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KEY RATE	RATE	FROM
Repo Rate	6.25%	7-12-22
Standing Deposit Facility	6.00%	7-12-22
Marginal Standing Facility	6.50%	7-12-22
Bank Rate	6.50%	7-12-22
Fixed Reverse Repo	3.35%	7-12-22
CRR	4.5%	7-12-22
SLR	18%	7-12-22

INDIA'S RANK IN

Food Security Index (GFSI) 2022: Dec	8 th
Arton Capital Passport Index 2022: Dec	87 th
The Network Readiness Index: Nov.	61 st
Climate Change Performance Index: Nov.	8 th
Commitment to Reducing Inequality Index (CRII): Oct 2022	123 rd
Mercer CFA Global Pension Index: Oct 2022	41 st
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Human Development Index: Sept 2022	132 nd
Global Unicorn Index: Sept 2022	03 rd
Global Gender Gap Index: Jul 2022	135 th
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World Competitiveness Index: June 2022	37 th
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NATIONAL NEWS

DECEMBER

FIRST EVER BATCH OF 'AGNIVEERS' READY



The first ever batch of 'AGNIVEERS' selected under the Government of India sponsored AGNIPATH scheme joined the Indian Army for training as AGNIVEER General Duty. Approximately 200 candidates selected after rigorous tests including physical tests, medical tests, written examination and document verification, were dispatched from Army Recruiting Office, Srinagar (J&K) to about 30 training centres of various Regiments of the Indian Army on 24 December 2022.

The candidates will report for training between 25 to 30 December 2022 and their training shall commence with effect from 01 January 2023.

DRDO TO SAFEGUARD HILLY POWER PROJECTS

The Union Ministry of Power signed a MoU with DRDO on Dec 27 for implementation of Early Warning System (EWS) for vulnerable Hydro Projects/Power Stations located in disaster-prone mountainous regions. Under the MoU, the Ministry of Power and DRDO will jointly work towards developing suitable mitigation measures against avalanches, landslides, glaciers, glacial lakes and other geo-hazards.

The DRDO will use expertise of its Defence Geo-informatics Research Establishment in developing a comprehensive EWS for these vulnerable hilly projects.

An EWS is an integrated system of hazard monitoring, forecasting and prediction, disaster risk assessment, communication and preparedness for timely action to reduce disaster risks in advance of hazardous occurrences.



3 SITES ADDED TO UNESCO HERITAGE LIST



Three more heritage sites from India were added to UNESCO's Tentative List of World Heritage Sites announced on Dec 20. The sites include Vadnagar – a multi-layered historic town and Modhera Sun Temple, both in district Mehsana, Gujarat. Third site is Rock-cut Sculptures and Reliefs of the Unakoti, in district Unakoti of Tripura.

As per the UNESCO website, "A Tentative List is an inventory of those properties which each State Party intends to consider for nomination." The Tentative Lists are published by the World Heritage Centre at its website and/or in working documents in order to ensure transparency, access to information and to facilitate harmonisation of Tentative Lists at regional and thematic levels.

"YOUTH CO:LAB" LAUNCHED IN NEW DELHI

The 5th edition of Youth Co:Lab, Asia Pacific's largest youth innovation movement was jointly launched by Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog and UNDP India on December 15 in New Delhi. Thirty early-stage start-ups would be supported by the springboard programme, and the best would be provided a seed grant for scaling up their start-up.

Youth Co:Lab initiative was launched in 2019 by UNDP India in partnership with Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog to establish a common agenda for Asia-Pacific countries to invest in and empower youth to accelerate implementation of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through leadership, social innovation, and entrepreneurship.

Till date, it has been implemented in 28 countries, reaching over 200,000 participants, benefitting more than 11,000 young social entrepreneurs and supporting over 1,240 social enterprises.

'GROUP OF FRIENDS' LAUNCHED BY INDIA

India launched a 'Group of Friends' on Dec 15 during its presidency of the UN Security Council, to promote accountability for crimes against UN peacekeepers. India, Bangladesh, Egypt, France, Morocco and Nepal are co-chairs of the 'Group of Friends to Promote Accountability for Crimes Against Peacekeepers'.

A concept note on the Group of Friends said that it will seek to facilitate the promotion of accountability for all acts of violence against United Nations peacekeepers; seek facilitation of capacity building and technical assistance to the host state authorities.

Data showed that in the last three years alone, 68 peacekeepers belonging to 20 countries have lost lives for the cause of peace. India, being one of the largest troop-contributing countries to UN peacekeeping, lost 177 of its peacekeepers in the line of duty, the largest by far from any troop-contributing country.

INDIA ASSUMES PRESIDENCY OF G-20

India formally assumed the Presidency of G-20 grouping on Dec 01 for the period of one year, ending Nov 30, 2023. The Group of 20 meets every year to discuss global issues. To mark the occasion, 100 monuments will be lit up across the country with the G-20 logo. During the G-20 presidency, India will hold about 200 meetings in 32 different sectors in multiple locations across India, beginning with the meeting of G20 Sherpas from Dec 4 to 7 in Udaipur.

The Prime Minister Sh. Modi stated on the occasion that India's G-20 presidency will work to promote universal sense of oneness in line with India's theme of "One Earth, One Family, One Future". He said, this is not just a slogan but it takes into account recent changes in human circumstances, which we have collectively failed to appreciate.

The Ministry of External Affairs stated that during India's Presidency, the focus will be on ensuring citizen participation in the events to be organised to take G-20 closer to the public and try to make it a people's Group.

UDAIPUR HOSTS G20 SHERPA MEETING

The first G20 Sherpa Meeting under India's Presidency, was held in the lake city of Udaipur in Rajasthan from 4 to 7 December. India's G20 Sherpa, Amitabh Kant

presided over the four-day meeting. Representatives of 19 countries including from the European Union and nine special invitee countries took part in the meeting.

Special wall paintings depicting rich Indian cultural heritage were made across the city and various heritage sites were illuminated to welcome the VIP guests.

The meeting aimed at fostering growth and building bonds amongst the member nations. The first G20 Sherpa Meeting sets the tone and agenda for future meetings, during which, India will have the opportunity to convene discussions on shared global priorities with G20 Members and guests.

A sherpa is the personal representative of a head of state or head of government who makes initial preparations for some big international summit, such as the annual G7 and G20 summits.



INDIA TAKES OVER UNSC PRESIDENCY



India took over the rotating Presidency of the 15-nation UN Security Council on Dec 01 for the month of December, during which it will host signature events on countering terrorism and reformed multilateralism. Incidentally, India's 2021-2022 term in the UNSC also ends on December 31, 2022.

India's Permanent Representative to the UN Ambassador Ruchira Kamboj will sit in the President's seat at the horse-shoe table in the UN headquarters in New York.

FCBD SUMMIT HELD IN BENGALURU

The first G20 Finance and Central Bank Deputies (FCBD) summit took place in Bengaluru from 13 to 15 December. This meeting marked the start of discussions on the Finance Track agenda under the Indian G20 Presidency. The summit was hosted jointly by the Ministry of Finance and the Reserve Bank of India.

It saw a gathering of over 160 foreign delegates including Deputies from G20 member countries, invitee countries, and International Organisations.

This summit will pave the way for the first G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting to be held on February 23-25 in Bengaluru.

INDIA TO HEAD WASSENAAR ARRANGEMENT

The External Affairs Ministry has said that India will assume the chairmanship of the Wassenaar Arrangement on the 1st of January, 2023. Wassenaar Arrangement is a multilateral export control regime wherein its 42 member states exchange information on various issues like transfer of conventional weapons and dual-use goods and technologies.

The Wassenaar Arrangement was formally established as a voluntary export control regime in July 1996. The name Wassenaar comes from a suburb of The Hague, Netherlands, where the arrangement was established.

FIRST GANDHI STATUE AT UN HEADQUARTERS

A statue (bust) of Mahatma Gandhi was unveiled by India's Foreign Minister S Jaishankar at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, on Dec 14 in the presence of UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres.

He said Mahatma Gandhi was an uncompromising advocate for peaceful co-existence, non-discrimination and pluralism. The statue will serve as a reminder of the values Gandhi upheld, and to which we must remain committed.

The bust of Mahatma Gandhi, a gift by India, is the first sculpture of Gandhi to be permanently located at the North Lawn Gardens of the United Nations. The sculptor of the bust is Ram Vanji Sutar, who made the Statue of Unity.

RILS WIN 9 ENERGY CONSERVATION PRIZES

The Indian Railways won nine National Energy Conservation Awards for the year 2022, with the South Central Railways bagging the first and second prize in railway stations category. The first prize was awarded for Kacheguda station (Telangana) and the second to Guntakal station (Andhra Pradesh) for energy conservation measures in railway stations category.

These awards were given on Dec 14 for the best energy management practices by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency under the aegis of the Ministry of Power.

ENERGY CONSERVATION (AMENDMENT) BILL

Parliament has passed the Energy Conservation (Amendment) Bill, 2022 with Rajya Sabha approving it on Dec 12. The Bill seeks to amend the Energy Conservation Act, 2001. The new bill aims to promote energy efficiency and conservation.

The Bill empowers the Centre to specify a carbon credit trading scheme. The legislation also stipulates that designated consumers may be required to meet a proportion of their energy needs from non-fossil sources. The Energy Conservation Code for buildings will apply to office and residential buildings with a connected load of 100 kilowatt or above.

FIRST SILCHAR-SYLHET FESTIVAL

The first Silchar-Sylhet Festival celebrating the close cultural ties between India and the neighbouring regions of Bangladesh was held on Dec 2-3 in Silchar in Assam's Cachar district. Sylhet is a big city in Bangladesh, over 110 km west of Silchar. The festival provided a platform to explore multi-disciplinary trade opportunities in sectors such as healthcare, tourism, education and digital infrastructure.

The event hosted by the India Foundation, under the aegis of the Union Ministry of Culture in association with the Bangladesh Foundation for Regional Studies, celebrated 75 years of India's Independence and 51 years of Bangladesh's liberation from Pakistan.



WORLD'S FIRST INTRANASAL COVID VACCINE



Bharat Biotech International Ltd, Hyderabad became the first company in the world to receive approval from the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) for its COVID-19 intranasal vaccine iNOVACC (BBV154) under the 'Restricted Emergency Use' for ages 18 and above in India. The vaccine was launched on the COWIN platform on Dec 23 for use by the general public.

The iNOVACC, a recombinant replication-deficient adenovirus vectored vaccine with a pre-fusion stabilised SARS-CoV-2 spike protein, is the world's first intranasal vaccine to receive both primary series and heterologous booster approval. Bharat Biotech is the producer of India's first indigenous COVID-19 vaccine, Covaxin.

MMR DOWN TO 97 PER LAKH LIVE BIRTHS

As per the Special Bulletin released by the Registrar General of India on Nov 28, for the years 2018 and 2020, India has witnessed a significant decline in the Maternal Mortality Ratio, MMR from 130 in 2014-16 to 97 per lakh live births in 2018-20. Upon achieving this, the country has accomplished the National Health Policy target for MMR of less than 100 per lakh live births and is on the right track to achieve the SDG target of MMR of less than 70 per lakh live births by 2030.

The number of states which have achieved the Sustainable Development Goal target has now risen from six to eight, led by Kerala @19, followed by Maharashtra (33), Telangana (43). The progress has been possible due to various healthcare initiatives of the government to ensure quality maternal and reproductive care.

MMR is defined as the number of maternal deaths per one lakh live births, during a given time period.

INDIA FARES WELL IN AVIATION SAFETY

As per the rankings released by the International Civil Aviation Organization, based in Montreal, Canada, India has jumped to the 48th position in the global aviation safety. The country's score in terms of effective implementation of key safety elements has improved to 85.49%. Four years ago, India was ranked at the 102nd position.

The higher ranking means that India has improved its air safety processes. Better aviation safety in home skies also allows Indian airlines to expand faster in overseas markets as permissions for new services are easier to get.

In the current ranking, Singapore is at the top, followed by the UAE and South Korea at the second and third positions, respectively.

INDIA JUMPS UP IN SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS

The Science & Engineering Indicators 2022 report by the National Science Foundation-NSF of the USA shows that India's position in scientific publications has improved from 7th in 2010 to third in 2020. India's scholarly output increased from 60,555 papers in 2010 to 1,49,213 papers in 2020.

India also ranks third in terms of number of PhDs in science and engineering. The number of patents granted to Indian scientists at India Patent Office (IPO) increased to 5,629 in 2020-21.

China leads the world in the publication of the maximum number of scientific papers followed by the USA.

The NSF is an independent agency of the US government that supports fundamental research and education in all the non-medical fields of science and engineering.

INDIA MOVES UP IN FOOD SECURITY

British weekly The Economist released the 11th Global Food Security Index (GFSI) 2022 in the first week of December. The report shows a deterioration in the global food environment for the third successive year, threatening food security.

The index is topped by Finland with a score of 83.7, followed by Ireland (81.7) and Norway (80.5). India is ranked at 68th position along with Algeria with the overall score of 58.9. At the bottom was Syria with a score of 36.3. India moved three ranks up from its rank of 71 in 2021.

The GFSI considers four main issues of food affordability, availability, quality and safety, and sustainability and adaptation; across a set of 113 countries, based on 68 unique indicators.



INDIA RANKED LOW IN PASSPORT INDEX



Passport Index 2022 published by the Arton Capital, a Montreal based global citizenship advisory firm, ranked 199 passports on the basis of the number of countries a passport holder can enter without acquiring a visa.

The index was topped by UAE as its passport holders can travel to 180 countries without a visa. It is followed by 11 countries that include Germany, Sweden, Finland etc. which are allowed visa free entry to 173 countries. India stood at 87th rank with only 72 nations allowing it visa free entry. At the bottom was Afghanistan at 97th rank while Pakistan stood at 94th spot.

Arton Capital's Passport Index updates its rankings in real time as new visa waivers and changes are implemented, showing the current effects that covid travel bans and the war in Ukraine have on global mobility.

IPL TOPS THE GOOGLE SEARCH IN 2022

Google announced its 'Year in Search 2022' results for Indian users on Dec 06. It offers an insight into how and what people in the country have searched on the search engine during the year 2022. The most searched item was IPL - Indian Premier League, followed by the Cowin app and FIFA World Cup at the second and third spot, respectively.

Among the most searched personalities category, Nupur Sharma, ex- BJP spokesperson was at first spot, followed by President of India Droupadi Murmu and UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak.

Among other categories, the government's 'Agnepath Scheme' topped in the 'What is' category, followed by North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and non-fungible token (NFT).

Interestingly, the search for the dish Paneer Pasanda topped the global and India list when it came to the recipes category.

- ❖ **The Asian Development Bank** approved a \$ 250 million policy-based loan to support India's wide-ranging reforms that aim to strengthen and modernise the logistics infrastructure, improve efficiency and lower the costs.

NOVEMBER

VICE PRESIDENT VISITS CAMBODIA

Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar made his first foreign visit after assuming office by reaching Phnom Penh, Cambodia on Nov 11 to attend the 19th ASEAN-India Summit and 17th East Asia Summit. This year marks the 30th anniversary of ASEAN-India relations and is being celebrated as the ASEAN-India Friendship Year. He also visited Siem Reap to review the preservation and restoration work being undertaken by India at Cambodian heritage sites.

The ASEAN - Association of Southeast Asian Nations is a regional organisation of ten south east Asian nations to address economic and security issues and regional cooperation. It was formed in 1967 with 5 members which later grew to ten. In 2007, the ten members adopted the ASEAN Charter, a constitutional document that provided the grouping with legal status and an institutional framework.

Its secretariat is based in Jakarta, Indonesia. It may be noted that India is not a member of ASEAN, but is a member of the East Asia Summit. The ten ASEAN members are - Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand (first 5 members), Brunei (1984), Vietnam (1995), Laos and Myanmar (1997), and Cambodia (1999).

INDIA UNVEILS SCO's WEBSITE

India unveiled the official website of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) on Nov 18 for the year 2022-23. The website highlights the events that will be undertaken under the chairmanship of India next year, including the 23rd edition of the SCO Council of Heads of States Summit 2023.

India will serve as the group's president from September 2022 until September 2023.

The theme selected for the year is "For an SECURE SCO". The acronym SECURE stands for 'S' for security for citizens, 'E' for economic development, 'C' for connectivity in the region, 'U' for unity, 'R' for respect of sovereignty and integrity, and 'E' for environment protection.



INDIA TAKES CHAIR OF GPAI



India took over the Chair of the Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence, GPAI from France on November 21. Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology Rajeev Chandrasekhar represented the country at the GPAI meet

ing in Tokyo for the symbolic takeover from France. India occupying the chair signifies how the world today perceives it as a Trusted Technology partner and one that has always advocated for the ethical use of technology for transforming citizens lives.

GPAI is an international initiative that was launched in June 2020 to support responsible and human-centric development and use of Artificial Intelligence (AI). It aims to bridge the gap between theory and practice on AI by supporting cutting-edge research and applied activities on AI-related priorities. It is a congregation of 25 member countries. AI is expected to add 450 to 500 billion US dollars to India's GDP by 2025 accounting for 10 percent of the country's 5 trillion-dollar GDP target.

INDIA JOINS MANGROVE ALLIANCE

India joined the newly launched Mangrove Alliance for Climate (MAC) on Nov 8 at the 27th Session of Conference of Parties (COP27) in Sharm-El-Sheikh, Egypt. It is an initiative led by the UAE and Indonesia and includes Sri Lanka, Australia, Japan, and Spain. It seeks to educate and spread awareness worldwide on the role of mangroves in curbing global warming and its potential as a solution for climate change.

Mangrove forests can capture vast amounts of carbon dioxide (4-5 times more than tropical forests) from the atmosphere and their preservation can both aid in removal of carbon from the atmosphere and prevent the release of the same upon their destruction. India holds around 3 percent of South Asia's mangrove population. Besides the Sundarbans in West Bengal, the Andamans region, the Kachchh and Jamnagar areas in Gujarat too have substantial mangrove cover.

LOGO AND THEME OF G-20 2023 UNVEILED

Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled on Nov 8 India's logo, theme and website for its presidency of the G20, which reflects the country's message and overarching priorities to the world.

The G20 logo, created with the four colours of India's national flag, comprises earth sitting atop a lotus. The lotus is symbolic of what is auspicious, pure, eternal, and detached. The seven petals in the logo signify the seven seas and the coming together of seven continents at G20 India 2023. The earth reflects India's pro-planet approach to life and from this, it derives the theme of G20 India 2023 – 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' (One Earth, One Family), drawn from Maha Upanishad. In the logo, it has been expanded as "One Earth. One Family. One Future".

India will assume the presidency of the grouping of the world's 20 largest economies on December 1, following the G20 Summit hosted by Indonesia in Bali, Nov15-16. India will host the G-20 leaders' summit in New Delhi on September 9-10 in 2023 and is expected to host over 200 meetings across the country, beginning in Dec. this year.

WORLD HERITAGE WEEK – NOV 19-25

Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) under the Ministry of Culture celebrated World Heritage week all over India from Nov 19 to 25 to promote the conservation of culture and heritage. The week is also celebrated by UNESCO and several other international organisations.

ASI protects 3,691 monuments in India, of which 40 are listed under the UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

Uttar Pradesh has the highest number, 745, of protected monuments.

Remember!! World Heritage Day is celebrated on April 18.

SC UPHOLDS 10% EWS RESERVATION

A majority of a five-judge bench (3:2) of the Supreme Court on Nov 7 upheld the validity of the 103rd Amendment of the Constitution which provides 10% reservation for Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) in admissions (in both, public and private institutions) and government jobs.

Justice S Ravindra Bhat passed a dissent order calling the law discriminatory and violative of basic structure and the Chief Justice U U Lalit also concurred with his views.

As many as 40 petitioners, including the state of Tamil Nadu, had questioned several aspects of the EWS quota, including how it could cross the 50 percent national cap on reservation set by the Supreme Court in 1992 and whether it changed the "basic structure" of the constitution.

Earlier, a five-judge bench held a marathon six-and-a-half-day hearing of the case in September this year and reserved its verdict.

The 103rd constitutional amendment was cleared by parliament in January 2019 and was instantly challenged in the Supreme Court. The EWS reservation is for that section of the 'General' classes (not covered under OBC, SC or ST) whose annual family income is below Rs. 8 lakhs.

53rd FFI HELD AT GOA



The 53rd International Film Festival of India (IFFI) began in Goa with a gala opening on Nov 20. The inaugural ceremony was held at Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Indoor Stadium near Panaji. One of Asia's oldest film festivals - IFFI opened with the screening of Austrian Director Dieter Berner's film Alma and Oskar. France has been selected as the 'Country of Focus' for the festival.

A total of 280 films from 79 countries were screened during the 9-day festival. Spanish film director Carlos Saura was honoured with the Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement award at the opening ceremony. Veteran actor Chiranjeevi was selected as Indian Film Personality of the Year 2022. The 67 year old veteran actor is immensely popular in Telugu Cinema with incredible performances touching hearts.

URBAN MOBILITY INDIA CONFERENCE & EXPO

In Kerala, the 15th edition of the Urban Mobility India Conference & Expo was held in Kochi from Nov 4 to 6. Senior officers from the central and state governments, policymakers, Managing Directors of Metro Rail Companies, Chief Executives of transport undertakings, and international transport experts participated in the conference. The meet focused on the theme, 'Azadi @ 75 -- Sustainable Aatmnirbhar Urban Mobility'.

IIT DELHI FIRST CHOICE OF EMPLOYERS

The Global Employability University Ranking and Survey (GEURS) report released by the Times Higher Education (THE), London on Nov 24 placed Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA at the top. It is followed by the California Institute of Technology, USA and Harvard University, USA at second and third spot, respectively. The survey covered 250 universities across 44 countries,

Among Indian institutions, the Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi was the highest-ranked Indian university, at the 28th spot. The Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, at 58th rank, was the second-highest-ranked Indian university, followed by the IIT, Bombay at 72nd place.

The ranking, designed by the HR consultancy Emerging and published exclusively by THE, reveals that the recruiters at top companies consider which universities as the best for preparing students for the workplace.

IIT BOMBAY RANKS BEST IN INDIA

The inaugural QS World University Rankings: Sustainability 2023 released in London on Oct 26 ranked University of California at the top, followed by University of Toronto and the University of British Columbia in second and third ranks, respectively, among 700 universities covered by it.

IIT-Bombay was ranked as the best educational institution in India in the 281-300 rank range, followed by IIT-Delhi (321-340 rank) and Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi at the third rank (361-380). IIT Bombay was ranked best for its excellence in employability, social concern, and environment. A total of 15 Indian universities were listed in the rankings.

This year's ranking is a new framework to evaluate how universities are taking action to tackle the world's most pressing environmental and social issues.

HINDI MOST SPOKEN MOTHER TONGUE

The Ministry of Home Affairs completed the Mother Tongue Survey of India (MTSI) with field videography of the country's 576 languages. The MTSI project "surveys the mother tongues, which are returned consistently across two and more Census decades". The analysis of the 2011 language census data in 2018 describes mother tongue as "the language spoken in childhood by the person's mother to the person. If the mother died in infancy, the language "mainly spoken in the person's home in childhood will be the mother tongue."

As per analysis of 2011 linguistic census data, more than 19,500 languages or dialects are spoken in India as mother tongues. Hindi is the most widely spoken mother tongue, with 52.8 crore people or 43.6% of the population, declaring it as their mother tongue. The next highest is Bengali, mother tongue for 9.7 crore individuals, and accounting for 8% of the population.

INDIA CLIMBS TO 8th SPOT CLIMATE CHANGE

Germanwatch, New Climate Institute and CAN International released the 18th edition of the Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) 2023 on Nov 14. India climbed two spots to reach the eighth rank in the Index, due to its low emissions and the increasing use of renewable energy. On the other hand, China, currently the world's biggest polluter, slid 13 places to the 51st position mainly due to massive plans for new coal-fired power plants.

Interestingly, there are no names for the first three places as no country performed well enough in all index categories to achieve an overall very high rating. Denmark was in fourth place followed by Sweden and Chile.

The CCPI evaluates 59 countries and the European Union, which together generate 92%+ of global greenhouse gas emissions.

Using standardised criteria, the CCPI looks at four categories, with 14 indicators: Greenhouse gas emissions (40% of the overall score), Renewable energy (20%), Energy use (20%), and Climate policy (20%).

INDIA PERFORMS BETTER IN INTERNET



The Network Readiness Index 2022 report released recently by the Portland Institute of USA, placed USA at the top spot, followed by Singapore and Sweden. India improved its position by six slots to secure 61st rank. Index report states that India has secured the first rank in 'AI talent concentration', second rank in 'Mobile broadband internet traffic within the country' and 'international Internet bandwidth', third rank in 'Annual investment in telecommunication services' and 'Domestic Market Size'.

The Index maps the network-based readiness landscape of 131 economies based on their performances in four different pillars: Technology, People, Governance, and Impact, covering a total of 58 variables.

NEWS FROM STATES

DECEMBER

PUDUCHERRY TOPS IN 'SOCIAL PROGRESS'

The Economic Advisory Council to Prime Minister (EAC-PM) released on Dec 20 the Social Progress Index (SPI) report for States and Districts of India. It was prepared by the Institute for Competitiveness, Gurugram, Haryana and the Social Progress Imperative, USA. SPI is a comprehensive tool intended to be a holistic measure of the social progress made by the country at the national and sub-national levels.

Puducherry secured first position with a SPI score of 65.99, based on its remarkable performance in factors such as Personal Freedom and Choice, Shelter, and Water and Sanitation. Puducherry was followed closely by Lakshadweep (65.89) and Goa (65.53).

The top three performing districts were Shimla in Himachal Pradesh, Solan in Himachal Pradesh, and Aizawl in Mizoram.

The index assesses states and districts based on 12 components across three critical dimensions of social progress - Basic Human Needs, Foundations of well-being, and Opportunity. It uses an extensive framework comprising 89 indicators at the State level and 49 at the district level.

INDIA'S LONGEST ESCAPE TUNNEL COMPLETED

The prestigious Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Railway Line project achieved yet another milestone on Dec 23 by completing India's longest (12.89 km) escape tunnel. This escape tunnel T-49, located between Sumber and Khari Stations on the Katra-Banihal section, has been constructed to facilitate rescue work in case of an emergency.

It is a twin-tube tunnel with a main tunnel (12.75 km) and escape tunnel (12.89 km) connected by 33 cross-passages. The 111 km Katra-Banihal section features 37 bridges and 35 tunnels.

INDIA'S BIGGEST YOGA CENTRE

India's biggest Yoga Centre has been constructed in the village Mantalai in Udhampur district of Jammu and Kashmir. Mantalai is located at the banks of the Tawi River, allowing a peripheral view of both the plains as well as the hills.

Developed by the Tourism Ministry in the Government of India at a cost of more than Rs 9,782 crore, the International Yoga Centre has been given a modern facelift with swimming pools, spas, cafeteria and dining halls, business convention centres, helipads, cottage-designed eco-lodge huts with solarium, gymnasium, auditoriums, battery operated cars, meditation enclaves and a lot more.

WORLD'S FIRST GOLD SELLING ATM

A Hyderabad based jewellery manufacturer Goldsikka, launched "the first real-time Gold ATM of the world" on Dec 05 at its head office in Ashoka Raghupathi Chambers, Begumpet, Hyderabad.

The Gold ATM supplies coins in denominations ranging from 0.5 gms to 100 gms. Each ATM has a capacity of holding up to 5 kg of gold, worth around Rs. 2-3 crores.

The company said that the gold ATM had a number of advantages, including simplicity of use, availability around the clock, and the possibility to purchase gold within one's price range. A debit or credit card may be used to complete the transactions.

Although gold vending machines have been in operation since 2010 in Abu Dhabi and in many European Metros, this is the first real-time gold vending machine.

WORLD'S LONGEST DOUBLE-DECKER VIADUCT

By building the longest, 3,140 metres long double-decker viaduct (metro) supported on a single column, Nagpur Metro has successfully established a Guinness World Record. Double decker viaduct carries highway flyover at the first level and Metro Rail at second level making it a three-tier transportation system with the existing highway at ground level.

This assisted in avoiding additional land acquisition, saving money on land costs and cutting down on project costs and construction time.

GNDU, AMRITSAR GETS TOP NAAC SCORE



National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) has granted A grade to the Guru Nanak Dev University (GNDU), Amritsar. Scoring 3.85 points in grading, it became the only State/Central/Private University in India to get this score. Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) is the only other educational institution with a higher grade of 3.89 in the country.

Guru Nanak Dev University was established under an act of Punjab state in Amritsar on November 24, 1969 to mark the 50th birth anniversary of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji.

The assessment is based on a set of seven criteria under different key aspects based on the functioning and organisational strengths. The National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) was established in 1994 as an autonomous institution of the University Grants Commission (UGC) with its headquarter in Bengaluru.

TN FIRST TO HAVE CLIMATE CHANGE MISSION

Tamil Nadu has become the first state to start its own climate change mission, headed by the Chief Minister M K Stalin himself. The mission aims to develop methods to cut emissions by using green and renewable energy, increased use of public transportation, increasing forest cover, and effectively managing waste.

The Tamil Nadu Governing Council on Climate Change would provide advice on adaptation to climate change and mitigation of climate change impacts, formulate the Tamil Nadu State Climate Change Action Plan and provide appropriate guidelines for its implementation.

COUNTRY'S FIRST CARBON NEUTRAL FARM

Kerala government on Dec 10 declared a seed farm, located at Thuruthu in Aluva, as the first carbon neutral farm in the country. The total amount of carbon emission from the farm in the last one year was 43 tons but its overall procurement was 213 tons.

As many as 30 percent of greenhouse gas emissions come from agriculture and this can be prevented and climate change can be regulated through carbon neutral agricultural practices.

Carbon neutrality means having a balance between emitting carbon-di-Oxide and absorbing the same from the atmosphere by means of say, forest conservation, afforestation or renewable energy expansion.

MUMBAI TOPS IN PROPERTY PRICE RISE

Knight Frank, a property consultancy firm based in London, has ranked Mumbai 22nd in a global index that measures the annual price appreciation of premium residential properties in local currency in 45+ cities around the world. According to Knight Frank's Prime Global Cities Index Q3 (July-September) 2022, three Indian cities, Mumbai, Bengaluru, and New Delhi, saw an increase in average annual prices in the third quarter of 2022. Mumbai rose to 22nd place in the third quarter of 2022, from 39th place the previous year, registering a price rise of 4.8 percent.

Dubai recorded the fastest rise in prime prices with an 88.8 percent increase during a 12-month change

SWAMIH INVESTMENT FUND I

The Union government has infused about ₹5,000 crore in SWAMIH Investment Fund I, helping the fund mark its final close of ₹15,530 crore. The SBICAP Ventures-managed SWAMIH fund is sponsored by the ministry of finance and it invests in RERA approved stressed residential projects.

The fund has already achieved construction completion of 19,500 homes and is on track to deliver about 20,000 homes every year for the next 3 years.

ADANI BAGS CONTRACT TO DEVELOP DHARAVI

The Adani Group emerged as the highest bidder on Nov 29 for the 640 acre (2.6 sq km) Dharavi Redevelopment Project in Central Mumbai. The group has put in a Rs 5,069 crore bid for the redevelopment of one of the largest slum sprawls in the world, outbidding DLF, which had quoted Rs 2,025 crore.

The bid is for the entire Rs 20,000-crore project, and the total timeline for the project is seven years to rehabilitate the 6.5 lakh slum dwellers. The developer has to take care of rehabilitation, renewal, amenities and infrastructure components of the area.

The project will help the Adani Group to book high revenues by selling lakhs of square feet of residential and commercial space in Central Mumbai. However, the project has been in limbo for many years now because of its myriad complexities, involving a wide variety of residents with equally varied interests.

KUKI-CHIN TRIBALS CROSS OVER TO MIZORAM

More than 300 people belonging to the ethnic Kuki-Chin minorities from Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) in Bangladesh crossed over to the Indian side, taking refuge in south Mizoram's Lawngtlai district. They fled their homes due to arm clashes between Bangladesh Army and an ethnic insurgent group Kuki-Chin National Army (KNA) in November this year.

The Kuki-Chin ethnic tribal community is spread over parts of Mizoram, Manipur and adjoining areas of Bangladesh and Myanmar. They have been demanding a separate state comprising the areas occupied by them in Chittagong Hill Tracts.



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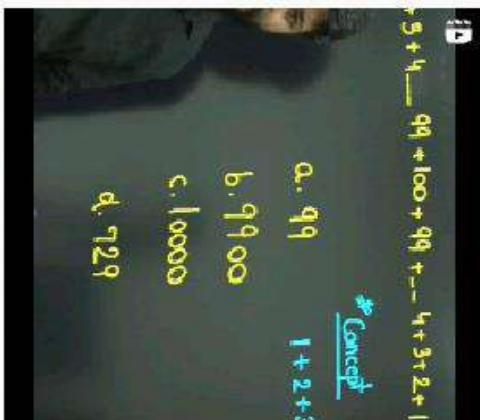
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FSSAI APPROVES YAK AS 'FOOD ANIMAL'



The Food Safety and Standard Authority of India (FSSAI) has approved the Himalayan Yak as a 'food animal'. Food Animals are those which are raised and used for food production or consumption by humans. The move is expected to help check decline in the population of the high-altitude bovine animal by making it a part of the conventional milk and meat industry, *Traditionally, Yaks are reared under a transhumance system which is primitive, unorganised and full of hardships. Yak milk is highly nutritious, rich in fat, contains essential minerals and has medicinal value. Yak farmers also produce various traditional meat products.*

ADANI SHUTS DOWN CEMENT PLANTS IN HP

The Adani group has decided to shut down its two cement plants at Barmana (ACC) and Darlaghat (Ambuja) in Himachal Pradesh from Dec 14 citing high transportation cost, of both, raw material as well as finished product, that is making operations unviable. The Adani Group has recently acquired the cement plants owned by the ACC cement and Ambujas in the state.

LADAKH CELEBRATES LOSAR FESTIVAL

A nine-day Losar festival began in Ladakh on 24th December to mark the beginning of Ladakhi New Year. It is a major socio-religious festival of Buddhists of Ladakh celebrated during winter. People celebrate by offering prayers in the name of their deities. Losar has been celebrated in Ladakh for centuries and has strengthened the existing community bond.

GOA CELEBRATES LUSOPHONE FESTIVAL

The Ministry of External Affairs in partnership with Indian Council of Cultural Relations and the Goa government organised the International Lusophone Festival in Goa from 3-6 December. The festival seeks to further India's connection with the Lusophone world. *The Community of Portuguese Language Countries (CPLP), also known as the Lusophone Commonwealth, is a multilateral forum, founded in 1996. It has nine members and is based in Lisbon, Portugal. In English, Lusophone means a person speaking Portuguese or of Portuguese origin.*

HORNBILL FESTIVAL BEGINS IN NAGALAND

The 23rd edition of the 10-day long Hornbill Festival began on Dec 01 at Naga heritage village Kisama, about 12 km from Kohima, capital of Nagaland. It is the biggest musical and cultural extravaganza of Nagaland, showcasing the food and culture of all the tribes of Nagaland.

Hornbill is a popular large bird, with a typical long curved bill, found in the forests of Nagaland. The festival, supported by the state government, showcases the diverse Naga ethnicity through folk dances, traditional music, tribal rituals, indigenous games, local cuisine, handicraft, artwork and textiles. The festival's 2022 edition comprises around 700 separate events.

- ❖ **The Asian Development Bank (ADB)** has approved a \$780 million loan to build new lines and improve the connectivity of Chennai's metro rail system with existing bus and feeder services.
- ❖ **The ADB** approved a \$3 million project readiness financing facility on Nov 30 to support preparatory activities for designing a project to improve municipal infrastructure in Agartala city in Tripura.

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KERALA FIRST TO HAVE UNIFORM GOLD RATE

In good news for gold lovers, Kerala has become the first state in India to launch a uniform gold price in the state, based on the bank rate. The decision to introduce uniform price on 916 purity 22 carat gold was taken at a meeting between officials of Malabar Gold and Diamonds, one of the largest gold and diamond retail chains in the country and key members of All Kerala Gold and Silver Merchant Association which sets the board rate for gold. Uniform gold price based on bank rate offers an opportunity to the consumers to purchase gold at a reasonable and transparent price.

INDIA'S FIRST AQUA PARK IN ARUNACHAL

The union government approved on Oct 28 the establishment of India's first-ever Integrated Aqua Park in Arunachal Pradesh at Tarin (Ziro) in the lower Subansiri District. The project has been sanctioned under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana. The overall cost of the project is Rs. 50 crores which includes Centre's share of Rs. 45.11 crores. The park will also include a fish museum which will have all kinds of fish species from the state. It will also serve as a training centre for the fisherfolk.



SHAHJAHANPUR FIRST IN TAP CONNECTIONS



District Shahjahanpur in Uttar Pradesh became number one in the country in giving the maximum number of tap connections in a month (in October). Under the Jal Jeevan Mission, Shahjahanpur created history by providing tap connections to every household in rural areas. It was ranked on top in the aspirant category for ensuring 28,419 tap connections in October.

The Jal Jeevan Mission aims to provide functional household tap connection to every rural household with service level at the rate of 55 litres per capita per day. The whole country is to be covered by 2024.

DELHI, GOA TOP IN EPFO COVERAGE

The vision document released by the Employee Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) on November 1, placed Delhi and Goa at the top in terms of employee coverage of 61.5% and 51.4%, of their working population, respectively, under the social security ambit of the organisation. The EPFO coverage was the lowest in Tripura. In terms of absolute number members of EPFO, Maharashtra leads the list with 11.9 million EPFO subscribers.

EPFO, a statutory body under the Ministry of Labour and Employment, is one of the world's largest Social Security Organisations in terms of clientele and the volume of financial transactions undertaken. At present it maintains over 25 crore accounts. It administers a contributory provident fund, pension scheme and an insurance scheme for the workforce engaged in the organised sector in India.

7 STATES/UTs TOP IN EDUCATION INDEX

The Ministry of Education released the Performance Grading Index (PGI) for school education 2020-21 on Nov 3 for States/ Uts. It is a unique index for evidence-based comprehensive analysis of school education systems across States and Uts. Its prime objective is to promote evidence-based policy-making and highlight course correction to ensure quality education for all.

No state, however, could attain the highest level of L1 so far, by scoring more than 950 points out of the total of 1,000. The seven states/Uts which have received L2 grading, scoring in the range of 901 to 950, are Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Maharashtra, Punjab, Chandigarh, Rajasthan and Gujarat.

The PGI structure comprises 1,000 points across 70 indicators grouped into two categories namely, Outcomes, Governance Management. These categories are further divided into five domains – Learning Outcomes, Access, Infrastructure/Facilities, Equity and Governance Process.

WORLD'S TALLEST STATUE OF LORD SHIVA

A 369-foot-tall statue of Lord Shiva, claimed to be the world's tallest (of Lord Shiva), was unveiled in Nathdwara town of Rajasthan's Rajsamand district on October 29. The statue named 'Viswas Swaroopam' has been constructed by Tat Padam Sansthan.

Built on a hill of 51 bighas, the statue is styled in a sitting posture of meditation. It is said to be visible from as far as 20 kms. The statue is also clearly visible at night as it has been illuminated with special lights. Around 3,000 tonnes of steel and iron and 2.5 lakh cubic tonnes of concrete and sand have been used in the construction of the statue.

INDIA'S LARGEST WIND TURBINE

India's (also world's) largest Wind Turbine Generator was commissioned in Mundra, Gujarat, on Nov 3 by the Adani New Industries Ltd. Standing 200 meter tall, it is taller than the world's tallest statue, the Statue of Unity (182 meter).

With 78-meter length, its blades are bigger than the wingspan of a jumbo jet making it the longest in the country and form a rotor diameter of 160 meter. With a capacity of 5.2 MW, it will generate power sufficient for approximately 4,000 homes.

KERALA TO DEVELOP "GREEN HYDROGEN HUB"

India Hydrogen Alliance (IH2A) and the Government of Kerala announced on Nov 14 their proposal to build the Kochi Green Hydrogen (KGH2) Hub. It is the first of its kind in the country, in its current form and scale. IH2A is a Delhi based industry lead coalition for developing the hydrogen economy and an efficient domestic hydrogen supply chain in India.

The proposal envisages potential capital expenditure of \$ 575 million, to build a 60-tonnes per day (TPD) green hydrogen plant with a 150 MW Electrolyser, storage and infrastructure, which could achieve giga-watt scale and build the hydrogen economy in Kerala.

T N GETS ITS 17th WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

The Government of Tamil Nadu has declared an area in the reserve forests of Krishnagiri and Dharmapuri as the Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary. Comprising an expanse of 686 sq.km, the sanctuary will be part of a protected landscape contiguous with the forests that currently constitute the Cauvery North Wildlife Sanctuary which is shared between Tamil Nadu and Karnataka.

This is the 17th Wildlife Sanctuary of Tamil Nadu. It is home to 35 species of mammals, including elephants, 238 species of birds, Leith's soft-shell turtles, smooth-coated otters, marsh crocodile, and four-horned antelopes.

TERAI ELEPHANT RESERVE, UP



The Union Ministry of Forests, Environment and Climate Change gave its nod on Oct 21 to the establishment of the Terai Elephant Reserve in Uttar Pradesh. The reserve will cover an area of 3049 sq km including Dudhwa Tiger Reserve (DTR) and Pilibhit Tiger Reserve (PTR). It will be the second elephant sanctuary in UP and the 33rd in India. The reserve is part of “Project Elephant” – a centrally sponsored scheme that supports Elephant conservation in India.

UP GETS 4th TIGER RESERVE

The Union Ministry for Environment, Forest, and Climate change approved the creation of a fourth tiger reserve in Uttar Pradesh by the name “Ranipur Tiger Reserve”. The tiger reserve, 53rd in the country, is spread across over 529.36 sq km.

Ranipur Tiger Reserve is covered by northern tropical dry deciduous forests and is home to mammals like megafauna tiger, leopard, bear, spotted deer, sambhar, and chinkara among others.

CHHATH PUJA CELEBRATED BY MILLIONS

The four-day celebrations of the immensely popular Chhath Puja concluded on the early morning of Oct 31 with devotees offering prayers to the rising Sun on the river banks in the different parts of the country. After paying oblations to the Sun, devotees broke their 36-hour fast and shared ‘Prasad’ with all the people around. This ritual is called Paran. People in Bihar and adjoining areas of UP and Jharkhand, celebrate this festival with great fervour and devotion.

Coming towards the end of the harvest season, the sixth day after Diwali, Chhath (meaning sixth) Puja started as a thanksgiving ritual, to express farmers’ gratitude for a bumper crop. Devotees offer their prayers to and seek blessings from Sun God and his sister Chhathi Maiyya.

ADB TO FUND ELECTRIC BUSES

The Asian Development Bank gave in-principle approval for a \$400-million loan to the Maharashtra government to bring in 5,000 electric buses. The state will invite bids for a per-km price for running buses, awarding contract to the lowest bidder. The buses will be run by bidder’s drivers, but the ticketing and collection would be done by the transport undertaking.

MAHARASHTRA TO GET \$ 350 MN ADB LOAN

ADB approved a \$ 350 million (about Rs 2,900 crore) loan on Nov 4 to improve the road connectivity of key economic centres in Maharashtra. The project will upgrade at least 319 km of state highways and 149 km of district roads, incorporating climate and disaster-resilient features.

GOVT. INITIATIVES

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RAILWAYS TO MODERNISE 1,000 STATIONS

The Ministry of Railways has formulated a new “Amrit Bharat Station Scheme” to modernise over 1,000 small stations over the coming years. The model envisages low-cost redevelopment of stations which can be executed timely. It plans to relocate redundant/old buildings in a cost efficient manner so that space is released for higher priority passenger related activities and future development may be carried out smoothly.

Key features of these proposed stations include provisions for roof top plazas, longer platforms, ballastless tracks, and 5G connectivity. Re-development includes smooth access by widening of roads, removal of unwanted structures, properly designed signages, dedicated pedestrian pathways, well planned parking areas and improved lighting etc.

The scheme will subsume all previous redevelopment projects where work is yet to begin.

FREE FOOD GRAINS TO OVER 81 CR. PEOPLE

In a major decision, the union government has decided to provide free ration to 81.35 crore poor people under the National Food Security Act (NFSA) for one year from January 1, 2023. It, however, also decided not to extend Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PM-GKAY) beyond Dec 31, 2022 which was specially designed to support the poor amid COVID-19 pandemic.

From January 01 onward the beneficiaries of the NFSA, who were getting rice at Rs 3 per kg and wheat at Rs 2 per kg, will not have to pay a single penny to get food grains for the next one year. The Centre will bear the entire cost of providing free food grains which is estimated to be at Rs 2 lakh crore per year.

Under the NFSA, people get 5 kg of foodgrains per person per month while the poor families covered under Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) get 35 kg of foodgrains per month.



SCHEME OF DEVELOPMENT OF PVTGS



The Ministry of Tribal Affairs has implemented a dedicated Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) "Scheme of Development of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs)". It aims for the socio-economic development of the PVTGs tribal communities in a comprehensive manner while retaining their culture and heritage by adopting habitat development approaches to fill in the critical gaps in development.

There are 75 groups of most vulnerable sections amongst the tribals who are classified as the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) spread over 18 States and the UT of Andaman & Nicobar Islands. These groups are eligible for all the development and welfare schemes that are available to all citizens of India.

INDIA FIRST TO AUCTION SPACE SPECTRUM

The telecom regulator TRAI's chairman Dr. P D Vaghela announced on Dec 13 that India will be the first to handle the issue of auctioning the space base spectrum for satellite communication, and it will be designed to attract investments in the sector.

Vaghela said that Trai is in discussion with experts and regulators worldwide for a suitable model and the consultation paper will be floated after those discussions are over. He was speaking at the India SatCom, Broadband India Forum's annual summit in New Delhi.

'GHAR' LAUNCHED FOR LOST CHILDREN

National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR), has developed and launched a portal 'GHAR' – Go Home And Re-unite (Portal for Restoration and Repatriation of Child). The GHAR portal has been developed to digitally monitor and track the restoration and repatriation of children according to the protocol.

The portal will allow digital tracking and monitoring of children who are in the Juvenile Justice system and have to be repatriated to another country, state or district. The portal will include a checklist style in the forms to identify children who are difficult to repatriate or children who are not receiving their due compensation or other monetary benefits.

21 A&N ISLANDS NAMED AFTER PVC HEROES

The government has named 21 uninhabited islands in the union territory of Andaman & Nicobar after recipients of Param Vir Chakra, the country's highest wartime gallantry award. This initiative is a testimony to the sacrifices made by Indian Army personnel and youngsters will be aware of their heroic deeds.

Out of 21 islands, 16 are located in North and Middle Andaman district, while five islands are in South Andaman. The first uninhabited island numbered 'INAN370' in North and Middle Andaman was named after Major Somnath Sharma. It will now be known as 'Somnath Dweep'.

SEPARATE TEST FOR IRMS IN RAILWAYS

The Government announced on Dec 02 that recruitment to Indian Railway Management Service, IRMS will be done by the UPSC from next year onwards through a specially designed examination. It will be a two-tier examination consisting of a Preliminary Screening Examination, followed by a Main Written Examination and Interview.

All eligible candidates shall be required to appear in the common Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination and successful candidates will be screened for IRMS (Main) Examination. The age limits and number of attempts for various categories will be the same as those for the Civil Services Examination.

DIGI YATRA APP FOR AIR TRAVELLERS

The government launched DigiYatra app based on facial recognition technology on Dec 01, to provide a seamless entry and embarkation process for air passengers at the airports in New Delhi, Bangalore and Varanasi. The secured, encrypted information on a passenger's phone can be provided to the airport from which he or she is flying out, 24 hours before the journey.

At the airport e-gate, the passenger will have to first scan the bar coded boarding pass. The facial recognition system installed at the e-gate will validate the passenger's identity and travel documents. Once verified, passenger will be allowed entry in the airport.

NOVEMBER

SINHA PANEL TO REVIEW NREGA SCHEME

With a view to off more work to the nation's poorest regions, the Rural Development Ministry of India has established a panel to restructure MGNREGA, the nation's sole programme that guarantees employment. It will be headed by former PM advisor Amarjeet Sinha. The panel will investigate variables influencing the demand for rural employment as part of the review process.

The Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MNREGA) was passed in 2005, and the demand-driven scheme guarantees 100 days of unskilled work per year per rural household that wants it. There are currently 15.51 crore active workers enrolled under the scheme.

NEW NORMS TO CURB FAKE ONLINE REVIEWS



Aimed at curbing the menace of fake/paid reviews on popular online sites, the union government unveiled on Nov 21 a framework of standards to curb fake reviews on e-commerce websites. The framework, 'Indian Standard (IS) 19000:2022', has been prepared by the Bureau of Indian Standards and will come into effect from November 25. The framework of standards will be voluntary initially.

The standards will be applicable to any organisation which publishes consumer reviews online, including suppliers of products and services that collect reviews from their own customers, a third party contracted by the supplier or an independent third party.

Reviews play a critical role in shopping in e-commerce. They are more important in three sectors — tour and travel; restaurant and eateries; and consumer durables. The standards are expected to benefit all stakeholders in the e-commerce ecosystem i.e., consumers, e-commerce platforms, sellers etc. It will help usher in confidence among consumers to purchase goods online and help them make better purchase decisions.

NCE FOR GREEN PORT & SHIPPING

With a view to develop a regulatory framework and alternative technology adoption roadmap for Green Shipping in India, India's first National Centre of Excellence for Green Port & Shipping was launched by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping on Nov 19 at New Delhi. It aims to foster carbon neutrality and circular economy (CE) in the shipping sector in India.

India intends to increase the share of renewable energy to 60% of the total power demand of each of its major ports, from a share of less than 10% at present. This will be achieved through increased solar and wind-generated power. The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) is the knowledge and implementation partner for this project.

UGC G/LINES FOR "PROFESSORS OF PRACTICE"

University Grants Commission has asked higher education institutions to initiate necessary steps to engage professionals and industry experts as "Professors of Practice" in their institutes to impart holistic and multidisciplinary education. 'Professor of Practice' position provides a unique opportunity to the

educational institutes to bring diverse skills to complement efforts of faculty members of the institutions.

This may require the participation of experienced practitioners / professionals / industry experts etc. in the teaching-learning process.

According to the guidelines, those eligible to be engaged as 'Professor of Practice' include distinguished experts who have made remarkable contributions in their professions from various fields such as engineering, science, technology, entrepreneurship, commerce, social sciences, media, literature, fine arts, civil services, armed forces, legal profession and public administration, among others. These experts will be hired for a fixed term with a maximum of three years tenure which is extendable by one year.

AADHAAR RULES AMENDED

The government has amended Aadhaar card rules, specifying that supporting documents need to be updated at least once by Aadhaar holders on completion 10 years from the enrolment date. According to gazette notification issued by the Ministry of Electronics and IT, the updation would ensure continued accuracy of Aadhaar-related information in the Central Identities Data Repository. Over 134 crore Aadhaar numbers have been issued till July 2022.

Aadhaar is a 12-digit unique ID issued to an individual. Aadhaar uses demographic information (name, date of birth, gender and address), photograph of the face, fingerprints and iris to identify a resident. These items of information are mandatory under the Aadhaar Act, 2016,

INDIAN BIOLOGICAL DATA CENTER LAUNCHED

India's first national repository for life science data, the Indian Biological Data Center (IBDC) was launched on Nov 10 at Faridabad, Haryana. IBDC is mandated to archive all life science data generated from publicly-funded research in India.

Supported by the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), it has been established at Regional Centre of Biotechnology (RCB), Faridabad with a data disaster recovery site at National Informatics Centre (NIC), Bhubaneswar. It has a data storage capacity of about 4 petabytes and houses the 'Brahm' High-Performance Computing (HPC) facility.



TV CHANNELS TO SHOW SPECIAL CONTENT



The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting in its latest uplinking and downloading rules notified on Nov 9, has mandated private TV channels in India, for the first time ever, to run 30-minute daily programmes of national importance and social relevance as part of their new service obligation.

Eight key areas have been identified on which these shows can be based: health, education, spread of literacy, empowerment of people from weaker sections of the society, environment, national integration, cultural heritage and science & technology. The ministry has clarified that these obligations would not be applicable for sports, wildlife, and foreign channels.

ATAL NEW INDIA CHALLENGE FOR WOMEN

Atal Innovation Mission of NITI Aayog launched the Women centric challenges on Nov 9 under the 2nd edition of Atal New India Challenge (ANIC). The Woman centric challenges address the major issues faced by women from all spheres of life.

These include driving women hygiene through innovation, innovations to improve women's safety, professional networking opportunities for women, innovations that make working mothers' life better, and easing the life of rural women.

ANIC aims to seek, select, support and nurture technology-based innovations that solve sectoral challenges of national importance and societal relevance through a grant-based mechanism of up to one crore rupees.

DR. K. RADHAKRISHNAN C'TEE SET UP

The Union Government has constituted a committee for strengthening the assessment and accreditation of Higher Educational Institutions in the country. It will be headed by Dr. K. Radhakrishnan, Chairperson, Board of Governors, IIT Kanpur. The mandate of the Committee is to prepare a road map for the National Accreditation Council envisioned in the National Education Policy.

IT DEPTT. TO DEVELOP MICRO FORESTS

The Income Tax Department launched the HARIT Aaykar initiative on the occasion of National Unity Day, Oct 31, to increase greenery and develop micro forests. HARIT stands for "Hariyali Achievement Resolution by Income Tax". Under this initiative, the Department aims to increase the green cover by planting trees and creating micro-forests in and around the Income Tax Department's buildings and other public areas.

ECONOMY & INDUSTRY

DECEMBER

INDIAN GDP GROWS BY 6.3%

Beating all apprehensions of a slowdown in the economy, India remained the fastest-growing major economy in the world during the July-September quarter. However, the GDP growth slowed down a bit to 6.3% mainly due to poor performance by the manufacturing and mining sectors, according to official data released on Nov 30 by the Central Statistical Office. Relief came from the farm sector which saw 4.6 per cent GVA as compared to 3.2 per cent a year ago. It may be noted that the economy grew by 8.4 per cent in July-September last year and 13.5 per cent in the preceding April-June quarter.

IMF PROJECTS 6.8% GROWTH FOR INDIA

A recent report released by the IMF on Dec 23 projected a growth rate of 6.8 per cent and 6.1 per cent in the current and the next fiscal respectively. The report said, "India is navigating a "very difficult" external environment, yet, it continues to be the bright spot in an otherwise gloomy global economic scenario."

According to the report, growth is expected to moderate, reflecting the less favourable outlook and tighter financial conditions.

WB RAISES GROWTH RATE TO 6.9%

In its India Development Update released on Dec 06, the World Bank revised upwards its GDP growth forecast for India to 6.9 per cent for 2022-23, saying the economy is showing higher resilience to global shocks and second quarter results were better-than-expected. In October, it had cut India's GDP growth forecast to 6.5 per cent from the earlier 7.5 per cent.

S&P DOWNS INDIA'S GROWTH RATE TO 7%

On Nov 28, S&P Global Ratings slashed India's economic growth forecast for the current fiscal year to 7 per cent, (from 7.3% projected in Sep. 2022) but said the domestic demand-led economy will be less impacted by the global slowdown. It may be noted that the Indian economy grew 8.5 per cent in FY 2021-22.

INDIA'S FIRST GAS PRICE INDEX LAUNCHED

The Indian Gas Exchange (IGX), has launched an index named GIXI that will reflect gas prices and will soon come up with a product for trading in gas pipeline capacity. It would help market participants know the inland gas prices and make suitable decisions.

Participants can offer to sell and buy gas (including LNG), for which IGX charges ₹4/mmBtu each from the seller and the buyer. The gas must necessarily be physically delivered and taken.

RELIANCE BUYS OUT METRO WHOLESALE



Reliance Industries has agreed to buy German firm Metro AG's wholesale operations in India for Rs 2,850 crore. Reliance Retail Ventures Ltd., a subsidiary of Reliance Industries, signed definitive agreements to acquire a 100% equity stake in Metro Cash & Carry India Pvt Ltd.

Reliance is India's biggest brick-and-mortar retailer with over 16,600 stores, and a strong wholesale unit would further deepen its operations in India. Metro started operations in India in 2003 and currently operates 31 large format stores across 21 cities with about 3,500 employees.

AGEL TOPS IN RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS

Adani Green Energy Ltd (AGEL) announced commissioning of its third hybrid power plant on Dec 5 in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan having generating capacity of 450 megawatts (MW). With this, AGEL became the "world's largest wind-solar hybrid power developer" with an operational capacity of 1,440 MW.

The company's overall total operational generation capacity is 7.17 GW. With an overall portfolio of 20.4 GW including operating, under-construction and awarded assets, it claims to have the largest global renewable energy portfolio.

RELIANCE INDUSTRIES IS MOST VALUABLE

Axis Bank's '2022 Burgundy Private Hurun India 500,' which lists the country's 500 most valuable firms, reported that Reliance Industries with a market cap of Rs 17.2 trillion, is India's most valued listed firm, followed by Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) and HDFC Bank, with a valuation of Rs 11.6 trillion and Rs 8.3 trillion, respectively.

The total market value of the 500 listed companies remained unchanged at Rs 226 lakh crore, a sum equal to India's current GDP.

In terms of the number of firms, financial services and healthcare comprised the biggest chunk of the list, with 73 and 60 companies, respectively.

