Kushtha Yagna Trust, Gujarat: Chandigarh
1062. April 13 is celebrated as the Siachen Day. What type of geographical entity is Siachen? Glacier
1063. People of Assam celebrate Baisakhi as _____ Bihu: Rongali
1064. In which state festival of Baisakhi is observed as Vishu? Kerala
1065. Tamil Nadu celebrates festival of Baisakhi by the name of ____? Puthandu
1066. Prime Minister Modi inaugurated the Pradhanmantri Sangrahalaya on April 14 in which city? New Delhi
1067. Pradhanmantri Sangrahalaya has been developed on which erstwhile monument? Teen Murti Estate
1068. Who has been appointed as coordinator for the G20 summit, to be hosted by India in 2023? Harsh Vardhan Shringla
1069. Who is the India's 'Sherpa' for the forthcoming G20 summit in 2023? Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal
1070. Which country in South America, has made history by becoming the first country to recognise the legal rights of individual wild animals? Ecuador
1071. Who has been elected as the new Prime Minister in Pakistan? Shehbaz Sharif
1072. Shehbaz Sharif is the country chief of which political party? Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N)
1073. Which UN supported Day is observed on April 12 to mark the beginning of the space era for mankind? International Day of Human Space Flight
1074. The first human space flight was carried out by _____, a Russian astronaut: Yuri Gagarin
1075. India successfully flight-tested ATGM Helina on April 11. What is expansion of ATGM? Anti-Tank Guided Missile

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