VISTARA TO MERGE WITH AIR INDIA

In a major consolidation in the Indian aviation space, Tata group (owner of Air India) announced the merger of Vistara with Air India. Vistara is owned by Tata Group (51%) and Singapore Airlines (49%). The new entity will include Air India (113 aircraft), Vistara (54 aircraft), Air India Express (24 aircraft), and AirAsia (28 aircraft).

It will become one of the largest airlines to take flight in India. Pursuant to the deal, Singapore Airlines will have 25.1% stake in enlarged Air India group.

NOVEMBER

MOODY'S PINCH GROWTH RATE TO 7%

Global rating agency Moody's slashed India's GDP growth projections for 2022 on Nov 11 to 7% from 7.7% made earlier as the global slowdown and rising domestic interest rates are expected to dampen economic momentum. "The downward revision assumes that higher inflation, high-interest rates and slowing global growth will dampen economic momentum by more than what we had previously expected," the agency said in its Global Macro Outlook 2023-24.

HORTICULTURE PRODUCTION UP BY 7.7 MT

The Union agriculture and farmers welfare ministry released on Oct 28 the 3rd advance estimates of the production of horticultural crops for the year 2021-22. The total production of fruits and vegetables is estimated to be 342.33 million tonnes in the year 2021-22, showing an increase of about 7.73 million tonnes, over the year 2020-21. Production of fruits is estimated to be 107.24 million tonnes while that of vegetables is estimated to be 204.84 million tonnes.

4th ADV ESTIMATE OF FOODGRAINS PROD.

As per the fourth advance estimates of production of major agricultural crops for the year 2021-22, released by the Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare on Oct 28, production of foodgrains is estimated at a record high of 315.72 million tonnes (MT) which is 4.98 MT more than the 2020-21 level.

Record production is estimated of rice, maize, gram, pulses, rapeseed and mustard, oilseeds and sugarcane. Total production of Rice during 2021-22 is estimated at a record 130.29 MT, while that of wheat is expected at 106.84 MT.

RUSSIA TOPS IN FERTILISER EXPORTS

Russia pushed China to second place to become the top supplier of fertilisers to India for the first time in the first six months of this fiscal year, starting on April 1. India imported 2.15 million metric tonnes of fertilisers from Russia, a surge of 371%, primarily on account of discounts offered by Russia over prevailing global prices. Fertiliser prices across the world jumped massively after western countries imposed sanctions on the fertiliser shipments from Russia and Belarus, major exporters of fertilisers.



GOVT TO ISSUE GREEN BONDS



The government approved a framework for issuance of the sovereign green bonds on Nov 9 to attract investment in environmentally sustainable and climate-suitable projects. The proceeds generated from the issuance of such bonds will be deployed in Public Sector projects which help in reducing carbon intensity of the economy.

The selected projects will be related to renewable energy, energy efficiency, clean transportation, water and waste management, pollution prevention and control and green buildings, among others. The amount of the first tranche will be Rs 16,000 crore, to be issued before March 31, 2023.

BANKING & FINANCE

DECEMBER

NEW GUIDELINES FOR LOCKER OPERATIONS

RBI has mandated banks in the country to renew their locker agreements with existing locker customers by January 01, 2023. All the existing locker depositors are required to furnish proof of eligibility for a renewed locker arrangement. The revised guidelines that were first released on 08 August 2021, are being implemented wef Jan 01, 2023.

Depositors can now get up to 100 times the bank charges if the valuables stored in the vaults are ransacked or lost due to fire or building collapse. However, the bank shall not be liable for any damage or loss of contents of the locker originating from natural calamities or 'Acts of God'.

RBI also advised the banks to install CCTV cameras at entry and exit points of the strong room and the common areas of operation. It mandates the preservation of CCTV recording for a period of not less than 180 days.

According to the guidelines, if any customer complaints to the bank that his or her locker has been opened without knowledge and authority, or any theft or security breach is noticed, the bank shall preserve the CCTV recording till the police investigation is completed and the dispute is settled.

REPO RATE HIKED TO 6.25%

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) hiked the policy repo rate on Dec 07 - for a fifth consecutive time - by 35 basis points to 6.25 %. The central bank increased the rate after inflation continued to stay above its tolerance band. Consequently, the standing deposit facility (SDF) rate stands adjusted to 6.00 per cent and the marginal standing facility (MSF) rate and the Bank Rate to 6.50 per cent.

The move to raise the rates will make loans -- including housing, auto -- and corporate credit expensive as banks are expected to hike the lending rates.

The decisions were taken in consonance with the objective of achieving the medium-term target for consumer price index (CPI) inflation of 4 per cent within a band of +/- 2 per cent, while supporting growth.

The RBI has maintained FY 2022-23 Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation forecast at 6.7%.

FIT RANKING LAUNCHED FOR MSMEs

With the intent of deepening credit flow to small businesses and also helping lenders avoid loan losses on the MSMEs, TransUnion CIBIL, in collaboration with Online PSB Loans, under the mentorship of SIDBI, launched on Dec 20 the FIT Rank – a comprehensive ranking model for MSME borrowers. FIT combines the power of Financial, Income, and Trade (FIT) data based on Goods and Services Tax (GST), Bank Statement and Income Tax returns (ITR) to provide a holistic view of MSMEs.

The 'FIT Rank' will rate the over 6 crore MSMEs to arrive at a score between 1-10 to rate a borrower after taking consent to draw the relevant data.

The ranking will give lenders an idea about the capacity of an enterprise to pay, its creditworthiness and also intention to pay from past experience.

RBI ADDS NEW FEATURE IN UPI

The Reserve Bank of India announced on Dec 7 to add a new functionality — “single block and multiple debits” in the UPI system. This feature will aid payments where delivery of goods and services will happen later, like e-commerce purchases, hotel bookings or investments in securities.

A major difference between the mechanism is that at present, there is only single debit transactions functionality for a single block in the UPI. In other words, customers can only block one debit transaction in their accounts for their choice of payment. The new feature allows customers to block multiple transactions on their account for specific transactions making automated payments easier and quicker.

Data from the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) shows that transactions through UPI in November 2022 crossed 731 crores in volume, totaling more than Rs 11.90 lakh crores in value.



The RBI launched the retail digital rupee on Dec 01 on a pilot basis. The central bank has identified eight banks for phase-wise participation in this trial. The retail digital rupee will be in the form of a digital token that represents legal tender and thus will be issued in the same denominations as paper currency and coins are issued.

Retail digital rupee transactions can be carried out through a digital wallet on mobile phones and other devices. Only those digital wallets offered by banks participating in the RBI's digital rupee programme can transact in digital currency.

The first phase will begin with four banks i.e. State Bank of India, ICICI Bank, Yes Bank, and IDFC First Bank in four cities including Mumbai, New Delhi, Bengaluru, and Bhubaneswar.

NEW HI-TECH PLATFORM FOR LOAN RECOVERY

Spocto, an exclusive Indian debt support and risk mitigation platform has launched India's first Spocto Innovation Lab (SIL) catering to the debt collection segment of banking industries across India and MENA (Middle East & North Africa).

SIL will be collaborating with multiple bank stakeholders to better understand the NPA crisis, and how best to use technology to minimise them. SIL is designed to fast-track work on disruptive technologies for expediting loan recoveries by focusing on AI/ML, big data, data security, etc. through an accelerated mechanism.

BANKER'S BANK OF THE YEAR AWARD 2022

Canara Bank won the top award on Dec 01 for the India segment at the Global Banking Summit held in London, UK. It was adjudged as the Best Bank in India for 2022. The awards are given by 'The Banker' magazine. Published from London, it is a premier global banking and finance resource for more than 180 countries.

SEBI FORMS VAZIFDAR COMMITTEE

SEBI, the capital markets regulator, has set up a high-level panel to review the takeover norms in a move to simplify and strengthen the current rules by adopting appropriate global practices. The 20-member committee will be chaired by former Chief Justice of Punjab and Haryana High Court, Shri Vazifdar.

INTT SUBVENTION EXTENDED FOR 2 YEARS

The Reserve Bank of India approved the continuation of the Interest Subvention Scheme (ISS) for short term crop loans and short term farm loans up to Rs. three lakh, for the financial years 2022-23 and 2023-24. Interest subsidy will be given to banks @ 1.5% per annum on the outstanding loan amount and the farmer will have to pay interest @ 7% only. Further, those who repay loans timely, will be given further subvention of 3%, thus farmers will have to pay only 4% interest.

BANKS' MD/ED TERM HIKED TO 10 YEARS

As per a government notification dated November 17, the tenure for the appointment of the MD or executive director of a public sector bank has been extended to 10 years, from the earlier 5 years, subject to superannuation age of 60 years. The amendment would be called Nationalised Banks (Management and Miscellaneous Provisions) Amendment Scheme, 2022.

GOVT SELLS ITS SHARE IN AXIS BANK

The government gathered about Rs 3,839 crore by selling its 1.5% stake in the total issued and paid-up equity share capital of the Axis Bank, held through SUUTI – Specified Undertaking of the Unit Trust of India, one of its promoters. The floor price for the offer was Rs 830.63 per equity share.

DIGITAL RUPEE LAUNCHED ON PILOT BASIS

The RBI launched the Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) or Digital Rupee on Nov 01 in the wholesale segment on pilot basis. Digital Rupee is a digital form of currency notes issued by a central bank. It is an electronic form of money that can be used in contactless transactions. The Digital Rupee will be used for settlement of secondary market transactions in government securities. Settlement in Digital Rupee will reduce transaction costs and make the inter-bank market more efficient.

RBI has identified nine banks for participation in the Digital Rupee's wholesale pilot project which are State Bank of India, Bank of Baroda, Union Bank of India, HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Yes Bank, IDFC First Bank and HSBC.

INDIA'S 1ST STICKER-BASED DEBIT CARD

IDFC First Bank launched India's first sticker-based Debit Card- FIRSTAP on Nov 24, in association with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI). The card will facilitate transactions by simply tapping the sticker on a Near Field Communication (NFC) enabled point-of-sale terminal.

The sticker-based debit card can be affixed on any surface chosen by the customer, such as identity cards, cell phones, tabs, wallets, airpod cases, among others. The touch-free way to pay enables payments in seconds for transactions up to Rs. 5,000 without a pin, and those beyond that, with a tap and PIN.

AIRTEL BANK STARTS FACE BASED KYC

In a bid to simplify bank account opening process, Airtel Payments Bank has rolled out Face Authentication-based savings bank account opening for customers. Airtel Payments Bank is the first Payments Bank in the country to offer such a facility.

The new facility will help Business Correspondents (BCs) of the bank to open an account just by undertaking face authentication e-KYC. The authentication is processed using a newly developed mobile application by the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)

IRDAI TO LAUNCH 'BIMA SUGAM'

Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI), recently announced the launch of Bima Sugam—an online marketplace that will house all companies selling life and non-life insurance on a single platform. The portal is scheduled to go live from 1 January 2023. The portal will be promoted by four entities – LIC and General Insurance Council, each will hold 30% equity; public sector banks will hold 35% and remaining 5% will be held by Brokers Association.

The online platform will provide customers with a one-stop destination for all insurance needs, providing services like buying insurance policies, portability facilities, change of insurance agents and settling of claims. It will allow buyers to purchase life, motor or health insurance policies directly. The platform will also give buyers a wide choice to pick and choose policies. It will offer a window to view all your policies (be it life or general), details and renewal dates.

It will also provide E-Bima or E-IA accounts to enable policy holders to keep their policies in demat format. It will obviate the need to maintain the policies in physical document and ease the process of renewal with no paperwork.

DEFENCE, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

DECEMBER

ARMY TO ACQUIRE 'PRALAY' MISSILE



Indian Army plans to procure the 'Pralay' surface to surface ballistic missile that can hit the target from 150 to 500 km. DRDO had successfully conducted the maiden flight test of this missile in December 2021. The advanced missile is able to defeat interceptor missiles as it can change its path after covering a certain range mid-air.

INS ARNALA JOINS INDIAN NAVY



India's first ASW SWC (Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft) INS 'Arnala', built by the Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers for the Indian Navy was launched on Dec 20 at Chennai. ASW SWC are designed to undertake anti-submarine operations in coastal waters and Low Intensity Maritime Operations (LIMO) including subsurface surveillance in littoral waters.

INDIAN NAVY GETS SUBMARINE VAGIR

The fifth scorpene-class submarine 'Vagir' was delivered to the Indian Navy on Dec 20 in Mumbai. It is the 5th submarine of the six submarines to be built under Project-75. The 68-meter-long submarine can operate up to a depth of 350 meters. Soon it will be formally commissioned into the Indian Navy as INS Vagir.

These submarines are being constructed at Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) in Mumbai in collaboration with the Naval Group of France.

INS MORMUGAO JOINS INDIAN NAVY

INS Mormugao, a P15B stealth-guided missile destroyer, was commissioned on Dec 18 into the Indian Navy in Mumbai. Built by the Mazagon Docks Shipbuilders Ltd Mumbai, the 163 m long warship is packed with sophisticated state-of-the-art weapons and sensors such as Surface-to-Surface Missile and Surface-to-Air Missiles. Its Anti-Submarine Warfare capabilities are provided by the indigenously-developed Rocket Launchers, Torpedo Launchers and the ASW helicopters. The ship is equipped to fight under Nuclear, Biological and Chemical warfare conditions.

INDIA'S FIRST INFANTRY MUSEUM

The country's first infantry museum was inaugurated in Mhow cantonment in Indore district of Madhya Pradesh on December 16. The museum showcases Infantry Corps' history from 1747 to 2020, in which the valour and sacrifice of valiant soldiers has been displayed in statues, murals and photo galleries. The history of battles of Plassey, Saragarhi, Buxar and Indo-Pak wars of 1965 and 1971 along with the history of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj and Subhash Chandra Bose etc have been preserved in the museum.



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LAST RAFALE JET REACHES INDIA



India received its 36th and final Rafale fighter jet from France on December 15, completing the delivery of all the aircrafts it had signed for in an over Rs 60,000 crore deal inked in 2016.

The Rafale jet squadrons are stationed at Ambala, Haryana and at Hasimara in West Bengal. Rafale jets have been built by Dassault Aviation, France.

AGNI-V TESTED SUCCESSFULLY

The DRDO successfully conducted night trials of the nuclear-capable ballistic missile Agni V on 15 December. The missile is capable of striking targets at ranges up to 5,000 km with a very high degree of accuracy. The test firing was conducted from APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the Odisha coast.

ALH MK-III SQUADRON FOR COAST GUARD

An Indian Coast Guard Advanced Light Helicopter Mk-III squadron, 840 Sqn (CG), was commissioned on Nov 30 in Chennai. The ALH Mk-III helicopters, indigenously manufactured by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), feature state-of-the-art equipment including advanced RADAR as well as Electro optical sensors.

NAVY GETS NEW SURVEY VESSEL 'IKSHAK'

Indian Navy's third Survey Vessel 'Ikshak' was launched on 26 Nov in Chennai for testing waters. The ship has been built jointly by Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata and L&T Shipbuilding Ltd., Chennai. The ship is 110 m long, 16 m wide with a deep displacement of 3400 tons and a complement of 231 personnel.

Exercise KAZIND-22: The 6th edition of India - Kazakhstan joint training exercise was conducted at Umroi near Shillong (Meghalaya) from 15 to 28 December. Kazakhstan Army soldiers from the South Regional Command and Indian Army soldiers from the 11 Gorkha Rifles participated in the exercise.

Exercise Surya Kiran-XVI: The 16th edition of Indo-Nepal joint training exercise was held from Dec 16 to 29 at the battalion level at Nepal Army Battle School, Saljhandi, Nepal. The exercise aims to share experience gained by both armies in counter-terrorism and disaster relief operations.

Ex Sanchaar Bodh: The Airawat Division of the Indian Army conducted on Dec 10 in the vast extensive obstacle ridden terrain of Punjab to validate its tactical communication capabilities.

IND-INDO CORPAT: The 39th edition of India-Indonesia Coordinated Patrol between the Indian Navy and the Indonesian Navy was conducted from 08 – 19 December 2022, east of Andaman Sea. The exercise started from Belawan, Indonesia and ended at Port Blair.

Coordinated Patrols (CORPATs) serve as a great platform to understand each other's' navies and enhance interoperability.

AUSTRA HIND 22: The first edition of bilateral training exercise between contingents of the Indian Army and the Australian Army was held at Mahajan Field Firing Ranges (Rajasthan) from Nov 28 to Dec 11. The Australian Army contingent comprising soldiers from the 13th Brigade of the 2nd Division and Indian troops from the DOGRA Regiment took part in the exercise.

Exercise Harimau Shakti-2022: Joint military exercise of India and Malaysia was held at Pulau Klang in Malaysia from Nov 28 to Dec 12. Combat troops of the Garhwal Rifles Regiment of the Indian Army and the Royal Malay Regiment of the Malaysian Army participated in the exercise.

7th Exercise Sangam: A joint Naval Special Forces exercise between Indian Navy MARCOs (Marine Commandos) and US Navy SEALs (Sea, Air and Land) commenced in Goa on Dec 01. The three week exercise aims at exchange of ideas and experiences on various aspects of maritime special operations.

Exercise Agni Warrior: The 12th edition of the bilateral exercise between the Singapore and Indian armies which commenced on November 13, concluded at the Field Firing Ranges, Deolali in Maharashtra on November 30. The exercise involved showcasing joint firepower planning, execution and use of new generation equipment by the artillery arm of both armies.

Exercise Sudarshan Prahar: Sudarshan Chakra Corps of Indian Army conducted this exercise in the deserts of Rajasthan on 30th November. The exercise focussed on the synergised application of combat power through the integration of force multipliers and practising new battle techniques.



ISRO TESTS ITS CRYOGENIC ROCKET ENGINE



The ISRO successfully operated its CE-20 cryogenic rocket engine with a thrust level of 22t for a long duration of 650 seconds on December 23 at the Cryogenic Main Engine & Stage Test Facility of ISRO Propulsion Complex, Mahendragiri, Tamil Nadu. The CE20 engine is designed and developed by Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre (LPSC), Valiamala, Kerala.

ISRO TESTS TRISONIC WIND TUNNEL

The first blow down test of the newly released Trisonic Wind Tunnel was held on 8th December at Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre, Thiruvananthapuram. The Trisonic Wind Tunnel is a system to aid aerodynamic design of rockets and re-entry spacecrafts by characterising a scaled model by evaluating forces, moments, load distribution, unsteady pressures, acoustic levels etc.

The tunnel has an overall length of about 160m and has a maximum cross section of 5.4m. The tunnel can be used for testing various space vehicles in three flight regimes - below the speed of sound, at the speed of sound and above the speed of sound: hence the name trisonic wind tunnel. The tunnel can simulate flight conditions from 0.2 times the speed of sound (68 m/s) to 4 times the speed of sound (1360 m/s).

INDIA'S FIRST 5.2 AH LITHIUM-ION CELLS

Hyderabad-based battery maker Godi Energy achieved a new milestone by manufacturing India's first ever 5.2 Ah 21700 cylindrical lithium-ion cells with an energy density of 275 Wh/kg based on silicon anode technology. With the use of silicon in the anode, an electric vehicle could achieve a greater range, up to 15-20 percent more compared to graphite anode, on a single charge due to the increased energy density.

It is also the first Indian company to get BIS certification to sell lithium-ion cells made with home-grown technology. With the boom in the EV sector constituting two-, three- and four-wheelers in India and across the world, the need for high energy cells has become very essential.

SEAWAVES TO PRODUCE ELECTRICITY

Researchers at IIT Madras have developed and deployed a system that could generate electricity using energy from seawaves. The system, dubbed Sindhuja-I, was deployed by the researchers about six kilometres from the coast of Tuticorin in Tamil Nadu, where the sea has a depth of about 20 metres. Sindhuja-I can currently produce 100 watts of energy.

It will be scaled up to produce one megawatt of energy in the next three years. Sindhuja-I device is targeted towards remote offshore locations that require reliable electricity and communication such as oil and gas, defence and security installations and communication sectors.

INDIA'S FIRST LAUNCHPAD IN PRIVATE SECTOR

Chennai-based space tech startup Agnikul Cosmos launched India's first private launchpad and mission control centre on Nov 28 at the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota. The startup Agnikul has been incubated at the IIT Madras. It plans to launch its customizable Agnibaan Rocket from the launchpad later this month.

Agnibaan is a two-stage launch vehicle that is capable of taking payloads of up to 100 kilograms to a low-earth orbit around 700 kilometres from the surface of the Earth. It will be powered by the company's 3D-printed Agnilet engines.

NASA RETIRES MARS LANDER INSIGHT

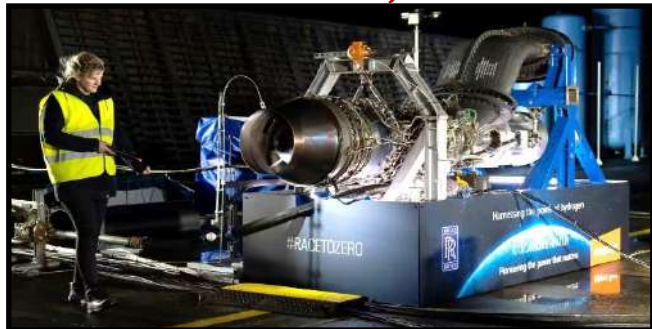
US space agency NASA retired its Mars InSight lander on Dec 21, as the spacecraft's solar-powered batteries ran out of energy. The last time InSight communicated with Earth was on December 15. InSight, short for Interior Exploration using Seismic Investigations, Geodesy and Heat Transport, is the first outer space robotic explorer that studied the crust, mantle, and core of Mars. The InSight mission touched down on the red planet on November 27, 2018, after seven months of travelling through space.

NUCLEAR FUSION ACHIEVED FOR THE 1st TIME

In a big leap in energy generation, the USA announced a nuclear fusion breakthrough, achieved for the first time in history. It is seen as a giant step towards the promise of 'near-limitless' clean energy and may help fight to curb climate change. Scientists at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, California for the first time, produced more energy in a fusion reaction than was used to ignite it, something called net energy gain.

Nuclear fusion is a man-made process that replicates the same energy process that powers the Sun. Nuclear fusion happens when two or more atoms are fused into one larger one, a process that generates a massive amount of energy as heat. Proponents of fusion hope that it could one day produce nearly limitless, carbon-free energy, displacing fossil fuels and other traditional energy sources.

WORLD'S FIRST HYDROGEN JET ENGINE



Renowned British aircraft engine maker Rolls-Royce and British low-cost air carrier easyJet, have successfully tested a hydrogen-powered jet engine. The pair say the goal is to curb emissions by 2050 and said the ground test marks “the world’s first run of a modern aero engine on hydrogen.”

The test used a converted Rolls-Royce AE 2100-A regional aircraft engine to carry out the tests at an outdoor facility in the UK.

SPACECRAFT ORION RETURNS TO EARTH

US space agency NASA successfully brought home its next-generation Orion spacecraft on Dec 11 after a near-26-day mission to orbit the Moon. The Orion capsule for the Artemis I mission splashed down off Mexico’s Baja California peninsula in the Pacific Ocean after a fiery reentry into Earth’s atmosphere and a descent that was further slowed by parachutes. Because this was a test, there were no people aboard this time, but that will change for the next flight.

WORLD’S 1st STEAM PROPELLED SPACECRAFT

In a world first, Japan’s space agency, Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) successfully used steam to propel a spacecraft toward the Moon. JAXA’s water-powered spacecraft, EQUULEUS (EQUilibriUm Lunar-Earth point 6U), carrying CubeSats (mini satellites) was launched by NASA’s Orion spacecraft on Nov 28 on its way to Moon’s orbit.

The spacecraft used waste heat from the communications kit to heat the water into steam that is squirted out to produce thrust.

NOVEMBER

Y 12705 Mormugao, the second ship of Project 15B Kolkata class stealth guided missile destroyers being built at Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders, Mumbai, was delivered to the Indian Navy on Nov 24. The 163 metre long ship is fitted with most modern weapons, including BrahMos missiles.

The Shalimar Works Ltd, Kolkata, West Bengal delivered the Ferry Craft ‘Manjula’ to the Indian Navy on Nov 23 in Kolkata. The Ferry Craft, 7th in series, will provide impetus to operational and logistics requirements of the Indian Navy.

DRDO conducted a successful maiden flight-test of Phase-II Ballistic Missile Defence (BMD) interceptor AD-1 missile on Nov 02 from APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the coast of Odisha. The AD-1 is a long-range interceptor missile designed for interception of long-range ballistic missiles as well as aircraft.

INDIAN NAVY HELD IPR DIALOGUE

The fourth edition of the Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue (IPRD) was held in New Delhi on Nov 23-25. Globally renowned speakers and eminent panellists explored how the areas of maritime cooperation could be optimally and inclusively operationalized.

IPRD is the Indian Navy’s yearly, top-level international conference to update its global strategic concerns. The National Maritime Foundation, Navy’s knowledge partner, is the chief organiser of the event. The theme of IPRD-2022 is the ‘Operationalising the Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative’.

ARMY COMMANDERS’ CONFERENCE

An Army Commanders’ Conference was held in New Delhi from November 7 to 11 to brainstorm on current and emerging security and administrative aspects and chart the future course for the Indian Army. It is an apex-level biannual institution level event for holding conceptual deliberations for making important policy decisions for the Indian Army.

During the five-day conference, discussions were held on topics such as transformation of the army as a future ready force, progress on capability development and modernisation to promote Atmanirbharta, and future challenges in progressive military training.

VEERANGANA SEWA KENDRA LAUNCHED

Indian Army has launched a single window facility - Veerangana Sewa Kendra (VSK) for welfare and grievances redressal of Veer Naris. The widow of a member of the armed forces, who has laid down his life for the country, whether in a war or in a military operation, is called ‘Veer Nari’.

Taking yet another step in leveraging technology, the Indian Army with a motto of “Taking Care of Our Own, No Matter What” launched this facility. Veer Naris or the next of kin will have multiple means for approaching the Veerangana Sewa Kendra through SMS, telephone, WhatsApp, posts, e-mail, and walk-ins to seek assistance. To maintain the inherent connection and empathy with the beneficiaries, Veer Naris have been employed as the Veerangana Sewa Kendra Staff.

INDIA TO MAKE C-295MW CARGO AIRCRAFT

Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of a C-295MW military transport aircraft manufacturing project for the Indian Air Force (IAF) at Vadodra in Gujarat on the 30th October. A consortium of European major Airbus and Indian conglomerate Tata will jointly make this aircraft in India.

This is the first project of its kind in which a military aircraft will be manufactured in India by a private company.

This aircraft can be used for civilian purposes also. This state-of-the-art transport aircraft having a 5 to 10 tons load capacity will strengthen the logistic capabilities of the IAF. All aircrafts will be fitted with an indigenous Electronic Warfare Suite, developed locally by Bharat Electronics Ltd. The aircraft will replace the ageing Avro aircraft of IAF. The total cost of the project will be 21,935 crore rupees.

Sixteen of the aircrafts will be delivered from 2023 onwards in a flyaway condition from the Airbus unit in Spain. This delivery will be completed by August 2025. The remaining 40 aircrafts will be manufactured in India by the new facility at Vadodara, from 2026 to 2031.

Lance Naik Manju of Eastern Command from the Corps of Military Police created history by becoming the first woman soldier skydiver of the Indian Army. She jumped from a height of 10,000 ft from the Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) Dhruv on November 15.

“Samanvay 2022”: The Indian Air Force (IAF) conducted its annual joint humanitarian assistance and disaster relief (HADR) exercise from November 28 to 30 at Agra, Uttar Pradesh. Representatives from ASEAN also took part in the exercise. The objective of the exercise was to assess the efficacy of institutional disaster management structures and contingency measures.

South Western Command of the Indian Army, conducted Integrated Fire Power Exercise, “Shatrunash” on Nov 21 in Thar Desert of Rajasthan. The exercise witnessed use of multifarious firing platforms in an integrated manner involving both ground & aerial manoeuvres.

Garuda Shakti 22: The 8th edition of the India-Indonesia bilateral joint training exercise kicked off on Nov 21 at the Sangga Buana training area in west Java’s Karawang in Indonesia. The 13-day exercise aims at enhancing understanding, cooperation and interoperability between the two Special Forces.

Naseem Al Bahr-2022: The 13th edition of bilateral exercise between the Indian and the Royal Oman navies commenced on Nov 20 near the coast of Oman. The exercise aims to intensify maritime exchanges between the two countries and enhance maritime security in the region.



Exercise Yudh Abhyas-22: Indian and US militaries conducted the battalion-level exercise at Auli in Uttarakhand, just 100 km from the Line of Actual Control (LAC). Soldiers from the Assam Regiment and the US Army soldiers of 2nd Brigade of the 11th Airborne Division participated in the exercise that included high-altitude warfare drills. The exercise was held from 16th Nov to 2nd Dec.



3rd Pan-India Coastal Defence Exercise Sea Vigil-22 was conducted by the Indian Navy on Nov 15-16 in coordination with the Coast Guard and other ministries to validate various measures that have been instituted towards enhancing maritime security. The exercise was undertaken along the entire 7,516 kilometre coastline and Exclusive Economic Zone of India. It involved all the coastal states and union territories.

Exercise Malabar 2022: The four member countries of the “Quad” conducted the 26th edition of Malabar exercise off Yokosuka in Japan from Nov 8 to 15. The “Quad” member countries include India, Australia, Japan, and the US. The exercise included a strong anti-submarine, rapid deployment, surveillance and force projection element. It was hosted by the Japan Maritime Self Defence Force and led by US Navy’s aircraft carrier Ronald Reagan.

Operation “Sea Sword 2”: Indian Navy’s warship INS Trikanth participated in the Combined Maritime Forces led Focused Operation “Sea Sword 2” in the Northwest Arabian Sea from 06 to 14 November. CMF is a 34-nation maritime partnership led by USA, based in Bahrain that undertakes counter-terrorism, counter-piracy and regional cooperation.

Exercise Indo-Pacific Endeavour (IPE): Australian naval ships with around 1,500 personnel, arrived in Visakhapatnam on Oct 30 to participate in the IPE. The exercise supported by the Australian Defence Force Maritime Task Unit of the Royal Australian Navy, ended on Nov 2.

SIMBEX-2022: The Indian Navy hosted the 29th edition of the Singapore-India maritime bilateral exercise from October 26 to 30 at Visakhapatnam. The exercise included advanced naval drills covering a wide spectrum of maritime operations. It was conducted in two phases – Harbour Phase at Visakhapatnam from 26 to 27 October, followed by the Sea Phase in Bay of Bengal from 28 to 30 October.

Garuda VII: The Indian Air Force and the French Air and Space Force (FASF) conducted a bilateral exercise 'Garuda VII' in Jodhpur, Rajasthan from Oct 26 to Nov 12. The FASF participated with four Rafale fighter aircrafts and a contingent of 220 personnel.

IMT TRILAT: The first edition of the India-Mozambique-Tanzania Trilateral Exercise was held in the Indian Ocean, off the coast of Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania on 27 -29 October. The Indian Navy was represented by the guided missile frigate, INS Tarkash.

OCEANSAT LAUNCHED SUCCESSFULLY

ISRO launched its PSLV-C54 on Nov 26 to successfully place the earth observation satellite (Oceansat) into a sun-synchronous orbit. The Earth Observation Satellite-6 is the third-generation satellite in the Oceansat series. It also placed in lower orbit eight nanosatellites which included ISRO Nano Satellite-2 for Bhutan (INS-2B), Anand, Astrocast (four satellites), and two Thybolt satellites

INDIA'S 1st PRIVATE SPACE ROCKET LAUNCHED

India's first-ever private launch of a suborbital rocket was made successfully from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota on Nov 18. The rocket Vikram-S soared to an altitude of over 80 km. It was developed by space technology startup Skyroot Aerospace from Telangana.

The 6-metre tall launch vehicle Vikram-S is named after Vikram Sarabhai, the father of the country's space programme. Named "Mission Prarambh", it carried three customer payloads (satellites) from Space Kidz India, Bazoomq Armenia and N-Space Tech India, weighing a total 83 kg.

NASA LAUNCHES ITS MOST POWERFUL ROCKET



The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) of the USA launched the 100 metre tall 'Artemis', its most powerful rocket ever built. The launch was made on Nov 16 from Cape

Canaveral in Florida, for a journey to the Moon in a spectacular blaze of light and sound.

This step marks the start of the US Space Agency's new flagship program, Artemis. The name Artemis comes from Apollo's twin sister in Greek mythology, wherein Apollo is regarded as one of the most powerful Gods.

Artemis will put the space module Orion in a distant retrograde orbit of the Moon. During its 26 day excursion, the capsule will be a mere 100 km from the lunar surface; at its most distant, Orion will be up to 70,000 km from the surface. The capsule is due back on Earth on 11 December, 2022.

ARTIFICIAL BLOOD CREATED IN LAB

For the first time ever, researchers in the UK in a clinical experiment, have transfused blood grown in a lab from adult stem cells, into two people. The blood has been tagged with a radioactive substance, often used in medical procedures, so scientists can see how long it lasts in the body. It is hoped the lab-grown blood will be more potent than normal.

The process starts with a normal donation of a pint of blood (around 470ml). Magnetic beads are used to fish out flexible stem cells that are capable of becoming a red blood cell. These stem cells are encouraged to grow in large numbers in the labs and are then guided to become red blood cells. The process takes about three weeks and an initial pool of around half a million stem cells results in 50 billion red blood cells, from which only 15 billion are fit for transplantation, measuring hardly 5-10 ml of blood.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

DECEMBER

SEVERE SNOW STORM BATTERS US-CANADA

In the United States and Canada, nearly 150 million people went without power across several states as a dangerously frigid Arctic air mass gripped a vast expanse of the USA and Canada in the fourth week of December. The storm brought damaging intense winds of speeds crossing 100 kmph and freezing temperatures of minus 30 to 40 degree celsius that led to collapse of power lines at several places. Airlines cancelled over 8,000 flights as massive winter storms snarled airport operations, frustrating tens of thousands of holiday travellers. Even the road and rail traffic was disrupted badly due to the thick snow blanket.

Meteorologists describe the winter storm as a bomb cyclone, a term given to an explosive storm that intensifies rapidly, with its central air pressure dropping by at least 24 millibars in 24 hours.

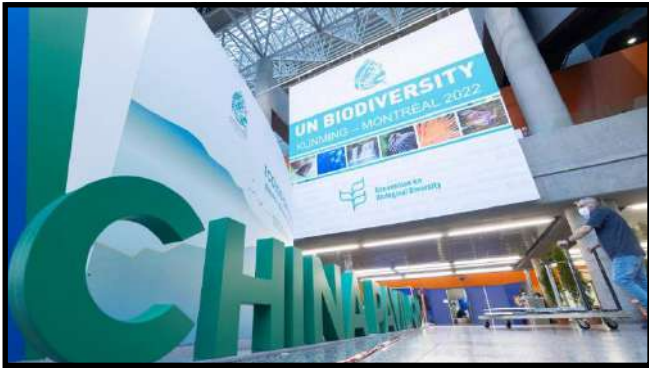
UNSC'S FIRST EVER RESOLUTION ON MYANMAR

The U.N. Security Council adopted its first ever resolution on Myanmar in 74 years on Dec 23 to demand an end to violence in the country. It urged the military junta to release all political prisoners, including ousted leader Aung San Suu Kyi and former president Win Myint.

The 15-member council has long been split on how to deal with the Myanmar crisis with China and Russia arguing against strong action. They both abstained from the vote, along with India. The remaining 12 members voted in favour.

Myanmar's military seized power from Suu Kyi's elected government in February 2021, arresting her and other officials, and has responded to pro-democracy protests and dissent with lethal force that has killed several thousand people and seen more than 16,000 jailed.

UN-CBD HELD IN MONTREAL



The United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), also called the Conference of Parties (COP-15) was held in Montreal, Canada from Dec 7 to 19. Over 190 countries adopted a landmark Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) to restore natural ecosystems, and agreed to protect 30 percent of the planet and 30 percent of degraded eco-system by 2030.

The Framework comprises 21 targets and 10 'milestones' proposed for 2030, en route to 'living in harmony with nature' by 2050. The GBF is considered equivalent to the Paris Agreement on climate change in terms of its significance for protecting biodiversity.

The CBD, was one of three landmark international agreements to protect the environment, agreed at the Rio Earth Summit in 1992. It sets out guidelines for countries to protect biodiversity, ensure sustainable use, and promote fair and equitable benefit sharing. The other two conventions were "The United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

GLOBAL TRADE SWELLS IN 2022 - UNCTAD

According to the latest Global Trade Update, released by UNCTAD on 13 December, global trade is expected to grow by 12 percent to hit a record \$32 trillion for 2022. Despite the war in Ukraine and the lingering impact of the pandemic, trade in both goods and services saw strong growth this year. Trade in goods grew 10% from last year to an estimated \$25 trillion, partly due to higher energy prices while services were up by 15% to a record \$7 trillion.

However, a slowdown that began in the second half of the year is expected to worsen in 2023 as geopolitical tensions and tight financial conditions persist. "Economic growth forecasts for 2023 are being revised downwards due to high energy prices, rising interest rates, sustained inflation in many economies, and negative global economic spillovers from the war in Ukraine," said the report.

UNCTAD - United Nations Conference on Trade and Development is a special UN agency based in Geneva, having 195 members. It provides data based research to its members to use trade, investment, finance, and technology as vehicles for inclusive and sustainable development.

Ms. Rebeca Grynspan of Costa Rica is the first woman and Central American to serve as UNCTAD's current Secretary General.

IRAN OUSTED FROM TOP UN BODY

The UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), the UN body for fighting for gender equality, voted on Dec 14 to immediately oust Iran from the Commission on the Status of Women for the remainder of its 2022-2026 term, because of its systematic violation of the rights of women and girls.

The US-sponsored resolution was sparked by Iran's ongoing brutal crackdown on peaceful protesters opposing Iran's strict hijab rules.

The protests began in mid-September this year after the death of a 22-year-old Mahsa Amini who was taken into custody by the morality police for protesting against the wearing of hijab. The incident sparked protests by Iranians on social media and on the streets urging women to publicly remove their veils, a gesture that is regarded as "immoral behaviour" leading to arrest by the local morality police.

Under Iran's sharia (Islamic) law, imposed after the 1979 revolution, women are obliged to cover their hair and wear long, loose-fitting clothes to disguise their figures. Violators face public rebuke, fines or arrest. However, decades after the revolution, clerical rulers still struggle to enforce the law.

NEW ZEALAND BANS CIGARETTES

New Zealand passed a law on Dec 13 banning cigarettes for future generations in the country. It is considering an attempt to bring in a near-total tobacco ban from next year. Retailers licensed to sell tobacco will be cut to six hundred by the end of 2023 from six thousand at present. According to media reports, the law passed by Parliament means that anyone born after 2008 will never be able to buy cigarettes or tobacco products in the country.

G7 FORMS A CLIMATE CLUB

On Germany's initiative, the G7 countries have decided to establish a Climate Club open to all countries in order to advance climate protection worldwide and join hands in the fight against global warming.

A statute was adopted to establish the club. The main focus of the club is on the climate-friendly restructuring of industry. Common rules and standards are to be agreed upon so that competition is not distorted in view of the high investments.



INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF MILLETS - 2023



The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations, organised an opening ceremony on Dec 6 for the International Year of Millets – 2023 (IYM2023) in Rome, Italy. The United Nations General Assembly has declared the year 2023 'International Year of Millets'.

An Indian delegation led by Shobha Karandlaje, Minister of State, Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, attended the ceremony. Millets are good for the consumer, cultivator and climate. Millets are nutritious and can be cultivated in semi-arid zones besides consuming less water for irrigation.

Millets' were among the first crops to be domesticated in India with several evidences of its consumption during the Indus valley civilization. In India, millets are primarily a kharif crop, requiring less water and agricultural inputs than other similar staples.

Being grown in more than 130 countries at present, Millets are considered traditional food for more than half a billion people across Asia and Africa. Millets are important by virtue of its mammoth potential to generate livelihood, increase farmers' income and ensure food & nutritional security all over the world.

BOEING SAYS GOODBYE TO JUMBO JET 747

The aerospace giant of the USA, The Boeing Co rolled out its last 747 aircraft on Dec 07 out of its massive factory in Everett, Washington. It marked the end of a glorious era of aviation that started in 1969 when the first Boeing 747 was rolled out. The last plane was delivered to cargo carrier Atlas Air of the USA.

The jumbo jet had many versions – a commercial aircraft capable of carrying nearly 500 passengers, a cargo plane, and the Air Force One presidential aircraft. It was the largest commercial aircraft in the world and the first with two aisles, and it still towers over most other planes.

WORLD'S MOST ADVANCED BOMBER AIRCRAFT

The US Air Force unveiled its newest most advanced military aircraft ever built. Named B-21 Raider, it is the 6th generation nuclear stealth bomber, the first new bomber in 30 years. The B-21 Raider was unveiled during a ceremony on Dec 02 at manufacturer Northrop Grumman's facility in California.

It is estimated to cost nearly \$700 million each. No details of its specifications were released to ensure secrecy of its capabilities. The US Air Force is planning to acquire at least 100 of these aircrafts.

WHO RENAMES MONKEYPOX AS MPOX

The World Health Organization announced a long-awaited change on Nov 28 to change the name of the disease Monkeypox to Mpx, saying that the name sounds "racist and stigmatises patients." The recommendation follows outbreaks that began about six months ago in Europe and the United States.

However, it will take time to replace a term that has been used for decades. The first human monkeypox case was recorded in 1970. The virus was initially detected years earlier, in captive monkeys. "Both names will be used simultaneously for one year while 'monkeypox' is phased out," WHO said.

Monkeypox is a rare disease similar to smallpox caused by the monkeypox virus. It's found mostly in areas of Africa, but has also been seen in other regions of the world. It causes flu-like symptoms such as fever and chills, and a rash that can take weeks to clear. There's no proven treatment for monkeypox, it usually goes away on its own.

GOBLIN MODE: OXFORD WORD OF THE YEAR

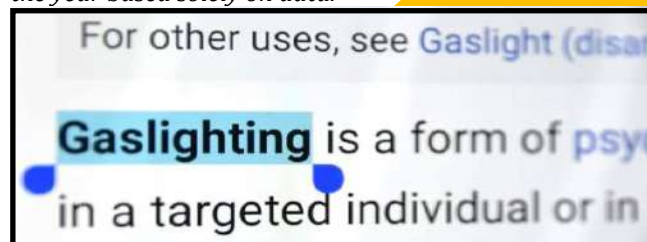
Goblin mode, or a type of behaviour which is unapologetically self-indulgent, lazy, untidy, or greedy, typically in a way that rejects social norms or expectations, has been chosen as the Oxford Word of the Year on Dec 05, after a worldwide public vote.

The slang phrase was one of three shortlisted words put to a vote for the first time, with the others being metaverse or a virtual reality environment and #IStandWith — used on social media to depict solidarity with a cause. Goblin mode won the online vote by a landslide, with 318,956 votes, securing 93% of votes.

'GASLIGHTING' - MW's WORD OF YEAR

Merriam-Webster has selected "gaslighting" as the 'Word of Year 2022'. Gaslighting is the psychological manipulation of a person, usually over an extended period of time. It refers to behaviour that's mind manipulating, grossly misleading and downright deceitful. Lookups for the word on merriam-webster.com increased 1,740% in 2022 from last year.

Merriam-Webster, oldest dictionary of the USA, logs 100 million pageviews a month on its site, chooses its word of the year based solely on data.



17th G-20 SUMMIT HELD IN BALI



The Group of 20 members held their 17th annual Heads of Nations summit on Nov 15-16 at the Indonesian resort Nusa Dua in Bali Island, under the Presidency of Indonesia, led by its President Joko Widodo. The theme selected for the summit was “Recover Together, Recover Stronger”, focusing on collective efforts to push up post pandemic economic recovery across the globe.

PM Modi addressed the first working session of G-20 on Nov 15 on the issue of Food and Energy Security. He also cited climate change, Covid pandemic recovery and Ukraine conflict as important issues of the time. G-20 nations expressed deep concern over the challenges posed to global food security aggravated by current conflicts and tensions and expressed commitment to taking urgent actions to save lives, prevent hunger and malnutrition.

G20 was founded in 1999 as a forum for Finance Ministers and Central bank Governors after the Asian financial crisis. It is an intergovernmental forum of the world's major developed and developing economies.

It comprises 19 countries and the European Union as members. It does not have a permanent secretariat and hence its Presidency rotates every year. G20 members represent around 85% of the global GDP, over 75% of global trade and about 67% of the world population.

GLOBAL FUND TO FIGHT NEXT PANDEMIC

The Health and Finance Ministers of the G-20 group launched a \$1.4 billion Pandemic Fund on November 13, just before the main summit of G-20 nations in Bali, Indonesia, to tackle the next global pandemic. The new dedicated fund is an important tool to support low and middle-income countries to be better prepared for the future global health crisis.

The fund's major donors include the US, Britain, India, China, France, Canada, Australia and Japan. However, concerns were raised at the small amount of fund as the WHO has outlined a sum of \$31 billion required to tackle the next global pandemic.

27th COP HELD IN SHARM EL-SHEIKH

The 27th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 27) of the United Nations Climate Change Conference (UNFCCC) was hosted by Egypt at Sharm el-Sheikh from Nov 6 to 20 (including two days extension).

Faced with a growing energy crisis, record greenhouse gas concentrations, and increasing extreme weather events, COP27 sought renewed solidarity between countries, to deliver on the landmark Paris Agreement, with the theme “Delivering for people and the planet”. It builds on the outcomes of COP26 to deliver action on an array of issues critical to tackling the climate emergency.

The COP27 presidency launched the Sharm-el-Sheikh Adaptation Agenda outlining 30 goals to enhance resilience for four billion people living in the most climate-vulnerable communities by 2030.

On the last day, Governments finalised a breakthrough agreement to provide a “Loss and Damage” fund for assisting developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change.

More than 120 world leaders attended the summit. Environment, Forest, and Climate Change Minister Bhupender Yadav led an Indian delegation to attend the COP 27. He inaugurated India's high-tech pavilion designed with the theme of LiFE- Lifestyle for Environment.

The 28th session of the COP 28 will be hosted by the UAE in December 2023.

INT’NAL DROUGHT RESILIENCE ALLIANCE

At the initiative of Senegalese President Macky Sall and Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez, leaders from over 25 countries and 20 organisations launched the International Drought Resilience Alliance to accelerate action and help countries to be better prepared for future droughts. The declaration was made on Nov 7 on the sidelines of the 27th Conference of Parties (COP27) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) at Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt.

The mission of the alliance is to give political impetus to make the land's resilience to drought and climate change a reality by 2030. The Alliance called on leaders to make drought resilience a priority in national development and cooperation, including deepening the engagement of stakeholders, such as the private sector, in work on drought resilience.

ASEAN ADMITS EAST TIMOR AS 11th MEMBER

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) has agreed in principle to admit East Timor as the group's 11th member, more than a decade after the country requested membership of the group. The decision was announced on Nov 11.

The half-island nation, officially called Timor Leste, will also be granted observer status at high-level ASEAN meetings. However, it might take years for East Timor to gain full ASEAN membership. The country is the first new member of the regional grouping in more than two decades, since Cambodia was admitted in 1999.

East Timor is a tiny half island nation, occupying 14,874 sq km the eastern half of Timor Island, south of Indonesia (Western half is occupied by Indonesia). Having an estimated population of over 13 lakh, it attained freedom from Indonesia in 2002, making it the youngest Asian nation. Dili is the capital city and also the largest city of the country.

PATENTS FILING UP BY 3.6% IN 2021



The World Intellectual Property Indicators report released by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) on Nov 21 showed that despite the disruption of the coronavirus pandemic, innovators around the world filed 3.4 million patent applications, in 2021, up 3.6 per cent from the previous year. WIPO's offices in Asia received 67.6 percent of all applications. China and India showed strong growth in local patent filings, each registering a growth of 5.5 percent, while South Korea jumped by 2.5 percent.

TOGETHER, WE CROSSED 8 BILLION MARK

The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) informed that the population clock flashed 8,000,000,000 (8 billion) on November 15, with the world having added one billion people in the last 12 years. UNFPA Executive Director Natalia Kanem said that a world of 8 billion is a milestone for humanity – the result of longer lifespans, reductions in poverty, and declining maternal and childhood mortality.

As per the World Population Prospects 2022 report released by the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in July this year, the world population is projected to reach a peak of around 10.4 billion people during the 2080s and will remain at that level until 2100.

India is projected to surpass China as the world's most populous country in 2023. The report said that India's population stood at 1.412 billion in 2022, compared with China's 1.426 billion. India is projected to have a population of 1.668 billion in 2050, way ahead of China's 1.317 billion by that time.

'HOMER': CAMBRIDGE'S WORD OF 2022

Homer, an informal American English word for a home run in baseball, has been declared as the "Word of the Year 2022" by the Cambridge Dictionary of UK. The word was searched for nearly 75,000 times on the Cambridge Dictionary website during the first week of May when it was an answer in the online five-letter word puzzle.

Cambridge is the top learner dictionary website in the world, serving 2.6 billion page views a year.

'PERMACRISIS' - COLLIN'S WORD OF THE YEAR

Scotland's Collins Dictionary has named "Permacrisis" as the "word of the year" after an extended period which has seen people live through crises including war, inflation, climate change and political instability.

Permacrisis is defined as "an extended period of instability and insecurity". The word has seen an increased usage due to the ongoing insecurity in the world.

AMAZON LOSES \$1 TRILLION IN MARKET CAP

US business conglomerate Amazon.com Inc. secured an unwanted distinction by becoming the world's first public company to lose a trillion dollars in market value. The downfall came as a combination of rising inflation, tightening monetary policies and disappointing earnings updates triggered a historic selloff in the stock this year. *Shares of the company fell by 4.3%, pushing its market value to about \$879 billion, falling from a record high of \$1.88 trillion in July 2021. The stock has lost around 48% of its value this year alone.*

WORLD'S LONGEST PASSENGER TRAIN

Switzerland created a new world record for running the world's longest passenger train. Measuring 1,910 metres, it has 100 coaches, with a total 4,550 seats. Named 'Alpine Cruise', it is run by the Rhaetian Railway on the 122 km long Albula-Bernina route, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site. The event marked the 175th anniversary of Switzerland's railway system.

PERSONS IN NEWS

DECEMBER

FM SITHARAMAN 36th MOST POWERFUL LADY

The 19th annual Forbes list of the "World's 100 Most Powerful Women" released on Dec 06 placed European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen at the top for her leadership during the Ukraine war, as well as her handling of the Covid-19 pandemic. While European Central Bank President Christine Lagarde was placed at 2nd position, US Vice President Kamala Harris was ranked 3rd in the list.

Among Indian ladies, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman secured the highest ranking at 36th spot, for the fourth time in a row. The other five Indians to feature on the list are Roshni Nadar Malhotra (53rd) of HCL Tech, Chairperson, SEBI Chairperson Madhabi Puri Buch (54th), SAIL Chief Soma Mondal (rank: 67), Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw (72) of Biocon group; Falguni Nayar (89) of Nykaa.

4 INDIANS IN BBC 100 LIST

The British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) released on Dec 06 the list of 100 most influential women in the world from several areas such as politics, science, sports, entertainment, and literature. The list, unranked, celebrates the achievements of women internationally, from grassroots volunteers to global leaders. \

There are four Indians too in the list, – Actress Priyanka Chopra Jonas, author Geetanjali Shree, engineer and astronaut Sirisha Bandla, social worker Sneha Jawale.



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ADANI TOP PHILANTHROPIST IN ASIA



Billionaires Gautam Adani, HCL Technologies's Shiv Nadar, and Happiest Minds Technologies' Ashok Soota are the three Indians who have been named in the 16th edition of Forbes Asia's Heroes of Philanthropy list released on Dec 05. The unranked list mentions 15 notable donors.

Adani was listed for having pledged Rs 60,000 crores (USD 7.7 billion) when he turned 60 in June this year. Shiv Nadar donated Rs 11,600 crore (USD 142 million) to Shiv Nadar Foundation. Ashok Soota pledged Rs 600 crore (USD 75 million) to his medical research trust.

Vikram Doraiswami: Indian High Commissioner to the UK became the first Indian diplomat to present his credentials to King Charles III on Dec 8, in a deeply traditional ceremony that included a classic horse-drawn carriage with the diplomat onboard, riding through the streets of London to Buckingham Palace. *Doraiswami and his wife, Sangeeta, were collected from their official residence in a State Landau, as the ceremonial horse-drawn carriage is known, for the audience with the King which takes place in one of the state rooms at Buckingham Palace.*

He is the first Indian envoy to be received at the palace by the King since the death of Britain's longest-serving monarch, Queen Elizabeth II, on September 8.

PV Sindhu, India's top badminton star is the only Indian player in the top 25 in Forbes' annual list of the highest-paid female athletes in 2022 in the world. Sindhu, the 2016 Rio Olympics silver medallist, occupies the 12th spot in the list with earnings of \$ 7 million (Rs.57.83 cr). Japanese tennis star Naomi Osaka tops the list with earnings of \$ 51.1 million.

Sargam Koushal: Beauty queen from Jammu scripted history on Dec 18 as she won the "Mrs World 2022" title at a glittering event that took place in Las Vegas, USA. The 32-year-old Sargam secured the crown for India after 21 years, beating contestants from 63 countries. Mrs World Dr Aditi Govitrikar won the title 21 years ago in 2001.

Ms. Cherisha Chanda, 17-year-old teenaged beauty from Gurugram, Haryana, created history on Dec 18 by winning the first Miss Eco Teen Pageant held at Marsa Alam, Egypt. One of the largest beauty contests, Miss Eco Teen, has its headquarters in Egypt.

Neeraj Chopra: Data released by the World Athletics, international governing body for the sport of athletics, shows that India's javelin star Neeraj Chopra became the world's most written-about athlete in 2022, attracting 812 articles. He is followed by Jamaican sprinter Ms. Elaine Thompson-Herah (751 articles).

Sonakshi Sinha: Popular Bollywood actress was named PETA's Person of the Year recognising her actions to help save animals killed for fashion and her strong advocacy for dogs and cats in need.

PETA - People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals is the largest animal rights organisation in the world, having more than 9 million members and supporters globally. It was founded in 1980 and is dedicated to establishing and defending the rights of all animals. It is based in Norfolk, Virginia (USA).

Dr. Deepa Malik: Union Health Ministry on Nov 26 designated Dr. Deepa Malik, President of the Paralympic Committee of India, as ambassador of 'Ni-Kshay Mitra' campaign launched for providing support to TB patients. It is an initiative under Pradhan Mantri TB Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan. Dr Malik herself is a TB survivor.

MUSK IS NO MORE THE RICHEST PERSON

After holding the numero uno position since September 2021, Elon Musk is no longer the wealthiest person in the world, thanks to the plummeting price of Tesla shares, which dragged him to second place. Investors have been punishing Tesla stock of late as Musk has spent much of his time running Twitter, raising fears that he's distracted from the car company.

The Twitter owner has been dethroned by Louis Vuitton boss Bernard Arnault. According to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index, as on Dec 14, Arnault's wealth swelled to \$171 billion (₹14.12 lakh crore) while Musk slipped to \$164 billion (₹13.55 lakh crore). However, the Forbes real time billionaires list as on Dec 14 showed Arnault wealth at \$ 187 bn while that of Musk stood at \$ 176.8 bn.

Volodymyr Zelenskyy: President of Ukraine has been named as "TIME 2022 Person of the Year" by the New York based global news magazine TIME. Zelenskyy, 44, established himself as a symbol of defiance and democracy as he continues to lead the nation through Russia's unprovoked attacks on Ukraine. Amid the war, Zelenskyy has risen as a braveheart who is inspiring not just his country but also other European nations.



NOVEMBER

Sh. Narendra Modi: Indian Prime Minister remains the world's most popular leader with an approval rating of 77 percent, as revealed by the Global Leader Approval Ratings released by a US based consulting firm Morning Consult. The latest approval ratings are based on political intelligence data collected from 16th to 22nd of November.

Gen. Abdel Fattah El-Sisi: India has invited Egyptian President as the Chief Guest at the Republic Day Parade in 2023. A Chief Guest for the parade is likely after two barren years due to Covid pandemic.

Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali: President of Guyana will be the chief guest at the 17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention to be held from 8th to 10th January next year in Indore, Madhya Pradesh. The theme of the 17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas is - Diaspora: Reliable Partners for India's Progress in Amrit Kaal.

APPOINTMENTS

DECEMBER

Hansraj Gangaram Ahir: Former Union Minister appointed Chairperson of the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC). A four-time former MP from Chandrapur, Maharashtra, he is an agriculturist by profession.

Bhupendra Patel: Gujarat BJP leader was sworn in as the 18th Chief Minister of Gujarat on Dec 12.

Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu: Sworn in as the new Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh. He is from the Congress party.

Dinesh Kumar Shukla: Senior nuclear scientist has been appointed as the chairperson of the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board, Mumbai for a period of three years.

Sundararaman Ramamurthy: Appointed as the managing director (MD) and chief executive officer (CEO) of the Bombay Stock Exchange.

K V Shaji: Appointed as the Chairman of the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD). He is a former Dy Managing Director of NABARD.



N Chandrasekaran: Chairman of Tata Sons, has been chosen to lead B20 India, the organisation that speaks for the whole G20 business community. The B20 India process will be coordinated by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII). The B20 India Summit will be held in August, 2023.

Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda': Appointed as the Prime Minister of Nepal by the President Bidhya Devi Bhandari. He is a former Maoist guerilla leader.

Leo Varadkar: Indian-origin politician returned to power for a second term as Ireland's Prime Minister. He held the PM's post earlier in 2017-20.

Ms. Mette Frederiksen: Re-elected as the Prime Minister of Denmark, heading Social Democratic Party.

Dina Boluarte: Assumed office as the first female President of Peru, following the impeachment of former President Pedro Castillo.

Sheikh Hasina: Prime Minister of Bangladesh was appointed as the "Global Ambassador for Diabetes" by the International Diabetic Federation (IDF) based in Brussels, Belgium. She will discharge the duty of "Global Ambassador for Diabetes" for the next two years as the representative of the diabetic patients for their wellbeing.

NOVEMBER

Dr. C V Ananda Bose: The 71-year-old former bureaucrat was appointed Governor of West Bengal on Nov 17, by the President of India. He is a 1977-batch IAS officer (retd) of Kerala cadre. His father Vasudevan Nair who fought alongside Netaji, named his son Bose out of respect for Subhash Chandra Bose.

Besides being an outstanding orator, he is a prolific writer too, having 350 publications to his credit, including 45 books in English, Malayalam and Hindi consisting of novels, short stories, poems and essays. He holds a PhD from BITS, Pilani in Rajasthan.

Justice Rituraj Awasthi: Central Government on November 7 appointed the Retired Chief Justice of Karnataka High Court as the Chairperson of the Law Commission of India. The commission's function is to research and advise the Government on legal reforms. *The first Law Commission was established during the British Raj era in 1834 by the Charter Act of 1833 and was chaired by Lord Macaulay. The first Law Commission of independent India was established in 1955 for a three-year term.*

Subhrakant Panda: Elected as the President of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) on Nov 2. He is the Managing Director of Indian Metals & Ferro Alloys Ltd. (IMFA).

Lt Gen Asim Munir: A former head of Pakistan's spy agency ISI, was appointed as the next chief of Pakistan Army on Nov 24 by the prime minister Shahbaz Sharif. He will succeed incumbent General Qamar Javed Bajwa, 61, who is to retire on Nov 29.

Anwar Ibrahim: Long term reformist was sworn in as prime minister of Malaysia on Nov 24.

Kassym-Jomart Tokayev: Re-elected as the President of Kazakhstan for a second term.

Natasa Pirc Musar: Elected as the first female President of Slovenia on November 13.

Benjamin Netanyahu: 73 year old Chief of right-wing Likud Party won majority seats in the Knesset, Israel's parliament, to become the Prime Minister of Israel for a 6th term. Netanyahu is the longest-serving Prime Minister of Israel and has been elected five times over the course of 15 years.

Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva: Elected as new president of Brazil by defeating incumbent president Jair Bolsonaro in a very close contest.

AWARDS & HONOURS

DECEMBER

Golden Peacock and other awards at IFFI

The 53rd International Film Festival of India (IFFI) concluded in Goa on Nov 28. The closing ceremony was held at Dr Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Stadium near Panaji. Various awards given at the end of festival are as under:

Golden Peacock for Best Film (Rs 40 lakh): 'I have Electric Dreams'; Spanish film directed by Valentina Maurel, from Costa Rica

Silver Peacock for Best Director (Rs15 lakh): Nader Saeivar of Iran for Turkish film 'No End'.

Silver Peacock for Best Actor (Rs 10 lakh): Vahid Mobasheri of Iran for film No End

Silver Peacock for Best Actress (Rs 10 lakh): Daniela Marin Navarro for the film 'I Have Electric Dreams'

Special Jury Award (Rs15 lakh): Lav Diaz, director of When The Waves Are Gone

'Dear Diary' wins 53-Hour Challenge

The second edition of '75 Creative Minds of Tomorrow' competition at International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa was won by the short film 'Dear Diary' made by Team Purple.

The film was made under the "53-Hour Challenge" where the 75 Creative Minds selected from all over the country were asked to produce a short film on their idea of India@100, all in 53 hours.

Pride of Central India 2022 Award: won by Atul Patidar, founder and CEO of Farmkart, Central India's first agritech startup, for transforming the lives of lakhs of rural farmers in the region. Farmkart designs innovative technology solutions for farmers who have little or zero knowledge of modern technology.



'Kheyti' wins Earthshot Prize



Kheyti, an Indian startup in Telangana that designed the "greenhouse-in-a-box" for small hold farmers, won the one million pound Earthshot Prize in the "Protect and Restore Nature" category. The aim of greenhouse-in-a-box is to reduce costs and increase yields which in turn would help protect the livelihoods of the farmers.

Founded by Prince William (of UK) this was the second edition of the Earthshot prizes. The prize aims to seek out and support solutions to environmental challenges under 5 categories: Protect and Restore Nature, Clean our Air, Revive our Oceans, Build a Waste Free World, and Fix our Climate. Each winner is given one million pounds to expand his/her idea.

Miss Earth 2022: South Korea's Mina Sue Choi won the title on November 29 at Cove Manila, Philippines.

NOVEMBER

Special Operation Medals announced

The "Union Home Minister's Special Operation Medal" for the year 2022 were announced for the four Special Operations. The medal was constituted in 2018 with the objective to recognize those police operations, which have a high degree of planning, high significance for the security of the country/State/UT.

It is announced on 31st of October every year. In a year, normally 3 Special Operations are considered for the award and in extraordinary circumstances; up to five 5 Special Operations may be considered.

Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development-2021: Awarded to Mumbai based NGO Pratham on Nov 19 in New Delhi, in recognition of its work in ensuring quality education for children of the country, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic. The prize carries a cash award of Rs 25 lakh.

5th JCB Prize for Literature: Won by Khalid Jawed from New Delhi for the translated novel "The Paradise of Food", translated from Urdu by Baran Farooqi. The book, originally published as "Ne'mat Khana" in 2014, is the fourth translation to win the award and the first work in Urdu. Jawed received the prize money of Rs 25 lakh along with a trophy while Farooqi got Rs. Ten lakh prize money.

Champions of the Earth 2022: Assam's leading conservationist Purnima Devi Barman was awarded the United Nation's highest environmental honour, in the Entrepreneurial Vision Category, for leading the 'Hargila Army' to save the Hargila bird (Greater Adjutant Stork) from extinction. The award is given by the UN Environment Programme, UNEP in five categories.

UNESCO Madanjeet Singh Prize for 2022: The prestigious \$ 100,000 prize for the promotion of tolerance and non-violence, has been given to Ms. Franca Ma-ih Sulem Yong from Cameroon, President of the NGOs #Afrogiveness and Positive Youths Africa for her hard work to change the perception related to mental illness by providing psycho-social and educational support.

The Prize is named after its benefactor, former Indian artist, writer and diplomat Madanjeet Singh (1924-2013) who was also a UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador.

Gandhi Peace Pilgrimage Award: Indian spiritual Guru Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, founder of Art of Living, was presented this award in Atlanta, USA in recognition of his efforts to spread the messages of peace and non-violence as espoused by Mahatma Gandhi and Dr Martin Luther King Jr.. The prestigious award is given by the Gandhi Foundation of the USA.

Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des: The French government's highest civilian honour awarded to Aruna Sairam, 37-year-old Carnatic vocalist, composer, collaborator, humanitarian and speaker from Chennai for not just her singing prowess, but also for her contribution towards development of the Indo-France relationship.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

DECEMBER

Forks in the Road: My days at RBI and Beyond- Memoirs of Dr. C. Rangarajan, former governor of RBI

India: The Mother of Democracy prepared by Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR)

Bravehearts of Bharat, Vignettes from Indian History by Vikram Sampath

Miracles of Face Yoga by Mansi Gulati

Sultan: A Memoir - Autobiography of Pakistani cricketer Wasim Akram

The Light We Carry: Overcoming in Uncertain Times by Michelle Obama

Sorrow and Starlight (Zodiac Academy #8) by Caroline Peckham & Susanne Valenti

Five Survive by Holly Jackson

The Last Invitation by Darby Kane

The Light Pirate by Lily Brooks, Dalton

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Nalanda: Until We Meet Again by Gautam Borah

Winning the Inner Battle by Shane Watson, a former cricket veteran from Australia

Bloodmarked by Tracy Deonn

The Lost Metal by Brandon Sanderson

The Prisoner by B A Paris

Nuclearization of Asia by Rene Naba

Engineered in India Autobiography of B V R Mohan Reddy

The Light We Carry: Overcoming in Uncertain Times: Memoirs of Michelle Obama, former first lady of USA

The World: A Family History by Simon Sebag Montefiore, noted British historian

The World We Make by N K Jemisin

The Revolutionary: Samuel Adams by Stacy Schiff

OBITUARY

DECEMBER

Prof Yoginder K Alagh: Renowned economist, academician and a former Union minister, died at his home in Ahmedabad on Dec 06 at the age of 83. He is credited with development of the concept of minimum Support Price of major crops, price decontrol in steel, cement and aluminium, and fixing of separate poverty line for rural and urban areas.

He was a regular columnist for The Indian Express and Financial Express for over four decades. He was a member of the Planning Commission between 1987-90.

Dominique Lapierre: The bestselling French author well-known in India for his ode to the city of Kolkata titled "The City of Joy (1985)", died on Dec 4 aged 91. The book tells the story of the unsung heroes of Kolkata's Pilkhana slum, including the struggles of a rickshaw puller.

His equally popular book "Freedom at Midnight (1975)", coauthored with his longtime associate, Larry Collins, sold millions of copies. It is a factual account of the events leading up to Indian Independence. Some of his most memorable books include "Is Paris Burning?", "O Jerusalem", and "The Fifth Horseman"

Lapierre was conferred the Padma Bhushan in 2008.

Vikram Gokhale: Veteran Marathi actor passed away in Pune on Nov 26 at the age of 77. In a career spanning more than 50 years, Gokhale mastered all three media of theatre, TV and cinema, both in Marathi and Hindi.

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Areez Pirojshaw Khambatta: Chairman of the Rasna Group passed away on Nov 19 at the age of 85. Khambatta is known for creating the iconic home-grown beverage brand Rasna, which is now the world's largest soft drink concentrate manufacturer, selling in over 60 countries. Rasna was created in the 1970s as an alternative to soft drink products sold at high costs.

Elaben Bhatt: Renowned women's rights activist and the founder of SEWA (Self Employed Women's Association), died in Ahmedabad on Nov 2, due to age-related issues. She was 89. A Padma Bhushan recipient, she was a pioneer in the field of women's empowerment and had received international recognition due to her work. SEWA, a trade union founded by her in 1972 for women working in the unorganised sector, now has two million members.

Jamshed J Irani: The former MD of Tata Steel, who was also famously known as the 'Steel Man of India' passed away on October 31 in Jamshedpur. He was honoured with Padma Bhushan in 2007. He was conferred an honorary Knighthood (KBE) by Queen Elizabeth II in 1997.

PLACES IN NEWS

DECEMBER

CSM Vastu Sangrahalaya: Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya (CSMVS) (formerly Prince of Wales Museum) in Mumbai was conferred with the 'Award of Excellence' at the UNESCO's Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation-2022 for its outstanding restoration efforts for the 100 year old Victorian Gothic and Art Deco Ensembles of Museum, a World Heritage Property.

The museum was established in 1922 by Britishers and prominent local citizens to commemorate the 1904 visit of the Prince of Wales, the future King George V. The museum collection comprises approximately 50,000 artefacts, categorised mainly into three sections: art, archaeology and natural history.

Singapore remains most expensive city

The Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) has rated Singapore and New York as the most expensive cities to live in among the 172 featured in the Worldwide Cost of Living (WCOL) survey published earlier this month.

It was observed that despite their higher-than-average costs, both cities have been very attractive options for meetings and events as they have extremely well-connected airports, plenty of accommodation and venue options to suit different budgets and preferences, world-class transport and medical infrastructure, and they offer a high level of safety.

The EIU said the war in Ukraine and continuing supply-chain problems have contributed to price rises, averaging 8.1%, the highest rate in the 20 years for which it has digital cost-of-living data.

Cyclone Mandous: The tropical cyclonic storm made a landfall near Mamallapuram in North Tamil Nadu and adjoining areas of Andhra Pradesh, in the wee hours of Dec 10. Later, the cyclone weakened as it moved north westward over the landmass. Gusty winds of up to 75 kmph lashed the coastal areas, bringing in heavy rains.

Mount Semeru: Highest volcano in Indonesia's main island Java erupted violently on Dec 04 sending ash billowing up into the sky over 1500 meters. Nearly 10,000 people were evacuated from the area around the volcano. Indonesia sits on the Pacific "Ring of Fire" where tectonic plates collide, causing frequent volcanic activity as well as earthquakes.

Mauna Loa volcano: The world's largest active volcano, Hawaii's Mauna Loa, started erupting on the night of Nov 27, for the first time in almost 40 years. Mauna Loa, which means "long mountain" in Hawaiian, covers 5,271 sq km, and is one of a chain of five volcanoes which form Hawaii's Big Island.

The latest eruption began at the volcano's summit caldera named Mokuaweoweo. It covers an area of 15 sq km and is 180 mt deep. Calderas are hollows that form beneath the summit at the end of an eruption. Mauna Loa last erupted in March and April of 1984, sending lava flows within 8 kilometres of the city of Hilo, the island's most populous town.

NOVEMBER

Donyi Polo Airport: A fourth airport in Arunachal Pradesh was inaugurated on Nov 19 at its capital Itanagar. The airport is equipped with ultra-modern facilities to ensure all weather operations. The name Donyi-Polo comes from local Gods; Donyi meaning the Sun whereas Polo means the Moon. The airport will give a big boost to trade and tourism and will have a catalytic impact on the economy of Arunachal Pradesh.

Mawmluh Cave: The International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS), one of the largest scientific organisations of UNESCO, has recognised the Mawmluh Cave, located in the East Khasi Hills district of Meghalaya, as one of the first 100 IUGS geological heritage sites.

With a length of 7.2kms, Mawmluh Cave is the fourth longest cave in the Indian subcontinent. The cave is a long maze with many openings and is decorated with stalactites, stalagmites, columns, drapes and moon milk (cave milk).

Vadodara: City in Gujarat became the second Indian city to issue a municipal bond on Nov 3 with assistance from the US Treasury Department's Office of Technical Assistance. India's Ministry of Housing and Urban Development, Municipal Corporation of Vadodara, and the Securities and Exchange Board joined hands to ensure success of the issue.

The bond will provide funds for infrastructure projects in Vadodara. The bond was oversubscribed by 10 times (₹1007 crore in bids received from 33 bidders) and was priced at a low yield of just 7.15%. Pune was the first city to issue such a bond in 2017.

Aibawk: The cluster of 11 villages, in the Aizawl district of Mizoram, has become the first cluster to be completed under the Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission (SPMRM). Spread over an area of 522 sq. km, and covering a population of around 11,000, it made focused efforts for the construction of agri-link road, pedestrian footpaths, and inter-village road connectivity projects etc. to improve market access.

Special efforts were made to conserve the local environment and sites of historical importance to encourage tourism.

SPMRM was launched in February 2016 with a vision to provide amenities to rural areas which are perceived to be urban and have the potential to stimulate local economic development. Such clusters were selected for well-planned and holistic development.

Mangarh Dham: A small town located in the district Banswara of Rajasthan, on the Gujarat-Rajasthan border, was declared as a 'National Monument' by the Prime Minister Modi on Nov 01. The place is known for the massacre of tribals by British forces that took place on November 17, 1913. Social reformer Govind Guru led the gathering of tribals and forest dwellers in 1913 in Mangarh against the British Raj.

Morbi: More than 140 people lost their lives and several others were injured after a century-old suspension bridge on the Machhu river in Gujarat's Morbi city collapsed on Oct 30. The bridge, which reopened four days ago after extensive repairs and renovation, was crammed with an excess number of people when it collapsed, apparently due to massive overload. Due to the Diwali vacation and being a Sunday, there was a huge rush of tourists on the bridge, which is a major tourist attraction.

Cianjur: Densely populated town in West Java, Indonesia was struck by a severe 5.6 magnitude earthquake on Nov 21. The tremors destroyed several buildings, leading to the death of at least 268 people and injuring over 1300, including women and children. About 51 educational facilities – including 30 primary schools and an Islamic boarding school – were affected.

Seoul: At least 151 people were killed and 82 others were injured, mostly young, in a deadly stampede during Halloween celebrations in South Korea's capital town's Itaewon district on Oct 29. A large number of people rushed into a narrow lane and fell down upon one another. Most of the people were wearing Halloween masks and costumes, thereby hampering the rescue operations.

Mogadishu: Capital of Somalia was rocked by two strong car bomb blasts on October 29, killing at least 100 people and injuring over 300 people. Most of the victims were civilians. The Al Shabaab group claimed responsibility for the attack.

SPORTS WORLD

DECEMBER



Geto Sora, 7-year-old badminton prodigy from Arunachal won the Top Arena Junior (Boys) International Badminton Championship title on December 23 in the below 9 years category, in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. This is his second international title in two months.

Shooter Rudranksh Patil clinched the gold on Dec 02 in the 10 mt Air Rifle event in the ISSF President's Cup at Cairo, Egypt.

Ishan Kishan, Indian batter smashed the fastest double hundred in the history of ODI cricket, scoring 210 off 131 balls, playing against Bangladesh on Dec 10 at Chattogram, Bangladesh. He slammed 24 fours and 10 sixes.

Aditya Mittal, 16-year-old Chess star from Maharashtra became the 77th Grandmaster on Dec 06. He achieved this feat while playing in the sixth round of the El Llobregat Open Chess Tournament in Spain.

Rohit Sharma became the first Indian, and just the second batter world-wide, in international cricket to hit 500 sixes. He reached the milestone on Dec 7 playing against Bangladesh in Dhaka.

Rohit's tally of 500 international sixes is bettered by only West Indies legend Chris Gayle, who has 533 sixes. MS Dhoni with 359 sixes is the closest to Rohit among Indian players

Indian archers topped the medals tally at the Asia Cup 2022 stage 3 with 10 medals – five golds, three silvers and two bronze. The meet was held in Sharjah, UAE from December 20 to 25.

T20 World Cup for the Blind: The Indian national blind cricket team made history on Dec 17 as they won the T20 World Cup for the Blind for the third consecutive time by beating Bangladesh in the finals played at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru. Six teams took part in the tournament.

FIH Women's Nations Cup 2022: The Indian team led by Savita Punia defeated Spain 1-0 in the final to lift the cup in the finals played on Dec 17 at Valencia, Spain.

8th Junior Wushu World Championship: India finished with a record eight medals, including three gold, three silver and two bronze in the tournament held in Tangerang, Indonesia from Dec 3 to 11.

BWF Female Para-Badminton Player of the Year 2022: Won by para shuttler Manisha Ramadass during a ceremony on Dec 5 in Bangkok. She won the gold medal in the women's singles SU5 category at the para-badminton world championships last month.

Viktor Axelsen (Denmark) and **Akane Yamaguchi** (Japan) were declared BWF Male/Female Player of the Year, respectively.

Vijay Hazare Trophy: Saurashtra beat Maharashtra by 5 wickets to lift their second Vijay Hazare Trophy in the final played at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad on Dec 02. Also known as the Ranji One-Day Trophy, it is a national level tournament played in ODI format.

Youth Men's and Women's World Boxing Championships held in La Nucia, Spain, India bagged 11 medals including four gold, three silver and four bronze.

Indian shuttlers concluded their campaign on Dec 4 at the Asia Junior Badminton Championship held from Nov 29 to Dec 4 at Nonthaburi, Thailand with five medals which included three silver and two bronze medals.

81st Annual Madras-Colombo Rowing Regatta: The Madras Boating Club (women) won the Adyar trophy on Nov 26 in Colombo, Sri Lanka. The Men's category was won by Colombo Rowing Club, and they were awarded Deepam Trophy.

Ruturaj Gaikwad, Maharashtra captain in the Vijay Hazare Trophy, scripted history by smashing seven sixes in an over (including a no ball) to set a List A world record on Nov 28 in Ahmedabad. He was playing against Uttar Pradesh team and Shiva Singh was the bowler.

Shafali Verma, opening batter of Indian women cricket team has been named captain of India's 15-member squad for the ICC U-19 Women's T20 World Cup to be held in South Africa from January 14 to 29, 2023.

Tata Steel Limited signed a MoU with Hockey India on Dec 13 to become the 'official partner' of the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's 15th World Cup 2023 to be played in Bhubaneswar-Rourkela from January 13 to 29, 2023.

Legendary athlete P T Usha was elected unopposed as the President of the Indian Olympic Association, IOA. Fondly called the 'Payyoli Express' for her awesome speed, she is the first woman to occupy the top job at IOA in its 95-year history and she is also the first international medalist to take over the top post.

The BCCI entered into the Guinness Book of World Records for the largest attendance at a T20 match. A record 101,566 people witnessed the epic IPL final between Gujarat Titans and Rajasthan Royals at the magnificent Narendra Modi Stadium in Motera, Ahmedabad on 29 May 2022. Spread over 63 acres, the stadium has a seating capacity of 1,32,000 spectators.

IPL becomes a 'Decacorn'

BCCI's money spinner Indian Premier League (IPL) has become India's first sports decacorn as its latest valuation crossed \$ 10 billion. The league is currently valued at \$10.9 billion. A decacorn refers to a business whose valuation is more than \$10 billion.

Notably, it has increased by an astonishing 75% since 2020. IPL started in 2008.



E-sports to be part of regular games

The President of India, in exercise of the powers "conferred by clause (3) of article 77 of the Constitution" amended the rules governing Esports and asked the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology and the Sports Ministry to include "e-Sports as part of multi-sports events".

Accordingly, the government officially recognised e-sports in the country and issued a gazette notification on Dec 26 to this effect. Now, the IT Ministry will be the nodal agency for online gaming-related matters and the sports Ministry will be the executing agency.

E-Sports, short for electronic sports, is a form of competition using video games. There has been a growing demand for Esports to be included in the curriculum of multi-discipline events after it was included in the 2018 Jakarta Asian Games as a demonstration sport, meaning medals won in the sport were not counted in the official overall medals tally.

INTERNATIONAL

2022 FIFA WORLD CUP: Led by charismatic 35-year-old Lionel Messi, Argentina beat France (led by Hugo Lloris) 4-2 on penalties to win the 2022 FIFA World Cup after a 3-3 draw in a thrilling final on Dec 18 at the Lusail Stadium in Doha, Qatar.

The win marks Argentina's third-ever World Cup victory and first since 1986.

The World Cup has gone out of Europe after a gap of 20 years. The third rank was secured by Croatia after defeating Morocco.

FIFA Final Awards

Golden Ball (Best Player): Lionel Messi of Argentina, first to win the Golden Ball twice, first in 2014.

Golden Boot (for highest goals): France's striker Kylian Mbappe for scoring eight goals in the tournament

Golden Glove (Best Goalkeeper): Emiliano Martinez, Argentina for achieving four saves in shootouts and three clean sheets (not allowing a single goal)

Young Player of the Tournament: Enzo Fernandez, central midfielder from Argentina

ITF world champion 2022: Rafael Nadal and Iga Swiatek won the International Tennis Federation's world champion award for men and women, respectively, on Dec 15 in London.

Both won two grand slams each in 2022, besides several other titles. ITF is the London based governing body of tennis in the world.

Iga Swiatek, the 21-year-old Polish tennis star was selected as the WTA Player of the Year-2022 for the first time on Dec 12. She is currently No. 1 in the rankings, since April, 2022.

WTA-Women Tennis Association, based in St Petersburg, Florida (USA), is the apex global organisation for holding women's tennis tournaments.

World Athlete of the Year 2022

International governing body of athletics, World Athletics declared the World Athlete of the Year 2022 on Dec 05.

Women: Sydney McLaughlin, hurdles world champion from USA; created a new world record of 50.68 seconds in 400m hurdles

Men: Armand Duplantis, Swedish pole-vaulter, won his first world title with a new world record, jumping 6.21mt.

Ms. Stéphanie Frappart: The 38 year old French referee became the first woman to take charge of a men's World Cup game when she handled Germany vs Costa Rica on Dec 01 in Qatar.

Davis Cup: Canada won its first Davis cup title on Nov 27 by defeating Australia in the finals played in Malaga, Spain. The Davis Cup is the premier international team event in men's tennis.

NOVEMBER

NATIONAL SPORTS AWARDS 2022

The Youth Affairs and Sports Ministry announced the National Sports Awards 2022 on Nov 14. The awards were decided by the Selection Committee headed by Justice A. M. Khanwilkar, Retd. Judge, Supreme Court of India and consisting members from eminent sportspersons, persons having experience in sports journalism and sports administrators.

Table Tennis player Sharath Kamal Achanta has been chosen for the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award, the highest recognition from the government side in sports.

Arjuna Awards have been given to 25 sportspersons. Seven coaches have been chosen for the Dronacharya Award, four in the regular category and three in the lifetime category. Dhyan Chand Award for Lifetime Achievement in Sports and Games has been given to four senior sportspersons.

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Trophy 2022 was given to Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar for the most outstanding performance in the field of sports.

Arjuna Award is given for outstanding performance in Sports and Games is given for good performance over a period of the previous four years.

Dronacharya Award is for outstanding coaches in Sports and Games for their meritorious work.

Dhyan Chand Award for Lifetime Achievement in Sports and Games is given to honour sportspersons who have commendable contribution to sports.

Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar is given to corporate entities, both in the private and public sector, other Sports Bodies at the State and National level, who have played a visible role in the area of sports promotion and development.

Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Awards

The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports announced on Nov 23 the Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Awards for the year 2021. The award is given in four categories namely, Land Adventure, Water Adventure, Air Adventure and Life Time Achievement. This time only three awards have been announced:

Ms. Naina Dhakad – Land Adventure

Shubham D. Vanmali – Water Adventure

Group Captain Kunwar

Bhawani Singh Samyal – LifeTime Achievement

All three will receive statuettes, certificates and award money of Rs. 15 lakh each.

Manika Batra, Indian table tennis champ became the first Indian female paddler to win a medal at the ITTF-ATTU Asian Cup tournament on Nov 19 in Bangkok, Thailand. She defeated Hina Hayata of Japan.

Pramod Bhagat and **Manisha Ramadass**, paralympic badminton champions won their respective gold medals on Nov 6 at the BWF Para Badminton World Championships in Tokyo, Japan.

Saurav Ghoshal and **Ramit Tandon** won their first-ever team gold in Squash on Nov 4 at the Asian Squash Team Championships by beating Kuwait in the finals played in Cheongju, South Korea.

R Praggnanandhaa, top-seeded Indian Grandmaster and compatriot PV Nandhidhaa won the titles in the open and women's sections, respectively, on Nov 03 at the Asian Continental Chess Championship held in New Delhi.

Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and **Chirag Shetty** bagged the biggest title of their career on Oct 30, claiming the French Open Super 750 crown by defeating China's Lu Ching Yao and Yang Po Han in the men's doubles final played in Paris. **Later, the duo also won the doubles title on Nov 3 at the Hylo Open at Saarbrücken, Germany.**

The Men's Singles title was claimed by reigning world and Olympic champion Viktor Axelsen of Denmark.

Narayan Jagadeesan, Tamil Nadu batter shattered the world record for the highest individual score in men's List A cricket in ODI format on Nov 21 by hammering 277 runs against Arunachal Pradesh in Bengaluru in the Vijay Hazare Trophy.

Virat Kohli scripted history on Nov 10 by becoming the first batter in history to reach 4000 runs in T20 Internationals. Kohli reached the landmark of 4008 runs in the second semi-final of the T20 World Cup 2022 against England in Adelaide, Australia.

Suryakumar Yadav became the first Indian player on Nov 6 to score 1,000 T20 International runs in a calendar year, playing against Zimbabwe in Melbourne, Australia.

Suryakumar Yadav became the world's No. 1 T20I batter on Nov 2 on the back of his unbeaten 51 off 25 balls against the Netherlands in Sydney in the last week of September. He became just the second Indian player to hold the top T20I batter ranking after Virat Kohli.

Neeraj Chopra: Switzerland Tourism has appointed the Olympic Gold medalist as the 'Friendship Ambassador' of the country. In his new role, he will showcase and promote the adventurous, sporty, and stunning outdoors of Switzerland to Indian travellers.

Mary Kom, boxing queen, was unanimously elected as the Chairperson of the Athletes Commission of the Indian Olympic Association on Nov 15. Table Tennis legend Achanta Sharath Kamal was elected as the Vice-Chairperson of the body.

Achanta Sharath Kamal, Table Tennis champion, has become the first player from India to get elected in the Athletes' Commission of the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF), Lausanne, Switzerland.

15th Asian Airgun Championship 2022: India ended their campaign at Championships held in Daegu, South Korea, from Nov 9 to 19, with a rich haul of 25 gold medals, of the 28 available. Overall, India finished at the top of the medal tally, winning 38 of the total 86 medals, including 25 gold, 9 silver and 4 bronze.

In the Asian Boxing Championships in Amman Jordan, Indian woman pugilists Praveen Hooda, Lovlina Borgohain, Saweety Boora, and Alfiya Pathan claimed gold medals on Nov 11.

Syed Mushtaq Ali T20 Trophy: Mumbai lifted the trophy by defeating Himachal Pradesh on Nov 05 in the finals played in Kolkata.

2022 U-17 Women's World (Football) Cup: Defending champion Spain beat Colombia 1-0 to win the finals played on Oct 30 at the D Y Patil Stadium in Navi Mumbai.

Sultan of Johor Cup 2022: Indian Under 21 men's hockey team lifted the Cup by defeating Australia in a tough final played at Johor Bahru, Malaysia on Oct 29.

Khelo India National University Games - 2023-2024 will be hosted by Uttar Pradesh in four cities, Lucknow, Gorakhpur, Varanasi, and Noida. Around 4,500 athletes representing 150 universities across the country are expected to participate in the games.

"Football4Schools" programme launched

The All India Football Federation, Union Ministry for Education and the FIFA signed a MoU in Navi Mumbai, on October 30, to broadbase football across various schools in the country through the "Football for Schools" programme.

This will see the game of football and all the positive values associated with it being propagated to a large number of schools across the country.

BCCI announces match fee parity

In a historic move, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) announced on Oct 27 to pay equal match fee to both men and women cricket players of India. The move is aimed at tackling gender discrimination. As per new rules, the payment for Test matches will be 15 lakh rupees, 6 lakh rupees for ODIs, and 3 lakh rupees for T-20. Earlier, the women players received only Rs 1 lakh each for ODIs and T20Is and Rs 4 lakh for a Test match.

INTERNATIONAL

FIFA WORLD CUP 2022 OPENS IN QATAR

Football's greatest show on Earth, the 22nd FIFA World Cup 2022 was officially declared open on Nov 20 in a glittering opening ceremony held at the Al Bayt Stadium in Al Khor, Qatar. Emir of Qatar, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani welcomed the dignitaries, players and spectators from all over the world at the mega event of football.

From India, the Vice President Sh. Jagdeep Dhankhar represented the country at the opening ceremony, although India is not part of the tournament.

- It is the world's largest single sports quadrennial event
- It is the first time that an Arab country is hosting the tournament.
- 32 top countries from five regions will compete for the title.
- All 64 matches will be held across eight stadiums in Qatar.
- The opening match was played between Qatar and Ecuador.
- The final will be held on December 18 at the 80,000-seater Lusail Stadium in Lusail, Qatar.
- The FIFA World Cup trophy is the most costly sports trophy in the world, costing about Rs 144 crore. It is made of 18 carat gold and weighs 6.1 kilos.
- FIFA has allocated \$440 million in prize money for the 2022 World Cup
- The winner of the World Cup in Qatar will receive \$42 million (INR 344 crores). The runner-up will get \$20 million (INR 245 crores).
- Even the bottom ranked 16 teams, each will get \$9 million as participation fee.
- All 32 teams will also receive \$1.5 million each for meeting their preparation expenses.
- Qatar is expected to generate \$ 6.5 billion, surpassing all previous tournaments. During the 2018 World Cup in Russia, revenue worth \$ 5.2 billion was generated.
- The event is a boon for FIFA too, as it earned record revenues of \$7.5 billion in the four years of commercial deals tied to this year's tournament. It is \$1 billion more than the 2018 Russia Cup.
- The official mascot of the Qatar World Cup is La'eeb. The Arabic word "La'eeb" means "super-skilled player." It is inspired by the keffiyeh, a traditional headdress made of cloth, worn by Arab men.
- The name of the football to be used during the world cup is Al Rihla (meaning 'Journey' in Arabic). It has been made by the German multinational sports company Adidas.

- France is the defending champion, having won their second title in 2018 after defeating Croatia in the final.
- Canada, Mexico and the United States will host the 2026 tournament.
- FIFA stands for Federation Internationale de Football Association, translated in English as International Federation of Football Association.
- Gianni Infantino, a Swiss-Italian football administrator is the current President of FIFA.
- Headquarters of FIFA are based in Zurich, Switzerland. It has 209 members.

Cristiano Ronaldo, 37-year-old Portugal striker became the first male player in FIFA history to score in five World Cups by scoring a goal against Ghana on Nov 24 at Doha.

Novak Djokovic (Serbia) defeated Norway's Casper Ruud to secure a record-equalling (of Roger Federer) sixth ATP Finals title on Nov 20 in Turin, Italy, earning the biggest paycheck ever in tennis -- \$4,740,300/-.

Max Verstappen, Red Bull's double world champion, won the Mexico City Grand Prix on Oct 30 to set a Formula One record of 14 victories from a single season, as well as the most points scored. With this victory he beat the record for most wins, 13 in a season, set by Michael Schumacher in 2004 and equalled by Sebastian Vettel in 2013. He also won the season ending F1 Abu Dhabi race on Nov 20 in Abu Dhabi, UAE. This was his record 15th title in one year.

ICC T-20 World Cup: England created history by winning their second T-20 world cup defeating Pakistan by five wickets in the finals played at the Melbourne Cricket Ground in Melbourne, Australia on November 13. Sam Curran of England was named Player of the Match as well as Player of the Series.

Sebastian Vettel, German racing driver, announced his retirement from Formula One racing, after his last participation in Abu Dhabi Grand Prix on Nov 20. The 35 year old F1 champ won the F1 World Championship four times, consecutively from 2010 to 2013.

Greg Barclay, veteran sports administrator from New Zealand was unanimously re-elected as Chairman of the International Cricket Council (ICC) on Nov 12 for a second two-year term. ICC headquarters are based in Dubai, UAE.

Mohammad Tayyab Ikram of Macau (a special administrative region of China) was elected as the new president of the International Hockey Federation (FIH), succeeding India's Narinder Batra as its full-time chief. Currently, he is CEO of Asian Hockey Federation. FIH is based in Lausanne, Switzerland.

"Phryges" – Mascots for Paris Olympics

Organisers of the 2024 Paris Olympics and Paralympics unveiled the mascots for the games on Nov 14 at Paris.

They are "Phryges" (*pronounced as fri-jee-uhs*), small Phrygian caps. The soft bright red cap, also known as a liberty cap, is an updated version of a conical hat worn in ancient times.

They represent a strong symbol of liberty, inclusivity and the ability of people to support great and meaningful causes.

The Paralympic mascot has a running blade, making it the first time that a mascot for the Games has had a visible disability.

DAYS & DATES

JANUARY	
Date	Event/ Day
1	Global Family Day
4	World Braille Day
6	World Day of War Orphans; Paush Purnima; Magh Mela
8	African National Congress Foundation Day
9	NRI Day or Pravasi Bharatiya Divas
11	Death anniversary of Lal Bahadur Shastri
12	National Youth Day
13	Lohri
14	Pongal
15	Indian Army Day; Makar Sankranti
21	Maghi Amavasya
23	Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Jayanti
24	National Girl Child Day
25	National Voters Day
25	National Tourism Day
26	Republic Day; Basant Panchmi
26	International Customs Day
28	Birth Anniversary of Lala Lajpat Rai
(29)	World Leprosy Day (Last Sunday of Jan); Durgaashtami
30	Martyrs Day or Shaheed Diwas

DECEMBER

December 01: World AIDS Day

Observed across the world to raise awareness on HIV/AIDS. The day aims to spread factual information such as the fact that Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) is a contagious virus that leads to acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS). HIV patients can prevent AIDS by taking HIV medication regularly. AIDS is the last stage of the HIV virus.

The day also throws emphasis on the fact that HIV cannot be spread by touch, cough or handshake or sharing food with the HIV-infected person. It can only spread through unprotected sexual contact with a person or infected needles and infected blood. The theme for the Day this year is "equalise." According to UNAIDS, the slogan is a call to action.

December 02: National Pollution Control Day



Observed annually in India in memory of the people who lost their lives in the tragic 1984 Bhopal Gas Tragedy. The horrific industrial accident took place in the Union Carbide India Limited (UCIL) pesticide plant in Bhopal where leakage of highly poisonous Methyl Isocyanate - MIC gas on the mid-night of Dec 2-3 killed thousands of people and maimed lakhs of other persons with various ailments.

The day aims to raise awareness among not only people but the authorities as well regarding the hazard of industrial pollutants and the harmful impact they can have on future generations.

December 2: World Computer Literacy Day

The day aims to promote awareness about computers and to encourage people to use them efficiently. The day was introduced by the Indian computer company NIIT in the year 2001 to promote technological skills, especially in children and women, and to inspire them to learn more and make their work easier by the use of computers.

The history of the computer can be traced back to the early 1820s when Charles Babbage designed the 'Difference Engine,' a mechanical computer capable of performing simple calculations.

Dec 02: International Day for Abolition of Slavery

Observed to spread awareness about ending human trafficking and the exploitation of humans. The focus of this day is on eradicating contemporary forms of slavery, such as trafficking in persons, sexual exploitation, the worst forms of child labour, forced marriage, and the forced recruitment of children for use in armed conflict.

There is no clear definition of modern slavery but it is considered as debt bondage, human trafficking, forced labour and forced marriages. Essentially, it refers to situations of exploitation that a person cannot refuse or leave because of threats, violence, coercion, deception, and/or abuse of power. An estimated 50 million people are in modern slavery, including 28 million in forced labour and 22 million in forced marriage.

Dec 3: International Day of Persons with Disabilities

Also called World Disability Day, it is observed every year to address the problems faced by persons with disabilities (PwD) around the world. The Day aims to promote an understanding of disability issues and mobilise support for the dignity, rights and well-being of persons with disabilities.

The theme selected by the UNO for this Day in 2022 is "Transformative solutions for inclusive development: the role of innovation in fueling an accessible and equitable world."

December 4: National/Indian Navy Day

Celebrated every year to mark the decisive Indian victory over Pakistan in 1971 through Indian Navy's Operation Trident on Dec 4-5 in which the Indian Navy inflicted heavy damage on Karachi harbour and destroyed two Pakistani warships and one cargo ship. *The Indian Navy was established by the East India Company in 1612. Later, it was named as Royal Indian Navy and post-Independence, it was reconstituted as the Indian Navy in 1950. Admiral R Hari Kumar is the current chief of the Indian Navy.*

December 4: International Day of Banks

Observed globally with the support of UNO to highlight the vital role of banking systems in contributing to the improvement of the standard of living of the people and strengthening of economies.

It also recognises the significant potential of multilateral development banks and other international development banks in financing sustainable development.

December 05: World Soil Day

The day is observed to focus on the importance of healthy soil and to advocate for the sustainable management of soil resources. The day highlights how soil is a fundamental natural resource and is the basis for all terrestrial life. Avoiding soil degradation is crucial to our well-being.

There are more living organisms in a tablespoon of soil than the people on Earth. A world in itself, soil holds minerals, organic components, and organisms and needs to be protected from degradation to ensure nutrient-rich plant life on Earth. This year's theme for the Day is "Soils: Where food begins".

December 5: International Volunteer Day

Also called International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development, it was established by the United Nations in 1985 as an opportunity for people around the world to come together and celebrate the power and potential of volunteerism.

This day is an opportunity for everyone to promote volunteerism, encourage governments to support volunteer efforts at local, national, and international levels. The theme for the Day this year is "Solidarity through Volunteering", promoting the collective power of humanity to drive positive change through volunteering.

December 7: Armed Forces Flag Day

Observed throughout the country since 1949 to honour the martyrs and the men in uniform who valiantly fought and continue to fight on our borders to safeguard the country's honour.

Flag Day brings to the forefront our commitment to looking after our war disabled soldiers, valiant women and the families of martyrs who have sacrificed their lives for the country.

It is an opportunity for collecting funds that can be used for the welfare of ex-servicemen. In India, there are more than 26 lakhs Armed Forces pensioners/family pensioners and approximately 55,000 pensioners are added every year owing to the superannuation.

December 7: International Civil Aviation Day

This day is celebrated worldwide every year to reinforce awareness of the role and importance of the International Civil Aviation Organisation in air travel across the globe.

The ICAO based in Montreal, Canada, is an autonomous UN Body accountable for monitoring the safety standards of international aviation. The ICAO council has decided to follow one theme for five years, till 2023, as "Advancing Innovation for Global Aviation Development".

December 09: International Anti-Corruption Day

Celebrated every year with UN support to spread awareness against corruption. The day also highlights the role of the United Nations Convention against Corruption in combating and preventing it. It aims to make people aware of the repercussions of indulging in corruption and motivate them to follow a righteous path.

This year's theme for the Day is "Uniting the world against corruption." The day seeks to highlight the crucial link between anti-corruption and peace, security, and development.

December 09: National Submarine Day

The Indian Navy celebrates this day to commemorate the induction of its first submarine, the erstwhile INS Kalvari, on this day in 1967. The Soviet Russia made Foxtrot class submarine was decommissioned on the 31st May, 1996, after 29 years of meritorious service.

This day is observed to remember and honour submariners who made supreme sacrifice in their service. As per the extant practice of Navy to keep the names alive, a new modern indigenously built submarine was commissioned in the Indian Navy in December, 2017 with the same name – INS Kalvari.

December 10: Human Rights Day

The day marks the anniversary of its adoption by the UNO in 1948, the "Universal Declaration of Human Rights" (UDHR). It is a historic document that proclaims the inseparable rights of every human being -- regardless of race, colour, religion, sex, language, political or other opinions, national or social origin, property, birth or another status.

This year's theme for the Day is "Dignity, Freedom, and Justice for All".

In India Human Rights Act came into effect on September 28, 1993. On October 12, 1993, the National Human Rights Commission was established. Justice Arun Kumar Mishra is its current Chairman.

December 11: International Mountain Day

Observed with support from UNO to encourage sustainable development in mountains all over the world. Mountains are the home to 15% of the world's population and a quarter of the world's land animals and plants.

They provide fresh water (through rivers) for everyday life to half of humanity. Unfortunately, mountains are under threat from climate change and overexploitation.

The theme for 2022 is "Women move Mountains" highlighting the key role women play in mountains' environmental protection and social and economic development.

Their conservation is part of Goal 15 of the SDGs.

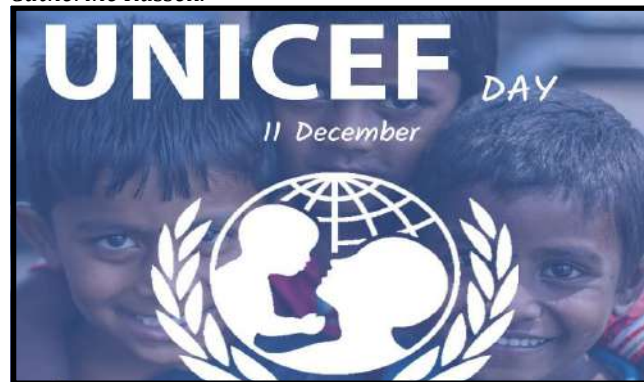
Remember!! India celebrates a similar "Himalayan Day" on Sep 09.

December 11: UNICEF Day

Celebrated every year to mark the establishment of UNICEF on this day in 1946. The day plays a significant role in raising awareness at a global level to help children who need help and assistance. UNICEF endeavours to protect the rights of every child, everywhere, across more than 190 countries.

It is the world's largest provider of vaccines and works for supporting child health and nutrition, safe water and sanitation, quality education and skill building. It also works for HIV prevention and treatment for mothers and babies, and the protection of children and adolescents from violence and exploitation.

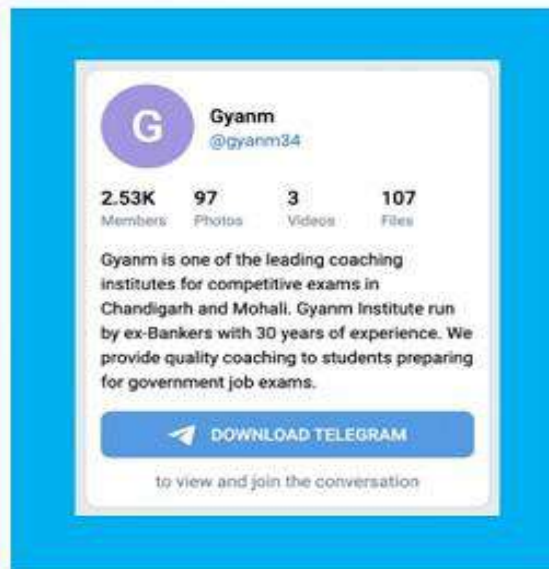
The UN General Assembly created the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund, UNICEF on December 11, 1946 to provide essential supplies, assistance and to improve the health, nutrition, education, and general welfare of children after massive destruction by World War II. However, in 1953, it became a permanent agency of the UNO, and the words 'International' and 'Emergency' were dropped from the official name but the acronym continued as UNICEF. Its headquarter is in New York and the current head is Ms. Catherine Russell.





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Dec12: International Universal Health Coverage Day



The day celebrated with support from WHO aims to promote stronger, more equitable health systems to achieve universal health coverage, leaving no one out. It marks the anniversary of the United Nations' historic and unanimous endorsement of universal health coverage in 2012.

This year's theme for the Day is "Build the world we want: A healthy future for all". It aims to bring in and develop stronger health systems committed to quality, healthy environments, trust, investments and accountability.

Dec. 14: The National Energy Conservation Day

It is celebrated every year by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), an agency under the Ministry of Power. It aims to raise awareness among the general public about the importance of energy conservation and energy efficiency. Energy conservation is an effort made to reduce the consumption of fuel and use the least energy resources to save for the future.

BEE is a constitutional body that helps in the development of policies and strategies in order to reduce energy use. It was set up on 1st March 2002 under the provision of the Energy Conservation Act, 2001.

It may be noted that World Energy Conservation Day is also observed on this date.

December 15: International Tea Day

Every year India and several tea producing countries celebrate this day to draw the attention of governments towards global tea trade and its impact on workers and growers. World's first tea estate was established in Assam by the name Assam Company India Ltd which began the commercial production of tea in 1839.

Today, India is the second largest tea producer (after China) worldwide, with 13,000 tea gardens, employing a workforce of more than 2 million people.

It may be noted that the United Nations General Assembly has designated May 21 as International Tea Day as the season of tea production begins in May in most of the tea producing countries. The UN has said tea has medicinal value and has a potential of bringing health benefits to people.

December 16: Vijay Diwas

Observed every year to mark the Indian armed forces victory over Pakistan in the 1971 war that ended on December 16 when Pakistan's Army General A A K Niazi, alongwith 93,000 soldiers, surrendered before the Indian Army led by Lt Gen Jagjit Singh Aurora, in Dhaka, leading to creation of a new nation "Bangladesh".

On this day, the nation pays tribute to brave soldiers of India and Bangladesh who laid down their lives in the line of duty.

December 18: Minorities Rights Day

It is celebrated by the National Commission for Minorities in India which focuses on religious harmony, respect, and a better understanding of all minorities' communities. In India, six communities have been notified as 'minority' namely Muslim, Christian, Buddhist, Sikhs, Parsis, and Jain.

The Union Government established the National Commission for Minorities (NCM) in 1993 under the National Commission for Minorities Act, 1992 to protect and promote the rights and interests of minority communities. Sardar Iqbal Singh Lalpura is the current Chairman of the NCM.

December 18: International Migrants Day

It is observed every year to protect the rights of migrant workers and of members of their families. The UN Migration Agency - International Organisation for Migrants (IOM), based in Geneva, Switzerland, defines a migrant as "any person who is moving or has moved across an international border or within a State away from his/her habitual place of residence".

According to the UN, the number of migrants globally reached approximately 281 million in 2020, representing 3.6 per cent of the global population, while over 59 million people were displaced internally by the end of 2021.

This year's theme for the day "Integrating migrants into the primary healthcare system" focuses on poor health conditions faced by most of the migrants in both, in the work area as well as in their living area

December 20: International Human Solidarity Day

The day seeks to celebrate the world's unity in diversity. The day was declared by the U N General Assembly, on December 22, 2005. Its sole objective is to promote cultural equality and social justice to bring social development into developing countries.

Solidarity is defined as an awareness of shared interests and objectives that create a psychological sense of unity. Solidarity also refers to the ties in a society that bind people together as one.

December 22: National Mathematics Day

Celebrated to make people aware of the development of mathematics and its importance in the growth of humanity. The day also commemorates the birth anniversary of legendary mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan. Born on December 22, 1887, in Erode, Tamil Nadu, his theory of numbers contains revolutionary findings of the properties of the functions of partition. Unfortunately, he passed away at an early age of 32 years due to Tuberculosis in 1920.

Dec 23: National Farmers' Day (Kisan Diwas)



It is celebrated to commemorate the birthday of veteran farmer leader and former Prime Minister of India (28 July, 79 to 14 January, 80), Chaudhary Charan Singh, with the focus on the upliftment of the status of farmers. He introduced many farmer-friendly policies and worked towards the welfare of the farmers. Fondly popular as Chaudhary Saheb, he breathed his last on January 14, 1980. A memorial dedicated to him was built at Raj Ghat and is called 'Kisan Ghat'.

December 24: The National Consumer Day

On this day, the Consumer Protection Act, 1986 had received the assent of the President. This act was revised in August, 2019. The Act aims to provide consumers with effective safeguards against different types of exploitation, such as defective goods, deficiency in services and unfair trade practices, etc.

The day provides an opportunity to highlight the importance of the consumer movement and the need to make every consumer more aware of their rights and responsibilities. The theme this year is "Fair Digital Finance."

Remember! World Consumer Day is celebrated on 15th March.

December 25: Good Governance Day

The day is celebrated to commemorate the birthday of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee to raise awareness about accountability in governance among the people of India.

The day was established in 2014 to honour the Bharat Ratna Shri Vajpayee. He breathed his last at the age of 93 on 16 August, 2018. His samadhi 'Sadaiv Atal' has been built in New Delhi.

The government observed Good Governance Week from 19 to 25 December with the theme of "Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore". The campaign seeks to focus on improving service delivery and redressal of public grievances across all the Tehsils/Districts.

December 26: Veer Bal Diwas

The first historic programme marking Veer Bal Diwas was held at Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium in Delhi on Dec 26. On the day of the Prakash Purab of Sri Guru Gobind Singh on 9th January this year, Prime

Minister had announced that 26th December will be observed as "Veer Bal Diwas" to mark the martyrdom of Sri Guru Gobind Singh's sons Sahibzadas Baba Zorawar Singh (9) and Baba Fateh Singh (7).

It is said that after being captured by the then Mughal Nawab of Sirhind in 1704, the two Sahibzadas were asked to convert to Islam. But they sternly refused and affirmed their deep faith in Sikhism. This fearless attitude of the Sahibzadas infuriated the Nawab and he ordered them to be bricked alive. The sacred wall has been preserved in the Gurudwara Bhora Sahib, located in Gurdwara Fatehgarh Sahib, Sirhind, in Punjab.

Dec 27: International Day of Epidemic Preparedness

The day aims to promote international awareness and action on the prevention of, preparedness for and partnership against epidemics. The day was first observed in 2020 on a call by the United Nations General Assembly to advocate the importance of collective preparedness to fight against epidemics.

The day aims to raise awareness, the exchange of information, scientific knowledge and best practices, quality education, and advocacy programmes on epidemics at the local, national, regional and global levels as effective measures to prevent and respond to epidemics.



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NATIONAL NEWS

OCTOBER

- UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres visited India from Oct 18 to 20. He began his tour by paying tributes to the victims of the 26/11 terror attacks at the hotel Taj Mahal Palace in Mumbai.
 - ✓ *He visited the Sun Temple in the country's first solar-powered village, Modhera (Gujarat) and other development projects in the area.*
- International eco-label "Blue Flag", was granted to two new beaches – Minicoy Thundi Beach and Kadmat Beach both in Lakshadweep. This takes the number of beaches certified under the Blue Flag certification to 12.
- The Defence Ministry organised the 12th edition of the prestigious Biennial Defence Exhibition - DefExpo 2022 - in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, from October 18 to 22. The theme of 12th DefExpo is 'Path to Pride'.
- The 90th Interpol General Assembly was held at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi, from Oct 18 to 21. The Assembly was attended by delegations from 195 member countries.
- INTERPOL: International Criminal Police Organisation, Lyon, France.
- The World Bank made two appointments under the Indus Waters Treaty as requested by India and Pakistan in relation to dispute related to Kishenganga and Ratle hydroelectric power plants.
 - ✓ *Michel Lino as Neutral Expert and Sean Murphy as Chairman of the Court of Arbitration under the Indus Waters Treaty.*
 - ✓ *The Indus Waters Treaty was signed in 1960 after nine years of negotiations between India and Pakistan with the help of the World Bank, which is also a signatory.*
- India and France have been re-elected as President and Co-President of the International Solar Alliance (ISA).
 - ✓ *ISA is a group of 110 countries, located between tropics, for collectively harnessing solar energy. It is based in Gurugram, Haryana, headed by its Director General, Dr Ajay Mathur.*
- A special commemorative postage stamp was released on October 13 on the occasion of Golden Jubilee of introduction of PIN Code, in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- The Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings 2023 released on Oct 12 have placed the University of Oxford at first rank, for the 7th time in a row. IISc, Bengaluru retained its spot as the highest-ranking Indian university.
- The IMF termed India's Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) scheme as a 'logistical marvel' considering the sheer size of the country. DBT transfers govt funds directly in to beneficiary's account.
- Phase-I of the Mahakaal Lok Project in the premises of the Mahakaleshwar temple in Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh was opened for public on Oct 11.
 - ✓ *108 pillars depicting Anand Tandav Swaroop of Lord Shiva have been erected alongside 900-meter-long Mahakaal Path.*
- The 2nd UN World Geospatial Information Congress, organised by the United Nations and the Deptts. of Science and Technology and Space, was held in Hyderabad from Oct 10 to 14.
 - ✓ *The theme of the Congress was 'Geo-Enabling the Global Village: No one should be left behind'. The Congress was attended by over 2000 delegates from over 130 countries.*
- On Sep 25, Indian Oil Corp. became the first oil company in India to launch indigenously-developed aviation fuel AVGAS 100 LL.
 - ✓ *It is a special aviation fuel meant for piston engine aircrafts and unmanned aerial vehicles. Currently, India is importing it from European countries.*
- Supreme Court directed Agra Development Authority to remove all business activities within 500 meters from the boundary/peripheral wall of the Taj Mahal as the mausoleum is also a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- The Supreme Court began live streaming of its proceedings for the public from Sep 27. The hearings before three Constitution benches of the Apex Court can be watched on its platform, webcast.gov.in/scindia/.
- The "Freedom on the Net" report by the US based NGO Freedom House ranked Iceland at the top. India's internet freedom score improved by two points to 51 following efforts to bridge the digital divide.
- India ranked 123rd out of 161 countries for reducing inequality but continues to be among the lowest performers in health spending, according to the latest Commitment to Reducing Inequality Index (CRII).

- The World Intellectual Property Organisation released the Global Innovation Index to rank 132 countries on the basis of their performance in promoting and enriching innovation.
 - ✓ India secured 40th rank in the Index, while Switzerland secured the top rank for the 12th successive year.
- India was ranked 41st out of 44 countries in the Mercer CFA Global Pension Index. The index was topped by Iceland, followed by Netherlands and Denmark.
- India ranked 107th out of 121 countries in the Global Hunger Index 2022. With a score of 29.1, the level of hunger in India has been labelled as "serious".
 - ✓ Its child wasting rate at 19.3%, is the highest in the world. 17 countries shared collective top-rankings with minimal difference in their severity scoring.

SEPTEMBER

- The Prime Minister of Bangladesh, Sheikh Hasina arrived in New Delhi on September 5, on a four-day official visit. On the last day, she visited Ajmer to offer prayers at Khwaja Gharib Nawaz Dargah Sharif.
 - ✓ 2 projects, Maitree Super Thermal Power Plant at Rampal, and 5.13 km Rupsha rail bridge over the river Rupsha in Khulna, both in Bangladesh were also inaugurated.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi participated in the 22nd SCO Summit on 15-16 Sep at Samarkand in Uzbekistan.
- India took over the rotational Presidency of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation -SCO, for the first time, from September 2022 to September 2023.
- Creating a historical milestone in the wildlife scenario of India, eight Cheetahs brought from Namibia were introduced in the Kuno National Park of Madhya Pradesh on Sep17.
- The Economic Advisory Council to Prime Minister (EAC-PM) on August 30 came out with a roadmap titled "Competitiveness Roadmap for India@100".
 - ✓ It is based on the competitiveness framework developed by Professor Michael E. Porter from Harvard Business School, USA.
- The "India Hypertension Control Initiative got the "2022 UN Interagency Task Force and WHO Special Programme on Primary Health Care Award" at the UN General Assembly on Sep 21.
- 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.
- 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.

AUGUST

- 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), was administered oath of office on Aug 11 by the President, Ms. Draupadi Murmu.

- President of Maldives Ibrahim Mohamed Solih arrived in New Delhi on August 1 on a four-day official visit.
 - ✓ A Line of Credit of \$100 million was granted to Maldives, for the completion of development projects in a time-bound manner.
- The External Affairs Ministry has announced that the 17th Pravasi Bhartiya Divas 2023 will be held at Indore, Madhya Pradesh in January next year.
- Everest, a sister agency of the advertising giant Rediffusion, launched India's first own font "Bharat " on Independence Day.
 - ✓ India is the only country to get its own national font after Sweden which has a font of its own.
- 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
 - ✓ Tamil Nadu now has the maximum number of Ramsar sites at 14, followed by UP at 10.
- The Union Cabinet approved India's updated Nationally Determined Contribution, NDC to be communicated to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).
 - ✓ The update aims at achieving India's long-term goal of reaching net zero emissions by 2070.
- The Parliament passed the Indian Antarctic Bill, 2022 on August 01 to bring Indian research stations in the Antarctic region under domestic laws of the country.
 - ✓ India has two active research stations in the Antarctic region - Bharti and Maitri.
- The auction for the 5G spectrum of radio waves ended on July 29 after 4 days of bidding by 4 players – Reliance Jio, Bharti Airtel, Vodafone Idea and Adani Data Networks.
 - ✓ The govt received bids worth Rs 1,49,855 crore. Reliance Jio acquired the largest share of spectrum by bidding for ₹88,078 crore.
- In a recent report published by the State of Global Air on air quality and health in cities, New Delhi and Kolkata ranked first and second most polluted cities, in the world.

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 2-dose vaccine, it has been allowed for restricted use in emergency situations for all adults aged above 18 yrs.*
- 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.

NEWS FROM STATES

OCTOBER

- Andhra Pradesh, Assam and Gujarat are among the 15 states and UTs categorised as 'Achievers' in the logistics index chart 2022, according to the 4th LEADS (Logistics Ease Across Different States) 2022 report released on October 13 by the Commerce and Industry Ministry.
- The Union Tourism Ministry released a report India Tourism Statistics-2022 on the occasion of World Tourism Day, Sep 27.
 - ✓ *Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu registered the largest number of foreign tourist visits with 1.26 million and 1.23 million respectively in 2021.*
 - ✓ *India's ranking in the global Travel and Tourism Development Index (TTDI) is 54th in 2021.*
- As per the 'Swachh Survekshan Awards 2022' declared by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs on October 2, Indore was adjudged India's cleanest city for the sixth time in a row.
- UT of Andaman Nicobar Islands became first among all the states/UTs of India to achieve a cent percent coverage of precautionary dose of Corona vaccine.
- Madhya Pradesh has become the first state in the country to start the MBBS course in Hindi. The first set of medical books in Hindi for medical biochemistry, anatomy and medical physiology were released on 16th October, in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.
- The Tamil Nadu government notified the country's first Slender Loris sanctuary in Kadavur in the Karur and Dindigul districts of the State. Slender Loris are tiny nocturnal mammals who generally stay on trees.
- Jakson Green, the Noida based solar energy company, signed a MoU for Rs. 22,400 crore with Rajasthan govt. to set up a 3,65,000 tonnes per annum green hydrogen and green ammonia plant in the state's Kota district.
- Madhya Pradesh approved formation of a new tiger reserve, to be called Durgavati Tiger Reserve, spread across Narsinghpur, Damoh and Sagar districts.
- The govt extended the application of the disturbed area provisions under the AFSPA in 12 districts of Nagaland and Arunachal Pradesh for another six months, beginning October 01.

- With the construction of 8,462 Amrit Sarovars (village ponds), Uttar Pradesh has topped the states in the implementation of Prime Minister's ambitious Mission Amrit Sarovar.
- The Pacific Area Travel Writers Association conferred West Bengal with the International Travel Award 2023 for 'Best Destination for Culture'.
- Tamil Nadu notified the country's first 'Dugong Conservation Reserve' on Sep 21. The reserve has been notified in Palk Bay.
 - ✓ *Dugongs are the largest herbivorous marine mammals which primarily thrive on seagrass beds.*
- A joint venture of Vedanta and Taiwanese chip giant Foxconn signed an 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.*
- Country's first modified bio-village, Daspara, has been developed in Tripura. The village, solely dependent on agriculture and fishery, converted to a nature-based lifestyle and minimised the use of chemical fertilisers.
 - ✓ *The bio-village project aims for application of climate-friendly technologies like solar-powered agricultural equipment, energy-saving electrical devices, biogas and biofertilizers.*
- India's first 'Dark Sky Reserve' or Night Sky Sanctuary is being set up in the cold desert regions of Ladakh in Henley in the Changthang Wildlife Sanctuary.
 - ✓ *A Dark Sky Reserve, is a place which is developed specially with a distinguished nocturnal environment and starry nights.*
- Warangal from Telangana and two cities from Kerala, Thrissur and Nilambur, have joined the UNESCO's Global Network of Learning Cities.
 - ✓ *They have been selected in recognition of their outstanding efforts to make lifelong learning a reality for all at the local level.*

AUGUST

- Jharkhand became 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 NITI Aayog has declared district Haridwar in Uttarakhand as India's Best Aspirational District under the Aspirational Districts Programme.
- Jammu and Kashmir has become the first amongst States/UTs to establish an Atal Tinkering Lab (ATL) in partnership with the NITI Aayog.
- 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.
- Tribal region Mandla in MP has become the country's first fully "functionally literate" district.
 - ✓ *All adults in the Mandla can now do basic tasks like write their names, count and read and write in Hindi.*
- 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.

- Asia's largest Compressed Biogas Plant began its commercial operations on August 13 at village Bhuttal Kalan in Sangrur, Punjab. The plant uses paddy straw and other farm wastes to convert them into usable biogas.
- The Assam and Mizoram signed a joint statement on August 9, in Aizawl, Mizoram to resolve the boundary dispute between the two states.
- Bihar's Mithila Makhana (fox nuts) was awarded Geographical Indication (GI) tag. It has been registered in the name of Mithilanchal Makhana Utpadak Sangh.

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.

GOVT INITIATIVES

OCTOBER

- PM Kisan Samruddhi Kendra: More than 600 Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samruddhi Kendra across India were inaugurated virtually on Oct 17 by Prime Minister Modi.
 - ✓ Farmers can buy fertilisers, pesticides, seed and farm implements from here and can also avail testing facilities for soil, seeds and fertilisers.
- India's first indigenous Aluminium Rail Freight Rake was launched at Bhubaneswar Railway Station in Odisha. It is also for the first-time that a rake has been constructed with no welding on the superstructure.
- The Union Cabinet approved a Rs 10,000 crore proposal for the redevelopment of the New Delhi, Ahmedabad and Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus railway stations.

- The Union Health Ministry launched Tele Mental Health Assistance and Networking Across States (Tele-MANAS) -- a 24x7 service, on the occasion of World Mental Health Day, Oct 10.
- Indian Railways plans to gradually reduce its carbon footprint to become Net Zero Carbon Emitter by 2030. This reduction will be achieved primarily by shifting to renewable energy.
- The Election Commission of India launched a yearlong Voter Awareness Program titled 'Matdata Junction' in collaboration with All India Radio.
- In an effort to track down cyber criminals who indulge in financial crimes and fraud, the CBI launched country wide "Operation Chakra" on Oct 04.
- The "Scheme for Mentoring Young Authors - YUVA 2.0" was launched on October 2, to promote reading, writing, and book culture in the country.
 - ✓ YUVA 2.0 (Young, Upcoming and Versatile Authors) aims to encourage the youth to understand and appreciate India's rich legacy.
- Marking the beginning of a new era in the field of telecommunications, the 5G telephony services were launched in New Delhi on Oct 01.
 - ✓ The 5G refers to the 5th Generation of range of radio frequencies in the sub-6 GHz range and the millimetre wave frequency range of 24.25 GHz and above.
 - ✓ Connected cars, smart education platforms, advanced gaming and advanced entertainment channels, they all rely on 5G networks.
- The CBI launched 'Operation Garuda' to dismantle drug networks with international linkages; in coordination with INTERPOL and Narcotics Control Bureau with special focus on the Indian Ocean Region.
- Foundation stone for the first compressed natural gas (CNG) terminal in the world was laid in Gujarat's Bhavnagar on Sep 29, 2022.
- The Rural Development Ministry launched the 'Jaldoot' App to capture the water level of selected wells in a village across the country.
 - ✓ The App will enable Gram Rojgar Sahayak to measure the water level of a well twice a year - pre-monsoon and post-monsoon.

SEPTEMBER

- The Centre formed a 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 related to malpractices in pharma industry can be curtailed.
- The Skill Certification Assessment for Leather Employees (SCALE) app launched 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.
- A first-of-its-kind National Maritime Heritage Complex is being set up at the historic Indus Valley civilisation region of Lothal in Gujarat.
- NITI Aayog, in collaboration with World Resources Institute, India, launched on Sep 08 the country's first national electric freight platform, e-FAST India (Electric Freight Accelerator for Sustainable Transport - India).

- A committee headed by Dr. Kirit S Parikh set up to review the formula that dictates the pricing of natural gas produced by companies like ONGC and Reliance.
- The three km stretch of the Central Vista, Rajpath, in New Delhi, from the Rashtrapati Bhavan to India Gate, was renamed as 'Kartavya Path' on Sep 08.
- ✓ *Kartavya Path will exhibit beautified landscapes, refurbished canals, new public amenity blocks, improved signages and vending kiosks, to make it more tourist friendly.*

AUGUST

- An online marketplace feature – 'Aqua Bazar' was launched in mobile app "Matsya Setu" on Aug 18 to connect various stakeholders in the aquaculture industry.
 - ✓ *It will assist in locating inputs such as fish seed, feed, medicines, and services required for fisheries.*
- The Narcotics Control Bureau developed portal NIDAAN (National Integrated Database on Arrested Narco-offenders) as a one-stop solution for all narcotics offenders' related data.
- Govt launched "Paalan 1000 – Journey of First 1000 Days for a Child" campaign and "Paalan 1000" parenting app on Aug 16 to promote early childhood development.
- The Union Cabinet approved additional interest subvention of 1.5 per cent on Short Term Agriculture Loans upto Rs. 3 lakh for 2022-23 to 2024-25.
- The project "SMILE: Support for Marginalised Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise" was launched on August 12 in New Delhi.
 - ✓ *It aims to make urban areas begging-free and make a strategy for comprehensive rehabilitation of the persons engaged in the act of begging.*
- 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.
- Government launched a 'Common Registration Facility' for ration cards on a trial basis for 11 states/Uts.
 - ✓ *This Web-based facility will allow them to collect data on people who want to register for NFSA inclusion, including migrants living in other states.*
- "State University Research Excellence" (SURE) scheme launched on Aug 3 to augment the research capabilities in state and private universities and colleges to create a robust Research and Development ecosystem.
 - ✓ *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.*
- The 11th Agricultural Census (2021-22) was launched on July 28. It is conducted every 5 years to collect data such as the number and area of land holdings, class-wise distribution, land use, tenancy and cropping pattern, etc.
 - ✓ *This is the first time that data collection for agricultural census will be conducted on smartphones and tablets, so that final data is available in time.*

JULY

- 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.

ECONOMY

OCTOBER

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, CCEA on October 18 approved an increase in Rabi Crops MSP (Minimum Support Price) 2022-23 for Rabi Marketing Season (RMS) 2023-24.

Crops	MSP 2022-23	MSP 2023-24	Increase in MSP
Wheat	2015	2125	110
Barley	1635	1735	100
Gram	5230	5335	105
Masur	5500	6000	500
Rapeseed/ Mustard	5050	5450	400
Safflower	5441	5650	209

- India emerged as the world's largest producer and second-largest exporter of sugar in the Sugar Season 2021-22, producing a record 3.59 crore metric ton of sugar, pushing Brazil to second place.
- The Netherlands emerged as India's third-largest export destination, pushing China and Bangladesh down. USA and UAE continue to be the largest and second-largest export destinations, respectively, for India.
- SEBI granted an in-principle nod to the stock exchange BSE (Bombay Stock Exchange) to start "social stock exchange" as a separate segment.
 - ✓ *Social stock exchange will enable the listing of non-profit organisations and for-profit social enterprises that are engaged in 15 broad eligible social activities approved by the SEBI.*
- According to a TRAI report released on Oct 18, Reliance Jio toppled state-run BSNL in August to become the largest fixed-line service provider in the country.

SEPTEMBER

- The Ministry of Finance granted 'Maharatna' status to the public sector power financier Rural Electrification Corporation Ltd. (REC), New Delhi, on Sep 22.
- The govt 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 Ministry of Corporate Affairs revised the threshold limit for paid up capital and turnover of small companies 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).*
- 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 Adani Group stood at Rs 22.27 trillion, higher than Tata Group's Rs 20.77 trillion.*
- India's first Lithium cell manufacturing facility was inaugurated on Sep 16 at Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh.
 - ✓ *These cells are used in power banks and in other consumer electronic products such as mobile phones and other wearable devices.*
- According to the Kantar BrandZ Top 75 Most Valuable Indian Brands 2022 report released on Sep 14, TCS was ranked as the most valuable Indian brand in 2022.

AUGUST

- As per the 4th advance estimates of production of major agricultural crops for the year 2021-22, the production is estimated at over 315 million tonnes (MT).
- The Government has ordered the implementation of the 'One Nation, One Fertiliser' scheme. The new scheme aims to bring uniformity in naming of fertiliser brands in the country under the single brand name 'Bharat'.
- 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).
- The Railways tested its heaviest and longest freight train, Super Vasuki, on August 15. The train combined five 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.*
- India's first international bullion exchange, the 'India International Bullion Exchange' (IIBX), was inaugurated on July 29 at the GIFT City near Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
 - ✓ *It will facilitate trading in physical gold and silver and is only the third such exchange in the world.*
 - ✓ *The exchange will be open only for jewellers with a net worth of Rs 25 crore and above. In the initial stage, gold 1 kg with 995 purity and gold 100 grams with 999 purity will be traded.*
- The National Stock Exchange's (NSE) flagship index, the Nifty futures contracts on Singapore Exchange (SGX) was launched on July 29 for trading in GIFT City.

- Biscuit brand Parle remained the most chosen brand among FMCGs in India in 2021, as per the rankings released by Kantar India on July 28 in its annual Brand Footprint report.

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.

BANKING & FINANCE

OCTOBER

- Prime Minister Modi dedicated 75 Digital Banking Units (DBUs) in 75 districts to the nation on Oct 16 through video conferencing.
 - ✓ *DBUs will enable customers to have cost effective, convenient digital access to banking products and services 24x7, in physical mode.*
- RBI launched a web-based end-to-end workflow application, 'DAKSH', on Oct 6 to make the supervisory processes more effective and efficient in Supervised Entities (SEs) like Banks, NBFCs, etc.
- RBI asked all Credit Information Companies (CICs) to designate an internal ombudsman (IO) by April 1, 2023. The IO shall be either a retired or a serving officer, not below the rank of Deputy General Manager.
- The Central government has transferred the Debt Recovery Tribunal (DRT) jurisdictions of all applications involving debt amounts of ₹100 crores and above to the DRTs at Delhi, Mumbai and Chennai.
 - ✓ *DRTs are the special tribunals set up for speedy trial of recovery cases of Rs. 20 lakh or more by banks/FIs.*
- Karnataka Bank won National Digital Transformation Award at the "DX 2022 Awards" for best practices in digital transformation under the BFSI segment.

SEPTEMBER

- 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.*
- 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).

AUGUST

- 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.
 - ✓ *The guidelines covered issues related to unbridled engagement of third parties, mis-selling, breach of data privacy, unfair business deals, charging of exorbitant interest, and unethical recovery practices.*
- The RBI's digital payments index rose to 349.30 in March 2022, compared to 304.46 for September 2021, indicating digital payments are on the rise, led by UPI.

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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.

DEFENCE, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

OCTOBER

- India successfully test-fired indigenously-developed new generation medium-range ballistic missile Agni Prime from the Odisha coast.
- The Ministry of Defence launched a website named 'Maa Bharati Ke Sapoot' for collecting contributions to the Armed Forces Battle Casualties Welfare Fund.
- The govt approved the creation of a new "Weapon Systems" branch in the Indian Air Force.
- The indigenously-developed Light Combat Helicopter named 'Prachand' was inducted in the Indian Air Force.
 - ✓ *Developed by HAL, Bengaluru, it is the only attack helicopter in the world which can land and take-off at an altitude of 5,000 mt.*
- India successfully tested the attack capability of an advanced drone ALS 50. Developed by Tata Advanced Systems, it has been designed for Vertical Take Off and Landing (VTOL). It has a range of 1,000 km and can carry load upto 23 kg.
- The Indian Air Force retired the No. 51 'sword arms' MiG-21 fighter Squadron based in Srinagar on Sep 30.
- Tiger Triumph 2022: The second edition of the Indo-US Tri-Services Amphibious Humanitarian Assistance Disaster Relief (HADR) Exercise, was conducted at Visakhapatnam from 18 to 20 October.
- The Eastern Naval Command conducted its Half Yearly Offshore Security Exercise, 'Prasthan' in the Offshore Development Area (ODA) off Kakinada coast (Andhra Pradesh), on October 12.
- The 7th IBSAMAR, a joint Multi-Nation Maritime Exercise between the Indian, Brazilian and South African Navies, was held near Port Elizabeth, off the southern tip of South Africa, from 10 to 12 October.
- The National Security Guard (NSG) hosted the multinational Joint Anti-Terror Exercise (JATE), "Manesar Anti-Terror 2022" from October 8 to 13 at NSG Manesar Garrison, near Gurugram, Haryana.

- Navies of India & South Korea participated in a maritime partnership exercise in the Bay of Bengal on Oct 01.
- ISRO launched 36 satellites in its first dedicated commercial mission of its heaviest rocket till date, GSLV Mark 3 (renamed as LVM3-M2) successfully on Oct 23.
- A supercomputer named Param-Kamrupa, was inaugurated on October 13 in IIT Guwahati. It has a computing speed of 838 Teraflops. (*One Teraflop represents one trillion floating operations per second*).
- Asteria Aerospace Ltd, Bengaluru became the first drone manufacturer to receive India's first micro category drone type certification for its A200 drone from DGCA.
- The Indian Army and Defence Geoinformatics and Research Establishment (DGRE), a unit of DRDO, jointly installed India's first avalanche monitoring radar on Sep 20 at an altitude of 15,000 feet in North Sikkim.
- The Integrated Cryogenic Engine manufacturing facility of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) was formally inaugurated on Sep 27 in Bengaluru.
- ✓ *India is the 6th nation in the world to have the capability of manufacturing cryogenic rocket engines which are far more efficient and provides more thrust for every kilogram of propellant it burns.*
- After flying in space for 10 months, a NASA spacecraft successfully crashed into an asteroid on Sep 27 in a first-of-its-kind mission to test whether asteroids that might threaten Earth in the future could be nudged safely out of the way.
 - ✓ *The Double Asteroid Redirection Test (DART), world's first planetary defence technology demonstration — targeted the asteroid moonlet Dimorphos, a small body just 160 mt in diameter.*

SEPTEMBER

- The Hindustan Shipyard at Visakhapatnam handed over to the Indian Navy two diving support vessels, Nistar and Nipun on Sep 22, built first time in India.
- The Indian Army activated satellite broadband-based internet service on the Siachen Glacier, the world's highest battlefield on September 18.
- BSF became 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.
- Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd. Mumbai, launched 'Taragiri', the third Nilgiri class Stealth Frigate of Project 17A on Sep 11 for water testing.
- The Indian Army and the DRDO successfully tested, for the sixth time, an indigenous quick reaction surface-to-air missile (QRSAM) system, off the Odisha coast.
 - ✓ *It has a range of 30 km and can neutralise objects like missiles, drones, etc. up to an altitude of 10 km.*
- For the first time in the history of Indian armed forces, the Indian Navy received its first lot of fully locally manufactured complete gun ammunition.
 - ✓ *The 30 mm ammunition, to be used by the AK 630 guns fitted on its warships, has been manufactured by Economic Explosives Limited, Nagpur.*
- 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 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 Indian Army is planning to induct indigenous light tank named "Zorawar", designed specially to operate in High Altitude Area such as Ladakh and Arunachal.
 - ✓ *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 Sep 19 after rendering 32 years of glorious service.
- Coast Guard ships from India and America conducted joint exercise Abhyas 01/22 off the coast of Chennai, from Sep 16 to 19.
- Parvat Prahar Exercise conducted by the Indian Army in eastern Ladakh in Sep, to test deployment of all new major inductions of the Army.
- 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.
- Ex Kakadu: India took part in the Multinational Naval Exercise hosted by the Royal Australian Navy near Darwin in North Australia, beginning on Sep 13.
- Maritime Exercise 2022 (JIMEX 22): The sixth edition of joint operation of India and Japan navies began on Sep 11 near Visakhapatnam and ended on Sep 18.
- 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 in Punjab in areas bordering Ambala, Haryana, in 1st week of September.
- 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.
- US IT giant IBM, New York, announced on Sep 12 that IIT-Madras has become the first Indian institution to join the IBM Quantum Network to advance quantum computing skills development and research in India.
 - ✓ *Quantum computing refers to computer-based technologies centred around the principles of quantum theory. It can work in a much faster manner than even the fastest of the computers.*
- 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.
- The world's most powerful telescope, James Webb Telescope, captured the first image of an Exoplanet (a planet-like body outside our Solar System).
 - ✓ *The Exoplanet dubbed HIP 65426 b is 12 times larger than Jupiter, and is the largest planet in the Milky Way, located some 315 lightyears away.*

AUGUST

- 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.*
- DRDO and the Indian Navy successfully flight tested indigenously developed Vertical Launch Short Range Surface to Air Missile (VL-SRSAM) on August 23 at the ITR, Chandipur, off the Odisha coast. Of Odisha.
- India's first Composite Indoor Shooting Range was inaugurated on August 18 at INS Karna at Visakhapatnam.
 - ✓ *It is the 1st and the only defence force in the country to develop and operationalize an indoor shooting range.*
- The Indian Navy received the first lot of two MH-60 R (Romeo) most advanced multirole helicopters from the United States at Cochin International Airport on July 28.
 - ✓ *Built by Lockheed Martin Corp. USA, it is an all-weather helicopter designed to support multiple missions with state-of-the-art avionics and sensors.*
- Tata Advanced Systems delivered the first lot of the indigenously developed Quick Reaction Fighting Vehicles (QRFVs) to the Indian Army.
 - ✓ *They will provide "protected mobility" to soldiers in various terrain, when exposed to chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear threats.*
- 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 Indian Army tested the operational readiness of its satellite-based systems across the country from July 25 to July 29 during the exercise codenamed Skylight.
- Exercise Pitch Black 2022: India participated in a 17-nation military exercise "Pitch Black 2022" held in Australia. It is Australian Air Force's International Engagement activity with forces participating from a wide range of partner and allied nations.
- 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.
- Ex Udarshakti: Indian Air Force took part in its first ever bilateral exercise with the Royal Malaysian Air Force 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 Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh, from August 8 to 29.
- Ex VINBAX 2022: The 3rd Edition of Vietnam-India Bilateral Army Exercise was held at Chandimandir army cantonment, Haryana from August 01 to 20.
- Exercise AL NAJAH -IV: The joint military exercise between Indian Army and the Royal Army of Oman was held from Aug 1-13 at Mahajan Field Firing Range in Bikaner, Rajasthan.
- A Maritime Partnership Exercise (MPX) was conducted between Japan Maritime Self Defence Force and Indian Navy on July 23 in the Andaman Sea.
- 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.
- Uttarakhand signed a MoU with Digantara, a space sector start-up, to set-up India's first commercial "Space Situational Awareness Observatory" in Garhwal region.

- ✓ *It will be able to track objects as small as 10 cm in size, orbiting the earth and can track military satellites hovering over the region.*
- A team of scientists in Hyderabad developed India's first 3D-printed Cornea. It was transplanted successfully into a rabbit's eye.
- 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.*
- ISRO launched a 3D virtual space tech park called SPARK on August 10. The park includes a museum, a theatre, an observatory, life-sized rockets, a lakeside café, children's play area along with all vital information about ISRO.
- German officials have confirmed the launch of the world's first-ever hydrogen-powered passenger train fleet. It will replace 15 diesel trains.
- Russia has decided to quit the International Space Station (ISS) after 2024. Russia's space agency Roscosmos's newly-appointed chief Yuri Borisov announced the decision to quit ISS.

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 Sindhudivaj 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*

INTERNATIONAL

OCTOBER

- Rishi Sunak scripted history on Oct 25 when he was appointed by King Charles III as Britain's first Indian-origin Prime Minister after being elected unopposed as the new leader of the governing Conservative Party.
- FATF, Paris added Myanmar to the list of high-risk countries, for its 'strategic deficiencies in regimes to counter money laundering, terrorist financing, and proliferation financing, since February 2020.
- The FATF removed Pakistan from its grey list, after over four years, on Oct 21.
- Chinese President Xi Jinping, also the General Secretary of China's ruling party, secured an unprecedented third five-year term on Oct 23, at the end of the 20th National Congress of the Chinese Communist Party.
- In a landmark decision, Canada imposed a ban on sale, purchase or transfer of handguns, wef Oct 21, with a view to tackle gun violence.
- The IMF in its latest World Economic Outlook 2022 report released on Oct 11, projected that global growth will slow from 6 percent in 2021 to 3.2 percent in 2022 and 2.7 percent in 2023.
- The WTO lowered its global trade forecast for 2023 on Oct 05, from 3.5% in 2022 to just 1% in 2023 as Russia's war in Ukraine and other shocks take their toll on the world economy.
- Responding to rising food insecurity, the International Finance Corp., USA, launched a new \$6 billion financing facility to strengthen the private sector's ability to respond to the crisis and help support food production.

SEPTEMBER

- Iran signed an 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.

AUGUST

- For the first time in the history of Bangladesh, women outnumbered men in its total population. 6th population census of Bangladesh recorded 8.33 crore women, 8.17 crore men, and 12,629 hijras in the total population.
- The UN General Assembly adopted a resolution on July 28 that declares access to a "Clean, healthy and sustainable environment" a universal human right.
- On July 23, the WHO Director-General declared the escalating global monkeypox outbreak as a "Public Health Emergency of International Concern".
- ✓ *This means that the outbreak is a significant enough threat to global health and needs a coordinated international response is needed.*

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.

PERSONS IN NEWS

OCTOBER

Shiv Nadar: As per the EdelGive Hurun India Philanthropy List 2022, HCL founder topped as the most generous person in the country with an annual donation of Rs 1,161 crore.

Mallikarjun Kharge: Veteran Karnataka leader defeated his rival Shashi Tharoor on Oct 19 to become the first non-Gandhi Congress president in 24 years.

Pankaj Tripathi: Mirzapur fame actor was named the "National Icon" of the Election Commission of India on Oct. 4.

Nikhil Kamath: 36-year-old co-founder of stock broking start-up Zerodha, topped the IIFL Wealth Hurun India 40 & Under Self-Made Rich List.

SEPTEMBER

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.*

Miss Divita Rai: The 23-year-old beauty queen from Karnataka won the coveted "Miss Diva Universe 2022" title on August 28 in Mumbai.

AUGUST

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

JULY

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

APPOINTMENTS

OCTOBER

Lt. Gen. Anil Chauhan (Retired): Appointed as the next Chief of Defence Staff (CDS). He will also function as Secretary, Department of Military Affairs.

R Venkataramani: Senior advocate has been appointed as the new Attorney General of India by the President of India, for a period of three years from 1st of October.

Anish Dayal Singh: Senior IPS officer appointed as the new Director General of the ITBP.

Sujoy Lal Thaoson: Senior IPS officer appointed as the new Director General of the CRPF.

Shefali Juneja: Elected as the Chairperson of the International Civil Aviation Organisation's Aviation Security Committee.

A K Goel: MD and CEO of Punjab National Bank was re-elected as the chairman of the Indian Banks' Association for a period of one year.

Ulf Kristersson: Sweden's parliament Riksdag elected Moderates leader as the country's new Prime Minister.

Mohammed Shia al-Sudani: Appointed as the Prime Minister of Iraq by the President Rashid.

Prince Mohammed bin Salman: In Saudi Arabia, King Salman bin Abdulaziz named his son and heir Crown as the Prime Minister of the kingdom.

Giorgia Meloni: Became the Italy's first female Prime Minister. 46-year-old Meloni led her just ten-year-old "Brothers of Italy" party to victory.

Abdul Latif Rashid: A Kurdish politician was elected as the 9th President of Iraq by its Parliament.

SEPTEMBER

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. **However, she resigned on Oct 20 and was replaced by Rishi Sunak.**

AUGUST

Dr Krishnamurthy Subramanian: Appointed to the post of Executive Director (India) at the IMF by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet. He is ex- Chief Economic Adviser of India.

Dr. Samir V Kamat: Distinguished materials scientist was appointed Secretary of the Deptt. Of Defence Research and Development and Chairman of the DRDO.

Justice Uday Umesh Lalit: Appointed as the 49th Chief Justice of India (CJI). He took over from incumbent CJI N V Ramana, wef August 27, 2022 and will demit office on November 9, 2022 on superannuation.

Vikram Doraiswami: Senior diplomat has been appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to the United Kingdom.

Rajesh Verma: Odisha cadre IAS officer has been appointed as the Secretary to President Droupadi Murmu.

Dr Kalaiselvi N: Appointed as the first woman Director-General of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), New Delhi.

Suresh N. Patel: Sworn in as the Central Vigilance Commissioner on August 03.

William Ruto: Won the Presidential election in Kenya.

Gustavo Petro: A former member of M-19 guerrilla group, was sworn in as the President of Colombia.

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.

AWARDS & HONOURS

OCTOBER

The Dada Saheb Phalke Award for the year 2020 will be awarded to legendary actress Asha Parekh for her exemplary lifetime contribution to Indian Cinema.

National Intellectual Property Award: Won by the Indian Institute of Technology-Madras for 2021 and 2022. The prize has been established by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

The SASTRA Ramanujan Prize, 2022: Awarded to Ms. Yunqing Tang, Assistant Professor at the University of California, Berkeley, USA. The \$10,000 award is presented to

individuals aged 32 and below, for making outstanding contribution to the field of Mathematics.

32nd Bihari Puraskar: Awarded to Dr Madhav Hada for his 2015 literary criticism book '*Pachrang Chola Pahar Sakhi Ri*'.

NOBEL PRIZES - 2022

FIELD	WINNER OF 2022
Physiology or Medicine	Svante Paabo
For understanding how modern-day humans evolved from extinct ancestors.	
Physics	Alain Aspect (France), John F Clauser (USA) and Anton Zeilinger (Austria)
For their work on quantum mechanics using entangled quantum states, where two particles behave like a single unit even when they are separated.	
Chemistry	Carolyn Bertozzi, Barry Sharpless (both from USA) and Morton Meldal (Denmark)
For their work on snipping molecules together, known as Click chemistry, useful for making cancer drugs and mapping DNA.	
Literature	French writer Annie Ernaux
For the courage and clinical acuity with which she uncovers the roots, estrangements and collective restraints of personal memory.	
Peace	Ales Byalyatski, Belarus, Memorial, Russia and Center for Civil Liberties, Ukraine
For promoting the right to criticise power and protect the fundamental rights of citizens.	
Economics (Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences)	Ben S. Bernanke and two US-based economists, Douglas W Diamond and Philip H Dybvig
For research on banks and financial crises. Their research significantly improved understanding of the role of banks in the economy, particularly during financial crises.	

The Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought 2022

The European Parliament announced on Oct 19 to award this prize to the people of Ukraine for showing exemplary courage in fight for what they believe in.

2022 Booker Prize: Sri Lankan author Shehan Karunatilaka, 47, was named the winner of this prestigious prize for his second novel 'The Seven Moons of Maali Almeida'.

UNHCR Nansen Refugee Award: Former German chancellor Angela Merkel won the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) prestigious Nansen award for her "leadership, courage and compassion" in ensuring the protection of hundreds of thousands of refugees at the height of the Syria crisis.

SEPTEMBER

The 67th Filmfare Awards, 2022

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.

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.

Breakthrough Prizes -2023

Announced on Sep 22 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. Sothea 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

AUGUST

Shashi Tharoor: The French government 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.

UNESCO Peace Prize: Formally known as "Félix Houphout-Boigny-UNESCO Peace Prize", conferred upon former German Chancellor Angela Merkel for her support to more than 1.2 million refugees in 2015.

JULY

68th National Film Awards

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

Best Hindi Film: Toolsidas Junior by Mridul Mahendra

Best Director: Sachy for Ayyappanum Koshiyum (Malayalam)

Best Popular Film: Tanhaji (Hindi) by Om Raut

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

Best Actress: Aparna Balamurali for Soorai Potru

Most Film Friendly State: Madhya Pradesh

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.

OBITUARY

OCTOBER

Mulayam Singh Yadav: Three-time Uttar Pradesh chief minister and Samajwadi Party founder, passed away at a private Gurugram hospital on Oct 10, after a prolonged illness. He was 82. He was popularly known as "Netaji".

Tulsi Tanti: Founder of wind energy giant Suzlon Energy, popularly known as India's 'wind man', died of cardiac arrest at 64 on Oct 1.

SEPTEMBER

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.

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.

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.

Cyrus Mistry: A publicly-shy business tycoon who once headed the Tata Group, died in a ghastly road accident on Sep 04, when he was returning to Mumbai from Ahmedabad.

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.

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. At 96, she was the world's oldest and longest-serving head of state.

Mikhail Gorbachev: Veteran Russian statesman died on August 30 at the age of 91 in Moscow. He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1990.

✓ He coined two terms, "Glasnost" (openness) allowing freedom of media, and "Perestroika", meaning "restructuring," of the 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.

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.

PLACES IN NEWS

OCTOBER

Cyclone Sitrang: A strong cyclone devastated vast areas in southern Bangladesh on Oct 24-25.

Ayodhya: Holy city in Uttar Pradesh created a new world record on Oct 23 by lighting the most diyas (earthen lamps), over 15 lakh, at the Ram ki Paidi ghats on the banks of River Saryu.

Hyderabad: The metro city in Telangana won the overall 'World Green City Award 2022' and another in the category 'Living Green for Economic Recovery and Inclusive Growth' on Oct 14 at the International Association of Horticulture Producers' 2022 World Green City Awards 2022 held in Jeju, South Korea.

Modhera: A village in Mehsana district of Gujarat, has been declared as India's first 24X7 solar-powered village.

The India Expo Centre and Mart: The mega convention centre in Greater Noida, UP was adjudged the best convention centre by the union ministry of tourism on Sep 28, as part of the National Tourism Awards 2022.

Pullampara: This village in the Thiruvananthapuram district of Kerala achieved the distinction of becoming the first totally digitally literate panchayat in the country.

Lata Smriti Chowk: A roundabout named Lata Smriti Chowk, in Ayodhya was dedicated to the melody queen Lata Mangeshkar on Sep 28, her 93rd birthday. A 40-ft-long and 12-metre-high veena, weighing 14 tonnes, has been installed at the intersection.

Chandigarh Airport: The Chandigarh International Airport was officially named as Shaheed Bhagat Singh International Airport on Sep 28, as a tribute to the freedom fighter on his 115th birth anniversary.

Cochin International Airport: The Airport Council International, Montreal, Canada awarded the Airport Service Quality award 2022 to the Cochin International Airport Limited (CIAL) for its implementation of the 'Mission Safeguarding' programme.

Malang: A stampede at a soccer stadium in Malang in Indonesia on Oct 01 killed over 125 people and injured more than 320, making it one of the world's worst stadium disasters.

Hurricane Ian: A monster Category 4 storm made landfall on the southwest coast of Florida, USA on Sep 28-29 with powerful winds of up to 240 kmph and torrential rains.

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.

Astana: Name of the capital of Kazakhstan has been changed from Nur Sultan to Astana, its earlier name.

Typhoon Nanmadol: 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.

AUGUST

Aurangabad: City in Maharashtra has become the first in the country to witness the official release of the Environmental Insights Explorer data from Google to measure the carbon emission sources.

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

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.

SPORTS WORLD

OCTOBER

Teenager Aman Sehrawat, 16, became the first Indian to win a gold medal at the U-23 World Wrestling Championships in Pontevedra, Spain.

Sajan Bhanwal became the first-ever Indian Greco-Roman wrestler on Oct 19 to win a medal at the Under-23 World Championship.

Indian Grandmaster D Gukesh, 16, stunned 5-time world champion Magnus Carlsen in the ninth round of the preliminary phase of the Aimchess Rapid online chess tournament, becoming youngest player to do so.

Jyothi Yarraji of Andhra Pradesh, from Railways, created history by becoming the first Indian woman to clock a sub-13 second time in 100-meter hurdles race on Oct 17 at the National Open Athletics Championships.

Pankaj Advani, ace cueist secured his 25th gold medal on the world stage, winning the 2022 IBSF World Billiards Championship on Oct 8 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. This was his fifth world title in a row.

Women's Asia Cup 2022: India lifted the Cup for the 7th time after defeating Sri Lanka in the final by 8 wickets on Oct 15 at Sylhet International Cricket Stadium, Bangladesh.

Irani Cup: Team Rest of India won their 29th Irani Cup with an eight-wicket victory over Saurashtra in the finals played in Rajkot, Gujarat on Oct 04. It is the national level test format cricket tournament in India.

The 36th National Games came to a close on Oct 12 at Surat, Gujarat. Services topped the medal tally with a total of 128 medals including 61 Gold, 35 silver, and 32 bronze medals.

✓ *Harshika Ramchandran from Karnataka won the Best Female Player award while Sajan Prakash from Kerala won the Best Male Player award.*

The FIFA U-17 Women World Cup India 2022 started on Oct 11 with a grand opening ceremony at Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

- ✓ *The official mascot for the tournament is Ibha, designed after an Asiatic lioness. The official slogan of the event is "Kick Off The Dream".*

Veteran player Roger Binny was elected the 36th president of the BCCI on October 18, taking over from Sourav Ganguly to run the world's richest cricket board.

Mumtaz Khan, 19-year-old Indian forward hockey player was named the "FIH Women's Rising Star of the Year" on Oct 04 for her stellar role as India's top scorer in the 2022 women's junior hockey World Cup in South Africa and in FIH Hockey5s, Lausanne, earlier this year.

Star batter Virat Kohli on Oct 02 became the first Indian to complete 11,000 runs in T20 history.

Rohit Sharma became the first-ever Indian to play 400 T20s. He achieved the milestone in the 2nd T20I of the series against South Africa in Guwahati.

Sunil Chhetri: FIFA released a 3 episode series "Captain Fantastic" on the life and career of talismanic Indian football team captain to honour his achievements and goalscoring exploits.

Harmanpreet Singh was voted the FIH Player of the Year, 2021-22 for the second year running. Felice Albers of Netherlands was named the FIH Player of the Year in the women's category.

PR Sreejesh and Savita Punia have been voted FIH Men's and Women's Goalkeeper of the Year for the second year in a row.

The 5th Khelo India Youth Games -2022 will be held in Madhya Pradesh, from 31 Jan to 11 Feb, 2023.

Women's IPL: The BCCI gave a green signal to conduct Women's Indian Premier League. It will begin as a five-team tournament in 2023.

37th National Games: The Indian Olympic Association confirmed that the 37th edition of the National Games will be hosted by Goa in October next year.

INTERNATIONAL

Ballon d'Or: Karim Benzema of France won his first top French Football prize on October 17. He plays for Real Madrid FC. Barcelona star Alexia Putellas became the first woman to win back-to-back Ballon d'Or trophies.

2022 Denmark Open (Badminton): Shi Yuqi (China) won men's singles while women's title was won by China's He Bingjiao.

Cristiano Ronaldo, the 37-year-old Portuguese forward footballer, achieved a record 700 club career goals, becoming the first and only player to score 700 goals in football history.

FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup: The United States defeated China to win the world cup in the finals played on Oct 01 at the Sydney Superdome, Australia.

FIFA unveiled Penguin Tazuni as the official mascot of next year's FIFA Women's World Cup in Australia and New Zealand.

The Asian Football Confederation (AFC) Executive Committee in its meeting on Oct 17, confirmed the Qatar Football Association (QFA) as the host association for AFC Asian Cup 2023.

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.

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.

Devendra Jhajharia, champion para javelin thrower clinched a silver medal in the World Para Athletics Grand Prix, in Morocco on Sep 17.

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 defeated the South Zone on Sep 25 in Coimbatore to win the Duleep Trophy for a record 19th time.

131st Durand Cup: Bengaluru FC defeated Mumbai City FC in the finals played in Kolkata on Sep 18 to win their first Durand Cup Trophy.

Leh, in UT of Ladakh, hosted the first-ever official UCI MTB (International Cyclist Union- Mountain Bike) event in India on Sep 04.

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.

- ✓ *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.*

Cricketer Suresh Raina announced his retirement on Sep 06 from all formats of cricket.

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'.



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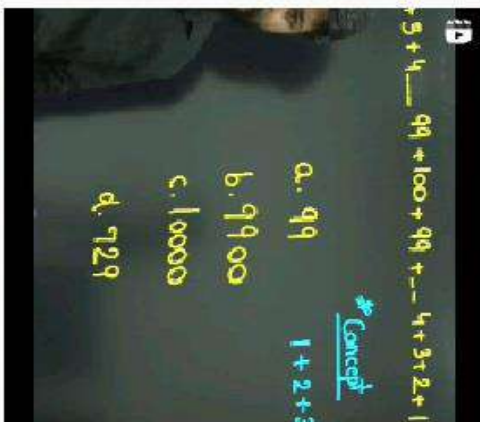
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Dilip Tirkey, a former India hockey captain and member of the gold medal-winning team at the 1998 Asian Games, was unanimously elected as President of Hockey India.

INTERNATIONAL

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 timing.

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

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-2022

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

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

US OPEN CONCLUDES AT NEW YORK

Spanish teenager Carlos Alcaraz, 19, beat Casper Ruud of Norway on Sep 11 to win the Men's Singles title, becoming the youngest world number one.

Women's singles title was won by world number 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.

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.

Roger Federer, veteran tennis icon from Switzerland, announced his retirement from professional tennis at the age of 41. He played 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.

AUGUST

Neeraj Chopra, became the first Indian to clinch the prestigious Lausanne Diamond League in Switzerland with a best throw of 89.08 metre.

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 Indian 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.

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.

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.

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

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

Pooja Ojha, the para-canoeing athlete made history on August 05 by winning India's first ever medal in canoeing at the 2022 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships in Dartmouth, Canada.

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 declared open the 22nd Commonwealth Games.
- 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 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.

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 India won 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.

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.

Viswanathan Anand, Indian chess legend was elected as the Deputy President of FIDE, the world governing body of chess, on August 07.

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.

Kieron Pollard, former West Indies captain became the first cricketer on August 8 to play 600 matches in T20 cricket.

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

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.

INTERNATIONAL

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.

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DECENBER GK TEST - 01

1. **Who was selected as Indian Film Personality of the Year 2022 at the opening of 53rd International Film Festival of India on Nov 20?**
a. Salman Khan b. Rajinikanth
c. Chiranjeevi d. Dharmendra
e. Kamala Hasan
2. **Which word has been declared as the "Word of the Year 2022" by the Cambridge Dictionary of UK?**
a. Wordle b. Homer
c. Caulk d. Tacit
e. Bayou
3. **Noted writer Khalid Jawed won the 5th JCB Prize for Literature for his translated novel "The Paradise of Food". It was originally written in which language?**
a. Persian b. Arabic
c. Urdu d. Maithilee
e. Hindi
4. **Chairmanship of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) for the year 2022-23 has been given to which country?**
a. China b. Russia
c. Uzbekistan d. India
e. Iran
5. **FIFA World Cup 2022 was officially declared open on Nov 20 in which stadium in Qatar?**
a. Khalifa International Stadium
b. Al Bayt Stadium
c. Lusail Stadium
d. Al Thumama Stadium
e. Ahmad Bin Ali Stadium
6. **Mumbai based NGO Pratham was given the Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development-2021 on Nov 19 in recognition of its work in which field?**
a. Taking care of Leprosy patients
b. Serving elderly people in old age homes
c. Providing quality education to slum children
d. Promoting adult literacy in slum areas
e. Promoting women entrepreneurship through SHGs
7. **Which of the following statement/s regarding money market is true?**
1) It provides investment avenues of short-term tenor up to one year
2) Money market is classified into overnight market, notice money market and term money market
3) It caters to short term fund needs of moneylenders
Select the correct option:
a. Only 1 and 2
b. Only 1 and 3
c. Only 2 and 3
d. Only 3
e. All of these
8. **The International Hockey Federation has announced to host 2023 FIH Men's Hockey World Cup in which Indian state?**
a. Punjab b. Maharashtra
c. West Bengal d. Tripura
e. Odisha
9. **Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) celebrated World Heritage week all over India from Nov 19 to 25. Which of the following is the closest to the number of heritage sites protected by ASI in India?**
a. 3100 b. 3300
c. 3700 d. 4000
e. 4300
10. **Which Payments Bank became first in India to roll out Face Authentication-based savings bank account opening for its customers?**
a. Airtel Payment Bank
b. India Post Payment Bank
c. Fino Payment Bank
d. Paytm Payment Bank
e. Jio Payment Bank
11. **Who has been voted as the world's most popular leader with an approval rating of 77 percent, as per the Global Leader Approval Ratings released by a US based consulting firm Morning Consult?**
a. Joe Biden
b. Volodymyr Zelensky
c. Narendra Modi
d. Benjamin Netanyahu
e. Rishi Sunak
12. **The government has constituted a panel headed by former PM advisor Amarjeet Sinha to review which flagship central scheme?**
a. PMJDY b. MNREGA
c. PMJJY d. PMSBY
e. UJALA
13. **India has invited Gen. Abdel Fattah El-Sisi as the Chief Guest at the Republic Day Parade in 2023. Who is he?**
a. Defence Chief of Saudi Arabia
b. President of Nigeria
c. Army chief of Kazakhstan
d. President of Egypt
e. Prime Minister of Turkiye
14. **The Reserve Bank of India approved the continuation of the Interest Subvention Scheme (ISS) for short term crop loans and short-term farm loans up to Rs. _____ lakh, for the financial years 2022-23 and 2023-24:**
a. One b. Two
c. Three d. Four
e. Five
15. **Commercial Papers are issued by the companies for meeting which kind of financial needs?**
a. Purchase of Furniture & Fixtures
b. Purchase of Plant and Machinery
c. For long term financial assets
d. Purchase of land and building
e. For meeting working capital requirements

16. **Who is the current vice chairman of the NITI Aayog?**
a. Amitabh Kant
b. Dr Rajiv Kumar
c. V K Saraswat
d. Nirpendra Mishra
e. Suman K Bery
17. **The FSSAI has approved which animal from Arunachal Pradesh as a 'food animal'?**
a. Mithun b. Gayal
c. Himalayan Yak
d. Nilgai e. Local Sheep
18. **Union Health Ministry on Nov 26 designated Dr. Deepa Malik as ambassador of 'Ni-Kshay Mitra' campaign. What is this campaign about?**
a. Supporting the para-athletes
b. Hunting sports talent in rural areas
c. Providing support to TB patients
d. Providing support to polio patients
e. Spreading awareness about breast cancer
19. **Who has been elected unopposed as the President of the Indian Olympic Association, IOA?**
a. Gagan Narang
b. Prakash Padukone
c. Ravi Shastri d. P T Usha
e. Pallela Gopichand
20. **The BCCI entered into the Guinness Book of World Records for the largest attendance at a T20 match. It happened at which stadium?**
a. Wankhede Stadium
b. Salt Lake Stadium
c. Eden gardens
d. Chinnaswamy Stadium
e. Narendra Modi Stadium
21. **Which dictionary has selected "gaslighting" as the 'word of year 2022'?**
a. Collin's
b. Merriam Webster
c. Oxford d. Cambridge
e. Macmillan
22. **Which space-tech startup launched India's first private launchpad and mission control centre on Nov 28 at the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota?**
a. Skyroot Aerospace
b. AgniKul Cosmos
c. Pixxel
d. Dhruva Space
e. SpaceKidz India
23. **Which of the following statement regarding Reserve Bank of India is NOT true?**
a. RBI is banker to the Central and State Governments.
b. RBI is the custodian of foreign exchange reserves of the country
c. RBI represents India at World Bank and IMF
d. RBI represents India at World Trade Organisation Summits
e. RBI extends short term loans to Central and State governments
24. **Where are the headquarters of OECD located?**
a. Geneva b. Paris
c. New York d. Berlin
e. The Hague
25. **As per the Special Bulletin released by the Registrar General of India on Nov 28, which state has the lowest Maternal Mortality Rate in 2018-20?**
a. Maharashtra
b. Kerala c. Telangana
d. Meghalaya e. Arunachal
26. **The world's largest active volcano, Mauna Loa, started erupting on the night of Nov 27. It is in which country?**
a. USA b. Mexico
c. Panama d. Cuba
e. Puerto Rico
27. **The WHO announced on Nov 28 to change the name of the disease Monkeypox to _____:**
a. Mobola b. Mopox
c. Zuari d. Mpox
e. ViroM
28. **CSM Vastu Sangrahalaya was conferred with the 'Award of Excellence' at the UNESCO's Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation-2022. It is in which city?**
a. Pune b. Hyderabad
c. Gwalior d. Vadodara
e. Mumbai
29. **India's biggest Yoga Centre has been constructed in the village Mantalai in which state/UT?**
a. Puducherry
b. Madhya Pradesh
c. Rajasthan
d. Jammu & Kashmir
e. Uttarakhand
30. **Space agency of which country successfully used steam as fuel to propel a spacecraft towards the Moon?**
a. USA b. Canada
c. Japan d. Russia
e. China
31. **When more than one Banks are providing credit facilities to one party in coordination with each other under a formal arrangement, the arrangement is generally known as:**
a. Participatory Lending
b. Consortium Lending
c. Joint Lending
d. Multibank Lending
e. Group Lending
32. **Dr. B R Ambedkar was the first Minister of _____ in independent India.**
a. Parliamentary Affairs
b. Social Justice
c. Law and Justice
d. Social Welfare
e. Company Affairs
33. **India formally assumed the Presidency of G-20 grouping on Dec 01 for the period of one year. To mark the beginning, a meeting of G20 Sherpas was held in _____ from Dec 4 to 7:**
a. Jaipur b. Varanasi
c. Bengaluru d. Udaipur
e. Chennai
34. **The 23rd edition of the 10-day long Hornbill Festival began on Dec 01 in which state?**
a. Jharkhand b. Meghalaya
c. Uttarakhand d. Tripura
e. Nagaland
35. **India will assume the chairmanship of the Wassenaar Arrangement on the 1st of January, 2023. The arrangement is associated with _____:**
a. Handling of Immigrants
b. Treatment of refugees
c. Export of conventional weapons
d. Handling of cross-border remittances
e. Monitoring cross-border drugs trade
36. **India took over the rotating Presidency of the 15-nation UN Security Council on Dec 01 for the month of December. Who is India's current Ambassador to UNO?**
a. Syed Akbaruddin
b. Nirupama Rao
c. T S Sandhu
d. Ruchira Kamboj
e. Vinay Mohan Kwatra
37. **The government launched DigiYatra app based on facial recognition technology on Dec 01 for which class of travellers?**
a. VIP segment
b. Vande Bharat passengers
c. Air travellers
d. Regular Metro passengers
e. Specially abled train passengers



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38. The government has named 21 uninhabited islands in the union territory of Andaman & Nicobar after _____:
a. Bharat Ratna Awardees
b. Veteran Freedom Fighters
c. Param Vir Chakra Awardees
d. Noted Padma Vibhushan Awardees
e. Noted Space Scientists
39. In which of the following types of banking, the banks offer all types of financial services to expand their business?
a. Wide banking
b. Social banking
c. Universal banking
d. Wholesale banking
e. Lateral banking
40. The border between China and Arunachal Pradesh is known as which of the following?
a. Radcliffe Line b. Durand Line
c. McMahon Line
d. Curzon Line e. Hastings Line
41. Which state government organised the International Lusophone Festival from 3-6 December?
a. Kerala b. Goa
c. Gujarat d. Sikkim
e. Meghalaya
42. Dominique Lapierre, the bestselling French author died on Dec 4. His most famous 1985 book titled 'The City of Joy' is associated with slums of which Indian city?
a. Kolkata b. Kanpur
c. Mumbai d. Delhi
e. Bhopal
43. _____ has been chosen as the Oxford Word of the Year on Dec 05, after a worldwide public vote:
a. Havoc b. Goblin mode
c. #IStandWith d. Metaverse
e. Grotesque
44. Hansraj Gangaram Ahir, former Union Minister has been appointed Chairperson of which apex national body?
a. National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC)
b. National Commission for Minorities
c. National Human Rights Commission
d. Schedule Tribes Commission
e. Competition Commission of India
45. What does letter D stands for in SDR, a term frequently used with respect to International Monetary Fund?
a. Drawing b. Deposit

- c. Demand d. Derivative
e. Debt
46. Which of the following protocol is NOT associated with climate control?
a. Nagoya Protocol
b. Kyoto Protocol
c. Montreal Protocol
d. Bonn Agreement
e. Paris Agreement
47. Which of the following is NOT a novel written by the legendary author William Shakespeare?
a. Hamlet b. Julius Caesar
c. Ivanhoe d. Othello
e. King Lear
48. Which Indian Rail Metro successfully established a Guinness World Record by building the world's longest, 3,140 metres long double-decker viaduct (metro) supported on a single column?
a. Nagpur Metro
b. Mumbai Metro
c. Chennai Metro
d. Lucknow Metro
e. Jaipur Metro
49. Which Indian state hosted the first Silchar-Sylhet Festival on Dec 3-4, celebrating the close cultural ties between India and the neighbouring regions of Bangladesh?
a. Tripura b. Meghalaya
c. Mizoram d. Manipur
e. Assam
50. The US Air Force unveiled its newest most advanced sixth generation military aircraft ever built, on Dec 02. What is its name?
a. F-33 Pro b. F-35 Next
c. B-21 Boomer d. B-21 Raider
e. F-31 Bomber

DECEMBER GK TEST - 02

1. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) hiked the policy repo rate on Dec 07 by 35 basis points to 6.25 %. This hike is expected to have following fallouts, except:
a. Fall in level of money supply
b. Fall in interest rates on loans
c. Fall in level of inflation
d. Lower growth of economy
e. Hike in Amount of EMLs
2. Prof Yoginder K Alagh died at his home in Ahmedabad on Dec 06 at the age of 83. Which of the following statements is NOT true about him?
a. He was a renowned economist

- b. He was a veteran academician
c. He advocated deregulation of petrol prices
d. He was a former Union Minister
e. He headed committee to review MSP for crops
3. Which of the following is an objective of Monetary Policy?
a. Regulate capital markets
b. Support Fiscal Policy to minimize govt expenditure
c. Regulate commodity markets
d. Achieve price stability and push economic growth
e. Lend support to money supply
4. Which of the following is NOT a range of Himalayas?
a. Karakoram b. PirPanjal
c. Zaskar d. Khardung-La
e. Dhauladar
5. Adani Green Energy Ltd (AGEL) announced commissioning of its third hybrid power plant on Dec 5 in _____, becoming "world's largest wind-solar hybrid power developer" with an operational capacity of 1,440 MW:
a. Barmer b. Jaisalmer
c. Dholavira d. Mandvi
e. Kandla
6. Production of one of the most popular civil aviation aircrafts stopped on Dec 7, rolling out its last unit. What is its name?
a. Boeing 747 b. Boeing 737
c. Boeing 777 d. Airbus A380
e. Airbus A330
7. Sydney McLaughlin won the World Athlete of the Year 2022-Women award on Dec 05. She is the world record holder in which event?
a. 100 mt sprint b. 200 mt sprint
c. Hurdles 200 mt
d. Hurdles 400 mt
e. 400 mt race
8. India celebrates December 09 as the National Submarine Day to mark the induction of the first submarine in the Indian Navy. What was its name?
a. INS Kalvari b. INS Kiltan
c. INS Kirpan d. INS Arihant
e. INS Karanj
9. RBI uses which of the following indices of inflation in India to formulate its Monetary Policy?
a. Cost of Living Index (COLI)
b. Consumer Price Index (CPI)
c. Industrial Price Index
d. Wholesale Price Index (WPI)
e. Producers Price Index (PPI)
10. 'Kathak' is a classical dance form associated with which state?

- a. Karnataka b. Bihar
c. Uttar Pradesh d. Kerala
e. Tamil Nadu
11. **What is the short name for the "Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojna" to achieve universal household electrification in the country.**
a. PMSURYA b. SAUBHAGYA
c. GRAMUJALA d. SAHAJBIJLI
e. BIJLIGHAR
12. **Tropical cyclone Mandous made a landfall on Dec 10 in which state?**
a. West Bengal b. Odisha
c. Andhra Pradesh
d. Tamil Nadu e. None of these
13. **K V Shaji has been appointed chairman of which apex financial institution of India**
a. NHB b. HUDCO
c. NABARD d. SIDBI
e. IFCI
14. **Which of the following is NOT a millet?**
a. Bajra b. Jowar
c. Ragi d. Kottu
e. Rajgira
15. **The Union government has infused about ₹5,000 crore in SWAMIH Investment Fund I. It is associated with which field?**
a. Small & Marginal farmers
b. Housing for War Widows
c. Stressed Residential Projects
d. Landless labourers
e. Housing for poor people
16. **Sheikh Hasina, Prime Minister of Bangladesh has been appointed as the "Global Ambassador for _____"?**
a. Climate Change
b. Global Warming
c. Textile Workers
d. Diabetes
e. Thalassemia
17. **Which of the following is NOT a term related to increase/decrease in prices?**
a. Deflation
b. Proliferation
c. Stagflation
d. Hyperinflation
e. Disinflation
18. **Which of the following is NOT a missile of Indian Army?**
a. Agni b. Prithvi
c. Astra d. Akash
e. Shastra
19. **Worldwide, December 11 is celebrated as UNICEF Day to mark its creation in 1946. Its headquarters are located in which city?**
a. Rome b. Madrid
c. Lausanne d. Brussels
e. New York
20. **US space agency NASA's next-generation Orion spacecraft was in the news in the second week of December for what reasons?**
a. It landed on a new site on Moon
b. It failed in its landing on Moon
c. It reached nearest to the moon
d. It returned to earth successfully
e. It crashed on Moon due to failure of its engines
21. **Name the Indian batter who smashed the fastest double century in the history of ODI cricket, scoring 210 off 131 balls, playing against Bangladesh on Dec 10:**
a. Rohit Sharma
b. Surya Kumar Yadav
c. Ishan Kishan
d. Virat Kohli
e. Hardik Pandya
22. **_____ has become the first state to start its own climate change mission:**
a. Tamil Nadu b. Telangana
c. Sikkim d. Kerala
e. Meghalaya
23. **Which Indian para shuttler won the BWF Female Para-Badminton Player of the Year 2022 award on Dec 5?**
a. Manisha Ramadass
b. Palak Kohli
c. Manasi Joshi
d. Parul Parmar
e. Nithya Sre Sumathy Sivan
24. **The majority stake holder in the capital of Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) is_____:**
a. Mutual Fund Companies
b. Central Government
c. Sponsoring Bank
d. Financial Institutions
e. State Government
25. **If you are planning a trip to Kanha National Park to see Royal Bengal Tigers, which state you will have to visit?**
a. Nagaland b. Maharashtra
c. Kerala d. Assam
e. Madhya Pradesh
26. **Which country passed a law on Dec 13 banning cigarettes for future generations in the country?**
a. Sweden b. Norway
c. Paraguay d. New Zealand
e. Belgium
27. **The G7 countries have decided to establish a Climate Club open to all countries. Which country initiated this move?**
a. Germany b. Canada
c. USA d. France
e. Italy
28. **December 15 is observed as International Tea Day. World's first tea estate was established in India in 1839 in which place?**
a. Darjeeling b. Kangra
c. Hajua d. Twang
e. Nilgiris
29. **A recent news in papers mentioned that more than 300 people belonging to the ethnic Kuki-Chin minorities from Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) in Bangladesh crossed over to the Indian side. They entered which state?**
a. Assam b. Meghalaya
c. Nagaland d. Manipur
e. Mizoram
30. **The UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) voted on Dec 14 to immediately oust which country from the Commission on the Status of Women for the remainder of its 2022-2026 term, because of its systematic violation of the rights of women and girls?**
a. Iraq b. Iran
c. Yemen d. Syria
e. Jordan
31. **"The Name you Can Bank Upon" is tagline of which of the following Banks?**
a. State Bank of India
b. Central Bank of India
c. Punjab National Bank
d. Canara Bank
e. HDFC Bank
32. **Indian city of Jammu is situated on banks of which of the following rivers?**
a. Ravi b. Sutluj
c. Jhelum d. Chenab
e. Tawi
33. **Which of the following is the only tin producing state in India?**
a. Chhattisgarh
b. Andhra Pradesh
c. Odisha d. Karnataka
e. None of these
34. **The Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) has rated which city as the most expensive cities to live in among the 172 featured in the Worldwide Cost of Living (WCOL) survey?**
a. Tel Aviv b. Singapore
c. New York d. Dubai
e. London
35. **The Ministry of Tribal Affairs has implemented a dedicated Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) "Scheme of Development of**

Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs)". Government has recognised total how many PVTGs?

- a. 75
- b. 88
- c. 93
- d. 106

36. The DRDO successfully conducted night trials of the nuclear-capable ballistic missile Agni V on 15 December. What is the approximate strike range of this missile?

- a. 1,000 km
- b. 2,000 km
- c. 3,000 km
- d. 5,000 km

37. Which country launched a 'Group of Friends' on Dec 15 at the UN Security Council, to promote accountability for crimes against UN peacekeepers?

- a. India
- b. Britain
- c. Canada
- d. Sweden

38. India celebrates December 18 as the Minorities Rights Day. Who is the current chairman of the National Commission for Minorities?

- a. Justice U U Lalit
- b. Hansraj Ahir
- c. S. Iqbal Singh Lalpura
- d. Srihari Sekhvat
- e. Amitabh Kant

39. Which of the following institutions is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Reserve Bank of India?

- a. ARCIL
- b. DICGC
- c. ARSEC
- d. CIBIL
- e. CRISIL

40. Which player won the coveted "Golden Boot" award at FIFA 2022 World Cup for scoring the highest number of goals - 8 in the tournament?

- a. Lionel Messi
- b. Emiliano Martinez
- c. Kylian Mbappe
- d. Enzo Fernandez
- e. Neymar

41. India defeated which team to win the T20 World Cup for the Blind in finals played on Dec 17 at Bengaluru?

- a. Sri Lanka
- b. Australia
- c. Bangladesh
- d. South Africa
- e. Nepal

42. Leo Varadkar, an Indian-origin politician assumed office of prime minister of which European country on 17th December?

- a. Ireland
- b. Hungary
- c. Norway
- d. Latvia

e. Estonia

43. The United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), also called the Conference of Parties (COP-15), was held in which place from Dec 7 to 19?

- a. Nagoya
- b. Montreal
- c. Cairo
- d. Glasgow
- e. Berlin

44. The fifth scorpene-class submarine 'Vagir' was delivered to the Indian Navy on Dec 20 at which place?

- a. Kochi
- b. Mumbai
- c. Chennai
- d. Kolkata
- e. Panaji

45. Kristalina Georgieva is the head of which of the following global organizations?

- a. International Monetary Fund
- b. World Bank Group
- c. Asian Development Bank
- d. New Development Bank
- e. Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank

46. Which state/UT topped the Social Progress Index released on Dec 20 by the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister?

- a. Punjab
- b. Kerala
- c. Chandigarh
- d. Odisha
- e. Puducherry

47. What is the name of the India's first ASW SWC (Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft) built for the Indian Navy that was launched on Dec 20 at Chennai?

- a. INS Vikral
- b. INS Pondy
- c. INS Tripurari
- d. INS Arnala
- e. INS Prakhar

48. The country's first infantry museum was inaugurated on Dec 16 in Mhow cantonment in which state?

- a. Odisha
- b. Punjab
- c. Gujarat
- d. Madhya Pradesh
- e. Rajasthan

49. Who has been appointed as the chairperson of the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB), Mumbai?

- a. D N Ghosh
- b. A K Tyagi
- c. Dinesh Kumar Shukla
- d. Abhay Narayan
- e. A K Murthy

50. Raja Ram Mohan Roy award is given for outstanding excellence in which field?

- a. Journalism
- b. Social work
- c. Women empowerment
- d. Literacy
- e. Education

ANSWER KEY | DECEMBER | GK TEST | I

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

ANSWER KEY | DECEMBER | GK TEST | 2

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

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DECEMBER 2022

1.	Government has decided to provide free ration to 81.35 crore poor people under the National Food Security Act (NFSA) till what time? December 31, 2023
2.	The revised guidelines for locker operations that were first released by RBI on 08 August 2021, are being implemented now from which date? Jan 01, 2023
3.	Government has extended Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PM-GKAY) till what date? Not extended beyond Dec 31, 2022
4.	What was the name of the 16 th edition of Indo-Nepal joint training exercise held from Dec 16 to 29? Exercise Surya Kiran-XVI
5.	Exercise Surya Kiran-XVI was held at which place? Saljhandi, Nepal
6.	The 6 th edition of India - Kazakhstan joint training exercise was conducted at Umroi in which state? Meghalaya
7.	What was the name of the 6 th edition of India - Kazakhstan joint training exercise? Kazind-22
8.	The Union Ministry of Power signed a MoU with _____ on Dec 27 for implementation of Early Warning System (EWS) for vulnerable Hydro Projects/Power Stations located in disaster-prone mountainous regions: DRDO
9.	Which agency of DRDO will develop and implement this Early Warning System? Defence Geo-informatics Research Establishment
10.	The government issued a gazette notification on Dec 26 to officially recognise which stream of sports to be part of regular sports competitions in the country? e-sports (video games)
11.	Government has decided to celebrate December _____ as Veer Bal Diwas to commemorate the martyrdom of two Sahibzadas of Sri Guru Gobind Singh: 26
12.	What were the names of the two Sahibzadas of Sri Guru Gobind Singh? Baba Zorawar Singh (9) and Baba Fateh Singh (7)
13.	What is the name of the holy Gurudwara built at the place where the wall in which two Sahibzadas were bricked alive, is located? Bhora Sahib, Sirhind, Punjab
14.	The first ever batch of 'AGNIVEERS' selected under the AGNIPATH scheme joined the Indian Army for training in last week of December from which area? Srinagar, J&K
15.	The Ministry of Railways has formulated a new "_____ Station Scheme" to modernise over 1,000 small stations: Amrit Bharat

16.	Who has been appointed as the Prime Minister of Nepal by the President Bidhya Devi Bhandari? Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda'
17.	Which country suffered massive disruptions due to attack of Arctic Bomb Cyclone in fourth week of December? USA
18.	Good Governance Day on December 25 commemorates the birthday of which great leader? Bharat Ratna Sh. Atal Bihari Vajpayee
19.	Who has been selected as the "BBC Sports Personality of the Year for 2022"? Ms. Beth Mead
20.	Ms. Beth Mead is associated with which sports? Football
21.	Ms. Beth Mead is from which country? England
22.	India celebrates the National Consumer Day on which day of December? 24th
23.	Buddhist people from which place celebrate their new year on Dec 24 as Losar Festival? Ladakh
24.	India's longest (12.89 km) escape tunnel was completed on Dec 23 on which section of railway? Katra Banihal section in J&K
25.	_____, 7 year old boy won the Top Arena Junior (Boys) International Badminton Championship title on December 23 in the below 9 years category, in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia: Geto Sora
26.	Geto Sora hails from which state? Arunachal Pradesh
27.	National Farmers' Day (Kisan Diwas) on Dec 23 commemorates the birthday of which great kisan leader? Chaudhary Charan Singh
28.	The ISRO successfully operated its CE-20 _____ rocket engine on December 23: Cryogenic
29.	The Cryogenic Main Engine & Stage Test Facility at ISRO Propulsion Complex is located in which place? Mahendragiri, Tamil Nadu
30.	Birthday of which great Mathematician on Dec 22 is observed as National Mathematics Day? Srinivasa Ramanujan
31.	Which university in South India awards a special \$10,000 prize annually in honour of Srinivasa Ramanujan? SASTRA university, Kumbakonam, Tamil Nadu
32.	NASA retired its Mars _____ lander on Dec 21, as its batteries ran out of energy: InSight
33.	The UN Security Council adopted its first ever resolution on _____ in 74 years on Dec 21 to demand an end to violence in that country: Myanmar
34.	The Indian Gas Exchange (IGX) launched an index named _____ that will reflect prevailing gas prices: GIXI

35.	Which corporate agreed to buy German firm Metro AG's wholesale operations in India for Rs 2,850 crore? Reliance Retail Ventures Ltd.
36.	How many heritage sites from India were added to UNESCO's Tentative List of World Heritage Sites announced on Dec 20? Three
37.	One of these three sites, Rock-cut Sculptures and Reliefs of the Unakoti, is in which state? Tripura
38.	What is the name of India's first ASW SWC (Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft) which joined Indian Navy on Dec 20? INS Arnala
39.	Which tournament has become India's first sports decacorn as its latest valuation crossed \$ 10 billion? IPL - Indian Premier League
40.	Which apex agency released the Social Progress Index report for States and Districts of India on Dec 20? The Economic Advisory Council to Prime Minister (EAC-PM)
41.	Which state topped the Social Progress Index report for States and Districts of India, released on Dec 20? Puducherry
42.	Which company in collaboration with Online PSB Loans, launched on Dec 20 the FIT Rank? TransUnion CIBIL
43.	What is the purpose of FIT rank? Credit rating of MSMEs
44.	FIT Rank has been launched under mentorship of which financial institution? SIDBI
45.	What is the expansion of FIT? Financial, Income, and Trade data
46.	Indian Army plans to procure the surface-to-surface ballistic missile _____ that can hit the target from 150 to 500 km: Pralay
47.	National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) has granted A grade to only one university. What is its name? Guru Nanak Dev University (GNDU), Amritsar
48.	Name the senior nuclear scientist who has been appointed as the chairperson of the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board: Dinesh Kumar Shukla
49.	The country's first infantry museum was inaugurated in Mhow cantonment in which state? Madhya Pradesh
50.	Which international day on Dec 20 aims to promote cultural equality and social justice to bring social development? International Human Solidarity Day
51.	What is the name of the fifth scorpene-class submarine that was delivered to the Indian Navy on Dec 20 in Mumbai? Vagir
52.	Submarine Vagir has been built indigenously by which firm? Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd., Mumbai
53.	The 39 th edition of India-Indonesia Coordinated Patrol of navies was conducted at which place from 08 - 19 December? East of Andaman Sea
54.	Who became the world's most written-about athlete in 2022, attracting 812 articles? Neeraj Chopra
55.	Which Canadian city hosted the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), also called the Conference of Parties (COP-15), from Dec 7 to 19? Montreal
56.	France lost the FIFA World Cup in penalty shootout. Who was the captain of French team? Hugo Lloris
57.	Which footballer won the FIFA Golden Glove for saving highest, 8 goals in the World Cup? Emiliano Martinez, Argentina

58.	Who was declared the "Young Player of the Tournament" in the FIFA World Cup 2022? Enzo Fernandez, Argentina
59.	Which day of December is celebrated as International Migrants Day? 18th
60.	India celebrates Minorities Rights Day on Dec 18. Who is the chairman of the National Commission for Minorities? Sardar Iqbal Singh Lalpura
61.	INS Mormugao was commissioned on Dec 18 into the Indian Navy in Mumbai. What type of ship is it? Stealth-guided missile destroyer warship
62.	Indian-origin politician Leo Varadkar has been elected second time as the Prime Minister of which European country? Ireland
63.	Achieving substantial growth in publication of scientific papers, India secured _____ rank in the world in this regard: Third
64.	Which country leads the world in the publication of the scientific papers, followed by the USA? China
65.	Which teenaged beauty from Gurugram, Haryana, won the first Miss Eco Teen Pageant held at Marsa Alam, Egypt? Cherisha Chanda
66.	Name the beauty queen from Jammu who scripted history on Dec 18 as she won the "Mrs. World 2022" title: Sargam Koushal
67.	Indian team won the T20 World Cup for the Blind by defeating which country? Bangladesh
68.	Finals of the T20 World Cup for the Blind was held in which city? Bengaluru
69.	The Indian team led by Savita Punia defeated _____ 1-0 in the finals to lift the FIH Women's Nations Cup 2022: Spain
70.	India celebrates Vijay Diwas on Dec 16 to mark Indian forces victory in which war? 1971 Indo Pak war
71.	Which country launched a 'Group of Friends' on Dec 15 to promote accountability for crimes against UN peacekeepers? India
72.	The DRDO successfully tested ballistic missile Agni V on 15 December. What is its strike range? 5,000 km
73.	Which city hosted the first G20 Finance and Central Bank Deputies (FCBD) summit from 13 to 15 December? Bengaluru
74.	Which city will host the first G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting on Feb 23-25, 2023? Bengaluru
75.	India received its _____ and final Rafale fighter jet from France on Dec 15, completing the delivery of all the aircrafts it had signed for: 36th
76.	The 5 th edition of Youth Co:Lab, Asia Pacific's largest youth _____ movement was launched on December 15 in New Delhi: Innovation
77.	Who won the International Tennis Federation's world champion award for men and women, respectively, on Dec 15 in London? Rafael Nadal and Iga Swiatek
78.	The Ministry of Tribal Affairs has implemented a dedicated "Scheme of Development of PVTGs. What is expansion of PVTGs? Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups
79.	There are how many PVTGs recognised by the central government? 75
80.	Ms. Mette Frederiksen has been re-elected as the Prime Minister of which Scandinavian country? Denmark

81.	A statue (bust) of Mahatma Gandhi was unveiled by India's Foreign Minister S Jaishankar on Dec 14 at which global organisation? UNO, New York
82.	The UN Economic and Social Council ousted which country on Dec 14 from the Commission on the Status of Women? Iran
83.	Why Iran was ousted from the Commission on the Status of Women? For its continued violation of the rights of women and girls
84.	Large number of Iranians are protesting for past three months on which issue? Against compulsion of wearing hijab by women
85.	Which apex agency in India supports the celebration of the National Energy Conservation Day on Dec. 14? Bureau of Energy Efficiency
86.	Who slipped to second position on Dec 14 after holding the numero uno position as the richest person in world since September 2021: Elon Musk
87.	The EIU has rated which city as the most expensive city to live in among the 172 featured in the Worldwide Cost of Living survey? Singapore
88.	Which apex global organisation released the Global Trade Update on 13 December? UNCTAD
89.	What is the full form of UNCTAD? United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
90.	Who is the current Secretary General of UNCTAD? Ms. Rebeca Grynspan of Costa Rica
91.	Which big corporate group has announced to shut down its cement plants at Barmana (ACC) and Darlaghat (Ambuja)? Adani group
92.	These two cement plants are in which state? Himachal Pradesh
93.	Which popular Bollywood actress has been named PETA's Person of the Year? Sonakshi Sinha
94.	What is the full form of the acronym PETA? People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals
95.	PETA is a multinational NGO based in ____: Norfolk, Virginia (USA)
96.	Which corporate signed a MoU with Hockey India on Dec 13 to become the 'official partner' of the 15th FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023? Tata Steel Limited
97.	Which Indian state is facing the problem of influx of Kuki-Chin tribals? Mizoram
98.	Kuki-Chin tribals are crossing over to India from which country? Bangladesh
99.	World's first tea estate was established in 1839 at which place in India? Assam
100.	Which country passed a law on Dec 13 banning cigarettes for future generations in the country? New Zealand
101.	Name the Polish tennis star who was selected as the WTA Player of the Year-2022 for the first time on Dec 12: Iga Swiatek
102.	The Parliament passed the Energy Conservation (Amendment) Bill, 2022 on Dec 12. What is its main aim? To promote energy efficiency and conservation
103.	Which Gujarat BJP leader was sworn in as the 18th Chief Minister of Gujarat on Dec 12? Bhupendra Patel
104.	International Universal Health Coverage Day is observed on which day of December? 12th
105.	National Commission for Protection of Child Rights developed and launched a portal 'GHAR' for what

	purpose? To improve restoration and repatriation of children
106.	What is the full form of the acronym GHAR? Go Home And Re-unite
107.	Which group of countries has decided to establish a Climate Club open to all countries for fight against global warming? G-7
108.	Which country hosted the 8th Junior Wushu World Championship from Dec 3 to 11? Indonesia
109.	Which international day is observed on Dec 11 with support from UNO to encourage sustainable development in mountains all over the world? International Mountain Day
110.	December 11 is observed as the UNICEF Day. It was established in which year? 1946
111.	UNICEF is based in which city? New York
112.	NASA successfully bought home its spacecraft ____ on Dec 11 after a near-26-day mission to orbit the Moon: Orion
113.	Who smashed the fastest double hundred in the history of ODI cricket, scoring 210 off 131 balls on Dec 10? Ishan Kishan, India
114.	Which country announced a nuclear fusion breakthrough, achieved for the first time in history? USA
115.	What is the major benefit of achieving the nuclear fusion? It will produce 'near-limitless' clean energy
116.	The Airawat Division of the Indian Army conducted Exercise Sanchaar Bodh on Dec 10 for what purpose? To validate its tactical communication capabilities
117.	Exercise Sanchaar Bodh was held at which place? In Punjab
118.	Which day of December is observed world over as the Human Rights Day? 10th
119.	Who is the current chairman of the National Human Rights Commission? Justice (retd) Arun Kumar Mishra
120.	Which tropical cyclonic storm made a landfall near Mamallapuram in North Tamil Nadu on Dec 10? Cyclone Mandous
121.	Prime Minister of ____ was appointed as the "Global Ambassador for Diabetes" by the International Diabetic Federation: Bangladesh
122.	Which Indian player won the BWF Female Para-Badminton Player of the Year 2022 title? Manisha Ramadass
123.	Who was declared BWF Male Player of the Year 2022? Viktor Axelsen (Denmark)
124.	Akane ____ of Japan was declared BWF Female Player of the Year 2022: Yamaguchi
125.	India celebrates December 09 as National Submarine Day to mark the induction of first submarine in Indian Navy. What was its name? INS Kalvari
126.	A seed farm in Aluva was declared as the first carbon neutral farm in the country. It is in which state? Kerala
127.	The Union government has infused about ₹5,000 crore in SWAMIH Investment Fund I. What is the purpose of this fund? To support RERA approved stressed residential projects
128.	____ has become the first state to start its own climate change mission, headed by the Chief Minister himself: Tamil Nadu

129.	Who is the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu? M K Stalin
130.	Which international day is observed every year on Dec 09 with UN support to spread awareness against corruption? International Anti-Corruption Day
131.	The ADB has approved a \$780 million loan to build new lines and improve the connectivity of _____ metro rail system: Chennai
132.	N Chandrasekaran has been chosen to lead B20 India, the group that represents the G20 business community. He is chairman of which corporate house? Tata Sons
133.	The first blow down test of the newly released Trisonic _____ Tunnel was conducted by ISRO on 8th December at Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre: Wind
134.	The Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre is in which place? Thiruvananthapuram
135.	Who has been sworn in as the new Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh? Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu
136.	Vikram Doraiswami, Indian High Commissioner to the UK was in news recently, for what reason? He became the first Indian diplomat to present his credentials to King Charles III on Dec 8
137.	The FAO organised opening ceremony for the International Year of Millets – 2023 at which place? Rome, Italy
138.	In India, millets are primarily a crop of _____ season: Kharif
139.	Which was the most searched item as per the Google's 'Year in Search 2022' results for Indian users released on Dec 06? IPL - Indian Premier League
140.	The RBI announced on Dec 7 to add a new functionality — "single block and multiple debits" in which system? UPI - Unified Payments Interface
141.	Which organisation has developed and manages UPI? NPCI - National Payments Corporation of India
142.	The aerospace giant of the USA, The Boeing Co rolled out its last _____ aircraft on Dec 07: 747
143.	Who has been appointed as the Chairman of the NABARD? K V Shaji
144.	RBI hiked which key policy rate to 6.25% on Dec 07? Repo Rate
145.	What will be the impact of hike in repo rate on the loan EMIs? They will go up or down? Up
146.	ICAO supports the celebration of International Civil Aviation Day on Dec 7. What is ICAO? International Civil Aviation Organisation
147.	Where are the headquarters of ICAO? Montreal, Canada
148.	Armed Forces Flag Day is observed on Dec 7 to raise funds for the welfare of which community? Ex-servicemen
149.	Researchers at IIT _____ have developed and deployed a system that could generate electricity using energy from sea waves: Madras
150.	System Sindhuja-I is associated with which field? Generating electricity using energy from sea waves
151.	Who became the first Indian, and just the second batter world-wide, in international cricket to hit 500 sixes? Rohit Sharma
152.	Who is the only batsman to smash the highest ever, 533 sixes? Chris Gayle, West Indies
153.	_____ Mittal, 16 year old Chess star from Maharashtra became the 77th Grandmaster on Dec 06: Aditya

154.	Passport Index 2022 published by the Arton Capital, placed which country at the top? UAE
155.	India was placed at which rank in the Passport Index 2022? 87th
156.	Who has been named as "TIME 2022 Person of the Year" by the New York based global news magazine TIME? Volodymyr Zelenskyy, President of Ukraine
157.	Dina Boluarte assumed office as the first female President of which country in South America? Peru
158.	BBC's list of 100 most influential women in the world, includes 4 Indian women. One among them, Sneha Jawale is associated with which field? Social work
159.	The 19th annual Forbes list of the "World's 100 Most Powerful Women" released on Dec 06 placed Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman at which spot? 36th
160.	Which country was placed at top in the 11th Global Food Security Index, 2022? Finland
161.	What was India's rank in this index? 68th
162.	Name the renowned economist, academician, a former Union minister and member of the erstwhile Planning commission, who died at his home in Ahmedabad on Dec 06: Prof Yoginder K Alagh
163.	Forbes Asia's Heroes of Philanthropy list released on Dec 05 ranked _____ as the top donor in Asia: Gautam Adani
164.	World Athletics declared _____ as the World Athlete (women) of the Year 2022 on Dec 05: Sydney McLaughlin
165.	Sydney McLaughlin (USA) is the new world champion in which event? 400 mt hurdles
166.	Who was declared the World Athlete (men) of the Year 2022? Armand Duplantis
167.	Armand Duplantis is the current world record holder in which event? Pole vault
168.	Duplantis represents which country in athletics? Sweden
169.	What is the theme of this year's International Volunteer Day observed on Dec 5? Solidarity through Volunteering
170.	The first real-time Gold ATM of the world was inaugurated on Dec 05 in which place? Hyderabad
171.	_____ has been chosen as the Oxford Word of the Year on Dec 05, after securing 93% votes: Goblin mode
172.	Which day of December is observed as World Soil Day? 5th
173.	Which Indian corporate became the "world's largest wind-solar hybrid power developer" with an operational capacity of 1,440 MW? Adani Green Energy Ltd.
174.	The first G20 Sherpa Meeting under India's Presidency, was held in _____ from 4 to 7 December: Udaipur, Rajasthan
175.	Who is India's Sherpa for the current G-20 Summit? Amitabh Kant
176.	Name the highest volcano in Indonesia's main island Java which erupted violently on Dec 04: Mount Semeru
177.	Name the bestselling French author, well-known for his book "The City of Joy (1985)", who died on Dec 4: Dominique Lapierre
178.	Novel "The City of Joy" is based on which Indian city? Kolkata

179.	Which Indian state hosts the famous International Lusophone Festival? Goa
180.	Lusophone Festival is associated with which international community? Portuguese
181.	What is the general meaning of word Lusophone in English? A person speaking Portuguese
182.	December 4 is observed as International Day of Banks. The Bank for International Settlements is based at which place? Basel, Switzerland
183.	The Indian Navy Day on December 4 commemorates victory of which operation in 1971 Indo-Pak war? Operation Trident
184.	Operation Trident was conducted in which area? In Arabian Sea, south of Pakistan
185.	Which space agency successfully used for the first time, steam to propel a spacecraft toward the Moon? JAXA - Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency
186.	Renowned British aircraft engine maker _____ and British low-cost air carrier easyJet, successfully tested a hydrogen-powered jet engine: Rolls-Royce
187.	The International Day of Persons with Disabilities is observed on _____ of December: 3rd
188.	The US Air Force unveiled on Dec 2 its newest most advanced military aircraft ever built. What is its name? B-21 Raider
189.	Which US company builds the B-21 Raider aircraft? Northrop Grumman
190.	Observance of the National Pollution Control Day on Dec 2 is associated with which horrific industrial disaster? 1984 Bhopal Gas Tragedy
191.	Leakage of which highly poisonous gas caused the 1984 Bhopal Gas Tragedy? Methyl Isocyanate - MIC
192.	Which international day is observed on Dec 2 to spread awareness about ending human trafficking and the exploitation of humans: International Day for Abolition of Slavery
193.	World Computer Literacy Day is observed on Dec 2. Which Indian IT company started this event in 2001? NIIT - National Institute of Information Technology, Gurugram, Haryana
194.	Spocto Innovation Lab (SIL), launched recently as a debt support and risk mitigation platform, will help the banks in which manner? Best handling of NPAs with tech support
195.	The first Silchar-Sylhet Festival was held on Dec 2-3 in which place? Silchar, Assam
196.	What is the main theme of the Silchar-Sylhet Festival? Celebrating close cultural ties with Bangladesh
197.	This December, Bangladesh is celebrating ____ years its liberation from Pakistan: 51
198.	The aviation safety rankings released by the International Civil Aviation Organization, placed which country at the top? Singapore
199.	What was India's ranking in terms of Aviation safety rankings released by ICAO? 48th
200.	Who has been appointed Chairperson of the National Commission for Backward Classes? Hansraj Gangaram Ahir
201.	Which Metro established a Guinness World Record by building the longest, 3,140 meters long double-decker viaduct, supported on a single column? Nagpur Metro

202.	Who has been named captain of India's 15-member squad for the ICC U-19 Women's T20 World Cup? Shafali Verma
203.	Which country shall be hosting ICC U-19 Women's T20 World Cup, from January 14 to 29, 2023? South Africa
204.	Vijay Hazare Trophy is associate with which sports? Cricket
205.	Which team lifted the Vijay Hazare Trophy 2022? Saurashtra
206.	Vijay Hazare Trophy is played in which format of cricket? ODI
207.	What was the name of the joint exercise between Indian Navy MARCOs and US Navy SEALs which commenced in Goa on Dec 01? Exercise Sangam
208.	Government has announced formation of which administrative service for railways on pattern of IAS? Indian Railway Management Service, IRMS
209.	Ms. Stéphanie Frappart, the 38 year old French football referee was in news recently for what reason? She became the first woman to take charge of a men's World Cup game on Dec 01
210.	The government launched DigiYatra app based on facial recognition technology on Dec 01 for which segment of travellers? Air travellers
211.	In which area the government has named 21 uninhabited islands after recipients of Param Vir Chakra? Andaman & Nicobar
212.	Which bank won the top award on Dec 01 for the India segment at the Global Banking Summit held in London? Canara Bank
213.	The RBI launched the retail digital _____ on Dec 01 on a pilot basis: Rupee
214.	India took over the rotating Presidency of the 15-nation UN Security Council recently, for which month? December
215.	Which Indian startup won the one million pound Earthshot Prize in the "Protect and Restore Nature" category, in London? Kheyti from Telangana
216.	Shooter _____ Patil clinched the gold on Dec 02 in the 10 mt Air Rifle event in the ISSF President's Cup at Cairo, Egypt: Rudrankksh
217.	India formally assumed the Presidency of G-20 grouping for the period of one year, from which date? Dec 01, 2022
218.	The 23 rd edition of the 10-day long Hornbill Festival began on Dec 01 in which state? Nagaland
219.	December 01 is observed as World _____ Day to spread awareness about the HIV: AIDS
220.	What is Hornbill – a bird, animal, flower or Fruit? Bird
221.	India assumed the chairmanship of the Wassenaar Arrangement on the _____, 2023: 1st January
222.	Wassenaar Arrangement is a multilateral export control regime wherein its 42 member states exchange information on _____: Transfer of conventional weapons and dual-use goods and technologies
223.	Wassenaar is a suburb of the main city The Hague. It is in which country? Netherlands
224.	The Asia Junior Badminton Championship was held from Nov 29 to Dec 4 at Nonthaburi in which country? Thailand

225.	The 12 th edition of the bilateral exercise Agni Warrior held between the _____ and Indian armies, concluded on Nov 30: Singapore
226.	Exercise Warrior was held at which place? Deolali in Maharashtra
227.	Axis Bank's '2022 Burgundy Private Hurun India 500,' which lists the country's 500 most valuable firms, placed which corporate at second place, first being Reliance? TCS
228.	Sudarshan Chakra Corps of Indian Army conducted exercise _____ in the deserts of Rajasthan on 30th November: Sudarshan Prahar
229.	India's biggest Yoga Centre has been constructed in the village _____ in Udhampur district of Jammu and Kashmir: Mantalai
230.	An Indian Coast Guard Advanced Light Helicopter Mk-III squadron, 840 Sqn (CG), was commissioned at _____ on Nov 30: Chennai
231.	South Korea's Mina Sue Choi won the _____ title on November 29 at Cove, Manila, Philippines: Miss Earth 2022
232.	Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya in _____ was conferred with the 'Award of Excellence' at the UNESCO's Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation-2022: Mumbai
233.	SEBI has set up a high-level panel headed by _____ to review the takeover norms: Shiavax Jal Vazifdar
234.	In a major consolidation in the Indian aviation space, the Vistara has been merged with which airline? Air India
235.	Which major foreign airline holds a 25.1% stake in Air India? Singapore Airlines
236.	WHO announced to change the name of the disease Monkeypox to _____: Mpox
237.	Which virus leads to causing of Monkeypox? Monkeypox virus
238.	The world's largest active volcano, Hawaii's _____, started erupting on the night of Nov 27, for the first time in almost 40 years: Mauna Loa
239.	As per official data released on Nov 30 by the Central Statistical Office, what was the growth rate of GDP in Qr ended 30 th Sep? 6.3%
240.	Sundaraman Ramamurthy has been appointed the MD & CEO of which apex stock exchange? BSE – Bombay stock Exchange
241.	Which corporate bagged the contract for the 640-acre (2.6 sq km) Dharavi Redevelopment Project in Central Mumbai? Adani group
242.	As per recent data for the years 2018 and 2020, the MMR in India declined from 130 in 2014-16 to _____ per lakh live births in 2018-20: 97
243.	What is full form of MMR? Maternal Mortality Ratio
244.	What does MMR represent? Number of maternal deaths per one lakh live births, during a given time period
245.	Chennai-based space tech startup _____ launched India's first private launchpad and mission control centre on Nov 28: Agnikul Cosmos
246.	Agnikul Cosmos launched India's first private launchpad at which place? Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota
247.	Merriam-Webster dictionary selected "_____" as the 'Word of Year 2022': Gaslighting

248.	Merriam-Webster is one of the oldest dictionaries of which country? USA
249.	The BCCI entered into the Guinness Book of World Records for the largest attendance at a T20 match on 29 May in which stadium? Narendra Modi Stadium in Motera, Ahmedabad
250.	Which is the first company in the world to receive approval from the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation for its COVID-19 intranasal vaccine iNCOVACC? Bharat Biotech International Ltd, Hyderabad
251.	Who scripted history by smashing seven sixes in an over (including a no ball), in a list A match, creating a new world record? Ruturaj Gaikwad
252.	Who has been elected unopposed as the first woman President of the Indian Olympic Association, IOA? P T Usha
253.	P T Usha is fondly called "____ Express" to compliment her super speed: Payyoli
254.	Which film won the Golden Peacock for Best Film at the 53 rd IFFI at Goa? 'I have Electric Dreams' from Costa Rica
255.	What is the amount of cash award given with the Golden Peacock? Rs. 40 lakh
256.	Who has been appointed as the ambassador of the 'Ni-Kshay Mitra' campaign? Dr. Deepa Malik
257.	Who is Dr Deepa Malik? President of the Paralympic Committee of India and first Indian para-athlete to win Paralympic medal and several other medals, including Khel Ratna
258.	Indian Navy's third Survey Vessel '_____' was launched on 26 Nov in Chennai for testing waters: Ikshak
259.	81st Annual Madras-Colombo Rowing Regatta was held on Nov 26 at which place? Colombo, Sri Lanka
260.	Davis Cup is associated with _____ sports? Men's Tennis
261.	Which team won the Davis Cup 2022? Canada
262.	FSSAI has approved the Himalayan _____ as a 'food animal': Yak
263.	Malaysia hosted the joint military exercise Exercise Harimau Shakti-2022 with which other country? India
264.	What was the name of the first edition of bilateral training exercise between contingents of the Indian Army and the Australian Army? Austra Hind 22
265.	Austra Hind 22 exercise was held from Nov 28 to Dec 11 at which place? Mahajan Field Firing Ranges, Rajasthan
NOVEMBER 2022	
1.	Which armed force of India conducted exercise "Samanvay 2022" from Nov 28 to 30? Indian Air Force
2.	Exercise Samanvay was held at which place? Agra, UP
3.	India celebrates NCC day annually on the 4 th _____ of November: Sunday
4.	ISRO launched its PSLV-C54 on Nov 26 to successfully place which satellite in space? Earth Observation Satellite Oceansat
5.	Oceansat was placed in which kind of orbit? Sun-synchronous orbit
6.	The Constitution Day on Nov 26 marks the birthday of which great leader? None
7.	Who was the first Law Minister of the independent India? Dr. B R Ambedkar

8.	The Rural Development Ministry of India has formed Amarjeet Sinha panel to examine the restructuring of which central mega scheme? Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme
9.	India has invited Egyptian _____ Gen. Abdel Fattah El-Sisi as the Chief Guest at the Republic Day Parade in 2023: President
10.	National Milk Day on Nov 26 commemorates birth anniversary of "Milkman of India". What was his name? Dr. Verghese Kurien
11.	World over, which day is observed as World Milk Day? June 01
12.	The Global Employability University Ranking and Survey report released by the Times Higher Education (THE), London on Nov 24 placed which institution at the top? Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA
13.	Which Indian institution secured highest ranking in the above ranking? IIT Delhi, 28th
14.	The RBI approved the continuation of the Interest Subvention Scheme for how many more years? Two, 2022-23 and 24
15.	Farmers will get interest subsidy of ____ % on short term loans up to Rs. ____ lakh: 1.5; Three
16.	Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders, Mumbai, handed over Y 12705 Mormugao to Indian Navy on Nov 24. What type of warship is it? Kolkata class stealth guided missile destroyer
17.	Who has been appointed as the next chief of Pakistan Army on Nov 24 by the prime minister Shahbaz Sharif? Lt Gen Asim Munir
18.	Which bank has rolled out Face Authentication-based savings bank account opening for customers? Airtel Payments Bank
19.	Who was voted as the world's most popular leader with an approval rating of 77 percent, as revealed by the Global Leader Approval Ratings? Sh. Narendra Modi
20.	Which bank launched India's first sticker-based Debit Card- FIRSTAP on Nov 24, in association with the NPCI? IDFC First Bank
21.	Anwar Ibrahim was sworn in as prime minister of which southeastern country on Nov 24? Malaysia
22.	Which ministry announced on Nov 23 the Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Awards for the year 2021? Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
23.	Who is the current minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Ministry? Anurag Thakur
24.	What is the amount of cash award given in the Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award? Rs. 15 lakh
25.	Which company delivered Ferry Craft 'Manjula' to the Indian Navy on Nov 23 in Kolkata? Shalimar Works Ltd, Kolkata
26.	The fourth edition of the Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue (IPRD) was held in _____ on Nov 23-25: New Delhi
27.	_____ pushed China to second place to become the top supplier of fertilisers to India for the first time in the first six months of this fiscal year: Russia
28.	What was the name of the 8th edition of the India-Indonesia bilateral joint training exercise that kicked off on Nov 21? Garuda Shakti 2022
29.	Which country hosted the exercise Garuda Shakti 2022? Indonesia

30.	Which organisation under the Ministry of Culture celebrated World Heritage week all over India from Nov 19 to 25? Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)
31.	Which Indian state has the highest number, 745, of protected monuments? Uttar Pradesh
32.	Which veteran FI driver announced his retirement from F1 racing, on Nov 20? Sebastian Vettel, Germany
33.	Noted conservationist Purnima Devi Barman was awarded Champions of the Earth 2022 award. She hails from which state? Assam
34.	Ms Barman has been awarded for her devoted efforts to save which bird from extinction? Hargila (Greater Adjutant Stork)
35.	With which country India participated in Naseem Al Bahr-2022 naval exercise? Oman
36.	The union government unveiled on Nov 21 a framework of standards to curb _____ on e-commerce websites: Fake reviews
37.	South Western Command of the Indian Army, conducted Integrated Fire Power Exercise, "Shatrunash" on Nov 21 in which area? Thar Desert of Rajasthan
38.	Cianjur, a densely populated town in West Java, Indonesia was in news on Nov 21 due to what reason? It was struck by a massive earthquake
39.	Which is the central government's flagship programme for promoting fisheries? Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana
40.	From which country India took over the Chair of the Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence, GPAI on Nov 21? France
41.	Name the Tamil Nadu batter who create new world record for the highest individual score in men's List A cricket in ODI format on Nov 21 by hammering 277 runs: Narayan Jagadeesan
42.	Universal Children's Day is observed on which day of November? 20th
43.	Awaas Diwas on Nov 20 marks the launch of which central rural housing scheme for poor on this day in 2016? Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana - Gramin - PMAY-G
44.	Under PMAY-G, the beneficiaries are allotted a piece of land not less than ____ sq mt: 25
45.	Opening ceremony of the FIFA World Cup 2022 was held in which stadium? Al Bayt Stadium in Al Khor, Qatar
46.	Opening match of FIFA World Cup 2022 was played between Qatar and which other country? Ecuador
47.	Who is the current President of FIFA? Gianni Infantino
48.	Which was the opening film at the 53 rd IFFI on Nov 20? Alma and Oskar, from Australia
49.	Which veteran actor was honoured as the Indian Film Personality of the Year 2022 on the opening day of IFFI? Chiranjeevi
50.	Egypt hosted the 27th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 27) of the UNFCCC in which city? Sharm el-Sheikh
51.	Who represented India at the COP-27? Environment, Forest, and Climate Change Minister, Bhupender Yadav
52.	The 28th session of the COP will be hosted by the _____ in December 2023: UAE

53.	COP-27 members agreed to provide a “_____” fund for assisting developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change: Loss and Damage
54.	Which organisation was given the Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development-2021 on Nov 19? Mumbai based NGO Pratham
55.	The Network Readiness Index 2022 report placed India at which spot? 61st
56.	India's first National Centre of Excellence for Green Port & Shipping was launched on Nov 19 by which union ministry? Ministry of Ports, Shipping
57.	Areez Pirojshaw Khambatta, chairman of the _____ Group passed away on Nov 19 at the age of 85: Rasna
58.	Who became the first Indian female paddler to win a medal at the ITTF-ATTU Asian Cup tournament on Nov 19 in Bangkok? Manika Batra
59.	Which international day is observed on Nov 19 to celebrate, recognise and appreciate all women entrepreneurs around the world? Women's Entrepreneurship Day
60.	What is the theme selected for this year's World Toilet Day (Nov 19)? Making the Invisible Visible
61.	What is the name of the new greenfield airport that was inaugurated on Nov 19 in Arunachal Pradesh in its capital Itanagar? Donyi-Polo Airport
62.	Which country topped the medal tally in the 15th Asian Airgun Championship 2022? India
63.	Which country hosted the 15th Asian Airgun Championship 2022? South Korea
64.	What is the amount of cash award in the UNESCO Madanjeet Singh Prize? US \$ 100,000/-
65.	The 2022 UNESCO Madanjeet Singh Prize was won by Ms. Franca Ma-ih Sulem Yong. She is from which country? Cameroon
66.	UNESCO Madanjeet Singh Prize for Promotion of Tolerance and Non-Violence is awarded every two years on which occasion? International Day of Tolerance on November 16
67.	Kassym-Jomart Tokayev has been re-elected as the President of which Central Asian country for a second term? Kazakhstan
68.	What was the name of the India's first-ever private suborbital rocket launched on Nov 18? Vikram-S
69.	Which space startup developed the Vikram-S rocket? Skyroot Aerospace, Telangana
70.	India celebrates Naturopathy Day on Nov 18. Who is the current head of the Ministry of Ayush? Sarbananda Sonowal
71.	India unveiled the official website of the SCO on Nov 18 for the year 2022-23. What is expansion of SCO? Shanghai Cooperation Organization
72.	What is the theme selected by India for its tenure of SCO for 2022-23? For a SECURE SCO
73.	The Asian Development Bank gave in-principle approval for a \$400-million loan to the _____ government to bring in 5,000 electric buses: Maharashtra
74.	Who won this year's 5th JCB Prize for Literature? Khalid Jawed for his novel The Paradise of Food

75.	The Paradise of Food was written originally in which language? Urdu
76.	What is the cash reward given with the JCB Prize for Literature? Rs 25 lakh
77.	Which district in Uttar Pradesh became number one in the country in giving the maximum number of tap connections in a month (in October)? Shahjahanpur
78.	_____ has been declared as the “Word of the Year 2022” by the Cambridge Dictionary of UK: Homer
79.	What does the word ‘Homer’ represent? It's an informal American English word for a home run in Baseball
80.	Which is the ‘Country of Focus’ for the 53rd International Film Festival of India? France
81.	As per a government notification dated November 17, the tenure for the appointment of the MD or ED of a public sector bank has been extended to _____ years: Ten
82.	Name the 71-year-old former bureaucrat who was appointed Governor of West Bengal on Nov 17: Dr. C.V. Ananda Bose
83.	National Press Day on Nov 16 is associated with which apex institution in the field of journalism? Press Council of India
84.	Press is often referred to as _____ pillar of democracy? Fourth
85.	World Press Freedom Day is observed on which date? May 03
86.	NASA launched its most powerful rocket ever built on Nov 16. What was its name? Artemis
87.	Artemis will place which space module in Moon's orbit? Orion
88.	Which UN agency supports the celebration of International Day for Tolerance on Nov 16? UNESCO
89.	India conducted Exercise Yudh Abhyas-22 from Nov 16 with which other country: USA
90.	Military exercise Yudh Abhyas-22 was held at which place? Auli, Uttarakhand
91.	The Group of 20 members held their 17th annual Heads of Nations summit on Nov 15-16 at which place? Bali, Indonesia
92.	What was the theme of this year's G-20 summit? Recover Together, Recover Stronger
93.	Which country was handed over the presidency of G-20 for the year 2022-23? India
94.	International Students Day is observed on ____ of November: 17th
95.	Which mega MNC secured an unwanted distinction by becoming the world's first public company to lose a trillion dollars in market value? Amazon.com.Inc
96.	The government gathered about Rs 3,839 crore by selling its 1.5% stake in which private bank? Axis Bank
97.	Who became the first player from India to get elected in the Athletes' Commission of the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF)? Achanta Sharath Kamal
98.	India observes which special day on Nov 16 to mark the historic origins of the institution of CAG (Comptroller & Auditor General)? Audit Diwas
99.	Who is the current CAG of India? Sh. Girish Chandra Murmu

100.	World COPD Day is celebrated on the third Wednesday of November (16). What is full form of COPD? Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
101.	Who has been elected as the Chairperson of the Athletes Commission of the Indian Olympic Association on Nov 15? Mary Kom
102.	On Nov 15, the UN population clock flashed which landmark figure? 8 billion
103.	The four member countries of the "Quad" conducted the 26th edition of _____ exercise off Yokosuka in Japan from Nov 8 to 15: Malabar
104.	Lance Naik Manju created history by becoming the first woman soldier _____ of the Indian Army: Skydiver
105.	Janjatiya Gaurav Divas on Nov 15 marks the birthday of which legendary tribal hero? Birsa Munda
106.	Birsa Munda hailed from which tribe? Munda, from Jharkhand
107.	What was the name of the 3rd Pan-India Coastal Defence Exercise conducted by the Indian Navy on Nov 15-16? Sea Vigil-22
108.	Sea Vigil-22 was conducted in which area? Along entire Indian coast
109.	The Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) 2023 released on Nov 14, placed India at which spot? 8th
110.	Operation "Sea Sword 2" of the Combined Maritime Forces was held in which area from Nov 06 to 14? Northwest Arabian Sea
111.	Who is the sole winner of Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award, 2022? Sharath Kamal Achanta
112.	Sharath Kamal Achanta is a top-rated player of which sport? Table Tennis
113.	Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar won which national trophy for its overall best performance in sports? Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Trophy 2022
114.	Which country secured top position in the CCPI 2023? Denmark
115.	What is the full form of CCPI: Climate Change Performance Index
116.	Which state government plans to set up first of its kind Green Hydrogen (KGH2) Hub? Kerala
117.	World Diabetes Day on Nov 14 marks the birthday of which great scientist associated with discovery of Insulin? Sir Frederick Banting
118.	Organisers of the 2024 Paris Olympics and Paralympics unveiled the mascots for the games on Nov 14 at Paris. What is its name? Phryges
119.	Phryges has been designed after which item? Ancient red conical cap
120.	India celebrates Children's Day on Nov 14. When does the world celebrate 'Children's Day'? Nov 20
121.	Which city hosted the finals of the ICC T-20 World Cup on Nov 13? Melbourne, Australia
122.	England defeated which country to lift ICC T-20 World Cup? Pakistan
123.	Which player won both, Player of the Match as well as Player of the Series title in the ICC T-20 World Cup? Sam Curran, of England
124.	Natasa Pirc Musar was elected as the first female President of which country? Slovenia

125.	The Health and Finance Ministers of the G-20 group launched a \$1.4 billion Fund on November 13 for what purpose? To tackle the next global pandemic
126.	Who has been re-elected as Chairman of the International Cricket Council (ICC) on Nov 12 for a second two-year term? Greg Barclay
127.	Where in world are the headquarters of the ICC? Dubai, UAE
128.	What was the name of the bilateral exercise conducted by the Indian and the French Air Forces in Jodhpur, Rajasthan? Garuda VII
129.	India celebrates November 12 as the Public Service Broadcasting Day. Which is the apex holding organisation for All India Radio and Door Darshan? Prasar Bharati
130.	What is the theme of this year's World Pneumonia Day observed on Nov 12? Pneumonia Affects Everyone
131.	Switzerland Tourism has appointed which Indian Olympian as the 'Friendship Ambassador' of the country? Neeraj Chopra
132.	ASEAN agreed in principle to admit which country as the group's 11th member, on Nov 11? East Timor
133.	East Timor attained freedom from which country in 2002? Indonesia
134.	National Education Day on Nov 11 marks the birthday of which great freedom fighter? Maulana Abul Kalam Azad
135.	Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar made his first foreign visit on Nov 11, after assuming office, to which country? Cambodia
136.	Sh Dhankhar visited Cambodia for what purpose? To attend 19th ASEAN-India Summit and 17th East Asia Summit
137.	Permanent secretariate of ASEAN is located in which city? Jakarta, Indonesia
138.	India's first national repository for life science data, the Indian Biological Data Centre (IBDC) was launched on Nov 10 in which city? Faridabad, Haryana
139.	_____ has become the first state in India to launch a uniform gold price in the state, based on the bank rate: Kerala
140.	As per the amended Aadhaar rules, supporting documents need to be updated at least once on completion _____ years from the enrolment date: Ten
141.	UGC asked higher education institutions to engage professionals and industry experts as "Professors of _____": Practice
142.	In which state Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary has been established recently? Tamil Nadu
143.	Which batter scripted history on Nov 10 by becoming the first batter in history to reach 4000 runs in T20 Internationals? Virat Kohli
144.	World Usability Day, also known as 'Make Things Easier' Day, is observed on the second _____ of November: Thursday
145.	National Legal Services Day on Nov 9 marks the enactment of which law? Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987
146.	Government has mandated private TV channels in India, for the first time ever, to run 30-minute daily programmes on which issue? National importance and social relevance

147.	Which outfit of NITI Aayog launched the Women centric challenges on Nov 9 under the 2 nd edition of Atal New India Challenge? Atal Innovation Mission
148.	The government approved a framework for issuance of the sovereign green bonds on Nov 9 to attract investment in which type of projects? Environmentally sustainable and climate-suitable projects
149.	Indian Army has launched a single window facility - Veerangana Sewa Kendra for welfare and grievances redressal of _____.: War widows
150.	For the first time ever, researchers in which country have successfully transfused blood grown in a lab from adult stem cells, into two people? Britain
151.	As per the Mother Tongue Survey of India, which is the second most spoken mother tongue language in India, after Hindi? Bengali
152.	Praveen Hooda, Lovlina Borgohain, Saweety Boora, and Alfiya Pathan are noted sportswomen from which field? Boxing
153.	India joined the newly launched _____ Alliance for Climate on Nov 8 at the 27th Session of COP27? Mangrove
154.	Mangrove forests can capture vast amounts of which gas from the atmosphere? Carbon-di-Oxide
155.	India's logo, theme and website for its presidency of the G20 was unveiled on Nov 8. It depicts _____ sitting over a _____ flower: Earth; Lotus
156.	The logo depicts which Vedic phrase to convey the theme of the G20 India 2023? 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam'
157.	The phrase 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' has been taken from which Upanishad? Maha Upanishad
158.	India will assume the presidency of the G-20 from which date? December 1, 2022
159.	India will host the G-20 leaders' summit in _____ on 9-10 in 2023: New Delhi; September
160.	Which international day on Nov 8 aims at promoting the role of planning in creating liveable urban communities? World Town Planning Day
161.	Who is credited with the discovery of X-rays? Wilhelm Conrad Röntgen, German Scientist
162.	An Army Commanders' Conference was held in _____ in November 2022 to brainstorm on current and emerging security and administrative challenges for the Indian Army: New Delhi
163.	Which state has been given the hosting rights for the Khelo India National University Games - 2023-2024? Uttar Pradesh
164.	Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of the Law Commission of India? Justice Rituraj Awasthi (retd.)
165.	India celebrates National Cancer Awareness Day on Nov 7. This happens to be the birthday of which great scientist associated with cancer treatment? Ms. Marie Curie
166.	Marie Curie was awarded second Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 1911 for discovery of which two elements? Polonium and Radium
167.	Leaders from over 25 countries and 20 organisations launched the International _____ Resilience Alliance on Nov 7 at COP 27: Drought

168.	A majority of a five-judge bench (3:2) of the Supreme Court on Nov 7 upheld the validity of the _____ Amendment of the Constitution which provides 10% reservation for EWS: 103rd
169.	Mohammad Tayyab Ikram from Macau has been elected as the new President of which apex world sports body? International Hockey Federation, FIH
170.	FIH is based in which place? Lausanne, Switzerland
171.	Pramod Bhagat and Manisha Ramadass, paralympic _____ champions won their respective gold medals on Nov 6 at an international event: Badminton
172.	The 15th edition of the Urban Mobility India Conference & Expo was held in _____ from Nov 4 to 6: Kochi, Kerala
173.	Who became the first Indian player on Nov 6 to score 1,000 T20 International runs in a calendar year? Suryakumar Yadav
174.	Which specialised UN agency supports the celebration of the World Tsunami Awareness Day on Nov 5? UN Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR)
175.	Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy is associated with which sports? Cricket
176.	This trophy is played in which format? T20
177.	Which team lifted the Syed Mushtaq Ali T20 Trophy on Nov 5? Mumbai
178.	Saurav Ghoshal and Ramit Tandon won their first-ever team gold in Asian _____ Team Championships on Nov 4: Squash
179.	Aibawk, a cluster of 11 villages, in the Aizawl district of _____, became the first cluster to be completed under the Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission: Mizoram
180.	Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty are the noted player of which sports? Badminton
181.	India's (also world's) largest Wind Turbine Generator was commissioned in _____, Gujarat, on Nov 3: Mundra
182.	Which city in Gujarat became the second Indian city to issue a municipal bond on Nov 3? Vadodara
183.	Which was the first Indian city to issue such a bond in 2017? Pune
184.	Which Indian spiritual Guru has been honoured with the Gandhi Peace Pilgrimage Award: Sri Sri Ravishankar
185.	Sri Sri Ravishankar is the founder of which spiritual movement/ setup? Art of Living
186.	What is the name of the unique index for evidence-based comprehensive analysis of school education systems across States and UTs, released on Nov 3? Performance Grading Index, PGI
187.	The PGI placed how many states in the top bracket L1, for scoring above 950 marks? None
188.	Which country created a new world record for running the world's longest passenger train, measuring 1,910 metres? Switzerland
189.	Subhrakant Panda has been elected as the President of which national level industry organisation on Nov 2? FICCI
190.	What is the full form of the acronym FICCI? Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry
191.	DRDO conducted a successful maiden flight-test of Phase-II Ballistic Missile Defence, _____ AD-1 missile on Nov 02: Interceptor

192.	Name the renowned women's rights activist and the founder of SEWA, who died in Ahmedabad on Nov 2: Ela Bhatt
193.	What is the expansion of the acronym SEWA? Self Employed Women's Association
194.	Naval ships of which country participated in the Exercise Indo-Pacific Endeavour, from Oct 30 to Nov 2? Australia
195.	Exercise Indo-Pacific Endeavour was held in which place? In Bay of Bengal, near Visakhapatnam
196.	Which Indian cricketer became the world's no. one T20I batter on Nov 2? Suryakumar Yadav
197.	Scotland's Collins Dictionary has named "_____" as the "word of the year": Permacrisis
198.	The EPFO on November 1, placed which state/UT at top for highest coverage under EPFO of their working population? Delhi
199.	EPFO is a statutory body under which union ministry? Ministry of Labour and Employment
200.	Name the small town located in the district Banswara of Rajasthan, on the Gujarat-Rajasthan border, that was declared as a 'National Monument' on Nov 01: Mangarh Dham
201.	World Vegan Day is observed on which day of November? First
202.	The RBI launched the Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) or Digital Rupee on Nov 01 in the _____ segment on pilot basis: Wholesale
203.	RBI has identified how many banks for participation in the Digital Rupee's wholesale pilot project? Nine
204.	Benjamin Netanyahu, 73 year old Chief of right-wing Likud Party, became the Prime Minister of which country for a record 6th term? Israel
205.	The Income Tax Department launched the HARIT Aaykar initiative for what purpose? To increase greenery and develop micro forests
206.	What is the full form of the acronym HARIT? Hariyali Achievement Resolution by Income Tax
207.	Government has constituted _____ committee for strengthening the assessment and accreditation of Higher Educational Institutions in the country: Dr. K. Radhakrishnan
208.	The "Union Home Minister's Special Operation Medal" for the year 2022 were announced on Oct 31 for how many Special Operations? Four
209.	The immensely popular Chhath Puja concluded on the early morning of Oct 31 with devotees offering prayers to which deity? The rising Sun
210.	As per the Hindu Puranas, who is 'Chhathi Maiyaa', the main deity for Chhath Puja? Sister of Sun God
211.	Which F1 driver set a new Formula One record on Oct 30, of 15 victories from a single season? Max Verstappen
212.	What is the name of the MoU signed by the AIFF, Ministry for Education and the FIFA on October 30, to broad base football across various schools in the country? Football4Schools
213.	The French government's highest civilian honour, Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des was awarded to Aruna Sairam, a veteran _____: Carnatic vocalist
214.	The International Union of Geological Sciences of UNESCO has recognised the Mawmluh Cave as one of

	the first 100 IUGS geological heritage sites. It is in which state? Meghalaya
215.	Which team won the 2022 U-17 Women's World (Football) Cup on Oct 30? Spain
216.	Which Indian city hosted the finals of 2022 U-17 Women's World (Football) Cup? Navi Mumbai
217.	Government has invited Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali to be the chief guest at which major event in India? 17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention
218.	What is the theme of 2023 Pravasi Bharatiya Divas? Diaspora: Reliable Partners for India's Progress in Amrit Kaal
219.	Government approved the creation of a fourth tiger reserve by the name "Ranipur Tiger Reserve" in which state? Uttar Pradesh
220.	_____ J Irani, the former MD of Tata Steel, who was also famously known as the 'Steel Man of India' passed away on October 31: Jamshed
221.	The Indian Navy hosted the 29th edition of the Singapore-India maritime bilateral exercise from October 26 to 30 in Bay of Bengal, near which place? Visakhapatnam
222.	The foundation stone of a C-295MW military aircraft manufacturing project for the Indian Air Force (IAF) was laid at _____ in Gujarat on the 30th October: Vadodara
223.	What type of aircraft is C-295MW? Transport, Cargo
224.	A consortium of European major Airbus and Indian conglomerate _____ will jointly make this aircraft in India: Tata
225.	More than 140 people lost their lives and several others were injured after a century-old suspension bridge on the Machhu river in Gujarat's _____ collapsed on Oct 30: Morbi
226.	Indian junior men's hockey team defeated which country to lift the Sultan of Johor Cup on Oct 29? Australia
227.	Which country is the permanent host of the Sultan of Johor Cup? Malaysia
228.	In which city at least 151 people were killed and 82 others were injured, mostly young, in a deadly stampede on Oct 29 during Halloween celebrations? Seoul, South Korea
229.	Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva has been elected as the new President of which South American country? Brazil
230.	The union government approved on Oct 28 the establishment of India's first-ever Integrated Aqua Park at Tarin in which state? Arunachal Pradesh
231.	The aqua park is to be set up under which fisheries promotion scheme of central government? Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana
232.	The first edition of the India-Mozambique-Tanzania Trilateral Exercise, was held in the Indian Ocean, near Dar Es Salaam on Oct 27 -29. It is in which country? Tanzania
233.	World's tallest (369-foot) statue of Lord Shiva, was unveiled in Nathdwara town, in which state? Rajasthan
234.	In a historic move, the BCCI announced on Oct 27 to pay equal match fee to both men and women cricket players of India. Who is the current President of BCCI? Roger Binny

235.	The inaugural QS World University Rankings: Sustainability gave highest ranking to which Indian university among Indians? IIT Bombay
236.	In the above rankings released on Oct 26, which university was placed at the top? University of California
237.	Government gave its nod on Oct 21 to the establishment of the Terai Elephant Reserve in which state? Uttar Pradesh
238.	IRDAI recently announced the launch of _____, a common online marketplace for all companies selling life and non-life insurance: Bima Sugam
239.	Among four promoters of Bima Sugam, _____ will hold largest share of 35%: Public Sector Banks
OCTOBER 2022	
1.	Which international day on Oct 31 aims to work for planned and sustainable urban life in the wake of rapid growth of urbanization? World Cities Day
2.	Which national day is observed on Oct 31 to celebrate the birthday of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel? Rashtriya Ekta Diwas
3.	A 3,65,000 tonnes per annum green hydrogen and green ammonia plant is being set up which district of Rajasthan? Kota
4.	_____ of China won the men's singles title at the 2022 Denmark Open: Shi Yuqi
5.	The coveted International eco-label "Blue Flag", has been accorded to India's two new beaches on Oct 26. They are from which area? Lakshadweep
6.	Who is the author of the book titled "The Philosophy of Modern Song"? Bob Dylan, Literature Nobel laureate
7.	Which Indian has been elected as the first woman Chairperson of the International Civil Aviation Organisation's Aviation Security Committee? Shefali Juneja
8.	"It Starts With Us" is popular novel on the New York Best Sellers list. Who is its author? Colleen Hoover
9.	India celebrates Infantry Day on Oct 27 to mark which event? First operation by Indian Infantry in 1947 against Pakistani invaders
10.	Rishi Sunak scripted history on Oct 25 by becoming first British Prime Minister of Indian origin. He had resigned from which important office in July 2022? Chancellor of Exchequer
11.	Which strong cyclone devastated southern Bangladesh on Oct 24-25? Sitrang
12.	Which day of October is observed as the World Polio Day? 24th
13.	In which year India was declared "Polio Free" by the WHO? 2014
14.	Which international day is observed on Oct 24 to mark the establishment of UNO? The United Nations Day
15.	The UNO was established in which year? 1945
16.	As per recent data, which country emerged as India's third-largest export destination, ahead of China and Bangladesh? The Netherlands
17.	Which national day is observed on the occasion of Dhanwantari Jayanti (Dhanteras) every year since 2016? National Ayurveda Day
18.	Lord Dhanwantari is regarded as the _____ of the Gods: Physician

19.	Teenager _____ Sehrawat, 16, made history on Oct 23 by becoming the first Indian to win a gold medal at the U-23 World Wrestling Championships in Pontevedra, Spain: Aman
20.	Holy city of Ayodhya created a new world record on Oct 23 by lighting the most diyas (earthen lamps), over 15 lakh, on the banks of which river? River Saryu
21.	ISRO launched 36 satellites on Oct 23 of which London-based internet company? OneWeb
22.	These 36 satellites would be used for what purpose? Broadband communication
23.	Mole Day on Oct 23 is associated with which discipline of science? Chemistry
24.	Who is credited with the discovery of Mole or Avogadro's number? Amedeo Avogadro (1776-1856)
25.	A mole represents _____, number of particles present in a single mole of a substance: 6.022×10^{23}
26.	International Snow Leopard Day is celebrated on which date? October 23
27.	Snow Leopard is the state animal of which UT / State? Ladakh / Himachal
28.	Which place is known as the Snow Leopard capital of the world? Ladakh
29.	October 22 is observed as the International _____ Awareness Day: Stuttering (stammering)
30.	India successfully test-fired which indigenously-developed new generation medium-range ballistic missile on Oct 21 from the Odisha coast? Agni Prime
31.	What is the official mascot of next year's FIFA Women's World Cup? Tazuni
32.	Which two countries are the host for the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023? Australia and New Zealand
33.	Tazuni has been designed after which animal? Penguin
34.	Chinese President Xi Jinping, is also the _____ of China's ruling party, Chinese Communist Party-CPC: General Secretary
35.	Xi Jinping has now been allowed to carry on as China's President for another _____ years: Five
36.	The Global watchdog Financial Action Task Force (FATF), Paris added which country to the 'Black List' on Oct 21? Myanmar
37.	Which is the capital of Myanmar? NayPieDaw
38.	FATF removed which country from the Black List on Oct 21? Pakistan
39.	In a landmark decision, _____ imposed a ban on sale, purchase or transfer of handguns, wef Oct 21: Canada
40.	Police Commemoration Day observed on Oct 21 is associated with which armed police force of India? CRPF, Central Reserve Police Force
41.	Who has been re-elected as the Chairman of the Indian Banks' Association? A K Goel
42.	A K Goel is the current MD & CEO of which bank? Punjab National Bank
43.	Which day of October is observed as the World Statistics Day? 20th
44.	India celebrates "National Statistics Day" on which date? June 29
45.	_____ is a condition where bones become less dense and they lose their strength: Osteoporosis
46.	Which day of October is observed as World Osteoporosis Day? 20th

47.	Which day is observed on Oct 20 to honour the Armed Forces who displayed exemplary valour in the Sino- Indo war against China? National Solidarity Day
48.	The 5 th Khelo India Youth Games -2022 will be held in _____, from 31st January to 11th February, next year: Madhya Pradesh
49.	UN Secretary-General ____Guterres arrived in India on a three-day official visit from Oct 18 to 20: Antonio
50.	Mr. Guterres started his India visit from which city? Mumbai
51.	The Central government transferred the Debt Recovery Tribunal (DRT) jurisdictions of all applications involving debt amounts of ₹100 crores and above to the DRTs at which three centres? Delhi, Mumbai and Chennai
52.	DRTs are the special tribunals set up for speedy disposal of recovery cases of banks and FIs involving Rs. ____ lakh or more: Twenty
53.	Who was the top philanthropist as per the EdelGive Hurun India Philanthropy List? Shiv Nadar
54.	Shiv Nadar is associated with which corporate? HCL Technologies
55.	Sajan Bhanwal became the first-ever Indian _____ wrestler on Oct 19 to win a medal at the Under-23 World Championship: Greco-Roman
56.	On October 19, Mallikarjun Kharge became the first non-Gandhi Congress President in 24 years. He comes from which state? Karnataka
57.	What is the formal official name of the Congress party? Indian National Congress
58.	Which top IIT won the National Intellectual Property Award for 2021 and 2022? IIT Madras
59.	The Competition Commission of India (CCI) imposed a penalty of over 1,337 crore rupees on which tech giant for abusing its dominant position in multiple markets? Google
60.	The Government on October 18 approved an increase in Rabi Crops MSP. MSP is increased in line with the recommendations of _____ Commission: M S Swaminathan
61.	MSP of wheat has been increased by Rs. 110 to Rs. _____ per quintal: 2125
62.	Which lentil enjoys the highest MSP of Rs. 6,000 per quintal? Masur
63.	Who has been elected the 36th president of the BCCI on October 18? Roger Binny
64.	Which city hosted the 90th Interpol General Assembly from Oct 18 to 21? New Delhi
65.	What is the full form of INTERPOL? International Criminal Police Organisation
66.	Interpol is based in _____, France: Lyon
67.	The Defence Ministry organised the 12th edition of the prestigious Biennial Defence Exhibition - DefExpo 2022 in which city? Gandhinagar, Gujarat
68.	What was the theme of the DefExpo 2022? Path to Pride
69.	Which union minister has been elected as the President of the International Solar Alliance (ISA)? R K Singh
70.	Mr. R K Singh heads which union ministry? Power and New and Renewable Energy
71.	Headquarters of International Solar Alliance are situated in which city? Gurugram, Haryana

72.	The prestigious Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought is given by which organisation? European Parliament
73.	European Parliament awarded the Sakharov Prize to _____ : People of Ukraine for bravely facing Russian aggression
74.	In the world's first-ever global study on the rise of centi-millionaires, India was ranked at which spot? Third
75.	Which two countries participated in the Tiger Triumph 2022 HADR exercise held from Oct 18 to 20? India and USA
76.	What is the expansion of HADR? Humanitarian Assistance Disaster Relief
77.	Tiger Triumph 2022 exercise was held at which place? Visakhapatnam
78.	The BCCI in its AGM held on Oct 18, gave green signal to conduct which new tournament? Women's Indian Premier League
79.	India was ranked _____ out of 44 countries in the Mercer CFA Global Pension Index released on Oct 18: 41st
80.	Which country topped the Pension Index? Iceland
81.	According to a TRAI report released on Oct 18, _____ toppled BSNL in August to become the largest fixed-line service provider in the country: Reliance Jio
82.	The "Freedom on the Net " report released on Oct 18 placed which country at the top spot? Iceland
83.	More than 600 Pradhan Mantri Kisan _____ Kendra across India were inaugurated virtually on Oct 17 by Prime Minister Modi: Samruddhi
84.	Who won the men's Ballon d'Or, top French Football prize on October 17? Karim Benzema
85.	Karim Benzema hails from which country? France
86.	Alexia Putellas became the first woman to win back-to-back Ballon d'Or trophies. She plays for which Football Club? FC Barcelona
87.	Alexia Putellas hails from which country? Spain
88.	Which international day on Oct 17 aims to emphasise saving lives during accidents and ensure safety in emergency situations? World Trauma Day
89.	Which global organisation released the new Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) on October 17? United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
90.	What is the theme of this year's International Poverty Eradication Day? Dignity For All in Practice
91.	Sri Lankan author _____ Karunatilaka, 47, was named the winner of the 2022 Booker Prize: Shehan
92.	Shehan Karunatilaka won the Booker Prize for which novel? The Seven Moons of Maali Almeida
93.	What is the amount of cash award given with the Booker Prize? GBP 50,000/-
94.	Jyothi Yarraji created history by becoming the first Indian woman on Oct 17 to clock a sub-13 second time in which athletic event? 100-meter hurdles race
95.	India's first aluminum Rail Freight Rake was launched on October 16 at _____ Railway Station in Odisha: Bhubaneswar
96.	Prime Minister Modi dedicated 75 DBUs in 75 districts to the nation on Oct 16. What is a DBU? Digital Banking Unit
97.	Digital Banking Units will be functioning in virtual online mode or in the brick-and-mortar physical mode? Physical mode

98.	Which UN agency supports the celebration World Food Day on Oct 16? FAO - Food and Agriculture Organisation
99.	FAO is based in which city? Rome, Italy
100.	_____ has become the first state in the country to start the MBBS course in Hindi: Madhya Pradesh
101.	Who has appointed as the new Chief Justice of India? Dr. Justice DY Chandrachud
102.	Justice Chandrachud has become the ____ th CJI of India: 50th
103.	Which country has been awarded the hosting rights for the AFC Asian (football) Cup 2023? Qatar
104.	Who has been appointed as 'Neutral Expert' by the World Bank under the Indus Waters Treaty? Michel Lino
105.	World Bank appointed Sean Murphy as _____ of the Court of Arbitration under the Indus Waters Treaty: Chairman
106.	The Indus Waters Treaty was signed in which year? 1960
107.	Pakistan has objections to construction of which two hydroelectric power plants for whose resolution Indus Waters Treaty was signed? Kishenganga and Ratle power projects
108.	The Indus Waters Treaty allocates three Western Rivers to Pakistan and three Eastern Rivers to India. Name these rivers: Western Rivers: Indus, Jhelum, Chenab. Eastern Rivers: Ravi, Beas, Sutlej
109.	Which state announced on Oct 14 formation of a new Durgavati Tiger Reserve? Madhya Pradesh
110.	India lifted the Women's Asia Cup (cricket) for the 7th time after defeating which country? Sri Lanka
111.	Which country hosted the Women's Asia Cup 2022? Bangladesh
112.	The ICC joined hands with which global organisation to launch a global partnership to promote inclusion and gender equality through cricket? UNICEF
113.	Which Indian metro city won the overall 'World Green City Award' on Oct 14 at the World Green City Awards 2022 held in Jeju, South Korea? Hyderabad
114.	The Ministry of Defence launched a website on Oct 14 named '_____ Ke Sapoot': Maa Bharati
115.	www.maabharatiksapoot.mod.gov.in website has been launched for what purpose? To collect contributions to the Armed Forces Battle Casualties Welfare Fund
116.	India ranked _____ out of 121 countries in the Global Hunger Index 2022, with a score of 29.1: 107th
117.	Which country topped the Global Hunger Index 2022? None, almost 17 countries shared collective top-rankings with minimal difference
118.	Which international day is celebrated on Oct 15 to mark the birthday of Shri APJ Abdul Kalam? World Students' Day
119.	India observes which national day on October 15 to recognise and appreciate the contribution of women farmers in promotion of agriculture? Rashtriya Mahila Kisan Diwas
120.	Which international day is observed on Oct 15 to recognise the crucial role of women and girls in improving the sustainability of rural households and communities? International Day of Rural Women

121.	What is the tagline of Mahila Kisan Diwas: ' Sashakt Mahila, Sashakt Bharat ' (empowered women, empowered India)
122.	The theme of International Day of Rural Women for 2022 is: Millet: Empowering Women and Providing Nutritional Security
123.	The Global Handwashing Day is celebrated annually on which day of October? 15th
124.	World Egg Day is observed on _____ Friday of October: Second
125.	Which international day on Oct 14 aims to raise awareness about the importance of repairing or correctly disposing of used appliances with the aim to increase re-use, repair, recovery and recycling? International E-Waste Day
126.	October 14 is observed as World Standards Day. Which is the apex National Standards body of India? Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)
127.	A supercomputer named Param-Kamrupa, was inaugurated on October 13 in which IIT of India? IIT Guwahati
128.	Param-Kamrupa has a computing power of 838 TeraFlops. How many transactions per second are represented by one teraflop? One trillion
129.	What is the expansion of term FLOP? Floating operations per second
130.	Which global organisation released the Living Planet Report on October 13? World Wildlife Fund (WWF)
131.	The Living Planet Report finds that the Himalayan region and the _____ Ghats are the most vulnerable regions in the country in terms of biodiversity loss: Western
132.	Globally, which regions have seen the largest decline of monitored wildlife populations: Latin America and the Caribbean
133.	World Sight Day is observed on _____ Thursday of October: Second
134.	What is the theme of this year's World Sight Day? Love Your Eyes
135.	A special commemorative postage stamp was released on October 13 on the occasion of Golden Jubilee of which event? Introduction of PIN Code
136.	What is represented by the first digit of the six digit PIN code number? One of the nine postal regions in India
137.	International Day for Disaster Reduction on Oct 13 promotes provisions of which international protocol? The Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030
138.	The Sendai Framework was adopted in Sendai in 2015, in which country? Japan
139.	India celebrates National Philately Day on which day of October? 13th
140.	Abdul Latif Rashid was elected as the 9th President of _____ by its Parliament: Iraq
141.	The World Bank approved an unconditional loan of \$250 million for the "Supporting _____ Learning Transformation" (SALT) project: Andhra's
142.	In India, which is the only educational institution to secure a place in 251-300 bracket in the Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings 2023 released on October 12? Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru

143.	Which university topped the World University Rankings 2023 in the world? University of Oxford, UK
144.	Which bank announced on October 12 that it became first bank to reach a new record level of AUM of Rs 6 trillion in the home loan segment? State Bank of India
145.	What is the full form of AUM? Assets Under Management
146.	In AUM, Assets represent what in bank? Loans and advances
147.	The 36th National Games came to a close on October 12 with a glittering ceremony at _____, Gujarat: Surat
148.	While Services topped the medal tally, which state secured second rank in the final medal tally of the 36th National Games: Maharashtra
149.	Which international day is observed on Oct 12 to raise awareness about an inflammatory condition which causes pain and stiffness in joints which can worsen with age? World Arthritis Day
150.	Country's first Slender Loris sanctuary was notified on October 12 in which state? Tamil Nadu
151.	Slender Lorises are tiny nocturnal _____ who spend most of their life on trees: Mammals
152.	The Eastern Naval Command conducted its Half Yearly Offshore Security Exercise, on Oct 12 with what name? 'Prasthan'
153.	Exercise Prasthan was conducted in sea waters near which city? Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh
154.	The fourth Vande Bharat Express train was launched from Una in Himachal Pradesh to _____ on Oct 12: New Delhi
155.	The latest Commitment to Reducing Inequality Index ranked India at which spot? 123rd
156.	Which country topped the Commitment to Reducing Inequality Index? Norway
157.	International Day of the Girl Child is observed on which date? October 11
158.	India celebrates National Girl Child Day annually on which date? January 24
159.	Which global organisation released its latest World Economic Outlook 2022 report on Oct 11? IMF
160.	IMF projected that global growth will slow from 6 percent in 2021 to _____ percent in 2022: 3.2
161.	Prime Minister Modi on October 11 dedicated to the nation the Phase I of the Mahakal Lok Project in the premises of which temple? Mahakaleshwar temple
162.	Mahakaleshwar temple is situated in which city? Ujjain
163.	The FIFA U-17 Women World Cup India 2022 started on Oct 11 with a grand opening ceremony at Kalinga Stadium in _____, Odisha: Bhubaneswar
164.	India played its first match in FIFA U-17 Women World Cup India 2022 against which country? USA
165.	What is the name of the official mascot for the FIFA U-17 Women World Cup India 2022? Ibha
166.	Ibha has been modelled after which animal? An Asiatic lioness
167.	What is the official slogan for the FIFA U-17 Women World Cup India 2022? Kick off the Dream
168.	The Nobel Prize in which field is not given by the Nobel Trust? Economics

169.	What is the formal name for the Nobel Prize in Economics? Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel
170.	Sveriges Riksbank represents which organisation on Sweden? Central Bank of Sweden
171.	The 2022 Nobel in Economics has been awarded for research in which field? Role of banks in the economy, particularly during financial crises
172.	The Union Health Ministry launched Tele MANAS, a 24x7 tele-mental service, on Oct 10. Expand MANAS: Mental Health Assistance and Networking Across States
173.	The 7th IBSAMAR, a joint Multi-Nation Maritime Exercise between the Indian, Brazilian and South African Navies, was hosted by which country? South Africa
174.	In a big accolade for the Indian government, IMF termed which welfare scheme as a 'logistical marvel' considering the sheer size of the country? Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) scheme
175.	Mulayam Singh Yadav, three-time Uttar Pradesh chief minister and Samajwadi Party founder, passed away on Oct 10. He was popularly known as _____: Netaji
176.	World Mental Health Day is observed on which day of October? 10th
177.	The 2nd UN World Geospatial Information Congress was held in which Indian city from Oct 10 to 14? Hyderabad
178.	October 9 is observed as the World Post Day. What was its theme for this year? Post for Planet
179.	Which footballer on Oct 9 became the first and only player to score 700 goals in football history? Cristiano Ronaldo
180.	Who won his second successive Formula One World Champion title for 2022? Max Verstappen
181.	Max Verstappen drives for which F1 team? Red Bull
182.	Which Indian women cricketer won the "ICC Player of the Month" award for September? Harmanpreet Kaur
183.	Indian Foreign Service Day on October 9 marks which event? Establishment of the Indian Foreign Service on this day in 1946
184.	On October 9, the daily number of domestic air passengers touched _____ lakh, the highest ever in recent times before Covid: Four
185.	The Indian Olympic Association announced that the 37th edition of the National Games will be hosted by _____ in October next year: Goa
186.	Which Indian cueist won the 2022 IBSF World Billiards Championship on Oct 8 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia? Pankaj Advani
187.	Which day of October is celebrated as the Air Force Day? October 8
188.	Who was the first Indian chief of the Indian Air Force? Air Marshal Subroto Mukerjee
189.	Who is the current chief of the Indian Air Force? Air Chief Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari
190.	The government approved on Oct 8 the creation of a new branch in the Indian Air Force by which name? Weapon Systems
191.	Air Force Day on October 8 commemorates which landmark event in the history of Indian Air Force? Raising of the Indian Air Force on this day in 1932
192.	Which paramilitary force hosted the multinational Joint Anti-Terror Exercise (JATE) 2022 from October 8 to 13? National Security Guard (NSG)

193.	Joint Anti-Terror Exercise (JATE) 2022 was held at which place? Manesar, Haryana
194.	October 7 is observed as World _____ Day? Cotton
195.	The RBI announced on Oct 7 to soon launch e-rupee on pilot basis, generally known as CBDC. Expand CBDC: Central Bank Digital Currency
196.	SEBI announced on October 7 to allow BSE to start "_____stock exchange" as a separate segment: Social
197.	World Migratory Bird Day is celebrated twice a year, on the second _____ in May and in October: Saturday
198.	A first of its kind Bird Festival 2022 was inaugurated at which place in J&K on October 6? Pahalgam
199.	The X-ray spectrometer on which ISRO spaceship mapped an abundance of sodium on the moon for the first time? Chandrayaan-2
200.	Which global body released the South Asia Economic Focus report on Oct 6? World Bank
201.	The Election Commission of India launched a yearlong Voter Awareness Program titled _____ : Matdata Junction
202.	ECI launched Matdata Junction programme in collaboration with which other apex organisation? All India Radio
203.	Which is the National Aquatic Animal of India? Ganga River Dolphin
204.	India celebrates Ganga River Dolphin Day on Oct 5. Which state has India's only Dolphin Sanctuary? Bihar
205.	What is the name of India's only Dolphin Sanctuary? Vikramshila Gangetic Dolphin Sanctuary
206.	The RBI has asked all _____ Companies to designate an Internal Ombudsman (IO) by April 1, 2023: Credit Information
207.	Select True or False: The IO will not entertain direct complaints from members of the public: True
208.	Select True or False: The tenure of IO will be for a fixed term of not less than three years, but not exceeding five years: True
209.	World Teachers' Day is observed on which date? October 5
210.	Which day of October is celebrated as the World Animal Day? 4th
211.	Which Indian hockey player was named the "FIH Women's Rising Star of the Year" on Oct 04? Mumtaz Khan
212.	What is the name of the indigenously-developed Light Combat Helicopter (LCH) inducted in the Indian Air Force on Oct 3? Prachand
213.	CBI launched country wide "Operation Chakra" on Oct 04 for what purpose? To track down cyber criminals
214.	The Nobel Peace Prize 2022 has been awarded jointly to human rights activist Ales Byalyatski from _____, and two other organisations: Belarus
215.	Which are the two human rights organisations selected for the Nobel Peace Prize 2022? Memorial from Russia and Ukrainian Centre for Civil Liberties
216.	The first Monday of every October is observed as World _____ Day: Habitat
217.	What is the nick name of the second edition of the "Scheme for Mentoring Young Authors" launched on October 2? YUVA2.0

218.	What is the full form of the YUVA2.0? Young, Upcoming and Versatile Authors
219.	The Nobel Prize in Physics 2022 has been awarded to scientists Alain Aspect (France), John F Clauser (USA) and Anton Zeilinger (Austria) for their work in which field? Quantum mechanics.
220.	Birthday of Mahatma Gandhi on October 2 is observed as which international day supported by the UNO? International Day of Non-violence
221.	Which city topped the 'Swachh Survekshan Awards 2022' declared by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs on October 2? Indore
222.	Who has been voted the FIH Player of the Year, 2021-22? Harmanpreet Singh
223.	Who became the first Indian on October 2 to complete 11,000 runs in T20 history? Virat Kohli
224.	This year's first Nobel Prize was Declared on October 01, for which field? Physiology or Medicine
225.	Who won 2022 Nobel Prize in Medicine? Swedish geneticist Svante Paabo
226.	Every full Nobel prize carries a cash award of _____ million Swedish Kroners: 10
227.	The government plans to launch a dollar one billion fund in collaboration with the World Bank, and which Indian financial institution? Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)
228.	This dollar one billion fund is to be launched for what purpose? To provide guarantees against defaults on loans taken to buy electric two or three-wheelers
229.	Tulsi Tanti, popularly known as India's 'wind man', died of cardiac arrest at 64 on Oct 1. He was the founder of which big wind power company? Suzlon Energy
230.	Sujoy Lal Thakosen, Senior IPS officer has been appointed as the new Director General of which para military force? Central Reserve Police Force, CRPF
231.	Who has been made the new Director General of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police, ITBP? Anish Dayal Singh
232.	A stampede at a soccer stadium in which city of Indonesia on Oct 01 killed over 125 people and injured more than 320, making it one of the world's worst stadium disasters? Malang
233.	Navies of India and South Korea participated in a maritime partnership exercise in _____ on Oct 01: Bay of Bengal
234.	Marking the beginning of a new era in the field of telecommunications, 5G telephony services were launched in India on Oct 01 from which city? New Delhi
235.	Name the 82-year-old lady writer who has been honoured with the 2022 Nobel Prize in literature? Annie Ernaux
236.	Annie Ernaux hails from which country? France
237.	2022 Nobel Prize in Chemistry has been awarded for research work on snipping molecules together, known as _____ chemistry: Click
238.	India has pushed which country to second place to become largest producer of Sugar in the world? Brazil
239.	Of the six Nobel Prizes, except the _____ prize, all five are decided by the apex bodies in Sweden? Peace
240.	Who decides the winner of the Nobel Peace Prize? A Parliamentary Committee of Norway
241.	UT of _____ became first among all the states/UTs of India to achieve a cent percent coverage of

	precautionary dose of Corona vaccine: Andaman Nicobar Islands
242.	India firmed a deal with which country for export of missiles, rockets and ammunition, including indigenous Pinaka multi-barrel rocket launchers? Armenia
243.	For what purpose the RBI launched a web-based end-to-end workflow application, 'DAKSH', on Oct 6? To further improve the compliance culture in SEs
244.	What does term SEs refer to? Supervised Entities; like Banks, NBFCs, etc., institutions supervised by RBI
245.	The SASTRA Ramanujan Prize is associated with which field? Mathematics
246.	The SASTRA, a deemed university, is located in which state? Tamil Nadu
247.	Who has been honoured with this year's SASTRA Ramanujan Prize? Ms. Yunqing Tang
248.	Ms. Yunqing Tang is associated with which university? University of California, Berkeley, USA
249.	Indian Railways has decided to gradually reduce its carbon footprint to become Net Zero Carbon Emitter by which year? 2030
250.	The World Trade Organisation dramatically lowered its global trade growth forecast for 2023 on Oct 05, to what level? 01%
251.	Ms. Iweala hails from which country? Nigeria
252.	Who has been named the "National Icon" of the Election Commission of India on October 4: Noted actor Pankaj Tripathi
253.	Irani Cup is associated with which sports? Cricket
254.	Irani cup tournament is played in which format? Test Format
255.	Which team won the Irani Cup in 2022: Rest of India
256.	Who is the current Chief Election Commissioner of India? Rajiv Kumar
257.	Which village in Mehsana district of Gujarat, has been declared as India's first 24X7 solar-powered village? Modhera
258.	Modhera is known for which historical heritage monument? Sun Temple
259.	Which is the most famous sun temple in India: Konark Sun Temple, Odisha
260.	October 01 is celebrated as World Vegetarian Day. A vegetarian diet is usually low in → fat, fibres, vitamins, minerals: Select the correct option: Fat
261.	International Day of Older Persons is observed on which day of October? First
262.	Who is the winner of this year's UNHCR Nansen Refugee Award? Angela Merkel, former German chancellor
263.	October 01 is devoted to raising awareness about the plight ____ growers: Coffee
264.	Which global agency launched a new \$6 billion financing facility to strengthen the private sector's ability to respond to the crisis and help support food production? The International Finance Corp.
265.	Headquarters of the International Finance Corp. are located in which city? Washington DC, USA
266.	India has selected which day of October to celebrate National Voluntary Blood Donation Day? First
267.	The month-long Swachh Bharat Abhiyan 2.0 was launched on October 1 from which place in Uttar Pradesh? Prayagraj

268.	PFRDA has decided to observe ____ of October as the National Pension System Diwas (NPS Diwas): First
269.	The central government extended the application of the AFSPA in 12 districts of ____ and Arunachal Pradesh for another six months, beginning October 01: Nagaland
270.	Which country hosted the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup? Australia
271.	Which country won the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup? USA
272.	The Indian Air Force retired the No. 51 'sword arms' MiG-21 fighter Squadron on Sep 30. It is based at which place? Srinagar, J&K
273.	Who has been appointed as the new Attorney General of India? R Venkataramni
274.	Who has been appointed as the next Chief of Defence Staff (CDS)? Lt. Gen. Anil Chauhan (Retired)
275.	The CDS will also function as Secretary, Department of ____ Affairs: Military
276.	A new and upgraded version of Vande Bharat Express train was flagged off from which place on September 30? Gandhinagar, Gujarat
277.	RBI hiked the key policy rate Repo rate on Sep 30 to ____ percent, highest in last three years: 5.9
278.	The foundation stone for the first compressed natural gas (CNG) terminal in the world was laid in Gujarat's ____ on Sep 29: Bhavnagar
279.	The Global Innovation Index 2022 released on Sep 29 ranked India at which spot? 40th
280.	Who became the first-ever Indian to play 400 T20s? Rohit Sharma
281.	FIFA released a three-episode series "Captain Fantastic" on the life and career of which Indian footballer? Sunil Chhetri
282.	Hurricane Ian, a monster Category 4 storm made landfall on which US state on Sep 28-29? Florida
283.	The Union Cabinet approved a Rs 10,000 crore proposal for the redevelopment of which three railway station? New Delhi, Ahmedabad and Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus
284.	Government has decided to construct these three railway stations on EPC mode. Expand EPC: Engineering-Procurement-Construction
285.	Which company commissioned the world's largest wind-solar power plant of 600 MW capacity on Sep 29 in Rajasthan? Adani Green Energy Ltd (AGEL)
286.	This mega solar plant is located at which place in Rajasthan? Jaisalmer
287.	Which village in Kerala achieved the distinction of becoming the first totally digitally literate panchayat in the country? Pullampara
288.	In which city a roundabout named Lata Smriti Chowk, was dedicated to the melody queen Lata Mangeshkar on Sep 28, her 93rd birthday? Ayodhya
289.	A 12-metre-high statue of which musical instrument has been installed at the Lata Smriti Chowk? Veena
290.	What is the name of the multi-phase operation launched by CBI to dismantle drug networks with international linkages: Operation Garuda
291.	PR ____ and ____ Punia have been voted FIH Men's and Women's Goalkeeper of the Year for the second year in a row: Sreejesh, Savita

292.	The India Expo Centre and Mart was adjudged the best convention centre by the union ministry of tourism on Sep 28. It is in which state? Uttar Pradesh, in Greater Noida
293.	The Chandigarh International Airport was officially named as _____ International Airport on Sep 28: Shaheed Bhagat Singh
294.	Shaheed Bhagat Singh International Airport is a joint venture of Punjab and Haryana government and Airports Authority of India. Who among these is the majority shareholder @51%? Airports Authority of India
295.	The Ministry of Home Affairs banned the PFI and its associates for five years, wef Sep 28. Expand PFI: Popular Front of India
296.	A NASA spacecraft successfully crashed, as planned, into an asteroid on Sep 27 in a first-of-its-kind mission. What was the name of this mission? DART
297.	Expand the acronym DART: Double Asteroid Redirection Test
298.	In a major first, in which place the Integrated Cryogenic Engine manufacturing facility of Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd was inaugurated on Sep 27? Bengaluru
299.	Giorgia Meloni became the first female Prime Minister of which European country on Sep 27? Italy
300.	The Rural Development Ministry launched the _____ App on Sep 27 to capture the water level of selected wells in a village across the country: Jaldoot
301.	Government has decided to extend PMGKAY (Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana) for a period of three months, till what date? December 31, 2022
302.	The Supreme Court began live streaming of its proceedings for the public from Sep 27 for which of its benches? Constitution Benches
303.	In a landmark verdict on Sep 27, the Supreme Court directed to remove all business activities within 500 metres from the boundary/peripheral wall of which iconic world heritage monument? The Taj Mahal
304.	Nikhil Kamath, co-founder of stock broking startup _____, topped the IIFL Wealth Hurun India 40 & Under Self-Made Rich List: Zerodha
305.	Who has been declared as the winner of the 2020 Dada Saheb Phalke Award? Veteran actress Asha Parekh
306.	What is the amount of cash reward given with the Dada Saheb Phalke Award? Rs. ten lakh
307.	What is the name of the trophy given with the Dada Saheb Phalke Award? Swarna Kamal
308.	Prince Mohammed bin Salman has been appointed as the Prime Minister of which Arabian nation? Saudi Arabia
309.	Who is the only Indian to be listed in the Time magazine's top 100 global rising stars, worldwide? Akash Ambani, Chairman of Jio
310.	Researchers from which country discovered a new type of crystal from the volcanic debris brought down from the near side of the moon? China
311.	For the first time in India, indigenously-developed AVGAS 100 LL was launched on Sep 25. What is it? Aviation fuel
312.	As per the India Tourism Statistics-2022, which state received the highest number of foreign tourist visitors? Maharashtra

313.	Who is the winner of 32nd Bihari Puraskar: Dr Madhav Hada
314.	The prestigious Bihari Puraskar is awarded to Hindi authors from state of _____ only: Rajasthan
315.	India reached a milestone on Sep 22 by successfully demonstrating the attack capability of an advanced ALS 50. What type of weapon is it? Drone
316.	The Indian Army and Defence Geoinformatics and Research Establishment, jointly installed India's first avalanche monitoring radar on Sep 20 at which place? North Sikkim
SEPTEMBER 2022	
1.	September 30 is observed as the International Translation Day. Who is regarded as the patron saint of translators? St. Jerome
2.	Which International organisation supports the celebrations of the World Maritime Day on Last Thursday of September? International Maritime Organisation
3.	Headquarters of International Maritime Organisation are situated in which city? London
4.	What is the theme of this year's World Heart Day celebrated on Sep 29? Use Heart for Every Heart
5.	_____ became the first lender to get RBI's approval for rupee based trade settlements: UCO Bank
6.	The UCO Bank will open a special Vostro account with which Russian bank for trade settlement in Indian rupees? Gazprom Bank
7.	Headquarters of UCO Bank are situated in which city? Kolkata
8.	World Rabies Day is observed on which day of September? 28th
9.	The official celebrations for this year's World Tourism Day on Sep 27 will be held in which city? Bali, Indonesia
10.	Which global rating agency issued the Economic Outlook for Asia Pacific report on Sep 26? S&P Global Ratings
11.	Duleep trophy is associated with which sport? Cricket
12.	Which team won the Duleep Trophy for 2022 on Sep 25? West Zone
13.	Name the two-time Olympics champion who created a new world record in the Berlin Marathon on Sep 25: Eliud Kipchoge
14.	Eliud Kipchoge hails from which country? Kenya
15.	What is the nickname given to Jhulan Goswami, complimenting her high bowling speed? Chakdaha Express
16.	Recently, which public sector company was granted the status of 'Maharatna' on Sep 22? Rural Electrification Corporation Ltd.
17.	Registered office of Rural Electrification Corporation Ltd. is located in ____? New Delhi
18.	As on date, there are how many Maharatna enterprises in India? 12
19.	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
20.	Breakthrough Prizes are awarded in three fields -- fundamental physics, mathematics, and ____: Life sciences

21.	They are awarded by which organisation? Breakthrough Prize in Life Sciences Board
22.	Who has been elected as the President of Hockey India, governing body of Hockey in India? Dilip Tirkey
23.	World Rivers Day is observed on ____ Sunday of September: Last
24.	Which Sunday of September is observed as the Happy Daughters' Day? Fourth
25.	Antyodaya Diwas on Sep 25 marks the birth anniversary of which prominent national leader? Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya
26.	What is theme of this year's International Day of Sign Languages? Sign Languages Unite Us!
27.	The Hindustan Shipyard Limited handed over to the Indian Navy two ____ vessels, Nistar and Nipun on September 22: Diving support
28.	The Hindustan Shipyard Limited is located at which place? Visakhapatnam
29.	Which Indian state is home to largest number of Greater one-horned Rhinos? Assam
30.	Which National Park is home to largest number of Greater one-horned Rhinos? Kaziranga National Park, Assam
31.	Celebration of World Rose Day on Sep 22 is associated with which dreaded disease? Cancer
32.	Which project of National Health Mission won an award at an UN General Assembly side event on Sep 21? India Hypertension Control Initiative
33.	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
34.	The World Alzheimer's Day is observed on Sep 21. Alzheimer is associated with which ailment? Gradual loss of memory
35.	Which state notified the country's first 'Dugong Conservation Reserve' on Sep 21? Tamil Nadu
36.	Country's first 'Dugong Conservation Reserve' has been opened in which area? Palk Bay near Rameswaram
37.	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
38.	Name the Comedy King who made a mark as a stand-up comedian, died on Sep 21: Raju Srivastav
39.	Which state allowed Adani Ports to develop a mega greenfield deep-sea port at Tajpur? West Bengal
40.	The Skill Certification Assessment for Leather Employees (SCALE) app was launched on Sep 20 at the Central Leather Research Institute in ____: Chennai
41.	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
42.	What type of warship was INS Ajay that was decommissioned on September 19? Anti-submarine warfare corvette
43.	What is a corvette in context of Navy: Small warship
44.	Which team won the SAFF Women's Football Championship? Bangladesh
45.	Which country hosted the SAFF Women's Football Championship? Nepal

46.	Which Indian film has been announced as India's official entry to the Oscars 2023? Chhello Show
47.	Chhello Show is a film made in which language? Gujarati
48.	What is the English title of the film 'Chhello Show'? Last Film Show
49.	Name of the capital of Kazakhstan has been changed from Nur Sultan to ____: Astana
50.	Coast Guard ships from India and America conducted joint exercise ____ from Sep 16 to 19: Abhyas 01/22
51.	Abhyas 01/22 was conducted at which place? Off the Chennai coast
52.	On Sep 18, The Indian Army activated satellite broadband-based internet service on the____, the world's highest battlefield: Siachen Glacier
53.	India is the world's ____ largest cultivator of bamboo: Second
54.	Which UN Agency supports the celebration of the International Equal Pay Day on Sep 18? ILO - International Labour Organisation
55.	Typhoon Nanmadol devastated Kyushu Island on Sep 18 in which country? Japan
56.	Name the Indian male wrestler who was the sole medal winner among men at the World Wrestling Championships held at Belgrade, Serbia: Bajrang Punia
57.	Durand Cup is associated with which sport? Football
58.	Which city hosted the finals of the Durand Cup on Sep 18? Kolkata
59.	Which team won the 2022 Durand Cup? Bengaluru FC
60.	Creating a milestone in the wildlife scenario of India, how many Cheetahs were introduced in the Kuno National Park on Sep 17? Eight
61.	Kuno National Park is situated in which Indian State? Madhya Pradesh
62.	Cheetahs introduced in the Kuno National Park were brought from which country? Namibia
63.	The Ministry of ____ revised the threshold for paid up capital and turnover of small companies: Corporate Affairs
64.	Which champion para javelin thrower secured a silver medal in the World Para Athletics Grand Prix, in Morocco on Sep 17? Devendra Jhajharia
65.	International Coastal Clean-up Day is observed on which Saturday of September? Third
66.	What was the theme selected for World Patient Safety Day on Sep 17? Medication Safety
67.	Which Indian industrialist was honoured with Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur on Sep 16? Dr Swati Piramal
68.	Dr Swati Piramal is the vice chairperson of which corporate group? Piramal Group
69.	India's first lithium cell manufacturing facility was inaugurated on Sep 16 at which place in Andhra Pradesh? Tirupati
70.	Which corporate group became largest in India in terms of market capitalisation as on close of business on BSE on Sep 16? Adani Group
71.	World Ozone Day is observed on which date? Sep 16
72.	The Indian Army conducted this 20-day long routine exercise in eastern Ladakh in September? Parvat Prahar Exercise

73.	Ozone Layer is formed mainly in the lower portion of the _____, at approximately 15 to 35 kilometres above Earth: Stratosphere
74.	Which country signed a MoU on Sep 16 to become the ninth full member of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)? Iran
75.	Prime Minister Narendra Modi participated in the 22 nd SCO Summit on 15-16 Sep at _____ in Uzbekistan: Samarkand
76.	Which country has taken over the rotational Presidency of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation –SCO for 2022-23? India
77.	Which day of September is denoted for celebrating International Day of Democracy? 15th
78.	India celebrates the Engineer's Day on Sep 15 to mark the birth anniversary of which acclaimed civil engineer? M. Visvesvaraya
79.	Bharat Ratna M Visvesvaraya excelled in which field of civil engineering? Dams and hydro projects
80.	Which company topped in the Kantar BrandZ Top 75 Most Valuable Indian Brands 2022 report released on Sep 14? TCS - Tata Consultancy Services
81.	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
82.	Final match of SAFF under-17 Football Championship (men's) was played on Sep 14 in which city? Colombo
83.	India defeated which team to win the SAFF under-17 Football Championship? Nepal
84.	Hindi Diwas on Sep 14 commemorates the adoption of Hindi as the official language of India on this day in which year? 1949
85.	Which two companies have joined hands to set up India's largest semiconductor and display manufacturing unit? Vedanta and Foxconn
86.	Foxconn Company is registered in which country? Taiwan
87.	This mega plant is being set up in which Indian state? Gujarat
88.	What was the name of the two week long multi nation maritime exercise hosted by Australia, beginning Sep 13? Ex Kakadu
89.	Which Armed Force recently launched its all-female camel riding squad? BSF
90.	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
91.	Gulf of Guinea is located in which part of the world? South of Nigeria, in Atlantic Ocean south west of Africa
92.	_____ became the first bank in India to issue an Electronic Bank Guarantee (e-BG): HDFC Bank
93.	The person at whose request the bank issues a BG, is known as: Applicant
94.	Who is the 'beneficiary' in the process of issuance of BG? Govt Deptt/Company in whose favour the BG is issued
95.	_____ has become the first Indian institution to join the IBM Quantum Network in USA: IIT Madras

96.	India's first National Maritime Heritage Complex is coming up at the historic Indus Valley civilisation region of Lothal in which state? Gujarat
97.	_____ topped the states in the implementation of Prime Minister's ambitious Mission Amrit Sarovar: Uttar Pradesh
98.	Public sector shipbuilder Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd. Mumbai, launched 'Taragiri', the third Nilgiri class _____ of Project 17A on Sep 11: Stealth Frigate
99.	15 th Asia Cup (Men's T20 cricket) was hosted by which country? UAE
100.	Sri Lanka defeated which country to lift their 6th Asia Cup title? Pakistan
101.	Finals of the 15 th Asia Cup were played in which place? Dubai
102.	What was the name of the joint operation of India and Japan navies that began on Sep 11? JIMEX 22
103.	JIMEX 22 was held at which place? In Bay of Bengal, near Visakhapatnam
104.	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
105.	Last Grand Slam of Tennis, US Open concluded on Sep 11 in which city? New York
106.	Who won men's Singles title at the US Open? Carlos Alcaraz
107.	Carlos Alcaraz hails from which country? Spain
108.	After the end of US Open, who became the youngest world number one in men's tennis? Carlos Alcaraz
109.	Name the women's number one tennis player who won the single's title at the US Open: Iga Swiatek
110.	Iga Swiatek hails from which country? Poland
111.	Name the Shankaracharya of the Dwarka-Sharda Peeth who passed away on Sep 11: Swami Swaroopanand Saraswati
112.	World First Aid Day is observed annually on second _____ of September: Saturday
113.	What was the theme of the World First Aid Day observed on September 10? Lifelong First Aid
114.	Which day of September is observed as the World Suicide Prevention Day? 10th
115.	Name the veteran archaeologist who died at his Delhi residence on Sep 10 at the age of 101: Prof B B Lal
116.	Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park secured first rank among 150 zoos of India. It is located in which place? Darjeeling
117.	Which veteran tennis icon from Switzerland, announced his retirement from professional tennis at the age of 41? Roger Federer
118.	September 09 is observed as World EV Day. Which company is the largest electric car seller in the world? BYD Co. Ltd., China
119.	Which multi-nation organisation released the Human Development Index-2021 on Sep 08? UNDP - United Nations Development Programme
120.	Which country topped the Human Development Index-2021? Switzerland
121.	India was placed at which spot in the HDI 2021? 132nd
122.	Celebration of the International Literacy Day on Sep 8 is supported by which UN agency? UNESCO

123.	Who became the first Indian to win a gold at the Diamond League Final 2022 in Switzerland? Neeraj Chopra
124.	Which Indian state won the International Travel Award 2023 for 'Best Destination for Culture'? West Bengal
125.	The Indian Army and the DRDO successfully tested the quick reaction surface-to-air missile. What is its strike range? 30 km
126.	Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Kartavya Path on Sep 08 in New Delhi. What is its approximate length? Three km
127.	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
128.	What is the full expansion of e-FAST? Electric Freight Accelerator for Sustainable Transport
129.	International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies is celebrated on which day of September? Seventh
130.	Karim Benzema, winner of UEFA Player of the Year prize, Men's, is from which country? France
131.	Alexia Putellas, winner of UEFA Player of the Year prize, women's, plays for which Football Club? FC Barcelona
132.	The government has set up a panel headed by _____ to review the formula that dictates the pricing of natural gas: Dr. Kirit S Parikh
133.	What is the theme of this year's International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies? The Air We Share
134.	Name the 35 year old left handed Indian batsman who announced his retirement on Sep 06 from all formats of cricket: Suresh Raina
135.	The Indian Science Technology and Engineering facilities Map (I-STEM) launched WEST mission on Sep 5. Expand WEST: Women in Engineering, Science & Technology
136.	Daihatsu Yonex Japan Open Badminton Championship was hosted by which city in first week of September? Osaka
137.	What is the name of the India's first intranasal Covid vaccine approved by CDSCO on Sep 05? iNCOVACC
138.	iNCOVACC has been manufactured by which pharma company? Bharat Biotech, Hyderabad
139.	What is the full form of CDSCO? Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation
140.	Name the Prime Minister of Bangladesh who arrived in New Delhi on September 5, on a four-day official visit: Sheikh Hasina
141.	The 5.13 km Rupsha rail bridge over the river Rupsha has been inaugurated in which country? Bangladesh
142.	International Day of Charity on Sep 05 marks the death anniversary of which revered saint? Saint Mother Teresa
143.	Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan was the first _____ of India: Vice President
144.	On which date we observe World Teachers' Day? October 05
145.	Country's first modified bio-village, Daspara, has been developed in which state? Tripura
146.	Grandmaster Aravindh Chithambaram emerged champion in the 22nd _____ Open chess tournament held in Dubai on Sep 04: Dubai

147.	India hosted the first-ever official UCI MTB (International Cyclist Union- Mountain Bike) event on Sep 04 in which place? Leh, Ladakh
148.	What is the name of the mascot for the 36th National Games that was unveiled on Sep 04? Savaj
149.	Savaj has been modelled after which animal? Small lion
150.	Name the business tycoon who once headed the Tata Group, died in a road accident on Sep 04: Cyrus Mistry
151.	ISRO successfully demonstrated a new technology with IAD. What is IAD? Inflatable Aerodynamic Decelerator
152.	The IAD was launched overboard which sounding rocket? Rohini
153.	The IAD was launched from _____ Equatorial Rocket Launching Station in Kerala: Thumba
154.	Army's Kharga Corps and the Air Force conducted joint exercise 'Gagan Strike' in first week of September in which state? Punjab
155.	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
156.	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
157.	The Changthang Wildlife Sanctuary is located in which state/UT? Ladakh
158.	How many Indian cities joined the UNESCO's Global Network of Learning Cities recently? Three
159.	Of these three cities, which one is from Telangana? Warangal
160.	International Vulture Awareness Day is observed on first _____ of September? Saturday
161.	Presence of residuals of which medicine in cattle carcasses caused en-masse death of vultures in India in 1990s? Diclofenac
162.	World Coconut Day is observed on Sep 02. India is _____ largest producer of coconuts, producing over 20.3 billion nuts annually: The (top)
163.	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
164.	The octagonal seal is in spired from the seal of which great Indian Emperor? Shivaji Maharaj
165.	What is the motto of the Indian Navy? "Sam no Varunah" (शं नो वरुणः)
166.	The Indian Army contingent of the Gorkha Regiment troops took part in the Exercise Vostok - 2022 in which country? Russia
167.	Which major sector of economy registered highest growth of 25.7% in Qr. ending June 30? Services
168.	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
169.	The ADB approved a loan of Rs. 4,000 crore to which state for setting up medical colleges? Maharashtra
170.	As per IMF data, India leaped past which country to become the fifth-largest economy in the world? United Kingdom
171.	Which film won the Filmfare award for the Best Film? Shershaah

172.	Who was honoured with this year's Filmfare Lifetime Achievement Award: Subhash Ghai, noted film producer
173.	Which apex agency released the "Competitiveness Roadmap for India@100" on August 30? Economic Advisory Council to Prime Minister
174.	Who is the current head of the Economic Advisory Council to Prime Minister? Dr Bibek Debroy
175.	Miss Divita Rai, the 23-year-old beauty queen from _____ won the coveted "Miss Diva Universe 2022" title: Karnataka
176.	Ramon Magsaysay Awards are given in which country? Philippines
177.	Which organisation sponsors the Ramon Magsaysay Awards? Rockefeller Brothers Fund, USA
178.	How many Ramon Magsaysay Awards were given this year? Four
179.	The Indian Coast Guard carried out its 10th National Maritime Search and Rescue Exercise SAREX-22 at which place? Off the Chennai coast
180.	Name the veteran Russian statesman who ended the Cold War without bloodshed in 1990s, who died on August 30: Mikhail Gorbachev
181.	Gorbachev was famous for which two terms coined by him? Glasnost and Perestroika
182.	What did the terms Glasnost and Perestroika represented? Openness and Restructuring, respectively
183.	According to Bloomberg Billionaires Index, _____ is now the world's third-richest person on August 30: Gautam Adani
184.	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
185.	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
186.	Whale Sharks are found in large numbers near the coast of which Indian state? Gujarat
187.	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
188.	The Indian Army is planning to induct Indigenous Indian Light Tank named _____, designed specially to operate from High Altitude Area: Zorawar
189.	BWF World Championships concluded in _____ on August 28: Tokyo
190.	Grandmaster Arjun Erigaisi of India won the 28th _____ Masters Chess Tournament on August 25: Abu Dhabi
191.	Who was awarded this year's Vyas Samman? Dr Asghar Wajahat
192.	What is the cash prize given in the Vyas Samman? Rs. Four lakh
AUGUST 2022	
1.	National Sports Day on August 29 marks the birthday of which great sportsperson? Major Dhyan Chand, Wizard of Hockey
2.	The International Day against Nuclear Tests is observed on which day of August? 29th

3.	Neeraj Chopra won the javelin throw competition on August 26 at the Lausanne Diamond League in which country? Switzerland
4.	Linthoi Chanambam, 15 year old girl from _____, claimed a historic gold on August 26 in the 57 kg category at the World Cadet Judo Championship in Sarajevo: Manipur
5.	Sarajevo is the capital of which country? Bosnia and Herzegovina
6.	Women's Equality Day on August 26 commemorates the granting of voting rights to women in which country? USA
7.	Which UT/State has become the first to establish an Atal Tinkering Lab (ATL) in partnership with the government think tank NITI Aayog? Jammu and Kashmir
8.	The NITI Aayog has declared district _____ in Uttarakhand as India's Best Aspirational District: Haridwar
9.	What is the new common brand name for the fertilisers under the Central Government's 'One Nation, One Fertiliser' scheme? Bharat
10.	Which country recently launched of the world's first-ever hydrogen-powered passenger train fleet? Germany
11.	DRDO and the _____ successfully flight tested indigenously designed and developed Vertical Launch Short Range Surface to Air Missile (VL-SRSAM) on August 23: Indian Navy
12.	India's first commercial "Space Situational Awareness Observatory " is being set up in which state? Uttarakhand
13.	Which Indian chess master, defeated world champion Magnus Carlsen on August 22 in the last round of the FTX Crypto Cup in Miami, USA? R Praggnanandhaa
14.	Vikram Doraiswami, senior diplomat has been appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to which country? United Kingdom
15.	The Union Government has awarded the Geographical Indication (GI) tag to which agro product of Bihar? Mithila Makhana
16.	Who is the winner of this year's UNESCO Peace Prize? Angela Merkel
17.	India's first indigenously developed Hydrogen Fuel Cell Bus was launched on 21st August in which city? Pune
18.	Who became the new world heavyweight boxing champion on August 21 in rematch held in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia? Oleksandr Usyk
19.	Who has been appointed as the Secretary to President Droupadi Murmu, by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet? Rajesh Verma
20.	What was the name of the three-week-long 17 nation military exercise held in the Northern Territory of Australia? Exercise Pitch Black 2022
21.	Which day of August is observed as World Senior Citizens Day? 21st
22.	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

23.	According to the National Health Portal of India, Aedes, Anopheles, and Culex mosquitoes act as _____ and spread many diseases: Vectors
24.	The External Affairs Ministry has announced that the 17th Pravasi Bhartiya Divas 2023 will be held in _____, Madhya Pradesh: Indore
25.	India observes August 20 as Akshay Urja Diwas. Who is current minister for New & Renewable Energy? Sh. Raj Kumar Singh
26.	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
27.	_____ has become the first 'Har Ghar Jal' certified State in the country where every household has been provided water tap connection: Goa
28.	Among UTs, _____ has become first 'Har Ghar Jal' certified UT of the country? Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu
29.	Sadbhavana Diwas on August 20 commemorates birthday of which statesman? Sh. Rajiv Gandhi
30.	Sh. Rajiv Gandhi was India's Prime Minister during which years? 1984 -89
31.	The Central Government launched which app and campaign to promote and support early childhood development? Paalan 1000
32.	The 131st edition of Asia's oldest football tournament, Durand Cup, started on August 16 in which city? Kolkata
33.	What is the name of the Indian Railway's heaviest and longest freight train, test operated on August 15? Super Vasuki
34.	Which zone of Indian Railway recently operated its heaviest and longest freight train, measuring 3.5 km? South East Central Railway
35.	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
36.	Madhya Pradesh's tribal-dominated _____ district has become the country's first fully "functionally literate" district: Mandla
37.	Which UN Office supports celebration of the World Humanitarian Day on August 19? UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs
38.	Government has launched Aqua Bazar app on August 18 for what purpose? To promote logistics support for fish farmers
39.	Which Malaysian city will host the prestigious Sultan Azlan Shah Cup 2022? Ipoh
40.	Sultan Azlan Shah Cup is associated with which sports? Hockey
41.	A team of scientists and researchers in _____ developed India's first 3D-printed Cornea: Hyderabad
42.	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
43.	A sister agency of the advertising giant Rediffusion, launched India's own font. What is its name? Bharat
44.	India's first electric double decker AC bus has been launched for public transport in which city? Mumbai

45.	_____ has become the first state in the country to deploy a production-grade blockchain-based seed distribution programme: Jharkhand
46.	The Union Cabinet approved interest subvention of 1.5% on Short Term Agriculture Loans upto Rs. _____ lakh: Three
47.	Name the veteran stock market investor, popular as the "Big Bull of Dalal Street", who passed away on August 14 in Mumbai: Rakesh Jhunjhunwala
48.	Asia's largest Compressed Biogas (CBG) plant began its commercial operations on August 13 at village Bhuttal Kalan in _____, Punjab: Sangrur
49.	What is the main raw material consumed by the CBG plant in Bhuttal Kalan? Paddy straw and stubble
50.	Indian Air Force conducted Ex Udarshakti with which country, beginning on August 13? Malaysia
51.	World Sanskrit Day is observed annually on the Poornima of which month of the Hindu calendar? Shravana (Sawan)
52.	India added 11 more wetlands to the list of Ramsar sites on August 13, to make a total _____ Ramsar sites in India: 75
53.	Government has launched National Integrated Database on Arrested Narco-offenders. What is its short name? NIDAAN
54.	World Organ Donation Day is observed on which day of August? 13th
55.	India celebrates its own National Organ Donation Day on which date? November 27
56.	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment launched the project "SMILE" on August 12 for what purpose? To make cities and towns free from beggars
57.	What is the full expansion of the acronym SMILE? Support for Marginalised Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise
58.	International Youth Day is observed on which date? August 12
59.	India celebrates her own National Youth Day on which Date? January 12
60.	Which species of Elephants is regarded as the largest land animal? African Elephant
61.	Which Indian state has the largest number of Elephants? Karnataka
62.	Which country has the largest number of elephants? Botswana
63.	Which university has been ranked first among Indian Universities in the latest Nature Index 2022 ranking? University of Hyderabad
64.	The French government selected which senior Congress leader for conferring France's highest civilian award Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur? Shashi Thoror
65.	Dr Kalaiselvi N has been appointed as the first woman Director-General of which apex research organisation? Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)
66.	CSIR is based at which place? New Delhi
67.	William Ruto won the Presidential election in which African country? Kenya
68.	Which tennis legend, announced her retirement from professional tennis, after playing the forthcoming US Open, starting on August 29? Serena Williams
69.	What is the name of the 3D virtual space tech park launched by the ISRO on August 10? SPARK

70.	August 10 is observed as World Biofuel Day. Name the three most popular bio fuels: Ethanol, Biodiesel and Biogas
71.	August 10 is devoted to raise awareness for the protection and conservation of which wild animal? Lion
72.	Which Indian state has largest population of Lions? Gujarat
73.	Apart from August 10, which other date is observed as National Deworming Day? February 10
74.	Which anti worm tablet is administered orally to children on National Deworming Day? Albendazole
75.	Assam government signed a joint statement on August 9 with which state to resolve boundary dispute with that state? Mizoram
76.	Singapore government declared on August 9, the iconic green site _____, as its 75th national monument: Padang
77.	International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples observed on August 09 is popularly also known as World _____ Day: Tribal
78.	The 44th FIDE Chess Olympiad hosted by Chennai, concluded on August 9. Which nation won the gold in the open section? Uzbekistan
79.	India won which medal in the open section of 44th FIDE Chess Olympiad? Bronze
80.	Which team won the gold in women's section in the 44th FIDE Chess Olympiad? Ukraine
81.	The International Chess Federation granted hosting rights for the 2026 Chess Olympiad to which country? Uzbekistan
82.	The Union Cabinet approved the continuation of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U) up to which date? December 31, 2024
83.	PMAY-U is the flagship programme of which union ministry? Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
84.	Who is the current head of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs? Sh. Hardeep Singh Puri
85.	Which state notified its 5th Elephant Reserve at Agasthyamalai in Tirunelveli district? Tamil Nadu
86.	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
87.	Gustavo Petro has been sworn in as the President of which country? Colombia
88.	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
89.	Who became the first cricketer on August 8 to play 600 matches in T20 cricket? Kieron Pollard
90.	India won how many gold medals in the Commonwealth Games concluded on August 8? 22
91.	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
92.	In which sports Indian players won highest number – 7 gold medals, in the Commonwealth Games? Wrestling
93.	Which state hosted the Ex Vajra Prahar 2022? Himachal Pradesh
94.	Which city hosted the SAFF U20 Football Championship: Bhubaneswar, Odisha

95.	India trounced which country to win the SAFF U20 Football Championship: Bangladesh
96.	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
97.	Under which exercise the Indian Army tested the operational readiness of its satellite-based systems deployed across the country? Skylight
98.	Name the 16 year old chess prodigy from Chennai who became India's 75th Grand Master on August 07: V Pranav
99.	Viswanathan Anand, Indian chess legend was elected as the _____ of FIDE: Deputy President
100.	Headquarters of the world chess body FIDE are located in which place? Lausanne, Switzerland
101.	Who has been re-elected as the President of FIDE? Arkady Dvorkovich (Russia)
102.	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
103.	This shipyard of L&T is located at which place? Kattupalli, Chennai
104.	August Kranti Diwas on August 8 marks which historical event? Launch of Quit India Movement by Mahatma Gandhi in 1942
105.	Quit India Movement was launched at which session of All-India Congress Committee? Bombay
106.	Celebration of the National Handloom Day on August 07 marks which historical event? Launch of Swadeshi Movement in 1905
107.	Swadeshi Movement was launched from which city? Kolkata
108.	Which national awards are given to honour artisans and weavers on the National Handloom Day? Sant Kabir Awards
109.	NDA candidate Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar was elected as the _____ Vice-President of India on August 6: 14th
110.	Sh. Dhankhar was administered the oath of office by constitutional authority? Hon'ble President, Ms. Draupadi Murmu
111.	Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar hails from which place in Rajasthan? Jhunjhunu
112.	Before becoming Vice President, sh. Dhankhar was the Governor of which state? West Bengal
113.	Election of the Vice President of India is conducted under which article of the Indian Constitution? Article 66
114.	Who was declared as the AIFF Men's Footballer of the Year, 2021-22 for the seventh time? Sunil Chhetri
115.	Who won her maiden title as the AIFF Women's Footballer of the Year, 2021-22? Manisha Kalyan
116.	What was the nickname of the Atom bomb dropped on Hiroshima in 1945? Little Boy
117.	Dropping of nuclear bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki is associated with which landmark historical event? End of World War II
118.	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
119.	Which Indian corporate got highest rank, 98 th , in the latest 2022 Fortune Global 500 list? LIC of India

120.	Which global company secured the top spot for the ninth consecutive year, in the latest 2022 Fortune Global 500 list? Walmart Inc., USA
121.	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
122.	President of _____ Ibrahim Mohamed Solih arrived in New Delhi on August 1 on a four day official visit: Maldives
123.	PM Modi announced a Line of Credit of \$_____ million for Maldives, for the completion of development projects in a time-bound manner: 100
124.	The Union Cabinet has approved India's updated Nationally Determined _____, NDC to be communicated to the UNFCCC: Contribution
125.	What is the full form of UNFCCC? United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
126.	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
127.	The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved highest ever FRP of sugarcane at Rs. 305 per quintal for sugar season 2022-23. What is FRP? Fair and Remunerative Price
128.	Who has been sworn in as the Central Vigilance Commissioner on August 03? Suresh N Patel
129.	The UN General Assembly adopted a resolution on July 28 that declares access to a "_____ environment" a universal human right: Clean, healthy and sustainable
130.	On July 23, the WHO Director-General declared the escalating global monkeypox outbreak as a "Public Health _____ of International Concern": Emergency
131.	As per the WHO reports, _____ is the current epicenter of the outbreak of monkeypox: Europe
132.	The Agricultural Census (2021-22) was launched in the country on July 28. It was which number in series? Eleventh
133.	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
134.	World Lung Cancer Day is observed on which date? August 01
135.	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
136.	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
137.	Nifty futures contracts on Singapore Exchange (SGX) was launched for trading at the International Financial Service Centre (IFSC) in which place in India? At GIFT City near Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
138.	India's first international bullion exchange was inaugurated on July 29 at which place? GIFT City near Gandhinagar, Gujarat
139.	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

140.	Exercise AL NAJAH -IV was held at which place? Mahajan Field Firing Range in Bikaner, Rajasthan
141.	With which country India hosted the bilateral army exercise "Ex VINBAX 2022" from August 01 to 20? Vietnam
142.	Ex-VINBAX 2022 was hosted by India at which place? Chandimandir cantonment, near Panchkula, Haryana
143.	As per recent rankings released by Kantar India on July 28 for FMCG brands, which was the most chosen brand? Parle biscuits
144.	What is the full form of FMCG? Fast Moving Consumer Goods
145.	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
146.	Roshni Nadar Malhotra is the CEO of which corporate group? HCL Technologies
147.	Which company delivered the first lot of the indigenously developed Quick Reaction Fighting Vehicles (QRFVs) to the Indian Army? Tata Advanced Systems
148.	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)
149.	Which US company manufactures the MH-60 R (Romeo) helicopters? Lockheed Martin Corp., USA
150.	Which shipyard handed over India's first indigenously built aircraft carrier Vikrant, to the Indian Navy on July 28? Cochin Shipyard, Kerala
151.	What is the official slogan for the 2024 Paris Olympics? Games wide open
152.	Who created history by becoming the first ever Indian to win Gold in the Greco-Roman U-17 World Wrestling Championship in Rome, Italy? Suraj Vashishth
153.	Maritime Partnership Exercise (MPX) was conducted between Japan Maritime Self Defence Force and Indian Navy in ____? The Andaman Sea
154.	In which neighbouring country of India, for the first time, women outnumbered men in its total population? Bangladesh
155.	Of the five partners jointly running the International Space Station- ISS, which country has announced to quit the project after 2024? Russia
JULY 2022	
1.	The World Ranger Day is observed on which day of July? 31st
2.	Which UN agency supports the celebration of World Day Against Trafficking in Persons on July 30? UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)
3.	Which city hosted the 44 th FIDE Chess Olympiad that started on July 28? Chennai
4.	City of Ramsar is located in which country? Iran
5.	For which state the Asian Development Bank approved a \$96.3 million loan for funding of safe drinking water and sanitation projects? Himachal Pradesh.
6.	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
7.	What is the theme of this year's World Hepatitis Day? Hepatitis can't wait

8.	Success of which military operation on July 26 in 1999 sealed Indian victory over Pakistan in Kargil war? Operation Vijay
9.	The Kargil War Memorial is located at which place in Ladakh? Drass
10.	The International Cricket Council (ICC) announced that _____ will host the 2025 ICC Women's ODI World Cup: India
11.	Which Indian national has been appointed by the World Bank as its Chief Economist and Senior Vice President for Development Economics? Indermit Gill
12.	Which Indian State has largest number of Tigers? Madhya Pradesh
13.	Income Tax Day on July 24 marks which event in the history? Introduction of Income tax in 1860
14.	National Broadcasting Day on July 23 marks which event in broadcasting history of India? First ever radio broadcast in 1927
15.	The first ever radio broadcast in India was made from which radio station in 1927? Bombay station
16.	All India Radio functions under which apex organisation? Prasaar Bharti
17.	Which US city hosted the World Athletics Championships from July 15 to 24? Eugene
18.	Who won this year's Tour de France cycling marathon? Jonas Vingegaard
19.	Jonas Vingegaard hails from which country? Denmark
20.	The 68 th National Film Awards were announced on July 22. These are administered by which organisation? Directorate of Film Festivals
21.	Name the noted film producer who headed the jury for the 68 th National Film Awards: Vipul Shah
22.	Which film won the National Award for Best Feature Film? Soorai Potru
23.	Film Soorai Potru has been made in which language? Tamil
24.	Film Toolsidas Junior was in news recently for which reason? It won the National Award for the Best Hindi Film
25.	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
26.	Which two European countries were in news recently for being ravaged by devastating wildfires? Greece and Turkey
27.	Neeraj Chopra won which medal in World Athletics Championships? Silver
28.	Which US state was devastated by widespread severe wildfires in third week of July? California
29.	Which Indian state has largest area under Mangrove forests? West Bengal
30.	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
31.	What is the theme of this year's World Brain Day observed on July 22? Brain Health for all
32.	Which exquisite mango breed costs nearly Rs. 2.5 to 3 lakh per kg in Japan? Miyazaki
33.	_____ Gunawardena was appointed Sri Lanka's new Prime Minister on July 22: Dinesh

34.	Madam Droupadi Murmu was elected as the ____ President of India on July 21: 15th
35.	Which state topped among major states in the India Innovation Index 2022 released by the NITI Aayog on July 21? Karnataka
36.	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
37.	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
38.	What is the rank of India's passport in the Henley Passport Index? 87th
39.	Ranil Wickremesinghe was elected as the new Sri Lankan President on July 20. What is his party's name? United National Party
40.	July 20 is observed as Space Exploration Day to commemorate which landmark event? First human landing on Moon in 1969
41.	Who was the first human being to step on moon's surface? Neil Armstrong of USA
42.	July 20 is observed as World Chess Day. What was the ancient name of Chess in India? Chaturanga
43.	The International Chess Federation (FIDE) is based in which city? Lausanne, Switzerland
44.	_____ has become the first 100 per cent Landlord Major Port of India: Jawaharlal Nehru Port, Mumbai
45.	What is meant by Landlord Port? All its berths are operated on PPP mode
46.	What is the other popular name for the Jawaharlal Nehru Port? Nhava Sheva Port
47.	The postponed 19 th edition of the Asian Games will be held now in September 2023 in which city? Hangzhou, China
48.	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
49.	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
50.	Which large public sector bank recently launched its WhatsApp banking service? State Bank of India
51.	_____ has become India's first state to connect all the commercial vehicles registered in the state with Vehicle Location Tracking Device: Himachal Pradesh
52.	India's first human carrying platform — a pilot-less drone made its debut on July 19 in New Delhi. What is its name? Varuna
53.	The current Flag Code of India was implemented in which year? 2002
54.	The 2028 Summer Olympics and Paralympic Games will be hosted in July, 2028 in which city? Los Angeles, USA
55.	Harshada Garud, 18 year old girl, clinched the gold on July 18 in an international event in which sports? Weightlifting
56.	Name the England all-rounder and captain of the test team, who announced retirement from ODI Cricket on July 18: Ben Stokes

57.	The World Bank has approved a loan of one billion dollars to provide support to India's flagship PM ____ Health Infrastructure Mission: Ayushman Bharat
58.	Name the 82 year old veteran ghazal singer who passed away in Mumbai on July 18: Bhupinder Singh
59.	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
60.	Government plans to launch the ____ scheme to achieve contactless, seamless processing of passengers at Airports, based on Facial Recognition Technology: DIGI YATRA
61.	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
62.	July 18 is observed as International Nelson Mandela Day. He was the first black president of which country? South Africa
63.	P V Sindhu clinched Women's Single title of ____ Open on July 16: Singapore
64.	Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa won the Paracin Open 'A' chess tournament 2022 on July 16 in which country? Serbia
65.	What was the name of the submarine that was decommissioned by the Indian Navy on July 16? INS Sindhudhvaj
66.	What is the name of the mascot launched recently by the Department of Consumer Affairs? Jagriti
67.	What is the tagline of the consumer awareness campaign of the Department of Consumer Affairs? Jago Grahak Jago
68.	Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar, vice presidential candidate of NDA, hails from which state? Rajasthan
69.	What is the name of the fourth and latest ship of the Indian Navy's 17A Frigates, launched on July 15? Dunagiri
70.	____ became the first and the only state in the country to have its own internet service: Kerala
71.	Which ministry's website was ranked first among all the Central Ministries Portal in a National e-Governance Service Delivery Assessment? Home Affairs
72.	The UIDAI has launched a new mobile app named ____ to perform face authentication through mobile app: AadhaarFaceRd
73.	The 2025 World Athletics Championships will be hosted by which city? Tokyo
74.	____ has become the first state in the country to have 13 expressways, having a total length of 3,200 kilometres: Uttar Pradesh
75.	What is the name of the 296-km-long Expressway inaugurated on July 16 in Uttar Pradesh? Bundelkhand Expressway
76.	Which Institute / University secured first position as the "overall best" institute in the NIRF 2022 ranking? IIT Madras
77.	The Women and Child Development Ministry issued fresh guidelines for the Mission Vatsalya Scheme. It is associated with which field? Children's welfare
78.	Name the beauty queen from Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh, who won the Mrs Universe Divine Title: Pallavi Singh

79.	The Women and Child Development Ministry launched the Mission ____ on July 14 for the safety, security and empowerment of women: Shakti
80.	Which country hosted the first I2U2 summit in virtual mode: USA
81.	What is the full form of the abbreviation I2U2? India-Israel; USA-UAE
82.	Which global organisation released the Global Gender Gap Index for 2022 on July 10? WEF - World Economic Forum
83.	Which country secured first rank in the Global Gender Gap Index for 2022? Iceland
84.	What was India's rank in the recently released Global Gender Gap Index for 2022? 135th
85.	Which Indian space tech startup on July 13, launched India's first rocket factory to make 3D-printed engines end-to-end? Agnikul Cosmos
86.	Who created a new record by becoming the fastest Indian bowler to take 150 ODI wickets? Mohammed Shami
87.	July 14 is observed as Shark Awareness Day. Sharks do not have ____ in their body? Bones
88.	NHAI achieved the world record for constructing the longest double-decker viaduct with a length of 3.14 km in ____, Maharashtra: Nagpur
89.	Which telescope was in news for sending the deepest and sharpest infrared image of the universe till date? James Webb Space Telescope
90.	Who won the men's singles title in the Malaysia Open Badminton Tournament 2022? Viktor Axelsen (Denmark)
91.	____ has been declared as the host for the 36 th National Games to be held from Sep 27 to Oct 10: Gujarat
92.	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
93.	How many Dharm Chakras are there at the base of the National Emblem? Four
94.	World Malala Day is observed on July 12. What is the name of the NGO run by Malala? Malala Fund
95.	Malala Fund organisation works in which field? Girls' education
96.	____ 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
97.	Charles Leclerc from ____ won the Austrian Grand Prix for the team Ferrari on July 10 at Spielberg, Austria: Monaco
98.	Wimbledon is the only grand slam to be played on ____ court: Grass
99.	Serbian star Novak Djokovic won the men's singles at Wimbledon after beating ____: Nick Kyrgios
100.	Who won the women's singles at Wimbledon? Elena Rybakina
101.	Elena Rybakina hails from which country? Kazakhstan
102.	Nick Kyrgios hails from which country? Australia
103.	Shinzo Abe, former prime minister of Japan, was shot dead on July 8 in which city of Japan? Nara

104.	Which union ministry is associated with celebration of National Fish Farmers' Day on July 10? Union Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying
105.	Who is the current head of the Union Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying? Parshottam Rupala
106.	The first India Animal Health Summit 2022 was held 06th July in which city? New Delhi
107.	Who scripted a new world record by becoming the first captain in the history of cricket to win 14 successive T20 Internationals? Rohit Sharma
108.	Rohit Sharma achieved the above record feat by winning match against which team? England
109.	At which place Rohit Sharma won his 14 th successive T20 match? Birmingham, England
110.	Boris Johnson, British prime minister announced his resignation on July 7. He heads which political party? Conservative Party
111.	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
112.	Which union ministry has launched the ONDC platform? Union Commerce Ministry
113.	President of India nominated how many new members to the Rajya Sabha on July 6? Four
114.	Under which article of the Indian Constitution President can nominate 12 members to the Rajya Sabha? Article 80(a)
115.	Portugal co-hosted the 2022 UN Ocean Conference along with which other country, from 27 June to 1 July? Kenya
116.	UN Ocean Conference 2022 was held in which city? Lisbon, Portugal
117.	Which two countries signed the Accession Protocols at the NATO Headquarters in Brussels on July 5? Sweden and Finland
118.	How many countries are member of NATO Group? 30
119.	Headquarters of NATO are in which city? Brussels
120.	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
121.	National Food Security Act was passed in which year? 2013
122.	The eligible persons under the National Food Security Act are entitled to receive ____ Kg of foodgrains per person per month at subsidised prices: Five
123.	Which state secured the top rank in the 'State Ranking Index for National Food Security Act'? Odisha
124.	World Zoonoses Day is observed on July 6 to raise awareness for the risk of ____ diseases: Zoonotic
125.	Alfiya Pathan and Gitika, are India's champion girls in which sports? Boxing
126.	The inaugural edition of the Elorda Boxing Cup was held in Nur-Sultan. It is the capital of which country? Kazakhstan
127.	Which type of aircrafts have been inducted in the Naval Air Squadron 324? ALH MK III (MR) helicopters
128.	The Ministry of Commerce and Industry released the "States' Startup Ranking 2021" on July 4. Which state topped the Ranking as best performer? Gujarat

129.	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
130.	The Department of Investment and Public Asset Management is part of which union ministry? Ministry of Finance
131.	Which private sector steel company acquired the Nilachal Ispat Nigam Limited for Rs. 12,100 crore? Tata Steel Long Products Limited
132.	Government has decided to transform the Banks Board Bureau into which new institution? Financial Services Institutions Bureau, FSIB
133.	Who has been appointed as the first head of the FSIB? Bhanu Pratap Sharma
134.	Name the 21 year old beauty queen from Karnataka who won the Femina Miss India 2022 crown on July 3: Sini Shetty
135.	Femina Miss India Beauty Contest is run by which corporate group? The Times media group
136.	The amended FCRA rules now allow relatives abroad to send ____ lakh rupees without informing the government: Ten
137.	What is the full form of FCRA? Foreign Contribution Regulation Act
138.	"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
139.	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
140.	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
141.	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
142.	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
143.	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
144.	The International Day of Cooperatives is celebrated across the world on the first ____ of July: Saturday
145.	Who is the current head of the Ministry of Cooperation? Sh. Amit Shah
146.	July 01 is observed as the Chartered Accountants Day. The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) is based in which city? New Delhi
147.	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
148.	The Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) exercise was held at Pearl Harbour in which place? Near Hawaii Islands, USA
149.	Which day of June is observed as the World Social Media Day? 30th

150.	Ferdinand Marcos Jr. was sworn in as the 17th President of which Southeast Asian country? Philippines
151.	The DRDO along with Indian Army successfully flight-tested on June 30 the indigenously developed High-speed Expendable Aerial Target (HEAT) named _____ : Abhyas
152.	The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs CCEA has approved the computerization of all PACS in the country. What is PACS? Primary Agriculture Credit Societies
153.	Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)? Nitin Gupta
154.	Pallonji Mistry, doyen of construction industry, passed away on June 28. He was head of which business group? Shapoorji Pallonji Group
155.	Samant Kumar Goel has been re-appointed as the Chief of which foreign intelligence agency of India? Research and Analysis Wing (RAW)
156.	Who has been appointed as the new Chief of National Investigation Agency-NIA? Dinkar Gupta
157.	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
158.	Who has become the first tennis player to win 80 matches at each of the four Grand Slam tennis tournaments? Novak Djokovic
159.	Which city topped the Global Liveability Index 2022? Vienna
160.	Vienna is the capital of which country? Austria
161.	Among Indian cities, which city earned the highest ranking of 112 th rank in the Global Liveability Index 2022? New Delhi
162.	The Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) gave its approval for India's first mRNA vaccine named on June 28: Gemcovac-19
163.	Gemcovac-19 is being manufactured by which pharma company? Gennova Biopharmaceuticals, Pune
164.	What is the full form of mRNA? messenger Ribonucleic Acid
165.	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

JUNE 2022

1.	Which day of June is celebrated as the International Asteroid Day? June 30
2.	The so called 'Asteroid Belt' is located between which two planets? Mars and Jupiter
3.	International Day of Parliamentarism on June 30 is associated with SDG number ____, Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions: 16
4.	Researchers from Forest Department of which state discovered a rare carnivorous plant named 'Utricularia Furcellata'? Uttarakhand
5.	National Statistics Day is observed on June 29 to mark the birth anniversary of which statistician of India? Prof. P C Mahalanobis
6.	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

7.	The 48 th G-7 Summit was held in Bavarian Alps on June 26-28. It is in which country? Germany
8.	G7 members decided to ban imports of gold from which country? Russia
9.	Who holds the Presidency of G7 Group for the year 2022? Germany
10.	Who is the present Chancellor of Germany? Olaf Scholz
11.	Name the veteran technocrat, popularly known as "Father of Indian PSUs", who passed away on June 26: V Krishnamurthy
12.	June 26 is observed as the International Day against _____ and Illicit Trafficking: Drug Abuse
13.	Name the team which won Cricket's national level Ranji Trophy: Madhya Pradesh
14.	Madhya Pradesh won the Ranji Trophy by defeating which team? Mumbai
15.	Who was declared 'Player of the Series' in the Ranji Trophy? Sarfraz Khan
16.	Jyothi Surekha Vennu and Abhishek Verma won the gold medal on June 25 in an international event in which sports? Archery
17.	Navjeet Dhillon, Indian women's _____ won the gold medal on June 25 at the Qosanov Memorial 2022 athletics meet in Almaty, Kazakhstan: Discus Thrower
18.	International Maritime Organisation celebrates June 25 as the Day of the Seafarer. Headquarters of IMO are in which city? London
19.	The 26 th Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) was hosted by which country on June 24-25? Rwanda
20.	At present how many countries are members of Commonwealth Group? 54
21.	June 25 is observed as the World Vitiligo Day. Vitiligo is associated which body part? Skin
22.	Deficiency or absence of _____ causes vitiligo: Melanin
23.	Tapan Kumar Deka, senior IPS officer has been appointed Director of which apex agency? Intelligence Bureau
24.	Who has been appointed as the next CEO of Niti Aayog? Parameswaran Iyer
25.	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
26.	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
27.	Ms Draupadi Murmu President of India hails from which state? Odisha
28.	The country's first-ever, 'Balika Panchayat', started in five villages of which state? Gujarat
29.	Indian wrestling team secured which position at the Under-17 Asian Championship at Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan? First
30.	The ISRO successfully launched communication satellite GSAT-24 from which place on June 23? Kourou in French Guiana
31.	French Guiana is located in which part of the world? Latin America

32.	Which country hosted the 14th BRICS Summit in virtual mode on 23rd of June? China
33.	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
34.	United Nations Public Service Day is observed on which date? June 23
35.	World Olympic Day on June 23 marks which event associated with Olympics? Foundation of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) on this day in 1894
36.	Headquarters of IOC are situated in which place? Lausanne, Switzerland
37.	June 22 is observed as World Rainforest Day. Which is the largest rain forest in the world? Amazon Rain Forest
38.	Which Indian pace all-rounder announced her retirement from all formats of Cricket on June 22? Rumeli Dhar
39.	What was the theme for this year's International Yoga Day celebrated on June 21? Yoga for Humanity
40.	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
41.	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
42.	MSME department of which state won the first prize in the category "National MSME Award 2022 for States/UTs? Odisha
43.	Name the senior diplomat who has been appointed as the next Ambassador and Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations: Ms. Ruchira Kamboj
44.	_____ became the 36 th State to implement One Nation One Ration Card-ONORC scheme on June 20: Assam
45.	The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs launched NIPUN scheme for benefit of which category of workers? Construction workers
46.	June 19 is observed as the National Reading Day to mark the anniversary of which famous book man of Kerala? P N Panicker
47.	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
48.	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
49.	Which small town in Meghalaya, set a new record on June 17, of highest single-day rainfall? Mawsynram
50.	Gustavo Petro, a former guerilla commando won Presidential elections in which country? Colombia
51.	Which three countries have been granted the hosting rights for the FIFA World Cup 2026? USA, Canada and Mexico
52.	Country's first of its kind and the largest desalination plant was inaugurated at which place in Gujarat? Dahej
53.	What is the function of desalination plant? To process sea water to convert it to normal water

54.	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
55.	What is the name of the most advanced, indigenously built aircraft carrier launched recently by China? Fujian
56.	With which country India launched the joint logo for the celebration of 50 Years of its Diplomatic Relations, on June 18? Vietnam
57.	What is the theme of this year's World Refugee Day? Right to Seek Safety
58.	President of which country signed a declaration in 1972 to celebrate every third Sunday of June as Father's Day? USA
59.	June 18 is celebrated as the Sustainable Gastronomy Day. Gastronomy is associated with which field? Art of food / cooking
60.	June 18 is celebrated as _____ Pride Day to respect the rights of persons with autism: Autistic
61.	Which Indian airport launched India's first Vertical Axis Wind Turbine along with a solar panel? Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport, Mumbai
62.	Prof. Thalappil Pradeep of the IIT _____ won the Prince Sultan Bin Abdulaziz International Prize for Water: Madras
63.	Who has been appointed as the first woman chairperson of the Press Council of India? Justice (retd.) Ranjana Prakash Desai
64.	Hamza Abdi Barre has been appointed as the Prime Minister of which African country? Somalia
65.	The annual World Competitiveness Index 2022 released on June 15 placed India at which rank? 37th
66.	Which country secured the top rank in the World Competitiveness Index 2022? Denmark
67.	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
68.	What is the full form of PPI? Prepaid Payment Instruments
69.	Supported by the UNO, June 17 is observed as World Day to Combat _____ and Drought: Desertification
70.	_____ has been appointed as the new Director General of the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB): Sujoy Lal Thaoson
71.	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
72.	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
73.	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
74.	One of the most respected Urdu critics, theorists and linguists, passed away on June 15. Who was he? Prof. Gopi Chand Narang

75.	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
76.	Govt launched Agnipath scheme to recruit _____ for the Indian Armed forces: Agniveers
77.	The Agniveers will be recruited for a period of ____ years: Four
78.	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
79.	Global/World Wind Day is observed on which day of June? 15th
80.	June 15 is celebrated as World _____ Awareness Day: Elder Abuse
81.	What is the theme of this year's World Elder Abuse Awareness Day? Digital Equity for All Ages
82.	India's first display fabrication facility, Generation 6 AMOLED Display FAB, is being set up in which city? Hyderabad
83.	What is the expansion of the abbreviation AMOLED? Active-Matrix Organic Light-Emitting Diodes
84.	Name the Hungarian diplomat who has been elected the President of the upcoming 77th session of the UN General Assembly: Csaba Korosi
85.	Celebration of World Blood Donor Day is supported by WHO and which other global organisation? Red Cross
86.	Sriharsha Devaraddi , Manish Narwal, Rubina Francis and Rahul Jakhar, all won gold at an international _____ event: Shooting
87.	Max Verstappen of the team Red Bull won the Azerbaijan Formula One Grand Prix on June 12 in which circuit? Baku City Circuit
88.	The 4th edition of Khelo India Youth Games 2021 concluded in which city on June 13? Panchkula, Haryana
89.	Which state team secured top position in the medal tally at the 4th edition of Khelo India Youth Games 2021? Haryana
90.	The 38th India-Indonesia Coordinated Patrol (Corpat) was held from June 13 to 24 in which area? Andaman sea and Strait of Malacca
91.	Government plans to set up how many PM Shri Schools in the country? 15,000
92.	As part of the National Education Policy, what is the four stage 15 year model of school education? 5+3+3+4
93.	What are the names given to the four stages of school education? Foundation, Preparatory, Middle and Secondary
94.	Which city hosted the 12th World Trade Organisation, WTO Ministerial Conference? Geneva
95.	World Trade Organisation is based in which city? Geneva
96.	Who is the current Director General of WTO? Ngozi Okonjo Iweala
97.	Ngozi Okonjo Iweala hails from which country? Nigeria
98.	The WTO came in existence on January 1, 1995 based on which agreement? Marrakesh Agreement
99.	Marrakesh is a prominent city of which country? Morocco

100.	Which day of June is celebrated as the World Day Against Child Labour? 12th
101.	Recently, how many new non-permanent members were elected for the UN Security Council? Five
102.	Out of Ecuador, Japan, Germany, Malta, Mozambique and Switzerland, which one has NOT been selected as a new member of UNSC? Germany
103.	New non-permanent members are elected for what period? Two years
104.	Which forum elects the non-permanent members of the UNSC? UN General Assembly
105.	The new 5 members of the UN Security Council will join from which date? January 01, 2023
106.	The Government launched Rashtriya _____ Portal to invite nominations for various awards from the various ministries, departments, and agencies? Puraskar
107.	Who can nominate individuals/organisations for award of Padma awards? Any Indian citizen
108.	_____ 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
109.	For the first time in the world, _____ passed the law for digital electronics, the "Right to repair" bill: New York state, USA
110.	Which India Grand Master won the Norway Chess Group 'A' event with 7.5 points from nine rounds? R. Praggnanandha
111.	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
112.	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
113.	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
114.	Among Indian private universities, which university was ranked at the top by the QS World University Rankings, 2023? OP Jindal Global University, Sonipat, Haryana
115.	What is the theme of this year's World Brain Tumour Day observed on June 8? Together We Are Stronger
116.	The 4th State Food Safety Index prepared by the FSSAI, placed which state at number one among large states? Tamil Nadu
117.	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
118.	Which among Urad, Groundnut, Mustard and Sunflower is NOT a Kharif crop? Mustard
119.	The Reserve Bank allowed on June 8 credit cards to be linked with which popular digital payment platform? UPI
120.	What is the full form of UPI? Unified Payments Interface
121.	Name the Indian icon of women's cricket who announced her retirement from all forms of international cricket: Mithali Raj

122.	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
123.	June 8 is observed as World ____ Day: Oceans
124.	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
125.	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
126.	Major General Bajram Begaj has been elected as the President of Albania. It is located in which part of the world? Southeastern Europe
127.	The 22nd edition of the International Indian Film Academy (IIFA) Awards was held in ____ on 4th June: Abu Dhabi
128.	For which film Vicky Kaushal won the IIFA Best Actor Award? Sardar Udham
129.	Who won the IIFA Award for Best Director for the film Shershaah? Vishnuvardhan
130.	India was placed at which rank in the 2022 edition of the Environmental Performance Index prepared for 180 countries? 180th
131.	Which country displayed the best performance in the Environmental Performance Index-2022? Denmark
132.	Ex Khaan Quest 2022, a multinational peacekeeping military exercise, was hosted by which country? Mongolia
133.	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
134.	Out of Aerobatics, Ballooning, Rafting and Gliding, which one is NOT a air sport? Rafting
135.	At which place the Ministry of Tribal Affairs inaugurated the National Tribal Research Institute on June 7? New Delhi
136.	Which UN agency supports the celebration of World Food Safety Day on June 7? WHO - World Health Organisation
137.	For what purpose government launched Jan Samarth Portal on June 6? To bring all credit-linked government schemes on a single platform
138.	What was the name of the joint military training exercise held between India and Bangladesh from June 5 to 16? Ex Sampriti-X
139.	Ex Sampriti-X was held at which place? Jessore military station in Bangladesh
140.	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
141.	Famous Tennis Grand Slam, French Open was held at which place? Roland Garros, Paris
142.	Who holds the record to win 14 singles titles of French Open, including this year's title? Rafael Nadal
143.	Who holds the record to win 22 men's singles titles in Grand Slams? Rafael Nadal
144.	Name the World number one women's tennis player who also won this year's Women's Singles Title in French Open: Iga Swiatek
145.	Iga Swiatek hails from which country? Poland

146.	Which country won the inaugural edition of FIH Hockey 5s championship in Lausanne, Switzerland? India
147.	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
148.	Which last village of the remote Miyar Valley in Lahaul and Spiti, Himachal Pradesh, was connected with a road on June 3? Khanjar
149.	Which Covid vaccine has become India's first vaccine to get DCGI approval as a heterogeneous COVID-19 booster dose? Corbevax
150.	Which is the host country for this year's celebrations for the World Environment Day? Sweden
151.	What is the theme selected for this year's World Environment Day observed on June 5? Only One Earth
152.	A unique Liquid-Mirror Telescope has been commissioned in India at Devasthal Observatory Campus. It is situated at which place? Nainital, Uttarakhand
153.	Which company has been selected to carry out the construction of the Noida International Airport at Jewar, in Uttar Pradesh? Tata Projects
154.	Government launched which scheme to provide free education to the meritorious SC boys and girls in the best private residential schools? SRESHTA
155.	What is the expansion of the acronym SRESHTA? Scheme for Residential Education for Students in High Schools in Targeted Area
156.	Sakshi Malik, Mansi Ahlawat, Divya Kakran, Sarita Mor and Manisha, all five won individual gold medals in an international event in which sport? Wrestling
157.	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
158.	HM Queen Elizabeth II, Britain's Queen became the first royal in Britain to celebrate ____ years of her reign on June 2: 70
159.	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
160.	Turkey has announced that his country's name has been changed to ____ as it is spelled and pronounced in Turkish: Türkiye (tur-key-YAY)
161.	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
162.	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
163.	What is the effective strike range of Astra Mk-I missile? 75 km
164.	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
165.	The Frontier supercomputer has been installed at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory at Oak Ridge in which country? USA

166.	An Exaflops represents capacity to process how many transactions per second? A quintillion (10¹⁸ i.e. 1 followed by 18 zeros)
167.	Indian Hockey team won which medal at the Hero Asia Cup-2022 in Jakarta? Bronze
168.	The world-famous Valley of Flowers, located in _____, Uttarakhand was opened for tourists from 1st of June: Chamoli
169.	For the first time in the country, Indian Posts delivered mail using a drone as part of a pilot project in which state? Gujarat
170.	The Global Day of Parents is observed on which date? June 01
171.	Which UN Agency supports the celebration of World Milk Day on June 01? FAO - Food and Agriculture Organisation
172.	Which Indian state has been selected for World No Tobacco Day Award-2022 by WHO? Jharkhand
173.	Which corporate house commissioned a first of its kind, 390 MW wind-solar hybrid power plant in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan? Adani group
174.	According to the data released by the National Statistical Office, the Indian economy is likely to grow by _____% in 2021-22: 8.7
175.	Elavenil Valarivan, Shreya Agarwal and Ramita, all three are part of which Indian team that won gold at an international event? Shooting
176.	The government has revised the premium for the Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana, PMJJBY to what amount? Rs. 436
177.	The enhanced premium for the Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana is _____: Rs. 20
178.	What is the amount of insurance cover available under the Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana? Rs. 2 lakh
179.	Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana provides a cover of Rs. _____ lakh, in case of death due to any reason: Two
180.	Which film won the Palme d'Or- Golden Ball Award for the 'Best Film' at the Cannes Film Festival? Triangle of Sadness
181.	India's first Lavender Festival was held in Bhaderwah in which place? J&K
182.	Which franchisee team won the 15 th season of IPL? Gujarat Titans
183.	According to the data released by the commerce ministry, in 2021-22, which country had the highest amount of bilateral trade with India? USA
184.	Which FC won the Champions League, biggest Football League of Europe, for a record-extending 14th time? Real Madrid
185.	Which was the "Country of focus" in this year's Mumbai International Film Festival? Bangladesh
186.	Name the Godavari class guided-missile frigate, one of the oldest warriors of the Western Fleet, which was decommissioned on May 28: INS Gomati
MAY 2022	
1.	Which global body supports the celebration of No Tobacco Day on May 31? World Health Organisation
2.	International Everest Day is observed on which date? May 29

3.	Why May 29 has been selected as the International Everest Day? It marks the first conquering of Everest in 1953
4.	What is the theme for this year's World Menstrual Hygiene Day observed on May 28? We are committed
5.	Headquarters of the global NGO Amnesty International are located in which city? London
6.	India's biggest Drone Festival- "Bharat Drone Mahotsav 2022" was held in which city on May 27-28? New Delhi
7.	Name the 64 year old Delhi based Hindi author who won the International Booker Prize: Geetanjali Shree
8.	Geetanjali Shree won the Booker Prize for which of her novel? "Ret Samadhi" (Tomb of Sand)
9.	Who translated the Hindi novel "Ret Samadhi" into English? Ms. Daisy Rockwell
10.	What is the amount of cash award in the International Booker Prize? British Pound 50,000/-
11.	What is the name of the second survey ship inducted in Indian Navy in May? Nirdeshak
12.	Which city became the first metro city in the country to prepare a detailed register of biodiversity? Kolkata
13.	Supercomputer 'PARAM PORUL' has been established in which educational institution? NIT Tiruchirappalli
14.	Murali Sreeshankar, from Kerala won the gold medal on May 26 at the 12th International _____ Meeting in Kallithea, Greece: Jumping
15.	_____ became the first state in India to launch a pilot project on Olympic Values Education Programme: Odisha
16.	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
17.	The 4th edition of state-level popular Shirui Lily Festival 2022 was hosted by the _____ government from May 25 to 29: Manipur
18.	Name the Army lady officer who became the first combat aviator in the Army Aviation Corps: Captain Abhilasha Barak
19.	What is the name of the Indian Navy and Bangladesh Navy Bilateral exercise that commenced on 24 May at Port Mongla, in Southwestern Bangladesh? Bongsagar
20.	India recently joined which international forum that aims at decarbonising the heavy industry and long-distance transport sectors? First Movers Coalition
21.	The First Movers Coalition is an initiative launched by the _____ government and WEF: United States
22.	The Travel and Tourism Development Index released on May 24, ranked India at which place? 54th
23.	Which country topped the Travel and Tourism Development Index? Japan
24.	India and the USA signed an Investment Incentive Agreement on May 23 in which city? Tokyo, Japan
25.	National Health Authority has launched revamped Ayushman Bharat Health Account mobile application. What is its name? ABHA
26.	Who has been appointed as the new Lieutenant Governor of Delhi by a Presidential notification? Vinai Kumar Saxena
27.	Jose Ramos-Horta was sworn in as president of East Timor. It is in which part of the world? Southeast Asia

28.	Which company has overtaken Apple as the world's most valuable company in terms of its market capitalisation? Saudi Aramco
29.	Saudi Aramco is associated with which field? Petroleum refining
30.	Dr Tedros has been elected to serve a second ____ year term as Director-General of the WHO: Five
31.	Dr Tedros hails from which country? Ethiopia
32.	The first commercial drone flight in the country's healthcare sector was undertaken recently in which state? Uttarakhand
33.	Vivek Kumar, 2004 batch IFS officer was appointed as the _____ to Prime Minister: Personal Secretary (PS)
34.	Salil S. Parekh has been re-appointed as the MD & CEO of which major Indian IT company? Infosys
35.	Vijay Shekhar Sharma was re-appointed as the MD & CEO of which major Fintech Company of India? Paytm
36.	Prime Minister Modi visited Japan for two days, 23 and 24 May, to attend which global summit? QUAD Leaders' Summit
37.	What is the full form of QUAD? Quadrilateral Security Dialogue)
38.	What is the theme of this year's World Turtle Day held on May 23? Shellebrate
39.	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
40.	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
41.	Which team won the Hockey India sub-junior women's national championship 2022 on May 22? Haryana
42.	The Indian men's compound team won the gold medal on May 21 in the Hyundai ____ World Cup 2022: Archery
43.	Who has been elected as the new Prime Minister of Australia? Anthony Albanese
44.	Which UN agency recently honoured India's one million all-women ASHA workers for their 'outstanding' contribution to health sector? WHO - World Health Organisation
45.	India's first simulation-based war training centre, named Wargame Research and Development Centre, is being set up at which place? New Delhi
46.	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
47.	Who will be the head of this committee? B P Kanungo
48.	Order of the British Empire has recently been conferred upon Kishore Jayaraman. He is President, India and South Asia for which company? Rolls-Royce
49.	The Indian Air Force (IAF) has been placed at which rank in the World Air Power Index? Third
50.	Who is the author of the book "A Place Called Home"? Preeti Shenoy
51.	Rasheed Kidwai, noted journalist, has authored which book recently? Leaders, Politicians, Citizens
52.	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
53.	Who has been appointed as the next Chief Executive of Hong Kong by the China's State Council? John Lee
54.	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
55.	The UNO has designated which day of May to be observed as International Day for Biodiversity? 22nd
56.	Martyrdom day of which Indian statesman is observed as Anti-Terrorism Day on May 21? Rajiv Gandhi
57.	What is the name of the Rajiv Gandhi's shrine located in New Delhi? Veer Bhumi
58.	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
59.	Which state received the highest amount of FDI in 2021-22, accounting for 38% share? Karnataka
60.	World's first airport for electric flying cars and large drones has been built in Coventry, in which country? England
61.	Which country topped the medal tally at the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) Junior World Cup in Suhl, Germany? India
62.	Which woman boxer from Telangana became the world champion in 52 kg category? Nikhath Zareen
63.	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
64.	The ICCW facility will be provided by using which digital payment platform? UPI - Unified Payments Interface
65.	At the global level, which organisation maintains the most comprehensive "Red List of Threatened Species"? International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), Switzerland
66.	World Bee Day is observed on which date? May 20
67.	What was the theme for this year's World Metrology Day? Metrology in the Digital Era
68.	Which Indian corporate clinched the deal to acquire Swiss cement major Holcim's stake in Ambuja Cements and its subsidiary ACC? Adani group
69.	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
70.	What was the theme for this year's International Museum Day observed on May 18? The Power of Museums
71.	The 24th Summer Deaflympics were held in Caxias Du Sul from 1st to 15th of May. It is in which country? Brazil
72.	Which team won the 12th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship? Odisha
73.	The Union Government announced the formation of the Cotton Council of India under the Chairmanship of renowned 'Cotton Man', ____ Kotak: Suresh Bhai
74.	Vesak Day is observed every year in May on the first Full Moon Day. It is associated with which religion? Buddhism

75.	The Forbes' list of World's highest paid athletes released on May 11, placed which player at the top? Lionel Messi
76.	Lionel Messi plays for which Football Club? FC Paris Saint-Germain
77.	Nidhi Chibber, senior IAS officer has been appointed as the chairperson of which apex national body? Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), Delhi.
78.	Two frontline warships of the Indian Navy were launched at Mazgaon Docks Limited in _____ on May 17: Mumbai
79.	What are the names of these two warships launched recently? Surat and Udaigiri
80.	Surat and Udaigiri are which category of ships? Destroyer and Frigate, respectively
81.	Between Destroyer and Frigate, usually _____ is larger and more powerful: Destroyer
82.	Ramgarh Vishdhari Wildlife Sanctuary in _____ has been upgraded to a Tiger Reserve: Rajasthan
83.	World Telecommunication and _____ Society Day is observed annually on May 17: Information
84.	World Hypertension Day is observed on which day of May? 17th
85.	World's longest suspension footbridge, named 'Sky Bridge', was thrown open to the public on May 13 in which country? Czech Republic
86.	Hassan Sheikh Mohamud has been elected as the new President of which East African country? Somalia
87.	Who has been elected as the new Chief Minister of Tripura? Manik Saha
88.	Thomas Cup is associated with which sports? Men's Badminton
89.	Indian team defeated which country to win its first ever Thomas Cup in its 73 year history? Indonesia
90.	Uber Cup is associated with which sports? Women's Badminton
91.	Team of which country won the Uber Cup 2022? South Korea
92.	Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan has been elected as the President of which West Asian country? UAE- United Arab Emirates
93.	Prime Minister Narendra Modi made an official visit to which place in Nepal on May 16 on the occasion of Vaishakha Buddha Purnima? Lumbini
94.	How Lumbini is associated with Lord Buddha? It is his birth place
95.	May 16 is observed as National Dengue Day with support from which ministry? Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
96.	Who is the current Health and Family Welfare Minister of India? Dr Mansukh Mandaviya
97.	What is the theme of this year's International Family Day that was observed on May 15? Families and Urbanisation
98.	The country's first "Amrit Sarovar " was inaugurated on May 13 at village Patwai in district Rampur in which state? Uttar Pradesh
99.	Prime Minister Narendra Modi has appealed to develop _____ Amrit Sarovars in every district, during the 75 th anniversary of India's independence: 75

100.	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
101.	From which country India received highest amount of inward remittances in 2021? USA
102.	Which apex national authority launched the National Data and Analytics Platform - NDAP on May 13? NITI Aayog
103.	What is the objective of launching NDAP? To improve access and use of published Indian government data
104.	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
105.	What is the approximate Extended Range of BrahMos missile? 350 km
106.	Which fighter jet was employed to conduct test launch of ER version of BrahMos air launched supersonic cruise missile? Sukhoi Su-30 MKI
107.	_____ became first country in the world to suspend vaccination against COVID-19: Denmark
108.	Jamtara district in _____ has become the only district in the country where all gram panchayats have community libraries: Jharkhand
109.	Jamtara has been the work place of which great social reformer: Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar
110.	Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of the national level IT industry body NASSCOM for 2022-23? Krishnan Ramanujam
111.	_____ has become the first city in the country to have vacuum-based sewers: Agra
112.	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
113.	Which state approved the country's first-of-its-kind gene bank programme aimed at conserving native biodiversity? Maharashtra
114.	Who is the current Governor of Maharashtra? H'ble Bhagat Singh Koshiyari
115.	What is another popular name for the International Workers' Day or Labour Day? May Day
116.	May Day commemorates the tragic incident of May 4, 1886, the Haymarket massacre that took place in _____: Chicago, USA
117.	World Laughter Day is celebrated on the first _____ of May every year: Sunday
118.	May 2 is observed worldwide as World _____ Day to raise awareness about more sustainable fishing practices to conserve this species: Tuna
119.	Whitley Gold Award is presented for outstanding contribution in which field? Nature's conservation
120.	Who is the winner of this year's Whitley Gold Award? Charudutt Mishra
121.	What is the amount of cash reward in the Whitley Gold Award? One lakh British Pounds
122.	Which organisation under 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

123.	What is the full form of KVIC? Khadi and Village Industries Commission
124.	The abbreviation FMCG stands for what? Fast Moving Consumer Goods
125.	Tarun Kapoor, retd IAS officer, former petroleum secretary, has been appointed Advisor to which apex authority? Prime Minister
126.	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
127.	Which government department is associated with promotion of ONDC? Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade
128.	What is special about a company incorporated under section 8 of Companies Act, 2013? It's a 'not for profit' company
129.	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
130.	Freedom of the press is implicit under which Article of the Indian Constitution? 19(1)(a)
131.	World Asthma Day is observed on ____ Tuesday of May: First
132.	Harshada Sharad Garud scripted history by becoming the first Indian to win a gold medal at the world level in which field? Weightlifting
133.	Santosh Trophy is associated with which sports? Football
134.	Which state lifted the Santosh Trophy to become the National Football Champion? Kerala
135.	Which global organisation releases the World Press Freedom Index? Reporters Without Borders, Paris
136.	India's ranking in the World Press Freedom Index slipped to ____ spot, from 142 nd last year: 150th
137.	Which country topped the World Press Freedom Index in 2022? Norway
138.	Which international day you will select to show your support and appreciation for the fire-fighters? International Fire fighters' Day, May 4
139.	People show gratitude to the firefighters by proudly wearing and displaying ____ and ____ ribbons pinned together: Blue and Red
140.	Which apex government body released India's Civil Registration System (CRS) Report 2020? Registrar General of India
141.	Who is the current Registrar General of India? Dr. Vivek Joshi
142.	Registration of births and deaths in India is done under which law? Registration of Birth and Death Act, 1969
143.	What is the name of the national competitive event organised annually to promote sports talent in India? Khelo India University Games
144.	Which university hosted the Khelo India University Games 2021? Jain University (Deemed-to-be University), Bengaluru
145.	Which university won the overall champion title in the Khelo India University Games 2021? Jain University, Bengaluru

146.	The 2022 edition of "The State of the World's Forests" was released by which global organisation? FAO - Food and Agricultural Organisation
147.	As per the State of the World's Forests report, forests cover ____ percent of the Earth's land surface: 31
148.	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
149.	What type of vessel is ICGS Kamla Devi, recently inducted in the Indian Coast Guard? Fat Patrol Vessel
150.	Name the ace cueist who won his seventh World Snooker Championship title on May 02 in England: Ronnie O'Sullivan
151.	Snooker Champion Ronnie O'Sullivan hails from which country? England
152.	Which UN agency supports the celebration of the Hand Hygiene Day on May 5? WHO - World Health Organisation
153.	Who is the Director General of WHO? Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus
154.	Which global sports body celebrates the World Athletics Day on May 7? World Athletics
155.	Headquarters of World Athletics are in which city? Port Hercules, Monaco
156.	What was the main factor for prompting recent hike in the Repo Rate? Continuing of high consumer inflation
157.	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
158.	The Federal Reserve System of USA is world's most powerful central bank. Who is its current chairman? Jerome Powell
159.	The 845 Squadron of the Indian Coast Guard is equipped with which aircraft? ALH Mark III helicopters
160.	What is the full form of ALH? Advanced Light Helicopter
161.	Prime Minister Narendra Modi made a three-nation Europe trip from May 2 to 4. He visited which three countries? Germany, Denmark and France
162.	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
163.	Copenhagen is the capital of which country? Denmark
164.	Which country among Denmark, Iceland, Netherlands, Finland, Sweden and Norway, is NOT a Nordic Country? Netherlands
165.	The Elysee Palace is the official residence of the President of which country? France
166.	Why Kerala fintech company "Open Financial Technologies Pvt Ltd" was in news recently? It has become India's 100th unicorn company
167.	What is a unicorn company? A startup having valuation of \$1 billion and above
168.	What do we call a bank that operates exclusively online without traditional physical branch networks? Neobank

169.	India has been selected to be the 'Country of Honour' at the Marché Du Film, the business section of the _____ Film Festival: Cannes
170.	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
171.	The FCT Hub will promote transition to more modern approaches to manufacturing APIs. What is API? Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients
172.	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
173.	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
174.	In India, the coal mining began in 1774 when the East India Company exploited the Raniganj coalfield. It is in which state? West Bengal
175.	World Migratory Bird Day is observed twice in a year, on second Saturday of _____ and _____ : May and October
176.	What is the theme for this year's World Migratory Bird Day? Light Pollution
177.	World Red Cross Day on May 8 marks the birth anniversary of _____, founder of the Red Cross Movement: Henri Dunant
178.	The International Committee of the Red Cross is based in which city? Geneva, Switzerland
179.	World Thalassaemia Day is observed on which day of May? 8th
180.	Thalassaemia is associated with which type of disorder in human body? Decay of red blood cells
181.	In many a countries, including India, Mothers' Day is celebrated on the second _____ of May: Sunday
182.	Latest excavations by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) at Rakhigarhi, revealed vital remains of which civilisation? Harappa
183.	Rakhigarhi, a world famous site for vast remains of Harappa civilisation is located at which place? District Hissar, Haryana
184.	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
185.	Which state is hosting the 4th Khelo India Youth Games? Haryana
186.	If you plan to participate in the 4th Khelo India Youth Games, your age should be below _____ years: 18
187.	How Jay, Vijay and Dhakad are associated with the 4th Khelo India Youth Games? They are the game mascots
188.	Which Indian corporate became the first one to cross annual revenue of \$ 100 billion? Reliance Industries Ltd.
189.	World Food Prize is conferred by which global NGO? World Food Prize Foundation, USA
190.	Who is the winner of this year's World Food Prize? Dr. Cynthia Rosenzweig
191.	Dr. Cynthia is a prominent climate research scientist in which organisation? NASA, USA
192.	What is the amount of cash reward given with the World Food Prize? \$ 2,50,000/-

193.	RailTel, a Mini Ratna PSU, launched on May 9 "PM-WANI" scheme. Expand PM-WANI: Prime Minister Wi-Fi Access Network Interface
194.	Name the legendary Santoor player who died of a heart attack on May 10 in Mumbai: Pandit Shiv Kumar Sharma
195.	Santoor is a popular local musical instrument of which area? Jammu & Kashmir
196.	Yoon Suk-Yeol was sworn in as the new President of South Korea on May 10. Which is the capital of S Korea? Seoul
197.	India's first semi-high speed Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) is to be made operational on which route? New Delhi-Meerut Corridor
198.	Which company has built in India, the special coaches for RRTS, capable of running at speeds of 180 kmph? Alstom of France
199.	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
200.	Rodrigo Chaves was sworn in as the new President of Costa Rica. It is in which area? Central America, south of Mexico
201.	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
202.	What is the full form of UNCCD? United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
203.	Who represented India at the recent Conference of the Parties (COP-15) of the UNCCD? Bhupender Yadav, Environment, Forest and Climate Change Minister
204.	Red Bull's reigning champion Max Verstappen won the first-ever Miami Grand Prix on May 8 in which country? USA
205.	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
206.	Avinash Sable from Beed, Maharashtra broke the 30 year old national record on May 6 in which athletic event? 5,000 metre race
207.	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
208.	Bach Long- world's longest glass pedestrian bridge, spanning 632 mts, has been opened in which country? Vietnam
209.	International Nurses Day on May 12 marks the birthday of which great legendary nursing icon? Florence Nightingale
210.	Florence Nightingale hailed from which country? England
211.	The Supreme Court ordered on May 11 that Section _____ of the Indian Penal Code should be put on hold till further orders: 124A
212.	Name the 1984 batch retired IAS officer who has been appointed as the next Chief Election Commissioner of India: Rajiv Kumar
213.	The government has made it mandatory to quote either PAN or Aadhaar for depositing or withdrawing over Rs _____ lakh in a financial year: 20

214.	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
215.	Name the veteran Indian architect who has been honoured with the Royal Gold Medal 2022: Balkrishna Doshi
216.	World renowned architect, Balkrishna Doshi is based in which city? Ahmedabad
217.	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
218.	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
219.	The 2022 Templeton Prize has been won by Dr. Frank Wilczek. He is a renowned professor of which subject? Physics
APRIL 2022	
1.	April 30 is observed all over India as the Ayushman ____ Diwas: Bharat
2.	Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana provides a health insurance cover of ____ lakh rupees per family per year: Five
3.	Which day of April is celebrated as the International Dance Day? 29th
4.	Which UN agency supports the celebration of World Day for Safety and Health at Work on April 28? ILO-- International Labour Organisation
5.	Headquarters of ILO are located in which city? Geneva
6.	World Intellectual Property Day celebrations are supported by which special UN agency? World Intellectual Property Office (WIPO)
7.	Headquarters of WIPO are in which place? Geneva, Switzerland
8.	The 7 th Raisina Dialogue was inaugurated in which city on 25 th of April? New Delhi
9.	Who was the Chief Guest at the 7 th Raisina Dialogue? Ms. Ursula Von Der Leyen
10.	Ms. Leyen holds which important apex office? Presidency of European Union
11.	Headquarters of European Union are located in which city? Brussels, capital of Belgium
12.	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
13.	Malaria is a life-threatening disease which is caused by ____ Parasites: Plasmodium
14.	Malaria spreads to humans through the bites of infected female ____ mosquitoes: Anopheles
15.	Max Verstappen led the team Red Bull to victory in the Emilia Romagna Grand Prix on April 24 in which country? Italy
16.	Who was the first recipient of the Lata Deenanath Mangeshkar Award in Mumbai on April 24? Prime Minister Narendra Modi
17.	Who has been named Laureus World Sportsman of the Year? Max Verstappen

18.	Elaine Thompson-Herah has been named Laureus World Sportswoman of the Year. She hails from which country? Jamaica
19.	The Khelo India University Games were declared open in ____ on April 24: Bengaluru
20.	The Panchayati Raj Act came into existence in which year? 1993
21.	The Panchayati Raj Act was enacted by which amendment of the Indian Constitution? 73rd
22.	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
23.	Which popular Bollywood actress has been named as one of the judges on the world famous prestigious Cannes Film Festival? Deepika Padukone
24.	Emmanuel Macron won a second term in presidential election of ____ with 58.2 % of the vote: France
25.	Indian compound men's team won the gold medal on April 23 in the ____ World Cup Stage-1 at Antalya, Turkey: Archery
26.	The Champions of the Earth (Lifetime Achievement) Award is conferred by which UN Agency? The UN Environment Programme (UNEP)
27.	Who is the winner of this year's Champions of the Earth (Lifetime Achievement) Award? Sir David Attenborough
28.	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
29.	The RBI has decided to extend the guidelines on LEI to Primary UCBs and NBFCs also. What is LEI? Legal Entity Identifier
30.	As per a latest report by SIPRI, ____ topped in the military expenditure in 2021: USA
31.	India was placed at ____ spot in the world, in terms of its military expenditure in 2021: Third
32.	SIPRI is noted think tank in military domain, based at ____ in Sweden: Stockholm
33.	Ravi Dahiya, Bajrang Punia and Gourav Baliyan, all three are top ____ of India: Wrestlers
34.	Who has been appointed as the new Vice Chairperson of NITI Aayog? Dr. Suman K Bery
35.	Who are the two cricketers included in this year's top 5 Wisden Cricketers of the Year list? Jasprit Bumrah and Rohit Sharma
36.	Who has been named as the "Leading Man Cricketer in the World" by the Wisden? Joe Root
37.	Which international Day is observed globally every year to mark the birthday and date of death of legendary writer William Shakespeare? English Language Day
38.	This year, the city of Guadalajara in ____ has been selected as the World Book Capital for 2022: Mexico
39.	Which UN agency promotes the celebration of World Book and Copyright Day on April 23? UNESCO
40.	The Earth day observed on April 22, was renamed officially by the UN in 2009 as International ____ Earth Day: Mother
41.	What is the theme of this year's International Mother Earth Day? Invest in our Planet

42.	India's first 99.999% pure Green Hydrogen pilot plant has been commissioned by which public sector oil company? Oil India Limited
43.	India's first 99.999% pure Green Hydrogen pilot plant has been commissioned at which place? Jorhat, Assam
44.	Dr. Ajay Sood has been appointed as the new Principal Adviser to the Prime Minister: Scientific
45.	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
46.	The Vagsheer has been named after which deadly deep sea predator of the Indian Ocean? Sand Fish
47.	What is the theme of this year's World Creativity and Innovation Day observed on April 21? Collaboration
48.	April 21 is observed as Civil Services Day in India. Who referred to civil servants as the 'steel frame of India'? Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel
49.	What is the full form of KVIC? Khadi and Village Industries Commission
50.	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
51.	Which global organisation brings out the World Economic Outlook Report? International Monetary Fund (IMF)
52.	The foundation stone of WHO Global Centre for Traditional Medicine (GCTM) was laid on April 19 in which city? Jamnagar, Gujarat
53.	Which Indian GM became the first Indian player to win the La Roda International Open in Spain in 48 years? D Gukesh
54.	Export of which food item witnessed an astounding growth of 291 percent in 2021-22, from 2013-14, reaching \$4,600 million? Sugar
55.	World Liver Day is observed on April 19. Which is the most common infection of liver? Hepatitis A, B, C
56.	Who has been appointed as the new Chief of the Indian Army? Lt. Gen. Manoj Pande
57.	National Fire Service Day is observed on which day of April? 14th
58.	The Ministry of Roads, Transport and Highways has developed a portal named 'e-DAR' for what purpose? To accelerate settlement of accident claims
59.	What is the full form of e-DAR? electronic-Detailed Accident Report
60.	Which team won the men's title in 71st Senior National Basketball Championship? Tamil Nadu
61.	_____ was crowned as the National Champion in the 12th Senior Men's National Hockey Championship: Haryana
62.	Who won the gold in the Danish Open swimming meet in Copenhagen, Denmark? Sajan Prakash
63.	International Day for Monuments and Sites on April 18 is also known by which popular name? World Heritage Day
64.	World Haemophilia Day is observed globally on April 17. It is associated with which disorder? Bleeding
65.	Which international day is observed on April 16 to raise awareness about the threats faced by elephants? Save the Elephant Day

66.	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
67.	Tropical storm Megi brought torrential downpours to the central regions of _____ in April's second week: Philippines
68.	Dr Manoj Soni has been appointed as the chairman of the Union _____ Commission: Public Service
69.	The Australian state of _____ has been officially announced as the host for the 2026 Commonwealth Games: Victoria
70.	The 2022 Commonwealth Games were hosted by which city in _____, UK from July 28 to August 8, 2022: Birmingham
71.	World Art Day is celebrated globally every year on ____ April to promote the development and enjoyment of art: 15th
72.	Iqbal Singh _____ has been re-appointed as the Chairperson of the National Commission for Minorities: Lalpura
73.	Which global organisation brings out the bi-annual report "South Asia Economic Focus"? World Bank
74.	What is another popular name for the Ambedkar Jayanti observed on April 14? Bhim Jayanti
75.	Who has been selected as the EY Entrepreneur of the Year - 2021: Ms. Falguni Nayar
76.	Ms. Falguni Nayar is the founder and CEO of which company? Nykaa
77.	The Indian Coast Guard commissioned the first advanced light helicopter (ALH) MK III Squadron on April 10 in which place? Bhubaneswar
78.	Which city has been recognised as a 'Tree City of the World' by the Arbor Day Foundation, USA, for a second consecutive year? Hyderabad
79.	Which is the second city from India to be recognised as a 'Tree City of the World'? Mumbai
80.	Indian Grandmaster, _____ won the prestigious Reykjavik Open chess tournament on April 12: R Praggnanandhaa
81.	4th FIH Junior Women's Hockey World Cup was won by which team? The Netherlands
82.	Finals of 4 th FIH Junior Women's Hockey World Cup were played in which city of South Africa? Potchefstroom
83.	International Gandhi Award for Leprosy, 2021 has been awarded to Dr. Bhushan Kumar of _____ and to Sahyog Kushtha Yagna Trust, Gujarat: Chandigarh
84.	April 13 is celebrated as the Siachen Day. What type of geographical entity is Siachen? Glacier
85.	People of Assam celebrate Baisakhi as _____ Bihu: Rongali
86.	In which state festival of Baisakhi is observed as Vishu? Kerala
87.	Tamil Nadu celebrates festival of Baisakhi by the name of ____? Puthandu
88.	Prime Minister Modi inaugurated the Pradhanmantri Sangrahalaya on April 14 in which city? New Delhi
89.	Pradhanmantri Sangrahalaya has been developed on which erstwhile monument? Teen Murti Estate

90.	Who has been appointed as coordinator for the G20 summit, to be hosted by India in 2023? Harsh Vardhan Shringla
91.	Which country in South America, has made history by becoming the first country to recognise the legal rights of individual wild animals? Ecuador
92.	Who has been elected as the new Prime Minister in Pakistan? Shehbaz Sharif
93.	Shehbaz Sharif is the country chief of which political party? Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N)
94.	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
95.	The first human space flight was carried out by _____, a Russian astronaut: Yuri Gagarin
96.	India successfully flight-tested ATGM Helina on April 11. What is expansion of ATGM? Anti-Tank Guided Missile
97.	What is the effective strike range of Helina? 7-8 km
98.	Which apex organisation released its State Energy and Climate Index, SECI on April 11? NITI Aayog
99.	Which state secured first position in the SECI? Gujarat
100.	Among smaller states, _____ topped the SECI: Goa
101.	Which 'Made in India' aircraft made its first commercial flight on April 12? Dornier Do-228
102.	Which Indian company manufactured the Dornier Do-228 aircraft? HAL - Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd., Bengaluru
103.	Researchers at IIT _____ have launched the country's first polycentric prosthetic knee, named Kadam: Madras
104.	What was the theme of this year's World Parkinson's Day celebrated on April 11? Integrated Health Care
105.	National _____ Motherhood Day is observed on April 11: Safe
106.	World Homoeopathy Day on April 10 marks the birth anniversary of which great Homoeopath? Dr. Samuel Hahnemann.
107.	Dipika Pallikal and Saurav Ghosal created history by winning India's first ever gold medal at WSF World Doubles _____ championship at Glasgow, England: Squash
108.	The govt aims to provide skill training to over 2.71 lakh youth under PM-DAKSH Yojana. What is expansion of DAKSH? Dakshita Aur Kushalta Sampann Hitgrahi
109.	Targeted candidates in the age group 18 to _____ years can apply for the training programme under PM-DAKSH: 45
110.	Which paramilitary force observes April 09 as its "Shaurya Diwas"? CRPF
111.	The Airport Authority of India has launched an initiative "AVSAR" to encourage and support the talent of _____: Local artisans & craftsmen
112.	What is the full form of AVSAR? Airport as Venue for Skilled Artisans of the Region
113.	DRDO successfully flight tested the Solid _____ Ducted Ramjet (SFDR) booster on April 8 at the Integrated Test Range, Chandipur: Fuel
114.	The SFDR is associated with which weapon system? Missiles

115.	The World Bank and the Asian _____ Bank granted a loan of Rs. 75,00 crore for the Gujarat government's Mission School of Excellence project: Infrastructure Investment
116.	What was the name of the India-Kyrgyzstan Joint Special Forces Exercise held at Bakloh, HP? Khanjar 2022
117.	Saraswati Samman, a prestigious national level award, is given for outstanding achievement in which field? Literature
118.	Who is the winner of the 2021 Saraswati Samman? Ramdarash Mishra
119.	Prof Ramdarash Mishra won the Saraswati Samman for which of his works? For his Hindi poetry collection 'Mein to Yahan Hun' (मैं तो यहाँ हूँ)
120.	What is the amount of cash award given with the Saraswati Samman? Rs.15 lakh
121.	The RBI released the guidelines on establishment of DBUs on April 7. What is a DBU? Digital Banking Units
122.	
123.	RBI introduced SDF in its April monetary policy meet. What is the full form of SDF: Standing Deposit Facility
124.	India achieved its highest ever merchandise exports of \$417.8 billion in 2021-22. Which month's contribution was highest? March
125.	What is the name of the official mascot for this year's FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022? La'eeb
126.	The La'eeb has been designed after what? A free flowing Keffiyeh
127.	What is a Keffiyeh? A traditional Arabian headdress
128.	Yangtze River Three Gorges 1, world's largest electricity-run cruise ship, made its maiden voyage on April 5 in which country? China
129.	Which small town on the outskirts of Kiev, Ukraine was in the news because of the brutal massacre committed there allegedly by the Russian forces? Bucha
130.	What is the name of the scheme to be launched by the Central Government for recruitment of young people in the Indian Army for three year short term? Agnipath Scheme
131.	What is the name of the Official Match Ball for the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022? Al Rihla
132.	Which sports goods company has produced the football Al Rihla? Adidas
133.	India's largest single-axis solar tracker system has been commissioned by the Tata Power Renewables Energy Ltd in _____, near Ahmedabad, Gujarat: Dholera
134.	What is the name of the India's first private commercial satellite launched by Bengaluru based spacetechn startup, Pixxel? Shakuntala
135.	Which big housing finance company announced its merger with the HDFC Bank? HDFC Ltd
136.	Who is the MD & CEO of HDFC Bank? Sashidhar Jagdishan
137.	Name the senior IFS officer of 1988 batch who has been appointed as the new Foreign Secretary: Vinay Mohan Kwatra
138.	Which national day associated with the shipping industry is observed on April 5? National Maritime Day

139.	Founder and CEO of the Nykaa has been ranked as the richest Indian self-made woman in the World. Who is she? Falguni Nayar
140.	The Ministry of Culture launched a website 'named _____ on April 02 where anyone can virtually visit a temple of their choice, anytime and from anywhere: Temple 360
141.	Which musical album won the Grammy for the "Album of the Year" for 2022? 'We Are' by Jon Batiste
142.	Who won the Grammy for the "Best New Artist"? Olivia Rodrigo
143.	Viktor Orban has been re-elected as the Prime Minister of _____ for a fourth term: Hungary
144.	Which team won the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2022? Australia
145.	Finals of the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2022 were played at which place? Christchurch, New Zealand
146.	Which apex national institution launched FASTER (Fast and Secured Transmission of Electronic Records) system on March 31? Supreme Court
147.	The famous living root bridges, Jingkieng Jri, found in _____, have been included on the tentative list of UNESCO's World Heritage Sites: Meghalaya
148.	The first day of the first month of the Hindu calendar, marks the beginning of which Hindu calendar? Vikram Samvat, 2079 this year
149.	Vikram Samvat starts on the first day of which month of Hindu calendar? Chaitra
150.	World Autism Awareness Day is observed on which day of April? 2nd
151.	The recent data released by the Ministry of Agriculture shows that _____ is the top producer of vegetables: Uttar Pradesh
152.	Which state is the largest producer of fruits in India? Andhra Pradesh
153.	Indian and French navies conducted exercise 'Varuna-2022' in the _____ from March 30 to April 3: Arabian Sea
154.	NASA and the European Space Agency's Hubble Space Telescope discovered the farthest individual star ever seen to date. What is its name? Earendel
155.	The Ministry of Home Affairs has announced partial withdrawal of which act from the state of Nagaland, Manipur and Assam? AFSPA (Armed Forces Special Powers Act), 1958
156.	Name the NASA astronaut who returned to Earth on March 30, after spending a record-breaking 355 days in the International Space Station? Mark Vande Hei
157.	Who has been named BBC Indian Sportswoman of the Year 2021? S. Mirabai Chanu
158.	S. Mirabai Chanu is the sportsperson from which sports? Weightlifting
159.	Celebrity Brand Valuation Report 2021 released by Duff & Phelps, placed which Indian celebrity at top? Virat Kohli
160.	Raj Subramaniam, Indo-American technocrat has been appointed as the CEO of which US multinational courier delivery giant? FedEx
161.	Which country hosted virtually the 5th BIMSTEC Summit on March 30? Sri Lanka

162.	What is the full form of BIMSTEC? Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation
163.	How many countries are member of BIMSTEC? Seven
164.	Which two north-eastern states signed an agreement on March 29 in New Delhi to resolve their interstate boundary disputes? Assam and Meghalaya
165.	Who is the Chief Minister of Meghalaya? Conrad Sangma
166.	The Indian Navy commissioned the second Indian Naval Air Squadron-316 into service at INS Hansa at which place? Dabolim, Goa
167.	What is name of the second Indian Naval Air Squadron-316? The Condors'
168.	Jiya Rai, a13-year-old autistic swimmer from Mumbai, successfully swam across the Palk Strait in 13 hours on March 20. It is in which area? Between Rameswaram and Sri Lanka
169.	Gilbert F. Hounbo, a former prime minister of Togo has been elected as the next Director-General of which UN agency? International Labour Organisation (ILO)
170.	Where are the headquarters of ILO? Geneva, Switzerland
171.	India's first-of-its kind road made out of steel waste has come up in the Hazira Industrial Area in which city? Surat, Gujarat
MARCH 2022	
1.	Which International Day is observed on March 31 to create awareness about the safer use of drugs and their effects? International Day of Drug Checking
2.	The 94th Academy Awards (Oscars) were held on March 27 in which city? Hollywood, Los Angeles, California
3.	Which film won the Oscar for the best film? CODA
4.	The Oscar for the Best Director was lifted by _____ : Ms. Jane Campion for The Power of the Dog.
5.	Actor Will Smith won the Oscar for the Best Actor for which film? King Richards
6.	Name the heroine who won the Oscar for the Best Actress? Jessica Chastain
7.	Every year, the Earth Hour is celebrated worldwide on the last _____ of March: Saturday
8.	Who won the Women's Singles title on March 27 at the Swiss Open Badminton Championships at Basel, Switzerland? P V Sindhu
9.	Which state topped the number of ODF Plus villages at 13,960 under the Swachh Bharat Mission Grameen Phase-II? Telangana
10.	What is the full form of ODF? Open Defecation Free
11.	Who is the winner of this year's Stockholm Water Prize 2022: Prof. Wilfried Brutsaert, USA
12.	What is the name of the 19-seater aircraft developed recently by the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, Bengaluru? Hindustan 228
13.	Which state topped the Export Preparedness Index (EPI) 2021 released by the NITI Aayog on March 25? Gujarat
14.	Which team won the SAFF U-18 Women's Football Championship on March 25? India

15.	The Reserve Bank inaugurated its national level innovation hub on March 24 in _____ to promote advanced technology in banking: Bengaluru
16.	Long jumper Someswara Rao Ramudri and javelin thrower Mohit won gold medal on March 24 in which world event? Dubai 2022 World Para Athletics Grand Prix
17.	Asia's largest civil aviation event, 'Wings India 2022' started on March 24 in which city? Hyderabad
18.	What is the theme of this year's World Tuberculosis Day observed on March 24? Invest to End TB; Save Lives
19.	Shaheed Diwas or Martyr's Day is observed on March 23. The National Martyrs Memorial is located at which place? Hussainiwalla, in district Ferozepur.
20.	March 23 is observed as World Meteorological Day. World Meteorological Organisation is based in which city? Geneva
21.	What was the name of the 3rd edition of joint training exercise between Indian and Uzbekistan armies held from March 22 to 31? Ex-Dustlik
22.	Military exercise Ex-Dustlik was held in which place? Yangiariq, Uzbekistan
23.	What is the name of the fourth Covid vaccine approved by the DCGI for children in 12 to 18 age group? Covovax
24.	India scripted history by achieving an ambitious target of export of goods worth \$ ____billion within a single year (2021-22): 400
25.	The World Bank issued the Wildlife Conservation Bonds to support South Africa's efforts to conserve endangered species of which animal? Black Rhino
26.	IFFCO Paradeep Plant achieved a rare feat of highest ever annual production of Phosphates in the world. It is in which state? Odisha
27.	India's first-ever National Centre of Excellence to provide world-class training facilities to sportspersons in Mountain Terrain Biking (MTB) and Bicycle Motocross (BMX) is being set up in which place? Shimla, HP
28.	The Central Government has set a target of about Rs _____ for the National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID) for sanctioning loans to the infrastructure sector in 2022-23: One trillion
29.	Which global award is known as "Nobel of Mathematics"? Abel Prize
30.	Abel Prize is awarded in which country? Norway
31.	Dennis Parnell Sullivan, winner of this year's Abel Prize, hails from which country? USA
32.	What is the amount of cash given with the Abel Prize? 7.5 million Norwegian Kroners
33.	_____ has become the first State Assembly in the country to implement the National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA) programme to become completely paperless. Nagaland
34.	Which union ministry launched the Sujalam 2.0 campaign on March 22 for greywater management? Jal Shakti
35.	The World Air Quality Report released on March 22 has ranked which country as most polluted? Bangladesh
36.	What was the theme of this year's World Water Day on March 22? Groundwater- Making the Invisible Visible

37.	Yulimar Rojas of _____improved her own women's triple jump world record with a leap of 15.74 metres: Venezuela
38.	Which Indian company has become the first Indian firm to be an official sponsor of the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022? Byju's
39.	With which country India hosted the joint military exercise LAMITIYE-2022 from March 22 to 31? Seychelles
40.	Steve Smith of _____ has become the fastest to score 8000 runs in Test cricket: Australia
41.	Who has been appointed as the MD and CEO of country's largest carmaker Maruti Suzuki India Ltd? Hisashi Takeuchi
42.	In which country a passenger plane with 132 persons on board crashed in the hills, without any apparent reason? China
43.	As per the 'Annual Frontier Report, 2022' published by the UNEP, for assessing noise pollution levels in cities, which city has been ranked as the noisiest city in the world? Dhaka, Bangladesh
44.	The central government has announced the new Vibrant Villages Programme for which type of villages? For villages on the northern border of the country
45.	What is the objective of the Vibrant Villages Programme launched recently? To upgrade and improve the overall infra facilities in the border villages
46.	RBI issued instructions that NBFCs shall be mandatorily required to implement CFSS by September 30, 2025. Expand CFSS: Core Financial Services Solution
47.	RBI approved whose name for re-appointment as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of IDBI Bank? Rakesh Sharma
48.	India and Japan conducted the annual joint military exercise named _____ from February 27 to March 10: Dharma Guardian 2022
49.	Bilateral India - Japan military exercise Dharma Guardian 2022 was conducted at which place? Belgaum, Karnataka
50.	Which UN agency supports the celebration of the World Hearing Day on March 03? WHO
51.	Which International Day is observed on March 3 for raising awareness for the conservation of the world's wild fauna and flora? World Wildlife Day
52.	What is the name of the first ever asteroid discovered with three very own satellites? Elektra
53.	The Zero Discrimination Day is observed on which date? March 01
54.	Which national day on March 01 marks the creation of the Indian Civil Accounts Service on this day in 1976? Civil Accounts Day
55.	Who has been appointed as the new Chairperson of market regulator SEBI? Ms. Madhabi Puri Buch
56.	The Government of India unveiled a special logo on Feb 25 to commemorate 75 years of diplomatic relations between India and _____: Belgium
57.	India has decided to establish an IIT or Indian Institute of Technology, for the first time in a foreign country. Which is this country? UAE
58.	According to the data released by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, _____ achieved the Number

	One position in overall installed renewable energy capacity: Tamil Nadu
59.	CBIC has lowered the threshold for mandatory issuance of e- invoice under GST to Rs. __ crores from the earlier prescribed limit of Rs. 50 crores: 20
60.	Sadia Tariq, 15 year old girl from J&K won a gold medal in the Moscow ____ Stars Championship: Wushu
61.	What is the name of the rescue mission launched by the Indian government to evacuate its nationals from Ukraine? Operation Ganga
62.	India's first electronic waste eco-park is expected to come at which place? Narela in North Delhi
63.	The Ministry of Rural Development has developed an Ombudsperson App for online resolution of grievances in which scheme? Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme
64.	Which country topped the International Intellectual property (IP) Index 2022? USA
65.	What was India's rank in the International IP Index 2022? 43rd
66.	According to Knight Frank's latest edition of The Wealth Report 2022, what is India's rank in terms of number of billionaires? Third
67.	National Safety Day on March 4 marks the establishment of which body on this day in 1965? National Safety Council
68.	India celebrates National Security Day on March 4. Who is our National Security Advisor? Ajit Doval
69.	What was India's rank in the 6th Edition of 'Sustainable Development Report 2021 (SDR 2021)' released by Sustainable Development Solutions Network? 120th
70.	What was this year's theme for the World Obesity Day observed on March 4? Everybody Needs to Act
71.	Shane Warne, Australian cricket legend died at the age of 52 after a suspected heart attack. He was an outstanding ____ bowler: Leg Spinner
72.	What is the name of the country's first indigenous Flying Trainer designed and developed by CSIR-National Aerospace Laboratories, Bangalore? Hansa - NG
73.	The ninth edition of Sri Lanka-India Naval Exercise SLINEX was held in ____ on March 7 and 8: Visakhapatnam
74.	Who became the third cricketer and the first woman to appear in six World Cups? Mithali Raj
75.	Government launched the 'Sagar Parikrama' mission on 5th March at Mandvi, Gujarat for what purpose? To know the problems of coastal fisher folk
76.	What is the name of the indigenously developed Automatic Train Protection (ATP) system, successfully tested on March 4 by Indian Railways? Kavach
77.	Which union ministry supports the celebration of Janaushdhi Diwas on March 7? Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers
78.	The Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, MSME Ministry launched a Special Entrepreneurship Promotion Drive for Women named "____" on March 7: SAMARTH
79.	Which country topped the medal tally in the ISSF World Cup in Cairo, Egypt? India
80.	Internationally, which day of March is observed as No Smoking Day? 9th

81.	What is the name of the UPI facility for feature phones launched by RBI on March 8? UPI123Pay
82.	What is the full form of UPI? Unified Payments Interface
83.	Which organisation manages operation of UPI? NPCI
84.	The report on global political rights and liberties – titled "Freedom in the World 2022 – The Global Expansion of Authoritarian Rule", has placed India in which category? Partly Free
85.	With a view to increase urban educated women's participation in the workforce, which Bank kicked off a new initiative, the 'HouseWorksWork'? Axis bank
86.	Headquarters of Axis Bank are located in which city? Mumbai
87.	Yoon Suk Yeol has been elected as the new President of which country? South Korea
88.	Government has set up National Land Monetization Corporation under administrative control of which union ministry? Finance Ministry
89.	What is the objective of setting up of the National Land Monetization Corporation? To manage monetization of the surplus land of public sector undertakings
90.	Priyanka Nutakki who became India's 23 rd newest Woman Grandmaster, hails from which state? Andhra Pradesh
91.	Who won the National Champion title at MPL's National Women Chess Championship at Bhubaneswar, Odisha? Divya Deshmukh
92.	RBI has announced that the NaBFID shall be regulated and supervised as an All-India Financial Institution. What is NaBFID? National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development
93.	Headquarters of NaBFID are located in which city? Mumbai
94.	What is the authorised capital of NabFID: One Lakh crore
95.	As per the reports of the National Family Health Survey (NFHS)-5, which state topped the list with full immunisation coverage of 90.5% of the targeted women and children? Odisha
96.	Who created a world record as professional football's all-time leading scorer with 807 goals? Cristiano Ronaldo
97.	C. Ronaldo hails from which country? Portugal
98.	Who became the all-time highest wicket-taker in the history of the Women's World Cup? Jhulan Goswami
99.	____broke the record for most matches captained in the ICC Women's World Cup: Mithali Raj
100.	WHO has approved the setting up of its first Global Centre for Traditional Medicine - GCTM in ____, Gujarat: Jamnagar
101.	In the Acronym AYUSH, what does letter 'U' stand for? Unani
102.	Who is the current union minister for Ayush ministry? Sarbananda Sonowal
103.	Debasish Panda has been appointed as the Chairman of which apex regulatory body in financial sector? Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)
104.	Headquarters of IRDAI are located in which city? Hyderabad

105.	Country's first medical city named as 'Indrayani Medicity' is coming up near _____, Maharashtra: Pune
106.	Country's first Gati Shakti Multi-Modal Cargo Terminal of Indian Railways was commissioned on March 10 in which state? Jharkhand
107.	What is the theme for this year's World Consumer Rights Day, celebrated on March 15? Fair Digital Finance
108.	International Day of Mathematics on March 14 commemorates the birthday of which great mathematician and physicist? Albert Einstein
109.	World Glaucoma Day is observed on March 12. Glaucoma is associated with which human organ? Eyes
110.	Popular film and TV awards, BAFTA are announced annually in which city? London
111.	Which film won the BAFTA for the Best Feature Film? The Power of the Dog
112.	Actor Will Smith won the BAFTA for Best Actor, for which film? King Richard
113.	For which film Jane Campion won the BAFTA for Best Director? The Power of the Dog
114.	What is the full form of BAFTA? British Academy of Film and Television Arts
115.	Which country hosted the Asian Youth and Junior Boxing Championships in second week of March? Jordan
116.	Who became the first Indian to clinch Silver medal at the BWF Superseries 300 German Open 2022 in Mulheim, Germany? Lakshya Sen
117.	As per the "Trends in International Arms Transfers-2021" report released on March 14, _____ was the largest importer of military equipment in the world during 2017-21: India
118.	As per the "Trends in International Arms Transfers-2021" report, _____ was the largest exporter of military equipment in the world during 2017-21: USA
119.	_____ was the largest supplier of major arms to India, accounting for 46 percent share: Russia
120.	The country's first Digital Water Bank 'Aqverium' was launched on March 14 in which city? Bengaluru
121.	National Vaccination Day on March 16 marks the giving of first dose of _____ on this day in 1995: Oral Polio
122.	What is the theme for this year's National Vaccination Day? Vaccines work for all
123.	Katalin Eva Novak has been elected by the Parliament of _____ to be the first female President of the country: Hungary
124.	Which company launched the world's most advanced technology- developed Green Hydrogen Fuel Cell Electric Vehicle on March 16 in New Delhi? Toyota Kirloskar Motors
125.	Miss Karolina Bielawska from Poland won the Miss _____ crown of at the 70th edition of the beauty pageant on March 16: World
126.	Who became the first-ever woman bowler to breach the 250 mark in wicket taking in ODIs? Jhulan Goswami
127.	A solar tree officially certified by the Guinness World Records as the largest solar tree, has been installed in which Indian city? Ludhiana
128.	Who is the current Registrar General of India? Vivek Joshi

129.	March 18 is observed in India as the Ordnance Factory Day. The first ordnance factory was established at which place in 1801? Cossipore, near Kolkata
130.	As on date, the 41 ordnance factories have been re-organised into how many Defence Public Sector Units (DPSUs)? Seven
131.	Global Recycling Day is observed on which date? March 18
132.	What is the theme of this year's Global Recycling Day? Recycling Fraternity
133.	World Sleep Day is observed annually on the Friday before the March Equinox. What was its date this year? March 18
134.	Which global organisation supports the celebration of International Day of Happiness on March 20? UNO
135.	Prime Minister of which country on his visit to India, assured to raise its investment target in India to 3.2 lakh crore rupees over the next five years? Japan
136.	P M of Japan came to India to attend two-day 14 th Indo-Japan _____: Annual Summit
137.	Who is the Prime Minister of Japan? Fumio Kishida
138.	What is the name of the 105-metre Offshore Patrol Vessel commissioned in the Indian Coast Guard on March 16 at Goa? ICGS Saksham
139.	As per the "World Happiness Report 2022", which country was ranked the world's happiest country, for the fifth consecutive year? Finland
140.	What was India rank in the World Happiness Index released by the "World Happiness Report 2022"? 136th
141.	Name the veteran cueist who lifted his eighth title at the 19th Asian Billiards Championship 2022 in Doha, Qatar: Pankaj Advani
142.	Which UN agency supports the celebration of the World Poetry Day on March 21? UNESCO
143.	As per recent RBI guidelines, a microfinance loan has been defined as a collateral-free loan given to a household having an annual income of not more than Rs. _____ lakh: Three
144.	Name the Indian shuttler who secured second position in the prestigious All England Open Badminton Championship in UK: Lakshya Sen
145.	Which team won the Indian Super League Football Championship? Hyderabad FC
146.	Charles Leclerc (from Monaco) of Team _____ won F1 season-opening Bahrain Grand Prix: Ferrari
147.	Which state hosted the 35th edition of the world famous Surajkund International Crafts Mela? Haryana
148.	Pritzker Prize is awarded for the outstanding excellence in which field? Architecture
149.	Diebedo Francis Kere, winner of this year's Pritzker Prize, hails from which country? Burkina Faso
FEBRUARY 2022	
1.	National Science Day on Feb 28 marks the discovery of which event on this day in 1928? Raman effect
2.	Sir C V Raman was awarded Nobel Prize in 1930 in which field? Physics
3.	Name one of the biggest banks of the USA, which became the first bank to mark its entry in metaverse: JPMorgan Chase & Co

4.	Asian Development Bank, for the first time, gave loan to a private company in India. Which is this company? IIFL Home Finance Ltd
5.	The world famous Khajuraho Dance Festival was held in which state from Feb 20 to 26? Madhya Pradesh
6.	Which country topped the medal tally in the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympic Games? Norway
7.	The Indian Air Force and Royal Air Force of Oman organised which bilateral air exercise from Feb 21 to 25? Eastern Bridge-VI
8.	Bilateral air exercise Eastern Bridge-VI was held at which place? Air Force Station Jodhpur in Rajasthan
9.	Which team won the Second LG Cup Ice Hockey Championship-2022? Ladakh Scouts Regimental Centre
10.	The Second LG Cup Ice Hockey Championship-2022 was held at which place? Leh, Ladakh
11.	_____ registered the fastest fifty by an Indian batter in women's ODI cricket: Richa Ghosh
12.	The Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation has granted emergency use authorisation to which COVID-19 vaccine, for 12-18 year age group? CORBEVAX
13.	Which Indian company manufactures the Corbevax vaccine? Biological E Ltd.
14.	Vaccine maker company Biological E Ltd. Is located in which city? Hyderabad
15.	Which group of people celebrate the World Thinking Day on Feb 22? Girl guides and girl scouts
16.	Sakibul Gani from _____ became the first batsman in the world to score a triple century in a debut match in first class cricket: Bihar
17.	Who is the author of the book "The \$10 Trillion Dream": Subhash Chandra Garg
18.	Which body has been set up by the Central Government to discharge the powers and functions of the National Authority under the Dam Safety Act? National Dam Safety Authority
19.	The government of India aims to promote the '_____ India' project for strengthening the country's educational institutions in the health sector: Heal by
20.	The Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) successfully entered its _____ year of implementation with the upcoming Kharif 2022 season: 7th
21.	'Meri Policy Mere Hath' scheme is associated with which type of insurance? Crop insurance
22.	Which film won the Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival Award for the "Best Film"? Shershaah
23.	Which country was worst affected by the Tempest Eunice on Feb 18-19? Britain
24.	Which UN agency supports the celeb ration of the International Mother Language Day on Feb 21? UNESCO
25.	International Labour Organisation supports celebration of World Social Justice Day on Feb 20. It is based in which city? Geneva
26.	What is the title of the latest book by Bill Gates? How to Prevent the Next Pandemic
27.	Name the Nobel laureate who authored the book The Books of Jacob: Olga Tokarczuk
28.	Name the noted professor, writer, author, and consultant who has been appointed Chief Economic

	Advisor to the Government of India: Dr V. Anantha Nageswaran
29.	To keep citizens updated on all Parliamentary proceedings and other activities, the government launched which app on Jan 29? Digital Sansad App
30.	Which team won the Women's Asia Cup (Hockey) in Muscat, Oman on Jan 28? Japan
31.	Who won the men's singles title in the Australian Open tournament? Rafael Nadal
32.	Which city hosted the finals of the Australian Open tournament? Melbourne
33.	Name the women tennis player who won the women's singles title in the Australian Open tournament? Ashleigh Barty
34.	Ashleigh Barty hails from which country? Australia
35.	Who was declared "World Games Athlete of the Year-2021"? P R Sreejesh
36.	Antonio Costa has been re-elected as the Prime Minister of which European country? Portugal
37.	Sergio Mattarella has been re-elected as the Italian _____ for a second seven-year term: President
38.	Tata Sky, the leading Direct to Home (DTH) platform, has changed its name to _____: Tata Play
39.	The Geological Survey of India has approved the setting up of the country's first geo park at Lamheta village in which state? Madhya Pradesh
40.	Which company surpassed US chipmaker Intel to become the world's leading chipmaker by revenue in 2021? Samsung Electronics, S Korea
41.	Government on Feb 2 purchased which new Indian Covid vaccine for use in India? ZyCoV-D
42.	Which company is producing ZyCoV-D vaccine in India? Zydus Cadila
43.	ZyCoV-D is the world's first _____ based vaccine for COVID-19 developed in India: DNA
44.	Which two wetlands have been recently added to Ramsar sites list? Khijadiya Bird Sanctuary and Bakhira Wildlife Sanctuary
45.	Khijadiya Bird Sanctuary is located in which state? Gujarat
46.	Bakhira Wildlife Sanctuary, the largest natural floodplain wetland of India, is located in which state? Uttar Pradesh
47.	The Aravalli Biodiversity Park has been declared as India's first "other effective area-based conservation measures" (OECM) site by IUCN, Switzerland. It is in which place? Gurugram, Haryana
48.	Which country was India's top trading partner in 2021? USA
49.	The Indian Army signed a contract with Bharat Dynamics Limited, Hyderabad for supply of which missile? Konkurs-M anti-tank guided missile
50.	Konkurs-M missiles are being manufactured in India in collaboration with which country? Russia
51.	The fifth submarine of Project 75, Yard 11879, commenced her sea trials on 01 Feb. It has been made by which company? Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited, Mumbai
52.	Which state's tableau was elected as the best state tableau in the Republic Day Parade 2022? Uttar Pradesh

53.	Among the three services, which marching contingent was adjudged as the best marching contingent? Indian Navy
54.	Among the Central Armed Police Forces, the contingent of which force was named the best marching contingent? CISF - Central Industrial Security Force
55.	The government plans to set up the National Land Monetisation Corporation to carry out the proposed _____ of the land and other non-core assets: Monetization
56.	Why India announced diplomatic boycott of Winter Olympics 2022 beginning in Beijing from Feb 4? To protest picking of a Chinese soldier involved in the Galwan Valley clash with India, as an Olympic torchbearer
57.	Who is India's sole participant in the Winter Olympics 2022? Arif Khan, skiing
58.	Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of the University Grants Commission (UGC)? Prof M Jagadesh Kumar
59.	Prime Minister Modi dedicated the 216-feet tall 'Statue of Equality' to the nation on Feb 5 in which city? Hyderabad
60.	'Statue of Equality' is the statue of which great saint? Bhakti Saint Ramanujacharya
61.	Which country won the Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) football championship? Senegal
62.	India lifted the prestigious ICC Under-19 Cricket World Cup by defeating which country? England
63.	Who captained the Indian team in the ICC Under-19 Cricket World Cup? Yash Dhull
64.	Which Indian player was declared "Man of the Match" for scalping 5 wickets and also scoring 35 runs? Raj Angad Bawa
65.	Which country won the AFC Women's Asian (football) Cup India 2022? China
66.	Which city hosted the AFC Women's Asian (football) Cup India 2022? Navi Mumbai
67.	The National Deworming Day is observed on which day of February? 10th
68.	Which common safe medicine is given free to children on Feb 10 for preventing stomach worms? Albendazole
69.	Which UN agency supports the celebration of World Pulses Day on Feb 10? FAO - Food and Agriculture Organisation
70.	Headquarters of Food and Agriculture Organisation are in which city? Rome, Italy
71.	India's Atal Tunnel has officially been certified by the World Book of Records as the 'World's Longest Highway Tunnel above _____ Feet': 10,000
72.	Atal Tunnel is located in which state? Himachal Pradesh
73.	The Atal Tunnel has been made under which mountain pass? Rohtang Pass
74.	Which government agency constructed the Atal Tunnel? Border Roads Organisation
75.	What is the name of the nationwide operation launched by the Railway Protection Force to curb human trafficking? Operation Aaht

76.	As per TomTom's 2021 Traffic Index released on February 09, which was the most congested city in India, ranked 5th in the world? Mumbai
77.	The RBI emerged as the _____ largest buyer of gold among the world's Central Banks in 2021: Second
78.	Which city has been ranked as most congested city in the world as per TomTom's 2021 Traffic Index released on February 9? Istanbul, Turkey
79.	Anibal Torres has been appointed as the prime minister of which country in South America? Peru
80.	The Indian Army commenced implementing Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) tagging of which of its inventory? Ammunition inventory.
81.	Which country topped the Democracy Index 2021 released by the Economist Intelligence Unit, London on Feb 10? Norway
82.	India was placed at which spot in the Democracy Index 2021? 46th
83.	February 11 is celebrated as the Unani Day to mark the birth anniversary of which great medical practitioner? Hakim Ajmal Khan
84.	Which UN agency supports celebration of International Day of Women and Girls in Science on Feb 11? UNESCO
85.	India celebrates National Productivity Day on Feb 12 to mark the foundation of _____ Council on this day in 1958: National Productivity
86.	Celebration of National Productivity Day on Feb 12 is supported by which union ministry? Ministry of Commerce and Industry
87.	Who is the current Commerce and Industry minister? Sh. Piyush Goyal
88.	In which state the 14.5 km long approach road to the road portion of the Srikrishna Setu Munger-Ganga rail-cum-road bridge was inaugurated on Feb 11? Bihar
89.	The government launched the "SMILE- Support for Marginalised Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise" scheme for which target group? Transgenders and beggars
90.	Which union ministry launched the SMILE scheme? Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
91.	Which country designated Koala as an endangered species across most of its east coast? Australia
92.	N Chandrasekaran has been re-appointed as the Executive Chairman of which corporate house? Tata Sons Pvt Ltd
93.	A global consortium of over 500 researchers placed India among the top _____ easiest places to start a new business: Five
94.	What is the theme of this year's World Radio Day? Radio and Trust
95.	National Women's Day on Feb 13 marks the birthday of which great Indian woman? Sarojini Naidu
96.	Sarojini Naidu became India's first woman governor (15 Aug, 1947 - 2 March, 1949) in which state? Uttar Pradesh
97.	What is the popular nick name of Sarojini Naidu? Bharat Kokila
98.	International Epilepsy Day is observed on the second _____ of February every year across the world: Monday
99.	Indian Air force showcased which fighter jet in the 'Singapore AirShow-2022'? Tejas MK-I

100.	Name the veteran industrialist and former chairman of Bajaj Group, who passed away on Feb 12 in Pune: Rahul Bajaj
101.	Rahul Bajaj was associated with the launch of which very popular two-wheeler? Bajaj Chetak
102.	ISRO placed in orbit its earth observation satellite EOS-04 on Feb 14. What type of satellite it is? Radar Imaging Satellite
103.	Frank-Walter Steinmeier has been re-elected as the President of which major European country? Germany
104.	Which union ministry banned another 54 Chinese apps recently? Electronics and Information Technology Ministry
105.	The recent ban on Chinese apps has been imposed under which section of IT Act? 69(A)
106.	Which Indian shipbuilder supplied ICGS Saksham to Indian Coast Guard? Goa Shipyard Ltd, Goa
107.	_____ became the first country to issue certification for drones to operate in civilian airspace: Israel
108.	Which British naturalist established the principle of "Survival of Fittest"? Charles Darwin
109.	The Ministry of Railways has approved setting up of a state-of-art _____ academy at Kishanganj, Delhi: Wrestling
110.	Medaram Jatara fair, the second-largest fair in India, after the Kumbh Mela is held in which state? Telangana
111.	Who has been named as the "Business Standard Banker of the Year 2020-21"? Sandeep Bakhshi, MD and CEO of ICICI Bank
112.	_____ has become the first Indian consumer goods company to become completely plastic waste neutral: Dabur India
113.	Which Indian company has joined hands with Foxconn to manufacture semiconductors in India? Vedanta Ltd.
114.	Foxconn, one of the largest electronics companies, is based in which country? Taiwan
115.	Govt announced recently which mission to attract large investments for manufacturing semiconductors in India? India Semiconductor Mission
116.	Which ministry has notified Green Hydrogen/Green Ammonia Policy for production of Green Hydrogen/Ammonia? Ministry of Power
117.	Government approved a new scheme New India Literacy Programme to cover all the aspects of _____ Education: Adult
118.	Government launched on Feb 16 a scheme named the Scheme for Economic Empowerment for DNTs. Expand DNTs: Denotified, Nomadic and Semi Nomadic tribal Communities
119.	Which team won the Senior National Volleyball Championship in men's category? Haryana
120.	Which team won the 2021 FIFA Club World Cup held on Feb 12 in Abu Dhabi? FC Chelsea
121.	Which bank secured six awards at the IBA Banking Technology Awards on Feb 16? South Indian Bank
122.	Which day is observed on Feb 19 to commemorate the launch of the Soil Health Card Scheme on this day in 2015? Soil Health Card Day
123.	World Pangolin Day is observed on the third _____ of February to raise awareness about these unique mammals: Saturday
124.	Country's first water taxi service was launched in which city on Feb 17? Mumbai
JANUARY 2022	
1.	India celebrates the Anti Leprosy Day on which date? January 30

2.	Total how many Padma Awards were announced this year on Jan 25? 128
3.	Name the former Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister who has been conferred Padma Vibhushan this year: Kalyan Singh
4.	89 year old Dr. Prabha Atre is one of the four persons honoured with Padma Vibhushan this year. She is veteran _____: Classical vocalist
5.	The Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) 2021 released on Jan 25, placed India at which spot? 85th
6.	Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology approved setting up of India's first Graphene Innovation Centre in which state? Kerala
7.	Sir Garfield Sobers Award is given to which person for outstanding achievement? ICC Men's Cricketer of the Year
8.	Who is the 2021 ICC Men's Cricketer of the Year? Shaheen Afridi
9.	Which trophy is given to the winner of ICC Women's Cricketer of the Year? Rachael Heyhoe-Flint Trophy
10.	Who won Rachael Heyhoe-Flint Trophy for 2021? Smriti Mandhana
11.	Why Jan 25 has been selected for celebrating the National Voters Day? Election Commission of India was created on this day in 1950
12.	India launched a joint commemorative logo on Jan 24 with which country to mark the 30th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties with that country? Israel
13.	Which union ministry supports the celebration of the National Girl Child Day? Ministry of Women and Child Development
14.	Which UN agency supports the celebration of the International Day of Education on Jan 24? UNESCO
15.	Who won the women's singles title in the Syed Modi International badminton tournament in Lucknow on Jan 23? P V Sindhu
16.	What is the name of the mobile app launched by the Common Service Centre to provide vocational education and skill development to youths of rural areas? Yogyata
17.	The Common Service Centre Scheme is an initiative of which ministry? Ministry of Electronics & IT
18.	The Ministry of Coal launched which portal on Jan 21 to share Key Performance Indicators related to the Coal Sector? Koyla Darpan
19.	Country's first District Good Governance Index (DGGI) was released on Jan 21 in which UT? Jammu & Kashmir
20.	India's first virtual platform for spice exports 'Spice Xchange India' was launched on Jan 20 in which city? Kochi, Kerala
21.	The governments of Haryana entered into an agreement with which state on Jan 21 to build the Adi Badri Dam? Himachal Pradesh
22.	One of the main objectives of the construction of Adi Badri Dam is the revival of ancient _____ River: Saraswati
23.	As per recent data released by the ministry of commerce & industry, India has emerged as the largest exporter of _____ in the world: Cucumber and gherkins
24.	Aapda Prabandhan Puraskars (Disaster Management Awards) are named after which great Indian leader? Subhash Chandra Bose
25.	What is the amount of cash award of Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar in institutional category? Rs. 51 lakh
26.	Which state secured first position in the fourth Health Index released by the Niti Aayog on Dec 27? Kerala

27.	Among the smaller states, _____ emerged as the best performer in overall performance in the 4 th Health Index: Mizoram
28.	The ministry of home affairs has set up a high-level committee, headed by _____ to look into the possibility of withdrawing the AFSPA from Nagaland: Vivek Joshi
29.	The Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation gave its approval to which two more Covid vaccines? Corbevax and Covovax
30.	Which company is manufacturing the Corbevax vaccine in India? Biological E, Hyderabad
31.	Which Indian company is producing the nanoparticle protein-based vaccine Covovax? Serum Institute of India, Pune
32.	Haryana's Nitesh Kumar won two gold medals, individual singles and in doubles, at which national championship? Para badminton
33.	Who has been named as "2021 Person of the Year" by the US based animal welfare NGO PETA? Alia Bhatt
34.	Who has been appointed as the new MD & CEO of Punjab National Bank, the biggest nationalised bank of the country? Atul Kumar Goel
35.	_____ stood first in the implementation of the Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission (SPMRM) for providing urban infrastructure in rural areas: Telangana
36.	The Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission has been launched by which union ministry? Ministry of Rural Development
37.	Which country was admitted as the fourth new member of the New Development Bank? Egypt
38.	Headquarters of the New Development Bank are in which city? Shanghai
39.	Who is the current President of New Development Bank? Marcos Troyjo
40.	The Indian Army has set up a quantum computing laboratory and a centre for artificial intelligence (AI) at which place? Mhow, MP
41.	Sanjeev Kumar, the wheelchair bound para-athlete became the national champion for the 10 th time in which sports? Para badminton
42.	Among the centrally funded technical institutes, _____ was ranked first in the Centre's Atal Ranking of Institutions on Innovation Achievements (ARIIA) 2021? IIT Madras
43.	In the state and deemed to be universities category, which university topped the ARIIA rankings? Panjab University, Chandigarh
44.	Which country lifted the Under-19 Asia Cup (cricket)? India
45.	India defeated which country to win the Under-19 Asia Cup? Sri Lanka
46.	The IRDAI has declared which life insurance company as Domestic Systemically Important Insurers (D-SIIs) for the year 2022? LIC of India
47.	World Braille Day on Jan 4 commemorates the birthday of which great inventor? Louis Braille
48.	Braille language is based on _____ convex dots that form all the letters and symbols: Six
49.	Which city in the world has largest network of automatic driverless metro lines? Shanghai
50.	RBI has issued new guidelines allowing offline payments up to Rs _____ per transaction: 200
51.	Captain Harpreet Chandi, a 32-year-old Indian-origin British Sikh Army officer, was in news recently for what reason? She completed a solo unsupported trek to the South Pole

52.	Which MNC created history on January 3, 2021 by becoming the first company to hit a \$3 trillion stock market value? Apple Inc.
53.	On Jan 3 government launched NEAT 3.0 - a special online education initiative. What is full form of NEAT? National Educational Alliance for Technology
54.	RBI has retained State Bank of India, ICICI Bank and _____ as Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs) for the year 2021: HDFC Bank
55.	Government launched the India Semiconductor Mission on December 29. Generally, semiconductors are made from which material? Silicon
56.	Government of which state declared that it has become the first LPG enabled and smoke free state in the country? Himachal Pradesh
57.	World Day of War Orphans is observed on which date? January 06
58.	Which union ministry launched the "Smart cities and Academia Towards Action & Research (SAAR)" programme on Jan 5? Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
59.	In which country the scientists succeeded in running a fusion reactor for almost 20 minutes at a stunning temperature of 70 million degrees Celsius, almost five times hotter than the real Sun? China
60.	Which UN agency signed an agreement with the Akshaya Patra Foundation for enhancing the effectiveness of the Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman (PM POSHAN) scheme? World Food Programme
61.	Zhang Ming, veteran Chinese diplomat took over as the new Secretary-General of which Asian alliance? Shanghai Cooperation Organisation
62.	India's first open rock museum displaying different types of rocks gathered from different states, was inaugurated in which city? Hyderabad
63.	Which place in India celebrates Losar festival to mark its new year? Ladakh
64.	Which state recorded the highest number of open defecation free (ODF Plus) villages in the Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) Phase-II programme? Telangana
65.	The 3rd National Water Awards-2020 were announced on Jan 7 by which union ministry? Jal Shakti Ministry
66.	Which state secured first position in the 'Best State Category' in the 3rd National Water Awards-2020? Uttar Pradesh
67.	The Election Commission of India raised the existing election expenditure limit to Rs. _____ lakh for candidates in bigger states Parliamentary constituencies: 95
68.	The election expenditure limit for assembly elections in the bigger states has been raised to Rs. _____ lakh: 40
69.	Which country hosted its annual multinational anti-submarine warfare training exercise Sea Dragon 22? USA
70.	Nodirbek Abdusattorov, the 17 year old chess GrandMaster from _____ became the new Rapid Chess World Champion on Dec 28: Uzbekistan
71.	Government declared to observe Dec 26 as the "Veer Bal Divas" to honour the sacrifice of which two Sahibzadas of Sri Guru Gobind Singh? Sahibzada Zorawar Singh and Sahibzada Fateh Singh
72.	Sahibzada Zorawar Singh and Sahibzada Fateh Singh were bricked alive at which place in Punjab? Sirhind
73.	Pravasi Bharatiya Divas is observed on which day of January? 9th
74.	Pravasi Bharatiya Divas marks the return of which great leader to India from abroad? Mahatma Gandhi

75.	World Hindi Day on Jan 10 marks the anniversary of the first World Hindi Conference which was held in _____, Maharashtra in 1975 on this day: Nagpur
76.	Bharath Subramaniam, the 14 year old chess prodigy from _____ became the 73rd Grandmaster of India: Chennai
77.	Golden Globe awards are given for recognising best in which field? Cinema
78.	Who won the Golden Globe 2022 for the best actress in a drama film? Nicole Kidman
79.	Which 2021 film grabbed the Golden Globe for the Best Film – Drama? The Power of the Dog
80.	Sidney Poitier, who passed away on Jan 6, was a great personality associated with which field? Cinema
81.	_____ in Kerala has become the first city of India with a water metro project? Kochi
82.	With a view to focus more on the "dynamically" growing financial sector, RBI has set up a separate _____ Department: Fintech
83.	What is the name of China's lunar rover which discovered moisture on moon's surface? Chang'e 5
84.	National Youth Day on Jan 12 marks the birthday of which great Indian personality? Swami Vivekananda
85.	Which corporate group has replaced Vivo as the official sponsors of the IPL 2022? Tata Group
86.	Name the eminent rocket scientist who has been appointed the new chairman of ISRO? S Somnath
87.	What is another popular name for the Makar Sankranti in North India? Maghi
88.	Which Indian state celebrates Makar Sankranti as Bihu? Assam
89.	Pongal is the popular festival of which state? Tamil Nadu
90.	What is the popular name of Makar Sankranti festival in Gujarat? Uttarayan
91.	As per the India State of Forest Report 2021, forests and trees cover how much percent of India's total area? 24.62%
92.	Which state has the largest area under forests and trees? Madhya Pradesh
93.	In terms of percentage of area under forests and trees, _____ is at the top: Mizoram
94.	Who has been selected as the captain of the Indian squad for the Women's Hockey Asia Cup 2022? Savita Punia
95.	India celebrates Army Day on which date? January 15
96.	Army Day commemorates anniversary of which event in the history of the Indian Army? Handing over of command of Indian Army by the British to an Indian general in 1949
97.	Who was the first Indian Chief of the Indian Army? Lt Gen K M Cariappa
98.	Who became the first Indian to top the under-19 world rankings in girls' singles given by the Badminton World Federation? Tasnim Mir
99.	Government has decided to celebrate which day as the "National Start-up Day"? January 16
100.	A privately held startup company with a valuation of over \$1 billion is known as: Unicorn
101.	In a first export order for the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile, which country has become its first buyer from India? Philippines
102.	BrahMos is being produced in India in collaboration with which country? Russia
103.	Who won the Men's Singles title in the India Open badminton championship in New Delhi on Jan 16? Lakshya Sen

104.	Name the Christian democrat from Malta, who was elected President of the European Union's parliament on Jan 18: Ms. Roberta Metsola
105.	Who won the Best FIFA Men's Player 2021 award? Robert Lewandowski
106.	Alexia Putellas, winner of the Best FIFA Women's Player 2021 award, hails from which country? Spain
107.	According to a US-based global leader approval tracker, Morning Consult Political Intelligence, which statesman secured the highest ranking? India's prime minister Narendra Modi
108.	The Amar Jawan Jyoti flame at India Gate, New Delhi, was shifted on Jan 21 and merged with the flame at which place? The National War Memorial
109.	Which team won the 9th National Women Ice Hockey Championship held at Kaza? Ladakh
110.	The Parliament of which country approved a bill to relocate the country's capital as it was located on a swampy ground and was sinking? Indonesia
111.	Major Hari Pal Singh Ahluwalia, a professional _____ and an author and social worker, passed away at the age of 85: Mountaineer

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